

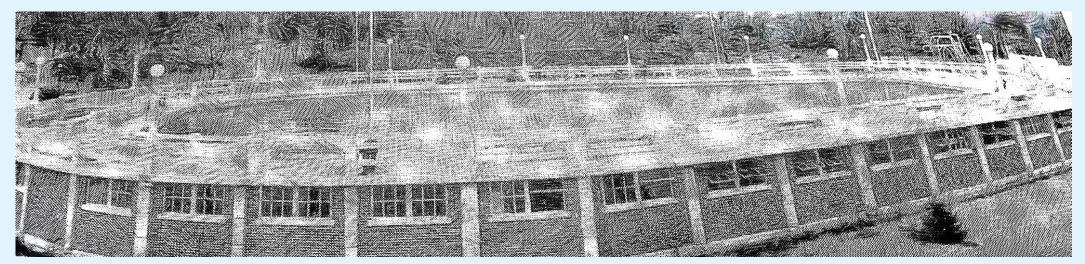


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## Scheduled Game With Philadelphia Athletics Helped Fund Bangor's First Swimming Pool



#### by Larry Cory

It may be interesting to learn that the Philadelphia Athletics and the Kayser Silk Mill of Bangor played a role in building the first swimming pool in Bangor Borough.

The silk mill employed many people in the area producing, among others, parachutes for World War II and lady's undergarments. The MLB Athletics, managed by the renowned Connie Mack, was the first incarnation of the Oakland Athletics that still play today.

So how did these organizations contribute to the Bangor pool? As interest in constructing a recreation center in Bangor in 1937 began to grow, James Underwood Superintendent of Kayser, headed the Bangor Recreation Association which was organized to help fund the rec center that would be built on 12 acres of land near Broadway and 10th Street (Eisenhart Bvld). The center would include an athletic field, a track, tennis courts, a swimming pool and an amphitheater. A house was actually moved to the north side of Market Street to accommodate full construction of the park.

Using Kayser's national and international reputation, Underwood was able to arrange a game between the Athletics and the Kayser A.A. to be played at Flory's Field on North Main Street June 13, 1937.

Just imagine for a moment that a major league baseball team would take time away from playing the likes of the New York Yankees and Lou Gehrig to journey to the Slate Belt play a benefit baseball game. Local fans loved the idea and reportedly bought over 2,000 tickets to see the game. Unfortunately, the game was rained out. The game was eventually rescheduled for later in the season, but that too, was washed out.

Underwood reportedly journeyed to Philadelphia and met with Connie Mack to arrange a game in 1938. On the scheduled date, however, Mack and the Athletics were a no-show. The much-ballyhooed big game apparently was never played, although some historical publications claim that it was

A meeting at the Colonial Hotel in Bangor was scheduled to host local baseball fans after the game between Kayser A.A. and the Athletics, and despite the rainout, the meeting went on as planned where speaker Chief Burgess (Mayor) Arthur Stoddard of Bangor outlined plans for the new swimming pool in Bangor and urged listeners to get behind the \$35,000 (\$702,000 in today's money) bond issue in the September primaries. That money would be used for the construction of the new Bangor Park swimming pool, subject to approval of a bond issue in the September 1937 primary election.

In December 1937, the Pennsylvania Department of Health approved the pool and borough officials were going forward with preparation to construct the bathing area as the first unit of the \$150,000 project (\$3.1 million in today's money)

Land for the pool was purchased for \$2,500 by the Bangor Recreation Association. Additional land for the athletic field track, and tennis courts was purchased for \$7,500 by Bangor borough council. Roadways to the park were made by extending Broadway and tenth street.

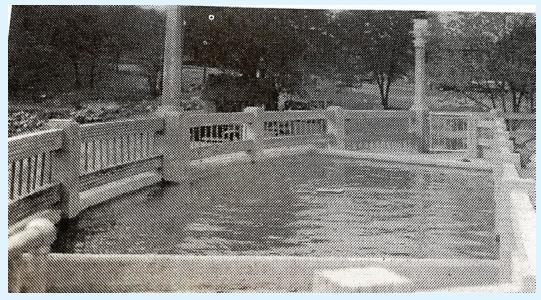
Council then contracted with Wesley Binz by NTZ of Lansing Michigan to supervise the construction of the pool estimated to cost \$35,000 exclusive of labor. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) authorized \$41,000 for this part of the part of the recreation center with the borough spending an additional \$17,000.

The pool was ovoid (egg shaped) 80' x 120' and was estimated to accommodate over 2,500 bathers a day while the bathhouses would hold 800 bathers at one time.

The pool was filled May 4 and officially dedicated May 27, 1939. Dedication day was marked by the appearance of the Lafayette College swim team, water clowns from the Easton YMCA, a diving demonstration by East Stroudsburg State Teachers College and more.

The pool was closed two weeks later for the ill-fated A's – Kayser A.A game.

The 1937 pool was eventually demolished in 1996 making way for the current pool which was built in 1997, just two years after the athletic field stadium was remodeled.



**Baby Pool** 

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June 7, 2022 sbtopics@rcn.com www.sbtopics.com

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The Town Topics seeks two photographers, one to cover the Bangor Area and Bangor Schools, and one to cover the Pen Argyl area and Pen Argyl Schools. Will train. Very flexible schedule - work when you are available. Some mileage. Excellent pay for part time work. Other skills a plus but not required include writing, photo editing, and graphic designing. Interested persons should contact the Town Topics at sbtopics@rcn.com or 570-688-3724. Students very welcome to apply.

## Columcille Summer Walking Tours 2022 Columcille Megalith Park is excited to announce the next Columcille Walking Tour in the 2022

summer season.

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Columcille, Inc. | www.columcille.org, 2155 Fox Gap Rd, Bangor, PA 18013.

## **Happening Today**

**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

## **Area Roadwork Today**

PA 33/PA 248 Interchange and PA 33/Hecktown Road Interchange. Nighttime Restriction: Ramps will be closed and detoured at both interchanges for pavement rehabilitation work. Detours will be 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Start date: 6/6/22 Est completion date: 6/9/22

**Interstate 78 Between: Lehigh County Line and Exit 75 (To PA 611)** Restriction: 07:00 PM To 06:00 AM Lane restriction in both directions for concrete repair work. Expect delays. Start date: 6/6/22 Est completion date: 6/11/22

PA 33 Between: Newburg Road and PA 248. Restriction 08:00 AM To 04:00 PM: Shoulder restriction for core boring work. Start date: 6/6/22 Est completion date: 6/10/22

Lower Mt. Bethel Twp. Road name: Martin's Creek Blvd Hwy. Between: PA 611 and River Road Restriction: 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM Lane restriction with flagging. Start date: 6/6/22 Est completion date: 6/10/22

Interstate 78 Between: Exit 60 (PA 309) and Exit 75 (To PA 611) Daytime Restriction: 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM Shoulder restrictions both directions Start date: 6/8/22 Est completion date:

Support St. John's Cemetery

St. John's Cemetery is conducting their annual cemetery appeal for ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. Donations can be made to St. John's Cemetery, PO Box 9 c/o Carol Hummel, Bangor, PA

## Ptly Sunny/Shwr 78 Today Sunny/Shwr 81 Wednesday

**National Weather Service Forecast** 

Today, A chance of showers, mainly after 1pm. Increasing clouds, with a high near 78. Light south wind increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the morning.

Tonight, A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 9pm. Cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday, A chance of showers before 8am, then a slight chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Wednesday Night, Showers likely, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 2am. Low around 62. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Thursday, Showers and thunderstorms before 11am, then a slight chance of showers between 11am and 2pm. High near 77.

**Air Quality**: **Good** (0-50) Bethlehem (19) Columbia N.J. (31)

Pollen: 7.1 Medium (Top Alergen (s) Oak,

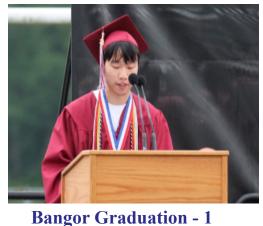
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## **Slate Belt Weather**

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June 8

## **Hike for Health**

Wednesday, June 8 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. You can find the full list of dates for each month March thru October here: https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/event/hike for health 181#.YgwTYOrMKUk

**June 11-12** 

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The Greater Lehigh Valley's 2nd Spring Plant Crawl includes 7 of your favorite local plant shops. Crawl around the greater Lehigh Valley over the weekend of June 11th & 12th and enjoy some of the amazing local plant shops we have in our community. During the Plant Crawl, you will begin at the plant shop you choose at the time of ticket purchase. Please choose carefully as they can't change the location afterwards and your passports will be waiting at your designated shop.

From there, you will have the entire weekend (Saturday & Sunday) to visit all the participating stores to get your passport stamped. To get a stamp, you simply need to make a purchase at each shop. This year, we will be requiring you to purchase at least one plant to get a stamp. It is a Plant Crawl, after all

You may ask, what do the stamps get me? Getting a stamp from each participating store will enter you into our prize giveaways, including one big plant grand prize! At your last shop, you will receive a ticket that will be entered into the drawing for the giveaways. The giveaway winners are announced the following week.

Each \$15 pre-order tickets include admission to the Plant Crawl, a passport with coupons for each participating plant shop and a custom plant mat!

June 12

## Chicken BBQ at Christ Lutheran

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) will hold a Take Out Chicken Bar-b-cue on Sunday, June 12th. You must pre-order your meal with pick up between 12:30pm and 3:00pm. The meal includes a delicious bar-b-cue half of chicken, baked potato, homemade bread, spiced cabbage and dessert. The cost is \$15. To order, please call Chrissy at 610-588-0809 by June 8.

June 13

## **MDPH Summer Camp**

MDPH Summer Camp will be held June 13-17
- Little Riders Camp (4yr-6yr)

August 8-12, August 15-19.

Great low-key environment for all levels of experience Ages 5-15. Monday-Friday 10A-3P covering all aspects of horsemanship. Campers will learn grooming, horse care, equine education plus arts and crafts, games and daily riding lessons. Each child must supply their own daily lunch Mon-Thurs. Water and ice pops available.

Pizza party on Friday. \$400 per week. 50% deposit per child to reserve spot. Call Marissa @ 201-247-7118 Space is limited

#### June 14 -17

Environmental Stewardship for Youth Leaders Day Camp 9:00am to 3:00pm

Get your feet wet in the field of waterways conservation and learn to lead projects that make a difference in our world! Teens ages 13-18 will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to learn leadership skills, get hands-on with field investigations and a streamside service project along the Bushkill Creek. Upon completion of this free program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 4 community service hours. There is no fee to attend this camp. Financial and other support for the Environmental Stewardship for Youth Leaders has been provided by the Department of Environmental Protection's 2021 Environmental Education Grants Program. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 14th and ends on Friday, June 17th and will be from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day. Registration is required. Registration will be online only.

**June 18** 

## Meet Author Louise Marie Miller

Saturday, June 18, 2022 Time: 10:00 am to 12:00pm Come meet local author Louise Marie Miller from Pen Argyl. She has written several books for young readers. All her books are available on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com Space is limited. Please call to hold your space. Event will take place upstairs in the library. Light refreshments will be served. Bangor Public Library Library # 610-588-4136

**June 18** 

# Native Gardens for Small Spaces

Saturday, June 18 at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Many of our beautiful native plants are often overlooked or just plain ignored by gardeners. Join us for moderate walk and learn about the importance of including native plants to your garden. We'll introduce you to plants that meet a variety of garden conditions and attract different









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#### Calendar 2

species of butterflies and birds. The program will focus on species that are appropriate for smaller sized gardens. Non-native plants that can become invasive and should be avoided will also be covered. Please bring water, a snack, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at https:// events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date &search=jacobsburg

## Moth Magic

Saturday, June 18 at 8:30pm to 10:00pm

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. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Please bring a flashlight. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?or der=date&search=jacobsburg

June 25

## **Archery for Families**



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Saturday, June 25 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Join other families for an introduction to the sport of archery! Participants will learn the beginner level skills of target shooting with a compound or recurve bow and arrow. The program will be led by a USA Archery certified instructor. All equipment will be provided. This program is for families with children ages 11 and up. Please register all family members who will be participating as spaces are limited. There will be audience seating if some family members prefer to watch rather than participate. Spectators do not need to register. Registration is required in order to participate. You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr. pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobs

## **Archery for Adults**

Saturday, June 25 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm Join other adults for an introduction to the sport of archery! Participants will learn the beginner level skills of target shooting with a compound or recurve bow and arrow. The program will be led by a USA Archery certified instructor. All equipment will be provided. This program is for adults only. Please register all group members who will be participating as spaces are limited. There will be audience seating if some group members prefer to watch rather than participate. Spectators do not need to register. Registration is required in order to participate. You can view and register for community programs online at https://events. dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&searc h=jacobsburg

## **Fascinating Fungi**

Saturday, June 25 at 1:00pm to 2:00pm Join Dorothy Smullen, a 48-year member of the New Jersey Mycological Association as she

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shows us specimens, talks with us about the importance of fungi in ecosystems, modern science and even in architecture! We will then take a short walk to look for the fruiting bodies of these marvelous mycelium around the center. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at <a href="https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg">https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg</a>

#### June 25,26

Jacobsburg WWII Living History Weekend June 25,26 10am - 4pm

#### **June 24-26**

# **Bushkill Twsp Community Yard Sale**

Bushkill Twsp Community Yard Sale June 24 – June 26 9am – 5pm 968 Renaldi Rd, Wind Gap PA 18091

Spend your weekend finding great deals and awesome stuff!

#### June 25

## Wind Gap Shop n' Stroll

- —Shopping with 70+ vendors & crafters (pet and non-pet related)
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- —Food vendors Music and MORE.,,

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## Swing at the Stand

"Swing at the Stand" will be held on Saturday, June 25th, 4:00-?? at Weona Park, Rt. 512, Pen Argyl. Listen and dance to the "Oldies" and meet with friends. (Please bring your own beverage and lawn chair.) Everyone is welcome...Rain or Shine!

#### June 24

## Wind Gap Park Summer Concert

New Individuals 6-8pm.

#### July 1

## Weona Park Summer Concert

Desire Time 6:00pm. Rain Location: Weona Park Community Center.

#### July 8

## Wind Gap Park Summer Concert

Steel Creek Band 6-8pm.

**July 15** 

## Weona Park Summer Concert

Riverside Rhythm Time 6:00pm. Rain Location: Weona Park Community Center.

#### July 22

## Wind Gap Park Summer Concert

Desire 6-8pm.

#### **July 29**

## Weona Park Summer Concert

Inch abd the Echoes Time 6:00pm. Rain Location: Weona Park Community Center.

## August 5

## Wind Gap Park Summer Concert

Headliners 6-8pm.

#### **Aug 5,6,7**

### **Roseto Yard Sales**

The annual Roseto Borough yard sale will be held the first weekend of August. Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 5th, 6th and 7th. The Borough waives the normal fees for this weekend, so setup and sell your treasures.

#### August 7

# **Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller 4x4 Truck Show**

The first Annual Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller 4x4 Truck Show to fund Blue Collar Scholarship in his memory is planned for the Blue Valley Farm Show 1:00 p.m. Sunday August 7. Tickets · \$10 - \$45 www.eventbrite.com/e/310620603587

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Your Donation/ticket will enter you to win an hourly door prize and will be used as your vote for the Best in Show 4x 4 Truck!

Your Truck Entry fee will get you a spot on the lot, a t-shirt and sticker with an opportunity to win one of three prize bundles!! Best in Show, Best 2014 and older, Best 2015 and newer!!!

Vendors will be on site, food, music! Come join us and have a good time and enjoy the 4 x 4's!!

## August 12

## Weona Park Summer Concert

Nazareth Municipal Band 6:00pm. Rain Location: Weona Park Community Center.

## August 19

## Wind Gap Park Summer Concert

New Individuals 6-8pm.

#### August 27

## Delaware Riverfest - Vendors, Food & More

Enjoy the day along the Delaware River shopping with vendors, delicious food, drinks, music, and more!

August 27, 2022 from 10AM to 3PM, 422 Delaware Avenue Portland, PA 18351

For vendor opportunities email blueflameevents@yahoo.com

Registration cost is \$30 Per 10 x 10 space

#### **Sept 11,12**

## Revolutionary War Weekend

Jacobsburg Revolutionary War Weekend September 10,11 10am - 3pm

## Sept 17-19, 2022

## **Hot Air Balloon Festival**

2022 Lancaster Hot Air Balloon Festival Sep 17, 2022 At 6 Pm – Sep 19, 2022 At 9

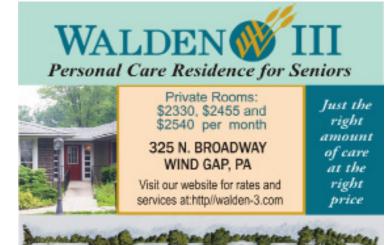
The Lancaster Balloon Festival is a one-of-a-kind event in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Hosted in the village of Bird-in-Hand, PA the festival features the mass launch of dozens of big, beautiful balloon, family entertainment, fire works, delicious food, Amish goods, and even buggy rides!



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## **Christ Presbyterian Church** of The Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor www.christpcsb.org More info 610-588-4864. E-mail: info@christpcsb.org.

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. in-person/Zoom/

Facebook Live. For more info: 610-588-4864.

#### Flicksville UCC

1337 Lower South Main St., Bangor Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.com

Worship at 10:45 a.m. following social distancing guidelines





## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

404 Broadway Bangor (610-588-2023)

telcbangor@frontier.com Website: www. tlcbangor.com Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion:** First and Third Sundays Refreshments after. Masks optional.

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

Sun June 5 -9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Live & on Zoom) 10:45 Fellowship Hour (For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign in)

## **First United Methodist Church of Bangor**

Pastor Elisandra Garcia - 610-588-4673 55 North Third Street, Bangor PA 11:00am service (Communion First Sunday)





## **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

703 South Delaware Drive Mt. Bethel, 18343 http://www.celcpa.org/

Email: celcpaorg@yahoo.com 610-588-7056

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m. **Holy Communion:** First and Third Sunday **Toddler Sunday School:** Sept-May 10:15 -11:15

## **Richmond United Methodist Church**

Rev. Peter Jamieson, Pastor http://richmondumc.com/ 8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor, PA 18013 610.588.7317 | richmondumc@epix.net Sunday Worship - Weekly at 10:00 a.m.

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth Pa 18064 www.gracebelfastpa.org 610-759-9080 Email:gracebelfast@rcn.com **June 5 -** 9:00 a.m. – Day of Pentecost





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