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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Quarry Bites & Brews

Every Thursday - 5:00PM - 9:00 PM. Thursday, July 18
- Music by Blue Jean Trio. 45 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013

Bangor Park Board Family Luau at Bangor Pool

The Bangor Park Board will host a Family Luau, **Friday July 19, 7:00pm to 9:30pm (Rain date July 20)** Fun & games for the family! Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhower Blvd., Bangor PA. **See ad on page 3 for details**

53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show

The 53rd Annual Blue Mtn. Antique Gas & Steam Engine & Tractor Show will be held on **July 19, 20, 21** at the Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Road, Bangor, PA.

Slate Belt Heritage Center July Program

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will participate in the regional "Passport to History" weekend on **Saturday July 20 & Sunday July 21, 10:00AM to 4:00PM**. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, Pa.

St. Peter's UMC Saylorsburg Community Fest

St. Peter's UMC Saylorsburg will host a Community Fest on **Saturday, July 20, 3:00PM to 7:00PM**, at St. Peter's UMC, Rt. 115, Saylorsburg. FREE event! All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church

Richmond UM Church invites you to our *FREE* "Summer Beach Cookout" on **Saturday, July 20 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM**. Church is located at 8538 Delaware Dr. (Route 611) Bangor.

Ackermanville United Methodist Community Drive-Thru Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, July 21 beginning 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.

Wind Gap Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of **New Individuals** (Favorite oldies from 60's & 70's) **Sunday, July 21, 6:00PM** at Wind Gap Borough Park, S. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA.

Send us your non-profit organizations events.

Free event listing includes: event, date, time and contact information ONLY

Email: thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com

or mail to The Belt and Beyond

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Bangor, PA. 18013

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~ Jenny Han

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Look for our next issue on

Thursday, August 1

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Friday, July 26

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75th Annual Plainfield Farmers' Fair

The 75th Plainfield Farmers' Fair will be held on **Tuesday, July 23, - Saturday, July 27** at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair Grove, 1281 Bangor Road, Nazareth, PA. 18064.
www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com **See ad on page 16 for details**

OLMC 131st Roseto Big Time

The 131st Annual Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roseto Big Time Celebration will be held **Wednesday, July 24 - Saturday July 27**. Religious Procession Sunday, July 28. Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Grounds, 80 Ridge Street, Roseto, PA. 18013
See ad on page 5 for details

First UMC Bangor Backpack Giveaway

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor will host a Backpack Giveaway on **Saturday, July 27th, 11:00AM to 3:00PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. 18013.
See ad on right column of page for details

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, July 27, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013.

Weona Park Pen Argyl Summer Sounds Concert

Come enjoy the sounds of **Riverside Rhythm** (15+ Big Band Instrumental & Vocals) **Sunday, July 28, 6:00PM** at Weona Park, (Rt. 512) Pen Argyl, PA. All concerts are free. Please watch for notifications (Pen Argyl Borough WEB, Facebook, Nixel, etc.) on any weather-related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

Bangor Park Board Movie Night

Movie Night - **"Wish" Friday August 2 at dusk, (Rain Date August 3)** Refreshments will be sold. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.

Bangor Elks Lodge Tricky Tray & BINGO Night

Bangor Elks Lodge will hold a Bingo & Tricky Tray on **Saturday, August 3, Doors Open at 3:00PM, Bingo Starts at 6:00PM**. Tricky Tray proceeds benefit the Bangor 150th Anniversary. 120 Broadway, Bangor, PA.
See ad on page 7 for details

Bangor National Night Out

The Bangor Park Board will host National Night Out at Bangor Memorial Park **Tuesday, August 6, 6:00PM to 9:00PM**. Bangor Memorial Park, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.
See ad on page 6 for details

Roseto National Night Out

Roseto National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, August 6** at the Roseto BallPark.

Hope UCC Wind Gap Lemon Festival

Hope United Church in Wind Gap will host a Lemon Festival on **Friday, August 9, 4:00PM to 7:00PM** 701 Cherry & E. 2nd Streets, Wind Gap, Pa. 18091

Bangor Park Board Car Show

Car Show, **Sunday, August 13th - 12:00PM to 4:00PM** at Bangor Park

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Bangor Borough FAMILY Luau PARTY

AT MEMORIAL PARK POOL

FRIDAY JULY 19TH

7pm-9:30pm **\$3 ADULTS**
\$2 AGES 3-17

INCLUDES POOL ADMISSION, MUSIC, GAMES, CONTESTS WITH PRIZES, AND 1 SOUVENIR PER FAMILY. FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

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First United Methodist Church of Bangor

School Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, July 27, 2024
11 am to 3 pm

Free Underwear! **Free Socks!**

Blue Valley Farm Show – Main Building
707 American Bangor Rd.
Bangor, PA

All students going into Kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to come out and choose a backpack filled with school supplies.

While supplies last.

Free Back to School Haircuts from Avanti Hair Studio, Adriane's Salon, and Platinum Cutz

Bounce House from Inflated Celebrations!

Come visit Smokey Bear!

Our 2024 Soup Off Winner

Officer Michael Hunsicker from Bangor Police Department will be doing fingerprinting.

KITCHEN OUTLAND **JOON CHUY** **Burger Shack Food Truck**

Food from food trucks & ice cream will be available for purchase!

For updates and more:
<http://facebook.com/events/s/2024-fumc-backpack-giveaway/828997715906538>

Thank you to Wesley United Methodist Church in Bethlehem, PA for supplying the backpacks, socks, and underwear.

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have NEVER registered for the Blue Farm Show or if you have registered IN YEARS gone by, YOU SHOULD STILL READ THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW

Registration is set up for the "Beginner" as well as the "Expert" exhibitor. This night is set aside before the Blue Valley Farm Show opens so that anyone who is interested may register.

Blue Valley Farm Show Building

• 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor PA •

Tuesday, July 30th

AND

Wednesday, August 7th

**7 PM-8 PM
BOTH DAYS**

Cost is \$2

for an Exhibitors number

• You can enter as many items as you like •
Premium books will be available soon at
various locations in the Slate Belt as well as
online at www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com

Once you have paid your fee and received your exhibitor's number you are all set to enter any of the many and varied classes open to the public.

Questions Contact Melissa Koehler 484-293-1380
melissa.koehlerbvfs@gmail.com



Nazareth Area Garden Club

The Nazareth Area Garden Club will hold it's next meeting of the year on **July 23**, at the Dryland UCC Church 4415 Newburg Road, Upper Nazareth Township at **7:00PM**.

The program speaker for the evening will be Jim Wilson. He will speak on a Native Pollinator Project.

Club members will display plant specimens. Floral arrangements made by members will also be on display. This month they can enter a mass Arrangement, or a Horizontal and an arranger's choice.

Refreshments will be served.

We welcome visitors to all our meetings.

For membership information please call Phoebe Cubberly 484-767-6590 or Julie Anderson 610-868-8375.

Blue Valley Farm Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show will be held **Tuesday, August 13 thru Saturday, August 17** at the Blue Valley Farm Show grounds 707, American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA. www.bluevalleyfarmshowinc.com

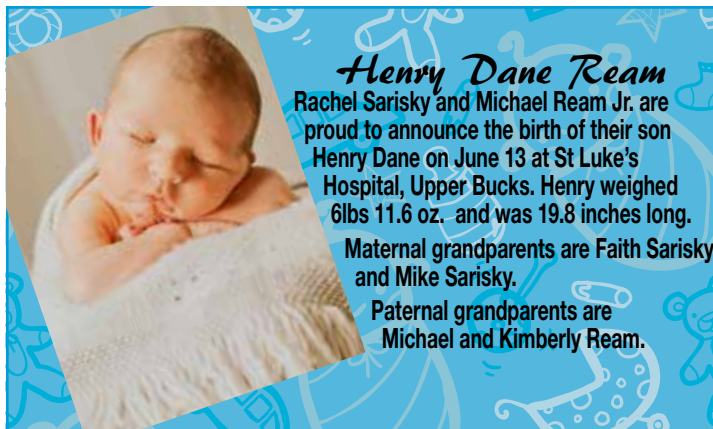
Pooch Plunge Bangor Memorial Park Pool

The Bangor Park Board will host a Pooch Plunge on **Sunday, August 25**, at Bangor Memorial Park Pool, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA.

Bangor Park Board Wizardfest & Magickal Market

The Bangor Park Board will host a Wizardfest & Magickal Market on **Saturday, September 7 12:00PM to dusk** followed by a movie at Bangor Memorial Park 90 Eisenhart Blvd. Bangor, PA.

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Henry Dane Ream

Rachel Sarisky and Michael Ream Jr. are proud to announce the birth of their son Henry Dane on June 13 at St Luke's Hospital, Upper Bucks. Henry weighed 6lbs 11.6 oz. and was 19.8 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Faith Sarisky and Mike Sarisky.

Paternal grandparents are Michael and Kimberly Ream.

Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration



The Borough of Bangor will celebrate its 150th Anniversary **June 7-14, 2025**.

Plans are already underway to celebrate the big event. Bangor 150 is a Nonprofit 501c(3) and we have started planning to make the anniversary one to remember. For this to happen, however, we need your participation. The Bangor

150th Anniversary committee meets the first **Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.** at Bangor Borough Hall, 197 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bangor, PA. 18013. We encourage anyone interested to join us in making the event a success! Do you have a talent for marketing/publicity, event planning or merchandising? Please consider sharing your talents with us. We need you/your organization. Preliminary plans include: * A Grand Opening Gala * A Parade * Large Family BBQ at Bangor Park * Country Line Dancing * Corn Hole/ Quoits Competition * Food Truck Extravaganza/ with bands * Spectacular Fireworks Show and much more!

Two fundraisers are already planned. A Tricky Tray in conjunction with the Bangor Elks Bingo on **August 3, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bangor Elks, 120 Broadway, in Bangor and a helicopter ball drop on **Saturday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.** at Bangor Memorial Park Stadium. We are hoping to raise \$100,000 by the end of the year. Any organizations interested in sponsoring any of our activities may contact the 150th Anniversary Committee. This event is an investment in the future of our community. We would be grateful for any volunteer or financial support you can give us. Please consider joining us at Bangor Borough Hall for our meetings on the **first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

See ad on page 7 for details

Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting August Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, August 5, at 7:00PM** 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. Donors are asked to make checks 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.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

BIG TIME

Roseto, PA

131st Annual

Big Time Celebration

July 24th-July 27th, 2024
6pm- 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday- Ride Specials

Pasta Specials Nightly

Saturday- Crowning of the Big Time Queen-6:30pm,

Parade, & Fireworks- 11:45pm

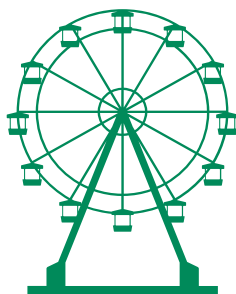
Sunday, July 28th Religious Procession 4pm

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AUGUST 6TH
6-9PM**

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Join us for a night of family fun as we build police-community partnerships and connect with your neighbors to make the Slate Belt a safer, better place to live.



Meet Bangor Police Officers and Community First Responders

- Blowup Obstacle Course
- Bully Bash Game
- Face Paint / Arts & Crafts
- Dunk Tank
- Live Demonstrations
- Safety Materials
- Children's Bounce House
- DJ / Entertainment
- Local Vendors & Craftors



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Park
Board



912 Scholarship

Congratulations to the Bangor Graduate, Chloe Proko, who was the recipient of the '912' Scholarship in memory of Dennis Strouse. Chloe will be attending Penn State University to pursue her interest in Nursing. The family of Dennis Strouse wishes her great success in her future endeavors.



Chloe Proko

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY SPORTSMAN'S DRAWING & MEAT RAFFLE



OVER \$20,000 IN PRIZES will be raffled off. Including **Door Prizes, New Zealand Big Game Hunt, Tricky Tray, 50/50, & Pull tabs!**

Food and Beverages included with ticket purchase!

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Doors will open at 2:00 PM Drawing starts 3:00 PM
Plainfield Twp. Vol. Fire Company
6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA

For Advance Ticket Sales Please Call

Kyle Thomas - (484) 894-2337 or (610) 863-7383

\$10 each / 3 for \$25 Additional tickets available at the door
Tickets available Mondays at the Firehouse from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and
Thursdays at Bingo 4:30 to 9:00 PM

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August 10-11-12
6 - 10 PM

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Saturday
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Bangor Elks Lodge Presents:

A Special

TRICKY TRAY

and BINGO NIGHT

Proceeds from the Tricky Tray will benefit the Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee.

Sat. Aug. 3rd

120 Broadway, Bangor Pa

Doors open at 3:00 PM

\$1300

Tricky Tray Tickets sold until 7pm

Bingo Games begin at 6:00pm

JACKPOT

The kitchen opens at 4:30, so come and enjoy a
great night out benefiting two great causes!

Must be 21 or older to play.

No outside food or drink.

For more information about the tricky tray call:

610-588-6894

You will not need to be present to claim your tricky tray prizes.

Helicopter Golf Ball Drop

Benefits the 2025 Bangor 150th Anniversary Celebration Planning Efforts

Numbered golf balls are dropped from a helicopter.
If your ball hits a target, you win!

Sat. Aug. 10, 2024

**6:00 PM at Bangor Memorial
Park Stadium**

Tickets available at Miller's Paint Store and
Bray's News Stand-\$10 each

First Prize: \$1000

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prize: \$250

4th-10th Prizes-Gift Cards from:

5 Points Grill & Pub
Bono's Pizza
Broadway Pub
Miller's Paint Store

Johnnie's Restaurant &
Pizza
Richmond Farm & Brewery
Johnsonville Inn

For information call 610-588-6894



**12th ANNUAL
PET PHOTO CONTEST**
Sponsored by VCA AVH Animal Hospital
"RULES"

1. All photos must be 5x7. No other sizes will be accepted.*
2. The pet's name, the pet owner's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of the photo.
3. Deadline for all entries is Monday, August 12th at 7 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 7 p.m.
4. Entries may be brought to the BVFS office Monday, August 12th from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. or mailed to: Melissa Koehler, P.O. Box 70, Bangor, PA 18013.
5. Photos will be on display for voting throughout fair week. All voting will end Saturday evening, the last day of the fair at 7 p.m.
6. The pet that receives the most votes (\$1.00 = 100 votes) will be the winner.
7. All forms of U.S. monies are acceptable.
8. Winners will be announced Saturday, August 17th at 9 p.m. on the stage.
9. Cash Prizes and ribbons will be awarded: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, 3rd-\$50, 4th-\$25.
10. Photos may be picked up at a designated area after the winners are announced Saturday night at the farm show complex.

11. Any questions - contact Melissa Koehler at 484-293-1380.

The Blue Valley Farm Show, Inc is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged photos.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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Music in the Valley & Plein Air Art Auction

• July 20 & 21

Heritage Craft Day & Civil War Weekend

• August 10 & 11

50th Annual Harvest Festival

• October 12 & 13

Spooky Days on the Farm

• October 25 & 26

Old Time Christmas

• December 7, 8, 14 & 15



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FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
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GAMES BEGIN AT 6:40PM
KITCHEN OPEN

PROGRESSIVE JACKPOTS

\$25 Small package
\$30 Large package



For tickets call: 610-703-8182 or purchase Friday night at the door.

G-U-N B-I-N-G-O

Saturday, August 24

Doors Open 4:30 PM

Bingo 6:00PM

Tickets \$50 - 20 Games

50/50, Pull Tabs, Lottery Raffle,

3 Special Games

Tickets available at the firehouse

Monday nights 6:30-9:00 PM and

Thursday nights at Bingo from 4:30-9:00PM.

For tickets call Elaine at (484)764-6041

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**COMMUNITY
YARD SALE DAYS**

Roseto Borough

Roseto Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held
August 2,3,4

Tatamy Borough

Tatamy Borough Community Yard Sale days will be held
August 24.

*"Some of the best memories are
made in flip-flops."*

~ Kellie Elmore





Alexandra Grace Martocci

131st Queen of the Roseto Big Time

Introducing the 2024 Big Time Queen, **Alexandra Grace Martocci**, daughter of Joe and Kate Martocci of Roseto. Alexandra, a 2024 graduate of Bangor Area High School, has been a standout student and athlete throughout her high school career. As a dedicated varsity soccer player for four years, she earned the Most Improved Player award in 2022 and received

an honorable mention for Lehigh Valley Live Player of the Week in 2023.

Beyond the soccer field, Alexandra has showcased her musical talents as a four-year member of the Bangor High School Choir and a three-year member of the Slater Choral Honors Chorus. Her commitment to her community is evident through her seven years of service as an altar server at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and her numerous hours volunteering at the Big Time festival. Alexandra's leadership skills shine as a founding member of Troop 941, where she became the first in her troop to achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, contributing over 275 hours of community service alongside several volunteers. In addition to her academic and extracurricular achievements, Alexandra has been involved with Rebels Elite cheer for a decade, both as a cheerleader and a coach, demonstrating her passion and dedication to the sport.

This fall, Alexandra will begin her studies at East Stroudsburg University, where she will major in Public Health and pursue certification in Drug and Alcohol Counseling.

Congratulations to Alexandra Martocci, the 2024 Big Time Queen, whose remarkable achievements and commitment to her community exemplify the spirit of excellence and service.

This year's Queens court:
Anna Koehler; Dina Koehler; Alessandra Ilardi; Victoria Parks; Anna Goffredo; Julia Goffredo; Violet Farino; Aubrie La Bar; Maria Giordano; Mackenzie Hughes; Francesca Reto.

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\$40 Admission

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Plainfield Farmers' Fair to Celebrate 75 Years

by Candy Martin

For years families have been enjoying going to the Plainfield Farmers' Fair. This year marks the 75th year of the fair. I thought I would share a bit of the fair's history to mark the occasion.

It all started at a meeting back in 1943 of the Pen Argyl Exchange Club. A suggestion was made by the late Garfield (Butch) Williams to invite rural farm families to get together to eat and socialize. They were surrounded by family farms but they barely knew one another. The exchange club members extended the invitation to the farm families and the first covered dish luncheon was held at the Plainfield Church in the basement. These get-togethers took place for the next few years for suppers at the Plainfield Church in the basement and Banquet's at the Lake House in Saylorsburg, Pa. After one of the banquets the farmers realized they had a balance of \$17.00 left in the kitty. So they decided to use the money to start an organization.

On November 19, 1945 an organizational meeting took place at a one room school house on the Plainfield Church property. Sixty one members were in attendance. The name "Plainfield Farmers' was suggested by Mrs Ralph Kemmerer and agreed upon. They decided to hold a "white elephant sale" to raise funds and charged members a fee of \$1.00. Square dances were held at the Tatamy Fire Co. that were open to the public to help raise additional funds. In the fall of 1949 the group petitioned the Northampton County Courts to be an Incorporated Organization. On April 17, 1950 they received the Articles of Incorporation signed by the Honorable Judge Carlton T. Woodring. The purpose of the incorporation was not only beneficial to the farmers but to all citizens of Plainfield Township and vicinity.

Now let's take a few steps back in time. In 1948 many of the one room school houses were closing, sending students in grades 7-12 to Pen Argyl High School for the first time. Most of the students were farm kids and this was a new experience for them. Back then Dr William Muth, Superintendent, and an agriculture enthusiast, came up with the idea to hold a farm Show in the school's cafeteria. Students were encouraged to bring their exhibits to show and compete for prize money. The farm show brought the farm kids and city kids together and was a huge success! Later that year Dr Muth spoke at one of the farmers' meetings and asked for their help in putting on a bigger farm show the next year. The farmers agreed to assist with his request. In July of 1949 the Farmers Association rented Achenbach's Grove. They invited farm machinery dealers to display their equipment, Future Farmers of America boys brought their animals to show and volunteers manned the food and game stands. There was even live music, the band was "Earl Held's All Girl Band" and so the first Plainfield Farmers Fair was in the books! The first 3 years the event was called a Farmers' Picnic. In 1950 the farm show included the first tractor safety driving competition, along with a girls 4-H clothing and baked goods competition. By 1951 the fair grew to a 2 day event and in 1952 the name was officially changed to the Plainfield Farmers' Fair.

From 1964 -1970 many things happened to improve the Farmers Fair. In 1964 the first fair program (catalog) was printed. That year the Farmers Association also learned that they could acquire matching funds from the state. Those funds were used to increase prize money, to open baked goods and clothing competitions to adults as well as non 4-H youth. Most importantly it helped to put up several new buildings equipped with a kitchen, office and garages to house the township fire trucks and hold meetings. The site of the farmers fair was purchased by the Farmers Assoc. in 1967, a 17 acre site. In 1969 the name of the grove was officially changed to the Plainfield Farmers' Fair Grove. In

1970 the fair was expanded to a 4 day event until 1995 when a 5th day was added.

Times have certainly changed but the Plainfield Farmers' Fair remains true to his roots, farm, family, and fun!

This Year's 75th Plainfield Farmers' Fair will kick off the week of July 23-27, 2024 at the Plainfield Farmers' Grove, Rt 191 5 miles South of Bangor. There is so much to do and see at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair! Bring the family for some old fashioned fun. The fair is open nightly at 5:00 p.m. offering delicious food, live nightly entertainment, exhibits, and animals, and Bingo. There is something for the entire family to enjoy. In celebration of the 75th year this year there will be fireworks on Friday night at 10:00 p.m. sponsored by Dale's Concessions. For the full fair schedule see page 16 or visit the Plainfield Farmers' Fair website www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com

See ad on page 16 for details

Area Food Banks & Food Pantries

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 9:00AM to 12:00PM, 555 North Main Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794.

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

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

Saturday, September 21 Doors will open at 2:00 PM Drawing starts 3:00 PM Plainfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA. **See ad on page 7 for details**

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Bulls & Barrels Blow Out

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory will host a "BULLS AND BARRELS BLOWOUT" on **Saturday, October 12** at the Blue Valley Farm Show complex. 707 American, Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA. Watch for more details.

Salem UCC Gilbert Fall Festival

Salem UCC, Gilbert, Pa. Route 209, behind Turkey Hill will hold a Fall Festival on **Sunday, October 13, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. FMI call 610-681-4733.

Bangor Park Board Octoberfest

The Bangor Park Board will host their annual Octoberfest on **Saturday, October 12 & Sunday, October 13** at Bangor Memorial Park Pool, 90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor PA. Interested vendors can email for an application bangorparkboard@gmail.com

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community August Programs

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.

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.

Weekly Weeders-Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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 every Thursday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

Hike for Health-Wednesday, August 14, 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. This monthly hiking program will repeat on August 14, September 4, and October 2 at the same time and place. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Family Field Archery (Ages 12 and up)-Saturday, August 24 at 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Join us for an evening on the range! You will learn the basics of field archery and then use your new skills to play target games and best of all, learn a new skill together. Registration required.

Water's Edge Night Hike-Saturday, August 24 at 8:00pm to 9:30pm. Discover aquatic wildlife at night! We will carefully walk along the banks of the Bushkill Creek and use flashlights to observe the nocturnal behaviors of insects, fish, amphibians, and other creek-dwelling critters. For ages 8 and up. Registration and flashlights are required.

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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Bangor Fire Department Touch a Truck*Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The Bangor Fire Department held a Touch a Truck Event on Saturday, July 6 at Bangor Memorial Park. Children were delighted to explore the firetruck and talk to the firemen. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)

**4th Annual Sangria Around the World***Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The 4th Annual Sangria Around the World was held at Stone Lake Winery located at All Aspects at the Barn in Mt Bethel. Those attending were able to purchase a passport for Sangria's from various countries as well as beer and wine. Food trucks, music, a variety of family fun activities and over 30 vendors and artisans were on site. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)

**8th Annual Portland - Upper Mt Bethel July 4th Parade***Photos by Lisa Newberry*

The 8th annual Portland -Upper Mt Bethel Township July 4th parade was held on July 4th. Parade goes lined the streets to show their patriotism as marchers, floats and fire trucks came through the parade route. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



2nd Annual Slate Belt Pride Event

Photos by Lisa Newberry

Downtown Bangor was packed with supporters for the Slate Belt Pride LGBTQ+ 2nd Annual Slate Belt Pride event held on Saturday, July 13th. Many attended to show their love, support and acceptance to the LGBTQ+ community. The event was a huge success!

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



Wind Gap Park Summer Sounds Concert

Photos by Lisa Newberry

The Brian Dean Moore band had the crowd dancing and enjoying the music at the Wind Gap Park on Sunday July 7. The next band to perform at the Wind Gap Park will be The New Individuals playing oldies music from the 60's & 70's on Sunday, July 21.

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



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Red Sky Mourning by Jack Carr; The Glassmaker: A Novel by Tracy Chevalier; The Next Mrs. Parrish: A Novel by Liv Constantine; The Midnight Feast: A Novel by Lucy Foley The Little French Bistro: A Novel by Nina George; King of Wrath by Ana Huang Same as if Ever Was by Claire Lombardo Lolita by Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov Sandwich: A Novel by Catherine Newman Middle of the Night: A Novel by Riley Sager 15 Summers Later by RaeAnne Thayne; The Royal Librarian by Daisy Wood; Familiaris by David Wroblewski.

Adult Non Fiction - When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day by Garrett M. Graff; The War on Warriors: Behind the Betrayal of the Men Who Keep Us Free by Pete Hegseth What This Comedian Said Will Shock You by Bill Maher; Crossing the Desert: The Power of Embracing Life's Difficult Journeys by Payam Zamani.

Easy Fiction - Hannah and Sugar by Kate Berube; Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve? by Jan Brett; Count to 10 With a Mouse by Margaret Wise Brown Summer: A Solstice Story by Kelsey Ebben Gross.

Junior Fiction - Making Friends (4) Together Forever by Kristen Gudsnuik.

Junior Non Fiction - Solstice: Around the World on the Longest, Shortest Day by Jen Breach.

Young Adult Fiction - ASAP by Axie Oh.

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.**



Children enjoy story time at the Bangor Library summer reading program. This year's theme is "Adventure begins at your Library."

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Summer Fun With the Blue Mountain Community Library

The summer program with the Blue Mountain Community Library at the Plainfield Township Municipal Pavilion. The event is for children ages 4-9 and begins at **10:30AM** rain or shine. Register now! Stop by the library or call 610-863-3029 registration is required.

Summer Program Dates

July 24 - Wind Gap Borough Park, Wind Gap.

August 7 & 21 Weona Park, Pen Argyl.

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.

Readers Raffle

Attention library patrons of all ages! This summer each time your library card is scanned you will earn a coupon and be entered into our raffle. Read and win a chance for a free pizza! Two lucky winners will be chosen on the following dates: **Wednesday July 31, and Thursday, August 29.**

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.

Blue Mountain Community Library Summer Storytime

Children attending the BMCL Summer Story time at Wind Gap park enjoyed a story about the Summer Olympics and games. See summer story time dates above or call the library for more information.



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TUESDAY • JULY 23

9:00 AM Judging of Entries begins

9:30-11:00 AM Placing of entries in baked goods including Great American Apple Pie and Chocolate Cake/Cookies and Fruit/Vegetable Bread Contest

1:00 p.m. Judging of Apple Pies and Chocolate Cake/Cookies and Fruit/Vegetable Bread Contest.

1:00 to 9:00 PM Entering of livestock entries

6:00-9:00 PM Free Pony Rides (children under 50lbs.)

6:30 PM Tractor Pull Call 610-730-4820 or 484-223-9000 Admission \$ 5.00

7:00 PM Opening Ceremony

7:00 to 9:30 PM Entertainment "Christopher Eckhart Music" - Gospel/Oldies

WEDNESDAY • JULY 24

9:30 AM Open & Youth Dairy Show

TBA Rabbit Show

5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken *while supplies last*

6:00 & 7:00 PM Presentation by Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center

6:00-9:00 PM Free Pony Rides (children under 50lbs.) & Face Painting

6:30 PM ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull. Admission \$10.00 (children under age 6 are free) Call 610-730-4820 or 484-223-9000

7:00 PM Pie Eating Contest

7:00-9:00 PM Kids Photo ID & Fingerprinting

7:30-10:00 PM Entertainment - "October Rose" - Country Music

THURSDAY • JULY 25

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Steer Entries

5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken *while supplies last*

5:30 PM Open Sheep Show & Market Goats

Spinning Demo by Second Saturday spinners

6:00 & 7:00 PM Presentation by Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center

6:00-9:00 PM Entertainment - "Balloons the Clown"

Free Pony Rides (children under 50lbs.) & Face Painting

6:30 pm ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull

Admission \$15.00 (children under age 6 are free)

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7:00-9:00 PM Kids Photo ID & Fingerprinting

7:30 pm to 10:30 pm Entertainment - "Steel Creek" - Country Music

**Exhibit buildings open
5:00-10:00 PM**

**Food stands open at 5:00 PM
except Saturday.**

FRIDAY • JULY 26

10:00 AM Judging of Steer Show

1:00 PM Open Goat Show

5:00 PM 4-H Swine Show

Bar-B-Q Chicken *while supplies last*

6:00-9:00 PM Entertainment - "Joe Keppel" - Magician

Face Painting

Brahma Steers "Gus and Hollywood"

7:00 PM 4-H Fashion Revue

7:00 PM Old School Promotions Powerwheels-Demolition Derby

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7:30-10:30 PM Entertainment - "Time Whys" 60s, 70s & 80s music

10:00 PM FIREWORKS

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SATURDAY • JULY 27

8:30 to 10:30 AM Breakfast Served

9:00 to 10:00 AM Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull Registration
(Registration \$2)

10:00 AM Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull (tractor provided)
Entertainment "The Amazing Ambrose"

12:00-7:00 PM Brahma Steers "Gus and Hollywood"

2:00-6:00 PM Entertainment by Emily Noel Band (Direct from Nashville.

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5:00 PM Bar-B-Q Chicken *while supplies last*

6:00 PM Round Robin Showmanship Competition

6:00-9:00 PM Face Painting

6:30 PM Watermelon Eating Contest

7:00 PM Old School Promotions Junk Car Races

Admission \$10.00 (children under 6 are free)

7:30 to 11:00 PM Entertainment - "The Brian Dean Moore Band" -
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