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OUR URGENT CARE IS LEAVING TOWN—*Esther Prosser*

Many of you may have already read the news bulletin distributed by John Morahan, President and CEO of St Joe's Urgent Care. I am including it for those who haven't.

"As we move into fiscal year '17 and pursue our improvement plans to address our performance challenges, we will be announcing this week that outpatient diagnostics (lab and imaging services), rehab, Workcare and Urgent Care in Elverson will be closing by September 1st.

The Elverson location, our only presence in Chester County, opened about 12 years ago. Past history, such as the potential of the New Morgan community and business development project that did not occur, and our volume projections, indicates that the opportunity for the facility to contribute meaningfully to Penn State Health St. Joseph has plateaued and referrals to our services at the Bern Campus have not materialized in a way that supports the investment.

We're regularly exploring new locations and reviewing existing ones for how they align with our strategies. Specifically, we are talking with Dr. Chris McCarty about moving his Elverson physician practice to our new facility in Exeter. And, in the near future, we will be announcing the placement of new locations in Berks.

Meetings will be held with Elverson staff this week to explain the decision and the process. We also will begin the customer notification process including taking the necessary steps to be compliant with any regulatory agencies' policies around facility closure."

I have been told by people who know much more than me that our chances of changing the mind of this man are zero. *However, I have been told that we can have influence in what they decide concerning our Elverson family physician, Dr. McCarty, who is valued by many in Elverson. I am hoping, with enough local outcry, we will be*

able to keep his office in Elverson.



Patients in Elverson who rely on St. Joes and/or Dr. McCarty for their healthcare concerns should send their comments to:

Letters:

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Medical Staff Office
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Reading, PA 19605
Phone 610-378-2000

Email (Patient Advocate Diana Santiago):
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(Thanks to many who have already contacted them.)



IT'S SUNFLOWER TIME AGAIN

We are grateful for the generous spirit of Rick Frey at Please Wash Me as the sunflower field on S Yeingst Drive directly south of the car wash is now open for picking. Each year, Rick plants sunflower seeds for the enjoyment of Elverson residents and friends and then opens up that field for the benefit of all.

While you're there, take your car through the car wash at Please Wash Me. You will feel clean, clean, clean!

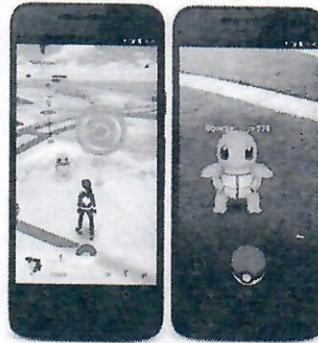


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POKÉMON GO

On 07/06/2016, Nintendo Company Limited released "Pokémon Go," an interactive virtual game for mobile devices that utilizes the global positioning system (GPS) and camera to allow players to see and virtually capture Pokémon creatures while walking around their communities. The game gained popularity with an estimated 5% of Android users downloading it within the first few days. The free mobile application (app) identifies the player's location and encourages the player to physically walk around the real world, causing some players to reportedly injure themselves from tripping and falling, unknowingly walking into roadways without checking traffic, and becoming distracted while using the app while driving a motor vehicle. The app warns users to "Remember to be alert at all times. Stay aware of your surroundings."

The game allows players to use a customizable avatar to move along a brightly colored version of Google Maps. Pokémon characters are hidden throughout the map and players are notified when a Pokémon is nearby. The player must throw a virtual ball to capture the creature in an effort to achieve a higher score within the game. The mobile device's camera can also be activated to show the cartoon Pokémon creature within a real life setting. Inside the game, players must physically search out iconic places called "Pokéstops" and "Gyms" to further advance. Pokéstops are places where players can acquire supplies, training for the Pokémon characters, and obtain healing powers



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after battling other characters. Gyms are places where the Pokémon can battle other players and increase their level within the game. Pokéstops and gyms are throughout communities at places such as historical landmarks, memorials, churches, schools, restaurants, and retail stores. In some cases, police stations, public buildings, and houses located on private property have been designated as Pokéstops and gyms. Law enforcement personnel have responded to an increase in trespassing incidents and reports of suspicious individuals since the game's release.

The game also allows players to set a "lure module," intended to attract more Pokémon to a specific location for a short period of time. When a lure module is active, other Pokémon Go players can be drawn to the physical location to capture additional Pokémon characters. On 07/09/2016, four male suspects in St. Louis, Missouri activated a lure module within the game and drew players to a secluded parking lot, where they allegedly robbed eleven players at gunpoint. Using the geo-location feature, criminals are able to use the luring mechanisms of the app to seclude unknowing victims and anticipate the arrival of gamers. Citizens should be cognizant of players using the app on their mobile devices. Distracted game users might not be aware of their surroundings or use caution when entering into isolated areas. Criminals might also seek the opportunity to target players by luring them or waiting for their arrival at Pokéstops and gyms.

THE HENRIETTA HANKIN BRANCH LIBRARY

The Henrietta Hankin Branch Library continues to offer items that are not what people expect from their library. I mentioned that we have museum passes available for checkout in an earlier article. We also offer T-Mobile hot spots for check-out. If you are away from home and need Wi-Fi capability, our hot spots are a great option. Hot spots check out for either 3-Days (\$6 fee) or 7-Days (\$14 fee). Renewals are available. To use the hot spot, you just turn on the hot spot, have your device look for the T-Mobile network and make the connection. Up to 10 devices can be connected at one time. Borrowers have been extremely pleased with the speed of the service. You may even want to use one at home occasionally.

The Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library recently held a book mark design contest. Children and adults were encouraged to submit entries. Winning book marks were selected from a number of different age brackets and have been printed by the Friends for distribution to our library patrons. We have some amazing artists in the area!

If you need a book suggestion, stop by the Adult Reference Desk. We'll help you find the perfect read. Remember that the library is closed on Sundays through Labor Day Weekend. Stop in soon.

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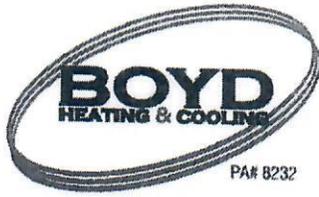


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In the face
of name-calling
I can say,
"Hello Friend".

In the yoke
of oppression
I can offer
a kind word.

In the shadow
of a wall,
I can face
my own fear.

In the heart
of deep darkness
I can light
another candle.

In the harshness
of exclusion
I can open
my arms.

In the famine
of blaming,
I can nurture
new growth.

In the loneliness
of hate,
I can steady
my heart.

In the rally
of noise,
I can forever
be still.

In the slash
of an insult,
I can gently
be whole.

In a Season
of Greatness,
We all must
stand tall.



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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

Because so many people are away on vacation this time of the year, I have decided to run another view of the subject in the July photo to give you more time to find it. This one shows more background, which will make it easier to identify. I did receive one call from someone who knew where the birdhouse was located. Clyde Godschall was looking for it as soon as the July Newsletter was published because he wanted to win an extra-large size Elverson Day tee shirt to fit his 6' 5" frame. The shirt looks great on him. I have four of these size XL shirts left. So keep looking.



the traffic is the lightest in the Borough. As always, email or call me if you find the location of the photo at Jodysfritz@gmail.com or 610-286-8913.

Next month I plan to publish a photo of something that I have seen in several places in the Borough. You can win an Elverson Day tee shirt by identifying any one of the locations. Sound easy? It should be. But then I can't always predict what people will notice! Happy hunting!

I can't give you too many hints or I'll give it away but I would suggest that you take a walk around town or a leisurely drive on a Sunday, when it appears that

