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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Park Board Teen Splashdance

Bangor Park Board will host a Teen Splashdance on Friday,

3 June 21 at the Bangor Park Pool. 7:00PM to 9:00PM (Rain date Sat. June 22) for all kids entering grades 7th -9th 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,14 Lifeguards and chaperones will be present.

See ad on page 3 for details

20th Annual Swing at the Stand

The 20th Swing at the Stand sponsored by PAHS Class of 15 The 20th Swing at the Stand sponsored by 17th Stand 1961 will be held **Saturday**, **June 22**, **4:00PM to ??**at Weona Park, Route 512, Pen Argyl. DJ Frank Zito, 16 Bring your own beverage, chair & a finger food to share! Rain or Shine. Everyone is welcome!

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory All Motor Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory will be hosting an ALL MOTOR SHOW on Saturday, June 22, 12:00PM to 4:00PM at the Blue Valley Farm Show complex, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, Pa. 18013.

See ad on page 3 for details

Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of **Steel Creek** (Modern country cover songs, some classics and rock 'n roll mixed in) Sunday, June 23, 6:00PM at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA



Lower Mount Bethel Township

Lower Mt Bethel Twsp. Community Yard Sale days Friday, June 21 & Saturday, June 22 8:00AM-2:00PM

Wind Gap Borough

Wind Gap Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held July 12, 13, & 14. No permit needed.

Roseto Borough

Roseto Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held August 2,3,4

Tatamy Borough

Tatamy Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held August 24.

Weona Park Pen Argyl Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of **Joyous** (R&B, Soul, Pop and Funk) **Sunday, June 30, 6:00PM** at Weona Park, (Rt. 512) Pen Argyl, PA. All concerts are free Please watch for notifications (Pen Argyl Borough WEB, Facebook, Nixel, etc.) on any weather-related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, June 29, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013.

Jacobsburg Environmental Center Butterflies of Jacobsburg

Saturday, June 29 at 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Join local butterfly enthusiast Bill Grant for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of these beautiful insects. He'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. A hat, bottled water sunscreen, binoculars, and camera are recommended. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Jacobsburg Environmental Center Blinking Lights on Summer Nights

Saturday, June 29 at 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Are you mesmerized by the flashes of fireflies during warm summer evenings? Would you like to know what the flashes mean or what you can do to improve backyard habitat for these twinkling insects? Join us to learn all about the secret lives of fireflies! This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Please bring a flashlight (for a game) and wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission FISH-FOR-FREE DAY

Pennsylvania Fish for Free Day **Thursday, July 4,** allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on PA waterways on the designated days with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED All other fishing regulations still apply FMI visit: https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/Regulations/Documents/SummaryBook.pdf

8th Annual Portland/UMBT July 4th Parade & Fireworks

The 8th annual July 4th Portland - Upper Mt Bethel Township parade will kick off at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 4th. Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 6 (Rain date July 7) at dusk at the Community Park, located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel.

See ad on page 16 for details

Liberty Fire Co. #2 Annual Carnival

The Liberty Fire Co. #2 annual carnival will be held **Thursday, July 11 - Saturday, July 13,** at Liberty Fire Co., 67 N 8th Street, Bangor, PA. 18013

Upcoming Events continued on page 4



Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Council 2ND ANNUAL

ALL MOTOR SHOW

Saturday, June 22, 12:00PM-4:00PM

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"COW CHIP" BINGO & TRICKY TRAY

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Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society Gun Show

The Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society Gun Show will be held on Saturday, July 13, 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Sunday, July 14, 9:00am to 2:00pm at The Agri-Plex Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds, 17th and Chew Streets, Allentown, PA See ad on page 5 for details

Ackermanville United Methodist Community Drive-Thru Meal Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held Sunday, July 21 beginning at 3:00PM. The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show

The 53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show will be held on **July 19, 20, 21** at the Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Road, Bangor, PA.

Notice to Bangor Borough Residents

Bangor Borough Ordinance #998 Section 7 prohibits the use of fireworks within the Borough per the Pennsylvania Fireworks Law Act 43 of 2017 Section 2404.

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 - (3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com motor vehicle or building or at another person.
 - (4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
 - (5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

Bangor Park Board Announces Upcoming Summer Events at Bangor Memorial Park Pool

Movie Night - "Wonka" Friday July 12, (Rain Date July 13) Movie starts at dusk and is free to the public. Refreshments will be sold.

Family Luau - Friday, July 19, 7:00pm to 9:30pm (Rain date July 20) DJ, games and contests with prizes and 1 family luau souvenir photo. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Movie Night - "Wish" Friday August 2 at dusk, (Rain Date August 3)

National Night Out - at Bangor Park Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-9:00pm.

Car Show - Sunday, August 13th - 12:00-4:00pm at Bangor Park

Last day for swimmers at Pool Saturday, August 24. Pooch Plunge - Sunday, August 25.

Wizardfest & Magickal Market - Saturday, September 7
12:00PM to dusk followed by a movie.

Octoberfest - Saturday, October 12 & Sunday, October 13. Interested vendors can email for an applicationbangorparkboard@gmail.com

Watch for updates on upcoming Bangor Park Board events in The Belt and Beyond.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Park Board or any of these events can contact Rosemarie 610-588-5976 or Sherry 610-588-6894 or email bandorparkboard@amail.com

Bangor Memorial Park is located at Broadway and S. 10th Street, Bangor PA.

We love to hear from you!
Send your news and events to
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FUMC Bangor Collecting Socks and Underwear for Backpack Giveaway

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor is collecting new socks and underwear for their 2024 FUMC Backpack Giveaway. Students going into Kindergarten through 6th grade will be getting socks and underwear free with their backpacks. The deadline to drop off socks and underwear is **Saturday, June 29th.** Sizes needed: Boy Socks: Small 5-6.5; Medium 7-8.5; and Large 9-11 Girl Socks: Small 6-10.5; Medium 10.5-4; and Large 4-10 Boys and Girls Underwear - 4; 6/8; 10/12; 14/16; and 18/20 Drop Off Locations: (more to come) The Local Scoop Bangor - 103 Broadway, Bangor, Vinny's Pizza - 1414 Blue Valley Dr., Pen Argyl, Fidelity Bank - 45 North Broadway, Wind Gap. Questions - feel free to email us at CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com

Voter Registration Drive at Blue Mountain Community Library

There will be a Voter Registration Drive at the Blue Mountain Community Library in Pen Argyl on **Saturday**, **June 29**, **from 10:00AM to 12:00PM**. Voters need to bring a driver's license or state ID. If you do not have either you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.

Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting July Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held Monday, July 1, at 7:00PM at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and ParkAssociation and mail to: Weona ParkPool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

Marine Corps League Meeting

The next meeting of the Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League will be held **Saturday, July 6 at 11 a.m.** at 1621 Lehigh Street, Easton, PA 18042. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains welcome. For more information contact John Mitzak 908-235-7017 Or email jvmitzak@gmail.com Facebook: Marine Corps

75th Plainfield Farmers' Fair

The Plainfield Farmers Fair will be held on **Tuesday, July 23, thru Saturday, July 27** at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair Grounds, 1281 Bangor Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roseto Big Time

The Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roseto Big Time will be held Wednesday, July 24 thru Saturday July 27. Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Grounds, 80 Ridge Street, Roseto, PA. 18013

Blue Valley Farm Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show will be held **Tuesday, August 13 thru Saturday, August 17** at the Blue Valley Farm Show grounds 707, American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA. www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com



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Bangor Women's Club GFWC-PA Awards Annual Scholarship

The Bangor Women's Club awarded its annual \$1,000 scholarship to Chloe Proko, a senior at Bangor Area High School, at its May meeting. Chloe plans to attend Penn State University to study nursing.



Pictured: Chloe Proko, Scholarship recipient and Club President Carolyn Smith.

Pen Argyl Women's Club Scholarship Recipient

Julia Antonioli, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Antonioli of Pen Argyl, a 2024 graduate of Pen Argyl Area High School, was the recipient of the \$1,000 GFWC PA Women's Club of Pen Argyl Scholarship given annually by the club to a deserving senior.

Julia plans a career in physical therapy. She will be attending Elizabethtown College in the fall. Her field of study will be Biology/Pre-Med.



Julia Antonioli

Julia was in the National Honor Society, Leo Club, Aevidum, Student Government, Girls Basketball, Girl's Track and Field, and Girl's Cross Country (Shining Knight Award).

We wish Julia the very best in her endeavors at college and feel confident she will succeed in her chosen field of physical therapy.

Bangor 150th Anniversary Fundraising Events

The Bangor 150th Anniversary Committee will hold the following fundraising events: A Tricky Tray at the Bangor Elks Lodge, 120 Broadway, Bangor in conjunction with the Bangor Elks Bingo on **Saturday, August 3** and a Helicopter Ball Drop on **Saturday, August 10, 6:00 PM** at Bangor Memorial Park.

Columbia Fire Co. No.1 Roseto Presents Annual Scholarships

Columbia Fire Co. No. 1 in Roseto presented its annual scholarships to students from Bangor Area High School and Faith Christian School. The awards are presented annually to seniors from each school and are given in memory of Columbia's deceased firefighters. The awards are presented to the students who best exemplify the spirit of civic involvement in their community. Each school is provided the scholarship criteria and then selects the student from the senior class. This year's recipients are:

Bangor Area High School - Alexandra Martocci

During her four years at Bangor Area High School, Alex was part of the chorus and the Slater chorale. She played Soccer for four years and was a Varsity letter winner each year. Alex was a founding member of Troop 941, Scouts BSA in 2019 and the first in her Troop to earn the rank of



Eagle Scout in 2023 where volunteers and has contributed over 275 hours to her project at Roseto BallPark. She was an altar server at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Roseto for 7 years and volunteered at the annual Roseto "Big Time" celebration. She has been an All-Star Cheerleader with Rebels Elite for 10 years and serves as a volunteer coach for the youth teams. Alex will attend East Stroudsburg University in the Fall, majoring in Public Health.

Faith Christian School - Hope Light

Hope has been a student at Faith Christian School since fourth grade. In ninth grade, she led her drama class in creating a shadow play. She played soccer for two years, and she served as a yearbook editor for two years. She has been part of the National Honor Society since tenth grade and served as NHS President in her senior year. In this position, she organized a food drive, fundraised for the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos, and planned Pi Day. In her senior year, she was also her class secretary, and part of the school newspaper staff. Hope has also been active in her church where she has led/ taught preschool Sunday school classes since she was in seventh grade. This fall, Hope will be attending Liberty University majoring in Elementary Education and a minor in Computer Science. Her dream is to become a teacher, perhaps returning to FCS one day.



Pen Argyl Women's Club News

The GFWC Women's Club of Pen Argyl met on June 4, at Mullally's Clubhouse Café in Stroudsburg for their annual Spring Luncheon. After a delicious luncheon new officers were installed for the 2024-2026 term . Past President, Donna Gaffney conducted the installation. Officers installed were President, Laurie Levits, first vice president, Anna Bet, second vice president, Vivian Dawe, recording secretary, Jan Williamson, corresponding secretary, Jane Ruggiero, treasurer, Leslie Stine, and assistant secretary/treasurer Diane Cascioli. After the luncheon the members met at the home of Kay Stampone for a social time.

The members will meet for lunch bunch on June 18, at Pizza Joe's Italian Restaurant in Nazareth at 11:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 10, 2024 at Weona Park, Pen Argyl, Pa. Details will be announced. Any woman interested in joining please call 610-863-7371.



Pictured: 2024-2026 Officers L to R Anna Bet, Vivian Dawe, Jan Williamson, Laurie Levits, President, Leslie Stine, Diane Cascioli and Jane Ruggiero.

8th Annual Portland/UMBT July 4th Parade & Fireworks

The 8th annual July 4th Portland - Upper Mt Bethel Township parade will kick off at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 4th. The parade will travel through parts of Portland and Upper Mount Bethel (see parade route below). Enter your decorated patriotic car in the parade or decorate your house and front lawn if you are on the parade route.

Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated car, tractor, van, or truck in the parade and to the best decorated homes that

fall within the parade route.

Parade Route: Parade begins at the traffic light in Portland, PA. From Dunkin Donuts in Portland Route 611 N. turning left onto Delaware Ave. Turning left onto Turkey Ridge Rd. Turning left onto Saddle Creek Drive. Turning Left onto Million Dollar Hwy. Turning right onto Ramblewood. Turning Left onto Totts Gap Road. Going straight onto Johnsonville Road. Crossover Rt. 512 onto Orchard Rd. Turning Left onto Evergreen Rd. Once in Evergreen Community, turning Right onto Independence Rd.. Turning Left onto Flintlock passing the clubhouse. Turning Left onto Revolutionary. Turning Left onto Powder Horn. Turning Right onto Independence exiting Evergreen Village. Turning Right onto Evergreen Road to Route 611. Parade ends at Route 611.

Fireworks: The annual fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 6, at dusk (rain date July 7) at the Community Park, located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel. Come for a night of family fun that will include: food trucks, ice cream, wineries, and breweries, along with patriotic music. The event is sponsored by Lamtec and Custom Laminating and hosted by the Upper Mount Bethel Parks and Recreation Committee.



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Slate Belt Heritage Center July Programs

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will present: "Gymnastics in the Slate Belt" on Thursday, July 11, 7:00PM. Former Pen Argyl History teacher and Bangor High School graduate, Walter Cole, will give a four part presentation which will include information on the 50th Anniversary of "The Parkettes" which was founded by former Slate Belt residents Bill & Donna Strauss. There will also be a presentation about Pen Argyl's Kristen Maloney who won many national championships and was a member of the U. S. Women' Gymnastics team. This team won the bronze medal at the 2000 Sydney, Australia Olympics. The Pen Arayl High School gymnastics team will also be acknowledged which was coached by Duane Toth. His son, Tom, will talk about his father's program. The program will also recognize Bangor High School gymnasts, Hollie & Heidi DeBoer and Krista Janette. Any former Slate Belt gymnasts are invited to attend this program.

Also, The Heritage Center will participate in the regional "Passport to History" weekend on Saturday July 20 & Sunday July 21, 10:00AM - 4:00PM (with extended hours).

On Saturday, local historian Cheryl Statham will demonstrate and instruct on the German Art of "Scherenschnitte" a Pennsylvania Dutch form of fancy paper cutting. Cheryl is also a craftsperson and retired museum educator. The Smokin' Pastie food truck will also be selling contemporary versions of the traditional ethnic food treat, the Cornish Pasty.

On Sunday, Perry Morris will demonstrate and distribute cut-out wooden Christmas ornaments. Both days will also feature the Center's special exhibit "25 Years of Memories" which celebrates the Heritage Center's guarter century of preserving and presenting Slate Belt History. Each room shows a special anniversary highlight.

All events are free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Christ Presbyterian Church Welcomes Reverend Michael McGowan as New Pastor

Our congregation selected a pastoral search team to embark on a journey in order to select a new Pastor. This pastoral search team worked diligently and completed a process that involved interviewingover fifty (50) potential candidates. Their search lead to Reverend Michael McGowan or "Pastor Mike" living in plain sight only a couple of miles away from the Slate Belt area. Pastor Mike is a lifetime resident of the Lehigh Valley with a deep understanding of our area and



Reverend Michael McGowan

community. Christ Presbyterian is pleased to announce that Pastor Mike was chosen unanimously by a vote of the

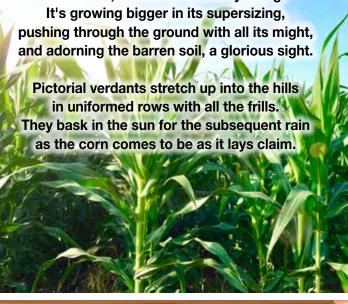
congregation.

Pastor Mike and his wife Diane have two children and three grandchildren. After completing seminary training, Pastor Mike has been serving in his ministry for over twelve years. The pastoral search team members remarked on how caring and insightful Pastor Mike was in his remarks concerning moving forward in life after a family life event occurred, in his own life, when his son Martin passed away from complications of influenza.

Christ Presbyterian Session members after meeting Pastor Mike and hearing him preach prepared this message "During this pastoral search process, we have been given this blessing, as an opportunity to encourage past members, new members, and the community to support our new Pastor and hear his message of faith and strength of community" We invite you to come and welcome Pastor Mike as we journey together in Christ's love.

Lo Behold, the Corn by Robert L. Martin

Lo behold, the corn is steadily rising. It's growing bigger in its supersizing, pushing through the ground with all its might, and adorning the barren soil, a glorious sight.



Slate Belt Rising Unveils New Mural in Pen Argyl

On June 7, Slate Belt Rising, a community revitalization initiative, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a vibrant new mural in Pen Argyl Borough. The mural, located along Route 512, features four panels that beautifully capture the area's history, tradition, and heritage through depictions of local landmarks and events.

The first panel is a "Welcome to Pen Argyl" sign that greets visitors and residents alike. The second panel shows the Weona Park Carousel, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior and has been operating since 1923. The third panel illustrates the Labor Day parade, which is a longstanding tradition that will mark its 89th year in 2024. The fourth panel portrays a scene of a slate quarry, inspired by a photograph, that pays tribute to the industry that gave the Slate Belt its name and original identity.

Terri Palmer, a local artist who has painted several other murals in the region, said, "I wanted to capture the essence of Pen Argyl and what makes it special. I hope the mural will bring joy and pride to the community and inspire people to learn more about the

rich history and culture of the Slate Belt."

The mural project was made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising and Slate Belt Chamber, with Executive Director Beth Duyssen playing a role in organizing the ribbon-cutting event. State Representative Ann Flood of the 138th District honored the occasion by presenting a plaque to Palmer. Mike Ortoski, owner of Blue Valley Times and a member of the Slate Belt Rising Steering Committee, joined the celebration, in addition to Tammy Kemp and Joann Anderson from the Pen Argyl Borough Council. Mike DePaulo and Tiffany McDaniel from First Northern Bank & Trust were supporters of the project, with DePaulo also serving on the SBR Steering Committee. The mural was funded through a combination of the SBR's NPP Funding and a Northampton County Grow NorCO grant, highlighting the collaborative community effort behind this unique, inspiring, and impactful project.

Slate Belt Rising, a community revitalization program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life, economic stability, and physical appearance of the Slate Belt region. It is a collaborative effort supported by CALV, the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, and various local partners and stakeholders. For more information, visit www.slatebeltrising. org or follow Slate Belt Rising on Facebook and Instagram. Mural

photography by Staycee Productions.





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Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Bank P.U.M.P.

The Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry P.U.M.P. is open **Mondays 8:30AM to 11:30AM**. P.U.M.P. is located at 111 State Street in Portland. The phone number is 570-897-5847.

Mission of Love Food Bank

Every Tuesday 9:00AM to 12:00PM, 555 North Main Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794.

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Drive Thru Pick Up parking lot opens at 4:30 PM. 915 North 5th Street , Stroudsburg, PA. For more information contact the church 570-421-0750

Trinity Lutheran Church New Clothing Closet

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor now has a free clothing closet available for area residents. It will be open on the first and third Saturday of every month from 11:00AM to 1:30PM. Clothing for men, women and children of all ages is available including: pants, tops, socks, shoes and underwear. Each person may take four items every time the closet is open. Please call the church office, at 610-588-2023 for more information. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA.



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Faith Christian School Graduation

Photos by Lisa Newberry

Faith Christian School held their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 7, at Slate Belt Baptist Church. Congratulations Class of 2024.









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Slater Baseball Association Closing Ceremonies

Photos courtesy of SBA

Closing ceremonies for the Slater Baseball Association were held on Saturday, June 1. Players from T-ball through Major levels were recognized. Special recognition was given to Jacob Smith, a former SBA player for his Eagle Scout Project. Jacob chose to revitalize much of the complex and did a wonderful job.



Lower Mount Bethel Township Community Day

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The Lower Mount Bethel Township Recreation Board hosted their annual Community Day on Saturday, June 8th. It was a beautiful day for the event and all who attended had a great time!

See more photos on our Facebook page



Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The first of the Wind Gap & Pen Argyl Boroughs Summer Sounds Concert Series kicked off on Sunday
June 9, at the Wind Gap Park. The crowd enjoyed the music of the Main Street Cruisers.



Weona Park Summer Sounds Concert

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Weona Park Summer Sounds Concert Photos by Lisa Newberry It was a beautiful night for the summer sounds concert at Weona Park on Sunday, June 16. The Philadelphia Funk Authority had everyone movin and groovin' to the music. See more photos on our Facebook page



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Forget Me Never by Susan Wittig Albert; The Goddess of Warsaw: A Novel by Lisa Barr; Stuart Woods' Smolder by Brett Battles; Red Star Falling by Steve



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Adult Non Fiction - The Forever Dog Life: Over 120 Recipes, Longevity Tips, and New Science for Better Bowls and Healthier Homes by Karen Shaw Becker; The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis by George Stephanopoulos.

Large Print Adult Fiction - Mind Games by Nora Roberts. **Easy Fiction -** Summer in the Forest by Rusty Finch; Big Bear and Little Bear Go Fishing by Amy Hest; Ruby's Tools for Making Friends by Apryl Stott.

Easy Non Fiction - ABCs of Biology by Chris Ferrie; ABCs of Engineering by Chris Ferrie.

Junior Non Fiction - Animal Tales From India: Ten Stories From the Panchatantra by Nikita Gill

DVDs - Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire.

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Eagle Scout Project - Community Blood Drive

Tristan Frisch, a Life Scout in Troop 102 Saylorsburg and a resident of Pen Argyl is honoring his late grandmother's memory by hosting an Eagle Scout Community Blood Drive. During the last 10 years of her life, she was very ill and required over 200 units of blood. This has inspired



Tristan Frisch

Tristan to step up and make a difference in his community. He saw first hand how important donating blood is. His project will run until **July 31, 2024** and his goal is to collect 1,000 pints of blood. You can help by scheduling your donation appointment by calling 1-800-223-6667 ext. 2 and mention Group ID 8944, or by using the link https://www.giveapint.org/event/tristan's-eagle-scout-drive/

Summer Fun With the Blue Mountain Community Library

The summer program with the Blue Mountain Community Library at the Plainfield Township Municipal Pavilion. The event is for children ages 4-9 and begins at 10:30AM rain or shine. Register now! Stop by the library or call 610-863-3029 registration is required.

Summer Program Dates

June 26 - Plainfield Township Municipal Pavilion July 10 & 24 - Wind Gap Borough Park, Wind Gap. August 7 & 21 Weona Park, Pen Argyl.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings. All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org.

Readers Raffle

Attention library patrons of all ages! This summer each time your library card is scanned you will earn a coupon and be entered into our raffle. Read and win a chance for a free pizza! Two lucky winners will be chosen on the following dates: Saturday, June 29, Wednesday July 31, and Thursday, August 29.

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•PLEIN AIR ON THE FARM Art Auction Day 2 - July 21

•HERITAGE CRAFT DAY /Civil War Weekend - August 10 & 11
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