

SIGNS

By Miki Smith

BANGOR - What are the signs of COVID19? If you are out on the road walking, running or biking everyday like me you might say it is discarded blue nitrile gloves, face masks, antibacterial wipes and empty beer cans. While that may be true, I like to focus on other signs that are also true. For me, it's more frequent phone calls, more meaningful texts and longer prayers. It's really getting to know your neighbors on a deeper level and some strangers as well as the walks have gotten longer. It's really caring that everyone you meet stays well. One day some retail therapy on the phone turned into a 1/2 hour connective conversation with a Florida customer service representative. After I placed my order we shared our days and our concerns, proof we are all more alike than different. I still think about her. You don't have to know someone to pray for them.

My days have become more reflective. I have been reliving enjoyable annual events that are not happening this year. No doing the wave at the Bank for the Phils with my son's family, no puffed-up pride as Boy Scout Troop 36 of Roseto (and many others) march into Coca Cola Park on Scout Day, no cheering on my grandsons as they round the bases in Little League with my boy coaching them. My daughter lives in Kentucky and my husband and I make the drive every couple of months to visit her and our grandkids. We love going but don't like getting there as the 10 hour trip one way literally kicks our retired butts! However, as I write this, we have not been able to make the trip since January and this 7 month stretch has sorely tested our hearts. So, it is with great anticipation and hope that we look forward to this long drive. Two of my grandkids have surpassed me in height (not too hard when you're only 5'1") and my 14 year old grandson Chance's voice changed, all when I wasn't there to see it or hear it. I miss my family, all of them, even the ones who are right here. I am missing them the way I miss my brother John who passed away 28 years ago.

The virus isn't gone and we won't be totally safe until there is a vaccine. Most folks are slowly transitioning to pre-Covid life; hugging loved ones, returning to work, new phases of education, day to day chores and freedoms while still adhering to the cautions of our new environment. Some have adopted "herd immunity" or even abandoned restrictions altogether, comfortable to accept the consequences. But, a lot of us, me included, are still waiting. Because a stem cell transplant has left me with a flawed immune system much of my life is "on hold". Post transplant, I was confined to the safety of my home for 100 days. I was so sick I didn't miss much of those 100 days. This has been a different experience. I knew I could do 100 days in, but totally underestimated how long this spectre could last. I am on Day as I write this and I have had to redefine what I am made of.

We slowly will get our lives back and the joy will be hard to put into words. Maybe even the words have not been written yet. I am expecting raw emotions when I lay eyes on my Kentucky grandkids, take my place in a church pew for Mass, watch my grandsons sporting events, gathering with my huge family, walking into my parents' home but most of all, those hugs! Oh, those big Italian family hugs!

What are your signs of Covid19? Yes, those messy reminders will remain. But for me, I will concentrate on the resilience, the creativity and the hopefulness of the human spirit!



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By Musikfest

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When John Hanley built his 4,000 square foot log home in a small Ohio township 17 years ago, he chose propane for heat and domestic hot water because it was an economical choice.

But, when propane prices increased and his annual fuel bill reached \$6000, he dropped the thermostat to 63°F to manage his costs. His wife, however, suffered with severe arthritis and lowering the ambient temperature caused her discomfort.

He began looking for a more affordable home heating solution. His research led him to outdoor wood furnaces.

Today's outdoor wood furnaces, also called wood boilers or wood-fired hydronic heaters are a clean, cost-effective alternative to the safety, mess and health concerns of indoor wood burning, while also providing a ready supply of domestic hot water.

The outdoor furnace heats water in an insulated water jacket surrounding the firebox. The heated water circulates through underground pipes to a forced-air furnace, boiler or radiant floor heating system that distributes even, adjustable and comfortable heat.

Hanley knew some townships placed restrictions on the installation of outdoor wood furnaces to address smoke emission issues. It was important for him to set a good example in his own community

by choosing a unit that was EPA qualified. Central Boiler, an American-owned company in business since 1984, helped create the EPA Hydronic Heater Program. Their E-Classic was the first outdoor wood furnace meeting Phase 2 of the program.

Central Boiler's new E-Classic models utilize a three-stage gasification technology and a self-regulating thermostatically controlled system that burns wood so completely that combustion efficiencies approach 100%. This means the owner burns less wood, with very little residual ash and virtually no smoke. By minimizing the emissions, this cleaner generation of outdoor furnaces is the optimum choice for people concerned with the environment.

Hanley chose an E-Classic to heat a 2,500 square foot barn/garage in addition to his home and hot water. Now, Hanley's wife keeps the ambient house temperature at 76°F. "She's happy and she has endless hot water for her whirlpool bath," he says.

Company reliability was also a factor in his choice. "Central Boiler stands behind their products and this sort of warranty service is really important to me."

Finally, because he cuts his own wood, he has eliminated his home heating costs enabling him to redirect the money saved to their children's university educations.

"This furnace is the way to go. You can't beat it," says Hanley.



In 2002, concerns regarding smoke emissions from outdoor wood furnaces prompted a number of manufacturers to form the Outdoor Furnace Manufacturers Caucus and ultimately partner voluntarily with the EPA to create a program that gave homeowners choices for cleaner, more efficient models. EPA states that outdoor hydronic heaters that are EPA Phase 2 program qualified are 90% cleaner than unqualified units.



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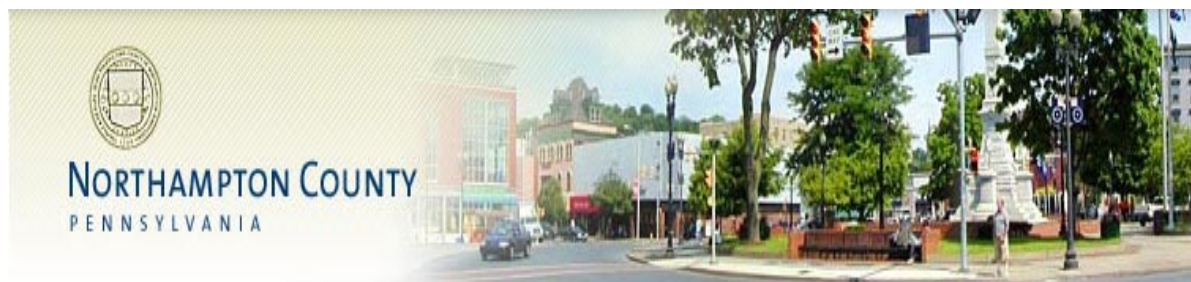
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By Becky Bartlett

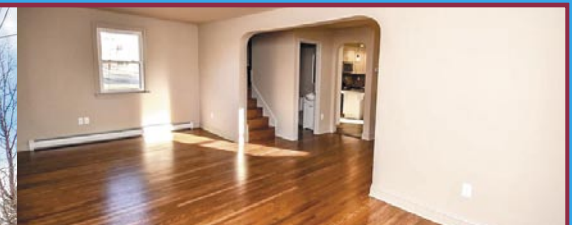
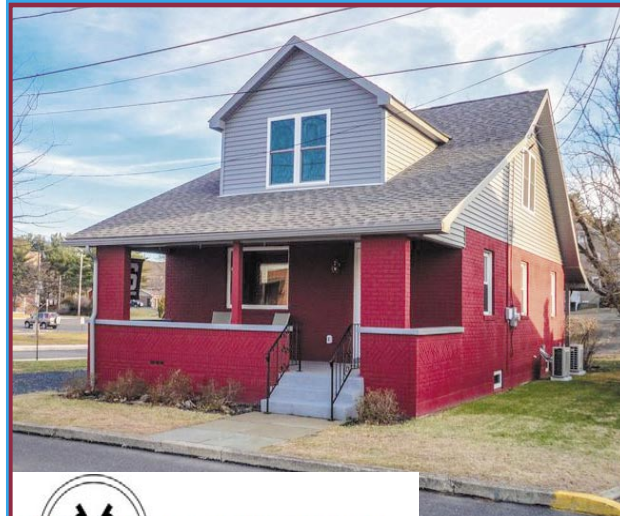
EASTON - Lamont McClure welcomes A.P. Deauville LLC to their new 180,000 sq. ft. facility in Forks Township located at 3700 Glover Road, Easton, PA 18040.

AP Deauville is one of the leading marketers and manufactures of men's personal care products, including the Power Stick®. Its products are sold at HEB, CVS, Stop & Shop, Menards, Foodtown, Giant Foods, ShopRite, Hannafords, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and many others. A.P. Deauville plans to hire 105 new employees within three years. Wages range from \$15.00 per hour for production workers to \$100,000 annually for Senior Management.

"This is exactly the kind of development we want to encourage in Northampton County," says Lamont McClure. "A.P. Deauville will be a wonderful addition to our business community."

The Northampton County Industrial Development Authority awarded a \$105,000 Job Creation Grant Program to A.P. Deauville to offset the cost of machinery and equipment. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$16 million--\$9 million to acquire the new facility, \$5 million for the purchase of the machinery and equipment and \$2 million in renovations.

"A.P. Deauville is excited to start the next phase of growth in Pennsylvania and could not have made this move without the help of the Governor's Action Team, which helped us secure significant state-wide tax incentives and grants that made it a very easy decision for us to relocate to Pennsylvania," said Frederick Horowitz, CEO of A.P. Deauville, LLC. "We look forward to creating manufacturing jobs in a great state where business is welcomed as a productive partner of government and a positive member of the community."



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