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Florida Has 9,000 New COVID 19 Cases In Children

Source: *Newsweek*

There are currently 48,730 confirmed cases of the novel virus among children under 18, according to a recent pediatric report released by the Florida Department of Health.



In a previous report released August 9, there were 39,735 confirmed cases among the same group, which marks an increase of 8,995 cases over the past two weeks.

Across the different age groups listed in the pediatric report, there are 17,311 confirmed cases among Florida children between 14 and 17, which constitute 36 percent of all cases in children. Children between 5 and 10 make up the next largest share, 27 percent, and the pediatric report shows 12,946 cases in this age group.

The report also shows an increase in the number of children hospitalized with COVID-19. According to the state's department of health, there were 436 hospitalizations of children on August 9, compared with 602 in the most recent report, marking an increase of 166.

The increase in virus cases among Florida children comes as schools begin to reopen. Because many have already reopened, the state health department released a report on Monday showing that more than 700 cases of the virus have been linked to K-12 schools and higher education institutions within the first two weeks of reopening.

Labor Day Vacationers Alter Travel Plans

Source: *Travel Pulse*

A study found that just under half (49 percent) of Americans who had Labor Day weekend getaway plans had canceled their trip thanks to COVID-19. Although it seems that many have replaced their original plans with at least an overnight stay somewhere they deem safe to travel. Details of the findings include:

—While about two in five (41 percent) of Americans said they have or had plans for a Labor Day weekend getaway, Millennials emerged as the generation most likely to have Labor Day 2020 travel plans.

—Sixty percent of the Millennials (age 24 – 39) surveyed reported that they have/had travel plans for the holiday weekend, while Gen Z (ages 18 – 23) came in second with 48 percent, Gen X (ages 44 – 55) with 38 percent and Boomers (56 – 74) with 27 percent.

—Families with kids were split almost evenly in their decisions to forego or push on with Labor Day travel plans. Just over half (53 percent) of parents with children under the age of 18 who previously had plans to travel over Labor Day weekend said that they'd canceled their trips, while 47 percent said that they'd be keeping their plans, despite COVID-19 concerns.



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UMBT Board of Supervisors' Meeting

The UMBT Board of Supervisors' Meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Community Park located at 1535 Potomac St. Mt. Bethel.

Due to technical limitations, public comment will only be done in-person and by email of which email must be received prior to 12pm the day of the meeting. Public comment emails should be sent to townshipsecretary@umbt.org.

This meeting will be live-streamed through the upper Mount Bethel Township Facebook Page by [Clicking Here](#)

Mail-In Ballot Applications

Apply TODAY for a mail-in ballot for the general election. If you did not select the annual mail-in option during the last election, you must apply for a mail-in ballot for the general election.

Apply ONLINE:

<http://votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot>

Stone Church Pastie Sale

A Pastie Sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) on Saturday, September 12th. Pasties can be picked up between 11am and 1 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per beef pastie. Place your order with or without onions. Advance orders are recommended and can be placed until the September 8th. To place your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809

NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - August 25

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
State	129,474	561
Northampton	4,068	9
Monroe	1,701	7
Lehigh	5,135	3



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Roadwork August 24-28

PA 191 Between: Stiles Road and Fox Gap Road. No restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 8/24/20. Est completion date: 8/28/20

Plainfield Township Road name: Franklin Hill Road. Between: PA 191 and Uhler Road. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 8/24/20 Est completion date: 8/25/20

Sullivan Trail Between: Bushkill Drive and Main Street Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 8/26/20 Est completion date: 8/28/20

PA Small Business Grants

The COVID-19 PA Small Business Grant program is accepting applications again until Aug. 28. Businesses with 25 or fewer full-time employees prior to Feb. 15, 2020, and with annual revenues of \$1 million or less may be eligible. Learn more [Downwards arrow](https://pabusinessgrants.com)

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Library Needs Your Help

The Bangor Library needs your help with quotes for work to be done to the building. Could anyone share with use the names for locksmiths, masonry contractor and anyone who replaces doors. You can email the library at info@bangorlibrary.org or call 610-588-4139

License Expiration

Dates for driver licenses, photo ID cards & learner's permits scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020 through August 31, 2020, have been extended until August 31, 2020 in response to statewide #COVID19 mitigation efforts.

Ongoing Traffic Alerts

- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair .
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between Mile Post: 60.5 and Mile Post: 60.0. There is a lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between .5 miles west of Exit 45: PA 863 - and .7 miles west of Exit 35: PA 143 - traffic disruption.
- **US 22 between PA 191 and 25th Street** Weekend restrictions Friday nights 9 PM thru Monday mornings at 6 am. Weeknight lane restrictions 9pm to 6am. (West bound first then East Bound)
- **Jacobsburg Road Between: State Park Road and Belfast Road** Restriction: Closed and detoured for bridge repairs Start date: 6/15/20 Est completion date: 9/22/20. All day restrictions.
- **Portland Borough and Upper Mount Bethel Township.** Boulder Drive Between: State Street and Middle Village Road. Boulder Drive will be closed and detoured. Detour will route passenger vehicles on Middle Village Road, PA 611 and State Street. Truck detour will route truck traffic on Middle Village Road, Jacoby Creek Road, Railroad Avenue, PA 611 and State Street. The closure is related to the replacement of the State Street Bridge over Jacoby Creek. Est completion date: 8/31/21

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COVID 19 Test Site

A new COVID-19 drive-through testing site opened in Northampton County Monday.

The new site opened at Coordinated Health on 3100 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem Township, according to a county news release.

The site will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours will be available twice a month from 9 a.m. to noon. The drive-through testing center is in the parking area to the rear of the Coordinated Health Building and is separate from patient parking and routine patient care.

Girls Scouts Selling Mums

Girl Scout Troop #874 is selling Local Mums, Asters, Montauk Daisy, and Hardy (perennial) Mums. To order email Anne Wagner at abcw70@yahoo.com or call at 610-504-6932 with questions and orders. The Girl Scouts



will make deliveries or you can pick up after September 20. Support your local Girl Scouts by purchasing some beautiful Mums for your home or office!

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—Nearly half (47 percent) of respondents with overnight travel plans for Labor Day Weekend also intend to stay at a hotel, resort or motel. Another 31 percent said they would stay with family or friends, and 22 percent chose to go with a vacation rental property.

—Parents with children under 18 emerged as the most likely consumers to insure their trips. Of those with planned Labor Day weekend travel that includes an overnight stay, 38 percent said they're purchasing travel insurance to protect their trip. Parents of minors were shown to be more likely to have bought insurance (61 percent) than those without kids under the age of 18 (20 percent).

—Among those with an overnight stay planned during Labor Day weekend, more than half (55 percent) said they plan to pay their travel costs using a credit card, while only seven percent reported that they'd be using funds on account from a previously planned trip that was canceled due to COVID-19.

NWS Forecast - August 26

Today

Sunny, with a high near 78. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight

A chance of showers, mainly after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Thursday

A slight chance of thunderstorms, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Some storms could be severe, with large hail, damaging winds, and heavy rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. West wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Thursday Night

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday Night

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday

Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Saturday Night

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

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August 28

Twilight Art Tour

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will feature a special fundraiser with the second of our new Twilight Tour Art Experience Series on Friday, August 28 between 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The experience should take from one to one and a half hours. People will be able to practice the art of weaving and visit different stops on the historic farm. They will also see creations of fancy loaves of bread such as braided bread or a Sheaf of Wheat loaf. Enjoy complimentary refreshments made in the outdoor

brick bake oven.

This fundraiser is \$20 adults & \$10 for children, Quiet Valley members are \$15 adults & \$5 for children

Preregistration is encouraged at 570-992-6161.

August 29

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August 30

Flea Con

Flea Con will be held at Mt. Bethel Fire Sunday August 30 from 10am to 4pm. It's not a Comic Con and it's not a Flea Market, it's BOTH!! Join us for our first and last show(?) of 2020 at the Mt. Bethel Fire Hall Event Area, Route 611 South, Mt. Bethel.

EBUMCC Live and Zoom

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
136 W. Central Ave. East Bangor, PA

Sun., August 23- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. (Live and on ZOOM)

September 1

Tales for Tots

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45am or 1:00-1:45pm, September

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Fridays 10:00-10:45am, September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16

Join for story time followed by nature activities for preschoolers ages 3-5. Each week we will explore a different topic by reading a book followed by a short scavenger hunt. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meeting at the pavilion across the street from the Visitor's Center each week. 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. Please register for each session that you plan to attend and register all members of your party including adults and additional children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

Rights and covid-19 workshop

A Rights and covid-19 workshop for Parents will be held September 1 from 7 to 8:30pm in the comfort of your home! You just need access to Google Meet.

Learn that your child has rights to receive the individualized services required by the IDEA. Join Angela (Juana-Murphy. Esq.. of Murphy & Murphy P.C..

who will provide you with the information you need.

Angela is special education attorney and has more than 20 years of experience fighting for the rights Of children with disabilities and their families.

The workshop is free but registration is required.

email Angela at murphylaw@epix.net

September 3**Outdoor School with Jacobsburg**

Thursdays, 8:30am-3:30pm Sept through Nov.

You may know Jacobsburg as a place to enjoy public environmental programs for individuals, families, and scouts, but we also serve over 35 different public and private K-12 schools for free throughout the academic year. Whichever way your students are learning this year, Jacobsburg is here to help with standards-based outdoor education in biology, environmental science, earth science, history, and language arts. If your student needs to get outside for an in-person educational experience, give them a call. They are prepared to offer in-person and virtual programs by request to groups of families, as well as schools. They require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

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September 5-7

Bangor Yard Sales

Get ready for the Bangor Borough town-wide yard sale taking place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7! The Borough waives the yard sale permit and you have the opportunity to find some treasures and release your unused items to someone who can use them.

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More Info: [Click Here](#)

Mt. Bethel Diner

Mt. Bethel Diner is open for Dine-In and Take-Out Monday - Sunday 8am - 7pm. Call ahead to order 570-897-6409, 2600 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, Pa 18343.

Family & Friends Takeout

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Gap Diner

The Gap Diner in Wind Gap is open for dining-in Sun.-Wed 6am-Midnight and 24 hrs Thurs, Fri, & Sat. More info: [Click Here](#)

Little Creek BBQ

Hours: Tue--Wed 3-7. Thurs., Fri., Sat 11-7. Sundays 12-5. More info: [Click Here](#)

TK's Restaurant

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Where to Eat

Sal's Pizza

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Doughboys

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Pen Argyl Pizza

Pen Argyl Pizza 510 E. Main St, Pen Argyl. 610-863-6670. M-Sat (11-10) Sun (10-10)
More Info: [Click Here](#)

512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540.
More Info: [Click Here](#)

Detzi's Tavern

Detzi's Tavern 570 North Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap. 863-9882. Open 4 -7:30. and Noon-7:30 Wed., Thurs, Fri & Sat. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Slate Pub

Slate Pub 509 E. Main St., Pen Argyl. 610-881-4700. Opens 12. Tables both under and outside the tent. No reservations will be taken at this time. All social distancing and government mandates will be followed.

- Masks must be except at the table.
- No more than 4 people per table.
- Tables must remain 6' apart

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Broadway Pub

Broadway Pub 62 Broadway, Bangor. 610-452-9226. COVID Hrs. Tues-Sun (2-8).
More Info: [Click Here](#)

Boar Barbecue

Boar Barbecue 690 Allegheny Road, Mt. Bethel. 484-908-3407. More Info: [Click Here](#)

JT Grill

JT Grill at Miller's Egg Ranch on Route 12, East Bangor is serving breakfast and lunch from 10am-3pm Tuesdays through Saturdays! Tuesday, June 9th lunch special: Italian Hot Dog with Beverage Outdoor seating available. More info: [Click Here](#)

Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Reservations are highly encouraged! It helps make your dining experience run as smoothly as possible. Beginning August 11.

New hours are:

Tuesday-Wednesday (3pm-10pm)

Thursday-Saturday (11am-11pm)

Now open Sunday (12pm-8pm)

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More Info: [Click Here](#)

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Passover by David Marx

Young Adult Fiction

From Blood and Ash by Jennifer Armentrout

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Ogham Art Class

An Ogham Art Class is planned for September 17, 2020 at the CCA office at 902 4th Ave., Suite 2, Bethlehem. They will follow local, state, national and CDC guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the audience will enjoy a fun night of learning about Ogham alphabet, which was used to represent the Primitive Irish language using a series of perpendicular and intersecting lines, written vertically, and read from bottom to top. After that, the audience will create and take home your own painting. This is suitable for ages 16 and up. The cost of the class is \$25.00 (members) and \$30 (non-members), which includes materials' fees. Instructor Nancy Lewis is a talented artist who continually inspires as students as an art teacher at Liberty High School. A graduate of Kutztown University, she enjoys ceramics, watercolor and pen and ink.

For more info, contact Marcie Mulligan at mmulligan@celticfest.org or 610-868-9599.

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Public Service Announcements

Families First Virtual Race and Walk

Join Families First for their 18th Anniversary serving residents in the Pen Argyl Area School District and participate in their 18th Annual/1st Virtual 5-K Race & 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, September 26 – October 17, 2020..

Register today. Then, during the weeks of September 26th – October 17th, 2020, pick your favorite spot, or somewhere new, alone or with others, and complete the run/walk. The official registration form can be downloaded at the Families First website.

www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org

Non-Refundable Entry: \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of three or more before September 26th; \$25 per person After September 26th. Family entries must be mailed together. Students - \$15 entry fee.

Checks payable to: Families First and mail to Families First Race Committee c/o Frank Jones 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl, PA 18072.

Runners: If submitting time, complete 5-K (3.12miles) and record.. Be sure to include your full name, City and State. Email your race results info to: phil.giaquinto@aol.com no later than October 18.

Entry includes a quality T-Shirt guaranteed to first 100 runners. **T-Shirts:** Curbside pick-up is October 19 4 pm to 6:30 pm, in the front of the bus loop at Wind Gap Middle School. 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl.

Raffle: Each participant will be assigned a raffle number. One randomly selected number win.

Support: Be creative in showing your support for Families First on Social Media. Submit entry to Families First Race Committee and the Board of Directors will award several prizes . **Sponsorship:**

All levels include publicity, listing of corporate logo or name on the event T-Shirts, and the opportunity to place informational material in the Race Bags. For sponsorship information, contact the Families First Director, Frank Jones at 610-863-9095 Ext. 1387 or via email to jones.frank@penargylsd.org.

For more information about Families First see their website www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org

Weona Park Book

A Centennial book is being written to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

Anyone with fond memories or interesting stories should send them to Walt Cole at wrcole3@gmail.com This would include any information from your parents or grandparents. Perhaps a grandparent or great-grandparent helped to build the park, or worked on a WPA project during the Depression. Perhaps you worked at the park, were a life guard or had an interesting experience.

Stories about sporting events, swimming, or any activities would be of interest. They are also interested in pictures of family reunions, church gatherings or other organizations having picnics at the park. They are also looking for pictures of the clay tennis courts, the old miniature golf course, the band shell and events at the athletic field. Please check out those old photo albums for memories to share.

Celtic Cultural Scholarships

The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) has announced that several scholarships will be awarded this year to students pursuing the study of Celtic dance, music, or art. Please contact Marcie Mulligan, mmulligan@celticfest.org, for information related to either scholarship. For more details about the scholarship programs and to download the applications, visit their webpage at the Celtic Classic which runs from September 25 through September 27, in downtown historic Bethlehem.

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Home Heating Assistance

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$18,735; for a couple, the limit is \$25,365; and for a family of four, it is \$38,625.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the County Assistance Office in their county of residence.

Struggling With Substances?

People struggling with substances can now walk in for drug and alcohol assessments at the Clean Slate Bangor, 100 South First Street St, Bangor 610-452-9348 Mondays from 10am - 12pm Many times this is the first step toward treatment and a new life.

Free Meals For Kids

Reminder for parents of school-aged children: If your child gets free meals when school is in session, you can receive money for meals through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program

Details: <http://on.pa.gov/2MOKvPc>.

Application: <http://on.pa.gov/3d5j0b6>.

BASD Free Meals Program

Bangor Area School District offers free breakfasts and lunches to students through July and August. Curb-side pick up remains 10-11:30am Monday-Thursday. Email meals@bangorsd.org to reserve.

St. John's Cemetery

Donations for St. John's Cemetery in Bangor are being accepted for maintenance. You can mail them to St. John's Cemetery c/o Carol Hummel, 136 Messinger Street, Bangor, Pa 18013.

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PA Hunting Licenses

The PA Game Commission announced hunting and fur-taking licenses are now available.

General hunting licenses and fur-taker licenses cost \$20.90 each for Pennsylvania residents and \$101.90 for nonresidents. Resident senior hunters and fur-takers, ages 65 and older, can purchase one-year licenses for \$13.90, or lifetime licenses for \$51.90. For \$101.90, resident seniors can purchase lifetime combination licenses for hunting and fur-taking privileges. A change in state law permits big-game hunting on the following Sundays: Nov. 15, for archery deer hunting; Nov. 22, for bear hunting; and, Nov. 29, for deer hunting during regular firearms season.

For additional information visit www.pgc.pa.gov.

Don't Just Push Germs Around, Eliminate Them

Many cleaning tools give the impression that they are killing germs and cleaning your home when in reality they are simply spreading germs to other more hidden areas of your home. The only way to avoid this is by sanitizing these cleaning tools, such as mops, dusters, and dishrags between uses or they will continue to spread bacteria around your house. This issue often goes unnoticed, as some of the most sparkling clean homes can be saturated with bacteria while other

Bangor Slater Face Masks

The BAHS Alumni Association is selling face masks with the Slater logo for \$9.98 each. There are three Slater logos to choose from. See below.

These masks have two breathable cotton/poly layers underneath making for a triple layer mask. There is also an inside pocket for a filter. Ear straps are adjustable and an additional head strap is available for purchase if you do not want to use the ear straps.

The masks come in Small, which fits most youth ages 1-6, Medium, which fits older children through small adults, and Large, which fits most teenagers and adults.

The masks can be bought online directly from the vendor and will be shipped to your address for a \$4.95 shipping fee, which covers all masks coming to the same address.

Visit this website to order and pay online: <https://basdmask2020.itemorder.com/> The website will close on July 26. When it is closed, the masks will be produced and sent directly to you in approximately four weeks. Proceeds go to the BAHS Alumni Association and will be used for their scholarship and awards programs.

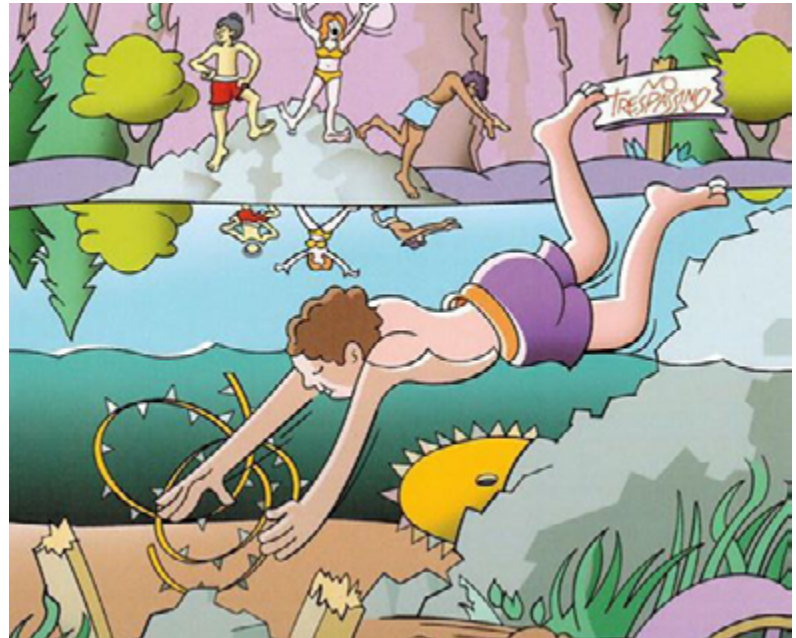


Quarry Holes Filled With Water and Hidden Dangers

During hot weather some quarry lakes look inviting, but there many hidden dangers: deep water, cold water, submerged abandoned machinery and car wrecks, underwater ledges and recesses, hidden currents and tunnels, submerged plants, dead animals and excrement, rubbish, pollution and dangerous algae.

The greatest danger is cold water which is much colder than rivers, lakes and the sea. Many quarries are so deep that they are fed with water from underground springs or aquifers. This water originates deep within the ground, and is extremely cold. You are likely to become exhausted much more quickly than you would think. In addition to this, a sudden plunge into cold water could cause your body to go into "shock".

Source: Slate Belt Regional Police



HAPPENINGS continued from page 7

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September 12

Stone Church Pastie Sale

A Pastie Sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) on Saturday, September 12th. Pasties can be picked up between 11am and 1 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per beef pastie. Place your order with or without onions. Advance orders are recommended and can be placed until the September 8th. To place your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809

Girl Scouts Love Building Safe Campfires

Saturday, September 12 at 10:00am to 11:30am

Campfires are lots of fun! They are great places to relax, share stories, sing songs, and cook delicious snacks. Join us to learn how to choose a site, gather materials, and safely build a fire using a magnesium fire starter. Scouts will be able to practice building a fire of their own. Scouts are welcome to bring snacks to cook over their fires, but the park will not be providing any foods for this program. This event is part of the Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend. This program is specifically for Girl Scouts. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult. Please register all members of your party including adults as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total. 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. Register for community programs online

[Click Here.](#)

Girl Scouts Love Learning About Invasive Species

Saturday, September 12 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Plants and animals that are introduced into new ecosystems can be very disruptive. Join us to learn about some of the invasive plants and animals in the park and what is being done to control them. This event is part of the Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend. This program is specifically for Girl Scouts. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult. Please register all members of your party including adults as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total. 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. Register for community programs online [Click Here.](#)

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September 16

Hike for Health

Wednesday, J September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest

health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

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Outdoor School with Jacobsburg

Thursdays, 8:30am-3:30pm Sept through Nov.

You may know Jacobsburg as a place to enjoy public environmental programs for individuals, families, and scouts, but we also serve over 35 different public and private K-12 schools for free throughout the academic year. Whichever way your students are learning this year, Jacobsburg is here to help with standards-based outdoor education in biology, environmental science, earth science, history, and language arts. If your student needs to get outside for an in-person educational experience, give them a call. They are prepared to offer in-person and virtual programs by request to groups of families, as well as schools. They require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

September 18

Family Night Magnificent Monarchs!

Friday, September 18 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Monarch Butterflies are beautiful creatures that make an amazing migration each year. Learn about their life cycle and what you can do to help Monarchs along their journey. We will take a close look at some young Monarchs and explore the wildflower fields of Jacobsburg in search of adult butterflies. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must wear a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

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September 19

Monarch Tagging

Saturday, September 19 at 10:00am to 11:30am

Join local butterfly enthusiast Doug Burton as he captures and tags Monarch butterflies heading to Mexico for the winter. Butterfly nets will be on hand for those who wish to assist Doug in capturing these beautiful insects. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must wear a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

September 21

Monday Morning Birds & Beans

Mondays, 8:00-9:30am, September 21, 28, & October 19

Rise and shine! Join us for a bird walk through Jacobsburg in search of fall warblers and other Neotropical migrants. This is a great opportunity to learn tricky fall warbler identification. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars and your favorite field guide! Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must wear a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

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September 23

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

Wednesday, August 26 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. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

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September 26

Slate Belt Chamber Business and Shopping Day

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Presents Business & Shopping Saturday, September 26th (rain date 9/27)
8 am – 2 pm 1310 Blue Valley Drive, Pen Argyl behind Washington Pet/Ignite Fitness

Enjoy shopping with our Slate Belt Business Owners