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Wearing a mask is required in federal buildings.

Masks are required outdoors on federal land when social distancing is not maintained.

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Passport to History Winter Virtual Series: Black History

By D&L

EASTON - Gather round the fire with Passport to History partners' winter program series. We'll be sharing tales of Valley history that will transport you back in time from the comfort of your living room.

This virtual series, hosted by Lehigh Valley with Love Media's George Wacker, will air live on second Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. on the Lehigh Valley Passport to History Facebook page. Each 30-minute episode will highlight a different theme and discussion from the night's host museums.

February's Theme: Black History

Tune in as partners share notable Black history from our community, including oral histories from the Slate Belt, the life of canal boat Captain James Brown, and stories of local members of the United States Colored Troops who joined the Union Army in the Civil War. Go here <https://lvhistory.org/> for more information about each topic and the evening's speakers.

Participating Partners: Slate Belt Heritage Center, National Canal Museum, Monroe County Historical Association.

Sigal Museum will reopen on Friday, February 12 with limited hours. The museum and store will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00-4:00 and Sundays from 12:00-4:00. Visitors are encouraged to purchase a timed ticket in advance. Click here to reserve your ticket. We will also continue to offer virtual programs, family-friendly gallery games, and free Grab & Go History Craft Kits at our admissions desk.



LV PASSPORT TO HISTORY PRESENTS:

Black History



Unity Bank Donates \$22,500 to Nonprofits as Customer Tribute



Bernard Mikulski of Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus in Bethlehem, Pa. receives a \$2,500 donation from Susan Worobec, Unity Bank Area Manager.

Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart in Bethlehem Receives Donation

By Fred Feiner

CLINTON, N.J. – Unity Bank recently donated \$22,500 to nonprofit organizations throughout its service area, a special one time gift on behalf of the bank's customers. Nine nonprofits representing the bank's various service regions each received a \$2,500 gift.

"Our customers are extremely loyal to the bank and the community so we wanted to do something special as a tribute to our customers," said Unity Bank President &

CEO James A. Hughes. "As a community bank, we try to help these vital community organizations to the best of our ability. The bank is proud to support local nonprofits through volunteerism, donations, sponsorships, and the bank's UCare Charitable Giving program."

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The Path of a Former Guest Leads to Promotion

By Stephnie Appel

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Rescue Mission proudly announces the promotion of Francisco, a former guest, to Food Service Manager. Francisco's two and a half year journey of healing and growth with the Allentown Rescue Mission prepared him for the next chapter of his life. In his new role, Francisco will be responsible for managing food donations and inventory, overseeing kitchen staff, and creating healthy, nutritionally balanced meals to serve the men living at the shelter.

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