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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Columbia Fire Co. No 1 Roseto Drive Up Stand

Columbia Fire Co. No 1 Roseto will be open for a drive up service selling their delicious Cheese Steaks & Sausage & Pepper sandwiches. **Thursday July 23rd - Saturday, July 25th beginning at 5:00pm** Cash ONLY. North Bangor Fire Co. & Blue Valley Rescue squad will also be serving fries, hot dogs and ice cream. We ask that everyone enters our drive up heading north on Garibaldi Ave. set up in front of the engine bays.

Historic Bangor Business Association Live Music Concert Series

The Historic Bangor Business Association's Live Music Concert Series continues outside in the Murray St. Courtyard. Featuring 2 bands - **"SHLAPP! Shayegan, Lapp & friends" Saturday, July 25th at 4:00pm and**



•ITO• & the Moonlight Hippies at 6:00pm. Located at 48 Broadway, Bangor PA. For full details follow the Historic Bangor Business Association on Facebook HistoricBangorBusinessAssociation or visit their website www.hbbapa.org

Bloom'in Yard Sale for Bloom

Saturday, July 25th, 8:30am to 2:30pm, 3 locations Mt Bethel Church parking lot, 1270 Belvidere Conrner Rd., Mt Bethel; 1855 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA; 212 Knowlton Street, Belvidere, NJ. Proceeds benefit Bloom Creative Studio and Bloom Bangor

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. Chicken BBQ

Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. Is hosting a Chicken BBQ drive thru, **Saturday, July 25th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm.** Ticket locations: Fuel Cell in Belfast, Kate's Deli in Belfast, Alex's Tire in Stockertown. Ticket locations: Fuel Cell in Belfast, Kate's Deli in Belfast, Alex's Tire in Stockertown.

NATIONAL DAYS

JULY IS NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MONTH

JULY NATIONAL DAYS

JULY 23 NATIONAL VANILLA ICE CREAM DAY
JULY 24 -NATIONAL COUSINS DAY
JULY 25 -NATIONAL WINE AND CHEESE DAY
JULY 26 - NATIONAL AUNT AND UNCLE'S DAY
JULY 27 - NATIONAL LOVE IS KIND DAY
JULY 29 - NATIONAL CHICKEN WING DAY
JULY 30 - NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY
JULY 31 -NATIONAL AVOCADO DAY

AUGUST IS FAMILY FUN MONTH

AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

AUGUST 1 NATIONAL GIRLFRIENDS DAY
AUGUST 2 NATIONAL SISTERS DAY
AUGUST 3 NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY
AUGUST 4 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY
AUGUST 7 PURPLE HEART DAY

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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.

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.

Roseto Community Yard Sale Days

Roseto Community Yard Sale Days will be held **Friday July 31st, Saturday, August 1st and Sunday August 2nd.** Permit fees waived.

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church Events

Take Out Chicken BBQ - Saturday, August 1st, Pick up 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA
Pre-order by **July 27:** Chrissy 610-588-0809

Take Out Homemade Ice Cream - Saturday, August 1st Pick up 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA
First come, first serve.

Marine Corps League

Northampton County Detachment 298 Meeting **4 Aug. /7pm,** 1621 Lehigh St./Easton. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines welcome! Robert Hockenbury USN (FMF) Ret. dochockenbury@yahoo.com John Mitzak USMC jvmitzak@gmail.com www.norcomcl.org Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298

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The Salvation Army Cares 4RKids



The Salvation Army, in cooperation with local businesses and organizations is distributing Summer Survival Kits 4Kids to enhance the summer months for the children and teens in our Slate Belt community. Kits will provide activities for the summer, community resources, and school

supplies for the up and coming school year.

Distribution will occur **Friday August 7th from 12:30PM-2:30PM.** Curbside only pickup, 301 West Main Street Pen Argyl

Registration is required! Contact the Office at 610-863-6677 to register your child by **July 27th** to participate. Unregistered guests will not be permitted. ALL PARTICIPANTS must be accompanied by an Adult. In effort to keep our community healthy, practicing safe social distancing and wearing a face mask at all times during pick up is not an option, it is a necessity. Do not register for this event if someone is sick in your household and displays symptoms of the virus. Thank you.



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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

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

Gray Strong Foundation

1st Annual Craft Fair & Vendor Boutique

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>

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Hope UCC Wind Gap to Offer Weekly Book Study

Hope UCC in Wind Gap is offering a weekly book study using the book "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo. Racism is currently a pertinent and critical topic.

The book study is exploring the concepts of racism in relationship to being white.

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 **Thursday's at 7:00pm to 8:00pm.** There is no cost.

Interested? Contact Pastor Emily for more details (phone 845-598-5770 or email hopeuccpastor@rcn.com)

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.

3rd Annual Historical Bangor Business Association Car & Bike Show

The 3rd Annual Historical Bangor Business Association (HBBA) will be held on **Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am to 300pm** (Rain date, 9/13) on Broadway in downtown Bangor, PA. For more information visit the HBBA website: <https://www.hbbapa.org/>



A Clean Slate Women's Support Group to Begin in the Fall

A new Women's Support Group will begin this fall at A Clean Slate. The group will last for 10 weeks. Please sign up in advance. After

the second session the group will be closed until the next series so please come if you can commit. For more details please call 610-452-9348

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Credible threat by Judith A. Jance; Outsider by Linda Castillo; Party of two by Jasmine Guillory; Sex and Vanity: novel by Kevin Kwan.

Adult Non-Fiction - So you want to talk about race by Ijeoma Oluo.

Easy Fiction - Pete the Cat: Secret Agent by Kim Dean; The Baseball Game by Preston Rogers; A book for Escargot by Dashka Slater; Bubble Kisses by Vanessa Williams.

Junior Fiction - Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe by Carlos Alberto Hernandez.

Young Adult Fiction - Burn our bodies down by Roy Power; The damned by Renee Ahdieh; Warriors: A shadow in River Clan by Dan Jolley.

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



Habitat for Humanity Postpones She Nailed It Fundraiser

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resultant government guidance, Habitat for Humanity is rescheduling its annual "She Nailed It" competition. The event will now be held on **Sunday, September 13th**, at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

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.



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@cacv.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.

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.

Bangor Area School District Face Masks

The BAHS Alumni Association is selling face masks with the Slater logo for \$9.98 each. There are three Slater logos to choose from. See below.



These masks have two breathable cotton/poly layers underneath making for a triple layer mask. There is also an inside pocket for a filter. Ear straps are adjustable and an additional head strap is available for purchase if you do not want to use the ear straps.

The masks come in Small, which fits most youth ages 1-6,

Medium, which fits older children through small adults, and Large, which fits most teenagers and adults.

The masks can be bought online directly from the vendor and will be shipped to your address for a \$4.95 shipping fee, which covers all masks coming to the same address.

Visit this website to order and pay online:
<https://basdmask2020.itemorder.com/>

The website will close on **July 26**. When it is closed, the masks will be produced and sent directly to you in approximately four weeks.

Any profit that is made will go to the BAHS Alumni Association and will be used for their scholarship and awards programs.



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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.

COVID-19 Inspired Art NCC student spreads awareness



Meaghan Grennan '20 made coronavirus awareness posters as part of the Artistry Collective Club at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus this past spring. The posters hung across Monroe Campus and were then displayed virtually on NCC social media channels.

Professor Alma Barrantes, advisor to the artistry collective, came up with the idea to edit World War I (WWI) posters to reflect a current crisis. The plan was for interested club members to create one or two posters each that would then be circulated around campus, spreading awareness of coronavirus.

"Our club meeting was within just days of when the first cases were reported in Monroe County, making it more important than ever to do something proactive on campus," Grennan said.

Barrantes reached out to Grennan to request a few more posters to be shared virtually once quarantine began.

To create the posters, Grennan, who was a fine arts major at NCC, uploaded images of the original WWI posters to Photoshop, removed the text, and added her own slogans. "I was taking a computer graphics class that semester which taught me how to use the program for projects such as this."

Grennan plans on reaching out to the Monroe County Historical Association with regards to becoming a part of their COVID-19 exhibit.

Her message to everyone remains, "Stay safe!" until this pandemic is over.



NCC offers online course this July-August

Get trained for an essential occupation this summer! Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding career opportunity? Obtaining a pharmacy technician certification might be the right choice for you. To be successful, a pharmacy technician must have excellent communications skills, be good at solving problems, and enjoy helping others. Funding may be available through PA CareerLink®.

Program Details: Course code: PHARM101.16 Dates & times: **Mondays, Wednesday, July 6th to August 12th, 7:30pm to 9pm** Campus: Requirements for Enrollment • Must be at least 18 years of age. • Completed Student Information Form. • High School Diploma or GED.

Certification Examination: Candidates successfully completing the class can sit for Certified Pharmacy Techs (ExCPT) exam, administered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). The exam fee of \$105 is not included in the course tuition and is the responsibility of the participant.

Enrollment & Refunds: Register online with a credit card at northampton.edu/HealthcareCourses. For refund policy, please visit northampton.edu/NoncreditRefund. For questions, call 610-332-6585 or e-mail healthcare@northampton.edu.

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127th Queen Of Roseto Big Time ~ Isabella Rose Goffredo



*Queen
Isabella Rose Goffredo*

Isabella Rose Goffredo, daughter of Thomas and Jill Goffredo will be crowned 127th Queen of the Roseto Big Time on Sunday, July 26th. Isabella will be crowned by 2019 Queen Sophia Morgan Genteel.

Rev. Joseph Kiaieta Kanimea, MSC, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will welcome parishioners to the traditional event. The emcee for this year's ceremony is Maria Comunale, the parish's 2004 Queen.

Participating in the 2020 Queen's Court are Sophia Albanese, daughter of Stephen and Regina Albanese; Alexa Carmella and Annalee Carmella, daughters of Thomas and Denise Carmella; Shannon Louszko, daughter of Christopher and Rita Louszko and Juliana Miller, daughter of Jason and Adriane Miller.

The Queen's flower girls are Julia Goffredo, daughter of Thomas and Jill Goffredo and sister of the Queen; Anna Goffredo, daughter of Peter and Beth Goffredo and Mila Rose Mazza, daughter of Justin and Talia Mazza.

Max Moyer, son of Steve and Danielle Goffredo Moyer will serve as crown-bearer for Queen Isabella.

The page boys for the Queen are Johnny Goffredo, son of John Paul and Jaclyn Goffredo and Santino Goffredo, son of Mark and Vanessa Goffredo.

After Queen Isabella's crowning, the spiritual ceremony will begin. Isabella Goffredo will crown the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the patroness of the parish. Following the crowning, parishioners will begin the traditional procession and recitation of the Rosary but with social-distancing guidelines in place due to the pandemic.

Rev. Kanimea will conclude the ceremony with a special prayer and blessing.



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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.

VBS@Home from Grace United Methodist Church



Fruit of the Spirit

A little (or maybe not so little) virus is not going to stop Grace United Methodist Church in Pen Argyl from having a Vacation Bible School program this summer. It will be different than usual, but it will be good! VBS will be at your home this summer. Each week you'll come to the church to pick up a packet and then the children

will do the activities at home. Stories, worksheets, crafts, games and activities and a Bible memory verse. There will be packets for three age groups—Pre-k-k, 1st-3rd, 4th and up. VBS began on June 29 and will run for five weeks (children can still register anytime during the five weeks). Pickups will be **from 10:00am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 7:00pm**.

The theme is Fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Each week will focus on one or two of these and will give kids opportunities to practice these characteristics, while learning that these characteristics come from God.

Will you join us? Registrations are required so we have enough materials prepared. Go to www.worshipatgrace.org, scroll down to Grace VBS@Home and click on the registration link. For more information please call the church office at 610-863-4811 or email graceumc@worshipatgrace.org.

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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.

Mt Eaton Church VBS Vacation Bible School Online

fatih LAB @HOME, **Friday, July 27th 3:00pm - Friday, July 31st at 8:00pm**. All children are welcome to join us for an online vacation bible school. Featuring science experiments, songs and Bible studies. Since it's online, you can participate at your convenience. To register:
<https://www.mounteatonchurch.org/welcome>

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BMCL Curbside Half Price Book Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Curbside ½ Price Book Sale during the **month of August** \$5 Per Bag Exact Change/Cash Only. Choose from: Adult - Mystery, Romance, historical fiction, non-fiction or "surprise me". Kids - Young adult, chapter books, easy reader, picture books, non-fiction or "surprise me"

When you arrive in our lot call the library and the bag(s) will be delivered to you **NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF BAGS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**. Call the library to reserve a bag of books 610 863 3029.

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. The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl.

New Editions:

Fiction - March 2020 - The Secret Guests, Benjamin Black; Recipe for a Perfect Wife, Karma Brown; Last Day, Luanne Rice; Dear Edward, Ann Napolitano; The Big Lie, James Grippando; The Other Mrs., Mary Kubica; Lady Clementine, Marie Benedict; Behind Every Lie, Christina McDonald; The Vineyards of Champagne, Juliet Blackwell; Lies That Bind, Ashley Farley; Cold Heart Creek, Lisa Regan; When We Left Cuba, Chanel Cleeton; Spring House, Mary Ellen Taylor; Sisters By Choice, Susan Mallery; The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, Kim M. Richardson; An Everyday Hero, Laura Trentham; The Girl He Used to Know, Tracey Garvis Graves; The Fifth Column, Andrew Gross.

New Large Print - March 2020 - The Fifth Avenue Story Society, Rachel Hauck; The Protective One, Shelley Shepard Gray; Smokescreen, Iris Johansen; When You See Me, Lisa Gardner; The Shape of Night, Tess Gerritsen

New Non- Fiction - March 2020 - Hill Women, Cassie Chambers; The Splendid and the Vile, Erik Larson; High Achiever, Tiffany Jenkins; Kobe Bryant : The Mamba Mentality, Kobe Bryant.

New Fiction - June 2020 - The Other Bennet Sister, Janice Hadlow; A Reasonable Doubt, Phillip Margolin; The Red Lotus, Chris Bohjalian; Mercy House, Alena Dillon; Weather, Jenny Offill; Long Bright River, Liz Moore; The Favorite Daughter, Kaira Rouda; Twisted Fate, Dana Miller; The Grace Kelly Dress, Brenda Janowitz; The Sun Down Motel, Simone St. James; The Scent Keeper, Erica Bauermeister; In an Instant, Suznane Redfearn; Snow Creek, Gregg Olsen; Thief River Falls, Brian Freeman; Crooked River, Douglas Preston; The Boy from the Woods, Harlan Coben; The Beach House, Rachel Hanna; The Book of Lost Friends, Lisa Wingate; A Long Petal of the Sea, Isabel Allende; The Words I Never Wrote, Jane Thynne; The Jetsetters, Amanda Eyre Ward.

New Large Print - June 2020- Fearless, Fern Michaels; One Little Lie, Colleen Coble; After Sundown, Linda Howard; The Operator, Gretchen Berg; A Conspiracy of Bones, Kathy Reichs; Camino Winds, John Grisham; The Trustworthy One, Shelley Shepard Gray; Someone Like You, Karen Kingsbury.

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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

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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.

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What Someone Should Do If They Missed The July 15 Deadline To File And Pay Taxes

While the federal income tax-filing deadline has passed for most people, some taxpayers haven't filed their 2019 tax returns yet.

If a taxpayer is entitled to a refund, there's no penalty for filing late. Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid tax due as of July 16, 2020.

Anyone who didn't file and owes tax should file a return as soon as they can and pay as much as possible to reduce penalties and interest.

Taxpayers should then review their payment options. The IRS has information for taxpayers who can't pay taxes they owe.

Some taxpayers may have extra time to file their tax returns and pay any taxes due. This includes some disaster victims, military service members and eligible support personnel in combat zones.

Filing soon is very important because the late-filing penalty and late-payment penalty on unpaid taxes adds up quickly. However, in some cases, a taxpayer filing after the deadline may qualify for penalty relief. For those charged a penalty, they may contact the IRS by calling the number 1-800-829-1040

Additionally, taxpayers who have a history of filing and paying on time often qualify for administrative penalty relief. A taxpayer will usually qualify if they have filed and paid timely for the past three years and meet other requirements. For more information, see the first-time penalty abatement page on IRS.gov

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Veteran's Assistance Days Hosted

by Senator Mario Scavello

On the second Tuesday of each month, the American Legion holds a Veterans Assistance Day at Sen. Scavello's Scotrun district office, from 10:00am to 2:00pm by appointment. Please contact the Scotrun office at 570-620-4326 to schedule an appointment. The Scotrun district office is located at 2398 Route 611, Suite 210 in Scotrun.

The third Wednesday of each month, the American Legion holds a Veterans Assistance Day at Senator Scavello's Pen Argyl district office, from 10:00am to 2:00pm by appointment. Please contact the Pen Argyl office to schedule at 610-863-1200 to schedule an appointment. The Pen Argyl district office is located at 2 N. Robinson Avenue in Pen Argyl

Brian Stolarski, Department Service Officer with the Pennsylvania American Legion will be on site to assist veterans with issues including: compensation and pension claims, education benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, burial and survivor benefits, state benefits, and obtaining military personnel and medical records.

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Bangor is Blooming with Beautiful Murals

by Candy Martin

You may have noticed the beautiful murals painted on several buildings in downtown Bangor. Thanks to some incredibly talented artists, local real estate brokers, The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, local residents volunteering their time, local historian Donald Jones, as well as many other residents who have generously given monetary donations to beautify and rehabilitate some of the downtown buildings to bring them back to life.

A few months ago The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce contacted Slate Belt real estate brokers for suggestions on improving the downtown area as some of the buildings and store fronts were in dire need of sprucing up. The buildings which feature beautiful architecture were in need of some TLC. Laura McClain, Executive Director, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, reached out to local real estate broker Faith Sarisky, Realtor/Broker, of Realty Solutions of PA, in Upper Mt Bethel Township. Faith immediately knew she wanted to get involved and started contacting fellow real estate brokers, who also agreed to be on board sponsoring the murals. Faith, who now spearheads the project began contacting the building's owners to ask permission to paint the building's facade. The first building painted is located at

24 N. Main Street (the former Daniel's Shoe Store) sponsored by Realty Solutions of PA. Artist, Shannon Almanzar, added her

artistic talent painting beautiful flowers on the building. Faith posted a sign on the building with her business name and thought it would be a great opportunity for other businesses to sponsor murals to not only gain recognition for their businesses, but it would also help in giving the buildings a welcoming appearance. "#BeautifyBangor just took off. Businesses started calling to inquire about sponsorship, artists called who were interested in painting and residents wanted to volunteer their time. It's been incredible to say the least considering the uncertainty we are all facing today," said Faith.

To date eleven murals have been painted with more in the works. Murals have been painted by local artists Shannon Almanzar, David Sutherland, Sarah Lanier, Terri Palmer, Junie Miller and Lanie Plimpton. Not Just Records located at 1 Broadway received a solid coat of paint with some records attached to the wall. Other designs include flowers, birds and other artistic scenes.



Aspiring Young Artists Wall

Young artists are also involved in #BeautifyBangor. Mothers of local young aspiring artists have contacted Faith via social media stating that their children want to get involved and showcase their love of art. So the "Aspiring Artists Wall" came to life, located on a garage door behind Greenleaf Soft Tissue Therapy.

Murals of Bangor

- 24 S. Main St., sponsored by Realty Solutions of PA, artist Shannon Almanzar.
- 26 W. Market St., sponsored by Country Classic Real Estate, artist Shannon Almanzar.
- 5 Broadway, sponsored by Realty Executives, artist David Sutherland.
- 35 Broadway, sponsored by Teel Realty, artist Shannon Almanzar
- 29 N. First St., sponsored by The Great American Real Estate Co., artist Shannon Almanzar.
- 52 Broadway, sponsored by Win Win Realty, artist Sarah Lanier.
- 40 Broadway sponsored by Mt Bethel Abstract, artist Sarah Lanier
- 110 Pennsylvania Ave sponsored by Richmond Farm and Brewery, artist Shannon Almanzar
- 26 Broadway sponsored by VS Eyewear artist Terri Palmer
- 100 First bangor sponsored by Peacock Pond Landscape yard, artist Shannon Almanzar
- 110 Pennsylvania Ave sponsored by Little Creek Bar B Cue Co., artists Junie Miller and Lanie Plimpton

Murals and Painting in Progress

- 121 Broadway sponsored by Mountain Valley Pest Control, artist Terri Palmer
- 1 Broadway sponsored by Crane Insurance, artist David Sutherland

Fresh coat of paint

- 2 Main Street is getting a fresh coat of paint by Faith and Christine Sweeney
- 20 Broadway fresh coat of paint by Faith and Tammy Rogers Pritchard
- Not Just Records at 1 Broadway, painted by Realty Solutions of PA.

Faith welcomes any and all volunteers as well as monetary donations. Any artists interested in painting can reach out to Faith. She is hopeful that Bangor will become an art destination town. A place where people will come to see the beautiful artwork and architecture of the buildings, stroll downtown Bangor, dine at local restaurants, shop local businesses, visit local wineries and breweries and see what Bangor and the Slate Belt's rich history has to offer.

See page 14 for more photos.

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 weeks of July 27th, and 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 weeks of July 28th, and 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 cancellation of registration.

DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): Here We Grow! - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-11:00am the weeks of August 3rd, and 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/>.

Slate Belt Heritage Center to Open For the Season

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be opening for the season, after a five month delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be open to the general public for the first time on **Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The Heritage Center will then 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 has been doing everything possible to make the building safe for visitors. Masks are required for everyone who enters and social distancing rules will be in effect. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the building for use by our visitors and the maximum number of people in the building at any one time will be set at 25. There will also be occupancy levels set for each room, since most of the rooms are quite small. Admittance to the museum will be limited, it is recommended that you call ahead and make a reservation beforehand. Our monthly presentations will continue to be posted on-line for the foreseeable future. Please call the Heritage Center at 610-599-4993 to make a reservation. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to preserve and educate visitors about the culture and heritage of the different people who came to this area.

Slate Belt Heritage Center August Event:

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on **Thursday, August 13th**. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located. The book includes maps of all the Slate Belt towns and the locations of the mills, a history of the textile industry in the Slate Belt and the stories of some of the mill owners. The authors will also show viewers some of the many items in the textile display currently at the Center, as well as, a sneak preview of the new textile room. Visitors will be able to view this display for themselves shortly. Please join our presenters on the Heritage Center's Facebook page, at Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC, on **Thursday, August 13th** for an interesting look at one of the premier industries in the Slate Belt area. The Heritage Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 education organization whose mission is to preserve and educate visitors about the local Slate Belt History.

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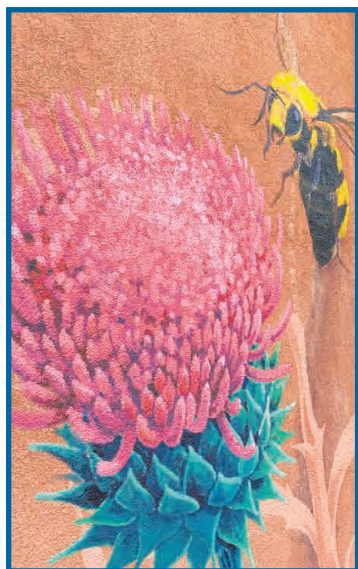
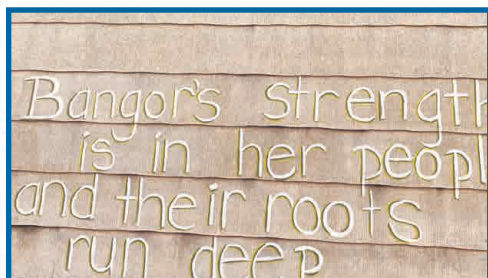
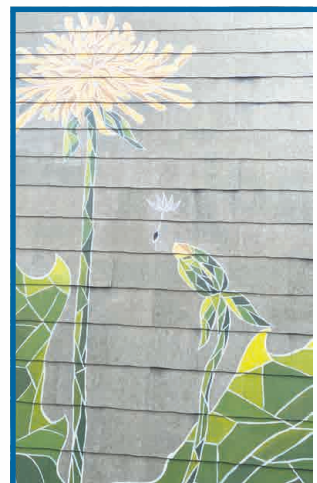
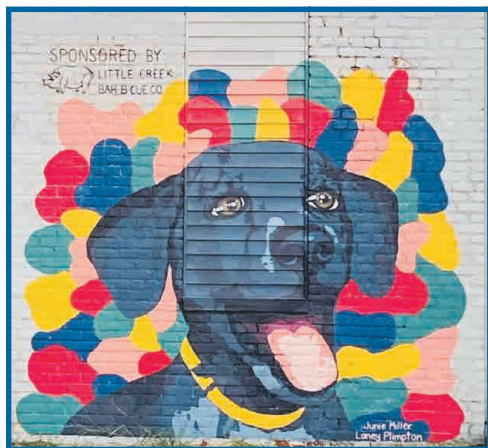
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