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## COVID-19

### Holiday warning

Levine says Pa. hospitals challenged

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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State Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine said in a press briefing last week that new positive test cases are currently doubling the peak from the spring each day. "We continue to hear of additional hospitals across the state that have few ICU beds left or in some cases no ICU beds left. Our hospital and our health systems in Pennsylvania are significantly challenged due to COVID-19."

Vaccines are now being delivered to front line healthcare workers nationwide, and tens of thousands of doses have been delivered to more than 70 hospitals. "This is great news, but the process has just started." She warns that we must remain patient as the system is dependent on pharmaceutical companies' rate of production.

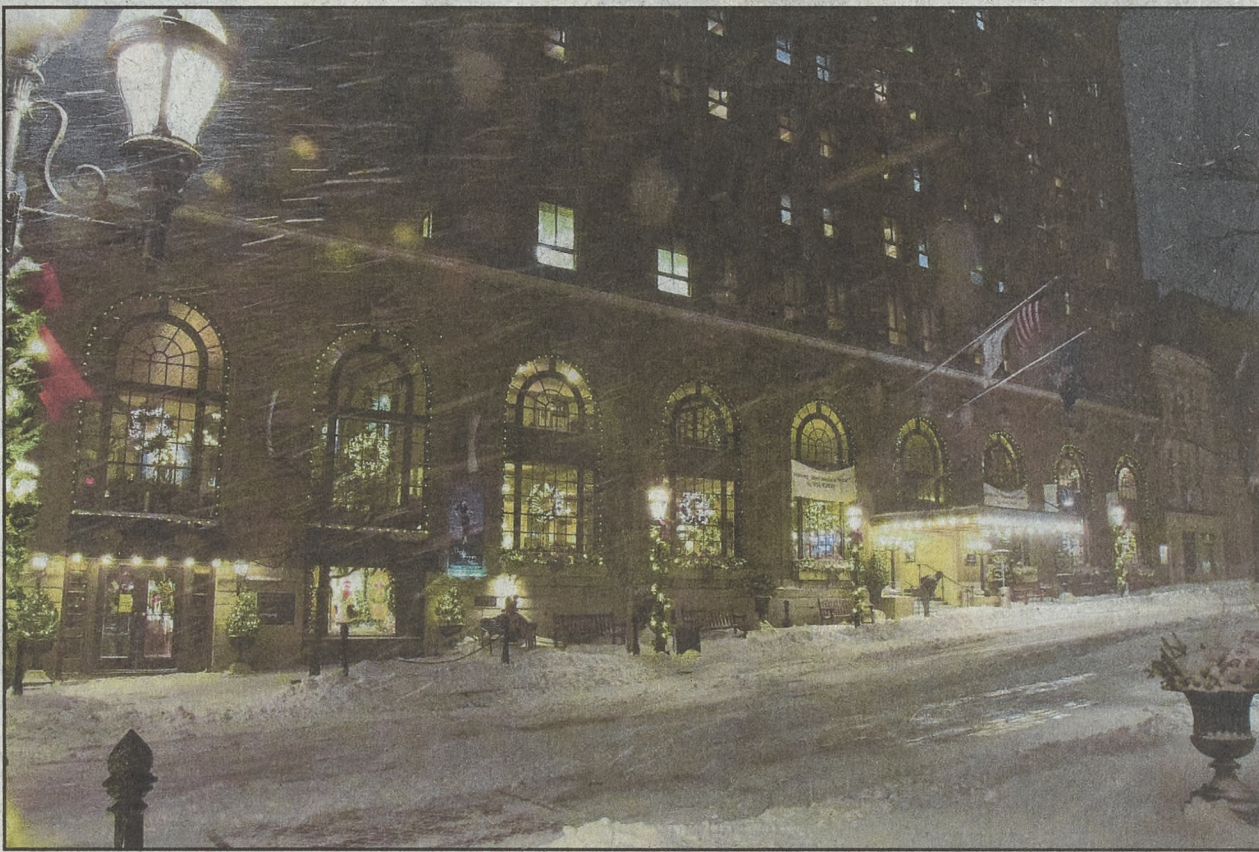
"The light at the end of the tunnel ... the path is long. In the meantime we absolutely cannot afford to overwhelm our hospitals any further. The mitigation efforts that we have in place are needed to get through this very challenging time," she said. "We all want this to be over. We all want to spend the holidays with the ones we love, but this season we simply can't."

When asked during Q&A about restaurants defying orders to cease indoor dining because of a lack of evidence that it's a greater threat than your average supermarket, she said, "They're really hurting themselves. They're putting themselves, their staff and their customers at risk. There is robust evidence for the last six months or more about the spread of this virus from indoor dining restaurants. There are many articles published by the CDC as well as other academic articles... it's counter-productive to the public health of their community to do that."

She did specify that there is national data pointing to transmission in restaurants, but at 9,000-11,000 new positive cases per day the state's ability for contact tracing and case

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## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE ...



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

### Beauty on Main Street

Holiday lights project warmth and welcome at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem on Main Street, contrasting with the driving snow outside. Nearly a foot of snow fell in the Lehigh Valley area Dec. 16. Few pedestrians or motorists ventured out.

## Emergency authorization

News analysis to help understanding the process

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On Dec. 11, the U.S. Federal Drug Administration granted emergency use authorization (EUA) to a vaccine developed by Pfizer and German firm BioNTech to protect against the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, that was identified roughly one year ago in Wuhan, China.

The Press reached out to local hospital networks and long-term care facilities to learn more about these organizations' plans for offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to their employees and residents. These healthcare organizations were initially reticent, but that all changed Dec. 19 when both networks raced to provide media with coverage of their "first shots." See pages A3 and A4 for our coverage.

**First-ever emergency vaccine approval**  
An EUA is a new form of drug authorization created by congress as a response to bioterrorism concerns in the



SCREEN CAPTURE BY THERESA O'BRIEN

"We are looking at whether the benefits outweigh the risks, not whether it's safe and effective," Dr. Marion Gruber tells VRBPAC members Dec. 10 as they debate whether to recommend emergency use authorization of the BNT162b2 vaccine. At right is Dr. Arnold Monto, the VRBPAC leader who ran the meeting.

wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Unlike a biological license application (BLA) - the customary method of approving vaccines in the U.S. - an EUA does not certify that a vaccine is safe and effective. Rather, it states the FDA's opinion that the currently known benefits of the product outweigh the currently known risks for all or a subset of the US population.

No vaccine has ever been authorized in the U.S. solely via an EUA.

However, the anthrax vaccine BioThrax, manufactured by Emergent BioSolutions, which has a biological license for pre-exposure prophylaxis, does have an EUA for post-exposure prophylaxis in the event of a bioterrorism attack.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, was not only developed and authorized in record time - 11 months, compared with several years for a typical vaccine - but it also uses brand-new mRNA technology. BNT162b2

is a lipid (fat) nanoparticle dispersion of modified ribonucleic acid (mRNA) that carries the code for the spike protein (S) on the outside of the COVID-19 virus.

Without carrying the live or inactivated virus itself, this vaccine tells the body of the recipient to make antibodies against the S protein.

Because of its nearly unique design - biotech startup Moderna has been testing its own mRNA vaccine, scheduled for an FDA

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## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

In one word, how would you describe 2020?



[Laughter]  
Jesse Bambrick  
Stillwater, NJ



"Eventful."  
Kimberly Leamon  
Warminster

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BY DANA GRUBB

In one word, how would you describe 2020?



"Boring."  
**Linda Black**  
Kreidersville



"Peculiar."  
**Debbie Graul**  
Bethlehem



"Unpredictable."  
**Amita Ravinder**  
Flemington, NJ



"Challenging."  
**Scott Weidner**  
Salisbury

**COVID**

Continued from page A1 investigation changes. "No matter how many [tracers] there's no way that we can reach 10,000 people a day. So our ability to get very specific information about location - such as eating in a restaurant or being in a business - is for the most part not possible right now."

Thus, she said, tracing has been prioritized to congregate settings such as corrections and long-term care facilities.

Levine also said the recommendation for those who have already tested positive is to get the vaccine when it becomes available because

there are unknowns, such as how long immunity lasts and how its effectiveness is affected by how serious the case was. "If you had more symptoms or a more serious case you may have a more vigorous immune response," and the opposite, she said, but studies continue, so it's best to be safe and get the vaccine.

As of Monday, the state has 505,205 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 13,924 deaths. Lehigh County has 17,286 confirmed and 444 deaths; Northampton County has 14,123 confirmed and 384 deaths; the city of Bethlehem has 3,879 confirmed and 86 deaths.

**CHRISTMAS 2020**

Poem by Scot Dapp, Moravian College football coach

The year gone by has been like no other and Covid was the reason We must do our best not to let it dampen our spirits for this Holiday season

Trees will be adorned with ornaments, tinsel and lights While decorations will line city streets creating such a picturesque sigh

Yes, the Holidays will seem different due to so many restrictions Staying positive, merry, and bright should be our Christmas-time convictions

A gift welcomed by all would be the often discussed vaccine And how good would it feel to finally stop thinking about the need to quarantine

Children are concerned, "Will Santa be able to visit this year?" they will ask You can assure them that he will be there and he'll be wearing a mask

For many, travel plans may be canceled due to restrictions in place The disappointment is there, but please try to keep a smile on your face

"..Virtual" get-togethers aren't the greatest, but they are a means to an end They are a way to share your Holiday-spirit and love with family and friends

Though it may not be easy, enjoy the Holidays and have some fun Merry Christmas to all and have a Safe, Healthy, and Happy 2021.

**ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD**

Graphic commentary by Ed Courier



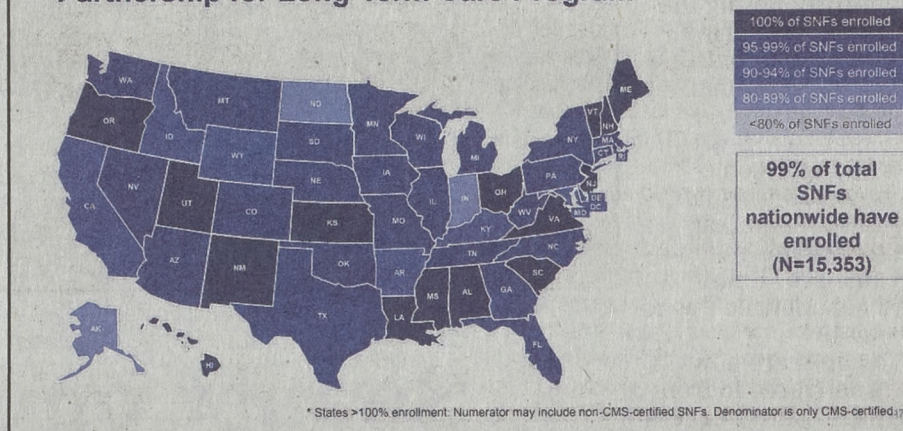
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Continued from page A1 committee hearing Dec. 17 - the Pfizer vaccine has to be kept very cold (roughly 94 degrees Fahrenheit below zero), must be diluted according to a painstaking process, and has a side effect profile that has only been studied for a median time of two months in trial participants.

At the Dec. 10 Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) meeting, a panel of 22 experts discussed the two months' worth of data submitted by Pfizer with executives from the drug company, as well as FDA officials. Some of the committee members' questions - like the duration of follow-up for the African-American volunteers in the study, and the number of study volunteers with food and/or drug allergies - went unanswered by Pfizer. Nevertheless, 17 of the 22 members voted "yes" to the question, "Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, do the benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine outweigh its risks for use in individuals 16 years of age and older?"

**First priority: Healthcare workers**  
The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), part of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), issued guidance Dec. 11 stating that the first group of Americans who should be eligible to receive any authorized or licensed coronavirus vaccine are health care personnel, defined as "all paid and

**Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) Enrolled in Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program**



PRESS IMAGE COURTESY OF THE CDC

As shown in this image from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, at least 80 percent of nursing homes in every state are enrolled in the federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program. In most states, the share of nursing homes that have opted in to the program exceeds 95 percent.

unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials [...]. These HCP may include, but are not limited to, emergency medical service personnel, nurses, nursing assistants, physicians, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists, students and trainees, contractual staff not employed by the health care facility, and persons [...] not directly involved in patient care but potentially exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted among HCP and patients." Dental healthcare personnel, autopsy personnel, and laboratory personnel are not included in the ACIP definition of HCP (https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/appendix/terminology.html).

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) was

one of the Pfizer vaccine trial sites, with 75 employees or patients taking part in the third phase, under the direction of principal investigator (PI) Dr. Joseph Yozviak (https://news.lvhn.org/lvhn-employees-patients-and-community-members-participating-in-covid-19-clinical-trial/). LVHN had not responded to multiple requests for comment from the Press, so it was unclear when this article was written whether the hospital would require or even offer the vaccine to its staff. That all changed last Thursday.

There does, however, appear to be some confusion regarding what an EUA signifies. In LVHN-generated media (https://news.lvhn.org/covid-19-vaccines-the-clinical-trials-and-what-we-know-right-now/), Dr. Yozviak says, "I can assure you that the FDA will not issue an Emergency Use Authorization or

approve the vaccine without data proving that this vaccine is safe and effective." This stands in contrast to the definition of an EUA, as well as the explicit instructions of Dr. Marion Gruber, director of the FDA Office of Vaccines Research & Review. During the Dec. 10 VRBPAC meeting, Dr. Gruber told the committee members, "We are looking at whether the benefits outweigh the risks, not whether it's safe and effective."

The paucity of data supporting safety and efficacy underlies the decision of UPMC (as reported by PennLive: https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/12/upmc-wont-require-employees-to-get-covid-19-vaccine.html) not to require its employees to take the Pfizer vaccine. UPMC does compel its employees to get an annual flu shot, but medical director Dr. Graham Snyder contrasts

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**BETHLEHEM**

**CITY HALL:** In response to Governor Tom Wolf's and the Secretary of Health's Dec. 10 mitigation orders, the city building at 10 E. Church St., will be closed to the public through 8 a.m., Jan. 4, 2021.

City hall will remain operational. The public is encouraged to use the Church Street drop box to make bill payments. Employees will continue to assist residents via phone, email and by visiting [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov).

**The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center** will remain open. Critical situations, including in person services provided by the Health Bureau, will be by appointment only. The Bethlehem Service Center is fully operational; call 610-865-7000.

For more information, visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) and social media or call 610-865-7100 for additional information.

**BAPL:** Following Pennsylvania's mitigation order, the Bethlehem Area Public Library will be using the following operating model effective Wednesday, December 16:

- All computer appointments will be canceled.
- All item checkouts will occur at the door of each library location.
- All returns will be accepted at the drop box of each location. Library staff will continue to be available by phone, email, and chat service at [bapl.org](http://bapl.org).

This mitigation plan will remain in effect until Jan. 4, 2021, at which time a determination will be made to extend or end the plan.

As always, you can continue to explore the the Library's incredible online catalogs and resources—for books, movies, magazines, and more! All you need to begin is your library card number and pin.

- Check out an e-book or audio book.
- Stream movies with Kanopy.
- Learn a new language with Mango.
- Browse free digital magazines with Flipster.
- Explore local history with our online archives, including our local history timeline and World War II clippings database, and rock out to the Lehigh Valley Underground Music Archive.
- Catch up on BAPL's YouTube channel, and follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest.
- And there's so much more, including newspapers, encyclopedias, and genealogy research!

Having trouble accessing your account? Contact [circ@bapl.org](mailto:circ@bapl.org).  
**SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS:** Mayor Bob Donchez announced a second round of COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grants. The City of Bethlehem received CARES Act funding in 2020 of which a large portion of the city's funds have been allocated for small business assistance. The city will use its CARES Act funding to award grants of up to \$10,000.

Following forthcoming HUD approval, the COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Grant program will be advertised on the city's website, business associations, and through other city partners. The grant program is intended to meet the urgent needs of businesses most impacted by recent restrictions, including restaurants and bars, retail operators, and entertainment businesses.

The grants under the program will support those businesses facing drastic reductions in cash flow and the continued support of their workforce and may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments and expenses related to COVID-19. Thus far in 2020, the city, as part of the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund Program, has awarded \$204,000 to 102 businesses.

All businesses employing fewer than 50 employees and are struggling to stay open or reopen to apply. Financial need documentation will be required. Grant funding priorities include minority businesses and businesses located in the downtown and or low- and moderate-income areas of the city.

All questions and or technical assistance needed for completing the grant application is handled by the City of Bethlehem's Department of Community and Economic Development. A full list of grant requirements, required documentation, and grant application are forthcoming and will be posted on the city's website and social media outlets. For information, call 610-865-7100 or visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov); call 610-865-7000.

**LEHIGH VALLEY**

**TAKE-OUT CHALLENGE:** The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce announces their newest initiative, the Lehigh Valley Takeout Challenge, aiming to support local bars and restaurants amid the latest restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The challenge is designed to help boost the struggling hospitality industry by offering those who order take-out or purchase gift cards from area bars and restaurants through Jan. 4, enter into a contest to win a gift certificate to their favorite bar or restaurant. The Chamber, along with the LV Gay Journal, will be giving away one \$50 gift card and one \$25 gift card each week, for the next three weeks.

Our Lehigh Valley neighborhood restaurants and bars make up the backbone of so many communities across the Valley and if we want them to survive, and of course we do, we all need to show them our love and our support, and particularly patronize them in this difficult time!

For more information, visit [www.lehighvalleychamber.org/takeoutchallenge](http://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/takeoutchallenge)

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS:** the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's (L&I) Bureau of Labor Law Compliance released data related to COVID-19 enforcement actions for Dec. 4 to 11. The information is specific to COVID-19 mitigation efforts related to businesses that are not covered by other state agencies, boards, or bureaus.

L&I received 124 new complaints between Dec. 4 and 11. Of the 124 complains, more than half - 89 complaints - had every option checked for complaint type. Of the remaining 35 complains, ten complaints were filed because the company had no COVID-19 mitigation protocols; nine were filed for workers not using masks; eight were filed for workers being unable to telework; six were filed for employees coming to work sick; and one complaint each was filed for sanitation issues and social distancing not being followed.

L&I is assisting the Department of Health (DOH) in investigating employee complaints that their employers are violating COVID safety orders issued by Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine. L&I serves as the point of receipt for workplace-related complaints and works with DOH to investigate the complaints and seek appropriate remedies.

For more information about L&I's COVID-19 response, visit L&I's website.

**VACCINE DISTRIBUTION:** One Dec. 15, Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine today announced that Pennsylvania is slated to receive 97,500 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for 66 counties, with Philadelphia County receiving its own allotment of 13,650 doses, for a total of 111,150 doses for health care workers identified in the state's vaccine distribution plan.

Monongahela Valley Hospital and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh received vaccine. Eighty-five additional hospitals were due to receive shipments by Monday.

**LICENSE TO CARRY LICENSE EXTENSION:** The Pennsylvania State Police announced Dec. 14 that Governor Wolf has granted an additional extension to license to carry firearms permits. Permits expiring March 19 or later are now valid through March 31, 2021. The previous extension was set to expire on Dec. 31.

The extension of license to carry permit expiration dates is necessary due to the closure of some county courthouses and sheriff's offices, as well as other ongoing COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

In Pennsylvania, an individual 21-years-old or older may apply for a license to carry firearms by submitting a completed application to the sheriff of the county in which they reside or, if a resident of a city of the first class, with the chief of police of that city. The See **UPDATE** on Page A4

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the hospital system's "decades of [flu vaccination] experience" with the hastily developed and speedily approved Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Neither St. Luke's University Health Network nor Lehigh Valley Health Network responded to multiple requests for comment regarding their plans to offer the Pfizer vaccine to their employees. Both began vaccinating employees Dec. 17.

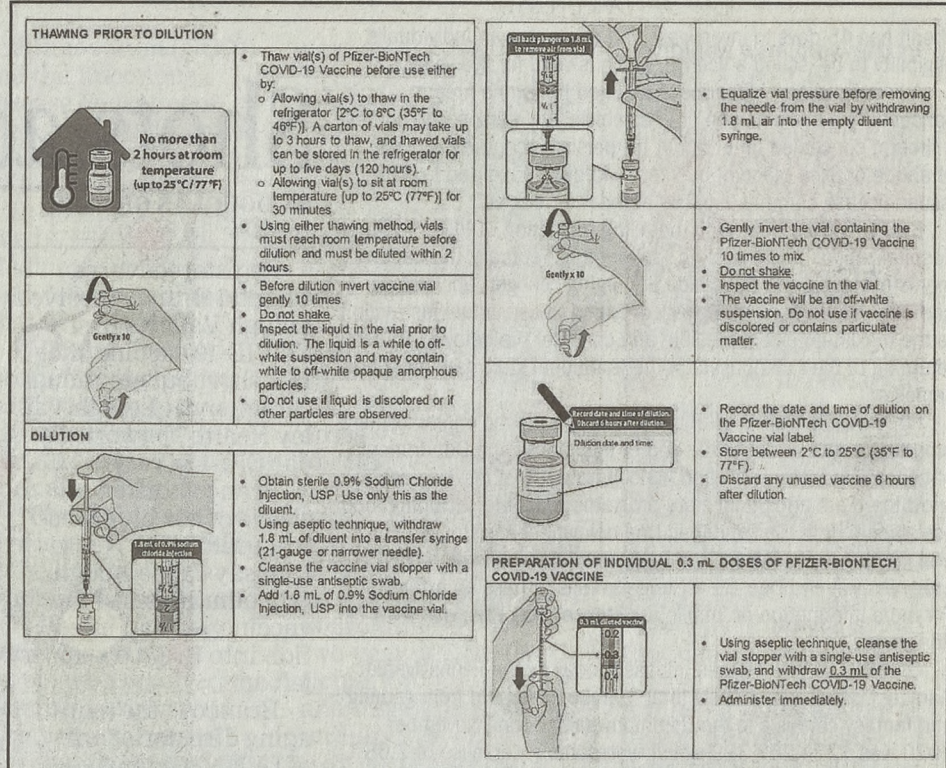
**Second in line: Nursing home residents**

The second priority group defined by ACIP are residents of long-term care facilities, and the federal government has created a program to expedite vaccination of these individuals.

As noted by Anita Patel, CDC Vaccine Task Force deputy, during the Dec. 11 meeting, the vast majority of long-term care facilities in the U.S. had already chosen by Nov. 15 to participate in this program. This program, run by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>), allows a drug-store company selected as a federal partner to manage the entire process of ordering, cold chain management, and administration of any authorized or licensed coronavirus vaccine to nursing home residents and any employees who have not been vaccinated through another program. National pharmacy partners include CVS and Walgreens; in some states, additional companies are part of the program.

Morningstar Senior Living, Inc., a not-for-profit organization based in Nazareth, has two campuses as well as operating Senior Solutions, a home care service. Its Moravian Hall Square campus in Northampton County has residences, assisted living accommodations, and a skilled nursing facility. This campus has consistently earned a spot on the US News & World Report "Best Nursing Homes" list.

According to Morningstar spokeswoman Liz Brundl, the skilled nursing facility at Moravian Hall Square is enrolled in the pharmacy partnership program; however, no start date has been set, nor has a specific vaccine been selected. (The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the only one that has received an EUA as of press time; however, a similar mRNA vaccine developed by Moderna is under EUA review at FDA, and may have



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**Training for administration** of the Pfizer vaccine is particularly critical, given its extremely delicate handling requirements. The product must be kept extremely cold, diluted within two hours of thawing to room temperature, and used within six hours of dilution. Each vial, once diluted with a special-order saline solution, contains five doses.

been authorized as soon as Dec. 18.)

Vaccines will be administered at Moravian Hall Square by CVS Pharmacy; CVS will also perform all reporting duties associated with the vaccine. According to CDC information on the program, a jurisdiction - in this case, the Pa. Department of Health - must provide two weeks' notice in order to receive an allotment of vaccines for participating facilities.

Neither Alexandria Manor nor Country Meadows responded to multiple requests for comment regarding any plans they have to offer the vaccine to employees, or whether they are participating in the national pharmacy partnership program.

**Not right for everyone**  
 Although the authorization letter sent to Pfizer by FDA does not require the drug company to provide adverse event information until Feb. 15 (15 days after the end of the first full calendar month following EUA), reports of anaphylaxis have already emerged.

According to Pfizer safety officer Dr. Patrick Caubel, three patients in the UK suffered immediate anaphylactic or related events. Two were on the first day of vaccinations, when 6,000 UK healthcare workers received shots. One had known food allergies to eggs, cheese, lemons, and limes; the second had drug allergies, although Dr. Caubel did not know which drugs. The third was a patient who developed skin redness and supraventricular tachycardia (abnormally fast heartbeat) just after receiving the vaccine.

In the U.S., a health care worker in Alaska suffered an anaphylactic reaction after receiving the Pfizer vaccine Dec. 15. She did not have any known allergies, was treated with epinephrine and steroids, and was still hospitalized in the intensive care unit Dec. 16, as reported by the New York Times and Metro UK.

Fact sheets mandated for distribution to all recipients of this emergency-authorized vaccine, as well as their caregivers, include statements that "The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine may not protect everyone," "The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is an unapproved vaccine," and "The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown." Recipients are notified that "It is your choice to receive or not receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine," and further instructed that "Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care."

Fact sheets also include information on how to find out about the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CIIP), administered by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), part of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). Congressional legislation prohibits vaccine recipients from suing vaccine manufacturers for any alleged vaccine-related injury; individuals injured by a vaccine must request compensation from a non-tort system administered and funded by the federal government ([www.hrsa.gov/cicp](http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp)). HRSA is a payor of last resort, so any compensation it

awards is reduced by the amount that an individual's health or life insurance pays out.

At the Dec. 10 VRBPAC meeting, both committee members and commenters from the public, voiced concerns about EUA of this vaccine.

Committee member Dr. A. Oveta Fuller, associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of Michigan Medical School, voted "no" after describing what she saw as the problem: "So we're putting a messenger RNA in a lipid in people who have never gotten either before? And with a very limited amount of risk assessment? We don't know what's going to happen long-term to these people. I think the uptake in the community is going to be fairly poor."

Attorney Sheldon Toubman, who is also a VRBPAC member, voted "yes" and appeared to support authorizing the vaccine for health-care workers and nursing home residents, but criticized the FDA's specific voting question. "Can the EUA be limited to the groups that ACIP has already identified?" he asked, adding, "The data is limited in so many ways. It's not compelling at all. If you grant an EUA broadly, it's going to present problems." Toubman also asked the Pfizer executives at the meeting to provide data beyond the Nov. 14 material the company had already submitted, but they declined, citing the time it takes to analyze data, and the lack of additional infections.

Committee member Dr. Pamela McInnes of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) questioned the drug company's ability to advertise the product or compensate physicians and patients in the event of an EUA. Dr. Doran Fink of the FDA Office of Vaccines Research and Review clarified the regulations: "An EUA does not allow for commercial distribution of the vaccine via the usual marketing that would be available to a licensed vaccine [...]. In terms of transfer of money between vaccine recipients and providers, or between the U.S. government and the manufacturer, I can't speak to that."

Dr. Peter Doshi of the University of Maryland, who is an associate editor at the British Medical Journal (The BMJ), spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting to encourage the committee not to grant an EUA, but to provide access to the vaccine through the

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**BACK TO COLLEGE:** With modeling projecting COVID-19 related hospitalizations could peak in January and February, the departments of Health and Education are urging colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher education to use virtual instruction to the maximum extent feasible and consider the delay of students returning to their campuses for the traditional start date for spring semester.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE:** With two federal pandemic unemployment programs set to expire at the end of this month, the Departments of Labor & Industry (L&I) and Agriculture want Pennsylvanians to know there are additional state programs available, including food assistance. Both the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) programs will end Dec. 31 if Congress fails to pass an extension. For more information on public assistance programs, visit [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov).

**GAMING DOWN:** Figures released today by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board show total revenue generated from gaming and fantasy contests in the Commonwealth during November 2020 was \$284,267,329 which represents a decrease of 2.68 percent compared to revenue generated in November 2019.

**COLLEGE SPRING SEMESTER:** On Wednesday, Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Health issued a press release encouraging colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher education to consider delaying bringing students back to campus to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**PLCB ENFORCEMENT:** Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Enforcement Officers visited 1,324 licensed liquor establishments from Dec. 14 to 17 to ensure businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements, including the suspension of in-person service from Dec. 12 to Jan. 4, 2021. Liquor Control Enforcement Officers issued 11 notices of violation and 17 warnings for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements.

AROUND TOWN

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Digital and virtual events

Banana Factory online digital exhibitions and more: [www.bananafactory.org](http://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 Friday, December 25

Bethlehem Parking Authority one three-hour free meter parking session daily through the ParkMobile application only.

Saturday, December 26

NMIH hands-on electric locomotive engineer event. 20-minute timed entries under museum personnel supervision. Two adults or one adult and one child limit per session. Tickets are non-refundable except in the case of inclement weather or cancellation by the museum. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/bethlehem-steel-locomotive-train-rides-tickets-126919149593](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bethlehem-steel-locomotive-train-rides-tickets-126919149593) for tickets and [www.nmih.org](http://www.nmih.org) for information.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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Through December 23

Virtual live advent calendar, 5:30 p.m. daily through Dec. 23. Goundie House, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites. Visit <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/> or [www.facebook.com/GetDowntownBethlehem/](http://www.facebook.com/GetDowntownBethlehem/) or [www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2812686609054374](http://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2812686609054374).

Through December 25

Free parking: Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced the Bethlehem Parking Authority will be providing one three-hour free parking session daily through the ParkMobile application through Dec. 25. Just pull up to any metered parking space and start a parking session with the ParkMobile application.

"Small businesses are the backbone of the community and it's especially important this year that we support them," Donchez said. "Use the app and show your support for our local businesses."

Meter limits will be enforced to make sure all visitors have a chance to shop, dine and enjoy the Christmas City.

Through December 27

Pip the Mouse: Join the staff at Library Bell Museum for a trip to the past as they offer a 1962 Hess's Christmas experience.

See Pip the Mouse perform his annual "The Mouse Before Christmas" until Dec. 27 at PPL Plaza, Ninth and Hamilton streets, Allentown.

With social distancing and public safety at the forefront, visitors will gather outside to see Pip's shenanigans through the former storefront window.

Reservations are not required. Shows will be presented every half-hour noon to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Christmas Eve shows will be every half-hour 1-2:30 p.m.

There will be no shows on Christmas Day. There will be four special shows 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Exhibits at the Liberty Bell Museum, 622 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, include "World War II: Remembering 75 Years Ago" and "Christmas 1945" and colorful Festival of Christmas Trees.

The Museum Gift Shop is also featuring some unique holiday gifts.

Museum admission is by appointment only noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday per COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information, go to [info@libertybellmuseum.org](mailto:info@libertybellmuseum.org) or call 610-435-4232.

The Historic Colonial Industrial Quarter at 459 Old York Road is open on weekends through Dec. 27 excluding Christmas Day.

The family friendly area features pop-up shopping, a putz, art exhibits, photo opportunities, food trucks, outdoor movie screen, outdoor winter bar, family activities and illuminations. Some events take place in the springhouse and in the Luckenbach Mill. There are several holiday trees decorated by the Bethlehem Garden Club. There will be

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LVHN COVID-19 VACCINE

Shots administered Dec. 17

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to The Press

Registered Nurse Chantal Branco received Lehigh Valley's first COVID-19 vaccine shot in a short but emotional ceremony at Lehigh Valley Health Network-Cedar Crest Dec. 17.

Branco hoisted a sleeve of her blue medical uniform as Nurse Lindsay Jagde Dougherty administered the vaccine with an injection into Branco's upper left arm.

Branco is the managing director of one of LVHN's intensive care unit facilities. She received the vaccine under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization that establishes precedence as to who will get the COVID-19 vaccine first.

The ceremony was carried live over LVHN's Facebook page.

When asked what getting the vaccine means to her, Branco said, "It's an exciting moment both for me and everyone who have worked so hard to get this vaccine ready for use."

"It's very humbling, I'm very honored," Branco said with an emotional catch in her voice that was somewhat muffled behind her medical face mask.

"I've been here 10 years and I've never seen anything like this."

Dr. Joseph L. Yozviak, who was conducting the ceremonial interview, asked, "What is it like for you and your colleagues to be on the front lines?"

"Well, firstly, it's an honor to be a nurse and first defender especially now," Branco said. "We've never seen anything like it."

"It brought us together in ways that I was never suspecting. Hopefully, we move forward with proper social distancing and washing hands and somehow get back to normal."

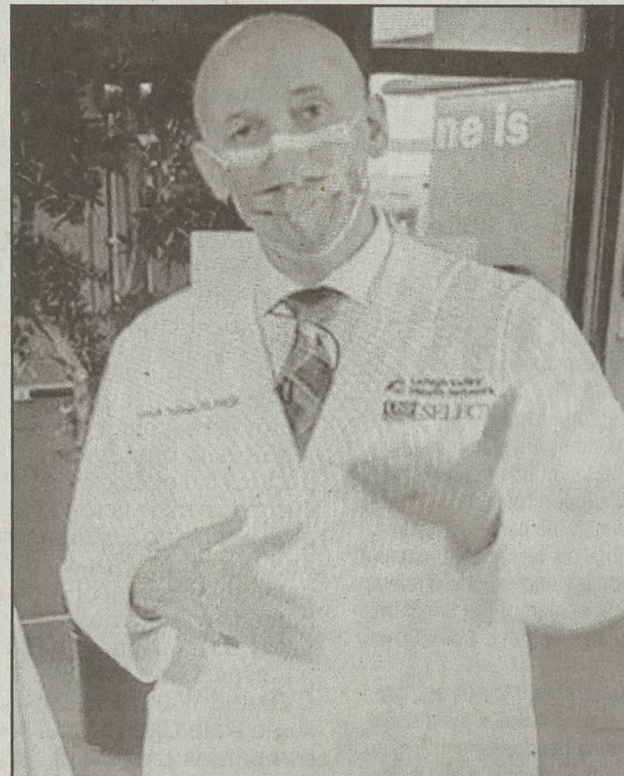
Yozviak asked Branco what her hope was.

"I hope for increased awareness and more education for people to understand how important this day is and the impact that it has had on health care and the community."

"The vaccine doesn't mean that the pandemic is over," Yozviak said



Registered Nurse Chantal Branco receives Lehigh Valley's first COVID-19 vaccine shot in a short, but emotional ceremony at Lehigh Valley Health Network — Cedar Crest Dec. 17.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

"I want everyone to know that everything that we were supposed to do in any standard medical trial was still done throughout the course of these clinical trials," says Dr. Joseph L. Yozviak.

addressing the public. "After people receive your vaccination, you should still take steps to reduce COVID-19 transmission such as social distancing, wearing a mask and hand washing."

"How can we trust that the vaccine is safe after the clinical trial moved so quickly?" asked an off-camera moderator.

"I think we all recognize that the trial has moved fast," Yozviak

said. "And that's all due to the unprecedented emergency that we're all in with this pandemic. I want everyone to know that everything that we were supposed to do in any standard medical trial was still done throughout the course of these clinical trials. We're going to following people for another two years after the second vaccine dose and continue to gather information to demonstrate the ongoing safety

and the effectiveness of the vaccine."

Yozviak said major retail pharmacies would be working with long-term care facilities to administer the vaccine to residents.

He said, "Because we are not certain how long immunity lasts after an episode of disease with COVID-19, it is going to be recommended that people who had COVID-19 previously do get immunized."

LVHN received the vaccine earlier Dec. 17 according to information provided by hospital authorities who said, "We will be vaccinating our front-line colleagues immediately."

A spokesperson for the health care nonprofit said LVHN was a clinical trial site for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

The shipment of vaccine received Dec. 17 at LVHN contained enough vaccinations for 975 LVHN personnel to receive their first of two needed doses of the vaccine. LVHN has, according to information released, "created a tier-based approach to vaccinate colleagues who work in roles with a high risk for exposure to the [COVID-19] virus."

Yozviak is an infectious disease and internal medicine doctor at LVHN who officiated at the important milestone event in the effort to find a vaccine for the pandemic which, as of Dec. 17, has directly or indirectly killed 434 Lehigh County residents, 370 Northampton County residents, 13,200 Pennsylvania residents and 308,000 U.S. residents this past year.

The distribution plan or priorities for the subsequent resupplies of the vaccine was provided by the National Academy of Medicine, a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the state Department of Health. One set of priorities is for health care workers, emergency medical services workers, first responders and residents and staff of nursing homes or congregate care facilities; they will receive the vaccine first.

Helping to get back to 'normal'

LVHN community members participated vaccine trial

Kenneth Miller, a respiratory care educator at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) received a new identity on September 3. He became known as clinical trial subject 01-008.

That was the date Miller received his first dose of either a placebo (inactive substance) or the vaccine being produced by Pfizer and partner BioNTech to protect against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Miller is among about 75 LVHN employees, patients and community members who consented to participate

in the Phase 3 trial for the vaccine to determine if it is effective and safe.

"Working in respiratory therapy I've seen the horrors of COVID-19 first hand and wanted to reduce the threat or spread of the virus," Miller said. "I wanted to help get society back to some level of normalcy."

Like all participants in the trial Miller received two vaccinations, the second one about three weeks after the first. He and the other participants will continue to be followed for two years even if the vaccine



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY LVHN

"I understand those who don't like shots in addition to the possible side effects," says Kenneth Miller, LVHN employee. "But this is a disease that has no preference for age, sex or ethnic group — it takes advantage of all individuals."

HELP

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FDA expanded access pathway. Expanded access allows individuals who want to receive an unapproved product that may or may not help their serious medical condition, to request that product through the FDA.

Doshi specifically asked the committee to consider whether trial participants were able to guess, based in

part on side effects they may have experienced, whether they were in the experimental group, making the study not truly blind to participants. He also asked what effect fever and pain relief medications might have had in masking symptoms, thus driving down testing for coronavirus, particularly in the vaccine group, leading to potentially higher-than-actual estimates of vaccine efficacy.

"In the real world," Doshi said, "the mantra has been to 'test, test, test.' But this wasn't the case in the trial. The study protocol says in the seven days after vaccination, do not test unless, in the investigator's opinion, the clinical picture suggested COVID rather than vaccine side effects. This amounts to asking investigators to make guesses as to which intervention group patients were in."

WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris was reassuring. "People should not be too anxious," she said. "There are a number of vaccine candidates coming online at the same time. One vaccine may not be right for particular individuals, but you may well find another vaccine is."

According to The Wall Street Journal, the study enrolled more than 44,000 participants.



live music by local groups from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and from 4 to 8 p.m. Sundays.

Dates and times are 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 to 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. 459 Old York Road.

For more information and tickets, visit https://store.historicbethlehem.org/2020-christmas-in-the-quarter/?utm\_source=HBMS&utm\_medium=CITQ%20Ticket%20Page&utm\_campaign=CITQ. Discounts are automatically applied at checkout.

Through December

Hotel Bethlehem: Christmas at Hotel Bethlehem free self guided tour seven days a week. Display of 35,000 Christmas lights, uniquely decorated Christmas trees, 36 wreaths, six seven foot toy soldiers, two life-size Nutcrackers, gingerbread house modeled after the hotel. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/hotel-bethlehem-self-guided-christmas-tour-reservations-required-tickets-121540427691 for availability. Reservations required. 437 Main St.

Saturday December 26, Sunday, December 27

Huts on Main 2020: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main St. Historic Downtown Bethlehem.

Colonial Industrial Christmas in the Quarter, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Suites. Pop-up shopping, art, Putz exhibits, live local music, food trucks, outdoor winter bar, make-and-take Christmas crafts, Christmas cottages, outdoor movie screen, decorations. Thursday, Friday: 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday: 2 to 8 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For tickets including combination deals, visit historicbethlehem.org. Face masks required. Social distancing encouraged. Industrial quarter, Old York Road.

MEETING BOARD

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Hanover Township Northampton County: The office is operational with modified hours and building access. Use the drop box (barrel) in the exterior lobby. If additional information is needed, we will contact you. Appointments may be scheduled. To enter the building, your temperature will be taken and you must complete a COVID questionnaire. Hours are 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 23, 29 and 30; closed Dec. 24, 25, 28 31 and Jan. 1; subject to change as necessary. Visit the township website at www.hanovertp-nc.org; or the Facebook page and message boards for information concerning snow emergencies and residential waste and recycling. Other weather resources include AccuWeather, the Weather Channel, 69News, the National Weather Service, Weather Underground, and others.

Tuesday, December 30

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

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TRIAL

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cine receives emergency authorization from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and public distribution begins. Pfizer announced preliminary results last month that showed the vaccine is more than 90 percent effective in preventing the disease among trial volunteers who had no evidence of prior coronavirus infection. The investigational vaccine is an RNA-based vaccine and does not contain the whole virus, or the parts of the virus that can make a person ill. The company says it will have manufactured enough doses by the end of the year to immunize 15 million to 20 million people.

At LVHN, the Network Office of Research

and Innovation (NORI) and the Infectious Disease department are jointly leading the health network's participation in the Pfizer trial with Joseph Yozviak, DO, LVHN Internal Medicine, serving as the study's principal investigator.

LVHN is the only location in the region participating in the trial with the other closest sites in New Jersey, New York and Maryland.

"The main outcome of this study is to look at the number of participants who develop COVID-19," Yozviak said. "We compare people who received the vaccine to those who received a salt water placebo. The question is does the vaccine prevent disease?"

Yozviak says one of the requirements was

participants between 18 and 85 years of age needed to work, live or be involved in situations where they were at risk of being exposed. "We wanted to track those who likely would encounter the virus," he said.

After enrollment the study involves blood and nasal swab specimen collection, two doses of either study vaccine or placebo, tracking of symptoms in an electronic diary and six in-person visits at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-17th Street, approximately over a two-year period. Participation is voluntary and those enrolled can withdraw at any time. Any participant who develops symptoms that may be consistent with COVID-19 undergoes a virtual evaluation and

performs a nasal swab to test for SARS-CoV-2.

Miller, 65, said he considers himself fairly healthy, goes to the gym and has several conditions like asthma and hypertension that are controlled. He also said in his 46-year career at LVHN, he's gotten to know a number of people involved in research and said he knew early on he'd be interested in helping with the study if selected.

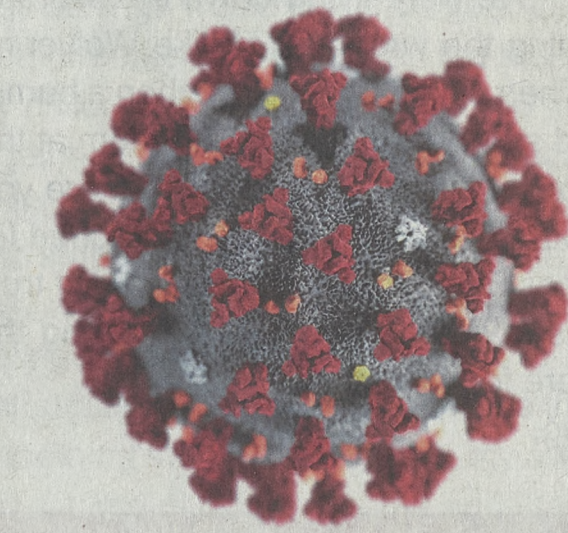
"I understand those who don't like shots in addition to the possible side effects," he says. "But this is a disease that has no preference for age, sex or ethnic group - it takes advantage of all individuals. If we work as a team, get this under control and eradicate it, we can move on with our lives."

COVID-19: Six feet is not magic

Celebrating the holidays at one or two smallish indoor gatherings of relatives and friends wouldn't be that risky, right?

As much as we all want to rationalize venturing beyond our pandemic pods, the risk is even greater than experts originally thought.

The latest study to reveal the insidious infectiousness of the coronavirus comes from South Korea. A high school student was infected after five minutes of exposure to a contagious person with no symptoms - who was sitting 20 feet away in the air-conditioned restaurant. They weren't wearing masks but had no direct or indirect contact, such as touching the same plate



or doorknob.

The South Korean study adds to mounting evidence that the coronavirus can be transmit-

ted in microscopically small droplets that are released by talking or just breathing, then stay aloft indoors, traveling

long distances with the help of air conditioners, fans, or drafts.

"Droplet transmission can occur at a distance greater than [6 feet] if there is direct air flow from an infected person in an indoor setting," wrote the researchers from Jeonbuk National Medical School.

The study also undermines now-ingrained principles for staying safe. It suggests that even if you keep six feet of social distance indoors, and keep closer interactions to less than 15 minutes, you could be infected. Masks lower the risk, but not to zero.

Contributed article

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# HOLIDAY MEMORIES

## A Christmas Story

My story goes as follows: I was 9 years old and it was Christmas Eve. This means I was ready for the big day. I only had one goal in mind, "Gifts". I was good all year, at least that's the way I would tell it. So this year would be a big one, but with so much excitement I was trying to go to sleep but couldn't. I need Christmas to come ASAP. I tried everything I could, this means loading up on all Santa's cookies. Shhh... I was older plus there were other houses so he wouldn't miss them. Finally the house went quiet and everything was asleep... except me! I jumped out of bed rushing to my kid sister's room saying, "Wake up! Wake up, it's Christmas!" With boogies in her nose and cold in her eyes, she looked up at me with morning breath and said "I'll race you." We went flying down the stairs to our presents, ripping the wrapping off like Wolverine to an itchy back. Then we heard a thump then a bump! We looked up and saw not Santa, but our Mom at the top of the steps looking at us. She ask "What are you doing?" We replied, "It's Christmas." She laughed for it was still Christmas Eve. I took a cat nap I didn't truly sleep. Good news is I could now sleep knowing the presents were there for me!

Thanks for reading,  
Dante

## My Favorite Holiday Memory

As one of 4 children in my family growing up, I always wanted the first glimpse of the living room from the top of the stairs on Christmas morning. The room was usually filled with presents! Then my big Italian family would come for dinner and sit around the table for hours visiting with one another. That feeling of anticipation, excitement and family bonding has always motivated me to try to recreate that same Christmas experience for my own children.

Sincerely,  
Joan Sims

Three years ago, we decided to rent a cabin in the mountains in Colorado for Christmas and would be gone for a week. Since we weren't home for Christmas day, we decided to not get a tree at our house. While we were in a classic log cabin, looking over snow covered mountains, we were getting sad at the idea we would have no tree to put the presents under. The back yard was a hill full of evergreen trees, and the cabin shed had a saw. We trooped up the hill and found a true Charlie Brown tree, it was short, scraggly and sparse, in short perfect. We went to the local grocery store and bought a package of discount ornaments and candy canes. We didn't have a tree stand so we MacGyver'd a stand out of some random metal in the shed. By most standards it was a sad little tree, but it has been our favorite one in 25 years!

Kind regards,  
Amy

## A Christmas Memory

When I was a little girl I always remember being so excited for the Christmas Sears catalog to come. I would go through it so many times and circle everything I wanted. I remember getting a doll and boots that I wanted so badly. As a child Christmas is a special time of year. Makes us so happy to receive toys and other presents on that special day. Now as an adult I love Christmas - making cookies, decorating and giving to people in need. Merry Christmas to all.

Xoxo  
Stephanie

My favorite tradition of all is picking out a Christmas tree. It's a decision my family and I never agree on. It all starts off with, "hey look at this one, no look at that one." But after all the chaos we always end up with a tree that seems alot smaller than it actually is. Not only do we have this huge tree to lug home but we have to tie it down to a 2 door sports car. Its sounds crazy but yes it can be done! Envision a Christmas tree on top of a purple challenger. Yep people are starring.... all the while we are praying it doesn't fall off. In the end with some ornaments and hot chocolate we enjoy our beautiful tree.

Happy holidays  
Jamie

## The Walmart Excursion

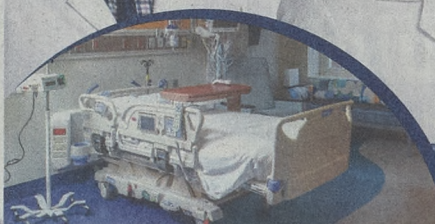
One of my favorite memories at Christmas time is the Black Friday Walmart excursion my two sisters and I took every year. We would wake up at 4am, get bundled up because we would be waiting out in the cold for the Walmart doors to open. When we would arrive at the store, we would join the line of people that wrapped around the parking lot anxiously waiting for the doors to open. The fact of the matter is that the shopping trip wasn't about getting great deals, it was about the fun and bonding my sisters and I shared that day. Although times have change, and our schedules now prevent us from getting together Black Friday, we will forever have those fond memories of us being together.

Christine

Christmas is my all time favorite holiday of the year. There's just something about decorating the tree, finding the perfect gift, listening to holiday music and watching Christmas movies. One of my favorite things to do is to bake Christmas cookies. Passed down from my grandmother was the recipe for thumbprint cookies. They take forever to make but it's a nice remembrance of us baking together when I was little plus they are tasty! For some reason we always use raspberry jam and no other filling. I guess it's the little traditions that keep those who are no longer with us, closer during the holidays.

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# from our Readers

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My most memorable Christmas was when I was a child and the family would travel to my mother's brothers house in New York to celebrate Christmas with other relatives who also came. We would exchange presents, play games, and of course eat plenty of food. We would go to bed in all beds available and some of us on the floor in the living room and wherever you found a vacant place to lay down in. All went home with a good feeling and in our mind of celebrating the next year at another relatives house.

Joan

One of my best Christmas memory was when I was about 14 and I received my first Lionel HO train set.

Stan

One of my favorite holiday memories is when my grandma took me to NYC to see the Radio City Rockettes perform! Growing up a dancer, I was in awe of the beautiful dancers and all of the Christmas decorations I was surrounded by. It was a show I'll forever cherish.

Paige

I love decorating the tree every year with my family.

Michael

My favorite memory about Christmas was two years ago when my mom took my Mimi's jewelry and made it into a necklace for me. I lost her almost four years ago and still miss her very much. 2016 was the last Christmas I got to spend with her and I think of her everyday and more when I wear the necklace.

Ciara

Happiness. Toys and cool things I get. Snow and to make a snowman. I love when we get together at Christmas time. Once we get together I can't wait to open gifts on Christmas morning.

Abrianna  
 age 6

One of my favorite holiday memories is visiting my Aunt Beatrice's house. She always gave us a six-pack of Pepsi for Christmas and made chicken, mashed potatoes and wonderful cucumber salad for us to eat.

Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year!!! I decorate a ton inside and out for the season, but I keep just one small decoration up all year round to keep that Christmas energy! I just love it.

As a child, my mom would always take my siblings and I to the Stroud Mall and we each got to pick out a Christmas present we thought our siblings would like from us with no input from our mom! I thought it was so fun and special as a child to be able to "buy" a gift for each of them from me! It was one of my favorite things about the Christmas season! Now, as an adult with my own children, I've continued that special tradition! I love seeing them search the stores for what they feel their siblings would like. This year they even wrapped them themselves! I've taken it a step farther and I get my children their own "sibling" tree that they decorate together just them. Then under that tree are all the sibling gifts. On Christmas morning, the tree is the first stop. They sit around their tree, just them, and give and open their gifts to one another. I truly feel sibling bonding time in any way is important, but at Christmas it's just so special. I love that I can continue something sweet and fun from my own childhood, and bring it into my childrens' life and they absolutely love it as I did as a kid!

~Ashley H.

My name is Ginger. I am 9 years. These are my holiday memories.

I love to make cookies with my Mom Mom. My favorites are chocolate chip and kiffles. I do all the rolling and tasting.

I feed all the deer that come to MOM MOM's. I give them lots of rolls so they have energy for their long ride December 24.

I also love to put up the nativity set. I do it all by myself sometimes. There are sheep on the roof, and lots of angels.

Mom Mom has a White House ornament for on the tree, it's my favorite and I get to read all about the history of the White House.

- Ginger



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## CACLV recognizes Juneteenth as holiday

The Board of Directors of the Community Action Lehigh Valley added Juneteenth to the holidays recognized by the organization at its meeting Dec. 9. The prominent nonprofit, founded in 1965, led the way, adopting the measure just hours before Lehigh County's Board of Commissioners took the same bold step.

On June 19, 1865, union troops landed in

Galveston, Texas, to inform Texans that slaves had been emancipated two and a half years earlier when President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation. There are

conflicting stories about why Texas was so far behind. Nevertheless, it's action finally ended slavery in the United States of America.

"To this day, we have See CACLV on Page A9



### Robert A. Bogdan

worked for the U.S. Postal Service



Robert A. Bogdan, 71, of Freemansburg, died Dec. 8, 2020, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Francis Bogdan and Helen Krug. He was the husband of Debra A. (Hicho) Bogdan for 18 years.

He was a graduate of Notre Dame HS.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who retired as a Sergeant First Class after 20 years of service, including service in the Vietnam War.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 20 years until he retired.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons; two daughters; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Fran and Sandra; two nieces; and a nephew.

Contributions may be made to Headstrong Project, P.O. Box 412572, Boston, Mass. 02241, to assist service members and healing the hidden wounds of war.

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### Eric Steven Sonne

Service Tire manager; teacher



Eric Steven Sonne, 69, of Catasauqua and State College, died Nov. 16, 2020, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Springfield, he was a son of the late Lucy Whitford Sonne. He was the husband of Attorney Frances G. Sonne for 47 years.

He was a graduate of Penn State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in zoology and a teaching certification.

He was a manager at Service Tire Truck Center, Bethlehem, for many years before retiring. Before that, he worked at Lehigh Tire and also taught middle school.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sisters, Lis Sonne Hoveland and her husband James, Jane Sonne, and Patricia Sonne; two nephews, Jonathan and Ian; a niece, Erica; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Karen; and a nephew, Christian.

Contributions may be made to the family by visiting [www.brubakerfuneralhome.com](http://www.brubakerfuneralhome.com).

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### Marion A. (Lavinger) Hottenstein

self-employed seamstress

Marion A. Hottenstein, 86, formerly of Bethlehem, died Dec. 12, 2020, at home in Catasauqua where she was cared for by her daughter and son-in-law. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Hermione (Poldak) Lavinger. She was the wife of the late Joseph Anderko and of the late John Hottenstein.

She was a self-employed seamstress.

She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Berkner and her husband David; a granddaughter, Tehya Berkner; and a brother, Joseph Lavinger Jr. and his wife Mary of Columbus, Ohio.

She was predeceased by four sisters, Dolly Bellizzi, Dolores Magan, Judy Hoof and Elaine Ungrean.

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### Donald R. Shambo Jr.

paramedic

Donald R. Shambo Jr., 63, of Northampton, died Dec. 7, 2020, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, Allentown. He was the husband of

Lesley (Chittick) Shambo for 35 years.

Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late Donald R. Shambo Sr. and Rose (Karaman) Shambo of Whitehall.

He was a graduate of Whitehall HS and Sacred Heart Hospital Paramedic program.

He was a junior fire fighter for the Whitehall Township Fire Department. He was a paramedic for HealthTec and Central Berks ALS, both in

Berks County; Whitehall Emergency Squad; Medic 3; and Northwestern Ambulance, Lehigh County. He was a Comm Tech with MedEvac from 1990-93 prior to becoming a flight paramedic for LVHN-MedEvac, Lehigh Valley, for over 30 years. He was an instructor at the George E. Moerkirk

Emergency Medicine Institute for the past 20 years. He was a past president of Lehigh County Ambulance Association and of Medic 3, Whitehall.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by two sons, Richard III and his companion Amanda of Northampton and Collin J. and his wife Courtney of Albrightsville; two brothers, John J. Shambo and his companion Linda of Slatington and Joseph M. Shambo and his wife TerriAnn

of Whitehall; and two nieces.

Friends and family may call from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 8:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Schisler Funeral Home Inc., 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067. Follow social distancing guidelines, including the wearing of facial coverings.

Services and Internment will be private.

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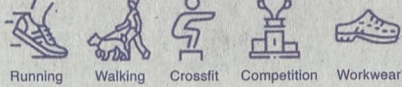
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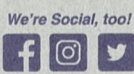
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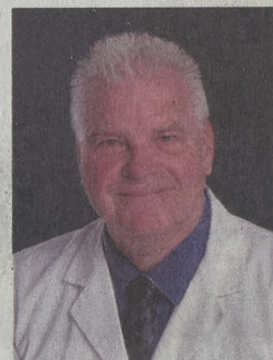
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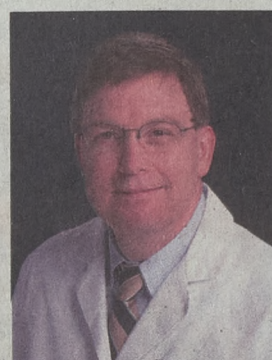
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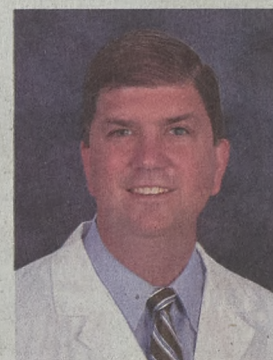
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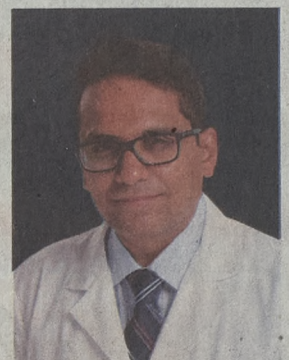
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# Parkland food insecurity vital issue for Katrina Sundstrom

BY JIM MARSH  
Special to The Press

For Katrina Sundstrom, of Upper Macungie Township, hunger among families residing in the Parkland School District is a vital issue that does not receive enough attention.

"Hunger hides in plain view," Sundstrom said, "and it can be a very lonely situation to be in."

Sundstrom is a co-founder and executive director of the Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry, located along Kernsville Road, Orefield. The pantry currently is helping between 150 and 170 families, up from about 100 families before the COVID-19 virus hit in March.

The metric that measures an area's food insecurity is the number of school students who require financial assistance with lunchtime food programs. The founders were surprised to learn that figure was 25 percent during the Parkland School District 2018-19 school year.

The pantry opened its doors for the first time to 12 families in June 2019. Twice a month, families were invited to shop the pantry shelves and refrigerators for nonperishable goods, milk, cheese and fresh fruit and vegetables.

By December 2019, the pantry had fed more than 100 households.

In March, everything changed when the COVID-19 pandemic took hold. The pantry switched from pantry choice shopping to contactless drive-thru distribution twice-monthly at Kernsville Elementary School, 5051 Kernsville Road, Orefield.

Families taking advantage of the new distribution model received the same foodstuffs in a COVID-safe environment. Food items came from Second Harvest Food Bank, Crooked Row Farms, Orchard Hills Church and Life Church and many additional community partners.

Pantry food drives replenish items dispersed, Sundstrom said.

Much of Sundstrom's pantry responsibility involves going into the community to educate area residents of the need and to solicit donations of money and food, which allow the pantry to continue its efforts.

Sundstrom says some of her community efforts are met with skepti-

cism.

She recalls an encounter at a food drive with one resident who said, "Parkland. Really? I've lived here for many years and I don't see it."

Sundstrom says when she backs up her community solicitations with statistics, many doubters in the community end up providing donations or become pantry volunteers.

"Because hunger hides in plain view," Sundstrom said, "it's easy to miss it."

Often, it's not something that someone in need is comfortable sharing widely, Sundstrom said.

"The pandemic in general has shifted things for so many people," Sundstrom said. "Many are finding themselves in situations they never thought they would be in. For those people, some relief comes from community helping community."

Sundstrom says the Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry has a diverse spectrum of people who volunteer to help, including students from school clubs, their parents, seniors and other concerned community residents.

Social media plays a big role in generating enthusiasm for food and donation drives, Sundstrom said, "and we have been really fortunate with word of mouth among neighbors and other community partners."

Sundstrom has a positive attitude as the pantry efforts move toward 2021. As the pandemic eases, she said, she hopes to move back into the pantry shopping mode so patrons can more closely match their family's needs with items available, rather than adapting to what is available in the drive-thru distribution.

Sundstrom said the pantry's Snack Pack program is embraced with wide enthusiasm. Pantry volunteers pack "weekend" food packets for distribution to about 200 youngsters to supplement the weekday school lunch programs.

A current institutional need now for the pantry is a large refrigerated truck to help widen the pantry's capacity for acquiring and storing fresh, perishable foodstuffs and moving to more frequent and immediate distribution modes.

Sundstrom said early efforts for that project are heartening.



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

**Katrina Sundstrom**, executive director of the Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry, stands among packages of foodstuffs ready for distribution to area residents who are experiencing food insecurity. Since the start of the COVID-19 disruptions in March, the number of families relying on the pantry is now approaching 200, almost double the number of families that needed help in 2019.

"Using social media and word of mouth, we were able to raise about \$1,000 for a truck on 'Giving Tuesday,'" she said.

And, seeing no end to the need to keep hunger at bay, "We see a time when we're going to have to look for a larger facility," Sundstrom said.

For more information about the pantry's mission and operations, or to donate, go to [parklandcaresfp.org](http://parklandcaresfp.org).

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Jennifer Slanovec will attend UML to continue her softball career.

## Slanovec to attend UML

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom senior pitcher Jennifer Slanovec got an early start on her college recruitment efforts that paid off with an early offer from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and her signing of a National Letter of Intent on Nov. 20 to play softball for the River Hawks.

"It's very exciting, especially because I'd been sending recruitment emails since August of eighth grade," said Slanovec. "It's so nice to find a great fit with great people."

Slanovec is already making friends with current players, including longtime acquaintance Bri Coyle.

Coyle, a Wilson Area High School alumna, and Slanovec played softball together on a 12U team, and it was Coyle who brought Slanovec to the attention of U Mass Lowell coach Danielle Henderson. Months later, Henderson's assistant spotted

Slanovec at a softball tournament in Florida.

Slanovec had a college visit in November 2019 when Henderson, a Team USA Olympic Gold Medalist from the 2000 Summer Games, took her to a pitching practice.

"The coaches believe the players are their families, and they say, 'How will the girls be able to act as a family if we don't treat them the same way?'" Slanovec said.

Slanovec, who is planning to major in biology, had other colleges in mind but felt that U Mass Lowell was best for her athletically, academically, and financially.

"Coach Henderson said she liked my potential and how encouraging I am to my teammates," said Slanovec. "Also, I'm tall and the coach likes to build off of height. And we have a small pitching staff of four pitchers that helps make us more cohesive."

## Piripavel to attend Central Conn. State

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom catcher Matison Piripavel is one of only two high school seniors to receive an offer to play softball at Central Connecticut State University next year, which she accepted this November.

"I worked so hard to reach that goal, having the experience of Division 1 softball," she said.

The Patriot senior attended a softball camp

this past January at CCSU.

"I liked the team environment, the camaraderie, the campus. I loved everything there," Piripavel said. "The players were nice, and they were inviting. I know, at some places, they can be standoffish."

Blue Devils assistant coach Pat Holden, who is also in charge of recruitment, continued to follow Piripavel's softball career long after camp ended last January.

"He said I should get a decent amount of playing time," said Piripavel. "His mechanics and his mentality of hitting are impressive and are what stood out to me."

Just to be sure, Piripavel made a return visit to campus in November to take one more look and made a verbal commitment soon after.

Piripavel is planning to major in psychology.



Matison Piripavel will attend Central Connecticut State University.

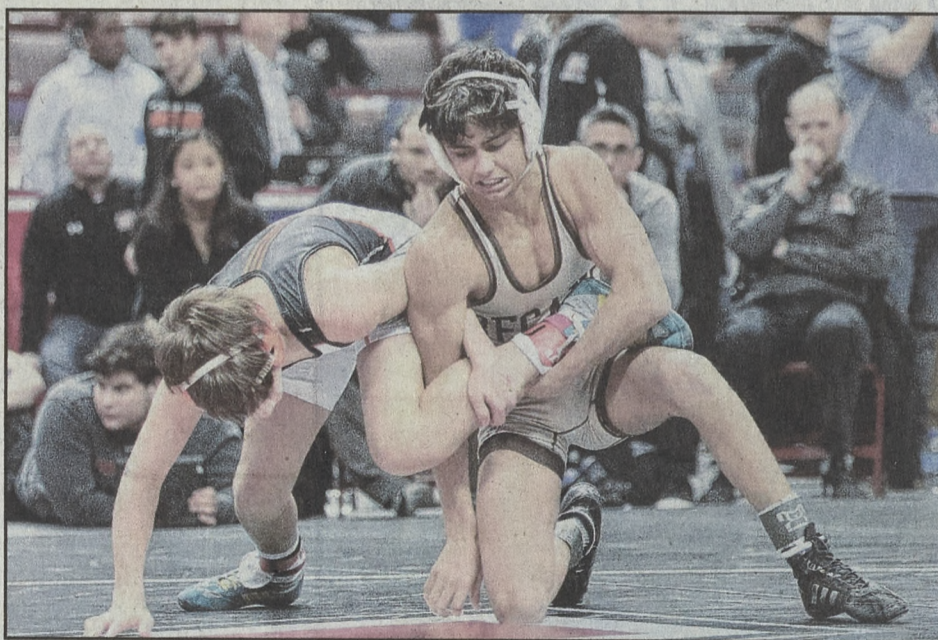
## Becahi looking to stay on top

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling program continues to remain as a constant powerhouse in the state, but what will the Golden Hawks have in store for this season?

Once they're ready to gear up for action again in January, Becahi should be one of the proverbial favorites to come away with the District 11 3A and PIAA crowns.

"We have a pretty well balanced team and should be very competitive through the season," said head coach Jeff Karam. "The goal is always the same, to compete for district and state championships. Post season should be real interesting this year



Matt Mayer and the rest of the Hawks are looking to stay on top when the wrestling season gets back underway.

for team and individual. Less qualifiers for each is going to make it extremely important to peek at the right time." Wrestlers coming

back for the Hawks include: Charlie Pavis (106, JV district champ); Cael McIntyre (113, state ranked last year; didn't compete in post season); Tyler Kasak (120, district and regional champ, state 5th); Ashton Campbell (120/126, state qualifier); Will Aviles (126); Jake Costello (126); Dante Frinzi (126, state 5th); Matt Mayer (132, 2x state medalist); Riley Hughes (132, JV district runner up); Andrew Harmon (138/145, state qualifier); Trey Miletics (138, returning starter); Giovanni Bozzi (138/145, JV district runner up); Landon Muth (145/152, returning starter); Evan Gleason (152, district champ, state 5th); Jamier Jiminez (160, state

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## EPC names golf all-stars; Barker MVP

BY SCOTT PAGEL  
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The EPC recently released its all-stars and also honored its divisional winners. Jordan Barker of Liberty was the boys MVP while Michelle Cox of Emmaus was the girls MVP.

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# Ryan Raffino heads to Marywood for soccer

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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2020 Freedom graduate and soccer player Ryan Raffino was looking to continue his academic and athletic career this fall at Marywood University in Scranton, now he's hoping to play in spring.

"The campus is a nice, small, quiet area that is still in the city, so

there are a lot of places to go if I want to go for a night out," Raffino said. "The campus also has a great library and comfortable dorms, and the people I met on the tour made me feel at home."

At the time of this story, Raffino has no final word on the men's soccer season from Marywood coach John Velasco. But eventually some

games were moved to spring.

"Like Velasco said, we just have to keep working hard in order to be prepared for whatever happens," said Raffino.

That means a workout program sent by Coach Velasco for players to complete over the summer and fall.

"I've also been shoot-

ing for an hour about three times a week to try to improve my shooting," Raffino said. "Our coach is tough. He means business and is very goal-oriented. He really wants to work the team hard and get the best out of us. "He also is a very compassionate coach. Off the field he still cares for the team as if it was a family. He

calls the Marywood soccer team a brotherhood, and he makes it feel that way."

One thing Raffino will take from his time as a Patriot soccer player is that communication is key.

"Whenever we lost a game at Freedom, it wouldn't be because we weren't good enough, it's because the team

wasn't on the same page," he said. "It is important to communicate with your teammates and learn what works best for them in order to show a team's true colors."

Raffino plans to major in biology with a physician assistant track.



Christian Horvath is back for the Pates this season.

## Young Pates hope to get back on the mat

BY PETER CAR  
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There will be plenty of unknowns this winter sports season and that is the case as well for Freedom's wrestling team.

The Patriots are coming off an 18-6 season a year ago, but come back with a very young roster that will be thrown into a corona-shortened season to complicate matters.

"More than half of our team are freshmen and sophomores, which means we'll need as much mat time as possible to develop," said head coach Dante Terenzio. "I expect our more experienced wrestlers to do well and make a run

in the postseason. The team has a great work ethic and I think we'll steadily improve."

Back for the Pates this year are CJ Horvath (106, So., District Runner-Up; 34-7 record), Cameron Wickemyer (126, So., JV District Runner-Up), Anthony Salim (132, Sr.), Connor Bevan (138, Jr., 27-14, District 6th Place), Chris Jurado (152-160, Jr., 20-14), Thaddeus Howland (152-160, Sr., 12-12), Matt Bogardo (215, Sr., 19-9) and Ryan Frantz (285, Sr.).

Newcomers to the lineup will be a pair of freshmen Joey Bodnar and Jared Karabinus.

With the program

forced to be on hiatus for official workouts until January 11, Terenzio is just hoping they can maximize each practice session before gearing up for official matches.

"There's still a lot of unknown this season," he said. "I'm not sure how many matches we will end up having, but the team goal is to make the most of every practice and improve every day. How we do in dual meets will depend on how quickly we can improve. Realistically, I think we are a year away from competing with the top teams, but I really do like the attitude and work ethic our team displays."

## Outdoors: Post-Christmas deer season gives hunters another chance for prize

BY NICK HROMIAK  
Special to the Press

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The archery and flintlock deer hunting season for both antlered and antlerless deer reopens Dec. 26 and runs until Jan. 18 statewide. For those hunting in WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D, the season continues to Jan. 23.

If you have remaining antlerless tags, the extended firearms season runs Dec. 23 - Jan. 23 in Allegheny, Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia counties.

And for you upland hunters, the Pennsylvania Game Commission will hold a late season pheasant stocking. Both male and female pheasants will be stocked on Dec. 22 and 23 and the birds may be hunted after stocking but not on Christmas Day. The season will reopen on Dec.

26. The only exception to this is there's no hunting in the state's two Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas.

Keep in mind that even though hunters may hunt immediately after the pheasants are released, and if encountering a stocking truck, the PGC reminds hunters that the area around the truck is established as a safety zone hence it's unlawful to discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a PGC vehicle if its occupants are releasing pheasants.

According to the PGC, more than 218,000 pheasants are allocated for this statewide late season release. To learn about what tracts are being stocked visit the interactive stocking map and pheasant-allocation breakdowns at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov).

As a reminder, the PGC says that except for senior lifetime license-buyers who bought their lifetime hunting or combination licenses before May 13, 2017, hunters need a pheasant permit in addition to their general

hunting license. For adults and non-exempted senior hunters, the permit costs \$26.90. For junior hunters and mentored permit holders under 17, the permit is free.

When going afield, all safety and regulations apply such as wearing 250 square inches of fluorescent orange. That, plus the pheasant daily limit is two with a possession limit of six.

With snow on the ground, these late season hunts make for a great time to be afield and in the woods.

### ICE FISHING

Well it won't be long before anglers will be able to walk on water - for ice fishing that is.

Our tackle shop reporters have not heard of any ice action which, despite cold temperatures, having 10 inches or more of snow atop the ice merely provides an insulation that prevents ice from forming.

We'll keep you posted when ice fishing action kicks off, most likely on Pocono Mountain waters before local waters like Leaser Lake and Ontelaunee Reservoir.



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

Aside from the late season deer hunting opportunities, the PGC will stock more than 218,000 pheasants statewide on Dec. 22 and 23.

## BC

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qualifier); Chris Tartamella (172); Justus Bozzi (172/189, regional qualifier); Anthony DeRosa (189/215, returning starter); Nico Spezza (215, junior high district placer); Mario Pastrana (215) and Will Marks (215).

"It's pretty obvi-

ous we are very well balanced in the lower weights with a number of returning wrestlers that made it to Hershey and medaled," Karam said. "Hopefully we have a few get a little higher on the podium in March. In the upper weights, I'm really looking forward to seeing the improvement from the likes of Gleason, Giovanni Bozzi, Muth,

Justus Bozzi, and DeRosa."

"We must improve each day with an emphasis on making the most of each practice or competition with the condensed schedule," said Karam. "As is always the case, we must remain healthy. Probably much more so this year than any year I have coached given the circumstances."

## LVP/LVHN ATHLETES

★ ★ ★ OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★



### Congratulations MICHELLE COX (EMMAUS) & JORDAN BARKER (LIBERTY)

Seniors Michelle Cox (Emmaus) and Jordan Barker (Liberty) were named East Penn Conference Lehigh County Co-Most Valuable Players for the 2020 season. Cox was a District 11 silver medalist during her seniors season and qualified for states for the third straight season. She posted her best finish at states this fall, taking second place by virtue of a playoff after shooting even-par 72 in her championship round. Barker, who returned from Florida to play his senior season at Liberty with his brother, cousin and longtime friends, took first place and led the Hurricanes to the team title.

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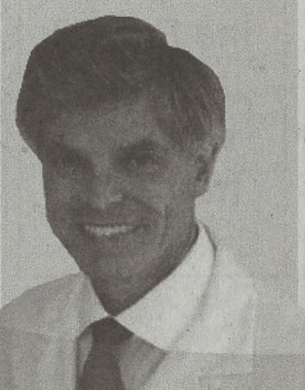
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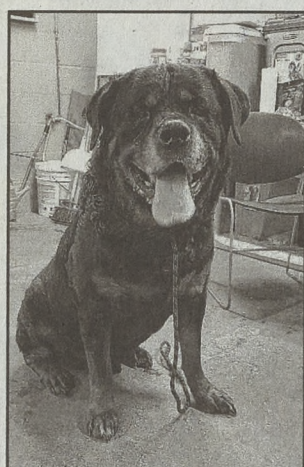
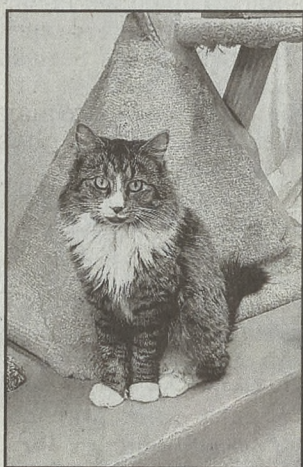
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**Cactus** is a handsome 2-year-old male saved from the rough life of a stray in October 2020. Still settling into shelter life, Cactus is hoping to have a home for a holiday where he can spend all of his time playing with little toy springs. Due to his rough start, a home with older to no children is preferred.

**Yogi Bear**, a 9-year-old rotti, would do best in an adult only home giving him time to adjust. He loves going out for his walks and hanging out with his person. Yogi Bear is hoping to have a home for this holiday after being transferred to the shelter in November 2020.

**MAMA'S MUSINGS**

**Murphy finds a friend**

Most of us are familiar with Murphy's Law: "If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong." COVID-19 could be called "Murphy Finds a Friend."

I know myself how one problem can be made worse by an unexpected new problem. In the past few years, it has happened over and over. And even as things started getting better, COVID hit. My oldest son, Erick, was laid off for several weeks. Despite persistent efforts, he never did receive unemployment compensation for that time. My divorce and financial settlement were delayed, in part because the courts were closed, and partly because the other party had no incentive to comply.

Sadly, the pandemic shutdowns and the failure of comprehensive government relief have laid bare society's inherent inequities, and created new ones.

I have long felt the worst part of disadvantage is knowing others may not understand unless they have experienced it themselves. Now, even more people are experiencing job loss, homelessness, financial and food insecurity, and isolation.

And too many people have lost loved ones, or are suffering long-term effects from COVID-19.

Would it be too much to ask Murphy to take a vacation? Probably. I don't think Murphy ever rests!

I do hope that when the pandemic ends, we don't try to bury all its lessons and move on. I hope as people's fortunes improve, and the sorrow lessens, we keep in mind those who lost loved ones, and we find ways to address the many societal inequities the pandemic has laid bare.

Murphy will always be around. But the pandemic will eventually end. Don't lose hope!



By Lani Goins

**VOLUNTEERS**

A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER**, Bethlehem needs tutors at the center for their Virtual Support Program 9:00AM - 12:00PM Tuesday through Friday to assist children with assignments, homework, school projects, reading and math and can participate as little as one time per week or as often as the program meets. Background checks and facemasks are required along with daily temperature check. Contact Jackie Jimenez, 610-691-3355, [jjimenez@necbethlehem.org](mailto:jjimenez@necbethlehem.org).

**TRUTH FOR WOMEN**, Bethlehem, owns and operates the Truth Home which is a therapeutic residential home for survivors of sex-trafficking. The home provides a safe place where motivated women can rebuild their lives and provides a warm, family setting for women in an intensive therapeutic environment. We are looking for a Part-time volunteer Grant Writer. Contact Carol Andersen, 570-977-0600, [carol.andersen@truthforwomen.org](mailto:carol.andersen@truthforwomen.org).

**THE LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**, Allentown needs individual or group mentors to assist those recently released from jail, for their first 90 days, when they enroll in The Lazarus House, to increase the likelihood of success and prevent recidivism. The mentor will meet them on "move in day" and help with acclimating to their new environment. They will help with figuring out bus schedules, apply for public assistance and employment services. The mentor should check in with their client once a week, in person or by phone. Contact Becky Latshaw, 610-433-6421 x6113, [rlatshaw@lehighchurches.org](mailto:rlatshaw@lehighchurches.org).

**MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY** needs individuals to grocery shop for seniors who are unable to go to the store due to disability or concerns of COVID-19. Shoppers receive a grocery list and assigned grocery store and purchase the items on the list. Then, the individuals drop the groceries off at the client's home. At times, the client may need assistance putting the groceries in cabinets, refrigerator, etc. Facemasks, gloves, hand sanitizer and other supplies to keep you and the client safe from infection provided. Contact Bethany Gray, 610-691-6708, [bethanyg@mowglv.org](mailto:bethanyg@mowglv.org).

**INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK LEHIGH VALLEY** provides 24/7 door through door ride service for seniors age 60 and over and visually impaired adults to any destination in the Lehigh Valley. In order to provide this service, we need volunteer drivers to help us with the increasing demand for rides. All rides in Lehigh Valley only. Drive when and where you want. No minimum hours required. Must have own vehicle and clean driving record. Contact Jessie Shappell, 610-419-1645, [jessie.shappell@itnlehighvalley.org](mailto:jessie.shappell@itnlehighvalley.org).

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

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

**SLHN COVID-19 VACCINE**

**Shots administered Dec. 17**

St. Luke's nurse Sonia Iparraguirre, RN, was the first individual to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at St. Luke's University Health Network Dec. 17.

"I am so happy to be part of this momentous step to end the pandemic," Iparraguirre, of Bethlehem, said. "I want people in our community to know that the vaccine is safe, and that if they want it, they should get it. It protects their health and the health of our community."

Earlier this year, as St. Luke's University Health Network began preparing for the COVID-19 pandemic, its dedicated health care workers stepped to the forefront. Iparraguirre, who works on Priscilla Payne Hurd Pavilion 8, was literally on the front line as she admitted the first COVID-19 patient at St. Luke's University Hospital in Bethlehem.

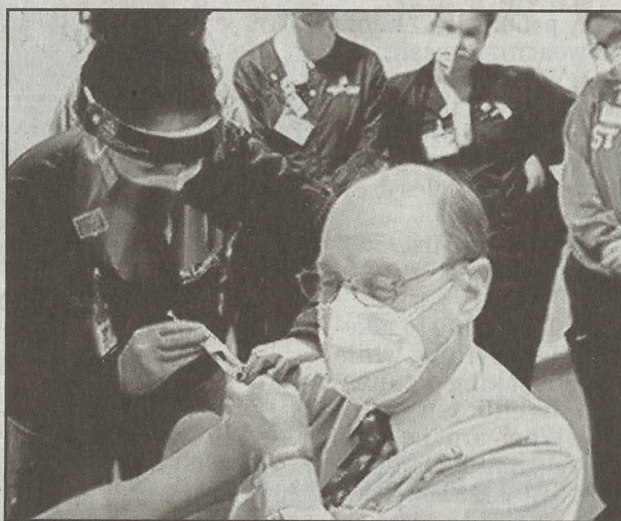
Iparraguirre was recently honored for her contributions to St. Luke's pandemic mobilization and her commitment to the health of the community by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Lehigh Valley during its annual gala. Streamed from SteelStacks in Bethlehem Oct. 8, the theme of the gala was "The Heroes Among Us."

"Sonia embraced this unknown challenge with true grace and professionalism," Rebecca Boyer, BSN, RN, Patient Care Manager, Priscilla Payne Hurd Pavilion 8, said. "She not only played a vital role in providing quality patient care, she went above and beyond in



PRESS PHOTOS COURTESY SLHN

**A first!** Sonia Iparraguirre, R.N., who took care of St. Luke's first COVID patient back in March, is the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine Dec. 17 in Bethlehem.



**Jeffrey Jahre, M.D.**, St. Luke's vice president of medical and academic affairs, is one of the first health care providers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Becca Boyer, R.N. administers the shot while front-line nurses look on in support.

providing the intangibles that played such a crucial and meaningful role during this uncertain time."

These intangibles, Boyer explains, included comforting patients on isolation, spending time to listen to patients crying in fear of the effects of COVID-19 and facilitating communication with these patients' family members.

"Sonia is an outstanding example of St. Luke's commitment to caring for COVID-19 patients and all those we serve in our community," Janice Concilio, St. Luke's COVID-19 Incident Commander said.

**'I'm filled with gratitude'**  
COVID-19 patient shares story of survival

BY STEPHEN ALTHOUSE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

To put it succinctly, Lata Annayya was in world of trouble.

The 59-year-old Ringoes, N.J. resident had developed a fever and it was a fever that would not quit. The term "persistent" would fit the bill. It gradually consumed her during the month of April. She was the victim of the novel coronavirus, like many others across the globe.

With breathing become increasingly difficult, she was admitted to a local hospital. But instead of improving, the situation got worse. Her blood oxygen level became dangerously low. Annayya was eventually transferred to Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest when she needed a breathing tube.

"When Lata arrived for evaluation, she was near death," said Dr. Rita Pechulis, associated chief of critical care medicine at LVHN.

Annayya required ECMO, a treatment in which blood is pumped outside of the body to a machine that removes carbon dioxide and sends oxygen-filled blood back into the body. By June, Annayya had been on a ventilator for 40 days and on ECMO for three weeks.

Today, she is on the road to recovery. A COVID survivor.

"I wish there was a better word than heroes," Annayya said in a video presentation containing LVHN's 2020 Community Annual Meeting, which debuted during a virtual meeting Dec. 2. "I would call them warriors on the front lines of this battle. I would say I'm in your debt forever. It's a debt that I could never, never,



PRESS PHOTO BY STEPHEN ALTHOUSE

"I wish there was a better word than heroes," Lata Annayya said in a video presentation during LVHN's 2020 Community Annual Meeting, which debuted during a virtual meeting Dec. 2.

never think of repaying. I'm filled with gratitude."

In his presentation to the annual public board of trustees meeting which is held each December, LVHN President and CEC Brian Nester told the audience there is nothing more important than good health.

"If you have it, cherish it," he said. "If you don't, take charge to achieve it. And if you need help to attain it," ask for it."

Any review of 2020 must have COVID-19 front and center. That goes double for an organization such as LVHN.

During the address, Nester chronicled the past nine months at LVHN since the pandemic invaded the region. Like an old-fashioned page turner, the story of how LVHN confronted the virus was at times intriguing and dramatic.

Moving forward, Nester indicated LVHN is prepared for the current resurgence of the virus. He also urged everyone to do their part.

"Make no mistake, we will win this fight," said Nester. "And when we do, we will all be heroes."

"Make no mistake, we will win this fight, and when we do, we will all be heroes."  
**Brian Nester**  
LVHN president and CEO

during the early months of COVID-19, LVHN reported operating income of \$84 million for fiscal year 2020, or an operating margin of 2.7 percent. The picture was much more bleak earlier this year. In the first few months of the pandemic, LVHN estimated a more than \$300 million shortfall for the fiscal year. The picture eventually turned around, thanks to a few primary factors, said Nester. Being able to reopen elective surgeries and other services, along with assistance from federal funds courtesy of the CARES Act to the tune of \$118 million as well as expense reductions allowed LVHN to end the year on an up note.

As for Lata Annayya, she's gone from barely being able to breathe, to having a new appreciation for life itself. That, truly, is a breathe of fresh air.

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## STATE POLICE

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The Pennsylvania State Police would like to remind motorists of Title 75 Section 3327 "Duty of Driver in Emergency Response Areas."

Otherwise, known as the "Steer Clear Law" or "Move Over Law," which requires drivers to move over or slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, traffic stop or disabled vehicle.

This law will help prevent injuries and save lives, but only if drivers follow the law and use common sense.

When approaching or passing an emergency response area, a person, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder, shall:

• Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or

• If passing in a non-adjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area.

Emergency responders that you must move over for include police, fire department, EMS, tow trucks, PENNDOT personnel, and other roadside assistance vehicles.

If you fail to move over, you could face a fine of \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

Repeat offenders face a license suspension and violators who cause bodily injury or death of an emergency responder face additional license suspensions and fines of up to \$10,000.

Please move over for all emergency responders. Their lives depend on it.

For more information on the Pennsylvania State Police, visit [www.psp.pa.gov](http://www.psp.pa.gov).

# Santa Claus on track to visit Lehigh Valley homes

BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH  
dgalbraith@ttonline.com

The Press caught up with Santa Claus Dec. 13 at the Quakertown Farmers Market while he was visiting with children and their families. He was able to take a few minutes to answer our questions about his upcoming trip and more.

**Q.** What does the naughty and nice list look like this year?

**A.** It looks about the same. Children are so accepting. They are not complaining about wearing masks.

**Q.** Will you still be able to get to everyone's house due to COVID-19?

**A.** Oh yes! Santa is the master of space-time continuum.

**Q.** Will you be wearing a mask when you go to the children's houses?

**A.** Oh yes! The mask has my face on it so many people don't know I'm wearing a mask.

**Q.** What is the most requested gift this year?

**A.** A Barbie Dream-House. Nerf guns and all-terrain vehicles are also popular.

**Q.** How are Mrs. Claus and the elves?

**A.** They are very busy. They have to take care of everything while Santa is taking pictures with the children.

**Q.** When are the elves finished making gifts?

**A.** They are finished



PRESS PHOTOS BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH  
Santa Claus visits with children Dec. 13 at the Quakertown Farmers Market. He is wearing a mask that looks like his face so as to not scare the children. He is holding his "magic key" which helps him get into houses with no chimneys.

Dec. 23. All the presents must be in Santa's sleigh Dec. 24.

**Q.** What is your favorite cookie?

**A.** Chocolate chip.

**Q.** What do you do on Dec. 26?

**A.** Nap.

**Q.** Does Mrs. Claus pack any goodies on the sleigh for your trip?

**A.** Yes! Candy canes, chocolate covered pretzels and milk.

**Q.** Are you sad you can't greet the children as you normally would?

**A.** Yes, I'm sad all the children can't be with me as I have to be behind a glass for safety reasons.

**Q.** How do you get into a house without a chimney?

**A.** Santa has a magic key.

**Q.** What do the reindeer eat?

**A.** Carrots and candy canes. That's what makes them fly.

**Q.** What would you like to tell the children this year?

**A.** Be patient and kind. Listen to your parents.

*Santa Claus will be greeting children 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Quakertown Farmers Market, 201 Station Road, Quakertown, before he leaves for the North Pole.*

*Santa Claus was assisted by Roy Ohrberg, of Quakertown.*

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Arborist series

webinar Jan. 19

Registrations are now being accepted for Penn State Extension's Arborist Short Course Series webinars scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 19, 21, 26, and 28 and Feb. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, and 18, 2021.

This webinar series is designed to increase participants working tree knowledge and professional arborist skills.

Successful completion of the 10-day Arborist Short Course Series webinars will prepare participants for the ISA Certified Arborist exam, as well as improve their marketability.

Registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2021.

For more information, go to <https://www.cvent.com/events/arborist-short-course-series/event-summary-7ec31c179a0f4dff817c640e37f87302.aspx?i=342b2c11-e5e0-4c18-b407-13b372d909f9>.

## STEELWORKERS

Trestle tours

December 19, 26

The Steelworkers' Archives rain or shine walking tours will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 27 at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Tours start and leave from the National Museum of Industrial History outdoor plaza, 602 E. Second St. There is free parking in the lot across the street from the museum.

Former steelworkers will lead one-hour side-walk tours through the Bethlehem Steel plant site. Steelworker guides will speak about the remaining buildings on the plant site, life in the ethnic neighborhoods surrounding the plant and what life was like working at the plant, and end with a question-and-answer session.

The Hoover-Mason Trestle is currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 situation. There is a cost, but the tour is free for ages 12 and under. Scheduling for the six guests per tour limit is available online by visiting [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org) or call the Steelworkers' Archives at 610-861-0600. Guests should maintain social distancing; face masks are required.

## NMIH

Hands on Steel  
locomotive rides

The National Museum of Industrial History will host a hands-on train engineer event on its newly-restored narrow gauge diesel-electric locomotive. The 1941 orange Whitcomb was used in the Electric Furnace Melt Shop of Bethlehem Steel Corp. for charging buggies filled with scrap metal. Restored by museum volunteers and staff to working condition, the train operates on a little over 100 feet of demonstration track.

Participants will climb into the cab (three short steps) to learn how the locomotive works. The locomotive is driven under the supervision of museum personnel from the same engineer's seat as steelworkers used.

The 20-minute weather-dependent event will be held on Dec. 26. It is limited to two adults or one adult and one child. Tickets are nonrefundable except in the case of inclement weather or cancellation by the museum. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/bethlehem-steel-locomotive-train-rides-tickets-126919149593](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/bethlehem-steel-locomotive-train-rides-tickets-126919149593) for tickets and [www.nmih.org](http://www.nmih.org) for information.

## PEEPSFEST® includes both virtual, in-person activities to end the year

Year after year, Just Born Quality Confections, along with ArtsQuest and other generous local community partners, come together to provide a fun, safe, family-friendly New Year's celebration. This year will be no different! To close out 2020 in the sweetest way possible, fans will experience the 12th annual PEEPSFEST® two-day festival Dec. 30 and 31 featuring The Lehigh Valley PEEPS® Diorama Competition and PEEPS® Chick Drop.

**Diorama competition**  
Just Born Quality Confections and ArtsQuest are sponsoring the 12th annual Lehigh Valley PEEPS® Diorama Competition for families and businesses to participate for the first time ever—virtually!

Voting is taking place from until Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 11:59 p.m. Fans may vote for their favorite diorama, which will receive the PEEPS® Choice award. The online gallery of dioramas will be on display through Dec. 31, even after voting has ended.

A panel of local judges will choose first, second and third place winners in each category. Winners will be announced during the virtually streamed daily PEEPSFEST® show on Wednesday, Dec. 30 and receive a PEEPS® Brand Candy Package.

The Judge's Choice winner will receive a PEEPS® Brand Candy Package and will get to "drop" the illuminated New Year's Eve PEEPS® Chick at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31.

For questions on The PEEPS® Diorama Competition, contact



The Great Yellow Peep, hoisted high in the air

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ArtsQuest Performing Arts Specialist, Shayna Super at [ssuper@artsquest.org](mailto:ssuper@artsquest.org).

**Chick Drop**

The fan-favorite annual PEEPS® Chick Drop will take place Dec. 31 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Families can reserve a socially-distanced Levitt lawn square for \$25, which accommodates up to 4 guests (not including children under the age of 2).

Guests will dance the

night away to family-favorite hits spun by DJ Wesley Works. Enjoy socially-distanced dance competitions along with a festive party atmosphere including a special appearance by the PEEPS® Chick itself, all while watching the clock countdown to the PEEPS® Chick Drop!

The massive PEEPS® Chick, weighing in at 400 pounds and standing 4 feet and 9 inches tall, will descend for the countdown to the New Year at 5:15 p.m., followed by a stunning display of fireworks in the night sky. All guests 12 and under will receive a special Just Born Quality Confections gift bag! We hope you join us to celebrate the close of 2020 in the sweetest way possible. This event is likely to sell out, so we encourage families to purchase early.

**Daily Show**

Join in for the sweetest end of year celebration Dec. 30 and 31 by tuning in from the comfort of your home online for the Virtual PEEPSFEST® Daily Show to enjoy your favorite music, crafts and entertainment from local Lehigh Valley organizations and nonprofits. Check [SteelStacks.org](http://SteelStacks.org) for updates.

## Keep pets safe this holiday season

COVID-19 cases continue to surge around the country, so this year's holiday season may be quieter than usual. Gone are the guests, but there are still plenty of seasonal things that can be troublesome for your pets. Human holiday traditions such as food, decorations and plants that may seem harmless can be dangerous and even life-threatening to

dogs and cats.

"Our pets are naturally curious and love new things. The holidays provide a whole new world for them to explore that can lead to a potential illness or injury," said Erin Kartribe, veterinarian and medical director of Best Friends Animal Society. "Since many veterinary offices have limited hours and services during the COVID-19

crisis, it's crucial to keep your pets as safe as possible, as a trip to the vet won't be as easy as in previous years."

As such, Best Friends Animal Society offers the following tips to keep your dogs and cats safe during this holiday season:

• Be aware that increased noise and lights can cause stress. If your pet seems agitated, turn down the music or con-

sider placing your pet in a quiet, calm room with dim lighting.

• Curb the tendency to give your dog or cat human food. Any change in your pets' diet may give them indigestion, diarrhea or worse. Foods that people should avoid giving their pets include chocolate, grapes, onions, poultry bones, egg nog and fruitcake.

See **SAFE** on Page A16

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**ELECTION/POLITICS**

**League of Women Voters offers workshop**

Running for local office can be a daunting task. In order to assist local candidates through this complex process, the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County will hold the 10th biennial "Running for Local Office Workshop" 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 30, 2021. This date is before the deadline to circulate petitions, usually in mid-February 2021.

"The speakers and panelists at the workshop worked in a nonpartisan fashion, because they wanted to see more people get involved and run for local office,"

Patrick Foose, member, Parkland School District School Board, said following attending the workshop in 2019.

Due to COVID-19, the workshop will be virtual using Zoom; the League is not holding the workshop at a venue as in prior years. However, a similar agenda with speakers and panelists will be followed.

"The LWVLC covered all the bases working with the press and with the political parties, campaign advertising, every aspect of campaigning imaginable. It was well worth it," Dan Hartzell, Lehigh County Commissioner-at-Large, said after attending the workshop in 2015.

Registration is required. A link to online registration for this virtual workshop is now available on [www.lwvlehighcounty.org](http://www.lwvlehighcounty.org).

**Rybak seeks District 03-2-10 district judge office**

Attorney Anthony (Tony) Rybak has announced his candidacy for the office of Magisterial District Judge for District 03-2-10, serving much of South Bethlehem, Northampton County.

He began his local career in 2002 as a practicing attorney residing in South Bethlehem. He joined the staff of the Office of the Public Defender, Northampton County. He was a part time Assistant Public Defender, while continuing his private practice. He became a full time Assistant Public Defender, and practiced criminal law exclusively, in that capacity. During his time as a Public Defender, he has represented in excess of 1,500 clients accused of crimes ranging from Disorderly Conduct to Criminal Homicide, and everything in between. He has appeared at countless Preliminary Hearings, Arraignments, Pre-Trial conferences, Bail Modification and Bench Warrant Hearings, PFA Contempt Hearings, Involuntary Commitment Proceedings, Guilty Plea Hearings, Probation Violation Hearings, Juvenile Detention hearings, Recovery Court, Mental Health Court and various Miscellaneous Court and Motions Court proceedings, in addition to serving as defense counsel in more than 10 Jury Trials. He is the lead attorney for the Public Defender's office in juvenile matters and has represented hundreds of children in that capacity.

Tony has resided in South Bethlehem since February, 2002. His family's roots in South Bethlehem date back over 100 years. His father, Hon. William C. Rybak (deceased) grew up in the former Northampton Heights area of South Bethlehem. Tony grew up in Northeast Bethlehem and often accompanied his father to 'the office' on weekends, making the 'South Side' his second home.

He is a 1983 Liberty High School graduate. He attended both Northampton Community College and Penn State University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Washington University in 1995, where he majored in Criminal Justice. He earned a Juris Doctor Degree from Hamline University School of Law, Minnesota.



The holidays provide a whole new world for them to explore that can lead to a potential illness or injury, according to Erin Katribe, veterinarian and medical director of Best Friends Animal Society.

**SAFE**

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- Dispose of food trash in an outside receptacle as soon as possible.

- Holiday plants such as lilies, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are known to be toxic to pets and should be kept out of reach.

- The water a Christmas tree sits in is a breeding ground for bacteria and can be extremely harmful to pets. Keep water covered with a thick skirt so pets can't get into it.

- Tape electrical

cords safely to the wall and make sure that all electrical connections, batteries, and outlets are concealed.

- Tinsel, ribbon, metal hooks, plastic and glass can obstruct or perforate the intestine if ingested. Use an alternative such as paper and hang decorations out of reach from your pet.

- Quickly dispose of wrapping paper, packages and bows after opening presents and put children's toys out of reach of pets after playtime to avoid accidental ingestion.

- Make sure your pets' identification and microchip are up to date in case anyone inadvertently leaves the door open during your holiday celebration.

Some symptoms that your pet has become ill and should be taken to a veterinarian quickly include prolonged vomiting (more than three times in a row), dry heaves, a distended abdomen, sudden weakness or inability to stand, respiratory distress, change in gum color and/or seizures.

"Pet owners should make a plan now in

case their pets have an emergency over the holidays," Katribe said. "Start by researching what veterinary offices will be open in your surrounding area and keep a list of their phone numbers handy to call ahead if your pet shows any symptoms."

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters. For more information, visit [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org).

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**Gift card scams**

According to a recent AARP survey, more than two-thirds of U.S. consumers will purchase a gift card for someone this holiday season. While these gifts are easy to give and popular to get, they are also open to fraud.

The same survey found one in three people have either given or received a gift card with no funds on it.

Remember these tips whenever buying gift cards.

If buying from a store rack, inspect the card before purchase to make sure the packaging hasn't been tampered with and the code hasn't been revealed. Better yet, buy gift cards online directly from the retailer, restaurant or other issuer. Be wary of buying from gift card resellers — if you do, make sure they offer a guarantee.

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Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you've fallen victim.

**Make your home cyber secure**

With nine in 10 U.S. adults online these days for work, finances, shopping or entertainment, criminals have many opportunities to steal money or sensitive personal information. When you factor in the many devices in our homes linked to the internet — computers, gaming systems, TVs, smartphones — the opportunities grow.

To keep your home network safe from criminals, follow these three home security rules. Keep the operating systems, web browsers and security software on all of your connected devices updated. If your internet router has the same name and password it came with, change both. And engage your firewall — your operating system or antivirus software should come with a firewall that guards your system from uninvited sources; make sure yours is turned on. Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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**Peer-to-peer payment apps**

In the time of COVID-19, peer-to-peer payment apps have become more popular than ever.

According to a recent AARP survey on online holiday shopping, more than half of U.S. adults plan to use a peer-to-peer payment application for gift purchases. It's important to know that some apps are safer than others.

PayPal, for example, is set up for users to make purchases with businesses where it's offered. But other popular payment applications like Venmo, Zelle and Cash App, are intended for use among friends and family — to split a dinner bill or pay the babysitter. Fraud losses using these apps to pay for a product that never comes are generally not recoverable.

To protect your assets remember the old fashioned ways of using cash or a credit card, which comes with fraud protections, are still your best bets.

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# Planning: What should Southside Bethlehem be like in 15 years?

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Planning and Zoning Bureau and their consultants held a virtual public meeting with business owners and residents from South of the Lehigh River Nov. 19. There were more than 40 participants.

Led by Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller, they reached out for input on such topics as, "How much emphasis should be placed upon historic preservation vs. new construction?" Attendees were asked which types of businesses and housing should be encouraged and how tall should a new building be allowed to be within a historic district.

Charles Schmehl from Urban Research and Development Corporation of Bethlehem said, "We are hopeful that some of the ideas that come out of this process will also be applicable with some of the other portions of the neighborhood."

Several, including Community Action Development Corp. of Bethlehem Director Anna Smith, Bethlehem NAACP President Esther Lee, and South Bethlehem Historical Society President Louis James emphasized a need for affordable housing.

James complained that a large number of properties in the area had been purchased by out-of-state landlords and developers who do not maintain their buildings.

Kim Cartell-Smith, Craig Evans and other South Side residents



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

"Steelworker by Dripped on the Road," commissioned by ArtsQuest, greets motorists on E. Third St. near the Fahy Bridge. The public was recently asked for input on what they believed should be the historic district's future.

called for matching zoning ordinances to historic district guidelines and to "give them teeth."

Residents also argued for repurposing existing structures and against building 14-story "skyscrapers" on the Southside.

Attendee Roger Simon suggested tall buildings belong closer to Lehigh University and not within the boundaries of the historic district.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic was of concern, as well as parking issues. Resident Roger Hudak said, "An awful lot of stuff is coming down the pike." This includes plans for a new parking garage at East Third and Polk streets.

Another resident,

identified as Michela suggested a "holistic urban and architectural vision of the Southside." This includes making the neighborhoods more pedestrian oriented and integrating the new while still preserving history.

James quoted from a letter written by the South Bethlehem Historical Society to the city government in 2019. He stated the organization, "writes not to stand in the way of progress, but to remind you of the History of South Bethlehem. We write to implore you to consider the economic impacts progress has on the residents of South Bethlehem and the changes to the character of the neighborhoods, which are still as vibrant

and diverse as they were when many of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents made their homes here."

City Councilman Bryan Callahan said, "It's always a delicate balance between preserving what we have and also trying to move forward a little bit."

This is the first of possibly three sessions to invite public feedback that can be applied to the city's Southside Master Plan. "We're going to have a second public meeting likely in February," said Heller. She added that surveys will be sent out to local residents in order to gather additional input.

"We have to act to save what we like," said Schmehl.

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**Kaila Gazaway**  
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**Grade:** 12th  
**Family members:** Andrew Decker, Kristi Decker, Kurt Decker, Andrea Decker, Natasha Decker

**Favorite subject:** In high school my favorite subject is English. It is my favorite because you have the opportunity to be creative in the writing process. In technical school I take Health Careers. It is my favorite class because my teachers and fellow classmates drive me to become the best version of myself.

**Activities:** My activities include SkillsUSA, National Technical Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars Ambassador, and AP and honors classes.

**Next steps:** After high school, I plan to attend Advanced Individual Training for the Army. After I complete this I will attend a university to study nursing and be a part of ROTC.

**Career goals:** My career goal is to be a Neurosurgeon.

**Heroes and why:** My first hero is Mickey Mantle, who was a center fielder, right baseman, and first baseman for the New York Yankees. He is my hero because on and off the field he showed compassion and leadership for his fellow players. My second hero is my mother because she has made me into the person I am today. When something looks impossible to achieve, she gives me inspiration to keep fighting.

**Hobbies:** My hobbies include playing basketball, drawing, playing piano, writing, and listening to music.



**Current job:** Currently I am a stocker at Redner's Warehouse Market in Northampton. Also I serve in the United States Army Reserves as a Medical Logistics Specialist.

**Volunteer/community work:** I do not participate in these due to having a full schedule.

**Likes:** Some of the things that I like are the New York Giants, Breaking Benjamin, cars, astronomy, and collecting multiple types of cards.

**Dislikes:** Some of the things that I dislike are receiving any grade lower than a B, and people who are dishonest.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest accomplishment is receiving sharpshooter while at Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

**Advice for peers:** My piece of advice for peers is that even when the world changes around you, do not let it affect the person you really are.

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

**Ground broken for Mounted Patrol pole barn**



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

An impromptu groundbreaking was held Nov. 24 signifying the start of construction of a pole barn near the existing Quadrant Private Wealth Stables that house the Bethlehem Police Mounted Patrol. With the mounted patrol present, Sharon Zondag, executive director of the inaugural sponsor R.K. Laros Foundation, Inc., turned several ceremonial shovels full of dirt with Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol President Diane Mack and Mounted Patrol Commander Lt. Mike Leaser in attendance. Zondag's daughter Marissa also attended as a member of the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol Board. The new structure will provide storage for larger pieces of equipment and hay, as well as provide a large community room where community education programs can be held. Completion is anticipated in spring 2021. **Above:** Sharon Zondag, executive director of the R. K. Laros Foundation, Inc., turns a spadeful of soil as Diane Mack, president of the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol and Lt. Mike Leaser, commander of the patrol, share the moment. Officers Justin Madera, Ryan Danko, Albert Strydesky and Mark Kuntzman on Asa, Casper, Pharoah and Grey respectfully watch from behind.

**Sharing Christmas**



**PRESS PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERBROOK ACADEMY**  
Students at Chesterbrook Academy Preschool on Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem recently collected more than 80 toys and gifts to benefit Toys for Tots, a gift drive run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Over the past month, students worked together to collect the items, and at the close of the drive, a representative from the organization stopped by the school to pick up the donations. In addition to their donation to Toys for Tots, students created holiday cards for their local State Troopers to thank them for all that they do. Through these initiatives, students learned the importance of helping others and giving back to the community, especially during the holiday season.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**'Challenge' deadline extended**  
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that the deadline for the fourth annual Innovations Challenge has been extended through Friday, January 15, 2021.

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Students in grades 9-12 regardless of their school's learning model are invited to participate in this year's Innovations Challenge, which encourages students to use their problem-solving, creative and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges in a competition among their peers.

This year's Innovations Challenge asks students to develop an innovative and implementable solution that helps address Pennsylvania's transportation revenue shortfall by identifying potential new funding streams, aside from additional gas taxes, tolls or mileage-based user fees, to help ensure adequate transportation funding for the future.

For complete Innovations Challenge details, visit [www.pennDOT.gov/innovation](http://www.pennDOT.gov/innovation). Again, the submission deadline has been extended through Friday, January 15, 2021.



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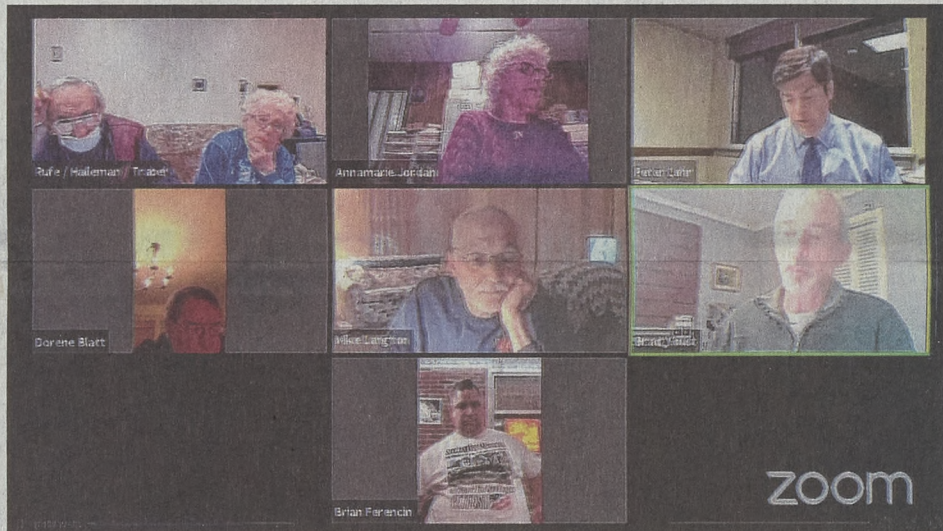
**Sewer inspection groundwork laid**

BY LAKISHA BONNELL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Brad Yoast of Hanover engineering addressed Fountain Hill council Dec. 7 to answer questions about an upcoming sewer inspection. Yoast revealed that the inspection will start sometime after the holidays and that three and a half months is the allotted time to complete the work. This is a preliminary project to doing maintenance on the entire sewer main system and all the manholes in the borough.

Many residents of Fountain Hill are taking part in the Christmas house decorating contest. Mayor Carolee Gifford expressed her excitement for the event and asked that residents to be mindful of safety measures. The request to extend COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance was approved to last until Feb. 1, 2021.

Following up from last council meeting, Police Chief Edward Bachert reported that upon the next police committee meeting, there will be a discussion of the pros and cons on the possibility of body cameras for the police department. Bachert said the cost is approximately \$26,000, but also, the current cameras in



PRESS PHOTO BY LAKISHA BONNELL

**Council members from top left:** Philip Trabel, Fire Committee Chair; Helen Halleman, Health and Sanitation Committee chair; Anamarie Jordan, Public Works Committee Chair, Peter Lehr, attorney of the Fountain Hill Borough; Norman Blatt, Council President; Mike Langton, Civil Service Commission; Brad Youst, Hanover Engineering, and Brian Ferencin, a Fountain Hill resident.

the police cars are old and need to be replaced. Therefore, it will be a \$40,000 venture if it is decided to purchase cameras for the department. Bachert concluded that currently he has not had any complaints to the extent where body cameras would be needed by Fountain Hill police.

Borough attorney Peter Lehr gave an update to former Deputy Fire Chief Rich Rolan asking to be reinstated to the department after being dismissed in October. Rolan argued that this is a council decision ac-

ording to a Fountain Hill Council ordinance. At a previous council meeting, Lehr explained to Rolan that the council has not exercised any authority in this type of decision making in a number of years. Because of this, the council chose to continue being uninvolved in the process. After pushback from Rolan at the last meeting, council decided to further review the ordinance. On Monday, Lehr stated that council will be repealing revisions of the ordinance that gave council au-

thority in the matter. After an inquiry about whether Toys for Tots was going to be happening again this holiday season, Police Chief Bachert responded that for this year, the police will instead use the organization Helping Hands to assist getting toys for Turning Point, a charity of the Lehigh Valley.

The next meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. in borough hall.

**\$10.1 M awarded 766 small businesses**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At their last meeting of the year Dec. 10, Northampton County Council voted 8-0 to award \$1.3 million in pandemic relief grants to 93 small businesses. Most of these awards were for \$15,000, with no restrictions on how the money is spent. Altogether, Northampton County has awarded approximately \$10.1 million to 766 county-owned businesses.

This money is part of \$27.6 million the county received under the CARES Act, with instructions to spend by

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year's end. Executive Lamont McClure established and council approved a "pandemic protection program" for small business grants; tourism; municipal and community assistance; mental health and addiction projects; non-profit assistance; and broadband development at area schools.

The small business grants were marketed by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and without regard to whether the business was a mem-

ber. County council approved the awards in four separate rounds in which businesses were considered on a first come, first served basis. The chamber was entitled to a fee for its assistance, but poured that money back into the small business grant program.

McClure felt it was important to get the money out as soon as possible.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy" he said at one point. "They provide

jobs and deliver needed services to our residents."

To qualify, a business had to be (1) located in Northampton County, (2) have fewer than 100 employees and (3) missed out on previous awards.

Council member Peg Ferraro was absent.

The latest awards coincide with a new COVID-19 mitigation measures imposed Governor Tom Wolf, which in part force local restaurants and bars to suspend indoor dining for three weeks.



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**Weather Trivia**

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#### Thursday, December 23

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### St. Luke's breaks ground on Pediatric Center



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St. Luke's University Health Network has broken ground on a new Pediatric Specialty Center in Center Valley. The three-story building totaling 37,500 square feet will house multiple pediatric specialties. "Now more than ever, our families want to stay close to home - but still expect and deserve - expert care for their children," St. Luke's Chief of Pediatrics Dr. Jennifer Janco said at the groundbreaking ceremony. "This building is a commitment to this community to continue to provide top notch pediatric care to our children. It is the fulfillment of a promise to make access to care easy and convenient... especially for children who need care from multiple specialists. The specialties to be housed at the center are: Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Developmental, Neurology, Endocrinology, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, Pediatric Primary Care, and Pediatric Nutrition. The Pediatrics Specialty Center, to open in 2022, will be located adjacent to the St. Luke's Center Valley Health Center at 5445 Lanark Road.

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# Santa Claus & the Belsnickel

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The night before Christmas  
is very near  
but creatures are stirring,  
even the mice.  
All quiver in fear, cause  
Belsnickel soon will be here.  
What? — What happened to  
Santa Claus? What happened to  
sugarplum fairies,  
sweets and spice?  
And who's this Belsnickel  
fellow?  
He's neither jolly nor mellow.  
Belsnickel gets children who  
are naughty, not nice.  
His glaring stare is colder

than arctic ice.  
He comes before Christmas  
and carries a switch.  
This Belsnickel fellow sounds  
more like a Halloween witch.  
Does this script have  
some kind of glitch?  
No carrot at Christmas,  
only the stick?  
Must Christmas come with  
some kind of hitch?  
None of this Belsnickel stuff  
say the kids today.  
Just give us our gifts  
'cause we want to play.  
Winter's no time to be

out making hay!  
In trumpy brown knickers,  
a coat and a cap,  
Belsnickel comes to each house  
following his map.  
His gray beard flowing over his  
tattered old scarf,  
He carries a switch  
to help with his part.  
To get your attention  
he'll jingle his bell and  
scratch at your door.  
To lower your guard he'll  
scatter peanuts, oranges and  
treats on your floor.  
When you pick up your treat,

he'll switch at your feet  
Before Christmas sun,  
he'll come just one more time if  
you're good,  
to leave nice gifts under your  
tree as you hoped he would  
That's the Belsnickel;  
he's nasty but nice.  
Du besser bischt gudt,  
der Belsnickel kumpt!  
Well kids, have no fear  
Belsnickel hasn't been seen  
very near for many a year.  
These days it's usually Santa  
who comes around here

## About the Belsnickel

The Belsnickel used to visit the homes of Pennsylvania Dutch children many years ago.

In those days, the children were often told during the year, "Du besser bischt gudt der Belsnickel kumpt." (Loosely — you'd better be good, the Belsnickel will come.)

The last sighting of Belsnickel around here reported to us was by Ruth Rinker of Sciota. She grew up in the West End of Monroe County. Ruth tells us that Belsnickel visited her home only once, in 1926. She was around 6 years old then.

Ruth, then Ruth Gougher, lived on the "outskirts" of Kunkletown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gougher, and her younger brother, Walter. It was Christmas Eve 1926, just a little after dark. Ruth and her 4-year-old brother, both in stocking feet, were dressed in their flannel nightclothes — almost ready for bed. Mom and Dad were around, but Ruth's grandfather had gone to visit some neighbors. They heard some sleigh bells jingling. Then, there was a scary rattling on the porch. Suddenly, there appeared at the window an old man in trumpy clothes. He scratched his switch on the window to get the children's attention and scare them. The children were really frightened. They wouldn't go near the door. So Ruth's dad opened the door for Belsnickel.

There stood the Belsnickel. He was an old man dressed in trumpy clothes. He wore brown knickers, boots and a dark



overcoat. His long, gray beard flowed out from under a visored cap and poured over his tattered scarf. He was about the same height as her grandfather, but Belsnickel had a potbelly as big as a pillow. Belsnickel only stepped a foot or two into the Gouchers' kitchen. He scattered peanuts and oranges on the floor — a very special treat in those days.

This relaxed the kids a little. A sudden rush of braveness came over Ruth and Walter. It was brought on by the treats Belsnickel had spread on the floor in front of him. They moved forward and started picking up the orange and peanut treats. Then, without even the hint of a warning, Belsnickel lashed out with his fresh-cut switch. He started thrashing their legs with the birch twig. It hurt,

tells Ruth.

The children scampered and ran. They hid behind the old brown Apollo cookstove. They stayed behind the stove until Belsnickel left. Then the kids came out from behind the old brown cookstove, and picked up the treats.

After that they went to bed — their legs still smarting a little from the Belsnickel's switch. The next morning when they awoke, Ruth and her brother Walter found gifts under the Christmas tree. Belsnickel had returned later Christmas Eve and left them under the tree for Ruth and Walter. That was the one and only time Belsnickel visited Ruth and Walter. After that, it was Santa Claus instead of Belsnickel who visited the Goucher home in Kunkletown each Christmas to leave presents for the kids.

Ruth and Walter liked Santa much better than Belsnickel. Santa doesn't have a switch. Knecht Ruprecht, perhaps a distant cousin of Belsnickel, still visits children in Germany. Several weeks before Christmas, St. Nikolaus and one of his helpers, Ruprecht, visit German children. St. Nikolaus (Santa) has a list with all the children's names. The list tells what things naughty and what things nice the children did during the year. St. Nikolaus gives the kids treats, oranges, candy, apples and nuts, for the nice things they have done.

On the other hand, Ruprecht carries his stick. Ruprecht swats the naughty kids with his stick. The kids sing Christmas songs and recite poetry as part of the festivities. Then St. Nikolaus makes a list of what toys and things the children want for Christmas. Neither St. Nikolaus, nor his nasty helper Ruprecht, return on Christmas Day. Rather, on Christmas Eve, Christkind and the Christmas angels come, unseen by anyone, and place gifts under the tree.

Merry Christmas!

### Author's Note

We asked other people with Pennsylvania Dutch roots if Belsnickel had ever visited them. Only a few had been visited by him. Some said they had heard about Belsnickel from the older folks, but their childhoods were spent years after Ruth Rinker's 1926 encounter with Belsnickel. In the early 1900s, as well as the 1800s, the West End of Monroe County, at the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, was a very remote and isolated area. (So were many other rural areas.) It's rather tempting to speculate therefore that it was difficult for St. Nikolaus, Ruprecht, Christkind and the Christmas angels all to make their way to the West End at Christmastime. Perhaps that is why Belsnickel performed all the tasks of these other Christmas personalities — Ruprecht's switching, St. Nikolaus' scattering treats, and Christkind's leaving gifts. These Christmas personalities are very cooperative indeed. They change and modify their schedules and roles somewhat to accommodate the Christmas customs and calendars of each region, or sometimes each household, they visit. Unfortunately, Belsnickel is another one of those precious and unique elements of the local Pennsylvania Dutch culture that is being lost.

We would like to hear about more encounters with Belsnickel. If you have or if you know anyone who has ever encountered Belsnickel, email [tneditor@tnonline.com](mailto:tneditor@tnonline.com). We would like to put together a compendium of stories about Belsnickel — before he disappears forever.

## Santa and the Belsnickel make a deal



Once upon a time, in the Pocono Mountain forest in Pennsylvania, Santa Claus was bringing Christmas joy to the homes of the mountain forest folks — as well as the rest of the world. He heard some little children crying "What? — How could this be? Children crying on Christmas Eve?" thought Santa.

In a very uncommon event, Santa appeared before the kids.

"Why are you crying on Christmas Eve?" asked Santa.

The children told Santa about the Belsnickel.

The Belsnickel lived deep in the mountain forest. Belsnickel was an older man. In the wintertime, his long

gray beard flowed out from under his visored cap and poured over his tattered old scarf.

When he would go out in the winter's cold, he would wear old boots, brown knickers, and a trumpy old topcoat.

The Belsnickel was rigid and strict. His eyes were colder than Arctic ice. And he never put up with any foolishness.

In his younger days, Belsnickel had been a schoolmaster. He was known throughout the land as the meanest and toughest schoolmaster ever.

The children who attended Belsnickel's school were well-behaved due to Belsnickel's very strict discipline. But

they did not enjoy his school.

When Belsnickel finally retired, the kids were happy indeed. They had one of the best parties ever.

Well, after Belsnickel retired, the teachers let the kids get away with murder. The kids didn't do their homework. They partied all the time. And they got into all kinds of mischief. Somebody had to step in and do something. The parents didn't know who to turn to. Finally they sought out Belsnickel. "Belsnickel, you've got to come back," the parents said.

"Since you retired there is no one to discipline the kids. They do whatever they want to do. And they aren't learning a thing in school. Not only that, but the kids have gotten unruly around their homes. And they have become very rude, too."

"But what can I do?" said the grumpy old Belsnickel. "I'm not at the school anymore."

Then Belsnickel had an idea. In the middle of the winter he would get fresh oranges, fruits and nuts — a very special winter treat in those days — and go around to each house. He would use the treats to bait the kids. And when they would come after the treats, he would thrash them with his switch for their naughty deeds.

And so, every year after that, in the middle of the winter, around Christmastime, Belsnickel would hitch the horse to the old country sleigh. He would go to each child's house. Belsnickel would make scary noises on the porch and scratch at the window with his switch to frighten the children and get their attention. After that he would knock at the door.

The parents would open the door for Belsnickel. Belsnickel would take just one or two steps into the house. He would scatter his oranges, nuts and treats on the floor in front of him. When the children would come forward to pick up the treats, Belsnickel would take his switch to their legs.

The children would scamper and run. They would hide behind the cookstove or whatever was handy.

After the Belsnickel would leave, the children would come out from their hiding places and pick up their treats.

During the year, whenever the children were naughty, the parents would remind them that if they didn't behave, the Belsnickel would put them on his list and come to thrash them on the night of the winter solstice — the longest night of the year.

Well, it worked! The kids were so

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## Teach manners and practice kindness at home

Dear Jacquelyn,  
My children are still being taught virtually and they are missing out on important face-to-face interactions. I am thinking of ways to help them so they do not fall behind with their social skills. Can you please offer some suggestions on how to incorporate manners lessons into our daily routine?

**RESPECTFULLY YOURS**

By Jacquelyn Youst



It's very important to explain to children the "why" behind certain manners. This helps them understand why we are asking them to behave in a certain way.

When they understand that the reason is based in kindness and consideration for others, they are more likely to begin to practice it. In addition to the "why," to have the greatest impact on your children, model the kinds of behavior you want to see in your them. This is key because they are always paying attention.

A good launching point is teaching basic table manners. It's a fun way to incorporate

good manners into your daily routine. Teach children how to set the table, properly hold utensils, and pass food. Have some fun with napkin-folding. As a bonus, it encourages good napkin etiquette.

Since children are missing out on a lot of face-to-face interaction these days, this is the perfect opportunity to teach a good old-fashioned way of communicating: a personal handwritten letter.

Children can write to a grandparent, friends, and others they miss. This is an excellent way to incorporate many topics, such as an art class (small children can draw pictures), a geography lesson (maps to show where the letter is going), and an English lesson all wrapped up in one.

There are many other

ways to incorporate the art of good manners into your everyday routine. Encourage small talk, make eye contact, and practice good posture. While many of these behaviors seem like common sense, it's important to be consistent and practice what we preach.

To have the greatest impact on your children, show kindness and model kind behaviors every day.

Respectfully Yours,  
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## All I want for Christmas is ...

With Christmas around the corner, my family is still asking what I want for Christmas.

Come on, my family says, point us in the right direction.

They need suggestions because when you get to be my age you're not easy to buy for, they claim.

My mother took care of the gift-giving problem decades ago when she and my sister drove to my house every year for a marathon Christmas shopping trip. My two daughters along with my mother and sister made our annual shopping trip a treasured tradition.

We trudged from store to store until we each found something we wanted. Most of the time what we liked best ended up as our "surprise" Christmas gift.

It didn't matter what they bought me as a gift. The real gift was being able to enjoy being with them. When you no longer live near family, every time you spend with them is precious.

I might not remember what they gave me from year to year. But I will never forget the absolute pleasure we all found in being together.

Now that those shopping trips are just a happy memory, my daughters insist I need to tell them what I want.

What I want most for Christmas is something I cannot have.

I want to be with my family.

I want the big family celebration COVID wiped out.

Last year when my grandsons asked what I wanted from them for Christmas I said what I craved was spending private time with each of them. When everyone is together it's fun, but we don't get to share deep feelings.

The one-on-one lunches with my grandsons have stayed in my heart all year. No material gift could match it.

Sadly, I won't even see them this year.

Because of COVID-19, there will be no flying to spend Christmas with family.

We are exchanging gifts through the mail while our hearts will ache for what we really want: To be together. If you have the gift of being with family, treasure every minute of it.

I've long realized no matter how much I spend on Christmas gifts I won't be giving my family anything important.

The really important things in life can't be put in a box and gift wrapped.

So while I know my daughters and I seldom give each other a truly meaningful Christmas present, I also know we give each other more important gifts all year long.

I will go so far as to say we give each other life-sustaining gifts all year.

Because she knows my isolation because of coronavirus is difficult for me, my daughter Andrea calls me just about every day.

There is no way she would regard those phone calls as a gift. Yet, they are a life-sustaining

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gift to me.

Every time a daughter phones, I know it's a gift of caring. While I may not have any semblance of my old life, those phone calls remind me I do have what's really important — the love of my family.

We also continuously give each other the gift of encouragement. We are a vital support system to each other.

If we are wrestling with a problem, we know we can have the important benefit of savvy input. I call it "three brains in search of a solution." And we often help each other find that solution.

We know we can always count on each other.

What a precious gift that is.

There are also times when we have to give each other the gift of forgiveness. We are not the perfect Home on the Prairie family. Occasionally we make mistakes and miscues.

I made a lot of those mistakes when I was raising my daughters. I find myself wishing the expression "Too soon old, too late smart" didn't apply to me. But it does.

In later years, I've learned it's important to admit mistakes, say you're sorry, and hopefully learn from the experience.

Fortunately, my daughters say the important thing about their childhood that stands out for them is that, no matter what, they knew how much they were valued and loved.

With every year I love them more.

One lesson I learned about Christmas is not to try to show love through gift giving.

All the important gifts I want for them and for all of you aren't the kind one can wrap and put under the tree.

I wish I could give everyone the gift of peace. True, deep, internal peace. The kind that stays inside regardless of what is raging outside.

Who doesn't need a deep and lasting inner peace during these trying times?

I wish we all could learn to find joy in little things. We all have the opportunity to find joy in simple things.

Hearing a bird singing a solo outside our window, going for a walk in the woods, taking a ride to see the Christmas lights. Eating an ice cream cone with the enthusiasm of a child.

I wish you all a child's gift of wonder.

As a nation we've been wounded. We all could use the healing balm of kindness, decency, positivity and compassion for others.

I wish you all the knowledge that each new day is a gift.

And I wish you joy in unwrapping that gift every day of the year.

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## Sibling rivalry best addressed with discussion

Q. Between one and five times a day my two children (five- and seven-years-old) get into all-out screaming matches with one another. I've read great advice in parenting books about handling sibling conflict. But what do you do when they won't shut up long enough to let you use your amazing parenting strategies? They have come to blows once or twice, but it is usually just both kids screaming. What can I do?

**THE FAMILY PROJECT**

By Carole Gorney



all is calm," Stefanyak said.

Rather than separating the children and putting them into time-outs, panelist Pam Wallace said it would be better if the children had to face each other and listen. "They won't want to do this five times a day," said Wallace.

Raftas suggested that the parent or parents sit down together with the children after the shouting has stopped, and listen to what each child has to say. The parent should provide some object that is given to each child or parent to enable each to speak.

"These listening sessions will be torture for the youngsters," Raftas said, "so they will be more inclined to resolve the conflict on their own."

The sessions can also be a good thing for providing teachable lessons in communication, lis-

tening and conflict resolution, Raftas added.

If the children refuse to listen or cooperate, Stefanyak said the parents can regain power by taking away a privilege: "The parent determines the consequence and how to deliver it. She needs to be really strict with this so that the siblings don't fight so much."

"Often times, there may be one child causing more difficulty," Stefanyak continued. "In that case, the parents may sometimes have to work with the children individually."

Looking at the youngsters' point of view, panelist Erin Stalsitz said, "Keep in mind that kids are indoors now, most not going to school. With too much time on their hands, they are getting bored."

Stalsitz and others on the panel suggested that a more structured day with planned activities might help.

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Joanne Raftas, Northamp-

ton Community College, independent counselor; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor, and Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh Children & Youth.

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## Topics: heart valve, gluten, hand-washing

Q. What happens when you have a heart valve that leaks?

Valves can malfunction and strain the heart. If a valve doesn't close properly, blood will flow backward. This is called regurgitation. If valve flaps don't open correctly, they prevent blood from flowing through them. This is called stenosis.

Advanced valve disease can cause blood clots, stroke or sudden death from cardiac arrest.

For seniors, there is a problem with the flaps of the aortic and mitral valves. They thicken and harden with age, making blood flow more difficult. These changes may lead to complications in people with heart disease.

People with malfunctioning valves who don't have serious symptoms may not need treatment.

Medicines can help with symptoms but don't fix a bad valve. Surgery or a less invasive procedure is often needed to correct valve disease.

Q. I see mention of gluten on food packages. What's that all about?

Celiac disease is a digestive ailment that damages the small intes-

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tine and interferes with nutrition.

People with celiac disease cannot tolerate a protein called gluten, which is in wheat, rye and barley.

Celiac disease is commonly under-diagnosed because some of its symptoms are similar to those of other diseases.

Celiac disease often is confused with irritable bowel syndrome, iron-deficiency anemia, Crohn's disease, diverticulitis, intestinal infections and chronic fatigue syndrome.

The only treatment for celiac disease is to follow a gluten-free diet. For most people, following this diet will stop symptoms, heal existing intestinal damage, and prevent further damage.

The obvious foods with gluten are breads, pastas and cereals. Gluten is also in many processed foods such as frozen French-fried potatoes and soy sauce. Many products such as cosmetics, household cleansers, stamp and envelope adhesive, med-

icines and vitamins contain gluten.

There are gluten-free substitutes for many problematic foods. Many cities have specialty grocery stores that sell these gluten-free substitutes.

Q. How often should we wash our hands?

Here's a list of some important before and afters:

- \* Before and after preparing food
- \* Before eating
- \* After going to the bathroom
- \* After changing a diaper
- \* After touching animals
- \* Before and after treating wounds
- \* After blowing your nose
- \* After coughing or sneezing into your hands
- \* Before and after touching a sick or injured person
- \* After handling garbage
- \* Before inserting or removing contact lenses
- \* Washing your hands with soap and water works well. Here are the correct techniques:
  - \* Wet your hands with warm, running water.
  - \* Rub on soap and make a thick lather.
  - \* Scrub vigorously

over every surface of your hands and wrists for about 20 seconds.

\* Use a scrub brush to get under your fingernails.

\* Rinse completely.

\* Dry your hands with a disposable paper towel or air dryer.

\* Use the paper towel to shut the faucet.

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# 'Croods' oil a bust

"The Croods: A New Age" is a bombastic animated feature film that moves at the speed of video games.

While children may enjoy the movie, parents and guardians may find the run-time of the movie better spent taking a nap.

"The Croods: A New Age" is a sequel to "Croods," a 2013 animation feature film which introduced the characters:

Grug Crood (voiced by Nicolas Cage), a cave-man; Ugga Crood (Catherine Keener), a cave-woman and Grug's wife, and Eep Crood (Emma Stone), their teenage daughter cave-girl.

There's also Guy (Ryan Reynolds), a teenage cave-boy, and Gran (Cloris Leachman), Ugga's mother.

The main characters and the actors who voice them are back for the sequel. There are also several supporting characters and the actors who voice them who have returned for the sequel, plus some new characters and new voices (Peter Dinklage, Leslie Mann).

In "The Croods: A New Age," the prehistoric family, the Croods, compete with a family, the Bettermans, said to be more evolved. The quest again involves finding "Tomorrow."

"The Croods: A New Age" is bright and frenetic and has excellent animation. The colors are a pastel palette, reminiscent of My Little Pony toys. The characters' faces are shaped some-

## AT THE MOVIES

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what like those of the toy Trolls dolls.

"The Croods: A New Age" is similar in design and art direction to "Moana," the 2016 Disney animation feature.

The plot of "Croods: A New Age" has a patched-together feel, with bursts of swinging, jumping and hitting action substituting for story development.

Mixed in with this, or, for me, mixed up with this are several sequences that play like music videos.

The film's music director is Mark Mothersbaugh of the disco-synth band, Devo, as in de-evolution, which is nicely ironic.

In fairness to the DreamWorks Animation film-makers of "The Croods: A New Age," production of the animated feature was affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown in the United States. A lot of the film's final animation work was done from the homes of the film-makers.

Even so, the sequel could have been more, ahem, evolved.

The dialogue in "Croods: A New Age" is often crude, which is in keeping with the film's phonetically intentionally misspelled title. The plot takes place in a prehistoric period jokingly called The Croodaceous era.

The screenplay is by Kevin Hageman and Dan Hageman (both, screenwriters, "The Lego Ninjago Movie," 2017; "The Lego Movie," 2014; TV's "Trollhunters: Tales of Arcadia," 2016) and Paul Fisher and Bob Logan (both, screenwriters, "The Lego Ninjago Movie," 2017) from a story by Kirk DeMico and Chris Sanders (who wrote and directed the original film, "The Croods").

The dialogue isn't particularly original or funny, unless you find non-verbal belches, which punctuate the film, the height of hilarity.

The character's voices, though by accomplished actors, aren't particularly distinctive (save for the voice of Nicolas Cage, whose nasally drone sounds genuinely prehistoric). Moreover, the voices aren't particularly matched to the character animation (again, regarding Nicolas Cage, the character he voices is more Arnold Schwarzenegger than H.I. McDunnough in "Raising Arizona," 1987, or other of his film roles).

Joel Crawford, in his feature film directorial debut, seems capable of managing the disparate elements. Yet there's a dispirited, tired, lackluster (despite the fizzy, razzle-dazzle, colorful pace) feeling to the proceedings. We've seen most of this before.

This is not your grandfather's "Flintstones." And that's part of the problem.

Hanna-Barbera Productions' animated 30-minute TV sitcom, "The Flintstones" (1960 -



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"The Croods: A New Age" is produced by DreamWorks Animation.

1966) was much funnier, albeit with old-school, hand-drawn, limited animation.

Now that's old age. As Fred Flintstone would say, "Yabba-Dabba-Doo!"

"The Croods: A New Age," MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested Some material may not be suitable for children. Parents urged to give "parental guidance.") May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.) for peril, action and rude humor; Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy. Run time: 1 hr., 35 min. Distributed by Universal Pictures.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "I Think I Love You," a No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit by The Partridge Family in 1970, is heard and used to comedic effect during scenes in "The Croods: A New Age." Tenacious D does a version of "I Think I Love You" on the soundtrack. Also played for fun is "True" (1983) by Spandau Ballet.

**At the Movies:** "The

Croods: A New Age" was seen at the Movie Tavern Trexlertown. The advance online ticketing worked smoothly. Face masks were worn. "Cleaned and Sanitized. Please remove before use" bands were placed on the seats, which were reserved and socially-distanced.

**Box Office:** Dec. 18-20 weekend box office results were unavailable because of the early Focus section print deadline for the Christmas Day holiday.

**Unreel:** Dec. 26-28:

**"Wonder Woman 1984,"** PG-13: Patty Jenkins directs Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig, Robin Wright, Amr Waked and Lilly Aspell in the Action, Adventure, Fantasy film. Wonder Woman faces two new foes: Max Lord and The Cheetah.

**"News of the World,"** PG-13: Paul Greengrass directs Tom Hanks, Helena Zengel, Ray McKinnon and Mare Winningham in the Action, Adventure, Drama. A Civil War veteran agrees to chaperone

a girl, taken against her will by the Kiowa people years ago, on a trip to her aunt and uncle.

**"Pinocchio,"** No MPAA rating: Matteo Garrone directs Roberto Benigni, Marine Vacth and Massimo Ceccherini in the Drama, Fantasy. A live-action adaptation of Carlo Collodi's novel about the boy puppet who comes to life.

**"Promising Young Woman,"** R: Emerald Fennell directs Carey Mulligan, Jennifer Coolidge, Adam Brody, Ray Nicholson, Laverne Cox, Alison Brie and Molly Shannon in the Comedy, Crime, Drama. A young woman seeks revenge.

**"One Night in Miami,"** R: Regina King directs Kingsley Ben-Adir, Eli Goree, Aldis Hodge, Leslie Odom Jr. and Beau Bridges in the Drama. A fictional account about Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown meeting and talking about the 1960s' Civil Rights movement.

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## CURTAIN RISES

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Danny Gardner, Ryan Halsaver, Emily Larger, Mary McNulty, "The Playhouse Merry Little Christmas Concert," video-on-demand, Bucks County Playhouse.

with sound effects.

Ari Pineiro is Ebenezer Scrooge, Anna Fink is the narrator, Emma Eggleston is Christmas Past and Carver Glomb is Christmas Present.

Performing in multiple roles are Gus Ripa, McKenna Webb, Zoe Miller, Abrielle Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Michelle Seagull, Mercy Mirembé, Trevor Flocco and John Giarrusso.

"Seen & Heard" is directed by Lehigh University Department of Theatre Chair Kashi Johnson.

The production is a collage of stories, songs, dance, rhymes, poems, quotes and art showcasing the creative voices of black women from all walks of life.

The performance celebrates the stories of college students, actresses, educators, leaders, administrators, elementary school students, retirees, dancers, community organizers, activists and professors who talk about what

it means to be a black woman in the 21st century.

The creative team includes Trevor Flocco, Mellie Katakalos, Mark McKenna and Bailey Sheehan.

Lehigh plans to continue its virtual season for the spring 2021 semester.

"We re-envisioned a new and exciting virtual season focused on creative technology, social justice, art and culture to make new connections that hopefully expand our understanding of the world around us," says Johnson.

"A Christmas Carol": [youtube/QL-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ8iuM4;_&list=PL4z2fV7R-9LoS)

**vaEJ8iuM4; "Seen & Heard":** [youtube/4z2fV7R-9LoS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z2fV7R-9LoS); **Information:** [theatre.cas.lehigh.edu/](https://theatre.cas.lehigh.edu/)

**Bucks Christmas concert:** Bucks County Playhouse is streaming "Merry Little Christmas Concert," a family-friendly Christmas show, as a video-on-demand through Jan. 1.

Filmed live on the Playhouse stage, "The Playhouse Merry Little Christmas Concert" can be streamed through the cultural arts platform Stellar.

The hour-long concert features Broadway and Playhouse veterans,

singing and dancing, accompanied by an on-stage band.

Songs include "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Waitress" and Bucks County Playhouse's "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story."

The music direction is by Drew Wutke, lighting design is by Travis McHale and sound design is by Matthew Given.

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## Participant has high hopes for LVHN COVID-19 study

Kenneth Miller, a Respiratory-Care Educator at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), received a new identity Sept. 3.

He became known as Clinical Trial Subject 01-008.

That was the date Miller received his first dose of either a placebo (inactive substance) or the vaccine being produced by Pfizer and partner BioNTech to protect against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Miller is among about 75 LVHN employees, patients and community members who consented to participate in the Phase 3 Trial for the vaccine to determine if it is effective and safe.

"Working in respiratory therapy I've seen the horrors of COVID-19 first-hand and wanted to reduce the threat or spread of the virus," Miller said. "I wanted to help get society back to some level of normalcy."

Like all participants in the trial, Miller received two vaccinations, with the second one administered about three weeks after the first.

He and the other participants will continue to be followed for two years even after the vaccine receives emergency authorization from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and public distribution begins.

Pfizer announced preliminary results in November that showed the vaccine is more than 90 percent effective in preventing the disease among trial volunteers who had no evidence of prior coronavirus infection.

Pfizer expects to have



Kenneth Miller

manufactured enough doses by the end of 2020 to immunize 15 million to 20 million people.

The investigational vaccine is an RNA-based vaccine and does not contain the whole virus, or the parts of the virus that can make a person ill.

At LVHN, the Network Office of Research and Innovation (NORI) and the Infectious Disease department are jointly leading the health network's participation in the Pfizer trial with Joseph Yozviak, DO, LVHN Internal Medicine, serving as the study's principal investigator.

LVHN is the only location in the region participating in the trial with the other closest sites in New Jersey, New York and Maryland.

"The main outcome of this study is to look at the number of participants who develop COVID-19," Yozviak said. "We compare people who received the vaccine to those who received a salt-water placebo. The question is does the vaccine prevent disease?"

Yozviak said that one of the requirements was participants between 18 and 85 years of age need-

ed to work, live or be involved in situations where they were at risk of being exposed. "We wanted to track those who likely would encounter the virus," Yozviak said.

After enrollment, the study involves blood and nasal swab specimen collection, two doses of either study vaccine or placebo, tracking of symptoms in an electronic diary and six in-person visits at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - 17th Street, approximately over a two-year period.

Participation is voluntary and those enrolled can withdraw at any time. Any participant who develops symptoms that may be consistent with COVID-19 undergoes a virtual evaluation and performs a nasal swab to test for SARS-CoV-2.

Miller, 65, said he considers himself fairly healthy, goes to the gym and has several conditions like asthma and hypertension that are controlled.

Miller said that in his 46-year career at LVHN, he's gotten to know a number of people involved in research and said he knew early on he'd be interested in helping with the study if selected.

"I understand those who don't like shots in addition to the possible side effects," said Miller.

"But this is a disease that has no preference for age, sex or ethnic group. It takes advantage of all individuals. If we work as a team, get this under control and eradicate it, we can move on with our lives," Miller said.

## St. Luke's announces head of Temple-St. Luke's Medicine

St. Luke's University Health Network has announced the appointment of new Senior Associate Dean Shaden Eldakar-Hein, MD, to oversee the administrative and educational responsibilities of St. Luke's regional medical school campus, Temple-St. Luke's School of Medicine.

Dr. Eldakar-Hein succeeds Joel Rosenfeld, MD, as senior associate dean of Temple-St. Luke's School of Medicine.

Dr. Rosenfeld is to retire after more than 33 years at St. Luke's.

Rosenfeld played a key role in the development of the Lehigh Valley's only regional medical school campus.

In 2008, Dr. Rosenfeld proposed the concept of a regional medical school campus with Temple University and led the efforts towards its creation in 2010.

Dr. Eldakar-Hein, a graduate of the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, said she is excited to partner with her alma-mater and leaders at St. Luke's.

"I look forward to serving the community by helping to 'grow' future physicians. There truly is nothing better than that," said Dr. Eldakar-Hein. "I love giving people that 'a-ha' mo-



Dr. Shaden Eldakar-Hein

ment, when what they are learning just clicks."

Dr. Eldakar-Hein joins St. Luke's from the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont where she was assistant dean for students and the associate residency program director of internal medicine.

Dr. Eldakar-Hein, a consulting ethicist, said, "Ethics is woven throughout every component of health care and it's critical to educate tomorrow's physicians to not only excel clinically, but to use ethics as their touchstone."

Dr. Eldakar-Hein, a native of Endicott, N.Y., received an undergrad degree from The Pennsylvania State University. She and her family, husband Nick and kids Kaidin, 13, and Anaya, 10, are looking forward

to becoming residents of the Lehigh Valley.

Dr. Rosenfeld, overseeing the medical education of 120 students a year, has been responsible for key academic functions, including curriculum, admissions, student promotions and graduation, student wellness, student academic support and faculty appointments and promotions.

Most recently, Dr. Rosenfeld led the expansion of the class size at the medical school from 30 to 40 students per graduating class and extended the program so that students now complete all four years of course work at St. Luke's University Hospital in Bethlehem.

He was also instrumental in establishing St. Luke's tuition reimbursement program which affords qualifying medical students the opportunity to become a doctor at nearly no cost to them. Students who pursue a primary care career and chose to practice at St. Luke's after graduation are eligible for up to \$177,000 in tuition assistance.

For information about Temple-St. Luke's School of Medicine: [sluhn.org/SOM](http://sluhn.org/SOM)

## ArtsQuest matching-gift campaign for Musikfest concludes Dec. 31

Musikfest 2020 festival patrons and donors supported ArtsQuest via the "One Million Festers" matching-gift campaign, helping raise \$656,000 in gifts and pledges July 27-Aug. 11.

The ArtsQuest Foundation extended the initiative through the end of the year, allowing patrons, at Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem and other ArtsQuest programs and events to show their support for the nonprofit, which normally presents 4,000 concerts, educational classes and events but has lost 90 percent of its revenue streams since mid-March because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

All money donated by year's end will be matched dollar for dollar by the ArtsQuest Foundation Board of Trustees up to \$500,000, doubling the impact of new gifts.

"Hundreds of individuals have stepped forward to support ArtsQuest in its time of need, including many who are new to our community-based nonprofit. The ArtsQuest Foundation Board of Trustees looks forward to reaching the matching gift goal and raising \$1 million together with our community," said ArtsQuest Senior Director of Advancement Selena Lavonier.

"The excitement surrounding the 'One Million Festers' Matching Gift Campaign continues," Lavonier said.

"The fact that we can talk about Musikfest 2020 at all is miraculous and owed to the tremendous support of our community," said ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert.

"Without the support of our corporate partners, donors, supporting members, vendors and patrons, this event simply doesn't happen this year," Hilgert said.

"Everyone at ArtsQuest thanks the entire community for its support of our 37th year. Through your efforts, our artists and performers were able to keep people across the globe connected through music and the arts," said Hilgert.

More than 2.2 million people took in Musikfest 2020, the 10-day music and arts festival that featured nearly 100 streaming and live-via-television performances, as well as a food court featuring 10 of the festival's most popular food vendors and six small-capacity, socially-distanced live concerts on the SteelStacks entertainment campus.

From July 31-Sept. 1, more than 192,000 people from all 50 states and countries as far away as Japan and Australia tuned in the watch the 40 Virtual Musikfest performances featuring sets by KT Tunstall, Robert Randolph and other artists, while just more than two million viewers, an average of 200,000 per night, checked out the 38 concerts broadcast live

via Service Electric July 31-Aug. 9 from its Garageplatz studios.

"The viewer response to our live broadcast of bands from Garageplatz during Musikfest 2020 was outstanding, with these concerts among our most viewed shows during the month," said Service Electric Cable TV President John M. Walson.

"Everyone at the Service Electric Network was so happy to have live Musikfest programming on for the Lehigh Valley in 2020, offering a taste of what has made the festival so popular for so many years," Walson said.

In addition, approximately 20,000 people attended Musikfest in-person by visiting the "Fest Food To-Go" food vendors on SteelStacks' PNC Plaza, enjoying the sold-out "Outdoor Dining and a Show" performances on SteelStacks' Air Products Town Square and purchasing Musikfest merchandise at SteelStacks and the Musikfest pop-up tent on Main Street.

Other highlights of the festival included family programming via the Virtual Familienplatz online portal and a closing-night fireworks show presented by Service Electric Cable TV & Communications.

For information about the "One Million Festers" giving campaign: [www.artsquest.org/donate](http://www.artsquest.org/donate).

## LVHN achieves top designation in healthcare technology support

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is one of eight healthcare organizations in the United States to achieve a Level 10 designation in the College of Healthcare Information Management Executive's (CHIME) 2020 Healthcare's Most Wired survey, which assesses how effectively health care organizations apply technology to support clinicians and patients.

Based on the 2020 survey and review, hospitals-health systems earned a level from 1 to 10 for acute, ambulatory and long-term care.

LVHN was awarded a Level 10 designation for acute and ambulatory care. CHIME defines Level 10 organizations as leaders in healthcare technology who actively push the industry forward.

More than 30,000 health care organizations worldwide participated in the 2020 survey.

"I have never been prouder of the LVHN Technology team," said

Michael Minear, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at LVHN.

Some of the technological accomplishments that earned LVHN its Level 10 recognition include:

- MyLVHN Bedside iPads for patients to access their clinical records, to communicate with LVHN clinicians, and to videoconference with family and friends are supported in every patient room.

- Remote patient monitoring - More than 1,000 patients have been given a package of testing devices and communication technology to use at home with interfaces to the LVHN

- electronic health records (EHR). This direct connection enables patients to share clinical data and communicate with LVHN care teams, providing a new type of ongoing chronic care.

- Nursing communication tools - iPhones were deployed to in-patient nurses, giving

them mobile access to the EHR and specialized communication tools.

- LVHN Patient TV - Sophisticated patient television technology interfaces with the LVHN EHR to deliver educational videos to patients as well as many options for them to optimize their stay in the hospital.

- Digital-mobile infrastructure - The use of mobile versions of Epic EHR software applications has increased 300 percent via iPad and 100 percent via iPhone since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic began.

- COVID-19 response - LVHN Technology colleagues worked seven days a week, 14 hours a day during the pandemic surge in the spring of 2020 to create advanced analytic tools, deploy thousands of mobile devices and support a dramatic increase in digital encounters between clinicians and patients.

## BELSNICKEL

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scared of Belsnickel. All their parents and teachers had to do was remind them that if they misbehaved, the Belsnickel would come

at Christmastime and take his switch to them. The children did their homework. They were well-behaved. And they were polite.

But the kids were just terrified of this Belsnickel fellow. And what made it

even worse for the kids was that Belsnickel came just a few nights before Christmas.

After the kids told Santa about the Belsnickel, they asked Santa for his help. And they promised Santa that if he would get the Belsnickel to stop coming around at Christmastime, they would behave all year long.

"OK," said Santa. "That sounds good to me. But if you don't keep your promise to behave all year, I'll cross you off my Christmas gift list."

Then Santa asked Rudolph, the reindeer, to lead him to the Belsnickel. "Merry Christmas, Belsnickel" said Santa when

he found him.

"Humbug," grumped Belsnickel.

"Why do you take your switch to the children at Christmastime?" asked Santa. After the Belsnickel finished explaining the reasons, Santa said, "Well, Belsnickel, then all you want is that the children should be good, right?"

"Exactly," said Belsnickel.

"Let me suggest a solution," said Santa.

"I'll keep a list of the kids who have been naughty and the kids who have been nice. I won't leave toys for the naughty kids at Christmas - if you won't go around switching at them any more. No

toys will be punishment enough."

"You've got yourself a deal," said the Belsnickel.

"I'm getting very old and very tired. And I really don't enjoy having to go around every Christmas and taking my switch to the naughty children."

"But Santa," said Belsnickel, "if your plan doesn't work and the kids get bad again - well maybe I'll just have to come back"

"Belsnickel," said Santa, "now you won't have very much to do. Why don't you come up to the North Pole with Rudolph and me. You can help us make toys for the kids. There's plenty of room, and Mrs. Claus is

an excellent cook, you'll see."

And so it was. Santa and the Belsnickel had their deal. Belsnickel retired and went to the North Pole with Santa. He doesn't come around anymore - except sometimes he still helps Santa deliver his Christmas gifts in the mountain forests.

These days the parents tell their children when they misbehave - you better be good or Santa won't bring you anything for Christmas!

Belsnickel now lives at the North Pole with Santa and his helpers making toys all summer long for Christmas Eve night.

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<p><b>BAPTIST</b></p> <p><b>HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SCHNECKSVILLE</b> 3749 Route 309 North Orefield, 610-395-4970 Luke Rex, Pastor Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 28 W. Main St. Macungie Grace is closed until further notice. See our webpage for video worship. Rev. Samantha Drennan 610-966-3325 www.gracemacungie.org</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 18 S. Third St., Coplay 610-262-6171 Worship, 10:30 a.m. in sanctuary Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Masks &amp; social distancing enforced for Sunday School &amp; Worship Worship Service on Facebook Live www.stjohnscoplay.com</p>	<p><b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b></p> <p><b>EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 4129 S. Church St. Whitehall 610-262-4961 Pastor Brad Roth 9 a.m. Sunday School all ages 10:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service Handicapped Accessible Child Care, Air Conditioned Blended Worship of hymns, songs and Contemporary praise! Visit us at www.egyptcc.org</p>	<p><b>QUAKERS</b></p> <p><b>LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING</b> 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512 610-691-3411 L.V. Monthly Meeting (Quakers) Closed due to COVID-19 Learn more about Quakers, visit website www.lehighvalleyquakers.org or look for L.V. Quakers on Facebook</p>	<p><b>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 902 Lincoln Ave. Northampton, PA 18067 The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz 610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Handicapped Accessible</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 19th St. &amp; Lincoln Ave. Northampton 610-261-2910 Interim Pastor, Dave Schnaars 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Nursery &amp; Child Care provided Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible</p>
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<p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 2096 Independent Road (Rt. 863 S nr New Smithville) Breinigsville 610-285-2235 Rev. Hal Hopkins, Pastor www.LighthouseBaptistlv.org 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship/Children's Church Thurs. Prayer &amp; Bible Study 1 &amp; 7 p.m. Handicapped Accessible</p>	<p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030 Cherryville (610) 767-7203 www.hopecherryville.org The Rev. Jami Possinger, Pastor Worship: 9 a.m. Sunday in parking lot Dusk Saturday at Becky's Drive-In People of Hope, working together, with God, to love &amp; serve others.</p>	<p><b>SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 4331 Main St., Whitehall 610-262-1600 Rev. James W. Schlegel Wheelchair accessible 8 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship (with Communion) Education Hour 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville 610-767-6884 www.ulclv.org Online Worship Service on Website</p>	<p><b>UNITED CH. OF CHRIST</b></p> <p><b>BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 601 W. Market St., Bethlehem 610-868-4441 www.uccbethany.org Pastor Linda Wisser 10:45 a.m. Worship "Come Worship With Us"</p>	<p><b>JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 &amp; Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org 610-395-2218 Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Pastor <b>CHRISTMAS EVE:</b> 2 p.m. Curbside Communion 4-6 p.m. Drive Up Blessing 7 &amp; 9 p.m. Livestream Worship Via Facebook Live, Vimeo and YouTube</p>	<p><b>ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 Rev. Kent Rhodehamel, Interim Pastor www.ziegelschurch.org 9 a.m. Indoor Union Worship Online worship on Facebook and YouTube 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday School Handicapped Accessible</p>
<p><b>BIBLE FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p><b>WHITEHALL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH</b> 3300 Seventh Street Whitehall, 610-434-8661 www.WhitehallBFC.org Timothy Schmoyer, Sr. Pastor 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EASTERN SALISBURY</b> 1707 Church Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-6933 Rev. Kathleen Coleman 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 610-298-2437 Worship, 9 a.m. With Pastor Jerel Gade On Facebook Live www.weisenbergchurch.org Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (ECO)</b></p> <p><b>GRACE CHURCH BETHLEHEM</b> Worshipping at Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem Rev. Dr. Marnie Crumpler, Sr.Pastor 8:30 a.m. Modern Worship 9:45 a.m. Classic Worship 11 a.m. Modern Worship Services all livestreamed at gracecb.org 610-333-5508</p>	<p><b>CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL UCC</b> 4695 Lowhill Church Rd., New Tripoli, PA 18066 10 a.m. Weekly Worship Via Facebook Live christchurchatlowhill.org 251th Anniversary Year!</p>	<p><b>OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC</b> 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville (at the Y of Fountain Rd &amp; King's Hwy) The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601 10:15 a.m. Worship resumes in sanctuary www.oldzionsucc.org</p>	<p><b>WESLEYAN</b></p> <p><b>FAITH WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> 3356 Route 309 Orefield PA 18069 610-398-0172 Rev. Brenda Smith Worship, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Adult, Youth &amp; Children's Ministries Handicap Accessible www.faithweschurch.org facebook.com/Faith- Wesleyan-Church-Orefield-PA</p>

## Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church offers drive-in service



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, offers a drive-in service 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the church parking lot. A Christmas Eve service will be online at Facebook and YouTube and a drive-in service will be held 4 p.m. at the church.



Rev. Donald Brown, right, conducts the drive-in service recently in the Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church parking lot assisted by lay leader Joshua Fink. The church building continues to be closed and all other activities are canceled until further notice.



To have your religious services listed in The Press contact Joie Jackson Wenner at 610-740-0944 — Ext. 3703

### Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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		3	5					1 9
	1			4				8
4	7	2				8		
8			1			7		
	1	3	6			9		2
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Difficulty Level ★★★

12/23

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★



PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The following is a list of meeting schedules for calendar year 2021. All meetings will be held in Borough Hall, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA:

2021 COUNCIL MEETINGS: First Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm; Third Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

- January 4
January 20
February 1
February 17
March 1
March 17
April 5
April 21
May 3
May 19
June 7
June 16
July 6 - Independence Day - alternate date
July 21
August 2
August 18
September 7 - Labor Day - alternate date
September 15
October 4
October 20
November 1
November 17
December 6
December 15

Planning Commission: Second Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. as needed.

- January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

Zoning Hearing Board: Third Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. as needed.

- January 18
February 16 - President's Day (alternate)
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

Stormwater Authority: Second Wednesday of each month @ 6 p.m. as needed.

- January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

Committee Meetings: as needed
Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BETHLEHEM
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
BETHLEHEM ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will conduct its 2021 meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. During the pandemic the meetings will be held virtually over zoom and subsequently at Illick's Mill. The link or location for each meeting can be found on the EAC website (www.bethlehemEAC.org) under the events calendar.

Meetings are public. All interested parties are welcome to attend and be heard.

Lynn Rothman, Chair
Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill will consider for possible adoption an ordinance which would identify a volunteer fire company within the Borough as the official fire protection unit of the Borough, as well as remove and amend certain provisions relating to the appointment and removal of fire protection officers, as well as reports to and involvement of Borough Council. Borough Council will consider the foregoing ordinance at a public meeting on January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at Borough Hall, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, Pa 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, Pa 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.

Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Executive Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Anthony Branco, Borough Manager
Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
Letters of Testamentary

Estate of Nabil Ebrahim deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Hatem N. Ebrahim, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Hatem Ebrahim, 2940 Klein St, Allentown, PA, 18103.
Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 AIRPORT ROAD, BATH, PA 18014 who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.
Samuel Johnson - Spaces #1108 & 1239
Dec. 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENT
BOROUGH OF NORTH CATASAUQUA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of North Catasauqua is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from professional firms interested in providing refuse collection and disposal services and collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables from the residents of the Borough. Requests for Proposals, Specifications, and Bid Packages are available from the Borough Hall, located at 1066 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 150, North Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, 18032 or can be found on NorthCatasauqua.org under News - article titled Refuse and Recycle Collection 2021-2. All bids shall be submitted in person at Borough Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mailed to Tasha Jandrisovits, Borough Secretary, 1066 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 150, North Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, 18032 no later than 3 PM on January 4, 2021. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Requests for Proposals, Specifications, and Bid Package requirements. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount representing ten percent (10%) of the proposal. Bids will be opened at a public meeting of Borough Council at 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 2020 at the Borough Hall.

Persons with disabilities who require any auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to observe or participate in the public meeting should contact the Borough Office at least five days before the above date to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated.
DEC. 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Macungie Borough Council will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via the zoom virtual meeting platform to consider and possibly adopt an ordinance, of which this notice is a summary, amending Chapter 267 of the Macungie Borough Code of Ordinances by amending Section 267-8.C and revising the Residential Rental Unit Property Maintenance Checklist. The information for connecting to and participating in the above-referenced zoom virtual hearing and meeting will be posted on the Macungie Borough website at http://macungie.pa.us/. The title of the Ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 267 OF THE MACUNGIE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 267-8.C. AND REVISING THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST.

A copy of the above-referenced ordinance is available for review at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, Pennsylvania, the Lehigh County Solicitor's Office, Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and the office of this newspaper during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing.

Chris Boehm, Borough Manager

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township shall conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony, evidence, and comment from interested parties and the public related to a request for Conditional Use by the applicant, Sheetz Inc., for the proposed construction of a 6,070 square foot building for the purpose of an Auto Service Station to include fuel sales at 951 Trexlerstown Road, Trexlerstown, PA 18087. Said Public Hearing is conducted pursuant to Chapter 27, Section 118 of the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances.

Kalman Sostarecz, Township Secretary
Dec. 16, 23

CRYPTOGRAM

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BH B LBVVDQ US OBGV.

See solution on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals C

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

THAT '70s SHOW

ACROSS

- 1 Motion detector, e.g.
7 Portion out
13 Person sleeping next to you, often
20 Like many nuclei
21 Surprise attacker
22 Nero or Napoleon
23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
25 Capital of the country Georgia
26 Doe's dear?
27 Alley -
28 Sousing sort
29 TV's Cheers, for one
30 Top pilot
31 Ice sheets
33 1960s-'70s talk show host
37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
42 Al Bundy portrayed by Ed
43 Nebraska city
44 Jekyll's bad side
45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
49 Football's Joe
51 Country next to Georgia - a soul
53 "Like - not!"
55 Suffix of beliefs
58 Ending for serpent
59 Microscope component
62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
66 Green and Gore
67 - matter of fact
68 Japanese dog
69 Video game pioneer
72 - glance
75 Music genre for brooders
76 Co-author of the 2006 best-seller "Three Cups of Tea"
81 Like low-fat mozzarella
86 Eggs, in labs
87 Pro's vote
88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
89 Actor Baldwin
90 Tunneling rodents
93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
95 "M" star
98 Big snakes,
101 - Gras
102 Perfectly
103 "Blue Velvet" singer
105 "The Color Purple" novelist
109 In - (irritated)
110 Habited sister
111 Slip - (some shoes)
112 Links peg
114 Boatload
115 Pod veggies
119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
122 Sitcom associated with nine featured first names in this puzzle

19x19 crossword grid with numbers 1-128 indicating starting points for clues.

- 125 Hand-held filming equipment
126 Soviet statesman
127 Lost lady in "The Raven"
128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller
129 "Already?"
130 Got lippy with

DOWN

- 1 Pouches
2 Coup d' -
3 Comic Dunn
4 Air pollution
5 Iraq export
6 32-Down brand since the early 1900s
7 Curtain
8 Actor Holm
9 French wines
10 Linguistic expressions
11 Teeth: Prefix
12 Work unit
13 Process by which an electron is emitted
14 Involve in contention
15 Print resolution abbr.
16 Baseball's Ott
17 Popular font type
18 Puccini opera
19 Iroquois tribe members
24 Liquor, slangily

- 29 Elton John's " - and the Jets"
31 Italian car
32 Soft drink
34 Zen master's question
35 Suffix with form
36 Tony-winning actress Johns
37 Tennis' Seles
38 Very valuable violins
39 "Pest" of kiddie lit
40 Beet variety
41 Letter stroke
45 Scoff
46 - kwon do (martial art)
47 Tolkien brute
48 TV "Science Guy" Bill
50 Frontiersman Wild Bill -
52 L-P linkup
56 - Lankan
57 Tumbler's surface
60 Wildlife-tracking ID
61 Balletic bend
63 Thanksgiving side servings
64 Joking type
65 Water barrier
70 Tot amuser
71 Add up to
72 State as fact
73 City in Ohio
74 Luke and Leia's father
75 "And on and on": Abbr.
77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der -

- 78 Eden dweller
79 Actress Greta
80 Jewish month after Adar
81 Baby food
82 Malted quaff
83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
84 1973 Jim Croce hit
85 Gourmet mushrooms
91 Class for tots, for short
92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
94 Fail to put in
96 Caviar source
97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
99 Refrain from imbibing
100 "Holy" council
103 Gives rise to
104 Shiny plastics
105 Jungian inner personality
106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
107 Pointless
108 Prefix meaning "people"
113 Spanish river
115 Bits of wit
116 Baseball's Slaughter
117 Farmland unit
118 Shanty
120 Pick-up-sticks math game
121 Prefix with car
122 Classroom aides: Abbr.
123 Antique Olds
124 Actress Arthur

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See solution on page B8

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on October 23, 2020 for Dexzi Advisory Services at 3403 W. Congress St. Allentown, PA 18104. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Leonard F. Fairfield at 3403 W. Congress St. Allentown, PA 18104. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.
Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Wanda M. Lemieux, deceased, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Joyce Lemieux, Executor, c/o Kevin T. Fogerty Esquire, Law Offices of Kevin T. Fogerty, 1275 Glenlivet Drive, Suite 150, Allentown, PA 18106.

Attorneys: Kevin T. Fogerty, Esquire, Law Offices of Kevin T. Fogerty, 1275 Glenlivet Drive, Suite 150, Allentown, PA 18106.
Dec. 16, 23, 30

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Executor or to their attorney named below.

Mallardi, Marian, a/k/a
Marian A. Mallardi, inc.
Marian M. Mallardi, dec'd.
Late of Allentown
Executor: Joseph L. Mallardi
Attorney: Jeffrey L. Gilbert, Esquire
1132 Hamilton Street, Suite 201
Allentown, PA 18101
Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that Ordinance #2021-01 shall be considered, and if appropriate, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Ordinance #2021-01: Proposing to amend Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Part 3 (Parking Regulations) of the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances adding prohibited parking areas on certain streets located within Upper Macungie Township, said requirements being set forth more fully in the body of the Ordinance.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance shall be on display at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building at the address indicated above, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on file at The Parkland Press, Allentown, PA, where it may be inspected.
Kalman Sostarecz, Township Secretary
Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a virtual public hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the conditional use application of Abra Development 10 LP, 1177 6th St. Whitehall, PA 18052 who is seeking approval of a conditional use pursuant to Section 27-1003 of the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Code, to permit a life care center at the property located at 900 S. Hillview Road Allentown, PA 18103; PIN 548537199524. Said property is located in the S-Suburban Zoning District. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in Lehigh County and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the hearing will be a virtual hearing using Zoom. All that are interested in the above application may be heard in either of two ways: 1) during the virtual hearing in Zoom, comments and questions will be taken in the "Chat" window; or, 2) by emailing questions/comments in advance to rflexer@lowermac.com by 3 PM the day of the hearing. The link to the virtual hearing will be posted on the Township's home page at www.lowermac.com on or before January 4, 2021. Those that wish to provide public comment at the hearing are requested to click on the link and register for the hearing. The emailed questions/comments will be forwarded to all members of the Board of Commissioners, the applicant, and any attorney on record. The Board of Commissioners' President will read the emailed questions/comments into the record at the conclusion of the applicant's presentation. A recording of the hearing will be posted to the Township's home page within 24 hours after the hearing. All interested parties are invited to attend this hearing.

Lower Macungie Township
Board of Commissioners
Dec. 16, 23

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Emmaus General Authority will hold a Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA for reorganization and general business purposes.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania will hold a public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom to consider enacting a Resolution with regard to the Application and Request of Sheetz, Inc. seeking approval of an intermunicipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License, R-4786, to 2298 Golden Key Highway, Kutztown, Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of THERESA ANN DUNLAP, late of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to: DAVID M. DUNLAP, Administrator

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Emmet Gregory Harhigh, deceased, late of Coopersburg, 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

Suzan Graff (Executrix of the Estate of Emmet Gregory Harhigh) 6212 Sweetwood Drive Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Margaret R. Horne, a/k/a Margaret Riddell Horne, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been issued 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

Ovel Rankin (Co-Executrix Estate of Margaret R. Horne) 5936A Locust Valley Road Coopersburg, PA 18036

Dec. 16, 23, 30

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Pauline O. Pitts, Decedent, late of South-Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

Executrix: Janet A. Shultz a/k/a Janet Anne Shultz c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Madeleine B. Mathias, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration D.B.N.C.T.A. have been granted to David M. Roth, Esquire, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to David M. Roth, Esquire

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Keith Anthony, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to David Gary Reiner, c/o Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Jerry F. Traub, late of Coopersburg, 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 Linda H. Traub, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Anthony D. Barnett, late of Upper Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Sol Barnett, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Evelyn J. Grammes, deceased, late of 1745 W. Macada Road, Hanover 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

Julia E. Rover, Executrix c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A. 515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502 Allentown, PA 18101

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of SALAHATTIN YALCIN ADAR, deceased, late of Slatington, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Co-Executors: Catharine Hope Adar in/c Catharine Hope Adar and Barbara Jane Scheirer a/k/a Barbara J. Scheirer c/o Joshua D. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN LAW OFFICE PC 1935 Center Street Northampton, PA 18067

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Michael W. Loy and Mark W. Loy, Executors c/o Charles W. Stopp, Esquire STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of JANE W. YEANISH, deceased, late of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

MARK C. YEANISH c/o CHARLES W. STOPP, ESQ. STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080

Dec. 16, 23, 30

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of JEANETTE CECILIA PAUL AKA JEANETTE C. PAUL, deceased, late of Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

JOSEPH JOHN PAUL JR. SUSAN A. HYNVER STEPHEN J. PAUL c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

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

Executrix: Mark Zartler aka Mark Anthony Zartler c/o Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Esquire, 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

Dec. 16, 23, 30

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF MARY C. O'ROURKE, Decedent, late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/21/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Ashley Nicole O'Rourke & Sara Elizabeth O'Rourke, Administratrices, c/o Slade H. McLaughlin, Esq., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103.

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF ROBERT J. O'ROURKE a/k/a Robert Joseph O'Rourke, Decedent, late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/21/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Ashley Nicole O'Rourke & Sara Elizabeth O'Rourke, Administratrices, c/o Slade H. McLaughlin, Esq., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103.

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF JAMES FRANKLIN KRATZER aka JAMES F. KRATZER, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the administrator or his attorney named below:

Executrix: Heather Ann Khatzer aka Heather Ann Sheptock c/o Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18104

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF RICHARD T. DUNDON late of the Township of Forks, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

WILLIAM PAUL LEESON Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF MARK D. KEELER late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

ROBERT E. NORDER Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF RICHARD T. DUNDON late of the Township of Forks, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

WILLIAM PAUL LEESON Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 606(b)(6) of the Second Class Township Code of Pennsylvania, as amended, of their intention and decision to reappoint, at their a meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, commencing at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover Township Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Beyer-Barber to act as the Township Actuary and the Approved Actuary under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, as amended, for the 2021 Fiscal year.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 917(b)(1) of the Second Class Township Code of Pennsylvania, as amended, of their intention and decision to reappoint, at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, commencing at 7:00 P.M., at the Hanover Township Municipal Building at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Todd J. Bushta of Bushta & Company, LLC, to act as the certified public accountant and to make an examination of all of the accounts of the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, for the 2021 fiscal year and who shall replace the elected auditor of the Township insofar as it deals with the examination of Township accounts.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Sale

At Indian Creek Storage Co. 5070 Indian Creek Rd., Macungie Pa. on December 29 At 10 AM for the following Unit B-2 Tara Greenidge Goods sold to satisfy The owners liens. Cash only Sold as is Remove at time of sale Contents believed to be Building materials \$50.00 security deposit Required for clean up Subject to adjournment

Dec. 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Ronald Fegely, Decedent. Late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/23/18. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Gail Fegely Barnes, Administratrix, 1204 Pine Grove Ave., Atlanta, GA 30319. Or to her Atty.: Charles A. Rick, Rick Stock Law, 933 N. Charlotte St., Ste. 3-B, Pottstown, PA 19464.

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Christopher Heath Winans, Decedent. Late of N. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 11/30/19. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Mary Ann Winans, Administratrix, c/o Paul R. Lauricella, Esq., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103. Or to her Atty.: Paul R. Lauricella, McLaughlin & Lauricella, P.C., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103.

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Mary C. O'Rourke, Decedent. Late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/21/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Ashley Nicole O'Rourke & Sara Elizabeth O'Rourke, Administratrices, c/o Slade H. McLaughlin, Esq., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103.

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Robert J. O'Rourke a/k/a Robert Joseph O'Rourke, Decedent, late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/21/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to

Ashley Nicole O'Rourke & Sara Elizabeth O'Rourke, Administratrices, c/o Slade H. McLaughlin, Esq., One Commerce Sq., Ste. 2300, Phila., PA 19103.

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JAMES FRANKLIN KRATZER aka JAMES F. KRATZER, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the administrator or his attorney named below:

Executrix: Heather Ann Khatzer aka Heather Ann Sheptock c/o Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18104

Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF RICHARD T. DUNDON late of the Township of Forks, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

WILLIAM PAUL LEESON Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF MARK D. KEELER late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

ROBERT E. NORDER Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

Dec. 9, 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2021 ON MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM. ZOOM INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE.

Dec. 23

THE BOARD OF AUDITORS. HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2021 ON TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM. ZOOM INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HAS ADOPTED THEIR 2021 GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL RESERVE, STATE FUND AND RECREATION BUDGETS. THEY ARE ON DISPLAY FROM 8 AM TO 4PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD, BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, 18017.

ALSO, THE TOWNSHIP HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Resolution 20 - 22

A RESOLUTION OF The Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property transfers and occupation tax within said municipality subject to taxation for the Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type and Rate. REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX 1%, EARNED INCOME TAX 1%, LOCAL SERVICES TAX \$52.00

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type and Rate. MERCANTILE TAX PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES 1 1/2 MILLS, WHOLESALE SALES OF MERCHANDISE 1 MILL, RETAIL SALE OF MERCHANDISE 1 1/2 MILLS

The latter three taxes to be shared with the Bethlehem Area School District in such proportions as prescribed by law.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Resolution 20 - 23

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of HANOVER, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates for the year 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and within the said Municipality subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2021 as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 3.40 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of 34.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Tax rate for fire tax purposes, the sum of 0.50 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of 5.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Tax Rate, Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation, Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation. Tax Rate for General Purposes 3.40 Mills 34.0 Cents, Tax Rate for Fire Tax Purposes 0.50 Mills 5.0 Cents, TOTAL 3.90 Mills 39.0 Cents

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburts, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 commencing at 7:00 p.m., will consider, and may enact, ordinances entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AT 3.83 MILLS (3.75 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES AND 0.08 MILLS FOR FIRE PURPOSES), WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; CONFIRMING A 2% DISCOUNT ON REAL ESTATE TAXES PAID WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE AND A 10% PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY SUCH TAXES WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE; CONFIRMING WITH NO CHANGE IN RATES FOR 2021 THE PER CAPITA TAX, EARNED INCOME TAX, LOCAL SERVICES TAX, REALTY TRANSFER TAX, WATER RENTALS AND FEES, AND SANITARY SEWER RENTALS AND FEES; AND INCREASING THE FEES FOR COLLECTING MUNICIPAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 BY RATES PER UNIT WHICH ARE TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$24.00) PER CALENDAR QUARTER HIGHER THAN FOR 2020.

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION RANGES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT BY THE BOROUGH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, INCLUDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONALS; AND CONFIRMING THE EXISTING FIDELITY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburts Borough Hall at 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, PA 18011 during regular business hours, or by making arrangements with the Borough Manager at 610-966-4777. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Borough Council meeting on December 30, 2020 will not be held in person at Borough Hall. Rather, the meeting will be held by remote connection, using a virtual meeting platform which allows for participation by all Council members and members of the public, including a mechanism for participants to submit questions and offer comments during the public participation portion of the meeting. Directions for connection to and participation in the meeting will be published on the Borough's publicly accessible website, www.alburts.com.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY BOARD 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings of the Lehigh County Authority ("LCA") Board are held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, except as noted below.

All LCA Board meetings begin at Noon, 12:00 p.m.. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, and until further notice, LCA Board meetings will be held virtually, and not in-person, using the Zoom Meetings internet application, or other video and audio advanced communication technology (ACT). LCA Board meetings are open to the public. Public participation at the meeting is welcomed. Instructions for joining the meeting online or by phone are posted on the LCA website the morning on the day of the meeting, prior to the start of each meeting. Please visit https://smex-ctp.trendm.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.lehighcountyauthority.org%2fabout%2fca%2dboard%2dmeeting%2dvideos%2f&uid=f7760033-0c9f-4ac9-bbd2-429153713525&auth=438b0784514c1757bd202125ca4db8b0abdb021e-675c30375a7a41dfc70925262dcb0f3a94b7862 for specific instructions to join the meeting. The Board's meeting agenda and other meeting materials are also posted on LCA's website. You may also issue comment to LCA via email to LCABoard@lehighcountyauthority.org in advance of any meeting, or view a recording of the meeting at a later time by visiting the LCA website. Comments received prior to a meeting will be read at the Board's meeting and become part of the public record.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date and Day. Board Meetings January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10, 24, June 14, 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 23, September 13, 27, October 11, 25, November 8, 22, December 13

BRIAN NAGLE, Chair

Dec. 23



PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL BUREAU OF PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2021 or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.

LICENSES CAN BE RENEWED VIA USPS (or similar method) OR DROPPED IN THE GREY BOX LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. You must include a check or money order for the appropriate payment amount. Dec. 9, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REZONING/ZONING MAP PARCEL AMENDMENT HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Whitehall Township will conduct a public hearing on January 11, 2021, starting at 7:00 PM to be heard by the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners in the Whitehall Township Building located at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, 18052. The Board of Commissioners will consider the following proposed Rezoning/Zoning Map Parcel Amendment:

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BILL NO. 32-2020

The Ordinance is titled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BY REZONING AN APPROXIMATELY 31.65 ACRE PARCEL OWNED BY WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP FROM R-1, VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, TO C2-A, LOCAL COMMERCIAL. The purpose of the Ordinance is the Rezoning/Zoning Map Parcel Amendment for the parcel owned by Whitehall Township located at 3561 W. Columbia Street, Whitehall Township, Lehigh County Pennsylvania, as documented by deed of consolidation dated December 23, 1999 and recorded in Lehigh County Deed Book Volume 1648, Page 1200 (the "Subject Property") from the R-1, Very Low Density Residential to C2-A, Local Commercial zoning district and to amend the official Zoning Map of Whitehall Township to reflect such modifications via Ordinance.

The parcel is owned by Whitehall Township with a mailing address of 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, 18052, and the parcel is identified as PIN 548983373788-1.

The above-referenced property is located in The Township of Whitehall, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of the Proposed Ordinance, all exhibits to such Proposed Ordinance, plans and supporting documents associated with the proposed Rezoning/Zoning Map/Parcel Amendment, are available for public inspection at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, 18052 and the Lehigh County Department of Law located at 17 S. 7th Street, Room 440, Allentown, PA 18101 during regular business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

In light of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and resulting health concerns, the within hearing is being advertised as a public hearing, but the hearing will be conducted via the WebEx platform as well as advertised at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, 18052 to allow for all interested parties, objectors and witnesses to testify via either phone through the advertised number or direct participation via WebEx, and/or questions may be raised directly to the Township prior to the meeting with those questions answered at the meeting. All interested parties will have the option of testifying via the advertised WebEx online and can be cross examined via WebEx online or via phone on said date of hearing. Please contact Whitehall Township or visit the Township's website, www.whitehalltownship.org for further information pertaining to the online WebEx account and/or the call-in number which will be posted and advertised at the Township Municipal Building as well as the requisite online account and phone-in will be provided upon request.

JOHN F. GROSS, SOLICITOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Dec. 23, 30

CRYPTO SOLUTION

DID THOSE TWO OPPOSED NATIONS FINALLY SIGN A PEACE AGREEMENT? WHY YES THEY DID, AS A MATTER OF FACT.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

All meetings will be held virtually via WEBEX until further notice.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Type. Includes dates from January 4, 2021 to December 13, 2021.

Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Dates (Second Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 PM)

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Type, Meeting Date. Includes dates from January 13, 2021 to December 8, 2021.

Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE PASSED ORDINANCES

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday December 14, 2020 held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 3217. TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN) John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor
2. ORDINANCE NO. 3218. TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL (ADMIN). John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor
3. ORDINANCE NO. 3219. TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021. (ADMIN) John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor
4. ORDINANCE NO. 3220. TITLE: ANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, BID 2020-10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE (PUBLIC WORKS) John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor
5. ORDINANCE NO. 3222. TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (CODE ENFORCEMENT), ARTICLE VI (INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE), TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, BY ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN INSERTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND DELETIONS. John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor

The above Ordinances are available for review by the public in the Administration offices at Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Dec. 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA ZONING HEARING BOARD

TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2021 at 7:00PM

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM remotely through the Zoom platform. The meeting will be held at the following cases:

APPEAL NO. 20-0260 - 1101 SOUTH CEDAR CREST BLVD. Appeal of Lehigh Valley Health Network for a Variance from §27-704.1, §27-706.1D, and §27-709.1B to construct a free-standing sign with an electronically-changing message at 1101 South Cedar Crest Blvd. The sign is proposed to be in a location where electronically-changing message signs are not permitted and there is not a vehicular entrance from a street (entrance required). Applicant also seeks a variance for height (10' max. permitted; 16' proposed), area of sign face (30 sq. ft. max permitted; 81.25 sq. ft. proposed), and setback (5 ft. required; proposed unknown). The property is located within the C1, Office-Laboratory zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 20-0331 - 1436 BLACK RIVER RD. Brian & Paola Moore appealing the decision of the Zoning Officer denying a zoning application to add the "keeping of pets and accessory animals" as an accessory use on their property at 1436 Black River Road. The applicant seeks to keep 2 roosters, up to 20 chickens, and either 2 goats or 2 sheep at the stated location. In the alternative, applicants seek a Variance from §27-403.K(4) and §27-403.4.K(10) to utilize the property as stated with proposed quantity and type of animals not permitted. The property is located within the CR, Conservation-Residential zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 20-0299 - 937 EAST ROCK RD. Appeal of Greg Cicconetti and Valerie Ackerman for a Variance from §27-202, §27-306.2 (Attachment 2), and §27-306.2 (Attachment 4) to maintain a two-story garage, home occupation within the second story of the garage, second kitchen within the principal dwelling, and accessory apartment at 937 East Rock Rd with the garage exceeding the maximum permitted height (22' max permitted; existing unknown) (1 story permitted; 2 story existing), an accessory apartment not permitted, and a second kitchen within a dwelling unit not permitted. The property is located within the CR, Conservation-Residential zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 20-0319 - 1493 EAST EMMAUS AVE. Appeal of Eastern Comfort Assisted Living II, Inc. for a Special Exception per §27-306.2 (Attachment 2) to change the use of the property from Group Home with 8 residents to Personal Care Home with 32 residents. Applicant also seeks a Variance from §27-402.1.TT(2) requiring 15% of the lot to be "suitable and developed for passive recreation" (none provided), §27-102.1.TT(3) requiring a 50 foot setback from a residential lot line (30 ft. existing), and §27-601 (Table 6.1) requiring 11 parking spaces (existing unknown). The property is located within the R4, Medium Density Residential zoning district.

All applicants and interested parties are required to participate remotely through the Zoom platform. Pre-registration is required and can be accessed through the Township website at: https://www.salisburytownship.org/event/zoning-hearing-board-meeting-73/.

As per the provisions of PA Act 15, enacted April 20, 2020, any interested party who cannot participate but wishes to submit comments prior to the meeting, may submit such by sending an email to info@salisburytownship.pa.gov with "ZHB 1-5-2021" in the subject heading or by sending U.S. mail to Salisbury Township, Attn: ZHB 1-5-2021, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. All comments must be received by 4:30PM on Monday January 4, 2021.

Requests for more information, or to review any files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or (484) 661-5825. Dec. 16, 23

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Emmaus Borough Council will meet on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to hear the following:

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST 007- YEREGY BREWERY, 235 MAIN ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to operate a craft beverage production facility in accordance with Z.O. Section 306, Table of Uses and the requirements of Z.O Section 402.AAA.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276308376?pwd=NmRlWkclWFRIYlI1Kk1dGRlNlUFlU2U09 Meeting ID: 832 7630 8376 Passcode: 838239 Shane Pepe- Borough Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2021

See website for In-person/virtual meeting updates and meeting links.

2021 January Meetings

Board of Supervisors "Reorganization Meeting": Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Auditor's Meeting: Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors: January 21st, 2021 - Will be the second meeting of the month for the Board of Supervisors. Regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

2021 Meetings

Regular, monthly meetings, except in conflict with legal holidays. Board of Supervisors - Workshop Meeting: Advertised as needed Board of Supervisors - Regular Meeting: First and third Thursday of each month, February through December, beginning at 7:00 pm. Environmental Advisory Council: Environmental Advisory Council: Meetings of the Emmaus Borough / Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be as scheduled. No January or March Meeting. Feb 22nd, 7:00pm at UMT Auditorium or zoom. April 26th, 5 pm at the Emmaus Public library Buffer, No May Meeting. June 28th, 7pm at the Emmaus Community Park, July 26th 7pm at the Emmaus Public Library. August 23rd 7pm at Fulmer Preserve, Quarry Rd. Emmaus. Sept. 27th 6 pm at Lenape Park, Kings HWY S. Zionsville, Oct. 25th, 5 pm at the Emmaus Public Library buffer. No November or December. Planning Commission: Monday prior to the first Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m.; Workshop meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month, only if necessary. Zoning Hearing Board: Second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., upon application for a hearing. Recreation Commission: Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Call Office for location. Open Space Committee: Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. only if required to conduct business. Emergency Services Committee: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p. m. only to conduct business. All meetings unless otherwise noted will be held in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA. Upper Milford Township Edward Carter, Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S MEETING

Auditor's Meeting - Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting is held in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA.

Upper Milford Township Jessi O'Donald Secretary/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JEFFREY R. KLECKNER, a/k/a JEFF KLECKNER, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration 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 Susan E. Funk, Administratrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

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