

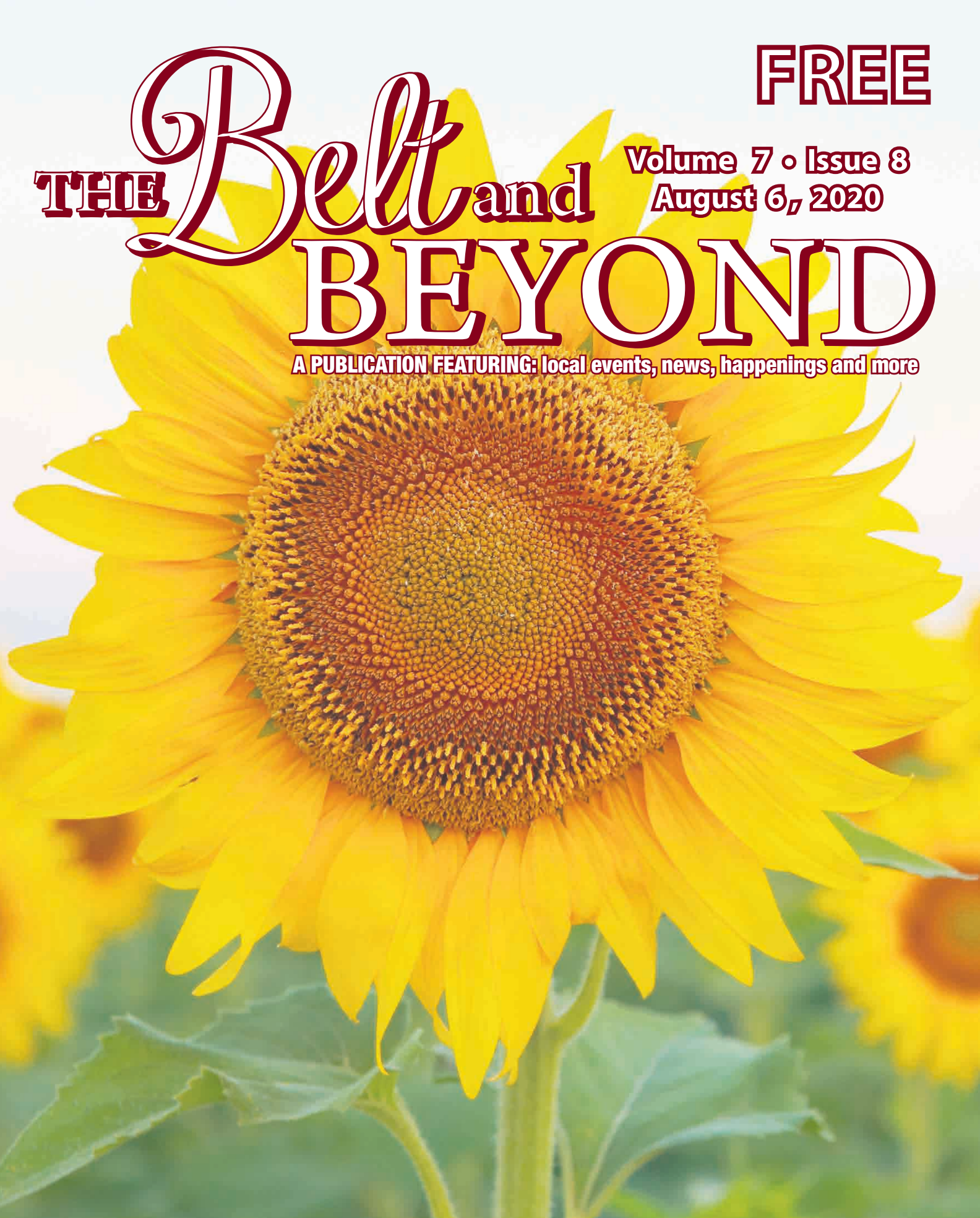
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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Sunflower Festival

First Annual Sunflower Festival **August 8th & 9th from 11:00am to 8:00pm**, Yenser's Tree Farm, 1910 Mahoning Drive East, Lehigh, PA.

Sunflowers with a view and so much more! Bring your camera! Follow on Facebook or visit their website www.yenserstreefarm.com

Meet Author Jolynn Angelini at Bangor Public Library



Come meet local author Jolynn Angelini at the Bangor Public Library on **Sunday, August 9th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Jolynn, will be sharing with us her first book, "The Protectors", a fast paced thriller. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the event will be held outdoors in the library parking lot.

Masks must be worn and we will be practicing social distancing. Please bring your own chair and snacks. Refreshments will not be available. The book will be available for purchase. The Library is located at 39 S Main St Bangor, PA. Space is limited. Please call to reserve your space 610-588-4136



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NATIONAL DAYS

NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

- AUGUST 6TH NATIONAL IPA DAY
- AUGUST 7TH - PURPLE HEART DAY
- AUGUST 8TH - NATIONAL GARAGE SALE DAY
- AUGUST 9TH - NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY
- AUGUST 10TH - NATIONAL S'MORES DAY
- AUGUST 12TH - NATIONAL MIDDLE CHILD DAY
- AUGUST 13TH - INTERNATIONAL LEFT HANDERS DAY
- AUGUST 15TH - NATIONAL RELAXATION DAY
- AUGUST 16TH - NATIONAL RUM DAY
- AUGUST 17TH - NATIONAL THRIFT SHOP DAY
- AUGUST 18TH - NATIONAL FAJITA DAY
- AUGUST 19 - NATIONAL SOFT ICE CREAM DAY
- AUGUST 20TH - NATIONAL RADIO DAY
- AUGUST 21ST - NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY
- AUGUST 24TH - NATIONAL PEACH PIE DAY
- AUGUST 25TH - NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY
- AUGUST 26TH - NATIONAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
- AUGUST 27TH - NATIONAL JUST BECAUSE DAY
- AUGUST 28TH - NATIONAL RED WINE DAY
- AUGUST 30TH - NATIONAL BEACH DAY
- AUGUST 31ST - NATIONAL MATCHMAKER DAY

Slater Family Network Open Thursdays

Slater Family Network will be open **every Thursday in the summer from 9:00am to 2:00pm** to serve the residents of the Bangor School District. Other days available by appointment. Food, clothing, Mental Health Counseling, school supplies, and Back Pack Buddy Food Program, all free and available. Please call for details and appointment at 610-599-7019.

EBUMC VBS

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is offering Online VBS! Vacation Bible School will be available online this year for kids ages 4-12 from **August 10th through 14th**. The theme is "High Seas Expedition". Deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 5th. For more information and to register online go to www.ebumc.org.

Slate Belt Heritage Center Monthly Presentation

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will host their monthly presentation on **Thursday, August 13th**, on their facebook page. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred DeRea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "**The History of the Textile Industry in the Slate Belt**". Regular monthly presentations will continue virtually, check their Facebook page for details.

American Legion Post 927

101st Anniversary & S.A.L. 5th Annual Clambake Double event **Saturday, August 15 from 3:00pm to 9:30pm**, American Legion Post 927, 646 Fairgrounds Rd, Gilbert, PA. For more info contact Jimmy Nugent 917-217-1387, Erik Nelson 973-459-8378, Danny Insalata 570-977-3046

Lehigh Valley Passport to History Weekend

Lehigh Valley Passport to History is a partnership of historic sites and resources in and around Pennsylvania's Lehigh and Northampton counties. Let our group connect you with historical activities, events, tours, and exhibitions throughout the Valley.

From museums to research archives to little-known architectural gems off the beaten path, we invite you to use this website to explore the rich heritage that is right around the corner.

Join us for Passport to History Weekend on **Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th** for free admission, tours, and activities at participating sites.

Due to Covid-19, face masks are required. Attendees must practice social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available and we will be sanitizing the area frequently.

Note: No bathroom facilities so please plan accordingly.

Please check the website for a complete schedule www.lvhistory.org/passport-to-history-day/

GriefShare Group to Start in August

New Group starting **Sunday, August 16th, 3:00pm**, Mt. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt Bethel, PA. 18343. Christian based support group for those who have lost loved ones. All safety precautions will be observed due to COVID 19. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be practiced. To register please contact Diane at 973-202-3317.



Outdoor Vendor and Craft Fair

Sunday, August 16, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company
920 Washington Blvd, Bangor, PA.

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Gray Strong Foundation

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Saturday, August, 29th, 10:00am Charter's Banquet Facility at Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co., 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA. To register for the Craft Fair, please visit <https://www.graystrong.org/craft-fair-2020>

Collectibles Show

Outdoor collectibles show on **Sunday, August 30th, 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Upper Mount Bethel Vol. Fire Hall, 2341 North Delaware Drive, Mount Bethel, PA 18343. Featuring vendors with comics, trading cards, toys, records, crafts. MASK contest with prizes for children and adults. Free admission and free parking.FMI: 609-242-7756.



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Slate Belt Heritage Center To Re-Open

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be opening for the season, after a five month delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be open to the general public for the first time on **Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm**. The Heritage Center will be open every weekend **until the end of October**. Our special exhibit this year is "The Enduring Thread: The Textile and Garment Industries of the Slate Belt." The exhibit features photos, fabric and stories about the local garment industry, as well as a model of a mill floor.



The Center will take part in Passport to History weekend on **August 15th & 16th**, with a live demonstration of quilting and embroidery on **August 15th & 16th**.

Bangor Borough Yard Sale Days

Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5th-7th! The Borough waives the yard sale permit and you have the opportunity to find some treasures and release your unused items to someone who can use them.

BHS Class of '68 Birthday Party Canceled

The Bangor Area High School Class of 1968 has **canceled** their "70th" Birthday Party scheduled for **September 19th** due to the COVID 19 pandemic. See you in 2023 for our 55th Class Reunion. For more information, please contact Tom Abruzzese at sam0ht68@gmail.com or Donna Mensch Smith at smittyde@ptd.com.

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Quiet Valley's Heritage Craft Day

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will feature the 14th Annual Heritage Craft Day on **Saturday, August 8th from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Demonstrators will show traditional heritage craft skills of the 1800s throughout the day. There will be hands-on opportunities for visitors who wish to try out some of these crafts for themselves. A children's craft area is being planned.

Demonstrations such as spinning, weaving, wheat weaving, bobbin lace, horn work, pottery and paper crafts will take place. The purpose of Heritage Craft Day is to provide a greater awareness of these historic folk crafts that were essential to everyday living in previous generations. This is a wonderful chance for individuals, families and children to explore the exciting world of traditional crafts. The crafters are under tents in case of rain. The schedule is subject to change.

Heritage Craft Day is included in the regular admission price. Farm tours are available throughout the day on **Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. The farm museum grounds are open **until 5:00pm**. The bake oven will be in operation and guests will be able to visit the one room school. Farm and event are open rain or shine. Allow 2 to 2 1/2 hours to see everything.

All funds raised go to support Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, a 501(c) (3) non-profit, educational corporation. Quiet Valley is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of rural life of the 19th century. The historic farm museum is open to the general public from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day Monday, closed Mondays except Labor Day. Also, open select Spring and Fall Saturdays; Major fundraising events are held in May, October and December. Tours for schools and groups are by reservation. For more information visit our website www.quietvalley.org or call the farm at 570.992.6161.



Slate Belt Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, September 27th,

Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt!

No, this is not virtual - it's the real deal and tons of FUN! The hunt will **begin at 9:00 am and**

end at 12:00pm with cash prizes worth over \$1,000.00 - YES! 1k! So get your engines revving with 4 teammates in a car and choose wisely. All the Slate Belt navigators and experts can show off their #SlateBelt wisdom as the Road Rally course will wind through 10 municipalities with challenges to find obscure quirky landmarks.

Register your team of four. For more info/cost or to receive a registration contact: Stephen Reider 484-523-0900 or sreider@caclv.org.. **Registration Deadline Sept. 4th** - no day-of registrations will be accepted.

Each team member registered for the Road Rally Scavenger Hunt will receive a registration gift at check-in.

2nd Annual Northampton County Festival

Saturday, October 10th, at 11:00am to 5:00pm, Louise W Moore Park, Country Club Rd, Easton, PA.

Lookout Fire Co #1

Sportsmans Drawing and Meat Raffle Postponed

LOOKOUT FIRE CO. # 1 Sportsman Drawing and Meat Raffle has been **postponed until October 10, 2020**. Please visit their website lookoutfireco.com for additional information.

2020 Roseto Big Time Queen

The 127th crowning of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Big Time Queen and procession was held on Sunday, July 26th. photos courtesy of Greg Morgan Photography



Linda Basso, Isabella Goffredo, and Father Joseph Kanimea, Pastor.

The Queen's Court



Our Lady of Mt Carmel



2019 Big Time Queen Sophia Genteel crowns 2020 Queen Isabella Goffredo



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2020 Plainfield Farmers' Fair Scholarship Recipients



Pictured L-R Kandie Gower, Kallie Maneri, Rachel Kromer, and KayAnn Kern. Missing from photo Lexi Zeigafuse. Photo by Lisa Newberry

SLATE BELT FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION




Slate Belt Food Box Distribution to Continue through August

The Slate Belt Food Box Distribution will continue every Thursday throughout the summer until **August 27th**. Through the work of the Slate Belt YMCA in partnership with Slate Belt Rising and the Wind Gap Vol. Fire Company, there will be fresh produce from Farmers to Families and family-portioned meals.

This is first come first serve from **4:00pm to 6:00pm** every Thursday or until distributions are gone. This is open to all - no residency requirements. Location: Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co., 111N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA.

The USDA in partnership with farmers, ranchers, specialty crop producers, food processors and distributors, and non-profit organizations to ensure that all Americans have access to the fresh and wholesome food they need during the COVID-19 national emergency.

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Blue Valley Farm Show News

The 75th Annual Blue Valley Farm Show will be postponed until **August 10 -14, 2021** due to the state of Pennsylvania's restrictions on gatherings in response to the COVID19 pandemic. However, the Farm Show will host a Youth Livestock Show and drive-thru dinners. These will only take place if we remain in "green" as per Governor Wolf.

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Livestock Show

ALL YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. ONLY EXHIBITORS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARE PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!

Blue Valley Farm Show Inc. will follow CDC Guidelines. Where social distancing is not possible, masks will be required. Everyone entering the Fairgrounds for a show will be required to sign a liability waiver.

The Farm Show Board will host two drive-thru dinners for the community to enjoy some food from the Farm Show. The public is invited to our drive-thru dinners. You may not exit your vehicle at any time. This schedule is dependent upon Pennsylvania's Plan for Reopening.

The Blue Valley Farm Show would like to thank all for your support over the past year. We look forward to seeing you in 2021 to celebrate our 75th Annual Blue Valley Farm Show **August 10-14, 2021!**

See ad on page 16 for Blue Valley Farm Show Drive - thru dinner dates and times.



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 by Robert L. Martin

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VFW and Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Commander Nick Alfero Jr. and Auxiliary President Deborah Riley of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 739 in Bangor, PA announce the kick off of this year's VFW and Auxiliary "Patriots Pen Essay Competition." Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete in the VFW's annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District. District winners compete in the state competition. The state winners compete for \$46,000 in awards, and then compete at the National level for \$54,500 in prizes.

Students are invited to write a 300-400 word essay on a patriotic theme. The theme for 2020-2021 is

"What is Patriotism to Me?"

Create a typed essay and entry form to submit to their local Post in Bangor. Deadline for student entries is **October 31, 2020**. Submit applications to VFW Post 739, Deborah Riley, 202 Veterans Rd., Bangor, PA 18013

Commander Nick Alfero Jr. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post 739 in Bangor, PA has announced the kick off of the annual VFW and its Auxiliary "Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition." Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students in Grade 9-12 begin by competing at the local Post level with a deadline of **October 31st**. Post winners advance to District and then the first place District winner advances to the state competition. All State winners receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. A total of \$152,000 is awarded to national finalist. First place is a \$30,000 scholarship. Annually the VFW provides more than \$2 Million in scholarships. Each year around 40,000 students participate in the competition.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the 2020-2021 theme:

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned"

Create an audio CD and present their recording, typed essay, and entry form to their local Post in Bangor. VFW Post 739, 202 Veterans Rd, Bangor, PA 18013. 610-588-5555. Deadline for student entries is **October 31, 2020**. Program is open to all regardless of VFW Affiliation or veteran status.

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Slate Belt Heritage Center Thanks Book Sponsor



The Slate Belt Heritage Center would like to take this opportunity to thank Gaffney Parsons Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. for their generosity.

Curtis and Kelly Gaffney Parsons present a check for \$2500.00 to Marc

Blau, Slate Belt Heritage Center Board member and co-author of the book, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". Gaffney Parsons Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. is the sole sponsor of the best-selling book.

NCC to Offer Certified Recovery Specialist Course Course will start students on the path to Certified Recovery Specialist

NCC will offer a course "Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS)" on **Saturdays, August 22th to December 19th, 10:00am to 2:30pm**, in room 363, Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third Street, Bethlehem.

The CRS credential is for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders who wish to help others move into and through the recovery process as peer support. Completion of this course will facilitate the student towards Pennsylvania state certification as a certified peer recovery specialist. Understanding the requirements of certification along with the role of the CRS in practice is critical before committing to training.

For fees/requirements for certification and to enroll, visit the course catalog on www.northampton.edu/healthcarecerts or call 610-332-6585.

NCC Announces New Fall Start Date

Most classes will begin one week later on August 31

To better accommodate students' ever-changing lives that continue to be impacted by the pandemic, Northampton Community College (NCC) will delay the start of most of its fall classes to **Monday, Aug. 31st**, one week later than the previously scheduled Aug. 24 date.

Due to academic requirements, seven programs will maintain an Aug. 24 start date including Automotive Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assistant, Radiography, Registered Nursing and Veterinary Technician. Only students in these programs will begin classes Aug. 24 as originally planned.

With this change, the college is also extending the deadline for fall semester tuition payments to Aug. 24 (from Aug. 4) to give students as much time as possible to access financial aid and coordinate payment.

Enrolled students' existing schedules will remain intact, with the first day of classes beginning Monday, Aug. 31, (except for those students in the Automotive Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assistant, Radiography, Registered Nursing and Veterinary Technician programs, who will start Aug. 24.) The additional week will allow many students (and their parents) who are still contemplating their college decision, time to complete the enrollment process, update financial aid information and better prepare for fall classes.

"NCC has always prided itself on being a caring community and we hear loud and clear the challenges our students are going through right now because of the COVID crisis," said Mark Erickson, president of NCC. "We believe the changes made to our fall schedule will be helpful for all students whose lives have been impacted by the pandemic.

"We're hopeful this added time will ease some of the pressure they feel and give students an opportunity to pursue scholarship opportunities, meet with an academic advisor (Success Navigator) and select classes that best fit their educational pathway."

NCC's fall break originally scheduled for Oct. 12-13 has been cancelled as part of changes to the semester's class schedule to allow for additional instruction time. All changes will be reflected in the academic calendar on the NCC website beginning Aug. 5.

Students who plan to live in NCC's residential halls and enroll in the Automotive Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assistant, Radiography, Registered Nursing and Veterinary Technician programs will move into their rooms on Aug. 21 - Aug. 23. All other students will move into their rooms on Aug. 28 - Aug. 30.

Prospective students can still register for fall the fall semester by visiting northampton.edu/register. A virtual Spartan Session will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at 6 p.m. to answer all questions about studying at NCC. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/NCCAUGUST5RSVP>.

Students with questions should call 610-861-5300 or email at adminfo@northampton.edu.



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Richmond Farm & Brewery stopped by Little Creek Bar-B-Cue on Saturday, July 25th with samples and growlers to go. Pictured: L-R Rene Koehler (Little Creek Bar-B-Cue), Maria RFB Brewmaster, and RBFowner Milissa Smith.

What Will Back to School Look Like This Year?

By Kathleen McFall

Back to school - is it really that time of year again? It may only be August, but in some states school is starting this week.

Until this school year, back-to-school meant shopping for school supplies, thinking about going back to class, new subjects, new homework, new teachers, and new classmates. School concerns included academic and social skills, the fear of not fitting in with new students in a new class, and possibly being separated from existing friends and peers.

The new school year is a chance to start fresh and create new routines and study habits. It can be a stressful time for many students and parents. It's full of many unknowns and "what ifs". This year, however, the unknowns and "what ifs" are staggering. COVID-19 has altered our lives on so many levels and returning to school is one of them.

Last year, amid the COVID-19 spread, the school year ended with remote learning. This year, many parents across the country are faced with learning choices with no easy answers.

Whether students are in pre-K or high school, parents want the best experience possible while searching for ways to protect them from a virus that is still out of control. The task is daunting.

As the start of the academic year approaches, what is school going to look like? School districts across the country have been conflicted over whether to reopen in person, with distance learning, or with a hybrid plan that involves spending some days in classrooms and other days online.

If our school buildings open with in-person instruction, things are going to look very different and the measures needed to keep students and teachers safe in our schools will impact in-person learning.

While many public health experts and pediatricians agree that returning children to classrooms is important, they advise that it has to be done cautiously, with a plan based on scientific evidence.

For parents, it includes support on wearing face coverings and talking to them about preventive measures. It suggests checking their children each morning for signs of illness before sending them to school.

For the schools it may involve keeping desks six feet apart, using outdoor spaces and keeping smaller-than-usual groups of children in one classroom all day instead of allowing them to move around.

Safety concerns can necessitate double transportation routes and custodial schedules, as well as purchasing personal protective equipment, hand sanitizers, disinfecting products and a plexiglass "shield" for every desk.

For school districts that are utilizing online learning

either totally or partially, there will be adjustments. Teachers can educate students remotely. It isn't ideal, and we lose a lot of what we value about teacher-student relationships. But it can be done.

Parents are facing very difficult decisions with regard to the type of learning they have to choose for their children. Regardless of the time, energy and study devoted to defining how back to school should be approached this year, there is no one right choice or best choice.

During normal times, public school is a wonderful answer for many families. Schools provide critical support for student mental health, but these are not normal times. Schools would need to be creative to serve students' social and emotional needs.

All the normal stresses will be compounded by anxiety about COVID-19 and constant vigilance about safety. This is all new ground for everyone. There is no easy answer, and there will be adjustments that are necessary.

The faces of students filling the hallways, shouting and laughing will be gone on the first day of school temporarily, but it is temporary. These challenging school issues, with their uncertainty and anxiety, are not permanent.

These are unsettling times filled with decisions, not just regarding back to school, that often seem impossible to make with complete certainty.

We can focus on the struggle and be consumed with worry, or we can look to make today relevant and explore ways to improve ourselves, our surroundings and our relationships.

We can also choose to be forgiving of others - and ourselves. If we are struggling to adjust to the new circumstances we are all facing, sometimes just getting through the day is what we were meant to accomplish, and we should celebrate that, as well.

Our students are going back to school under circumstances that are beyond everyone's control. Parents are doing their best for their children to help them grow and learn.

We can also focus on hope for a better tomorrow. I choose hope.

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New Releases

New Fiction July 2020 - A Good Marriage, Kimberly McCreight; Redhead by the Side of the Road, Anne Tyler; All My Mother's Lovers, Ilana Masad; Rules for Moving, Nancy Star; East Coast Girls, Kerry Kletter; This is How I Lied, Heather Gudenkauf; 28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand; Masked Prey, John Sandford; Devoted, Dean Koontz; The Restaurant, Pamela Kelley; Little White Secrets, Carol Mason; The Heirloom Garden, Viola Shipman; Hello, Summer, Mary Kay Andrews; Family for Beginners, Sarah Morgan; Pretty Little Things, Janelle Brown; The New Husband; D.J. Palmer; Big Summer, Jennifer Weiner; Walking the Wire, David Baldacci; The Goodbye Man, Jeffery Deaver; The Book of Longings; Sue Monk Kidd; On Ocean Boulevard, Mary Alice Monroe; All Adults Here, Emma Straub; The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett; Summer Darlings, Brooke Foster; The Last Train to Key West, Chanel Cleeton; Summer Longing, Jamie Brenner; A Week at the Shore, Barbara Delinsky.

New Large Print July 2020 - The Sea Glass Cottage, RaeAnne Thayne; Coconut Layer Cake Murder, Joanne Fluke; Sunrise on Half Moon Bay, Robyn Carr; Carolina Breeze, Denise Hunter; Dance Away with Me, Susan Elizabeth Phillips; The Way of Love, Tracie Peterson; Hideaway, Nora Roberts; Breakfast at the Honey Creek Café, Jodi Thomas.

New Non-Fiction July 2020 - Untamed, Glennon Doyle; Hell and other Destinations, Madeleine Albright; The House of Kennedy, James Patterson.

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl. Hours: Mon. – Thurs. – Sat. 10:00am to 12:00 noon & Mon. – Thurs.- 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, visit us at www.bmcl.org or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

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New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - What You Wish For by Katherine Center; The Half Sister by Sandie Jones; Writers & Lovers: A Novel by Lily King; A Burning by Megha Majumdar; Revenge by James Patterson.



Large Print Fiction - Walk the Wire by David Baldacci; The Crow's Call by Wanda Brunstetter; Camino Winds by John Grisham; The Book of Lost Friends: A Novel by Lisa Wingate; Bombshell by Stuart Woods.

Non-Fiction - Indian Mythology: Tales, Symbols, and Rituals from the Heart of the Subcontinent by Devdutt Pattanaik; I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown; Becoming Duchess Goldblatt

Audio Books - The House of Kennedy by James Patterson; Walk the Wire by David Baldacci; 28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand; The Jane Austen Society: A Novel by Natalie Jenner; The Summer House by James Patterson.

The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 South Main Street, Bangor, PA. The phone number is 610-588-4136.

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs July 2020

Hike for Health - Wednesday, August 12, September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines.

Announcing 2020 Summer Camp Dates - Registration Open Online

DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): Learning to Love the Unlovables - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-11:00am the week of August 10th.

Have you ever been frightened by a snake? Or spooked by a bat? Do you think opossums are weird or wonder what's the point of vultures? Join us for a fun week of getting to know the creepy, crawly and just plain weird animals of Pennsylvania!

DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12): What's in Your WILD Backyard? - Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm the week of August 11th.

Join us as we learn about the importance of backyard habitats for wild creatures in your neighborhood and ways to help them.

Once you register your camper online you will be emailed the application form. Camps are filled "first come, first served" based on the date the application and \$15.00 registration fee are received at the center. Failure to return the application form and payment in a timely manner will result in cancelation of registration.

DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): Here We Grow! - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-11:00am the week of August 17th.

Flowers and birds, dragonflies and chipmunks – a garden is a fantastic place to explore and learn about the exciting animals that call it home. Have fun learning about how to attract animals to a garden and make and take home crafts like seed bombs, bird feeders, and more to start a garden of your very own!

DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12): Creek Critters - Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm the weeks of August 4th, and August 18th.

Join us as we learn about the animals that live in our creeks. We'll get wet and muddy searching for the important indicators of a health creek habitat.

You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs. You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>.

Free Landlord Training Workshop

FREE Landlord Training Workshop hosted by Slate Belt Rising and presented by Lisa Borick, of the Easton Redevelopment Authority. There will be two sessions held in person (masks required and practicing social distance) at the new Wind Gap Fire Dept. Social Hall 111 N Broadway in Wind Gap.

Session 1 (Wednesday, August 26th 6:00pm to 9:00pm)

Topics: Preparing the Property, Applicant Screening, Rental Agreements, Ongoing Management.

Session 2 (Wednesday, September 2nd 6:00pm to 9:00pm)

Topics: Warning Signs of Drug Activity, Role of the Police, Crisis Resolution, Section 8/Fair Housing

RSVP required by **4:00pm, Friday August 14th** to Stephen Reider at 484-523-0900 or sreider@caclv.org

Tasty Tuesdays at Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, will once again offer a free bag lunch program to children, their families and individuals in the community this summer. **Tasty Tuesdays will run through mid August.** Due to Covid-19, lunches will contain non perishable food items and will be available for drive-up/walk-up pick up in the large church parking lot. Each lunch contains water, juice, healthy snack bar, chips, fruit cup and your choice of a main food item such as canned soup/pasta. Please call the church office to register for Tasty Tuesdays at 610-588-2023.

Area Food Pantries

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

The Portland Upper Mount Bethel Food Pantry serves Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, East Bangor, Portland, and Martins Creek. The food pantry is open to qualifying clients **every Monday morning from 10:00am to 11:30am.** PUMP is in need of boxed cereal of all types. Any donation you can give is greatly appreciated. Until further notice will be open every Monday as normal but will deliver food to your car in the parking lot. Please clean out a space in your trunk to put food in. For our safety and yours. We cannot go inside your car. Located at the Portland Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA, 570-656-2967

Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry

The Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry is open the **first four Tuesdays of the month from 10am until 12:00pm.** There is a virtual pantry set up on line for those that are interested and willing to donate. <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>. The Pen Argyl Salvation Army is located at 301 West Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA, (610) 863-6677

Mission of Love Food Bank

Mission of Love Food Bank Ministry is a non-profit organization that seeks to fight hunger by providing food to local families in need. **Tuesdays 9:00am -12:00 noon.** Drive thru service only. For the safety of all we ask that you do not exit your vehicle. Location 555 N. Main Street, Bangor, PA. To volunteer or donate please contact Pastor Frank at 570-807-7794.



Nifty N' Thrifty Thrift Store

by Candy Martin

Nifty N' Thrifty is open for business and ready to provide for the needs of the community. Located at 38 Broadway, in downtown Bangor, formerly the First United Methodist Thrift Store. The FUMC thrift store

had been closed due to the pandemic and the staff had made the hard decision to not reopen after nearly 20 years of being a part of the Bangor business community. Local business owners, Scott and Dana Schmutz, knew this would be a devastating loss to the community. So, they decided to re-open the thrift store with a new name Nifty N' Thrifty, with the premise of continuing the legacy that the FUMC thrift store providing for the community. They are very thankful to the staff of First United Methodist Thrift Store for their years of dedicated service and for the support that they are receiving as they continue the mission of providing to meet the needs of the Slate Belt community.

You will find Nifty N' Thrifty housed with clothing, books, household items, furniture, DVD's, CDs, records, children's toys, music equipment, and much more. There is basically something for everyone! Prices remain affordable and the inventory changes on a daily.

Donations are graciously accepted during business hours only. Please note drop offs are not permitted when the store is closed. For those wishing to donate or in

need of a pick up please contact Nifty N' Thrifty to make arrangements. The thrift store will remain a non-profit giving to local charities as well as globally. The ministry of free loaves of bread will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays for those in need. The thrift store will continue to be run by volunteers in the community. Anyone interested in volunteering their time is asked to stop by and fill out a volunteer application.

Scott and Dana are very optimistic about the future of Nifty N' Thrifty and have some great things planned for the future. Follow Nifty N' Thrifty on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up to date. @niftynthriftypa

Coming soon; A way for businesses, individuals, and/or families to monetarily support our mission even if you don't need any thrifty goods

A Grand Opening will be held the week of **August 3rd**. Stop by for great deals and fun! Word has it there will be a fun carnival style dime toss to win glassware!

Nifty N' Thrifty is located at 38 Broadway in Bangor. The phone number is 610-599-6924. Hours are **Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm**



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Explored will be the concepts of why is this so hard to talk about? To understand? To integrate into life and worship?

This is the opportune time to tune in and find out.

Book study is through an online zoom format and held

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Families First 18th Annual/1st Virtual 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk



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Saturday, September 26th – October 17th, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic will not stop this great event.

Sign up to support this amazing organization!

This event is for the entire family. All proceeds will go to support the Adopt-A-Family Holiday programs and activities provided by Families First. "People Helping People" in the Pen Argyl Area School District.

Register today! Then, during the weeks of **September 26th – October 17th, 2020**, pick your favorite spot or somewhere new, alone or with others and complete the run/walk. The official registration form can be downloaded at the Families First website. www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org

Non-Refundable Entry: \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of three or more before September 26th ; \$25 per person After September 26th . Family entries must be mailed together. Students - \$15 entry fee.

Checks payable to: Families First and mail to Families First Race Committee c/o Frank Jones 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl, PA 18072.

Runners: If submitting your time, complete the 5-K (3.12miles) and record your time. Be sure to include your full name, City and State. Email your race results info

to: phil.giaquinto@aol.com no later than **Sunday, October 18th**, to have your effort be included in the final Virtual Race Results. The one-mile fun walk is non-competitive.

Entry includes a quality T-Shirt guaranteed to first 100 runners and an opportunity to support a worthwhile cause. T-SHIRTS: Curbside pick-up will take place on Monday, October 19th, 2020 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, in the front of the bus loop Wind Gap Middle School. 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl PA 18072

Raffle: Each race participant will be assigned a raffle number. One randomly selected number will receive a prize.

Support: Be creative in showing your support for Families First on Social Media. Submit your entry to our Families First Race Committee and the Board of Directors will award several prizes for creativity and content.

All levels of sponsorship includes: publicity, listing of corporate logo or Name on the event T-Shirts, and the opportunity to place informational material in the Race Bags. For sponsorship information, contact the Families First Director, Frank Jones at 610-863-9095 Ext. 1387 or via email to jones.frank@penargylsd.org.

For more information about Families First checkout our website www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org and Like us on Facebook.

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