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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Blue Valley Farm Show Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

Blue Valley Farm Show will hold a Drive -Thru Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, June 8, 4:00PM-6:00PM.** 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. 18013.

Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 Brick Bingo & Tricky Tray

Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 Brick Bingo & Tricky Tray will be held on **Saturday, June 8, Bingo starts at 1:00PM** at the William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA.

St. John Lutheran Church Indoor/Outdoor Sale

St. John Lutheran Church will hold an Indoor/Outdoor Sale on **Saturday, June 8, 9:00PM to 3:00PM,** 12 N. Westbrook Ave., Pen Argyl. FMI Call Gail-610-588-7545.

Evening Star Quilters Guild

Evening Star Quilters Guild presents Quilts In The Vineyard, **Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9 12:00PM to 6:00PM** at Brook Hollow Winery. Contact Jane Myers 530-604-1718.

Lower Mount Bethel Township Community Day

Lower Mount Bethel Township Community Day will be held on **Saturday, June 8 1:00PM to 5:00PM (rain date Sunday, June 9 1:00PM to 5:00PM)** at Village of Martin Creek, 2004 Hutchison Ave., Martins Creek, PA 18063. For more information contact Melissa at the township Office 610-252-5074

Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. will host a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, June 9th, Bingo starts at 1:00PM.** 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, Pa. 18064. **See ad on page 5 for details**

Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of Main Street Cruisers (music of the 50's, 60's, 70's & 80's) **Sunday, June 9, 6:00PM** at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA

McMichael's UMC Donation Only Breakfast

A donation only breakfast is served every month on the **second Saturday of the month from 8:00AM-10:30AM** A complete breakfast is served including beverages. Music is provided and led by Dennis Maida. Take out is available.

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Look for our next issue on

June 20th

Deadline for all ad copy and news

Friday, June 14

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East Bangor Park Board 2nd Annual Old Timers Gathering

The East Bangor Park Board will hold the 2nd Annual Old Timers Gathering at East Bangor Park on **Saturday, June 15, at 2:00 PM**. Come reminisce. Bring a covered dish and a beverage. Questions call 610-588-1601

Richmond UMC Family Fun Night

The community is invited to Richmond United Methodist Church for a free Family Fun Night on **Saturday, June 15 from 4:00PM-7:00PM**. Rain or shine event. Richmond UMC is located at 8538 Delaware Drive in Bangor.

See ad on page 4 for details

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, June 16**. 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl. 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, June 16 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.

EAA Chapter 839 Pancake Breakfast

The EAA Chapter 839 will hold a Pancake Breakfast on **June 16, 9:00AM to 1:00PM**, EAA hanger, 220 Hickory Lane, Sciota, PA.

Weona Park Pen Argyl Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of Philadelphia Funk Authority (funk, dance & party music) **Sunday, June 16, 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.

20th Annual Swing at the Stand

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

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Upcoming Events

Save the Date the Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory will be hosting an "ALL MOTOR SHOW" on **June 22** and a "BULLS AND BARRELS BLOWOUT" on **October 12** both at the Blue Valley Farm Show complex 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. Watch for more details.

See ad on page 5 for details

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.

Free Event listings include event, date, time, location and contact info ONLY. Non-Profit Display Advertising rates available. For more information call us at 610-704-6818 or email at thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com



Quarry Bites & Brews

Thursdays 5-9pm, Music starts at 6pm
45 Broadway, Bangor Pa 18013

2024 Season Music Line-Up

- June 6th-Glen Kakowski
- June 13th-Regina Sayles
- June 20th-Mike Metzgar
- June 27th-Steel Creek Band
- July 4th-TBD
- July 11th-Zac Lawless
- July 18th-Blue Jean Trio
- July 25th-NO QBB EVENT
- August 1st-Cody Templeton
- August 8th-Mike Metzgar
- August 15th-Regina Sayles
- August 22nd-Scott Marshall Duo
- August 29th-Steel Creek Band
- September 5th-Sarah Lanier
- September 12th-A Girl and A Guy
- September 19th-Little Bird and the Bad Eggs
- September 26th-Govinda Rose
- October 3rd-Cody Templeton
- October 10th-Nik Rael and Joe Plum
- October 17th-Govinda Rose

info: contact QBB@janellconnolly.com



Pen Argyl Borough

Pen Argyl Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held **June 7, 8, & 9**.

Upper Mount Bethel Township

Upper Mount Bethel Township Community Yard Sale days will be held **June 8 & 9, 8:00AM-6:00 PM**

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**.

Richmond United Methodist

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

Movie Night - "Elemental" **Friday Night, June 7 at dusk**, (Rain Date June 8) Free to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Located in the grassy area in front of the pool.

Teen Splashdance - **Friday, June 21 at the pool, 7:00pm to 9:00pm** (Rain date Sat. June 22) for all kids entering grades 7th -9th Lifeguards and chaperones will be present. Refreshments stand open.

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 application bangorparkboard@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 bangorparkboard@gmail.com

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

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Bangor Lions Club Scholarship Recipients

The Bangor Lions Club recently awarded three very deserving students from Bangor High School and Pen Argyl High School scholarships at their Scholarship Picnic on May 9th. The Bangor Lions Club would like to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients and wish them success in all their future endeavors.



Pictured with Lion David Shiner, Past President and Scholarship Chairperson are Kourtney Sonntag Bangor, Bethany Kuster Pen Argyl, and Olivia Melazzo Bangor.

Lookout Fire Company No. 1 Receives \$10,000 Donation at Spring Festival From WM

The Lookout Fire Company No. 1 held their annual Spring Festival fundraiser May 23rd through 26th at Weona Park in Pen Argyl. Waste Management presented the Lookout Fire Company No. 1 with a \$10,000 safety donation.



Pictured: Chief Dean Parsons of Lookout Fire Co. No. 1 with Adrienne Fors, Sr. Community Relations Specialist Waste Management/Grand Central Landfill and members of the Lookout Fire Co. No. 1.

See more Lookout Fire Co. No. 1 Festival photos page 12

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.

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

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Celebrate Dad!
Father's Day is
Sunday, June 16



Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. JACKPOT BINGO

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

Doors Open 11:00am

Bingo Starts 1:00pm

155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, Pa. 18064



Tickets (each): \$40 advance • \$45 at the door

Price Includes a \$2.00 off kitchen purchase coupon

Extra packets \$10 each after 1st packet purchase
 (Each packet is 9-Face)

Kids 6-Face package: \$10 each

21 Regular Games pay \$100 each

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ALL MOTOR SHOW

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

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Event is free to the public

Blue Valley Farm Show Grounds

707 American Bangor Road, Bangor PA

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FRIDAY JUNE 14 - SUNDAY JUNE 16



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Delmonico Steak & Grilled Shrimp	\$24.99
Prime Rib.....	\$24.99
Shrimp Trio (21) Breaded, Broiled, & Cocktail over Rice Includes soup or salad & 1 vegetable & cake	\$24.99
Porterhouse Steak	\$24.99
Chicken Francese w/Angel Hair Pasta with soup or salad & cake	\$20.99
Ham Steak w/Grilled Pineapple	\$19.99
Filet Mignon w/Red Peppers Mozzarella Cheese, & Porta Bello Mushrooms.....	\$19.99
Pot Roast	\$19.99
Broiled Salmon over Rice w/Dill Sauce	\$18.99
Chicken Sophia w/Crabmeat, Shrimp or Scallops.....	\$18.99

Above Entrees Include: 2 vegetables, soup or salad, and cake

Flat Iron Steak includes 2 vegetables, soup or salad and cake.....	\$18.99
Shrimp & Broccoli Penne w/ Garlic & Olive Oil includes soup or salad, and cake	\$18.99
Smoked Pork Chops (2) includes 2 vegetables, soup or salad & cake	\$18.99
Maryland Crab Cakes includes 2 vegetables, soup or salad & cake	\$16.99

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 Friday - 10" Italian Hoagie, 16oz soda **\$11.99**.tax

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Big things are happening at Thomas Greenhouse
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1586 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt Bethel, PA. (484) 661-6553
 Hours: Mon.- Sat. 9am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm

Weona Park Pool Pals June Meeting Rescheduled
 The June meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals has been rescheduled until **Monday, June 10, 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 Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

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

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.

Slate Belt Rising Announces Six Scholarship Recipients of \$1250



Slate Belt Rising, a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is a leading community development organization dedicated to fostering growth and prosperity in the Slate Belt region. We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Slate Belt Rising Scholarship recipients. This esteemed scholarship program aims to recognize outstanding academic achievements and financially support deserving individuals from the Slate Belt community who have chosen to continue their education.

The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship program was designed in 2019 to empower and encourage local students and adults to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals. Through this program, recipients are awarded a scholarship which can be utilized towards their educational expenses such as tuition, books, and academic necessities. Funds can also be used for individuals entering the workforce directly into a trade that requires equipment purchases. Each scholarship recipient received \$1250.00

Slate Belt Rising is proud to announce the following recipients of the Slate Belt Rising Scholarship: **Gia Alteri** (Bangor) New York University; **Kael Grim** (Pen Argyl) Robert Morris University; **Kennedy Lutz** (Bangor) University of Pittsburgh, **Mia Mariano** (Bangor) - DeSales University, **Ashley Richards** (Bangor) University of Pittsburgh, and **Katrina Valente** (Pen Argyl) – Mount Aloysius College.

These remarkable individuals have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, a commitment to their community, and a determination to excel in their chosen fields of study. Their drive, dedication, and exceptional qualities made them stand out amongst a competitive pool of applicants. "We are extremely proud to award these exceptional students the Slate Belt Rising Scholarship," said Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising. "Their commitment to academic excellence, community involvement, and personal growth is truly inspiring. We are confident that they will positively impact their respective fields and contribute significantly to the betterment of our community."

Slate Belt Rising would like to extend its heartfelt congratulations to all Slate Belt Rising Scholarship recipients. The organization also expresses gratitude to all applicants for their interest and wishes them the best in their future endeavors. Thank you to our funding partners who make this program possible – Fidelity Bank, Waste Management, First Northern Bank & Trust, and ESSA Bank & Trust.



Pictured L-R Gia Altieri, Mia Mariano, Kennedy Lutz, Ashley Richards, and Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising. Missing from photo: Kael Grim and Katrina Valente.

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Pen Argyl Area High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian Katrina Valente

Katrina is the daughter of Paul Valente and Loredana Luciano. Ranked #1 out of 123, Cumulative Weighted GPA 103.784

Academic Awards/Honors

Received:

First Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society 11, 12
Music Award 9, Top Five in Class Award 9, Top Ten in Class of 2024
10, 11, Academic Award in English 10, Academic Award in Science 10, 11, Academic Award in Spanish 3 10, Academic Award in Social Studies 10, Alumni Award Top Junior, Mercy Presidential Scholarship, Mother Francis Ward Full Tuition Fellowship.

Organizations/Clubs/ Activities: Class Secretary 9, Orchestra 9, Wacky Wednesday Video Editor 10, 11
Aavidum 10, Student Government 10, Green Echo Photographer, Prom Planning 11.

Athletics: Varsity Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12, Varsity Letters 9, 10, 11, 12, Participated in the National Indoor Field Hockey Festival in Virginia.

Community Involvement: Service Project for Home Depot., Completed 120 hours of volunteer hours at St. Luke's Hospital, Ran Pen Argyl High School Youth Field Hockey Clinic, Tutored fellow students, Plainfield Elementary School Volunteer.

College Plans: To attend Mount Aloysius College for Ultrasonography.



Katrina Valente

Salutatorian Sydney Schreck



Sydney Schreck

Sydney is the daughter of Dana and Todd Schreck.

Ranked #2 out of 123, Cumulative Weighted GPA 103.147, Academic Awards/Honors Received: National Honor Society 11, 12 - Secretary, First Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12, Top Five in Class of 2024 9, Top Ten in class of 2024 10, 11, Academic Award in Business Technology 9, Academic Award in Social Studies 10 Rensselaer Medal 11, Lafayette

College High School Scholar.

Organizations/Clubs/Activities: Orchestra 9, Wacky Wednesday 10, 11, Aavidum 10, Student Government 10, 11, 12-Secretary Prom Planning 11 Class Secretary 11, 12, Wellness Committee Student Representative 11, 12.

Athletics: Varsity Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12

Community Involvement: Completed over 120 hours as a St. Lukes Jr. Volunteer, Completed over 30 hours doing community service through National Honor Society.

College Plans: To attend Susquehanna University, double major in Neuroscience and Psychology.



Bangor Area High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Valedictorian - Logan Rusche

Logan is the son of

Philip Rusche.

Organizations/Clubs/ Activities:

National Honor Society
Student Government Association
Ecology Club
Envirothon
School Musical

Community Service with St. Luke's Anderson Campus.

Academic Awards/Honors Received:

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce and Yale University
College Board Recognition, National Rural and Small-Town Award

College Plans: Plans to attend Columbia University and major in Biophysics and French to pursue Clinical Genetic Research



Logan Rusche

Salutatorian - Blake Kornafel



Blake Kornafel

Blake is the son of Nick and Alissa Kornafel

Organizations/Clubs/ Activities:

National Honor Society
Ecology Club
LEO Club, Vice President
PRISM Club
Scholastic Scrimmage
SODA Club, Founder and President
Student Government Association,
Senior Reporter

Athletics:

Golf, Captain
Baseball, Captain

Community Involvement:

Bangor Park Community Board Volunteer
Dr. Averbach, St. Lukes Health Network Cardiologist,
Shadow and Volunteer Services
Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce; Slater Family Network
Annual Christmas Celebration
SODA Club Mentor at Middle School and DeFranco
Elementary

College Plans:

Plans to attend New York University through the Liberal Studies Core to major in Neuroscience and obtain a PhD.

Congratulations Grads!





**Pleasant Valley High School Class of 2024
Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Valedictorian - Alyssa Kroeger**

Alyssa is the proud daughter of Stephanie and Jason Kroeger. Alyssa was the president of HOSA, vice president of National Honor Society, secretary of the Class of 2024, and secretary of Mu Alpha Theta. Additionally, she was an active participant in Key Club, Spanish Honor Society, and volunteering at St. Luke's. She has played field hockey for 6 years and was captain her senior year. Alyssa will attend the University of Pittsburgh and will be majoring in biochemistry in hopes of becoming a doctor.



Alyssa Kroeger

Salutatorian - Daniel Janiec



Daniel Janiec

Daniel Janiec is the proud son of Monika Serafin and Slawomir Janiec. Daniel has been an active member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, and the Prom Committee. Daniel was president of Mu Alpha Theta and has been a 3-Year Team Leader of Envirothon. In addition, Daniel has over 100 hours of volunteering as a volunteer dispatcher at LVHN-Pocono. Daniel will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the Frederick Honors College and plans to major in Biology.



**Faith Christian School Class of 2024
Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Valedictorian - Megan Rose Erwin**

Megan, the daughter of Caleb and Amy Erwin, has been attending Faith Christian School since first grade. She has enjoyed participating in many activities, striving to do well in all areas of her school experience. Throughout her years at Faith, she has participated in many sports including track and field, cheerleading, volleyball, and soccer. She played soccer from grades 5 to 12, and was a co captain of her team during her junior and senior years. She received the league all star award for soccer for both her junior and seniors seasons. Apart from sports, Megan took part in many other activities including praise team, chorus, art classes, and writing in the school's newspaper. She had the pleasure of being part of the Student Council from grades 7 to 12. She served as her class's president for all four of her high school years, and she served as the Student Council secretary during her junior year and vice president during her senior year. During her time on the Student Council, she has helped to raise school spirit and lead the school through many activities. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year of high school. During her time, she has served her school and her community through various activities including tutoring, food and clothing drives, fundraisers, and acting as the NHS vice president during her senior year. Megan attends Light of the World Church, where she has helped with VBS in the past and looks forward to serving in more ways in the future. Megan will most likely attend Northampton Community College in the fall, where she plans to complete her general education with a focus in Communications.



Megan Rose Erwin

Salutatorian - Hope Rose Light



Hope Rose Light

Hope, the daughter of Ed and Aimee Light, has been at FCS 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 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 her class secretary and part of the school newspaper staff. Hope has been active in her church. Since seventh grade, she has led preschool Sunday school classes. This fall, she will be attending Liberty University with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Computer Science. Her dream is to become a teacher, perhaps returning to FCS one day.

Graduation will be held Friday, June 7, 4:30pm at Slate Belt Church, 1620 Church Road, Pen Argyl, PA.

Look for Photos of Faith Christian Graduation in the June 23 issue.

**Reminder
School's out for the summer
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Adult Non Fiction - The Complete Beginner's Guide to Greenhouse Gardening: A Month-To-Month Planting Book to Grow 365 Days a Year by Richard Bray.

Easy Fiction - Little Ghostie's Treat or Treat; Little Witch's Special Brew; Puppy Dance Party! by Hollis James.

Easy Non Fiction - The Night Flower by Lara Hawthorne; The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore; Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles by Patricia Valdez.

Junior Non Fiction - Birds by Pamela Hickman

Young Adult Fiction - Unfamiliar Volume 1 by Haley Newsome; Unfamiliar Volume 2 by Haley Newsome.

The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA. The phone number is 610-588 4136. **Hours: Mon., 1-8pm; Tues., 10am-8pm; Wed., 1-8pm; Thurs., 10am-8pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 10am-4pm; Sun. Closed.**



New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library

Adult Fiction - The Last Letter, Rebecca Yarros; The Mystery Guest, Nita Prose; Table for Two, Amor Towles.

Adult Large Print - Toxic Prey, John Sandford; The Museum of Lost Quilts, Jennifer Chiaverini.

Adult Non-fiction - Coming Home, Brittney Griner.

Young Adult Non-fiction - Paris Teens Travel Guide, Athur Jery; Brazil, Sandra Branco; Vermont, Charles Morrissey; North Carolina, Ben Fortson; History in Tennessee, James Jones Creating Connecticut, Walter Woodward Alabama, Edwin Bridges Complete Guide on BMX, Petru Vantu.

Juvenile Non-fiction - The History of Juneteenth, Arlisha Norwood; The Book of Turtles, Sy Montgomery; Blue Ringed Octopus, Rachel Rose; A Book About Eagles, Dawson Seashore; Explore the Animal World of Costa Rica, Francella Bogantes Who is Kamala Harris ?, Kirsten Anderson Misty Copeland, Lexi Ryals; Hip Hop History for Kids, A.D. Largie.

Summer Fun With the Blue Mountain Community Library

The first summer program with the Blue Mountain Community Library will begin on **Wednesday, June 12** 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.

Additional 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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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Memorial Day services were held in remembrance of our fallen heroes throughout the Slate Belt and surrounding communities on Monday, May, 27.

See more photos on our Facebook page



Lookout Fire Co No. 1 Spring Festival

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The Lookout Fire Co No. 1 held their annual Spring Festival May 23-26 at Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



Festival on 512

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The weather was perfect on Saturday, June 1st for the Festival on 512. It was a day filled with fun for all and the event had a great turn out! It was organized by and will benefit the Weona Park Pool Pals.

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)





Pen Argyl Area High School Graduation

Photos by Elliott Lorrh-Pfeifer



Pen Argyl Area High School held their graduation ceremony on Tuesday, May 21st at Alumni Stadium. Congratulations Class of 2024!

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



Bangor Area High School Graduation

Photos by Nick Pulsinelli & Cory Dailey



Bangor Area High School held their graduation on Thursday, May 30th at Bangor Memorial Park. Congratulations Class of 2024!

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



Pleasant Valley High School Graduation

Photos by Nick Pulsinelli

Pleasant Valley held their graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 on Friday, May 31st, at their stadium. Congratulations to the Pleasant Valley Class of 2024! [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



NPJ Tractor Pull at Blue Valley Farm Show

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The New Penn Jersey Tractor Pullers Association Inc. held a tractor pull on Saturday, June 1st, at the Blue Valley Farm Show. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



EBUMCC Strawberry Festival

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church held their annual Strawberry Festival at East Bangor Park on Saturday, June 1st. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



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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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