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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Christ Church of Bath, UCC Basket Social

Christ Church of Bath, UCC will hold their annual Basket Social on **Friday, May 15, 4:00-8:00PM & Saturday, May 16, 9:00AM -7:00PM, & Sunday, May 17, 11:30AM-3:00PM** in Fellowship Hall (additional parking across the street available in municipal lot) 109 S. Chestnut Street, Bath, PA 18014 Bath, PA..

LMBT Sandt's Eddy Fire Co. May Day FireFighter Picnic & Raffle

Lower Mount Bethel Township Sandt's Eddy Fire Co. Fire Fighter Picnic & Raffle will be held on **Saturday, May 16th, 3:00PM**, 7701 Martins Creek Belvidere Highway, Bangor, PA

LMBT Rec Board Spring Plant Sale & Market

Lower Mount Bethel Township Rec Board Spring Plant Sale & Market will be held on **Saturday, May 16th, 9:00AM-1:00PM**, 6984 S. Delaware Dr., Martins Creek, PA 18063.

PA. State Rep. Ann Flood to Host Free Paper Shredding Event

PA. State Representative Ann Flood will host a Free Paper Shredding Event for residents of 138th District on **Saturday, May 16th, 10:00AM -12:00PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, Pa. Each household may bring up to four boxes or bags of personal documents for shredding. Business documents will not be accepted.

St. Peter's UMC Flea Market

St. Peter's United Methodist Church will hold a Flea Market **Saturday, May 16 (Rain date Saturday, May 23) from 8:00AM-3:00PM**. 924 Rt. 115, Saylorsburg.

Jacobsburg Historical Society Rummage Sale

Jacobsburg Historical Society Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday May 16, 7:00am-5:00PM and Sunday, May 17, 7:00am-3:00PM** 402 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA. Questions call/text Kirk: 610-739-7784.

40th Blue Mt. Antique Gas Engine & Steam Assoc. Swap Meet

The 40th annual Blue Mt. Antique Gas Engine & Steam Assoc. Swap Meet will be held on **Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17**, Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Rd. Bangor, Pa. FMI call Tom 610-588-7360, 610-588-6900 day of show www.jacktown.org

Quiet Valley Farm Animal Frolic

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, Farm Animal Frolic will be held the weekends of **May 16 & 17 & May 23 & 24**. Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, 347 Quiet Valley Rd, Stroudsburg, PA. 570-992-6161 www.quietvalley.org

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, May 17th, 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.

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Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, May 17th 7:00AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl. **See ad at right for details**

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. Luncheon

Join the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. for a luncheon and find out what we're about. **Sunday, May 17th, 2:00PM-4:00PM**, 2341 N. Delaware Dr., Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343 **See ad at right for details**

Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. Purse Bingo

Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. will hold a Purse Bingo on **Sunday, May 17th, doors open 11:00AM, Bingo starts 1:00PM**, 6480 Sullivan Trail Wind Gap, PA 18091. Tickets available Monday 6:30-9:00pm or Thursday at Bingo 4:00-9:00pm or call Elaine 484-764-6041 or Karen 484-221-1679.

Roseto Chapter Ladies of Unico Bingo

The Roseto Chapter Ladies of Unico will host a Bingo and Basket Raffle on **Sunday May 17**. Mt. Carmel School, 80 Ridge St, Roseto, Pa., **Doors open at 12 noon and bingo starts at 1:00pm**. Proceeds benefit 7 local charities and two Slate Belt Scholarships. Tickets call Josette 610-653-3153.

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

The Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will host a Gun & Sportsmans Show on **Sunday, May 17th, 9:00AM to 2:00PM**. William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street Portland PA. FMI contact Jim Steele at 610-216-4191 or gunshow@portlandhookandladder.com

Borough of Palmerton Electronics Recycling & Free Document Shredding Event

Palmerton Borough will hold a Electronics Recycling & Free Document Shredding Event on **Thursday, May 21st, 3:30PM-5:30PM**. Palmerton Borough Garage, 402 3rd Street, Palmerton, PA. 18071. Palmerton Borough residents only. FMI visit: www.palmertonborough.com/news/2026/05/electronics-recycle-day-may-19-2022/

UMBT Electronics Recycling Event

Upper Mt. Bethel Township is hosting an electronics recycling event open to surrounding municipalities on **Saturday, May 23rd, 9:00 AM- 12:00PM**. Donations gladly accepted for the Mitochondrial Foundation. FMI contact John Birmingham 602-703-3717 Upper Mt Bethel Township Building, 387 Ye Old Hwy, Mt Bethel Highway, Mt Bethel, Pa, 18343.

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free Days

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free days are **Sunday, May 24, 2026, and Saturday, July 4, 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

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on **Saturday, May 30th, 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.

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BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, May 17, 2026

7:30am-12:30pm

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MAY 25th
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*“All gave some;
some gave all.
Remember them this
Memorial Day.”*

See Memorial Day Services page 6

Mission of Love Food Bank Announces New Hours



The Mission of Love Food Bank has announced its new hours. Hours are **Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM** until further notice. The Mission of Love Food Bank is located at 555 N. Main Street, Bangor, Pa. 18013

See more food pantry listings on page 10

EBUMCC to Host Coffee House

The E. Bangor UMC Church is hosting a "Coffee House" on **May 29th from 6:30 to 8:00PM**. The event is open to anyone in the community who would enjoy coffee, treats, games (ping pong) and music. All ages are welcome! The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), E. Bangor. FMI, call Sandy at 973-903-1244 or visit www.ebumc.org

Slate Belt Heritage Center & Museum

The Slate Belt Heritage Center & Museum will hold their monthly historical program on **Thursday, June 11th at 7:00PM**. Speakers for the evening will be Mr. Russell Stout and Mr. Richard Freeman whose topic will be: The Declaration of Independence: A vision for mankind. They will explain how one document has changed the world and the voices and vestiges that brought forth this Declaration. This program will coincide with the Heritage Center display being shown now, in the Chamber Room, entitled: Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness. The event is free and open to the public. The Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661

Congratulations to The Belt and Beyond Superhero Mom Mother's Day Contest Winner Dana Hahn



My superhero mom raised three children, giving us unconditional love, wisdom, and unwavering support always. Unfortunately, in 2010 the unthinkable happened, her son (my brother) died. I have never seen such strength in a person. While dealing with her own grief, she always made sure my sister and I were ok. Although she struggled with this profound loss, she turned her grief into something extremely special. She started a foundation, honoring her son, that supports grieving children by offering grief support programs, which are often underserved, but invaluable to the well-being of both children and families in the community.



Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Barn Brew Coffee and Espresso Bar

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The Grand Opening of Barn Brew Coffee and Espresso Bar, located at All Aspects at the Barn was held on Wednesday, April 29th with a Ribbon Cutting hosted by the Slate Belt Chamber.



Barn Brew Coffee and Espresso Bar offers delicious coffee, and baked goods. **Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 8:00AM- 4:00PM and Sunday 9:00AM-4:00PM**. Stop by and check out Barn Brew Coffee and Espresso Bar located at 1584 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343.

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Pictured L-R Alex Webber (State Rep. Ann Flood's Office), Kurt Derr, (Sen. Lisa Boscola's office) Justine Bachman (U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie's Office), Becky and Ray Higgins, Mylaina Schippers, and Indy Carlson.

PA Capitol Visit by Holy Family School



Pictured PA State Representative Joe Emrick and students from Holy Family School in Nazareth had a great visit in the Pennsylvania Capitol last week. While visiting Harrisburg, the students toured the historic state capitol building, where they learned about how state government works and the role their legislators play in representing their communities. Representative Emrick enjoyed talking with the students and answering their questions. They were joined by State Rep. Ann Flood, who also represents students who attend Holy Family School.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE COMPANY JACKPOT BINGO

Sunday, June 28th

Doors open at 11:00am Games start at 1:00pm

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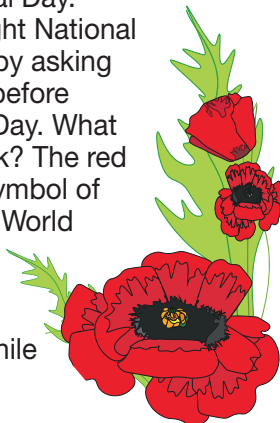


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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Bangor Borough

Monday May 25th, 10:00AM

There will be a Memorial Day service at St John's Cemetery, Broadway, Bangor, PA. Guest Speaker will be retired Airman and Volunteer firefighter, Merlin Repsher. Musical selections will be performed by the Bangor Area High School Band. The Civil Air Patrol will conduct flag services. The "Gettysburg Address" and poem "In Flanders Field" will be recited by Bangor Area School students. In the event of inclement weather service will be held at The BeeHive, 197 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bangor, Pa.

East Bangor Borough

Monday May 25th, 1:00PM

East Bangor Cemetery, Park Rd., East Bangor, PA. The speaker will be Perry Morris, a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1969-1970. He is the V.P. of the Slate Belt Heritage Center and was the recipient of the 2022 Slate Belt CofC "Volunteer of the Year" award. Perry is an amateur historian and storyteller. Jayden Goss will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Olivia Braddock will recite "In Flanders Fields". A gun salute will be fired by the Martocci-Capobianco Post 750 American Legion, Roseto. Taps will be played by Phillip Brickler. Dustin Flyte will offer a musical selection. The East Bangor Fire Co. will be in attendance, as well as Boy Scout Troop 41. In case of rain, the service will be held at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. The church is sponsoring the service. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

Martocci - Capobianco

American Legion Post 750 Roseto

Monday May 25th, 9:00AM

Martocci - Capobianco American Legion Post 750 in Roseto will host their annual Memorial Day service. The legionnaires, led by the Bangor Area High School Band will depart from the Post home located on Garibaldi Ave at **8:30AM** and proceed to the New Catholic Cemetery for graveside services at **9:00AM**. The contingent will then move to the Roseto Presbyterian Cemetery on Liberty Street for services at **9:30AM**. The final graveside services will be held at the Catholic Cemetery adjacent to Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church at **10:00AM**. From this cemetery the legionnaires will proceed to the Municipal Plaza on Garibaldi Avenue for the community services at the War Monuments beginning at **10:45AM**. Welcome will be given by Roseto Mayor, Ilene Tillman, Speaker will be Legionnaire, and Post Commander Rick Smith, of Martocci - Capobianco American Legion Post 750 Roseto. Sixth grade students from DeFranco Elementary and Faith Christian School will read their winning essays "What Memorial Day Means to Me." Garrett Newland, 8th grade student from Bangor Middle School will give the Oratory. Wreaths will be placed on the war monuments by the Post. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held indoors at the Post Home at 143 Garibaldi Ave. Roseto, PA.

Mt Bethel - Portland American Legion Post 216

Monday May 25th, 11:00AM

The Mt Bethel - Portland American Legion Post 216 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the Slate Belt Museum and Cemetery, Rt 611, Mt Bethel, PA. Master of Ceremonies will be Rodney Rufe, Charter and First Commander, Post 216. , Invocation by Pastor Michael Scholtes, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Singing of Star Spangled Banner by Penae Stolten, 3rd grade student, Bangor Area School District. Speakers will be Upper Mount Bethel Township Supervisor John Birmingham and Portland Mayor Lance Prator. Guest Speaker State Representative, Anne Flood, 138th Legislative District. Boy Scout Connor Fishman of Troop 41 will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Piper Dayton of Scout Troop 8397 will read "In Flanders Fields". Sound and music provided by Scott Pensack. Laying of wreaths by James Rounsaville, Commander Post 216, Sounding of Taps by Bruno Deney, and Bruce Fuller.

Pen Argyl American Legion Post 502

Monday, May 25th, 9:00 AM

The American Legion Post 502, Pen Argyl will host a Memorial Day service at Fairview Cemetery, 1138 Middletown Road, Pen Argyl, Pa.18072. Invocation by Christian Jackson, US Navy Veteran Post 502 Chaplin and 2nd Vice Commander The National Anthem Performed by Brian Rasley on the Bugle Presentation of Colors: Scouting America Troops Boys & Girls of Wind Gap and Pen Argyl Welcome by Post 502 Commander Lois Eisenhauer State Representative Ann Flood 138th Legislative District will speak. "America The Beautiful" Performed by Celebration Choir of Grace United Methodist Church Keynote Speaker will be Chuck Durback, US Army Veteran & Legionnaire of Post 502 (Chinook Helicopter Mechanic / Vietnam) The Gettysburg Address read by Marcus Neistadt, Pen Argyl High School Student "In Flanders Fields" will be read by Aubrie Marsh, Pen Argyl High School student and Poem "Battle's Outcome" will be read by Robert L. Martin, US Army Veteran & Legionnaire of Post 502 "Eternal Father Strong to Save" Performed by: Celebration Choir of Grace United Methodist Church Final Remarks: Post Commander Lois Eisenhauer Military Honors/Rifle Salute: Charles Nelson Lobb American Legion Post 502 Honor Guard Taps & Echo: Buglers Walt Cole and Brian Rasley ** Please bring a chair or blanket for seating. In the event of rain the service will be held indoors at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072.

West End Memorial American Legion Post 927

Monday, May 25th, 11:00AM-1:00 PM

The Annual Memorial Day ceremony at West End Memorial American Legion Post 927, will be held in the main hall. The event will feature Guest Speakers, and then move outside for a flag ceremony. West End Memorial American Legion Post 927, 646 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, Pa. 18331. For more information please contact Everett Shaver (570) 977-8208.

Frequently Asked Questions: Everything You Need to Know about the Primary Election on May 19, 2026

The Northampton County Elections Office is providing a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Primary Election on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026.**

Q: What will be on the ballot?

A: The Elections Office recommends all voters review the ballot before voting. You can view the Primary Election sample ballots for the May 19 election here: www.NorthamptonVotes.com

Q: Who can vote in the Primary Election?

A: Registered Democrat and registered Republican voters in Northampton County can participate in the Primary Election.

Q: How can I check to see if I'm registered to vote?

A: You can check your registration status at www.vote.pa.gov.

Q: Where do I vote in person?

A: To check your polling location, use our "Find Your Polling Place" tool at NorthamptonVotes.com. If you arrive at an incorrect polling location, each precinct will have QR Codes available to help you find the correct polling place.

Q: Can I vote by paper ballot?

A: Voting by paper ballot is already available in Northampton County. If you choose to vote by a paper ballot, you may:

Utilize Ballot-on-Demand in the Election Office at the Government Center (669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042). Ballot-on-Demand will be available in the Elections Office;

The LAST day for Ballot-on-Demand will be **Tuesday, May 12 (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**

Request a paper mail-in ballot.

You can return mail-in ballots by mail directly to the Northampton County Election's Office at the Government Center, or at one of the seven secure ballot drop boxes located around the County. The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is **Tuesday, May 12, at 5:00 p.m.**

Q: Can I vote by mail?

A: Yes. Act 77, which was passed in 2019, allows for no-excuse mail-in voting. Applications for mail-in or civilian absentee ballots are available in the Elections Office or at Mail-in and Absentee Ballot (pa.gov). The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is **Tuesday, May 12 at 5**

Q: Why did I get an email saying my application for a mail-in ballot has been declined?

A: There are various reasons this may have happened (i.e., duplicate application, lack of verifiable ID, etc.). If you are concerned about any of these issues or have any questions, please contact the Elections Office at 610-829-6260 or election@norcopa.gov, for someone to assist you.

Weona Park Pool Pals Festival on 512

The Festival on 512 hosted by Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Saturday, May 30th, 11:00AM-3:00PM**, Weona Park Rt, 512 Pen Argyl. Proceeds Benefit Weona Park Pool Pals.

[See ad on page 16 for details](#)

Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity Pet Parade

Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity Pet Parade will be held on **May 30th at 10:00AM, rain or shine.** 295 E. Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064. Visitnazarethlibrary.org/pet-parade

[See ad on page 16 for details](#)



Memorial Day

Trivia

1. What was the original name of Memorial Day?
2. Which flower is the official symbol of remembrance for the holiday?
3. In what year did Memorial Day become an official federal holiday?
4. On what day of the week is Memorial Day always observed?
5. Which New York town is recognized by Congress as the official birthplace of the holiday?
6. At what time does the "National Moment of Remembrance" take place?
7. Which poem inspired the tradition of wearing poppies?
8. How should the American flag be flown until noon on Memorial Day?
9. Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier located?
10. Memorial Day originally only honored soldiers from which war?
11. Which famous race is held every Memorial Day weekend in Indiana?
12. Who was the first U.S. President to give a Memorial Day speech at Arlington?
13. Which state was the first to officially recognize the holiday in 1873?
14. True or False: Memorial Day and Veterans Day have the same meaning.



[Answers on page 10](#)

Bushkill Twp. Ladies Auxiliary Presents Zerbini Family

Bushkill Twp. Ladies Auxiliary presents Zerbini Family Circus. **Friday, June 5, 5:00PM & 7:00PM; Saturday, June 6, 4:00PM & 6:00PM.** Bushkill Twps. Vol. Fire Co. Grounds, 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, PA 18064. Tickets online at <https://zerbinifamilycircus.com>

[See ad on page16 for details](#)

Pocono Pride Festival

Pocono Pride Festival will be held on **Sunday, June 7** Hosted by Pocono Pride Coalition, Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg, Pa. FMI: www.poconopridefestival.com

4th Slate Belt Pride 2026

The 4th Annual Slate Belt Pride will be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026, 12:00PM-6:00PM**, at Weona Park Rt. 512, Pen Argyl, PA (new location).

Quilts in the Vineyard

June 13-14, 2026; 12:00PM-6:00PM. Brook Hollow Winery, 594 State Route 94, Columbia, New Jersey.

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.



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Slate Belt Heritage Center Annual Preservation Awards

The Slate Belt Heritage Center proudly announces the winners for this year's 2026 Annual Preservation Awards.

The **Initiative Award** goes to an individual who has shown exemplary actions in promoting and preserving the 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 year's recipients are actually being grouped together due to Bangor's 150th celebration and the Time Capsule work they did together, **Mr. & Mrs. Randy and Lisa Sandt** and Owens Monumental Company were instrumental in ensuring Bangor's collected history from residents and friends of the Slate Belt region will be cherished again for future generations when it is unearthed in 2075. Both Mr. & Mrs. Sandt and Owens Monumental were enthusiastic in preserving Bangor's history and were wonderful candidates for this award.

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 year's Special Focus Award goes to **Mr. Scott Dietz** for his non-traditional photo journal entitled 'Beyond Main Street'. In this book, Mr. Dietz captured the most beautiful parts of Bangor, but not of the main streets, rather he photographed side streets and forgotten alleys. He wanted the viewer to explore the hidden, the quiet, and the overlooked. He also left out the descriptions from the photos as the journal was about more than just the images. It was about inviting visitors and residents to discover the many historic and visual facets of Bangor.

As for the **Architectural Award**, SBHC did not receive any nominations that we felt were credible enough to document as conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation. This award is to acknowledge individuals who have performed acts that promote and preserve the heritage of the Slate Belt. If you know of any houses, properties, or businesses in the Slate Belt that you feel may be worthy of this category, please let us know.

A public ceremony for the Initiative and Special Focus Preservation Awards will be held on **Thursday, June 18th at 7:00 PM** at the Heritage Center. The Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA.

For additional information please contact either Jason Huggan at 484-574-2480 or Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, May 2026

Family Science Night - Nature Journaling - Friday, May 15, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm. Learn how to keep track of your nature observations, experiences, and phenomena with a scientific journal! We'll make our own journals, learn different ways to use them, then go outside to document what we find in nature through words, numbers, drawings, and paintings. Feel free to bring your own nature journal if you have one. All supplies will be provided. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Volunteer Program: Knotweed Knockdown - Saturday, May 16, 2026 9am to 12pm. 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.

Kids to Parks: Wild Crafts! - Saturday, May 16, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm. 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

Blend the arts with science in this non-native plant inspired craft program! Participants will learn how to identify Japanese Knotweed and make fun and simple crafts! Recommended for children aged 6 and older. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders - Mondays, May 18, 25, 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/>

Hike for Health - Wednesdays, June 10, 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

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

Earth Day at Slate Belt Senior Center

Photos courtesy of Belinda Andrews

Earth Day activities were held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at the Slate Belt Senior Center. The day started by playing a word unscramble game and then attendee's planted flowers in a recycled container that the seniors could take home. The seniors would like to thank John Teague and Bill Rowe for donating the flowers and soil.



5 Years of Music & Community: Live in the Garden Returns to Bethlehem's Rose Garden

The City of Bethlehem proudly announces the return of Live in the Garden, a beloved concert series celebrating its fifth season in the heart of Bethlehem's West Side. This free, family-friendly series, facilitated by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Tape Swap Radio, and sponsored by Zoellner Arts Center, transforms the Rose Garden into a vibrant community gathering place, kicking off the season of warm nights, longer days, and outdoor celebration with live music, local food and beverage, and the unmistakable energy of the Bethlehem community.

Set against the picturesque backdrop of the Rose Garden, this milestone season promises an exciting lineup of live performances spanning multiple genres, alongside some of the community's favorite local food and beverage vendors. Together, they create the vibrant atmosphere that has made this series a can't-miss tradition.

Taking place Saturdays from May 9 through June 27, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, each evening features an opening act followed by a headlining performance, showcasing a dynamic mix of regional talent and emerging artists.

2026 LIVE IN THE GARDEN LINEUP:

(Opener followed by Headliner)

- Saturday, May 16** – Sir Dominique | Mariposas Galacticas
- Saturday, May 23** – Jon Fadem | The George HraBan
- Saturday, May 30** – Planet Infamy | Co. Spirals
- Saturday, June 6** – Wood Flower | Twelve String
- Saturday, June 13** – Park Secret | Bren
- Saturday, June 20** – Headzo | The Lo-fi's | Pollen
- Saturday, June 27** – Ms. Honey | William H. Travis

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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.



Memorial Day

Trivia Answers

1. Decoration Day
2. The Red Poppy
3. 1971
4. The last Monday in May
5. Waterloo
6. 3:00 PM local time
7. "In Flanders Fields"
8. At half-staff
9. James A. Garfield
10. The Civil War
11. The Indianapolis 500
12. Arlington National Cemetery
13. New York
14. False (MD honors those who died; VD honors all who served)



NCC's Summer and Fall Registration is Open!

Registration is open for students interested in attending Northampton Community College (NCC) this summer or fall 2026. With a range of options to choose from, students can enroll in the courses they need to reach their goals this summer and plan ahead as they look forward to fall.

Summer classes are available in accelerated sessions and are offered online, on campus, and in a hybrid format (part online, part on campus). These options give students the flexibility to fit classes into busy schedules. Whether students are currently enrolled at NCC, attending another college, or beginning their college journey, there are courses to meet a wide range of needs. View the summer course list here.

Summer 2026 Sessions

6-Week Summer 1: May 18 – July 2

9-Week Mid-Summer: June 1 – August 6

4-Week Summer 1: June 1 – June 27

6-Week Summer 2: July 8 – August 20

4-Week Summer 2: July 13 – August 8

***Summer Flex Options are also available**

In addition to planning their summer schedules, students can get a jumpstart on choosing their fall classes to secure the class times they prefer. NCC's fall options include a traditional 14-week semester, as well as accelerated and late-start options. Fall classes are offered in the same flexible formats to suit different learning styles. Find all fall courses by session here.



Bangor Borough

Bangor Borough will hold town wide yard sale days **May 22nd - May 24th**. Permit fees will be waived for these days.

Pen Argyl Borough

Pen Argyl Borough will hold free yard sale days for residents **June 5th - June 7th**. NO permit fee is required for these dates.

Wind Gap Borough

Wind Gap town wide yard sale days will be held **June 5th - 7th**.

Roseto Borough

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

Bushkill Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. Carnival

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Co. held their annual carnival April 29th - May 3rd. Rides, food, games, live music, Bingo, pony rides, petting zoo and more were enjoyed by all who attended this year's carnival.

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



Bangor Area High School Softball Senior Night vs Jim Thorpe

Photos by Lynn Cistone

The Bangor Area High School girls softball team played Jim Thorpe on April 9th. Bangor's pitcher Madalynn "Maddie" Giera #4, recorded her 100th career strikeout. Final score Bangor 10 - Jim Thorpe 0. The team also recognized their Senior players.

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



Pen Argyl Area High School Softball vs Bangor Area High School

Photos by Lynn Cistone

On May 5th the Pen Argyl High School softball team played the Bangor High School Slaters. Pen Argyl beat Bangor by a score of 6-1. The Green Knights also celebrated their Coach Bill Schankel who retired after 37 years of coaching a total of 508 games during his coaching career at Pen Argyl High School. He had four District 11 titles and two Colonial League Championships in 2007 and 2012. Congratulations Coach Schankel!

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



Bangor High School Boys Baseball vs Moravian Academy

The Bangor High School Slater baseball team recognized their senior players at their game against Moravian Academy on April 15th at Bangor Memorial Park. Bangor won with a score 10-0.

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



Pen Argyl High School Boys Baseball Senior Day

Photos by Cory Dailey

On Saturday, May 2nd the Pen Argyl High School baseball team honored their senior players at their game against Notre Dame GP. Pen Argyl won 4-1.

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



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - The Fine Art of Lying by Alexandra Andrews; My Dreadful Darling by H.D. Carlton; The Ending Writes Itself: A Novel by Evelyn Clarke; Murder Me Tomorrow by Russell Cooper; Homebound: A Novel by Portia Elan; Our Perfect Storm by Carley Fortune; Last Night in Brooklyn: A Novel by Xochitl Gonzalez; King of Gluttony by Ana Huang; Sisters in Yellow: A Novel by Mieko Kawakami The Caretaker: A Novel by Marcus Kliewer We Burned So Bright by TJ Klune Caller Unknown: A Novel by Gillian McAllister; 26 Beauties by James Patterson Purple State: A Novel by Dana Perino; Rules for the Summer by Meghan Quinn; The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett The Things We Never Say: A Novel by Elizabeth Strout John of John: A Novel by Douglas Stuart.

Adult Non Fiction - Making Believe: On Telling Stories to Children by Mac Barnett; Spanish Short Stories for Beginners by Adrian Torres; The Fullness of Time: Marking the Day by Birdsong, Blooms, Shadows, and Stars by Cathy Haynes; The Tree Collectors: Tales of Arboreal Obsession by Amy Stewart Dogs, Boys, and Other Things I've Cried About: A Memoir by Isabel Klee; Sweet and Savory Keto Chaffles: 75 Delicious Treats for Your Low-Carb Diet by Martina Slajerova Little Edna's War: A True Story of Resistance and Hope: A Gripping WWII Page-Turner by Janet Bond Brill I Choose Me: Chasing Joy, Finding Purpose & Embracing Reinvention by Jennie Garth; Intimate Audrey: An Authorized Biography by Sean Hepburn Ferrer.

Large Print Fiction - Hope Rises by David Baldacci; The Mother-Daughter Book Club: A Novel by Susan Patterson.

Easy Fiction - ABC Color; Goodnight Bunny by Carmen Cabot; Over in the Hollow by Rebecca Dickinson; Hello Baby Mirror Book; The Sun Thief by Alice Hemming; Trick or Treat in Pennsylvania: A Halloween Adventure in the Keystone State by Eric James; Mei Mei the Bunny by Laufey; A Story for Small Bear by Alice B. McGinty; Sinclair, The Velociraptor Who Thought He Was a Chicken by Douglas Rees; Construction Site: Firefight! By Sherri Duskey Rinker; The Tree That's Meant to Be by Yuval Zommer.

Easy Non Fiction - Sound by Grace Hansen; Trapped in the Tar Pit: How Paleontologists Unearthed a City's Prehistoric Past by Jessica Stremmer; When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers her T. Rex by Toni Buzzeo; The Bone Wars: The True Story of an Epic Battle to Find Dinosaur Fossils by Jane Kurt; Digging Up Dinosaurs by Aliki; Making Music by Cameron Macintosh; Little Poems for Tiny Ears by Lin Oliver.

Easy Reader Fiction - Let's Go Fishing by Virginia Ponds.

Junior Fiction - The Last Comics on Earth: Across the Doodleverse by Max Brallier; First Crush by Cassandra Calin; The Season of the Flames by Anna James; Truly Tyler by Terri Libenson; Positively Izzy by Terri Libenson; Becoming Brianna by Terri Libenson; Just Jaime by Terri Libenson; Baby-Sitters Little Sister (12): Karen's Surprise by Shauna J. Grant.

Junior Non Fiction; A Ticket Around the Word by Natalia Diaz; Chickens and Other Dinosaurs: How Dinosaurs Became the Birds We Know Today by Ben Lerwill; Maps, What You Need to Know by Linda Crotta Brennan; Who Was Selena by Kate Bisantz.

Young Adult Fiction - Excalibur: The Legend of King Arthur: A Graphic Novel by Tony Lee.

Young Adult Non Fiction - Surviving Social Media: Shut Down the Haters by Eric Braun; How to Deal With Gun Violence by Nick Hunter; Having Depression: Stories from Survivors by Sarah Eason; Reel History: A Teens Crash Course in Film and Movie History ; The Geography Book.

DVDs - Goat; Wuthering Heights

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**

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are **Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm.** Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org. We have been chosen as a recipient of a 2026 United

for Libraries & Penguin Random House Grant for Small & Rural Libraries! This means that we will receive an in-kind book donation grant of \$500 to purchase Penguin Random House titles! We will also receive complimentary eLearning from United for Libraries.

By popular vote, our new mascot's name is Bubbles! Thank you to everyone who suggested a name and who voted.

The library is starting a small "hygiene bank" (sample size tissues, toothpaste, soap, etc.) Give what you can and take what you need.

Congratulations to **Mikayla Ferrara-Garval**, winner of the April scavenger hunt for adults and young adults! Mikayla won fuzzy slippers, a reading journal, bookmarks, and snacks. Great job to all who entered.

Have you tried the new May scavenger hunt for children, with lots of new prizes in the prize basket? The theme is "sea creatures," and they are hidden throughout two rooms this month.

The library will discuss *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst on **Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30pm.** Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

It's almost time for the BMCL Summer Fun with Reading Program (SFRP) 2026: Words and Wonders!

Win big with reading challenges for all ages! Throughout June, July, and August, ALL ages can win amazing prizes (like passes to the North Summit Climbing Gym and Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, PA

Shakespeare Festival tickets, and gift cards to Sparkle Car Wash and the Gap Diner - plus MANY more) by keeping a reading log.

ALL ages can enter our "Reader's Raffle" to win gift certificates for large pizzas from area restaurants just by using their library card!

Children ages 3-6 can register for "Two Stories and a Craft" storytime.

Children ages 3-6 are invited to wear their coziest pajamas and come to "Books and Bedtime" storytime; no registration required.

In addition, children ages 4-9 can register for a series of six special Wednesday morning educational programs at the municipal parks.

Specific dates and times to be announced very soon!

This year's SFRP is sponsored by CJ's Heating & Cooling, Sabatino Insurance Agency, and State Farm (Debbie Pettinari). Additional sponsors for 2026 include CJ's Heating & Cooling (for Sundaes in the Park), Deer Foot Auto Parts (for an America on Wheels pass, which is coming soon!), and Sabatino Insurance Agency (for our author luncheon and Sundaes in the Park). Please utilize the services of these generous community partners!

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction: Girl in the Creek (Wendy Wagner); Executive Power (Brian Andrews); Quantum Tempest (Mike Maden); The Devil's Daughter (Danielle Steel); For Richer for Poorer (Danielle Steel); Beautiful Villain (Rebecca Kenney); All Our Beautiful Goodbyes (Julianne MacLean); This Promised Land (Cathy Gohlke).

Large Print Fiction: The Housemaid (Freida McFadden); The Stolen Queen (Fiona Davis); The Frozen River (Ariel Lawhon); The Sicilian Inheritance (Jo Piazza).

Large Print Nonfiction: Be Ready When the Luck Happens (Ina Garten)

Juvenile fiction: What about Worms!?! (Ryan Higgins); Arlo Needs Glasses (Barney Saltzberg); The Book with No Pictures (B.J. Novak); The Pinkamazing Storybook Collection (Victoria Kann); Giraffe Problems (Jory John); The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth (Ellie Hattie).

Juvenile Nonfiction: The Worm (Elise Gravel); What's the Point of Math? (Ben Ffrancon Davies); Wonders of Our World (Carron Brown).

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