

# TOWN TOPICS

News Today - NOT Next Week

## Fall Craft Fair

Washington Twsp. Fire Co., 920 Wash. Blvd, Bangor, Oct.24 from 10-4. Outdoor rain or shine. Food & drinks. Space: Aundrea Morrison 610-984-7101 or [bdjm987@gmail.com](mailto:bdjm987@gmail.com)

## Pen Argyl High School Stuff the Bus



The Pen Argyl High School's students and staff are preparing for another productive year of Stuff the Bus. Nonperishable food items, paper products, and winter wear items will be collected in the Pen Argyl High School parking lot from November 2 to

November 19. These goods will be collected between 7:00am and 7:30am and again between 2:30pm and 2:45pm during the weekdays. Donation boxes will also be set up at Wind Gap Middle School, Plainfield Elementary School, Slate Belt Nazareth Baptist Church, and Waste Management for collections during their operating hours.

Suggested donations would include canned goods (such as fruits or vegetables), stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, as well as other non-perishables like cereal, oatmeal, gravy mix, soups, etc. The group is also in need of paper products, gloves, and hats, gift cards for meals, and turkeys. All items are appreciated!

Donations will be given to those in need throughout the Pen Argyl School District. Partnering with Families First, these items will benefit over 100 families within the school district if the goal is met. Last year, 87 families benefited from the support and kindness of the community, staff, and students



Bangor's Mylaina Schippers (12) pursues the ball during the Slaters' 2-0 loss to Northwestern in the Colonial League semi-finals at Bangor. *Sbtt Photos Larry Cory.* [PHOTO GALLERY](#)

## CDC Expands the Definition of 'Close Contact'

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new guidelines on Wednesday regarding what counts as "close contact" with someone who has COVID-19.

The expanded definition includes brief but repeated exposure to others with the virus that adds up to 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. Previously, the CDC defined close contact as spending 15 consecutive minutes or more within six feet of someone with COVID-19.

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## NWS Forecast - October 23

### Today

Areas of fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the afternoon.

### Tonight

Areas of fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 5 mph.

### Saturday

A slight chance of showers after 2pm. Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

### Saturday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 38. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

### Sunday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

### Sunday Night

A chance of showers, mainly after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

### Monday

Showers likely, mainly between 8am and 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

### Monday Night

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

### Tuesday

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

### Tuesday Night

A chance of showers before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

## Mail-In Ballot Applications

Apply for a mail-in ballot for the general election. If you did not select the annual mail-in option during the last election, you must apply for a mail-in ballot for the general election. <http://votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot>

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## 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.



## Pet Costume Competition

Halloween Pet Costume Competition for the Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group, October 25 from 1 to 4 in the Murray St. Courtyard 48 Broadway, Bangor



(Between Empire's Coffee & Bangor Trust Brewery) hosted by Bangor Trust Brewing, Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group Inc and 2 others Prizes, Raffles & Fun!

Free To Enter but you must **SIGN UP** by private messaging the Historic Bangor Business Association or Bangor Trust.

## Bangor Library WiFi

To help patrons at this time the library will be allowing patrons to access the library wifi from their cars in the parking lot. You must come into the library for the password as it will change monthly.

This is for a limited time and will stop once we are allowing patrons to sit in the library again. The library reserves the right to stop this service if COVID guidelines are not followed.



**[Daily Weather Updates](http://sbtopics.com)**  
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## Protect Yourself Outdoors During Fall Months

As people continue to spend time outdoors during the fall months, the Wolf Administration wants to remind residents of the dangers of tick and mosquito-borne illnesses, and to take steps to protect themselves.

"Fall is for many the best time for hiking with beautiful colors, crisp air, and fewer bugs, but many people are surprised to learn that there are ticks that remain active throughout the year, so it's always important to take preventative measures so you can enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of being in the outdoors," DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said.

Before heading outdoors, it is important to cover exposed skin, wear light-colored clothing (to aid in insect detection), tuck your pants into your socks, and use an insect repellent containing 20 percent or more DEET.

You also can treat your clothing with a product containing permethrin to repel ticks. These steps will help protect you from both ticks and mosquitoes

## Stone Church Pastie Sale

A Pastie Sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) on Saturday, November 14. Pasties can be picked up between 11am and 1 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per beef pastie. Place your order with or without onions. Advance orders are recommended and can be placed until the November 10. To place your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-

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to Local Libraries Page 12**



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# East Bangor Car Show and Event



Mark your calendar! Saturday, November 14, 10am-4pm at East Bangor Park on Park Road in East Bangor.

Free car show and event. Variety of cars, food trucks, vendors, East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co. Events will be there with their fire trucks, fire fighters and cooking some great food as well!

Rockin' Ramaley will be playing a variety of music for all to enjoy! They will also have their a Rockin' Military Truck for kids to climb in, get a photo and receive an American flag.

This is a charity benefit to support a long time Slate Belt Resident Jon James.

Vendors as of today: Scentsy ,Ornaments, Crafts, Thirty One ,Color Street. More welcome, call Lauren at 484-546-6095 to become a vendor:

Food to date: Dinkys ,East Bangor Fire Department,Cille On Wheels ,Rustica Artisan — at East Bangor Blaine Reimel Memorial Park.

Call Lauren above to be added as a food vendor.

# UMBT Veterans Day Celebration & Parade

Come to the Upper Mount Bethel community park located at 1535 Potomac street on November 7 to celebrate our military veterans.



Upper Mount Bethel is hosting a veterans' day celebration with a fireworks display and drive-by parade. Park opens at 3:30pm for the drive by parade and ceremony begins at 5pm.

Fire works show is sponsored by Lamtec and Custom Laminating.

Bangor Area School District will be participating to honor our veterans.

Upon entering will be a drive-by parade where you can see military vehicles and reenactments, there will be singers singing patriotic songs, we will dedicate the flagpole and pavilion, elected officials will speak and fireworks go off at dusk.

All attendees will either remain in their car or can get out of their car - but must remain next to their car or sit on their car to see the fireworks. There will be no mingling and engaging others, you must remain by your car and 10-feet from any other car.

This is a great way to celebrate those who sacrificed for our freedom and those who continue to sacrifice.

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# Slate Belt Happenings

**October 23**

## Creatures of the Night

Family Night: Creatures of the Night Hike  
Friday, October 23 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Ever go out at night and look and listen for nocturnal creatures? Join us as we take a stroll through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of these fascinating animals. Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. 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. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

**October 24**

## Saturday Morning Chow Time

Saturday morning chow time for veterans and first responders, free of charge, 8-9:30am Saturday October 24 at A Clean Slate 100 S. First St., Bangor. 610-452-9348

## Fall Craft Fair

## Wind Gap Turkey Drive

Thanksgiving is two months away. Plans are underway for another Turkey Drive this year for the food bank in Wind Gap .

Last year was a beautiful display of generosity on the community's part. That said, this year they want to start earlier, possibly reaching more people. Drop off date is not definitive as of yet. They suggest that you pick up an extra can of vegetables or mashed potatoes when you shop up to drop off date.



And if financially you can't help, there are other ways. A simple share and like is an incredible way to help.

The food bank accepts non perishable items throughout the year . There is a drop off box outside the old catholic church located on 512 and Genoga in Wind Gap . (On the Genoga side )

A Fall Craft Fair is planned for Washington Twsp. Fire Co., 920 Washington Blvd, Bangor, October 24 from 10-4. This is an outdoor event and will be held rain, shine, or Snow. Food and drinks will be available. For space info contact Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101 or e-mail [bdjm987@gmail.com](mailto:bdjm987@gmail.com)

**October 25**

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**October 24,25**

## Market Faire and Rendezvous

The Jacobsburg Historical Society will present its annual Market Faire and Rendezvous October 24,25 on Henry Road, Nazareth from 10-4pm.

**October 29**

## Outdoor School with Jacobsburg

Thursdays, 8:30am-3:30pm Sept through Nov. You may know Jacobsburg as a place to enjoy public environmental programs for individuals, families, and scouts, but we also serve over 35 different public and private K-12 schools for free throughout the academic year. Whichever way your students are learning this year, Jacobsburg is here to help with standards-based outdoor education in biology, environmental science,

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earth science, history, and language arts. If your student needs to get outside for an in-person educational experience, give them a call. They are prepared to offer in-person and virtual programs by request to groups of families, as well as schools. They require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

**October 31****Area Trick or Treat**

- Pen Argyl 6-8
- Plainfield 6-8
- Roseto 4-7
- Washington 2-5
- Wind Gap 6-8

**UMBT Halloween Parade**

Join a Halloween Drive-By Parade on Saturday, October 31st from 1pm-3pm at the Upper Mount Bethel Community Park. Register for the car contest at [facebook.com/portlandumbtparade](https://facebook.com/portlandumbtparade) or 610-360-6468

**Bangor Trick or Treat**

Bangor Trick Or Treat (rain, snow or shine) will be held Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 2 pm – 5 pm

**LMBT Trick or Treat**

Lower Mt. Bethel Twsp will holds trick-or-treating October 31 between noon and 9:00 p.m. But you are free to do it the entire day

**Portland Halloween**

Portland Trick or treat 4-6pm. Trick-or-Treat After Party/Costume Contest, 6:15pm-8pm

**November 5****Outdoor School with Jacobsburg**

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**November 7**

**Volunteer Day at Jacobsburg** Saturday, November 7 at 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Join them for this last volunteer event of the season as

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we work in our native plant gardens, build brush piles for birds, pick up litter, and plant trees. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring water. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Registration is required. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**Saw-whet Owl Banding** at Jacobsburg Saturday, November 7 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm

The Northern Saw-whet Owl is the smallest owl in Pennsylvania. During October and November, Saw-whet owls that have bred north of us migrate through our area.

Join Darryl and Jackie Speicher of the Pocono Avian Research Center as they try to catch and band Saw-whet owls at Jacobsburg. Dress for the weather. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing during the program.

Program limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.

You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>.

**November 10**

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## Slate Belt Diner

Open for take out. Outdoor Dining 610-452-9205, 370 Blue Valley Drive. More Info: [Click Here](#)

## Daisy Family Restaurant

Open 11-9 Sun-Thurs. 11-10 Fri. & Sat. Order by phone for curbside pickup and have your food brought to your vehicle, or order at the counter and take it with you. 6589 Sullivan Trail Wind Gap, (610) 863-4044. Cash or credit still accepted. More info: [Click Here](#)

## Three Brothers Pizza

Three Brothers Pizza is now open in the former Plainfield Diner on Sullivan Trail. Dine In 7am- 10pm Call 610-863-4950 to order.

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## Mt. Bethel Diner

Mt. Bethel Diner open for Dine-In and Take-Out Mon - Sun 8am - 7pm. Call ahead to order 570-897-6409, 2600 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, Pa 18343.

More Info: [Click Here](#)

## Family & Friends Takeout

Family and friends country restaurant is open for take out at are window or curbside pick up. Full menu available. Call for daily specials 610-759-7477. They are located on route 512 in wind gap next to Albanese garden center. More info: [Click Here](#)

## Gap Diner

The Gap Diner in Wind Gap is open for dining-in Sun.-Wed 6am-Midnight and 24 hrs Thurs, Fri, & Sat. More info: [Click Here](#)

## TK's Restaurant

TK's will open June 5 in their outdoor seating and To Go services. 7am - 11pm 7 Days A Week. 570-897-6112. 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](#)

## Little Creek BBQ

Hours: Tue--Wed 3-7. Thurs., Fri., Sat 11-7. Sundays 12-5. 610-588-3831. More info: [Click Here](#)

## Fuher's Tavern & Grill

Fuhrer's Tavern & Grill at 104 Main St., Portland has opened (previously O'Neill's Place) Non-smoking. Families welcome. Masks required. No bar seating Table seating at 25% capacity. Reservations not required but suggested. Outside seating available. Open 10 am - 9 pm. Kitchen open 11-9, last seating at 8 .last call for food and drinks at 8:30. (570) 897-5590.

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## Where to Eat

### Sal's Pizza

Sal's Pizza 487 E. Moorestown Road, Wind Gap. 610-863-7665. Open daily 11am -9pm. Closed Tuesday Mor Info: [Click Here](#)

### Doughboys

Original Doughboys Pizza and Restaurant, 230 W. Moorestown Rd, Wind Gap. Open 11-9 daily. 610-759-3776. More Info: [Click Here](#)

### Pen Argyl Pizza

Pen Argyl Pizza 510 E. Main St, Pen Argyl. 610-863-6670. M-Sat (11-10) Sun (10-10)  
More Info: [Click Here](#)

### 512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540.  
More Info: [Click Here](#)

### Detzi's Tavern

Detzi's Tavern 570 North Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap. 863-9882. Open 4 -7:30. and Noon-7:30 Wed., Thurs, Fri & Sat. 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.

- Masks must be except at the table.
- No more than 4 people per table.
- Tables must remain 6' apart

More Info: [Click Here](#)

### Broadway Pub

Broadway Pub 62 Broadway, Bangor. 610-452-9226. COVID Hrs. Tues-Sun (2-8).  
More Info: [Click Here](#)

### Boar Barbecue

Boar Barbecue 690 Allegheny Road, Mt. Bethel. 484-908-3407. More Info: [Click Here](#)

### JT Grill

JT Grill at Miller's Egg Ranch on Route 12, East Bangor is serving breakfast and lunch from 10am-3pm Tuesdays through Saturdays! Tuesday, June 9th lunch special: Italian Hot Dog with Beverage Outdoor seating available. More info: [Click Here](#)

### Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Reservations are highly encouraged! It helps make your dining experience run as smoothly as possible. Beginning August 11.

New hours are:

Tuesday-Wednesday (3pm-10pm)

Thursday-Saturday (11am-11pm)

Now open Sunday (12pm-8pm)

Please call us at (610)588-1773

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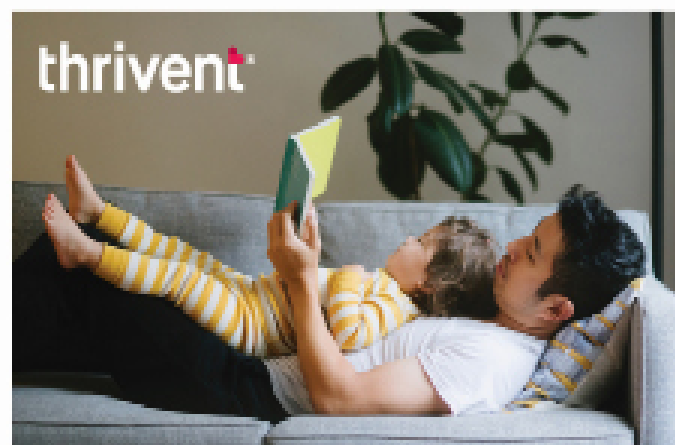


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## Bangor Library New Books

October 9 - October 15

### Adult Fiction

Breath of Scandal by Sandra Brown  
 Mary's Christmas Goodbye by Linda Byler  
 The Calling: A Novel by Suzanne Woods Fisher  
 The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett  
 The Searcher by Tana French  
 Troubles in Paradise: A Novel by Elin Hilderbrand  
 Things in Jars: A Novel by Jess Kidd  
 Elsewhere by Dean R. Koontz  
 Happily This Christmas by Susan Mallery  
 Cardiff, by the Sea: Four Novellas of Suspense by Joyce Carol Oates  
 The Coast-to-Coast Murders by James Patterson  
 The Last Time They Met: A Novel by Anita Shreve  
 The Orphan Collector by Ellen Marie Wiseman

### Adult Non-Fiction

Didn't See That Coming: Putting Your Life Back Together When Your World Falls Apart by Rachel Hollis  
 Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes by Edith Hamilton  
 Fat for Fuel: A Revolutionary Diet to Combat Cancer, Boost Brain Power, and Increase Your Energy by Joseph Mercola  
 Modern Comfort Food: A Barefoot Contessa Cookbook by Ina Garten  
 True Comfort: More Than 100 Cozy Recipes Free of Gluten and Refined Sugar by Kristin Cavallari

### Audio Books

We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast by Jonathan Safran Foer  
 Knit Two Together by Elizabeth Lanhard

### Easy Fiction

I'm a Big Sister by Joanna Cole  
 Easy Reader Fiction  
 About Dogs by Bruce Johnson  
 Fly Guy Presents: the White House  
 Elmo Says, Achoo! By Sarah Albee  
 Pinkalicious: Story Time

### Junior Fiction

A Tale of Witchcraft... by Chris Colfer  
 Oathkeeper by Erin Hunter  
 The Spirit-Eaters by Erin Hunter

## 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](http://www.bmcl.org) or call 610-863-3029 for information or to request books. Their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](http://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

### August 2020

#### New Fiction

Secrets of My Heart, Tracie Peterson  
 Mrs. Lincoln's Sister, Jennifer Chiaverini  
 House of Privilege, Mike Lawson  
 The Lies that Bind, Emily Giffin  
 Her Last Flight, Beatriz Williams  
 What You Wish For, Katherine Center  
 The Woman in the Woods, John Connolly  
 The Pull of the Stars, Emma Donoghue  
 The Last Trial, Scott Turow  
 The Banty House, Carolyn Brown  
 Salt Air Secrets, Joanne DeMaio  
 Girl From Widow Hills, Megan Miranda  
 The Request, David Bell  
 Someone Else's Secret, Julia Spiro

#### New Non-fiction

More Than Love, Natasha Gregson Wagner  
 Too Much and Never Enough, Mary Trump

#### New Juvenile

The Chubby Cheek Chipmunk, Allie Kat  
 The Berenstain Bears and the Baby Chipmunk, Stan Berenstain

## October Silent Auction

The Blue Mt. Community Library will once again hold a Silent Auction during the month of October. 18 items, including Kitchen, Home, Jewelry and Leather Fashions will be available to bid on.

Library membership is not necessary to participate. Please go to the library's Facebook page or visit [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org) for a list of the items and instructions for bidding.

Any questions, call 610-863-3029 during Library hours.

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## 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](mailto:zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org)

## 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.

## Confidential Grief Group

A Clean Slate is partnering with [Kainoa's Ohana](#) to start their 6-week confidential grief group for parents/caretakers who have lost their child to a stigmatized death (addiction/suicide).

This has been a very powerful group that has filled a need in our area. This group caps at a small number so please pass this on to anyone who may benefit. They are looking at starting Saturday mornings in mid-October. For more information or to sign up contact [jana@recoveryrevolution.org](mailto:jana@recoveryrevolution.org) 610-599-7700.

## COVID 19 Test Site

A new COVID-19 drive-through testing site opened in Northampton County Monday.

The new site opened at Coordinated Health on 3100 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem Township. The site will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours will be available twice a month from 9 a.m. to noon. The drive-through testing center is in the parking area to the rear of the Coordinated Health Building and is separate from patient parking and routine patient care.

## VFC Information for Parents

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program offers vaccines at no cost to eligible children through health care providers enrolled in the program. Vaccinating on time means healthier children, families, and communities. Find out if your child qualifies for the VFC program.

Children who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program can receive vaccines at no cost through a national network of participating health care providers. The VFC program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from 16 diseases

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/index.html>

## Upper Mud Run Road - Closed Until Further Notice

A section of Upper Mud Run Road (between Klausz Road and Hahn Road) will be closed until further notice. Please utilize Franklin Hill Road as a detour.





# County Road Work

**US 22 West Between: PA 33 and PA 512** Nighttime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM. Start date:10/18/20. Est completion date:10/19/20

**Interstate 78 West Between:Exit 75 (To PA 611) and Exit 71 (PA 33)** Nighttime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM. Start date: 10/19/20 Est completion date: 10/20/20

**Interstate 78 West Between: Exit 75 (To PA 611) and Exit 67 (PA 412)** Nighttime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM. Start date: 10/20/20 Est completion date: 10/21/20

**Interstate 78 West Between:Exit 71 (PA 33) and Exit 60 (PA 309)** Nighttime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM. Start date: 10/21/20 Est completion date:10/22/20

**Interstate 78 West Between:Exit 71 (PA 33) and Exit 60 (PA 309)** Nighttime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 PM To 06:00 AM. Start date:10/22/20 Est completion date:10/23/20

**Portland/Upper Mount Bethel Road name: PA 611/North Delaware Drive Between:Slateford Drive and National Park Drive.** Type of restriction: 24 Hour-Restriction: Road will be closed and detoured. Detour will utilize Slateford Road. Start date:10/19/20. Est completion date: 10/23/20

**Plainfield Township Road name:Route 512 Between:Bangor Borough and Lehigh Avenue.** Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date:10/19/20. Est completion date:10/21/20

**Plainfield Township. Road name:Filetown Road Between:Jacobsburg road and Sullivan Trail.** Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start 10/22/20 Est completion 10/22/20

**Bushkill Township/Plainfield Twp. Road name:Henry Road. Between:Jacobsburg Road and Belfast Road.** Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date:10/23/20 Est completion date: 10/23/20

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of families, as well as schools. They require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801 or [Click Here](#).

**November 29**

**Portland Tree Lighting**

The Tree Lighting will go on as planned. There will be some changes and it may be smaller but it will take place. Information will be forth coming.

**Weona Park 100th Anniversary Book**

The 100th Anniversary History of Weona Park book written by Walter Cole will be available by mid-November. Details including book price and purchase details will follow.

This book includes park history, sports , family reunions, gatherings, and celebrations. Many photographs and flyers will be included. Also included will be interviews and recollections. Fund raising awill include ads and an opportunity to remember or honor someone. Ad deadlines are October 23, 2020.

Ad forms may be obtained at [www.facebook.com/Weona100](http://www.facebook.com/Weona100) or [http://penargylborough.com/PABAdmin/images/Centennial\\_Ad\\_form.pdf](http://penargylborough.com/PABAdmin/images/Centennial_Ad_form.pdf) . The committee thanks Gaffney Parsons Funeral Homes and Ruggiero Funeral Home for underwriting printing costs.

**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.

**Plainfield Trail Closure**

The section of the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail which is located between Engler Road and Gall Road will be closed to all pedestrians and cyclists starting on September 21, 2020. This section of the trail will remain closed until further notice. The closure is necessary in order to repair a section of the trail which was damaged due to excessive stormwater runoff events.

Please contact the Plainfield Township Municipal Office at 610-759-6944 with any questions. Thank you for your anticipated patience and understanding as the Township takes the necessary steps to maintain the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail to ensure that current and future generations will be able to enjoy the trail.

**PUMP Needs Your Help**

With an increase of 30%-40% of people coming because of COVID-19, PUMP is currently serving 150 - 175 families who receive food weekly from the pantry. All the food is distributed by approximately 30 to 40 volunteers.

Food supply also has risen 25%-30% and continues to come from donations, Second Harvest, Trader Joe's, Northampton County and Salvation Army.

They are asking at this time for the communities cooperation in helping secure the funds to purchase a parcel of land and construction of a new building.

Donations can be sent directly to Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry Inc. P.O. Box 69 Portland Pa. 18351 or visit the PUMP at 111 State St. Portland Pa.. Mondays from 9:30 AM to 12 PM.

**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.



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# Ignite Fitness Pink-Out Craft & Vendor Fair



Ignite Fitness is sponsoring a Craft & vendor fair event October 31st, 9am - 2pm. All cancer warriors are welcome to attend and come together at 1310 Blue valley Drive, Pen Argyl (Rt 512) *(event held in the Parking lot behind Ignite Fitness Studio)*

**Vendors:** Little Creek Bar-B-Cue, Franklin Hill

Vineyards, Richmond Farm & Brewery, Rustic Sawdust Designs, Thirty-One Gifts, Park Lane Jewelry, Mary Kay, Color Street Nails, R. Nelson Woodworking, Modern Home, Decor & Crochet Accessories, Colleen's Country Shop, Mountain Home Crafts, Tastefully Simple, Ignite Fitness Pink Out Stand, Scentsy, Candleman Creations, Stone Lake Winery, Deborah Embroideries, Kannaway CBD Oil, Paparazzi, Avon, Chill on Wheels 2, and many more!

Crafters and home vendors interested in a space please contact Dawn at 484-866-7233 or Tammy 484-239-8997 to reserve your spot. Pink Heals Fire Trucks Lehigh Valley & Slate Belt Trucks will be here! Please consider making a donation for the basket raffle.

# Bangor Chili Trail & Competition

You're invited to join the Historic Bangor Business Association for a fun chili competition to crown the best chili in the Slate Belt judged by attendees and an esteemed panel of judges November 7 from Noon to 3pm



in downtown Bangor. (Rain Date November 8.

Awarded plaques will include:

"People's Choice", "Hottest Chili", "Mayor's Choice", "Most Unusual", and "Judges Best Overall". Attendees will have raffle and 50/50 tickets.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Bangor's Fire Departments. Help raise some \$\$\$ for a good cause and have some safe delicious fun during COVID-19!

Please dress accordingly. Festival attendees will receive a Chili Trail Map and voting card to rate and score chili in downtown Bangor.

If you do not have a business storefront in the downtown you may still participate. Outside Vendors will be set up in the Murray Street Courtyard, on sidewalks, and inside participating businesses that offer COVID-19 safe safe service. A map of all vendors will be given to attendees with your name listed.

Requirements: no competition entry fee, just agree to bring and serve at least 3 gallons (12 quarts) of chili for 2oz samples for attendees (one sample per attendee). For agreeing to participate, the HBBA will include your business in all marketing efforts, listed on [HBBAPA.org](http://HBBAPA.org) and social media.

Vendors will each receive 2 comp tickets to sample and vote. Tickets will be \$15 presale or \$18 day of. Have a raffle prize set up at your store or table for a tricky-tray. Guests will have raffle tickets to win your prizes. For more info or questions please contact HBBA event organizers at [HBBAPA@gmail.com](mailto:HBBAPA@gmail.com) or Traci at 610-554-1460.

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**The Pen Argyl High School Band** performed at halftime of the Pen Argyl - Northern Lehigh Game. *Sbtt*  
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## Quiet Valley Living Spooky Days

Spooky Days on the Quiet Valley Farm is Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24 from 5 pm to 8:00 pm. Groups go out continuously throughout. Social distancing will be observed and masks are required.

Enjoy exploring parts of the farm as you help solve

a “murder” that took place in the 1800s. This is a true who-dun-it, playing detective activity, developed by a forensic specialist. Visit the murder scene, meet possible suspects, pay attention for clues and name the evildoer. This is a perfect evening for those looking for something different to do than a haunted house.

Due to COVID concerns the daytime children’s activities are being postponed until 2021.

Spooky Days on the Farm will take place rain or shine; Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (8-12). Get tickets on our website where you can schedule a time for your visit or purchase them at the gift shop when you arrive. Not recommended for those under 8 years of age. All money raised is used to support the mission of our non-profit historic farm museum and its educational programs.

For more information visit [www.quietvalley.org](http://www.quietvalley.org) or call 570-992-6161.

## Annual Heritage Center Preservation Awards

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is now accepting applications for its Annual Preservation Award, which seeks to acknowledge individuals who have performed exemplary acts to promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt.

Candidates may be an individual or group and may be nominated by themselves or another party.

There are three categories: Initiative Award, Architectural Award and Special Focus Award. Detailed descriptions of these categories, as well as the criteria involved may be found on the Heritage Center’s web site, SBHC.org, and Facebook page, Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC. Nominations will be accepted this fall and will be reviewed in January. Awards will be presented in June 2021.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Heritage Center on Sundays from 12 – 3, at all local municipal offices or by contacting Jason Huggan at 484-754-2480. Please help us recognize those people who are working to preserve our history.



## Senate Bills Strengthen PA Mental Health Coverage



The State Senate approved legislation to ensure that mental health and substance use disorders receive the same level of care as other health issues, according to Senator Mario Scavella (R-40).

House Bill 1696 and House Bill 1439 would strengthen enforcement of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 by ensuring insurance plans provide mental health care that is similar to coverage for other diseases and illnesses. The bills also require insurers annually attest to steps they have taken to comply with the law.

The current system of enforcement relies on addressing complaints from consumers who may not know about the law or fully understand the services that are included in their health plan. The package of bills would ensure all insurers offer customers the level of care and services that are required by law.

“This legislation solidifies the Insurance Department’s role in regulating insurer compliance with mental health parity and requires insurers to legally attest to compliance efforts and makes certain public disclosures of those efforts. It’s a second layer of accountability,”

## Community Programs Offered at Jacobsburg



**Volunteer Day at Jacobsburg** Saturday, November 7 at 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Join them for this last volunteer event of the season as we work in our native plant gardens, build brush piles for birds, pick up litter, and plant trees. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring water. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Registration is required. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**Saw-whet Owl Banding** at Jacobsburg Saturday, November 7 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm

The Northern Saw-whet Owl is the smallest owl in Pennsylvania. During October and November, Saw-whet owls that have bred north of us migrate through our area.

Join Darryl and Jackie Speicher of the Pocono Avian Research Center as they try to catch and band Saw-whet owls at Jacobsburg. Dress for the weather. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing during the program.

Program limited to 20 participants. Registration is required.

You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>.

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