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WORK ON THE NEW White Haven Volunteer Fire Company firehouse is proceeding well, White Haven Borough Council learned during the April 27 on-line council meeting. The concrete floor has been laid, above, and interior work on the bathrooms and offices is also underway, below. Arrangements have been made for gas, water and sewer hookups, the fire company hopes to take occupancy soon. JH: Ruth Isenberg



Celebrating a special birthday in the midst of Covid-19 crisis

During these uncertain times, you can always find a reason to rejoice. In this case, Heritage Hill Senior Community resident Nellie (Greenwood) Johnson celebrated her 103rd birthday last Friday, April 24.



Although this year's commemoration is an unusual one, her family, along with the senior living community and its residents, still made the milestone a grand occasion.

Throughout the pandemic, she has received special cards, notes, letters, and traditional treats from loved ones, and on her big day, she was able to experience a social distancing visit with a few of them.

As a longtime resident of Heritage Hill, Nellie has developed a wonderful camaraderie with her care team and other staff members, many of



whom gathered to sing "Happy Birthday" as she blew out the candles on her cake.

"She is such a delight, and her strong convictions give us much hope and joy," said Rachael Timm, marketing director. "We're certainly better people for having her in our lives."

Nellie was born in the town of Halifax, located in the metropolitan borough of Calderdale in West Yorkshire County, England, in 1917. She graduated high school and later worked for Humphrey's Carpet Factory in her hometown.

On April 27, 1946, Nellie married her sweetheart Horace Johnson. Nine years later, the two climbed aboard the famous Queen Mary, taking the oceangoing vessel to America in search of those

"streets of gold." Together they shared 50 years of blissful marriage, until his passing.

She has two children, Alice, Branchville, New Jersey, and Stephen, Langhorne, Pennsylvania. She is also a proud grandmother of six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

While living in New Jersey, she also worked as a correspondence clerk at Kemper Insurance Agency. She was a member of the Light Opera and sang in her church's choir for 20 years. Her hobbies include reading, singing, and dancing.

"Here's to everybody's wealth and health," she said while giving a birthday toast.



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From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
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Among the front page photos in the issue is that of a helicopter that was used to help extinguish a three-acre brush fire near the Carbon County Home in Laurytown on Sunday afternoon. The copter made five water drops, assisting a group fire fighters crew headed by Alvin Knepper.

The Carbon GOP's biennial convention will be held on May 9 at the Carbon County Courthouse. Walter Coopey of Audenreid seeks reelection as chairman, Marie Mayer seeks to her seventh term as "vice chairlady."

Winners of the second annual Newsy Nuggets Spelling Bee are shown in a photo with supervising principal Thomas Walker. 8th grader Karen Kanyak repeated as winner — she won the 7th grade contest last year; Roxanne Fulk won from 7th grade, Karen Superdock from 6th, and Mary Busher from 5th. "A nice crowd of about 250 were on hand for the interesting program."

Razing of the Tri-Shops will begin on Friday. Officials of the Nail Keg indicated that members will remove all personal property prior to the beginning of demolition. The Nail Keg is looking for a location for its new headquarters.

A list of locals selected to serve on the Grand and Petit Jury in June was published.

Mary Kurtz of Weatherly will be crowned as May Queen at the annual procession and

crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday at St. Nicholas' Catholic Church.

Early mass has been changed to 7 a.m. from 7:30 effective this Sunday. Times for the 9 and 11:15 masses remain unchanged.

Wertman's Hardware celebrates Housewares Week, April 23 to May 9. "Win his and Hers American Motors Hornets, or 1,500 other prizes."

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Garber reminds youngsters who became 12 years old since the last hunting season, who are thinking about hunting woodchucks, that you will need a hunting license... and to get that will need to show you satisfactorily completed a safe hunting course...

Marian, Freeland, St. Gabriel's, Tamaqua (make-up game) and Cardinal Brennan are on the baseball schedule for this coming week.

Garber watched as the firefighting helicopter put out a small fire "up the railroad tracks" from Weatherly, aided by the Citizens' fire crews.

In memory of Don, who passed away this past October.

Larry Suravicz on the pitching mound allowed three hits to MMI batters, while contributing a triple and single, and an r.b.i. in a 5-1 win by the Wreckers at Eurana Park last Wednesday.

Wrecker golfers won their fifth match in a row, led by Dan Suitch with the low score of the day of 81, defeating West Hazleton.

A bald eagle was sighted around the Plains last Friday afternoon.

**From
The Journal-Herald,
May 3, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, White Haven Lodge 457, selected Crestwood High School student Philip Engman, of White Haven, as a delegate for the I.O.O.F. annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. The program brings together over 150 students from around the continent for a 10-day bus tour through Canada to Ottawa, and to the U.N. in New York City. Alternate for the trip is William Henning, also of Crestwood and from White Haven. The trip departs July 24.

Charlene Klynowsky has earned a National Honor Society Scholarship. She is a senior at Weatherly Area High School, and plans to attend Wilkes University this fall.

Next week, water systems throughout America will celebrate Water Week. The theme for this year's event is "Your Water System ... Turning It On For America."

This past week, the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company #1 was out at six brush fires — two each in Dennison and White Haven, one in East Side, and one in Lake Harmony.

An ad: Get Convenient, Considerate Family Health Care Plus The Accuracy Of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Testing Crestwood Family Practice, Triangle Shopping Center, Mountain Top.

The Awesome Ones male dance revue tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, with

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Editorial

The Crisis Crisis

by Seth Isenberg

Citizens of the White Haven and Weatherly area have been pretty good about keeping in, keeping apart and masked, following rules and for the most part, staying hopeful. But, this long-term keeping home is wearing thin. The COVID-19 crisis itself has become an issue due to arbitrary-seeming closings.

Rules going forward are leaving us with less. No gatherings, no parade for Memorial Day in White Haven, no Hill Climb in Weatherly, no church services in person, no sports ... lots of "no"s to people used to doings as we please.

... and now we are watching for openings

There are glimmers of hope out there — hope to hold on to. Stores and businesses will be reopening, so jobs are returning... slowly, but hopefully fast enough for our area's small businesses. This coming month will see people returning to earning, making the crisis less of one. May will see more people with Federal Stimulus Checks, again making the crisis less dire.

Keep your optimism, there is a brighter future for us as science starts winning the battle with the disease.

Sympathies and prayers go to everyone involved with Weatherwood and the Guardian care team as they battle a batch of COVID-19 cases in their building. We offer strength and hope to all of you.

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted by the Register of Wills of Luzerne County, PA, on April 2, 2020, in the Estate of Leona Deitos, a/k/a Leona H. Deitos, late of Foster Township, who died February 11, 2020, to Nicholas L. Deitos and James F. Deitos, Co-Executors.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present them immediately to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Packer Township Supervisors will hold their regular scheduled meeting remotely via Zoom on May 5th at 6:00 P.M. The public can attend this meeting remotely at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761191711> or by dialing 1 929 205 6099. Enter Meeting ID 83761191711. Visit www.packer-township.com for more information. If you cannot attend by internet or phone but would like to have public comment read into the record during the meeting, mail to Packer Township Supervisors, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, PA 18255. Please call 570-427-8969 with questions or to obtain meeting minutes.

Stephanie Stolpe,
Secretary

Packer Twp. continues emergency

by Seth Isenberg

Packer Township held its April 7 supervisors meeting via the internet as a Zoom meeting, with a quick session that extended the declaration of emergency to the June meeting, on June 1. The June date is moved ahead because the 2nd is primary election day. All three supervisors were in on the meeting, plus staff and a few others as audience.

Secretary/treasurer Stephanie Stolpe earned praise for getting the new township website up and running.

Tax collector Valerie Kane was given permission to dispose of old records, following the PA state manual's rules.

Supervisors approved the Mahoning Valley Ambulance

as the township's primary basic life support ambulance to those who need it. No ambulance service had been named since the Weatherly Area Ambulance closed its doors in February.

To fill the post of flood plain manager for the township, supervisors agreed to hire Barry Isett and Associates (BIA), engineers, to do work on an as-needed basis. BIA has experience with this kind of work.

Supervisors were unanimous in supporting a resolution that seeks to appoint an independent commission to set voting districts for state elections — to eliminate partisan gerrymandering.

Bills of \$6,378 were approved to be paid. The biggest

bills are \$1,358 to Weatherly for fire protection, \$1,118 to Eckley Asphalt for 10.45 tons of cold patch for roads repairs, \$930 to F&L Doors to service the garage doors on the maintenance building and replace the springs, \$824 for township solicitor Robert Yurchak's work on township and zoning issues, and \$340 to BIA for building code and zoning work, plus 18 smaller bills.

A letter from the Citizens Fire Company was read, telling Packer officials that the new fire chief is Tom Breznitsky.

The next Packer supervisors meeting will be May 5, also as a Zoom meeting. The public is invited to join the meeting.

4/30

The *Journal-Herald* is collecting e-mail addresses to help communicate essential information during the COVID-19 situation and beyond. We plan to send out a between-issue e-blast at least once a week, and more often if needed. It will also include some fun stuff and ways to entertain yourself at home, as well as messages from our advertisers. If you'd like to receive it each week, please send an e-mail to journalruth@gmail.com with the subject line: **E-BLAST**



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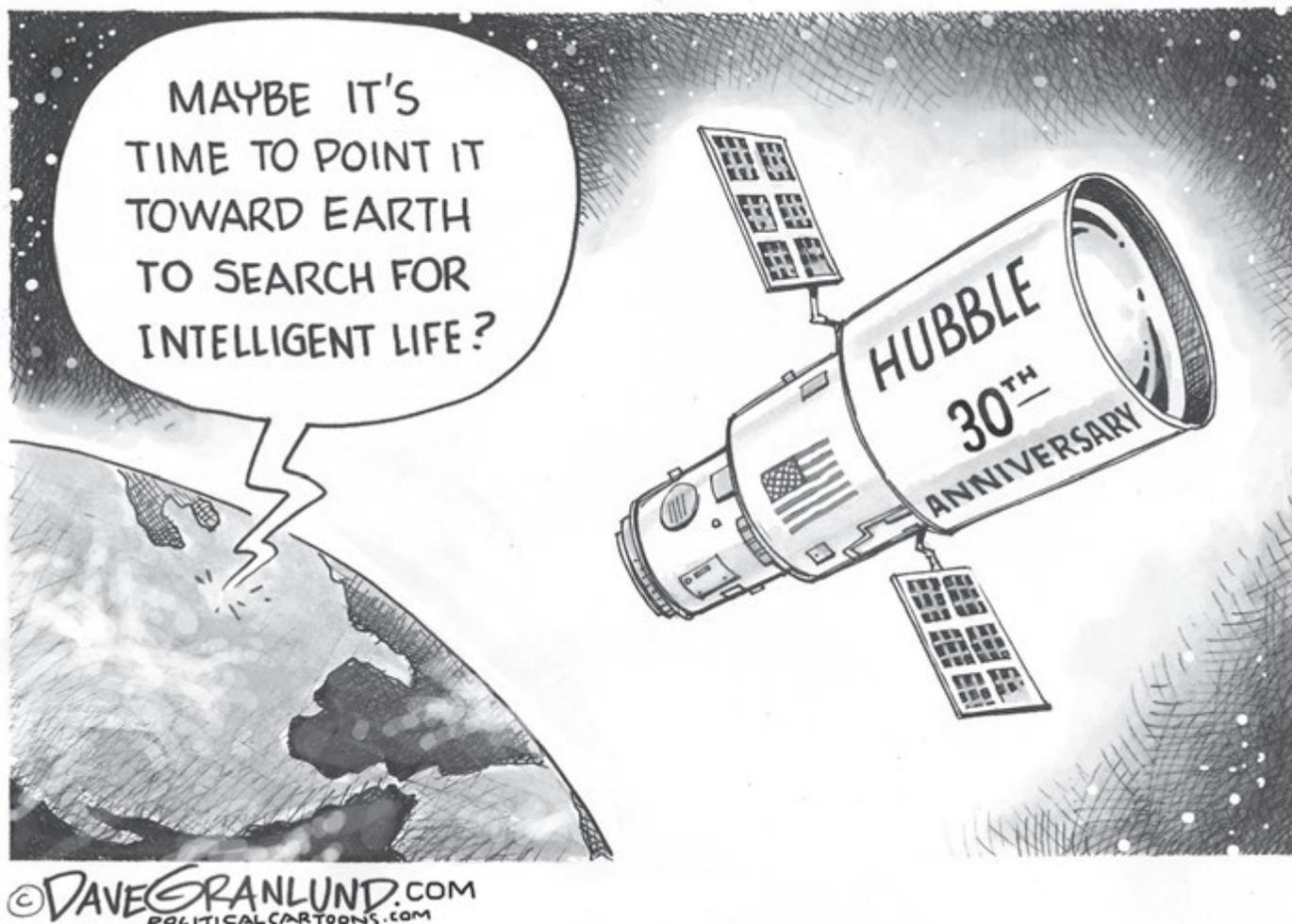
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Death Roll

DEACON RAYMOND W. WILKINSON, SR.

Deacon Raymond W. Wilkinson, Sr., 91 of Weatherly, passed away from complications of the Coronavirus at the Weatherwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Weatherly, on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Born on August 9, 1928 in Highland, Raymond was the son of the late Willard William and Clara (Kluck) Wilkinson. Prior to moving to Weatherly 60 years ago, his early years were spent in the Oakdale (Freeland) area.

He was employed as a Machinist for Wagner Electric (Tung-Sol) in Weatherly for many years and was a member of the IBEW, serving as President of the Local from 1959-1965.

In addition to being active in many community services throughout his life, Ray's greatest accomplishment, and the one for which he was most proud, was serving as an Ordained Deacon through the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Allentown at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Weatherly and throughout the entire Carbon County area. He also served as Chaplain for the Allentown Trauma Unit and the Pottsville Prison for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #12105, the Polonaise Society of Hazleton, and the Weatherly Senior Citizens Center and Friendship Club.

Raymond was predeceased by his wife, Helen (Pula)

Wilkinson in 1992 and the following brothers and sisters: William, David, Ronald, Dorothy Wanda, and Eleanor Schneider.

He is survived by his son, Raymond (Butch) Jr. and wife, Susan, of Summerville, SC, and daughter, Diane Gregory and husband, William Jr., of Weatherly; five grandchildren and eight great-granddaughters, Troy Gregory and wife, Joy, children – Lily and Hartley; Heather Parkins and husband, Josh, children – Macy and Addison; Bradley Gregory and wife, Angela, children – Angelina and Reya; Blake Gregory and wife, Carrie, children – Grace and Ayla; Brodie Wilkinson and wife, Samantha; and brothers Eugene and James.

Due to the pandemic, private cremation services will be handled by Raymond's nephew, Joseph Pula, owner of the Joseph J. Pula Funeral Home, Inc., Stroudsburg. There will be a memorial mass offered for Raymond followed by burial of his ashes in St. Cashimer's Cemetery, Freeland, at a future date and time to be announced.

JOHN P. DROPINSKI

John P. Dropinski, 65 years of age, formerly of Hazleton, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at Weatherwood Nursing & rehabilitation Ctr. in Weatherly where he was a guest for many years.

Born Sunday, January 9, 1955 in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Frank and Dorothy (Gullick) Dropinski. John was also predeceased by daughter, Michelle; and brother, Edward "Eddie" Dropinski.

Surviving are sister Dorothy Gaido and her husband James of Bridgewater, NJ.; and brother, Francis Dropinski of Hazleton.

Catholic by faith, John was a Hazleton High School graduate, and served honorably in the United States Army. He worked security for General Foam of Hazleton.

Private arrangements were entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com

WILLARD GEORGE SHIPPER JR.

Willard George Shipper, Jr., 60 years of age of Broad Street, Beaver Meadows, passed away suddenly at home on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Born Friday, October 30, 1959 in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Willard Shipper, Sr., and the late Elverna (Argust) Shipper. Willard was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Shipper.

Surviving are companion, Susanne Pangaro-Kaps; sister, Deborah Lee Shipper and her companion Cecelia Zavitsky of Beaver Meadows; step-children Jamie, Casey, and Larissa Kaps.

A 1978 graduate of Hazleton High School, Willard worked as a mover, and DJ.

Pending arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com

Honor student recognized

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania recognized 362 students who were scheduled to be recognized at this year's Annual Honors Convocation, which was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Andrew Solonoski IV of Weatherly was one of the students honored.

The 362 students recognized have had great academic achievements at the university. Honor students must have of a minimum quality point average of 3.50 reflecting at least 36 semester hours of work completed at ESU, completion of at least 96 semester hours in their collegiate career by January 1 of the year in which the award is considered and a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student.

Certificates of recognition were sent to each student.



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A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (say 3 times) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (say 3 times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.

The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After the 3rd day, the request will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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the show from 8 to 12 at the Holiday Inn, Pocono-Lake Harmony. Must be 21...

A photo of the Lehigh Canal Depot building on Main Street in White Haven is at the top of the page with the cutline: work continues on renovating White Haven's oldest building. Its occupants are White Haven Chiropractic, Lechawak Outdoor, and Lehigh Rafting Rentals.

Also atop the front page is a photo of the painting trailer for the work of painting and undercoating the Black Creek bridge in Weatherly. "Strange traffic patters prevail..."

Dennison Supervisors extend emergency declaration

by Seth Isenberg

Dennison Township held its April 1 supervisors' meeting socially distanced. The first order of business was to extend the declaration of emergency through to when the state of PA lifts its state of emergency.

Bills totaling \$16,412 were approved, including \$5,463 to Amtrust North America, \$3,815 for DGK for insurances, \$2,252 to White Haven for police coverage, \$2,198 for payroll, \$638 to County Waste, \$500 to Jack Varaly, and \$498 to Elliott, Greenleaf; plus 12 smaller bills.

With state liquid fuels money in, supervisors agreed to

forward \$2,336 of it to Bear Creek Township for the road into White Haven Poconos.

Jack Varaly's zoning report lists one permit issued. There is one septic complaint being investigated.

With the emergency ongoing, supervisors will get the road inspection done before the next meeting.

Jim Yackiel is ready for grass cutting season, and will put more seed down in the area of new grass around the township building.

Bill Bauersfeld's report on the Dennison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. showed 7 calls with 35.5 hours of service. There were two dwelling fires, and one each of vehicle accident,

wires/ pole down, a search and rescue, a brush fire and an open burn. Three of the calls were in Dennison, two in White Haven, and one each in East Side and Wright.

Treasurer Stevie Stortz' report showed a balance of \$38,383 in the General Fund after income of \$12,507 — mostly from taxes and EIT, and expenses of \$15,818. The general fund savings account has \$393,741. The road fund

added \$44,946 in liquid fuels money, which was transferred into the interest bearing account which now sports a balance of \$87,077.

The meeting was attended by all supervisors, secretary/ treasurer Stortz, and this reporter. Dennison's supervisors will next meet in person, socially distanced, at 6 p.m. on May 6, at the township building on Walnut Street in Middleburg, White Haven.



HOW TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES? This is a strange year for high school seniors. They are completed their education on-line, and most likely won't enjoy the traditional end-of-year events like graduation. *The Journal-Herald's* graduation issue is being planned now, and suggestions are welcome. Please e-mail journalruth@gmail.com if you have a unique way we can give these students the recognition they have earned.

Veterans Corner

Commentary by John Kearns, USCG Ret., chiefk@pa.metrocast.net

IRS trying to get stimulus to disabled veterans first week of May

The best answer I can find to share is a quote from the IRS about the status of Veteran payments. "The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has confirmed that recipients of VA benefits will automatically receive Economic Impact Payments (that's the official name, although most taxpayers refer to them as stimulus checks). That means that veterans and their beneficiaries who receive Compensation and Pension benefit payments from VA will receive a \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment with no further action needed on their part."

This required coordination among the VA, Department of the Treasury, IRS, and the Bureau of Fiscal Services. Previously, the IRS confirmed

that those receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits), Supplemental Security Income and Railroad Retirement benefits can receive automatic payments of \$1,200.

VETERAN Claims: The Department of Veteran Affairs is being overwhelmed by new claims for compensation due to unemployment and job loss. New claims are pouring in, overwhelming the system. As a result, Veteran Benefits Advisors are also overwhelmed (VBA Service Officers do not charge veterans for services and claim assistance). Service organizations (VFW 570-821-2535), American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans have service officers. Each County in PA has

a Director of Veterans Affairs Office that help all veterans. In Luzerne County call 570-706-3960 or in Carbon call 570-325-3986. As of this writing, I have not been able to contact by phone any of these offices listed above. You will need to call and leave a brief message and a call back number.

If you choose to hire an attorney to file a claim for you, choose one that specializes in VA law. The VA is covered under Federal Law and is much different than State Law. Do not hesitate to ask exactly what an attorney can do for you and exactly what it will cost. Some settlements of back compensation can be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

VA Compensation is paid to veterans for "Loss of Quality

of Life," caused by service in the US Military and is therefore nontaxable. To protect yourself, make sure anyone filing for you is accredited by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

CAN IT GET ANY WORSE?

Everyone who is being inconvenienced and are adjusting to our new lifestyles among this pandemic. It's rough, completely changing lifelong habits and getting used to a new lifestyle. It does not look like a change back to what was considered normal will be coming anytime soon. We all find ways to adapt and make the best of it.

Greenland is one of the most desolate places on earth,

especially for the military members who serve there. It is such harsh living, the Air Force expressed it with this true story:

An Air Force plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland, waiting for its sewage holding tank to be pumped out. The aircraft's commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the airman performing the job was extremely slow in pumping the tank out. When the commander berated the airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Encouragement if online learning is becoming a struggle

by **Dr. Katie M. Leach**

Fear of Failure

Most school districts have now begun to set up online learning for their districts. But some students are getting more and more frustrated with online learning. They might say they can't learn online or they aren't good at it. No one will deny that online learning is very different, both

academically and socially, from classroom learning, so what can parents do to help?

To be kind and fair to the student, schoolwork, whether it is paper or digital, might not be get done because of fear...fear of making a mistake or failing. If a student does not think they are "smart" or "good" in math, they fear turning in a math paper because they believe they probably will

not get a good grade. When the graded papers are returned to the student, the student sits in dread, waiting to see their failures. In society, failure is scorned, made fun of, and a source of frustration for the parent and student. But it should not be this way.

A good teacher, and a good parent, will not take that marked paper with an "F" to show the student they cannot do the work, they will show the student simply what they still have not learned, yet. Dr. Carol Dweck's work on mindset has had a huge impact on education because she believes failure can be a great guide to help students find another way to learn something they have yet to learn. If you believe you can keep learning and have a growth mindset, failures will compel you to re-learn the material until you have mastered it. Can you imagine walking home with a failing grade on your paper and your parents embrace you and say, "Wow, there is a lot to still learn, let's work on new ways to learn this material"? What a different world this would be!

When I was a little girl, I could not understand fractions. I do not know why, but

I was heartbroken because my teacher thought I was good in math. I did not want her confidence in me to disappear but I could not get fractions. And I could not figure out why I did not understand fractions when all the other third graders in my class did understand them. After the test in fractions, which I failed miserably, you can imagine my surprise when my Dad brought a present home for me. It was a set of cardboard pies. One was cut into two pieces, one was cut into three pieces, one was cut into four pieces....and then I figured out fractions! Once I literally saw how the pieces made a pie, fractions were easy. My Dad found a new way to teach me, and it made all the difference.

If your student is having trouble with online learning, you need to help them try new ways to learn online. Don't give up on them, but tell them you will keep trying new ways to help them succeed. For example, take time to sit down with them and learn the subject material with them. Think of ways to help them understand the concepts through drawing, coloring, or building.

If memorization is needed, create flash cards on paper or digitally. Play games to help them learn (flash cards and games can be found at Quizlet.com). What is most important is to let your student know they can keep learning with effort. Try different ways to learn, even very simple things. Some students need to diagram or create an ideas map or make a list to check off. Some students just need to have music playing in the background, and some need complete silence. Whatever you need might be what your children need, as well.

Day of Reckoning

Another reason for dislike of online learning is feeling pressure to do work. There is no one to blame for not doing the work, but themselves. Perhaps for the first time, there are no homework papers for the dog to eat, no bus trip to school when homework slips out of backpacks, no lunch to spill on work that is not complete, or no one to get help from or get answers from. All of these things do happen in life, but if a student has not taken responsibility for doing their work, it is a time of reckoning. Sometimes parents will blame the teacher, or their spouse, or the grandparents for reasons their children are not doing well in school, but it might boil down to something difficult to accept, which is lack of responsibility for getting the work done on their own.

If you believe this is the reason for work not getting done, help your student see that this failure, like those mentioned above, is a chance to begin learning new ways to be responsible for their work. Working together, and not stopping until answers can be found, will provide hope and a path to learning and growing.

Inspiring Thoughts

by **Ann Adams**

How our world has changed! Many of us are doing our part to curb the spread of this invisible enemy. Some are helping those in need. Some are working in dangerous conditions and some cannot work at all.

Just a few weeks ago we were going our merry way, assuming everything would remain the same. We seldom thought, "What if...?" Suddenly, our plans were interrupted or adjusted to meet the challenge.

The situation reminds me of James 4:13-15. We often make plans without considering God's will. We may do our "duty" by attending services, even reading our Bible or being a good neighbor, but when

tragedy strikes, it shows how strong our faith really is.

You may remember the children's song based on Matthew 7:24-27. The wise man built his house upon a rock. The rains came down and the floods came up and the house on the rock stood firm. The foolish man built his house upon the sand. The rains came down and the floods came up and the house on the sand went smash. The foolish man, concerned with popularity, material things and enjoyment, was blown away by the storms of life.

Jesus challenges us to hear His sayings and do them. Let us be like the wise man and be sure our faith is firmly founded on the Lord Jesus Christ so we are ready when trouble comes.

Embrace the Burden

When trials hit us broadside, do we falter? Do we fail? When burdens become heavy, do we tremble? Do we wail? Or do we embrace the burden and let it make us strong? Do we plant our roots still deeper? Do we praise our God in song?

Faith grows as trials face us, and we grow abler still
To bear our future burdens, for come they surely will.
So thrust your roots still deeper into God refreshing springs;
Store up God's precious wisdom and embrace what're life brings.

Ann Adams

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Because of the ongoing concerns with the coronavirus and the health and safety of our community, the five- and 10-week summer sessions that begin May 18 at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will be offered either online or remotely. There will be no face-to-face classes.

An additional five-week session begins on July 6. Registration is ongoing for this ses-

sion, too, but it has not been determined if all classes will transition to online or remote.

Sections identified with “N” in the course number will be taught using Canvas, LCCC’s learning management system, which can be accessed through the student portal. Courses will not meet in real time at an established date or time. Students will complete coursework according to in-

structor deadlines located in Canvas course modules.

For courses that include days and times, students and faculty will come together on those days and times via live Zoom meetings.

New students can apply for admission online at www.lccc.edu. Continuing or returning students can send an email to advise@lccc.edu to set up a phone appointment with an

advisor for registration. Tuition for summer classes has been extended to April 30 or can be paid at time of registration.

Those seeking a degree must complete a placement test, or meet requirements for exemption, and meet with an advisor, conducted remotely via Zoom, before registering for classes. Accommodations

have been made for students to take placement tests online. Details are on the Simple Steps to Register at www.LCCC.edu.

For more information, contact LCCC’s Admissions Office at admissions@lccc.edu or 610-799-1575. For a complete list of credit classes and to register, visit LCCC’s website at www.LCCC.edu.

Deadline extended for PPL Electric Utilities Future Environmental Leaders Scholarship

PPL Electric Utilities is extending the deadline for applications for its Future Environmental Leaders Scholarship Program because of the

ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on schools. The new deadline is May 30, 2020.

The contest is open to high school seniors planning to

attend either two-year or four-year colleges to pursue an environmentally related career. Seven winners will be selected, one from each geographic

region served by PPL. Each winner will receive \$2,000 toward college expenses.

“School closings in our service territory, and around the nation, have had a big effect on students, including high school seniors finalizing college plans,” said Lori Burkert, the utility’s environmental compliance manager. “Moving the application deadline back a month will give prospective applicants more time amid all the uncertainty generated by this public health crisis.”

PPL’s environmental scholarship seeks students who possess passion for being a

positive force for the environment. A key aspect of the scholarship application is a short essay that asks students to explain why they’re interested in pursuing a career with environmental ties. Scholarships will be awarded in early July 2020, rather than early June.

PPL employees and members of their immediate families or households are not eligible for the scholarship. To learn more about the scholarship and view the application and rules, visit ppllectric.com/scholarship. For information about all of PPL’s environmental efforts, visit ppllectric.com/environment.

MMI announces third quarter honor roll

MMI Preparatory School has announced the names of students who achieved Honor Roll status during the third quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

Local students are:

Sixth Grade: Frederick Blaine, Weatherly.

Seventh Grade: Avery Pohn, Weatherly; and Lilli War-

ner-Senape, White Haven.

Eighth Grade: Andrew Burns, White Haven; Nathaniel Neidlinger, Weatherly; and Abigail Sparich, Weatherly.

Ninth Grade: Evelyn Lacombe, White Haven; Ty McDermott, White Haven; and Andrew Sechler, White Haven.

10th Grade: Alex Smith, White Haven; and Alexandra Tierney, Weatherly.

11th Grade: Hunter Blasko, White Haven; Emily Ryan, White Haven; and Samantha Sparich, Weatherly.

12th Grade: Madyson Hornack, White Haven; and Paige Machulsky, White Haven.

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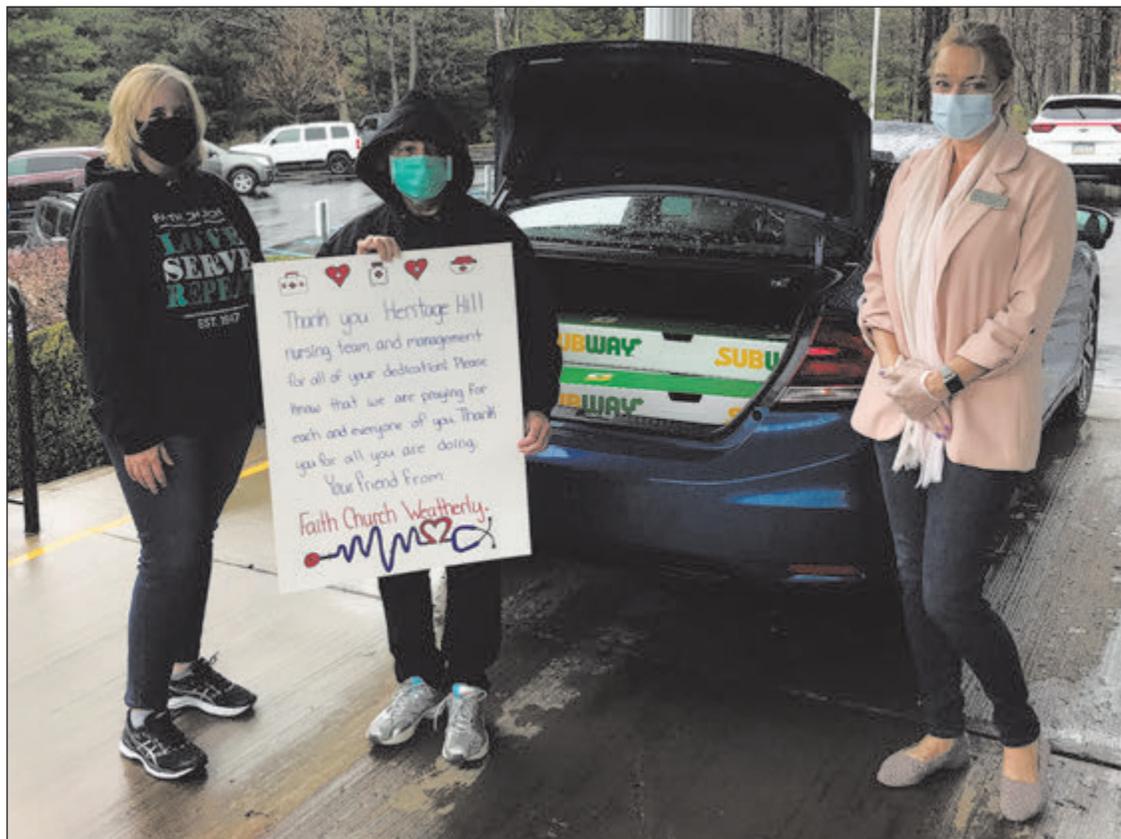
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Faith Church is having a Mother's Day Drive-In service on Sunday, May 10, at 5 p.m. at the Eurana Park parking lot. All women will receive a small gift for Mother's Day.



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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

As we roll into May, captive to rules intended to keep the COVID-19 virus away, there's a hint of restlessness from most people I talk to. We are not all that content with the restrictions, but seeing the impact that the virus has on the vulnerable, there's enough reason to be cautious.

I was gifted a box of disposable gloves (thank you), and bought more cloth masks that actually fit me, and are sturdy enough to be washed. These things and some careful planning keep Ruth and me safe as we circulate to do our newspaper work, as well as when we go to deliver food and spend time with my uncle. He's truly wanting to be out and about, but we've convinced him to stay put.

This week, we did take my uncle Slater for a drive to Victory Pig Pizza in Wyoming (PA), where we bought two

trays of Old Forge-style pizza for our meal. Ruth did some shopping for him, while I took him for a tour of the towns along Route 11 from Kingston to West Pittston. I wish it was possible to have him out of the car, but until the virus numbers drop way – way down, he's just in his apartment, parking lot or the communal laundry for his building.

My father is in an assisted living facility in California. His building has been locked down, and he's not seen visitors for weeks now. News this week is that some people will be allowed to visit the guests there – good news for my dad. He reports that his daily newspaper, a key part of his routine, has cut back to printing five days a week – Tuesday through Saturday. That's a trend I'm watching across the U.S. Our family out in Spokane report that The Spokes-

man Review cut two days off of their printing week. The Times-Leader in Wilkes-Barre is also five days a week, skipping Saturday and Monday. The Shamokin News Item has shifted to three print editions a week, and there are more out there doing the same.

After a shopping trip on Sunday, we took the long way home, driving up as far as Heisler's Dairy (not open) and then through Tamaqua and McAdoo. We noticed that the leafing out process has really slowed. Some years, the trees are in full leaf by now. This year, we'll be lucky to see fully leafed out trees by mid-May.

For the same reason, cold nights, we're now seeing some flowering trees that took frost damage. Our magnolia in White Haven is frost burnt, but there are still enough flowers left to put on a show. Luck kept our lilacs from blooming,

and with the frost past, I am hoping for a full show these next couple of weeks.

Critter sightings include fox and porcupine, plus a nice flock of wild turkey that is in residence north of Penn Lake.

We'll be seeing gasoline prices in the one dollar and sixties if things keep trending the way they have been. Great prices, but far fewer drivers. With some businesses being allowed to re-open, we should be seeing more cars on the road again.

There are glimmers of hope that we can be clear of this virus and closure as long as we keep our distances, our masks, and our cool. The peak of this COVID-19 season is soon to pass and we can enjoy

being out and about again. Sadly, we see more events fall off the calendar due to the restrictions and closures – the latest being the Weatherly Hill Climb and White Haven Memorial Day Parade. I am still hoping for openings in June, so events can happen. NASCAR weekend at Long Pond is coming up the last weekend in June, and that same weekend is the Celtic Fling in Lancaster County. Ruth and I are looking longingly towards warm evenings at Knoebels once more.

For now, it's a good book or an internet show or movie, spring cleaning and perhaps some gardening.

Keep patient – stay safe.

“NEPA LIVE FROM HOME” presented by Geisinger to host first online episode tonight

The ASM Global managed Mohegan Sun Arena and Karl Hall in Wilkes-Barre have announced a partnership to create an online platform entitled “NEPA LIVE FROM HOME” presented by Geisinger to feature local and regional artists performing live from their homes.

Season One of “NEPA LIVE FROM HOME” begins this Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. One new episode will be aired each Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through June 4. The featured artists and schedule are as follows:

April 30 – Nick Coyle from Lifer and Cold

May 7 – Regina Sayles

May 14 – The Mule Team

May 21 – Britt Thomas from Britt Thomas and the Breaker Boys

May 28 – Fife and Drom

June 4 – Bret Alexander from Gentleman East

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Public invited to hear updates on spotted lanternfly efforts during webinar

The public is invited to hear the latest on the spotted lanternfly during a Penn State Extension webinar — “Spot-

ted Lanternfly Update 2020: How We Are Fighting It and What You Need to Know” — planned for noon May 5.

Scams and Fraud Inc.

Traditionally, we think of con artists as lone wolves working out of their basement, but today’s scammers are more like cogs in a much larger operation. Most scams today start with a phone call, often originating from foreign telemarketing businesses that operate just like legitimate call centers. “Executives” and “supervisors” manage “salespeople” — the scammers calling you to “close the deal.” These are professional criminal enterprises — and they are

good at what they do. If you or someone you care about falls victim to their operations, know that it’s not the fault of the victim for “falling for” something. Blame the criminal enterprise and fight back by sharing your story, so the next target may not end up as the next victim.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Emelie Swackhamer, horticulture extension educator based in Montgomery County, will describe the situation that has been unfolding in Pennsylvania and surrounding states over the last five years. She will discuss management options, explain regulations in place to slow the pest’s spread and give an overview of current research.

The spotted lanternfly, sometimes referred to as SLF, is an invasive insect from Asia that first was found in North America in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 2014. The pest since has spread to at least 26 Pennsylvania counties, as well as to New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Economists warn that this insect, if not contained, could drain Pennsylvania’s economy of at least \$324 million annually and cause the loss of about 2,800 jobs. At risk are

\$18 billion worth of agricultural commodities -- including grapes, tree fruit, nursery plants and hardwood lumber -- as well as natural habitats, parks and backyards.

Swackhamer has a bachelor’s degree in plant science from Penn State and a master’s in plant pathology from North Carolina State University. She has served as a horticulture educator for Penn State Extension in southeastern Pennsylvania for 24 years. Her programs are aimed at the green industry and consumer horticulture audiences.

She has been on the educational front line of the spotted lanternfly invasion since its discovery and is participating in several research projects to learn more about the invasive insect.

To register for the webinar, which is being sponsored by Rainbow Tree Co.

of Minnetonka, Minnesota, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/450935377787557134>.

To manage spotted lanternfly populations, minimize associated damage, and keep SLF from spreading beyond currently quarantined counties, Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension have partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and USDA to research the insect’s biology and behavior, to evaluate management tactics, and to educate growers and other businesses, local officials, and the public.

More information about the spotted lanternfly, the state-imposed quarantine in Pennsylvania, management techniques and how to report a sighting is available on the Penn State Extension website at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

Copies of *The Journal-Herald* are for sale at: The White Haven Market, Fuel-One store, White Haven Exxon and Journal-Herald office in White Haven; Weatherly Area Community Pharmacy and TJ’s Quick Stop in Weatherly; Weasel’s in Dennison; and Wawa in Kidder.

Carbon County property transfers through April 12

Banks Township

John A. Carbone Jr. to Robert J. Brislin, P.O. Box 425, Tresckow, property on Chestnut Street, Tresckow, \$90,000.

Dorothy Ann Palmer to Bradley Miller, Conyngham, property at 94 E. Market St., \$1,000.

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Kidder Township

Earl C. Zeiner to Joseph Bottiglieri, Harbeson, Delaware, property at 137 Telemark Drive, Lake Harmony,

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Barbara A. Kulwich to Ronald Annau, 136 Pocono Road, Albrightsville, Lot 401, Block 400, Section D, Holiday Pocos, \$136,000.

Sheriff of Carbon County to Christian D. Fehrenbacher, 320 Shick Lane, Saylorsburg, property at 24 Fawn Grove Drive and 5 W. Fawn Grove Drive, Albrightsville, \$17,580.

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- ACROSS**
1. "Flowers in the _____"
 6. Emergency responders
 9. Peacock's pride
 13. Life force in Sanskrit
 14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
 15. The Beast's problem
 16. Happen again
 17. Freudian topic
 18. In a fitting way
 19. *Hopkins' Lecter to _____'s Starling
 21. *McGillis' Charlie to _____'s Maverick
 23. Unagi
 24. Undesirable row
 25. Stuff in a tray?
 28. The Tramp's love interest
 30. Hairy vertebrate
 35. "Best _____ schemes o' mice an' men"
 37. Be inclined
 39. City in Belgium
 40. Debussy's "Clair de _____"
 41. D'Artagnan's weapon, pl.
 43. Speed on water
 44. "This _____," on a box
 46. The Chapin School, e.g.
 47. Ä
 48. Post-roller coaster ride state
 50. The Coen brothers' "True _____"
 52. _____ Diego
 53. Deuce topper
 55. Lamb's mother
 57. *Clark's Rhett to _____'s Scarlett

29. *Knightley's Swann to _____'s Sparrow
31. *Cameron's Fiona to _____'s Shrek
32. List of options, pl.
33. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
34. Pretend, two words
36. _____ ex machina
38. Doe, e.g.
42. Sales pitch
45. Smallest at the clothing store
49. Second person of be
51. Lighted by twilight
54. Related on mother's side
56. Avoid, as in taxes
57. Designer Bradley

58. Osiris' wife
59. One third of a three-piece suit
60. Welcoming sign
61. A Flock of Seagulls' hit, 2 words
62. Soreness
63. "_____, hum-bug!"
65. *Kate's Rose to _____'s Jack
67. "Some Like It _____"

- DOWN**
1. 2020 Easter mo.
 2. Not kosher
 3. Meal in a shell
 4. Occupied, two words
 5. El Chapo's organization
 6. "What _____ Happened to Baby Jane?"
 7. *Billy's Harry to _____'s Sally
 8. Investor's asset
 9. _____-Guarani languages
 10. Liberal pursuits
 11. Archipelago unit
 12. Bovine hangout
 15. Posterior, anatomically speaking
 20. Fill with optimism
 22. Basketball target
 24. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
 25. *Keaton's Annie to _____'s Alvy
 26. Sweating room
 27. Hinduism follower

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Pennsylvania's golf courses can open starting Friday

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

Gov. Tom Wolf announced Monday what many Pennsylvanians who golf have been eager to hear for six weeks: golf courses statewide can open up starting this Friday. The news came as the governor outlined his plan to lift some restrictions on businesses related to certain outdoor activities, the first step in the reopening of the Commonwealth.

Beginning Friday, golf courses, marinas, guided fishing trips and privately owned campgrounds can reopen statewide. All have been closed since mid-March, when the governor shuttered all non-essential businesses to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Fishing returned earlier this month with the statewide opening of trout season. Campgrounds in state parks, however, will remain closed through May 14.

Pennsylvania has more than 500 golf courses, some of which hadn't yet opened when the governor's shutdown order closed all of them on March 19.

Wolf said that it was important to begin a limited reopening of the state's businesses, and outdoor businesses were the perfect place to start. "As we successfully continue to flatten the curve to protect our physical health, it is critical that we also focus on our physical and mental health during these extraordinary times. As the weather warms and the daylight lengthens, enjoying time outdoors is an important way to manage stress. As we start to take measured, limited steps to reopen our commonwealth, reopening these industries will help to rebuild our economy and strengthen our mental health."

Those who plan to engage in outdoor activities are still required to follow the CDC's updated life-sustaining business guidance issued by the Wolf administration, which includes social distancing, wearing a mask while indoors, staying close to your home community, practicing good hygiene, and minimizing the risk to others by staying home if you're not feeling well that day.

Locally, some of the area's courses were already up and running due to a mild winter and an early spring. Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club near Mountain Top had been open for two weeks and was thriving when forced to close its course. Tony Barletta, Director of Golf at Blue Ridge, said their 27-hole course is ready to go, as is the golf community. "I'm excited, a little bit of everything," he said Tuesday as he had his staff continued preparations for Friday's reopening. "The pent-up demand is crazy. Everybody wants to get out of the house. We're almost sold out (for the weekend) already."

For golfers, that would include waiting a little longer at a golf hole for a fellow golfer to move forward, and

having one golfer per riding cart. Golfing in foursomes are permitted.

Barletta, who said they'll be taking precautions to ensure the safety of the golfers, is confident that the reopening of courses is the right call at this time. "We're having one in a cart," he explained. "We feel we're in a pretty good space since our property is 300 acres. In between one group and another it's 200 yards. I don't think there's a safer place, to be honest."

Blue Ridge Trail will be open from sunrise to sunset daily, and golfers will be treated to a pristine course, Barletta said. "The course is magnificent," he said, lauding the work of the maintenance staff. "They maintained the property as if we were in mid-June,

it's in that kind of condition now. They worked diligently."

The governor stressed the importance of following the CDC's guidelines in order to ensure that outdoor activities, like golf, can continue. "Practicing social distancing takes a little planning and patience but is necessary if we want to continue to flatten the curve while ensuring that Pennsylvanians have opportunities to de-stress and get exercise," Wolf said. "Finding the balance between enjoying the outdoors and staying safe is only possible when all Pennsylvanians are abiding by the same precautions. It's critical that all Pennsylvanians adhere to the safety guidelines to allow for these outdoor activities to remain available to the public."

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Covid-19 put brakes on spring Hillclimb

This spring's Hillclimb in Weatherly will not be held as Pennsylvania's stay-at-home rules and business closures depleted the field of contestants, and the numbers of needed volunteers. The event was to be held June 6 and 7.

According to Hillclimb Association president Joe Cyburt, "The town is doing so good. We are not wanting to put people's health at risk."

He noted that a number of drivers from the Pittsburgh area had already notified him that they would not be making the spring trip. Without enough drivers, neither the non-profit Hillclimb Association, nor the other community organizations that use the Hillclimb as an opportunity to raise funds, would be successful. He also felt it would be very difficult to pull things together at this point.

Work should resume next week on the building at the base of the Hillclimb, shown at left, and it should be completed by the fall event.

The fall Hillclimb will be held on September 19 and 20, Cyburt said.



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