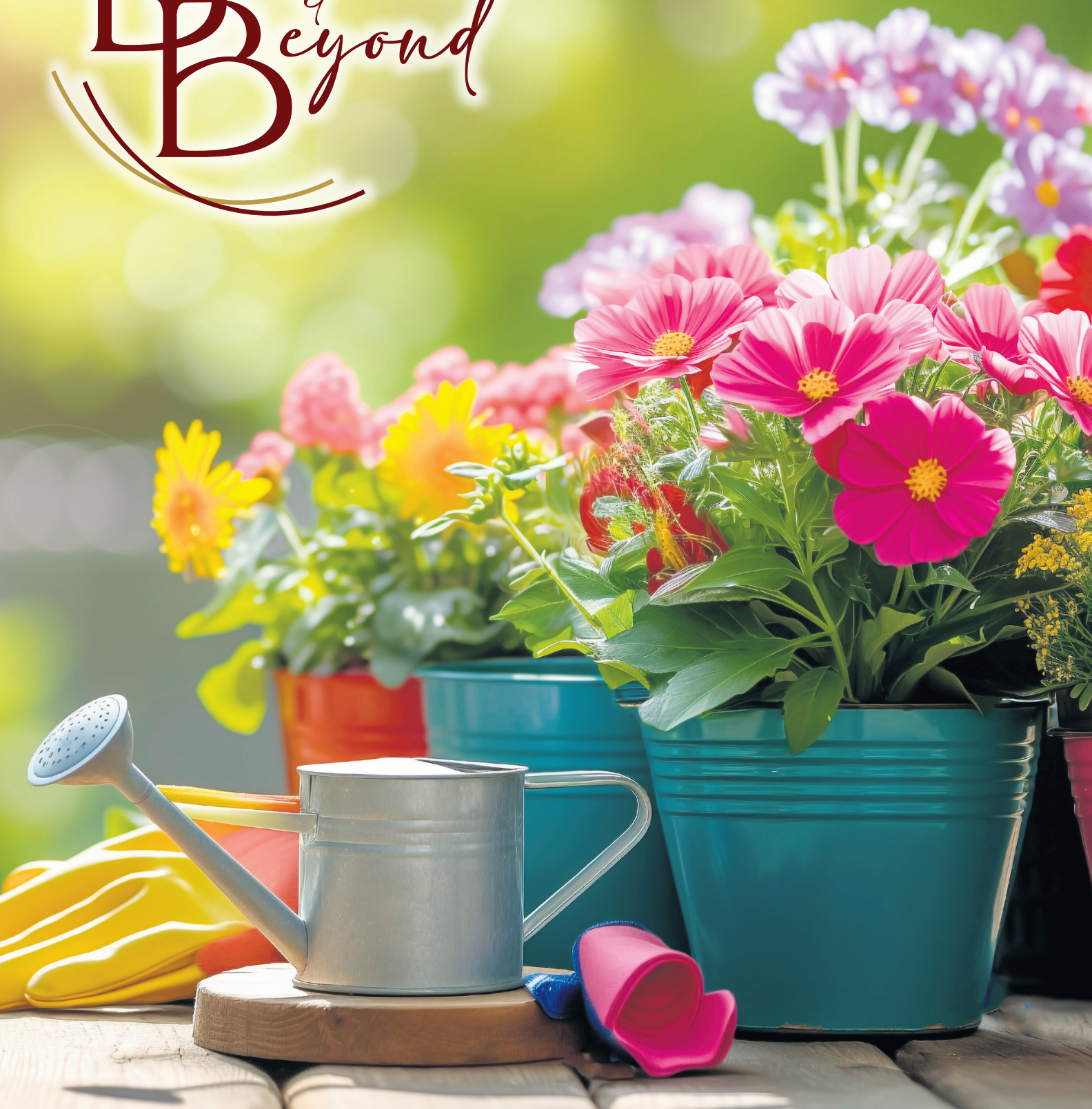


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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

EBUMCC to Host Coffee House

The E. Bangor UMC Church is hosting a "Coffee House" on **3 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

Weona Park Founder's Day

The annual Weona Park Founder's Day will be held on **Friday, May 29th, 6:00PM-8:00PM**. Weona Park (Rt 512) Pen Argyl, Pa.

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.

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.

Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity Pet Parade

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

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NATIONAL DAYS

JUNE IS NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH

- JUNE 1 - SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY
- JUNE 2 - NATIONAL ROTISSERIE CHICKEN DAY
- JUNE 3 - NATIONAL REPEAT DAY
- JUNE 4 - NATIONAL CHEESE DAY
- JUNE 5 - NATIONAL START OVER DAY
- JUNE 6 - NATIONAL PLAY OUTSIDE DAY
- JUNE 7 - NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY
- JUNE 8 - NATIONAL BEST FRIEND'S DAY
- JUNE 10 - NATIONAL ICED TEA DAY
- JUNE 11 - NATIONAL MAKING LIFE BEAUTIFUL DAY
- JUNE 12 - NATIONAL MOVIE NIGHT
- JUNE 13 - NATIONAL WEED YOUR GARDEN DAY
- JUNE 14 - NATIONAL FLAG DAY
- JUNE 15 - NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

JUNE HOLIDAYS

- JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY 
- JUNE 19 - JUNETEENTH
- JUNE 21 - FATHER'S DAY

Bushkill Twsp. Ladies Auxiliary Presents Zerbini Family

Bushkill Twsp. 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 page 5 for details

EBUMCC Strawberry Festival

The East Bangor United Methodist Church will host their annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, June 6th, 12:00PM-4:30 PM** at the Blaine Reimel Memorial Park on Park Rd. in East Bangor. Rain or shine event. For more info. call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

See ad at the right for details

EBUMCC Free Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Church welcomes you to a FREE "Ham Mac-n-Cheese" Dinner on **Sunday, June 7th, from 4:00 - 4:30 PM** This is TAKE-OUT only at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. www.ebumc.org

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).

See ad at the right for details

East Bangor Community Days Picnic

East Bangor Community Days Picnic will be held on **Saturday, June 13th, 1:00PM** at Blaine Reimel Memorial Park, Park Road, East Bangor. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Quilts in the Vineyard

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

BVFS Youth Advisory All Motor Show

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory 4th Annual All Motor Show. **Sunday, June 14, 9:00AM-2:00PM.** Anything with a motor is welcome! Blue Valley Farm Show Grounds, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor PA. Proceeds benefit the Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Agricultural Museum Fund.

See ad at the right for details

Community Blood Drive American Legion Post #502

The American Legion Post #502 Pen Argyl will host a community Blood Drive on **Wednesday, June 17th, from 1:15PM to 5:45PM** at the Legion, 201 C Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org and enter Post 502 PA to schedule an appointment.

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, June 21st 7:00AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl.

See ad on page7 for details

Upcoming Events continued on page 7

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Fern Pysher Celebrates 100th Birthday

Fern Pysher, formerly of Bangor celebrated her 100th Birthday recently at Alexandria Manor, in Nazareth. Fern (Blake) Pysher and her late husband Kermit, owned Lens Art Photography, in Bangor, taking the photos of students at Bangor, Pen Argyl, and Stroudsburg schools for many years. Fern has 2 sons Zane Pysher, of Easton, and Alan Pysher, of San Antonio Texas and a sister Gladys Brown, (105 years old) of Lebanon, PA. Fern resides at Alexandria Manor in Nazareth, PA. Birthday and well wishes can be sent to Fern in care of Alexandria Manor, Room 24, 7 South New Street, Nazareth, PA.

Happy 100th Birthday Fern!



Victoria Parks Earns Girl Scout Gold and Trifecta Awards

Photos by Kris Ordinsky Parks

On Saturday, May 17th, at a ceremony at Mt. Bethel Community Park Pavilion, Victoria Parks earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. She also attained the Trifecta Award receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards Victoria is a member of Troop 8420, Pen Argyl. She is the daughter of Kris Ordinsky-Parks and Joseph Parks of Mt Bethel, Pa.

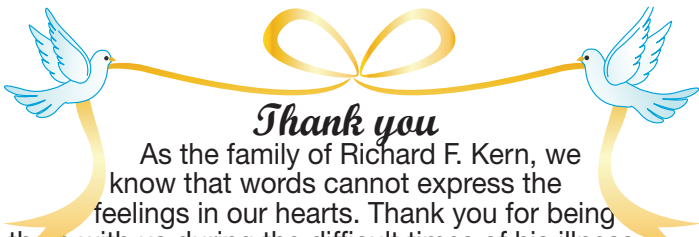


Local dignitaries along with Victoria's family, friends, and community members were in attendance to witness her receive this distinguished award. Jenn Hartzell, Victoria's Girl Scout Troop leader, and Slate Belt Service Unit Treasurer pinned her with the Gold Star pin.

Father Daniel Kravitz, Priest at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, gave the Benediction, Upper Mt Bethel Township Supervisor, John Bermingham, led the ceremony and along with Supervisor David Friedmann presented a Resolution to Victoria. PA State Rep. Ann Flood presented a House Citation to Victoria recognizing her achievements and Dr Luther Bond, Exalted Ruler, Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 presented Victoria with a certificate and an American flag.

Victoria's speech entailed her journey through Girl Scouts explaining the projects she completed to receive each award. Her Bronze Award project was the Perennial Garden and beautification of the East Bangor United Methodist Church. Victoria and her team designed, landscaped and planted perennials to give the church entrance a more welcoming look. The Silver Award focused on preserving local history. Victoria researched the history of the land of the Upper Mount Bethel Community Park, she then created a sign and QR code making the park's history more accessible to the public. The Gold Award centered on helping animals in need "Delilah's Paw Project" named in memory of Victoria's family dog Delilah. Victoria built dog houses that were placed at various local businesses to collect, food, bedding, and toys for local animal shelters. Victoria stated "looking back at all three projects I can see how each helped me grow in different ways.

Congratulations Victoria on your Girl Scout achievements, your commitment to Girl Scouting and your community!



Thank you

As the family of Richard F. Kern, we know that words cannot express the feelings in our hearts. Thank you for being there with us during the difficult times of his illness and recent passing. Your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, and actions will always be remembered. The support and collaboration of our local first responders to ensure he had his fireman's service was appreciated more than you can ever know. Special thanks to Walden III, the Care Team Hospice, East Bangor Fire Company, Blue Valley Rescue Squad, Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, East Bangor United Methodist Church, and Curtis Parsons at Gaffney Parson Family Funeral Homes.

Sincerely,
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Exchange Club of Bangor Awards Scholarship

The Exchange Club of Bangor awarded their annual Student of the Year Scholarship to **Jacob Smith**, a Senior at Bangor Area High School. A dinner was held to honor Jacob on Tues., May 12. Jacob was accompanied by his parents, Charlene and Matthew Smith. Jacob is planning to attend St. Joseph's University to study Business. The Student of the Year Scholarship is chosen from applicants at Pen Argyl H.S., Faith Christian School, and Bangor Area H.S. Jacob is also an Eagle Scout.

Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting June Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, June 1st, 7:00PM**. The Weona Pool Pals meet the first Monday of each month at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI please call 610- 863-6472. Donations to the Weona Park Pool Pals can be made on their website <https://weonapool.wixsite.com/website> or checks can be made payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

Bangor Park Board 2026 Events Schedule

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

Friday, June 5th - Movie Night

Friday, June 19th - Splash Dance (Rain date, June 20th)

Friday, June 26th - High School Pool Party (Rain date, June 27th)

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 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 Eisenhower Blvd. Bangor PA. 18013.

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

GFWC Women's Club of Pen Argyl

The monthly meeting of the GFWC Women's Club of Pen Argyl was held on May 5, 2026, at Phoebe Wind Gap Manor. President Laurie Levits conducted the meeting. The Education Committee announced that \$500.00 had been donated to the Wind Gap Middle School for use in the VEX Robotics/Makerspace Program. Members of the Environmental Committee announced that they will plant flowers in many of the planter boxes in Pen Argyl Borough on May 22. The Lunch, Bunch will gather at Detzi's Tavern in Wind Gap on May 19 at 12:00 noon. The Spring Dinner will be held on June 9, 2026, at the Scorecard Sports Bar & Grill in Wind Gap. An informational program was presented by Robyn Zmoda, a member of Slate Belt Rising, who explained that they have a Neighborhood Partnership Plan to foster comprehensive community and economic development. All women from the Slate Belt area are welcome to attend our next meeting, which, will be held at Phoebe Wind Gap Manor on June 2, 2026, at 12:00 noon.



Pictured L-R Robyn Zmoda, member of Slate Belt Rising and Laurie Levits, President of Women's Club of Pen Argyl

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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 from **June 1, 2026 until 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>

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, June 21st, 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.

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.

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free Day

Pennsylvania's 2026 Fish-for-Free days are **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.



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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 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

In addition to live music, attendees can enjoy a rotating lineup of local food trucks, sweet treats, and beverage vendors each week.

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.



Congrats!

Congratulations!

Class of 2026

Look for our Graduation issue June 11, 2026

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, June 2026

Weekly Weeders - Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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/>.

Water Quality Testing Workshop - Saturday, June 6, 2026 10am to 2pm. Join the Northampton County Conservation District for a hands-on water quality workshop at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. Participants will learn how to assess stream health through visual observations and by using water quality testing equipment, with time spent sampling in the Bushkill Creek. Participants will gain practical skills to better understand how everyday activities impact water quality and ways to help protect local waterways. Portions of the program will take place outdoors. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear for walking in and around the stream. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registration is required.

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.

Family Science Night - Creek Critters - Friday, June 12, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm. Join us to learn about the fascinating creatures living in Bushkill Creek. Equipment to study these animals 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 5 and up. Registration is required. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited.

Family Fly Fishing - Saturday, June 13, 2026 9am to 2pm

Join local anglers Brian Wagner and Bruce McCutcheon from the Forks of the Delaware chapter of Trout Unlimited for a beginner and family-friendly intro to fly fishing! Learn the anatomy and assembly of your fly rods, basic fish I.D., knot tying, get tips and tricks on fly's, and an opportunity to practice casting! There will be a break in between for lunch with limited time, please be prepared with lunch, water, and snacks for the day. We will meet at the environmental education center building on 400 Belfast Road in the morning and travel to a local pond in the afternoon. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation to our afternoon location- about 3 miles from the EE center. This program is best suited for families with children aged 12 and older.

Butterflies of Jacobsburg - Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:30am to 11:30am. Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of these flying gems. 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 best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Basics of Geocaching - Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:30pm to 3pm. Learn how to use a hand-held Geographical Positioning System Unit (GPS) to find hidden caches at Jacobsburg! This program is best for visitors ages 10 and up and will teach them the basic skills and ethics of geocaching. A limited number of GPS units will be available to borrow and registration is required. Please make a note in your registration if you will need to borrow a GPS unit.

Educator Workshop - Facilitating Inquiry in the Outdoors for 3rd-8th Grade - Tuesday, June 16, 2026 9am to 2pm.

Teachers and non-formal educators are invited to learn how to facilitate scientific inquiry outdoors. We'll spend time outside learning science routines, practicing investigations, and engaging in collaborative scientific discussions. This workshop draws on Lawrence Hall of Science Better Environmental Education Teaching, Learning, and Expertise Sharing (BEETLES) Program. Certified teachers are eligible to receive 4 hours of professional development in accordance with Act 48. Coffee and tea will be provided, pack your own lunch and snacks as there are no restaurants or stores near our meeting location. This workshop is best for adults who teach students in grades third through eighth. Registration is required. Contact Lauren Forster lforster@pa.gov 610-746-2801 with questions.

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 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 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.



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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.

Virginia's Flowers in Bloom

by Robert L. Martin

Virginia's flowers come out in full bloom to show off their exquisite beauty so very soon after her many hours of careful planting and emit a sweet scent of nature's seasoning.

Oh beautiful flowers, such beauty on display and with brute strength to push the frost away and stay so proud and elegant through the summer until the frost comes in early November.

What a job well done from her and Mother Nature.



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**.

East Bangor Borough

East Bangor Borough will hold a town wide yard sale on **June 6th**.

Mount Bethel Community Yard & Bake Sale!

Mount Bethel Community Yard & Bake Sale! **June 13 (rain date June 14), 8am to 2pm**. Evergreen Village, Evergreen Road.

Bushkill Township

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

Roseto Borough

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

See more Yard Sales page 15



Gardening WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Gardening-themed word.

1. IOSL _____
2. WEROLF _____
3. SOTRUP _____
4. REWGTANI ANC _____
5. OSLEVH _____
6. CTMSPOO _____
7. RIZRFLTEEI _____
8. LHCMU _____
9. REEOUSENHG _____
10. RNUNIPG _____
11. DAGNER ESHO _____
12. STVHRAE _____
13. ESEWD _____
14. OWFREL DBE _____
15. GADLUYB _____
16. FRYUTLBTE _____
17. AWNL _____
18. EEDS TAEPKC _____
19. PAEDS _____
20. EAGNEDRR _____

Answers on page 14

LMBT Sandt's Eddy Fire Co. MayDay Picnic

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The Lower Mt Bethel Sandt's Eddy Fire Company held their MayDay Firefighter Picnic & Raffle on Saturday, May 16th. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



40th Annual Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association Swap Meet

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The 40th annual Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association Swap Meet was held on May 16th & 17th at the Jacktown Grove in Bangor.

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



Bangor Area High School Slater Chorale "Broadway Night."

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

Bangor Area High School Slater Chorale presented "Broadway Night" on Friday, May 15th.

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2026 FREDDY AWARDS

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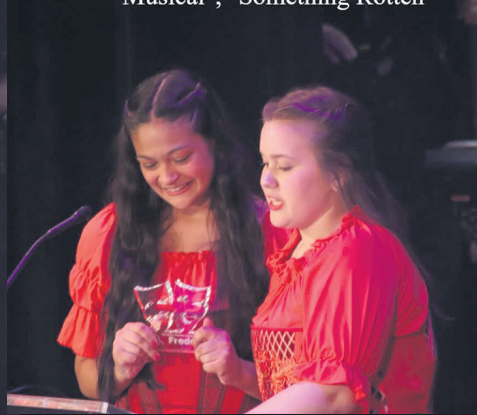
The 24th Annual FREDDY Awards were held on Thursday, May 21st, at the State Theatre in Easton, Pa. This year 31 area high schools throughout Lehigh & Northampton Counties and Warren County, New Jersey participated. The FREDDY Awards acknowledges and rewards outstanding high school musical theater performances and productions. Bravo and congratulations to all!

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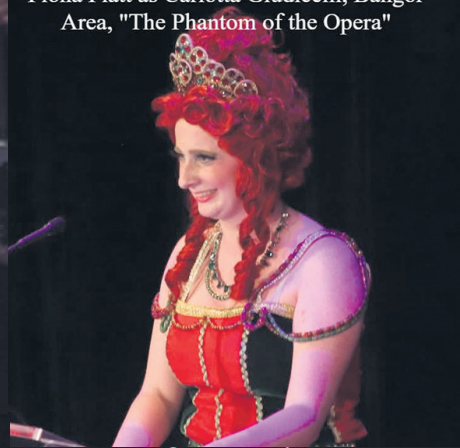
Outstanding Production Number(Tie)
Bangor Area High School, "Masquerade",
"The Phantom of the Opera"



Outstanding Production Number(Tie)
Freedom High School, "A
Musical", "Something Rotten"



Outstanding Performance by an
Actress in a Supporting Role
Fiona Flatt as Carlotta Giudicelli, Bangor
Area, "The Phantom of the Opera"



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Student Achievement Award
Amy Illescas, Stage Manager,
Freedom, "Something Rotten"



Vic Kumma Award for Outstanding
Solo Vocal Performance

Charles Kenney, "The Confrontation",
Emmaus, "Jekyl & Hyde"



Ensemble Member

Carlo Igot as Doody,
Nazareth Area "Grease"



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Adult Non Fiction - Pests & Other Friends: Discover the True Nature of the Most Maligned Animals by Halsey Berryman; The Fallen: The Lost Girls of Ireland's Magdalene Laundries and a Legacy of Silence by Louise Brangan; Dress Your Baby in Sage and Taupe: A Handbook for the Sad Beige Parent by Hayley DeRoche; The Goth Garden: The Mystery, Beauty, and Lore of Dark Gardening by Felicia Feaster; The Family Man: Blood and Betrayal in the House of Murdaugh by James Lasdun; The Dark Night: Emily Bronte, A Life by Deborah Lutz Victoria in Love: The Private Passion of a Queen by Fern Riddell; The Creative Container Garden: Grow & Vibrant, Year-Round Mix of Flowers, Food, Herbs, and More by Anders Royneberg; Liturgies of the Wild: Myths That Make Us by Martin Shaw.

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Junior Non Fiction - Dig!: Uncover the Secrets of the Past With Archaeology by Ruth Hatfield; Heroes of 1776: The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Neil M. Gorsuch.

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 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).

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



Gardening
WORD SCRAMBLE

Answer Sheet

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. SOIL | 11. GARDEN HOSE |
| 2. FLOWER | 12. HARVEST |
| 3. SPROUT | 13. WEEDS |
| 4. WATERING CAN | 14. FLOWER BED |
| 5. SHOVEL | 15. LADYBUG |
| 6. COMPOST | 16. BUTTERFLY |
| 7. FERTILIZER | 17. LAWN |
| 8. MULCH | 18. SEED PACKET |
| 9. GREENHOUSE | 19. SPADE |
| 10. PRUNING | 20. GARDENER |



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