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1776-2026

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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Downtown Stroudsburg Concerts in the Square

The 10th season of concerts in the Square returns to Downtown Stroudsburg every **Thursday through August 6, 2026**. Enjoy summer evenings listening to good music. **June 25 - Zac Lawless Trio. July 2th - Roots in Blue Stone.** Follow Stroudsburg Borough on Facebook for weather related cancellations

Bangor Borough Parks & Recreation High School Pool Party

Bangor Borough Parks & Recreation will host a High School Pool Party for teens entering grades 9-12 on **Friday, June 26th, 7:00PM-9:00PM**, at Bangor Memorial Park Pool, 90 Eisenhardt Blvd. Bangor, Pa.

EBUMCC Coffee House

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is hosting a Coffee House on **Friday, June 26th, 6:30PM-8:00PM**. All ages are welcome! The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), E. Bangor. FMI, call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co Carnival

The Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co. will hold their annual carnival **Thursday, June 25th 5:00PM-10PM; Friday, June 26th 5:00PM-11PM; and Saturday, June 27th 5:00PM-11PM** at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave. & E. 3rd Street, Wind Gap. [See ad on page 3 for details](#)

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on **Saturday, June 27th, 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.

Delaware Water Gap Founder's Day

Delaware Water Gap Founder's Day will be held on **Saturday, June 27th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM**. Delaware Water Gap, Pa. 18327.

Hopesprings Community of Faith Summer Serve Block Party

Hopesprings Community of Faith will hold a Summer Serve Block Party **Saturday, June 27th 11:00AM-2:30PM** at 301 Market Street, Bangor, PA 18013. [See ad on page 3 for details](#)

30th Annual West End Car Show

The 30th Annual West End Car Show will be held on **Sunday, June 28th, 11:00AM**. West End Fair Grounds, 570 Fairground Road, Gilbert, Pa. 18331. FMI www.thewestendfair.com/west-end-car-show

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, June 28th, 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.

MBVFCO Wet Down

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. will host a Wet Down at the Mt Bethel Community Park, 1535 Potomac Street, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343 **Sunday, June 28th, 12:00PM-5:00PM** (rain date Saturday, July 11th). A fun day for the entire family.

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Thursday July 2nd

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West End Fair Celebration Fest

West End Fair will host Celebration Fest, honoring the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Three day event on **July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Thursday and Friday: 5:00PM-10:00PM, Saturday: 2:00PM-10:00PM** West End Fairgrounds, 570 Fairground Road, Gilbert, Pa. 18331. www.thewestendfair.com/celebration-fest

Plainfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

The Plainfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, June 28th, Doors Open 11:00AM Bingo Starts 1:00PM** 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 18091. *See ad on page 4 for details*

Pen Argyl and Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Enjoy the sounds of the band **Joyous** (R&B, Pop and Funk) on **Sunday, June 28th, 6:00PM** at the Weona Park bandshell, Rt. 512 Pen Argyl, Pa. All concerts are free and begin at 6:00PM at Pen Argyl or Wind Gap band shells. *For Pen Argyl, please watch for notifications on Pen Argyl Borough website, Facebook, Nixel, etc. for any weather related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

250th Independence Day Parade in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Come start your **July 4th** celebration at the 250th Independence Day Parade in Stroudsburg, Pa. Parade will kickoff from Stroudsburg High School and end at Dansbury Park in East Stroudsburg.

Nazareth Borough July 4th Kazoo Parade

The annual Nazareth **July 4th** Kazoo Parade will kickoff from Nazareth Area High School at **9:00AM**. This year, in honor of America's 250th birthday, the Brandywine Colonials Fife and Drum Corps will lead the parade. Complimentary kazoos and flags. Marchers are asked to meet at Nazareth Area High School at 8:00 AM in the parking lot, 501 E Center Street, Nazareth. 18064

Nazareth Celebrates America 's 250th

Spend this July 4th in Nazareth celebrating America's 250th. **Saturday July 4th 9:00AM-3:00PM**. Free festival begins after the Kazoo Parade at the historic Whitefield House, 214 E. Center Street, Nazareth, Pa. 18064. www.moravianhistory.org *See ad on page 7 for details*

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free Day

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free days are **Saturday, July 4th, 2026**. On these dates, residents and visitors can fish on PA waterways without a fishing license or trout/salmon permits. All other fishing regulations, including seasons, size, and creel limits, still apply.

UMBT Parks and Recreation 250th Celebration Fireworks

Join Upper Mt Bethel Township Parks and Recreation for fireworks on **Saturday July 4th, gates open 4:00PM, fireworks, 9:15PM** (rain date July 5th) at Mt Bethel Community Park, 1535 Potomac Street, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343 *See ad on page 6 for details*

Bangor Borough's 250th Celebration of America

Come celebrate America's 250th Anniversary on **Sunday, July 5th** at Bangor Memorial Park. Opening ceremonies **3:00PM, fireworks at dusk**. Event sponsored by Bangor Borough Parks and Recreation. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhardt Blvd., Bangor, Pa. 18013. *See ad on page 6 for details*

Upcoming Events continued on page 4

WIND GAP VOL. FIRE COMPANY

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EBUMCC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Church welcomes you to a Free Dinner on **Sunday, July 5th, from 4:00PM to 4:30PM**. This is TAKE-OUT only at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA (www.ebumc.org)

Pen Argyl and Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Summer Sounds concert will be held on **Sunday, July 5th** music by **Main Street Cruisers** (Music from the 50's through the 70's) at the Wind Gap Park bandshell, Wind Gap, Pa. All concerts are free and begin at **6:00PM** at Wind Gap or Weona Park Band shells.

Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

The Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, July 11th, Doors Open 4:30PM Bingo Starts 6:00PM** 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, Pa. 18064.
See ad on page 5 for details

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, July 19th, 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.

Slate Belt Heritage Center Preservation Awards Recipients

The Slate Belt Heritage Center held their annual Preservation Awards on Thursday, June 18th. Randy Sandt of Smith Wilbert Co. and Brian Jones of Owens Monumental Co. were both instrumental in ensuring Bangor's collected history from residents and friends of the Slate Belt region and will be cherished for future generations. They did this by providing free services in digging out the old time capsule and burying the new time capsule. Owens Monumental Co. will donate the new marker. The special Focus Award is recipient Scott Dietz for his photo journal entitled "Beyond Main Street". In this books, Mr. Dietz captured the most beautiful parts of Bangor, but not of the main streets, rather he photographed side stress and forgotten alleys. He wanted the viewer to explore the hidden, the quiet & the overlooked. His book is on display at the Heritage Center. Mr. Dietz was unable to attend the ceremony.



Pictured: L-R Jason Huggan, Chairman of the committee, Randy Sandt, Smith Wilbert Co., and Brian Jones, Owens Monumental Co. Missing from photo Scott Dietz.


Bangor Borough Parks and Recreation Schedule of Events

The Bangor Park Board is happy to announce its 2026 schedule of events. All events are held at Bangor Memorial Park.

- Friday, July 10th - Movie Night** (Rain date July 11th)
- Friday, July 17th - Family Luau** (Rain date July 18th)
- Friday, August 7th - Movie Night** (Rain date August 8th)
- Tuesday, August 4th - National Night Out**
- Sunday, August 23rd - Pooch Plunge**
- Saturday, September 12th - Wizardfest & Magikal Market** (Rain date September 13th)
- October 17th & 18th - Octoberfest**

Watch for updates on upcoming Bangor Park Board events in The Belt and Beyond.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Bangor Parks and Recreation Board or any of these events please contact Sherry at 610-588-6894 or email bangorparkboard@gmail.com
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Parade Route: Parade will start at the William Pensyl Social Hall on State Street in Portland, then travel up Delaware Avenue onto Turkey Ridge Road to Saddle Creek Drive to Million Dollar Highway onto Ramblewood Drive to Totts Gap Road to Johnsonville Road, then cross over Route 512 to Orchard Road onto Evergreen Road and through Evergreen Village on Independence Way then Flintlock Drive onto Revolutionary Road then Powderhorn Place and out on Independence Way. Spectators are asked to please gather safely and respectfully along the parade route.
 There will be 2 contests:
Contest #1: Best patriotic decorated vehicle in the parade - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
Contest #2: Best patriotic decorated home on July 4th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
 Come out and kick off your Independence Day at the parade!



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JULY 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF ROCK & ROLL
JULY 8 - NATIONAL FREEZER POP DAY
JULY 10 - NATIONAL PINA COLADA


JUNE HOLIDAYS

JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY 




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Circle your answer and receive 1 point for each correct answer.

- Which city served as the first capital under the U.S. Constitution?
A. Boston B. New York City C. Philadelphia D. Washington D. C.
- What document begins with "We the People"?
A. Bill of Rights B. Gettysburg Address C. Constitution D. Declaration of Independence
- Which U.S. purchase doubled the size of the country in 1803?
A. Alaska B. Gadsden Purchase C. Florida D. Louisiana
- What was the first U.S. state?
A. Delaware B. Pennsylvania C. Virginia D. Massachusetts
- Which amendment gave women the right to vote nationwide?
A. 15th B. 18th C. 19th D. 21st
- Which U.S. national park was the first national park in the world?
A. Yosemite B. Yellowstone C. Grand Canyon D. Zion
- Who delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech?
A. Malcolm X B. Martin Luther King Jr. C. Rosa Parks D. Frederick Douglass
- What is the oldest branch of the U.S. military?
A. Air Force B. Navy C. Army D. Marines 
- Which event caused the United States to enter World War II?
A. Battle of Gettysburg B. Pearl Harbor C. Boston Tea Party D. Cuban Missile Crisis
- Which American astronaut was the first person to walk on the moon?
A. Neil Armstrong B. Buzz Aldrin C. John Glenn D. Alan Shepard

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Road, Bangor, Pa.

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Area Food Pantries

Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop

The Benders Menonite Church Food Pantry & Blessing Shop **Saturday, April 18th, 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.

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.

Free Meal Cross Roads Baptist Church

Crossroads Baptist Church offers a free meal the **second Sunday of every month 3:00PM -?** 201 S. Second Street, Bangor, Pa.

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Drive Thru Pick Up parking lot opens at 4:30 PM. 915 North 5th Street, Stroudsburg, PA. For more information contact the church 570-421-0750

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

Every Tuesday 8:00AM to 11:00AM, 555 North Main. Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794. **Check Facebook for distribution day and weather related changes.**

St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Food Ministry

Corner of Genoga St. and Rte. 512, Wind Gap. The **second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00AM-10:00AM**. Contact Katherine Kerler for more information:610-863-7542.



Bushkill Township

Bushkill Township will hold their annual community yard sale weekend **June 26-28**.

Plainfield Township

Plainfield Township will hold community yard sales the weekend of July 10th -12th. **July 10th - 12th**.

Roseto Borough

Roseto will hold Yard Sale Days on **July 31st - August 2nd**.

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, July 2026

Bats of Jacobsburg-Thursday, July 2, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm

Join volunteer educator and long-time conservation enthusiast, Catherine Folio, as we present common bats of Jacobsburg and discuss how to monitor them! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders - Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 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/>

Butterflies and Blooms - Wednesday, July 8, 2026 10am to 12pm

Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of blooms and butterflies! We'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. A hat, bottled water, and sunscreen are recommended. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Hike for Health - Wednesdays, July, 8, August 12, September 2 & 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. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov

Family Night: Blinking Lights on Summer Nights - Friday, July 10, 2026 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Are you mesmerized by the flashes of fireflies during warm summer evenings? Would you like to know what the flashes mean or what you can do to improve backyard habitat for these twinkling insects? Join us to learn all about the secret lives of fireflies! This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

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 email jacobsburgsp@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 email jacobsburgsp@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.

Bangor Area High School Alumni Association Award

The Bangor Area High School Alumni Association held their annual awards reception on June 3, 2026 at the Washington Elementary School Cafeteria. We honored ten outstanding students in the school district.

Dr. Braden Hendershot, superintendent welcomed the honorees, their families, and staff members in attendance. High school principal, Mr. Joseph Disidore also offered a greeting.

Morgan Balaskas and **Avery Hillis**, tenth grade students and **Callahan "Cal" Karner** an eleventh grade student were presented with the association **STAR Award**. (Student/Talent, Achievement, Recognition). These students exhibited classroom achievement and/or contributions to the school district or society that go above and beyond the classroom. Students are nominated for this award by their teachers or administrators and are chosen by a committee of Alumni for this honor.

The **All Around Sixth Grade Award** was presented to **Alyssa Losco** and **Andrew Salkow**. These students are successful in their studies, give respect to everyone, are courteous, helpful, friendly, and involved in activities both in and out of school. These students are chosen by the sixth grade teachers.

The **HORVATH SCIENCE AWARD** is given annually in honor of Dr. Bert Horvath and his wife Betty Gregor Horvath, both Bangor graduates who have distinguished themselves in the field of science research. This award recognizes an outstanding science student in the hopes of inspiring the recipient to pursue a career in the field of science. **Michael Zheng**, eleventh grade, was this year's recipient. Michael excelled in honors biology, honors chemistry, honors physics. He was chosen for this award by his science teachers.

We also honored four seniors with scholarships. These students have shown high academic achievement, as well as other talents. They were required to submit a resume to the association and were chosen by a committee of association members. **Kaylynn Figurski** accepted at Penn State University, **Alexander Hobson-Garcia** accepted at Boston University **Jacob Smith**, accepted at Saint Joseph's University and **Brian Stetz**, accepted at The University of Pittsburgh were this year's honorees.

District staff members Mr. Douglas Hunt, English Teacher, Lisa Keith, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Mrs. Sandee Gebhart and Mrs. Alexis Long, Sixth Grade Teachers, and Mr. Robert Hachtman and Mr. William Hobbs, high school science teachers presented the awards to their students. Alumni Association members presented the Scholarship Recipients with their awards.



Bangor Area High School Alumni Association Award Recipients
Back Row: Jacob Smith, Alexander Hobson-Garcia, Brian Stetz, Michael Zheng, Callahan "Cal" Karner, Avery Hillis, Front Row Kaylynn Figurski, Andrew Salkow, Alyssa Losco, Morgan Balaskas.

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Senior Farmers Market Vouchers to be Available Again in Northampton County

Vouchers worth a total of \$25 will be available to Northampton County residents age 60 and over who meet income eligibility criteria thanks to continuation of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The vouchers are distributed by the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging. 2026 distributions will be strictly in-person, no paper applications will be accepted.

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 in June 2026. For married couples, both spouses may obtain vouchers. Proof of age and residence must be presented by all persons wishing to receive vouchers.

Program policies allow a person to obtain vouchers for another person only if they have a completed and signed proxy form. Additionally, a person may only serve as proxy for up to four other participants and identification with date of birth and address, of the older adult, must be shown when presenting a proxy.

This form will be available for pick-up at the Area Agency on Aging office, 2801 Emrick Boulevard, Bethlehem, at all senior centers, and will also be available on the Area Agency on Aging's website, northamptoncounty.org. Persons may only receive vouchers once during the program, which runs through **September 15, 2026**. Vouchers will be issued between **June 1, 2026 and September 15, 2026**. Vouchers may be redeemed between **June 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026**.

Distribution will take place at multiple senior centers and community locations across the county, including sites in Bangor, Easton, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Northampton, Cherryville, Hellertown, and others.

Details, including the schedule of locations, dates, and times, can be found here:

<https://www.norcopa.gov/index.php?section=press-releases>

Slate Belt Pride Festival

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeu

Slate Belt Pride held their annual festival on Saturday, June 13th, at Weona Park in Pen Argyl. The event had an amazing turnout with many coming to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



LMBT COMMUNITY Day

Photos by Cory Dailey

Lower Mt Bethel Township held Community Day on Saturday, June 13th. The event was hosted by the LMBT Parks and Recreation Board at Pacchioli Field in Martins Creek. The event was a fun-filled day of games, crafts, a DJ, Touch a Truck, Tricky Tray, good food and more! [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



4th Annual Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory All Motor Show

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory held their 4th annual All Motor Show at the Blue Valley Farm Show grounds on Sunday, June 14th.

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



All Aspects at the Barn Summer KickOff Festival

Photos by Cory Dailey

All Aspects at the Barn welcomed summer on Saturday, June 20th with their annual Summer Kickoff Festival. The day featured over 35 vendors and artisans, live music and food trucks, a bounce house and petting farm. Stop by All Aspects at the Barn to shop, enjoy delicious coffee and coffee drinks at Barn Brew & Espresso Bar, and don't forget to stop by the wine cottage. All Aspects at the Barn is located at 1584 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa.

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - The Wish: A Novel by Heather Morris; The Someday Garden by Ashley Poston The Immortal Heart: A Novel of Aphrodite by Jennifer Saint; Light Wielder by Rachel Schneider Valley of the Moms: A Novel by Hannah Selinger Choke Point: A Thriller by Brad Thor; Mister Magic: The Graphic Novel by Kiersten White.

Adult Non Fiction - Courage Can Save Us: Ten Extraordinary Americans and the Fight for our Future by Rye Barcott; The Dog's Gaze: A Visual History by Thomas Walter Laqueur; Communion: Finding My Way Back by J. D. Vance.

Large Print Adult Fiction - The divorce by Freida McFadden; The Final Target by Nora Roberts.

Easy Non Fiction - Big Book of Dinosaurs by Harriet Blackford.

Junior Fiction - Descendants, Wicked World: Cinestory Comic Volume 2; Disney Descendants Book 1 Evie's Wicked Runway by Jason Muell; Disney Descendants Book 2 Evie's Wicked Runway by Jason Muell.

Junior Non Fiction - Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!

Young Adult Non Fiction - The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth: Understanding Our World and Its Ecosystems by Rachel Ignotofsky.

DVDs - Freaky Tales; Scream 7; The Last Showgirl; Small Things Like These; The Super Mario Galaxy Movie.

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 for Early May**

Our America on Wheels museum pass has arrived and is ready for checkout! Stop in today for this wonderful resources, courtesy of a sponsorship from Deerfoot Auto Parts.

The library will discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi on **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm**. Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

The BMCL Summer Fun with Reading Program (SFRP) 2026: Words and Wonders! is underway. Stop in today for reading challenges with exciting prizes, a readers' raffle, and programs for ages 3-6 and 4-9!

The Book Nook is having a half-price sale during all open shifts from **June 22-27: every morning from 10am-12pm, plus Monday, June 22 and Thursday, June 25 (6-8pm)**. All items are half price! We have fiction and nonfiction for all ages plus large print, puzzles, and DVDs.

New to the circulating collection - with many courtesy of a grant from Penguin Random House/United for Libraries - and more to be catalogued:

Adult fiction: Ironwood (Michael Connelly); The Divorce (Freida McFadden); A Pair of Aces (Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray); The Midnight Train (Matt Haig); Brawler: Stories (Lauren Groff); Dungeon Crawler Carl (Matt Dinniman); Upward Bound (Woody Brown); Revenge Prey (John Sandford); Anatomy of an Alibi (Ashley Elston).

Adult nonfiction: Crochet (Marie-Noelle Bayard); Dog Show (Billy Collins); There Is No Place for Us (Brian Goldstone); 20-Minute Air Fryer (Christina Kynigos).

Large print fiction: Served Him Right (Lisa Unger); The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store (James McBride).

YA fiction: The Unteachables (Gordon Korman).

YA nonfiction: Top 20 Daredevils (Melvin and Gilda Berger), The World Record Paper Airplane Book (Ken Blackburn and Jeff Lammers).

Juvenile fiction: Hydroponic Hijinks (Rie Neal); Squished (Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter); The Bad Seed (Jory John); The Bad Seed Goes to the Library (Jory John); A Family of Readers (Rob Sanders); Exca-Gator! (Brooke Hartman); Buns Gone Bad (Anna Humphrey); The Shimmer (Ridley Pearson).

Juvenile nonfiction: Tornado Terror (Lauren Tarshis); Investing for Tweens (Jamie Bosse); Goats (Rose Davidson).

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

USA 250th Anniversary Trivia

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2. C. Constitution
3. D. Louisiana Purchase
4. A. Delaware
5. C. 19th Amendment
6. B. Yellowstone
7. B. Martin Luther King Jr.
8. C. Army
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