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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

CANCELLED EVENTS

HOFSTRA CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

The Hofstra University Chamber Choir concert scheduled for **March 20th**, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA. **CANCELLED**

RECOVERY DAY AT A CLEAN SLATE

Recovery Day at A Clean Slate 100 S. First St., Bangor will be held on **Saturday, March 21, beginning at 1:00pm-6:45pm**. This Free community event is open to the public and all are welcome. There will be Guest speakers sharing on the disease of Addiction to raise awareness, stop stigma, and bring hope to all who struggle with Substance Abuse Disorder. **CANCELLED**

ROAST BEEF FAMILY STYLE DINNER

March 21st, 4:30pm-7pm at United Presbyterian Church, 224 Mansfield Street, Belvidere NJ. For tickets call the church at 908-475-2771. **CANCELLED**

ST PETER'S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS A NIGHT WITH SEAMUS KENNEDY

Saturday, March 21, 7:30pm Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor. Tickets/info contact Jackie Brinker 610-588-2101. **CANCELLED**

PEN ARGYL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP BINGO

The Pen Argyl Alumni Association Scholarship Bingo will be held on **Sunday, March 29th, Doors open 11:30am, Bingo starts 1:00pm**. Wind Gap Fire Co. Social Hall, N Broadway, Wind Gap, PA. Tickets can be purchased at Instant Replay in Wind Gap, 610-863-4600 or at the door day of Bingo. Refreshments available for purchase. **CANCELLED**

MARCH



COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL DAYS

- March 19 - 1ST DAY OF SPRING**
- March 20 - NATIONAL RAVIOLI DAY**
- March 21 - NATIONAL SINGLE PARENT DAY**
- March 22 - NATIONAL GOOF OFF DAY**
- March 23 - NATIONAL PUPPY DAY**
- March 24 - NATIONAL CHEESESTEAK DAY**
- March 25 - NATIONAL AG DAY**
- March 29 - NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY**
- March 30 - NATIONAL TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY**
- March 31 - NATIONAL CRAYON DAY**



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Deadline for all ad copy and news

Friday, March 27th at 5pm

Email your news and events to
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CANCELLED & POSTPONED EVENTS

SOUP/BAKE SALE

March 21st at McMichaels United Methodist Church.
POSTPONED

43rd ANNUAL PIAC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Hosted by Pocono Irish American Club, **Sunday, March 22nd, 1:30pm-4:00pm**. The parade will begin at Stroudsburg High School and end at Crystal Street in East Stroudsburg. **Step off time is at 1:30pm. POSTPONED-Watch for Updates**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
HOSTED BY GIRLS ON THE RUN POCONO**

Sunday, March 22, Stroudsburg High School - **POSTPONED - Watch for Future Date**

SLATE BELT ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

Breakfast with Easter Bunny - **CANCELLED**
Mulligan Bowling Tournament - **POSTPONED - Watch for Future Date in May or June**

SLATE BELT HERITAGE CENTER

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is **POSTPONING** all events indefinitely. **Watch for Future Updates**

BMCL ANNUAL LUNCH WITH AN AUTHOR CANCELLED

The Blue Mountain Community Library annual Author Luncheon Event scheduled for Thursday, April 30th at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. **CANCELLED**

**36th Annual Lawn & Garden Auction
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<p>BASKET RAFFLE Fri. March 20 5pm-8pm Sat. March 21, 9am-2pm Sun. March 22, 8:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>Food will be available for sale each day Drawing Sunday Afternoon Winners will be announced</p> <p>* Repay \$100 Buy 4 tickets, 20 get 1 free offer expires 3/15</p> <p>Donations from corporate and area businesses and our church members Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council, Bath Food Bank, and Salem UCC Improvement Fund</p>	<p>CASH B-I-N-G-O Saturday, March 21, 6:30pm</p> <p>Doors open 4pm Kitchen opens 5pm and singing intermission</p> <p>\$20/ticket (advance purchase) \$25/ticket at the door (purchased on Saturday, March 23, while supplies last)</p> <p>Bingo ticket holders will have from 4-6pm to visit the Basket Social prior to bingo starting</p>
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CANCELLED

**Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary
Spring Craft & Vendor Event**

CANCELLED

The Mt Bethel Vol Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary will be canceling their 26th Annual Craft event scheduled for **Saturday, March 28th**, due to the COVID-19 situation and the recommendation of the Governor to suspend large events of 250 individuals or more. We are offering refunds or you may put your paid table towards the 2020 Fall show or the 2021 Spring show. Please contact **610-392-7975**. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway, Bangor, will hold a rummage and bake sale **Fri., May 1 - Sun., May 3**. **Accepting donations until 4/18, M-TH 10-2 & Sat 9-11**. See flyer on Facebook for items we cannot accept. Call 610-588-2023 or email Lachiu19@gmail.com with questions.

Stay up to date with the latest information about COVID-19 from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov>

WELCOME SPRING

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Marine Corps League

Northampton County Detachment 298 Meeting **1 April/7pm**, 1621 Lehigh St./Easton. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines welcome! jimmineousmc@rcn.com www.norcomcl.org Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298

Northampton County Community College

Effective Negotiation, event scheduled for **Monday, March 23th**, at the Fowler Family Southside Center, has been **Cancelled**.

NCC Spring Open Houses

Explore the area's most affordable college

Prospective students of all ages can choose from two convenient Open Houses this spring to learn about the 100+ fields of study offered at Northampton Community College's (NCC) Bethlehem and Merittville campuses. The following Open Houses have been scheduled for **18th at 10:00am** and **25th at 10:00am**.

Participants will have the opportunity to speak with faculty, visit a program of interest, take a tour of the campus, understand their financial options, meet current students, and apply to NCC. Register today at northampton.edu/open-house.

For more information please visit www.northampton.edu. Follow NCC on Twitter and Snapchat @ NorthamptonComm and on Instagram @ NorthamptonCommCollege. Like NCC on Facebook at Northampton Community College.

The NCC Open Houses scheduled for this April have been cancelled.

LVHN and St. Luke's Create Common Hospital Visitation Restrictions to Limit Any Confusion in the Community

With the health and safety of patients, staff and the community in mind during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and St. Luke's University Health Network are implementing a common "No Visitation, No Access Policy" for all their hospitals and outpatient facilities, including Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) and St. Luke's Physician Group (SLPG) offices.

The "No Visitation, No Access Policy" takes effect for all LVHN hospitals and outpatient sites as of Sunday, March 15 at 12:01 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 16 at St. Luke's.

In our hospitals and inpatient facilities, no visitors are permitted except under these special circumstances:

Visitation of a patient nearing the end of life
Parent visitation of a child in a pediatric ICU or neonatal ICU

One coach or partner per patient on labor and delivery unit

One visitor at a time for patients in inpatient hospice unit

One parent/Guardian at a time for pediatric patients

One visitor to accompany patients for hospital discharge

One visitor for patients undergoing same-day surgeries and procedures

One visitor per patient in the Emergency Department

No child under age 12 is permitted to visit in the hospital.

For all outpatient appointments, one visitor is permitted to accompany a patient for an outpatient appointment, procedure, same-day surgery or LVPG/SLPG office visit. We will make reasonable accommodations for pediatric visits, provided any sibling visitors are in good health.

Visitors allowed by exception must be in good health and are subject to a health screening, if necessary.

Blue Valley Farm Show Scholarship Applications Available

The Blue Valley Farm Show has available to any student who is or has been a member of the Northampton County 4-H Clubs, two \$500 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications must be returned by **March 31st, 2020**. The scholarships will be presented to the winners during the annual Blue Valley Farm Show in August. For more information contact Audrey Koehler, 610-498-3389.

Bangor Women's Club Scholarship Applications Available

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC will be accepting applications for their 2020 Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. Senior students from Bangor High School and Faith Christian School are eligible to apply. The applications will be available in the school guidance offices. Applications must be submitted by **April 15th, 2020**.

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Lauren's Hope Foundation to Host Annual Butterfly Ball

The Lauren's Hope Foundation is holding its annual Butterfly Ball on **April 18** at the Northampton Country Club in Bethlehem. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the foundation and looks to continue those efforts to continue providing families with the help and resources they need for their children born with brain injuries.

The non-profit organization was founded in July 2008 in memory of Lauren Flood. Lauren was born with a traumatic brain injury at birth, consequently developing into cerebral palsy, along with a seizure disorder. Lauren passed away on December 19, 2007 suddenly and unexpectedly in her sleep at the age of four and a half years old.

Since the inception of the foundation, partners across the Lehigh Valley have helped Lauren's Hope Foundation accomplish many notable successes. Lauren's Hope is on a mission to enhance the lives of brain injured children and to give hope to their families through support and provide partial and full funding for specialized therapies where insurances may not provide coverage.

This year, the annual Butterfly Ball is named "Every Adventure Requires a First Step" and includes an Alice in Wonderland theme. Guests are invited to dress in character or arrive in formal wear. The evening is a networking event that includes night-long dancing, a photobooth, prizes and auction items as well as many more exciting opportunities.

Many businesses from across the Lehigh Valley are supporting the event. For the entire month of April, Detzi's Tavern in Wind Gap has two limited time only drink specials, The Mad Hatter and Queen of Hearts. A portion of the proceeds from each drink will support fundraising efforts for Lauren's Hope.

The Butterfly Ball is open to everyone. Interested guests are encouraged to visit the Lauren's Hope Foundation website to make a donation, submit an auction item or purchase tickets for the event.

<https://www.laurenshopefoundation.com/butterflyball>

Anyone with questions can contact Ann Flood, aflood@laurenshopefoundation.com

Bangor Women's Club Card Party

The Bangor Women's Club will host a card party on **Thursday April 16, 11:30am**, at Prince of Peace Church, Johnsonville, PA. The event will include lunch. For full information and reservations please contact Barbara Frutchet at 610-588-0196.

**Bangor Area High School Theater Department
Carrie the Musical CANCELLED**

Stephen King's Carrie the Musical scheduled for April 3rd, April 4th and April 5th has been **cancelled**.

Pleasant Valley High School Musical South Pacific POSTPONED

Due to the directive from Governor Wolfe, the March 27th, 28th and 29th production the Pleasant Valley High School musical, South Pacific, is **postponed indefinitely**. This production cannot be rescheduled at this time due to the uncertainty of the effect of Covid-19 on our community, but if conditions change, it may be rescheduled some time in the future for the sake of our students and community.

Due to the SAFETY AND HEALTH of the community and local citizens, at this time the Mt. Bethel Vol Fire Company in support of Governor Wolf's Request, We are going to abide to his request to help contain the spread of COVID-19 Virus by the following below:

Sportsman's Banquet will be RESCHEDULED from March 21 to September 26.
Those that purchased tickets can use the ticket for September 26 or ask for refund.
More info call 570-856-3144

Ladies Craft Show March 28 is CANCELLED
More info 610-392-7975

Murder Mystery Dinner Show RESCHEDULED from April 4 to November 7.
Those that have tickets may use them for November 7 or ask for refund.
More info call 570-688-8268

Thanks for your support and understanding in this time of crisis.
Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Company

Bangor Slater Band Members Participate in the PMEA Region V Band. Region V

Bangor Slater Band members Caiden Flowers(Tuba), Kendall Hill(Clarinet), Andrea Morokutti(Percussion) and Steffani Smith(Cornet) have been selected to perform in the PMEA Region V Band. Region V encompasses 15 Pennsylvania counties from south central PA to northeast PA. These students represent the largest number ever to be selected from Bangor, a tribute to the superior music program at Bangor. The festival will be held March 26-28, 2020 at Eastern York High School in Wrightsville, PA

The band will be under the baton of Mr. Alexander Kaminsky, director of bands at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.



Pictured: Caiden Flowers, Kendall Hil, Andrea Morokutti and Steffani Smith

Hope in the Midst of Uncertainty

By Kathleen McFall

It is impossible to turn on the TV, read a newspaper, or go online and not be confronted with a sense of alarm. COVID-19 has shaken the world to its core.

Schools are closed. Businesses are shutting down. Food shelves are bare. Countries are on lock down. We are finding it hard to focus on everything else when "everything else" keeps getting canceled.

For now, life as we know it has been drastically altered. Yes, this is scary. We don't know how this is going to end. We don't know who will get it and the numbers increase daily. This is unprecedented for our time, and anxiety is understandable.

However, there is a difference between anxiety and worrying. We need to evaluate whether there is any value in worrying.

Worry can't accomplish what we want or give us what we need. In fact, it cannot accomplish anything. Worrying won't make what you want to happen come about. Worrying doesn't mean we care more. It can't take away what concerns us and won't change our problems, but it will take the joy out of life. Anxiety and worry can grip us. Anxiety in these uncharted times is understandable. Worry, however, is the worst strategy.

What we can do is try to find ways to weather this pandemic - to use this unasked for, new-found time.

In this world that now seems so upside down, what is going to be our response?

Rahm Emanuel, former mayor of Chicago, said: "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that is it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before."

If we follow his advice, some possibilities include staying in touch online, since our social gatherings are restricted. Instead of reading yet another article on the coronavirus symptoms, why not reach out to family and friends that you've lost touch with because life was just too busy and schedules were too full.

We have opportunities to be a part of online group connections. Virtual gathering is a reality. Universities are offering free online courses. Imagine, fulfilling your dream of taking a class at Harvard. It is now just a click away.

Places of worship have started to live stream services. While virtual prayer is a different sort of experience, it can be meaningful. It might open up an opportunity that we would want to pursue once this crisis has passed.

Is this the time to finally read those books you've been wanting to read? Are there recipes you've wanted to try "if only you had the time?"

Do you have hobbies or crafts you've wanted to complete? I might finally examine that art book that I bought months ago and begin to explore my "inner artist."

Remember good things can happen in the midst of a crisis. We need to find joy especially when the world is in a

state of disarray.

COVID-19 is not an isolated incident. This virus reflects the interconnectedness of our world. We are collectively upset and scared but we need to find whatever version of normal that we can.

When this is over, what story will you tell about this moment in time? We are all figuring this out as we go. So be patient with yourself and with your communities. This is new and it is not easy. But you are not alone.

Italy's citizens sing from their balconies as a display of unity and an attempt to find a connection. There are communities with neighbors who want to help, forums where people are volunteering to go to grocery stores. Kids are forming chat groups to stay in touch. Neighborhood children are discovering the joys of having and being pen pals, as they leave messages in a box on a front door. The only limit is our imagination.

Yes, COVID-19 is serious and lethal. Everyday is different and can feel as if it were a battlefield. Our world leaders tell us we are at war with COVID-19. We need to face the challenges, struggles and suffering and push through our fear.

Our path is not a destination for us to arrive at. Our path is found within. You have to get uncomfortable, break through all the barriers that hold you back, listen to your inner guidance and, most importantly, trust.

We can't go around thinking about all the things that could happen. We are responsible for how we experience the world. We have the power within to choose how to respond to any given situation no matter how challenging it may seem. Our life is an ongoing process waiting for us to claim it.

Life awaits.

Now go wash your hands. Don't touch your face. Breathe. You got this.

Emissaries of Hope by Robert L. Martin

**Thank God for the
Louis Pasteurs of the world,
For the ones with his ingenuity,
A mind capable of coming up
With a vaccine to eradicate
The Coronavirus that caused
The pandemic throughout the world.**

**Thank God for bestowing certain
Types of minds to each and everyone,
To the geniuses and creative thinkers.
Thank God for the scientists
And the lab workers
Who give us hope that
The virus will be eliminated.**

LVHN and St. Luke's Deliver Coronavirus (COVID-19) Joint Message: Steps to Help Keep Your Community Safe

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and St. Luke's University Health Network are in regular communication as the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) evolves. Today the health networks are sending this joint message regarding surgical services.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the surgeon general, Jerome Adams MD, and the American College of Surgeons have recommended that hospitals limit elective surgical procedures. These measures are intended to allow hospitals to be prepared for the anticipated surge in COVID-19 cases as well as to limit patient and caregiver exposure.

LVHN and St. Luke's are announcing that some elective surgeries will be postponed. The new policy will take effect on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and will last at least two weeks. This will not affect urgent /emergent surgery or any other elective surgery where delay could cause a negative impact on our patients' health.

Patients whose procedures are postponed are being contacted individually. Postponing elective surgeries helps prevent the spread of disease and helps hospitals conserve precious resources such as blood, ventilators and protective equipment for providers.

Both LVHN and St. Luke's have taken measures to promote the safety and health of the communities we serve, but we can't do it alone. Each person plays a major role during this unprecedented crisis. There are steps you can take.

Wash your hands – Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds throughout the day, especially after touching commonly touched surfaces, before eating and after using the restroom.

Avoid large crowds – The best thing you can do for the safety of everyone in our community is stay home. Minimizing exposure to the virus is our first and best line of defense.

Know the symptoms – A dry cough, fever and chest tightness are all symptoms of COVID-19.

Continue with healthy habits – Keep your scheduled doctors' appointments and procedures.

Stay-up-to-date – Stay connected by checking updates from your health network's website (SLHN.org/covid-19 or LVHN.org/covid19).

Stay home – If you feel sick, contact your health provider and he/she will inform you of next steps. We are reserving COVID-19 tests for people who exhibit symptoms to conserve resources. You can use the following methods to contact a health provider at your preferred health network.

LVHN

- Complete an E-Visit (detailed questionnaire visit submitted to a provider) by visiting MyLVHN.org or your MyLVHN app.
- Call the MyLVHN Nurse Information line at 1-888-402-LVHN.
- Complete an LVHN Video Visit by downloading the MyLVHN app.

St. Luke's

- Call your St. Luke's Physician Group practice.
- Download the St. Luke's App and utilize the video visit feature to connect with a doctor
- Call St. Luke's Coronavirus hotline at 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7
- Email: coronavirus@sluhn.org

LVHN and St. Luke's implemented common hospital visitation restrictions to limit any confusion in the community. The "No Visitation, No Access Policy" has been implemented for all LVHN and St. Luke's hospitals and outpatient facilities. You can read those policies at SLHN.org/covid-19 and LVHN.org/covid19.

LVHN and St. Luke's will continue to stay in contact as the COVID-19 crisis continues to provide the highest level of care to our community.

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Walmart Truck Drivers Raise \$2,000 for Faith Christian School

The Tobyhanna transportation office has selected Faith Christian School to receive a \$2,000 donation as part of Walmart's support of local communities. Private Fleet truck drivers for Walmart - already among the safest drivers in the country - drove extra carefully during the week from July 20 through July 26, 2019. For every accident-free mile they drove during that week, Walmart made a financial contribution to local schools.

Walmart is donating one cent for each accident-free mile driven by the drivers at each Walmart transportation office. A school in the home region of each transportation office will receive at least

\$1,000 and as much as \$2,000, based on the safety performance of local drivers. During this year's program, Walmart Transportation offices nationwide contributed more than \$100,000 to schools in their communities.

"This is just one of the many ways Walmart supports education across the country," said Rosanna Martinez, general transportation manager at the Tobyhanna Walmart distribution center. "It's also a great way to engage all of our drivers in raising money for our local schools."

Faith Christian School, K-12 grades, serves the Christian communities of the Pocono Mountains, Slate Belt, eastern New Jersey, and the Lehigh Valley areas. Children from ten school districts and over 50 churches comprise the diverse and outstanding student body. Most public school districts provide transportation to our school facility located one mile north of Bangor and eight miles south of Stroudsburg, off Route 191 in Roseto, Pa. Please call the office, 610-588-3414, to set up a time to visit. To learn more about FCS, visit www.fcslions.org.

Walmart's Private Fleet is one of the largest in the United States and its 74 offices, including more than 9,000 drivers, support more than 4,500 Walmart stores, Sam's Club locations and Neighborhood Markets in the U.S.



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**Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce
To Presents a Scholarship Quoit Tournament**

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a Scholarship Quoit Tournament on **Saturday, May 9, 2020**. 100% of the proceeds benefit the SBCC Scholarship Fund Sponsor Opportunities are available. Don't miss this opportunity to display your company information. The Chamber is seeking Sponsors for the following:

- First Beer Sponsor \$100
- Food Sponsor, \$100
- Brewery Tasting Sponsor \$150
- Winery Tasting Sponsor \$150
- Prize Sponsors, \$150
- Quoit Sponsor \$50

Tricky Tray Item donations are also needed. For any sponsorship your company name will be listed on the sponsored items as well as in the program and announced throughout the event.

CO Ed Quoit Tournament will be held at the Bangor Elks Lodge #1106, 120 Broadway Bangor. Doors open at 11:30, draw at 12:45, start at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes for top 3 teams.

To register to pitch contact Jody at 610-657-8554 or the Chamber at 610-588-1000. The Chamber will also hold their 20th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on July 13th at Whitetail Golf Club.

Save the Date 8th Annual St John's Pet Expo

The 8th Annual Pet Expo Sponsored by the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pen Argyl will be held on **Saturday, September 26, from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. **Rain Date: Saturday, October 3rd**. St. John Lutheran Church parking lot 12 N. Westbrook Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Pet Rescue/Adoption groups are encouraged to attend. Last year 4 animals were adopted during the Pet Expo and we are hopeful to increase that number this year. Remember your group will receive a \$50 donation for coming. Come join a day of Pet Rescue/Adoptions, Pet Contests, Pet Blessing, 50/50 drawing. Demonstration of therapy dogs, and a Pet Parade.

All animals must be leashed or in carriers. Please bring donations for the local shelters and rescues! All proceeds benefit the animals. Donations of Pet Food is always accepted to help feed pets in need. For more information on this event or to make a donation please call Clint at 610-863-7261.

Bangor Area School District Provides Student Meals

Bangor Area School District will provide curbside pickup of student meals starting **Wednesday, March 18th**. Members of the Food Service Department will operate out of the High School cafeteria. They are distributing breakfast and lunch menus with a traffic flow map for our families and will request emailed orders through meals@bangorsd.org by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to pickup. Student meals will be available via curbside pickup between **10:00am and 12:00pm**. Meals will not be available on weekends.



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Greater Valley YMCA to Offer “Here for You” Program Supporting Emergency Responders and Medical Staff

During these unprecedented times, we know children’s care options for emergency responders and medical staff are a large community need. Earlier this week, the State of Pennsylvania’s Office of Child Development and Early Learning announced Child Care organizations like the Y may temporarily operate this type of programming. Accordingly, the Greater Valley YMCA will be offering a “Here for You” Program, supporting the Lehigh Valley’s doctors, nurses, technicians, other medical staff, and first responders. The Program will be operated by the Y at select Branch locations, providing care for the children of these personnel.

The Here for You Program will launch on Monday, March 23rd at the Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton/Phillipsburg, and Nazareth Branches of the Greater Valley YMCA. Further details on each site’s operational hours, contact information, and program meals offered is as follows:

These sites will offer care for children grades Kindergarten through Sixth, overseen by trained Y Staff. Emergency Responders/ Medical Staff interested in enrolling their children are encouraged to reach out via the above contact information. Additionally,

YMCA Branch Location	Allentown Branch 425 South 15 th St Allentown, PA 18102	Bethlehem Branch 430 East Broad St Bethlehem, PA 18018	Easton/P/Burg Branch 1225 West Lafayette St Easton, PA 18042	Nazareth Branch 33 S. Main St Nazareth, PA 18064
Hours of Operation	Monday-Friday 6:00-6:00	Monday-Friday 6:30am-6:00pm	Monday-Friday 6:30am-6:30pm	Monday-Friday 6:00am-6:00pm
Meals Offered	Breakfast Provided Must Pack Lunch Free Supper Program at Branch	Breakfast Provided Must Pack Lunch Free Supper Program at Branch	Breakfast Provided Lunch Provided	Must Pack Lunch
Contact Information	Tami Unger Tamiunger@gv-ymca.org	Julie Kase juliekase@gv-ymca.org	Kristen Fisher kristenfisher@gv-ymca.org	Olivia Wiebel oliviawiebel@gv-ymca.org

community members may visit the Greater Valley YMCA’s website at www.gv-ymca.org to download enrollment paperwork. Enrollment paperwork will only be accepted via email submission.


Note that enrollment will only be accepted for hospital staff until 8:00am on Friday, March 20th, at which time enrollment will be open to hospital staff as well as to all doctors, nurses, technicians, other medical staff, and first responders. Program slots will be available on a first come, first served basis, and will be filled until enrollment meets capacity. Enrollment must be received by email no later than Saturday, March 21st by noon. Enrollment paperwork must be accompanied by parental proof of emergency response/medical staff work (ID). The Y has reduced the cost of this program to \$100/week.

As we focus our efforts on supporting those helping to keep our community safe, you can support the Y in turn through maintaining Y membership, donating to the Y via our website, or helping to spread the word via social media.


“The Y is always here to meet pressing community needs, and during this difficult time, this is one way we can step up, offer a service that is much-needed, and help,” comments David Fagerstrom, President/CEO of the Greater Valley YMCA, “We want to make sure those caring for our neighbors during this crisis don’t have to worry that their children are in a safe place, being well cared for.” At the Y, we believe that when we all work together, we can create meaningful social action and come through this crisis a stronger community than ever before.

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and help you;
I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

LVHN Adds Two New COVID-19 Assess and Test Locations, Expands Hours at Two Sites

To help provide the care the community needs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is increasing capacity by adding two more LVHN Assess and Test locations, effective Thursday, March 19, and expanding hours.

New Test and Assess locations

• LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–17th Street

1730 W. Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Muhlenberg

2604 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PRACTICE RELOCATIONS

These new Assess and Test Centers are located in spaces previously used by other practices. Here are the relocated practices and their new temporary locations:

Family Medicine Muhlenberg (with integrated psychiatry practice), temporarily moved from 2604 Schoenersville Road to:

- Behavioral health: LVPG Adult and Pediatric Psychiatry–Muhlenberg, 2710 Schoenersville Road.
- Family medicine: LVPG Family Medicine–Easton Avenue, 3024 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017-4208
Lehigh Valley Family Health Center, temporarily moved from 1730 W. Chew Street to practices

NEW ASSESS AND TEST LOCATIONS located at Lehigh Valley Hospital–17th Street, 1627 W. Chew St., Allentown:

- Center for Women’s Medicine–Specialty Clinic, second floor
 - Centro de Salud, Suite 403
 - Fleming Memory Center
- New weekend hours** - To provide greater access to coronavirus care in Luzerne and Schuylkill counties, LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations in Hazleton and Cressona have added Saturday and Sunday hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

How are people referred to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations?

Individuals are sent to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations in a number of ways, including by their primary care provider, if they have been pre-identified as having symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19) when seeking care at an LVHN or Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) practice, or who have been screened by:

- E-Visit: A thorough questionnaire-based assessment that is completed on MyLVHN. Submitted information will be reviewed by an LVPG health care provider. To access an E-Visit, go to MyLVHN.org or the MyLVHN app. Learn more at LVHN.org/Evisit.
- Video Visit: A secure video visit with an LVHN health care provider. Access a Video Visit through the MyLVHN app. Learn more at LVHN.org/videovisit.
- Phone hotline: 888-402-LVHN (5846) provides callers with an over-the phone COVID-19 screening with a nurse.

LVHN will continue to provide the community with updates as this health situation evolves. Refer to LVHN.org/covid19 for additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for people with COVID-19, links to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations and more.

LVHN Temporarily Closes Lehighon ExpressCARE Staff will be reassigned to assist with COVID-19 testing

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) announced today LVHN ExpressCARE–Lehighon located at 363 N. 1st Street, Lehighon, will temporarily close effective March 18 so its staff can support LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations.

Patients who would visit LVHN ExpressCARE–Lehighon with common illnesses or minor injuries can visit their primary care provider or visit one of our other ExpressCARE locations.

Other practices located in the same building will remain open, including LVPG Hematology Oncology and LVPG Family Medicine–Lehighon.

For those who think they have coronavirus (COVID-19) or may have been exposed to someone who does, stay home. LVHN is providing free COVID-19 screenings online and by phone. These screenings include:

- LVHN E-Visit: This is a questionnaire-based assessment completed by you, evaluated by a provider and communicated to you via email. To access an e-visit, go to MyLVHN.org or the MyLVHN app. Learn more at LVHN.org/Evisit.
- LVHN Video Visit: This is a secure video visit with an LVHN health care provider. To access a Video Visit go to the MyLVHN app. Learn more at LVHN.org/videovisit.
- MyLVHN Nurse Information Line: 888-402-LVHN (5846) provides callers with an over-the phone COVID-19 screening with a nurse.

During the screening, if LVHN’s medical professionals determine a patient has COVID-19 symptoms, they will be directed to one of LVHN’s eight standalone COVID-19 Assess and Test locations.

Patients will qualify for a test ONLY if they have symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath). The test detects active disease and cannot determine if a patient has been exposed. It is important tests are reserved for those who need them most.

You must receive guidance via the nurse line, video visit, e-visit or your doctor to be assessed and, possibly tested.

COVID-19 Assess and Test Locations

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–MacArthur Road

2741 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052–Daily: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Stroudsburg

1655 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Palmerton

528 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Macungie

6451 Village Lane, Macungie, PA 18062

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Richland Township

320 W. Pumping Station Road, Suite 3, Quakertown, PA 18951

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Hazleton

140 N Sherman Court, Hazleton, PA 18201

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Cressona

35 Sillyman Street, Cressona, PA 17929

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Nazareth

863 Nazareth Pike - Nazareth, PA 18064

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you need care for another condition, you can continue to visit any other ExpressCARE location or Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) practice.

The Bangor Public Library News

The Bangor Public Library is **CLOSED** and has **POSTPONED** all events and programs until public health and safety restrictions are lifted. This includes Trustee's meeting, Open House and Farm Jubilee. Until the library re-opens we can look forward to the following new releases.

Adult Fiction - Turning Tide by Melody Carlson; I Am Bregdan Women by Ginny Dye; A good neighborhood by Therese Fowler; The mirror and the light by Hilary Mantel; Wolf Hall: a novel by Hilary Mantel; A reasonable doubt by Phillip Margolin; Tucker by Emily March; Doc: a novel by Mary Doria Russell; My dark Vanessa: a novel by Kate Elizabeth Russell; The numbers game: a novel by Danielle Steel; The jetsetters: a novel by Amanda Wyre Ward

Adult Non Fiction - The Earth in her hands: 75 extraordinary women working in the world of plants by Jennifer Jewell; Dark invasion: 1915: Germany's secret war and the hunt for the first terrorist cell in America by Howard Blum; John Adams under fire: the founding father's fight for justice in the Boston Massacre murder trial by Dan Abrams; Untamed by Glennon Doyle.

Large Print Adult Fiction - Blindsight by James Patterson; Crooked river: a Pendergast novel by Douglas J. Preston.

Young Adult Fiction - Chain of gold by Cassandra Clare; The Kingdom of Back by Marie Lu; Confessions: the Paris mysteries by James Patterson.

Junior Fiction - Darkstalker by Tui Sutherland; The girl who speaks bear by Sophie Anderson; Gold rush girl by Avi; The bad guys in mission unpluckable by Aaron Blabey; The chaos curse by Sayantani DasGupta; Secret hero society by Derek Fridolfs; Finding home by Karen Kingsbury; Zombie invasion by Winter Morgan; Chasing Herobrine: an unofficial graphic novel for Minecrafters by Cara J. Stevens; Dragonslayer by Tui Sutherland.

Junior Non Fiction - Minecraft 2.0 advanced: the unofficial guide to Minecraft and other building games.

Easy Fiction - Batman's birthday surprise! By Frank Berrios; The five Chinese brothers by Claire Huchet Bishop; Ariel's baby Beau by Cathy Hapka; Up on Bob by Mary Sullivan; Shake the tree! By Chiara Vignocchi.

Audio Books - Lost by James Patterson.

DVDs - Bombshell; Harriet.

SLATE BELT MEN'S QUIT LEAGUE

March 4, 2020

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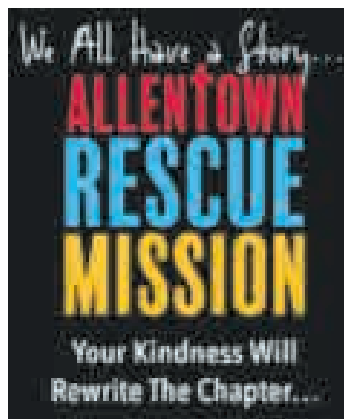
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John Hartzell and Brandon Malachowski

Jody Zengulis and Chad Kreider



Allentown Rescue Mission COVID-19 Procedures The Allentown Rescue Mission Will Be Staying open

With the growing pandemic of the Coronavirus in the Lehigh Valley the Allentown Rescue Mission is taking steps to make sure that our men are remaining safe and healthy.

The Allentown Rescue Mission plans to stay open and continue accepting men during the Pandemic. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore men who are homeless and the Allentown Rescue Mission is their last and only option.

We are taking every precaution possible, including facility isolation areas, to minimize the spreading of COVID-19 among both clients and staff.

Men with symptoms will go to the Hospital for testing and potential admittance. Should the hospital send men home who have tested "positive", they will be allowed to return to the mission and stay in a newly created isolation area. We are their home.

We need and appreciate your help now more than ever. Please continue your financial support and we now accept physical donations via curb-side drop off so donors can maintain social isolation in their car.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.



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DR. SEUSS DAY AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Seuss Day at Washington Elementary School took place on Friday, March 6th, Community volunteers from local businesses read to the children in their classrooms. This is an annual event.

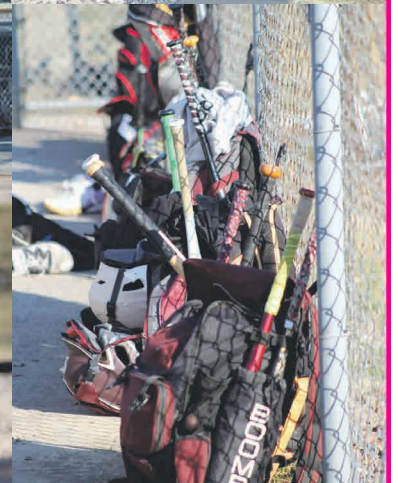


See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry.

Sings of Spring

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"There's no evidence your pet can get sick from coronavirus..." CNN (2020)

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