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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Wind Gap Vol. Fire Company Carnival

The Wind Gap Vol. Fire Company will hold their annual Carnival Thursday, June 26, Friday, June 27 and

4,5,6,7,10,11,14 Saturday, June 28, opens nightly at 5:00PM at the Wind Gap Park, S. Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap, PA. 18091

See ad on page 3 for details

Bangor Park Board High School Pool Party

12, 13 A pool party for high students (grades 9-12) will be held at Bangor Memorial Park Pool on Friday, June 27, from

15 7:00PM-9:00PM (Rain Date,June 28) Bangor Memorial Park Pool is located at 90 Eisenhart Blvd. Bangor, Pa.

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Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on Saturday, June 28, 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.

Prince of Peace Church VBS

Prince of Peace church will host "Kingdom Rock" Vacation Bible School **Sun. June 29-Wed. July 2, 6:15pm-8:00pm.** Ages 4-11 are invited. To register call: 610-588-2355. The church is located at 2445 Lake Minsi Drive.

Northampton County Shred Event

Northampton County will hold a confidential & sensitive document shred event for Northampton County residents on **Saturday, June 28, from 10:00AM-12:00PM** at 2801 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem, PA. 18020 Rain or shine. FMI visit https://norcopa.gov

Wind Gap & Pen Argyl Boroughs Summer Sounds Concert Series

Enjoy music by Steel Creek on Sunday, June 29 at the Wind Gap Park. Concerts are free and begin at 6:00PM at the Wind Gap Park band shell. Wind Gap Park, S. Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap, PA.





Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission FISH- FOR- FREE- DAY

Pennsylvania Fish for Free Day will be observed on Friday, July 4, 2025 the day allows anyone (resident or nonresident) to legally fish on PA waterways on the designated day with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED All other fishing regulations still apply FMI visit: www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/fishing/regulations

EBUMCC Free Community Dinner

The East Bangor UMC Church welcomes you to a Free Turkey BBQ Dinner on Sunday, July 6, from 4:00 to 4:30PM. This is TAKE-OUT only. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. FMI 610-588-4453 or ebumc.org.

Wind Gap & Pen Argyl Boroughs Summer Sounds Concert Series

Enjoy the groovy sounds of the "Large Flower Heads" on Sunday, July 6. Concert is free and begin at 6:00PM at the Weona Park band shell. Weona Park, Rt 512, Pen Argyl, PA.

8th Annual Portland - Mt. Bethel July 4th Parade

The 8th Annual Portland-Mt Bethel July 4th Parade will be held on Friday, July 4, 11:00AM. Parade will begin in Portland and travel though Mt Bethel. Parade will be held rain or shine. See ad on page 9 for details

Grace United Methodist Church VBS

Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave. Pen Argyl will hold Vacation Bible School "Road Trip" the week of July 7-11 from 6:00-8:00PM. Pre-School teenagers are welcome to attend. Contact Grace UMC at 610-863-4811 for more information and to register.

Liberty Carnival Co. #2 Annual Carnival

The Annual Liberty Fire Co. carnival will be held July 10, 11, 12, 67 N. 8th Street, Bangor, PA..

3rd Annual Slate Belt Pride Event

Join Slate Belt Pride in celebrating Love, Diversity, and Inclusion at this year's Pride Festival on Saturday, July **12, 12:00PM to 6:00PM**, Mt Bethel Community Park, 1535 Potomac Street, Mt Bethel, PA. 18343.

See ad on page 16 for details

BMAGSEA 54th Annual Gas Engine & Tractor Show

The 54th Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Show will be held on July 18, 19, 20 at the Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Road, Bangor, PA.

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Clothing Closet

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor will host a free Clothing Closet from 11:00AM -1:00PM on Saturday, July 19. The clothing closet will be open once a month on the following Saturdays throughout the summer: August 16, and September 20. The church is located at 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013.

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

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



Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. JACKPOT BINGO

Sunday, July 20th, 2025 Doors Open 11:00am Bingo Starts 1:00pm



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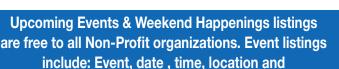
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contact information ONLY.

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Bangor Park Board Announces Summer Events at Bangor Memorial Park

The Bangor Park Board is happy to announce its 2025 summer schedule of events. All events are held at Bangor Memorial Park and Pool.

Movie Night - Movie TBA, Friday, July 11, (Rain Date July 12) Movie starts at dusk and is free to the public. Refreshments will be sold.

Family Luau - Friday, July 18, 7:00PM - 9:30PM (Rain date July 19) DJ, games and contests with prizes and 1 family luau souvenir photo. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Movie Night - Movie TBA Friday August 1 at dusk (Rain Date August 2)

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 5, 6:00- 9:00pm

Car Show - Sunday, August 10, 12:00-4:00pm at Bangor Park

Last day for swimmers at the Pool - Saturday, August 24
Pooch Plunge - Sunday, August 25

Wizardfest & Magickal Market - Saturday, September 6 12:00PM to dusk. Rain Date Sunday, Sept. 7)

Octoberfest - Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12 Interested vendors can email bangorparkboard@gmail.com for an application.

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

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Park Board or any of these events can contact Sherry at 610-588-6894 or email bangorparkboard@gmail.com

Bangor Memorial Park is located at 90 Eisenhart Blvd. Bangor PA. 18013.

Free Vaccine & Microchip Clinic

A free Vaccine & Microchip Clinic organized by SOS Pet Rescue will be held on **Sunday, June 29 10:00AM-2:00PM** at Community Vet Care Inc., 212 Kevin Lane, Brodheadsville, PA.

First Come, First Served. No Appointments. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers. Please bring proof of previous vaccines if available.

Bangor High School Class of 1953 72nd Anniversary Luncheon

The BHS Class of '53 will hold a 72nd Anniversary luncheon at Detzi's Tavern, 570 N Lehigh St (Rt 512), Wind Gap PA on **Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM**. For more information or to RSVP, please contact: Shirley (Mensch) Ascani - 610 863 2643, or Jim Albert -610 882 0655, or email jimalbert35@yahoo.com

Please RSVP By July 15, 2025.

76th Annual Plainfield Farmers' Fair

The 76th Annual Plainfield Farmers' Fair will be held **Tuesday, July 22 - Saturday, July 26** at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair Grove, 1281 Bangor Road, Nazareth, PA. www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 Scholarship Recipients

The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships. Congratulations to **Ashley Lautenbacher** and **TJ McLain**

Ashley will be attending Bloomsburg University to study nursing and TJ will also attend Bloomsburg University to study Finance.

The Bangor Elks Lodge congratulates Ashley and TJ and wishes them much success in their future endeavors.



Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting July Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held Monday, July 7, at 7:00PM at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and ParkAssociation and mail to: Weona ParkPool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

OLMC 132nd Roseto Big Time

The 132nd Annual Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roseto Big TimeCelebration will be held **Wednesday**, **July 23** - **Sunday July 27**. 80 Ridge Street, Roseto, PA.

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Bangor 150th Anniversary Parade Winners

The Bangor 150th Year Anniversary Parade was held on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The theme of the parade was "Bangor Through the Years". The 150th Anniversary committee would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the 50 participating organizations, the 150th Parade Committee and all the volunteers who helped to make this parade a success. The following are the parade winners:

Best Themed Float

1st Place Hope Springs Community of Faith 2nd Place Richmond Farm & Brewery 3rd Place Bangor Jacks Bushwackers from 100 Bangor Jacksonian Club

Best Themed Marching Group

1st Place Bangor Slater Cheerleaders 2nd Place Slater Baseball Association 3rd Place Recovery Revolution " 20 Years of Recovery in Bangor"

Best Overall Theme

1st Place Preserving History for Future Generations Slate Belt Heritage Center

Best Group on Wheels

1st Place Wild Acres Pulling

Best Overall Fire Company

1st Place Bangor Fire Department

Pocono Canna World Fair 2025

The Pocono Canna World Fair 2025 will be held **Saturday**, **July 26 & Sunday**, **July 27**, **from 10:00AM to 6:00PM**, at the West End Fairgrounds, 570 Fairground Rd., Gilbert, PA. For tickets and info www.cannaworldfair.com

Rescue Fire Co. Auxiliary Bingo

The Auxiliary of Rescue Fire Company is holding a Bingo fundraiser **Saturday**, **August 9** at The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106,120 Broadway, Bangor. PA. **Doors open at 4:30 Bingo starts at 6:00PM** For advance tickets email: Auxiliaryrfc@gmail.com tickets also available at the door.

Plainfield Twsp. Vol Fire Co. Sportsman's Drawing & Meat Raffle

The Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co will hold a Sportsman's Drawing & Meat Raffle on Saturday, September 13, 3:00PM to 8:00 PM (Doors Open at 1:30 PM)

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See ad on page 16 for details



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PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE COMPANY JACKPOT

JACKPOT BINGO



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Doors open at 11:00am Bingo starts at 1:00pm Pre-Sale Tickets \$30 - Tickets at the door \$35

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JULY 6 - NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY

JULY 7 - NATIONAL STRAWBERRY SUNDAE DAY

JULY 8 - NATIONAL FREEZER POP DAY

JULY 10 - NATIONAL PINA COLADA DAY

JULY HOLIDAY

JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY



Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration House Decorating Contest Winners

The Bangor 150th Committer has announced the winners of the House Decorating Contest for the Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration. There were over 40 entries making choosing only 3 a very hard decision. Each home showed incredible town spirit and patriotism! A huge thank shown exemplary actions in promoting and preserving the you to all who participated and to the businessesthat joined in the festive decorating. Our community's enthusiasm and creativity truly made this event special.

Congratulations to the winners for truly embodying the Bangor spirit through their beautiful decorations.



1st Place Winner, 772 Broadway Prize - \$500 Cash



2nd Place Winner, 26 South 1st Street Prize \$250 Gift certificate to ACE Hardware



3rd Place Winner, 352 South 4th Street Prize- \$150 Gift ertificate to Weis Market

The Slate Belt Heritage Center **2025 Preservation Awards Winners**

The Slate Belt Heritage Center held a public awards ceremony on Thursday, June 19 for the recipients of the 2025 Preservation Awards.

The Initiative Award goes to an individual who has heritage of the Slate Belt through In-Kind Actions. The award is to acknowledge individuals who have performed acts that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt. This years' recipient is Jane Hill-Rosato who has devoted countless hours of her time mentoring students from Bangor Area High School, while also volunteering and contributing to the Center's Facebook page to promote programs and the history of the Slate

The Architectural Award goes to an individual(s) who is saving or conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation. The award is to acknowledge individuals who have performed acts that promote and preserve the heritage of the Slate Belt. This years award winners are **Todd & Heather Rehrig** for the renovation and restoration of their house located next to the Belvidere Highway Bridge in Martin's Creek that is also partially used as a Bed and Breakfast and known as the "River Affair Estate".

The Special Focus Award goes to an individual who is saving or conserving tradition or a body of knowledge and may be contributing to educational information via exhibits, documentation, internet, archival, etc. This years' award winner is **Robert Uliana** for his time and dedication over the past 15+ years maintaining the Upper Edelman Schoolhouse located along Route 191 in Plainfield Township.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA.



Caption: L-R:Sal Rosato who accepted for his mother, Jane who received the Initiative Award, Jason Huggan Preservation Chairman, Todd & Heather Rehrig who received the Architectural Award and Robert Uliana, who received the Special Focus Award. Winners received a slate plaque from the Center and a Citation from Rep. Ann Flood.



Pen Argyl Women's Club News

Pen Argyl Women's Club member Jane Ruggiero and her husband Bill are planted flowers in Pen Argyl Borough flower boxes on Main Street. They will be planting more flowers throughout the Borough as they complete another Pen Argyl Women's Club project.

Interested in joining the club? Meetings are held the **first Tuesday of every month at 1:00PM** at the Phoebe Home 665 Alpha Road, Wind Gap, PA. Drop by we would love to see you!



Slate Belt Heritage Center July Program

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic program on Thursday, July 10, at 7:00PM. Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Perry Morris who will give a presentation on "The Changing of the Seasons of America's Past". He will take you on a nostalgic look at the daily lives of everyday people; their daily habits and how they lived day to day, week to week, month to month and season to season. Mr. Morris will have tools and artifacts on display, going back over 200 years. This ★ program coincides with the Heritage Center's 150th exhibit for Bangor's Sesquicentennial. Mr. Morris is a prolific storyteller and has an extensive knowledge of local lore and history. The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please call Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

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Nazareth Area Garden Club News

The Nazareth Area Garden Club will hold its July meeting on **July 15th**, at the Dryland UCC Church,4415 Newburg Road, Upper Nazareth Township at **7:00 p.m.**

The program for the evening will be given by Anita from Phoebe Florals and it will be "Creating a Picnic Tablescape".

In July, Club members will display many plant specimens along with 3 floral arrangements to design; Red, White & Blue-Mass Arrangement, Tidal Pool-open water, and Anything goes with a Sustainable Twist.

Refreshments will be served at the monthly meeting. We welcome visitors to all our meetings. For more information, please call Janet Farole at 484-221-0047.



Freedom - So Worth Celebrating

By Kathleen McFall

Freedom isn't about doing whatever

we want. It's about doing what is

right, even when it's difficult.

Independence Day is one of the most significant holidays in the United States.

On July 4, Americans celebrate the birth of our nation - hosting barbecues, playing backyard games, and waving sparklers.

We raise flags, attend parades and watch fireworks at night. We even wear red white and blue.

Yet, behind these familiar festive scenes lies a profound truth: we are celebrating freedom.

While Independence Day is a time to connect with family and friends, it also serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom and the ongoing struggle for liberty and equality.

The first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence is a beautiful expression of what freedom truly means:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

However, when we celebrate the 4th of July, we aren't just commemorating a document signed by our Founding Fathers. We are celebrating the gift

of being truly free.

Freedom is a virtue to be practiced, a commitment to the belief that every human being deserves dignity.

Freedom empowers each of us individually. It enables us to live a life committed to being the best person that we can be, free from tyranny and free to choose how we worship and live.

Freedom should permeate our everyday life. It is not just something that happens in government. We can experience it in our homes, our schools, our churches, and our relationships.

Freedom isn't about doing whatever we want. It's about doing what is right, even when it's difficult.

America has always been more than a place on the map. It represents the essential principle we live by.

We live in a country where we can pursue spiritual and civic freedom. We exercise it with courage and conviction.

"Freedom isn't free" is not just a slogan — it is a reality.

It is important to remember that the freedom we enjoy was purchased with blood and sacrifice.

For hundreds of years men and women have fought and given up their lives to guarantee our freedom today.

Some wore uniforms. Others marched in the streets. Some knelt in prayer. They paid a price so that we might live in liberty. The Fourth of July reminds us of Yorktown and Gettysburg, of Normandy and Iwo Jima, of Selma and Stonewall, of the Twin Towers, of Afghanistan and so many other momentous periods in our history.

As we celebrate this Independence Day, let's do more than wave flags and light sparklers. Let's recommit ourselves as caretakers of freedom.

We can teach our children the importance of the blessings they enjoy, and be mindful of our neighbors, even when we disagree. We can vote and let our voices be heard.

Most importantly, we should remember that freedom, like faith, is a journey. Our freedom should be respectful and filled with gratitude.

True freedom at its deepest level is rooted in love - in the desire to protect our family, our community, our country and our freedom to worship.

Independence Day was deeply intertwined with religious freedom, and the desire for people to have the freedom to practice their faith without interference.

Our freedom enables us to seek truth freely, worship freely, and speak freely.

Freedom is not a destination. It is a daily choice — to live with courage, to speak with kindness and to love this nation not

because it is perfect, but because we are called to help perfect it.

The 4th of July celebrates the principles of liberty, equality, and self-governance. They are the cornerstones of American democracy which continue to resonate with Americans today.

As the night sky explodes in color this 4th of July, may we see more than just a spectacular display. May we see symbols of struggle, of triumph, of resilience, and of hope.

Happy Independence Day. May God continue to bless America.













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Happy **Independence Day** Have a Safe and Happy July 4th



Portland and Mt. Bethel July 4th Parade Friday, July 4th - 11:00 AM

Parade will begin in Portland, PA and continue through MT. Bethel. Rain or Shine

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.

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- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the loud noise. Please resist the urge to take them to your Fourth of July festivities. Instead, keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home.
- Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets. Even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.
- Be prepared in the event that your pet does escape. Keep your pets IDs up to date! It's a good idea for all your pets, even indoor-only pets, to always wear a collar with an ID tag that includes your name, phone number and any relevant contact information.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center July Community Programs

Weekly Weeders - Monday, July 7 & 21 at 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 Monday mornings from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

Butterfly Walk for Adults - Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10am to 12pm. Join butterfly enthusiast and conservation volunteer, Doug Burton, for a leisurely walk through the center to find different types of butterflies, learn about their host plants, and discuss conservation issues that may threaten populations. This program is for adults only. Registration is required. Hike for Health - Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:30pm to 7pm. 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.

Volunteer Program: Knotweed Knockdown - Friday, July 11, 2025 1pm to 3:30pm. Do you enjoy using machetes? Have you always dreamed of slashing through thick stands of plants? Join the crew at Jacobsburg for our annual Knotweed knockdown event! Tools and gloves will be provided. Adult-only participants are encouraged to wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and avoid loose-fitting clothing or jewelry. Registration is required.

Family Science Night: Dams, Water Wheels, and Raceways - Friday, July 11, 2025 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Discover the hidden technologies of the past! Participants will walk along Jacobsburg's trails to uncover the remnants of historical sources of energy used by the Henry family. This event will meet at the Boulton Parking Lot near gate H1 along Henry Road and walk through mildly uneven terrain with some sloping. Participants are highly encouraged to be prepared to walk in the creek up to knee-height with appropriate footwear and clothing. This program is best suited for families with children aged 5 or older. Registration is required. Volunteer Program: Brush In. Brush Out. - Saturday, July 12, 2025 9am to 11am. 2 tasks, 1 morning. This adult-only volunteer program will consist of the removal of brush from a forested area along Sobers Run trail and an additional section of re-planting along the waterway. Tools and gloves will be provided. Participants are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes and clothing appropriate for trail maintenance. Work involves walking on trail and carrying some heavier brush collections, as well as frequent bending and standing. Registration is required.

Plants: There's An App For That! Saturday, July 12, 2025 2pm to 3pm. Participants will identify plants using common applications. Bring your own device to learn how to navigate the apps and avoid common mistakes! During the event participants will be walking on mild terrain and exposed to the elements. Please dress appropriately. This program is best suited for ages 12 and older. Registration is required.

Crayfish Quest - Saturday, July 19, 2025 3:30am to 5:30am/

Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of crayfish as we explore the creek for these unusual creatures. Equipment will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Blinking Lights on Summer Nights - Saturday, July 19, 2025 8:30am to 9:30am. 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 8 and up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required. Inclusivity in Nature: Birding - Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:30am to 11am. Learn about all of the accessible resources Jacobsburg has to offer! Participants will engage in a lesson about how we keep our park accessible to individuals of all abilities. Then participants will partake in a bird walk using the tools we discussed. This event will meet at the Visitor Center. The path for the bird walk will be determined by the participants! This program is best suited for adults who are either disabled or adults looking for information on general park accessibility. Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm; Jacobsburg Visitor

Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm; Jacobsburg Visito 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.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm. 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 orjacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.





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Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it lecomes a memory.





Scott and Dana Schmutz of Bangor, recently vacationed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia





The Freeby Family enjoy a weekend vacation in Gettysburg.

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@ lovfulTeacherMom

Happy 249th by Robert I. Martin

Happy Birthday to you America.

This occasion is always one grand spectacle with fireworks and trumpets sounding and family picnics and parades abounding.

Your birthday cake has to be quite large with enough room for 249 candles so far and one more added to next year and so on in celebration of independence that you won. Happy Birthday and many more to come.

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Bangor 150th Anniversary Community Day and Grand Finale

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

On Saturday, June 14 a Community Day and Grand Finale was held at Bangor Memorial Park in observance of Bangor Borough's 150th Anniversary. Three live bands, food trucks, a petting zoo, contests, and a fabulous fireworks display brought the week-long celebration to a close.

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Bangor Borough Park Board Hosts Annual Splash Dance

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

It was a perfect night for the annual Bangor Borough Park Board's "Splash Dance" held on Friday, June 20th, the first day of summer at Bangor Memorial Park pool.

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New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - What Kind of Paradise: A Novel by Janelle Brown; The Ghostwriter: A Novel by Julie Clark; King of Ashes: A Novel by S. A. New Books Cosby; Heart Bones by Colleen Hoover; Such Quiet Girls: A Thriller by Noelle W. Ihi; Heaven,



My Home by Attica Locke; A Family Matter: A Novel by Claire Lynch; Bridal Shower Murder by Leslie Meier; The Orphanage By the Lake by Daniel G. Miller; It's a Love Story by Annabel Monaghan; Fox: A Novel by Joyce Carol Oates; Ten Incarnations of Rebellion: A Novel by Vaishnavi Patel; Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil by Victoria Schwab; Consider Yourself Kissed by Jessica Stanley So Far Gone: A Novel by Jess Walter.

Adult Non Fiction - How to Giggle: A Guide to Taking Life Less Seriously by Paige DeSorbo; This Dog Will Change Your Life by Elias Weiss Friedman; Original Sin: President Biden's Decline. It's Cover-Up, and his Disastrous Choice to Run Again by Jake Tapper; Lincoln's Lady Spymaster: The Untold Story of the Abolitionist Southern Belle Who Helped Win the Civil War by Gerri Willis; Homeschooling: You're Doing It Right Just By Doing It by Ginny Yurich.

Easy Fiction- Fireworks by Matthew Burgess; So Tortoise Dug by Emmy Kastner; The King and the Dragon by James W. Shrimpton; Bunny's Book Club by Annie Silvestro; Pick a Perfect Egg by Patricia Toht.

Easy Non Fiction - The Beak Book by Robin Page; What Fish are Saying: Strange Sounds in the Ocean by Kirsten Pendreigh. Junior Fiction- The Impossible Trials of Benjamiah Creek by Jordan Lees: Baby-Sitters Little Sister # 1: Karen's Ghost: A graphic Novel by Ann M. Martin; Crumble by Meredith McClaren; The Forest in the Sky by Pari Thomson; Pippa Park: Crush at First Sight by Erin Yun; Pippa Park Raises Her Game by Erin Yun. Junior Non Fiction- My First Day Fishing: A Beginner's Guide by Will Millard: National Monuments of the U.S.A. by Cameron Walker.

Young Adult Fiction - Kill Creatures by Rory Power. **DVDs** - The Alto Knights.

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,



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New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library



Adult Fiction - This Is A Love Story, Jessica Soffer; The Second Life of Mirielle West, Amanda Skenandore; The Rules of Fortune, Danielle Prescod; Some Other Time, Angela Brown; More

or Less Maddy, Lisa Genova; What We May Become, Teresa

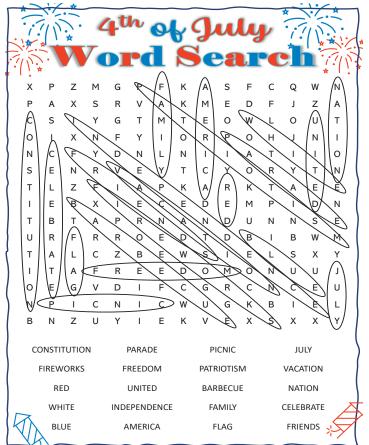
Adult Large Print - Lost & Found in Lavender Bay, Michele Brouder: Blood Moon, Sandra Brown: The World's Fair Quilt, Jennifer Chiaverini.

Adult Non-fiction - The Pardon, Jeffrey Toobin.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings. All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org



The Blue Mountain Community Library kicked-off the first session of our Summer Fun with the Library program on Wednesday, June 11th. All participants enjoyed a morning of learning about "Living Things" and searched for insects at the Plainfield Township Pavilion.







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(Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

1 Location: Mount Bethel Community Park 1535 Potomac St. Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Get ready for a day filled with live music, captivating performances, and inspiring guest speakers. Enjoy a variety of food trucks, artisanal vendors, and fun activities for all ages!

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- 14. Stoeger M3000 12 ga 15. Bog Deathgrip
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