

**NOTICE**  
**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EMAILED ONLY TO BVTIMES@RCN.COM BY FRIDAYS NOON**

**Mission of Love Food Bank**  
 Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 555 North Main St., Bangor, 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

**Explore Warren County Tourism at: ExploreWarren.org**  
 Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

**The Salvation Army Food Pantry Pen Argyl**  
 The pantry is open Tuesdays from 10am until noon or by appointment for emergency food if needed; closed the 5th Tuesday of the month. Evening opportunity: The third Tuesday of every month pantry will be open 6-7pm. Contact the office at 610-863-6677 with any questions Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm. 301 Main Street, Pen Argyl PA 18072

**Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank**  
 Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. and until further notice the PUMP will be open every Monday as normal, AM AND PM: 10 to 11:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm but will deliver food to your car as your number is called in the parking lot. No one but workers will be allowed to get inside. There will be no access to restrooms. Your cooperation during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

**Mission of Love - And Hope Food Bank Outreach Center**  
 Every Friday- 10am-12pm. All are invited. 5224 Milford Rd. East Stroudsburg Pa. 570-702-9958

**Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, Winter 2020-2021**

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM-2:30 PM Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

First Day Hikes  
 Friday, January 1, 2021 at 10:00am to 11:30am or 1:00pm to 2:30pm  
 Get out and get hiking on the first day of 2021! Join us for one of two moderate 2-mile hikes at Jacobsburg. We will explore the forests and creek-side trails. The hikes will leave at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The meeting

location will be emailed to participants with the registration confirmation. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring a snack and a water bottle. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a face mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe physical distance from staff and other visitors at all times during the program. Registration is required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

**Master Watershed Steward Program seeking new volunteers this spring**

Lehigh Valley, Pa - What substance covers 71% of the earth? What vital substance is needed by every cell in all living things? What valuable resource is abused, wasted, and taken for granted every day? If you answered water, you are right. We cannot live without it. But fresh water is NOT an unlimited resource. Of all the water on the earth only 2.5% is fresh water. Of that, only about 0.3 % is usable by humans. As population increases and urbanization creeps out ever farther into rural areas, the need for water conservation grows. Lehigh Valley residents that want to learn more about the environment and get involved in local efforts to protect water can look to the Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program. No previous experience is necessary – just a desire to give back. This program brings together university educators from varied disciplines, environmental professionals and local conservation agencies to deliver 40 hours of training to a select group of recruits who in turn volunteer to help protect the Lehigh Valley's most important valuable resource, water. Lessons in topics such as water quality, stream health and restoration, recreational use, groundwater, and geology equip the trainees for many projects that benefit the community. Last year 65 volunteers spent nearly 1,300 hours teaching students about stream ecology, planting riparian buffers to filter run-off, installing rain gardens, helping municipalities meet state mandated storm water runoff requirements and delivering educational public workshops for homeowners on rain barrels, pollinator gardens and storm water management. The program launched in the Lehigh Valley in 2013, and due to its success, there are now Master Watershed Steward programs in seventeen of Pennsylvania's Counties, with almost 500 volunteers. Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Lehigh and Northampton training class. We are looking for enthusiastic people who want to preserve and improve the quality of life we enjoy in the Lehigh Valley.

The 2021 Master Watershed Steward virtual training program starts Wednesday, March 3 and continues through June on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The course also includes three hands-on field trips to be scheduled COVID permitting. The fee for the program is \$125, which helps offset the costs for program materials and professional guest speakers. Scholarships are available for those with financial hardships. Three virtual Open Houses will be offered: Tuesday, December 1 - 6:00 to 7:30pm Wednesday, December 9 - 1:00 to 2:30pm Wednesday, December 16 - 6:00 to 7:30pm Register here: <https://extension.psu.edu/master-watershed-steward-open-house>

**The Blue Mt. Community Library** will sponsor a Valentine Gift Basket Fundraiser. The basket will be featured on our website at [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org) and our Facebook page. Please show your love for the BMCL by calling the library at 610-863-3029 to place a bid from Jan. 11 through Feb. 6. The library is currently open to visit on Mon. 10 am-Noon and 6-8 pm. And Fri. & Sat 10 am-Noon by appointment. When entering the library you must wear a mask and gloves will be provided to you. We are also open to borrow Curbside on Thurs. am and pm shifts, as well as all other shifts by calling the library to ask for the book(s) you want and a time to come to pick up. All books are sanitized and quarantined for your safety. Library membership is free to all residents in the Pen Argyl Area School District and non-residents may open a membership for a small yearly fee.

"DESIRE" is proud to announce our NEW CD produced with our ALL-STAR BAND is here! It is ready for distribution and if you would like to get yours by mail... here's how to do it! Each CD is \$15 plus \$3 shipping. Send a check or money order to: Bobby Heppburn PO Box 22002 Lehigh Valley, Pa. 18002

Please also make sure to include YOUR address so I can mail it correctly. As your check arrives, it will go in the Mail at The Post Office immediately! Thank You All as always! I'm sure you will have MANY hours of pleasure listening to the sounds of "DESIRE" on our NEW CD! Bobby & "DESIRE"

**New Editions At The Bmcl**  
 Adult Fiction  
 Troubled Blood, Robert Galbraith  
 The Book of Two Ways, Jodi Picoult  
 The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop, Fannie Flagg  
 South of the Buttonwood tree, Heather Webber  
 Confessions on the 7:45, Lisa Unger  
 Girls of Brackenhill, Kate Moretti  
 Eli's Promise, Ronald Balson  
 The Southern Side of Paradise, Kristy Harvey Woodson  
 Adult Non-Fiction  
 The Guns at Last Light, Rick Atkinson  
 Route 529, Patricia Roberts  
 Valiant Ambition, Nathaniel Philbrick  
 Adult Reference  
 100th Anniversary - History of Weona Park, Walter Cole

**The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church** welcomes you to a FREE "Souper Bowl" Supper (Chicken Orzo & Beef Barley) on Sunday, Feb. 7th, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit <http://ebumc.org/>.

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StoryWalk® at Jacobsburg  
 Weekdays and Weekends, Sunrise to Sunset

A StoryWalk® is a trail with pages of a story book placed along the way. This self-guided trail is a flat 1/3 mile walk good for families with young children. Start at the tree beyond our mailbox at 400 Belfast Rd./Gate B7 and end inside the garden with a special surprise! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

How to Participate in Community Science

Thursday, February 18th, 7:00-8:00pm  
 Learn how you can contribute to science! Join us on Microsoft Teams for this virtual event that will introduce you to various community science projects. We'll guide you through how to get registered online so that you are ready to start entering data that you observe about birds, blooms, frogs, and more. Project Feeder Watch, Project Budburst, and Frog Watch USA will be featured. Participants must have use of the internet and the Microsoft Teams application via a computer, tablet, or mobile device. Registration is required to receive the invitation link for this virtual program.

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**Don't let Heroin tear your family apart. GET HELP.**  
**Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission's Mission: "To promote a community where recovery matters and strength and dignity is given to those affected by drug and alcohol use."**

**GET HELP NOW**

After hours 24/7 number: **Carbon Monroe Pike Referral Center** at 1-866-824-3578. During regular business hours call: **Carbon County Referral Center Toll Free: (866) 824-3578. Monroe County Catholic Social Services: (570) 517-0892 Pyramid Healthcare Bartonsville Outpatient: (888) 694-9996. Pike County Catholic Social Services: (570) 296-1054 Carbon County Provider: PA Treatment and Healing (PATH), 335 N. Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Lehighon, PA. 18235. (610) 377-8870. Northampton County Drug & Alcohol Division - Located at 2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020. 610-829-4725. A case manager is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide you with assistance on accessing services for substance abuse. If you do not have health insurance and are in financial need, this office may also help you get the funding for the services that are necessary.**