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COVID surge ends hospital visitation

By RANDY GRIFFITH

As local COVID-19 cases continue to fall, Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center said Thursday that it will end its hospital visitation ban.

As of Monday, visitors will no longer need to be vaccinated, have a current list of symptoms or a COVID-negative test to visit patients. The hospital will allow up to two visitors at a time in the patient’s room. Additional exceptions are valid for patients whose health status is unstable or for whom visitors are needed for emotional support.

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center encourages visitors to call ahead and schedule visits to ensure availability.

For more information, please visit Conemaugh.org/YourHealth/Visitation.

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Pharmacist Lisa Ridolfi checks the medicine cabinet of patient Jim Smith.

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County & Cases \\
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Allegheny: & 9,060 positives, 72,414 negatives (1,653 deaths) \\
Allegany: & 3,291 positives, 17,349 negatives (202 deaths) \\
Ambridge: & 1,078 positives, 6,096 negatives (6 deaths) \\
Armstrong: & 99,478 cases \\
Bedford: & 91 positives, 4,606 negatives (674 deaths) \\
Berks: & 3,873 positives, 114,624 negatives (573 deaths) \\
Butler: & 4,781 positives, 23,729 negatives (436 deaths) \\
Cambria: & 1,600 positives, 26,600 negatives (204 deaths) \\
Centre: & 461 positives, 2,452 negatives (136 deaths) \\
Clearfield: & 16 positives, 3,366 negatives (156 deaths) \\
Crawford: & 97 positives, 23,854 negatives (109 deaths) \\
Curwensville: & 73 positives, 4,050 negatives (206 deaths) \\
Dauphin: & 515 positives, 7,619 negatives (7 deaths) \\
Delaware: & 5,921 positives, 103,629 negatives (1,135 deaths) \\
Dunmore: & 45 positives, 930 negatives (168 deaths) \\
Erie: & 5,025 positives, 97,560 negatives (1,216 deaths) \\
Forest: & 759 positives, 4,563 negatives (440 deaths) \\
Franklin: & 975 positives, 42,336 negatives (2,140 deaths) \\
Fayette: & 1,117 positives, 23,854 negatives (67 deaths) \\
Greene: & 1,283 positives, 21,643 negatives (91 deaths) \\
Hampshire: & 94 positives, 4,486 negatives (132 deaths) \\
Huntingdon: & 75 positives, 3,121 negatives (125 deaths) \\
Indiana: & 149 positives, 647 negatives (182 deaths) \\
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Jefferson: & 146 positives, 748 negatives (226 deaths) \\
Johnstown: & 300 positives, 15,000 negatives (661 deaths) \\
Kersey: & 93 positives, 1,360 negatives (72 deaths) \\
Knox: & 73 positives, 4,050 negatives (206 deaths) \\
Lancaster: & 3,472 positives, 95,290 negatives (938 deaths) \\
Lawrence: & 687 positives, 14,464 negatives (456 deaths) \\
Lehigh: & 346 positives, 36,300 negatives (33 deaths) \\
McKean: & 54 positives, 267 negatives (115 deaths) \\
Mifflin: & 43 positives, 291 negatives (83 deaths) \\
Monroe: & 300 positives, 15,000 negatives (661 deaths) \\
Montgomery: & 205 positives, 4,256 negatives (250 deaths) \\
Montour: & 48 positives, 209 negatives (113 deaths) \\
Morgan: & 109 positives, 511 negatives (210 deaths) \\
Moss Haven: & 1,450 positives, 33,047 negatives (1,491 deaths) \\
Muncie: & 1,083 positives, 36,407 negatives (279 deaths) \\
Muskingum: & 1,482 positives, 17,894 negatives (1,553 deaths) \\
Narrowsburg: & 103 positives, 582 negatives (68 deaths) \\
New York: & 3,556 positives, 210,000 negatives (54,917 deaths) \\
Northampton: & 1,725 positives, 25,519 negatives (1,305 deaths) \\
Ozaukee: & 1,254 positives, 24,937 negatives (109 deaths) \\
Pennsylvania: & 3,965 positives, 119,506 negatives (2,498 deaths) \\
Philadelphia: & 1,275 positives, 27,031 negatives (252 deaths) \\
Pittsburgh: & 1,135 positives, 23,854 negatives (119 deaths) \\
Portage: & 1,019 positives, 13,297 negatives (101 deaths) \\
Pottsville: & 211 positives, 3,527 negatives (167 deaths) \\
Putnam: & 58 positives, 1,260 negatives (112 deaths) \\
Rasberry: & 48 positives, 209 negatives (113 deaths) \\
Rome: & 72 positives, 1,500 negatives (217 deaths) \\
Rutland: & 687 positives, 14,464 negatives (456 deaths) \\
Saginaw: & 290 positives, 7,470 negatives (16 deaths) \\
Sandusky: & 290 positives, 7,470 negatives (16 deaths) \\
Saratoga: & 978 positives, 20,100 negatives (415 deaths) \\
Schuyler: & 120 positives, 250 negatives (111 deaths) \\
Shelby: & 69 positives, 1,160 negatives (99 deaths) \\
Shippensburg: & 120 positives, 250 negatives (111 deaths) \\
Simpson: & 28 positives, 530 negatives (158 deaths) \\
Smithville: & 103 positives, 174 negatives (105 deaths) \\
Somerset: & 75 positives, 3,121 negatives (125 deaths) \\
Sullivan: & 51 positives, 375 negatives (115 deaths) \\
Summit: & 70 positives, 344 negatives (101 deaths) \\
Sweaboda: & 88 positives, 225 negatives (153 deaths) \\
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Pennsylvania Department of Education:
• Face masks required when 6 feet of social distancing isn't possible.
• Establish clear procedures to limit the sharing of materials among students.
• Establish protocols for classrooms/learning spaces to ensure occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation.
• Establish transportation schedules and practices that ensure social distance between students.
• Establish methods of staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways and ensuring regular cleaning.
• Establish procedures for the safe use of technology.
• Create processes to limit non-essential visitors and volunteers.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFETY

Here's a look at some of the guidelines for health education and protection to teachers and students when schools reopen:

Pennsylvania Department of Education:

• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
  • Face coverings will be worn by staff and students when physical distancing is not possible.
  • Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
  • Use a minimum of 6 feet at least as far apart as feasible.
  • Use desks in a face to the same direction.
  • Use school buses, seat children one per child, per row, skip rows, when possible.
  • Put materials in storage, such as noxious gases in tight spaces.
  • Clean belongings in showers and allow space for social distancing.
  • Conduct a thorough school from student to student.
  • Provide hand sanitizer or handwashing stations.
  • Allow enough time to prepare for instructional activities.
  • Stagger arrival and drop-off times/schedules for students and teachers.

PA School Reopening Task Force:
• Decide whether the school needs to provide meals for students/teachers.
• Limit contact with small groups of students.
• Consider reducing class sizes and moving desks apart to promote social distancing.
• Have students face one direction in class.
• Base the decision on a range of options. A range of options, including the use of transportation to avoid crowding seats.
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Chicken Pox: A Mere Sign of the Times

The first two signs of the hybrid learning approach are:

1. **The chicken pox vaccine**
   - The chicken pox vaccine is effective and safe for the majority of people.
   - It has an estimated effectiveness of 90%.

2. **The flu vaccine**
   - The flu vaccine is recommended for all children and adults.
   - It has an estimated effectiveness of 50-70%.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, it is important that students and staff be fully vaccinated against influenza. This will help protect them from both COVID-19 and seasonal flu, reducing the burden on medical facilities and healthcare systems.

**Return to work guidance for healthcare workers**

Healthcare workers are at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to their daily interactions with patients. Therefore, it is crucial that they adhere to proper infection control practices, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). This includes masks, gowns, gloves, and face shields.

**COVID-19 and the workplace**

COVID-19 can be spread in the workplace, so it is essential to implement measures to prevent transmission. This includes maintaining social distancing, providing hand sanitizer and sanitizing supplies, and encouraging good hygiene practices.

**COVID-19 pandemic and mental health**

The pandemic has had a significant impact on mental health, with many individuals experiencing anxiety, depression, and other stress-related disorders. It is important to provide support and resources for those who may be struggling.

**COVID-19 pandemic and education**

The pandemic has disrupted education, with many schools transitioning to remote learning. This has raised concerns about the quality of education and the impact on students' mental health and academic performance.

**COVID-19 pandemic and the economy**

The pandemic has also had a significant impact on the economy, with many businesses struggling to stay afloat. It is important to support businesses and individuals during this time by providing resources and assistance.
Blair to remain red and closed

By William Kircher

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KENT STATE: ‘An important lesson’

Ebensberg Borough cancels upcoming events

Public notices inform citizens about life-changing events and government actions.
Tinicum Township’s lefse festival: Read first, then head to the festival.

Cliff Lokhovoy

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, local state and municipal leaders have been using their own traffic light color coding system to move the entire state of Pennsylvania from yellow to red the next day. In announcing his department’s new coding system moved the entire Commonwealth to red (“trending poor”) on June 27.

The supervisors say there are no new plans to establish such a committee. The concern about the health effects from dust and possible contamination. Jonathan Ventimilla, who owns three properties in Mount Holly, which borders the state, said the county would result in a financing plan. “I will press even more mean possible to facilitate step page of the.”

Robert Dullea

H&K eyes Mine road diabase rock formation

Barrett-Joslin Murphy

Springfield Township will hire an independent company to assess the effect of a proposed quarry on the local water systems.

Supervisors voted unanimously last week to seek a request for proposal on the website PennBid. The notice will specify that applicants have expertise in groundwater and wetland impacts.

“We are concerned about, we should be looking at in a more independent manner,” Supervisor Chairman Jim Nilson told the online meeting. Discussion about a proposed mine also backed the move, suggested that the township is having difficulty with applicant Hiroyuki and Kibbles (H&K) to do a groundwater study in March could be “slightly biased” because they are being compensated by the company.

H&K Group is proposing to turn the 196-acre site off Route 309 to extract diabase rock, a type of stone highly sought for construction sites. In frozen it will minimize noise, lighting and traffic impacts.

Despite these assumptions, opposition from nearby residents continues to grow. Deborah Pfeiffer, township counsel Scott MacNair said the quarry would result in noise, lighting and traffic impacts. Moreover, the county district attorney’s office, which borders the state, said the county would result in a financing plan. “I will press even more mean possible to facilitate step page of the.”

Separately, a Facebook group created United Against the H&K Quarry, formed last week.

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The Impact of Pennsylvania’s newspaper industry each year is $1.3 billion, supports 11,139 jobs, and generates $53.2 million in state and local tax revenue.

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The newspaper industry contributes to the state and local economies through its expenditures on operations and staff wages. The direct, day-to-day expenditures of the newspaper are measured to “tax” the economy throughout the statewide economy.

**The economic impact of the newspaper industry in FY19 totaled $1.3 billion**. This contribution to the local economy is measured as a point-in-time snapshot depicting how the expenditures of the industry and its employees make an impact. The $1.3 billion is an estimate of the direct and indirect impact of the newspaper industry annually in labor income to the economy.

Generating state and local tax revenues

The Pennsylvania newspaper industry contributed an estimated $8.6 million in state direct and $26.7 million indirect and induced tax revenue through local spending as well as direct and indirect support of jobs.

**Creating and sustaining jobs throughout Pennsylvania**

The newspaper industry supports a community of 11,139 full-time and part-time jobs throughout the state. The industry supports 7,580 employees on a direct basis. Based on analysis by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the newspaper industry in the Pennsylvania economy includes jobs in information services, computer programming services, employment services, hospitals and healthcare, real estate, retail and services (e.g., restaurants, child care centers and entertainment).

**The newspaper industry gives back**

Communities throughout Pennsylvania benefit from services provided by over 7,500 direct employees in the newspaper industry. Based upon assumptions derived from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Points of Light Foundation regarding donation amounts and recipients of the benefits, it is estimated that this industry generates $3.3 million annually in charitable donations and volunteer for over 100,000 hours, valued at $25.8 million in FY 19; the combined impact of charitable giving and volunteer totaled $6.4 million in addition to the $1.3 billion annual economic impact.

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Source: 2020 Parker Phillips Inc. Economic Impact Study
Milton, Warrior Run stick to back-to-school plans, Mifflinburg to delay start

Milton schools to open Aug. 20
BY KEVIN MERTZ
The Standard-Journal

MILTON — The doors of school buildings in the Milton Area School District are on schedule to open to students Thursday, Aug. 20, in spite of alternatives recommended released Monday, Aug. 10, by the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education.

Following a lengthy discussion during the Tuesday, Aug. 11, meeting, the school board voted to continue with its previously approved Health

Warrior Run to open Aug. 20
BY KEVIN MERTZ
The Standard-Journal

TURBOTVILLE — Following a one-hour executive session, the Warrior Run School District board voted to stick with its previously approved Health and Safety Plan and open for in-person instruction Thursday, Aug. 20.

Board member Doug Whitemeyer, Tamara Hoffman, Mark Barrows, Linda Stagg, Daniele Reinsburrow, Jennifer Meacle, JJ Lyons and

Mifflinburg to start Sept. 8
BY KEVIN MERTZ
The Standard-Journal

MILLBURN — Millburn Area School District directors voted Tuesday night to delay the start of school to Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The 8-1 vote to change the school calendar came one day after new state guidelines were announced which recommended public schools adopt online learning if a “substantial” rate of COVID-19 transmission persists within a county.

Multiple injuries reported in Montour County crash

BY KEVIN MERTZ
The Standard-Journal

EXCHANGE — Emergency responders from a three-county area responded to a head-on collision which occurred at around 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the intersection of Routes 94 and Whitshall Road, Limestone Township, Montour County.

According to emergency services radio communications, five people were injured in the crash, with two trapped inside of the vehicles.

Firefighters on scene worked for about 50 minutes to free those trapped inside the vehicle, which ended up in a corn field, with one down an embankment in the field.

Radio communications indicated the injured were transported to Geisinger, Evangelical Community Hospital and UPMC Muncy for treatment.

Victims from the Warrior Run area, Washingtonville and Valley Township, were transported to UPMC.

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Local COVID cases continue to surge

Double-digit increase noted in Northumberland County

By The Standard-Journal

HARRISBURG — State health officials reported COVID cases increased by 61 in six area counties Wednesday, bringing the total since March to 12,831.

No new local deaths were reported. Thirty-five new deaths were reported statewide Wednesday, increasing the state total to 7,645.

Northumberland County’s 10 coronavirus cases increased by 22, raised largely by an outbreak at the Milton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Milton district draws students at the facility have now tested positive for COVID. Nineteen staff members are reported to have also contracted the virus.

Board member Eric Moser said he was contacted by several parents with children in the district who wanted their students to be educated in the schools.

Moser said he was contacted by more than one parent with children in the district who wanted their children educated in the schools. He said the parents who contacted him are individuals who rarely have the time to be involved.

"If they choose to go to a brick-and-mortar school, they want to go there," he said. "The same can be said for middle school, for the school and play the games."

Brian Hack, athletic director and PIAA senior vice president, said it was "irresponsible and irresponsible" for parents to demand district officials to stick with its previously approved Learning Plan, which is offered five days per week.

"It's an extra curricular activity that is not educational for these students," he said. "It's just a local decision." No other comments.

The following grants were approved by the board for the 2020-2021 school year:

• Hiring the following: Elizabeth Snow, drama teacher, $1,040; Desiree Hock, athletic director, $3,460; Ryan Czeck, special education assistant, $2,250; Taylor Rhodes, assistant middle school football coach, $1,479.50; Chris Wolfe, school assistant football coach, $1,000; Nathan Minium, assistant middle school football coach, $1,000; Garrett Jackson, junior varsity football coach, $1,479.50; Chris Wolf, middle school assistant football coach, $1,479.50; and Sam Flick, school assistant football coach, $1,479.50.

• The following resignations: Nurse Margaret Reilly, $945; Nicole Morgan, stage manager, $1,040; Trish Keiser, outdoor club, $250; Beth Kerber, Student Council advisor, $500; and Michael Bowers, middle school student council advisor, $250.

• The following extensions: Mertz can be reached at 570-742-9671 or email kmertz@lsd.k12.pa.us.

Pulled pork platter sale

LWSD/SHS — The Lewisburg American Legion will be holding a pickup-only pork platter sandwich sale starting at noon, Aug. 12, at the Legion. A limited number will be sold in conjunction with the sandwich sale.

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The Milton district draws students at the facility have now tested positive for COVID. Nineteen staff members are reported to have also contracted the virus.

Board member Eric Moser said he was contacted by several parents with children in the district who wanted their students to be educated in the schools. He said the parents who contacted him are individuals who rarely have the time to be involved.

"If they choose to go to a brick-and-mortar school, they want to go there," he said. "The same can be said for middle school, for the school and play the games."

Brian Hack, athletic director and PIAA senior vice president, said it was "irresponsible and irresponsible" for parents to demand district officials to stick with its previously approved Learning Plan, which is offered five days per week.

"It's an extra curricular activity that is not educational for these students," he said. "It's just a local decision." No other comments.

The following grants were approved by the board for the 2020-2021 school year:

• Hiring the following: Elizabeth Snow, drama teacher, $1,040; Desiree Hock, athletic director, $3,460; Ryan Czeck, special education assistant, $2,250; Taylor Rhodes, assistant middle school football coach, $1,479.50; Chris Wolfe, school assistant football coach, $1,000; Nathan Minium, assistant middle school football coach, $1,000; Garrett Jackson, junior varsity football coach, $1,479.50; Chris Wolf, middle school assistant football coach, $1,479.50; and Sam Flick, middle school assistant football coach, $1,479.50.

• The following resignations: Nurse Margaret Reilly, $945; Nicole Morgan, stage manager, $1,040; Trish Keiser, outdoor club, $250; Beth Kerber, Student Council advisor, $500; and Michael Bowers, middle school student council advisor, $250.

• The following extensions: Mertz can be reached at 570-742-9671 or email kmertz@lsd.k12.pa.us.

Pulled pork platter sale

LWSD/SHS — The Lewisburg American Legion will be holding a pickup-only pork platter sandwich sale starting at noon, Aug. 12, at the Legion. A limited number will be sold in conjunction with the sandwich sale.
Reading man found guilty in shooting

**By Jordan R. Sanchez**

**Age:** 26

**Sentence:** Receiving stolen property, possessing instrument of aggravated assault, receiving stolen property, possessing instrument of crime, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person.

President Judge William E. Baldwin, who presided over Sanchez’s one-day trial along with Nicole Finken, the defense attorney, asked Sanchez if he wanted to leave. “No,” he answered.

Rodriguez, who identified himself as the man who shot him, said the two, along with Nicole Palka, the defendant’s girlfriend, went to the basement without incident before things became violent.

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Testing shortcomings hit home for one Bedford County couple

BY CHRISTOPHER DEWILLER

Web-based testing for COVID-19 has been one of the most efficient ways to locate the coronavirus community members who need to be quarantined. But until the availability of tests in Bedford County is extremely limited, testing is limited to those sites more than 60 or 65 mile one-way, which makes it difficult to have a test every one or two weeks to see if one is negative.

The goal is for the county commissioners, representatives and others who are following the testing availability in the areas to make them accessible for anyone who needs to use them.

For now, both of the Bedford County commissioners that are listed on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website stopped working because of the delay in results, meaning there are no testing sites in Bedford County that are open to the public. UPMC Bedford offers testing by appointment. Most residents have to travel to other areas or states to get tested.

Unless they are hospital inmates, Bedford County residents cannot currently travel to locations such as Altoona or Johnstown to be tested for the coronavirus.

Wilfords, Bennett, of Morrison’s Cove, will make a presentation at Old Bedford Village’s Living History Weekend on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. at the Village.

For the indoor activities, only 15 people are allowed at a time to help avoid having too many people in closed areas.

Rain or shine, the show will go on at Old Bedford Village. But some events may be postponed to a later date.

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PIAA wants meeting about ‘possible options’ for sports

By MARK SCHOFIELD

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association executive director Robert Lombardi said Thursday that the organization will host a virtual meeting Aug. 13 to discuss possible options for fall sports.

The letter from Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association executive director Robert Lombardi on Wednesday asked schools to prepare for fall sports.

“The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to have an open dialogue about the impact of potential options on the health, safety and well-being of student-athletes. This is an important conversation that we believe is necessary to ensure the safety and success of our student-athletes,” Lombardi said.

Lombardi said the virtual meeting will be held on Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. and will be open to schools, conferences, athletic directors, coaches, parents, students and other stakeholders.

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Peaceful Protest Draws Large Crowd

By Bradley Schlegel

An explosion on a property in Lower Milford Township on Tuesday killed at least one person. A Conex shipping container filled with fireworks detonated, according to information provided by the state police in Bethlehem.

When Elizabeth Pierson and Jackson Gray informed the Upper Perk Police Department of their plan to host a peaceful gathering protesting racially charged brutality against African-Americans, they had no idea how many people would show. When the number of people indicating a desire to attend reached 200, the organizers were in shock, according to Pierson. She said the total attendance for last week’s Upper Perkomen United for Peace rally outnumbered them. Pierson estimated that between 400 and 600 people filled the sidewalk on all four corners of Pennsburg’s busiest intersection on June 4.

“I’m thrilled that it brought the entire community together for a cause that is so important,” said Pierson, an East Greenville resident. “Nearly 600 people participated in last week’s Upper Perkomen United for Peace rally in Pennsburg. The event promoted civil rights rally. Additional photos on pages 12,13 and online.

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Among the largest of the groups were those participating in the rally to honor George Floyd, an unarmed black man who died May 25 in Minneapolis after a white police officer knelt with his knee on Floyd’s neck for more than eight minutes as he gasped for air.

“Our town really needed something like this,” she said. “Upward Police Chief Joe Adamo, Jr. described the protest as very well organized and peaceful. Though there were some agitators driving through the intersection, Adam and the attendees handled themselves respectably.

“I believe the community was able to get out the message it was trying to accomplish,” the chief said.

Occasionally the participants were driven by anger at the abuse of authority, but mostly they were driven by the desire to see change. "That needs to change," said Mary Camuso, a Red Hill resident. "We’re setting all kinds of records," said Pierson, an East Greenville resident. "Nearly 600 people participated in last week’s Upper Perkomen United for Peace rally in Pennsburg. The event promoted civil rights rally. Additional photos on pages 12,13 and online.

‘Cause ‘Evil’s Out’ at Dreek’

A town meeting was called in a Quakertown home Saturday night after aoba.

Volunteers of the Lower Milford Fire Company were dispatched to the residence shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday along with an emergency medical unit from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance Association.

According to Arkoosh, the plan is to launch the opening of the park at 8 a.m. on Monday. All outdoor areas – including the Park Opening, continued on page 3
“Seeing the officer bury his knee in George Floyd’s neck was ridiculous,” said Larry Melcher, a Pennsburg resident. Though the country has been dealing with the same issues for more than 50 years, he expressed hope that the voters will demand equality in November. “People are fed up with the White House fueling this racism,” said Larry, a lifetime resident of the Valley.

Elaine Melcher, who said she was prepared to drag a number of people she knows to the polling place during the general election, described the turnout as unexpectedly large. According to Pierson, the protest was intended to help her community rally around the idea of social justice and not drive opposition to President Trump. She said one of her best friends, who is pro-Trump, was “blown away” by the solidarity in the community. “It’s not about politics,” Pierson said. “It’s about loving the community and loving who lives here.” Officers from 11 Montgomery County departments – from as far away as Upper Providence – were brought in to help deal with any potential issues, according to Adam. He said they participated at no cost to the borough through a mutual-aid agreement. However, Upper Perk officers accumulated approximately $1,500 in overtime costs, according to the chief.

According to Pierson, Dunkin’ Donuts donated donuts and water for the protest. She said Vince and Friends contributed pizza.

Pierson said she and Gray – a 2019 graduate of Upper Perk – have already met their next goal of raising $3,000 in one day. She said they will use the donations to purchase culturally inclusive books to local schools, libraries and daycares. The duo has also started an Upper Perk United for Peace Facebook page.

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We are the Foundation of REAL NEWS.
As of July 31, at least 26 trans people have been killed in the U.S. this year, and a vast majority of them were people of color. The violence against them is undeniable and horrific, and should not happen to anybody, especially those who are merely trying to be who they are. Those who perceive such vio- lence should be brought to justice. Since we began publishing in 1976, we have reported on the discrimi- nation that trans people face, and we will continue to do so as long as we exist. But in too often the news media frames these human beings as stat- ics, leading with the details of their murder and adding them to the growing number of homicides in a given period of time. Each trans person who was killed this year had a family, a personali- ty, interests, dreams, fears and re- 26 societies. Each left a unique and indelible footprint in their communities. Each person was here, and each lived as their authentic selves. Rather than portraying these trans people as mere statistics, we’ve decided to put together a fea- ture on why they were as people. What they did for a living, or who they were affected, or who they wanted to be. For some of them, we know very little about their lives, and it’s hard to pinpoint a reason why. Perhaps they were private, perhaps they didn’t have social media, perhaps their families didn’t accept them and kept their details hidden. But we do know that they lived. How they knew they had souls, we do not know much about, by the number of heartbeats they had. The human heart beats approxi- mately 3.5 million times per year. Throughout an average lifespan, that’s 2 billion times. Sadly, all of these trans people lost received far fewer. But that doesn’t make their time any less important or any less valid.

While we primarily cover the Philadelphia region, trans people are being killed all across the U.S. We’re thankful for the work of all news outlets who highlight trans stories and voices, many of whom we’ve included in the lica- ture. It is, of course, unfortunately, that in the time it takes for these pages to go to print, another soul, another name, may be lost. But we also remember those we have yet to lose.

Their feature begins on page 14.

Dominique “Rem’mie” Fells
Dominique “Rem’mie” Fells was born July 30. After graduating from William Penn High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she studied fashion design and business at Cheyney University. She was quite fashionable and in her personal style, and enjoyed giv- ing fashion advice to friends and family. Fells’ best friend described her as living, patient, and loyal.

Alexa Négron Luciano
Alexa Négron Luciano, who also went by Né- gron Luciano Ruiz, was known for her community of humble and noble. According to the publication Qui reti, Luciano was soft-spoken and good-hearted.

Yampi Méndez Arcoho
Yampi Méndez Arcoho loved basketball and the NBA, as indicated by photos of him sporting Mi- ami Heat merchandise on social media. He also read “La Humildad Peruano,” humility prevalent.

Brayla Stone
Brayla Stone, from Arkansas, was someone who always held space for others to be themselves and express their identities,” according to the Center for Artistic Revolution. Her heart beat over 950 million times.

Tony McDade
Tony McDade enjoyed playing basketball, box- ing, and cooking vegetarian food. Described as an energetic, tidy-oriented person, he was also a skilled singer. Though he died away from perform- ing in front of a large crowd, McDade’s friend Tell Rob- ertson told the Tallahassee Democrat that his voice was still going, and he truly understood pouvoir-ty-related concepts.

Penelope Díaz Ramírez
Penelope DíazRamírez lived 11 years. Her heart beat over 6 billion times.

Lexi “Ebony” Sutton
Lexi “Ebony” Sutton was kind, respectful, and good-natured in nature. She had a passion for po- etry, makeup and fashion. Her friend Lavonia de- scribed her as “having a beautiful heart” and being very gifted.

Monika Diamond
Monika Diamond played an active role in the LGBTQ+ and gender nonconforming community in Charlotte, North Carolina—the help center, housing, and support. She co-founded an event promotion company and served as a CEO of the International Center for the Youth Panegyric System, which celebrates LGBTI+ futures.

Merci Mack
Merci Mack was a happy soul and a great friend. She wrote on her website, “She was able to make everyone feel comfortable in her presence, which made everyone feel safe and welcome. She loved to bake and eat with her family, and especially her two favorite people in the world: Her friend Ti’Anna Watkins told the press that she was “determined, generous and kind.”
Layla Pelaye Sánchez

Layla Pelaye Sánchez had recently moved to Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. Sanchez’s heart beat 766 million times in her 21 years.

Marilyn Cazares

Marilyn Cazares was passionate about dance. She was described as charismatic, courageous and outspoken. Mary Ann Isaac, office manager of Feed the Need, where Cazares frequently went to get meals, said in an interview that Cazares was “the life of the party, she made everybody laugh.”

Riah Milton

Riah Milton’s aerobics instructor characterized her as cheerful, outgoing and family-oriented. She had three sisters and two brothers. Milton enjoyed traveling and being outdoors. Earlier this year, she posted a social media status that read, “Never been scared to struggle. I’m not.”

Jayne Thompson

One of Jayne Thompson’s closest friends, Vanesa Lopez, described her as quiet at first glance, but funny and bubbly under the surface. Lopez said in an interview with Them.us that the two would share a silent disco when they went for a cigarette in the mornings, and they would dance together on the porch.

Johanna Metzger

Johanna Metzger, a Philadelphia native and college graduate, was known for her love of music. Her mother told WMAR that Johanna taught herself how to play multiple instruments.

Nina Pop

Nina Pop worked at a fast-food restaurant and was close with her family, according to photos on her Facebook page. The Okra Project, which fights against food insecurity in the trans community, created the Nina Pop Mental Health Recovery Fund to raise money for the well-being of Black trans women.

Queasha Hardy

Queasha Hardy loved to dance and run a hair-tying brand called The Federal Stylist, according to the publication Chaos and Comrades. She was very much loved, as indicated by the many posting, Condolences posts on her Facebook page. One friend said that she “left a imprint on us all” and another posted, “you always made me feel like I was Beyoncé.”

Tiffany Harris

Tiffany Harris was described by her friends as unique, funny and confident, the publication Chaos and Comrades shared. Harris enjoyed speaking her mind, speaking truth, and being party.

Bree Black

Bree Black’s heart beat 985 million times in her 27 years. According to a report in the Miami Herald, her family said that she preferred the first name Nuk.

Summer Taylor

Summer Taylor, who was gender nonbinary, worked at Urban Animal veterinary clinic in Seattle. They participated in Black Lives Matter protests. One of their friends said of social media that they were a ray of light in a bleak world, and a community centered on their active participation in the Black Lives Matter protests.

Shaki Peters

Shaki Peters led an independent life. In the Baton Rouge publication The Advocate, Peters’ friend Natalie Baker called Peters “full of laughter and an abundance of life.” She and Peters met at the funeral of a mutual friend, also a trans woman. Afterwards, Peters and Faulk celebrated their friend’s life by drinking and dancing together.

Brian “Egypt” Powers

Brian “Egypt” Powers wanted to be a backup dancer for Janet Jackson or Paula Abdul, the Akron Beacon Journal reported. He worked as a cook for a catering company. An interview with News 5 Cleveland, Powers’ older sister Vivian said that he was proud of his identity, and “never ashamed of who he was.” He was passionate about life, and he would wear his hair in brightly colored braids.

Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears

Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears was from Portland, Oregon. Her Facebook page showed that she loved going out to eat with friends. Earlier this year, she posted, “I’m just a empathetic person. It hurts me to see people that I care about in pain.”

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Photos gathered from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, GoFundMe, HRC, OUT, and Time Network.
Friends of Pennypack Park goes dormant

Volunteer organization Friends of Pennypack Park made its final cleanup Monday after a pair of laws left the group without left the group without the legal backing it needs to function.

By Logan Krum

A cleaning in Pennypack Park that draws service in a crowd of neighbors lining up to join a news conference organized by City Councilmember David Oh, held Thursday, March 21, was followed by heavy rain, but it didn’t stop neighbors from coming out to clean up the park.

During the news conference, remarks were made by Mayor Jim Kenney, who announced the upcoming legislation to provide volunteer groups with legal protection.

“The problem is this gentleman who, you know I call him Krasner for those suffering from addiction. But for Kensingtonites, who live in other neighborhoods!”

Mayor Kenney said that the problem lies within “lax enforcement” and the lack of support from law enforcement.

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