

Slate Belt Town Topics

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Swimming Pool, Gymnasium Become Reality at Slate Belt Y

by Hannah Bonanducci

In 2015, the Slate Belt branch of the YMCA opened in Pen Argyl after almost 20 years of planning from the Founder's Committee. They've been able to offer many activities and resources to the community over the years, and now, they're officially opening a new pool, gym, kitchen, and daycare center to the public.

"The Founder's Committee really saw a need for a community center in the Slate Belt," YMCA employee Jennifer Delong said. "It was a dream of theirs, and now it's a reality."

"With the new additions, we will be able to have activities for all ages," she continued. "We'll be able to have activities in the pool like Mommy & Me classes, senior arthritis classes, and aqua aerobics. We also now are able to provide childcare for 45 children from ages 2 ½ and up, and we have summer camps back with the new gym as well where athletes from local schools can come

to train."

The newest additions have added the opportunity to better reach out into the community and even continue some previous activities.

"I'm excited for the pool because we'll be able to teach kids about pool safety, which has been a big thing here," Delong said. "The kitchen is also a big addition as we can start our own summer feeding here with our camp kids. We fed the community through a variety of partners last summer, and we're excited to be able to start doing that here."

Everyone will be able to see and use the new facilities after the virtual opening on Monday, May 24th.

"Come check us out!" Delong said. "We're doing our virtual live opening on Monday the 24th, and you can register to come in and take a tour."

Join them online on Monday, May 24 at 10:30am. Visit this link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3hmyVGP>.

Slate Belt News Briefs

Flirting With 90 20-Degree Drop Monday

Today, a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. .

Tonight, a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10pm.

Sunday, slight chance of showers after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday, partly sunny, with a high near 70.

Monday Night, Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53

Tuesday, partly sunny, with a high near 77.

Air Quality: Moderate. Unhealthy for some sensitive groups.

Pollen today: Medium High with a 8.7 rating on a scale of 12. Top pollen producers today will be Oak, Mulberry and grasses.

UV Rays Today Moderate risk of harm from unprotected Sun exposure. Alert in effect for 7 hours between 10am–5pm. High 5.7 on a scale of 12 at 1:00pm

Slate Belt Weather



Photos: Hannah Bonanducci

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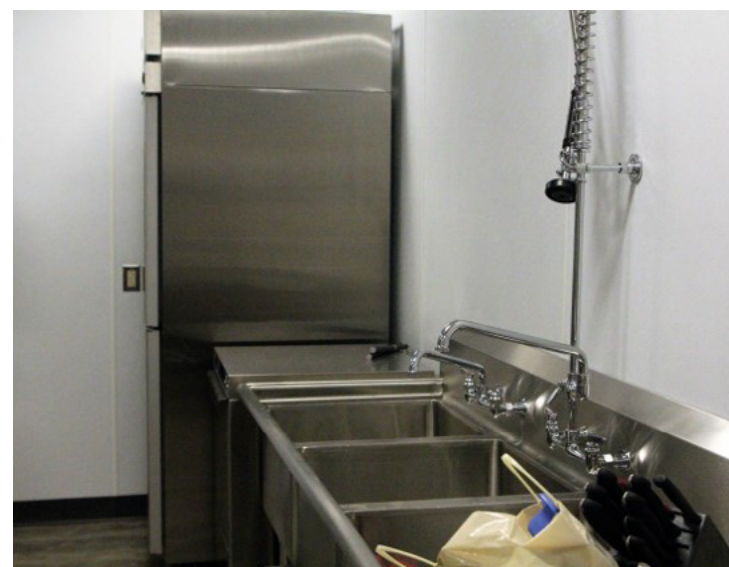
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June to July.**

**For more information contact: Eric @ 610-554-
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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 22

BAHS Musical

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

Performances are scheduled for

- 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

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

May 24

Slate Belt Y Plans Virtual Preview

The Slate Belt Y team is thrilled to invite you

to join us for a Virtual Unveiling of their brand-new Pool, Gymnasium and Child Care Wing at the Slate Belt Branch!

We're very excited to give you a glimpse of these exciting updates.

Join them online on Monday, May 24 at 10:30am. Visit this link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3hmyVGP>.

May 27

Weekly Weeders

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 29

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 be 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,

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

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2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone wishing 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.

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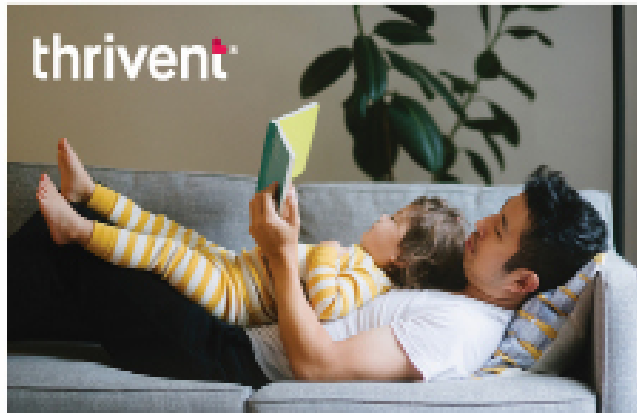
May 31

Slate Belt Area

Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Roseto Legion will hold services at the following times and places:

- The New Catholic Cemetery at 9:00am
- The Presbyterian Cemetery at 9:30am
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 10:00am
- Saint Johns Cemetery in Bangor at 10:30am



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- Roseto Municipal Building at 11:00am

They are only having a small service at the Roseto Municipal building this year that will include the placing of the wreaths at the war monuments and Gun Salute.

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

UMBT Memorial Day

UMBT Memorial Day Drive-By Parade, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, May 31: Upper Mount Bethel Community Park, 1535 Potomac St. Guests will drive through various military displays while listening to patriotic music; TAPS will be played; and veterans will be welcomed by area fire departments and saluted. Visitors are asked to decorate their vehicles in a patriotic theme.

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

Hardball Cider celebrates one of their favorite ingredients with a cheese event to melt any heart!

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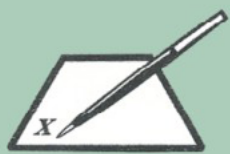
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Intro to Mountain Biking

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

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Saturday July 31 from 9am-5pm.

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

August 27-29

Vendor Fair/Flea Market

Roseto Helping Hands is hosting a Vendor Fair and Flea Market from August 27th through August 29th at the Roseto Ball Park. For Vendor/Flea Market applications contact Darlene Dunbar at 908-619-7643..

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
- \$40 for a family of three or more BEFORE race day *family entry must be submitted together*
- \$25 per person on race day
- \$15 student entry

Entry includes t-shirt (guaranteed to the first 100 runners) and a raffle ticket for prizes. Awards will be given to the fastest overall male and female and to the top three finishers in each age category. The 1 Mile Fun Walk is noncompetitive.

This fundraiser supports the free programs of Families First: Families-In-Need, After-School Tutoring, College Scholarship Fund, Mentoring Programs, Adopt-A-Family, and many others.

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.

Weona Park Pavillions

Weona Park Pavillions will be available for rent in the 2021 Summer Season. All CDC rules must be followed.

Please call 610-863-9249 for more rental information.

2021 rates are:

- Pavilion Rentals: Large pavilion \$150
- Kitchen: \$40.00
- Side A or B Large Pavilion :\$75.00
- Small pavilion: \$100.00

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.

Any question please reach out to Rachel Mobley @ bangorslatersyf@gmail.com

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(For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign-in)

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Grace Lutheran Church

Starting June 6th and every Sunday thereafter Grace Lutheran Church 5907 Sullivan Trail Nazareth Pa 18064 will be open for in person worship at 9:00am.

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.



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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

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 vaccination. AAA employees will also assist with registration at the Wind Creek clinics.

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 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."

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.

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.)

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PROVISIONAL 2020 DEATHS

