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# WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

**Bangor Park Board Teen Splashdance** 

- 2,3 The Bangor Park Board will host its annual Teen Splashdance 3 on Friday, June 23rd,7:00pm to 9:00pm (Rain date Sat. June 24th) at the Bangor Memorial Park Pool for all kids entering grades 7th -9th Lifeguards and chaperones will be present. Refreshment stand open. See ad page 3 for full details
  - Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Annual Flea Market Friday, June 23rd & Saturday, June 24th from 8:00AM 12 to3:00PM and Sunday, June 25th from 12:30PM
  - to4:00PM. Rain or Shine! Basket raffle and food available 15 for purchase! Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 US-209 Brodheadsville, PA 18322, For more information call 610-681-6137

# Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to their monthly hospitality luncheon on Saturday, June 24th, 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Both dine-in and takeout are offered. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013. Phone is 610-588-4864.

## Swing at the Stand

Swing at the Stand sponsored annually by PAHS Class of 1961 will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2:00-?? at Weona Park, Rt. 512, Pen Argyl. Listen and dance to the Oldies and share time and memories with friends. Bring your own beverage, finger food to share, and lawn chair. Everyone is welcome. Rain or shine!

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center Program Meet The Artist/Paper Cutting Demonstration Saturday, June, 24, 11:00AM-1:00PM watch Sue Gettlin as she

demonstrates papercuts with photos and explains the history of the process. This is a family friendly event for all ages. Must Register, please call 570-629-3061. Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is located at 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

# **Garden Tour: MCGC Garden Tour**

Saturday, June 24th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM Starting at Bryant Park 717 Bryant Street Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Tour features lovely gardens in the Monroe County area including Pam Hubbard's English Cottage Garden. Attendees will receive booklets identifying the locations of and directions to the gardens of the tour. Water bottles and snacks will be available. For more information, please call 570-352-2472.



WEEKEND HAPPENINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Weona Park Pen Argyl Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of Joyous (R&B, Soul, Pop, and Funk) Sunday, June 25, 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.

#### **Ross Township Concert in the Park**

Bring your chairs and listen to a night of music in the park on **Sunday, June 25 at 5:30PM** live music by Dave Labar at the Ross Township Park, 258 Anchorage Road, Saylorsburg, PA 18353

#### Living Hope Lighthouse Church SonShine Fest

Join us on **Saturday June 24, 12:00PM to 2:00PM** at the Palmerton Borough Park. Games, crafts, face painting, bounce house and a magician! **Rain date is July 1st**. Open to the community!

#### **Chestnuthill Township Park Art in the Park**

Art in the Park **Saturday, June 24, 12:00PM to 4:00PM.** Open to the public, enjoy live music, a children's painting activity, and food for purchase. Chestnuthill Township Park is located at 271 Route 715 Brodheadsville, PA 18322

#### Jacobsburg Historical Society WWII Living History

Weekend & Salute to All Veterans Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25 10:00AM to 4:00PM. 402 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA. www.jacobsburghistory.com

#### **Slate Belt Musuem**

The Slate Belt Musuem is open on **Sundays from 1:00PM** to 4:00PM located at 2214 N. Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel.

## Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Council All Motor Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Council All Motor Show will be held **Sunday, June 25, 12:00PM to 4:00PM** Blue Valley Farm Show grounds 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA. 18013. Anything with a motor is welcome! See ad for details page 5

### Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Events

Watershed Education Educator Workshop – Field Day

- Wednesday, June 28 at 8:00am to 5:00pm - Educators with any certification for grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an introduction to the Bureau of State Parks' Watershed Education Register for both the virtual meeting and field day separately on DCNR's calendar of events. You can view and register for community programs online at

https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg

## Wind Gap Fire Co. Carnival

The Wind Gap Fire Co. Carnival will be held **June 29, 30 & July 1st** at the Wind Gap Borough Park Free rides! Nightly entertainment. **See ad for details page 5** 

## Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of TimeWhys (great music of the 60's) Sunday, July 2nd, 6:00PM at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA

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# Jacobsburg-Boulton Historic Site

# Veteran's Weekend Celebration

featuring..

## WWII Living History Event

Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th, 10am - 4pm Historic Buildings & Museums Open Saturday 10am - 4pm & Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Special Salute of Military and Patriotic Music performed by the Nazareth Area Community Band Saturday at 1:00 pm Remarks by State Representative Ann Flood (bring your lawn chair)

#### **Exhibits include:**

- WWII Camps, Vehicles & Vendors
- Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum
- John Jos. Henry House Museum
- Carriage & Sleigh Barn Exhibit
- Boat House & Vintage Tools
- Operating Blacksmith Shop

Happy Tummy Food Stand on Site Admission: Adults \$10.00 Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Scouts in Uniform, Children 12 & under and JHS Members - FREE

402 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA Find us on Facebook @ Boulton Historic Site and Jacobsburg Historical Society www.Jacobsburghistory.com





#### **EBUMCC Free Beef BBQ Picnic Dinner**

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Beef BBQ Picnic" Dinner on **Sunday, July 2nd from 4:00PM-4:30PM.** Take-Out only. Church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt 512) East Bangor,PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.

#### Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission FISH-FOR-FREE Day

Pennsylvania Fish For Free Day will be observed on **Tuesday**, **July 4th.** Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or nonresident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED (Trout/ Salmon and Lake Erie permits are also NOT required). All other fishing regulations still apply.

#### Slate Belt Pride Event

Join Slate Belt Pride on **Saturday, July 22, 12:00PM to 6:00PM.** Music, Vendors, Food, Zumba, Broadway in downtown Bangor (between South Main & South 1st Streets) For more information follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/ SlateBeltPride or Email Slatebeltlgbtpride@yahoo.com

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## Letter to the Editor

Regarding the lack of a Memorial Day ceremony at St John's Cemetery. Most folks in Bangor and the Slate Belt do not know the funding and care of St John's has been handled by a handful of folks who volunteer their time, attempt to raise funds and make decisions regarding the cemetery to the best of their ability. As is the case with most organizations, these 'cemetery board volunteers' are all seniors, who like the rest of us, are not getting any vounger. When these folks die off, or are no longer able to 'run' St John's the fate of the cemetery is largely unknown. There is a school of thought, that under some kind of existing law, the ownership of St John's will revert to Bangor Borough who has neither the staff nor the funding to care for the cemetery. Most long time Slate Belt residents have never given a thought to the cemetery funding and maintenance, even though many longtime residents no doubt have friends and family buried there. If you care about the future of the cemetery look into helping in any way you can including financial. In 2022 the cemetery board received just over \$16,000 in donations, the sole source of funding. A single cutting of the grass costs \$1600. There is ongoing maintenance with trees, driveways, snow removal and other expenses. If everyone in the Slate Belt who had family interred at St John's donated \$10 the amount would probably be staggering compared to the \$16,000 received in 2022. You can send a check to St John's Cemetery, C/O Carol Hummel, Box 9, Bangor, PA 18103, Consider this to be a plea to help save the cemetery. THE FUTURE IS BLEAK! Terry Hontz

#### Portland/UMBT 7th Annual July 4th Parade & Fireworks

Fireworks will kick off the July 4th weekend on **Saturday**, **July 1** at the Community Park located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel, the annual fireworks display (our biggest display ever!) 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.

#### 7th annual 4th of July Parade

The 7th annual 4th of July Parade starts at **11:00AM**. 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. See ad for details page 5

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Many community members will meet for this fun tradition where they will play their kazoos and wave American flags in spirit of the 4th of July as they make their way down to Borough Chambers for a brief ceremony where all those that have served and continue to serve our country will be thanked. The Chamber invites elected officials to say a few words about this holiday and at the end, the Chamber will present all the certificates to our Grand Marshall. We hope you will march with us or sit to watch! After all, it's not every day you see a Kazoo Parade pass by!

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## Quarry Bites & Brews: A Delectable Collaboration by Huratiak Homes, Bangor Borough, and Slate Belt Rising

submitted by Janell Connolly Bangor June 2023 -Huratiak Homes, LLC, in partnership with Bangor Borough and Slate Belt Rising, is thrilled to announce the launch of Quarry Bites & Brews, that promises to tantalize taste buds and create unforgettable memories. This exciting initiative has been made possible



through the generous funding and resources provided by Huratiak Homes and the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development Hotel Tax Grant Program, along with the invaluable support of Bangor Borough and Slate Belt Rising.

Taking place every Thursday evening from 5:00pm -9:00 pm. Quarry Bites & Brews first Thursday kicked off on June 15, 2023, and will continue throughout the summer until the end of September. The weekly event located at 45 Broadway, will transform Downtown Bangor Borough into a culinary hotspot for residents and visitors alike providing a vibrant atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

One of the highlights of Quarry Bites & Brews is the presence of Richmond Farm

and Brewery, who will be serving their delectable beer every week. Attendees will have the

opportunity to savor a wide variety of delicious foods from the carefully curated selection of food

trucks that will be part of the event. Additionally, featured wineries such as Tolino Vineyards and

Clever Girl will offer their exceptional wines to complement the food truck delights.

A welcoming and cozy ambiance will feature inviting fire pits and picnic tables, providing the perfect setting for friends and families to gather and enjoy the evening. Live music performances will add a vibrant rhythm to the atmosphere, ensuring a truly enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Janell Connolly, the events marketing and operations coordinator, expressed her excitement about the event, saying "We are thrilled to bring Quarry Bites & Brews to Downtown Bangor

Borough and help Justin (of Huratiak Homes, LLC) realize his vision for this property in Bangor

Borough. We are grateful to Huratiak Homes, Bangor Borough, and Slate Belt Rising for their

invaluable support. This family friendly event will provide an exceptional opportunity for our

community to come together, indulge in mouthwatering food and drinks, and enjoy an evening

filled with music and good times"

For more information about Quarry Bites & Brews, please contact Janell Connolly at

BangorMarketing@janellconnolly.com. Stay updated on the latest news and announcements by visiting the Quarry Bites & Brews Facebook page and following the event on social media.



of Human Services building at 2801 Emrick Blvd in Bethlehem. Document shredding will be first come, first served. Besidents are limited to three boxes or bags per vehic

Residents are limited to three boxes or bags per vehicle with a twenty-five-pound weight limit per box or bag. Accepted items include accounting records, canceled checks, pay stubs, financial statements, investment transactions, legal documents, medical records, tax forms, etc. Participants are requested not to arrive before the **10:00AM** starting time to avoid causing traffic problems.

As residents arrive, please remain in your vehicles, have doors or trunks unlocked, and have boxed or bagged documents accessible to staff.

Unacceptable materials include junk mail, magazines, catalogs, photographs, negatives, and X-rays.

Staples, paper clips, rubber bands, and folders are accepted. Ring binders, metal strips, and plastic sheet protectors or coverings will be refused.

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**Bangor Park Board Upcoming Summer Events Family Luau - Friday Night, July 14th, 7:00pm to 9:30pm.** DJ, games and contests with prizes and 1 family luau souvenir photo. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

**Movie Night -** Movie title TBA. **Friday August 4th**. The movie starts at dusk and is free to the public. Refreshments will be sold.

National Night Out - at Bangor Park August 1,6:00pm-9:00pm.

**Car Show - August 13th, 12:00pm-4:00pm** Broadway in downtown Bangor. Registration starts at **11:15am.** Trophies and DJ, all cars, trucks and bikes welcome.

#### Pooch Plunge at Pool - Saturday, August 20

The last day of the pool season is one for our furry friends. Come out with man's (or women's) best friend and enjoy one of the last days of summer with a doggie swim day! All dogs must be current on shots and you will be required to sign a release.

#### Octoberfest - Saturday October 14th & Sunday, October15th

Interested vendors can email for an application bangorparkboard@gmail.com

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.

### Bangor High School Class of '53 70th Anniversary Luncheon

The Bangor High School Class of '53 will hold their 70th Anniversary Luncheon at Doughboy's Restaurant, in Wind Gap on July 19, 2033. RSVP by July 12th. For more information, contact Jim Albert, 610 882 0655, or Shirley Ascani, 610 863 2643.



#### Blue Mountain Community Library Summer Fun Program

On Wednesday, June 14 Chief Hoadley and Office Lowe of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department introduced K-9 Zorro to the participants of the Blue Mountain Community Library's Summer Fun Program.



Slate Belt Heritage Center Announces Winners of 2023 Annual Preservation Awards



Pictured L-R: Hope Horn; Special Focus Award, David Riker; Initiative Award, Jason Huggan accepting for Johnsonville Farm & Garden); Business Architecture Award and Raymond DiFebo; Residential Architectural Award.

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#### Pen Argyl Women's Club News

On Saturday, June 3, 2023 at Weona Park in Pen Argyl, the Women's Club of Pen Argyl was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Pen Argyl Mayor, Mr. Stephen Male during the new playground dedication ceremony The Pen Argyl Women's Club donated \$6,000.00 to the new playground at Weona Park. This donation was given in memory of Mrs. Amelia (Millie) Kmetz, a long time member of the Women's Club of Pen Argyl. Attending the ceremony, in addition to club members, were Debbie Gebhardt, Millie's daughter, and Jack Kmetz, Millie's son.



Pictured L-R Debbie Gebhardt, Vivian Dawe and Pen Argyl Mayor Stephen Male.



Pictured club members who attended the dedication ceremony.



30 75 at Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. Progressive Jackpots, Pull Tab Tickets, & Piggy! Doors open at 5:00 PM BINGO 6:30 PM Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA.

#### Marine Corps League meeting

The Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League will meet Saturday, July 1 at 1621 Lehigh Street, Easton PA at 11am. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains welcome. Contact John Mitzak 908-235-7017 or email jvmitzak@gmail.com. Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298. Website: norcomcl.org.

#### Weona Park Pool Pals July Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be Monday, July 3, 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. Donations can be made on the website www.weonapool.wixsite.com/website or by mail. 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.

Copies of the book on the history of Pen Arayl by Walt Cole are still available. They can be purchased at Prints Galore 490 E. Main Street, Pen Argyl or by calling 610-863-6472.

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#### Bangor Women's Club GFWC Announces 2023 Scholarship Winner Emma Schwartz

Deanna Keyser, Education Chair, Bangor Women's Club presented a \$1000 scholarship check to Emma Schwartz at the club's May meeting. Emma is the daughter of Kevin and Donna Schwartz. She graduated from Bangor Area High School with a GPA of 4.1.

Emma plans to attend Elizabethtown College with an undecided major in Psychology and Elementary Education. While at Bangor High school Emma played



Emma Schwartz

sotball and played on the travel softball team.

Emma was a Girl Scout for 8 years. She participated in Holiday gifts for pediatrics unit, soup kitchen, Easton Safe Harbor, New Approach, PA helper, Community field cleanups, caroling and crafting at Episcopal Apartments and Slate Belt Nursing Home and many more.

Congratulations Emma, we know you will make your family and community proud.



#### **Bangor Women's Club** Submitted by Marilyn Mehas

Submitted by Marilyn Mehas At the May meeting of the Bangor Women's Club Carolyn Smith President, Bangor Women's Club GFWC, introduced Deanna Keyser Education Chair to present a \$1000donation check to Kathleen Lynch, Bangor Public Library Director. The Bangor club has been a supporter of the library since it was founded in 1921.

Deanna also introduced the 2023 HOBY winner Gianni Goodrich and his mother Alicia Zito and 2022 HOBY winner Megan Engle and her mother Lindsay Engle. Both HOBY winners spoke about the experiences they have had with the HOBY Organization.

Carolyn Smith attended the Pennsylvania Clubwoman Convention in Pittsburgh in May. She was pleased to accept two awards on the Bangor club's behalf. A Communication Award for partnering with local newspapers and establishing a regular article series on a variety of topics and an Arts and Culture Award for the presentation by Carolyn Smith who spoke about the Cultural holidays celebrated around the globe. Beginning with The Lunar New Year continuing on with Ukrainian Eggs, Oceanic Art, supporting Heifer International and Ukrainian's bombing of wheat fields. India's Diwali, the Festival of Light, a time to celebrate light over darkness.

The 2023 GFWC Festival of Arts winners of the Student Literature, Photography and Art were also announced. A huge thank you to Heidi Bates for spearheading the local 2023 GFWC Festival of Arts and the local schools who encouraged their students to participate.

Literature Short Story: Category 1 Grades K-2 - 3rd place Jessie Henninger; Category 4 Grades 9-12 - 3rd place Connor Roddy.

### HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY:

Color Living Things 1st place Jessica Reinhart Black and White Living Things 1st place Sophia Lanier

Color Still Life 2nd place Sophia Lanier **STUDENT ART:** 

Division 2 Grades 3,4,5 1st place Lacy Strouse

Division 3 Grades 6,7,8 2nd place Vivianne Ruch.

The 2024 program will begin in the fall. We look forward to a lot of great submissions!

The year end meeting was held on June 13 at TK's in Mt Bethel.

The Bangor Women's Club holds various events throughout the year to raise money for their community projects. The club appreciates all the support of our events.



Deanna Keyser presents check to Kathleen Lynch, Bangor Public Library Director.



Pictured L-R Alicia Zito, mother of 2023 HOBY winner Gianni Goodrich, Deanna Keyser Education Chair Bangor Women's Club, Megan Engle 2022 HOBY winner and mother Lindsay Engle.

#### **Area Food Banks & Food Pantries**

#### 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 Friday of Each Month at 5:00PM.** Parking lot will open at 4:30PM. Drive Thru Pickup New Entrance at Avenue B. For questions or information visit www.stroudsburgwesleyan.org Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church, 915 North 5th Street Stroudsburg, PA.

#### West End Food Pantry

Distributions at the West End Food Pantry **1st and 3rd Saturday of every month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**. West End Food Pantry is located at 516 Kunkletown Road Kunkletown, PA. www.westendpantry.com for more information.

#### **PVEN to Offer Free Meals for Kids**

PVEN will offer FREE MEALS to kids ages 18 and under Monday thru Friday, Now thru August 18, 11:00AM to 1:00PM at Chestnuthill Park located at 271 Route 715 Brodheadsville, PA 18322. Meals must be eaten on site - grab & go meals are NOT available at this time due to a change in USDA regulations. Anyone with children age 18 and under is encouraged to take advantage of this free meal service. Questions? Call PVEN at (570) 992-3136.

#### **Compassionate Friends Meeting**

The Compassionate Friends is an international support organization for families who have experienced the death of a child, grandchild or sibling. Meetings are held the **3rd Monday of each month at 7:00PM** via Zoom or at Our Lady Victory Church in Tannersville. For more information about meetings, call 570-994-2819 or email tcfpoconochapter@gmail.com

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

Is eating or food issues a problem? There is a solution. We are a 12 step ANONYMOUS group helping each other recover. Most meetings are online during Covid19. For more information see: www.oa.org or www.greaterlehighvalleyoa.weebly.com

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18. The Bill of Rights	8. July 4th, 1776
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16. Hot Dog	6.1942
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#### Farmer's Market Vouchers for Eligible Seniors

County Executive Lamont G. McClure and Area Agency on Aging are pleased to announce the continuation of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Beginning June 1st**, vouchers worth \$50 will be available to Northampton County residents age sixty and over who meet the income eligibility criteria. The vouchers are distributed by the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging Department.

Each eligible senior may receive five \$10 vouchers for a total of \$50 in SFMNP benefits during the program year. The vouchers can be used to purchase Pennsylvania-grown produce at farmer's markets. Any Northampton County resident age sixty or over who meets income eligibility (example: \$26,973/year for a single person and \$36,482/year for a couple) can obtain the vouchers. For married couples, both spouses may obtain vouchers. The SFMNP does not include seniors who live in nursing homes, convents, or residential facilities where meals are provided. Proof of age and residence must be presented by all persons wishing to receive vouchers.

There will be no in-person distribution of coupons in 2023. Seniors may only receive vouchers once during the program, which runs from **June 1**, 2023, until November 30, 2023.

Application forms are available on the AAA website: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, Senior Farmers' Nutrition Program, 2023 Application Form (northamptoncounty.org) A list of participating farmer's markets can be accessed at: www.PAFMNP.org.

Slate Belt Heritage Center July Historic Presentation Tracing the Roots of Conflict: the Creation of Israel The Slate Belt Heritage Center will host their monthly historic presentation on Thursday, July 13, 7:00PM. Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Marc Blau his topic will be: "Tracing the Roots of Conflict: The Creation of Israel". Mr. Blau, a former Social Studies teacher at Bangor Area High School, will discuss the events that have created the long standing volatile conflict that the world has not been able to peacefully untangle. He will take you back to biblical days and follow the problems to the present. You will leave the talk with a new perspective on the issues occurring in that area. With this program, the Heritage Center is expanding its monthly presentation to include topics of interest outside, as well as inside the Slate Belt. The program is 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.

**Bangor High School Class of '63 60th Class Reunion** The Bangor High School Class of 1963 will hold its 60th year reunion on July 15, at The Scorecard Bar & Grill, 30 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA from 4:00 PM to 8:00PM. FMI call: Judi (Houck) Brugler 610-829-0777 or Diane "Cookie" (Ackerman) Richards 610-588-4938. We are in need of addresses for the following classmates: Nancy Berger, Donna Cruver, Wiltrud Krautter, Lorraine Repsher and Frances Roberts.

#### **Lower Mount Bethel Township Community Day**

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The Lower Mount Bethel Township Recreation Board hosted the annual Community Day on Saturday, June 10th. The family friendly event was a day of fun for all who attended!



Wind Gap and Pen Argyl Boroughs Summer Sounds Concert Series Photos by Lisa Newberry

It was a beautiful evening on Sunday, June 18, at the Wind Gap Park to listen to the sounds of the Main Street Cruisers. The next concert will be held on Sunday June 25th, at Weona Park in Pen Argyl featuring the band Joyous. See more photos on our Facebook



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# SUMMer FUN



The Danubio, Peifly and DeLuca families recently enjoyed a family cruise to Bermuda.



in the subject: Vacation/Summer Fun Photo By mail: The Belt and Beyond, P.O. Box 33, Bangor PA Attn: Vacation/Summer Fun Photos

## St. Elizabeth of Hungary Golf Tournament

St. Elizabeth of Hungary will host a Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 1 8:00AM Shotgun Start - 4 person scramble Southmoore Golf Club, Bath PA. Sponsorships Available Email stelizgolf@gmail.com

### West End Simple Church Bible Study

Join us every Saturday for bible study from 11:00AM to 12:00PM at the Western Pocono Community Library located at 131 Pilgrim Way in Brodheadsville. All are welcome. Please call 570-807-0727 if you plan to attend. Lane Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, June 30, 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Educat Center located at 8050 Running Valley Road Stroudsburg, PA

"Some of the best memories are made in flip flops"

~Kellie Elmore



# Palmerton Lions Club at Towamensing Volunteer Fire Company

105 Firehouse Rd (Rt 209), Palmerton, PA 18071

EVERY TUESDAY Doors open 4:00 P.M. Warm-ups start at 6:00 P.M. Main Bingo starts at 6:30 P.M.

There will be no Bingo on 7/4. Bingo will resume Tuesday 7/11 Happy Independence Day!



\$25.00 Admission Package Includes: 9 cards for all regular Bingo 9 cards for all Book Specials 9 cards for Jackpot Special Regular Bingo pays: \$50.00 Jackpot consolation pays: \$500.00

Optional Admission Packages, warm-ups, & extras available Kitchen open

# FMI: call 610-657-4903

# Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center Programs

Wednesday Bog Walks Join us at 10:00AM at the Bog Parking lot and take a 2.5 hour guided journey into the unique Tannersville Cranberry Bog. Our environmental educators will explain the Bog's formation, its plant and animal life and the role the local Preserve Committee and the Nature Conservancy play in its continued protection. Please wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the Tannersville Bog parking lot located at 552 Cherry Lane Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on **Friday, June 30**, **9:00AM to 2:00PM** at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center located at 8050 Running Valley Road Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Call Barbara at 570-629-3061 for more information. To register or to learn more about American Red Cross blood drives, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is located at 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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#### New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - The Wind Knows My Name: A Novel by Isabel Allende; The Whispers by Ashley Audrain: Unfortunately Yours: A Novel by Tessa Bailey Clive Cussler Fire



Strike: A Novel of the Oregon Files by Mike Maden The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel: The Survivor by Iris Johansen; Cross Down by James Patterson; Lady Tan's Circle of Women: A Novel by Lisa See Cassandra in Reverse by Holly Smale Near Miss by Stuart Woods.

Adult Nonfiction - Pageboy: A Memoir by Elliot Page. Easy Fiction - We are Going to be Pals! by Mark Teague; Bitsy Bat, School Star by Kaz Windness.

**Junior Fiction -** Greenwild: The World Behind the Door by Pari Thomson.

Young Adult Fiction - Lore Olympus Volume Four by Rachel Smythe.

**DVDs** - The Handmaid's Tale Season Five

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.

# Upcoming Events at Western Pocono Community Library Sunday, June 25 at Weona Park during

The WCPL Summer Reading Program Summer Reading Program will be held June 12th-July27th Please library will be selling ice cream sundaes. visit the WPCL website or circulation desk to register. Summer Baby & Toddler Programs: Additional to Summer Reading Program-Monday-Toddler Rhythm 9:30AM; Wednesday-Toddler Rhythm 10:30AM; Friday-Books & Babies 10:30AM

Visit one of the WCPL's 3 StoryWalks® locations: WPCL Garden, Fleetwood Trail at West End Regional Park & Polk Township Park. The Western Pocono

Brodheadsville, PA 18322 Phone: 570-992-7934. www.westernpoconocommunitylibrary.org

Hours: Monday: 9:00am - 8:00pm; Tuesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wednesday: 9:00am - 8:00pm; Thursday: 9:00am - 8:00pm; Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm. Sunday: Closed.

#### **Upward Pilgrimage** by Robert L. Martin

As if the soil down under was a warm cathedral on a journey to a downward pinnacle where the voice of God reached the seed and told it to rise up and follow his lead up through the soil and into the summer's air, the leaf stalk rises as it climbs each stair.

It peaks its head out to where it laid claim and spreads its leaves to the sun and rain as it worships its God who gave it strength for its pilgrimage from the roots so entrenched.





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Blue Mountain Community Library

The Blue Mountain Community Library is still accepting registration for our summer program call 610 863 3029 to register your children. Visit our stand on the Summer Sounds Concert. The



Come to the library and check-out a good book to enjoy this summer. The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are Mon.-Sat, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Mon. and Thurs., 6:00-8:00 PM. Visit our website www.bmcl.org.

#### **BMCL Fundraiser**

The library will hold a fundraiser at The Scorecard, 130 N.Broadway, Wind Gap, PA . on Tuesday, July 27, Community Library WPCL is located at 131 Pilgrim Way, 11:30AM to closing. The Scorecard will generously donate a portion of all food sales that day to the Library in Pen Argyl.Dine-In or take-out orders will be included. Library membership is free to all residents in the Pen Argyl School District and non-residents may join for a small yearly fee. FMI call 610-863-3029 or visit www.bmcl.org Find us on Facebook and Instagram.

#### BMCL Hosts Summer Fun Library Program

The Blue Mountain Community Library is hosting a Summer Fun with the Library Program for children ages 4 through 9.

Join us on Wednesday, June 28 at the Plainfield Municipal Building and participate in a rock painting activity. On July 12, our group will meet at the Wind Gap Borough Park and search for cool treasures in a scavenger hunt. On July 26, we will meet at the Wind Gap Borough Park and celebrate Christmas in July with fun activities. All programs are free and begin at 10:30AM. Registration is required, please call the library at 610 863 3029.

Visit us at our stand on **Sunday**, **June 25** at Weona Park during the Summer Sounds Concert. Library volunteers will be selling ice cream sundaes.

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