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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 go 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>

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/>.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, February 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> 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. 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 five days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, Spring 2021

Intensive Art Workshop for Teens Mondays & Wednesdays, April 12 through May 24 at 5:30-7:30pm excluding April 28 Learn different forms of fiber art from artist in residency Mallory Zondag, www.mallorymakes.com. The processes will focus on wool felting and natural dying. Participants will take part in environmental lessons, led by center educators, designed to inform and inspire their art. The resulting artwork will be a unique cavity nest for wild birds to be displayed outdoors at a public reception. This workshop is free for teens ages 13-18 and attendance is required at all 12 sessions. Sessions will be held outdoors and may be rescheduled in response to weather and changing COVID-19 guidelines. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. Registration required. Basic Boating Course Saturday, April 17 at 9:00am to 5:00pm The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information, so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Commission. This course will be held indoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. Registration required. Updates regarding

COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. For questions call Andy Desko at 215-968-3631. Future Master Watershed Steward Camp Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 9:00am to 12:00pm 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. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. Registration required.



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