

Slate Belt Town Topics

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Bangor High School honored its senior baseball players Tuesday evening at Bangor Memorial Park prior to a 14-4 win over Pen Argyl to earn the Slate Baseball Rivalry Award. (L-R) Asst. coaches Jeff Buist, Brett Wagner. Players Drew Stackhouse, Rein Farensbach, Zach Karner, Jarred Reto. Asst. Coach Jarrod Randolph, Head coach Anthony Martino. Photo: Larry Cory. More photos page 3. [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Slate Belt News Briefs

Expect Chilly Nights Comfortable Days

After a chilly overnight with temperatures in the lower 40s, today there is a slight chance of showers after 2pm. Otherwise, mostly sunny with a high near 60 and a light northwest wind. Tonight will be partly cloudy, with a low around 38. West wind around 5 mph. Wednesday is expected to be sunny, with a high near 63 and a northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday night will be mostly clear, with a low around 40. Wind 5 to 10 mph. Thursday will be sunny, with a high near 61.

Pollen Today: High, with a 9.6 rating on a scale of 12. Top pollen producers today will be Oak, Maple and birch.

UV Rays Today: Moderate risk of harm from unprotected Sun exposure. Alert in effect for 6 hours between 10am-4pm.. High of 5.0 on a scale of 12 at 11am

Slate Belt Weather

Vendor Fair/Flea Market

Roseto Helping Hands is hosting a Vendor Fair and Flea Market from August 27th through August 29th at the Roseto Ball Park. For Vendor/Flea Market applications contact Darlene Dunbar at 908-619-7643..

Dog Licenses

Residents are reminded to renew their dog licenses. Licenses can be purchased at <http://www.padoglicense.com> or by contacting Northampton County at 610-829-6186, option 6.

Cycle Masters Wind Gap Women's Only Ride

Reminder that Cycle Masters of Wind Gap Women's Only ride will be held Saturday, May 15 (weather depending) 9:00am at Plainfield Trail #2 - Merwarth Rd, Pen Argyl. Meet at picnic tables at 9, riders departing at 9:10. Distance will depend on the group that shows that day.

This parking area is smaller so you may want to make sure to arrive a little early to secure a spot. Leader will be wearing Cycle Masters Jersey. This is NOT a competitive group and would like to keep it that way. It is just for a bunch of ladies to get together and enjoy each other's company while riding some bikes and hopefully making new friends.

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Truth For Women and Bloom Bangor Announce Non-Profit Merger

Truth For Women and Bloom Bangor has announced a merger into a combined non-profit organization with a new name, "Bloom", according to Bloom CEO Carol Andersen.

"It is through partnership and strategic exploration that we recognize both agencies blended together can serve women survivors and our community more effectively," Andersen said. "Both Truth For Women and Bloom Bangor were birthed and rooted in faith and we remain committed to this legacy and the values of integrity and compassion, confidentiality and courage, best practices and professionalism, collaboration, as well as unwavering commitment and persistence towards ending the injustice of sex trafficking."

"It is as a direct result of your generous gifts and support for our work, as well as the continued support of our entire community, our dedicated volunteers and ally agencies that this partnership is possible," Andersen added. "The joining of our entities into one stronger organization provides cost-effective synergy, expands our geographic footprint, combines our fundraising efforts, and most importantly, strengthens our position as a leader providing sanctuary, healing and advocacy here in the Lehigh Valley and beyond."

With their new mission of providing sanctuary and a continuum of care to heal, empower and employ women survivors of sex trafficking, Bloom will operate three residential homes in the Lehigh

Valley to help women survivors by helping them to start over, to begin to heal and providing them with the hope to live a life of freedom.

Those houses are:

- **The Heather House** (formerly known as the Truth Home) is a 24-hour care emergency stabilization home where women are given everything they need to start over beyond a life of violence.
- **The Jasmine House** (formerly known as Bloom Bangor) is a two-year residential program for survivors of sex trafficking, trauma and addiction.
- **The Lilac House** (opened in January 2021) is a fee-based, independent living opportunity for program graduates as they transition to a life of independence.

In addition, the Bloom Creative Studio in Bangor will continue to serve as a social enterprise to leverage art as a healing tool and provide employment opportunities for survivors. And, My Sister's Closet, a women's upscale, resale boutique located in Bethlehem, Pa., will continue to provide financial support for the merged organization.

"We want to assure you, on behalf of the Bloom board and staff, that we will continue to provide the same high-quality, trauma-informed services," said Andersen. "By changing our name and rebranding as Bloom, we are embracing what truly happens when a

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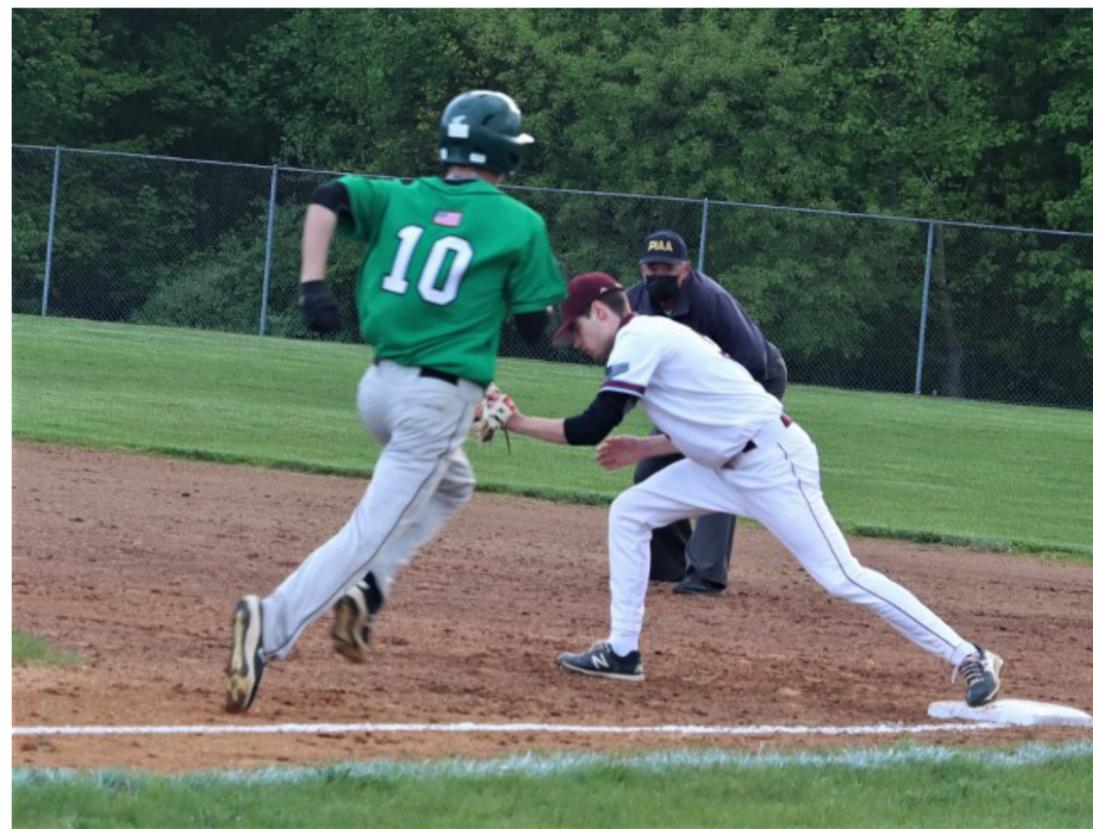
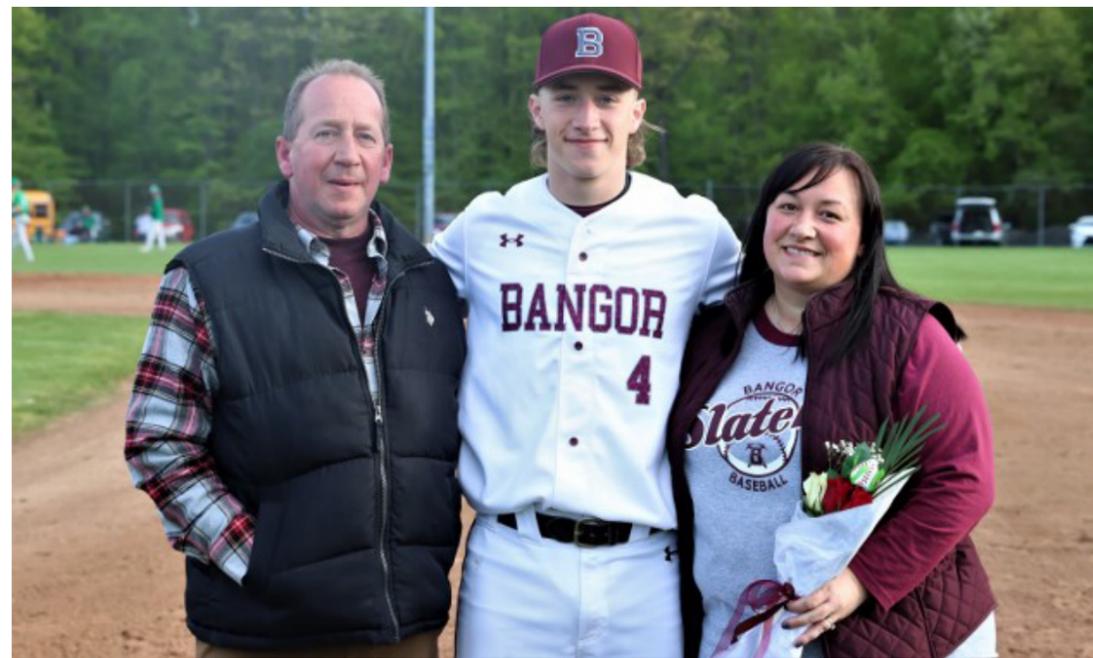
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- ***With respect, after 18 years of the currently appointed supervisor, it's time for change***
- ***Lifetime Slate Belt resident (BAHS graduate)***
- ***5+ Year Volunteer of Washington Township Recreation Board***
- ***Helped raise - \$ 700,000 in grants & donations to support development of Phase II municipal park expansion***
- ***Washington Township Representative on Plan Slate Belt Committee***
- ***Local Area Advocate - fought over 5 years, in person (including Harrisburg presentations)***

MAY 18th

Local Voting is Critical
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Bloom Merger.....

woman survivor experiences freedom and begins her healing journey.”

The crime of sex trafficking is second only to drug trafficking in its profitability, and it occurs in communities throughout our country.

Andersen said that “Amy” believed false promises and remained locked in a basement for months by her trafficker. Remarkable circumstances brought her to our emergency shelter.

“From day one of stepping into this home, I’ve felt nothing but love and support. I’ve had to step out of my “norm” and trust the process, but I have not been alone in doing so. I’ve had the support of many every step of the way. I am now ready and fully equipped to step out into the world and live a sober, healthy, happy life. I could not have done it without the love and support I received here – it is truly life changing.”

Slate Belt Y Child Care

The Greater Valley YMCA has announced the expansion of its child care offerings at its Slate Belt location. The Y now offers care for toddlers and preschool children ages 2 through 5 in its newly-constructed child care wing.

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Event Calendar

May 11

East Bangor Fundraiser

East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co. is offering takeout Tuesday May 11 from 4:30 - 7:00pm.

Meatball subs will be available for \$5.00 each. Please specify if you would like parmesan or mozzarella cheese.

Outside seating is available and cash bar for on-premises consumption. Text or call order ahead by calling 484-903-4556. Pick up at the hall door.

May 13

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 13 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 20 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 27 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party as space for this program is limited to 4 attendees total each day. View and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg> Wind Gap Community Pharmacy will host a drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Thursday, May 13, from 3-8 p.m. at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 155 Firehouse Drive in Nazareth.

Drive -Thru Vaccinations

They're offering second doses of the Moderna vaccine to people who received their first dose at the last clinic on April 15. We're also offering first doses of the vaccine to those who have not yet received it.

Wind Gap Community Pharmacy staff will be administering the Moderna vaccine at the clinic.

You will need to make your own arrangements to acquire the second dose of the Moderna vaccine at a later date planned at this time. Talk to the staff at Wind Gap Community Pharmacy to learn about options to receive the second dose. It is very important for you to follow up and get the second

dose of the vaccine.

May 15

Church Rummage/Bake Sale

The Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church Rummage/ Bake Sale will be held May 15 8:00am to 12:00pm, at Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church 607 School Road Nazareth,

Something for everyone. Please come out and join them. For more information please call Teddy at 1-908-235-8811. Masks are required to enter.

Plant, Yard, Bake Sale

St Peter's Annual Plant, Yard, Bake Sale 1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl, PA. Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 9 AM EDT - 1 PM EDT.

Come out for their annual Plant, Yard Bake Sale. Vegetable plants, annuals and perennial flowers. Molasses crumb, cherry and rhubarb pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, and more. Lunch to Go (bar-b-que, hot dogs, chips, etc.

Spaces available for your yard sale items or crafts - \$10 (table not included).

Contact the church office for more details (610-863-6859)

All proceeds will benefit God's Garden of Grace and their four local food pantries.

Mental First Aid Course

Come participate in an Adult Mental Health First Aid Course May 15, 2021.

9AM to Noon - via Zoom

Led by: Rev. Dr. Emily B. Hall, D. Min, BCCi
Registration Required

<https://files.constantcontact.com/.../0c06e7c5-5b87-4869...> Questions: please email hopeuccpastor@rcn.com

May 20

Heritage Center Presentation

Retired Pen Argyl Social Studies teacher, Walter Cole, will present a program on the Upper Edelman One-Room School May 20. The presentation will also cover other Plainfield Township one-room schools, common school activities and many interesting stories about what school life was like. He will actually be doing his presentation in the Upper Edelman School.

The program will be available to view on the Heritage Center's Facebook page, starting on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Walter Cole was a Pen Argyl teacher for 40 years, teaching early

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Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM • Sat 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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American and local history. He is currently a board member of the Heritage Center, and has conducted over 100 oral history interviews for the Center. Mr. Cole is also the author of the recently published book on the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park, and Weona Park Centennial Calendar.

BAHS Musical

Bangor High School will present the musical, *The Secret Garden* this year!!

Performances are scheduled for

- May 20 7:30 pm & May 21 7:30 pm
- May 22 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- May 23 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

The will be held in the Craig Payne theater at Bangor Senior High school.

Ticket orders:

www.showtix4u.com/events/bahsthesecretgarden

Call: 610-599-7011 Ext. 1001

May 21

Families First Fundraiser at Blue Ridge Winery

A Families First Fundraiser will be held at

Blue Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery & The Underground Experience Friday, May 21 from 4- 7pm.

Please join Families First for their spring fundraiser and enjoy wine tasting and basket raffles. Admission tickets are \$25.00 per person. To purchase tickets, contact:

- Molly Jones- Plainfield Elementary School
 - Ilka O'Donovan- Wind Gap Middle School
 - Spring Shank- Pen Argyl High School
- Masks and social distancing are required.

May 22

Jacobsburg Bug Hunt

Saturday, May 22 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us while we take a closer look at bugs or more scientifically, arthropods. We will then try and catch some of these creatures for an up-close encounter. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request.

Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total.

View and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

Columcille Tours

Celtic storyteller Tom Egan leads walking tours at 9 a.m. every other Saturday through Oct. 9. Tours start from the stone circle and last until about 11:30 a.m.

May 29

Borough Yard Sale Craft Vendor Event

The Borough of Portland will be holding Town Wide Yard Sales, Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 8am to 2pm. There will be a map of participating homes will being given out at the Mayor's Table located at the Park and Walk in downtown Portland. An Outdoor Craft and Vendor Event will be held Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 9am to 3pm, to benefit Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 at the Portland Train Depot, Rt 611 in downtown Portland. Craft and Vendor Info contact Stephanie at 610-216-6716.

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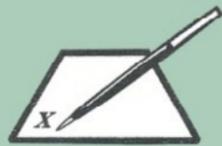
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Blue Mountain Library Half Price Book Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Half-Price Book Nook Sale on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone wishing to come into the Library must call for a scheduled appointment.

Thirty-minute time slots will be assigned with a maximum of 3 people per time slot. The book nook is located on the second floor of the library at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. The phone number is 610-863-3029.

Masks are required and gloves will be supplied by the library. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please no \$50 bills.

For information, visit our website at www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

June 3

Food & Wine Festival

The Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival is returning in grand style June 3-12, both virtually and at participating restaurants. Plans are in the works for a special online event featuring Chef Emeril Lagasse, the first-ever Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week, and an in-person "sponsors only" event showcasing restaurant favorites from festivals past.

June 5

Mount Bethel Meltdown

Mount Bethel Meltdown Cheese Event will be held at 805 Orchard Rd, Mt Bethel, Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 12-9pm

Hardball Cider celebrates one of their favorite ingredients with a cheese event to melt any heart! Three Cheese Vendors starting at NOON:

*Massive Mac 'n' Cheese menu by FonDippity Food truck with NINE different MAC options!

*All things cheese like loaded nachos, quesadillas, and more by The Nacho Depot!

*Local artisan cheeses for those with a more sophisticated palate, paired with a cider flight!

Live Music all day, No cover.

June 6

Vendor/Craft Show

The Washington Twp Fire Co. 920 Washington Blvd. will sponsor a Vendor/Craft Show June 6, 2021 from 10am - 4pm.

Vendors/Crafters if you are interest in a space our contact info is on the flyer. Spaces are \$30 for (1) 10ft x 10ft or \$50 for (2) 10ft x 10ft. All spaces are outdoors and will be socially distanced apart from other vendors. No access to Utilities (water, electric, wifi, etc). Applications must be mailed. Vendors will be accepted as first come, first serve.

Outdoor Event - Rain or Shine. Food and Drinks For Space Info contact, Aundrea Morrison 610-984-7101 or email bdjm@gmail.com

June 15

Master Watershed Steward Day Camp - Afternoons

Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Volunteers for the Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp program! Youth will learn about the environment, water resources management, and complete a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Youth will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and participate in field investigations. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 2 hours of service toward High School community service requirements. This free program will be held outdoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm each day. Registration required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>.

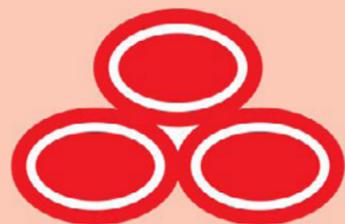
June 24

Tails And Tales Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will explore the animal kingdom this summer as Bangor Public Library presents "Tails and Tales" during their summer library program. Activities may include songs, group games, crafts, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The 2021 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people, who are in preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club, and more. Families

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are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. "Tails and Tales" begins on Thursday, June 24, 2021. For more information, call the Bangor Public library at 610-588-4136 or visit their website, www.bangorlibrary.org

All programs are free of charge.

July 30

Bushkill Yard Sales

Residents of Bushkill Township will be having yard sales at their homes on Friday July 30th and Saturday July 31 from 9am-5pm.

Check registration list for specifics- some addresses will have additional days or adjusted times based on residents preference

Message Bushkill Community Yard Sale on Facebook or email them for a list of addresses, including a maps link for a convenient route to be sure you get to all the locations.

To be added to the list: If you are a resident of Bushkill Twsp and not registered yet, but would like to be, message us to be added to the vendor page

September 28 Families First 5K

One-mile Fun Walk

The Families First 5K One-mile Fun Walk will be held at Wind Gap Park Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9-11:30 am.

The event is open to anyone

The 5K/1 Mile Fun Walk will be held rain or shine. Registration will begin at 7:30 am on race day.

Registration Fees:

- \$20 per person BEFORE race day
- \$40 for a family of three or more BEFORE race day *family entry must be submitted together*
- \$25 per person on race day
- \$15 student entry

Entry includes t-shirt (guaranteed to the first 100 runners) and a raffle ticket for prizes. Awards will be given to the fastest overall male and female and to the top three finishers in each age category. The 1 Mile Fun Walk is noncompetitive.

This fundraiser supports the free programs of Families First: Families-In-Need, After-School Tutoring, College Scholarship Fund, Mentoring Programs, Adopt-A-Family, and many others.

Weona Park Pavillions

Weona Park Pavillions will be available for rent in the 2021 Summer Season. All CDC rules must be followed.

Please call 610-863-9249 for more rental information.

2021 rates are:

- Pavilion Rentals: Large pavilion \$150
- Kitchen: \$40.00
- Side A or B Large Pavilion :\$75.00
- Small pavilion: \$100.00

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Slater Youth Football

Bangor Slater Youth Football Association reminder, that register is open. The season will soon be starting. Please watch out for posts on upcoming events/camps

Please use the link below to register.

<https://slatersyouthfootball.sportngin.com/.../173494135>

They are also looking for Coaches. If you are interested please email them at bangorslatersyf@gmail.com.

Any question please reach out to Rachel Mobley @ bangorslatersyf@gmail.com

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Hotline for Human Services

Northampton County has a 24-hour Emergency hotline for all Human Services-related emergencies. Anyone struggling with a mental health crisis, abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, evictions, substance abuse, food insecurity, etc. can call 610-252-9060 for help and referrals.

County Assistance

In light of Pennsylvania's eviction moratorium expiring on August 31st, Lamont McClure reminds residents that Northampton County has approximately \$3.6 million available for rental assistance, rapid rehousing and utility payments. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development worked together to develop the Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED). CMED offers experienced mediators, emergency financial assistance and rapid rehousing to prevent homelessness. Contact: Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763 or email Ziana Keith at zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org

Blood Donors Needed

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is seeking donors. Recent storms have cancelled blood drives and supplies are running low. Miller-Keystone has 6 donor centers located throughout the region with extended hours. Anyone interested in donating should call 1-800-B-A-DONOR or make an appointment at <https://www.giveapint.org/>

Food Pantry

Did you know The Salvation Army of Pen Argyl has a food pantry?

If you or anyone you know are in need of food, you are welcome to come Tuesdays from 10AM-12 Noon. Curbside pick-up provided. Questions? Please call 610-863-6677

Filetown Road Closure

The Filetown Road (S.R. 1006) Bridge will be closed and have a detour plan in place from Monday, March 22, 2021 to Monday, August 16, 2021.

Please note that this is a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) project, and it will not be managed by Plainfield Township officials.



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Get Your Tail On The Trail' 165 Challenge Begins with a New Phone App

As participants begin the 165-Mile Challenge this year, they'll have a new app for the "Get Your Tail on the Trail" program, offered by St. Luke's University Health Network and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L). This free community initiative encourages people of all ages and abilities to meet their personal fitness goals.

From May 1 to November 8, the 165-Mile Challenge encourages participants to log 165 miles of exercise, such as walking, hiking, running, biking or paddling on the D& L trails or anywhere they choose.

- Logging miles and staying motivated has never been easier with our new app:
- Get exclusive content about nutrition, events and upcoming challenges
- Earn badges for your achievements based on your activity log
- Stay engaged all year round in activities and challenges
- Keep informed about your chapter and any organizations you are a member of
- Experience virtual tours of different parts of the trail
- Receive great prizes

To register, go to Get Your Tail on the Trail.

"Get Your Tail on the Trail" participants register for free as an individual or as part of an organization

and log the miles doing a continuous activity for 10 minutes or more. While the program doesn't require participants to exercise exclusively on the 165-mile D&L Trail, it is a great centerpiece resource. The trail stretches from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the 165-Mile Challenge that runs each May to November, there are special events throughout the year, including bike and hike outings, health fairs, history walks and more. Since we launched in 2013, close to 10,000 participants have logged over 5 million miles. Those who complete the challenge receive a reward. Past rewards have included t-shirts, hats, backpacks, and rain ponchos.

"Our goal is straightforward: To get people outside and get them active," says Kathy Ramson, St. Luke's Network Director for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease. "We want people to be physically active because it is one of the best ways to prevent chronic disease. There's a good deal of data that show that if you exercise 150 minutes a week, you're going to have better health outcomes overall."

Ramson said the program is purposefully simple. "If fitness is complicated, people won't do it," she says. "We make it simple because we want to eliminate the barriers."

Bangor Park Yoga Thursdays 6-7pm

This active movement session cultivates awareness of the body, while utilizing the breath for grounding. We will flow with intention; consciously engaging the muscles to increase strength, & holding postures for several breaths to increase flexibility. The steady pace of this class balances effort & ease, making it suitable for all practitioners

Thursday's at 6pm - 7pm

Cash donations are accepted and always appreciated!

Please arrive 10 minutes early and park your car in the lot accessible from the Broadway street entrance. The class is located in the field between this parking lot and the circle.

(Remember to bring your own equipment such as a yoga mat, blanket, blocks, or a strap as they will not be provided.)

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