

## REPORT SPOTTED LANTERNFLY SIGHTINGS



### Watch for Swarms of Spotted Lanternfly

By State Rep. Joe Emrick  
SLATE BELT - Spotted Lanternfly, having grown into adults after storing up the summer warmth and energy, are beginning to swarm. They hunt for tall structures such as trees and houses in preparation to launch themselves into the wind, look for food and find a safe place to lay their eggs. The Spotted Lanternfly poses no harm to humans; however, they disrupt outdoor activity and feed off several types of trees.

These swarming events give researchers a good idea of where large populations might exist today, and where egg masses will likely be found in the winter months. Reporting these swarms via the Public Reporting Tool will aid researchers and treatment staff alike in the effort to slow the spread of this invasive insect.

In 2019, more than 90,000 sightings were reported to the PA Department of Agriculture, with the majority coming in during the September swarm. In 2020, the department saw a 50-80% increase in the number of early season peaks compared to 2019.



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## 21st Annual Families First Race A Success

By Mikal P. Sabatine Director Families First of Pen Argyl  
PEN ARGYL - Over 60 runners and walkers participated in the 21st Annual Families First 5K Race/ 1 Mile Fun Walk, which took place on Saturday, September 9th 2023, at Wind Gap Park.

The top overall runners were: Mikaela Vlasic for the women, with a time of 20:27, and for the men, Dr. Steven Blasi with a time of 20:10.

Top finishers in their age categories were:

Females:

14 and under: Madison Dietz 21:06

15-19: Carlina Alfred 24:46

20-29: Katrina Durrwachter 22:06

30-39: Sayfa Hadzhiev 32:59

40-49: Mackenzie Guyer 32:49

Males:

14 and under: Jared Ahner 24:22

15-19: Jacob Acevedo 31:11

30-39: David Roth 21:29

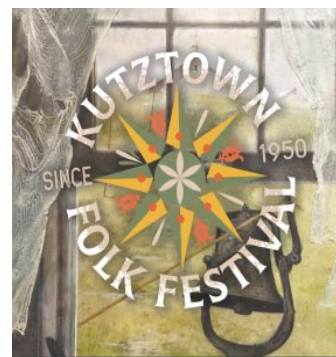
40-49: Dan Guyer 27:13

50-59: Chris Field 31:50

60-69: Joe Kinney 23:36

70 and over: Eddie O'Connor 32:35

The 22nd Annual Families First 5K Race/1 Mile Fun Walk will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2024



Join us for a Fall bus tour of Jonathan Bond's Art Trail. Pennsylvania artist Jonathan Bond resides in rural Berks County where his art gallery is nestled among the gentle declivities of farmland. Jon draws inspiration from the rustic unspoiled scenery surrounding his home. His paintings reflect the awesome sunsets and atmospherics of the Kittatinny Ridge and iconic farmsteads of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Jon works primarily in oils and egg tempera, most often on wood panels, and occasionally on scraps of cardboard when preparing studies or sketches. He also works in watercolour, silverpoint, and pen and ink. Jon has exhibited in countless juried shows and has been awarded numerous honors for his work. He has presented a dozen solo exhibitions. His art adorns homes, businesses and churches throughout eastern Pennsylvania and the United States.

2023 marks the 49th year of Jon's profession as a painter and graphic artist. Jon estimates that he's painted nearly 2,400 original paintings and designed more than 32,000 graphics for signs, murals, garments, vehicles, and advertisements.

\$50.00 per person includes bus tour, snack refreshment, and listening to Jonathan Bond narrate live on the tour. Choose one of two rides: 10am or 1pm

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## Join Rep. Joe Emrick for a **FREE** Financial Aid Seminar

State Representative Joe Emrick is pleased to invite parents and students to this important Financial Aid informational seminar for students who would like to pursue a higher education. This event will feature a special guest speaker from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The seminar will provide an overview of the new and changing process to apply for financial aid beginning with the 2024-25 academic year. The seminar is open to all ages and grades.

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
*Doors open at 6 p.m.*

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