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'Higher standards make for better policing'

'The use of force isn't based upon any one person; it's based upon the resistance offered by a subject when he or she is being arrested.'

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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City police and officials held a public safety meeting the evening of Aug. 11, and though viewers online were disappointed when a technical flaw cut the audio before the 20-minute mark, the meeting eventually resumed and a second part ran for another five hours.

Police relayed statistics, assured listeners that they approve of new legislation, spoke at length with council members and answered call-ins from concerned citizens.

Legislation

Chief Mark DiLuzio specifically addressed the legislation issue, which has seen renewed state and national discussion following George Floyd's death while in police custody in May. National

Bethlehem Police Chief Mark DiLuzio

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proposals have largely fallen along partisan lines, but DiLuzio says he's in favor of stringent new rules and guidelines for officer use of force and departmental oversight.

"New legislation in Pennsylvania has been introduced recently," he said. "I think it's great."

After all, he says, Bethlehem's is one of the finest police departments in Pennsylvania, having garnered and held both state and national accreditation, a feat accomplished by only 4 percent of all departments nationwide.

"Our requirements are higher," he said. "We train more and specialized units train even more."

Legislation requiring all departments to achieve higher standards can only make for better policing,

he says.

And though it's never promoted chokeholds and strangleholds, police policy has recently added verbiage renouncing their use except in life-or-death circumstances.

Use of force

Bethlehem police have used force in 4.6 percent of arrests in the last five and 10 years, DiLuzio said, and those statistics are all now available for viewing on the department's website.

"The use of force isn't based upon any one person; it's based upon the resistance offered by a subject when he or she is being arrested. Most people don't resist arrest. Resistance is the key factor. No resistance, no level of force by the officer."

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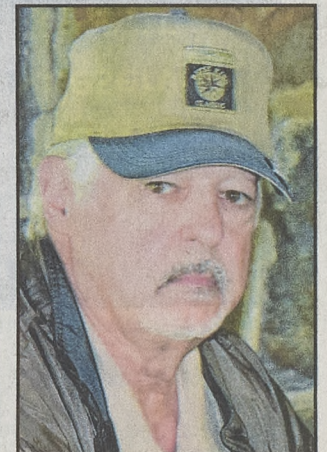
BY DANA GRUBB

How would you rate Joe Biden's selection of Kamala Harris as his running mate?



"She's the most qualified. I give her a ten."

Jeanine Hill-Jacob
New Ringgold



"On a scale of one to 10, a minus one."
Richard Bentham
Easton

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COVID-19

School risk matrix released

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Emphasizing that it is a recommendation, not a mandate, Pa. Dept. of Health (PDH) Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine and outgoing Pa. Dept. of Ed. (PDE) Secretary Pedro Rivera issued guidance to help school districts determine what type of educational experience to offer this fall, based on the amount of community transmission of the novel coronavirus still circulating in the United States.

The new guidance, which Secretary Levine emphasized is a recommendation, not a mandate, classifies counties according to the average incidence of positive cases per 100,000 population and/or the percentage of positive tests over the past seven days. Notably absent from the guidance is any reference to hospitalizations, which are still tracked by the state, but which have not been used for any of the recommendations or mandates coming from the state's executive branch since the first several weeks of the pandemic.

For example, Northampton County, which contains most of the Bethlehem Area School District, had (as of Aug. 7) a seven-day average confirmed case rate of 27.9 positive tests per 100,000 population and a percent-positive rate of 2.9 percent, but only had 0.3 percent of

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The rally takes place to the right and center of the plaza. The farmers' market was moved closer to City Hall. PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

'Back the Blue' rally

Tea Party, Good Neighbors host event to decry rumored police department defunding

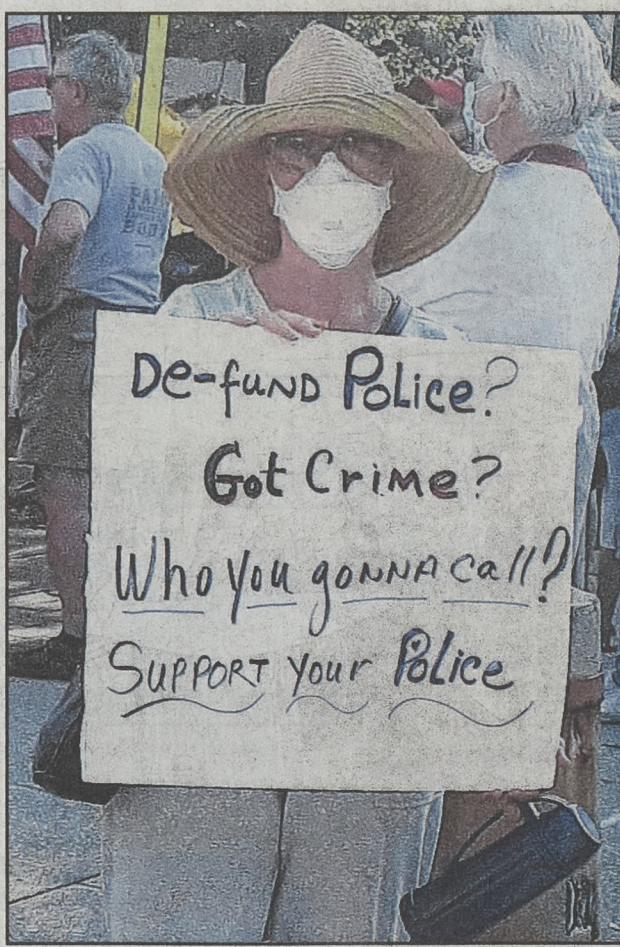
BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Back the Blue rally, sponsored by the Northampton County Tea Party and promoted by The Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Group, took place Aug. 11 at Bethlehem's Payrow Plaza. The rally was to support the police, in response to a rumor that Bethlehem City Council was planning to defund the police department.

But Council member Olga Negron refuted that rumor.

"Not even one member of council has spoken about such [a move]," she said when asked about the rally and its purpose. She added that defunding the police was not the focus of the Public Safety Committee meeting held in the City Hall Rotunda that same evening.

The rally had a political flavor, beginning



Chris (no last name offered) let her sign speak for her.

with opening remarks from Republican Scott Hough, who is running against incumbent Democrat Steve Samuelson for a seat in the Pennsylvania House. Hough spoke of his support of the police, and urged residents of the Northampton portion of Bethlehem to vote for him in the fall.

About 100 people attended the rally. Many came to show their support for the police. Others came in support of the Republican party. Trump banners, the American flag, and Back the Blue flags were displayed.

Mia, who was walking with her friend and did not give her last name, was curious about the blue and black Back the Blue flags.

"I wanted to see why people had blue flags," she said. The flags were produced in 2014, to show support for America's police. The narrow

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How would you rate Joe Biden's selection of Kamala Harris as his running mate?



"She's a socialist left wing nut job."
Armel
New York City



"It's the best thing a Republican could hope for."
Matthew Fisher
Long Pond



"My feeling is that if you're going to say you're putting a person of African American race as your running mate, pick someone who is. There were others who I thought would be a better choice."
Rod Gilkeson
Easton



"In terms of the choices that are available I put her at a 10. She'll pull in the progressive part of the party, she's a seasoned politician, and in a debate with Pence she'll wipe up the floor with him."
Merritt Jacob
New Ringgold

POLICE

COMPILED BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Three arrested for theft

Three people face theft and related charges for stealing more than \$25,000 from an Allentown woman.

Tammy Pedraza, 51, and Olivia Pedraza, 23, both of Catasauqua; and Niko Pedraza, 27, of Coopersburg, are charged with one count each of theft by deception, receiving stolen property, access device fraud and conspiracy. All charges are felonies of the third degree.

Allentown police received a fraud report from an employee at a senior living facility Aug. 27, 2019, and discovered an 80-year-old woman was the victim of 470 fraudulent transactions totaling more than \$25,800 through a debit/credit card. The woman told police she did not give the Pedrazas permission to use her bank account information or her bank card.

Pedrazas allegedly used the victim's credit/debit card to make purchases online or over the phone. The purchases included numerous food deliveries, a gym membership, student loan payment and other expenses.

Vandals strike township playground

During the overnight hours of Aug. 13-14, the playground structure at Pharo Park (Gaspar Avenue and Kim Street) was vandalized. The photo shows the damage done by "tagging."



Additionally, it would appear that the same individuals tagged the Rte. 22 / Jacksonville Road underpass walls twice recently.

If you have any information that would assist the Colonial Regional Police Department or the township identify and prosecute the responsible parties, please contact:

Colonial Regional Police Department (610-861-4820, 610-330-2200 or 911)

Hanover Township (610-866-1140, ext. 222).

Depending on the information provided, the individual may be eligible for a \$500 reward.



Mike Garcia with **Mark Bogunovich** give the thumbs up.



Officer Loscalzo is there to observe the crowd and keep the peace.

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blue line on the flag represents the police, protecting the country. The flag was controversially displayed at a white supremacist event in Charlotte-

ville in 2017, leading to some confusion as to its meaning.

Kay MacGregor said "I think our police departments need support from the community ... we need more funding, not less."

Don S. said he came

to the rally, "To support the police and all public safety in Bethlehem. We don't need to defund the police. We could use more police."

Mark Bogunovich said, "I don't want to see the police defunded. I don't want an increase

in crime."

Mike Garcia said, "It's sad they are trying to blame President Trump. There is no respect for the police. Defunding takes dollars away from the people who defend the citizens."

Level of Community Transmission in the County	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents (Most Recent 7 Days)	AND/OR	PCR Percent Positivity (Most Recent 7 Days)	Recommended Instructional Models
Low	<10	AND	<5%	Fully in-person OR Hybrid
Moderate	10 to <100	OR	5% to <10%	Hybrid OR Fully remote
Substantial	≥100	OR	≥10%	Fully remote

GRAPHIC CREATED BY THERESA O'BRIEN FROM PDH/PDE INFORMATION

Information provided by Pa. Dept. of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine and Pa. Dept. of Education Secretary Pedro Rivera classifies counties according to the average incidence of positive cases per 100,000 population and/or the percentage of positive tests over the past seven days.

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all hospital ER visits attributable to the novel coronavirus. According to the chart issued by Levine and Rivera, Northampton County is an area of "moderate" disease, and schools should only offer hybrid or fully online options. (The figures for Lehigh County, part of which is in Bethlehem Area School District, are similar: 28.3 per 100,000 incidence rate, 3.1 percent positivity rate, and

0.6 percent ER attributable rate.)

Responding to a question from a Lancaster media outlet regarding the distinction between a recommendation and a mandate, Rivera said, "In order to institute a mandate, you need legislative authority. Last year, in response to COVID-19, the legislature gave us the power to provide relief to districts on, for example, waiving the 180-day requirement. After that legislative action, which is extremely

specific, we're not able to mandate anything from the department of education. What we can do is what we are doing: Tracking the research, looking at the data, [etc.]."

Another reporter noted that districts have come up with plans already, and asked whether they need to create new ones. The secretaries responded that districts should be prepared to go to a different model within their existing plans, if the conditions change.

If these recommendations were followed today, according to Levine, only 25 counties would be advised to offer fully in-person learning, with 41 counties recommended for hybrid or fully online, and only one (Union County) at the risk Levine deems "substantial." The situation in Union County is more complicated than its 185.3 confirmed cases per 100,000 population implies: The vast majority of cases are inside a federal prison in the county.

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DiLuzio said he favors other suggestions that have become common topics nationwide recently, such as expanding social

service coverage to 24 hours and increasing pay. More robust mental health and addiction services will help police across the country, he said.

Complaints
When asked about

civilian review, civilian complaints and officer discipline, DiLuzio said there is no way to review complaints that aren't made, but that the current process does work. He said in his tenure as chief, 11 officers have been fired,

terminated, resigned pending discipline or were arrested and left.

"Under accreditation, complaints and discipline and use of force are in the top category. If you don't handle your department, and it goes out of control, like in some places in this country. We all can agree on that. This is a good department."

The police discussion lasted until about the two-hour mark of part two, followed by discussion of the proposed Community Engagement Initiative.

Social justice
The initiative is developing as a response to inadequacies of social justice nationwide, and to investigate and address local disparities in education, healthcare, mental health, housing discrimination, racism and other issues, and making certain not just police, but city leaders are actively working toward a more equitable city.

This conversation was about how to include disparate groups and entities throughout the city in meaningful conversation on their

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MASKS AT THE YMCA: Effective Wednesday, Aug. 12 face masks must be worn at ALL TIMES while in any of our Y facilities.

On Aug. 11 the YMCA was visited by the local health department and they are strictly enforcing Governor Tom Wolf's order.

This will include all areas of the facility including workout times but excludes pool usage.

If you have an exception to the face covering requirement, such as a medical condition, please inform Welcome Center staff.

The Y is not required to have any proof of a medical condition, but will document requests... so that if the Health Department returns, they can show who in the wellness center has requested an exemption.

COVID-19 TESTING: OraSure Technologies Inc., a developer and manufacturer of rapid diagnostic tests, collection and stabilization devices headquartered in Northampton County, will expand its manufacturing operations in the Lehigh Valley, creating 177 new, full-time jobs and retaining 233 jobs.

OraSure (NASDAQ: OSUR) is developing a rapid antigen self-test that would detect active COVID-19 infection with no need to transport samples to a lab for processing. Individuals would be able to easily self-collect a sample and read the results themselves a short time later. The company intends to submit the antigen test to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Emergency Use Authorization, allowing for the rapid self-test to debut into the U.S. market.

OraSure is also developing a highly accurate, lab-based Antibody ELISA Test that would detect prior COVID-19 infection. The company plans to submit the ELISA test to the FDA for Emergency Use Authorization.

LEHIGH COUNTY

RENTERS' ASSISTANCE: Renters who were financially impacted by the economic slowdown related to the coronavirus pandemic can now get CARES financial assistance to help with the payment of past-due rent. Applications and helpful information are available from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's website at <https://www.phfa.org/pacares/rent.aspx>. PHFA is coordinating the program statewide and the three agencies listed below are processing applications for residents in Lehigh County.

For renters to be eligible for financial assistance under the CARES Rent Relief Program, they will need to document at least a 30 percent reduction in annual income since March 1 related to COVID-19, or they must have become unemployed after March 1. If unemployed, they must have filed for unemployment compensation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Their household income cannot exceed the Area Median Income for their county of residence, adjusted for the number of people in their home.

For more information, visit PHFA's website listed above. Questions may be directed to PHFA's call center weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The toll-free number is 1-855-U-Are-Home (827-3466).

NONPROFIT RELIEF: Effective Friday, Aug. 14, the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners voted to create funding streams to provide relief for nonprofits, tourism, regional entities and educational and workforce entities. This is in addition to a fund already established to provide emergency aid for small businesses.

The source of funds for these programs is the Lehigh County COVID-19 Block Grant. Applications for relief from these grant funds must directly correlate with COVID-19 expenses. All related expenses can be charged from March 1, 2020 to Dec. 30, 2020. All COVID-19 grant funds MUST be spent by Dec. 30, 2020.

Applications for all Lehigh County COVID-19 Relief grant programs can be found on the Lehigh County website at lehighcounty.org.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

RECYCLING EVENTS: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and new Pa. Department of Health (DOH) regulations, Northampton County is canceling the September and October events for recycling electronics and shredding documents. The county hopes to offer these services again in 2021 after developing a pre-registration plan which will require appointment times being assigned to all attendees.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS: On Aug. 14, the Northampton County Fiscal Affairs Department mailed out \$4 million in Small Business Assistance (SBA) Grants to approximately 300 Northampton County businesses. Northampton County Council approved the distribution of \$4 million in CARES Act funds at their July 2 meeting. Applications were reviewed by a committee that included three members of county council.

Recipients of the grants include restaurants, hair salons and dentists. To qualify for a grant, a business must be located in Northampton County and have fewer than 100 employees. The funds can be used for rent, payroll and other operating expenses. The maximum grant amount was \$15,000 per business.

CORONER'S REPORT: As of Aug. 10, data collected by the Northampton County Coroner shows that 279 people have passed away due to COVID-19 in Northampton County (251 Northampton County residents, 28 residents of other counties and states).

As of July 14, the Lehigh County Coroner released data of 55 COVID-19 related deaths of Northampton County residents.

Residents: Allen Twp., 1; Bangor, 2; Bath, 1; Bethlehem Twp., 59; City of Bethlehem, 29; City of Easton, 39; Forks Twp., 6; Freemansburg, 1; Hanover Twp., 1; Hellertown, 11; Lehigh Twp., 2; Lower Nazareth Twp., 3; Lower Saucon Twp., 2; Moore, 1; Nazareth, 2; Northampton, 3; Palmer Twp., 31; Plainfield Twp., 1; Tatamy, 1; Upper Nazareth Twp., 82; Washington Twp., 21; Williams Twp., 3; Wilson, 3; Wind Gap, 1.

Non-residents: Astoria, NY, 1; Bronx, NY, 1; Bucks County, 4; City of Allentown, 3; Glen Garden, N.J., 1; Lehigh Co., 2; Lopatcong Twp. NJ, 1; Lower Macungie Twp., 1; Millersburg, PA, 1; Monroe County, 6; Montgomery County, 1; Phillipsburg, NJ, 2; Schuylkill County, 1; South Whitehall Twp., 1; Upper Macungie Twp., 1; Washington NJ, 1.

Demographic data for 279 deaths reported by the Northampton County Coroner

The ages of the deceased range from 29 to 106 years. Average age of the deceased is 83.2 years

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Local, national distributors weigh in

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When the novel coronavirus arrived in the United States this past spring, individuals and non-medical businesses were urged not to buy face masks that qualify as true personal protective equipment (PPE)—N95, KN95, and FFP2 respirators—because there was a critical shortage of qualified respirators, which needed to be reserved for medical personnel. Although the CDC guidance against individuals purchasing PPE has remained the same, the true story is more complicated.

PPE definitions

An N95 respirator meets the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) standard of filtering at least 95 percent of airborne particles. KN95 respirators meet a similar standard, but are regulated by China. Level 2 filtering facepieces, or FFP2s, filter at least 94 percent of incoming airborne particles, but are regulated by the European Union (EU); FFP3s filter 99 percent of particles. Surgical masks, by contrast, include a wide array of non-woven material masks designed to protect patients from exhaled bacteria during medical procedures; airborne particle-blocking ranges from 10 to 90 percent, with between 80 and 100 percent of masks failing a "fit test" designed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). A number of studies cited by the CDC demonstrate no reduction in patient infection when medical personnel wore surgical masks (<https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2009/10/14/n95/>).

CDC guidance

On March 16, the CDC created a page dedicated to N95 respirator use (<https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2020/03/16/n95-preparedness/>), stating, "CDC prioritizes respirator use for healthcare personnel in close contact with (i.e., within 6 feet of) patients with suspected or con-

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own terms and apply the lessons learned.

Public Safety Committee Chair Michael Colon said that while this sort of social and cultural effort is a matter of increments, but so long as community members are willing

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ISOLATION GOWNS

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A brochure from Halo Branded Solutions in Sterling, Ill., shows the PPE masks that are available, including minimum purchase numbers and wait times. In addition to masks, the company sells isolation gowns, surgical "extras" like gloves and caps, and equipment such as UV sanitizers.



PRESS IMAGE COURTESY OF SIMMA INTERNATIONAL

Simma International has locations in Berwyn, Pa.; Verona, N.J.; and Bellingham, Wash. The distributor is working with a distillery outside Seattle to manufacture and sell disinfectant solution and disinfectant wipes.

firming coronavirus disease (COVID-19), during aerosol generating procedures, and for infectious diseases when airborne precautions should be followed." The guidance on this page has not changed in the many months since mid-March.

Family medical practices and local health authorities echoed the CDC guidance, instructing the general public [March 22 communication from Flatiron Family Medical in New York City], "As most have heard there is an extreme shortage of PPE, especially masks. The hospitals state that within a few weeks they

will have none at their disposal [...] We know that a lot of our patients in their fear have purchased masks (both surgical and N95s). We ask that those of you who have this PPE and are willing to please send it to our office. We will forward to the local hospitals."

As the weeks of lockdown and increasing regulations on American citizens' activities stretched on, medical practices and health authorities continued to talk about the critical shortage of PPE, noting that cloth face coverings were inadequate for medical professionals exposed to respirato-

ry viruses. Individuals were instructed that do-it-yourself (DIY) cloth face coverings were OK for their own use to protect others from their own possible germs — but that N95s should be kept for doctors [March 30 communication from Flatiron Family Medical]: "A 2015 study in Vietnam found that hospital health-care workers wearing cloth masks were far more likely to become infected with respiratory and flu-like illnesses than were people wearing disposable surgical masks. Cloth masks stopped just 3 percent of particles, and medical masks stopped 56 percent."

N95s and KN95s are available

Businesses and governments stepped up to tackle the shortage of PPE. In Pennsylvania, the Dept. of Community & Economic Development (CED) created portals for manufacturers of PPE to provide their contact and purchasing information. The CED used the submitted manufacturer information to create a "PPE and Supplies Business-2-Business Interchange Directory" (<https://dced.pa.gov/pa-covid-19-medical-supply-portals/pennsylvania-covid-19-ppe-sup>)

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to show up, share their perspectives and listen to those of others, the work will continue.

Public comment

The public comment portion of the meeting lasted about two-and-a-half hours, and scores of people waited in a queue to speak. Some of them were supportive of police while accepting

that improvements can be made while others were highly critical of the police and of DiLuzio's responses.

A number of residents called in to harrangue council over its decision to abolish the police department, which obviously never happened.

But a positive indicator for the Bethlehem

community is a number of callers said they are professionals in sciences, social service or medicine, and offered to participate in future forums and assist both the city and department with their expertise.

Both parts of the meeting are available to view on city council's YouTube channel.

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Edward Ortwein



worked in the treasury department



Edward Ortwein, 79, of Nazareth and formerly of Bethlehem, died Aug. 3, 2020 at home. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late John and Margaret (Grady) Ortwein. He was the husband of the late Nilce P. (Teles) Ortwein for 51 years.

He was in the U.S. Army from 1959-61 and in the Army Reserves until 1965.

He worked in the treasury department of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. until he retired after 41 years. He worked earlier at Western Electric.

He coached baseball for North West, and was on Bethlehem Catholic HS's reunion committee.

He is survived by a daughter, Michelle Stout and her husband David of Bethlehem; a son, Jeffery and his wife Lisa of Nazareth; four grandchildren, Shannon, Zachary, Ryan and Austin; two brothers, Leonard Ortwein and his wife Adelaide and Kenneth Ortwein and his wife Carolyn; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Richard and Donald.

Contributions may be made to Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church, 1861 Catasaqua Road, Bethlehem, 18018; and/or Bethlehem Special Olympics, 894 Marcon Blvd. #114, Allentown, 18109.

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

Ernest Zadol

worked for Gracedale

Ernest (Ernie) Zadol, 91, of Bethlehem, died July 27, 2020, at Saucon Valley Manor, Hellertown, in hospice care. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Simon) Zadol.

He graduated from Liberty HS.

He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He worked for Gracedale Nursing Home for many years until he retired in 1984.

He was a member of Trinity U.C.C. Church, Bethlehem.

He was predeceased by a sister, Olga; a brother, Frank; and a sister, Elizabeth.

Contributions may be made to Peaceable Kingdom, 1049 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052.

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

Dion Michael Chickey

sous chef

Dion Michael Chickey, 50, died August 6, 2020. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Michael Joseph Chickey and Virginia (Solivan) Bellis.

He was a sous chef for Corked 2.0 and Molly's Irish Grille and Sports Pub.

He was a member of the Heights A.A.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a son, Maximillian Michael Chickey; his father's wife, Evelyn; his mother's husband, Marcel; grandfather, Ray Carillo; a sister, Gina Dixon and her husband Gable; two stepbrothers, Jessie Smith and his wife Sandra, and Michael Bellis; a step-sister, Rachel Bellis; an aunt, Sandra M. Hari and Nick Diacogiannis; three nephews, Anthony Childress, Brandon Dixon and Gable C. Dixon Jr.; a great-nephew, Legend Smith Dixon; and two cousins, Thomas Ackerman and his wife Jen, and Danielle M. Hari, M.D.

He was predeceased by his grandmother, Virginia Carillo; and grandparents, Dolly and Joe Terek.

Contributions may be made to The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton, PA 18042 and /or Peaceable Kingdom, 1049 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052.

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Cecilia Ann Keenan

dental assistant

Cecilia Ann Keenan, 68, of Bethlehem, died July 30, 2020, at her residence. Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late John Francis and Lorraine (Tracy) Keenan.

She was a dental assistant and also was a nanny.

She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

She was the treasurer of the Bethlehem Housing Council.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Mullins and her husband William of Northampton; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Thomas Francis Keenan; stepfather, Bill Furman; and a nephew, Daniel Mullins.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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I Saucon board approves return plan

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

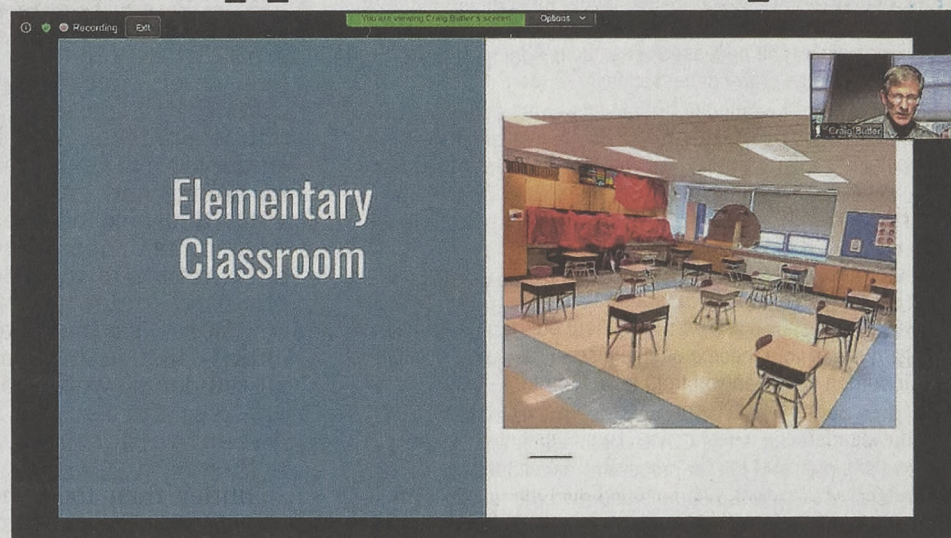
The Saucon Valley School Board voted 7-2 in favor of its return-to-school plan at the July 28 virtual meeting, offering students and parents a choice between in-person and remote/online plans while forgoing a 'hybrid' option similar to those offered by other local districts, including Bethlehem.

Before the plan was officially presented, however, several concerned parents, teachers and residents joined the meeting to offer criticisms and suggestions amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The full plan was posted online as a link on the meeting agenda several days before the meeting and is available on the district's website.

Cameron Fowler, a teacher at the high school, was concerned that if more than half of students are present in school at once, there might not be enough room for social distancing. She gave an example of chairs placed at opposite ends of a four foot table in a classroom that she observed and indicated that this would mean that students would be four feet apart at most, rather than the CDC-recommended six feet.

Mark Salgado, a district resident, criticized the size and makeup of the pandemic team, which according to the presentation consists of Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristine Rosenberger and two district nurses, Maryellen Prager and Sue DeSmet. Salgado said that among the several other districts whose plans he has investigated, the average membership of their respective teams were 14 members, and the smallest team had nine.

He was also con-



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Saucon Valley Supt. Dr. Craig Butler shows an example of the setup of an elementary school classroom under the district's plan.

cerned about the protocol for students who newly show symptoms throughout the school day, saying the plan "parades middle school students halfway through the building to the nurse if they have a fever," past the cafeteria and administrative offices. He also asked if there were any guidelines for students who don't comply with masks and if quarantine-related absences would be considered 'excused.'

Lastly, he inquired why the aforementioned 'hybrid' plan, which involves students physically attending school for only a few days a week and receiving online instruction on the others, was ruled out early in the process. If spending more time going over the plan is necessary, he said, it would be reasonable to push the opening back, as Saucon's school year is slated to start at least a week earlier than many other local districts. He said he believes the plan needs more thought. "Let's give it some more time, do the best we can," Salgado said.

Next to comment was Deanna Mangiarancia, a self-described "single working mom of a first-grader" in the district, who said she

moved to Hellertown several years ago in large part because of the great reputation of the district. She asked if daycares would continue to be part of the 'courtesy stops' that school buses currently make and indicated that she heard from "somebody at the transportation center" that this service was going to be discontinued, which she said would leave 43 kids to walk from the Children's Learning Center on Main Street nearly a mile up Walnut Street to the district campus. This concern was not addressed during the course of the meeting.

Janine Bonham, a district resident, agreed with Salgado, saying "this plan needs rethinking." She echoed his concern that the pandemic team was too small and that there was not enough input from other folks. "There's just not enough information out there for us to be making a decision," she said. She has two daughters in the district and has yet to submit her decision.

She also said she was disappointed in the lack of a 'hybrid' plan such as those offered by Parkland, Bethlehem and other local districts. She said she had expe-

rienced teaching in a hybrid system for seven years, describing it as "a great model that works" and lamented that it wasn't even a possibility for parents to look at.

Butler then presented the first portion of the plan. "Well over a dozen individuals" had input, Butler clarified, not just the four cited by Salgado. Volunteer staff and faculty will now be taking temperatures upon entry, he said, which is a change from the tentative plan presented at the last meeting, which relied on parents and students self-monitoring.

"Building principals have done a terrific job making sure that physical distancing is held up" inside classrooms, Butler said, as he described how he "got a tape measure myself and from (one) center of body to (another) center of body was six feet" at a table like the one previously referenced by Fowler.

Rosenberger then presented the Teaching and Learning portion of the plan, providing details on the remote/online option in particular. The schedule will follow the same schedule as the in-person school day, she said. See **PLAN** on Page A5

PPE

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plies-business-2-business-b2b-interchange-directory/). On Aug. 10, the Press contacted several N95 distributors in the directory, and found a much more complicated story than the CDC or family practitioners are telling.

Jane Heimbecker of HALO Branded Solutions (<https://www.halo.com/>) receives PPE orders every week, ranging from 60 to 30,000 pieces, depending on the size of the customer organization. Her company, headquartered in Sterling, Ill., with offices all over the United States, has its own safety department that verifies the FDA approval of N95s and emergency use authorization (EUA) of KN95s and FFPs. Halo has not experienced an inability to fill PPE orders since April, in part because of longstanding partnerships with multiple vendors in China that allow the company to verify the FDA approval or authorization of PPE, as well as "social compliance" with Halo's own standards for factory worker treatment. The challenges in maintaining its own distribution center stocks of PPE has largely come from delays at Chinese ports, where customs holdups can last weeks. Heimbecker also points out price-gauging by the Chinese government that has created difficulties for Halo's own pricing. Several weeks ago, China raised the export tax on PPE several times within a single day.

Heimbecker says she has seen shortages re-

cently, but they have been of level 3 and level 4 surgical gowns, not PPE-qualified masks. Citing the use of the same material to fabricate surgical gowns and Clorox wipes, Clorox president Linda Rendle announced in early August that retailers will not be able to restock Clorox wipes until 2021. That's not a problem for Halo, which has reverse-engineered the formula for the wipes, and is making and selling its own, as well as its own version of Cavicide, a surface disinfectant used in medical practices and nursing homes. "In the last couple of weeks, we were hearing about a shortage of nitrile gloves," Heimbecker says, but her company has been able to fill all nitrile glove orders placed.

Ihor Terleckyj of Simma International in Berwyn says that his firm primarily supplies private medical practices and nursing homes. During an average week, Simma sells 5,000 to 10,000 KN95s. Terleckyj says that his firm has been able to fill KN95 orders without difficulty since the end of March, but still faces challenges with N95s. "Sometimes we'll have an order in, for 3M N95s out of China," he reports, "but all of a sudden, the order will be put on a delay." He speculates that "customs delays" in China are being used to mask the commandeering of PPE by the Chinese government. "Probably it's being requisitioned by some national group. That puts us in a bind with our customers." To mitigate this challenge,

Simma has stopped taking orders for any PPE-qualified masks that it doesn't have in its own physical inventory in the United States. "We stopped doing the pre-order," Terleckyj explains, "because they just weren't showing up. We started only selling them when we had them physically delivered and in our inventory." Like Halo, Simma verifies the FDA compliance of the PPE that it sells. "We're a very ethical operation, and we make sure that all the analysis sheets come in with them [...] We also have a sourcer who works with us in China and does factory inspections." Terleckyj says that "the biggest lesson the country has learned from COVID is that we have too much reliance for health outside the United States," and reports that Simma has created a partnership with a distillery in the state of Washington to make hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, "so we don't have reliance outside the United States."

Tom Gillespie of Signature Emergency Products (SEP) in Boothwyn says that his company has shifted away from PPE-qualified masks lately. In May and June, SEP filled orders totaling up to 500 masks per week, but now sells "just a handful" on a weekly basis. The company supplies dental practices, nursing homes, daycares, and similar facilities with items such as infrared thermometers. It also provides ventilators to individual hospital systems, to state purchasing authorities, and to FEMA.

Gillespie notes that a challenge in procuring KN95s is verifying their effectiveness. "There's a lot of supply out there; however, it's a lot of—junk [...] Another issue is the terms some manufacturers are requiring. "A lot of them want pre-pay, or have a minimum order quantity of one million." Gillespie also notes the problems with paid-for products clearing Chinese customs: "I have 1,000 infrared thermometers that have been sitting at customs for a month now, and we just got notification from FedEx that it's being cleared for shipment."

Nico Riccione of Apiary Medical Inc. in Breinigsville echoes Gillespie's concerns about price. He says that his distribution firm has been unable to keep up with demand for N95s since the beginning of the pandemic, but shifted away from KN95s because the prices demanded by manufacturers were too steep.

Next shortage?

Gillespie predicts that the next serious shortage the country will face during the current pandemic is nitrile gloves, because they cannot be cleaned, and cannot be worn for extended periods of time if they tear. SEP uses an ultraviolet disinfection booth for incoming packages to protect its own employees, and Gillespie notes that although UV disinfection can be used on masks, "You can't do that with nitrile gloves."

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Gender - 53% Female, 47% Male
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 Demographic data for 55 deaths reported by the Lehigh County Coroner
 The ages of the deceased range from 43 to 98 years.
 Average age of the deceased is 77.3 years
 Gender - 44% Female, 56% Male
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PPL ELECTRIC BILL AID: Financial challenges continue to grow for many as more jobs are lost and lives are upended.

PPL wants you to know that they've expanded programs and payment plans for those who need help during these times. Regardless of your income or circumstances, they can help reduce your burden and keep you from falling too far behind.

They added funds to Operation HELP assistance program, and expanded eligibility for other programs that offer reduced payments and debt forgiveness. They also can help with payment arrangements, moving your bill due date to better align with your finances and budget billing.

Summer means more power use, particularly for air conditioning. The heat and humidity, plus the fact that many people are spending more time at home, means electric bills may be higher than usual.

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PENNSYLVANIA

SUPPORT HELPLINE: Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller reminded Pennsylvanians struggling with anxiety and other challenging emotions due to the COVID-19 emergency that they do not have to face things alone," help is available.

In early April, DHS launched the Support & Referral Helpline, a free resource staffed by skilled and compassionate caseworkers available to counsel Pennsylvanians.

The helpline can be reached toll-free, 24/7 at 1-855-284-2494. For TTY, dial 724-631-5600.

VETERANS: The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' (DMVA) commitment to provide benefits to the state's nearly 800,000 veterans during COVID-19 has yielded stronger collaboration with county and federal advocates.

For veterans, filing for state and federal benefits often begins with meeting with their county director of veterans affairs. The DMVA has provided counties with extra assistance responding to veterans to assure their needs are met during the pandemic. This has been done mostly through the use of virtual technology and closer coordination with the county and service organization veteran service officers.

For more about the DMVA visit online at www.dmv.pa.gov or follow at www.facebook.com/padmva or www.twitter.com/padmva.

HOUSING AUTHORITY FUNDS: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Joe DeFelice announced nearly \$15 million in CARES Act funding to help families living in public housing across Pennsylvania during the coronavirus pandemic. The funding, made available by the CARES Act legislation President Trump signed into law on March 27, 2020, will be awarded to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in the commonwealth. See national list of funding recipients.

In May, HUD initially awarded \$12 million to help PHAs in the

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and teachers will essentially be offering a live, interactive broadcast of their classes for online students, which students are expected to attend and interact with. She also detailed what might happen under a return to the 'red phase' of statewide restrictions, saying that online instruction for all students would be different and more comprehensive than it was in the spring.

Butler then took the reins of the rest of the presentation. He further explained the remote/online option of instruction, saying, "we have made a decision to separate the remote students from the in-person

students. We will be establishing a standalone class... it will be a separate entity from the in-person classrooms." He also offered his thoughts on the lack of a 'hybrid plan,' saying, "I did not feel (it) offered the students the best possible education. It created more problems than it solved and was not a preferred option on the parent survey. I think it would have compromised the students' experience and education."

He said he believed Governor Tom Wolf "clearly challenged us to bring students back to school. I would have my own grandchildren in this school under this model." He continued, "I'm very proud of the team who has put this

together. We have done our very best to seek input from stakeholders.

"I am very confident that this plan to bring students back is solid, is going to work (and) treats our students and family members with the utmost respect. In contacting the 13 districts in the IU, every district is bringing students back in person... I heard of three other districts who are bringing students back in the very same manner that we have presented to you this evening. I stand wholeheartedly behind this plan."

Board members had several concerns about and critiques of the plan as presented. Edward Andres asked if students could remove their masks if they are phys-

ically distanced six feet apart other than when eating or drinking. Butler replied by talking about 'mask breaks,' which he said might be allowable with at least six feet of distance, students not talking and only for 10 minutes or less. As of the current plan, these are not allowed.

Andres replied by describing the plan as "more restrictive than the state guidelines," which allows students to remove masks if they are six feet apart. Butler characterized the mask breaks as a "compromise" or "middle ground" and might be possible, he said.

There were several concerns about other details of the plan, such as parking lot procedures at drop-off and pick-up. Elementary school Principal Michael Sakelarides and middle school Principal James Deegan both said traffic will inevitably get somewhat backed up at their respective schools and advised parents to plan for it to take some time.

Sandra Miller expressed concern about processing students through temperature taking and maintaining distancing at the beginning of the school day. Cedric Dettmar added, "we need to actually start to see what works and what doesn't work," and reminded his colleagues that fine-tuning aspects of the plan will be necessary.

Tracy Magnotta asked if the entire district would be notified if a student were to test positive for the virus. Butler replied that only those who might be affected would be contacted, to which Magnotta See **PLAN** on Page A6

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

The Lehigh County Board of Elections will convene a meeting on Friday, August 21st, 2020, at 1:00 PM, in the Public Meeting Room, Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown. As a result of the Governor's COVID-19 emergency orders requiring social distancing, limited seating will be available in the Public Meeting Room. The meeting is for the purpose of addressing concerns raised by Attorney Master's August 11, 2020 letter on behalf of Enid Santiago, candidate for Democratic Nomination as Representative in the 22nd District during the June 2nd, 2020 General Primary and for any other business that comes before the Board.

Election Board of Lehigh County
 By: Timothy A. Benyo
 Chief Clerk

AVISO DE LA JUNTA ELECTORAL

la Junta Electoral del Condado de Lehigh convocará una reunión el Viernes, 21 de Agosto de 2020 a las 1:00 p.m. en la Sala de Audiencias Públicas, Centro de Gobierno, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown. Como resultado de las órdenes de emergencia COVID-19 del Gobernador que requieren distanciamiento social, habrá asientos limitados disponibles en la Sala de Reuniones Públicas. El propósito de la reunión es para abordar las inquietudes planteadas por la carta del Abogado Maestro del 11 de agosto de 2020 en nombre de Enid Santiago, candidata a la Nominación Demócrata como Representante en el Distrito 22 durante la Primaria General del 2 de junio de 2020 y para cualquier otro asunto que se presente antes la junta electoral.

Junta Electoral del Condado de Lehigh
 De: Timothy A. Benyo
 Oficial Mayor

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James Guzzo, MD
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asked how it would be determined who was potentially affected. Butler said it would be students who are in and around the COVID-positive student.

Magnotta continued to express concern over how the district would determine which students may have crossed paths with the afflicted student in hallways and other common areas. Board President Dr. Shamim Pakzad proposed that the district have a formal agreement with medical experts to make these determi-

nations, because such decisions are not appropriate for untrained administration to make.

Board Vice President Susan Baxter asked about students and families who might have traveled out of state and whether there would be any quarantine requirements. Pakzad reminded the board that there are 22 states from which the Pa. Department of Health recommends returning visitors self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, and Butler said that language addressing that issue could be added.

Miller suggested postponing the vote in order to provide more

time to discuss and alter the plan. The deadline to adopt the plan is before instruction begins, Butler added, although there was only one more board meeting scheduled before that date, Aug. 11.

Shawn Welch said he believes the board needs to adopt an initial plan, and Michael Karabin agreed, saying "we need to have something solid on paper saying 'this is the direction we're going.'" Magnotta indicated that she would vote against the plan because she believes that there is not a sufficiently clear communication policy in the event of a COVID-positive child in the classroom. The motion ultimately passed with Andres and Magnotta voting 'no.'

The Athletic Re-Socialization Plan was reauthorized until the next board meeting, Aug. 11, as the first vote last month was only valid through Aug. 9. Athletic Director Robert Frey gave some details about PIAA plans for athletes, noting that different sports may see different levels of restrictions and modifications. Pakzad and Baxter both expressed concerns that the athletic plan and

school plans are not coordinated and offer different guidelines. "How are we going to make requirements less than they are in the classrooms?" Baxter asked.

Next up was the Return to Marching Band Plan. Similar to her concerns about the athletic plan, Baxter asked whether the plan was congruent with the return to school plan, which was affirmed. The plan passed unanimously with little further discussion.

Before the meeting adjourned, a few more district residents joined to offer their thoughts. Alicia Kichline said, "There are people out there who don't believe this is real and they will send their children to school with a high temperature."

Lastly, district math teacher James Colbert reminded the board that many southern states were opening schools during the first week of August. The nation is going to have a first-hand look at what happens, he said, urging the board and administration to closely follow developments in those districts to help inform their plan and any modifications that might need to be made.

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commonwealth prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic. These funds, as well as those awarded recently, can be used for traditional administrative fees as well as for new costs related to keeping HUD-assisted families and individuals safe - those receiving assistance through HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Mainstream Voucher programs.

For more information on HUD's response to the novel coronavirus pandemic and the actions the department has taken, please visit HUD.gov/coronavirus. PHAs across the nation have jumped into action to help assist their tenants and their communities during this unprecedented time. Read more about their stories featured in HUD's Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign in the Mid-Atlantic region.

NURSING HOMES: In the July 2020 report, Pennsylvania Department of Health nursing home surveyors conducted 330 inspections of nursing homes, including 295 complaint investigations. Of these, 227 were COVID-19 specific. In addition, one sanction was finalized against a nursing care facility, which included the issuance of a civil penalties totaling \$9,250.

More information regarding case information for all nursing homes, guidance provided to nursing homes, the orders in place, fact sheets and frequently asked questions documents to assist in regard to what is being done by the state to assist nursing homes can be found on the department's COVID-19 nursing home page.

PLCB CHECKS: Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Enforcement Officers visited 1,184 licensed liquor establishments from Friday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 16 to ensure businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements that include social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the liquor code.

Liquor Control Enforcement Officers issued seven notices of violation and 37 warnings for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements.

Violators may face administrative citation by the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. Continued violations put an establishment's liquor license at risk, either through the citation process or upon application for renewal. More information is available on the enforcement page of the state police COVID-19 portal.

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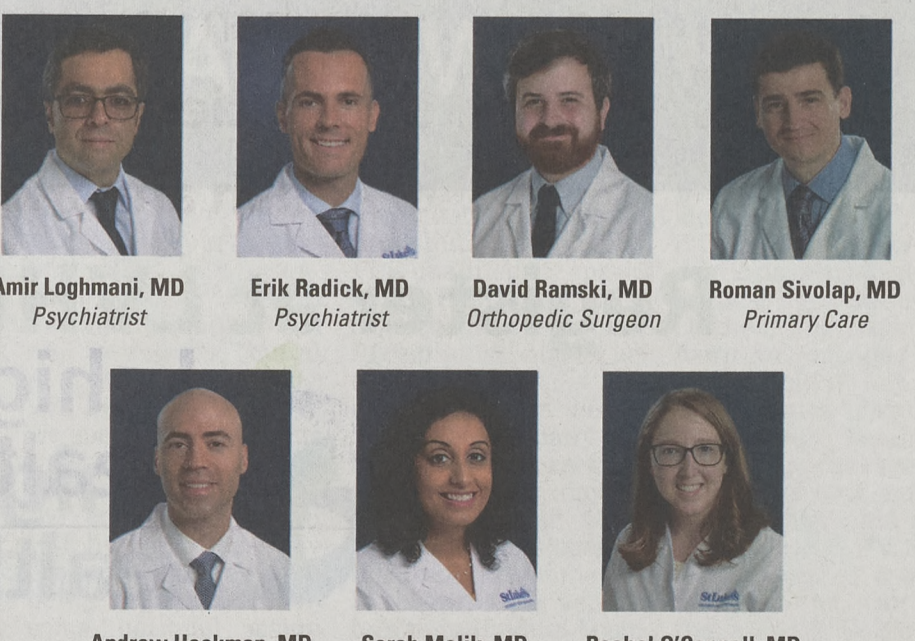
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CHANGES- CANCELLATIONS- POSTPONEMENTS

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

Digital and virtual events:

Banana Factory on-line digital exhibition: www.bananafactory.org.

Bethlehem Area Public Library visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkQW/featured for a variety of items. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 E. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/. Buildings are currently closed but have touchless checkouts for books reserved online. General information: visit www.bapl.org (main) or at www.facebook.com/paBAPL or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side). YouTube channel: visit www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkQW/featured

Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites digital programming: visit <https://hi>

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

Bethlehem City Hall is not open to the public. Employees are available to assist residents via phone: 610-865-7000; or visit the website: www.bethlehem-pa.gov/

Thursday, August 20

Virtual / live Tunes at Twilight: Seth Witcher "live". Sun Inn Courtyard, 564 Main St. rear. Information: visit www.facebook.com/GetDowntownBethlehem/ for times and dates

Black women writers, past and present; part four of four in the series. Group experience with books: "Bondwoman's Narrative" by Hannah Craft and "Our Nig" by Harriet Wilson. 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom with Jo Grim and Shelby Carr, Lehigh Ph.D. students. Visit www.bapl.org/events/black-women-writers-past-and-present-2/ for registration (deadline Aug. 19), Zoom and other instructions. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St.

Friday, August 21

S.T.E.A.M. Fest Welcoming, 3 to 7 p.m. Mini Gala, 7 to 9 p.m. ArtsQuest, 101 Founders Way. Information, tickets: visit www.steelstacks.org/event/9672/pa-steam-fest/

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

Saturday, August 22

S.T.E.A.M. Fest 2020, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Workshops, lesson seminars, educational panels, new innovations, demos, digital artists, makers, geek entertainment, cosplay, more. ArtsQuest, 101 Founders Way. Information, tickets: visit www.steelstacks.org/event/9672/pa-steam-fest/

Sunday, August 23

Community Collector Cars & Coffee by Koch Automotive Group. 9 a.m. to noon. PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Information: www.steelstacks.org/event/9820/cars-coffee-lehigh-valley-presented-by-koch-automotive-group/

Wednesday, August 26

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

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

'Trash talk' at August virtual meeting

BY ED COURRIER

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Representing the Sun Inn Preservation Association, Gary Dologite was awarded a certificate of appropriateness to install a temporary pergola-type structure on top of a trash corral located in the courtyard behind the Sun Inn at the West Walnut Street entrance.

Although he and most members of the Historical and Architectural Review Board gathered at the Rotunda, the Aug. 5 meeting was a "virtual" one through GoTo-Meeting.

Dologite explained that tenants from the buildings adjoining the courtyard often tossed their bags of trash over the top of the wood fencing, instead of opening the gates and putting them directly into the dumpsters in the two-bay corral.

In addition to creating a health hazard, the piled-up garbage makes it difficult for the sanitation contractor to access the dumpsters with his vehicle.

The proposed gabled 2x6 wooden rafters would support a galvanized hardware cloth to form a roof over the structure to prevent access from the top of the corral. Vice Chairman Philip Roeder commented that the material was "tough stuff" and not prone to rust. It is to be painted flat black.

Since the structure is considered "temporary," the COA would need to be reviewed on a yearly basis. When informed there are plans to place a permanent structure over the cor-

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The Sun Inn Preservation Association was granted approval to install a temporary pergola-type structure on top of this trash corral in the courtyard behind the Sun Inn.



Bruce Lawrence scored a COA for replacing a fence at the front and side of the home he and his wife Anne own at 404 Center St.

proposals. The historic stone building and property at 564 Main St. is owned

by the Sun Inn Preservation Association.

While present online, Bruce Lawrence scored a COA for replacing the decorative white wood fence at the front and side of the home he and his wife Anne own at 404 Center St. The 5-foot-high Cambridge Spindle replacement fence is similar in style to the existing 10-year-old fence that is beginning to show its age.

The new fencing and gates are made of a composite material manufactured by Azek and measures 361 linear feet. The 5-foot, 5.5-inch square posts are to be topped off with Westport post caps.

Like the existing fence, it will be painted white.

Beth Starbuck, attending online, added the fence rails should be reinforced with aluminum to prevent sagging. Lawrence was also instructed to provide Roeder with a hardware cut sheet to provide more details on the proposed handles and hinges for the gates.

Headed by Chairman Fred Bonsall, the voting for both projects was unanimous.

The Historical and Architectural Review Board regularly meets the first Wednesday of every month to review all exterior changes proposed to buildings in the Bethlehem Historic District north of the Lehigh River.

When a proposed project receives a certificate of appropriateness from the board, applicants must wait for City Council to vote on it before proceeding.

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8-Can't Wait support substantial, elusive

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh County Commissioner Nate Brown said, "It is a waste of time," for Lehigh County to approve a resolution proposing that county police agencies adopt the "8-Can't Wait" series of policies put forward by Commission Chair Amy Zanelli July 22.

"We don't have any authority to do anything with these municipalities [that have police departments]," said Brown. The issue came up during the Courts and Corrections Committee meeting prior to the regular board meeting. The resolution was for information and discussion only, and was not on the agenda for the regular meeting.

The resolution is based on the idea that adoption of the policies set forth will tend to reduce police violence. The idea has grown into a national debate since the Black Lives Matter movement gained traction after the death of George Floyd when he died in Minnesota police custody.

Commissioner Zakiya Smalls, who offered to co-sponsor the 8-Can't Wait resolution, said she is in full support of the proposed resolution.

Brown said, "That [the

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Left: Commissioner Zakiya Smalls said, "I think this is a way of saying this is a way we can support our police departments. We're just putting on the record that we support these policies. I don't agree with one of my fellow commissioners that this is 'monkeying around' and I don't think it's about 'publicity.'" **Right:** Lehigh County Commissioner Nate Brown said that the 8-Can't Wait police department guideline initiative is over 30 years old. "It's nothing new; nothing different. These are just talking points. We have no clout in this. I think it is about appeasing the media, you know, getting some publicity out of this."

8-Can't Wait] statement can really derail our relationship with law enforcement."

He also said, "Our (Lehigh County) sheriff's department is working on accreditation." He said that means that when accredited the department gets audited. He recommended that the commissioners discuss the mean-

ing of accreditation with [Lehigh County] Sheriff [Joseph N.] Hanna and the county's "top cop," District Attorney James Martin.

Brown said that the 8-Can't Wait initiative is over 30 years old. "It's nothing new; nothing different. These are just talking points. We have no clout in this. I think

it is about appeasing the media, you know, getting some publicity out of this. We need to look at the facts, not emotion. Instead of fostering cooperation, it's going to foster resentment."

Commissioner Marc Grammes said he doesn't believe the commissioners should be telling the sheriff's department what to do. "We're a very passionate group, but we have to recognize our limitations. And our limitations in relation to the sheriff's department is the funding aspect of it."

Commissioner David Harrington described the proposal as a "non-binding resolution." He called it an opportunity to work with the department. "Perhaps we can make it a 'flagship' for other municipalities to follow."

"We are treading into an area where we as commissioners should not be going," said Commissioner Dr. Percy Dougherty, who also said he supports the idea in principle, but would vote against if it comes to a vote. He called it window dressing that would not have any impact.

Commissioner Bob Elbich said he agreed with Brown, Dougherty and Grammes. He said police policy is in the hands of

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CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



T'Challa is a 3-year-old male with lots of energy looking for an active family with kids or other feline friends to play with. T'Challa is on a special diet for skin allergies but he doesn't mind it one bit! This sweet boy is looking to bring joy to anyone who is willing to give him a chance.

Angel, a 4-year-old anatolian shepherd mix, is very sweet and easy to handle. She walks well on leash and enjoys the simple things of life, such as belly rubs, companionship from other dogs, and spending time with those around her. Angel is a better fit for households with older children.

MEETING BOARD

CHANGES - CANCELLATIONS - POSTPONEMENTS

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

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

Bethlehem City Hall is operational but is closed to the public until further notice.

Northampton County Council virtual meeting, 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of every month. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton, until further notice. The public may join live streamed meetings by calling 610-829-6605 and entering Conference ID: 6514572. Questions or comments from the public may also be emailed to lzembo@northamptoncounty.org. For agenda, further details, visit County Council webpage at www.northamptoncounty.org.

Wednesday, August 19

NorCo Personnel and Finance committees, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

NorCo Capital Projects & Operations Committee, 5:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Hellertown Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St.

Thursday, August 20

NorCo Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee, 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton County Council, 6:30 p.m., Online. See above.

Monday, August 24

BASD regular Board, 7 p.m. East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

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Alex Knoll

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BSC ACADEMY REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration remains open for the fall Academy soccer program at Bethlehem Soccer Club.

The Academy program is for U6 and U8 players, with the oldest being players born in 2013.

Cost for the fall season is \$100, which includes two T-shirts, socks and an end of season pizza party. Because of COVID-19, changes were made to our schedule. The U6 kids will practice Wednesday nights and U8 on Friday nights. Games for both age groups will run from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

To register, go to: <https://www.bethlehemsoccerclub.org/> and click on the registration link.

COLLEGE NEWS

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Alex Knoll missed the cut at the PGA Championship held in San Francisco.

Alex Knoll got a Major opportunity

BY PATRICK MATSINKO
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The thrill of a lifetime might have come to an early end for Alex Knoll after missing the cut at the PGA Championship. But, Knoll was still riding high as he made his way home from TPC Harding Park in San Francisco a day after.

"It was such an incredible opportunity and experience," Knoll said via text message on his flight back, "I wish I would have played better, but I had the opportunity to represent the area in a major and I am very thankful for that."

Knoll, a Palmerton golf coach, former Liberty Hurricane and current math teacher, carded a 10-over 80 in the second round on Friday. Only 79 of the 156 players in the field made the cut, which was 1-over.

Sergio Garcia (+2), Rickie Fowler (+2), Jim Furyk (+2), Mark Leishman (+2) and Henrik Stenson (+2) were among the notables to also miss the cut.

"I liked my game plan all week but I actually played it backward," said Knoll. "The hard holes were Nos. 2 (par 4), 8 (par 3), 9 (par 4), 12 (par 4), 13 (par 4) and 18 (par 4). I only played them +5 all week."

"My goal was to play them +8. So I beat that goal by



three. I just played the easier holes poorly because of my poor drives off the tee."

Knoll shot a 77 on the first day of the tournament.

"I felt confident going into Day 2 but drove it just as poorly," he said. "I am just disappointed in that part because it is my strongest suit. Other than that it was an incredible experience."

"I enjoyed every moment and grinded every shot, but if you are always in the rough you can't play the course the way it is meant to be played. I had some incredible up and downs for some pars but I had to do that too many times."

The tournament was one of the many sporting events that has taken place without fans

in attendance, though golf enthusiasts likely had no trouble keeping track of the action away from the course.

"Friends and family could follow shot-by-shot on TV and online. PGA Tour golf truly is live shot-by-shot," said Knoll. "So many people reached out during the week to give support which was so amazing."

"Playing without fans was interesting but probably made it easier for me to try and grind every shot instead of losing focus on my surroundings."

Knoll will have a quick turnaround as he prepared for the 104th Pennsylvania Open Championship, which took place last week.

After that, he will focus on helping the Palmerton golf team try to repeat its success from a year ago.

The Blue Bombers went undefeated (13-0) in the Colonial League last season and took second place at the league championship.

Palmerton also captured the program's first-ever District 11 Class 2A team title and saw freshman Tyler Hager, the Times News/Lehigh Valley Health Network Golfer of the Year, qualify for states.

But for now, Knoll is still on Cloud 9.

Boys tennis scholar athlete named

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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While the District XI Tennis Scholar Athlete banquet was canceled this May due to the coronavirus pandemic, the scholar athlete committee accepted senior boy nominations.

Those nominees were Allentown Central Catholic's Cameron Patridge, Bangor's Anthony Altobelli, Bethlehem Catholic's Gabriel Velez, East Stroudsburg North's Kasper Galicki, East Stroudsburg South's Daniel Doucek, Jim Thorpe's Raymond

O'Neill, Liberty's Louis Gruber, Moravian Academy's Cyrus Elmi, Nazareth's Gabe Knowles, Northampton's Henry Hoffman, Palisades' Timothy Goggin, Salisbury's Dylan Weber, Saucon Valley's Michael Andres, and Southern Lehigh's Krishna An-

nambhotla. The committee also decided it would not be possible to choose a District XI Tennis Scholar Athlete winner because the boys' tennis season had not been played in its entirety. In fact, some teams played only one or two matches before

the high school spring sports season was shut down.

All nominees, however, will be mailed certificates later this month in honor of their accomplishments.

Girls tennis scholar athlete named

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The District XI Tennis Scholar Athlete Committee, a nonprofit group that honors local students who excel on the court and in the classroom, accepted nominations of senior girls earlier this year. Although its 21st annual banquet was sched-

uled for May 27, the committee was forced to cancel due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tennis scholar athlete nominees were Allentown Central Catholic's Emma Sweterlitsch, Bangor's Gabrielle Martin, Bethlehem Catholic's Siobhan Koons, Easton's Alyssa Mikel, Emmaus's Ivory

Gao, East Stroudsburg South's Hannah Owusu-Afriyie, Freedom's Dymea Schippers, Jim Thorpe's Kaitlyn O'Neil, Liberty's Shivani Patel, Moravian Academy's Miranda Gibson, Nazareth's Alyssa Landolfi, Northampton's Rose Sharga, Parkland's Joanna Wu, Pen Argyl's Molly Kutz, Salisbury's

Bethany Hnatow, Saucon Valley's Anna Ingalls, Southern Lehigh's Annaliese Keiper, Stroudsburg's Vasilina Breigle, and William Allen's Lindsay Shoemaker.

Because the girls' tennis season was played in its entirety, an overall winner was chosen and will be announced lat-

er. All nominees will be awarded certificates by mail in honor of their accomplishments.

Over the past 20 years, nearly 600 seniors have been recognized and over \$19,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 41 tennis scholar athlete winners.

PIAA meets with Gov. Wolf

BY PETER CAR
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The PIAA met with representatives of Gov. Tom Wolf's office last Friday in an attempt to gain more clarity on the "strong recommendation" Wolf made against playing sports this fall.

Wolf has previously stated that sports from Pre-K to 12th grade should be delayed until January 1, 2021, but has ultimately said that decisions would be left to local administrators.

With the PIAA scheduled to meet on August 21, with the hope of finalizing plans for the fall, the organization sent out a release last Friday that at least gives hope to fall sports proponents.

"We discussed many different scenarios including schools' health and sports' safety strategies, local liability protection and options for moving ahead with fall sports. The Governor's staff repeatedly indicated this is a local school decision," the PIAA said in the release.

PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert A. Lombardi stated in the release that, "We will continue to be advocates for athletic activities that promote the health, and safety, social, emotional, and mental well-being of student-athletes."

Offseason training for fall sports has continued throughout the state since the Governor's statements, but a clearer picture should unfold this Friday when the PIAA meets.

The East Penn Conference is set to open the fall sports season with its first competitive dates in soccer, field hockey and volleyball on September 25 with football to follow on October 2.

The Colonial League voted to push ahead on schedule, with each member school deciding how they would proceed with the fall schedule individually.

Former Pate Wesley Young heads to DelVal

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Recent Freedom High School graduate Wesley Young will continue his academic and soccer career this fall at DelVal University in Doylestown. "I felt like I fit in with my skill level to make an impact my freshman year," Young said. "The school is close to home and also has a train on campus so I am able

to go visit my sister in Philadelphia as well as my cousin that I was once very close with."

Young was part of the Freedom Patriots soccer team that was crowned EPC and District XI 4A champions in 2018 and believes the transition from Coach Matt Reighler to Coach Chris Zirpoli will be a good one.

"The coach, Zip for short, is very humorous, laid back, a fam-

ily man, and he has good experience on his shoulders. I'm excited to play for him the next four years," said Young. "The season has been postponed to spring, but I have a fear that since smaller schools do not have enough resources to handle the spring and fall sports at the same time, my freshman season will be canceled. On the bright side, I will be looking forward to de-

veloping and training with the team."

This summer, Young has been training with I AM Soccer Training, playing soccer with friends and old soccer teammates, and training solo.

"I have also been playing with the new up-and-coming team in Allentown called Allentown United, The Peoples Club," he said. "These programs have

given me tremendous knowledge and experience. In my opinion it will be one of the best soccer programs in the Lehigh Valley."

Once Young settles in to DelVal, he plans to major in landscape architecture.

"Throughout my four years of Freedom I also attended the local trade school and studied plumbing. I also was interested in landscap-

ing because I had a few lawns I maintained each week for spending money," said Young. "So I wanted to pair those two, and I was always interested in the structure of buildings and the design of backyards-porches, pools, gardens."

Young expects to check in to DelVal on Aug. 21.

Q & A ... with Northwest swimming's Treasa Burke

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Treasa Burke was a senior who was supposed to swim this summer for the Northwest summer swim team.

Q: When Northwest reopens, will you go?

A: Yes, I work there as a lifeguard so I will be there often. My family also likes to cookout there on the weekends, so I will probably be there with them occasionally too.

Q: What are you most looking forward to?

A: I'm most looking forward to hanging out with my friends before I go to college.

Q: How are you coping with the loss of the competitive summer swim season?

A: I'm sad about it being canceled because I was really looking forward to my last season at Northwest after 12 years to end my swimming career. However, I'm excited that [coach] Reik [Faust] put together a practice program for the summer to try to make up for the loss of the season.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about the other two seniors on the swim team, Abby Mack and John Jones?

A: I like that no mat-

ter what the work or swim practice situation is, Abby and John can always find a way to make it more fun. Abby and John are both really funny and have great leadership skills. They're great to work with, and really good with the little kids on the swim team. I'm really going to miss them and our trips to Johnny's Bagels when we're all away at college, and I'm thankful that I got to spend the last 12 years with them.

Q: What are your plans for the next school year?

A: I'm attending the University of Scranton to study nursing.

YUENGLING 5K

Runners rejoice - the Yuengling Oktoberfest 5K returns this fall. Registrations are now open for this seventh annual run/walk through historic Bethlehem, set for Sun., Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Special early-bird registration of only \$40 is open now through June 7. Registration June 8-Aug. 10 is \$45 and registration Aug. 11-Oct. 3 is \$50, while day-of-en-

try fee is \$60. Runners can register here.

The 2020 Oktoberfest race will wind its way through Bethlehem's Southside and the historic district. All registrants will receive a 5K T-shirt, an Oktoberfest 5K beer stein/mug filled with a complimentary Yuengling Oktoberfest beer for those 21 and older (root beer for those under 21) and more.

The race will follow any state and city guidelines in place at the time regarding COVID-19 safety and mitigation efforts.

Proceeds from all 5K registrations go directly to support ArtsQuest to help fund its mission of engaging and revitalizing the community through arts programs and cultural events, 50 percent of which are free to attend.



Former Hawk Brooke Bisko is heading to Eckerd College this fall and she's hoping to get to play in spring.

Brook Bisko heads to Eckerd College

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Recent Bethlehem Catholic graduate and soccer player Brooke Bisko will continue her academic and athletic career this fall at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fl.

"Eckerd has a strong academic reputation," said Bisko. "I really liked the soccer coaching staff and I wanted to be near the beach."

Eckerd's head coach

is Danielle Fotopoulus.

"She was a former player on the U.S. Women's National Team. She is going to bring out my best soccer and be very supportive of me, and assistant coach Derrick Smith is really nice, and we get along well. He coached me at a few recruiting camps and we hit it off," Bisko said.

This summer Bisko has been training with Ziggy Lewis, her coach at Keystone Athletic.

"He has us ready," she said.

As of now, Eckerd's soccer season has been postponed until spring, but Bisko was given the option of attending classes in person or taking classes online.

"I elected to take classes in person and will be on campus on Aug. 24," she said.

Bisko plans to major in international business.

Q & A ... with Northwest's Abby Mack

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Abby Mack was supposed to be a senior on the Northwest summer swim team.

Q: When Northwest reopens, will you go?

A: I will absolutely go.

Q: What are you most looking forward to?

A: I am looking forward to getting back in the pool and swimming again. Because of COVID-19, I haven't had access to a pool since March so I'm excited to

start training again. I am also looking forward to lifeguarding with my friends.

Q: How are you coping with the loss of the competitive summer swim season?

A: I just think about how I'm not going through it alone and that I have people to talk to that can relate to me.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about the other two seniors on the team, Treasa Burke and John

Jones?

A: They both make me laugh whenever I'm with them. Treasa is such a chill person and I've missed her energy in the morning during swim practice. I've missed John's jokes and swimming in the lane next to him.

Q: What are your plans for the next school year?

A: I am continuing my academic and athletic career at Lafayette College.

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Bowling ... whatever happened?

BY CHIP WALAKOVITS
Special to the Press

The articles over the past months have generated a few interesting responses to my email account.

Time to digest and recognize that no single situation led to the decline of bowling, but a combination of life's events turned the tide.

Has the Pac-Man and technology field destroyed the sport?

Baseball has seen brighter days, especially with our Little Leagues. Soccer was gaining momentum in the states. Softball has grown in

popularity. Lacrosse, well, it has sprouted up on numerous campuses across America and participation has increased nationwide.

The late Ed Ressler Jr. created an interest in the 1970s and 1980s when the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) was at its peak. The former Allentown resident was part of a young, new breed that included the great Earl Anthony and Pete Weber. Well, those days are behind us, and a new generation is about to appear.

Yes, the technology was about to explode and Pac-Man

was a drop in the bucket to our future. Cellphones, computers, laptops and social media was on our door steps. Former PBA star Carmen Salvino created a new ball, urethane, which "created a powerful hook that releases stored energy as it enters the pocket (pins). New equipment changed the game forever and also a reason for less practice time.

Technology!

Tom Snyder, former local PBA member, states cellphones, computers and social media made bowling less desirable and people are

just lazy now that a computer has changed our daily lives. The general consensus of all comments is video, personal phones and social laziness have changed other fields as well, not just bowling.

Dennis Krill states his Auto World shop was normally packed with kids interested in model kits and race slot cars. The change affected the showrooms, and shops now have become deserted.

Krill informs me that as a youngster growing up in Northampton, bowling alleys were located across the street from the famous Roxy. Across

the street was a luncheonette called "Chip's" (no relation).

Variety and technology has changed our lives, not only bowling, and as Craig Ihle, Bethlehem, states, "There was not much else to do during the winter."

Now, we have the Phantoms, PPL Center, ArtsQuest, our never-ending technology and, yes, don't forget, and sorry to say, laziness still is the overwhelming factor.

Thanks for the memories, and the friends we established along the way.

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

Q & A ... with Liberty's Anthony Mosley

BY PETER CAR
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Anthony Mosley was supposed to be a senior captain on Liberty's lacrosse team this year, but didn't get that chance to represent his school one final time. Mosley, like others around the nation, saw their senior year's cut short due to the coronavirus.

Mosley will be attending Moravian College for the next four years to play football and will major in health science.

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

"In all honesty I was very distraught and felt like everything we did in the offseason whether it was lifting, speed training, practices, fundraisers, indoor box

games, team bonding were just for nothing. Especially as a senior captain who will not be playing lacrosse in college, it hurt more knowing our preparation for the season and what we had helped build and be a part of."

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

"After practices and games our team would always love going to Moe's Southwest Grill and we would eat and just hang out as a team. It was always a good time and good food."

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

"I find myself outside just a lot, mainly I like to go running early mornings when it's still a bit dark out. It's very calm and quiet and it feels

good to get out some energy in the morning knowing I started my day off doing something positive."

4. What do you miss most about normal life?
"Mainly I miss[ed] school, I never would've guessed my last day at Liberty High School would be that Friday and it doesn't sit right that school is done and high school is part of my past."

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

"If I had to be stuck with teammates during quarantine they would have to be Mason Burger, Brady Wied, Brennan McKeown, Carson Vella, Ethan Ferry and Jake Perreault. They're the people I consider I'm closest with on the

team and we've hung around plenty of other times before and they radiate good energy. I love my team but these guys I mentioned are an awesome bunch."

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

"All-American for sure. I watched the first season and waited several months for the second season to come out ... and I watched and finished the second season. It was really good to be honest."

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

"I miss[ed] working, I work at Keystone Pub and it's a really good job and the people that work there make it a great atmosphere. I enjoy working and knowing that I can spend the money I

earned."

8. What's the first thing you wanted to do once this quarantine is over?

"It would be awesome to eat at Moe's with most likely the group of guys I mentioned earlier."

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

"Last year before a practice our teammate Grant was running late and our coach was already mad he was moving so slow. Grant never had a chance to return home to grab his practice shorts or jersey and it was raining, so Grant went out with someone else's practice jersey, his stick, gloves, helmet, and jeans and timberland boots on and our coach got so upset with him but it was the fun-

niest thing ever. For a full practice Grant wore timbs and jeans. We ran so much."

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

"Throughout this whole process I have learned that I am beyond glad Liberty is where I had been the past four years. I couldn't imagine myself at any other high school wearing a jersey that didn't say Liberty on it and the red white and blue. I have learned that it is insane how quick life moves, so you just have to make the moments last and focus on the good times, because in the blink of an eye high school came and went and I think I've been prepared for the next step which is college for me."

Q & A ... with Liberty's Julie Curti

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Julie Curti was a senior Liberty softball player who played catcher, outfield and first base. She will be attending West Chester University.

Q: How would your teammates describe you?

A: "My teammates would describe me as passionate and funny."

Q: What is a favorite memory from Liberty softball?

A: "My favorite memory from Liberty softball is playing in the EPC Championship semifinal game at Pates Park

my sophomore year."

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

A: "Coach Sam has taught me always believe in myself and learn from my mistakes instead of beating myself up over them."

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

A: "I communicate often with my team and practice outside whenever the weather is nice."

Q: Who or what is helping you get through

this unusual period of time?

A: "I've enjoyed being able to spend time with my family."

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

A: "I have spent a lot of time painting."

Q: What was the first thing you wanted to do when the quarantine is over?

A: "I am excited to be able to see my friends and hopefully celebrate the years we had at Liberty."

Q & A ... with Yamilet Ferrufino

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Yamilet Ferrufino was a senior on the Liberty track and field team and will be attending Bloomsburg University.

1. What were your personal goals for this season in sprints?

"My personal goals with sprints were to get my running form better and to condition myself well to run my events better with more power."

2. What were your personal goals for this season in hurdles?

"My personal goals for hurdles were to be legit in both the 100 and 300 hurdles, and for the 300 hurdles I wanted to

break the school record and to become a district champ once again and to keep improving in my form and steps in between the hurdles."

3. How were the first two weeks of practice going for you before the shutdown?

"My practices were going well. For the last Saturday that we had, we were practicing conditioning, especially getting endurance, but practices were going pretty well."

4. How did you deal with the disappointment of the loss of the spring sports season?

"I was very sad that we didn't have a spring season. This year was

going to be my senior year, so you know, I wanted to run one last time with Liberty's track and field team but I couldn't I dealt with it by just running on my own. I did workouts for my Bloomsburg cultures and that's how I kept myself busy."

5. What are your plans for next year?

"My plan for next year is to continue my education at Bloomsburg University. I have committed to the Bloomsburg track and field team for sprints and hurdles. My plans are to be a strong freshman, and staying focused, and building more friendships with my teammates."



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Any suggested changes for future NASCAR races on Daytona's road course?

GODSPEAK: If I was NASCAR king, I would add another stage to keep the field tight.

KEN'S CALL: Another stage wouldn't help because the field spreads out in half a lap. I'd reroute the infield and use the old 2.9-mile motorcycle course, at least as an experiment.

Does Chase Elliott's win elevate him to be among the championship contenders?

GODSPEAK: Not quite. He was really good with 750 horsepower at Daytona, but now we are heading back to 550 territory.

KEN'S CALL: No more than Mikey Waltrip's plate-racing prowess made him title timber. Chase is the new road hog, but needs a boost elsewhere this season.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DOVER

RACE 1

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr.
REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott, Aric Almirola, Erik Jones

FIRST ONE OUT: Corey LaJoie

DARK HORSE: Tyler Reddick
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: It's hard to beat the hometown boy and he needs a statement win.

RACE 2

WINNER: Jimmie Johnson
REST OF TOP 5: Kevin Harvick, Chase Elliott, Kyle Busch, Clint Bowyer

FIRST ONE OUT: Tyler Reddick

DARK HORSE: William Byron
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: "Seven Time" scores that much needed victory after three seasons of going winless.

BY THE NUMBERS

2 NASCAR Cup/Xfinity doubleheaders at Dover

3 Cup Series races left in the regular season

5 NASCAR-sanctioned races at Dover over three days

8.6 Chase Elliott's average finish at Dover

11 Jimmie Johnson's career wins at Dover



Chase Elliott has won three straight road races on different tracks since the 2019 NASCAR season. [NIGEL COOK]

THROUGH THE GEARS

NASCAR has new road-racing ace in Chase Elliott

By Godwin Kelly

Daytona Beach News-Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

The Daytona Road Course provided an interesting moment in the NASCAR Cup Series timeline and produced a new road-racing ace in Chase Elliott.

All signs point to this being a one-time affair over the 3.61-mile course at Daytona International Speedway. Watkins Glen International won't have to worry about losing its permanent place on the Cup schedule.

The race did provide some surprising results, such as Kaz Grala's seventh-place showing in his Cup Series debut.

FIRST GEAR: Elliott has become quite a good road racer. He has won three consecutive races on three different tracks since the second half of the 2019 season.

He won at The Glen, Charlotte Roval (2019) and now the Daytona Road Course and joins a rather elite group of drivers in NASCAR history to accomplish that feat.

Elliott became the sixth driver to win three or more consecutive road course races. Jeff Gordon tops the list with six consecutive road-race victories.

Elliott joins Tony Stewart (three consecutive wins: 2004-05), Jeff Gordon (six: 1997-2000), Rusty Wallace (three: 1987-88), Tim Richmond (three: 1986-87) and David Pearson (three (1976-77).

All but Richmond are in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

SECOND GEAR: Grala got a lot of questions thrown at him by the media following his unlikely seventh-place finish at Daytona.

Grala thinks his fifth-place finish at

Road America the week before Daytona helped him land in the No. 3 Richard Childress Racing Chevy as a sub for ailing Austin Dillon. He was giddy with the outcome.

"We were able to lead laps in my NASCAR Cup Series debut, and it was fun to mix it up with some of my childhood heroes," Grala said, adding he was honored to have the chance to race Jimmie Johnson.

THIRD GEAR: If you thought the Daytona Road Course slate was busy, take a peek at the Dover International Speedway schedule.

It starts with an ARCA Series race Friday. ARCA is now under the NASCAR umbrella. That race is followed by a Truck Series race.

On Saturday and Sunday there are back-to-back Xfinity Series-Cup Series doubleheaders.

After that, the Cup Series syncs with its original schedule when the tour returns to Daytona on Aug. 29 for the Coke Zero Sugar 400, then it's on to the playoffs.

That next Daytona race will be a traditional stock-car run over the tri-oval.

FOURTH GEAR: If Jimmie Johnson has any chance of making the playoffs, Dover will give him the opportunity.

Johnson is in the points hole thanks in part to missing the race at Indianapolis when he tested positive for COVID-19.

The Daytona Road Course provided a much needed boost. He finished a strong fourth. Now he is heading to the "Monster Mile" where he has won 11 races throughout his career.

"That was a really fun and a solid day (at Daytona), that's what we needed and now we go to my favorite track, Dover," Johnson said.



DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

After a long weekend of horseshoes and chicanes, the boys are in a left-turn-only mood again.



QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Wait, Erik Jones is out of a ride?

Now that Christopher Bell has been tagged as the new driver in Joe Gibbs' No. 20 car, beginning in 2021, you'd think Erik Jones would be fielding plenty of quality offers. His young career has produced enough success to warrant such a thing, except there might not be any quality offers available, depending on circumstances. Modern big-league racers need ability, results and marketing power. Jones has the first two, and maybe that'll be enough to bag the ride that his record shows he deserves.

Overlooked quality moment of Daytona's road-racing weekend?

AJ Allmendinger's handling of Justin Allgaier's anger after the Saturday Xfinity race. Dinger had slipped and wrecked Allgaier during a late restart, and Allgaier bee-lined to Dinger on pit lane after the race, waving his arms in a mini-rage. Dinger, casually removing his helmet and other gear, was as calm and cool as Ward Cleaver removing his work coat in the foyer. Allgaier: "That was dumb." Dinger: "It was a mistake. I've seen you make a lot of 'em."

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CUP STANDINGS

1. Kevin Harvick	939
2. Denny Hamlin	821
3. Brad Keselowski	803
4. Chase Elliott	775
5. Ryan Blaney	755
6. Joey Logano	754
7. Martin Truex Jr.	753
8. Aric Almirola	682
9. Kurt Busch	673
10. Kyle Busch	652
11. Clint Bowyer	618
12. Alex Bowman	610
13. Matt DiBenedetto	596
14. William Byron	577
15. Jimmie Johnson	552
16. Erik Jones	542
17. Tyler Reddick	520
18. Austin Dillon	501
19. Christopher Bell	431
20. Cole Custer	413

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Drydene 311 (2)

SITE: Dover International Speedway (1-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race 1 (NBC Sports Network, 4 p.m.). Sunday, race 2 (NBCSN, 4 p.m.)

XFINITY: Drydene 200 (2)

SITE: Dover International Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race 1 (NBC Sports Network, 12:30 p.m.). Sunday, race 2 (NBCSN, 1 p.m.)

GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK

SERIES: KDI Office Technology 200

SITE: Dover International Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, race (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m.)

2020 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

Feb. 9: Clash at Daytona (Erik Jones)
Feb. 16: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 23: Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
March 1: Fontana (Alex Bowman)
March 8: Phoenix (Joey Logano)
May 17: Darlington (Kevin Harvick)
May 20: Darlington (Denny Hamlin)
May 24: Charlotte (Brad Keselowski)

May 27: Charlotte (Chase Elliott)
May 31: Bristol (Brad Keselowski)
June 7: Atlanta (Kevin Harvick)
June 10: Martinsville (Martin Truex Jr.)
June 14: Homestead-Miami (Denny Hamlin)
June 22: Talladega (Ryan Blaney)
June 27: Pocono (Kevin Harvick)
June 28: Pocono (Denny Hamlin)
July 5: Indianapolis (Kevin Harvick)
July 12: Kentucky (Cole Custer)

July 15: Charlotte All Star Race (Chase Elliott)
July 19: Texas (Austin Dillon)
July 23: Kansas (Denny Hamlin)
Aug. 2: New Hampshire (Brad Keselowski)
Aug. 8: Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
Aug. 9: Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
Aug. 16: Daytona Road Course (Chase Elliott)
Aug. 22: Dover
Aug. 23: Dover
Aug. 29: Daytona

Sept. 6: Darlington
Sept. 12: Richmond
Sept. 19: Bristol
Sept. 27: Las Vegas
Oct. 4: Talladega
Oct. 11: Charlotte
Oct. 18: Kansas
Oct. 25: Texas
Nov. 1: Martinsville
Nov. 8: Phoenix

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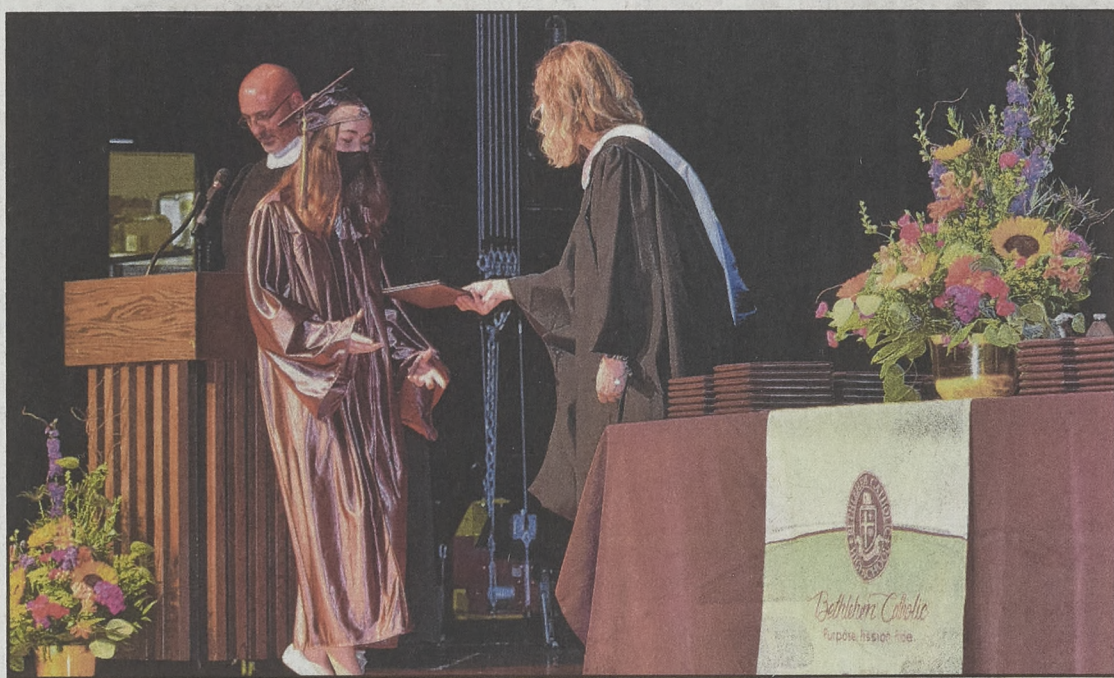
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PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

Deirdre Kelly is presented with her diploma by Principal Holly DeNofa. Behind her is Assistant Principal Joe Henrich. Kelly is enrolled at Marywood University in Scranton to study speech-language pathology.



Jaleesa Lanier celebrates earning her diploma and a Sr. Eugene Joseph, SSJ Award for Female Athlete of the Year. Lanier will be headed for Lincoln University in Oxford to major in accounting.

'Be the silver lining'

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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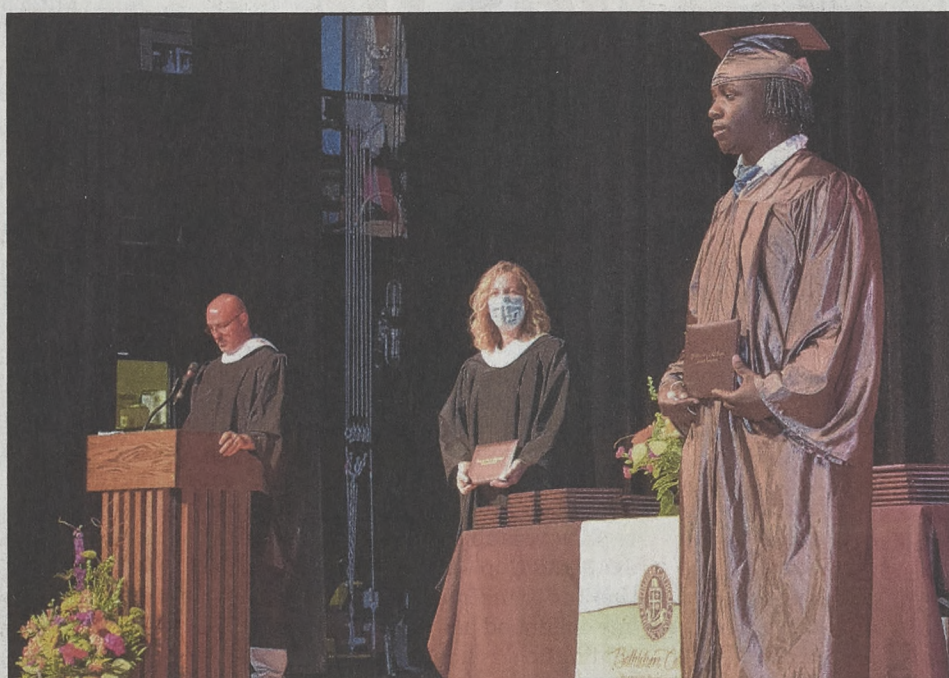
Bethlehem Catholic's virtual graduation, posted on the school website days after the actual event July 22, which was condensed for health reasons and rushed by heavy rains, is the opportunity for class speakers to be heard.

After an opening prayer by Father Kevin Bobbin, speakers' remarks are separated by slides of graduates listing their future plans.

Speaker Chyna Moore spoke of new beginnings; namely of the fresh start she got when arriving at BecaHi following an unpleasant sophomore year in New Jersey. She said the students and faculty instantly made her feel like part of their school family. "Before I attended BecaHi, I attended a school in New Jersey that ostracized me for the color of my skin. I absolutely didn't see myself fitting in, and definitely could not see myself throwing their graduation cap in the air." Her mom was engaged to a man from Pennsylvania, and they agreed to make the move, heeding advice from others to investigate the small Catholic high school in Bethlehem. Seeing students of similar ethnicity and their overall welcoming engagement ameliorated her initial misgivings. "During the tour, every student I had come in contact with treated me as if I'd gone with them since freshman year."

On her very first day she met some of her favorite teachers and some lab partners who would become best friends. "I was ready for a new beginning."

"There comes a point in everyone's life where G-d throws us curveballs to test our ability



At right, Bryant Finney stops for a parting photograph after receiving his diploma. The varsity athlete plans to be a sociology major at Old Dominion University in Virginia. From left are Assistant Principal Joe Henrich and Principal Holly DeNofa.



At right is Principal Holly DeNofa, accompanied by Assistant Principal Joe Henrich, as they wait for the next group of graduating seniors and their families to enter the auditorium. The grads and their families lined up in small alphabetical groups in the gym prior to being admitted one grad and family at a time to the auditorium.

to adapt to changes and accept His path for us. But these curveballs can take a toll on our emotional stability. We have to understand that every hardship, heartbreak and lost friendship is a life lesson that teaches us that we don't always get what we want when we want it. We have to make the best of every situation, but there is a blessing that follows.

"Keep striving for excellence, which is and always will be Bethlehem Catholic's motto."

Aidan Gutherman wished his fellow graduates a proper farewell while recalling the high and low points for himself and his classmates. "High school is not easy," he said, "but through the help of G-d, and through the help of teachers and students, has made the difference."

After listing some of his favorite teachers from each grade, he said, "And then came senior year. Each day was one day close to graduation. Senior year was supposed to be the most memorable year. However, there are so many things we did not yet get to endure; senior nights, spring sports, prom, graduation. We may be the class of 2020, but I do not think anybody saw this coming."

"The coronavirus outbreak jeopardized one of the most important years of our lives. Many people think we are overreacting, but every little thing counts."

"I will always cherish my memories from Bethlehem Catholic and carry them into my future endeavors."

Principal Holly DeNofa debunked the clichéd phrase, "kids these days" by lauding the

seniors' perseverance during an era of tremendous adversity and rising to the challenge.

"For the class of 2020, timing was everything. March 12 was the last time I stood before you as a class. Everybody seemed really happy at the time. How could we ever have known what would happen next?"

Denofa said expectations for a great senior year were swallowed by circumstances, and all the normal events vanished. "We often dwell on the would-haves, could-haves and should-haves. The what-ifs. It would have been so easy, perhaps even understandable, under these circumstances to lament what opportunities we do not have. I ask you to look beyond that; not at what was lost, but by the grace of G-d, at what was gained."

"Memories become more vivid. Moments become more significant: A quick check-in with a teacher. A funny text to a friend during a Zoom class. Noticing the lawn signs. Meeting a few friends - six feet apart. Spending more time with your family. Slowing down, reflecting, praying."

She recalled a morning she had only just arrived at an empty school to find a group of students standing out front holding a sign reading, "Thank you, Mrs. Denofa."

"I got to see how this class, despite all the disappointments, was still willing to brighten someone's day and be the silver lining. You are an amazing group of graduates, and I pray for you and your families on graduation."

"Thank G-d for kids today."

BOARD

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Bethlehem Twp. NorCo. Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, August 25

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m. (www.youtube.com/channel/UCOYgEsENQ14ggy1KOI9rEA/videos). Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, August 26

Canceled: Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St. Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4 p.m. 85 W. North St. Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Live-streamed: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/279813237 or via phone: 1-872-240-3311. Access code: 279-813-237. Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave. Freemansburg Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St. Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton. Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown. www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners visit www.Lehighcounty.org. The meeting will be held via Zoom with public participation. For instructions on participating, visit www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners or call 610-782-3000.

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Weighing the risk

I often joke that the risk-taking gene runs down one of my family lines. It does not appear in every family member, but as you go down the line, it appears in many.

I like to call it the jumping gene. It helps me move forward against ridiculous odds, and lifts me when I feel down.

My oldest son, Erick, has it. I remember his 13th fall off a horse. He sprang to his feet, did a first pump, and yelled "Lucky 13!"

My own risk gene has suffered a bit, through upbringing and life experience. Fear is a big barrier to risk.

COVID-19 has created its own brand of risk. You can't see it, hear it, or smell it. We assume risk just leaving home.

My youngest son, James, has gone to summer school the past two summers. I was pleased to learn this year's classes would be at his own school.

But as summer wore on, and the date for summer school grew closer, I became concerned. It was close to the opening of the school year. It would be every weekday. (The school district's current fall plan, not final, is for hybrid days in and out of school).

Then my mask wearing kid balked at having to keep the mask on for longer periods of time. Now we need to practice that.

I considered the space between the end of summer school and the start of the school year. Eleven days. What if he was quarantined for exposure to a student or teacher with COVID? Would Erick and I have to quarantine, too? Finally, what if he got sick?

I decide the risk was simply too great. Like all the other BASD parents, I'm making plans for the school year, and waiting for the district to finalize its opening plan.

I hope the school board understands the risks, and decides wisely.



By Lani Goins

COMMUNITY

Bethlehem Food Co-Op to share info, updates

The public is invited to "Ketch-Up with the Bethlehem Food Co-Op," an online Zoom gathering scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.

The session will include a presentation about the group's efforts to bring a full-service, community-owned grocery store to the north downtown area of Bethlehem. Lease negotiations are underway for the undisclosed location.

The co-op is a member-based organization, with each paying a one-time equity payment; this entitles the member to vote on decisions about the organization and its operations.

In addition to the lease negotiations, the co-op recently hired an architect to design the interior of the store, issued a Request for Proposal for a Project Manager to guide the build-out, and finalized the job description for the store's General Manager.

"We recently passed the 700-member mark," said Kelly Allen, chair of the food co-op's board. "This puts us in a great position as we get ready to announce our location and kick off a capital campaign for the financing we need. More members makes for a stronger co-op, and builds our case to secure funding."

The Aug. 20 session will share information about the co-op's efforts in the area of education, community involvement, supporting local businesses and producers, and addressing issues of food insecurity in our area.

"The pandemic has really shown how vulnerable we are to breaks in the food supply chain," said Allen. "With our store we will offer an opportunity for local producers to sell their product, year-round, and for everyone - whether they are a member or not - to shop locally."

For information on how to attend the session, visit bethlehem-food.coop/calendar.

DEAN'S LIST

Bates College

Nate Shay, of Bethlehem, was named to the at Bates College fall semester dean's list ending in December 2019. This is a distinction earned by students whose cumulative grade point average is 3.8 or higher.

Hofstra University

Marilana Ryan, of Bethlehem, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and was named to spring 2020 Provost's List at Hofstra University.

Montclair State University

Allison Strohm, of Bethlehem, was named to Montclair State University's spring 2020 dean's list. The dance major earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher to qualify for the list.

University of Alabama

Seven Bethlehem area full-time undergraduate students were named to the University of Alabama dean's list for earning an academic record of 3.5 or above; or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As). Included in the president's list are Max Freudenberger, Daniel Glemser, Madeline Zuck and Alexis Baughman. Named to the dean's list are Alexandra Dale, Katherine Wilson and Douglas Woolley.

University of Delaware

Seven Bethlehem area residents have been named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. They are Megan Bittle, Georgia Giannaras, Kenneth Hackett, Gabrielle Harvilla, Maria Murray, Abigail Rowan and Matthew Shaffer. To meet eligibility requirements for the list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Two Bethlehem area residents have been named to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities 2020 spring semester dean's list. Leah Fastenau, a sophomore in the College of Education / Human Development, and Lucy Moeller, in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, completed 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average to be included.

University of New Haven

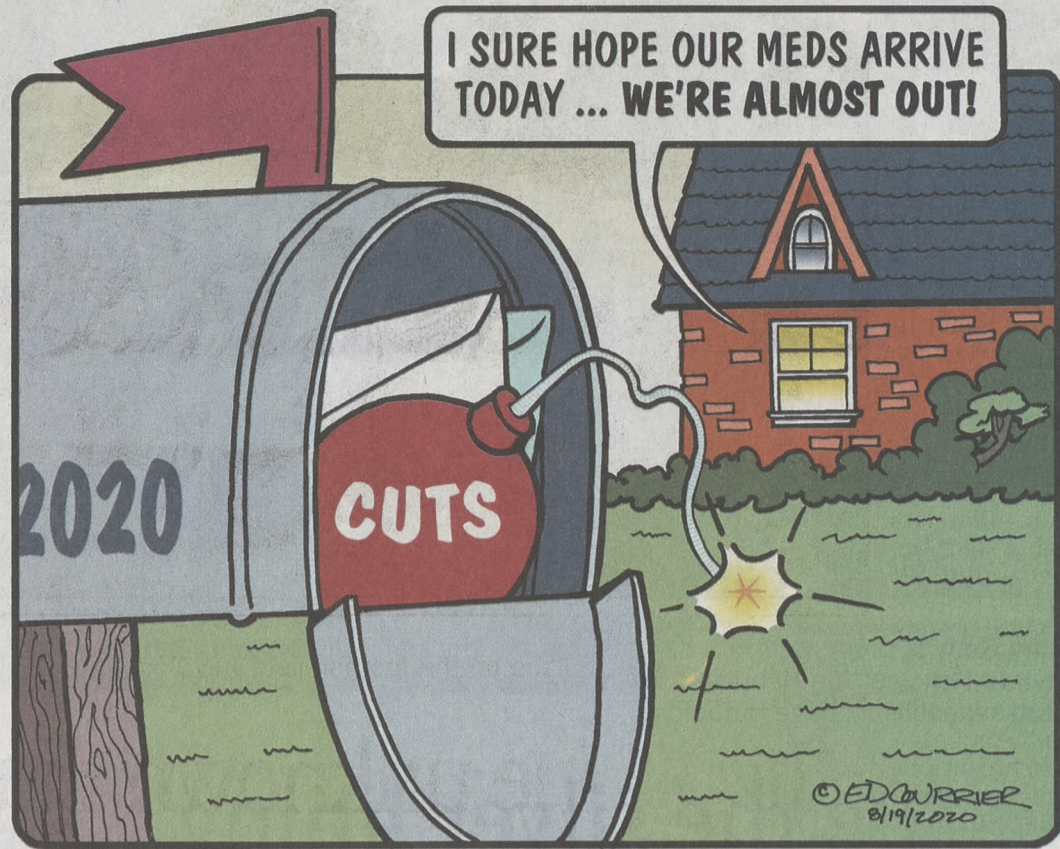
Cassandra Murphy, of Bethlehem, has been named to the University of New Haven spring 2020 dean's list.

University of Rhode Island

Maren Drake and Kalyn Lazar, both of Bethlehem, were included on the University of Rhode Island dean's list. To be listed, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courier



Data, studies guide COVID efforts

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Governor Tom Wolf announced last week that COVID statewide percentage-positivity fell one-tenth of a point, to 4 percent, while officials continue to monitor and study new data.

In particular, those who recently confirmed to have contracted coronavirus are asked to complete a survey detailing their previous two weeks of activity, such as if they'd visited certain types of businesses or participated in mass gatherings.

Wolf reported a statewide decrease in new cases among 19-24 year-olds, but the

weeks ahead may be particularly challenging to younger groups as schools attempt various means of reopening.

He also said a COVID-19 Response Task Force for Health Disparity assembled in April had submitted its report, which includes six recommendations focused on policy topics related to health disparity, ranked in order of urgency: housing, criminal justice, food insecurity, health disparity, education and economic opportunities. According to the report, each area either direct-

ly or indirectly affects the health of Pennsylvanians, and must be addressed to appropriately remove the disparities that have existed for generations and have only been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"I just want to thank this diverse Task Force and group of stakeholders who gave such important insight towards the creation of this report," said Lt. Governor John Fetterman. "With 57 specific policy recommendations, I believe that this report will be beneficial in policy development to help end

the health disparities in our marginalized communities, which have been so vastly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic."

The report can be seen at <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/20200813-COVID-19-Health-Disparity-Report.pdf>

As of Monday, the state has 121,354 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,486 deaths. Lehigh County has 5,006 confirmed and 341 deaths; Northampton County has 3,895 confirmed and 295 deaths; the city of Bethlehem has 1,204 confirmed and 82 deaths.

STATE UPDATE

Dr. Roy's email to concerned BASD parents

SCHOOL OPENING

Our school board approved the proposed Hybrid Reopening Plan Aug. 10. You can find detailed information on the plan and other COVID-19 related information on the district website at <https://www.basd-schools.org/reopening>.

By implementing the hybrid plan, we will have roughly 50 percent of students attending school on any given day. As a result, we can meet the social distancing guideline of six feet separation in classrooms, we reduce hallway traffic, we reduce the number of students on buses and in

cafeterias at lunch time.

Additionally, although Pa. Department of Health Guidelines do not require masks to be worn in schools when students are six feet apart, we are requiring masks to be worn. Our goal is to enhance the safety of our teachers, staff and students by exceeding state guidelines with regard to masks while meeting guidelines for social distancing. Just like other BASD students, my daughters will be starting this

school year wearing masks while in school. This pandemic requires personal sacrifice to protect the wider community. I believe this is an important life lesson that I am happy for my girls to learn.

As an educator and a BASD parent, I recognize and feel the stress that this pandemic is placing on all of us. Parents have been put into the tough position of figuring out what is best for their child and family, given limited options.

I am deeply saddened that my two daughters will not be able to spend five days a week in school with their wonderful teachers and their classmates. At the same time, I recognize having them in school two days a week is the most prudent reopening strategy. Our goal is to have a safe hybrid opening, balancing safety concerns with the need to educate our children.

Dr. Joseph Roy
Superintendent of Schools
BASD

Board votes on fall reopening plan

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

After more than three hours of answering questions - mostly details about bus and building practices, including masking; many from disgruntled parents or taxpayers who wanted fully in-person education; and repeated questions from people totally opposed to any in-person education or bus riding - the BASD school board approved the district's reopening plan at its Aug. 10 meeting. All nine members were present.

At the request of board member Angela Sinkler, "to the extent feasible" was removed from the third point of the "Return to Music" plan. She also questioned the unusually large number of experienced hires at higher rates; BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy explained that these individuals were a particularly good fit for the positions they were selected to fill.

The reopening plan passed 7-2 ("nay" votes from Winston Alozie and Angela Sinkler); the sum-

mer music plan, personnel items, and emergency calendar passed 9-0.

In order to comply with Pa. regulations requiring 180 days (or 900 hours) of instruction at the elementary level and 180 days (or 990 hours) of instruction at the secondary level while not providing face-to-face instruction five days per week, the district - like many others across the state - is taking advantage of an emergency provision in section 520.1 of the state school code.

The personnel items approved include the retention of former health services director Kathy Halkins as a health services consultant at a rate of \$400 per day. Details of the reopening plans, emergency calendar provisions, and personnel actions are available on BoardDocs (<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf/Public>).

As covered in previous editions of the Press, BASD students may choose a hybrid (two

days of in-person instruction and three days of online instruction per week) education, virtual education through BASD Cyber Academy, or virtual education with BASD teachers through a new initiative through eLearning/eClassroom.

While attending in person, students will wear masks all day, with limited breaks, from the time they board the bus until they return home; all work spaces will be six feet apart, per the preferences of Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine. Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, who had opposed all-day mask wearing for students maintaining six-foot distancing, resigned in early August and was replaced by his deputy, Noe Ortega, who has signaled his support for Levine on social media.

Student temperature screenings will be conducted at home by parents; visitors will be screened by school health personnel upon entering

district buildings. Plans for handling staff and student illnesses, sanitizing of buses and schools, and other provisions are available on BoardDocs.

Although not a mandate, a recommendation that schools not leave the hybrid or fully online environment until their counties have a seven-day average of fewer than five positive coronavirus tests per 100,000 population was unveiled earlier in the day by Levine and Rivera at a press call.

Press were given two hours' notice; no follow-up questions were taken; question time expired before all media outlets could be heard.

The board also held its combined committee meeting, at which it discussed items to be voted on at the Aug. 24 meeting, including an anti-racism resolution, a lease extension with Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley (serving the Donegan Family Center), a subcontract with Jennings Transportation for supplemental

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BRIEFLY

VALLEY

Blood donations badly needed

According to Miller-Keystone Blood Center, the regional blood supply is in urgent need of donations as hospitals have resumed elective surgeries. It is critical individuals in the community donate blood in order to meet the transfusion needs of regional hospitals. Blood is perishable and there is no substitute – the only source is the volunteer blood donor. Platelets have a five-day shelf life and are very difficult to keep available. Red blood cells have a 42-day shelf life but are quickly used up, especially if there is no one available to replenish the supply.

As organizations begin to resume operations, Miller-Keystone Blood Center has started to schedule on-site bloodmobile drives. Any organization wishing to make the arrangements for an on-site bloodmobile drive can contact the blood center at 800-223-6667 to speak with an account manager. Visit www.giveapint.org to help.

STATE POLICE

Public prohibited at Slateford Viaduct

The Pennsylvania State Police Troop M reminds the public troopers continue to enforce the “No Trespassing” directive at the Slateford Viaduct, Slateford Road, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County.

The viaduct connects Upper Mount Bethel Township in Pennsylvania to Knowlton Township in New Jersey.

The Slateford bridge is owned by the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority and those who are found trespassing on the property will be charged with Title 18, Section 3503, Criminal Trespass, which can carry a fine up to \$300.

On July 15, two people were cited for trespassing on the bridge, according to Pennsylvania State Police.

CITY

Mulch, compost now available

The City of Bethlehem yard waste facility, 1480 Schoenersville Road, has mulch and compost for pick-up. Hand loading is available for up to three 30-gallon containers for qualified residents of the city of Bethlehem, Hanover Township, Northampton County, and the Borough of Fountain Hill only.

Loader services are available for \$10 (cash only) per bucketful. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed on Sundays.

Masks must be worn at all times; you (or your occupant/helper) will be turned away if masks are not worn. There are vehicle and other restrictions; call 610-865-7082 and press option 3 before visiting the facility. There may be extended wait times and longer than usual lines.

HanNorCo residents: for a compost center ID Card: Mail a \$15 check or money order payable to Hanover Township or drop it in the mail slot on the front of the municipal building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, 18017-9302. The card will be mailed to you.

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HS - JULY 25



PRESS PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH KEMMERER

Commencement took place on the football field July 25 where students and guests could practice safe physical distancing.

‘It’s in the unknown that we grow’

BY ELIZABETH KEMMERER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bright sunshine defied the dreary forecast July 25 at Notre Dame HS as friends, family and faculty gathered at the school’s football field to watch the Class of 2020 take its final bow.

Commencement exercises opened as the senior class, decked out and masked up in Crusader colors, entered the field to Sir Edgar Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance,” followed by the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance led by student council President Michael Irving.

From there, Assistant Principal Jaclyn Friel introduced Victoria Dyer, salutatorian for the Class of 2020. Dyer reflected on her transition from public to Catholic education in middle school. Though she found herself behind in a few subjects when she first started, she caught up by the end of her first year with steady help from her teachers and her own hard work. She found that same support system at Notre Dame HS, and it taught her a big life lesson about hard work.

“Catholic education helped prepare me for my future in that it showed me that success is determined by the amount of work you put in and asking for help when you need it,” Dyer explained. “As I go to college, I understand that I will get the most out of my education by putting in work, asking questions, and not being ashamed to ask for help.”

Following Dyer, Chaplain Father Eugene Ritz led the seniors and guests in Holy Mass. During his homily, he commented on the class’s resilience in the midst of unique times. He recalled the day in March when everyone was told to leave school, take all their belongings, and prepare for online learning. Students remained focused, hardworking and joyful, he said.

“It was evident in you, in your creativity, how you continued to work toward your goals and accomplished the things that were placed before you, and even the joy on your faces, that no matter what reality you’re handed, together or individually, you will take it and manage to make the world a better place,” Ritz said.

He encouraged the graduates to lean on their faith in uncertain times.

“No matter what you face, even when it happens in an instant and you don’t see it coming, God will bring about grace through



Left: Valedictorian Kelsey Priestaf addresses her classmates and guests. Right: Salutatorian Victoria Dyer delivers her remarks to her classmates.



Notre Dame HS senior Allison Ivy Pinter accepts her diploma from Principal Andrew D’Angelo at commencement July 25.



Left: Father Eugene Ritz delivers the homily to Notre Dame HS seniors and guests during holy mass at graduation July 25. Ritz will be moving into a new position as Diocesan Tribunal for the Ecclesiastical Court of Allentown affiliated with the Diocese of Allentown. Father Dan Kravatz of Notre Dame Church in Bethlehem will take over as chaplain beginning this academic year. Right: Notre Dame HS Principal Andrew D’Angelo addresses the class of 2020 before presenting their diplomas.

you if you allow him,” Ritz explained. He paraphrased Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of Catholic education, reminding the students that, “Moments of grace come from moments of suffering.”

Ritz announced that he, too, will be leaving Notre Dame HS. He has accepted a position as Diocesan Tribunal for the Ecclesiastical Court of Allentown affiliated with the Diocese of Allentown.

“I loved your class so much, I thought,

is often very scary, embracing it can lead to great rewards. She referenced her initial trepidations about coming to Notre Dame and her fears of being immersed in a new school and culture that seemed so different than anything she had experienced before. After an exciting journey of rigorous academics, sports, leadership activities and community, she is thankful she did not allow her fears to stand in her way.

“Choosing to come to Notre Dame was the unknown for me, and stepping into that unknown was one of the best decisions of my life,” she said.

She encouraged her classmates to embrace the unknown as they step into the world and whatever plans they have after graduation, especially in these unique times.

“The unknown scares me, but it’s often in the unknown that we grow the most,” Priestaf said.

Principal Andrew D’Angelo took to the podium and recalled how this senior year started off like every other senior year, but in one instant became like no other senior year. He reflected on cancellations, derailed plans, frustration and disappointment, and through it all, the undeterred optimism of the Class of 2020.

“Your celebrations may have looked different and your plans may have been rearranged, but in the end, your optimism and fortitude brought us all to the finish line with a sense of pride and peace. YOU did that, not us,” D’Angelo said. “You deserve our praise and our continued support. This graduation – YOUR graduation is unlike any other in history, and you have earned your place here today – probably more than any other graduate of this high school, or any other.”

He encouraged the graduates to remain grounded in the faith of their education and remember that they always have a home at Notre Dame.

“We look forward to your visits and hearing of all the great accomplishments we know you will achieve,” D’Angelo said.

The seniors approached the podium row by row to be awarded their diplomas by D’Angelo. He then led them in the traditional “Turning of the Tassels” to officially mark their transition from seniors to graduates. But those tassels didn’t stay in place for long as the new graduates tossed their caps in celebration just moments later.

BRIEFLY

BETHLEHEM

Behind Scenes

Dollhouse Oct. 18

Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites will hold a Behind the Scenes Dollhouse from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, 427 N. New St.

Explore the museum’s Elizabeth Johnston Prime dollhouse collection and learn about decorative arts, architecture, clothing, and furniture styles over a period of 100 years.

There is a cost. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/> for more information..

READING

Cops ‘n’ Kids 2021 date set

The 14th annual Cops ‘n’ Kids Literacy Program Celebration of Reading . . . and the Arts and Sciences, which was supposed to occur this past April 18, has been rescheduled for April 17, 2021, at the Fowler Center, Northampton. The “Welcome Back” themed event will feature fun, music, crafts, storytellers, food and free books.

Beverly A. Bradley, president of Cops ‘n’ Kids Literacy Program in Bethlehem, announced recently that the program distributed its 1,055,155 free book. 8,973 of these books were distributed since schools closed because of the COVID-19 virus. Schools have been distributing the books along with free lunches.

For more information about the local Cops ‘n’ Kids program, visit www.copsnkidslv.org or call 610-861-7561.

AARP

VA impostor scam reported

The Veterans Affairs recently reported a scam in which the con artist poses as a VA official who works with veteran-owned small businesses. This impostor asks targets to donate computer equipment to support veteran businesses affected by the economic downturn. Know that the VA will never call asking you to donate equipment or otherwise support this type or work.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Heat 1-877-908-3360.

VETERANS

Free app available for assistance

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs reminds veterans and their dependents that they should never pay for assistance to apply for veterans’ benefits. Accredited veteran service officers are allowed by federal and state laws to help to identify, determine eligibility and apply for a wide range of benefits on the local, state and federal levels.

The benefits may include burial allowance payment; grave markers requests/placement; real estate tax exemption program; emergency assistance; disability and other pensions; education gratuity; Federal health care benefits; and survivor benefits.

To locate a county director of veterans affairs and for information on veterans service organizations and benefits, visit www.dmva.pa.gov and click on Veterans Affairs; www.facebook.com/padmva; or www.twitter.com/.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER


7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Sunny	Few Showers
	83 / 61 3-3 mph SE	85 / 63 2-5 mph SSE	84 / 66 1-5 mph SE	86 / 67 2-7 mph SW	84 / 68 3-8 mph SSE	82 / 63 1-9 mph WSW	81 / 64 2-12 mph WSW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 83°, humidity of 77%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 1955. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 61°. Light winds. The record low for tonight is 48° set in 1963. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 85°, humidity of 52%. South southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 63°. Light winds. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 84°, humidity of 59%. Southeast wind 1 to 5 mph.

Weather Trivia

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BASD

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busing services, and the extension or renewal of several other contracts and programs. The anti-racism resolution includes a commitment by the board to reform the curriculum, review the School Resource Officer (SRO, or police officer) program, and to create restorative listening circles (sessions conducted by a facilitator to discuss negative events in the community, their impacts, and what is necessary to correct these problems). Roy commented that BASD graduates who are now in college have approached him and asked why they were never taught about the role racism has played in

American history, and said he would like to see history and literature curricula change to reflect the importance of race in America. Sinkler pointed out that the Pa. School Boards Assoc. (PSBA) will hold an equity summit Oct. 13 (likely a virtual event this year), and encouraged board members to participate. Dr. Roy also presented a fall sports plan for middle schools that shortens the season by delaying the start from Aug. 17 to Sept. 14, and have competitions involve only intra-district games, rather than traveling outside the district. Although it's unclear whether the plan requires board approval, Roy wanted to present the information to the board for discussion. The finance commit-

tee presented information on the resignation of David Arner from the BASD Authority, which facilitates interest rate transactions for the district, and from the Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School General Authority, which plays a similar role for BAVTS. The board will vote on a replacement for Arner for each position Aug. 24; the board is accepting names for consideration. During the "Courtesy of the Floor" segment of the second meeting, a current BASD student asked what actions would be taken to address racist behavior on the part of faculty and staff. Roy indicated that he would follow up with the student individually.

LEHIGH

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the voters who have police departments in their communities. Commissioner Dan Hartzell said he supports the principle, but thought the wording of the document was not nuanced enough to meet real world exigencies. Smalls reiterated, "We are in uncharted times and territory with COVID, people being out of work, and what's going on in our communities and our relationship with our police departments. I think this is a way we can support our police departments. We're just putting on the record that we support these policies. I don't agree with one of my fellow commissioners

that this is 'monkeying around' and I don't think it's about 'publicity.'" Zanelli said, "The [Lehigh County] sheriff (Joseph N. Hanna) does happen to support the 8-Can't-Wait principles," that other commissioners supporting it in principle is all the proposed resolution asks for. Resident Robert Hoffman called in to make his point that "causality is difficult to prove" and that "when studied, there are no disparities in policing by race." Harrington pointed out that the study on which Hoffman was basing his opinion had been retracted in July, but he didn't know what the reason for the retraction was. "The last thing we need to do at this moment

to discourage our great police force," said Hoffman. He called such a resolution misguided and, "an insult to our intelligence." Hoffman claimed to represent 5,000 people who represent more than 1 percent of the commissioners' constituents. He concluded with the threatening assurance to the commissioners that if the resolution is "brought forward, it will be memorialized and it's going to be back here next year when you are up for re-election." Lehigh County Administration Director Ed Hozza suggested the proposed resolution be sent as a courtesy to the heads of all municipalities in the county that have police departments before action is taken.

Celebrating the Great People of The Lehigh Valley




PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie,

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

Learn more about Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie in the Community Partner feature in next week's paper.

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virtual ICEHOUSE tonight



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Joey Mutis III of The Electric Farm sings and performs solo on guitar, 7 p.m. Sept. 1, "Virtual IceHouse Tonight."

Up on The Farm

Joey Mutis sows seeds of album in creative fields of The Electric Farm rock band

BY DAVE HOWELL
Special to The Press

Joey Mutis III is best-known as lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter for the rock band, The Electric Farm, and has rarely done solo gigs, even though his performance and original songs sound great in that format.

Mutis will perform at 7 p.m., Sept. 1 in the "Virtual Ice House

Tonight" series in a previously-taped concert.

When Mutis sings and plays his acoustic guitar, you can concentrate on his sublime melodies and lyrics. His gentle presence and high, wavering voice makes him sound fragile at times, while at other times, his fluid guitar work gives him a power-pop sound. He reaches the goals he sets for his Electric Farm albums: "lots

of atmosphere, beautiful and mysterious, that takes you on a journey."

Mutis has been compared to everyone from Neil Young and Nick Drake to Pink Floyd in their more melodic moments. One producer said he sounded like "Donovan backed by the Alan Parsons Project."

"I have some folk leanings but I'm not a folk artist," Mutis says. See **MUTIS ON** Page B2

Pandemic puts Ice House in the virtual stream

BY DAVE HOWELL
Special to The Press

The Charles A. Brown Ice House on Sand Island in Bethlehem is continuing its "Ice House Tonight" series as a virtual event.

Beginning Aug. 18, the venue is presenting six streaming hour-long concerts, three of music and three of poetry, 7 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays, with repeats Wednesdays, through Sept. 22 on YouTube.

Plans for the venue changed because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"We have had to cancel at least 60 programs this year," says Doug Roysdon, Artistic Director of the "Ice House Tonight" performance series.

The Ice House, which is owned by the City of Bethlehem, has not reopened. The virtual shows, which are being prerecorded, are not being taped at the Ice House, which has been closed since mid-March.

"We look for something normal happening in January," Roysdon says.

Of course, the curve of the pandemic is unpredictable, but Roysdon remains optimistic, and even sees a good



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY ARA BARLIEB

Joey Mutis III performs during videotaping for "Virtual Ice House Tonight" YouTube series.

side to going virtual: "It can expand our audience. There can be a group of people connected to others who came to see a certain show that might be curious enough to watch performances online."

"We plan to keep going, even after we get back to the real world,

with a monthly 'Virtual Ice House,'" says Roysdon.

Ara Barlieb, a partner with Pamela Wallace, in Barlieb Wallace Productions, has been making documentaries for decades. Barlieb says the Ice House shows are done "documentary style, with

a variety of camera shots.

"They will be quite a few notches above a webcam basement performance," says Barlieb.

Barlieb directs nearly all of the productions of the Crowded Kitchen Players, which has been staging its shows in the Ice House. The theater troupe is rehearsing three plays with plans to present each virtually. "Dogcatcher," about an African-American man running for office in a small Pennsylvania town, is to be shown in seven 30 min. episodes beginning in October.

Probably no venue in the Lehigh Valley has hosted a greater variety of entertainment than the Ice House.

"It's exciting making a local culture," says Roysdon. "It's all about putting local artists onstage."

The "Virtual Ice House" series is free, although, donations are accepted.

Here's the schedule: Aug. 18 - The Witherbees are a quartet with a jazz-influenced sound playing a mixture of originals and covers. They have a downtown.

See **ICE HOUSE** Page B2

Valley Health

St. Luke's Via 14th marathon running virtually

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The St. Luke's Via Marathon, now a virtual event because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, is inviting people of all athletic stripes, from walkers and marathoners to cyclists and horseback riders, to participate and raise money to help persons with disabilities reach their full potential.

This year's version of the St. Luke's Via Marathon, which began on July 1 and runs to Sept. 13, is still open for people to complete a marathon, half-marathon, team relay, 5K, 10K or walk.

When Pennsylvania restricted outdoor sports gatherings to 250 or fewer, St. Luke's Via Marathon organizers saw a virtual event as a way to safely continue the tradition in its 14th year.

Among those participating in the Via event is Chanelle Price, an ambassador for St. Luke's who is training to win a spot in the 800-meter track competition for the Summer Olympics, now being held in 2021.

Price, who was an Easton Area High School standout in track, is logging her miles to reach 26.2 as she does her daily training in Eugene, Ore.

"Anyone can sign up for this," she said. "And it's for a good cause."

Folks can participate on their own schedule, pick their course and set their pace, including breaking down distances into segments and doing them over several days.

This year, for the first time, participants can log their distances by bicycling, horseback riding, skateboarding, roller-blading or other means of non-motorized movement.

"For the past 13 years, we have seen the tremendous outpouring of support from our community for the Marathon," said Lisa Walkiewicz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Via of the Lehigh Valley.

"Although we cannot be together in-person this year, we are counting on our community to 'Go the Distance to Support People of All Abilities' while socially distancing and staying safe," Walkiewicz said.

Via of the Lehigh Valley is a non-profit agency that provides services for children and adults with disabilities, including skills training and employment services, in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Bucks and Berks counties.

The St. Luke's Via Marathon, which traditionally is a Boston Marathon qualifier, raises money for the agency. Normally, it is held over two days in September, offering a children's race and Expo on a Saturday followed by a marathon, team relay and half-marathon the next day.

The 26.2-mile marathon starts in Allentown and ends in Easton, winding through Bethlehem via the D&L Trail. Last year, 2,700 people registered to participate.

Because of the virtual nature of this year's events, winners will not be named.

Also, times will not be eligible for qualifying for the Boston Marathon, which has been moved to spring 2021.

Participants can post times through a tracking app or on their own tracking devices. Registrants receive a T-shirt. Virtual bibs will be available to print online.

To register: www.viamarathon.org. Click on Register or Virtual Event Details icons at the top of the website. Click on the Fundraising HQ icon to donate money



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Chanelle Price, an ambassador for St. Luke's University Health Network, is training to win a spot in the 800-meter track competition for the Summer Olympics.

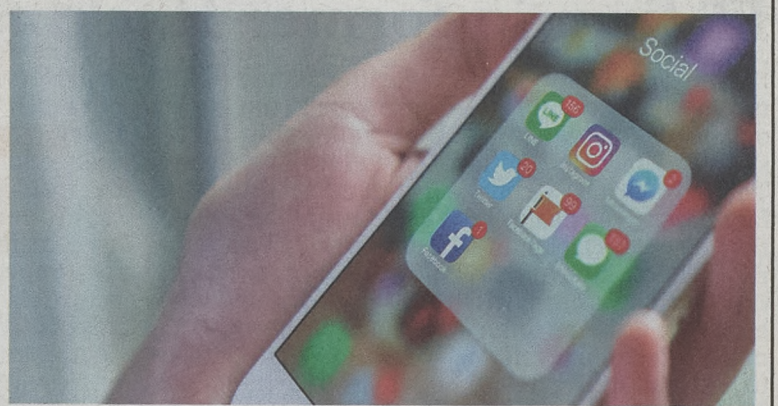
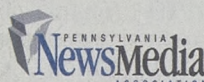
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ArtsQuest, other LV venues, petition Congress for COVID shutdown funding

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Stating that “the collapse of this crucial element in the music industry’s ecosystem would be devastating,” more than 600 of United States music artists and venues, including Lehigh Valley and Bucks County natives, issued a letter to Congress asking legislators to provide financial support for independent venues and promoters in the nation, which are in financial peril because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Among those speaking up for independent venues, were officials from ArtsQuest (Musikfest, Musikfest Cafe, Levitt Pavilion); Godfrey Daniels, all Bethlehem; State Theater Center for the Arts, One Centre Square, Rivals, all Easton; Sellersville Theater, Sellersville, and Sherman Theater, Stroudsburg.

The aforementioned area venues have been closed for approximately fourth months.

The bipartisan Save Our Stages Act was introduced July 29 by Senator John Cornyn and Senator Amy Klobuchar.

Another bill to sustain independent venues, the RESTART Act, is also under consideration.

A third bill, the Entertainments New Credit Opportunity for Relief & Economic Sustainability (ENCORES) Act, would give venues a tax credit for 50 percent of the value of any refunded tickets. Congressmen Ron Kind (D-Wisc.) and Mike Kelly (R-16th) introduced the

bill. Save Our Stages could “direct the SBA to make grants to eligible venues equal to the lesser of either 45 percent of operation costs from calendar year 2019 or \$12 million” and to “permit recipients to use grants for costs incurred during the COVID pandemic.”

The Lehigh Valley venues joined Mavis Staples, Lady Gaga, André 3000, Coldplay, Willie Nelson, Billie Eilish, Gary Clark Jr, Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin, Miranda Lambert, Billy Joel, Earth Wind & Fire, Kacey Musgraves, Leon Bridges, Wyclef Jean, Bon Iver, Jay Leno, Tiffanny Haddish, Jeff Foxworthy, Jerry Seinfeld and Tig Notaro in writing to Congress.

Formed at the onset of the COVID-19 shutdown, the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA), has approximately 2,000 members in 50 states and Washington, D.C.

The independent venues and promoters were the first to close and will be the last to fully reopen. They are at real risk of closing permanently if Congress does not take quick and specific action to address the circumstances of this still-shuttered component of the small business sector, which normally fuels substantial economic growth for the communities they serve, according to NIVA.

The 600 artists sending the letter to Congress are joining more than 500 other touring artists and co-

medians with a combined social media presence exceeding 900,000,000 who have urged their fans to have their voices heard at SaveOurStages.com. So far, more than 500,000 emails have been sent to Congress, asking to #SaveOurStages, NIVA stated.

The artists’ letter to Congress states, in part:

“We will know America is “back” when our music venues are filled with fans safely enjoying concerts with abandon. The live music experience is inextricably tied to our nation’s cultural and economic fabric. In fact, 53 percent of Americans, that’s 172 million of us, attended a concert last year.

“Independent venues give artists their start, often as the first stage most of us have played on. These venues were the first to close and will be the last to reopen.

“With zero revenue and the overwhelming overhead of rent, mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance, 90 percent of independent venues report that if the shutdown lasts six months and there’s no federal assistance, they will never reopen again.

“We are asking you to support NIVA’s request for assistance so these beloved venues can reopen when it’s safe and welcome us and our fans back in. The collapse of this crucial element in the music industry’s ecosystem would be devastating.”

Harvey Mason Jr., president, The Recording



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ArtsQuest Levitt Pavilion, SteelStacks, Bethlehem, seen here in a file photo of a concert, is among Lehigh Valley venues petitioning Congress for funding because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

Academy; Damon Whiteside, CEO of Academy of Country Music, and Greg Harris, president of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, signed the letter.

The shutdown is indefinite and likely to extend into 2021 because the venues which host music and comedy are in the final stage of nearly every jurisdictions’ reopening plans. Many are not permitted to open until there’s a vaccine or cure.

The ability to open at partial capacity is not economically feasible. Rents, utilities, payroll, taxes, insurance, and artist pay are fixed costs. They are not on a sliding scale that matches the capacity venues are permitted to host.

Because of the national

routing of most tours, the industry will not recover until the entire country is open at 100 percent capacity. NIVA members need assistance in order to survive.

Their absence will be sorely felt. For every \$1 spent on a ticket at small venues, a total of \$12 in economic activity is generated within communities on restaurants, hotels, taxis and retail establishments. Keeping independent venues alive is a benefit not just for fans, employees and artists, it’s an investment in communities across America, according to NIVA.

Said NIVA President Dayna Frank, who is also the president of First Avenue Productions, Minneapolis, “The potential collapse of the independent

arm of our industry cannot be exaggerated. Indie venues are the safe places that allow artists to grow, explore and intertwine the musical culture of their city and their artistic community with their own inner voice.

“We are steadfast launching pads, sounding boards, and cheerleaders for the greatest talent in the world ... before the world has ever heard of them. We’re incredibly grateful for these emerging artists and legends who are putting a spotlight on the need to #SaveOurStages.

“We want nothing more to welcome them and their fans back when it’s safe to do so, which is why we’re working so hard to secure our survival,” Frank said.

MUTIS

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says in a phone interview from his Germansville home. “I do what I do naturally. I follow my own path. I’m not trying to sound like somebody. I do what I do to make myself happy.

“Ray Davies of the Kinks is my songwriting hero, my greatest teacher,” says Mutis. “Before that, writing was like a diary about myself. I never liked my songs. I had an epiphany when I heard [The Kinks] ‘Waterloo Sunset.’ Ray writes songs about characters and

people.”
Last year, Mutis released the fourth Electric Farm album, “Unglued.”

“It covers the soft pop part of the musical landscape. It has a lot of spacey elements and spookiness, mixed on an analog board without special effects. It was the opposite of the usual recording method, since I played and sang at the same time instead of doing the vocals separately.”

Mutis draws his songwriting ideas from a variety of sources. “Ninety percent of what I do is waiting for inspiration. I take what

I am given and follow it. I accept that. There is a mysterious thing that flows through you. But not by choice.”

From “Unglued,” “The Wayward Wind” is a “folky, country song.”

“Down” is about a UFO sighting Mutis says he had when he was 11-years-old.

“Counting Stars” is “about a little boy finding a telescope who spends the night counting stars in the sky.”

For “On A Summer’s Day,” he says, “I was driving down the road when I had an overwhelming feeling of some sort of presence watching over me con-

cerning people in my family.”

Mutis describes The Electric Farm, which might be considered as another name for the Joey Mutis Band, as “taking soft pop into a folky space rock situation.”

Mutis has worked with keyboardist Mike Frank for a number of years. As a former professor at Temple University, Frank brought in a rotating selection of “cream of the crop” Temple grads on bass and drums.

The “Virtual IceHouse” solo show might be the first of several for Mutis.

“I was prepared for this. I have wanted to play out more and do more solo gigs, a reason to play by myself,” Mutis says.

Mutis does all originals in the IceHouse concert. “Some are from ‘Unglued,’ and some are songs I haven’t played in over a decade.”

Listeners can get a different take on his Electric Farm material and see how it developed.

“People who know the songs can see their genesis and hear them coming from a different angle. The songs sound ready and don’t necessarily need accompani-

ment, which I like.”

Information: The Joey Mutis-The Electric Farm: <https://theelectricfarm.wixsite.com/theelectricfarm>. Electric Farm CDs can be purchased on the website, which also has links for digital sales. Suggested donations for the Charles A Brown Ice House concert can be made at: <http://paypal.me/theelectricfarm> or www.venmo.com/Susan-Hartman-17

ICE HOUSE

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po sound with a somewhat haunting, mysterious feel. The group is Mike Lorenz, guitar; Jacqui Armbruster, viola and vocals; Justin Sekelewski, bass, and Kyle Andrews, drums.

Aug. 25 - Tuesday
Muse is a virtual poetry salon-open mike with Lehigh Valley poets Darrell Parry and Francesca Farrisi and Easton musician Esme Montgomery.

Sept. 1 - Joey Mutis III is leader of The Electric Farm rock band. Singer-songwriter Mutis, known for his

dreamlike melodies and thoughtful, sometimes quirky, lyrics, will be doing a rare solo performance.

Sept. 8 - “Radical Freedom: Poets on the life and work of H.D. Hilda Doolittle (1886-1961).” The Fountain Hill-born poet was an influential Imagist, a movement that pushed poetry in a modern direction. Featured poets are Elynn Alexander, Katherine Falk, Sienna Mae Heath, Nanette Smith and Cleveland Wall.

Sept. 15 - George Hrab is a singer-songwriter with an eclectic range of songs that can be whimsical and

challenging. He will be doing mostly originals accompanying himself on guitar and piano. Hrab does the weekly Lehigh Valley-based Geologic Podcast and is the drummer for the Philadelphia Funk Authority.

Sept. 22 - “Poetry and Conversation”: Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem benefit. Poets Poet Matt Wolf and Winston Alozie and Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Alozie will read poetry and share information and stories about the Boys and Girls Club.

Information: <https://www.icehousetonight.org/>



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Crew of volunteers from Crowded Kitchen Players theater troupe videotape Joey Mutis III performance for “Virtual Ice House Tonight” YouTube series.

IT firm in former Hackman’s Bible Store

Realtors from Hanna Frederick Commercial Real Estate, a division of Howard Hanna The Frederick Group, facilitated the sale of the former Hackman’s Bible Book Store in a transaction that will enable a growing information technology firm to remain in Whitehall Township.

Realtor Randy Beitler represented the seller, Bible Fellowship Church Homes Inc., and Realtor Joe McDermott represented the buyer, Dooley Properties LLC, to close on the approximately 19,000-square-foot Mickle Road property.

Beitler and McDermott praised the efforts of the financing team

at Riverview Bank and the work of Experience Land Services Inc. for their efforts in bringing the transaction to a successful on April 30. The agreement of sale for the property was signed before the March 6 coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown ordered by Gov. Tom Wolf, which allowed the transaction

to proceed.

Dave Dooley, owner and President of Dooley Properties LLC and EZ Micro, an IT firm based in Whitehall Township, is renovating the building and moving his business into the space occupied for more than 30 years by the Hackmans’ family business.

Bible Fellowship

Church Homes purchased the property in 2019 shortly after Hackman’s closed, and put it back on the market after a change of plans.

“Through the collaborative efforts of these experienced agents at Howard Hanna The Frederick Group, they utilized our brokerage practices of touring properties and discussing buyers’ needs to find

a great match for selling this well-known building,” said Broker and franchise owner Doug Frederick.

“Whether your sale is anywhere in the nine-state area we cover through Howard Hanna or locally in a Lehigh Valley location, our team gets the job done even in the most challenging times,” Frederick said.

Suggestions to limit long-talker on the phone

Dear Jacquelyn,
One of my relatives is very sweet but she also is quite a talker. Our phone conversations sometimes go on for an hour or more. I do not want to hurt her feelings and seem uninterested, but there are times I can't stay on the phone that long. How can I politely shorten the phone conversation?

RESPECTFULLY YOURS
By Jacquelyn Youst



end the call but you have no idea how to do it graciously.

Don't worry. You do have some options to gently end a lengthy conversation without potentially hurting your dear relative's feelings.

If you already know that the person is talkative and you don't have time for a lengthy conversation, the best defense is a good offense. Set the expectation early. It will help your relative understand when

you later tell her you have to go. You do this by stating it at the beginning of the call.

You can try saying, "I'm sorry, but right now I only have 15 minutes to talk." Your sweet relative will have been given fair warning, and if you have to interrupt her, you won't feel as self-conscious about doing so.

If you are caught off-guard and someone has turned on the chatter faucet, wait for a natural pause in the conversation and insert a transition sentence. Politely say, "I really enjoyed talking with you but I have to run. Can we talk later?" Reinforcing that they are import-

ant to you and that you had a nice time catching up will go a long way to buffer hurt feelings.

Ending a phone call gracefully is a bit of an art, but whether a phone call is short or long, politeness should always be your goal.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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When life takes a detour

WARMEST REGARDS
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After reading Rich Strack's column in the Times News about a standout athlete who got derailed when a football injury ended that part of his life, I related to it on several levels.

I understood the part about being reluctant to see the end of something that was a consuming passion. When we are so wrapped up in something we view as vital to us, it's devastating when that comes to abrupt end.

I understand the hole that opens inside us when life takes an unwanted detour.

Coincidentally, when I read Rich's column I had just experienced a sad encounter with my writing colleagues on our Florida newspaper.

Normally, conversations with newspaper colleagues are uplifting. This time, that wasn't the case.

It's no secret that newspapers are struggling to survive. Falling readership and revenue due to the coronavirus is making it even harder.

The paper had to do some major cutbacks, and many jobs had to be eliminated. Sadly, some hardworking, longtime reporters and editors were let go.

There are few jobs in journalism, and these longtime newspaper employees are finding it impossible to find another job. Now they have to worry about how to pay their mortgage and how to feed their family.

I was among those furloughed "until revenue improves." After my former newspaper colleagues told me our newspaper building is closed and up for sale, I'm thinking it doesn't sound temporary. It's doubtful I will get called back.

For me, it was only a one day a week job, so it's not as if I suffered a big financial loss.

But I lost one of my greatest passions — telling stories about the lives of interesting local people.

When you love something as much as I love writing, it's not an inconsequential loss.

Yet, I also view it as an opportunity — an opportunity to go on to something else I may be called to do.

I always said when I stopped writing features for our Florida paper that it would give me time to do two important things: Take more of the exercise classes I love and volunteer as an intake interviewer for St. Vincent de Paul, my favorite charity.

The rapidly escalating coronavirus in our area has temporarily taken away those options.

Yet I am optimistic because I believe when one door shuts another one opens.

I know that from experience.

There have been times when what I thought was a devastating loss turned out to put me on a much more rewarding path.

One major example happened decades ago when my husband lost his job and we had to leave our hometown and relocate.

If I had my way I would have stayed in Shamokin

forever. Yet, what I viewed as a major, stomach-churning setback was actually God setting my husband and me on a better path.

Professionally, personally and spiritually, we thrived in ways that never could have happened had we not moved.

When we lived in Palmerton my husband used to have a poster on his door that said: For all that I have seen, I believe in what I cannot see.

When we relocated, at first we couldn't see that it was the hand of God leading us to where we were meant to be.

When we were experiencing the heartbreak of having to leave behind family that needed our care along with many friends we cherished, it was no small thing. I left a small town where I knew every man, woman and child. I thrived in that environment.

When we resettled in a new area I remember the emptiness of knowing no one. I specifically remember walking in the grocery store and longing to have someone call me by name.

When I stopped longing for the familiarity of my past and started seeking new friends and other opportunities in my new area, it was one good experience after another.

A change in attitude helped make it happen.

Yet it's human nature to resist change. When we are comfortable and happy with things they way they are, we hate to see that change.

When David and I married, I was quite happy and active in my church. I thought we should both stay there. His church was a half-hour away and I was sure it couldn't be as good as mine. When I agreed to give his church a try, I discovered it wasn't as good as the one I was attending before our marriage.

It proved to be better. Much better. A warm and welcoming women's group has added the dimension of close friendships that normally take years to develop.

Being open to making a change led to so many new opportunities I never expected.

Now, with the probable ending of my job at our Florida newspaper, I'm faced with another change, one I would not have taken on my own.

What life has taught me is that when life takes an unwanted detour, it might lead to a worthwhile new road.

When circumstances force us to detour to another road in life, I've learned the important thing is to stay open to new opportunity.

A closed door doesn't have to only signal an end. It can lead us to new beginnings.

We need to be open to new opportunity, trust that it will come, and be willing to embrace it when it presents itself.

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Loss of friends by daughter, 13, is discussed

Q. My daughter is going to be 13 in October. During the last year, she went from having a few close friends to only one. I ask her why she no longer talks to her friends, and she says that they are part of the cool girls now and don't associate with her anymore. She is also dealing with self-esteem appearance and mean girl bullying issues. She stays in her room much of the day. She is seeing a therapist, but I can tell she is still hurting. I want to help her. What do you suggest?

THE FAMILY PROJECT
By Carole Gorney



tion as to why the daughter was seeing a therapist.

"I think the first step is for mom to have a conversation with the therapist separate from the 13-year-old to ask how she can support her child in between therapy sessions," said Daniels.

Therapy with children should always involve the family, panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo said, adding that "hopefully, the therapist has a good understanding of the girls and her family."

Panelist Denise Continenza favored having a conversation with the daughter to find out how she feels about not having the other girls as friends anymore.

"Maybe she's actually relieved. She has one good friend, so she is connected. Is this the child's problem or the mother's?" Continenza

asked. "Comfort the child, and follow up with the therapist to find out what the parents can do directly," Daniels said.

"There's a lot going on in this girl's life, and the parents need to be sure that everyone is coordinating with and complementing each other," said Daniels.

Panelist Pam Wallace expressed concern about the girl spending so much time in her room, and about the bullying issues.

Daniels suggested bringing up the issues with the daughter and "let her share what she is feeling."

As for the bullying, Wallace suggested talking to teachers to find out if the school officials have any evidence of it.

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist, Denise Continenza, extension educator; Wanda Mer-

cado-Arroyo, educator and former school administrator; and Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh Children & Youth.

Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildlv.org

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

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Low vision requires consultation by doctor

Q. What kind of glasses should you get for low vision?

Low vision is a significant reduction in visual function that can't be corrected by regular glasses, contact lenses, medicine or surgery.

Low vision can range from moderate impairment, such as tunnel vision or blind spots, to almost total blindness.

One out of every 20 people has low vision. About 135 million people around the world suffer from this impairment.

Irreversible vision loss is most common among people over age 65. However, losing vision is not just part of getting older. Some normal changes occur as we get older. These changes usually don't lead to low vision.

Low vision can be caused by diseases, disorders and injuries that affect the eye. Many with low vision have age-related macular degeneration, cataracts or glaucoma.

Almost 45 percent of all cases of low vision are caused by age-relat-

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ed macular degeneration, which progressively destroys the central retina (macula) at the back of your eye.

If you think you may have low vision, consult an eye-care professional who can tell the difference between normal changes in the aging eye and those caused by disease.

There are many signs that indicate possible vision loss:

- Under normal circumstances, do you have trouble recognizing faces of people you know?

- Is it difficult for you to read, sew or match the color of your clothes?

- Do lights seem dimmer than they used to?

Vision changes like these could be early warning signs of eye disease. Usually, the earlier your problem is diagnosed, the better your chances are for success-

ful treatment and maintaining your vision.

Regular eye exams should be part of your routine health care. However, if you think your vision has changed, you should see your eye-care professional as soon as possible.

A specialist in low vision is an optometrist or ophthalmologist who is trained to evaluate vision. This professional can prescribe visual devices and teach people how to use them.

Devices and rehabilitation programs can help you adapt to vision loss. They may help you maintain your lifestyle.

These devices include: adjustable lighting; large-print publications; magnifying devices; closed-circuit televisions; electronic reading machines; computer systems with voice-recognition; telescopes, and telephones, clocks, and watches with large numbers.

Rehabilitation programs offer a range of services such as low-vision evaluations and special training to use adaptive devices. They

also offer guidance for making changes in your home as well as group support from others with low vision.

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

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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitehall, holds VBS




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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church held its Vacation Bible School Aug. 3, 5 and 7 at the MacArthur Road, Whitehall, church. Here, volunteers and attendees rehearse a skit to go along with this year's VBS theme, "Knights on the North Castle." The program also included Bible lessons, music, crafts and snacks.

Allentown Art Museum reopens to the public Aug. 21

The Allentown Art Museum opens to the public Aug. 21. The museum opened to members Aug. 14-16.

The museum closed March 14 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

"We're ready to bring the healing, restorative power of art back to our community," said Michelle R. Stringer, Museum Interim President and Chair of the Board of Trustees.

"Nothing compares to the feeling of immersing yourself in artwork. We are grateful to be able to provide our members and visitors with a safe opportunity to reflect and reenergize again at the Museum," Stringer said.

In addition to works from the Museum's permanent collection, also on display will be the special exhibitions, "Evolution of the Spiritual: Europe to America,

through Sept. 6, which includes paintings from the Philadelphia Museum of Art as part of the "Art Bridges + Terra Foundation Initiative," and "Color & Complexity: 30 Years at Durham Press," through Sept. 20.

The galleries and Museum Store will be open with new hours, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays.

Admission is free Sundays.

"ArtVentures" activities for families will be held on the lawn, noon - 3 p.m. Sundays, beginning Aug. 16, weather permitting.

The Museum Café will offer bottled beverages and prepackaged snacks.

Art Ways Interactive Family Gallery and Crayola Classroom are temporarily closed.

A schedule of virtual programs is planned this fall.

Advance reservations for Museum entry and ArtVentures participation are encouraged. Walk-ins will be welcomed based on availability.

Timed ticketing is in place to manage occupancy levels and maintain social distances.

Visitors can reserve tickets at www.AllentownArtMuseum.com/visit.

Responding to guidelines from the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania Department of Health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Museum has instituted the following safety precautions:

- Public and office spaces of the Museum have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and will be maintained frequently, with high-touch surfaces being cleaned continuously.
- Social distancing reminders and hand-sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the Museum.
- Visitor capacity is limited to 50 percent.
- Plexiglas shields have been installed at the front desk, Store, and Café.
- Visitor traffic pat-



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The Allentown Art Museum opened to museum members Aug. 14-16

terns have been revised to promote safe distancing.

• Timed ticketing is encouraged to manage occupancy levels and space out visitors.

• Face masks are required.

Even as the galler-

ies reopen, Museum staff will continue to create and post behind-the-scenes happenings, videos, art-making activities for children and families, and virtual programs via the Museum's website through its #AAMatHOME page.

THEATER REVIEW

Pines on the Patio innovates

BY CAROLE GORNEY
Special to The Press

One thing I learned during the years when I was a crisis consultant was that no matter how bad the situation, there was always an opportunity if you looked hard enough.

While in no way minimizing the seriousness of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the crisis has been a catalyst for creativity and innovation.

My favorite innovation is the surge in alfresco dining, most recently at The Pines Dinner Theatre on the Patio, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown.

At the June 20 inaugural dinner and show, the charming partially-covered patio contained a number of tables, each placed further apart than the recommended six feet of physical distancing. The simple stage set up against an outside brick wall provided great sightlines and a sense of intimacy with the two-person cast, while maintaining safe spacing.

The show, "He Said, She Said," features the acting and singing talents of Jen Hope and Kristofer Holz, billed as the "incomparable Catskills act of Hope and Holz."

Newly-written by Pines co-owner and artistic director Oliver Blatt, the musical begins as a tale of two "sisters"



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From left, Kristofer Holz and Jen Hope, "He Said, She Said," The Pines Dinner Theatre, Allentown.

whose act premiered at Crystal Spring Resort in 1977. The sister act was soon dropped, and the duo went on to perform together for the next 35 years.

According to the script, after taking a break from show business for five years, the duo is reunited on The Pines' stage to share their stories of working the circuit, and to perform some of their favorite songs.

As the play progresses, Hope and Holz reveal some of the old grievances and passions that led to their breakup.

As an actor, Hope's emotions range from endearing to sassy to a bit vindictive. She has an impressive singing voice,

belting out "I Get a Kick Out of You," among many numbers. Her facial expressions while singing "Under the Boardwalk" are worth watching.

Holz has the perfect lounge-act singing voice, putting over his songs well, especially during his "I Remember It Well" duet with Hope. His cavorting around the stage in his fetching costume during "My Little Buttercup" is good for laughs.

The music is directed and played onstage by the amazing Stacy Bechtel. The only original music is the title song, "He Said, She Said," composed by Blatt.

After the show, Blatt said The Pines was lucky to have the patio space

outside its main theater building. "If we were any other place, this wouldn't have happened."

When the actors speak Blatt's lines that "it's so nice to be back on stage again," they certainly are referring not only to their characters return as Hope and Holz, but also to the opening of the stage at Pines Patio.

It's hard not to join in with, "It's nice to be back in the audience again."

"He Said, She Said," Thursdays and Saturdays through Aug. 22. Tickets: Pines Dinner Theatre box office, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown; pinesdinnertheatre.com; 610-433-2333

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Charlize on 'Guard'

"The Old Guard" is a superheroes origin film. It provides lots of action whereby the superheroes display their superpowers, while explaining where the superheroes come from.

The Old Guard is from long ago, very long ago. You wouldn't look twice at any of them. There are no shields, hammers (although there is one very medieval-looking axe-like tool) and no capes to depend on.

The superpowers of The Old Guard are that you can't kill them. What would be mortal wounds for any human are not for them. They heal themselves almost instantaneously. They come back to life, to fight another day, or even that day, as they rally to the battle.

They've been said to be fighting for centuries, evidenced by articles, photographs and ancient texts displayed on a wall chart put together by James Copley (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a former CIA agent.

Copley is tracking The Old Guard to determine the nature of their regenerative DNA. Steven Merrick (Harry Melling), CEO of Merrick, a pharmaceutical firm, wants to develop a drug for incurable diseases.

The road to Hell is paved with good intentions. Therein lies the plot for "The Old Guard," which pits the superhero team against Copley and Merrick, who are out to capture them for experimental purposes.

"The Old Guard" is based on a comic book, aka graphic novel, by Greg Rucka, who wrote the screenplay for the movie, directed by Gina Prince-Bythewood (director, "Love & Basketball," 2000; "The Secret Life of Bees," 2008; "Beyond the Lights," 2014), said to be the first African-American female to direct a

AT THE MOVIES

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superhero comic book-based movie.

"The Old Guard" is a connect-the-dots, by-the-book superheroes movie packed with nearly-back-to-back super-violent martial arts style fighting, gunplay and explosions.

The film has its moments of character development in scenes between the superheroes that give glimpses of their backstories, conflicted emotions about their mission, and vulnerability toward each other.

The action scenes are payoff for fans of the superhero genre.

The real reason to see "The Old Guard" is Charlize Theron, as Andy, aka Andromache of Scythia. With a name like that you know she's got a legendary backstory.

According to Greek mythology, Andromache was from the city of Cilician Thebe. Her name means "man battler," "fighter of men" or "man fighter." You get the picture.

Charlize Theron's backstory as an actor is playing strong, difficult and often victimized female characters, no more so than in "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015), and "Monster" (2003). Theron received an actress Oscar for "Monster," for playing serial killer Aileen Wuornos. Theron is the first South African to win an actor category Oscar.

Theron received an Oscar actress nomination for "North Country" (2005), in which she played a sexually-abused woman trying for justice; and an Oscar actress nomination for "Bomb-



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Charlize Theron (Andy), left, and KiKi Layne (Nile), right, "The Old Guard."

shell" (2019), in which she played real-life TV personality Megyn Kelly.

Theron's other action film roles include " Hancock" (2008), "Snow White and the Huntsman" (2012), "Prometheus" (2012), "The Fate of the Furious" (2017) and "Atomic Blonde" (2017).

Theron is a dynamic screen presence. In "The Old Guard," she has numerous incredible fighting scenes. She also has several dialogue scenes whereby her character, Andy, muses about her future.

Theron's intense eyes, solid physicality and lower-register voice works well for the role of Andy, leader of The Old Guard.

"The Old Guard" has some flashbacks, including Theron as a medieval warrior.

New to The Old Guard in a strong supporting role is Kiki Layne (Nile Freeman), a Marine veteran of the War in Afghanistan, who presents a strong quiet presence.

The Old Guard includes Matthias Schoenaerts (Booker Sebastian Le Livre), a French soldier who fought alongside Napoleon; Marwan Kenzari (Joe-Yusuf Al-Kay-

sani), a Muslim warrior who was in the Crusades, and Luca Marinelli (Nicky-Nicolo di Genova), an Italian Crusader.

"The Old Guard" has authentic-looking scenes set in The Sudan, Afghanistan, France and London. The cinematography is brisk, often with handheld camera, and with lots of close-ups of Theron and the main characters. So close-up are the close-ups, they must have used a pore-cam.

The soundtrack has a minimalist score of keyboard, electronic and percussive effects, and includes snippets of songs written and sung by Khalid, Frank Ocean, Maddie Duke, Active Child and Elle King.

"I've been here before," says Andy, "and I'm just so tired of it."

Much the same might be said of the superhero movie genre. "The Old Guard" has elements we've seen before in action-violence, plot points and resolution.

"The Old Guard" also has Charlize Theron. And she makes all the difference.

"There was a time when I was worshipped as a god," Andy says.

Theron is a goddess of action films.

Van Veronica Ngo (Quynh) appears with Booker in a denouement scene that indicates a sequel is in store.

There should be plenty of material to occupy "The Old Guard" as they fight through the centuries.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "The Old Guard" graphic novel writer and movie screenwriter Greg Rucka wrote for "Wonder Woman," "Lazarus" and "Stumptown" comics for DC and Marvel. "The Old Guard" graphic novel illustrations are by Leandro Fernández ("The Punisher"). "The Old Guard" was filmed in Morocco, the United Kingdom and Shepperton Studios, England.

"The Old Guard," MPAA rated R (Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for sequences of graphic violence, and language; Genre: Action, Adven-

ture, Fantasy; Run time: 2 hours, five minutes. Distributed by Netflix.

Unreel: AMC Theaters announced in an Aug. 13 email to AMC A-List members that it would reopen as many as 100 of its theaters Aug. 20, and expects to have two-thirds of its 600 theaters open by Sept. 3. Coronavirus pandemic protocol will be in place.

AMC will offer 15-cent tickets opening day Aug. 20 to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

AMC will screen Disney's "The New Mutants," starting Aug. 28, and Christopher Nolan's "Tenet," starting Sept. 3.

AMC will bring back "Back to the Future," "Beauty and the Beast," "Black Panther," "Ghostbusters," "Goonies," "Grease," "I Still Believe," "Jumanji: The Next Level," "Sonic the Hedgehog" and "Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back," the email explains.

Opening Aug. 21 is "Unhinged," MPAA rated R, starring Russell Crowe in a road-rage revenge thriller.

LCCC utilizing opioid grant for projects

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) is one of 13 higher education institutions receiving a portion of nearly \$1 million from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to prevent and reduce

the use of opioids by college students and to create naloxone training for post-secondary institutions.

LCCC's \$81,000 grant will be used for a handful of key projects. The college has contract-

ed with the Center for Humanistic Change to present Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education (HOPE) workshops as the focus of a college-wide awareness-raising campaign.

HOPE was devel-

oped in response to the concern about the opioid epidemic in the Lehigh Valley. The program builds awareness through the stories of local families coping with the impact of addiction. Attendees learn about

the drugs, signs of use, and symptoms of overdose, the nature of addiction, training in Naloxone administration, and how to get help.

Funds are available to expand LCCC's STEP Up Drug Prevention Student Groups.

Naloxone overdose reversal nasal spray and certification in its administration will be provided to LCCC Public Safety Officers and key staff members.

A web resource aimed at reducing the stigma of addiction and educating students about opioid use disorder will be created.

Information: Molly Stanton, LCCC Opioid Prevention Educator, mstanton@lccc.edu; Brian DeLong, LCCC Director of Counseling and Community Standards and the Project Director, at bdelong2@lccc.edu; 610-799-1895

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Thinking outside the rink

St. Luke's University Health Network repurposes Bethlehem ice-skating facility for student athletes

During the winter months of 2019-2020, skaters at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink race, glided and twirled around the frozen oval, unmasked, close together and unconcerned about getting ill.

But since mid-June, the massive concrete-floored hall with open sides and a high steel roof, off Illick's Mill Road, has been transformed by St. Luke's University Health Network into a vast, well-ventilated fitness center. Here, sweating and panting young athletes from across the Lehigh Valley region are invited to train safely for upcoming fall sports.

During the six weeks, the 17,000-square-foot facility will host a bevy of pre-teen and teenage boys and girls, each keeping physically separated at marked workout stations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

They hoist barbells and kettle bells, do calisthenics, stretch muscles, bend and pump to a soundtrack of loud, up-tempo music while preparing for their school's football, soccer and basketball seasons. Speed and agility drills take place at a nearby tennis court.

This rink rethinking was the brainchild of Bobby McClarin, St. Luke's Community Ambassador and Sports Performance Coach in the

Sports Medicine Relationships division. The idea came to him in early May as he pondered the plight of students who might have to miss training because of the restrictions and risks from the COVID-19 crisis.

"I thought, 'We need to do something for these kids to get them in shape in a safe setting,'" said McClarin, a former linebacker for the U.S. Naval Academy football team.

High schools haven't finalized plans for sports training or competition, he adds.

He proposed his vision for a COVID-clear strength and conditioning facility at the rink to City of Bethlehem and St. Luke's officials.

"St. Luke's focus is committed to keeping our community healthy, and this program is a great way to help meet that need," McClarin said.

Approximately 20 to 80 athletes can train at a time. The students attend middle schools and high schools in Bethlehem, Allentown, Easton, Northampton and Nazareth. Collegiate athletes and high school graduates transitioning to college sports are also in training at the rink.

The rink is leased from the City of Bethlehem by St. Luke's through funding provided by the Department of Orthopedics and Sports Performance.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Area student athletes weight-training at Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem.

McClarin and Freedom High School Strength and Conditioning Coach Imad Azar lead the sessions, with assistance from Liberty High School Strength and Conditioning Coach Adam Sankovsky and Coach Roberto Diez.

Azar said that the facility gives student-athletes "a huge opportunity to be in good shape before their schools start formal team workouts."

Freedom Athletics

held four sessions on a recent Monday consisting of 180 student athletes.

"This is a credit to the relationship and rapport that Coach Azar has built with coaches, staff and student-athletes alike," said McClarin.

On arrival, a student's temperature is taken with a digital forehead thermometer. Each student is asked about exposure or symptoms of the coronavirus.

Antiseptic cloths are used to wipe down the equipment after each exercise or drill.

Participants are reminded often to pump out and apply hand sanitizer.

The makeshift facility is a win-win, said McClarin, adding, "The kids love it, and parents love it." He said he has received many "sincere thank-yous" for the facility.

When the cold weath-

er returns, so may the skaters to frolic on the frozen ice rink in Bethlehem.

Meanwhile, St. Luke's is helping build young bodies into stronger, leaner and faster athletes in the safety of an unusual setting.

Information: <https://go.active-calendar.com/sluhn/event/bethlehem-ice-rink-sports-performance-training/>

St. Luke's University Health Network receives IBM Watson 100 Top awards

St. Luke's University Health Network has received IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospital awards for the eighth time.

St. Luke's University Hospital Bethlehem and Allentown campuses have been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals in the Major Teaching Hospital category by IBM Watson Health for the sixth year in a row and the eighth time overall.

Additionally, for the second time, St. Luke's Anderson Campus was named a 100 Top Hospital, one of 20 in the Medium Community Hospital category.

IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals is one of the health industry's most prestigious honors. Unlike many other health-care awards, it is based entirely on an independent, scientific review of objective data from government and other publicly-available sources.

St. Luke's University Hospital, Fountain Hill, is the only hospital in the region to ever have been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals in the Major Teaching Hospital category.

Not only are St. Luke's hospitals the only hospitals in the region to have received the

100 Top Hospitals designation, the hospitals are the only hospitals to have done so in Pennsylvania in 2020 in their respective categories.

"The IBM Watson 100 Top Hospitals national award recognizes St. Luke's University Health Network's ability to provide the highest level of quality care at a lower cost than any hospital network in our region. This recognition is especially significant at this time as our community contends with the COVID-19 epidemic," Rick Anderson, St. Luke's President and CEO, said.

"This award focuses

on clinical outcomes, efficiencies of care and, importantly, financial performance and is a credit to the entire St. Luke's family. I cannot thank our outstanding physicians, nurses, other staff and leadership team enough for their dedication and commitment to outstanding quality patient care," said Anderson.

"Hospitals, health systems and the dedicated clinicians and staff who work at these organizations have emerged as true heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are grateful to be

able to recognize these extraordinary leaders at this time," said Kyu Rhee, M.D., M.P.P., Vice President and Chief Health Officer, IBM Watson Health.

"From small community hospitals to major teaching hospitals, organizations on this list demonstrate a relentless commitment to high value, patient-centered care and innovation. It is clear that the COVID-19 crisis will be a catalyst for reinvention, and we believe these top performing hospitals are positioned to emerge stronger and smarter out of this crisis," Rhee said.

IBM Watson Health, formerly known as Truven Health Analytics, uses independent and objective research to an-

alyze hospital and health system performance in 11 areas, addressing: inpatient mortality; 30-day mortality rate; complications; core measures; 30-day risk-adjusted readmission rate; severity-adjusted average length of stay; mean emergency room throughput; inpatient expense per discharge; Medicare spend per beneficiary; adjusted operating profit margin, and Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) score (patient rating of overall hospital performance).

The study has been conducted annually since 1993.

Information: www.100tophospitals.com

St. Luke's Sacred Heart given Chamber 'Good Neighbor' honor

The Allentown Area Chamber of Commerce chose St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus, Fourth and Chew streets, Allentown, to receive its 2020 Good Neighbor Award, which Hospital President Frank Ford accepted during the Chamber's virtual Annual Awards Reception Aug. 11.

"This award affirms St. Luke's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of inner-city Allentown," said Ford, who was born and raised near the hospital.

"While we have made great progress, there's much more work to be done. Our focus and passion, along with that of our community partners, is to make this neighborhood a great place to live," Ford said.

The Chamber bestows the Good Neighbor Award to an individ-

ual or organization that has provided exemplary community service for the betterment of the City of Allentown and its citizenry. Previous honorees include Charlie Thiel, PPL, Bill Grube, Iron Pigs and Rich Mar Florist.

St. Luke's has enhanced health services in the area into which it moved in 2017 with the merger with Sacred Heart.

In two years, the network invested more than \$31 million to improve and expand clinical and educational spaces and made essential infrastructure repairs.

Efforts are gaining ground, led by St. Luke's employees and community leaders, to address the barriers to better health that confront the inner-city residents, such as access to pri-

mary care, jobs, healthy food, early childhood education and substance use treatment.

"St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus is the epitome of a good neighbor with the enhancements made to this once-distressed community hospital," said Miriam Huertas, senior vice president of the Chamber.

"They have revitalized numerous buildings and patient floors and strengthened and expanded vital health care services.

"Converting The Sigal Center, across from the hospital, into a federally-qualified health center and expanding access to critical primary care, pediatrics and women's services have opened the door to better health for this underserved population," Huertas said.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells, representing a Conceptis Sudoku puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALISBURY TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Hearing Board of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, PA on Tuesday September 1, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The following appeals will be heard:

1536 CHURCH ROAD, SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA (APPEAL NO. 20-0196)

Appeal of Kyle Behmleider for a Variance to construct an attached carport in an area where there is insufficient side yard setback (8' each/24' combined required; 4' & 4.5/8.5' combined proposed). The property is located within the R3, Medium Low Density Residential Zoning District. 1011 BUCKINGHAM DRIVE, SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA (APPEAL NO. 20-0219)

Appeal of an enforcement notice against Blake Koch for conducting a commercial business at 1011 Buckingham Drive. The property is located within the R2, Low Density Residential Zoning District. 2460 PARKWOOD DRIVE, SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA (APPEAL NO. 20-0194)

Appeal of Parkwood Real Estate Trust, LLC for a Variance to construct an office building at 2460 Parkwood Drive in an area where there is an insufficient setback along a public street (30' required; 12' proposed). Applicant also seeks a favorable interpretation of §27-603.8.B(1) regarding the placement of a parking lot tree. The property is located within the C1, Office-Laboratory Zoning District. 2460 PARKWOOD DRIVE, SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA (APPEAL NO. 20-01220)

Appeal of Parkwood Real Estate Trust, LLC for a Variance to construct a free-standing sign at 2460 Parkwood Drive in a location where there is not a vehicular entrance from a street. Applicant also seeks a variance for height (10' max. permitted; 32' proposed) and area of sign face (60 sq. ft. max permitted; 355 sq. ft. proposed). The property is located within the C1, Office-Laboratory Zoning District.

Any interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard. All persons entering the building must wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocol. Attendees are asked to wait in the lobby or outside until their case is being heard. Files are available for review by appointment only in the Community Development Office of Salisbury Township. Please contact Kerry Rabold, Salisbury Township Planning & Zoning Officer, at (484) 661-5825 or krabold@salisburytownship.org to make an appointment during normal business hours, Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

As per the provisions of PA Act 15, enacted April 20, 2020, any interested parties who wish to submit questions or comments prior to the hearing, may submit such by sending an email to info@salisburytownship.org with "ZHB 9-1-2020" in the subject heading or sending by U.S. mail to Salisbury Township, Attn: ZHB 9-1-2020, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. All questions and comments must be received by 4:30PM on Monday August 31, 2020. Aug. 12, 19

CRYPTOGRAM

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ZRJT YI KNRHNP JIVO KUHNO."

See solution on page B9

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals R

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

NEIGHBORS' NAMESAKES ACROSS

- 1 Singer Reddy
6 "Preach it!"
10 Italian Riviera city
15 At the home of, French-style
19 Muscat citizen
20 Display model
21 In the midst of
22 Plastic brick brand
23 Certain bolt
24 Spanish for "bears"
25 Ravi Shankar played it
26 As a result
27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality]
31 — Mae (government lender)
32 Mai —
33 Part of ENT
34 Hiker's carrying bag
37 College academics overseer [actor]
44 Very busy
45 Screw up
47 Blvds., e.g.
48 Legal deg.
49 Funeral pile
50 Tangent, e.g.
52 Actor Omar of "House"
54 Singer Cole or Abdul
56 Actress Long
57 Ranch food provider [animator]
60 Teen girl, in old lingo [golfer]
62 Flavorful
63 Sch. in Manhattan
64 Harsh
65 Magic spell
69 Creditor's time of forgiveness [singer]
74 Bacon sizzle sound
75 Cost — and a leg
77 Part of ETA
78 "— bleu!" (French "Egad!")
80 "Monterey" food [singer]
84 Male gobblers [singer]
89 Western Amerind
90 Jumped
91 Illegalizes
92 "I want that now!"
93 Leaf veins
95 Pro
96 Animator's sheet
97 Tolkien fiend
100 They may bedevil dogs
101 Lace a party drink [bandleader]
105 Fourth-place finisher, say
107 Envoy's bldg.
108 Oval portion
109 Very dense element
111 What you do when you solve this puzzle?
119 Tiny fly

18x18 crossword grid with numbered squares.

- 120 Tiger sounds
121 Went by bike, e.g.
122 Unmoving
123 Part of ENT
124 Binge
125 At the drop of —
126 Strange
127 Lyft competitor
128 Baby's bear
129 Downsides
130 Tire pattern

DOWN

- 1 — d'oeuvres
2 Send off
3 Volcano stuff
4 Full of pep
5 Dummy
6 Ornament hanger, e.g.
7 Barcelona soccer great Lionel
8 Overplayed the part
9 Have a snack
10 Fuel holders
11 Estevez of film
12 "Just say — drugs"
13 — even keel
14 In a pleasant way
15 Get resolved
16 Mr., in Munich
17 Custard components
18 Noted Bronx attraction

- 28 Stud money
29 States, to Macron
30 Female WWII enlistee
34 Playwright Connelly
35 Bryce Canyon locale
36 In — (as found)
38 X Games ailer
39 "Spare tire" fat
40 Screw up
41 Forest cats
42 Ones making an effort
43 Aches (for)
46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid)
51 Approves of
53 Show that you can download
54 Gives out in abundance, as flattery
55 Stubborn equine
58 Witty sort
59 Car financing abbr.
60 "So long!"
61 NBA nail-biters, in brief
63 It aired "Car Talk"
65 College focuses
66 How police may get info
67 Actor Derek
68 Mork's planet
70 Lead-in to "now"
71 "You are not!" reply
72 Lead-in to Nov.

- 73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus"
76 Roman 1,150
79 Work unit
81 Sudden temperature increase
82 Apiece
83 Fencing sword
84 After-bath application
85 .6214 mile
86 Kuwaiti chief
87 Community rec center
88 Not veiled
91 Piano seat
94 Pesky insect, informally
96 Bow of respect
98 Some aircraft engines
99 Ad award
102 Realm: Abbr.
103 In groups of two
104 Santa's laugh
106 Sight at dusk
110 Roomy car
111 Radio dial
112 Relieve
113 Vatican head
114 Fend (off)
115 — II (Gillette brand)
116 Colt's father
117 Director Kazan
118 Arctic vehicle
119 African antelope

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See solution on page B9

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Linwood Drumheller, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Scott K. Drumheller, 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, c/o, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Betty Dorothy DePietro a/k/a Betty D. DePietro, deceased, late of 241 Willow Street, Borough of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Reginald W. Bateman, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or his attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 5, 12, 19

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2020, Certificate of Organization was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Ave Maria Senior Care, LLC, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Act of 1994.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

LOUISE E. KELLEHER, A/K/A LOUISE KELLEHER, A/K/A LOUISE E. KELLHER, A/K/A LOUISE E. KELLHER, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Lisa A. Palmer, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

HANS D. PLACHETZKI, A/K/A HANS PLACHETZKI PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF HANS D. PLACHETZKI, A/K/A HANS PLACHETZKI, deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Michael A. Mariano, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Janet W. Sander, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Lucille R. Ring, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

In compliance with the Governor's order to limit indoor public gatherings to 25 participants, notice is hereby given that the August 24, 2020 and the September 14, 2020 Regular Board Meetings of the Board of School Directors shall be held virtually.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate of Organization--Domestic Limited Liability Company has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Organization for a Domestic Limited Liability Company to be organized under the provisions of Title 15, Corporation and Unincorporated Associations at 15 Pa. C.S.A. 8901 et al., approved December 7, 1994, P.L. 703, No. 106 §4, effective in sixty (60) days.

COLORFUL CONNEXIONS, LLC

Certificate of Organization filed: June 16, 2020 WILLIAM W. MATZ, JR., ESQUIRE 211 W. BROAD STREET BETHLEHEM, PA 18018-5517

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF LINDA LOUISE LANSHE, Deceased, late of the Hanover Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Linda G. Tracy, Executrix, c/o 1185 Stafore Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF DAVID ROYCE CLAUSER, Deceased, late of Lower Saucon Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to William L. Miller, Executor, c/o 1620 Pond Road, Suite 75, Allentown, PA 18104; or William H. Dayton, Jr., Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 1620 Pond Road, Suite 75, Allentown, PA 18104.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public lien sale on August 25, 2020, the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased spaces, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 11:00 AM and continue until all units are sold.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of WALTER P. BACHER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay to:

Edward L. Bacher, Executor c/o WILLIAM P. BRIED, ESQ. LLC 1600 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102-4214 610-709-6200

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Rahmeh K. Hanna, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Bashar W. Hanna, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Ruth C. Steiner, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Georgeann Bell, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Jeffrey M. Koren, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Jacquelyn M. Koren, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

Joseph Vincent Kay, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Nell Louise Sokalski, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Carol J. Poh AKA Carol J. Snyder AKA Carol J. Meckes, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA, Deceased. Letters of Administration on said estate having been granted, and all persons indebted there to are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to:

Carol J. Snyder, Executor c/o Pamela Holley, 1010 N. Kearney Street, Allentown, PA 18109 and Stefanie Huber of 3801 Cannon Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA NOTICE is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, will consider for approval at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of September, 2020, an ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge user fees for the deployment of public safety services rendered by the Coplay Fire Department for emergency response services.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 TIME: 7:00 P.M. PLACE: CATASAUQUA MUNICIPAL BUILDING 90 BRIDGE STREET, CATASAUQUA, PA 18032

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA NOTICE is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, will consider for approval at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of September, 2020, an ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge user fees for the deployment of public safety services rendered by the Coplay Fire Department for emergency response services.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ROSEMARY EROH c/o CHARLES A. WATERS, ESQ STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of CARL S. CROUSE, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of Miriam E. George, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

JoAnne M. McGee aka JoAnne Marie McGee, Executrix c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062

PUBLIC NOTICE

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Upper Milford Township Board of Supervisors will hold their regular meeting of August 20th, September 3rd and September 17th via ZOOM at 7pm. Information to access the ZOOM meetings and meeting agendas will be listed by noon the day of each meeting on the Township website, www.uppermilford.net.

Upper Milford Township Jessi O'Donald Secretary/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will hold a virtual workshop meeting on August 24, 2020 at 7 PM via zoom.com. The link to the public workshop will be posted on www.lowermac.com on August 21, 2020. Citizen participation will take place by clicking on the link and registering for the meeting. Comments and questions will be taken in the "Chat" window. A recording of the workshop will be posted to the Township's home page within 24 hours after the meeting.
Aug. 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2020 Roadway Line Striping Program which includes 181,440 L.F. of double yellow centerline and 344,890 L.F. of white fog line, all to be waterborne-type in accordance with PennDOT Publication 408, Section 962. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procurement.com> beginning August 12, 2020. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on September 3, 2020. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 102. This project is considered maintenance and is not subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from PennBid. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality, and to reject any or all Bids.
Aug. 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#07 20 015 The Zoning Appeal of Guraya LLC, P.O. Box 307, Fogelsville, PA 18051; for a variance from §27-307.2.C.j "Table of Lot and Setback Requirements by District" to allow impervious coverage over the allowed amount at 5917 W. Tilghman St., Allentown, PA 18104. The property is situated in the HC Zoning District. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Aug. 12, 19 Dan DeMeno, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#07 20 014 The Zoning Appeal of Cool Breeze Auto, LLC, 1738 Creekview Dr., Fogelsville, PA 18051; for a variance from §27-306.2 "Table of Permitted Uses by District" to allow an auto sales use at 852 Trexler Rd., Breinigsville, PA 18031. The property is situated in the R3 Zoning District. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Aug. 12, 19 Dan DeMeno, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#08 20 018 The Zoning Appeal of Elvis & Merima Gojic, 310 Sawgrass Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for interpretational relief from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. The Applicants are seeking zoning relief in response to a notice of enforcement action filed by Upper Macungie Township and request the following relief:
1. Applicants request an interpretation and determination pursuant to Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-111.5.A. (2011 as amended) that the Zoning Officer has misinterpreted or misapplied Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-603.7.C.(1), and section 27-603.7.B.(2) governing Paved Area Setbacks, and the Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks, and section 27-603.4.A. governing Access Drives and Driveways. Specifically, Applicant avers that the Zoning Officer's determination that a portion of the paved area of the driveway located upon the Subject Property is in violation of section 27-603.7.C.(1) of the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance was made in error or in a manner inconsistent with applicable law.
2. Alternatively, Applicants request a variance from 27-603.7.C.(1) to permit the existing paved area on the Subject Property to remain as constructed. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Aug. 12, 19 Dan DeMeno, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#08 20 017 The Zoning Appeal of Jeffery & Pauline Graves, 307 Sawgrass Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for interpretational relief from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. The Applicants are seeking zoning relief in response to a notice of enforcement action filed by Upper Macungie Township and request the following relief:
1. Applicants request an interpretation and determination pursuant to Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-111.5.A. (2011 as amended) that the Zoning Officer has misinterpreted or misapplied Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-603.7.C.(1), and section 27-603.7.B.(2) governing Paved Area Setbacks, and the Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks, and section 27-603.4.A. governing Access Drives and Driveways. Specifically, Applicant avers that the Zoning Officer's determination that a portion of the paved area of the driveway located upon the Subject Property is in violation of section 27-603.7.C.(1) of the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance was made in error or in a manner inconsistent with applicable law.
2. Alternatively, Applicants request a variance from 27-603.7.C.(1) to permit the existing paved area on the Subject Property to remain as constructed. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Aug. 12, 19 Dan DeMeno, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#08 20 016 The Zoning Appeal of Joseph Holaska, 5902 Winterberry Pl., Allentown, PA 18104; for interpretational relief from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. The Applicant is seeking zoning relief in response to a notice of enforcement action filed by Upper Macungie Township and requests the following relief:
1. Applicant requests an interpretation and determination pursuant to Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-111.5.A. (2011 as amended) that the Zoning Officer has misinterpreted or misapplied Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance section 27-603.7.C.(1) governing the Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks. Specifically, Applicant avers that the Zoning Officer's determination that a portion of the paved area of the driveway located upon the Subject Property is in violation of section 27-603.7.C.(1) of the Upper Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance was made in error or in a manner inconsistent with applicable law.
2. Alternatively, Applicant requests a variance from 27-603.7.C.(1) to permit the existing paved area on the Subject Property to remain as constructed.
3. Alternatively, Applicant requests a de minimis variance from 27-603.7.C.(1) to permit the existing paved area on the Subject Property to remain as constructed.
4. Alternatively, Applicant asserts that Applicant is entitled to, and hereby requests, a variance by estoppel from 27-603.7.C.(1) to permit the existing paved area on the Subject Property to remain as constructed. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.
Aug. 12, 19 Dan DeMeno, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of GIOVANNI ALMODOVAR RIOS, Late of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Administration have been granted to the Administrator named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
GLENDIA IVELISSE RIOS VAZQUEZ
c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
or to her attorney:
Frederick J. Stellato, Esquire
Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
Aug. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of John J. Ryan, Jr., Late of Lower Saucon Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executor named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Mark Ryan, Executor
c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
or to his attorney:
Judith A. Harris, Esquire
Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Irvin E. Seagraves, Late of Forks Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executrix named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Darlene Eger, Executrix
c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
or to her attorney:
Judith A. Harris, Esquire
Norris McLaughlin, P.A.
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502
Allentown, PA 18101
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION 001116.21 - INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that Weisenberg Township will receive sealed bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.net) until 3:00 PM, prevailing time on September 10, 2020 for the Valley Road Culvert Replacement Project. The work includes but is not limited to all labor, materials, tools, oversight and permits required to Provide E&S Controls and bypass pumping, excavate and remove an existing culvert, excavate and provide foundations and endwalls/wingwalls, install an Owner-furnished steel culvert, provide backfill and surface restoration, and all other related work as indicated or reasonably implied in the contract documents. All bidding documents will be available online at no cost at www.PennBid.net beginning at noon on August 19, 2020. Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract shall be furnished by the successful bidder as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders. Prevailing Wage Rates shall apply. Immediately following the due date and time, all bids received through PennBid will be opened online at the Engineer's Office and referred to the Township for final award. An abstract of the bids received will be available to bidders on PennBid following the date and time that bids are due as indicated above. A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Questions may be submitted through PennBid's Clarifications (From Vendors) tab on or before 3:00 PM on September 2, 2020. Responses will be provided via PennBid to all registered parties. Weisenberg Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions or to waive any informalities in bidding and to withhold award for a period of sixty days.
Weisenberg Township
2175 Seipstown Road.
Fogelsville, PA 18051
Aug. 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of RITA L. KOLAR, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Susan M. Kolar, Executrix
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.
2610 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Aug. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of NANCY CAROL SHAPIRO, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Jenna C. Shapiro a/k/a Jenna Concetta Shapiro, Executrix
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire
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Aug. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of James Michael Chiadis aka James M. Chiadis, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Michael J. Chiadis aka Michael James Chiadis, Administrator
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.
2610 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Aug. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE TRUST NOTICE

STURLEY B. HARMAN, Deceased, Late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Harman Family Trust dated 12-10-1998. **Keith Harman and Beverly Nuss, Successor Trustees**, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Trust of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to Decedent to make payments without delay to:
KEITH HARMAN AND BEVERLY NUSS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES
c/o ERIC R. STRAUSS, ESQUIRE
WORTH MAGEE & FISHER
2610 WALBERT AVENUE
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104
or to their attorney: ERIC S. STRAUSS, Esquire
WORTH MAGEE & FISHER
2610 WALBERT AVENUE
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, make payment without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:
Decedent: **RONALD W. SCHWENK**
Date of Death: April 30, 2020
Late of: Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Executor: Karen A. Campbell, c/o Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire
211 West Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517
Attorney: Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517
Aug. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY B. JONES, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Susan L. Landis, Executrix, Sam D. Jones, Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062
Or to their Attorney: **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**
Aug. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whitehall-Coplay School District
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Whitehall-Coplay School District (the "District") shall convene Committee Meetings beginning at 4:00 p.m. on August 24, 2020. The Operations/Transportation Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m., and the Finance/Personnel Committee and Education/Student Activities Committee will follow consecutively. Directions for connection to and participation in these public meetings will be published on the District's publicly accessible website. Individuals who need accommodations to address disabilities need to contact Michael Malay at, Boardsecretary@whitehallcoplay.org; at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. This notice is posted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. § 701, et seq.
Aug. 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a South Whitehall Township Civil Service Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held via "GoToMeeting" in order to conduct the regular Civil Service Commission business, and any other business which may come before the Commission at this time.
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SCOTT HOKE, CHAIRMAN
Aug. 19

PUBLIC NOTICE PASSED ORDINANCES

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday August 10, 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. 3209
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 37 OF THE 2006 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING 75 FT NO PARKING ZONES ALONG E. COLUMBIA STREET AND CENTER STREET AT THE IRT XWALK APPROACHES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. (DEVELOP) John F. Gross, Esq., Solicitor
2. ORDINANCE NO. 3210
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG THE JOAB ROAD FRONTAGE OF 3645 & 3655 MUNICIPAL DRIVE AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (DEVELOP) 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.
Aug. 19

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