

Slate Belt Town Topics

NEWS TODAY NOT NEXT WEEK

Pen Argyl Borough Hydrant Flushing

Pennsylvania American Water crews will begin routine flushing of the water distribution system in your area 08/07/2023 through 08/18/2023 to provide you with high-quality water service. Flushing in your area will occur between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Flushing also allows them to test and maintain fire hydrants. When crews are working in your area, you may notice reduced pressure or discolored water. If your water is discolored, run the cold water taps only, at the lowest level of the house for about 3 to 5 minutes until the water runs clear. If discolored water occurs please also refrain from doing laundry during that time. In keeping with American Water’s focus on safety for both customers and employees, please do not approach their crews while they work

Summer Fun

Bangor Pool

Hours: 12-7 Monday - Friday

11-7 Saturday and Sunday

Weona Park Carousel and Golf

Fridays 3-9

Saturdays, Sundays - 1-9

From 9/9 to 10/1 - Saturdays & Sundays 1-8.

Summer Sounds

Wind Gap 6:00pm August 12

Weona Park 6:00pm August 20

Weather and Your Health

Arthritis -**Moderate**

Asthma - **Moderate**

Sinus - Low

UV Index - **Moderate 11-4**

Air Quality - Good

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**Slate Belt Weather Forecast &
Current Conditions**

Slate Belt Public Libraries

Slate Belt Church Information

Special Events Calendar

Regular Events Calendar

Sports Coming Soon

Backpack Giveaway at First UMC

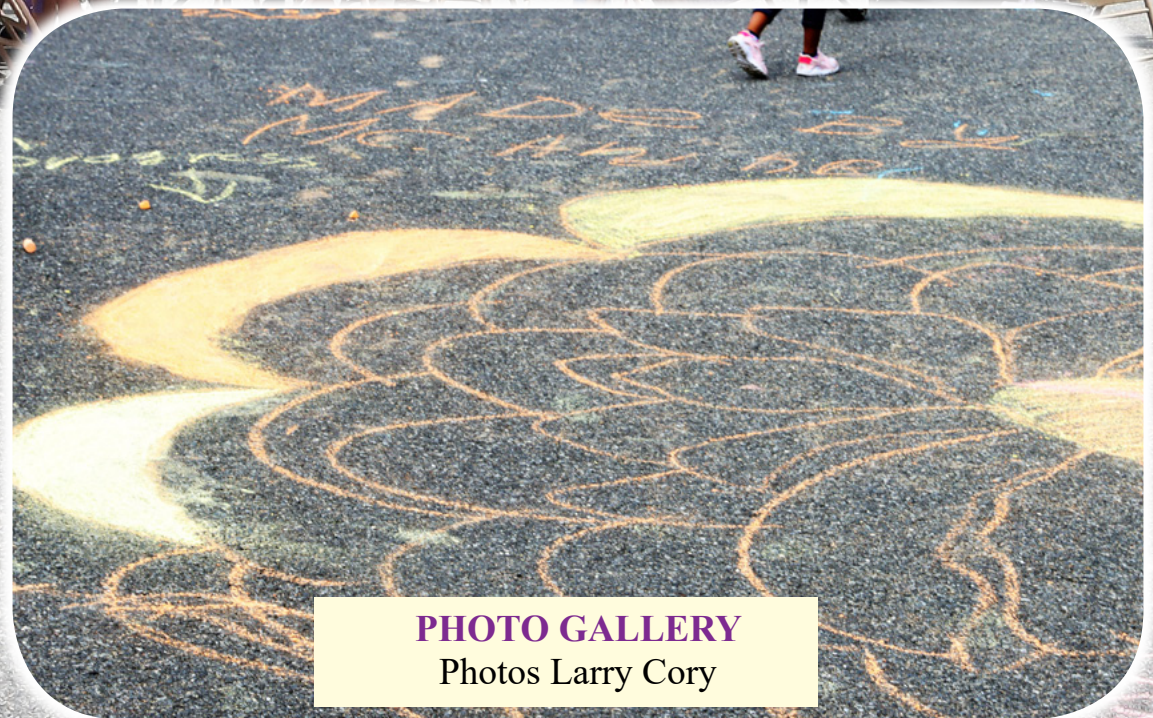


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Stuff the Bus at Wind Gap Pharmacy



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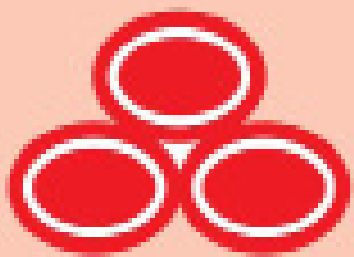
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Rep. Ann Flood Named to PA Governors Advisory Commission on Women

Local Rep. Ann Flood was sworn in as one of 27 new members of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women during a ceremony in Harrisburg on Thursday. The commission also held its first quarterly meeting.

The commission's role is to advise the governor on the experiences and needs of Pennsylvania women and how best to meet them. I look forward to working with my commission colleagues for the benefit of all women in our Commonwealth.



FDA Okays First Oral Treatment for Postpartum Depression

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Zuruvae (zuranolone), the first oral medication indicated to treat postpartum depression (PPD) in adults. PPD is a major depressive episode that typically occurs after childbirth but can also begin during the later stages of pregnancy. Until now, treatment for PPD was only available as an IV injection given by a health care provider in certain health care facilities.

"Postpartum depression is a serious and potentially life-threatening condition in which women experience sadness, guilt, worthlessness—even, in severe cases, thoughts of harming themselves or their child. And, because postpartum depression can disrupt the maternal-infant bond, it can also have consequences for the child's physical and emotional development," said Tiffany R. Farchione, M.D., director of the Division of Psychiatry in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "Having access to an oral medication will be a beneficial option for many of these women coping with extreme, and sometimes life-threatening, feelings."

As with other forms of depression, PPD is characterized by sadness and/or loss of interest in activities that one used to enjoy and a decreased ability to feel pleasure. It can present with symptoms such as cognitive impairment, feelings of sadness or inadequacy, loss of energy or suicidal ideation.

Virtual Listening Sessions Set for PA Master Plan for Older Adults

The Department of Aging will host a series of virtual listening sessions during the month of August to discuss and gather input on Pennsylvania's Master Plan for Older Adults – a 10-year strategic plan designed to help transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for older residents.

During the virtual listening sessions, the department will present an overview of the plan with a concentration on AARP's 8 Domains of Livability for Age-Friendly Communities on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Aug. 8, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 17, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Friday, Aug. 25, 8:30-10 a.m.

[Click Here to Register:](#)

\$CAM JAM!

August 23, 2023 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lookout Fire Company Social Hall
123 S. Main St, Pen Agryl, PA 18072

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A Clean Slate

Slate Belt Recovery Center
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A Clean Slate will be hosting a six week yoga course beginning Wednesday, September 6, instructed by Becky Gillen, 200 hour registered yoga instructor. This class will explore the fundamentals of yoga while introducing the wellness benefits of aroma therapy and focus on mindfulness. Sign-up today and help bring balance to your self care!



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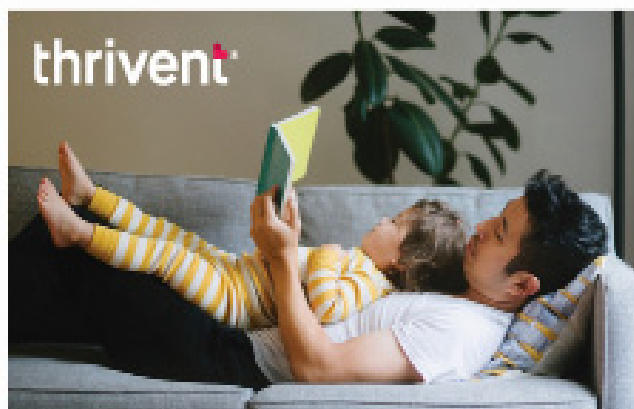


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August 9

Hike for Health

Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Registration is not required.

August 10

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, Aug 17,24,31 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. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

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Botanical Treasures of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 12 at 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Explore the park and search for mid-summer blooms. 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 required.

Magnificent Moths

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August 13

Truck, Bike Show

A truck and bike show will be in downtown Bangor from 12-4 August 13.

August 15-19

Blue Valley Farm Show

The Blue Valley Farm Show will be held from August 15-19. See daily schedule starting Sunday August 13.

August 17

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August 19

Sixth Annual Slate Belt Sprint 5k

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Register by July 23, 2023 to save! Registration is only \$25 and includes a race t-shirt. Children ages 8-11 can register for the 5k for only \$15 with a participating adult and will receive the same awesome t-shirt. Prices increase on 7/24 and 8/14, sign up early to save!

Children ages 7 and under can participate in the short Kids Fun Run for free. Start times: 7:00 a.m. Day of Registration Opens 8:15 a.m. 5k Run/Walk begins 9:15 a.m. Kids Fun Run begins

AWARDS: First Place Overall Male & Female, Top 3 Male & Female by Age Group: 11 & under, 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & up

August 23

Scam Jam

A Scam Jam designed to help understand scams to deceive people into thinking something is real when it is not will be held August 23 at Lookout Fire Co. in Pen Argyl from 1pm to 3pm.

August 24

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, Aug 3, 24,31 at 8:30am to 10:30am

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Delaware Riverfest

Delaware Riverfest 422 Delaware Avenue, Portland, Saturday, August 26, 20 at 10 am by Blue Flame Events

Enjoy the day along the Delaware River shopping w/ vendors, food trucks, drinks, music, and more!

Walking in Historical Waters

Saturday, August 26 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Walk IN the Bushkill Creek. Discover how early settlers manipulated the land and water to harness the flow of the creek to power different mechanisms. Gain a different perspective as you discover remnant land use clues from the past. Late-August is a great time to walk creeks because the water is not as high as is during other months, and it is still warm enough to feel refreshed as the rippling water grazes your ankles. This program is not appropriate for children under 8 years old or for those who find it difficult to maneuver through uneven, slippery terrain. Hiking poles will be provided along with boots, waders, and sneakers of a limited size assortment. We recommend wearing water shoes, wading boots, or old sneakers. Open toed shoes, sandals, or crocs are not appropriate for this activity. Registration is required.<https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

Volunteer Event: Lose the Loosestrife

Saturday, August 26 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Although beautiful, Purple Loosestrife is an aquatic invasive plant which threatens species diversity. We will be removing this unwanted plant from our planted wetland area. Registration is Required.<https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

August 31 Weekly Weeders

Thursday, Aug 31 at 8:30am to 10:30am

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September 10 Families First 5K

Join Families First as they celebrate their 21st year serving residents in the Pen Argyl Area School District and participate with annual 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

The Race and Walk will start at 9 am in the Wind Gap Borough Park. Registration the day of the Race will begin at 7:30 am.

This event is for the entire family. All proceeds will go to support the Adopt-A-Family Holiday program and activities provided by Families First. "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" in the Pen Argyl Area School District!

A copy of our official registration form can be downloaded from the Families First website: www.familiesfirstofpenargyl.org.

September 10

Speciality Bingo

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Specialty Binaog will be held 1:00pm at the Bangor Elks. Sponsorships are available and ticket sales are open.

September 16

Indoor Flea Market

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will be holding an Indoor Flea Market/Crafts on Friday, September 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, September 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tables will be for rent: \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days. Lunch and a bake sale will be available. Contact Cheryl Hower (484-221-4197).

September 15-17

Pen Argyl Yard Sales

Pen Argyl Community Yard Sales - No permit needed. September 15th – 17th.

September 30

No Pumpkin Way

Enjoy a family fun filled day September 30 in the Roseto Ball Park from 10-3.! Shop with unique vendors & crafters, purchase some Tricky Tray tickets for a chance to win some amazing baskets filled with goodies! While you're there, grab some delicious food! If you're feeling ambitious you can participate in the pumpkin throwing contest. Before you leave, be sure to get your FREE Fall digital photo! This event is FREE to attend and open to the public.

We're looking for vendors and crafters to participate in this event. To request a registration please text (272)-200-8163.

Sponsorship and advertising packages are also available for this event! For more information call (272)-200-8163 or [email blueflameevents@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflameevents@yahoo.com).

Sept 30 - Oct 1

Revolutionary War Weekend

Saturday & Sunday September 30, 2023 October 1, 2023 Revolutionary War Encampment, Marching Drills, Life, Makers,'Merchants. Blltish Encampment, Skirmishes. Food Truck, Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours Saturday 10-am 4pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm

October 14

Designer Purse Bingo

It's time for the second annual Designer Purse Bingo Wind Gap Fire Social Hall Octobre 14 at 5pm .Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. Beer and Wine Slushes will be included with your ticket. Tables are available to reserve on a first come first serve basis. We will have a tricky-tray and door prize! Doors will open at 4:00 and

bingo will start at 5:00. We had so much fun last year and are looking forward to another fun night.

For further questions contact Kailey at (484) 626-3132

October 15

The Washington Twp. Fire Co. Fall Craft Fair is on October 15th, 2023 from 10am to 4pm.

Spaces are \$30 for (1) 10ft x 10ft space or \$50 for (2) 10ft x 10ft spaces. Please note that all spaces are outdoors and that this is a rain or shine event. Vendors are also required to bring their own tables, chairs, and coverings. All of this plus other information is listed on the application. Also, previous Vendors/Crafters will not be able to request their spot locations from last year's events.

Please email us at craft.wtvfc@gmail.com or call Aundrea at 610-984-7101 to request an application.

Please also remember that we only accept paper applications with cash or check. No one should be asking you to pay online with a credit card.

October 19-21

Trinity Rummage Sale

Arummage sale will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 404 Broadway, Bangor, October 19-21 from 8am to 2pm.

Oct 29,30

Market Faire Rendezvous Living History Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30, 2023

Fur Trade Era Encampment and 18th c. Market Faire. Early American Arts & Crafts, exhibits and demonstrations. Open Hearth Cooking.. Food truck. Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours. Saturday 10-4 pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm

November 17-19

Aladdin

Bangopr Area Middle School will present Aladdin Novemver 17-19.

December 1

Tree Lighting With Santa in Washington Twsp.

More Details to come on Facebook.

December 3

Painting with A Purpose Christmas Edition

Painting with a Twist (Bethlehem, PA) Event by Pink Heals Lehigh Valley Chapter Sunday, December 3, 2023 At 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Save the Date to join us on December 3rd for another fun afternoon as we get into the Christmas Spirit by painting Galactic Christmas Eve. We will add the link to register as soon as it becomes available.

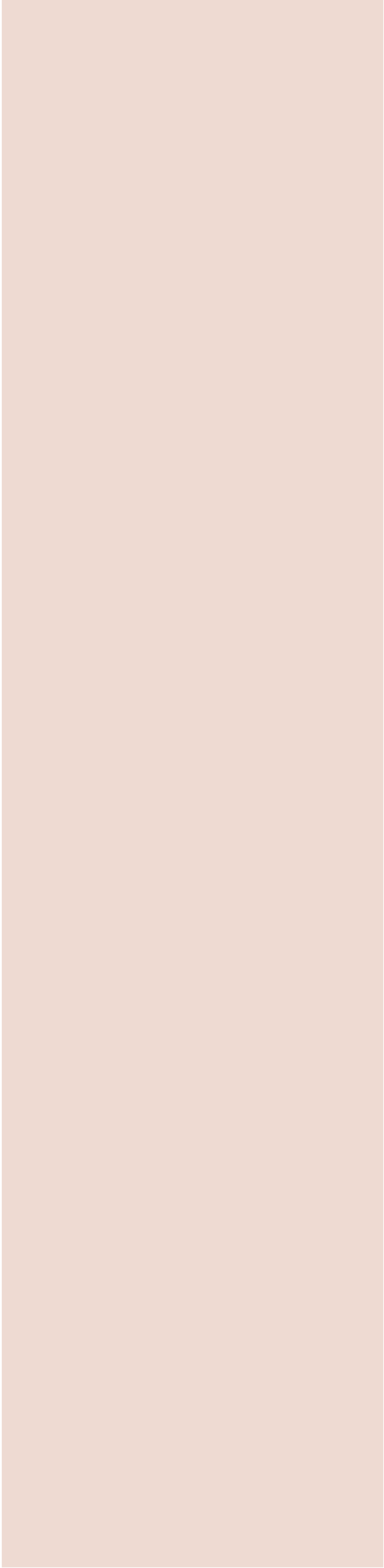
Don't think you can paint? Don't worry; the

instructors break it down step-by-step for you to create your very own masterpiece.

This event is open to those 18 and older. Those 13-17 are welcome to attend, provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Arrive 30 minutes prior and join us for a “happy half-hour” to unwind, mix and mingle.

50% of all proceeds go towards their benevolent fun to help those in need in our community.



Historical Maps Program Planned Heritage Center

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Genealogy and local history researchers sometimes overlook the treasure trove of information contained on maps and other geographical and visual image documents. The (LVHNC) was founded to create an inventory of these types of documents available to the public at twenty-two regional institutions. Mr. Hoffner is a Lehigh Valley native who has cataloged collections at the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, National Museum of Industrial History, Moravian Archives, Moravian Historical Society and Hunter Martin Museum in Lower Mt. Bethel Twsp.

He has published four books mapping the tracts of land occupied by the early Warrantees and Patentees of ten of the townships of Northampton County. The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, Pa. Contact Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661 for additional information.

Slate Belt Heritage Center Program Schedule

Aug. 10th: Northampton County Schoolhouses & War-rant Mapping Joel Hoffman

Sept. 14th: Cemetery Tour -Kim & Rachael

Oct. 12th & 13th: Haunted Heritage Program

Oct. 29th: Super Sunday: Perry Morris & Rachael Win-ston

Nov. 12th: Veteran's Program

Dec. 10th: Great slate Belt Trivia contest: Marc Blau

Jan. 14th: - TBA

Feb. 11th: - TBA

March 10th: Founders Program

April 11th: - TBA

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INSIDE

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OUTSIDE

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Wildlife can get their heads stuck in food containers, cups causing them to suffocate or starve to death

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Eating food wrappers can make wildlife sick or damage their digestive tracts, causing starvation

Gum can get matted in feathers or fur, as well as string and netting, making it difficult to move

Roadside litter can cause wildlife to be hit by cars

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Summer Sounds 2023 Concerts

Weona Park

August 6

Large Flowerheads ...Musical sights and sounds of the groovy 60s

August 20

Philadelphia Funk Authority ... More than funk . Party music from the past five decades

Wind Gap

August 13

New Individuals ..Oldies 60s and 70s

August 27

Last One Standing ... County, Classic Rock and oldies mix.

All concerts are free, begin at 6 P.M at Wind Gap or Weona Park Band shells, as noted. For Pen Argyl, please watch for notifications (Pen Argyl Borough WEB, Facebook, Nixel, etc.) on any weather-related change of venue or rescheduling of the event.

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BASEBALL

MONTHLY MEETING

AUGUST 8TH

6:30 P.M.

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Roseto Community Events

Summer Reading at the Park

June 21, 26

July 5, 12, 26

August 2, 9

10:00-11:30

Roseto Ballpark

Big Time Celebration

July 25-30

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1

5:00-8:00

Roseto Ballpark

Roseto Community Yard Sale

August 4, 5, 6

Roseto Helping Hands Bake Sale

Saturday, September 10

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Saturday, September 30

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Roseto Ballpark

Roseto Fall Festival

Saturday, October 14

6:00-8:00

Roseto Ballpark

Veterans Day Service

Saturday, November 11

9:30

Mount Carmel Cemetery

711 Liberty Ave. Roseto

Roseto Helping Hands Bingo

Sunday, November 12

Doors open at 12 and Games begin at 1:00

American Legion

143 Garibaldi Ave. Roseto

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 26

6:00

Regular Events Calendar

Tuesday August 8

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12
Pen Argyl Woman’s Club Meets 1:30 pm St. John’s Lutheran.
Plainfield Parks & Rec - 7pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm
Wind Gap Boro Council - 7pm
(Monday Holiday meet Tuesday

Wednesday August 9

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
LMBT Recreation Board - 7pm, Centerfield building
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm
Wind Gap Zoning - 7pm

Thursday August 10

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Friday August 11

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday August 12

Blue Mountain Library - 10-12
Bangor Public Library - 10-4
Columcille Tours - Free. 9:30-11:30. Meet at Stone circle.
Slate Belt YMCA -8-4
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday August 13

Breakfast - Bushkill Volunteer Fire C. 7:30-12:30.
Fellowship Dinner - Breaking Bread soup kitchen, 4:00pm. Cross Road Baptist, Bangor.
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday August 14

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Pen Argyl Sewer Auth. - 4:30pm (If needed)
Pen Argyl Municipal Auth. - 5pm (If needed)
Bangor Borough Council - Meets Bee Hive Community Center, 7pm
Portland Council - 7pm
Pump - 8:30-11:30
Upper Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets 7:00pm
Roseto Borough Council - Municipal Building, 7:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday August 15

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wednesday August 16

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Washington Township Supervisors Meet - Municipal Building, 7pm
Pen Argyl Park Board - 7pm
Plainfield Township Supervisors - Meets 7:00pm Municipal Building.
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm
East Bangor Municipal Authority - Municipal Authority Hall, 555 Messinger St., East Bangor, 7:00pm

Thursday August 17

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Friday August 18

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday August 19

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4
Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday August 20

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday August 21

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Plainfield Township Planning Commission - Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.
Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets Centerfield Building - 7pm
Pump - 8:30-11:30
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday August 22

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-2
Roseto Planning Commission - 7:00pm Borough Hall
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm
Washing Twsp. Planning - 7pm
Wind Gap Boro - Council 7pm

Wednesday August 23

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show
UMBT Planning Commission - Township Building, 7:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Thursday August 24

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show
UMBT Planning Commission - Township Building, 7:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pmm

Regular Events

Friday August 25

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show

UMBT Planning Commission - Township Building, 7:30pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday August 26

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4

Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3

Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday August 27

Fellowship Dinner - First UMC Bangor, 12:30-1:30.

Portland Sunday Sundaes - 6:30 - 8:00pm (Summer only)

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.

Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday August 28

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open

8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show

Bangor Borough Council -

Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm

Pump - 8:30-11:30

UMBT Supervisors -7pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday August 29

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.

Blue Valley Farm Show

Washington Twp. Recreation - 7pm

Roseto Zoning - 7pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

UMBT Zoning - 7pm Room, 7pm

Wednesday August 30

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open

8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Washington Township Supervisors

Meet - Municipal Building, 3:30pm.

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Plainfield Zoning - 6:30pm

UMBT Open Space Advisory 7pm

Friday September 1

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday September 2

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4

Mission of Love Soup Kitchen - N. Main St., Bangor. 11-2

Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3

Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday September 3

Fellowship Dinner - East Bangor UMC, 4-6.

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.

Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

All-You-Can Eat Breakfast - Bangor Elks 8-12pm. Adults \$10. Kid 6-12 \$6. Under 6 - Free.

Monday September 4

HAPPY FOURTH OF September

Tuesday September 5

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open

10-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12

Pen Argyl Woman's Club Meets 1:30 pm St. John's Lutheran.

Plainfield Parks & Rec - 7pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wind Gap Boro Council - 7pm (Monday Holiday meet Tuesday

WednesdaySeptember 6

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LMBT Recreation Board - 7pm, Centerfield building

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wind Gap Zoning - 7pm

Thursday September 7

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm

Plainfield Environmental Advisory Board - Municipal

Building, 7:00pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wind Gap Planning - 7pm

Friday September 8

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday September 9

Blue Mountain Library - 10-12

Bangor Public Library - 10-4

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Slate Belt YMCA -8-4

Slate Belt Heritage Center -

Open 12-3

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Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

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Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show

Pen Argyl Sewer Auth. - 4:30pm (If needed)

Pen Argyl Municipal Auth. - 5pm (If needed)

Bangor Borough Council - Meets Bee Hive Community

Center, 7pm

Portland Council - 7pm

Pump - 8:30-11:30

Upper Mount Bethel

Supervisors - Meets 7:00pm

Roseto Borough Council -

Municipal Building, 7:30pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

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Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

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Washington Township

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Christ Presbyterian Church of The Slate Belt

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Holy Communion: First and Third Sunday

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Sunday Worship - Weekly at 10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Bangor

Pastor Elisandra Garcia - 610-588-4673

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11:00am service (Communion First Sunday)

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Sunday Worship 9:45 am (Weekly

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East Bangor UMC

136 W. Central Ave. (Rt.512) East Bangor

Aug 5 A.A Meeting 8pm

Aug 6- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Aug 6 Adult Sunday School

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July 30, 9:00am

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Bangor Library - New Books

New in the Bangor Public Library
July 28 to August 3

Adult Fiction

Pink Lemonade Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke
Everyone Here is Lying by Shari Lapena
Prom Mom by Laura Lippman
The Stars are Dying by Chloe Penaranda
The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer
The Collector by Daniel Silva
Dead Fall by Brad Thor

Adult Non Fiction

Baking Yesteryear: the Best Recipes From the 1900s to 1980s by
Dylan Hollis
You're Not Enough (and that's okay) by Allie Beth Stuckey
Jackie: Public, Private, Secret by Randy Taraborrelli

Young Adult Fiction

All In by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Bad Blood by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Killer Instinct by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Light Bringer by Pierce Brown
House of Roots and Ruin by Erin Craig
One of Us is Back by Karen McManus

Easy Fiction

Olaf's Night before Christmas by Jessica Julius
Construction by Sally Sutton

Easy Non Fiction

I Can Draw Animals by Ray Gibson
I Can Draw People by Ray Gibson

DVDS

Carrie
Creed III
The Last of Us: the Complete First Season
Love Again
The Sixth Sense

Friends of The Bangor Public Library Annual Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Bangor Public Library will hold their "Annual Summer Book Sale" at the Blue Valley Farm Show the week of August 15th – 19th. The sale will be in the gray display barn on the upper grounds of the fair on the following days:

Tuesday – Friday (15th-18th) 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday (19th) Noon – 9:00 PM (\$5.00 Bag Day).

Like new and gently used books in all genres will be available for adults, teens and children. Fiction sorted according to author and non-fiction according to subject. DVD's, books on tape and puzzles will also be sold. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661



Members of the Blue Mt. Community Library sold "Make Your Own sundaes" at the Weona Park Summer Sounds Concert on June 23 rd. The library will be back on August 6 th. Please plan to come out and enjoy a beautiful night in Weona Park and support your Library.

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Last Chance Books

The Blue Mountain Community Library will be offering "Last Chance Books" from our Book Nook during the month of August. Stop in, browse through the books, and give them a good home. Donations would be appreciated.

Also, on Sat., August 5 2023, the library will hold a ½ Price Book Nook Sale from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Items include adult, young adult and children fiction and non-fiction books and puzzles. Cash or check only. The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Visit our website at www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook. Call 610-863-3029 for information.

Cookbooks in the Book Nook

Do you like to cook or collect cookbooks? If so, stop into the Blue Mt. Community Library, located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. Pen Argyl and browse through the Book Nook.

Along with many adult and children's gently used books and puzzles, there is a large collection of cookbooks available to purchase. The library is open M-Sa, 10:00 am to Noon, and M & Th 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Membership is not needed to purchase items in the Book Nook, but is free to all residents of the Pen Argyl Area School District. Nonresidents may join for a small yearly fee.

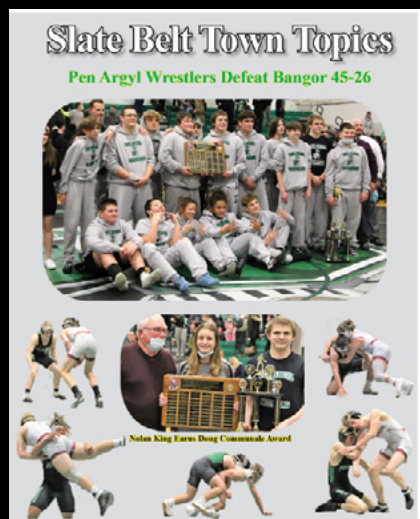
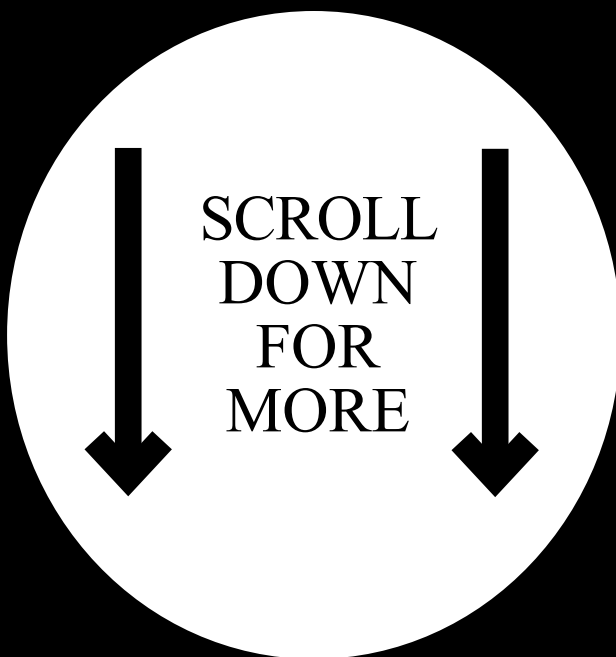
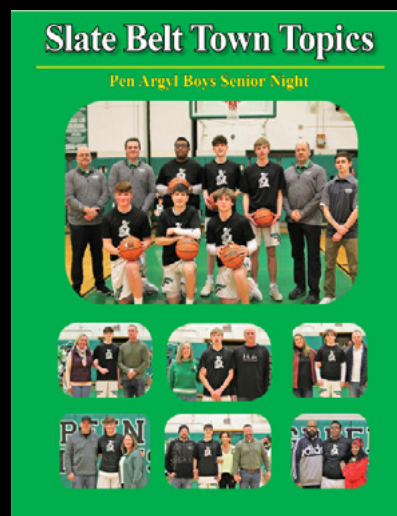
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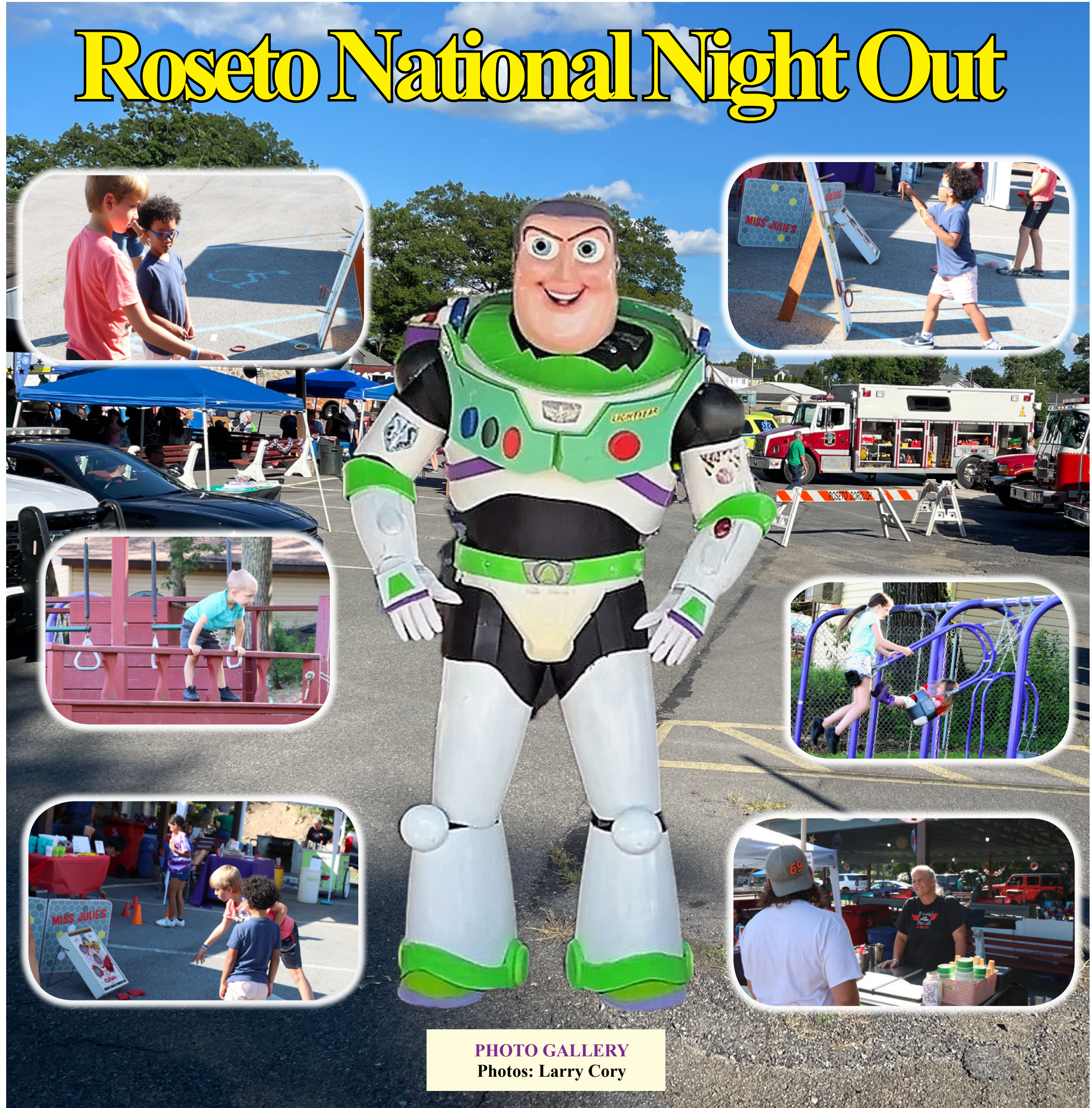


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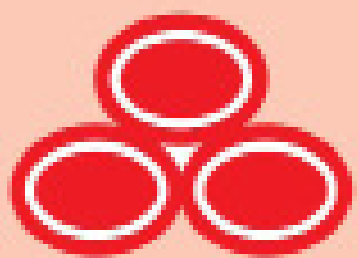
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How This Mom Lost Half Her Body Weight

“My Health Is More Important Than How I Look In A Swimsuit.”

By Emma Dunn via SWNS

A mom ditched her daily three-course dinners to lose half her body weight – and is now swallowed by her wedding dress.

Jennifer Brown, 41, says she has always struggled with her weight and tipped the scales a 342 lbs and wore a U.S. size 24 at her biggest.

After being diagnosed with gestational diabetes when she was pregnant she decided she needed to make a change.

But she struggled to ditch her regular Mcdonald’s lunches and three course dinners until a health check up revealed high blood sugar levels.

She kept a food diary and cut out fizzy drinks and large portions and lost 89lbs. She then started taking weight loss drug Mounjaro - also known as Tirzepatide - to help her shift the extra pounds.

Now a slender 175 lbs and a US size 10, Jennifer’s wedding dress dwarfs her.

Jennifer, abstractor, from Des Moines, Iowa, said: “I’ve lost an entire person from my body.

“I’ve tired on tops that barely fit me before – now they are like a dress on me.

“I can’t believe that I’m here.

“I have a couple of core memories on my wedding day when I looked at my reflection and said out loud to myself how beautiful I felt.

“And that’s all that matters. But I am healthier now.

“My health is more important than how I look in a swimsuit.”

Jennifer feared she might not be able to look after her son, Maddox, nine and step-daughter, Cameron, 21, after she was told she had high blood sugars in 2019.

Her husband, Jeff, 46, a shift supervisor at an ethanol refinery, had a heart attack aged 41 which gave Jennifer another boost to make a change.

The mom had often been coming home to a meal of steak, potatoes, salad with ranch dressing, bread and ice cream but switched this to healthy meals such as a pork chop and vegetables.

Jennifer said: “I was a binge eater.

“I would eat out of boredom or emotionally.

“I never felt the feeling of fullness or satisfaction.

“I could go to a restaurant and eat an appetizer, main, desert and still be able to have something later.

“I basically had a three course meal every dinner.”

She lost 89lbs by learning to eat healthy and started walking as much as she could but struggled to shift any more weight.

Jennifer turned to the weight loss drug Mounjaro which has helped her slim down to 175lbs.

She said: “I’ve never been a size 10 – even in middle school.

“I got on a plane and I didn’t have to worry about asking for a seat belt extender.”

Jennifer has also taken up running as part of her daily workouts and can now run 5k.

She said: “I can run miles.

“I can climb mountains.

“I get to play catch with my son and be present in his life.

“I’m showing him it matter to take care of yourself.”

Jennifer doesn’t deprive herself of a sweet treat when she is craving it but will get a smaller pot of ice cream instead of her previous order – a hot fudge sundae, with brownie and cherries on top.

She said: “I try to keep really balanced.”

Jennifer said Jeff has been her “biggest supporter” throughout her journey and she has 10lbs left to lose before she is at her goal weight.



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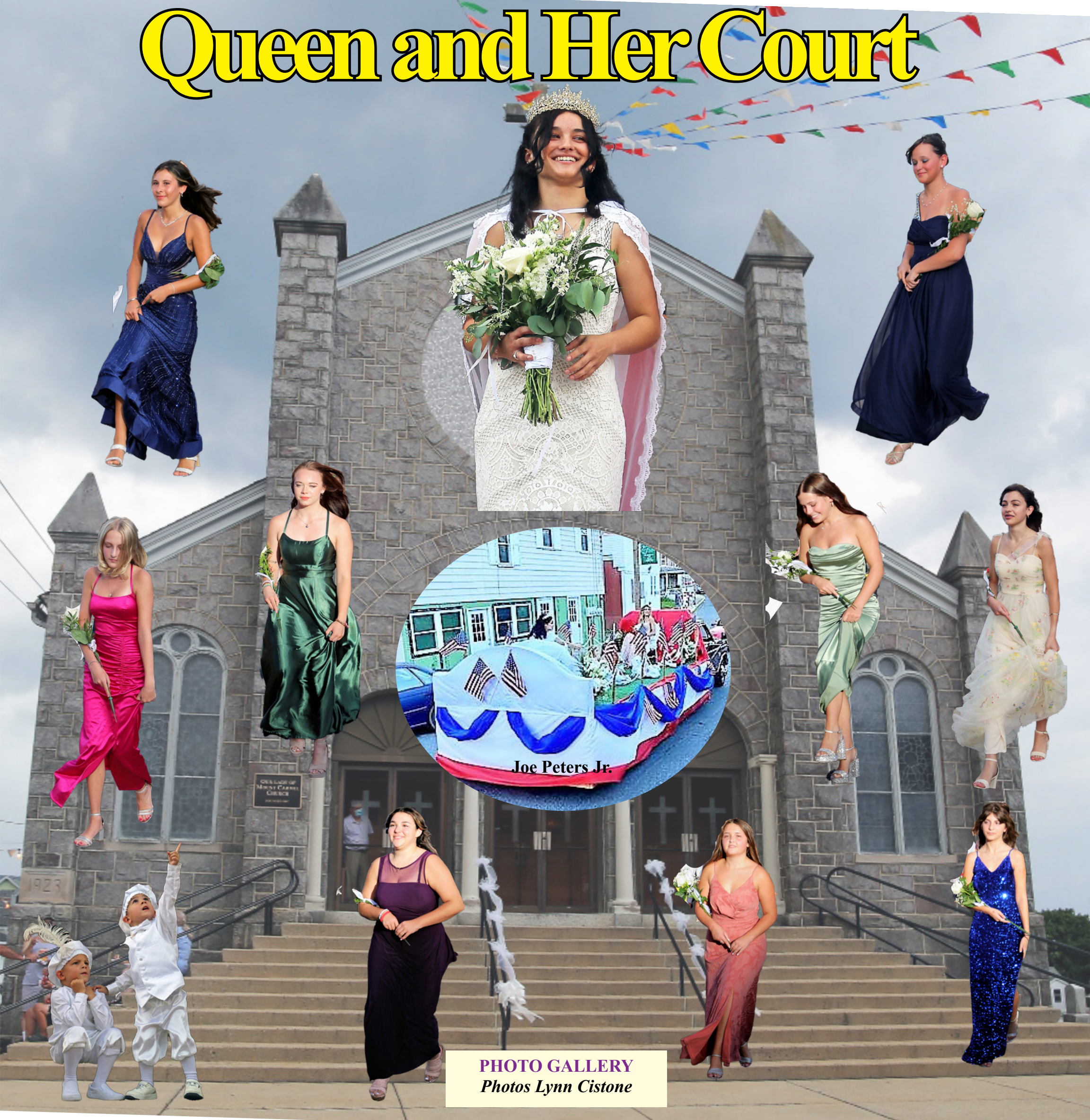


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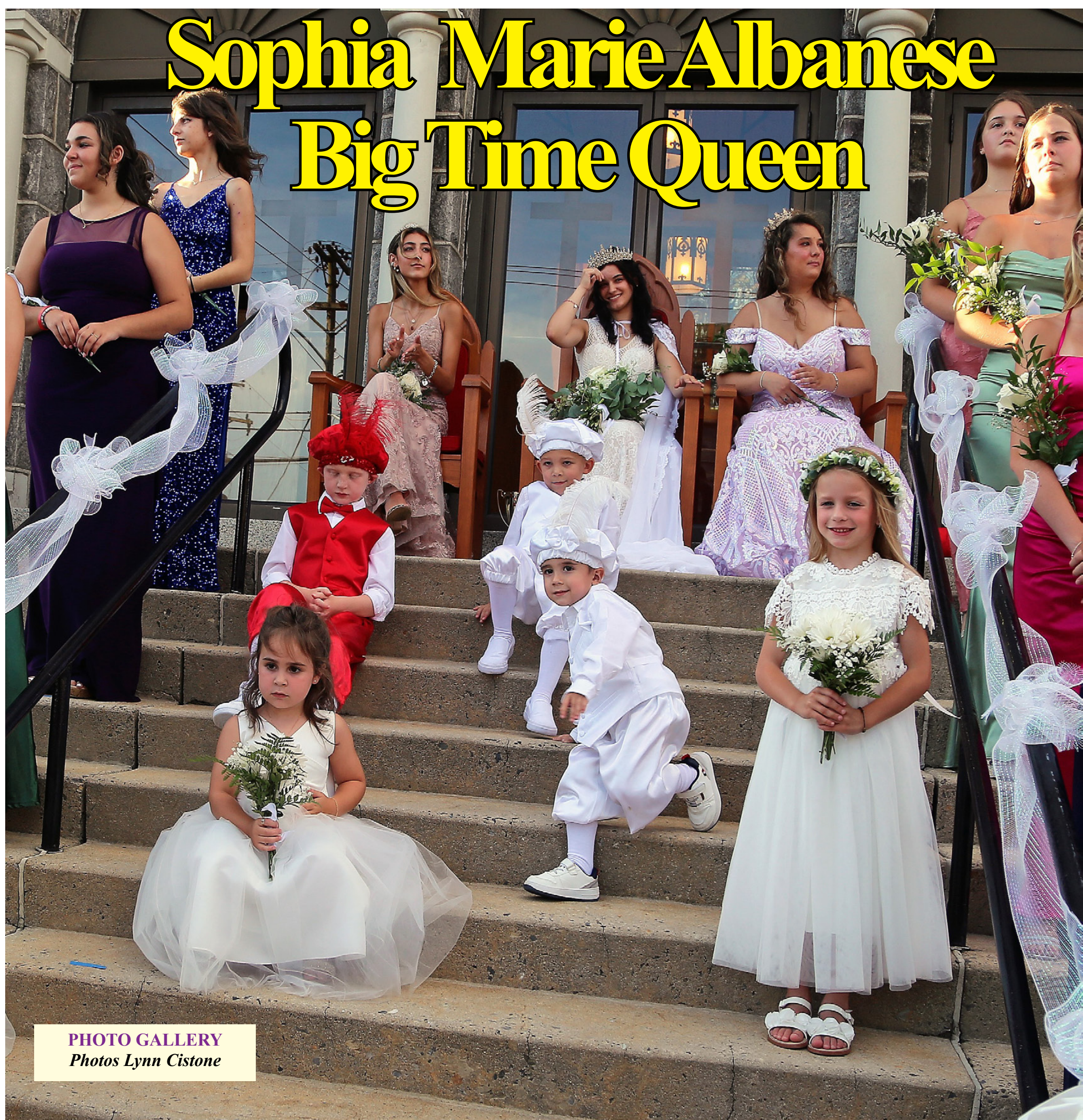


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Former NBA Star Holds Clinic at Slate Belt Y



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Slate Belt Y Basketball Clinic

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Slate Belt Pride Festival



Slate Belt Pride Festival



PHOTO GALLERY



Meet The Woman Who Has 1,000 Barbie Dolls And Loved The New Movie



By Douglas Whitbread via SWNS

A Barbie fanatic who has 1,000 of the dolls in her collection “absolutely loved” the new film.

Clare Rawling, 42, saw a pre-release screening that left her in tears with its “lovely touches” and references to the doll’s vintage era.

The mom has forked out thousands of dollars on dolls and accessories spanning six decades.

She also boasts a brilliant collection of outfits, props and sets which she plays with by arranging them in scenarios and taking pictures for social media.

Clare, who saw the film on Monday with a friend in London, praised Margot Robbie and Ryan Reynolds’ real-life performances of Barbie and Ken as “spot on.”

And she said fans should be ready for a few “twists and turns” in the movie, which left her feeling emotional about her love for the “plastic fantastic” icon.

Clare Rawling has decided to buy back the Barbies she had as a child early last year as the pandemic hit. (SWNS)

“I absolutely love it. As a fan of Barbie, it spoke to me massively. There were references that related back to the vintage Barbies that I collect,” she said.

“I didn’t really have any preconceptions going into it. But as a fan, there were certainly lots of really lovely touches.

“It was very emotional in parts. I didn’t expect that – and it made me cry. There are definitely a few twists and turns.

“I’m a huge Ryan Gosling fan, but I didn’t anticipate what I got from him. He was spot on. Margot Robbie did incredibly well as Barbie. She’s beautiful.”

Full-time carer Clare also revealed she had already snagged some of the new dolls, released alongside the film, for her huge collection.

“I have a lot of friends who send me gifts, it’s a huge part of the

community. My collection will never end, and I got gifted three of the new Barbies,” she said.

“They’ve just released a new wave for the movie. Mattel must be making an absolute fortune!”

Clare Rawling and her Barbie dolls at the pre-release screen of the Barbie movie.

Clare, from Blackpool, said her fascination with Barbie started when she was a child and her obsession was so intense that her dad converted into playspace for her.

“I remember being massively into Barbie from around age seven to 11, I loved them so much,” she said.

“I enjoyed the aesthetics, they were so pretty, and really loved all the accessories. I have lots of lovely Barbie memories.

“I would have kept playing with them but girls were being mean to me at school.”

Clare said she gave her mom permission to sell her original collection when she moved out because she didn’t want to take them all with her. And she didn’t pay much thought to her favorite childhood pastime until February 2021 when she saw one of her other treasured possessions for sale on eBay.

Her husband Colin, 58, bought her the toy, an Oh Penny doll - which then set Clare’s mind racing about how else she might be able to roll back the years.

“I turned 40 and we couldn’t go out because of the restrictions so I said, ‘I know, I’m 40 but can I have everything Barbie?,’” she said.

“I asked for everything to be pink and for a doll’s house as my present.”

Clare jumped in at the deep end by accumulating a staggering 70 dolls in just five months, and now has around 1000 in her possession.

“I have never had a connection with anything like this before, you think it’s just Barbie but it’s a bit of a rabbit hole when you get into it,” she said.

“Everything you can get in real life, you can get in Barbie too. It’s amazing.”

Working Moms Reveal Most Annoying Things Colleagues Say

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By Mustafa Mirreh via SWNS

Working moms are on a mission to reduce the number of times they hear comments from colleagues like “she’s only part time,” “I forgot you leave early” and “I wish I could have Fridays off.”

A study, of 1,000 employed moms, revealed the common remarks they face in the workplace including, “you look tired,” “enjoy the rest of your week off” and “can’t your partner do any of the childcare?” But 55 percent are determined to change workplace lingo and get more recognition in the office.

And while 38 percent feel their work provides a great support network, 29 percent wish they heard more supportive phrases like “you’re doing a brilliant job,” “thanks for all your work this week” and “your children come first” more often.

However, 63 percent believe their colleagues mean no harm when making such comments.

While 26 percent admitted a co-worker has corrected themselves midway through saying something that could be perceived as ill-informed to working parents.

The research was commissioned by MALTESERS, to launch its #MotherLover campaign which aims to help lighten the load for working moms and encourage those around them to support where they can.

It has also partnered with women’s online community Peanut to create the “Work & Motherhood” content hub, providing actionable tips, tools and real-life advice around the challenges working mothers face.

Leah Dyckes, brand director at MALTESERS, said: “It’s hard for working mums; society tells them they can ‘have it all’, but the reality is often very different.

“There are so many challenges, and it can be a real struggle to make it work – and too often the expectations and structures at work and home aren’t changing quickly enough.

‘Through the #MotherLover campaign and meaningful partnership with Peanut, which directly creates spaces for mums every day, we can help shift this dynamic by asking everyone around women to step up, to show empathy, and do what they can as allies to lighten their load.”

The research also revealed moms’ top struggles when balancing their job as an employee and parent include fatigue and burnout (41 percent),

emotional stress (32 percent), and childcare arrangements (30 percent).

While changing workdays due to child sickness (23 percent), morning preparations (17 percent) and school commitments (11 percent) were among the most stressful things for working parents.

And 82 percent said their employer is supportive of them when it comes to routine changes, such as childcare or working from home.



Top 10 Things Working Moms Would Like To Hear Less In The Workplace:

- You look tired
- She’s only part time
- I forgot you leave early
- Wish I could have Friday off
- I bet it feels like a break coming into the office
- I could never do that
- Enjoy the rest of the week off
- Must be nice to get a sleep-in on [days they aren’t in work)

