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ABOVE: Owner, Rob Staples pours a pint of Black IPA at RiverTide Brewing in Morrisville on Feb. 18. RIGHT: From left: Owners Ken Terry, Frank Brill and Staples talk about the tap list and menu at RiverTide Brewing.

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New brew-pub RiverTide opens in Morrisville

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Bucks County's newest brewery opened this past weekend.

After several months of preparation, RiverTide Brewing on East Bridge Street in downtown Morrisville hosted its grand opening on Friday, Feb. 20.

"It's an expression of all our personalities, and everything we've done with our lives leading up to this point culminates into the food, the beer and the vibe," said Rob Staples, who with his childhood friends, Frank Brill and Ken Terry, had a shared goal of creating an

inviting place where friends and families can enjoy good food and drinks together.

Staples said the three of them with help from their friends, family and local brewing community, worked over the past several months to redesign the space, brew their first round of beer releases and perfect their recipes.

"We've relied a lot on our friends and the community's support, and all that positivity has been really refreshing along the way. We're just relieved it's finally happening and excited for them all to see the hard work come together," he said.

Staples said the entire space was redone in an effort to give it an unpretentious and welcoming feel, using colors that reminded them of mornings on the

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Bucks County opposes hosting ICE facilities

Commissioners officialize stance in resolution

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Bucks County Commissioners have formally opposed the opening of Immigration Customs Enforcement detention and processing centers in the county after learning federal agents approached property owners in two communities.

The resolution declaring the objection to the use of warehouses to "hold, jail, house or otherwise store human beings" is largely a symbolic move since county officials do not have legal authority over private business agreements.

The commissioners' timing reflects an increased federal effort to purchase or lease industrial warehouses nationwide for use as detention and processing facilities in response to the Trump Administration's rapid expansion of its immigration operations.

In Pennsylvania, new detention centers are proposed at sites purchased in Berks and Schuylkill counties that would house thousands of detainees. ICE currently operates five detention and processing centers in the state.

Bucks County officials learned earlier this month Department of Homeland Security agents had approached a warehouse owner in the Linconia section of Bensalem – which borders Philadelphia – about selling or renting a building to house detainees, Vice-Chairman Bob Harvie said before the unanimous vote approving the resolution on Feb. 18.

The unidentified property owner rejected the offer, said Harvie, who did not identify the location.

DHS also approached the owners of

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Nurses win wage hike guarantees in St. Mary contract

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After narrowly averting a picket line, nurses at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne voted to ratify a three-year contract that gives them pay bumps while reducing the number of patients

per nurse.

More than 94% of the hospital's 630 nurses comprising the St. Mary United Nurses Union voted for the contract Feb. 18.

The ratification followed 18 hours of bargaining Feb. 16 that threatened "informational picketing" this week. This is the nursing staff's second contract since

forming a union in 2019.

What did the nursing staff get?

"With this contract, St. Mary nurses see massive increases in base wages up to 17% over the lifetime of the contract," the union said in a statement.

This includes an evening shift in-

crease of \$4 an hour and a night shift increase of \$5 an hour, with similar hourly increases for working weekends, the union said.

"This contract respects the expertise seasoned nurses bring to the bedside and rewards the essential role we play in

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