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## BASD

### Filling a seat

Candidates interviewed, new budget unveiled

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The BASD school board March 16 interviewed Winston C. Alozie, Basilio A. Bonilla Jr. and Sam Hopp, Ph.D., for the Region 1 seat recently vacated by Rogelio Ortiz. The board also reviewed the 2020-21 budgets from Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech (BAVTS), Northampton Community College (NCC), and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (IU20).

**Board selects Alozie**  
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The Bethlehem Press attended this meeting virtually, via GoToMeeting set up by CTO Marie Bachman, due to the coronavirus pandemic. The budget documents were provided online, as the respective leaders were unable to attend the meeting. All board members except Ortiz were present.

Winston Alozie, who attended the meeting in person, is the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem, where he previously served as a program director; he has also been an after-school coordinator at Communities in Schools

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### A message to our loyal customers

Until further notice, we will no longer accept walk-in customers at our offices. We have taken this step in order to protect our employees and the general public from the possibility of exposing anyone to the COVID-19 virus.

We will be happy to accept phone calls, and you can make payments through the mail or through the mail slot in our door or electronically on our website at [www.tnonline.com](http://www.tnonline.com).

Our offices will be staffed and in operation conducting business over the phone and through email during this crisis.

Many of our employees will be working from home to continue publishing our newspapers, and we will continue to deliver them to the best of our ability.

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People have been flocking to the outdoors in search of calmness and to exercise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hikers and cyclists are traversing area trails such as this stretch of the D&L Trail above in Northampton.

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## Vital viral lessons

BY DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Up until the current COVID-19 pandemic, the two most momentous events in my lifetime were the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. A third life-impacting event, the current public health crisis, has introduced an invisible enemy that has manifested itself very quickly and has taken many lives around the world while infecting untold others.

It has required adaptation by each of us and caused changes in our daily routines.

Despite the shelter-in-place orders and social distancing recommendations, in a way we've become closer. At least I have, with friends through phone calls, emails and social media. Some have reached out to me, and I am touched by their thoughtfulness.

A very dear friend brings hope, positivity and humor in her frequent Facebook postings,

### 'We are thankful for the great support'

BY LANI GOINS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

While we try to keep ourselves safe, here is a look at several local businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Peter Mickolay is the owner of Aykroyd Hardware, located at 734 North New St. in Bethlehem. As an essential business, the store is open normal hours. Employees have been instructed to stay at a distance from customers, and Mickolay says most customers are also practicing social distancing without being asked. He says one company he deals with has given its employees nametags with reminders on them for customers to stay six feet away. The store offers curbside order pickup for all customers. Deliveries

### ANOTHER VIEW

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I have learned a few things from this pandemic, and will likely learn more as it continues, peaks, recedes and ends. I've learned that if we adapt, we can survive. I've learned that if we receive good information and act quickly, we can make a difference. And I've learned, most importantly perhaps, that we really are not alone, even if we think or feel that we are. We truly are connected. We are part of a greater whole, and of each other. And it is that one-ness that I believe, in the end, will save us.

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Deborah Courville contributed

### LOCAL BUSINESS

are only available to commercial accounts.

As the store is essential, and remains open, its nine employees are all still working and their weekly work hours remain the same. The store's business level is the same as last year.

A few items are out of stock. The store cannot get N95 masks or toilet paper. Paper towels, disinfecting cleaners, and gloves are in limited supply.

Mickolay said, "I consider my business lucky compared to others that had to shut down or cut back services. We are thankful for the great support our customers are giving us. We are trying to get the products listed above

ASAP, as well as constantly sanitizing store surfaces. FYI, 3M advises maybe by the end of June they may resume N95 masks to non-medical distribution stream ... that is only an estimate."

Marinella Santos is the owner of Polished by Her, LLC, at 87 East Broad Street.

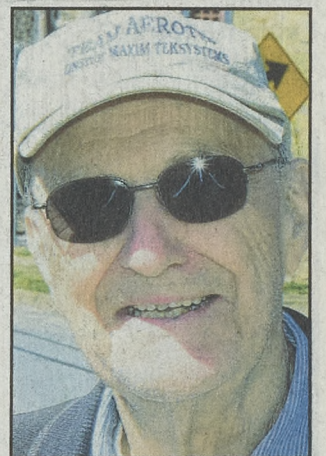
At the beginning of March, Santos traveled with her family to New York City. The plan was for two days of family time, then Santos would be working at the International Beauty Show, scheduled for March 8-10. But the coronavirus changed those plans. Soon after arriving in New York, Santos learned the convention was canceled, and businesses in the city were shutting down. She

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## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think about the Tokyo Summer Olympics being postponed from 2020 to 2021?



"It's a lot safer."  
**John Billetz**  
Bethlehem Township



"It's sad because the athletes have trained so hard for this. We all have to do our part, but it's harder on some than others."  
**Margo Billetz**  
Bethlehem Township

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What do you think about the Tokyo Summer Olympics being postponed from 2020 to 2021?



"Athletes are in top shape so they shouldn't lose anything by not having this. And, you certainly don't want to jeopardize their health."

**Robin Rader**  
Bethlehem



"It is what we have to do to get back to normal life so that we can enjoy them when they come. I think it's important to do this to get everybody healthy again."

**Hannah Adams**  
Allentown



"In light of what's happening today I think that's the best thing to do for all who attend."

**Carmela Simmons**  
Bethlehem



"I feel like it's in the best interests of the overall safety of our people. We should stay a safe distance until we figure all of this out."

**Vito Villani**  
Bethlehem

SCHOOL NEWS

Crossing guards in limbo

Bethlehem City's crossing guards are in a unique, uncomfortable position. Their pay is split between two entities, the city of Bethlehem, and the Bethlehem Area School District.

When BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy announced the employees who would continue to receive pay during the shutdown, crossing guards were not included.

Russell Giordano, human resources director, confirmed that the crossing guards are not being paid, but that Dr. Roy is open to discussing this matter with with city.

Stephanie Angello, assistant to Mayor Bob Donchez, said right now, the city's focus is on "mitigation (of the Coronavirus) and public safety.

"When school is open, our crossing guards are an integral part of public safety. But while school is shut down, they are sidelined." Mary Toy, the crossing guard who works the intersection of Broad and Linden streets, said "I certainly do miss the kids. We are in uncharted territory here, it's something we have to work through, and we all need to pitch in and work together."

So as of now, the crossing guards who make sure the many walking students can cross the city's busy streets safely, are at home, with no work in sight, and no paycheck either.

Reporting by Lani Goins

Graduations also in limbo

With schools shut down in the weeks leading up to graduation, the Press contacted several high schools to get an idea of how many schools are planning to adjust or reschedule planning graduation ceremonies.

"We are making decision as we need to," said Dr. Joseph Roy in a recent email. Roy is the superintendent of the Bethlehem Area school District (BASD). "We don't need to make decisions on graduation just yet." BASD has two high schools: Liberty HS in Bethlehem and Freedom HS in Bethlehem Township.

Dr. Roy said BASD is conducting online courses for core classes.

Moravian Academy Director of Communications and Marketing Stephanie Vasta said, "We are pushing that [scheduling decision] off. We will see how next week evolves."

Moravian Academy's upper school campus is in Bethlehem Township.

Bethlehem Catholic HS administrators did not respond to a query asking about changes, if any to their graduation plans. Also not responding were Saucon Valley, Northwestern Lehigh, East Penn, Salisbury and Catasauqua.

Reporting by Douglas Graves

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of the Lehigh Valley. He is a 2010 graduate of Edinboro University of Pa. Selections from his responses to questions from the board are below:

• **On why he's a strong candidate:** "I'm a proud product of the district [Broughal MS and Freedom HS]. The formative experiences I've had have propelled me to a place [...] where I owe a lot of that to the district. I also work with a lot of young people in the area."

• **On the role of a school board member:** "Outside of being an arm of the administration in getting things done on behalf of the district, a big portion of the job is communicating effectively and transparently the initiatives the school district is doing, to the community at large, which is something I'm very passionate about [...] and to make sure that all the parts of our district, and all those who are invested in our district, have a sense of cohesion and support [...] understanding that when you take this position, you sign your name to support what we're doing, and the students that we serve."

• **On the characteristics of a successful relationship between the board and the superintendent:** "I believe in being a supporter, and not a 'yes man.' I firmly believe in being behind the initiatives - a school board member should be someone who's understanding and knowledgeable about the work being done, and being willing to learn - and in relation to the superintendent, to be an agent to help get things done, but also a person willing to challenge... Not that you don't see the vision, but if he sees the vision, we have to straighten out the map."

• **On BASD's greatest assets:** "The kids. It's all about the kids. They are the largest population that we serve, why we do what we do [...] I think it's a weighty responsibility, but I'm looking forward to being a part of this, if you choose to select me."

"One of our main challenges is a degree of understanding of the differences in race, socioeconomic status... Dr. Roy's and the district's work on equity is important, and I think that's a conversation that always has to happen. There are many people who are hurt when they hear things that challenge their view of the world [...] I think that challenge is a big hill for us to climb, and I'm a believer that there's not a summit at the top - the work is the

journey, and being understanding during the journey that we're on."

• **On fair funding, charter schools, and fiscal challenges:** "I know that charter school funding takes away some of the funding that we receive. I find that charter schools are oftentimes seen as a way out for certain people - sometimes a way for folks not to have to deal with 'the other' in the room, and also a way that families of color are pulled away from schools and into situations where they are not receiving the resources that they would [in a district school], in special education or regular education. There's a lot of work to be done there, and we could be more vocal and more strategic in how we address our partners in education - the charter schools."

• **On standout district initiatives and his perceptions of them:** "I've been on the superintendent's task force for diversity (equity and excellence committee) since 2011-12, and I know we're very passionate about it. I'm aware of the technology initiative, which has been rolled out beautifully. A lot of kids with whom I work are of lower socioeconomic status, and there is a digital divide, but seeing the great work our district has done - I think it's a model that other districts should follow."

• **On the role school directors play at state and federal level:** "Advocacy. It is a school board's role to be available to advocate for the needs of their district, especially the most disenfranchised and the most vulnerable. Whether we're advocating for our teachers or our facilities, at the end of the day, it's for the kids. Supporting initiatives that do well for our kids."

• **On balancing educational needs with property tax burdens:** "I'm a very recent property owner as of last month. I am starting to understand why some folks have some qualms, but that comes down to communication. Outside of my work, I'm very involved in church work [and a bishop told me] that people want to see their money go to something important. There's a balance, and we need to communicate that this is a need, and it's necessary. There will be times when I'll need to go and tell our constituents, This is what it's for, and that's the role of being that fiscal agent, really articulating for the public what the need is. When people hear the need behind it, the dollar signs are not as big of a challenge."

• **Final remarks:** "I

am very honored and somewhat even flattered to be here in front of you [...] and I want you to understand that whether I'm a candidate or not, the work that this board does is of great importance, and the kids I see every day really lean and depend on this district, and I'm very proud of the fact that this district is proactive on so many levels."

• **Dr. Sam Hopp, present at the meeting in person, is a consultant with Step by Step Learning, the literacy coaching firm BASD uses for its Reading by Grade 3 (RBG3) initiative.** He has taught English as a second language in the U.S. and abroad, and spent nearly four years in the U.S. Air Force. He earned his Ph.D. from Lehigh University in comparative and international education.

• **On why he's a strong candidate:** "My background is quite diverse. All of the places I've tried to make my mark have to do with difficult things, and doing the most with the least: my military experience, going to survival school and learning to stay alive in the Alaskan wilderness on one survival pack."

• **On the role of a school board member:** "The biggest responsibility is fiscal responsibility, and also decision-making responsibility, and they go hand in hand. There's never enough to do what you want, but you have to make sure you have enough to do what you need. The primary role of a school board member is to be part of the process that allows the best outcomes for the students."

• **On the relationship between the school board and the superintendent:** "The most important thing is open communication, that we have consistent, ongoing dialogues about what's coming, so that we're not in a reactionary mode. We have to view this as a partnership, with the understanding that we have distinct responsibilities, and know where they begin and end."

• **On BASD's greatest assets:** "There are so many. [Described moving to the Lehigh Valley, and not knowing whether he would commit his family to the area.] The opportunities that my son has had, since being here in Bethlehem, have changed his life. The community itself is a major piece of that puzzle - we live on the Southside - and he has a lot of opportunities because of the teachers that are dedicated to him, and the responsibilities placed on him are one of the greatest assets for him."

• **On the main chal-**

**lenges for BASD:** "In the 21st century, there are so many things going on. I was compiling stats, and looking at our demographics, and I see that there's still a distinct gap in the achievements of students from economically challenged backgrounds, and students of color. By 2042, we are going to be a majority [racial] minority nation, and in Bethlehem we already are. We are behind, in this country, in having enough people with bachelor's degrees to do the work that's needed. We need to grow the opportunities for our students. The biggest challenge is looking at who our students are, understanding the challenges that they bring every day, and providing them the opportunity that everybody graduates, and everybody can pursue higher education."

• **On fair funding, charter schools, and fiscal challenges:** "I put my son into a charter school for his fifth-grade year, because he wanted to try a special curriculum. He enjoyed it and did well in it. The biggest thing we need to look at for reform is that we need to have an equal playing field, and equal expectations. Understanding that we have them in the district, and we're likely going to have them for a long time, making the fiscal choices that balance the charters and the standard public [schools]. We want them all to succeed. Wherever a child goes to school, their success is the end goal."

• **On standout district initiatives and his perceptions of them:** "I'm directly involved in the Reading by Grade 3 initiative. I work with it every day. It's been really something that has seeped more into the community, with the United Way doing the reading-at-home program, and one of the important things we're doing is reaching back further and further, and starting that reading idea when children are still at home. And that initiative is going to bear some fruit. We still have the same challenges in the district, to make sure all the students are moving toward that goal. I think we can do even more things with the community that are like this initiative, and we'll give every kid a little bit more of that kick-start, if you will, to get ready even before they enter that classroom."

• **On the role school directors play at state and federal level:** "To be the conduit from the federal level to the local level, having the conversation about getting those funds, and being factual about how we

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**CITY OF BETHLEHEM**

**TAXES:** Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced March 24 that the city is extending the deadline for paying earned income tax and business privilege tax to July 15 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal and state tax filing deadlines have been extended to the same date. City of Bethlehem 2020 real estate taxes paid or postmarked before May 11, 2020, will be eligible for the two percent discount. The full payment due date is extended from May 29 to Aug. 10.

**REPORT BUSINESS VIOLATORS:** Bethlehem residents concerned with businesses operating in violation of the shutdown may call the Bethlehem Service Center at 610-865-7000. Do NOT call 911 for this issue.

**CITY HALL:** Based on Governor Tom Wolf's "Stay at Home" order issued for Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Bethlehem City Hall was closed to the public effective March 25 until further notice. City hall will remain operational but closed to the public. City employees will be available to assist residents via phone and email. Until further notice, residents should access information and conduct business by using the city's website ([www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov)).

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Recreational facilities that are closed to the public until further notice: at all parks, bathrooms, Bethlehem Golf Course, Charles A. Brown Ice House, dog park, Earl E. Schaffer Ice Rink, Illick's Mill, Sand Island tennis and basketball courts and the Skateplaza. When using trails, open space parks or the South Bethlehem Greenway, do not use the playground equipment and practice social distancing.

**RECYCLING:** The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center and Yard-waste/Compost Facility are closed until further notice. Curbside recycling pick-up is still following a normal schedule.

**POLICE:** Residents who need access to the police department may enter through the garage entrance.

**MEETINGS:** All city of Bethlehem public meetings are canceled through April 3, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. If additional cancellations are needed, notice will be provided once a determination is made.

**CONTACTS:** Monitor the city's website at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) and on social media for additional information and updates on COVID-19.

**CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**CASES:** As of last Friday, the city of Bethlehem currently has a total of six cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19). A bus driver for LANTA is among the individuals who recently tested positive for COVID-19. The bus driver worked on March 20 and drove several trips between Easton and Bethlehem during the shift. The Bethlehem Health Department is working with LANTA to notify employees who may have had close contact with this individual. All close contacts will be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days. If you feel that you may have had close contact with this individual, please self-monitor for symptoms. If you begin to exhibit symptoms, contact your health care provider to determine if you should be tested. Since the start of this outbreak, LANTA has enhanced cleaning procedures to disinfect commonly touched surfaces on their buses and vans, such as seat handles, hand rails, etc.

**PRECAUTIONS:** During this time, the City of Bethlehem is strongly encouraging everyone to engage in community strategies to slow the spread of the disease. For individuals working for life sustaining businesses, such as grocery stores, food service, and health care, please stay at home if you are sick. For life supporting businesses, if you have any employee with symptoms, please tell them to stay at home.

**CONTACT:** For questions about COVID-19, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH or the Bethlehem Health Department at 610-865-7083.

**CITY WATER DEPARTMENT**

**FLUSHABLE WIPES:** The City of Bethlehem Water and Sewer Resources department advises all citizens to observe the following guidelines for proper disposal of these items: Toilets should be for human waste and toilet paper only. All sanitizing wipes, paper towels, rags, diapers, baby wipes, and anything advertised as "flushable" should not be flushed down the toilet. These materials are not biodegradable and can cause blockages in your home plumbing system, as well as the city's sewage collection system, which can result in back-ups, overflows, flooded basements and damage to sewage handling equipment. The city's sewer department is keenly aware of this situation and has stepped up maintenance efforts for sewer main flushing and cleaning to prevent overflows and backups.

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**REFERENCE QUESTIONS:** You can get your reference questions answered via email.

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get that data. On the state level, I think we take that into a more local concept... Making sure we speak the same language, but understanding what the state is trying to accomplish. There's a challenge in aligning the Keystones with every student's curriculum. We have to be able to take that message to the state, and to show that when we do [certain things], our outcomes can be better."

**On balancing educational needs with property tax burdens:** "I think that's the biggest challenge we have. I have a philosophy about education: If you give every kid academics, art and athletics, that's when you get a lot of traction. Doing more with less is the trick. Communicating with the community about what we do with the money, and what value it brings, is a big thing we can do to get the community really connected with what we're doing. Having passionate coaches, teachers, and after school activities [...] these things do work."

**Final remarks:** "I think, with everything we're doing, we have the opportunity to magnify it. We'll have more and more of these kids coming from different places, and that's going to make Bethlehem as good as it can be."

**Basilio Bonilla Jr.**, who was a member of the BASD school board from December 2011 through December 2015, has held a variety of local political offices and is currently on the LGBT advisory board for the Democratic National Committee (DNC). He received a B.A. in political science and government from Moravian College. He attended via phone, and responded to the same questions as the other candidates.

**On why he's a strong candidate:** "[Referred to his prior experience on the board] I'd like to begin by saying that having been in your seats in the past, I would like to thank you for what you do for the district. I am currently an administrative assistant at Lehigh Valley

Counseling. I've dealt with individuals who have different types of mental disabilities, and I have an understanding of how to work with people who are working through a variety of issues."

**On the role of a school board member:** "To make sure that our district is allocating money appropriately, to be sure the students have a safe environment in which to learn, and to support the superintendent to make sure he and our teachers have all the support they need."

**On the relationship between the school board and the superintendent:** "Definitely communication is one of the ones I've learned. Board members need to understand that communication with one another and the superintendent is extremely important. Rather than going in the public and making statements, things can be addressed [privately]."

**On BASD's greatest assets:** "Our amazing music department - Patriot band, Grenadier band, phenomenal arts departments - and our tremendous technology program that enables cyber learning. Also, getting to know other cultures of our very culturally rich district."

**On the main challenges for BASD:** "Charter schools, and students leaving our district. It's not a level playing field; students are not always better off going to charter schools; and the funding isn't equitable. Another issue is, as always, PSERS contributions and the challenge of working within our budget."

**On fair funding, charter schools, and fiscal challenges:** "Funding based on the per-student metrics [...] We have no say on what the charter schools spend our taxes on, and these entities are not in the best interests of our students."

**On standout district initiatives and his perceptions of them:** "The district's complete rebranding, being 'Built by Bethlehem' and [BASD proud] shows our district as rooted in our community. You're always proud to be from where you

came from."

**On the role school directors play at state and federal level:** "We're at the forefront, representing our district and our taxpayers. We've been out there pushing for charter school reform, and meeting with state legislators to make sure we're doing all we can, not only about PSSAs and inequities related to Keystone exams, but also funding issues."

**On balancing educational needs with property tax burdens:** "School board members don't always want to raise taxes, but it is our job to make sure our students are getting equitable education, and doing what's best for our students, the future of our community."

**Final remarks:** "I had the privilege and honor of serving on the school board about five years ago. I will not hide the fact that [my tenure on the school board ended tumultuously]. I am determined not to be defined by my mistakes. Looking back on my time on the school board, I am most proud of my tireless advocacy for all of our students, regardless of gender, ethnic background or sexuality. [...] As the uncle of a child with profound disabilities, I firmly believe that each student, regardless of disabilities, has much to offer our community. I believe Bethlehem has a bright future, and the potential of our students is limitless. We must come together in our belief that all children deserve a safe learning environment. [...] It is my goal to ensure that our tax dollars are spent where they are needed most, in our classrooms."

The board was scheduled to vote to appoint one of these candidates March 23. See story below.

The BAVTS budget proposed by Executive Director Adam Lazarechak totals nearly \$13 million, with BASD responsible for \$730,000. Nazareth ASD and Saucon Valley SD also participate in funding BAVTS. An additional \$2.1 million is budgeted to come from state funds, and \$301,000 from federal sources. BASD has the highest partic-

ipation over the past three school years, with an average of 894 students per year taking part in BAVTS instruction, compared with 271 for NASD and 74 for SVSD.

The NCC budget of \$76.6 million submitted by Dr. Mark Erickson includes an "Educational and Supportive" component - into which BASD pays - that increased by 3.45 percent over last year's budget and a capital component that decreased by nearly a million dollars. BASD's projected contribution of roughly \$6.5 million is an increase of 1.27 percent over last year. NCC projects that nearly 7,600 students will enroll in credit programs full-time next year, as well just over 900 non-credit, full-time students. In-county tuition will increase 4.64 percent.

The IU20 budget given to the board by Executive Director Dr. Christopher Wolfel includes services provided through four divisions: educational support, curriculum, HR and research, and instructional materials. The general operating budget of \$3.6 million (2.4 percent larger than the previous year) includes contributions from 13 school districts, including Bethlehem. IU20 is the eighth-largest IU in the state, with 86,000 students in the region it covers. It provides itinerant services to students in their home schools, as well as full-time services through a variety of delivery mechanisms, including BASD's cyber academy. The school district withholding amount required by state law is BASD's only mandated payment to IU20, and is proposed at \$5,572 for 2020-21, an increase of 1 percent over the prior year.

Although the individuals who prepared the budgets were not present, board member Craig Neiman noted that all board members are available to discuss them, and invited the public to contact board secretary Stacy Gober with questions. All items can be seen at [https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf/\(BoardDocs\)](https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf/(BoardDocs)).

**Alozie picked to join BASD board**

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Eight BASD school board members met March 23 - some in person, some on the phone via GoToMeeting - to appoint a new director to fill the Region 1 spot vacated in February by Rogelio Ortiz. They also paid routine bills; authorized the payment

of next month's bills (in view of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic); paid hourly workers for the time they would have worked during the state-mandated school closure March 16 to 27; approved the budgets submitted by Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School, Colonial Intermediate Unit 20, and Northamp-

ton Community College; and awarded landscape maintenance service contracts.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy reported that Governor Tom Wolf extended the coronavirus-related school closure through April 7, with employees to report back April 8 and students April 9, subject

to further updates.

Three candidates applied and were interviewed on March 16 for the Region 1 seat. At the board meeting, Angela Sinkler nominated Winston Alozie; Dr. Kim Shively seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion, and board

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Hunt! What's that, you ask? It's a social media activity where we share at-home challenges each day starting March 30. You might be asked to take a picture of a BAPL T-shirt or build something out of Lego. Maybe we'll ask you to share the name of the e-book you're reading or a DIY project you've completed. Fun stuff for all ages! There are prizes to be had at the end of the week just for playing along. "It was inspired by an online scavenger hunt that the Cancer Support Community of the Great Lehigh Valley created," says BAPL's Libby Ortiz. "The concept is that [this type of activity] helps boost mental health, can help our patrons stay healthy and sane," she says. "In these trying times, we need to practice social distancing, but stay together."

**TAKE A CLASS:** BAPL will soon be offering streaming versions of its popular yoga and Qijong (movement meditation) classes. Librarians are teaching their own online classes as well — up first is Brenda Grow sharing her famous cheesecake recipes! Follow us on social media for dates and times.

**BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOLS CLOSED:** Governor Tom Wolf has announced that the closure of schools in Pennsylvania will be extended to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Schools will remain closed through at least April 6, according to the Department of Education. However, officials said the closure could be extended beyond that date, if necessary.

**SCHOOL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The April committee meeting is tentative; information will be updated online as the situation changes.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:** Please visit your child's school's website for information accessing literacy and other resources during this initial 10-day closure, and in the event of an extended closure. Students are not responsible for assignments during the closure through March 27, but are encouraged to keep their skills sharp by completing the recommended work posted on school websites. Since the closure is extended beyond March 27, students are now assigned work to complete online.

Please stay up-to-date by continuing to visit the district website: [www.BASDschoools.org](http://www.BASDschoools.org).

**FREEMANSBURG**

**COUNCIL MEETING:** The meeting is scheduled for April 7. Council is planning to conduct some type of public meeting on April 7. This will be dependent on the ability to find and test suitable software which would allow the council to communicate and also allow the public to listen and participate. If that meeting does occur it will be advertised and directions on public participation will be noted.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING:** The municipal building is currently closed to visitors from the outside and most of the staff is working remotely. The police and fire department are working closely with Emergency Management and have implemented certain measures for safety of the officer/firefighter and citizen. Those calls that can be handled over the phone are being processed that way. There is a drop box for citizens who desire to pass information or pay bills.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The two-man department is working independently when possible and covering emergency situations should any appear. There are things such as a sewer pump station that requires monitoring and maintenance on a regular schedule. Those things are being done as part of the normal work day. There will be ongoing discussion concerning schedules and tasks.

**PARKS & OPEN SPACES:** The borough has closed the parks and removed equipment where possible and practical. The tow path along the canal, which is a multi-jurisdictional facility, is open and is reportedly being used quite extensively by persons who are walking, getting exercise and relief. An email from the D&L earlier indicated that use of the tow path has seen a gigantic increase in use since people are locked down.

**FIRE DEPT & EMTS:** The Fire Department is operating with some modifications to reflect the current virus situation. It would be best to contact the fire chief, Don Wilcox, and speak to him concerning the situation.

**POLICE:** As noted above, the Police Department is functioning with some modifications to keep everyone safe. Over the phone and social distancing are being practiced

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING:** Effective March 25 the building is closed to the public. If information is needed, please contact Township staff. Payments made by check can be dropped in the drop box, located to the right of the municipal building meeting entrance, 24 hours a day.

**RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING** continues as scheduled. Please only put out normal residential waste and recycling. The hauler is being inundated with bulk items. Do not use this crisis as an opportunity to do the clutter cleanout that you've been waiting years to do.

**TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS** continues to perform essential duties with social distancing.

**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:** All meetings canceled.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER:** Closed with all indoor and outdoor programming through April 30, 2020 canceled or postponed.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:** Outdoor facilities remain open. However, they're not sanitizing the apparatus and playground equipment. We ask that you use common sense if bringing children to our parks and not congregating in groups of five or more as per CDC guidance.

**FIRE AND EMS:** Continues to respond to all situations and calls.

**POLICE:** Continues to handle all emergency and non-emergency calls.

**RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING:** Continues as scheduled.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions, please call the township office at 610-866-1140.

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

**SENIOR CENTERS:** Lehigh County wants to assure all residents that they are taking every precaution when it comes to the vulnerable elder population. As such, they will be closing senior centers indefinitely. For any questions or concerns regarding elder safety, contact the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services directly at 610-782-3034.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL:** Lamont McClure announced the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development and the City of Easton will host a virtual town hall at 10 a.m. April 2 for businesses which have been affected by the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Speakers include County Executive McClure, Mayor Sal Panto, Alicia Karner, director of Bethlehem DCED, Representative Susan Wild, State Representative Robert Freeman, State Representative Steve Samuelson, State Senator Mario Scavella, Michael Kane, Deputy Director of Eastern PA District, US SBA, and Carol Kilko, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Business Financing with PA DCED. (The roster of speakers is subject to change.) Anyone wanting to take part in the town hall must register in advance: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northampton-county-virtual-town-hall-for-businesses-affected-by-covid-19-tickets-101306646908>. For questions, contact Dawn Tomaino at 610-829-6309 or [dtomaino@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:dtomaino@northamptoncounty.org)

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**John W. Yerck Sr.**

retired police commissioner



John W. Yerck Sr., 90, of Bethlehem, died March 22, 2020, at his home. Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late John and Martine (Gerhab) Yerck. He was the husband of the late Anna M. (Kolleogy) Yerck. He was hired as a police officer in 1959 for the City of Bethlehem. He was the police commissioner when he retired in 1997.

He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

He was a member of the FOP Star Lodge #20. He was on the board of directors of the Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club.

He is survived by a son, John W. Jr. and his wife Wendy; three grandchildren, Gregory Yerck and wife Sarah, Jamie Carfang and husband Michael and Ryan Kery and wife Natasha; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rodney Yerck.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Kery; and a sister, Ramona Mital.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Boys & Girls Club, 1430 Fritz Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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



**Lewis Joseph Schray**

Bethlehem HUD inspector

Lewis Joseph Schray, 96, of Bethlehem, died March 23, 2020, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Francis (Rituper) Schray. He was the husband of the late Rachel (Kelly) Schray and of the late Jean Elizabeth (Lunger) Schray.

He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He attended Bethlehem Business College.

He was a machinist for Bethlehem Steel Corp. He then worked in sales and credit at local cement companies. He was a Federal Housing Administration inspector for Bethlehem Housing and Rehabilitation. He owned a shrubbery business in Bethlehem.

He was active in the Bethlehem Jaycees. He was a founding member of Valley Enterprises investment club.

He is survived by five children, James Schray and his wife R. Candice Schray, Joanne Zsilavec, Thomas Schray, LeeAnn Schray and her husband Robert Tuttle and Brian and his wife Cynthia Schray; eight grandchildren, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew, Allison, Amber and Autumn Schray and Chad and Zachary Zsilavec; and six great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Della, Olivia, Anna, Lia and Sonny.

He was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Schray; and two sisters, Ethel Wrabel and Mary Schray.

Contributions may be made by planting a tree through the organization One Tree Planted.org.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi-Long Fu-



**Eugene P. Berg Sr.**

BASD teacher

Eugene P. Berg Sr., 88, of Bethlehem, died March 22, 2020. He was a son of the late Elizabeth (Hour) and Paul J. Berg. He was the husband of the late Eleanor M. (Supon) Berg.

He graduated from Bloomsburg University and earned a master's degree from Lehigh University. He was in the U.S. Army.

He was a teacher in the Bethlehem School District for 37 years, from which he retired.

He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

He was the treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 362 for a decade, presided over the FHS Band Parents Club, and volunteered as a senior center tax preparer.

He is survived by a son, Eugene P. Jr. of Palmerston; two daughters, Anne Kyle of Ellicott City, Maryland and Barbara Bingener and her husband Ken of Barto; and three grandchildren, Lauren, Gabrielle and Acadia.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020; or to charity of one's choice.

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

**Barbara A. Gaugler**

of Bethlehem

Barbara A. Gaugler, 81, of Bethlehem, died March 20, 2020, at Gracedale Nursing Home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Donald H. and Theresa Rose (Donches) Gaugler.

She is survived by two brothers, Robert S. Gaugler and Donald C. Gaugler.

Contributions may be made to Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth PA 18064.

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

**Jacqueline Mae (Wenner) Vibert**

registered nurse



Jacqueline Mae (Wenner) Vibert, 84, died March 19, 2020, at home in Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Franklin and Beulah Madelin (Leister) Wenner. She was the wife of the late Thomas Monteith Vibert for 62 years.

She was a 1954 graduate of Bethlehem HS and a 1957 graduate of the Allentown Hospital School of Nursing, where she received her R.N. degree.

She was employed by Rhode Island Hospital from 1969 until her retirement in 1998.

She attended the Newman Congregational Church, Rumford, Rhode Island; and the Second Congregational Church, Attleboro, Massachusetts.

She is survived by five daughters: Andrea M. Kumlin of Seekonk, ; Michelle M. Melo of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts; Allison V. Stickle of Marion, Massachusetts; Leslie L. Vibert of North Attleborough, Massachusetts and Jamison R. Smida of Stafford, Connecticut; a son: Thomas M. Vibert II of West Palm Beach, Florida; two brothers, Thomas F. Wenner of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Julius J. Wenner of Bethlehem; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, cousins; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by two sisters: Lois A. Cramer of Allentown and Patricia J. Richards of North Attleborough.

To share a memory or offer condolences, visit [www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com](http://www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Dyer-Lake Funeral Home Inc., Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

**Jean Elizabeth (Ryan) Maurer**

DeSales medal winner

Jean Elizabeth (Ryan) Maurer, 88, of Center Valley, died March 23, 2020, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Gerald F. and Loretta G. (McGarr) Ryan. She was the wife of the late Francis "Fritz" J. Maurer.

She was a 1947 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS. She received a degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing.

She was a registered nurse. She was the recipient of the DeSales Medal in 2008 for her outstanding contributions to the development of the university through personal service.

She was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Bethlehem.

She was a volunteer teacher's aide at Holy Infancy School, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Jean-Maurer and her husband Daniel Gross; a son, Michael J. and his wife Penny; two sisters, Jane Johnson and Geraldine Ball; six grandchildren, Erik Gross and his wife Melissa, Evan Gross and his wife Helena Kotala, Bridget Gross and her husband Robert Rowe, Jack Schlaner and his wife Ashley, Michael J. Maurer Jr. and Samantha Maurer; and three great-grandchildren, Ethan Gross, Daniel Gross and Jaxon Schlaner.

She was predeceased by a son, Matthew F. Maurer; and a daughter, Sharon A. Schlaner.

Contributions may be made to Holy Infancy School, 127 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, PA 18015; or to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

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

**William P. Kruger**

IT professional

William P. Kruger, 54, of Bethlehem, died March 19, 2020, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest, after a long battle with lung cancer. Born in Rahway, New Jersey, he was a son of Madeline (Marco) Kruger and the late Charles Kruger.

He earned a bachelor of science in business administration degree and a master's degree from Thomas Edison University. He was a recipient of the university's Arnold Fletcher Award for exceptional achievement in independent learning.

He was an information technology professional.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a sister, Kathy and her husband Alan Miley; two nephews, Charlie Jack and Jacob Jubilee Kruger; and four daughters, Tina Velekei-Wesdorp and her husband Daniel Wesdorp, Sara Royer and Jennifer and Lisa Velekei.

He was predeceased by a brother, Charles Kruger.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, L.V. Unit, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

**BASD**

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president Mike Faccinnetto thanked Basilio Bonilla Jr., and Dr. Sam Hopp for their interest in the position.

Alozie is the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem, where he previously served as a program director; he has also been an after-school coordinator at Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley. He is a 2010 graduate of Edinboro University of Pa.

The board authorized Faccinnetto to execute a Memorandum of understanding with the clerical, custodial, bus drivers and monitors, food service, educational support personnel, and

professional staff to pay them according to their regular pay schedule during the state-mandated closing of schools between March 16 and 27.

A previous bid request for landscape maintenance services for all district properties had generated too few bids to ensure competitive pricing. District Chief Facilities Officer Mark Stein then split the bid request, put it out to 13 vendors, and received five bids. The board selected Zachary Bittner Lawn Care (dba Perfection Landscaping & Lawn Care) to service the properties on the south and east sides of the district and Stephen F. Searock IV (dba Searock's Lawn Care) to service the properties on the north and west sides of the district. See **BASD** on Page A6



PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

**Winston Alozie** has been selected to fill an empty seat on the Bethlehem Area School Board.



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# County seeks primary election delay

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

In response to a request from Northampton County Voting Registrar Amy Cozze, County Council voted unanimously at their March 19 meeting to urge Governor Tom Wolf to delay the fast-approaching Presidential primary, currently scheduled for April 28.

Cozze explained that, in addition to being inundated with applications for mail-in ballots, the governor's shutdown order means she has no printer for provisional ballots. In addition, Lehigh University has closed, and is unable to host one of the precincts used. She provided a copy of a letter that York County commissioners have already sent to the governor, and Council member John Cusick added that the County Commissioners' Association of Pa. has also resolved to request Wolf to delay the election. Philadelphia is also seeking a delay.

Cozze may get her wish. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, Wolf has been meeting with legislative leaders about a possible delay until late May or June.

Seven states have al-



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE  
A voting machine vendor demonstrates a light for paper ballots on the ExpressVote XL voting machine used in Northampton County.

ready delayed the presidential primary.

In the meantime, Northampton County's elections office has received 5,700 applications for either an absentee or mail-in ballot, according to Cozze. This is well in excess of the 2,000 that the office had just three weeks ago.

Statewide, over 113,000 applications have been submitted, about three times the number of applications received at this point in the last Presidential race.

This sharp increase is obviously a combination of recent changes in state law, along with concerns about COVID-19.

Election judges have all receiving enhanced training on the ExpressVote XL voting system that had, to say the least, an inauspicious debut in November.

The machines have been recalibrated to avoid some of the sensitivity issues that occurred in November. In addition, vendor ES&S has installed a light next to the paper ballot so voters can examine their choices before casting their ballots. The font size is at least 14, larger than the font on this newsprint.

## BASD

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Care) to take care of the north and west properties. Both contracts cover three years; the Perfection contract is for \$275,358, and the Searock contract totals \$218,378.

Faccinnetto notified the board officially that the Pa. School Boards Association has been working with the Pa. De-

partment of Education to waive the 180-day requirement and the standardized tests (PSSAs and Keystone) for this year. He also noted with regret that the Foundation for the BASD dinner has been canceled, but that the silent auction will still go on at a later date.

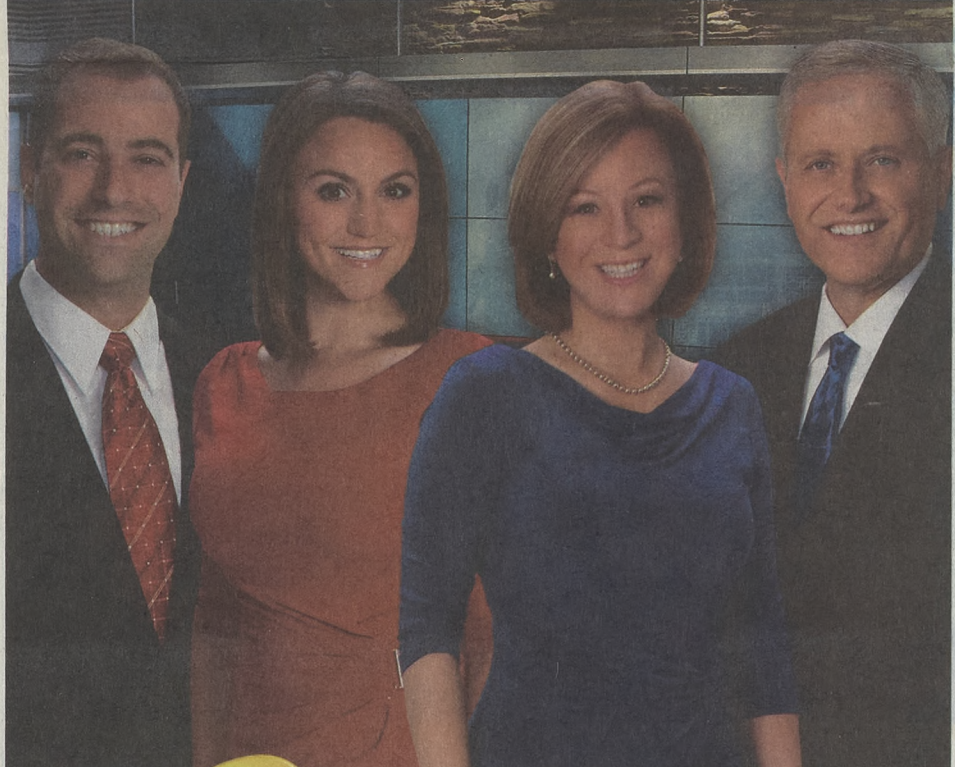
The vast majority of donors have chosen not to seek a refund of their donations. Faccinnetto thanked the generous

donors who said, "It's not about the food or the bar; it's about the students of the district."

The budget workshop scheduled for March 30 has been canceled; budget information will be posted on BoardDocs as it becomes available. April committee meetings will be held jointly April 20, with a board meeting (including voting) April 27. Roy mentioned that the board and administration are

quickly becoming more proficient at Zoom and GoToMeeting sessions. One board member noted that the mandatory coronavirus-related business shutdowns have had serious repercussions on individual and family finances, which the board will take into consideration as it works on the budget.

All motions passed 8-0.



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ONLINE: Local and regional performing artists are coming together to help the nonprofit ArtsQuest launch the new "SteelStacks Lunch Break" mini-concert series. The concerts, which take place at noon, will feature local and regional artists who perform at SteelStacks and Musikfest offering mini-sets streamed live via the SteelStacks Facebook page. The first group to "take the stage" was popular Jimmy Buffett tribute Jimmy & The Parrots March 26. The SteelStacks Lunch Break series is part of the growing list of music and arts-related content ArtsQuest is sharing with the community via ArtsQuest@Home to keep people connect through the arts as everyone works from home and practices safe social distancing.

## CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

The center is currently closed for adoptions, but encourages anyone who is still interested to fill out an adoption application via our website [healthyanimalcenter.org](http://healthyanimalcenter.org) and to become part of the foster program to help our furry friends during this quarantine period.

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**JUST BORN**

In response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, Just Born is temporarily suspending production at our facilities in Bethlehem and Philadelphia through at least April 7, as well as the PEEPS & Company Store in Center Valley. Most of our office associates have been working remotely since March 18, but now all associates will work from home through at least April 20. All associates will continue to be paid throughout this time period. They will take this opportunity to further clean and sanitize our production facilities, offices and corporate headquarters.

**PA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**RECOGNIZING 'HELPERS':** the office will be launching #HereAreTheHelpers social media campaign to highlight the incredible and generous work of neighbors, friends, businesses and community leaders across Pennsylvania. As Mr. Rogers said, during a crisis "look for the helpers" - and that is exactly what the office intends to do. @PAAttorneyGen will release daily posts highlighting a Pennsylvanian going above and beyond which will be shared across Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and available on website. Pennsylvanians are urged to tweet, message or email at [helpers@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:helpers@attorneygeneral.gov) with suggestions for people and businesses to highlight.

**STIMULUS CHECK SCAMS:** Attorney General Josh Shapiro warned consumers that scammers may try to take advantage of recent news about a federal stimulus check to steal personal information from Pennsylvanians. Shapiro encourages consumers to follow these tips to protect themselves:

- Check the websites and email addresses offering information, products, or services related to COVID-19. Be aware that scammers often employ addresses that differ only slightly from those belonging to the entities they are impersonating. For example, they might use "cdc.com" or "cdc.org" instead of "cdc.gov."

- Be wary of unsolicited emails offering information, supplies, or treatment for COVID-19 or requesting your personal information for other purposes.

- Do not click on links or open email attachments from unknown or unverified sources. Doing so could download a virus onto your computer or device.

**PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**STATE/FEDERAL TAXES:** The Department of Revenue announced the deadline for taxpayers to file their 2019 Pennsylvania personal income tax returns is extended to July 15. This means taxpayers will have an additional 90 days to file from the original deadline of April 15. The Internal Revenue Service also extended the federal filing deadline to July 15. The Department of Revenue will also waive penalties and interest on 2019

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# High Street picket fence approved

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## BETHLEHEM HARB

Alan Lowcher was granted a certificate of appropriateness from the Historical and Architectural Review Board for proposed white picket fencing and trash enclosure for 438 High St. at the March 4 hearing in the Rotunda.

Lowcher explained that he was replacing an existing fence and gate with like materials, color and style. The trash enclosure, measuring five feet wide, three feet deep and six feet high, features white pickets and lattice work.

The approved project also involves extending the bluestone walkway from an existing courtyard to meet the side-



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Alan Lowcher proposes replacement fencing for 438 High St. at the HARB hearing held March 4.

walk. Lowcher and his wife Patricia own the two and one-half story Federal style residence, which was built circa 1856.

Afterward, Lowcher sought board advice on recommended construction materials for a side porch renovation.

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.

# Discipline, technology addressed

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## SAUCON VALLEY SD

Discipline and bullying once again dominated the majority of the school board meeting March 10.

Before the meeting turned contentious, however, the board welcomed two Saucon Valley educators to the floor to provide presentations regarding initiatives within the district.

First to speak was Supervisor of Technology Michael Hanssen, who provided an update regarding the district's usage of Kajeets brand internet "hotspot" devices. The district provides these devices to students who may not have consistent high-

speed internet access at home. Fast, reliable internet access is often required to complete assignments. Regarding these devices, Hanssen said "Currently, we have nine of the devices that are in use, of the 30" that were purchased several months ago by the district. He attributed the lackluster deployment of these devices to unawareness of their availability, and said there has been an effort to post materials within the school to remind students who might find them useful.

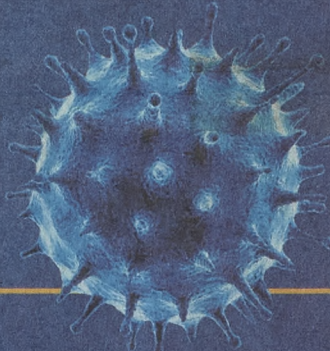
Next was Director of Special Education Jaime Vlasaty, with a presen-

tation titled "Discipline Procedures for Identified Students," which outlined the district's approach to dealing with students who have been identified as requiring some type of special education requirement either in place of, or in addition to, their regular curriculum. This presentation was particularly timely in light of the recent criticism that the board and school administrators have faced regarding bullying, student safety and disciplinary measures. Vlasaty explained that even though her presentation was meant to provide an informative outline,

there are many cases that do not easily fit into existing law and operating procedures.

District residents again attended the meeting to speak during the open forum portion though their numbers have dwindled considerably over the past month. Led once again by Jennifer Schmill, several spoke to continue advocating for the district's adoption of a School Resource Officer. Schmill brought printed materials to distribute to board members containing information she received from the Lower Saucon Police Department. She also obtained statistics via

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## Allentown Diocese suspends public Masses for Holy Week

After continued consultation with health care professionals, and taking into account the restrictions put in place by civil authorities, Diocese of Allentown Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that the suspension of public Masses in the Diocese will remain in place for the entirety of the upcoming Holy Week, April 5-12.

The bishop said he made the decision only after prayerful reflection. "I am pained to have

made this decision," Schlert said, "I certainly never envisioned that there would be a time when we would have to cancel public Masses for Holy Week and Easter. However, it is the safest course of action for our region."

Priests of the diocese will celebrate private Masses and conduct private services throughout Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Schlert has been celebrating a livestream Mass from his private chapel every day. Celebrated at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sundays, the Mass is available at [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com).

"I assure the faithful that priests will continue to be available to them, and will be creative in the ways they serve the people entrusted to their care," Schlert said.

## Dorney, Knoebels parks delay opening for 2020 season

Two area amusement parks that many residents frequent each summer have announced that they are delaying their opening weekends as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg and Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown are both postponing their season.

The opening weekend for tK-

noebels is May 9 and 10. Ride passes, campground, cottage and picnic reservations for the weekends of April 25-26 and May 2-3 will be rescheduled for later in the season.

Changes to the schedule have been updated on Knoebels' website and via its Facebook page.

Like Knoebels, Dorney officials also announced that the start of the seasons has been de-

layed to mid-May or as soon after that as possible.

Season passholders will get additional days to the park's calendar and also get added value benefits that will be announced at the park's opening.

For additional information on either park and changes that have occurred for this season as a result of the pandemic, visit their websites.

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the Right to Know Act to support her argument that the number of calls to the police by district schools strains police department resources and shows a need for an SRO. "There have been, in the 2018-19 school year, 164 calls to

this (campus)," Schmill said, contrasting that figure with the 180 instructional days in a typical school year. "You guys do the math," she added, saying, "Right there is the 'mic drop'... it's not about whether or not you guys believe in the need for an SRO, it's about whether or not you want to pay for an

SRO."

Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler did respond to attendees to close out the meeting, saying, in part, "We have several ideas coming out of our two very short meetings" of a Bullying Task Force that he cited, adding that, "we are 15-16 members strong." He specifically mentioned

a "Say Hello" program meant to discourage intimidation, harassment and bullying; posters and other materials to be posted in their buildings to "encourage positive behavior" and upcoming updates to and revision of their Bullying Procedures, which he stated are almost finished.

personal income tax payments through the new deadline of July 15. This extension applies to both final 2019 tax returns and payments, and estimated payments for the first and second quarters of 2020. Taxpayers are encouraged to file returns electronically to enable the Department of Revenue to process returns while state offices are closed. Tax returns can be filed for free online through the PAdirectfile system. Free tax forms and instructions are also available at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov).

### PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REAL ID: PennDOT has announced that the Department of Homeland Security has postponed the enforcement date for REAL ID from Oct. 1, 2020, to Oct. 1, 2021, in response to COVID-19 and the national emergency declaration. REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes. A federally-acceptable form of identification (whether it's a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a valid U.S. Passport/Passport Card, a military ID, etc.) must now be used on and after Oct. 1, 2021, as identification to board a commercial flight or visit a secure federal building that requires a federally acceptable form of identification ID for access.

REAL ID is optional in Pennsylvania. There is no requirement that any resident obtain a REAL ID; PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs once issuance has resumed.

PennDOT closed all driver and photo license centers on March 16 and paused REAL ID issuance in the state out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of public health. Centers will reopen no sooner than April 3. Customers may complete various transactions and access multiple resources via [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov).

LICENSE RENEWALS: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that expiration dates for driver licenses, identification cards, learner's permits, persons with disability placards, vehicle registrations and safety and emission inspections will be extended for Pennsylvania residents in response to statewide COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Deadlines on the following products will be extended effective March 27, 2020:

- Driver licenses, photo ID cards and learner's permits scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020 through April 30, the expiration date is now extended through May 31.

- Vehicle registrations, safety inspections and emissions inspections scheduled to expire from March 16 through April 30, 2020, the expiration date is now extended through May 31, 2020.

- Persons with Disabilities parking placards scheduled to expire from March 16 through April 30, 2020, the expiration date is now extended through May 31, 2020.

### PA GAMING BOARD

MEETING: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board has announced that its public meeting April 1 at 10 a.m. will occur as scheduled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will occur telephonically to minimize any risk associated with public gatherings. In order to assure transparency and public visibility, the board is providing opportunities for the public and interested persons to link to the meeting through an audio interface. The board is recommending that the public attend the meeting through its website by choosing the "live" link on the PGCB Meeting Videos section on the homepage. The board's website address is <https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/>. Persons accessing the website will be able to listen to the audio of the meeting.

### PENN STATE EXTENSION

In accordance with Gov. Tom Wolf's executive order concerning closures, Penn State Extension offices in all 67 counties are closed until further notice. However, county-based educators and staff will continue working remotely. Residents who have questions or need assistance can call 877-345-0691. In addition, county extension offices can be found on the Penn State Extension website. County office webpages contain a directory with contact information for individual educators and staff members, who can assist, in many cases, by email or phone.

### PPL

PPL has already suspended service terminations for non-payment and waived late fees until further notice, but there also are a host of programs available to help income-eligible customers during the pandemic and beyond. "The financial impact of this health crisis is significant for some customers," said Lori Mueller, PPL's vice president of customer services. "For a family who's struggling because of job loss or other pandemic-related issues, utility bill assistance can help make a difference. We want our customers to know about the programs that are available and how they can apply for that help." To find out about PPL's programs, visit [ppl.electric.com/billhelp](http://ppl.electric.com/billhelp). Customers can apply online or call 1-800-342-5775 for more information.



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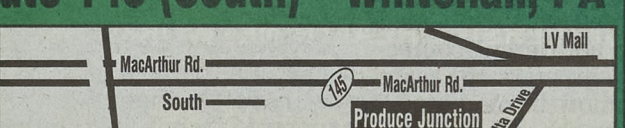


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—Mike Grasso

▼ **BRIEFLY**

**DARTS**

The Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League canceled the remainder of their 2019-20 season.

This includes all remaining scheduled matches, play-offs, April 16 league meeting, and banquet, which had been scheduled for May 11 at the Meadows.

The abrupt conclusion to this season adds extra motivation to have some special things for the 2020-2021 season, which will be the league's 90th.

- League notes:
- \*Holy Cross won their first Double Elimination Tournament
  - \*Gail Stein of Holy Cross won the 2019 (second annual) Home Run Derby
  - \*Holy Trinity won the first half
  - \*The City League won a thrilling 5 game all-star match against the Suburban League

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COVID-19  
**Hoping for a return to Normalcy**

**Becahi's Grasso set to retire**

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Mike Grasso has always been a mainstay at Bethlehem Catholic, but after 46 years of coaching, Grasso has finally decided to retire.

The long time baseball coach is hoping that he gets one final ride this spring in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, but also understands that there are bigger things at work than sports.

"Everything is in God's hands now," said Grasso. "I'm praying everyday that we can find a cure for this virus and that it can heal people. I consider myself one of the richest men in the world because of the life I've lived and all the support I've gotten. I've been truly blessed and that won't change my feelings if we don't get to play this season."

The Hawks went 9-11 last season and lost to Wilson in the District 11 4A quarterfinals and were bringing back a team that Grasso felt

highly confident in. Returning players include Matt Caricari (Sr. P-IF), David Ciaccio (Sr. P-IF), Mike Luchetta (Sr. P-OF), Chris Morrow (Sr. IF), John O'Connor (Sr. OF-P) and Matt Martinez (Jr. C).

"I thought we have an outstanding group of seniors this season," said Grasso. "This was going to be one of our best pitching staffs in awhile and I thought we would have a very strong team."

While everyone in the spring sports season has hit the pause button, Grasso is taking it all in stride, as he holds out hope that a season can be salvaged.

"I'm hoping that we can get things going in May, but I really don't know," he said. "I have 11 grandchildren and want to spend more time with my wife and family. I'm looking forward to it and as great as it would be to play this season, I'm more concerned that we can fight this virus."



Mike Grasso is hoping to get one final season as the Hawks baseball coach.

*Finding hope amid a quarantine*

Last week I saw my neighbor outside for the first time in a month when I unconsciously put my arm out to shake his hand.

I hadn't seen him in awhile and it was second nature. He rebuffed with a fist pump instead.

An honest mistake on my part with the coronavirus going on, but it made me wonder how the simple things in life, just aren't so simple anymore.

It's day X of this quarantine for many people in our region and throughout the world, as we navigate the waters of uncertainty moving forward.

Schools are shut-down, businesses are closed, traffic is nonexistent and Joe Exotic is a national treasure.

As a sports writer for the past 20 years of my life going back to my college days, not having any actual sporting events to write about is depriving. My days are spent planting a garden for the first time, cooking and watching Netflix.

Sports has been my mask through hard times, my joy in victorious celebrations and has navigated me through lessons of adversity throughout my career as a fan, coach and writer.

For many, sports has always just been a game. A simplistic distraction from the rigors of work and our real lives, but as all of us, who miss them at this point, it shows that sports mean much more than that.

For the casual fan, those few hours a night watching your favorite team, cheering them on, while cursing them at the same time is an emotional release. It's a bonding experience you have, not only with the brand, but friends, family, co-workers and people you may not know.

While my previous statement correlates more to the realms of professional sports, a lot of the same traits are carried down to the amateur level too, and for everyone in the spring sports world, I feel sorry for them.

March 27 was the first date on this corona roller coaster that was supposed signal the next timeline of sports activity in Pennsylvania among it's PIAA representatives. Now, Gov. Tom Wolf pushed that date back to April 6. A week from now, a new date could be in order and so forth until things get better with the coronavirus or until the risk eventually outweighs the reward and spring sports would be ultimately canceled.

Canceling the spring season is a worst-case scenario for anyone involved, especially for senior athletes who won't get another chance at lacing up their cleats to represent their high school one last time.

But if this situation can teach us anything, See **HOPE** on Page A10



**PRESS PASS**  
by Peter Car

**'Canes want to defend title**

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Liberty's baseball team is coming of a banner 2019 campaign that saw them bring home the District 11 championship.

What could be in store for the Hurricanes this spring is anyone's guess if they'll even play, but with 13 seniors gone to graduation, it's fair to say that head coach Andy Pitsilos would have some holes to fill.

"We'll have pitching depth but we'll be inexperienced with 13 players lost to graduation," said Pitsilos. "The key to success will be to grow as a team and play fundamental defense behind our pitching, while manufacturing runs and being disciplined at the plate."



Brayden D'Amico is back for the Hurricanes - if the spring season gets back under way.

Back for the Hurricanes 23-4 season a year ago are: Sr. Steve Super, P/1B; Sr. Lukas Azza-ti, P; Sr. Matt Klipple,

Newcomers are Jr. Blake George, 2B; Jr. Devin Fletcher, P; Jr. Sam Raineri, 1B; Jr. Wyatt Marshall, CF; Jr. Parker Frey, OF/P; Jr. Brandyn D'Amico, OF; Jr. Eric Ludwick, C/OF; Jr. Brandon Holzinger, P; Jr. Nick Lees, P/IF and Jr. Ryan Evans, 3B.

As with every year, Pitsilos doesn't look to rebuild, but rather reload his crop for another postseason run.

"As in any year it is important to be better at the end of the year than when we start," Pitsilos said. "Our goals don't change as a team. We want to win our division, then the league then districts and compete in the state playoffs. With hard work and a little luck, we could contend this year."

**Zile takes over Liberty volleyball**

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Mike Zile is back in the saddle of leading a varsity volleyball program, but with all sports on hold, Zile's second act is on delay.

The highly-successful former Bethlehem Catholic coach takes over Liberty's program for Neiad Ammary and hopes that an experienced squad gets the chance to show their mettle following last year's 14-4 campaign.

Back for the Hurricanes this year include Michael Capuano (Sr., setter), Danil Kurtz (Sr., libero), AJ Muffley (Sr., OH), Devin Renninger (Sr., OH), Ruiqi Wang (Sr., MH) and Joey Rachwal (Jr., MH).

"We have one of the most experienced teams in the Lehigh Valley with a core group of five seniors that have experience playing for the high school team and playing club volleyball in the off-season," said Zile. "The team lacks length and size along the net with only a few players just

over 6 foot tall, however, they make up for it with their well-rounded skills with players that can play multiple positions."

Newcomers this year are Brandon Achey (Jr., OH), Cesar Acosta (So., defensive specialist), Josue Ayala (So., OH), Cody Trauger (So., OPP), Naseem Younes (So., setter/defensive specialist), Aden Bortz (Fr., MH), Elden Campbell (Fr., MH) and Matthew Gonzalez (Fr., setter).

"The players had listed the goals of contending for the league and district titles and qualifying for states," said Zile. "In order to get there the Liberty program has had a tradition of year round competition under prior head coach Ammary that we were able to carry forward and continue for this season. We added some additional competitions to make the team even more battle tested."

Now the question remains if there will be anything to be battle



AJ Muffley is back for the Liberty volleyball team as long as the spring season picks up again.

tested for. "Right now we are in a holding pattern and are hopeful that this pandemic trends in the right direction, so that the season can be sal-

vaged," said Zile. "With the way the news has been, it seems as if there will have to be some dramatic breakthroughs for that to happen."





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Pennsylvania's 2019-20 deer hunting seasons experienced a 10 percent buck harvest increase.

## Outdoors: Buck harvest highest in 15 years

BY NICK HROMIAK  
Special to the Press

Deer harvest numbers for the 2019-20 season are officially in, with some surprises.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission reports that the buck harvest was up 10 percent and the overall harvest was the highest in 15 years.

During the 2019-20 seasons that ended in January, hunters took a total of 389,431 deer. This topped the previous years harvest of 374,690 by four percent, says the PGC.

The statewide buck harvest jumped 10 percent with 163,240 taken. Of that total, about 66 percent were at least 2.5 years old while the remainder were 1.5 years old, which, reports the PGC, is a two-to-one margin. During the 2018-19 seasons, a total of 147,750 bucks were taken.

According to Chris Rosenberry, PGC Deer and Elk Section Supervisor, "In recent years about 17-18 percent of all hunters harvested an antlered deer and we see this trend to continue."

As for the antlerless harvest, it resulted in 226,191 taken and that includes 10,461 that had chronic wasting disease (CWD) for hunters holding Deer Management Assistance Program permits.

For comparison purposes, and during the 2018-19 seasons, there were 226,940 antlerless deer harvested, slightly more than this past season. About 69 percent of the antlerless taken were adult females while button bucks comprised 16 percent and doe fawns made up 15 percent. In 2018-19, the percentage was 66 percent.

In regards to antlerless deer, Rosenberry says "Keeping harvest pressure on antlerless deer is critical in our ongoing efforts to address the risk of CWD, particularly in Disease Management Areas."

Interestingly, and across 23 Wildlife Management Units (WMU), the antlerless deer harvest decreased in almost half of them. The largest declines occurred in WMU 2H, 39 percent; WMU 3A, 23 percent; WMU 1B, 20 percent; WMU 4D, 21 percent; and WMU 4B, 20 percent.

For antlered deer, the buck harvest dropped in WMUs 2C, 2H and 5D. The largest increases in bucks taken were in WMU 2G, 29 percent; WMU 3C, 22 percent; WMU 4C, 21 percent; and WMU 3A, 19 percent.

Bowhunter success was affected somewhat by unseasonably warm and rainy weather, but they still managed to take 145,908 deer of

which 74,190 were bucks and 71,718 were antlerless deer. That accounts for about a third of Pennsylvania's 2018-19 total harvest but pales somewhat to the 2018-19 seasons when they took a total of 165,069 deer.

For local deer harvests, the following are the closest WMUs to the Lehigh Valley with antlered deer represented by "A" and for antlerless, "AL." In parenthesis are the harvest numbers for the 2018-19 seasons.

\*WMU 3D: 6,000-A (5,200); 4,900-AL (5,700).

\*4C: 7,000-A (5,800); 8,300-AL (7,200).

\*5C: 7,600-A (7,600); 14,427-AL (16,415).

\*5D: 2,500-A (2,600); 6,700-AL (6,000).

For the archery and muzzleloader seasons, the totals are as follows.

\*3D: archery, 2,250-A (1,660); 1,470-AL (1,410); muzzleloader, 50-A (40); 830-AL (590).

\*4C: archery, 3,550-A (2,350); 2,960-AL (1,900); muzzleloader, 50-A (50); 1,240-AL (800).

\*5C: archery, 5,330 (4,690); 7,075-AL (7,238); muzzleloader, 70-A (110); 1,042-AL (1,272).

5D: archery, 2,180-A (2,080); 4,460-AL (3,790); muzzleloader, 20-A (20); 240-AL (210).

The PGC also lists unknown WMU harvests at archery, 140-A (40); 164-AL (0); muzzleloader, 10-A (0); 94-AL (0).

## FHS softball awaits season to start

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Everything was falling into place in preparation for the start of Freedom's softball season when the Patriots were informed that games and practices would be on hold for an unknown length of time due to concerns about the contagiousness of the coronavirus.

"I think we were all confused and in shock, and at that time, not many details were shared," said Freedom coach Michele Laubach, who was out of town when the news broke. "My assistant coach Lauren Frederick was in charge in my absence, and I instructed her to gather the team and explain what was happening."

The 2020 Pates are a healthy team with a solid pitching rotation, and unlike last year, good weather had been on their side since the start of official practices.

Competing for the starting pitcher role are senior Juliana Presto, junior Jen Slanovec, and junior Abby Husser. Junior Matison Piri-pavel will do the catching for the Pates.

Junior Hailey Snisky will start at first base, and juniors Jade Hofman and Allison Crilly are also competing for the infield at the corners.

Juniors Brenna Ortwain will play second



Makenzie Smith is hoping not to lose her senior softball season.

base, Corrin Gill will play shortstop, and Gabby Glick will be in the outfield.

"[All three] were still playing basketball, and Ortwain was a captain last season, so her leadership absence was felt," said Laubach.

Senior Makenzie Smith will start at center field, and lone sophomore Natalie Stannard, who stepped into a big role as a freshman, and who Laubach said has proved to earn a start this year, will also play in the outfield.

Freshmen Brianna Cole, who is promising at the plate, and Taylor Pavolko are also contending for outfield positions.

"Both are versatile in positions on the field," said Laubach.

The Patriots had two scrimmages scheduled, one against Phillipsburg

and one against North Hunterdon, but those never had the chance to be played. Their first regular season game would have been against William Allen on March 24.

"I'm a positive person. We can still have a season once the public safety is not a concern anymore. I think we can condense what we need and extend the season. We are all used to playing back-to-back games in previous seasons with weather rescheduling," Laubach said.

"This is a different reason to reschedule, but I support whatever our league, A.D., district, and state decide. The decision is out of our control, but I'm expecting our athletes are completing their workouts with the expectation we will play and be ready to go."

## Freedom volleyball will have new look this year

BY PETER CAR  
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John Yanek is entering his 29th season of coaching high school volleyball and needs 21 wins to reach 400 career victories.

For Yanek, the season and the milestone are on pause as we all deal with the coronavirus, but after a 20-5 season last spring Freedom had

some holes to fill entering 2020.

"We had several major positions to fill after graduation," said Yanek. "Those positions seem to be filled with underclassmen and some seniors who played club in the off season."

Returning players for the Pates include David Barnes (Sr., OH), Ryan Crew (Sr., MB), Yianni Hahalis (Sr., libero).

Newcomers are Jason Ziobro (So., MB), Brandon Brinker (Sr., OH) and Zach Boncher (Sr., setter).

"We have a much better team attitude this year and no toxic players," said Yanek. "We worked hard and progressed as a team. We should make EPC's and districts and be a formidable foe."

## HOPE

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it's the belief in hope.

I know many of us are worried about our loved ones and staying healthy, which to be clear, is the top priority for everyone in our country and around the world to help fight this virus, but hope is a critical desire in this equation too.

We have to believe that things will get better, because they

will. We have to hope that the rate of infection slows down as people adhere to staying at home and avoid social situations.

Our ambitions as Americans instills a prevailing attitude in all endeavors we encounter, so why not here?

As former Whitehall football coach Tony Cocca used to say to me, "The sun will come up tomorrow, and if it doesn't, we have major problems."

If there's anything we can take away from this quarantine, it's to appreciate life and the people you love the most. Make it an opportunity to work on yourself, so that when life comes back to normal, you'll be better for it.

I know this is all easier said than done in these difficult times, but we all need some hope in our lives right now.

Just remember to not shake anyone's hands for awhile.

## COLLEGE NEWS

If you know someone who is excelling athletically at the college level and would like to share the news with the com-

munity, feel free to contact the Press.

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### Congratulations KENNY HERRMANN, Bethlehem Catholic High School

Bethlehem Catholic wrestler Kenny Herrmann ended his high school career as a champion after winning a state gold medal back on Saturday, March 7, in Hershey. Herrmann topped Stroudsburg's Patrick Noonan 1-0 in the 132-pound title bout, using a third-period escape as the only point of the match to earn the victory. Herrmann battled Noonan in the District 11 finals as well as the Northeast Regional finals, beating him both times, before seeing him a third-straight week at states. Herrmann's efforts also helped the Hawks to capture the state team title.

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# NASCAR THIS WEEK



Timmy Hill does a burnout after winning the race at Virtual Texas Motor Speedway. [PHOTO/NASCAR]

## Will Timmy Hill's iRacing Texas victory get him a better ride?

By Godwin Kelly  
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Race 2 of the eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series is in the books and helped keep stock-race racing in the national sports discussion or at least in online chats.

The Nielsen overnight ratings were not available at the time of publication, but all indications point to another homerun by NASCAR, which pulled the plug on live racing three weeks ago because of the coronavirus.

Thanks to 15 years of iRacing development, the first two Pro Invitational Series races, featuring big-name drivers, looks realistic (except the flagman, who missed the opening green flag on Sunday).

In Race 1 Denny Hamlin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. had a last-lap battle to the checkered flag. Hamlin gave Dale Jr. a little nudge exiting Turn 4 and won the first race of the inaugural series.

The first race was broadcast on cable network Fox Sports 1 and attracted more than 900,000 viewers. Race 2 was offered to the masses on the Fox broadcast channel.

This time around it was the iRacing regulars who took charge of the lead pack. Some of the top-5 finishers include some names you're probably

not that familiar with in the sport.

Timmy Hill, who has 674 iRacing wins, won the race, and Garrett Smithley, who runs mid-pack in the Xfinity Series, finished third.

The entire top 5 was Hill, Ryan Preece, Smithley, Landon Cassill and Alex Bowman.

What the race lacked in star power, it made up for with action on the virtual track. Hill nudged William Byron out of the way for the lead then held on for the victory in an overtime shootout.

If the name Timmy Hill rings a bell, it's probably because he raced his way into this year's Daytona 500 and was quite emotional after the qualifying races.

On Sunday he was king of the hill. Well, the virtual hill.

"I couldn't be more excited," Hill said in a post-race teleconference with media. "Very exciting times for us because we just don't get the recognition on a normal basis."

"To be on an even playing field is excellent. To be on this platform, the Cup platform, is exciting. The amount of folks that reached out to me has just been tremendous."

This could translate into a better opportunity in the real world for Hill, thanks in part to Byron, who started his racing career as an iRacing whiz kid.

Byron was an iRacing superstar as

a teenager. When he started real racing, he kept winning on every level and made such an impact that car owner Rick Hendrick put him in a Cup car and paired him with master crew chief Chad Knaus.

Car owners were not calling Hill after his Virtual Texas triumph.

"For me, I haven't contacted anybody yet," he said. "I hope that maybe from this some people would open their eyes to some of the guys towards the back of the garage, several guys that don't really get a lot of coverage because of the equipment they're in. You just don't hear their names."

"For me personally, I've been in this sport for 10 years, don't get talked about much. I feel like I can get the job done given an opportunity. I'm trying to showcase that as many times as I can."

The 27-year-old driver said any little bit helps these days as drivers find different avenues into the Cup Series. Hill hopes his virtual win Sunday gets different car owners interested.

"I'm trying to showcase my own name, showcase my talents," he said. "I really feel that I can drive at a high level in tough equipment given that opportunity."

"I don't know if that will come from this, but you never know. I kind of hold hope for that. We'll kind of see."

### QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

#### Wait, what's this, some good scheduling news?

We take what we can get these days, and this past week we got some. A week ago, we suggested here that a NASCAR-IndyCar doubleheader might be part of the revamped schedule for 2020, and right on cue, we got one.

#### Details, please?

The Indy Grand Prix, run on the Brickyard's infield road course, became part of the Month of May schedule in 2014. The forced rescheduling of this year's Indy 500 (and assorted activities) has moved the 500 to Aug. 23 and the Grand Prix to July 4 as part of a newly moved NASCAR weekend at Indy. Both IndyCar and NASCAR's Xfinity Series will race the road course in a Saturday doubleheader on the Fourth of July, the day before the Cup Series race on the oval.

#### What, more good news?

Tony Stewart will dust off his NASCAR gear to run that Xfinity Series race. Pressure may build for him to contemplate a weekend tripleheader, given his IndyCar background and obvious Cup Series history. He'll likely resist.

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### NASCAR IRACING TEXAS RESULTS

Results from Sunday's eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 125 from Virtual Texas Motor Speedway:

1. Timmy Hill, Toyota
2. Ryan Preece, Chevrolet
3. Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet
4. Landon Cassill, Chevrolet
5. Alex Bowman, Chevrolet
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet
7. William Byron, Chevrolet
8. John Hunter Nemechek, Ford
9. Kyle Larson, Chevrolet
10. Kurt Busch, Chevrolet
11. Clint Bowyer, Ford
12. Parker Kligerman, Toyota
13. Bobby Labonte, Toyota
14. Michael McDowell, Ford
15. Matt DiBenedetto, Ford
16. Ty Dillon, Chevrolet
17. Kyle Busch, Toyota
18. Chris Buescher, Ford
19. Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet
20. Chase Elliott, Chevrolet

### 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)
- March 15: Atlanta (postponed)
- March 22: Homestead-Miami (postponed)
- March 29: Texas (postponed)

- April 5: Bristol (postponed)
- April 19: Richmond (postponed)
- April 26: Talladega (postponed)
- May 3: Dover (postponed)
- May 9: Martinsville
- May 16: All-Star Race at Charlotte
- May 24: Charlotte
- May 31: Kansas
- June 7: Michigan
- June 14: Sonoma

- June 21: Chicagoland
- June 27: Pocono
- June 28: Pocono
- July 5: Indianapolis
- July 11: Kentucky
- July 19: New Hampshire
- Aug. 9: Michigan
- Aug. 16: Watkins Glen
- Aug. 23: Dover
- Aug. 29: Daytona

- Sept. 6: Darlington
- Sept. 12: Richmond
- Sept. 19: Bristol
- Sept. 27: Las Vegas
- Oct. 4: Talladega
- Oct. 11: Charlotte
- Oct. 18: Kansas
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## DEVELOP A VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The off-sudden expense of vehicle repairs can throw monthly budgets into disarray. Maintaining a routine service schedule is one way for drivers to keep repair costs down.

The online automotive resources Edmunds.com says many car owners do not adequately prepare for scheduled maintenance, and may not give maintenance a thought until it's too late. The first step drivers take upon purchasing a new or preowned vehicle should be to familiarize themselves with the vehicle's owner's manual, which is filled with valuable information and likely includes maintenance interval recommendations.

Next, drivers should learn about their vehicle, which is particularly relevant when buying a preowned vehicle. Getting to know how the car or truck rides, as well as any sounds it may make, can provide drivers with a solid foundation they can then use to keep their cars running strong.

Routine service typically includes tire rotation, oil changes and topping off of fluids. So just how long between service appointments can a car go? Here are some generalized estimates.

• **Oil change:** Oil chemistry and engine technology have improved so much that most cars can go well beyond the once-recommended 3,000 mile interval between oil changes. Now many vehicle manufacturers recommend between 5,000 and 10,000 miles between

changes, advises Edmunds. Drivers should err on the side of caution if they do a lot of stop-and-go driving and short trips. Other drivers may want to invest in vehicles that have oil change maintenance minders built in. A light or countdown will come on the dashboard, indicating when the oil has reached the end of its usefulness.

• **Tire rotation:** Rotating tires helps prolong the life of the tires and alleviates uneven tread and wear. During the rotation, each tire is removed and relocated to a different position to ensure that all the tires will wear evenly. Michelin Tires states that tires should be rotated around every six months, or between 6,000 and 8,000 miles.

• **Vehicle fluids:** Your best bet is to see what the manufacturer recommends in regard to fluids such as transmission fluid, differential oil, brake fluids, coolant, etc. Some transmissions need regular maintenance, while others can go 150,000 miles between changes, according to the vehicle information site The Drive. Coolant typically can last 100,000 miles. For these types of changes, it may be best to go to a mechanic or service center familiar with your make and model rather than a quick-lube center, as knowing when to drain and refill can be more complicated.

Service schedules can be designed to adhere to manufacturers' recommendations and drivers' personal preferences.

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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 or canceled.

**Closed:** Bethlehem Area Public Library main and SouthSide branches and dropboxes; no fines will be charged for anything already checked out while BAPL remains closed.

**Wednesday, April 1**

**National Day of Service** - Check with your organization regarding possible cancellations

**Call for cancellations:** Drop in center, 9 a.m. Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon; Program: TBA 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

**Thursday, April 2**

**Postponed:** Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club entry-level and general class license classes. Meeting: canceled. For more information: www.dlarc.org; KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

**Friday, April 3**

**Digital exhibition:** www.bananafactory.org/event/9797/peter-keady-smokeeaters exhibit by Palmer Municipal Fire Department chaplain and photographer Peter Keady through April 26, Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St. (building currently closed).

**First Friday changes:** visit https://southsideartsdistrict.com/first-friday/

**First Friday at the Corpora Gallery,** Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.CharterArts.org for information.

**Saturday, April 4**

**UNCERTAIN: Household Document shredding** (NorCo residents only), 10 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Lower Saucon Municipal Garage, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. www.northamptoncounty.org/PUBWRKS/ENVSVC/Documents/2020ShredEvents.pdf for more information.

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Canceled: Civil War Round Table,** Eastern Pennsylvania, Lehigh Brigade: "Myths and Meanings of the Civil War" presented by Randall Miller, professor of history at St. Joseph's College. Visit www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1

**Call for cancellations:** Salvation Army, bridge players program, seniors 50 and up, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

**Wednesday, April 8**

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**MEETING BOARD**

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**Wednesday, April 1**

**Lehigh County Commissioners** (rescheduled from March 25), 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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

**Thursday, April 2**

**Northampton Co. County Council,** 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Postponed: Mayor's State of the City Address:** Email angelad@lehighvalleychamber.org; for information, visit https://lehighvalley-pacoc.wiinc16.com/events/Bethlehem-Mayor-s-Breakfast-State-of-the-City-Address--837332/details

**Canceled: Northampton County Human Services Committee,** 3:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Canceled: Northampton County Economic Development Committee,** 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Northampton Co. General Purpose Authority,** 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Wednesday, April 8**

**Finance Board Committee,** 5 p.m. Saucon Valley School District, Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road. (rescheduled from March 18)

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

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**VOLUNTEERS**

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**Pop-up** changing rooms were busy throughout the sale. On their way in, girls passed tables of jewelry and other accessories that were available for no charge.

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**Bargain gowns help prep for prom**

**BY DOROTHY GLEW**  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Every year around this time, high school seniors' and juniors' thoughts turn to the annual prom. Part of the enjoyment that goes with the prom is selecting a gown and accessories. For that reason many young women and their mothers have minimized the cost by shopping at the Pop-Up Prom Shop, where "nearly new" gowns sell for a mere \$15 apiece. This year the Bethlehem YWCA hosted its thirteenth annual community prom dress day March 2, at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks.

Not surprisingly, there was quite a crowd of customers. One hundred fifty girls from 30 local high schools registered to shop. All they needed was a school ID to do so. About 40 percent of the shoppers have financial need.

Dress donations, which came from both companies and the parents of college-age girls, could be dropped off at several locations around the community. This year the event was sponsored by Air Products, Wind Creek



**A gown donated** by a private party caught the eye of several girls. Noelle Vargo of Pen Argyl stopped to have a look, but felt it wasn't her style.

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This was a shopping experience that many customers will probably never forget. There was rack on rack of barely used gowns, most full length, some knee length, in every style and color imaginable. There were also formal dresses. If they wished, customers could buy two gowns for \$15 each. As if that weren't enough, girls could also help themselves to shoes, handbags and jewelry at no cost. As with the gowns, there was quite a range of these items to choose from.

In addition to the donors, a corps of volunteers made this wonderful event possible. Planning begins in September by a committee of 12 women. A group of over 50 YWCA volunteers work the day before and the day of the sale. In addition to setting up, they return to the racks gowns that customers didn't buy. Twenty customers shop at a time; the others study their phones intently while waiting their turn.



**Katie Mericle,** a senior at Parkland HS, came to the ArtsQuest Center in search of a gown and accessories.



**Anna Lopez,** a senior at Emmaus HS, found a beautiful red gown, high heels to match and other accessories for \$15. The price was for her gown - everything else was free.



**Jennifer Wanisko,** program director of the YWCA of Bethlehem, and a large group of volunteers organized and assembled over 2,000 "nearly new" formal gowns on the second floor Blast Furnace Room of the ArtsQuest Center in Bethlehem. Many gowns were collected in "dress drives" sponsored by Lehigh Valley businesses; others were contributed by individuals.



**Seamstress Virginia Hope** (right) volunteered her services for the event, fixing minor problems in gowns on the spot. Larger issues were referred to Linda Nevins (left), owner of Fit'n Images in Nazareth, who provided assistance at 10 percent off the usual price.



**Each girl received** a "goody bag" that included make-up donated by Wegmans that she could use for the prom. Volunteer Brittany Gebhardt demonstrated the art of making oneself up to one of the girls.



**A volunteer tidies** a table of high heels of every color, design and size. The girls were welcome to pick shoes that matched their dress and their fancy.



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Personal protection devices donations needed**

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) health emergency, personal protective equipment (PPE) is in critical supply. Face masks, a needed type of PPE, help protect health care providers and other non-clinical health care workers from droplets that may be expelled by a cough or sneeze as they interact with people seeking care.

Lehigh Valley Health Network is seeking the community's help to sew face masks for LVHN.

Those who have a sewing machine and sewing skills are invited to make fabric face masks for the LVHN team. Each person can use and reuse the same mask after laundering it. This helps preserve the supply of professionally manufactured PPE. If you would like to sew face masks for LVHN, look for face mask sewing patterns and instructions on the web or use instructions (and watch video tutorials) at LVHN.org/face-mask.

**Community is invited to donate new, unused PPE**

LVHN also will gladly accept new, unused PPE, such as N95 respirators, dust masks, eye protection, goggles, face shields, boxes of nitrile gloves and hand sanitizer

To donate PPE, clearly mark contents and bring the items to: 2024 Lehigh St., Allentown, Pa., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you have any questions about donations, email covid19donations@lvhn.org.

To stay up to date with information about COVID-19, visit LVHN.org/COVID19.

**Some surgeries postponed**

Lehigh Valley Health Network is temporarily closing some operating rooms, postponing tests and surgeries and consolidating ExpressCARE locations.

Critical procedures will be relocated to other locations within the health network.

LVHN is also postponing some previously scheduled tests and procedures.

LVHN is temporarily suspending services at three LVHN ExpressCARE locations: Bangor, Bethlehem Township and Blakeslee.

The LVHN ExpressCARE-Palmerston is now open for COVID-19 testing only. Patients are being asked to go to LVHN ExpressCARE-West End.

Refer to LVHN.org/covid19 for additional information, including FAQs for people with COVID-19, links to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations and more.

**Outpatient rehab service suspended**

As part of ongoing effort to ensure safety for patients, staff and community during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) temporarily suspended outpatient rehabilitation services at select locations as of March 25.

LVHN will contact you if your appointment is impacted by these temporary closures. Appointments will be postponed or relocated to a location that's most convenient for you.

**Outpatient oncology patient policy changes**

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure safety for patients, staff and our community during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) will temporarily suspend outpatient rehabilitation services at select locations as of March 25.

LVHN will contact you if your appointment is impacted by these temporary closures. Appointments will be postponed or relocated to a location that's most convenient for you.

**Male caregivers shave beards**

Some facial hairstyles compromise the effectiveness of the N-95 face mask, preventing a tight seal around the face. An N-95 respirator and surgical mask are examples of personal protective equipment that are used to protect the wearer from airborne particles and from liquid contaminating the face, and are a critical piece of PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Facial hair is popular right now," said Dr. Thomas Whalen, LVHN's senior vice president and chief medical officer. "LVHN is asking colleagues on the front line who do not require an accommodation for a sincerely held religious belief to shave their facial hair."

Whalen, who shaved his beard as a show of support, says we are all in this together and is urging other men in the community to join in and shave to support those doing their part to keep the community healthy and safe.

**St. Luke's Health Network  
All workers wearing masks**

St. Luke's University Health Network has implemented a universal masking policy for its patient-facing health care workers and employees. St. Luke's made the universal masking decision to protect its patients and staff and to help reduce the community spread of COVID-19.

"We currently have an adequate supply of personal protective equipment to undertake this important safety initiative," said Kara Mascitti, MD, St. Luke's Medical Director of Health Care Epidemiology and Infection Prevention. "Our ability to socially distance when providing patient care is limited, so we are implementing this policy to protect both our patients and our staff."

"We remain grateful to the community for its outpouring of donated masks and other supplies - keep it coming."

Patients at St. Luke's facilities will not need to mask, unless they are exhibiting symptoms or have known exposure to COVID-19.

"Our community still has health care needs beyond this pandemic," said Mascitti. "It's important that if you need to visit one of our facilities, for COVID-19 or otherwise, that you know that you are safe in doing so."

Virtual telehealth visits are also available for individuals looking to connect with their primary care or specialty doctor from home. To arrange for a telehealth visit, please contact your doctor. To find a doctor, call 1-866-STLUKES, option 4.

**Donations sought**

St. Luke's is accepting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies from employees, patients, friends, family members and community partners. The types of PPE and supplies they are specifically interested in are: surgical masks, N95 masks, goggles, face shields, vinyl gloves, hand sanitizer, Lysol and Clorox, including wipes. They are also accepting hospital-grade cleaning supplies and disinfectant.

Additionally, they are accepting donations of fabrics for making masks, including cotton, denim, duck cloth, canvas, twill, silk or other tight woven fabric, as well as elastic or rubber bands.

Please contact Ben Guerin to arrange a pickup directly from your company. He can be reached at (610)739-9332 or Benjamin.Guerin@sluhn.org.

If you have questions, please contact 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7.

**Virtual visits connect patients to care**

By now, most people know what to do if they have COVID-19 symptoms. But during a quarantine, what do you do if you need to see a doctor for another concern?

St. Luke's has the answer with its Virtual Visit option.

With St. Luke's Virtual Visits, you can connect with your primary care doctor, a physical therapist or a specialist from the comfort and convenience of your own home.

Patients who already have a scheduled appointment or need a new appointment are encouraged to call their physician's office to schedule the virtual visit in place of their typical in-office visit. Then it's simply a matter of connecting via phone or computer.

How can a St. Luke's Virtual Visit help you?

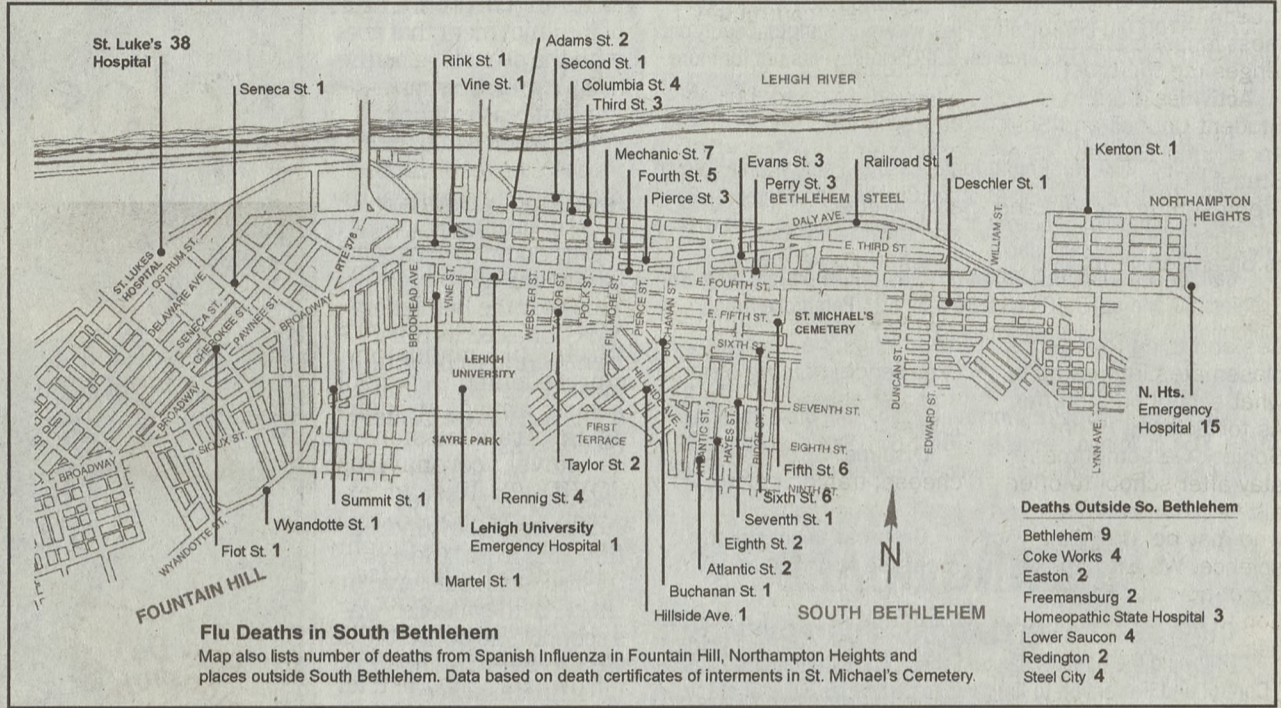
- Primary care, physical therapy and specialty care appointments
- Routine, chronic and acute health needs
- Personal care with physical distance
- Care provided on your smartphone, tablet or computer

Call your St. Luke's doctor or Physical Therapy at St. Luke's office to schedule your virtual visit.

If you are looking to find a provider, call 1-866-STLUKES (758-8537), option 4 or visit www.sluhn.org.

**ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD**

Graphic commentary by Ed Courrier



MAP ILLUSTRATED BY KENNETH F. RANIERE.

**1918: Spanish Influenza knew no boundaries**

BY ROSEMARY C. BUFFINGTON  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In the autumn of 1918, all of South Bethlehem braced for a strange influenza that traveled from town to town with a terrifying grip on the U.S. With continuous World War I updates, Bethlehem Steel plant injuries and railroad accidents - local newspapers were used to daily horrors, even as they struggled to keep up with virulent cases in St. Luke's and hastily built emergency hospitals.

Bethlehem was better prepared than most towns because of urgently needed war materiel produced by the steel company, and the newly unified city of Bethlehem that lowered contagions by enforcing strict prohibitions on gatherings of all kinds. This included church services, athletic meets - and with great difficulty, bars and saloons. The townspeople went all in, buying war bonds with whatever extra money they could afford, shipping goods to the front where they could.

I wish my grandparents had told me about this historic time, but they remained their stoic selves till the end. So I had taken the opportunity to piece together data from over 150 death certificates of people I found in St. Michael's Cemetery, their demise attributed to 'The Spanish Flu,' or 'Pneumonia,' following 'Influenza.'

The first illnesses were flagged in September 1918, with a horrifying acceleration that

peaked in mid-October, then dropped in November, only to flare up again in December before tailing off into the winter. We now know this classic pattern of the infection, although at the time, daily newspapers zig-zagged between hope and despair, even as advertisements filled the pages touting treatments ranging from Father John's Medicine to Vick's Vapo-Rub.

More men than women died - I suspect that more men than women probably lived in the area around St. Michael's Cemetery at that time. Many men who arrived alone from foreign lands and surrounding towns lived in crowded boarding houses after they found work in South Bethlehem.

Similar to the national statistical data, the average Spanish flu burial in St. Michael's was a person in the prime of life. Today, we still debate why the epidemic cut down people who had the most to give in life who were suddenly stricken, gasping for breath, turning blue and dying within hours. In addition to interments at St. Michael's, coffins were sent 'home' to nearby cities by train, while others were buried in Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Holy Ghost, and Fountain Hill cemeteries. Using St. Michael's current data as a snapshot, the total number of burials amounted to 311 in 1916; 316 in 1917; 485 in 1918; and 229 in 1919. The 'excess' deaths in 1918 were certainly visible.

Of the 157 death certificates I sampled in my research, 38 died in St. Luke's Hospital and 15 in the Northampton Heights Emergency Hospital. Thirty-seven different doctors signed the death certificates, by far the most signed by Dr. Loyal Shoudy of Bethlehem Steel Corp. (18) - and Dr. George Pehutias of St. Luke's, who signed 24 - an amazing amount of work.

Undertakers busily prepared the deceased for burials... McGovern had 45, Bolich, 31; Madden, 22; Kinney, 20; and Conahan, 17.

As the epidemic raged, deaths continued with the usual ever-present childhood diseases, childbirths, accidents and suicides. The Oct. 7 issue of The Morning Call reported that Joseph Csandli fell 35 feet to his death, when he slipped while he jumped between two cranes at the Bethlehem Steel Company; Joseph Marich, 25, died of typhoid fever; Lizzie Mamaro, 2, died from burns received while playing with matches; and two people died when a trolley car flipped on a steep grade on Wyandotte Street - a mere sampling of deaths reported on Oct. 7.

On Nov. 11, at the end of WWI, came Armistice Day, a day forever remembered with red poppies, when the town took a collective breath and newspapers shouted blessed peace, when army conscription was suspended and ads appeared touting gifts for the upcoming Christmas season - and life went on.

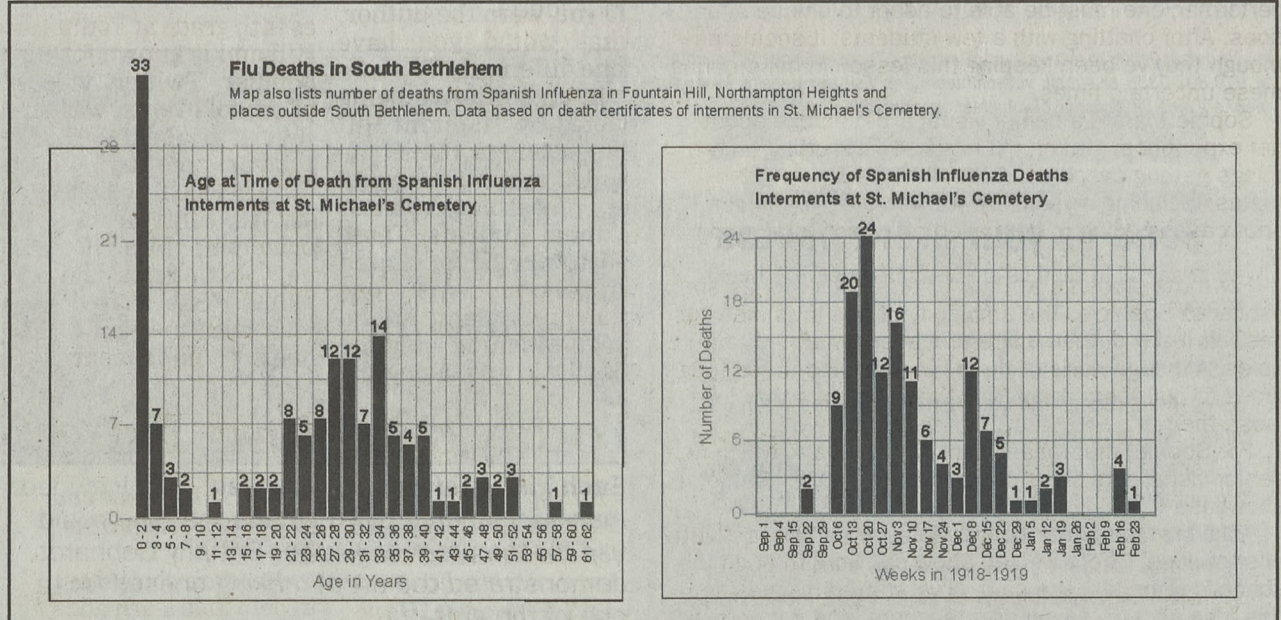


CHART AND MAP DATA RESEARCHED BY ROSEMARY C. BUFFINGTON.



# Harvin Duarte

## Lehigh Valley Academy

**Grade:** 12  
**Family members:** Hector is my father, Ericida is my mother, and Jonas is my little brother.

**Favorite subject:** Science and math. I enjoy science class because I learn a lot of cool interesting things, that otherwise I do not think I would ever have found interest in learning. An example is like wood and its density, strength and how its price varies on how much planet earth still has available of it. Science class provides me with real life applications that I can use now and in the future. As for math, I also list it as one of my favorite subjects because although it can be my most challenging class at times, I have never found myself uninterested in anything with relation to it. It definitely keeps me the most focused and challenges me the most.

**Activities:** I am in Student Council and Science Honor Society. As a Student Council member, I represent my school and my classmates. I help to organize events and ensure that the school year is filled with activities and thing to keep my classmates interested in what school has to offer. As for Science Honor Society, we sometimes stay after school to offer aid to younger classmates who may be struggling with science. We also spoke about how our contribution to our community can help eliminate or reduce our carbon footprint and other harmful things to the earth.

**Next steps:** My plan is to go to college. As of now I am interested in Penn State, Fairleigh Dickinson and Rutgers University. Each of them offers something different that attracts me to them. I cannot say certainly which one I am going to, but hopefully it is one of these three.

**Career goals:** Ever since I was a little boy I have had a passion for cars. It might have to do with the fact that my dad is a mechanic and I was always with him when he worked on them. My career goal is to become a successful mechanical engineer and work in the automobile industry.

**Hobbies:** Detailing cars, going to the gym and spending time with



friends.  
**Current job(s):** I work at Giant. It is a nice part-time job that has helped me develop better time management skills. It also has helped me to meet great people that shop there and give great advice.

**Volunteer/community work:** I do not have a set volunteering or community work to go to, but of course if I am somewhere and I see someone in need of assistance I will stop whatever I am doing and offer them help.

**Likes:** Cars, traveling, driving, listening to music, going out, learning new things, having new experience, helping others, and just enjoying life to its fullest

**Dislikes:** Getting sick, cheese, traffic, and not having a haircut  
**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** Out of all the questions in this profile, I think this is the hardest. I can't really label this as my greatest achievement, but it is something I am extremely proud of myself for achieving, and that is having a strong connection with both my parents, and being able to talk to them about anything without feeling the need to hold back on things.

**Advice for peers:** Success comes with lots of work and effort. You can't sit back and do nothing and expect to have things magically get done. If you have goals for yourself, you also need to set an agenda to keep those goals on track. Anything is achievable in life because we live in a place filled with opportunities, but it is up to you to go out and look for these opportunities.

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

## CHARTER ARTS HS NOTES

By Mercedes Lobb

### Virus impacts year

The change from winter to spring is a moment that many of us value and treasure. For students at the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts, that sentiment isn't any different. The beginning of March typically marks the start of their spring performance season, which involves their annual musical, dance performances, poetry readings, instrumental and vocal concerts, a fashion show, and a visual arts exhibit.

Unfortunately for these young performers, their shows will not be becoming a reality this school year due to the coronavirus outbreak. However, they haven't allowed this disruption to ruin their spirits. For if there is one thing that sets Charter Arts students apart from others, it's their outstanding work ethic and determination. They've learned from their instructors that to be a successful student and performer, one must be able to adapt to unique situations. After chatting with a few students, it seems as though they've been keeping this lesson in mind during these uncertain times.

Sophie Marsh, a senior visual artist, spoke about her experience, stating: "It has been upsetting to see things getting canceled. A lot of my visual arts classmates, including myself, are worried that our senior showcase is going to get called off, which is a project all of us have been working extremely hard on."

For most students at Charter Arts, their stories are similar to Sophie's. The ambiguity of this invisible virus has left many of them uncertain about what their future holds. Although none of them have allowed these tough times to pull them away from the two things they love most, their art, and their Charter Arts family.

For Sophie, that meant thinking of ways in which her senior visual arts class could still put on their senior showcase.

"The first thing that popped into my mind was a virtual showcase, where we can show our work through the school's website," she said. "I've started discussing this idea with my visual arts teachers, and if it comes

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## FHE BEDTIME STORIES

Flipgrid



PRESS PHOTOS COURTESY BASD/BRAD DREY

Fifth-grade teacher Brad Drey, whose popular Twitter videos (@FtHillDrey) showcase Fountain Hill's special events, is coordinating the teachers' "bedtime stories" on Flipgrid, a social learning tool used in the district. Classroom teachers and other FHE staff recorded themselves reading some of their favorite children's books so they can be present virtually in their students' homes.

## At Fountain Hill ES

# Staying close with stories

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Area School District treated Governor Tom Wolf's March 16 mandatory, unprecedented school closure aimed at slowing the transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), like an extended snow closure. No new material was taught – virtually or otherwise – and students were not responsible for completing assignments.

However, the district did provide "academic continuity resources" online to keep skills sharp during the unexpected break. (Beginning March 30 and continuing for as long as schools remain shut down – at least through April 6 – instruction of new material will move to a virtual model, using online resources with the possible addition of physical materials distributed at free breakfast pickup locations.)

Local cable providers RCN and Service Electric are offering free cable modems and Internet access to qualifying families in their service areas, and BASD had already distributed Kajeet Internet hotspot access points to families that requested them at the beginning of the school year.

Elementary review and enrichment resources include the McGraw-Hill Wonders reading program, with specific (non-mandatory) assignments for each day. On the first day of the shutdown, for example, a second-grader could read the story, "In a Redwood Forest," summarize what he read, and write about the story, explaining why redwoods only grow in California.

Every day, students were encouraged to read a book or a chapter from a longer book and discuss what they read with someone else. The questions are reminiscent of a book club: "What was your favorite part?" "What was surprising?" "If you were the author, what would you have done differently?"

In an initiative being piloted by Fountain Hill ES, teachers have recorded themselves reading "bedtime stories" to their students. These videos are being shared with the students – one story per night, so no binge-watching – via the ClassDojo app, using the



Community school director Paige Hoffman reads "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?" by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, sitting with her son Luke in his bunk bed. Hoffman and her son both create the dinosaur sound effects as Hoffman reads the story of roaring dinos saying good night to their parents.



Reading specialist Amy Vogler reads "Where the Wild Things Are" to her students online. The stories the teachers selected range from classics like this Maurice Sendak book to modern favorites like "Dragons Love Tacos," read by fourth-grade teacher Amy Lawrence.

Flipgrid tool on the back end.

Brad Drey, who teaches fifth grade at Fountain Hill and is known for his popular Twitter videos of school events, was enthusiastic about the project from the start.

"The idea of bedtime stories came from our principal, Mrs. Courtney Stambaugh," he explains. "She shared her idea with me and I just helped implement it,

using a resource called Flipgrid[...]"

"The big thing is being able to make connections with the kids and the families and stay in touch," he says. Fountain Hill shared the first video March 23.

It's no accident that literacy was the skill on which Fountain Hill chose to focus.

"During this unprecedented time of school being closed for an ex-

tended period of time," Drey says, "it is important that our students see their teachers, principals and school staff and hear from us. We need to find ways of keeping those connections going. "Videos of the Fountain Hill staff reading directly to them is keeping that connection going, allowing them to see and hear us, but also promoting the importance and love of reading at the same time."

Pre-K instructor Angelique Bucciero chose "Sleepyhead Bear" by Lisa Westburg Peters (illustrated by Ian Schoenherr). As she reads the story, Ms. Bucciero points out the rhyming words and holds the book to show the illustrations to the viewers. Reading specialist Amy Vogler reads Maurice Sendak's classic tale, "Where the Wild Things Are." Community school director Paige Hoffman joins her son Luke in his bunk bed and reads "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?" by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, complete with roaring and other sound effects.

Fountain Hill has begun advertising the bedtime stories via the school's Twitter account (@BASDFtHill). Students and their families will be able to access the videos using the ClassDojo app or the school's website (<https://basdw-pweb.beth.k12.pa.us/>)

## Today's lesson: Time to do some exploring

**Editor's Note:** We are publishing activities to keep students learning even though schools aren't in session. Have some ideas that you are doing with your chil-

dren? Send us an email at [gtaylor@ttonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@ttonline.com).

Here are some sites to help kids learn about space and the world around us while they're

stuck at home:  
 • NASA: <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/>  
 This site from NASA includes a section of activities for parents that include crafts, games and

videos.  
 • The Hubble Heritage Project: <http://heritage.stsci.edu/index.html>  
 See images of celestial bodies taken by the Hub-

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**YOUR LOCAL WEATHER**

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
	51 / 38 2-5 mph S	54 / 40 7-11 mph NW	56 / 42 4-7 mph WNW	54 / 44 2-5 mph SE	56 / 42 2-5 mph SSE	59 / 45 5-10 mph N	57 / 43 2-11 mph SE

**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of isolated rain, high of 51°, humidity of 57%. South wind 2 to 5 mph. The record high for today is 84° set in 1978. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of isolated rain, overnight low of 38°. Northwest wind 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 34°. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1969. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 54°, humidity of 45%. Northwest wind 7 to 11 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 40°. Northwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 56°, humidity of 51%. West northwest wind 4 to 7 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy, overnight low of 42°.

**Weather Trivia**

What is the earliest an Atlantic hurricane has formed?



Answer: In 1955, a hurricane formed on Jan. 2

**COLLEGE NOTES**

**Northampton Community College Broggi named Newman Civic Fellow**

Campus Compact, a Boston-based nonprofit organization, has announced that Adam Broggi, a student at Northampton Community College, has been named a Newman Civic Fellow. The English major is a non-traditional student who returned to NCC after nearly 20 years of working in marketing and broadcast journalism.

He was nominated by Dr. Erickson, the college president, based on his involvement with civic activism at the college and his passion, work and studies around political and social inequalities. He helped revamp NCC's Student Service Project Endowment, with which students may apply for and receive funding for community service projects.

The fellowship, named for the late Frank Newman, one of Campus Compact's founders, is supported by the KPMG Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation. For more information, visit [compact.org/newman-civic-fellowship](http://compact.org/newman-civic-fellowship).

**Open houses canceled**

Northampton Area Community College Monroe and Bethlehem areas open houses through April 18 are canceled. For more information, visit [northampton.edu/open-house](http://northampton.edu/open-house).

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

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

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On the other hand, Makii Smith, a senior literary artist, has had a harder time staying positive during these last few weeks.

"It has been challenging to cope with not being able to see my friends," he said. "I've been trying to distract myself from the situation, but it's hard. I'm concerned about losing time with the people I care about most. Senior year was supposed to be the most fulfilling, but now seniors are met with the possibility of no prom, spring break, and, most importantly, graduation. There isn't much to be happy about right now. Nevertheless, I have been trying to

discover new things such as music to cope during this tough time in my life, and to stay positive."

The memories that students make throughout their high school careers can impact them for the rest of their lives. For seniors, those memories become a catalyst for forging long-lasting friendships and establishing life-long connections with mentors. To know that their senior year may be cut short due to the coronavirus outbreak hasn't been easy on the students, yet, the majority of them have continued to maintain a positive attitude.

From the Charter Arts family to you, the reader, we hope that you continue to stay healthy and safe!

**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](http://www.healthyanimalcenter.org).



**Rihanna** is an 8.5-year-old female who is looking for family as active as she is. Rihanna has a lot of energy and I would prefer to be your only cat and live in a home with none, or older children.



**Sparky** is a energetic, playful, friendly retriever and cattle dog mix. At only a year old, Sparky is looking for a family that is active and willing to train him! He would do best in a home without cats.

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ble Space Telescope.  
• NOAA: <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/kids/>

Learn about weather and the oceans from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Includes links for kids and teens to learn about severe weather patterns and learn about meteorology.

Go exploring without leaving your home:

• Tour Yellowstone National Park: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

Take a virtual tour of national parks from the comfort of your home.

• Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover: <https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>

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and her family returned to Bethlehem. Just a few days later, Santos had to close her salon, as the Wolf's first shutdown order included nail salons.

Presently, Santos is home with her family. "I usually work 12-hour days, and I'm enjoying this time with my kids. I am cooking, and trying to stay busy, drawing new designs."

Santos used to sell press-on, hand-painted nail tips, but her supplies have run low, especially popular sizes, and presently she is unable to get more from her suppliers. She is also an educational field consultant, so she is trying to do more with that. She has filed for unemployment. Her designs can be seen on Instagram.



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[sluhn.org/covid-19](http://sluhn.org/covid-19)

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## 'Stay-at-home' order cancels PSF, Allentown Symphony Wittry concerts

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) continues to roil the Lehigh Valley arts and entertainment scene as the crisis of cancellations continues.

The Allentown Symphony Orchestra concerts to honor the 25th anniversary season of ASO Music Director and Conductor Diane Wittry will not take place.

The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival has canceled its season. The Allentown Art Museum is closed "indefinitely." The 113th Bach Festival, May 8, 9 and May 15 and 17, might be in jeopardy because the campus of Lehigh University, where Bach's mighty "Mass in B minor" is sung by the Bach Choir of Bethlehem in Packer Chapel, is closed until May 13. (See article Page B1 Focus.)

These are among the latest impacts on Lehigh Valley arts and entertainment resulting from the March 25 order by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf for residents of Lehigh and Northampton counties to "stay at home" and President Donald Trump's March 29 order for social distancing in the United States to continue until April 30.

As of the publication date for this article, the "Freddie Awards" are still on for May 21, State Theatre Center for the Arts.

In a statement released at 11:16 a.m. March 30, the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival announced "the cancellation of all performances for its upcoming summer season" in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

"It is with a heavy heart that we make this decision," said Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF) Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy.

"We do so for the safety and well-being of our artists, staff, volunteers and patrons," Mulcahy said.

"We'll be back in full force for summer 2021, which we hope will include the same extraordinary plays. We'll look forward to gathering together next season so that our audience may again be renewed and refreshed by the artistry they so enjoy."

The 2020 PSF season, May 29 - Aug. 1, DeSales University, was to open with the children's show, "Charlotte's Web," May 29, Schubert Theatre, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts. PSF's first



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Allentown Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Diane Wittry is in her 25th anniversary season leading the ASO.

main stage production was "A Chorus Line," June 10 - 28. PSF's "Luminosity Gala," May 30, University Center, was to honor Dr. Lona M. Farr with the 2020 Will Shakespeare Award.

PSF's 29th summer season included "Fences," set to open June 20, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in repertory with "Sense and Sensibility," and "An Iliad" and "Henry IV, Part 2."

The box office and administrative offices are See **CLOSINGS** on Page B2

## Coronavirus closings

### Lehigh U. shutdown could jeopardize Bach Festival

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS  
 Special to The Press

"I can't wait until we can make music together again," says Bach Choir of Bethlehem Artistic Director and Conductor Greg Funfgeld. "Think how glorious that will be."

Because of concerns about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Bach Choir of Bethlehem had to cancel its spring concert March 29, but the internationally-renowned choir is hoping to keep spirits up with music in whatever way it can.

"It's very hard for the arts," says Bridget George, Bach Choir of Bethlehem Executive Director.

"We're struggling. We know how healing the arts can be and are and how much we want to share out music. So, when we can't share in live ways, we were finding other ways to share."

The Bach Choir of Bethlehem has canceled not only the spring concert, but also the "Bach at Noon" April 14 concert and its weekly rehearsals at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem.

Bel Canto, the children's choir under the umbrella of the Bach Choir, also has canceled its May 2 concert and rehearsals.

"We are still holding on to the possibility we can do the Bach Festival," George says.

The 114th Bethlehem Bach Festival scheduled for May 8-9 and May 15-16 is an internationally-recognized festival at which the choir plans to perform Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" and "Mass in B Minor." It would be the final festival under Funfgeld, who is retiring in 2021.

Some festival performances, including that of the "Mass" in Packer Memorial Church, take place on the campus of Lehigh University, which as of the publication deadline for this article, has canceled all activities until May 13.

George says the choir is considering the possibility of alternative venues for the concerts at Lehigh.

She says the Bach staff will reassess the situation in April and decisions will be made in the mostly timely manner possible.

The choir also hopes to move ahead with its summer "Bach at Noon" concerts at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown.

Meanwhile, George says the choir is sharing audio and video clips of the choir online.

The choir launched "Moments of Comfort," in which audio clips are posted at: [www.bach.org/a-moment-of-comfort](http://www.bach.org/a-moment-of-comfort).

The music includes "Gloria Patri" from Bach's "Magnificat," and "Comfort Ye" and "Ev'ry Valley" from Part One of Handel's "Messiah."

George says audio and video will continue to be added to the choir's website.

The choir also is sharing videos on The Bach Choir of Bethlehem YouTube channel.

"We have a lovely edited video of the January 'Bach at Noon' and a two-camera video of 'Noah's Flood,' presented in February," George says. "They are joyful things to share with people with an uplifting message."

George says if the annual festival goes forward, music planned for the spring concert will be presented at the festival's "Bach at 8" concert.

"The choir has worked really hard for the spring concert," she says. "We really wanted to do this concert."

The concert was to have featured Part Two of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "Easter Oratorio."

The Bach Choir presented Part One of Handel's "Messiah," paired with Bach's "Magnificat," at its Christmas concerts in December.

It was the first time in the choir's history that it performed a portion of Handel's three-part oratorio about the life of Christ. The third part of "The Messiah" was to be performed in 2021.

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## Exhibit marks Allentown Art Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art partnership



BY ED COURRIER  
 Special to The Press

"Evolution of the Spiritual: Europe to America," an exhibition in the Kress Gallery, Allentown Art Museum, began a multi-year partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art

On view were eight historic depictions of the Virgin Mary from the 15 century through the 20th century on loan from the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Several Renaissance and Baroque portraits of the Virgin Mary that are part of the Allentown Art Museum's permanent collection in Kress Gallery were rearranged to complement the installation



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Elaine Mehalakes, Allentown Art Museum Vice President of Curatorial Affairs, with "Blessing the Melon (The Indians Bring the Harvest to Christian Mary for Her Blessing)," by Marsden Hartley (circa 1918, oil on paperboard, 32 3/8 in. x 23 7/8 in.).

The exhibition explored the connections between European and American art, tracking the development and evolution of the iconic Christian image of the Virgin Mary.

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"We start off with Renaissance work, we move to Spanish colonial, and then we move onto modern art," says exhibition curator Elaine Mehalakes, Allentown Art Museum Vice President of Curatorial Affairs.

The oldest work in the exhibit is "Madonna and Child with Saints" (circa 1490, tempera and gold leaf on panel, 43 in. x 31 1/2 in.) by Italian master Biagio d'Antonio Tucci from the Allentown Art Museum's Samuel H. Kress Collection.

"Our Lady of Montserrat" (18th century, oil on canvas, 60 1/4 in. x 53 3/16 in.) by an unknown Mexican artist, features a dark-skinned Virgin and Child.

Based on a dark-skinned sculpture discovered in northeastern Spain, it is surmised the painter may have heard

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**CLOSINGS**

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closed. The PSF staff is working remotely and will contact ticket-holders.

Allentown's West End Theatre District is also taking a hit. Civic Theatre of Allentown closed, postponed its season and laid off its staff. And the 40th season of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre is canceled.

Stage, concert and dance productions at Muhlenberg College, Lehigh University, DeSales University and Touchstone Theatre are canceled.

Postponed through April are concerts at Penn's Peak, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Sherman Theater, Godfrey Daniels and Mauch Chunk Opera House.

Concerts at SteelStacks, Wind Creek Event Center and PPL Center have been canceled.

State Theatre President & CEO Shelley Brown, stated on the theater's web site March 17: "Through March 31st, the State Theatre has suspended Box Office operations for the safety of the community at large. When it is possible to accurately determine the status of a performance, postponement or cancellation, we will communicate that information to you."

On March 26, Brown updated that to: "By order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, we will be closed until April 7. When it is possible to accurately determine the status of a performance, postponement or cancellation, we will communicate that information to you."

According to a State Theatre official as of March 25, a decision on the "Freddy Awards" ceremony, telecast live May 21



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The April 18 and 19 "ASO Classical Series" concerts of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra celebrating the 25th anniversary season of ASO Music Director and Conductor Diane Wittry are canceled because of concerns about the community spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

on WFMZ-TV and online, has not been made. Scholarships to schools and students will still be able to be awarded.

Gov. Wolf's order for Pennsylvania schools to close March 16 - 27 was extended through April 9 (when students can return to class).

High school musicals performances entered in the Freddy Awards scheduled to be performed were not presented following the governor's March 13 order.

At Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, "Diane's Wittry's 25th Celebration" was to culminate with the Allentown Sym-

phony Orchestra "The Pines of Rome" concerts, April 19 and April 20. Also canceled: "Meet the Artist" with Wittry and the concerts' guest violinist Irina Muresanu.

Postponed at Miller Symphony Hall: Take3, "Live OnStage," April 4, with a new date to be announced; "Third Thursday," The Lyric Room, April 16; "Musicians' Sponsorship Dinner," April 17; Hector Olivera, organ, "Chamber OnStage," April 20, and "Laughs at The Lyric," April 29.

Canceled are "The Met: Live in HD Series," including

"Puccini's Tosca," April 16, and "Donizetti's Maria Stuarda," May 10, because The Met Opera canceled its season.

Miller Symphony Hall concerts in May are in a "wait and see mode," according to a symphony official as of March 25.

However, Allentown Band Conductor Ronald Demkee in a March 25 email stated the Allentown Band "Side by Side" May 3 concert, with guest artists Joanne Pearce and Martin May, is canceled.

Still scheduled at Miller Symphony Hall: "The Music of Zen for Primates," "Jazz

Upstairs Series," May 1; Allentown Symphony Pops, "Women Rock," May 9, and Dan Wilkins' Horizons Quartet, "Jazz Upstairs," May 15.

Al Jacobsen, Executive Director of the Allentown Symphony Association (ASA), announced in a March 25 press release: "It is with much sadness and regret that I inform you we are postponing-cancelling all Miller Symphony Hall events through April 30, including the orchestra concerts scheduled for April 18 and 19."

Jacobsen explained that "due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with all 'non-life sustaining' businesses now ordered closed by our Governor for an indefinite time period, it would be impossible for the organization to carry out tasks in the upcoming weeks in preparation for the April events. The safety of our staff, musicians, our audience and our community is our highest concern.

"This is a situation that is changing daily, even hourly, not just for the ASA, but for everyone in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. We will keep everyone in the ASA family informed as we face these challenges and look ahead as we welcome audiences back to Miller Symphony Hall in the coming weeks."

At nearby Allentown Art Museum, the April 4 Gala is canceled.

In a March 25 press release, Chris Potash, Allentown Art Museum Manager of Marketing and Public Relations, said, "The Allentown Art Museum will remain closed until further notice. The date of the Museum's reopening will be determined when conditions allow."

**BACH**

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George says the beloved work will be performed one way or another, and in the event that this year's festival is canceled, the 2020 festival program will be presented at the 2021 festival.

"The choir has loved working on this music," says Funfgeld. "I admire the commitment of the choir."

Funfgeld says he paired "The Messiah" with "Easter Oratorio"

because both are "wonderful dramatic theatrical pieces."

"The side-by-side view of Bach and Handel will show how similar they are and how different," Funfgeld says. "The music in both is Baroque counterpoint and brilliant chorale writing."

"Handel writes in a more vocal style and Bach is more instrumental, so there is a different kind of technical demand."

"Messiah" begins in Part I with prophecies

by Isaiah and others, and moves to the annunciation to the shepherds. In Part II, Handel concentrates on the Passion and ends with the "Hallelujah" chorus. In Part III, Handel covers the resurrection of the dead and Christ's glorification in heaven.

One thing that is moving forward is the "Chaconne Project," an educational outreach planned for the Bach Festival.

A chaconne is a set of melodic variations that occurs over a repeating chord progression. Bach wrote a famous chaconne as the final movement of his Partita in D minor.

For the "Chaconne Project," one dozen students were chosen by audition. They will compose and perform their own variation on a chaconne, accompanied by the Bach Festival Orchestra.

Conceived and directed by Moravian College Composer-in-Residence Dr. Larry Lipkis, the "Chaconne Project" debuted at the choir 2013 "Family Concert."



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Portions or all of Bach Festival, featuring the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, May 8-9 and May 15-16, may be affected by Lehigh University campus shutdown, which continues through May 13.

Although the "Chaconne" students were to meet in person with Lipkis, they have been "meeting" weekly online with Lipkis.

"We have a wonderful group of students," George says.

If the 2020 festival is canceled, the "Chaconne Project" will be performed somewhere, perhaps as part of one of the

summer "Bach at Noon" concerts.

George says patrons who already have tickets can switch tickets for a future concert or turn them as a donation.

"This has been an incredible year for The Bach Choir of Bethlehem with great concerts, incredible audiences and amazing colleagues," Funfgeld says.

"We have much for which to be thankful, including one another, and the privilege we have of making this glorious music together."

"I believe there is a gift given to us in all of this, a chance to spend some time with people we love, perhaps to read, study our scores, rest, be restored."

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## Female attire for summer morning wedding

Dear Jacquelyn, My friend is getting married this summer and the wedding is at 11 a.m. When attending a morning wedding, what are female guests expected to wear?

Dear Reader, Traditionally, a daytime wedding is a semi-formal event and an evening wedding is a formal event.

When deciding what to wear, the time of day isn't the only thing to take into consideration. The location and venue of the wedding are also big determining factors in what a guest should wear.

Paying attention to these details will

**RESPECTFULLY YOURS**

By Jacquelyn Youst



keep you appropriately dressed at every wedding you attend.

For example, a church wedding has an assumed more formal dress code versus an outside picnic ceremony. The key here is that wedding wear for guests should always be respectful of the occasion and relatively modest.

Summer morning weddings require a dress code that is both dressy causal and light. Tea-length dresses are

always appropriate. Colors that should be at the top of your dress shopping list for a morning ceremony, are pastels. Lighter fabrics like cotton and silk are excellent choices in warm weather.

Shoe choice is also something you will have to consider. Heels are always an appropriate wedding shoe, unless the wedding takes place on a beach, in which case dressy sandals are your best option.

If the invitation does not give a dress code, use your best judgement.

If you have been invited to a wedding and aren't quite sure what to wear, keep in mind the closer it is to 6 p.m., the

more formal the attire.

Weddings don't happen every day. Whether intimate or grand, a wedding is still a formal event.

If you're lucky enough to be invited, you owe it to the couple to show your respect by looking your very best.

Respectfully Yours, Jacquelyn

*Have a question?*

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## Battling excessive fear

We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Those were the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt in his first inaugural address to a nation suffering the worse economic depression ever experienced.

That sentence became the most memorable part of a speech designed to prop up the mental attitude of a nation.

Roosevelt added that "nameless, unjustified terror" gripping the nation was making everything far worse than it needed to be.

Sound familiar? We certainly have reason to fear the coronavirus. It's a fear unlike any time in our lives.

But look at the empty grocery shelves in grocery stores and you'll see the results of fear rising to unreasonable levels.

It's panic buying that's causing those empty shelves, not a real shortage of food.

The nation's grocers are telling us panic buying continues to wipe out food items as fast as shelves are restocked.

When the news about the coronavirus broke, my best friend, who normally never gets overly worried about anything, was close to hysterical.

After she heard older folks with medical issues were most at risk, she kept saying, "I'm going to die."

Convinced that we needed to protect ourselves by cocooning at home, she took action way before most people.

She rushed to grocery stores to stock up on food because she believed we were all going to be quarantined in our homes.

I thought she went off the deep end when she wanted to buy 15 pounds of beans and was upset to find empty shelves instead of beans.

I reminded her we only had one case of coronavirus in our county and that was a woman who just returned from a long cruise to foreign countries.

I thought we were safe because we lived in a small, rural area.

My friend insisted hundreds of people had it but they weren't getting tested. With our constant influx of tourists, that makes us extremely vulnerable to the virus, she said.

Well, it turns out that my friend was right to be worried.

So far we are not quarantined in our homes. But forced social isolation is close to it.

Every community event, every social event, every class, all recreation and all our church events are canceled. Stores, restaurants and many businesses are closed. We are told that will help us all get through this. But we are warned it will get worse before it gets better.

I worked hard to keep myself calm through all this and I was succeeding — until I tried to buy groceries.

No bread. No milk. No meat. Just empty shelves all week.

I asked the management of two grocery stores why they were not restocking. Both assured me they restock every night. There is no shortage of anything, they insist, except shortages created by panic buying.

In other words, we are creating the shortage crisis.

**WARMEST REGARDS**

By Pattie Mihalik

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I saw one woman checking out of Walmart with her grocery cart filled to the brim with toilet paper. It looked like she was buying enough for an entire housing development.

When I went to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, there were only apples. Again, there was no pasta or beans.

They had a sign that said no one was allowed to buy more than four cans of food. Again, panic buying is creating those shortages.

If you live in the northeast you probably saw that on a much lesser basis every time a major snowfall is predicted. But I never saw people buy all the beans in sight.

My mother lived through the Great Depression when sugar, coffee, meat, fish, butter, eggs and cheese were rationed to prevent hoarding.

Who remembers "oleo" — that was a glob of white with an orange dot in the middle that had to be squeezed?

Because of the lessons learned during the Depression, my mother always kept a pantry area stocked with extra food.

When I got married I continued that tradition, always having extra cans of the food I most used.

That habit causes constant consternation with my husband who is inexplicably fond of empty shelves.

Because he's never had to prepare meals, he also has a strange idea about how long food should last. When we shopped together for groceries we were finally able to buy 2 pounds of hamburger and a few staples. David announced what little we could find would last six months.

He certainly won't be one of the hoarders sweeping shelves clear of every item.

As the number of coronavirus cases keeps escalating, what do you do to stay calm?

I keep repeating Roosevelt's mantra: We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Mental health experts advise us to focus on things you are grateful for.

That's easy for me because I fall asleep every night thinking of three good things that happened that day.

But I have to keep working to stay calm, reading relevant Scripture to help.

Did you know "fear not" is used at least 80 times in the Bible?

During these turbulent times it's normal to feel fear creeping to our consciousness. Yes, the coronavirus can kill thousands. Yes, it's threatening every facet of our lives.

But we survived other catastrophes, and we will survive this.

Stay calm. Listen to advice from health experts.

Most of all, do all you can to stay safe.

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## Coping in the time of coronavirus

First of two parts

"The Family Project" panel shares stress-relieving techniques to cope with "stay-at-home" orders given for the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Pam Wallace, Project Child program coordinator, has grown children living in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Oakland, Calif., which are coronavirus "hotspots."

Said Wallace, "I try to check in with them every day, either by phone, FaceTime or Zoom. It gives me some peace to find them adjusting well and healthy."

As with other panelists, Wallace also checks in on friends and relatives she hasn't spoken with in awhile.

Staying in touch with her elderly parents through FaceTime and Skype helps panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo cope and feel more in control.

"I also can provide them assurance and love through a video and keep them informed as to what to do and not to

**THE FAMILY PROJECT**

By Carole Gorney



do," said Mercado-Arroyo.

Adhering to a schedule is panelist Erin Stalitz's coping strategy for her household with working parents and children: "Try your best to keep a schedule so there is some sort of normalcy for yourself and your children."

"Post a schedule on the fridge of play time, school time, cooking time, down time, outside time, etcetera. Try your best to adhere to the schedule so everyone can get work done and stay sane," said Stalitz.

For people with children at home, panelist Chad Stefanyak advised, "Maintain a regular routine, but also allow ample downtime. Don't feel pressured to structure every hour with an activity."

"There's something to be said for allowing your children time to create, problem solve

and entertain themselves. You might be surprised with what they come up with," said Stefanyak.

"Maintain a sense of humor. Listen to a comedy routine on Netflix or Sirius XM radio," recommended panelist Denise Continenza.

"Follow some social media posts that depict funny animals in predicaments and children saying the darndest things. Laughter has been proven to be good for the mind and the body," said Continenza.

Here's a website with resources for children K-12:

<https://classroom-magazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Next week: More strategies to cope with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Erin Stalitz, Lehigh Children & Youth; Denise Continenza, exten-

sion educator; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor, and Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, educator and former school administrator.

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

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## What causes Dupuytren's Contracture?

Q. How much water should I drink every day?

Water intake is a health issue that you should discuss with your doctor before deciding how much you should drink. The amount you drink is dependent upon the state of your health.

The simplest answer I could find to this very complicated question is this: If you aren't thirsty and you produce one to two quarts of light yellow urine daily (the average output for an adult), you're probably taking in enough water.

If you are concerned about your water intake, remember that you get water from more than just straight water. About 80 percent of your total water intake is from all beverages, which includes soda, coffee and beer. You get the remaining 20 percent from food.

**HEALTHY GEEZER**

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The Institute of Medicine (IOM), a component of the National Academy of Sciences, advises men to consume more than 3 quarts of beverages daily. The IOM recommends that women consume more than 2 quarts of total beverages a day. These guidelines are designed for normal health, activity and weather.

Q. What is Dupuytren's Contracture?

At its worst, Dupuytren's Contracture can turn a hand into a claw because the fascia, the connective bands of tissue inside the palms, shrink and make the fingers curl inward. The condition, in its mild-

form, creates small lumps or bands. Dupuytren's Contracture isn't usually painful.

Dupuytren's is more common in older adults, men and whites from northern European background. The late President Ronald Reagan and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher both suffered from Dupuytren's.

This condition is hereditary. And it may be linked to alcoholism, diabetes, epilepsy and smoking.

It is rare for Dupuytren's to affect the thumb and forefinger. Usually, the ring finger and pinky feel the results. Sometimes, the middle finger may be involved. Dupuytren's Contracture often affects both hands, but usually not equally.

Q. What causes indigestion?

Indigestion, or an upset stomach, is a general term for discomfort in your upper abdomen. This discomfort can take the form of burning stomach pain, nausea, heartburn, bloating, burping and vomiting.

We all get indigestion occasionally. About one in four of us gets an upset stomach at some time. If you are suffering from this condition regularly, you should see a doctor. Indigestion, also known as "dyspepsia," can be the result of something more serious than stuffing down a hot dog on-the-run.

Indigestion can be a symptom of acid reflux disease, an ulcer, gall-

bladder disease or appendicitis. It can also be a warning sign for stomach cancer, although this is rare. Some medicines can give you indigestion. Occasionally, persistent indigestion is caused by a problem in the way food moves through the digestive tract.

One of the best tips I have found to determine what causes occasional indigestion is keeping a diary of the foods you eat. A friend of mine tried this. By analyzing what he ate and how he reacted, he figured out that he was lactose-intolerant.

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# LVHN to furlough 900 on staff at Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Reduced in-person office visits will result in furloughing more than 900 staff members in various positions at nearly 150 practice locations of Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG), Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) announced.

"We want to assure those affected and our community that this is temporary," said Michael Rossi, MD, President, LVPG.

"These are furloughs and not layoffs, meaning those affected will retain their benefits. Some will be redeployed as needed and appropriate," Rossi said.

According to its website, LVPG is among the largest medical groups in the United States. Nearly 1,000 physicians and 600 advanced practice clinicians represent 48 medical specialties in more than 160 practices in the Allentown and Bethlehem area.

LVHN officials stated in a March 27 press release that the decisions are being made to cope with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

LVPG will reduce the number of in-person pa-

tient visits and the number of office sites open for in-person visits.

LVPG will implement the plan over the next two weeks. The plan will be communicated to patients through MyLVHN, email, LVHN.org and via letters.

"We need to take care of as many patients as possible during this pandemic, while making certain we are prepared for the future when this is over," said Brian Nester, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer.

"All patients will continue to have access to LVPG physicians and can choose how they wish to interact with that physician, electronically or in person," Rossi said.

"Our technology group has expanded our video visit capabilities so that we can see patients via cell phone or other devices," said Rossi.

"We can now provide a large volume of video visits, meaning we can see patients via their cell phone, tablet or laptop.

Local LVPG providers with access to your [a patient's] comprehensive medical record will provide this care," Rossi

said. A patient's doctor will be available via phone and the MyLVHN app. When a face-to-face visit is required, the appropriate LVPG provider will see the patient.

Rossi said LVPG is taking the unprecedented steps to reduce the number of in-person visits to physician practices and increase virtual-care services.

LVPG is making operational changes to ensure that its patients can be seen safely and that caregivers are available to help with the expected increase in COVID-19 patients.

Rossi said the changes will protect everyone from the spread of COVID-19 and keep health-care workers healthy and available to combat the pandemic.

LVHN has already made changes to hospital visitation policies, employee temperature screenings, reduced ambulatory surgeries, diagnostic testing and other ambulatory services.

"This unprecedented pandemic has greatly changed our everyday life," Nester said. "For



Lehigh Valley Hospital Network officials cite coping with coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in furloughs of 900 staff members at Lehigh Valley Physician Group.

LVHN and LVPG, we are making aggressive daily adjustments to ensure our community maintains access to the high-quality care they expect and deserve, especially during this crisis.

"The safety and health of our colleagues and community members drives our every action and we are committed

to taking all necessary steps to ensure that LVHN remains strong during this pandemic and that our citizens will be able to rely on us for their care long after COVID-19 is gone," said Nester.

According to its website, LVPG practitioners perform approximately 2 million visits annually

in the practices, hospitals and affiliated locations.

LVPG was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit subsidiary of LVHN, one of the largest health systems in Pennsylvania.

**Information: LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations: www.LVHN.org/covid19**

# St. Luke's official says community spread in LV, Poconos

Community spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) has reached the Lehigh Valley and Poconos, St. Luke's University Health Network infectious disease specialists have confirmed.

The definition of community spread is that the virus is being transmitted among members of a community in the community.

Because of this, St. Luke's University

Health Network is urging the public to shelter at home. "Stay home to stop the spread" is the motto.

St. Luke's issued the information March 25 when Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf ordered "stay-at-home" for Lehigh and Northampton county residents, with limited exceptions.

"We've been tracking the number of cases," said St. Luke's infectious

disease specialist Jeffrey Jahre, MD, Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs.

"Community spread indicates that the region will experience a rapid surge of cases in the next few weeks," Jahre said.

The surge is expected to tax the region's health-care resources, according to St. Luke's.

"It is critical that the public heads the advice to stay home," Jahre

said. "We all can do our part to stop the spread. Most important right now is to stay home unless you are providing 'life-sustaining' services," continued Jahre.

"Our health-care workers, our grocery-store employees, people in distribution - they can protect themselves by practicing good hygiene and social distancing when possi-

ble," Jahre said.

Valid reasons to leave home include obtaining groceries or pharmaceuticals, medical visits or checking on a relative when there is no other means to do so.

It is important to keep regularly-scheduled medical appointments.

"Our patients still have regular health needs," said Jahre. "Not everything is COVID-19 related, and many visits

are now being conducted over the phone or computer."

St. Luke's is offering telehealth virtual visits for individuals who need to receive care. Call your family physician for details or call St. Luke's InfoLink at 1-866-ST-LUKES (785-8537).

**Information on COVID-19 pandemic: www.sluhn.org/covid-19.**

# LVHN suspends numerous outpatient rehab services

As part of its ongoing effort to ensure safety for patients, staff and the community during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) temporarily suspended outpatient rehabilitation services at select locations as of March 25.

LVHN will contact a patient if his or her appointment is impacted by the closures. Appointments will be postponed or relocated to a location.

The following outpatient rehabilitation locations have temporarily suspended services:

- Rehabilitation Services - Tamaqua
- Rehabilitation Services - Frackville
- Rehabilitation Services - Nazareth
- Rehabilitation Services - Mountain Top

- Rehabilitation Services - Emrick Boulevard
- Rehabilitation Services - Easton Avenue
- Rehabilitation Services - Marshalls Creek
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services - 1243 Cedar Crest
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services - Muhlenberg 1770
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services - Palmer Township
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services - Quakertown

- Rehabilitation Services - Moselem Springs
- Rehabilitation Services - Coopersburg
- Rehabilitation Services - Orefield
- Rehabilitation Services - 529 West Broad
- Rehabilitation Services - Hellertown
- Rehabilitation Services - Schuylkill

- Bath
- Rehabilitation Services - One City Center
- Rehabilitation Services - Emmaus
- Rehabilitation Services - Northampton
- Rehabilitation Services - Whitehall
- Rehabilitation Services - Trexlertown
- Rehabilitation Services - Orwigsburg
- Cardiac Rehabilitation at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest
- Cardiac Rehabilitation at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg
- Cardiac Rehabilitation at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Schuylkill
- Audiology Services - 17th Street Allentown
- Coordinated Health Brodheads - 111 Switzgable Drive
- Coordinated Health Pittston - 1120 Oak Street

- Coordinated Health Lehigh Valley - 239 N. First St.
- Coordinated Health Wind Gap - 1411 Jacobsburg Road
- Coordinated Health Coplay - 4671 Egypt Road
- The following locations providing outpatient rehabilitation services remain open:
- Rehabilitation Services - 1243 Cedar Crest
- Rehabilitation Services - 1250 Cedar Crest
- Rehabilitation Services - 250 Cetronia Road
- Rehabilitation Services - Bangor
- Rehabilitation Services - Muhlenberg 2597
- Rehabilitation Services - Muhlenberg 1770
- Rehabilitation Services - Bethlehem Township
- Rehabilitation Services - Easton

- Rehabilitation Services - Fogelsville
- Rehabilitation Services - Hamburg
- Rehabilitation Services - Kutztown
- Rehabilitation Services - Lehigh Valley
- Rehabilitation Services - Palmer Township
- Rehabilitation Services - Quakertown
- Rehabilitation Services - Walnutport
- Rehabilitation Services - Health & Wellness Center
- Rehabilitation Services - Blakeslee
- Rehabilitation Services - West End
- Rehabilitation Services - Stroudsburg
- Rehabilitation Services - Tobyhanna
- Rehabilitation Services - South Jackson Street
- LVHN Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation Services - Schuylkill
- Coordinated Health Allentown - 1621 N. Cedar Crest Boulevard
- Coordinated Health Bethlehem - 2030 Highland Avenue
- Coordinated Health Emrick - 3100 Emrick Boulevard
- Coordinated Health East Stroudsburg - 505 Independence Road
- Coordinated Health Phillipsburg - 222 Red School Lane
- Coordinated Health Hazleton - 26 Station Circle
- Coordinated Health Scranton Orthopedics

**Information: including for people with COVID-19 and links to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations: www.LVHN.org/covid19**

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tales about the relic from Spanish or Portuguese Benedictine monks. The painting was on loan from the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

"Blessing the Melon (The Indians Bring the Harvest to Christian Mary for Her Blessing)," by Marsden Hartley (circa 1918, oil on paperboard, 32 3/8 in. x 23 7/8 in.) was on loan from the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The most contemporary piece was American-born Audrey Flack's "Lady Madonna" (1972,

lithograph and screenprint with gold leaf on wove paper, 34 1/8 in. x 24 in.) from the Allentown Art Museum collection.

Her photographs of Luisa Roldan's 17th-century sculpture "Macarena Esperanza," taken in Spain, form the basis of Flack's 20th-century photorealistic work of a grief-stricken Mother Mary.

The exhibition was made possible by the Art Bridges + Terra Foundation Initiative, a joint

program of Art Bridges and the Terra Foundation for American Art.

*Editor's note: The exhibition was to conclude March 29. Because of concerns about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Allentown Art Museum, 31 N. Fifth St., Allentown, was closed March 14-31 and is closed until further notice.*

**Information: www.allentownartmuseum.org; 610-432-4333**

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

## JCC celebrates Purim



A Hamentassin game, arranged by the Jewish Day School, had a chart of hamentashen with holes inserted. The object was to toss a sponge shaped like a cookie into the center of the hamentashen at the recent JCC Purim carnival. Emma Smartschan tosses the cookie into the holes and wins a ticket to be used in another game or to pick a prize.



A game called Bowling Down Haman was enjoyed by Jacob Ellis. Figures of Haman were standing on the floor and then a ball was rolled to push them over.

PRESS PHOTOS BY ANITA HIRSCH



**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

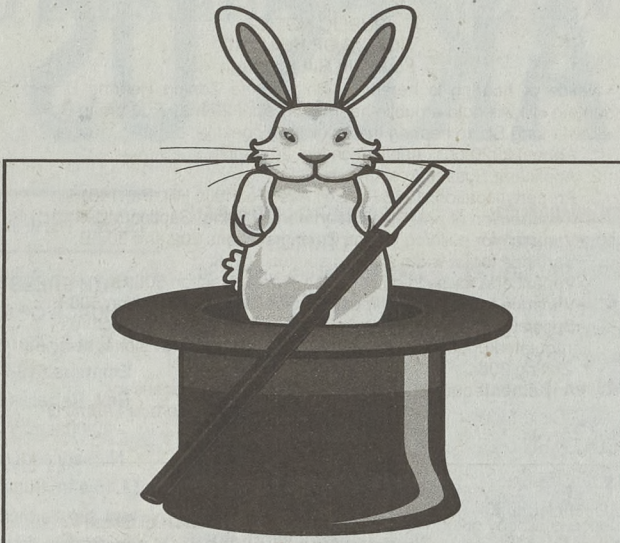
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★



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**Thursday, April 2:** Pulled pork sandwich, vegetable soup, coleslaw, whole wheat sandwich roll, sugar cookie

**Friday, April 3:** Cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, Italian vegetable medley, crackers, Greek yogurt, cantaloupe

**Monday, April 6:** Steak Diane, Capri vegetable blend, baked potato wedges, whole wheat dinner roll, chocolate pudding

**Tuesday, April 7:** Mexican chicken, chuck wagon corn, cheesy potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, fresh apple slices

**Wednesday, April 8:** Swiss steak, glazed carrots, roasted beets, brown rice pilaf, Mandarin orange delight gelatin

**Thursday, April 9:** Open face hot turkey sandwich, chicken noodle soup, mashed potatoes, whole wheat bread, spiced peaches

**Friday, April 10: Good Friday. Closed.**

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS**

Call 610-829-4540 (ask operator for Area Agency on Aging) for locations or visit

<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/default.aspx> for the most recent updates.

**CRYPTOGRAM**

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See solution on page B7

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals G

**PREMIER Crossword**

By Frank A. Longo

**BLOOMIN' HUMANS**

**ACROSS**

- 1 "Rabbit food"
- 6 Back-and-forth talk
- 12 Cold case solvers, often
- 20 Oven maker
- 21 Source of weather upheaval
- 22 This instant
- 23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
- 25 "Don't go anywhere"
- 26 Dresses up
- 27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
- 29 Mazda two-seater
- 30 Common conjunction
- 31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
- 37 Gp. in the Arab League
- 40 Funny Conan
- 42 Blends to mush
- 43 35th president's mother
- 46 Banjoist Fleck
- 47 Inking
- 51 Carve — career
- 52 Post-Q string
- 53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
- 56 Highway jam
- 58 Adhesive rolls
- 60 German king called "the Great"
- 61 Verb suffix in London
- 62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
- 66 — New Guinea (island nation)
- 69 Li'l Abner's mother
- 71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
- 76 Beef up
- 77 Clout
- 79 Gold, in Peru
- 80 "You can't — train"
- 83 Actress Dianne
- 84 Famed killer whale
- 86 "Lost Souls" novelist of 1992
- 90 Penpoint
- 93 Siberia locale
- 94 Chichi
- 95 Tehran locale
- 96 Vampiric TV housewife
- 100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
- 102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
- 103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
- 104 Aunt of Harry Potter
- 109 DJ's platters
- 111 Level, grassy plain
- 112 Pub fixture
- 113 Ball-shaped blooms
- 117 Aim for
- 121 Hippies (and an alternate title for this puzzle)
- 125 Tidied up
- 126 Novelist Gay
- 127 Trashed stuff

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of North Whitehall Township will meet in the Township building, 3256 Levans Road Coplay, PA 18037 on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:30pm for the purpose of hearing the following Appeal:

**Appeal No. 200004.** James & Joni Gorman 4172 Pawnee Circle Schnecksville, PA 18078 hereby requests a zoning variance to accept the "set-back" of a two car attached garage on the frontage of the proposed structure 26.883' parallel to the driveway and 13.167' from the corner of the proposed garage to the Right of Way.

**Section 307.B.e (Minimum Set Back for Principle Structure)** any "front" set-back on a principle structure in a VR Zoning strict is a minimum of 30 feet to the Right of Way.

The property in question is located at 4172 Pawnee Circle Schnecksville, PA 18078 and is situated in the Village Residential (VR) Zoning District. Tax ID# 546926291644

**Appeal No. 200005.** Douglas Dorn, 1125 Rising Sun Road Laury's Station PA 18058 hereby requests a zoning variance to accept a 3rd "Accessory Structure" on the parcel.

**Section 403 D.15.b.1.2 (Residential Accessory Structure or Use)**, to construct an accessory structure which exceeds the number of structures and maximum cumulative area requirements."

The property in question is located at 1125 Rising Sun Road Laury's Station PA 18059 and is situated in the Suburban Residential (SR) Zoning District. Tax ID# 558124017146

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR AT THIS HEARING**

All persons interested or those desiring to protest may appear and be heard. Copies of the submitted plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours.

Jeffrey A. Mouer, Zoning Officer

Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

**ORDINANCES**

**1. BILL NO. 11-2020 (FIRST HEARING)**  
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DEED OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY DEDICATED FOR STORM WATER DRAINAGE PURPOSES. (DEVELOP) John F. Gross, Esq. Solicitor

**2. BILL NO. 12-2020**  
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMANCE OF RECONSTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS OF COPLAY ROAD FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, BID 2019-04 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (PUBLIC WORKS) John F. Gross, Esq. Solicitor

**3. BILL NO. 13-2020**  
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR RETROFITTING OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR VEHICLES PURCHASED FOR THE POLICE PATROL DIVISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (POLICE) John F. Gross, Esq. Solicitor

**4. BILL NO. 14-2020**  
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG THE QUARRY STREET FRONTAGE OF 3434 N. FRONT STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 190 FEET AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (DEVELOP)

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration Office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.

/s/Thomas Slonaker  
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL  
ZONING HEARING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on **April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

**DOCKET # 1965 - Samer Yacoub and Claudette Marie Yacoub** - 1001 Ninth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 4324 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548959121372**, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicants are requesting a variance to Sec. 27-74 A, Sec. 26-74 E (5) and Sec. 27-93 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding use, maximum impervious coverage and density. Applicant proposes to convert front dwelling to two (2) unit multi-family use for a total of three dwelling units on the property. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant.

**DOCKET # 1973 - Michael Sign Company c/o Wendy Flichman** - PO Box 275, Ephrata, PA 17522. **Location: 2600 MacArthur Towne Centre, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549846306986**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-161 A (1) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding wall signs. A variance is being requested for two (2) additional wall signs than what is permitted. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant.

**DOCKET # 1974 - American Promotional Events dba TNT Fireworks** - 4003 Helton Drive, Florence, AL 35630. **Location: 2180 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549852398039**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a special exception to Sec. 27-65 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding a temporary use to have a temporary tent sale of Pennsylvania legal fireworks from June 19, 2020 to July 5, 2020 in the parking lot.

**DOCKET # 1975 - EOS Property Management, LLC** - PO Box 195, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 4510 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548948037340**, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-93 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the addition of one (1) more apartment to an already existing mixed use building that has three (3) other apartments and one (1) commercial space.

**DOCKET # 1976 - Alexin Real Estate, LLC** - 3655 Municipal Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 3645 and 3655 Municipal Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549900905975 and 549900805501**, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-60 C, Sec. 27-60 D (1), Sec. 27-145 P, Sec. 27-145 I and Sec. 27-74 E (5) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a non-conforming use to be expanded, a proposed parking area set-back from a right-of-way line (10' required, 0.62' proposed) and reduced landscaping in lieu of a fence or compact hedge and maximum impervious coverage (50% required, 67.8% proposed).

**DOCKET # 1977 - James Foose and Carol Olsen** - 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549970082436**, the subject property is located in an OS1 Open Space Residential/Agricultural Zoning District. Applicants are appealing the March 11, 2020 Enforcement Notice under Sec. 27-12 of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the operation of a Bed and Breakfast facility. Applicants are also requesting variances to Sec. 27-68, Sec. 27-75 D (1), Sec. 27-80 and Sec. 27-122 to permit an Airbnb in their residence.

**DOCKET # 1978 - Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC** - 201 Seymour Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. **Location: 1259 Whitehall Mall, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549872328571**, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a special exception to Sec. 27-45 E, Sec. 27-65, and Sec. 27-80 A (23) of the Zoning Ordinance to operate a temporary tent for retail sales of Pennsylvania legal fireworks from June 18, 2020 to July 9, 2020 in the parking lot.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status and disability status of the Applicant.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact the Zoning Officer at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

The Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board has an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and to review all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. This includes taking meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.

The Zoning Hearing Board, in its land use and zoning decisions, does not discriminate against persons based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status and reviews all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. Public comments made on the basis of bias and stereotype concerning people within these protected classes will not be taken into consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board in its deliberations.

Zoning Officer

Mar. 25; Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Fountain Hill Borough**

Notice of hearing is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Fountain Hill will hold a public hearing on April 20th at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall, 941' long St., to hearing the following appeal(s):

1. Appeal 2020-001, Application No. 2020-001
2. Applicant: Russell Ave. Group, LLC
3. Property location: 1336 Russell Ave. Fountain Hill, Pa. 18015
4. Construction of an 18 unit apartment building, Section MD-R:
  - Variance for building height, Zoning sections 202 and 307.B;
  - Variance for lot width, Zoning section 307.A.
  - Variance(s) for building setbacks, Zoning section 508.E.
  - Variance for amount of impervious cover, Zoning section 508.E.
- Special exception approval of building demolition of structures regulated under the Historical Overlay District provisions, sections Zoning 308
- Any other requests for relief determined to be necessary.

Anthony Branco, Borough Administer

Mar. 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet on **Thursday April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for an agenda review, and at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following, and any other business brought before the Board. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the meeting will be held electronically via GoToMeeting. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189 to join the meeting. To access the meeting through your computer, go to <https://global.go-to-meeting.com/join/757430189>.

**DORNEY PARK ATTRACTION  
MAJOR PLAN 2020-102  
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW**

An application to further develop the property located at 3830 Dorney Park Road. The plan proposes to remove an existing attraction, construct a new attraction, associated walkways and access drives, and relocate a portion of the existing Zephyr train ride. The new attraction will be approximately 106 feet tall (419.5 feet above MSL). The project proposes a net reduction of impervious surface. The property is zoned CR Commercial Recreation. Dorney Park LLC is the owner and applicant.

**ROBERT RUHE  
MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201  
REQUEST FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW**

An application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The plan proposes to subdivide the 4.596-acre parcel into: Lot 1, containing 1.0222 acres with approximately 105 feet of frontage along Huckleberry Road; Lot 2, containing the existing two-story dwelling and barn and 1.0230 acres with approximately 179 feet of frontage along Huckleberry Road; Lot 3, containing 1.0616 acres; and Lot 4, containing 1.0112 acres with approximately 120 feet of frontage along Huckleberry Road; and 0.478 acres of right-of-way dedication. The lots are proposed to be served by public water and on-lot septic. The property is zoned R-4 Medium Density Residential. Robert H. Ruhe is the owner and applicant.

**PARKLAND MANOR PHASE 4 SENIOR LIVING  
MAJOR PLAN 2019-106  
REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAN REVIEW**

An application to further develop the property located at 4636 Crackersport Road. The plan proposes to construct a four-story 94,318 square foot senior living building containing 16 studio apartments and 64 1-bedroom units, and a 88-space parking lot. The subject tract is zoned IC-1 Industrial Commercial -1 (Special Height Limitation). Pennsylvania Venture Capital, Inc. is the owner and applicant.

**RIDGE FARM  
MAJOR PLAN 2017-101  
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW**

An application to develop the properties located at Huckleberry Road PIN 548746422139 (111.1787 acres zoned TND Residential Cluster Overlay), Huckleberry Road PIN 548767544734 (4.7220 acres zoned TND Residential Cluster Overlay), 2523 Huckleberry Road PIN 548767236685 (1.5152 acres zoned TND Residential Cluster Overlay), 2582 Huckleberry Road PIN 548757625489 (12.1020 acres zoned TND Residential Cluster Overlay), 1802 North Cedar Crest Boulevard (31.9644 acres zoned R-4 and TND Residential Cluster Overlay), Huckleberry Road PIN 548727343134 (15.9785 acres zoned RR-2), Cedar Crest Boulevard PIN 548726571146 (13.6657 acres zoned RR), Huckleberry Road PIN 548727303984 (0.4063 acres zoned RR), Cedar Crest Boulevard PIN 548726323076 (6.6854 acres zoned R-2), 1926 Cedar Crest Boulevard (2.2555 acres zoned R-2) and 1928 Cedar Crest Boulevard (0.3138 acres zoned R-2). The plan proposes a TND Residential Cluster development on approximately 138.34 acres consisting of 68 single dwelling units, 88 age-restricted single dwelling units, 74 two-unit dwelling units, 82 age-restricted two-unit dwelling units, and a clubhouse; 308 apartment units in eleven 28-unit apartment buildings, five condominium apartment buildings containing 60 apartment units, two three-story and two four-story mixed-use buildings containing 27,200 square feet of commercial and restaurant space on the first floor and 100 apartments above, two one-story 5,000 square-foot commercial restaurant buildings, one 30,000 square-foot medical office, and a community clubhouse; stormwater management facilities and approximately 39,604 acres of open space, of which 13.263 acres is active open space. The plan also proposes 64 two-unit dwelling units in the R-4 portion, 9 single dwelling units in the R-2 portion, 9 single dwelling units in the RR portion and 9 single dwelling units in the RR-2 portion. All lots proposed are to be served by public water and sewer. Kay Walbert LLC and Jaund Land Company are the owners. Kay Walbert LLC is the equitable owner and applicant.

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection upon request.

Gregg Adams  
Planner, Community Development Department  
Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENT - PARKING ORDINANCE  
BOROUGH OF NORTH CATAUSAQUA**

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of North Catasaquua will conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of the ordinance summarized herein, at a meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At said meeting, Council shall consider enacting, and if appropriate, will take a vote on adopting "An Ordinance of the Borough of North Catasaquua, County of Northampton, Repealing and Replacing Title Seven - Traffic and Parking Regulations".

The proposed ordinance includes provisions for the manner of adopting and amending temporary and permanent parking regulations; the use of streets for processions and assemblages; authorization of police to use speed timing devices; traffic regulations, fees and enforcement; parking regulations, fees and enforcement; moving permits; removal of illegally parked vehicles, enforcement; and penalties.

The full proposed text of said ordinance may be examined by any citizen at the Office of the Borough of North Catasaquua, located at 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasaquua, Pennsylvania, 18032, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the date of the aforesaid Borough Council Meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof. Persons with disabilities who require any auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to observe or participate should contact the Borough Office at least five days before the above date to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated.

Mar. 18, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENT - ANIMAL ORDINANCE  
BOROUGH OF NORTH CATAUSAQUA**

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of North Catasaquua will conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of the ordinance summarized herein, at a meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. At said meeting, Council shall consider enacting, and if appropriate, will take a vote on adopting "An Ordinance of the Borough of North Catasaquua, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Regulating the Keeping of Animals in the Borough."

The proposed ordinance defines 'unauthorized animals', prohibits their keeping, and sets forth the procedures for enforcement of the prohibition and the penalties for violation of the prohibition. The proposed ordinance also places limitations on the keeping of authorized animals, and sets forth the procedures for the enforcement of the limitations, and penalties for violation thereof. The ordinance specifically permits the keeping of honey bees and chickens pursuant to certain requirements, and it sets forth the procedures for enforcement of these requirements, and the penalties for violation thereof.

The full proposed text of said ordinance may be examined by any citizen at the Office of the Borough of North Catasaquua, located at 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasaquua, Pennsylvania, 18032, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the date of the aforesaid Borough Council Meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof. Persons with disabilities who require any auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to observe or participate should contact the Borough Office at least five days before the above date to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated.

Mar. 18, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Due to the COVID-19 quarantine the April 6, 2020 Catasaquua Borough Council Meeting will be livestreamed through Go-To-Meeting (free app available for IOS and Android devices). Please see our website: [www.catasauqua.org](http://www.catasauqua.org) for the link. If you do not have access to a computer/tablet/mobile device please call the office at 610-264-0571 for information on how to join the meeting. We ask for your patience as this is new to all of us.  
Thank you, Steve Travers, Borough Manager.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING CHANGES**

The Bethlehem Area SD Board of Directors is cancelling March 30 & Apr 6, 2020 mtgs. All items from these mtgs will be reviewed at a Combined Bd Comm. Mtg on Apr 20, 2020 at 6 PM in the Edgeboro Rm at the Ed. Center, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem.

STACY M. GOBER, BOARD SECRETARY  
Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**PLUMBING SUPPLIES  
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The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed bids in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than **1:00 PM** prevailing time, **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**, at which time bids will be publicly opened. DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BASD WEBSITE - [www.beth.k12.pa.us](http://www.beth.k12.pa.us), or by email at [purchasing@basdschools.org](mailto:purchasing@basdschools.org).  
Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary have been granted in the **Estate of Emma Jane Mosser, AKA Emma-Jane Mosser**, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, who died on 22 September, 2019. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the decedent shall make payment thereof, without delay, to **Jane Curran**, 16 Rose Lane, Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431.  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Cora Elizabeth Rhys O'Brien a.k.a. Cora O'Brien**, 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 to: **Charles William O'Brien, Executor** Estate of Cora Elizabeth Rhys O'Brien aka Cora O'Brien c/o Daniel K. McCarthy, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. Two City Center 645 Hamilton Street, Suite 510 Allentown, PA 18101  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF SELMA ANCELITZ**, deceased, late of the Township of North Whitehall, Laurys Station, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of 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: **Michael B. Ancelitz** 1114 Wellington Circle Laurys Station, PA 18059 or to her Attorney: **Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire Ettinger & Associates, LLC** Peachtree Office Plaza 1815 Schadt Avenue Whitehall, PA 18052  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE OF ESTATE OF GERALDINE M. KUTZLER**, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above Estate have been granted to **DENNIS KUTZLER, SR.** All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having demands or claims to present the same without delay to: **Kent H. Herman, Esquire**, One West Broad Street, Suite 700, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1 & 8

**BLCI NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters, testamentary or of administration to the persons named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to them or their attorneys and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or administrators named below.  
**ESTATE OF MARGARET M. BARTHOLOMEW**, late of Salisbury Township **JONATHAN STEINER, Executor** c/o 1620 Pond Road, Ste. 200 Allentown, PA 18104-2255 or **EDWARD H. BUTZ, ESQ.** 1620 POND ROAD, SUITE 200 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104-2255  
Apr. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Robert P. Schumann**, Deceased. Late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 3/18/18. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Rosalie Schumann, Administratrix**, c/o Amy H. Besser, Esq., 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19103. Or to her Atty.: Amy H. Besser, The Law Office of Peter L. Klenk & Assoc., 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19103.  
Apr. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Phyllis Marie Jones a/k/a Phyllis M. Jones** a/k/a Phyllis Jones, Deceased. Late of S. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 11/6/19. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Joseph T. Jones, Jr., Executor**, c/o David S. Workman, Esq., 200 S. Broad St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19102. Or to his Atty.: David S. Workman, Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19102  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:  
Decedent: **IRMA H. HARTIGAN**  
Date of Death: February 5, 2020  
Late of: Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: **Patricia A. Morganeli** c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire** 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:  
Decedent: **GRACE M. LINDENMUTH**  
Date of Death: May 20, 2019  
Late of: Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: **PHILIP J. LINDENMUTH** c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire** 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Apr. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its **2020 Roadway Polymer-Modified Emulsified Asphalt Paving System (Micro Surfacing)**, approximately 144,906 SY (Single Application Type A). Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procure.ware.com> beginning April 1, 2020. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on April 20, 2020. Bids 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.  
Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary  
Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Guadalupe M. Ocampo**, Deceased. Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **Jose A. Ocampo, Coexecutor** or **Graciela M. Ocampo, Coexecutor** 1625 Linden Street Bethlehem, PA 18017  
Apr. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DOMINICK THOMAS DeFILIPPO**, deceased, late of Borough of Northampton, 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: **LENORE THOMAS DEANGELIS, Executrix** c/o CHARLES W. STOPP STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF MARGARET M. KUNKEL**, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, 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: **CAROL L. GILLETTE f/k/a CAROL L. CHU, EXECUTRIX** c/o KEITH W. STROHL, ESQUIRE STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210 SLATINGTON, PA 18080  
March 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF THOMAS M. SCHUYLER**, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **William R. Schuyler, Administrator** c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF THOMAS E. O'ORMAN**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, 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: **Tami V. Brotosky and John E. Brotosky, Executors** c/o CHARLES W. STOPP STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080  
Apr. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its **2020 Roadway Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course project** for approximately 31,300 SY of Type B. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procure.ware.com> beginning April 1, 2020. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on April 20, 2020. Bids 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.  
Renea Flexer, Asst. Manager/Secretary  
Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE ZONING HEARING NOTICE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough of Macungie Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**, at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA, on the following appeal: **APPEAL 2020-02: RUDY AMELIO/178 WEST MAIN, L.P., 170 WEST MAIN STREET, MACUNGIE, PA, 18062, FOR PROPERTY AT 170 WEST MAIN STREET, MACUNGIE, PA 18062** - The applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use of Zoning Ordinance § 345-26,F, § 345-36 and § 345-17,C(3) to construct a 4,800 sq. ft. Car Wash Facility wherein said structure/facility is not a permitted by right or accessory use in the GC zoning district. The site is located in the GC Zoning District. The applicants and all interested parties must appear at the hearing to be heard.  
Joe Peterson, BCO, Zoning Officer  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TRUST OF EVELYN KEOWN**, late of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Trustee, **Grace Ann Keown**, requests all persons having claims or demands against the Trust or the Settlor to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make payments without delay to **Grace Ann Keown, Trustee**, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. VEON**, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **Diane Marie Smith, Administratrix**, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Jr., Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C. 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Janet L. Medence**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **David S. Medence**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, **Robert B. Roth, Esquire**, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Frank J. Hanzl, Jr.**, late of Whitehall, 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 **Scot T. Hanzl**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, **David M. Roth, Esquire**, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF MATTHEW SPITTEL, AKA MATTHEW H SPITTEL, AKA MATTHEW HARRY SPITTEL**, late of the Township of Lower Macungie, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to: **THOMAS SPITTEL, Executor** c/o **GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE** or to: **GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE** 70 E. Broad Street PO Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426  
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**Estate of Eleanor D. Bowley a/k/a Eleanor Doris Bowley**, deceased, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **Kenneth H. Bowley and Kevin L. Bowley, Co-executors** c/o Emily A. Zettlemyer 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or to their attorney: **Emily A. Zettlemyer, Esq.** 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049  
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Macungie will receive sealed bids online via the PennBid Program ([www.PennBid.net](http://www.PennBid.net)) until **11:00 AM**, prevailing time on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**, for the Main Street Improvements - Phase IV Project. The scope of work includes selective demolition and the installation of electrical conduit, wiring, lighting, light bases, structural soil, crushed stone, concrete, asphalt, signage, street trees, brick pavers, all other related site work as indicated or reasonably implied on the contract documents and drawings. **Prevailing wage rates and Related Acts apply to this Project.** All Bidding Documents are available online at no cost at [www.PennBid.net](http://www.PennBid.net) on **April 1, 2020**. Bids must include a bid bond, with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania in the amount of **10%** of the total bid amount, all posted through the PennBid program. The contract requires conformance with the Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause which can be found in the specifications of this project. A pre-bid meeting will be held at **9:00 AM on Thursday, April 16, 2020** at the Macungie Municipal Building (21 Locust St, Macungie, PA 18062). Questions may be submitted through PennBid's "Questions" tab on or before **4:00 PM on April 20, 2020**. Responses will be provided via PennBid to all registered plan holders. The Borough of Macungie reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions of to waive any informalities in bidding and to withhold award for a period of sixty (60) days.  
Apr. 1, 8

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**Municipal Cashier / Clerk**

The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time Municipal Cashier / Clerk. The Cashier / Clerk has bookkeeping responsibilities, and is responsible for the verification of calculations and their transfer to various fiscal departments. The position is responsible for refuse billing and collection as well as ambulance billing and collection duties, pavilion and field reservations, assisting the water and sewer billing clerk, accounts receivables, back-up for accounts payable, and other general accounting and clerical duties. The successful candidate shall have accounting and billing / collection experience. Experience in governmental billing or accounting is preferred. A high school diploma or GED is required and business school or college degree is preferable. A full job description can be obtained by contacting Emmaus Borough Hall or by visiting the Emmaus Borough website. Starting pay is \$21.00 per hour to start, increasing to \$24.53 per hour after 1 year of employment. Applications shall be sent to Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 no later than 12:00, PM on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

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