NEWS TODAY NOT NEXT WEEK

Slate Belt Town Topics

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Pen Argyl High School honored its senior softball players and baseball players Friday afternoon. (Left) Kamryn Bonser plays shortstop for the softball team and (Right) Alek Kessler plays second base for the baseball team. Baseball photos Hannah Bonanducci and softball Larry Cory.

SOFTBALL PHOTO GALLERY ------ BASEBALL PHOTO GALLERY





Bangor, Pen Argyl and Palmerton competed in a track meet at Paul Farnan Field in Bangor Memorial Park Thursday. *Photos: Larry Cory* PHOTO GALLERY (38 photos)

CDC: Vaccinated People Can Not Shed Virus

Medical experts and the CDC said it's not biologically possible for the COVID-19 vaccine to "abod" or effect unvaccinated poorle

biologically possible for the COVID-19 vacc to "shed" or affect unvaccinated people, despite what anti-vaccine activists

claim.

The misinformation about "vaccine shedding" has had a real-world impact. One Miami private school recently instructed immunized teachers to stay away from students, citing the baseless claim that unvaccinated people can experience menstrual irregularities and other reproductive harm simply from interacting

with vaccinated people.

There is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility or menstruation problems in people who get them, let

alone in their close contacts, experts said.

In April, faculty and staff at a small Miami private school received a letter telling them that if they

would have to keep their distance from the students. A week later,

one fifth-grade student sent an email home to her parents from the school.

The teacher "is telling us to stay away from you guys," the student wrote, according to reports.

The episode at the Centner Academy is the latest example of online misinformation seeping into the real world. School cofounder Leila Centner framed the policy as a matter of protecting unvaccinated people from "being

the unvaccinated people from "being negatively impacted" by those who got their COVID-19 shots.

Slate Belt News Briefs

Showers Today Some Rain Sunday

Mostly cloudy today with scattered showers until 5pm. Tonight will be mostlyu clear with a chilly low of 40.

Mother's day is expected to be mostly cloudy with an 80% chance of light rainfall some time after 2pm.

At 7:45 am this morning the Town Topics has recorded .43 inches of rainfall today bringing our monthly total to 1.86 inches.

There is a slight chance of more showers Monday.

Pollen today - Trees and grass pollen level 5 of 10.

UV radiation Low with a high of 2.8 on a scale of 10 around noon.

Rude Q Fundraiser

Little Creek Q Crew will be serving up sarcasm with a side of their Award Winning BBQ all day on May 8th!

It's all in good fun and they invite you to play along. (just remember- keep it clean, no profanity)

We're going to donate 15% of our total sales for the day to a local non- profit.

Since Mother's Day is Sunday May 9th, they've picked Connections for Women/Bloom to be the first recipient.

They hope you will join them. Check out their Facebook or Instagram Day morning for specials and the day's menu.

Tacos and Tunes

Tacos and Tunes will be held at Tolino Vineyards Saturday, May 8 from noon to 5pm. Admission is free.

This event is held every Saturday from May through October. Enjoy live music by local artists from 1-4pm and delicious tacos by Rogue Taco Truck 12-5.

Check their website for more info and the amazing line up of artists including Mike Pilgermayer, George Baier, Andrew Moses, Erin Kelly, Len Mooney, Erin McClelland and more.

East Bangor Fundraiser

East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co. is offering takeout Tuesday May 11 from 4:30 - 7:00pm.

Meatball subs will be available for \$5.00 each. Please specify if you would like parmesan or mozzarella cheese.

Outside seating is available and cash bar for on-premises consumption. Text or call order ahead by calling 484-903-4556. Pick up at the hall door.

Slate Belt Weather

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 newlyconstructed child care wing.

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Event Calendar

May 8 Tacos and tunes

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Saturday, May 8 from noon to 5pm. Admission is

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On select dates JT Grill will be filling in for Rogue Tacos. Check their website for more information and to check the amazing line up of artists including Mike Pilgermayer, George Baier, Andrew Moses, Erin Kelly, Len Mooney, Erin McClelland and more.

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Virtual: Bird-Window **Collision Prevention**

Saturday, May 8 at 2:00pm to 2:45pm

This program will be hosted online. Our windows are killing birds. Annually up to one billion birds die from colliding with windows. Learn why it's not big cities and high-rise buildings, but our homes, shopping centers, corporate and college campuses causing the most harm. The presentation will include instructions, so you'll be able to create materials designed to reduce bird-window collisions. This program is best for ages 16 & up. Registration is required. After registering, you will receive an email with the link to join the program. This presentation is best viewed on a desktop or larger tablet.

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

May 9

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

May 13

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 13 at 8:30am to 10:30am 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 15

Church Rummage/Bake Sale

The Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church Rummage/Bake Sale will be held May 15 8:00am to 12:00pm, at Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church 607 School Road Nazareth,

Something for everyone. Please come out and join them. For more information please call Teddy at 1-908-235-8811. Masks are required to enter.

Plant, Yard, Bake Sale

St Peter's Annual Plant, Yard, Bake Sale 1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl, PA. Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 9 AM EDT – 1 PM EDT.

Come out for their annual Plant, Yard Bake Sale. Vegetable plants, annuals and perennial flowers. Molasses crumb, cherry and rhubarb pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, and more. Lunch to Go (bar-bque, hot dogs, chips, etc.

Spaces available for your yard sale items or crafts - \$10 (table not included).

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Mental First Aid Course

Come participate in an Adult Mental Health First Aid Course May 15, 2021.

9AM to Noon - via Zoom

Led by: Rev. Dr. Emily B. Hall, D. Min, BCCi

Registration Required

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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.



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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.

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.

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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 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 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.

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! Three Cheese Vendors starting at NOON:

*Massive Mac 'n' Cheese menu by FonDippity Food truck with NINE different MAC options!

*All things cheese like loaded nachos, quesadillas. and more by The Nacho Depot!

*Local artisan cheeses for those with a more sophisticated palate, paired with a cider flight! Live Music all day, No cover.

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 sciencebased 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

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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 thier website, www.bangorlibrary.org

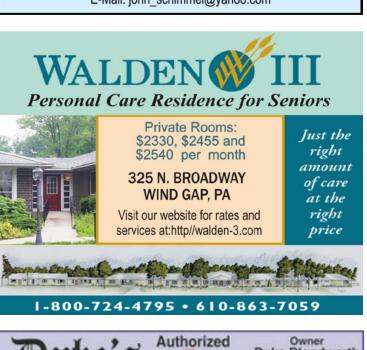
All programs are free of charge.

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.

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,

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.

Weona Park Pavillions

Weona Park Pavilions 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

Daily Weather Updates

slatebeltweather.com

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 <u>bangorslatersyf@gmail.com</u>.

Any question please reach out to Rachel Mobley @ bangorslatersyfgmail.com

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Sat., May 8

-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sun., May 9

-10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Live & on Zoom)

(For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign-in) Pastor David Goss, (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610) 588-3896

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.