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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

SFN 14th Annual Silent Auction "Give to Grow"

The Slater Family Network annual Spring Silent Auction "Give to Grow" Auction is open for bidding until **Saturday, May 1st, 2021**. Over 100 baskets, gift cards and more will be up for bid! To place bids visit the SFN auction site <http://SlaterFamilyNetwork.ourraffle.org>

All proceeds are used for the Emergency Fund to assist local families in need. Slater Family Network is a non-profit 501(C) (3) family center serving the residents of the Bangor Area School District.

EBUMC Free Welcome Spring Picnic

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Welcome Spring" Picnic on **Sunday, May 2nd, from 4:00pm to 4:30 p.m.** Menu: Sloppy Joes. This is TAKE-OUT ONLY. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit <http://ebumc.org/>.

Marine Corps League Meeting

Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League will meet **Saturday May 1st, 11:00am**, 1621 Lehigh Street Easton. All honorably discharged and active duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains welcome. Contact John Mitzak at 908-454-0041 or email jymitzak@gmail.com. Website: norcomcl.org. Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298.

NATIONAL DAYS

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MAY NATIONAL DAYS

MAY 1 - NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

MAY 4 - NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY

MAY 5 - CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 6 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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Next issue will be printed **May 13th.**

Deadline for all ad copy and news

Friday, **May 7th**

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EBUM Church to Offer CPR Training

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is offering CPR training on **Monday, May 3rd, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. For fee/registration please call (610-588-4453). Already certified?? Now is the time to recertify (for a free-will donation). The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA.

Indoor/Outdoor Craft/Vendor/Flea Market

St John Lutheran Church, Westbrook Ave, Pen Argyl
Saturday, May 8th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm Vendor info, contact Gail at 610-588-7545

HBBA Sweets & Treats Trail & Festival

The Historical Bangor Business Association will host a Sweets & Treats Trail on **Sunday, May 16th, 1:00pm to 4:00pm** in downtown Bangor. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://hbba.ticketleap.com/sweets-treats-trail-and-festival/>

35th Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market at Jacktown

The Blue Mt Gas & Antique Steam Engine Assoc. 35th Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, May 15th, & Sunday May 16th**. Grounds open at **7:00am** for breakfast. Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Rd., Bangor, PA.

FMI Call 610-588-6900 (Days of show), 610-588-7360 Tom. For full details visit www.jacktown.org

Ackermanville UMC Free Monthly Community Meal

Join us for our monthly community meal on **Sunday, May 16th**. Drive thru starts at **3:00pm**, first come, first serve - 100 meals will be prepared. Ackermanville United Methodist Church, 1410 Ackermanville Rd, Bangor, PA.

Families First Spring Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Families First will hold a Spring Wine Tasting and Basket Raffle fundraiser at Blue Ridge Estates Vineyard/ Winery, 239 Blue Ridge Road, Saylorsburg, PA. on **Friday, May 21st 4:00pm to 7:00pm**.

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Memorial Day Service Canceled

The West Bangor Memorial Association will not be sponsoring the annual Memorial Day services on **May 15th, 2021** due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Slate Belt Heritage Center May Presentation



The Slate Belt Heritage Center has announced their virtual presentation for the month of May. Retired Pen Argyl Social Studies teacher, Walter Cole, will be presenting a program on the Upper Edelman One-Room School. The presentation will also cover other Plainfield Township one-room schools, common school activities and many interesting stories about what school life was like. He will

actually be doing his presentation in the Upper Edelman School. The program will be available to view on the Heritage Center's Facebook page, starting on **Thursday, May 20th at 7:00pm**. Walter Cole was a Pen Argyl teacher for 40 years, teaching early American and local history. He is currently a board member of the Heritage Center, and has conducted over 100 oral history interviews for the Center. Mr. Cole is also the author of the recently published book on the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park, and Weona Park Centennial Calendar.



BMCL Half Price Book Nook Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Half-Price Book Nook Sale on **Saturday, May 29th, 2021 from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Anyone wishing to come

into the Library must call for a scheduled appointment. 30-minute time slots will be assigned with a maximum of 3 people per time slot. The book nook is located on the second floor of the library at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. The phone number is 610-863-3029. Masks are required and gloves will be supplied by the library. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please no \$50 bills. For information, visit our website at www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce to Host Business Showcase and Yard Sale

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce will host a Business Showcase and Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 12th, 8:00am -2:00pm** (Rain Date Sun. June 13) at 1310 Blue Valley Drive behind Pets Plus and Ignite Fitness. Come out and enjoy a day of shopping with local Slate Belt businesses and yard sale vendors. Interested vendors can register online www.slatebeltchamber.org click on the event for details, fees and registration. Registration and fee must be received before **June 4, 2021**.

"Happiness is seeing your mother smile."

Waste Management of Pennsylvania Longtime Supporter of Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

In 2020, WM gave more than \$2 million to scholarship and education improvement organizations across the Commonwealth

In the Lehigh Valley, Slate Belt and Pocono regions, Waste Management provided nearly \$25,000 to qualifying organizations. The Growing Place, Lehigh Christian Academy, Greater Valley YMCA – Forks, Immaculate Conception, St. John Vianney Regional School are a few of the recipients awarded.

"The EITC program is so important because it allows The Growing Place to provide assistance to families who might not qualify for other programs. We appreciate Waste Management for recognizing how critical it is for all children to receive the best start possible. A high-quality early care and education program cultivates a child's social and emotional skills, and all children deserve access to set them up for success in kindergarten and beyond," said Lisa Eick, Executive Director of The Growing Place.

"These contributions are helping families across the commonwealth enroll their children in education programs that will advance their skillsets for the future. We are proud to be supporting our youth and the leaders of tomorrow," stated Senior Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors.

Waste Management of Pennsylvania (WM) is a long-time supporter of the Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Since its inception in 2001, WM has contributed more than \$20 million to deserving scholarships and contributions and education improvement organizations across the Commonwealth. In 2020, the company contributed more than \$2 million through the EITC program across Pennsylvania.



Pictured L-R: State Representative Jack Rader, Growing Place Polk Center Director Josephine Gioia, Growing Place Director of Communications and Human Resources Linda Barney, Waste Management Sr. Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors, and State Senator Mario Scavella.

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32nd Annual Farm Animal Frolic at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm on May 22nd & 23rd and May 29th & 30th, 2021

Quiet Valley's 32nd annual Farm Animal Frolic is **May 22nd, 2nd and May 29th, 3030, Saturdays 10:00am to 4:00pm, and Sundays noon to 4:00pm.** To folks in the 21st century springtime means warmer weather, flowers blooming and the return of robins. In the early 1800s it meant fresh greens became available, a real treat after a bland winter diet. The kitchen garden was planted with such things as peas, onions, beets and carrots. Chickens started laying eggs again and it was also when the animals on the homestead had their babies. At Farm Animal Frolic we celebrate the renewal of life that comes with the season of spring.

Meet the baby farm animals up close and personal. See kid goats and lambs frolicking about. If you've ever wonder where the saying "two shakes of a lamb's tail" came from you can see the reason for yourself. Chicks will be peeping away and some will be hatching in incubators so visitors can watch them crack out of their shells. There will be a new calf for the children to meet and guests of all ages will laugh at the ducklings as they play in the water.



All the mommies of the babies will be on hand as well, keeping a close watch on their young, so folks will get to meet them, too, and learn something about their role on the farm. Our Suffolk Punch draft horses, Jenny and Judy, will take you on a wagon ride to the ice harvest pond and back. In the lower barn make sure to say "Howdy" to the piglets, always a lively bunch.

In addition to the farm animals there are plenty of other fun activities. Twice a day there is a special children's show where youngsters can enjoy puppet shows or storytelling. There are opportunities to play old fashion games, try the Fish Pond or visit our focus area for 2021 which is the "Goat Shed" where folks can learn some goat lore, play a game and make a craft.

Sheep shearing will take place on **Saturday May 22nd from 10:30** until all the sheep get a "hair cut". The spinners and weavers will hold a Sheep to Shawl demonstration on the 22nd by taking one of the fleeces and attempt to complete a shawl by the end of the day. Raffle tickets will be sold for the finished shawl with the drawing being held at our Old Time Christmas event. Kathy Uhler, from the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, will offer a presentation on local wildlife on **Saturday May 29th at 11:30 and 1:30.** Some of the Center's residents will be on hand. Children's author, William Spellmeyer will be on hand both Saturdays to share his books with the public and do signings. On Sundays the school marm will offer presentations in the One Room Schoolhouse. The outdoor brick bake oven will be in operation during all four days of the event making homemade bread and cookies.

There is nothing more lovable than baby animals, and adults, as well as children will get a kick out of a visit to Farm Animal Frolic. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about farms, farm animals and to spend a day in the beautiful outdoors. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required.

Refreshments are available. No Smoking or Pets. Frolic is held Rain or Shine. The schedule and prices are subject to change. All funds raised go to support the mission of the non-profit farm museum.

Quiet Valley is open in 2021 to the general public **Saturday June 19 - Monday September 6.** Also, on additional spring and fall Saturdays. The farm also hosts a number of special events throughout the year. School and group tours are by reservation. For more information on the museum call (570) 992-6161 or visit www.quietvalley.org. We welcome all media outlets to visit Quiet Valley.

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St. Luke's 250,000th COVID-19 Vaccination

St. Luke's University Health Network is proud to announce that it administered its 250,000th COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, April 21st.

Currently the Network is vaccinating up to 4,000 people a day throughout its 12-hospital system across the greater Lehigh Valley. This approach makes getting the vaccine safe for anyone who experiences an adverse reaction since each hospital is equipped with a fully-functional emergency department. St. Luke's vaccination program, which runs seven days a week, has helped to make Lehigh and Northampton counties among the most vaccinated Pennsylvania counties with populations over 100,000.

"The way to beat this virus is through the herd immunity we can achieve with mass vaccination," said Jeffrey Jahre, MD, St. Luke's Vice President of Medical & Academic Affairs and Section Chief Emeritus of Infectious Diseases. "And our community is closer than ever to herd immunity thanks to the incredible, tireless St. Luke's staff who in a few months' time have administered a quarter-million shots!"



JoAnn Valletta of Easton is vaccinated by a St. Luke's nursing school student in March.

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Scavello Introduces Legislation to Provide Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief

Senator Mario Scavello (R-40) has once again introduced two measures to provide much needed school property tax relief for Pennsylvania senior citizens.

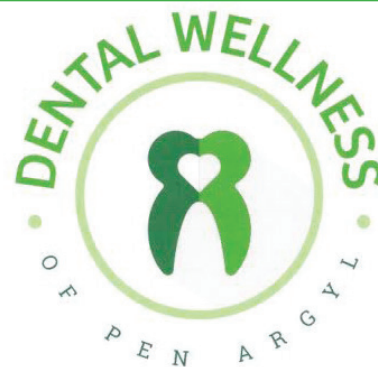
"Property taxes continue to rise at an alarming rate and senior citizens are among our most vulnerable populations, given that they are on fixed incomes," Scavello said. No tax should have the power to leave you homeless, and no citizen should be forced to choose between paying for food, medicine or their school property tax bill."

Senate Bill 590 would provide a property tax rebate of up to \$5,000 for all seniors age 65 and older who have an annual household income of \$60,000 or less. This legislation expands upon the existing Property Tax Rent Rebate Program.

To fund this tax relief, Senate Bill 591 provides for a one-half percent increase in the sales and use tax. This legislation does not expand the sales and use tax to other items -- all currently taxable items would remain the same.

Senator Scavello sponsored similar legislation in the previous session and has fought for the complete elimination of school property taxes.

"I will continue to fight for total elimination of school property taxes. Implementation of this legislation is a necessary step in confronting the property tax structure that has afflicted us with years of escalating home foreclosures and rising tax bills across the Commonwealth," Scavello said.



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Spring Vendor Event at the Pen Argyl Outdoor Market

Photos by Candy Martin

It was a beautiful day for the Spring Outdoor Market on Robinson Avenue in Pen Argyl on Saturday, April 24th. More than 70 local businesses and vendors took part in the event. The event coordinated by Jennifer Renaldo of Jennifer's Salon & Consignment Shop was a wonderful success for the businesses, vendors and the community.



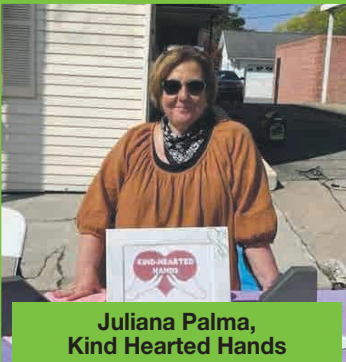
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Waste Management - L-R Howard Landman,
Ron Meyer, and Adrienne Fors



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Put More You into Your Wedding Day

(Family Features) A wedding day is filled with symbolic tradition, from varied religious customs to the never-ending circle reflected in the rings and the types of flowers accentuating the celebration. Even with all the traditional rituals to consider, nearly every bride and groom can find ways to give their special day some unique touches that reflect their personality and love.



Music sets the mood for every wedding, and it's an easy place to put your own spin on the celebration. Whether you forgo the traditional bridal march entirely or simply look for an arrangement that gives an updated twist to the classic version, let guests know this isn't your average wedding by setting the festivities against a soundtrack that lets your true character shine.

The wedding party is intended to be a collection of those nearest and dearest to the bride and groom, who help ensure the day goes off without a hitch and who lead fellow revelers in celebrating the start of the new couple's life together. That being said, there's no reason this group must be limited to women on her side and guys on his, or even that it's limited to humans - a beloved pooch can make for an adorable ring-bearer, after all.

Photography is an essential element of your big day, but think beyond the images you'll capture throughout the wedding and reception. Photos lend a personal touch, no matter what your color scheme or theme. Integrate photos of the two of you at various stages of life, together as a couple and with loved ones (perhaps even some you're honoring in memoriam). You can display these at a table with the guest book, as part of the table centerpieces, or even on the gift table. Or take things digital and load all your images into a slide show set to music.

Make favors meaningful. Forgo more common items like bubbles and chocolate, and instead send a little of yourself home with your guests. Maybe it's a memento from a place with special meaning to you both, or a bottle opener shaped like a bicycle to represent the way you met. Just think about the moments and things that define you as a couple and do some searching online. You'll probably be surprised by how quickly the options pile up.

Serve up a menu that shows guests more about your life together. Your loved ones can order basic beef or chicken anywhere. Instead, give them a glimpse into you. Make your main course the same food you enjoyed on your first date or during another monumental moment in your courtship. Or plan the entire menu around a region that you hold close to your heart.

Weddings are filled with traditions, but that doesn't mean you can't put your own touches on the day for a special event filled with memories that are uniquely your own. Find more advice for life's special moments at elivingtoday.com

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A pre-adoption application is required for all adopters, and can be completed online www.awsomanimals.org Animal Welfare Society of Monroe ~ 3129 Godfrey Ridge Drive, (PO Box 13), Stroudsburg, PA 18360 ~ Call 570-421-DOGS (3647) or email us at info@awsomanimals.org for more information Open daily 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and until further notice, meet and greets and adoptions are by appointment only, pending approval of a pre-adoption application. All members of the public must wear a mask and be symptom-free to visit our facilities.

Welcome Emma



The Goffredo family is happy to announce the arrival of Emma, an English Mastiff to their family. Emma joins big sisters Molly (pictured), as well as Mia, Lanie, and Sofia.

Headlines Harrisburg

Submitted by Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton)

Be on the Lookout for Ticks

With the arrival of warmer weather comes more time outdoors and a greater risk of being bitten by a tick. Blacklegged ticks, also known as deer ticks, are the most common carrier of Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis. Ticks typically thrive in tall grass, brush and wooded areas, but deer ticks have been found in every county in the Commonwealth and can live in any habitat.

Common signs of a tick disease include fever, headache, chills and muscle aches. Lyme disease is often characterized by a bullseye-like rash, although Lyme disease may not always present itself with this obvious sign. If you believe you have been bitten by a tick, it is important to speak to a doctor immediately.

To help reduce your risk while enjoying time outdoors:

- Cover exposed skin with lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Avoid tick-infested habitats such as areas dense with shrubbery or tall grass.
- Use an insect repellent containing 20% or more DEET.
- Once returning home, immediately check yourself, children and pets for ticks.
- Take a shower immediately to remove ticks that may be attached to skin.
- If possible, dry clothing and gear in a dryer to kill any ticks.

Learn more here.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Lyme-Disease.asp>

Remember, if you find a tick on yourself, a family member, or a pet, Pennsylvania offers free testing! Pennsylvania Tick Research Lab allows residents to mail in or drop off their tick for a variety of testing. To learn more, visit the Pennsylvania's Tick Lab Website at <https://www.ticklab.org/>

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Turn a Blind Eye: A Detective William Warwick Novel by Jeffrey Archer; Renewed by Dawn: 1871-1872 by Ginny Dye; The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth; An Unwanted Guest by Shari Lapea; An Amish Homecoming by Rosalind Lauer; When the Stars Go Dark: A Novel by Paula McLain; Vanishing Acts by Jodi Picoult; Ocean Prey by John Sandford; Gold Diggers by Sanjena Sathian; Second First Impressions: A Novel by Sally Thorne.



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Easy Fiction - Yes & No by Elisha Cooper; mHello, Rain! By Kyo Maclear.

Young Adult Non-Fiction - All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat.

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

Storywalk through Jacobsburg Environmental Center

Stop by anytime during the day to read, walk, and watch the birds feed. Start at our mailbox 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center has developed a new StoryWalk® trail in Henry's Forge. The Storywalk Trail has pages of a story book posted along the way so that you can read a story while you enjoy a self-guided walk. The trail is easy and best suited for families with young children. Begin across the street from the visitor center at 400 Belfast Road Nazareth.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Emissaries of the Divine

By Robert Martin

From cathedrals up in the celestial skies,
Home of the divine and truly wise,
Mothers come to be from amity sought,
Just in time as the brothers fought,
Riding in on rainbows to quell the storm,
Emissaries of peace from kindness born.

With an eye placed inside her heart
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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, May 2021

Weekly Weeders - Thursday, May 6 at 8:30am to 10:30am; Thursday, May 13 at 8:30am to 10:30am; Thursday, May 20 at 8:30am to 10:30am; Thursday, May 27 at 8:30am to 10:30am - Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party as space for this program is limited to 4 attendees total each day.

Avian Gems of Jacobsburg - Saturday, May 8 at 8:00am to 10:00am - Join us on a two-hour search for spring migrants passing through the area and returning summer breeding birds of Jacobsburg! Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, your preferred field guide, water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Please note that the park will not provide binoculars or field guides. This program is best for ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total.

Virtual: Bird-Window Collision Prevention - Saturday, May 8 at 2:00pm to 2:45pm - This program will be hosted online. Our windows are killing birds. Annually up to one billion birds die from colliding with windows. Learn why it's not big cities and high-rise buildings, but our homes, shopping centers, corporate and college campuses causing the most harm. The presentation will include instructions, so you'll be able to create materials designed to reduce bird-window collisions. This program is best for ages 16 & up. Registration is required. After registering, you will receive an email with the link to join the program. This presentation is best viewed on a desktop or larger tablet. Please note: this program contains images of dead birds which may make some people uncomfortable.

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 five days notice.

Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry



The Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry located at 301 West Main St. Pen Argyl is open the first 4 Tuesdays of the month **from 10:00am to 12:00 noon**. Curbside assistance is provided from A Street in PenArgyl. Please stay in cars and wait for direction.

For more information please contact the office at 610-863-6677.

Important Information About May 18 Ballot Questions

In just a few weeks voters will head to the polls for the May 18 primary election. There will be more than just candidates on the ballot, as four questions – three constitutional amendments and one referendum – are slated to appear as well.

Please take a moment to learn more about these questions and make sure your voice is heard.

Questions 1 and 2: Emergency Disaster Declarations

The first two questions propose amendments to the state Constitution that would alter the way state leaders handle future disaster emergency declarations. I voted to put these questions on the ballot because I believe they will restore the foundational system of checks and balances that has been missing over the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure you, the people, have a voice in how we deal with similar situations in the future.

Question 1 asks if the General Assembly, by majority vote, should be authorized to end a disaster emergency declaration without a governor's approval.

Question 2 asks if a disaster emergency declaration should be limited to 21 days, unless a majority in the General Assembly votes to extend it.

Question 3: Protecting Rights

This question addresses the Declaration of Rights section in the state Constitution and asks voters if it should be amended to specifically prohibit the denial or limitation of a person's rights based on race or ethnicity.

This proposed amendment would signify that freedom from discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an essential principle of liberty and free government. It would apply to all state, county and local governmental entities in the Commonwealth, and would guarantee equality of rights under the law.

Question 4: First Responder Funding

This question does not seek to amend the Constitution but instead asks voters to weigh in on whether an existing loan program – approved in a previous statewide referendum – can be expanded to include municipal fire departments and ambulance companies that are staffed with paid personnel rather than volunteers. Since its inception in 1976, the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) has provided more than \$519 million in low-interest loans for the Commonwealth's volunteer emergency services community.

The referendum was included in a bill I supported to strengthen fire and emergency medical services in Pennsylvania that was signed into law last year. Act 91 of 2020 also made other improvements to grant and loan programs, and designated funding to support recruitment and retention of personnel.

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The Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry P.U.M.P. is open on **Mondays only. Hours are 9:00 am to Noon**. For the safety of all please remember masks are required.

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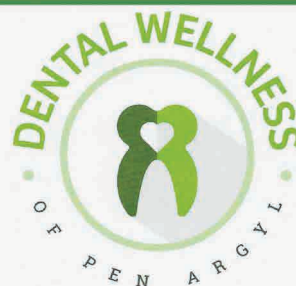


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