

Slate Belt Town Topics

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Pen Argyl students enjoy their prom held last Friday. *Photos: Hannah Bonanducci.* [PHOTO GALLERY](#)



The Slate Belt Youth Baseball Association held opening day Saturday at Bangor Memorial Park. *Photos: Larry Cory* [PHOTO GALLERY](#)



The Slate Belt Youth Lacrosse team played Parkland at East Bangor Borough Park Saturday. *Photos: Larry Cory* [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Slate Belt News Briefs

Heading Into the 80s

Today, sunny, with a high near 78. West wind around 5 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday, sunny, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph in the morning.

Pollen today: Medium High with a 8.9 rating on a scale of 12. Top pollen producers today will be Oak, Maple and birch.

UV Rays Today High risk of harm from unprotected Sun exposure. Alert in effect for 7 hours between 10am–5pm. High of 7.4 on a scale of 12 at 2:00pm.

Air Quality Moderate today. Unhealthy for some sensitive groups

Slate Belt Weather

BAHS Class of 1971

Members of the Bangor High School Class of 1971 have been invited to join the school's 136th commencement exercises Friday June 11, 2021.

(Rain date is Saturday June 12 at noon or 6pm depending on conditions.)

The event will be held at Bangor Memorial Park on Eisenhart Boulevard, Bangor.

Attendees should report at 5:15pm for light refreshments at the VIP tent located near the baseball field.

Commencement exercises begin at 6:30pm. RSVP: Denise Cope Sandt 610-905-5763 henden1973@gmail.com or Cynthia Slack Engler 610-588-1083 by May 27, 2021.

Pen Argyl Street Sweeping

Pen Argyl street sweeping began this week. Weather permitting the Public Works Department Staff will begin in the Mary Mountain Area of the Borough and will be working east to west from top to bottom of the Borough.

Since this is the first year of this endeavor they ask for patience from our residents as the staff gets used to the equipment and mapping out a plan. Route 512 and Main Street will be posted for no parking, for the rest of the roadways we encourage residents to park on the odd side of their roadways on odd days and even side of roadways on even days during this time so the sweeper can try to get each side of the roadway.

They understand the inconvenience and we do not know how long it will take to get through the Borough's roadways. They will try to continue to update residents as the process progresses.

Blue Mountain Antique Steam Engine Show at Jacktown



Bill Reese entertains the crowd at Jacktown Sunday during a program by the Blue Mt. Steam Engine Association.



This 1919 Model t Ford was on display at the Jacktown Show Sunday.

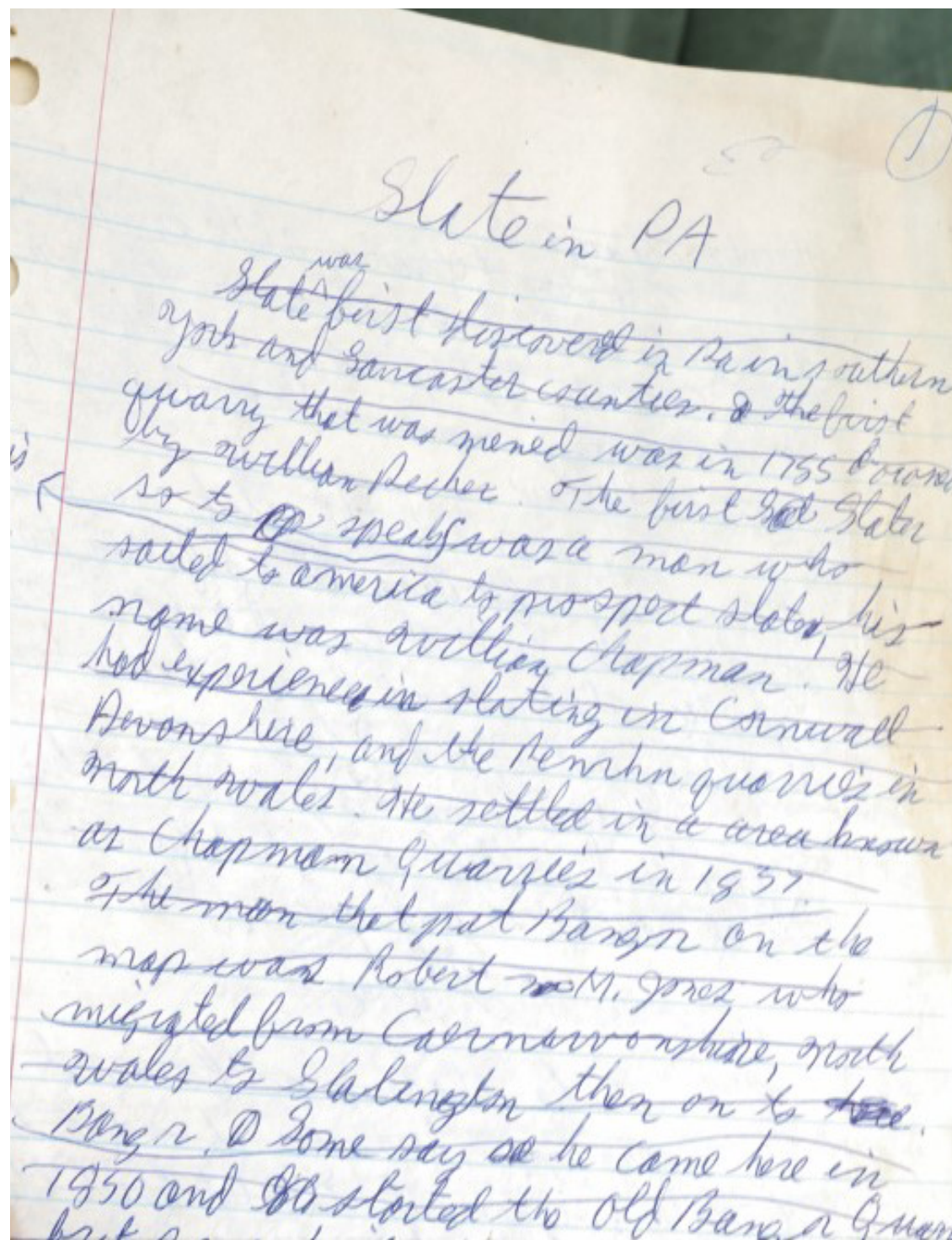


This interesting display was provided by Shady Creek County Gourds of the Slate Belt. Visit them at www.shadycreekcountrygourds.com
PHOTO GALLERY

Quarry Hoist and Slate History at Slate Belt Heritage Center



Robert Anders takes his turn a the control antique Quarry Hoist next to the Slate BeltHeritage Center Sunday afternoon.



Todd Kluska still refers to a report he did on Slate from his days as student at Bangor Junior High School.

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- ***Lifetime Slate Belt resident (BAHS graduate)***
- ***5+ Year Volunteer of Washington Township Recreation Board***
- ***Helped raise - \$ 700,000 in grants & donations to support development of Phase II municipal park expansion***
- ***Washington Township Representative on Plan Slate Belt Committee***
- ***Local Area Advocate - fought over 5 years, in person (including Harrisburg presentations)***

MAY 18th

Local Voting is Critical

PLEASE

Mark Your Calendar!

Slate Belt Y Child Care

The Greater Valley YMCA has announced the expansion of its child care offerings at its Slate Belt location. The Y now offers care for toddlers and preschool children ages 2 through 5 in its newly-constructed child care wing.

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Event Calendar

May 20

Heritage Center Presentation

Retired Pen Argyl Social Studies teacher, Walter Cole, will present a program on the Upper Edelman One-Room School May 20. The presentation will also cover other Plainfield Township one-room schools, common school activities and many interesting stories about what school life was like. He will actually be doing his presentation in the Upper Edelman School.

The program will be available to view on the Heritage Center's Facebook page, starting on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Walter Cole was a Pen Argyl teacher for 40 years, teaching early American and local history. He is currently a board member of the Heritage Center, and has conducted over 100 oral history interviews for the Center. Mr. Cole is also the author of the recently published book on the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park, and Weona Park Centennial Calendar.

BAHS Musical

Bangor High School will present the musical, *The Secret Garden* this year!!

Performances are scheduled for

- May 20 7:30 pm & May 21 7:30 pm
- May 22 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- May 23 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

The musical will be held in the Craig Payne Theater at Bangor Senior High School.

Ticket orders:

www.showtix4u.com/events/bahsthesecretgarden

Call: 610-599-7011 Ext. 1001

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 20 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 27 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.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request.

Please register all members of your party as space for this program is limited to 4 attendees total each day. View and register for community

programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

May 21

Families First Fundraiser at Blue Ridge Winery

A Families First Fundraiser will be held at Blue Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery & The Underground Experience Friday, May 21 from 4- 7pm.

Please join Families First for their spring fundraiser and enjoy wine tasting and basket raffles. Admission tickets are \$25.00 per person. To purchase tickets, contact:

- Molly Jones- Plainfield Elementary School
 - Ilka O'Donovan- Wind Gap Middle School
 - Spring Shank- Pen Argyl High School
- Masks and social distancing are required.

May 22

Jacobsburg Bug Hunt

Saturday, May 22 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us while we take a closer look at bugs or more scientifically, arthropods. We will then try and catch some of these creatures for an up-close encounter. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request.

Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total.

View and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

Columcille Tours

Celtic storyteller Tom Egan leads walking tours at 9 a.m. every other Saturday through Oct. 9. Tours start from the stone circle and last until about 11:30 a.m.

Bake Sale

The Bangor Womens Club will hold a Bake Sale in front of Capitol Ace Hardware Bangor PA on Sat May 22, 2021 from 9 am to 3 pm. BWC is a

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Wed-Thu 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Fri 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM • Sat 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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non-profit organization that provides community support for scholarships, food pantries, Bangor Public Library, and needy recipients.

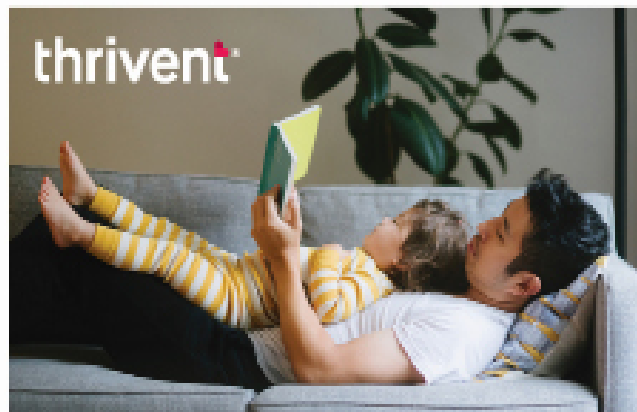
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Borough Yard Sale Craft Vendor Event

The Borough of Portland will be holding Town Wide Yard Sales, Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 8am to 2pm. There will be a map of participating homes will being given out at the Mayor's Table located at the Park and Walk in downtown Portland. An Outdoor Craft and Vendor Event will be held Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 9am to 3pm, to benefit Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 at the Portland Train Depot, Rt 611 in downtown Portland. Craft and Vendor Info contact Stephanie at 610-216-6716.

Blue Mountain Library Half Price Book Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Half-Price Book Nook Sale on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone wishing



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to come into the Library must call for a scheduled appointment.

Thirty-minute time slots will be assigned with a maximum of 3 people per time slot. The book nook is located on the second floor of the library at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. The phone number is 610-863-3029.

Masks are required and gloves will be supplied by the library. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please no \$50 bills.

For information, visit our website at www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

May 31

East Bangor Memorial Day

A Memorial Day service will be held on 1pm May 31 in East Bangor Cemetery. Scott Saltern will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The speaker will be Paul Karner, a US Army veteran. Jesse Geiger will recite the "Gettysburg Address". Kilee Goss will recite "In Flanders Fields". There will be a roll call of those veterans who have died in the past two (2) years and are now buried in the East Bangor Cemetery. A gun salute will be fired by the Martocci-Capobianco Post 750 American Legion, Roseto. Taps will be played by Taryn Geiger. The East Bangor Fire Co. will be in attendance. In case of rain, the service will be held at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church. The church is sponsoring the service. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

June 3

Food & Wine Festival

The Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival is returning in grand style June 3-12, both virtually and at participating restaurants. Plans are in the works for a special online event featuring Chef Emeril Lagasse, the first-ever Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week, and an in-person "sponsors only" event showcasing restaurant favorites from festivals past.

June 5

Mount Bethel Meltdown

Mount Bethel Meltdown Cheese Event will be held at 805 Orchard Rd, Mt Bethel, Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 12-9pm

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*Local artisan cheeses for those with a more sophisticated palate, paired with a cider flight!

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Intro to Mountain Biking

Bring Your Own Bike

Saturday, June 5 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

This two-hour program is designed to make a first-time mountain biker feel comfortable exploring Jacobsburg's multi-use trails. During the first portion of the program we will discuss essential information such as; bike parts, preparedness, safety, Jacobsburg's trails, and proper trail etiquette. The second portion of the program will be used to inspect your bike for fit and function followed by a ride on a beginner trail led by an experienced rider. Registration required.

View and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

Wildlife Walkways

Saturday, June 5 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

To celebrate National Trails Day, we will take a short hike while discussing the wildlife at Jacobsburg and the ways they use the trails. We will also look for trails that are created by wildlife and learn about how they use them to help them survive. Registration is required.

View and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

June 6

Vendor/Craft Show

The Washington Twp Fire Co. 920 Washington Blvd. will sponsor a Vendor/Craft Show June 6, 2021 from 10am - 4pm.

Vendors/Crafters if you are interest in a space our contact info is on the flyer. Spaces are \$30 for (1) 10ft x 10ft or \$50 for (2) 10ft x 10ft. All spaces are outdoors and will be socially distanced apart from other vendors. No access to Utilities (water, electric, wifi, etc). Applications must be mailed. Vendors will be accepted as first come, first serve.

Outdoor Event - Rain or Shine. Food and Drinks For Space Info contact, Aundrea Morrison 610-984-7101 or email bdjm@gmail.com

June 15

Master Watershed Steward Day Camp - Afternoons

Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Volunteers for the Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp program! Youth will learn about the environment, water resources management, and complete a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Youth will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and participate in field investigations. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 2 hours of service toward High School community service requirements. This free program will be held outdoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm each day. Registration required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>.

June 24

Tails And Tales

Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will explore the animal kingdom this summer as Bangor Public Library presents "Tails and Tales" during their summer library program. Activities may include songs, group games, crafts, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The 2021 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people, who are in preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. "Tails and Tales" begins on Thursday, June 24, 2021. For more information, call the Bangor Public library at 610-588-4136 or visit their website, www.bangorlibrary.org

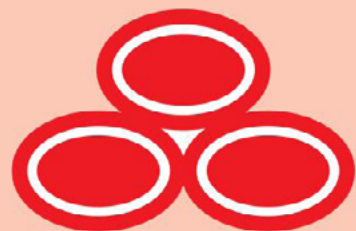
All programs are free of charge.

July 30

Bushkill Yard Sales

Residents of Bushkill Township will be having yard sales at their homes on Friday July 30th and Saturday July 31 from 9am-5pm.

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Check registration list for specifics- some addresses will have additional days or adjusted times based on residents preference

Message Bushkill Community Yard Sale on Facebook or email them for a list of addresses, including a maps link for a convenient route to be sure you get to all the locations.

To be added to the list: If you are a resident of Bushkill Twsp and not registered yet, but would like to be, message us to be added to the vendor page

September 28 Families First 5K One-mile Fun Walk

The Families First 5K One-mile Fun Walk will be held at Wind Gap Park Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9-11:30 am.

The event is open to anyone

The 5K/1 Mile Fun Walk will be held rain or shine. Registration will begin at 7:30 am on race day.

Registration Fees:

- \$20 per person BEFORE race day
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- \$25 per person on race day



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Slater Youth Football

Bangor Slater Youth Football Association reminder, that register is open. The season will soon be starting. Please watch out for posts on upcoming events/camps

Please use the link below to register.

<https://slatersyouthfootball.sportngin.com/.../173494135>

They are also looking for Coaches. If you are interested please email them at bangorslatersyf@gmail.com.

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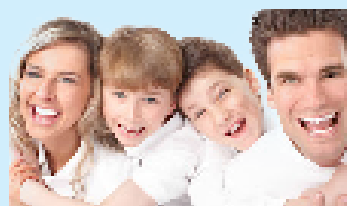
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Hotline for Human Services

Northampton County has a 24-hour Emergency hotline for all Human Services-related emergencies. Anyone struggling with a mental health crisis, abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, evictions, substance abuse, food insecurity, etc. can call 610-252-9060 for help and referrals.

County Assistance

In light of Pennsylvania's eviction moratorium expiring on August 31st, Lamont McClure reminds residents that Northampton County has approximately \$3.6 million available for rental assistance, rapid rehousing and utility payments. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development worked together to develop the Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED). CMED offers experienced mediators, emergency financial assistance and rapid rehousing to prevent homelessness. Contact: Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763 or email Ziana Keith at zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org

Blood Donors Needed

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is seeking donors. Recent storms have cancelled blood drives and supplies are running low. Miller-Keystone has 6 donor centers located throughout the region with extended hours. Anyone interested in donating should call 1-800-B-A-DONOR or make an appointment at <https://www.giveapint.org/>

Food Pantry

Did you know The Salvation Army of Pen Argyl has a food pantry?

If you or anyone you know are in need of food, you are welcome to come Tuesdays from 10AM-12 Noon. Curbside pick-up provided. Questions? Please call 610-863-6677

Filetown Road Closure

The Filetown Road (S.R. 1006) Bridge will be closed and have a detour plan in place from Monday, March 22, 2021 to Monday, August 16, 2021.

Please note that this is a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) project, and it will not be managed by Plainfield Township officials.

Get Your Tail On The Trail' 165 Challenge Begins with a New Phone App

As participants begin the 165-Mile Challenge this year, they'll have a new app for the "Get Your Tail on the Trail" program, offered by St. Luke's University Health Network and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L). This free community initiative encourages people of all ages and abilities to meet their personal fitness goals.

From May 1 to November 8, the 165-Mile Challenge encourages participants to log 165 miles of exercise, such as walking, hiking, running, biking or paddling on the D& L trails or anywhere they choose.

- Logging miles and staying motivated has never been easier with our new app:
- Get exclusive content about nutrition, events and upcoming challenges
- Earn badges for your achievements based on your activity log
- Stay engaged all year round in activities and challenges
- Keep informed about your chapter and any organizations you are a member of
- Experience virtual tours of different parts of the trail
- Receive great prizes

To register, go to Get Your Tail on the Trail.

"Get Your Tail on the Trail" participants register for free as an individual or as part of an organization

Aging Agency Call Line

Lamont McClure and the Area Agency on Aging Division (AAA) are operating a call line on Friday mornings for Northampton County Seniors to make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations. This service is intended for those who lack computer or internet access. AAA staff members will make 100 appointments per clinic date. Vaccination clinics will be held at the Wind Creek Event Center at 77 Wind Creek Blvd. Bethlehem, PA.

Residents of Bethlehem City and Northampton County who are age sixty-five and older can call 610-865-7092 to schedule an appointment for a

and log the miles doing a continuous activity for 10 minutes or more. While the program doesn't require participants to exercise exclusively on the 165-mile D&L Trail, it is a great centerpiece resource. The trail stretches from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the 165-Mile Challenge that runs each May to November, there are special events throughout the year, including bike and hike outings, health fairs, history walks and more. Since we launched in 2013, close to 10,000 participants have logged over 5 million miles. Those who complete the challenge receive a reward. Past rewards have included t-shirts, hats, backpacks, and rain ponchos.

"Our goal is straightforward: To get people outside and get them active," says Kathy Ramson, St. Luke's Network Director for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease. "We want people to be physically active because it is one of the best ways to prevent chronic disease. There's a good deal of data that show that if you exercise 150 minutes a week, you're going to have better health outcomes overall."

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asked for years and years
to donate to your clubs,
events, and organizations?
They're calling in a favor.
Answer the call.**

Bangor Park Yoga Thursdays 6-7pm

This active movement session cultivates awareness of the body, while utilizing the breath for grounding. We will flow with intention; consciously engaging the muscles to increase strength, & holding postures for several breaths to increase flexibility. The steady pace of this class balances effort & ease, making it suitable for all practitioners

Thursday's at 6pm - 7pm

Cash donations are accepted and always appreciated!

Please arrive 10 minutes early and park your car in the lot accessible from the Broadway street entrance. The class is located in the field between this parking lot and the circle.

(Remember to bring your own equipment such as a yoga mat, blanket, blocks, or a strap as they will not be provided.)

DAY CAMP 2021

What better way to start your summer than at Y Summer Camp? Each day of camp comes packed with the perfect amount of activities and fun!

- Sports & Outdoor Activities
- Character Development
- Inclusion Support for Special Needs
- Licensed, Full Day Programs
- Weekly Rates

Like many Y youth programs, our camp is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as day camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social and educational activities.

Stop by your branch And pick up a Registration packet!

Day Camp Counselors Needed - Apply today.
gv-ymca.org

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Dog Licenses

Residents are reminded to renew their dog licenses. Licenses can be purchased at <http://www.padoglicense.com> or by contacting Northampton County at 610-829-6186, option 6.



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PROVISIONAL 2020 DEATHS

