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## JDDS Book Fair

Just Dance Dance Studio 114 West Main Street, Pen Argyl. Invites you take a look at the many wonderful, unique Usborne books August 8 from 11-4. Many available to purchase.

They will also have a limited amount of free books to give out to incoming Kindergartners.

More info: 610-654-1100 or Click Here

## Drop-Off Dance Classes

Just Dance Dance Studio, 14 West Main Street, Pen Argyl, Summer Drop off schedule is in. The classes are 45 minutes each and free. The hope to see you there.

Like their page for updates on all the events at the studio.

More info: 610-654-1100 or Click Here

## PA 512 Utility Work

UGI will be working in Bushkill and Plainfield Townships on PA 512 between Bushkill Plaza Lane and PA 33. Lane restrictions are 9am- 3pm. Expect delays and please use caution driving through the work zone. Start date is August 5 and estimated completion date is August 7.

## Miss Julie's Open House

Join Miss Julie's Open House Saturday August 15 from 1-4pm. Enjoy Free Dinky's Ice Cream, Meet and greet with Princess Elsa, Get a free Princess Wand, Meet their fabulous teaching team, Tour her beautiful, clean, spacious studio.

Men and women may sign up for her fun classes-no registration fee. Serving the Slate Belt and surrounding communities for over 27 years, Miss Julie thanks you for your trust and support!

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Guest speakers and other professionals will be participating at various meetings. Bring a friend!

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# Isaias Pelts Area with 6.43 inches of rain

Tropical storm Isaias pelted the Slate Belt with 6.43 inches of rain recorded Tuesday at the Town Topics weather station in Pen Argyl. Most of that rain fell between 6am and 2pm. That is the highest single-day rainfall here since May 16, 2014 when we recorded 3.82 inches.

Bushkill Center was area's bulls eye with 8.56 inches of rain. Others included: Bath 8.16, Wind Gap 7.11, Saylorsburg 6.95, Stone Church 6.64, East Stroudsburg 6.07, Bangor 5.33, Flicksville 5.17, Mount Bethel 4.88, Martins Creek 4.47, Knowlton 4.97,and Belvidere 3.29.

Adding the rain from Sunday (1.44 inches) the Town Topics weather station has recorded 7.87 inches of rain in August. The normal for the month is 3.69. Our highest ever total for August is 12.64 inches recorded in 2018.

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**NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - August 4**

| LOCATION | TOTAL CASES | NEW CASES |
|---|---|---|
| **State** | 115,009 | 854 |
| **Northampton** | 3,878 | 15 |
| **Monroe** | 1,608 | 10 |
| **Lehigh** | 4,871 | 18 |

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# Roadwork August 3-8

**Interstate 78 East Between: Exit 60 (PA 309) and Exit 75** (To PA 611) Daytime Shoulder Work 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM no lane restriction. Start date: 8/5/20 Est completion date: 8/6/20

**PA 512 Between: Bushkill Center Road & PA 611** Daytime Lane restriction 9am To 2pm with flagging. Start date: 8/3/20 Est completion date: 8/7/20

**Bushkill Center Road Between: High Street and Bushkill Center Road** Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 8/3/20 Est completion date: 8/7/20

**US 22 East Between: PA 33 and PA 191**. Daytime Eastbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 2:00 PM. Start date: 8/4/20 Est completion date: 8/4/20

**US 22 West PA 33 and PA 191.** Daytime Eastbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 2:00 PM. Start date: 8/5/20 Est completion date: 8/5/20

**PA 512 (Mt. Bethel) Between: Park Street and PA 611.** Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 9pmTo 2pm. Start date: 8/3/20 Est completion date: 8/7/20

**US 22 East Between: PA 191 and 25th Street**. Restriction: US 22 east will be reduced to a single lane from 9 PM on Friday, July 31 through 6 AM on Monday, August 3. Expect significant delays.

**US 22 East Between: PA 191 and 25th Street**. Nighttime Restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM: US 22 east will be reduced to a single lane each night. Expect significant delays .

# 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

# Ceramic Coil Pottery

Join Bloom for hand-building ceramic coil pottery projects August 6, 2020 from 1pm - 3pm

Choose from pots, bowls or mugs - use your imagination. We will use different techniques, tools and stamps to decorate - get creative. Then come back the following week to glaze your pottery - 2nd visit included in class price.

Price $35.00 Includes: Instruction, Supplies, Use of Tools, Glaze and 2 Kiln Firings. Class Size Limited to 8

Please Pre-Register here - Your support of Bloom helps fund their programs for women survivors and women in recovery.

# 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.

# Thursday Take-Out

East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co. will sponsor a Thursday takeout August 6 from 4-7pm. The menu includes Hard Taco $2, Soft Taco $3, Taco Salad $7, and Kids meal hot dog and mac and cheese $3.

Outside seating will be available. Cash bar on site available with food purchase. Text or call order by August 1 at 484-903-4556. Pick up at hall door.

# Comunale Family Reunion

Due to the coronavirus and safety concerns for our family members, we are canceling this year's Comunale Family Reunion scheduled for Sunday, August 9th at Roseto Ball Park. This year would have marked our 75th year. Next year's reunion will be held on the second Sunday in August as this has always been the tradition. Look for announcements next summer. Stay safe and healthy!

## NWS Forecast - August 5

**Today**
Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the morning.

**Tonight**
Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Thursday**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Thursday Night**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Friday**
A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. Northeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Friday Night**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am, then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Saturday**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Saturday Night**
A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

**Sunday Night**
Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

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# Slate Belt Happenings

***August 5***

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## Open Mic With Len

Join the Historic Bangor Business Association in the Murray St. Courtyard 48 Broadway in downtown Bangor for Open Mic with Len Mooney 6pm to 9pm August 6.

All ages welcome.There is a $5 cover and you'll then be given a $5 Bangor Bucks Coupon to use at one of the downtown HBBA businesses.

If you are interested in performing, reach out to Len Mooney or come early to sign up. Musicians should bring their own microphones and cables. Social distancing and masks required.

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***August 9***

## Meet The Author

Come meet local author Jolynn Angelini from 1:00-3:00pm August 9 at the Bangor Public Library.

She will be sharing with her first book, *The Protectors*, a fast-paced thriller. The book is available for purchase from www.iuniverse.com

Space is limited. Please call to hold your space.

Event will take place in the library parking lot. Bring own chair. Social distancing and masks as needed.

## Post 927 Meeting

The American Legion Riders have their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 AM at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert.

The American Legion Riders contribute to Veterans, the Community, and enjoy riding.

For more information, contact President Everett "Skippy" Shaver, 570-977-8208 or **everett.shaver@yahoo.com.**

***August 10-14***

## Online VBS

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is offering Online VBS! Vacation Bible School will be available online this year for kids ages 4-12 from August 10th-14th. The theme is "High Seas Expedition". Supply kits will be available for pickup at the church. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 5th. For more information and to register online go to **www.ebumc.org.** The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. (610-588-4453)

***August 11-15***

## Blue Valley Farm Show

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED.

***August 11***

## Bach At Noon

Bach At Noon performances are presented by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Allentown. These concerts will be videotaped, featuring smaller ensembles of musicians who incorporate safe social distancing, appearing online on The Bach Choir's You Tube channel. The August Bach at Noon performance has been endowed by Reverend Ronald R. Miller in loving memory of Maestro James A. Simms, and to continue to share the fruits of his life-giving labors in music-making.

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***August 12***

## Hike for Health

Wednesday, August 12, 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.

***August 13***

## Slate Belt Textile Industry

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on Thursday, August 13th. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located.

***August 15***

## Strohe Golf Tournament

The Todd Strohe Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 15 at Whitetail Golf Course 8:00 Shotgun w/Lunch following. More info later.

## Learn to Paddle Series

Whether you have never been in a canoe or kayak before or just need to refine your skills, Wildlands Conservancy's "Learn to Paddle Series" is a great place to start.

Get an overview and learn the basics of paddling including safety, proper equipment, and basic technique. All equipment provided and our professional safety staff will facilitate all sessions.

The event will be held at August 15, 2020 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 at Wy-Hit-Tuk Park, 510 PA-611 Easton. More info:Brandon Swayser 610-965-4397 ext. 136

***August 15-16***

## Heritage Center Opening

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be opening for the season, after a five month delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be open to the general public for the first time on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, from 12:00 – 3:00. The Heritage Center will then be open every weekend until the end of October.

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# Where to Eat

## Napoli Pizza

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## Slate Belt Diner

Open for take out. Outdoor Dining 610-452-9205, 370 Blue Valley Drive. More Info: Click Here

## Daisy Family Restaurant

Open 11-9 Sun-Thurs. 11-10 Fri. & Sat. Order by phone for curbside pickup and have your food brought to your vehicle, or order at the counter and take it with you. 6589 Sullivan Trail Wind Gap, (610) 863-4044. Cash or credit still accepted. More info: Click Here

## Three Brothers Pizza

Three Brothers Pizza is now open in the former Plainfield Diner on Sullivan Trail. Dine In 7am- 10pm Call 610-863-4950 to order.

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## 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

TK's will open June 5 in their outdoor seating and To Go services. 7am - 11pm 7 Days A Week. 570-897-6112. There will be a 75-minute limit for each table service if instructed by staff.

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# Where to Eat

## Sal's Pizza

Sal's Pizza 487 E. Moorestown Road, Wind Gap. 610-863-7665. Open daily 11am -9pm. Closed Tuesday Mor Info: Click Here

## Doughboys

Original Doughboys Pizza and Restaurant, 230 W. Moorestown Rd, Wind Gap. Open 11-9 daily. 610-759-3776. More Info: Click Here

## 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

More Info: Click Here

## Broadway Pub

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

## Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Closed until further notice.
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

**These Restaurant listings are free because of the limitations placed on eateries due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If you have any other listing you want to add contact Slate Belt Town Topics sbtopics@rcn.com or call 610-863-1988**

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**Qualifications**: Education/Training: High school diploma or GED required; previous library experience preferred; Criminal Clearances. EOE

**Schedule**: Wednesday 4:00-8:00 pm, Thursday 5:00-8:00 pm, (2) Thursdays a month 2:00-5:00 pm (2) Saturdays a month 10:00 am. – 4:00 pm. On call to fill in for emergency call outs Library Contact: Phone: 610-588-1931. Email: director@bangorlibrary.org


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***August 16***

## Vendor and Craft Fair

The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is having a Vendor & Craft Fair on Sunday August 16th, 2020 (new date) from 9am to 3pm. Food and Drinks will be sold by the fire company.

This is an outdoor event and it will be held whether rain or shine. If you are interested in a space contact Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517, Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101, or email at bdjm987@gmail.com

***August 19***

## Ceramic Fairy House

Join Bloom for an afternoon of hand-building pottery as they make an original ceramic fairy house August 19, 2020 from 12pm - 3pm

You will use different techniques, tools and stamps as you create an individualized, customized project. Come back the following week to glaze your creation- 2nd visit included in class price.

Price $50.00 Which Includes: Instruction, 1 1/2 lbs of Clay, Use of Tools, Glaze and 2 Kiln Firings. Class Size Limited to 8

**Please Pre-Register Here.**

Your Support of Bloom helps fund their programs for women survivors and women in recovery.

## Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

Wednesday, August 19, 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.

***August 21***

## Family Night - Moth Magic

Friday, August 21 at 8:00pm to 9:00pm

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Moths are everywhere and come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Join local moth enthusiast Steve Kloiber as we search for moths and other insects of the night. Steve will try to lure them in with lights and sugaring. Please bring a flashlight. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.Register for community programs online Click Here.

***August 22***

### Avian Adventures for Scouts

Saturday, August 22 at 9:30am to 11:00am

Have you ever wanted to learn more about birds? There's no time like the present! Join us to learn about what equipment you'll need, get tips on identifying birds by sight and sound and find out what makes bird watching such a great hobby. This program is best for 8-18 year old scouts. Please register all family members that will be attending. Troop registrations will not be accepted. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.Register for community programs online Click Here.

### Botanical Treasures of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 22 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join us as we explore the park and search for both common and unusual late summer flowers. We'll discuss the ecology of various flowers as well as any legends, myths and stories that might surround them. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.

Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.Register for community programs online Click Here.

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## 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.

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# Bangor Library New Books

## Adult Fiction

What You Wish For by Katherine Center
The Half Sister by Sandie Jones
Writers & Lovers: A Novel by Lily King
A Burning by Megha Majumdar
Revenge by James Patterson

## Large Print Fiction

Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
The Crow's Call by Wanda Brunstetter
Camino Winds by John Grisham
The Book of Lost Friends: A Novel by Lisa Wingate
Bombshell by Stuart Woods

## Non- Fiction

Indian Mythology: Tales, Symbols, and Rituals from the Heart of the Subcontinent by Devdutt Pattanaik
I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
Becoming Duchess Goldblatt

## Audio Books

The House of Kennedy by James Patterson
Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand
The Jane Austen Society: A Novel by Natalie Jenner
The Summer House by James Patterson

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# Blue Mt. Community Library

Located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Open: M, Th and Sat from 10-Noon and M, & Th from 6-8 PM. Visit the website at **www.bmcl.org** or call 610-863-3029 for information or to request books. Their Facebook page is **www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.**

## New Fiction July 2020

A Good Marriage, Kimberly McCreight
Redhead by the Side of the Road ,Anne Tyler
All My Mother's Lovers , Ilana Masad
Rules for Moving, Nancy Star
East Coast Girls ,Kerry Kletter
This is How I Lied, Heather Gudenkauf
28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand
Masked Prey,John Sandford
Devoted ,Dean Koontz
The Restaurant, Pamela Kelley
Little White Secrets, Carol Mason
The Heirloom Garden,Viola Shipman
Hello, Summer,Mary Kay Andews
Family for Beginners, Sarah Morgan
Pretty Little Things, Janelle Brown
The New Husband, D.J. Palmer
Big Summer, Jennifer Weiner
Walking the Wire, David Baldacci
The Goodbye Man, Jeffery Deaver
The Book of Longings, Sue Monk Kidd
On Ocean Boulevard , Mary Alice Monroe
All Adults Here, Emma Straub
The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett
Summer Darlings, Brooke Foster
The Last Train to Key Wes, Chanel Cleeton
Summer Longing, Jamie Brenner
A Week at the Shore, Barbara Delinsky

## New Large Print July 2020

The Sea Glass Cottage, RaeAnne Thayne
Coconut Layer Cake Murder, Joanne Fluke
Sunrise on Half Moon Bay, Robin Carr
Carolina Breeze, Denise Hunter
Dance Away with Me, Susan Elizabeth Phillips
The Way of Love, Tracie Peterson
Hideaway, Nora Roberts

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**Crisis Text Line**

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**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

1-800-273-8255

**Preventing suicide in PA**

preventsuicidepa.org/

**Disaster Distress Helpline**

800-985-5990

**Get Help Now for substance use disorder**

1-800-662-4357

**Veterans in crisis**

veteranscrisisline.net

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# Avoiding Foggy Glasses for Mask Users

1. **Adjust the ties** or the ear loops so the mask fits snugly against your face. If the air is going out the top, you don't have your mask on correctly. Most of your breath should be going through the mask. If you feel the air going in or out around the mask, tighten the ties.
2. **Athletic tape** is also a possibilty, however, if you wear the same mask day after day, the tape may harm the mask.
3. **Soapy water.** A British surgeon published a paper in 2011 showing that washing your glasses with soapy water and letting them air dry can help. Soap acts as a surfactant — which stands for surface active agent — and the soapy water leaves behind a thin film that stops the water molecules from forming droplets that lead to fog.
4. **You can buy commercial anti-fogging wipes** and sprays, but it could get expensive. One brand, FogTech Dx, sells on Amazon for $30 for 20 wipes — or about $1.50 per wipe. One treatment is supposed to last for three to five days

Wipe and sprays may be difficult to buy right now. Some sites we went to suggested you that they are on back order. Other sources say it may 2-4 weeks to get them online. However, if you know someone who is an avis swimmer he or she may have some.

# Talking and Breathing May Spread The virus

People resistant to social distancing may reconsider that thought after a prestigious scientific panel told the White House Wednesday night that research shows the coronavirus can be spread not just by sneezes or coughs, but also just by talking, or possibly even just breathing.

"While the current [coronavirus] specific research is limited, the results of available studies are consistent with aerosolization of virus from normal breathing," according to the letter, written by Dr. Harvey Fineberg, chairman of a committee with the National Academy of Sciences.

Fineberg said that he will start wearing a mask when he goes to the grocery store.

Several other experts are now talking about wearing masks every time you interact with the public during essential visits to places like your local grocery store or pharmacy.

Considering that people with no coronovirus symptoms at all can carry the virus, a simple conversation with someone like that could spread the virus to you if you are less than six feet apart.

# Met-Ed Suspends Shut-offs

Effective immediately, Met-Ed is temporarily discontinuing power shutoffs for customers who are past due on their electric bills. FirstEnergy, Met-Ed's parent company, will continue to monitor the coronavirus response situation and adjust the shutoff policy in the future as circumstances develop.

Met-Ed encourages customers who are having difficulty paying their electric bill to contact its customer service department at 1-800-545-7741 to discuss customer assistance programs.

# PPL Waives Late Fees

PPL Electric Utilities has waived all late payment fees and announced it will not cut service. PPL has several programs available to help customers having a hard time paying their bills:OnTrack offers a lower, fixed monthly bill and debt forgiveness for customers who make 150 percent of the poverty level or less. CARES can help customers experiencing a temporary hardship. Calling 1-800-358-6623

# Public Service Announcements

## Let Washington Township Fire Co. Decorate Your Yard

Washington Twp Vol Fire Co would like to decorate your yard with some patriotism and thanks to all our local essential workers, front liners and volunteers serving during this pandemic.

They are doing this as a 'no contact' fundraiser for their fire company. They have had to postpone and cancel some of their popular fundraiser events due to the COVID and this will help them tremendously while uplifting spirits in our communities.

You will be decorated within a few days of placing your order through JCC Screenprinting. The website will be up and running in the next few days. Online ordering will be running through the summer months. Memorial Day is this weekend. The Fourth of July. And don't forget Labor Day in September.

You can show your appreciation in this way by either displaying in your own yard or ordering for someone else's yard to say thanks.

Your $50 contribution to WTVFC will include one dozen American flags and also a double sided thank you sign with our logo that you keep.

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## 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@gmailcom 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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## WTVFC Farmers Market

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is looking for local farmers/greenhouses who sell; vegetables, fruits, meats, honey, flowers, etc. and who would like to set up a farm stand at the fire house on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 4pm rain or shine.

WTVFC is looking to help raise funds but also help our Farmers who are unable to sell at their usual Carnivals and Flea Markets.

Spots sizes are determined by the farmer and will cost $10 per day. All spots will be in a grassy area and must be cleaned up by the end of the day or the weekend. Multiple farmers per day are welcome, but spots will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Farmers are responsible for their own chairs, tables, coverings, etc. No electric, water, or other utilities will be provided or available. WTVFC is not responsible for any lost/stolen belongings, equipment, etc. that is left on the property overnight.

For additional info or to reserve a spot call Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517 or Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101 or email bdjm987@gamil.com

## Tasty Tuesdays

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, offers a free bag lunch program to children, their families and anyone in the community this summer. Tasty Tuesdays begins on Tuesday, June 2 and runs thru mid August.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lunches will contain non perishable food items and will be available for drive-up/walk-up pick up in the large church parking lot.

Each lunch contains water, juice, healthy snack bar, chips, fruit/fruit cup, and a choice of a main food item such as canned soup/tuna/pasta and more. Call the church at 610-588-2023 to register.

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## 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.

## PPE Supplies For Pen Argyl

County Executive Lamont McClure and Northampton County has provided Pen Argyl Borough with some PPE supplies to distribute to non-profits and small businesses in the Borough to assist in the reopening process.

There is a limited supply, so they are first come, first serve. They have some masks, gloves, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. Call 610-863-1822 to request supplies and set up an appointment for pick up.

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Breakfast at the Honey Creek Café Jodi Thomas

### New Non-Fiction July 2020

Untamed, Glennon Doyle
Hell and other Destinations, Madeleine Albright
The House of Kennedy , James Patterson

# Public Service Announcements

## 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.

## Slate Belt Textile Industry

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on Thursday, August 13th. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located.

## Former COVID 19 Patients Asked to Donate Plasma

Have you or do you know someone that has recovered from COVID 19? If so you can donate your plasma to help others with COVID 19. For more information call me at 570-449-586 or visit www.giveapint.org.

## 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.

## Plainfield Reopening

Plainfield Township is participating in the Northampton County COVID-19 Reopening Readiness Program to help small businesses and non-profits reopen . A limited amount of surgical masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves are available at the Township for small businesses and non-profits located in the Township. Call the 610-759-6944 for more info or to schedule a time to pick up this PPE. All PPE supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies run out.

## Clothing for Qctoberfest

Since everyone is cleaning out their closets, etc. If you have pants or jeans (any size, even kids) with holes that are not repairable or even long sleeve shirts, please save them for Octoberfest (Bangor Park). They can use them for scarecrow making. (Even if they don't have the event this year, they will save them for next year)

# Slate Belt Area Happenings

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***August 26***

## Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

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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.

***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.

***September 26***

## Neon 5K and Fun Run

The Bangor Elementary PTO is once again hosting its 4th Neon 5K Fun Run/Walk on 8asm September 26, 2020. Participants in the Neon 5K and Fun Run/ Walk will go through 5 Splatter Stations where they will get splattered with color dust. All the money

# 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

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# Pen Argyl 'Green' Updates

- Weona Park: Will be open and be in a "Use at Your Own Risk" state. This will include basketball, playgrounds and skate park. Bathrooms are closed.
- Pavilions: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Miniature Golf: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Carousel: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Community Center: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Field Rentals: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020
- Borough Office: Access will still be by appointment only. This will eliminate congestion in the lobby and protect staff and visitors. Masks required.
- Parking Meters: Will begin to be enforced on Monday, June 29, 2020.
- If you have a specific question please email the Borough at manager@penargylborough.com or call Borough Office at 610.863-4119.

# Fire, Rescue, & EMS Grant

The registration window for the COVID-19 Fire, Rescue, and EMS Grant is open through August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this grant is to provide some much needed financial assistance to first responders who have found it difficult to keep their operations running due to COVID-19.

As stated in Act 26, the money must be used for operational and equipment expenses.

**Grant Registration**

To register, carefully review the grant guidance (PDF), then access the grant portal by following these instructions (PDF). Click Here

You will need the following information to complete the registration in order to receive these funds. You may already have these numbers, but if you do not, please see the link above to acquire the necessary numbers in preparation for this registration.

# How to clean your phone

First and foremost, you will want to consult the website for the manufacturer of your phone or carrying case for any specific instructions that they might have in order to avoid damaging your device or case.

Many manufacturers, including Apple, have provided recommendations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While specific instructions may vary depending on your device, Apple advises the following :

- **Use only a soft, lint-free cloth.**
- **Avoid excessive wiping.**
- **Unplug all power sources, devices, and cables.**
- **Keep liquids away from your device.**
- **Don't allow moisture to get into any openings.**
- **Avoid aerosol sprays, bleaches, and abrasives.**
- **Avoid spraying cleaners directly onto your device.**
- **Apple is recommending the use of 70 percent isopropyl alcohol wipes or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes to wipe down any hard, nonporous surfaces.**

However, they say you should avoid using them on leather or fabric to prevent damage. According to Dr. Donald W. Schaffner, extension specialist in food science and distinguished professor at Rutgers University, these are "fairly gentle disinfectants."

However, you should avoid using chlorine bleach, according to Schaffner. This could damage your phone. Westenberg further suggested that keeping your phone in a sealed case will make it easier to wipe it down with disinfectant wipes.

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# 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.

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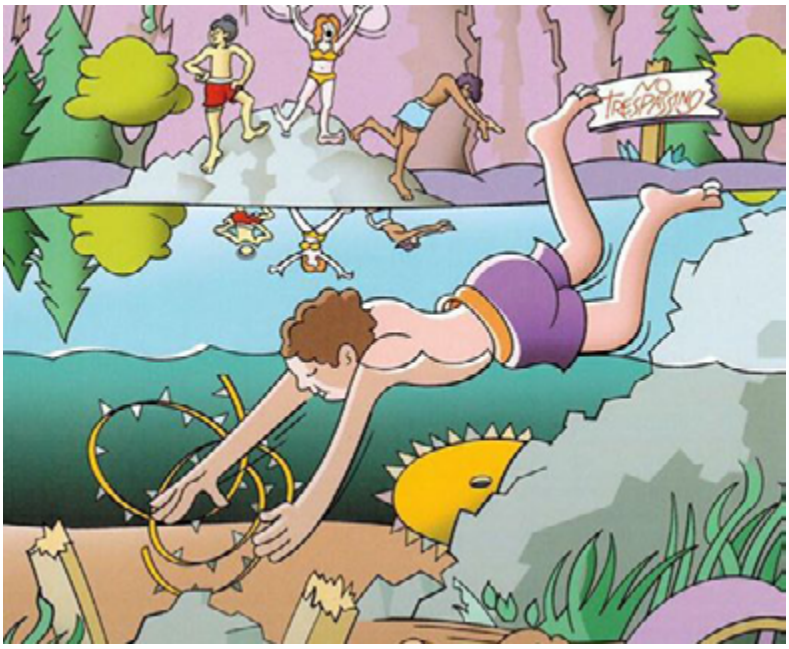
# Quarry Holes Filled With Water and Hidden Dangers

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".

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