

Slate Belt Town Topics

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More Research Points to Importance of Masks

The Wolf Administration highlighted recent research studies that further point to the importance of wearing masks to stop the spread of COVID-19.

According to a recent, comprehensive study published in The Lancet and funded by the World Health Organization, which identified 172 observational studies across 16 countries and six continents, face mask use could result in a large reduction in risk of infection from COVID-19, in particular when combined with social distancing.



A study by a team of researchers led by a Texas A&M University professor has found that not wearing a face mask dramatically increases a person's chances

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Mooney Open Mic Tonight

Len Mooney is starting Open Mic again Tuesday July 7 outdoors on Murray Street in downtown Bangor. from 6-9pm to respect the folks who live in the area.

CIU 20 Inspire Award



Koren Bunting of the Bangor Aea School District is , the recipient of the inaugural "CIU 20 Inspire Award!" She has excelled at achieving her goals in the area of Post-Secondary Transition outcomes and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.

Keeping Your Mask Clean

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, you should be cleaning your face mask after every wear to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus and other germs.

If one of your quarantine projects was creating your own mask, then cleaning it should be simple.

If you are using a bandana, face scarf or other fabric masks, you can wash it along with your regular



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of being infected by the COVID-19 virus. The findings were published in the PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences). According to the study's findings, "not wearing a face mask dramatically increases a person's chances of being infected by the COVID-19 virus."

And a recent modeling study by the Royal Society A notes that wearing masks in public could have a major impact toward reducing the spread of COVID-19. According to the modeling, "Under certain conditions, when lock-down periods are implemented in combination with 100% facemask use, there is vastly less disease spread, secondary and tertiary waves are flattened, and the epidemic is brought under control. The effect occurs even when it is assumed that facemasks are only 50% effective at capturing exhaled virus inoculum with an equal or lower efficiency on inhalation."

"Study after study indicates the effectiveness of mask-wearing to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to keep the curve of cases flattened," Gov. Wolf said. "That's why we are requiring masks when in public. It is the most simple, effective way to protect yourself and others during our ongoing efforts to mitigate COVID-19."

Sec. of Health Dr. Rachel Levine signed an order mandating mask-wearing on July 1. It remains in effect.

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laundry using hot water. After washing, you can throw it in the dryer on a high setting. You can also consider hand-washing your fabric masks. All you need is hot, soapy water. Make sure to scrub the mask for at least 20 seconds and dry it in the dryer on high heat.

However, if you're using medical-grade blue disposable surgical masks, those cannot be cleaned and should be thrown away — not recycled — when they are visibly soiled or damaged.

Be sure to store your freshly washed masks in a clean place until it's time to wear them again outside.

Along with making sure your masks stay clean and germ-free, you should also consider cleaning and sanitizing certain things around the house that you never thought about cleaning before.

NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - JULY 6

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Monroe	1,439	3
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Road Work - July 6- July 10

Bushkill Township - Aluta Mill Road Between: Bushkill Center Road and Cherry Hill Road. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/7/20. Est completion date: 7/7/20

Plainfield Township / Upper Mt. Bethel Township. Road name: PA 191 Between: Pen Argyl Road and Monroe County Line. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/6/20. Est completion date: 7/10/20

Plainfield Township. Road name: Pen Argyl Road Between: PA 191 and Main Street, Pen Argyl. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/6/20. Est completion date: 7/10/20

Portland Borough and Upper Mount Bethel Township. Road name: Boulder Drive Between: State Street and Middle Village Road. Boulder Drive will be closed and detoured. The posted detour will route passenger vehicle traffic on Middle Village Road, PA 611 and State Street. The posted 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. Start date: 7/6/20 Est completion date: 8/31/21

US 22 West Between: 25th Street and PA 191. Nighttime Lane restrictions 9 PM to 6 AM weeknights, and from 9 PM Fridays through 6 AM Mondays. Expect delays and use caution driving through the work zone. Start date: 7/10/20 Est completion date: 7/30/20

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.

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Planned Electric Outage

On July 8, 2020 There will be a scheduled electric service interruption from approximately 9:00a.m. To 1 p.m. for an equipment upgrade. If there is inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for the following day at the same time. This outage covers apparently all or most of upper mount bethel and lower mount bethel. N Delaware Dr is one of the streets listed. Any additional information can be posted in the comments of this post. This information was provided by a blocked/unknown number voicemail by Met-Ed.

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NWS Forecast - July 7

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A slight chance of showers before 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight

A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am, then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday

A chance of showers before 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday Night

Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Thursday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Thursday Night

A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

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Hike for Health

Wednesday, July 8, 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](#).

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July 10

Lookout's Cookout

Join Lookout's Cookout outside their social hall Friday July 10 and Saturday July 11 from 4-8pm

They'll be making some summer staples on the grill for you to enjoy with your family. Plus they'll have Dale's Concessions for fries and more! You may enjoy your dinner in the parking lot or grab it to go to eat at home.

Family Night - Stream Search

Friday, July 10 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Equipment will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. 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](#).

July 10-12

Plainfield Yard Sales

The 2020 Plainfield Township Community Yard Sales will be held on July 10, 11, 12, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Pen Argyl Yard Sales

Pen Argyl Borough's Community Wide Yard Sales will be held Friday, July 10th, Saturday July 11th and Sunday July 12th. No permits required. Please follow all CDC guidelines for Covid 19.

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July 12

East Bangor UMC

Sun. July 12 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Online)

July 15

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

July 22, 29, 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](#).

July 17

Bangor Park Movie

The Bangor Park Board is hosting a Movie night featuring Trolls World Tour on Friday night, July 17 (rain date is July 18th). The movie starts at dusk, which is around 8:30 pm.

Seating will be on the large grassy area in front of the pool building and all family groups will need to be seated 6-feet apart from other family groups. If you want to attend but don't feel comfortable sitting on the grass, there will be 15 parking spaces available within view of the movie screen. Those spaces are by reservation only and need to be reserved in advance

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There is no charge for the movie but a suggested donation of \$5 per car is much appreciated. Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor will be on site selling food and refreshments.

For more information please call or text Debbie at 610-751-7692

July 22

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July 27

Support Group

A group supporting and reaching all Veterans and First Responders will meet 7pm the fourth Monday each Month at A Clean Slate Resource Center and is free and confidential to join the "The what are you are you reading right now challenge."

They are in search of your time, talents, and gifts of those who can enhance community with sharing pathways of recovery, and supporting families.

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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

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Mt. Bethel Diner

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Family & Friends Takeout

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Gap Diner

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For the time being Tuesday - Saturday 11am-7pm they are open for take out and curb-side delivery.

[Click Here](#)

Little Creek BBQ

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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)
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512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540.
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Detzi's Tavern

Detzi's Tavern 570 North Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap. 610-9882. Open 4 -7:30. 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.

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Five Points Grill & Pub

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TK's Restaurant

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They are temporarily suspending the \$20 minimum for credit card purchases. There will be a 75-minute limit for each table service if instructed by staff.

NO MORE than 10 people per table unless you are a family from the SAME household. To See menu: [Click Here](#)

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Boar Barbecue

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JT Grill

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

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Bangor Library New Books

June 25 - July 2

Adult Fiction

Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters: a Novel by Chiaverini Jennifer
 Fair Warning by Michael Connelly
 The Goodbye Man by Jeffrey Deaver
 The Guest List: a Novel by Lucy Foley
 The Lies that Bind: a Novel by Emily Giffin
 The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix
 The City We Became by N. K. Jemisin
 The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
 Someone Like You: a Novel by Karen Kingsbury
 The Moment of Tenderness by Madeleine L'Engle
 Robert B. Parker's Grudge Match by Mike Lupica
 Tom Clancy Firing Point by Mike Maden
 The Girl in White Gloves: a Novel of Grace Kelly by Kerri Maher
 The Key to Happily Ever After by Tif Marcelo
 Fearless by Fern Michaels
 Texas Outlaw by James Patterson
 A Conspiracy of Bones by Kathy Reichs
 Hideaway by Nora Roberts
 The Last Odyssey: a Thriller by James Rollins
 Chosen Ones by Veronica Roth
 In Five Years: a Novel by Rebecca Serle
 The Heirloom Garden by Viola Shipman
 All Adults here by Emma Straub
 Girls of Summer: a Novel by Nancy Thayer
 Redhead by the Side of the Road: a Novel by Anne Tyler
 Big Summer: a Novel by Jennifer Weiner
 Valentine: a Novel by Elizabeth Wetmore
 The Book of Lost Friends: a Novel by Lisa Wingate
 The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood

Junior Fiction

The One and Only Bob

Easy Fiction

The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell
 I Believe I Can by Grace Byers

DVDs

Birds of Prey: and the fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn
 Call the Midwife: Season 9
 Cats
 Clue the Movie
 The Gentlemen
 The Hunt
 The Invisible Man
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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

The Secret Guests - Benjamin Black
 Recipe for a Perfect Wife - Karma Brown
 Last Day- Luanne Rice
 Dear Edward - Ann Napolitano
 The Big Lie- James Grippando
 The Other Mrs.-Mary Kubica
 Lady Clementin - Marie Benedict
 Behind Every Lie - Christina McDonald
 The Vineyards of Champagne - Juliet Blackwell
 Lies That Bind - Ashley Farley
 Cold Heart Creek - Lisa Regan
 When We Left Cuba - Chanel Cleeton
 Spring House - Mary Ellen Taylor
 Sisters By Choice - Susan Mallery
 The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek - Kim M. Richardson
 An Everyday Hero - Laura Trentham
 The Girl He Used to Know - Tracey Garvis Graves
 The Fifth Column - Andrew Gross
 The Other Bennet Sister-Janice Hadlow
 A Reasonable Doubt-Phillip Margolin
 The Red Lotus-Chris Bohjalian
 Mercy House -Alena Dillon
 Weather- Jenny Offill
 Long Bright River-Liz Moore
 The Favorite Daughter-Kaira Rouda
 Twisted Fate-Dana Miller
 The Grace Kelly Dress-Brenda Janowitz
 The Sun Down Motel-Simone St. James
 The Scent Keeper - Erica Bauermeister
 In an Instant - Suznane Redfearn
 Snow Creek-Gregg Olsen
 Thief River Falls-Brian Freeman
 Crooked River-Douglas Preston
 The Boy from the Wood-Harlan Coben
 The Beach House-Rachel Hanna
 The Book of Lost Friends-Lisa Wingate
 A Long Petal of the Sea-Isabel Allende
 The Words I Never Wrote-Jane Thynne

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



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Disaster Distress Helpline



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Veterans in crisis



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Avoiding Foggy Glasses for Mask Users

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If the air is going in or out around

2. **Athletic**

day after day,

3. **Soapy wa-**

washing your

Soap acts as a

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 avid swimmer he or she may have some.



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 the time, the air should be going through the mask. If you feel the air going in or out around the mask, tighten the ties.

tape is also a possibility, however, if you wear the same mask every day, the tape may harm the mask.

ter. A British surgeon published a paper in 2011 showing that cleaning glasses with soapy water and letting them air dry can help. Soap acts as a surfactant — which stands for surface active agent — and the

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 coronavirus 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](tel: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@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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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.

BASD Free Meals Program

Bangor Area School District continues to offer 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.

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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The Jetsetters- Amanda Eyre Ward

New Large Print

The Fifth Avenue Story Society - Rachel Hauck

The Protective One - Shelley Shepard Gray

Smokescreen - Iris Johansen

When You See Me-Lisa Gardner

The Shape of Night-Tess Gerritsen

Fearless- Fern Michaels

One Little Lie-Colleen Coble

After Sundown-Linda Howard

The Operator-Gretchen Berg

A Conspiracy of Bones-Kathy Reichs

Camino Winds-John Grisham

The Trustworthy One- Shelley Shepard Gray

Someone Like You- Karen Kingsbury

Non-Fiction

The Garden State Parkway Murders -Christian Barth

Pearls of Wisdom- Barbara Bush

Hill Women- Cassie Chambers

The Splendid and the Vile- Erik Larson

High Achiever- Tiffany Jenkins

The Mamba Mentality- Kobe Bryant

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.

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.

Big Time Information

Columbia Fire Co. decided that they will be open for business starting Wed. July 22nd through Saturday July 25th as well as possibly Sunday the 26th before the crowning of the Queen and the Procession.

They have implemented procedures that will follow the guidelines recommended by the CDC. They encourage everyone to come out and support them.

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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)

Bangor Park Movie

The Bangor Park Board is hosting a Movie night featuring Trolls World Tour on Friday night, July 17 (rain date is July 18th). The movie starts at dusk, which is around 8:30 pm.

Seating will be on the large grassy area in front of the pool building and all family groups will need to be seated 6-feet apart from other family groups. If you want to attend but don't feel comfortable sitting on the grass, there will be 15 parking spaces available within view of the movie screen. Those spaces are by reservation only and need to be reserved in advance by emailing bangorparkboard@gmail.com

There is no charge for the movie but a suggested donation of \$5 per car is much appreciated. Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor will be on site selling food and refreshments. More info: call or text at 610-751-7692

Slate Belt Area Happenings

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Sportsman Drawing

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September 12**Bangor Car & Bike Show**

Rev up your engines for plenty of prizes, trophies and fun for the entire family! The Bangor Car & Bike show and competition is back on Broadway in historic Bangor on Saturday, September 12 from 10am - 3pm (rain-date Sunday, September 13)..

Goody bag & tshirt pre-registration: Sign up your car or bike early and save \$5 on the entry fee PLUS get a really cool goody bag & commemorative tshirt! Pre-registration is \$10 by 6/12 at hbbapa.org. Pre-Registration does not reserve your spot in the show, but gets you a goody bag and tshirt. Goody bags and

tshirts are limited to the first 50 pre-registrations.

Car & bike show competition entry: If you'd like to enter your vehicle in the competition, please arrive on September 12 to Main & Broadway between 8am and 9:45am to enter the competition. Be sure to bring your pre-registration form OR register day-of for \$15.

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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 raised will benefit students attending DeFranco, Washington and Five Points Elementary Schools

Celtic Youth Fiddle Competition

A Youth Fiddle Competition September 26, will be

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.

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,

Wanted: Barber-Hair Stylist

JMS Salon & Spa 436 S. First St. (Rt 191) is looking for a barber or hair stylist to share space with them. Must have your own following, clientele or willing to build one. Very relaxed, clean family salon. Make your own hours. Be your own boss. Must be pa licensed. Serious inquiries only please.

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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