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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

- 2 Lookout Fire Co No. 1 91st Labor Day Celebration & Parade**
The Lookout Fire Co No. 1 will host their 91st annual Labor Day Celebration **Friday, Sept. 4th - Monday, Sept. 7th** at Weona Park. Pen Argyl, Pa. Parade kicks off on **Monday, September 7th at 1:00 PM** Follow Lookout Fire Co. No 1 on Facebook for details.

Stroud Fest 2026

Stroud Fest 2026 will be held on **Saturday, September 5th, 11:00AM - 6:00PM** downtown Stroudsburg. Sponsored by the Sherman Theatre FMI: <https://shermantheater.com>

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church Take Out Chicken BBQ

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church will hold stake out Chicken BBQ & Homemade Ice Cream **Sunday, September 6th. Pick up 12:00PM to 2:00PM.** Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA.

EBUMC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Church welcomes you to a free Pigs in a Blanket Dinner on **Sunday, September 6th, from 4:00PM to 4:30PM.** This is TAKE-OUT only at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, Pa. www.ebumc.org

NATIONAL DAYS

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 3-National Wildlife Day
SEPTEMBER 4-National Food Bank Day
SEPTEMBER 5-National Cheese Pizza Day
SEPTEMBER 6-National Read a Book Day
SEPTEMBER 7-National Beer Lover's Day
SEPTEMBER 8-National Star Trek Day
SEPTEMBER 10-National School Picture Day
SEPTEMBER 12-National Day of Encouragement
SEPTEMBER 13-National Grandparents Day
SEPTEMBER 15-National Tackle Kids Cancer Day
SEPTEMBER 16-Guacamole Day
SEPTEMBER 17-National Apple Dumpling Day

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 7-Labor Day
SEPTEMBER 11-Patriot Day National Day of Service & Remembrance Day



Palmerton Community Festival

The Palmerton Community Festival will be held on **September 11th, 12th, 13th** at Palmerton Borough Park, 322 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071
www.palmertonfestival.com **See ad on right for details.**

5th Annual AOAM Motorcycle & Truck Show

The 5th Annual AOAM Motorcycle & Truck Show in Memory of Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller will be held on **Saturday, September 12th, 12:00PM - 5:00PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show Grounds, 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor, Pa. 18013. Pre Registration at aoam.foundation.org

Bangor Borough Parks and Recreation Wizard Fest & Magickal Market

Bangor Borough Parks and Recreation will hold a Wizard Fest & Magickal Market on **Saturday, September 12th, 12:00PM-6:00PM** (Rain date Sunday, September, 13th) at Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor, Pa. 18013.

See ad on page 5 for details.

Martins Creek Fall Market

The LMBT Recreation Board is sponsoring a Fall Market on **Saturday, September 12th**, at 204 Hutchison Avenue in the I'll age of Martin's Creek.

See ad on page 7 for details.

Slate Belt Chamber Designer Purse Bingo

Join the Slate Belt Chamber for a Designer Purse Bingo on **Sunday, September 13th, 1:00 PM** at the Bangor Elks, 120 Broadway, Bangor, PA. For tickets call 610-588-1000.

Auxiliary of Rescue Fire Co Paint & Sip

The auxiliary of Rescue Fire Co. will hold a Fall Paint & Sip **Saturday, September 13th 6:00 PM** at the firehouse, 209 Pennsylvania Ave, Bangor, PA 18013. For tickets call Ashley 484-903-4918.

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

The Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. will host a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, September 13th**. Doors open at **11:00AM** Bingo starts at **1:00PM**. Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. Hall, 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, Pa. 18091.

See ad on page 5 for details.

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Gun & Sportsmans Show

The Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will hold a Gun & Sportsmans Show on **Sunday, September 13th, 9:00AM -2:00PM**, at the William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA.

See ad on page 7 for details.

St John Indoor/Outdoor Sale

St. John Lutheran Church, Pen Argyl will hold an Indoor/ Outdoor Sale **Saturday, September 19th, 8:00AM-2PM**. Interested crafters and vendors call Gail 610-588-7545 St. John Lutheran Church, 12 N. Westbrook Ave. Pen Argyl, Pa 18072.

See ad on page 6 for details.

Warren County Hot Air Balloons Fun & Games Festival

The Warren County Hot Air Balloons, Fun & Games Festival will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 19 & Sunday Sept. 20 1:00PM-8:30PM** at the Warren County Community College, located at 475 Rt. 57, Washington NJ Hot air balloons will take off each evening between **5:15PM-6:00PM** (weather permitting). Tethered rides (short up and down) are also available each day. For more info visit www.balloonfestnj.com

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GRAPEVINE ANTIQUES & CRAFTS MALL

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37th Annual Palmerton Community Festival September 11, 12, 13, 2026

Palmerton Borough Park

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SUNDAY 2:00-6:00PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH 5:00PM-11:00PM

Opening Ceremonies 5:00PM Main Stage

SOUTH PENN DIXIE - 5:30-7:30PM

1970's MIDNIGHT ROCK SHOW - 8:30-10:30PM

SATURDAY, SEPT 12TH 11:00AM-11:00PM

PALMERTON COMMUNITY BAND 12:00-1:30PM

IVORY BLU 2:00-3:00PM

THE STEELWORKER'S POLKA BAND 3:30PM-5:30PM

RICHIE AND THE HIGHEST ROCKERS 6:00-7:30PM

CJ Solar and the Old Souls 8:30-10:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 12:00M-9:00PM

NOWHERE SHOW 1:00-3:30PM

THE REHRIG BROTHERS 4:30-6:00PM

AM RADIO TRIBUTE BAND 7:00-9:00PM

* Please note for everyone's safety Palmerton Borough Park is a
Non Smoking Park Non Service animals are not permitted in the park.
No bikes/skateboards/scooters. www.palmertonfestival.com

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**PATRIOT
DAY**

9/11 WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host a

Spaghetti Dinner **Sunday, September 20**

2:00-4:00PM

\$15 Adults

\$8 Children 12 and under

Dinner includes Spaghetti and meatballs, salad and a dinner roll.

Sit down dinner or carry out available.

Now accepting pre-orders

Call or Text Sherry at 908-672-9961.

Proceeds benefit the Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Company

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall
2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa.



Additional Farmers Market Vouchers Available for Northampton County Seniors

Northampton County has received an additional supply of Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers. Vouchers are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be distributed by **September 15** or until supplies run out.

Northampton County residents age 60 or over who meet income eligibility (example: \$29,526/yr. for a single person in 2026, and \$40,034 for a couple) may receive the vouchers. For married couples, both spouses may obtain vouchers. Participants must present a valid photo ID showing a Northampton County address in order to receive vouchers.

Pickup Location: Northampton County Department of Human Services Building. 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA

Available thru September 15, 2026, Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. AND Thursdays: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

***CLOSED on County Holidays**

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides eligible seniors with vouchers that can be used to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from participating farmers markets. Persons may only receive vouchers once during the program.

For more information, contact Northampton County Department of Human Services at 610-829-4540.

BHS Class of 1981 45th Class Reunion

The Bangor High School Class of 1981 will hold their 45th class reunion on **Saturday, September 26, from 1:00PM - 4:00PM** at Richmond Farm & Brewery located at 1290 Five Points - Richmond Road, Bangor, Pa. Come and enjoy the afternoon catching up with friends in this relaxed atmosphere that includes a delicious barbecue menu. Cost is \$45 per person. Payment can be made via Zelle @ BHS Class of 81 or pay by check payable to BHS Class of 81 mailed to Paige DePue, 1400 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, Pa. 18013. Deadline to register and pay is **September 5, 2026.**

Slater Family Network Backpack Buddies Program



The Slater Family Network Backpack Buddies program will start on September 18th, for the new school year. Backpack Buddies assists food insecure families who sign up their child to receive a backpack full of kid-friendly food every

Friday. This is available for students throughout the school year. This program is open to students Pre-K to 12th grade, as well as Head Start children attending the program within the district. Students in 3rd grade through 12th grade will have backpacks sent home with them. Backpacks for students in Head Start and Pre-K are brought to Washington Elementary for pick up. Kindergarten through 2nd grade backpacks are available for parent pick up due to the weight of the pack. If interested in signing up, call the Slater Family Network office at 610-599-7019 or visit their website at www.Slaterfamilynetwork.org

Bangor Parks and Recreation Seeks Groups for Pumpkin Carving Contest for Octoberfest

Calling all pumpkin carvers! ! It's time to start thinking about getting your friends group, non-profit organizations, scout troops, neighbors, co-workers, businesses, sports teams, or any group to enter the annual Bangor Parks and Recreation Octoberfest themed pumpkin carving contest.

Entering the contest is easy! Call Sherry Haycock at 610-588-6894 to reserve your theme (no duplicate themes will be permitted) Examples of themes: Ghostbusters, Harry Potter, Disney, use your imagination!

To enter you will need to provide a minimum of 4 carved pumpkins all aligned with your theme (5-18 pumpkins work best. Some favorites over the years have been the ones with shaved and carved components.) Feel free to provide additional props to go along with your pumpkins!

Pumpkins must be lit (we recommend white holiday lights) so we ask that you provide your own long extension cord and lights.

Octoberfest will be held **Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th** at Bangor Memorial Park. Interested vendors can email bangorparkboard@gmail.com for an application. Anyone interested in volunteering their time for the Bangor Parks and Recreation Board or any of the events please contact Sherry at 610-588-6894 or email bangorparkboard@gmail.com





Wizard Fest & Magical Market

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 12PM-6PM
RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 13TH

LOCATION: BANGOR MEMORIAL PARK

WAND MAKERS WORKSHOP 2-3PM | CARBON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER LIVE REPTILE SHOW 2:30-3:30PM
 POTION MAKING WORKSHOP 3-4PM | WIZARD COSTUME CONTEST 4PM | SORTING HAT CEREMONY | HOUSE PENNANT MAKING WORKSHOP 5-6PM | WIZARD TRAIN RIDES \$3 | VENDORS WITH MERCHANDISE FOR PURCHASE

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richmondumc@epix.net for more info

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AND SO IT BEGINS FALL PLANTS AND DECOR!

SAVINGS CONTINUE ON MANY ITEMS THROUGHOUT WORKSHOPS?

CHECK OUR FB PAGE FOR OUR PLANTER WORKSHOP



CLOSED THRU 9-3-26
RE-OPEN FRIDAY 9-4-26

HOURS: Thursday - Saturday 10am-4pm • Sunday 10am-2pm
CLOSED: Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxilliary

37th Annual Fall Craft Show

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9:00AM - 3:00PM

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Admission \$2

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

7:30am-12:30pm

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INDOOR/OUTDOOR SALE

Saturday, September 19

8:00am - 2:00pm



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Slate Belt Heritage Center News

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic program on **Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 PM**. Join: Conductor, Researcher, Teacher and Technician, Joshua E. Long, PHD of Art and Music Emporium, Inc. for his program "The Golden Age of Bands (1880-1930) in the Slate Belt". Explore significant performances that occurred during a time in America when military, community and institutional bands were evolving, admired and captivated many. This hype caused a surge of performance tours like the John Philip Sousa Band that sparked local ensembles to exist such as the Bangor Yellow Jackets, Roseto Chieftains, Blue Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps, Roseto Cornet Band, Slate Belt Boys Band, Bethlehem Steel Company Band, East Bangor Cornet Band, Bernie Parsons Orchestra and The Bangor Band along with many religious and institutional bands. The Golden Age of Bands was an era in which genuine enthusiasm for music and community involvement was clearly evident and when towns sought to fund local civic music programs. The discussion will provide an overview of that time through the repertoire performed, historical musical engagement and musical groups that existed and flourished. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

EBUMCC Fall Book Study

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is hosting a Fall Book Study using the book **"Why? Making Sense of God's Will"**, by Adam Hamilton. Sessions will be held on **Wednesdays at 10:00AM beginning September 9th-October 7th**. It will be accessible online, and will be recorded on the church's YouTube channel (ebumc.org). The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), E. Bangor, Pa. To purchase a book, call Pastor Dave (570-556-9482).

Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting September Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, September 14th, 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.



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Questions? laura.kromerbvts@gmail.com www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com

Save the Date!
Designer Purse BINGO
Hosted by the Mt. Bethel Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
DOORS OPEN: 1:00PM - BINGO STARTS: 3:00 PM
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TICKETS
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Slate Belt Chamber Accepting Businessperson and Volunteer of the Year Nominations

The Slate Belt Chamber is accepting nominations for this year's Businessperson and Volunteer of the Year.

If you know a deserving person, please submit a nomination with a detailed description at <https://forms.gle/Pj8Wpu3TE75Hh5WW6>

The form can also be found on the Slate Belt Chamber website www.slatebeltchamber.org or it can be mailed to the Chamber office at SBCC, 187 Blue Valley Dr., Bangor, PA 18013 by no later than **9/20/26**.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Chamber committee and winners announced early October.

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, September 20th, 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.

MBVFCO Ladies Aux. Spaghetti Dinner

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 20, 2:00-4:00PM**. Sit down dinner or carry out available. Pre-orders call or text 908-672-9961. Mt Bethel Fire Hall, 2341 N Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343. **See ad on page 4 for details.**

Blue Valley Farm Show Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show monthly breakfast resumes on **Sunday, September 20th, 7:30AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor, Pa. 18013 **See ad on page 6 for details.**

Columcille Megalith Park Sunrise on the Autumnal Equinox

Columcille Megalith Park Invites you to join them for Sunrise on the Autumnal Equinox on **Sunday, September 23rd, at 6:45 AM**. Meet on Signal Hill. Columcille Megalith Park is located at 2155 Fox Gap Road, Bangor, Pa. 18013.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on **Saturday, September 26th, 11:30AM-1:30PM**. Dine in or Take out. Luncheons are held on the last Saturday of the month. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA.

St. Peter's UMC Autumn Flea Market

St. Peter's United Methodist Church's Autumn Flea Market. **Saturday, September 26th, 8:00AM-2:00PM**. Rain date, Saturday, October 3rd. 924 Rt. 115 Saorsburg, Pa. www.stpeterschurch.love

MT Bethel Vol Fire Co Ladies Aux. Designer Purse Bingo

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See ad on page 7 for details.

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Word Scramble

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First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Bangor Free Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Bangor will offer a Free sit down luncheon on **Sunday, September 27th, at 12:30PM** (held every 4th Sunday of the month) in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.



Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co.

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3rd Annual BVFS Youth Advisory Bulls & Barrels Blow Out

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory will host their 3rd annual Bulls and Barrels Blow Out on **Saturday, October 10th, gates open at 4:30PM event starts 6:00PM**. Blue Valley Farm Show grounds, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor Pa.

See ad on page 7 for details.

MBVFCO Ladies Aux. Fall Craft Show

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their fall craft show on **Saturday, November 28th, 9:00AM-3:00PM**, at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall, 2341 N Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343.

See ad on page 5 for details.

Jacobsburg Community Programs for September

Hike for Health - Wednesdays, September 30, 2026 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Weekly Weeders - Mondays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 8:30am to 10:30am. Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. This is a seasonal opportunity. Registration is required through the DCNR Calendar of Events or the Conservation Volunteer system <https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/>.

Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking - Saturday, September 12, 2026 10am to 1pm. Have you been looking for delicious campfire recipes? Join us to learn the basics of campfire cooking with a Dutch Oven! We'll cover general instruction on getting the most from a cast iron Dutch Oven and then participants will have the opportunity to prepare lunch. We'll provide ingredients for soup, a main dish, a side, and dessert.

The menu includes: Soups: Vegetarian Chili, Sausage Stew; Main Course: Turkey; Sides: Cornbread, Fry Bread; Dessert: Chocolate Cherry Cake, Apple Pie, Monkey Bread. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate them. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water and your appetite. This program is open to ages 6 and up. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this program. Online registration closes on **September 10**. Please contact the office at 610-746-2801 to register after that date.

Monarch Madness - Adults Only - Wednesday, September 16, 2026 1pm to 3pm. All Monarch Madness programs help contribute to citizen science for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout their life cycle.

Family Science Night - Monarch Madness - Friday, September 18, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm.

During this program you will have the opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout its life cycle. This program is specifically for families with young children. Registration is required.

Monarch Madness - Saturday, September 19, 2026 10am to 12pm. During this program you will have the opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout its life cycle. Registration is required. These programs are very popular! Please pick only one!

Monarch Tagging - Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

Saturday, September 19, 2026 1pm to 3pm. Mid-September is the perfect time to witness migrating monarchs on their way to overwintering grounds in Southern North America. During this program you will have the opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout its life cycle. Registration is required. This program is only for scouts and their families in celebration of Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend.

History of Henry's Woods - Saturday, September 26, 2026 9am to 11am or 1pm to 3pm. Join us for a 2 mile hike on sloping terrain to find evidence for the bustling industry that occurred along the Bushkill Creek in the early 1800's. This program is for adults only and they are very popular, please sign up for just one!

Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm.

Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or emailjacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Discovery Backpacks Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm. Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or emailjacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

Area Food Pantries

Bethel Bible Church Food Pantry

Every Saturday 9:30AM - 11:00AM. 7742 N. Delaware Drive, (Rt 611), Martins Creek PA. FMI call (908) 483-8231.

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Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

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Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop

The Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop **Saturday, August 15th, 9:00AM -11:00AM (held every 3rd Saturday of the month).** All are welcome, PA ID card required. 975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl, Pa.

John Wesley Covenant Church

19 West Street in Wind Gap. The church offers free meals to the community **every third Thursday of the month.**

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

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New in the Bangor Public Library



Adult Fiction - The Seance Garden by Juliet Blackwell; A Summer of Stars by Liana Cincotti; The Whitechapel Full Moon Society by Elizabeth DeLozier; My Inner Child Wants to Kill by Karsten Duse; The Shadow Friends: A Thriller by Tess Gerritsen; Daggerbound by T. Kingfisher; Fallen for France: A Novel by Elizabeth Letts; Fishbone Cinderella by Elizabeth Lim; Brain Damage by Freida McFadden; Stay Buried by Jennifer McMahon; The Boat House by Fern Michaels; Big Little Truths: A Novel by Liane Moriarty; The Women in White: A Novel by Sarah Pekkanen; Yes, Chef: A Novel by Grace Reilly; Extracurricular by Rachel Lynn Solomon; The Calamities by Chuck Wendig; A Requiem for Fallen Stars by Hazel S. Wilkes; A Ballad for the Broken by Hazel S. Wilkes

Adult Non Fiction - What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking: Make it Fast by Caroline Chambers; The National Road: George Washington and America's First Highway West by Brady Crytzer; The Nerd Reich: Silicon Valley Fascism and the War on Democracy by Gil Duran; The Vampire's Cult: The Untold Story of Obsession, Control, and a Shocking Small-Town Murder by Chet Hardin; Korean Mythology: Gods, Myths and Spiritual Secrets of Korea by Sun-Hi Kim; Mothers of Invention: A History of Creativity from the Greek Muses by Moiya McTier; Brain Defenders: Harness the Power of your Immune Cells to Protect your Brain for Life by David Perimutter; Visions of a Very Vintage Christmas: Nostalgic Decorating and Celebrating All Throughout the House by Bob Richter; A Charm of Goldfinches and Other Wild Gatherings: Quirky Collective Nouns of the Animal Kingdom by Matt Sewell; Penguins: And Other Sea Birds by Matt Sewell; The Pumpkin Spice Café Cookbook by Heather Thomas; Blizzard of Lies: Karen Read, John O'Keefe, and the Shocking Unsolved Murder in Cop Town, USA by Dave Wedge; Living Trust: A Step by Step Guide to Protecting Your Family, Avoiding Probate, and Planning with Confidence by Nathaniel R. Whitmore.

Large Print Adult Fiction - The Twilight Garden: A Novel by Sara Nisha Adams; Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds by Allison Brennan; Rage by Linda Castillo.

Easy Fiction - Peck, Peck, Peck by Lucy Cousins; The Cow in the Dark at Night by Jess Hannigan.

Junior Fiction - Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2 by Jeff Kinney.

Young Adult Fiction - The Hardest Ones to Fool by Christina Li; Immortal Game by Allison Saft; Daughter of a Thousand Faces: Volume 1 the Graphic Novel by Velinx; Crescent Moon Marching: Volume 1 by Hamachi Yamada.

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.



Blue Mountain Community Library News

Our new stairlift has been installed, thanks to grant funding from both the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation and Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities via the American

Library Association. It will be inspected and ready for use soon.

Stop by to see our beautiful new siding, lighting, and lettering on our building, via Wagner's Wood Specialties, thanks to a generous grant from the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation.

Get your ticket now for a special luncheon with author Lee Upton on Thurs., Oct. 8 at 12pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl. Tickets are available at the library through Sept. 26. Cash or check. Visit www.leeupton.com and check out one of her books!

Fall Preschool Storytime will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:30am: Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 2 and 16. Participants are required to register for each storytime they plan to attend; send child's name, birthdate, parent/guardian's name, and phone number to info@bmcl.org, or provide this info at the library or via 610-863-3029. Deadline is Monday two days prior to each storytime. Spots are limited.

Our Readers' Raffle will continue through September! Every time you use your library card, get a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Zanette's Nazareth Grill!

The adult book discussion group next meets on Tues., Sept. 8 at 6:30pm to discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

Thanks to donors, we have new wooden puzzles and a cute new table and chairs in the children's room! Come check them out - and try our school-themed scavenger hunt for September.

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction: The Unicorn Hunters by Katherine Arden; Seek the Traitor's Son by Veronica Roth; Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir; Want to Know a Secret? by Freida McFadden; The Intruder by Freida McFadden.

Large print: Ghost to the Rescue by Carolyn Hart; An Island Wedding by Jenny Colgan; Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Mah.

YA fiction: Amethyst: Princess of Gemworld by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale; The Okay Witch by Emma Steinkellner; Table Titans Club by Scott Kurtz; Crown of Midnight by Sarah J. Maas; Frank Herbert's Dune [graphic novel] by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson; George Washington Jeffrey Finegan.

YA nonfiction: Lafayette! [graphic novel] by Nathan Hale; Total Olympics by Jeremy Fuchs; The King of Sting by Coyote Peterson.

Juvenile fiction: Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant; Call of the Sound Dragon by Tracey West; Amy the Amethyst Fairy by Daisy Meadows; Prism's Paint by Emily Bliss; Vacation Dreams by Sue Bentley; Dory and the Real True Friend by Abby Hanlon; Intergalactic Gas by Aaron Blabey; Peanut Butter and Jelly by Ben Clanton; Narwhal's Otter Friend by Ben Clanton; InvestiGATORS Heist and Seek by John Patrick Green; The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort; This Book Is Perfect! by Ron Keres; Pete the Cat and the New Guy by Kimberly and James Dean; The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart; 5-Minute Pinkalicious Stories by Victoria Kann; Trollbella Throws a Party by Chris Colfer.

Juvenile nonfiction: Who Would Win? by Jerry Pallotta; Lions by Amy Sky Koster; Weird Sea Creatures by Laura Marsh; What Was the Gold Rush? by Joan Holub; What Was the Titanic? by Stephanie Sabol; What Was Woodstock? by Joan Holub; The Everything Kids' Science Experiments Book by Tom Robinson; Explorers: Triumphs and Troubles by Paul Mason; 100,000 Whys by Ryan Hale; The Marvelous Thing That Came from a Spring by Gilbert Ford.

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org



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