

# The Hatching of Our New Daycare at Gracedale Nursing Home

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Department of Human Services will hold a ceremony for the new Daycare Center at Gracedale Nursing Home on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The County has partnered with USA Architects to design the project, which entails converting the first floor of the vacant Southeast Wing into a daycare. There would be no cost for the daycare services for Gracedale, Emergency Operations Center, and Forensic Center employees. The Learning Locomotion will operate the daycare. The County anticipates construction to start in July.

The total cost of the project is \$562,399, split among three contracts:

General Contractor – CMG of Easton, Inc.

Mechanical (HVAC) – JBM Mechanical

Electrical – Billitier Electric

County Executive Lamont McClure, Northampton County Director of Human Services Susan Wandolowski, and Gracedale Administrator Jennifer Stewart will provide remarks and take questions from the press.

## Lehigh Valley Historical Maps Consortium

By Karen Brewer

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic program on Thursday, August 10th @ 7:00 PM. Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Joel Hoffner. Join Mr. Hoffner as he introduces the new Lehigh Valley Historical Maps Consortium (LVHNC) website that accesses the map inventory, discusses a selection of maps that are particularly fascinating and reviews the progress of an early schoolhouse mapping project here in the Slate Belt and entire Northampton County.

Genealogy and local history researchers sometimes overlook the treasure trove of information contained on maps and other geographical and visual image documents.

The (LVHNC) was founded to create an inventory of these types of documents available to the public at twenty-two regional institutions. Mr. Hoffner is a Lehigh Valley native who has cataloged collections at the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, National Museum of Industrial History, Moravian Archives, Moravian Historical Society and Hunter Martin Museum in Lower Mt. Bethel Twp. He has published four books mapping the tracts of land occupied by the early Warrantees and Patentees of ten of the townships of Northampton County.

The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, Pa. Contact Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661 for additional information.

## Low-Income Water Assistance Program Now Available

By State Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL - The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now accepting applications to help qualified Pennsylvanians maintain access to drinking water and wastewater services.

Funded by the federal government, LIHWAP provides eligible households one crisis grant for drinking water service and one crisis grant for wastewater service of up to \$2,500 each. Crisis situations can include past-due water bills, termination of utility service, and having received notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days.

Receiving utility assistance through another program like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) does not prevent a household from receiving assistance through LIHWAP if the applicant meets LIHWAP eligibility criteria. If a household has previously received LIHWAP for one water type, they cannot receive another LIHWAP grant for the same water type but could receive it for the other.





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