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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

### **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 Hgh 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** Saturday, April 4th, 2020 9:00 a.m.



HARTZELL'S AUCTION GALLERY

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2218 Community Drive, Bath, Pa. 18014 610-759-1652 or Salemoffice1@verizon.net www.salemuccbathpa.org

### **BASKET RAFFLE**

Fri. March 20 5pm-8pm Sat. March 21, 9am-2pm Sun. March 22, 8:30am-12:30pm Food will be available for sale each da

**Drawing Sunday After** 

# offer expires 3/15

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

### CASH B-I-N-G-0

Saturday, March 21, 6:30pm

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20/ticket (advance purchase)

\$25/ticket at the door (purchased on Saturday, March 23, while supplies last)

Bingo ticket holders will have from 4-6pm to visit the Basket Social prior to bingo starting

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

# CANCELLE

The Mt Bethel Vol nni IIC 4 rent scheduled for oth, due to the COVIN-19 situate 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

# Dr. Robert F McEvoy, MD

Would like to announce that he is no longer affiliated with Steward Medical. He will continue to see patients at his office.

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Northampton County Detachment 298 view in 1

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### **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 Convey College's (NCC) Bethlehem and Marcheduled for he following Open Houses scheduled for he 18th at 10 acc Open Houses scheduled.

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Part this April 15 opportunity to speak with fact the 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.

### **EBUMC FREE Dinner**

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a Free (PICK-UP ONLY) Chicken Parmesan Dinner on Sunday, April 5th, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. (NOTE TIME CHANGE). This is PICK-UP ONLY!!!! to maintain social distancing. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit http://ebumc.org/.

# 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 acpplications will be available in the school guidance offices. Applications must be submitted by April 15th, 2020.



### 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 Womens Club Cancels April Activities**

April 16 Card Party Cancelled.
April 21 Club meeting Cancelled.

April 8 Pinochle and April 24 Bridge Maration Cancelled.

# 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 CANCELLES 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, through our fear. 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 to claim it. 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

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

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 and outpatient facilities. You can read those policies at 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.

- Complete an E-Visit (detailed guestionnaire 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 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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**Pocono Community Pharmacy** 1656 Rt. 209, Unit 6 Brodheadsville, PA 570-801-7886

(located opposite to Pleasant Valley High School)

Pocono Community Pharmacy II 175 E. Brown Street, Suite 107 E. Stroudsburg, PA. 570-664-8226 (located opposite to Lehigh Valley PMC ER)



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### LVHN Announces New Safety Actions in Response to Increase in COVID-19 Cases

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (March 22, 2020) – Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) remains vigilant as the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) evolves, and we are committed to being your partner in health in these unprecedented times. With the increasing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, we are implementing three actions that will protect the community and our caregivers. Doing so will interrupt a number of planned surgeries and tests and we appreciate your understanding as we put safety first.

Services Changes - Operating Rooms

In order to protect you and our staff and to preserve medical supplies and protective equipment, LVHN is temporarily closing select operating rooms across the health network. This precaution is consistent with decisions being made at other health networks throughout the country, and it will allow us to maintain vital surgical services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sites temporarily closing include:

- Fairgrounds Surgical Center
- Lehigh Valley Hospital-17th Street, operating room
- Lehigh Valley Health Network-Tilghman, operating room
- J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center
- Coordinated Health, all operating rooms

All scheduled procedures at these sites will be reviewed. Critical procedures will be relocated to other locations within the health network. LVHN will begin contacting patients today to discuss plans for their scheduled procedure.

Service Changes – Ambulatory Services

As part of our ongoing effort to ensure safety for patients, staff and our community during the COVID-19 outbreak, LVHN is implementing a process to postpone some previously scheduled tests and procedures.

LVHN staff will call you to inform you if your test or procedure needs to be postponed.

Beginning Monday, March 23, our team will contact you Continued on page 18

### EXPRESSCARE COVID-19 CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Practice Site	Services Temporarily Suspended	LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test Location Only	Non-COVID ExpressCARE Services Available	Non-COVID Patients Diverted To
ExpressCARE Bangor	X			ExpressCARE Palmer Township
ExpressCARE Bethlehem Township	x			ExpressCARE Palmer Township
ExpressCARE Fogelsville			x	
ExpressCARE Lehighton	X			ExpressCARE West End
ExpressCARE MacArthur		x		ExpressCARE Muhlenberg
ExpressCARE Macungie		x		ExpressCARE Fogelsville
ExpressCARE Moselem Springs			x	
ExpressCARE Muhlenberg			x	
ExpressCARE Palmer (Children's)	x			ExpressCARE Palmer Township
ExpressCARE Palmer Township			x	
ExpressCARE Palmerton		x		ExpressCARE West End
ExpressCARE Richland Township		×	x	
ExpressCARE Hazleton			x	
ExpressCARE Schuylkill			x	
ExpressCARE Bartonsville		x		ExpressCARE Pocono
ExpressCARE Blakeslee	x			ExpressCARE Tobyhanna
ExpressCARE Tilghman			x	
ExpressCARE Tobyhanna			x	
ExpressCARE Pocono			x	
ExpressCARE West End			x	

### **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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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 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 pick up. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

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





So do not fear, for 9 am with you, do not be dismayed, or 9 am your God. 9 will strengthen you and help you; 9 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

 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
- 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 LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test-MacArthur Road 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 Lehighton ExpressCARE Staff will be reassigned to assist with COVID-19 testing

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

Patients who would visit LVHN ExpressCARE-Lehighton 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-Lehighton.

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** 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 - Blindside by James Patterson: Crooked river: a Pendergast novel by Douglas

**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 - Minecrafter 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 QUOIT LEAGUE**

March 4, 2020

SBMQL Annual Joe Clapp Memorial Tournament SINGLES

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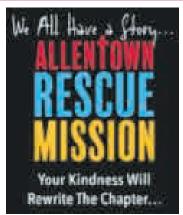
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### Allentown Rescue Mission COVID-19 Procedures The Allentown Rescue Mission Will Be Staying open

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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# **ASK FOR HELP**

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, contact the crisis text line by texting PA to 741-741.



# 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.

# Photos by Lisa Newberry

Spring officially arrives at 11:50 p.m. March 19, 2020



### **SLATE BELT SENIOR CENTER**

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Subject: Prayer List

# PETS & CORONAVIRUS:

What you should know

Voice for the Animals Foundation®

You can't get coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, from dogs or cats.

- Coronavirus is spread from human to human.
   There is currently no evidence that pets can be a source of infection.
- Pet owners should practice good hygiene: wash hands with soap & water after petting & playing.

Please **do not** take your pets to a shelter out of fear they will spread or transmit coronavirus.

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

### **MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE MEETING**

The Monroe Animal League Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st, 7:00 pm at the Eastern Monroe County Library has been **CANCELLED** 





### **ADOPT US: BIG BOY & BADGER**

Big Boy is a real talker! He makes sure everyone notices him and his strawberry-blonde good looks. Big Boy is one of our FIV kitties, making him super special to us. Once a condition with a stigma attached, we now know cats with FIV can live long, healthy lives. Indeed Big Boy is free of medication



condition. The AWSOM staff is willing to answer any questions you may have about FIV and our sweet boy. Big Boy is 7 years young, neutered, fully vaccinated and even microchipped. Come meet Big Boy, today!



Badger has appointed himself greeter of the Scratching Post, our free-roaming cat house. He loves getting visitors and wants all the attention and cuddles for himself. To say he is outgoing is an understatement. As a resident of the Scratching Post, Badger has learned to

share his space with kitties of all shapes, sizes and personalities. We are confident he will fit perfectly into your feline friendly home. Badger is 3 years old, neutered, up to date on vaccinations, microchipped and ready to cuddle up with you. Come meet Badger today!

### A.W.S.O.M.

As of.Saturday March 21.the shelter will be closed until further notice....no stray intake, no surrenders, no food pick up, we will be releasing further information and details later in the day..... we are still here but just making plans to keep all safe and to care for our animals that are here at this time....we know we have your support

The AWSOM Animal Shelter is located at 3129 Godfrey Ridge Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. The AWSOM Animal Wellness Center is open Monday thru Friday for all your basic veterinary needs. Check out our low-cost veterinary services, including spay and neutering, vaccinations, dental care and more. Call 570-424-1060 for more information or to make an appointment. Visit our website at AwsomAnimals.org Facebook: A.W.S.O.M.

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### **PFBC Update Regarding COVID-19**

Amid concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced several changes to the 2020 trout season intended to protect the safety of the public and staff, while preserving the opportunity to enjoy the fun and recreational health benefits of fishing.

These changes, effective immediately, include consolidating the 2020 trout season schedule into a single, statewide schedule for all Pennsylvania counties; accelerating trout stocking operations and limiting volunteer participation; and adding more convenient ways to purchase fishing licenses online and display proof of a fishing license and boating documents on a digital device.

Thank you to the anglers and boaters of Pennsylvania for their understanding as we all experience these changes together," said Tim Schaeffer, PFBC Executive Director. "While our calendars may start to look a little different, one thing we can count on is that there will be a million trout scheduled to be stocked statewide in 2020, trout season, and there will still be plenty of fish out there to enjoy. Working under unprecedented circumstances, our staff is committed to providing the quality fishing experience that we all expect."

Statewide Mentored Youth Program and Opening Day The PFBC will operate under a consolidated statewide schedule for all counties during the 2020 trout season. Under this revised plan, a single Mentored Youth Trout Day will occur on **Saturday, April 11th**, and a Statewide Opening Day of trout season will take place on Saturday, April 18th.

As a result of these changes, separate, earlier regional mentored youth and opening days will no longer occur in the 18 southeastern counties, including: Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, and York. Anglers in these areas should revise their plans as necessary to adjust to the statewide schedule.

These changes, made by the PFBC under direction provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, are intended to reduce large gatherings of people and the number of anglers traveling into the regional area (18 southeastern counties), which is already heavily affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Accelerated Trout Stocking Operations and Volunteer Participation

Trout stocking for 2020 will be conducted on an accelerated schedule, andvolunteers will not be permitted to assist with stocking activities.

"We realize that many of our stocking volunteers look forward to helping us, but we must take these necessary

precautions to ensure public safety during this vital period," said Schaeffer. "Just as we've counted on our volunteers for decades to help us stock trout, we're counting on them now to play it safe and stay home. We appreciate their service throughout the years, and we hope that we can invite them back to join us again very soon."

To complete trout stocking operations without the assistance of the public, the PFBC will modify stocking methods for this year. Many PFBC staff are being reassigned from their normal work duties to assist with stocking fish into lakes and streams. In some cases, pre-season and in-season allocations of trout will be combined into single stocking events to increase the efficiency of stocking trips. Initially, stockings will be prioritized to deliver trout to regions of the Commonwealth that are predicted to be affected most severely by COVID-19 that could result in restrictions on travel.

Moving forward this season, trout stockings will be announced upon their completion, rather than in advance on the FishBoatPA mobile app and PFBC website (www. fishandboat.com). The change in stocking procedures will not result in any reduction in the approximately 3.2 and stocking will occur seven days a week until further notice.

"This change in our stocking approach is necessary to fulfill a critical mission of our agency and our obligation to anglers," added Rick Kauffman, PFBC District 8 Commissioner. "We're trying to get as many fish in the water as possible as quickly as possible while we still have the best access to waterways and available staff. While our methods may be different this season, people will have the same opportunity to get outdoors and fish, which has proven benefits to our physical and mental health."

More Convenient Ways to Purchase and Display Your Fishing License, Launch Permits and Boat Registrations To reduce unnecessary travel and social contact amid health concerns, anglers and boaters will be able to display their fishing license, launch permit, or boat registration renewal digitally on a phone or other mobile

device as proof of possession.

This change will allow customers who may be unable to, or feel uncomfortable visiting a store to purchase a fishing license, launch permit, or boat registration renewal to make the purchase using the FishBoatPA app or computer through The Outdoor Shop (www. pa.wildlifelicense.com) and not have to possess a printed copy of the document. Upon purchase of a fishing license, a .pdf file containing an image of your license is provided, which can be saved to your mobile device or computer. Similarly, with each boating related transaction, customers will receive a digital receipt that serves as a temporary permit or registration valid for immediate use. Eventually, customers will receive validation decals and registration cards in the mail from the PFBC, which can take several weeks.



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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.



Send your news and events to The Belt and Bevond thebeltandbevond@amail.com

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Beginning Monday, March 23, our team will contact you if you are currently scheduled for tests and appointments that need to be delayed due to the impact of COVID-19. It is important to note that these non-urgent tests and procedures are not being cancelled – they are being postponed for the health of our community and colleagues during this pandemic.

We appreciate your understanding as we evolve care delivery during these unprecedented times.

Service Changes – LVHN ExpressCARE Consolidation
To help ensure adequate staffing at LVHN COVID-19 Assess
and Test locations, LVHN is temporarily suspending services
at three LVHN ExpressCARE locations. In addition, LVHN
ExpressCARE locations currently offering COVID-19 Assess
and Test services and typical ExpressCARE services will
redirect people seeking ExpressCARE treatment for minor
illnesses and injuries to other ExpressCARE locations.
LVHN ExpressCARE locations temporarily suspending
services effective March 23 are:

- LVHN ExpressCARE-Bethlehem Township
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE- Palmer Township or another convenient ExpressCARE location.
- LVHN ExpressCARE–Bangor
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE-Palmer Township or another convenient ExpressCARE location.
- LVHN ExpressCARE-Blakeslee
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE-Tobyhanna or another convenient ExpressCARE location.

Starting Tuesday, March 24, parents seeking care for their children should utilize health care services at LVHN ExpressCARE–Palmer Township while Children's ExpressCARE services are temporarily suspended.

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital remains open to provide specialized care to children in our community. The following LVHN ExpressCARE locations that also serve as LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations will redirect people seeking ExpressCARE services to other ExpressCARE sites starting March 23:

- ExpressCARE–Macungie COVID-19 assess and test only o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE–Fogelsville or another convenient ExpressCARE location.
- LVHN ExpressCARE-MacArthur Road COVID-19 assess and test only
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE-Muhlenberg or another convenient ExpressCARE location.
- LVHN ExpressCARE–Palmerton COVID-19 assess and test only
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE–West End or another convenient ExpressCARE location.
- LVHN ExpressCARE–Bartonsville COVID-19 assess and test only
  - o If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, please go to LVHN ExpressCARE–Pocono or another convenient

ExpressCARE location.

LVHN ExpressCARE–Richland Township will offer both COVID-19 assessment and testing and ExpressCARE services, however if you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, you will use a separate registration desk and waiting room.

LVHN appreciates the support the community has shown as we face this pandemic together. We will work with all who have had tests and procedures delayed so they can receive this care as soon as it is safe to resume normal service.

"COVID-19 is now in our community, and the disruption it has caused is unprecedented. When dealing with crisis situations as an emergency physician, the most valuable lesson I learned was — do not panic. Fear is our enemy," says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, President and CEO of Lehigh Valley Health Network. "Rest assured, LVHN is your health partner, today and every day, especially when things get tough. With regard to this current COVID-19 outbreak, we have taken innovative measures to make sure our community remains as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these unprecedented times."

LVHN will continue to provide our community with updates as this health situation evolves. 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.

Lehigh Valley Health Network includes eight hospital campuses, three in Allentown, one in Bethlehem, one in East Stroudsburg, one in Hazleton and two in Pottsville, Pa.: Coordinated Health, which includes two hospital campuses, nearly two dozen multispecialty locations including ambulatory surgery centers and orthopedic injury centers in northeastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey: 26 health centers; numerous primary and specialty care physician practices; 20 ExpressCARE locations including the area's only Children's ExpressCARE; pharmacy, imaging, home health, rehabilitation and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred. Specialty care includes: trauma care for adults and children, burn care at the Regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, orthopedics, neurology, complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and robotic surgery in 10 specialties. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute and Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence physicians provide the most advanced treatments. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute is a member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Alliance, an initiative that helps community providers improve the quality of cancer care and offers access to MSK clinical trials. Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, the community's only children's hospital, provides care in more than 30 specialties and general pediatrics. Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest is the region's only hospital nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report for orthopedics and has been recognized among Pennsylvania's top five hospitals for six consecutive years. Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-Cedar Crest, LVH-17th Street and LVH-Muhlenberg are the region's only Magnet® hospitals for nursing excellence. Additional information is available by visiting LVHN.org, or following us on Facebook and Twitter.

### **5 Tips for Better Home Safety this Spring**



(Family Features) As during the warmer months, keeping home safety top of mind can sometimes go by it comes to fire and carbon monoxide safety, you can never be too prepared.

Whether you are just beginning to take a stronger safety-first approach or looking to upgrade existing home safety equipment, keep these tips in mind as

you spruce up your home for the season.

Don't Just Check Batteries. Check the Alarm It's a good idea to review your safety equipment and ensure everything is in good working order at least a couple times each year. For example, every type of smoke alarm must be completely replaced every 10 years whether it's hardwired into your home or operates on a battery. New smoke alarms commonly come with built-in 10-year batteries, meaning no battery changes, but it's a good idea to test the units regularly. In fact, most manufacturers recommend weekly. You can also use this time to doublecheck the gauge on your fire extinguishers, replace batteries in flashlights, test security systems and replenish first-aid kits.

### **Inspect and Repair Outdoor Areas**

Set aside time to evaluate any damage or potential hazards as the weather warms. For example, fallen tree branches and leaves can become trapped in gutters and pose a fire hazard. Shutters and fences can also weaken over time. To make sure they're in good working condition, check that they are securely fastened.

### Take Advantage of Smart Technology

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 40 years ago people had an average of 17 minutes to escape a home fire, but today the average has decreased to about 3 minutes due to synthetic materials used in modern-day nome furnishings. To get the earliest warning of a home fire, install wire-free interconnected battery-powered combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When one alarm senses a hazard, all alarms throughout the home sound in unison. Features like color-coded status rings and built-in 10-year sealed batteries make Kidde's Wire-Free Interconnected Alarms a smart solution for optimal protection. They offer simple setup and operate without the hassle of hardwiring or a Wi-Fi connection.

### **Check Appliances**

While going through your spring home safety checklist, take time to check your appliances or schedule an annual maintenance check for your stove, oven, heating system and more. According to the American Red Cross, dryers are responsible for approximately 9 of every 10 appliances fires. These common household appliances can collect

dust, lint and other particles, which are potential fire people become more active hazards and can cause carbon monoxide leaks.

### **Keep Outdoor Activities in Mind**

Cooking on grills is a popular pastime, but thousands of people are injured every year while using them. In fact, the wayside. However, when according to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 9,000 home fires are started by grills each year. Now is a good time to get your home's grilling area in tip-top shape. Keep a 3-foot safety zone around hot grills for children and pets, and have a multipurpose home fire extinguisher nearby as fires can occur unexpectedly. Propane and charcoal grills both put off carbon monoxide as a byproduct, so be sure keep your grill at least 10 feet from the home and ensure it is positioned away from windows, doors, vents and ductwork.

> For more safety tips to better prepare your home, visit Photo courtesy of Getty Kidde.com.

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### **Bangor Slater Chours Members Participate in the PMEA RAII-State Chours**

Ten Bangor Area Chorus members were selected to participate in PMEA All-State Chorus on April 25 at Kalahari Resort in Mt Pocono. Bangor has the unique honor of potentially having more members selected for All-State Chorus than any other of the more than 500 schools in the state. The students are CJ Fassl, Evan Finkbeiner, Josh Lopez, Cathianne McKenna, Andrea Morokutti, Brookel Sabella, Noelle Schwartz, Michael Spagnola Kristen Stopfer and Sophia Villano. Andrea Morokutti was also selected as pianist for the All-State Band.

Unfortunately, the event has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus pandemic. It remains an outstanding honor for the students and the Bangor School District.



Pictured: (first row) Josh Lopez, Sophia Villano, Kristen Stopfer, Andrea Morokutti/ (second row) Evan Finkbeiner, CJ Fassi, Brookel Sabella, Noelle Schwartz, Michael Spagnola



Prima survived cancer thanks to her health partner's team of experts, their access to hundreds of clinical trials, and their membership in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance.

With a new lease on life, Prima's now pursuing a career in oncology nursing – and knows things about it you'd never find in a textbook.

Learn more at LVHN.org/cancer or by calling 888-402-LVHN.





# Support Local Business!

Please continue to support local business!

The following area restaurants are still open offering Take-Out.

Please call or visit their website or Facebook page for hours, menus and delivery availability.



### 512 Restaurant & Pizzeria

2 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Pen Argyl www.512restaurantpenargyl.com

### **Bagels on the Corner**

416 Blue Valley Dr, Bangor (484) 544-9097 https://order.shopkeep.com/iF75Z?

### **Bangor Trust Brewing**

50 Broadway Bangor PA 18013 | 610-452-3232 https://bangortrustbrewing.com/

### BeanBath Cafe

2425 Plaza Ct., Bath (484) 287-2326 Call Ahead for Drive-Thru Pick Up

### **Bono Pizza Bangor**

105 Broadway, Bangor (610) 588-6989

### **Broadway Pub**

62 Broadway, Bangor (610) 452-9226 Take out Only

### **Cafe on Broadway**

21 S Broadway, Wind Gap (610) 881-4261 Take out only **China Wok** 

> 56 Broadway, Bangor (610) 599-8888 www.chinawokbangor.com

### **Comunale's Italian Market**

1 Mount Bethel Plz, Mount Bethel (570) 897-5630 www.comunalesitalianmarket.com

### **Daisy Dairy Bar**

6589 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap (610) 863-4044 https://daisyfamilyrestaurant.com

### **Detzi's Tavern**

570 N Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap (610) 863-4111 www.detzistavern.com CURBSIDE TAKEOUT

### **Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor**

103 Broadway, Bangor (610) 588-1131

### **Emmy Lou's Ice Cream Cafe**

492 E Main St, Pen Argyl (610) 863-5610

### **Empire's Coffee**

44 Broadway

Bangor, PA. (610) 452-9164

### **Family and Friends Country Restaurant**

244 E Moorestown Road, Wind Gap (610) 759-7477 Call ahead Take out Window

### **Five Points Grill & Pub**

1001 Mt Bethel Highway, Mount Bethel (484) 249-0700 http://www.5pointsgrill.com TO GO - PICK UP SERVICES

### **Giordano's Italian Restaurant**

13 W Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl (610) 863-9554 www.giordanospa.com

### Green Vida Go CLOSED 610) 438-4112 610) 438-4112 1800 Sullivan T

http://greenvi J. DeFranco and Daughter's Catering

2173 W Bangor Road, Bangor (610) 588-6991 http://www.jdefrancoanddaughters.com TAKE-OUT

Little Creek Bar-B-Cue 1004 Wa 588-3831

### **Miguel's of Belfast**

5881 Sullivan Trail, Belfast (610) 746-4225 www.miguelsrestaurantpa.com

### Napoli Pizza

444 S 1st St, Bangor (610) 588-1455

### Pen Argyl Pizza

510 E Main Street, Pen Argyl (610) 863-6670 http://pen-argyl-pizza.hub.biz TAKE-OUT/DELIVERY

### **Petey's Eateys**

5879 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth (610) 759-0143 www.peteyseateys.com TAKE OÙT WINDOW ONLY

### Sal's Pizza

487 E Moorestown Rd, Wind Gap (610) 863-7565 **CURBSIDE PICKUP, TAKE-OUT & DELIVERY** 

### **Saylorsburg Pizza**

Saylorsburg, PA RT 115 570-801-6411

Facebook page : Saylorsburg Pizza **CALL AHEAD FOR DELIVERY** 

### **Scorecard Sports Bar**

130 North Broadway, Wind Gap (610) 863-5269 http://www.scorecardbar.com CURBSIDE PICKUP & DELIVERY

### **Slate Belt Diner**

370 Blue Valley Dr, Bangor (610) 452-9205 Pick Up Drive Thru

### The Sunset Bar and Grill

Saylorsburg, PA Rt115 570-992-9121

Facebook page: The Sunset Bar and Grill

### **Teresa's Pizza Cucina**

3040 N Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel (570) 897-6400 www.teresaspizzacucina.com

The Original Doughboy's Pizza

230 W Moorestown Rd, Wind Gap (610) 759-3776 http://www.originaldoughboys.com

**DRIVE THRU PICKUP** 

### TK's Bar and Grill

2500 N Delaware Drive. Mount Bethel (570) 897-6112 www.tksrestaurant.com Takeout/Pickup until 8pm

### The Chicken Corner

291 W Moorestown Road, Nazareth (610) 365-7303

### The Slate Pub

509 E Main Street, Pen Argyl (610) 881-4700 http://slatepub.com/menu

CURBSIDE PICKUP, TAKE-OUT AND SOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE. The Trolley Shop

Central Ave., E. Bangor (610) 599-1962

### **Vinny's Pizza**

1309 Blue Valley Drive, Pen Argyl (610) 863-3320 DELIVERY AND TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

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