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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.

The Belvidere Lions Club May 2020
 \$10,000 Raffle has been moved to August 25, 2020 due to the Covid19 restrictions. The Belvidere Town Council has approved the date change and all papers have been submitted and the the State of New Jersey has been notified.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Raffle in August. We still have some tickets available if you are interested. Call Lion President Valerie Tishuk at 908-763-6210. Thank you for your continued support to the Belvidere Lions Club

Celtic Songwriting Competition
 Celtic Cultural Alliance will be hosting a songwriting competition, sponsored by Sellersville Theatre, on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. at the Celtic Heritage Hollow Stage during the 31st Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival. The contest is open to all amateur songwriters. Contestants must send in a registration with the lyrics, and it must be postmarked by September 1, 2020. The contest is limited to the first 15 applicants with a correct registration. For more information and a registration form, please visit http://www.celticfest.org/celtic_song_writing_contest or contact Marcie Mulligan at mmulligan@celticfest.org.
 Marcie Mulligan
 Cultural Outreach Coordinator
 902 4th Avenue, Suite 2
 Bethlehem, PA 18018

Celtic Youth Fiddle Competition
 The Celtic Cultural Alliance announces its Youth Fiddle Competition to be held

on September 26, 2020, at the Charlie Brown Ice House, Bethlehem, PA, at Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival. This unique fiddle contest primarily focuses on Celtic fiddling styles, including Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton, Shetland, and Galician. Two age categories divide the contest, and monetary prizes are given to the top 3 in each division. Judges are professional fiddle players who perform at Celtic Classic. Registration for the event will be collected at Celtic Classic and admittance to the event is free for the audience.

The following day on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Celtic Heritage Hollow stage, a Celtic fiddle workshop for youth will be held at Celtic Heritage Hollow at Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival. D'Arcy Furniss of the Glenharry Bhoys is the instructor for this class. Registration is free but required.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.celticfest.org/celtic_classic_youth_fiddle_competition. For questions, please contact Marcie Mulligan at mmulligan@celticfest.org

Grace United Methodist Church
 VBS@Home from Grace UM Church A little (or maybe not so little) virus is not going to stop Grace United Methodist Church in Pen Argyl from having a Vacation Bible School program this summer. It will be different than usual, but it will be good! VBS will be at your home this summer. Each week you'll come to the church to pick up a packet and then the children will do the activities at home. Stories, worksheets, crafts, games and activities and a Bible memory verse. There will be packets for three age groups—pre-k-k, 1st-3rd, 4th and up. Starting June 29and going for five weeks, pickups will be from 10-11 am and 6-7 pm. Registrations are required so we have enough materials prepared. Go to www.worshipatgrace.org, scroll down to Grace VBS@Home and click on the registration link. For more information please call the church office at 610-863-4811 or email graceumc@worshipatgrace.org.

Re-Opening of the Blue Mt. Community Library.

The Blue Mt. Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Current hours of operation for the library are M, Th and Sat from 10-Noon and M, & Th from 6-8 PM. Visit the website at www.bmcl.org or call 610-863-3029 for information or to request books. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 927 MEETING

The American Legion Riders have their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 AM at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert.

The American Legion Riders contribute to Veterans, the Community, and enjoy riding.

For more information, contact President Everett "Skippy" Shaver, 570-977-8208 or everett.shaver@yahoo.com.

PARTY AT THE PAVILION AMERICAN LEGION POST 927

Join us for a Party at the Pavilion at American Legion Post 927, 646 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert PA, 5 PM to 9 PM every Friday and Saturday nights through August 29.
 Burgers - Dogs - Sides - Cash Bar - Music!

For more information, contact Gary Spears (941) 400-2293 or Patti Heller (570) 688-8303.

Historic Downtown Bethlehem, PA

The Downtown Bethlehem Association (DBA) has officially announced updates for their annual Vegan festival, "Bethlehem VegFest". From August 31st through September 5th, an entire week of "festing" will be offered through the Heart of Bethlehem's Bethlehem VegFest Facebook Event Page, managed by the Downtown Bethlehem Association.

"Going virtual will allow our faithful vendors and guests the opportunity to stay connected while we stay apart," says Tammy Wendling, manager of the Downtown Bethlehem Association. "Until we can safely gather to celebrate the Vegan culture, practices, and sustainability, this is a great way for us to commemorate the festival for 2020."

Vendors who wish to participate will be able to promote their products to the Vegan Community through social media and other marketing channels managed by the DBA. Webinars will also be scheduled throughout the week, including a live cooking demonstration from Jason Sizemore, owner/chef of Butterhead Kitchen, on Thursday September 3rd. Yoga and wellness classes with tutorial on building your own succulent garden will also be offered, and more. Festivities will conclude with a limited amount of tickets to a "Curious Vegan Trail" on September 5th, in Historic Downtown Bethlehem. This trail features various restaurants and shops offering 100% Vegan food, drinks and products.

Families can find a scavenger hunt at Cherry Valley refuge

Once a golf course, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge near Stroudsburg, Pa., is now a haven for birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators. For families who enjoy a fun challenge, there are worlds to discover, and Brodhead Watershed Association offers a scavenger hunt to encourage adventure.

Sharp-eyed kids will find at least five distinct habitats— a sunny meadows, stream, and brush pile are three of them. Another is the small wetlands where native cattails grow, home to red-winged blackbirds, wetland plants, frogs, salamanders and turtles. Stretches of forest habitat provide a shady retreat along the creek and also line the upland boundaries of the old golf course, where you might see the opening of a groundhog burrow, coyote scat or white-tailed deer.

Wood turtles, bog turtles, rabbits,

foxes, bears and bobcats thrive as their habitats return. Fish, aquatic plants, water striders and other bugs are coming back, too. The water of Cherry Creek is fertilizer-free and healthy again.

"Nature does most of the work," says Jared Green, refuge manager of CVNWR for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We humans help by cutting out the fertilizers and insecticides that hurt the creek. Then we just get out of the way."

IF YOU GO: SCAVENGER HUNT

The scavenger hunt is fun for adults and elementary-age children. Get clues, photos, video and information at brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. Take only pictures and leave only shadows!

- Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge is off Cherry Valley Road south of Stroudsburg, Pa. Take Route 191 South past Stroudsmoor Country Inn. At the bottom of the hill, go left on Cherry Valley Road. At Croasdale Road, go right to parking for the refuge. GPS coordinates: 40.9710 -75.1714

- Trail information: A former golf course, cart-paths at the 193-acre preserve form two walking loops — the Front Nine and the Back Nine. Varied terrain, lots of views, and 3.4 miles of hiking. Trails are hard gravel and well-groomed, with switchbacks, steep hills, and a gazebo at the highest point. Maps in the kiosk near the parking area.

- Go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos for information on Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge as well as other hikes in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. The series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a Free (TAKE-OUT ONLY) Dinner on Sunday, Aug. 2nd, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Please remember to wear your mask. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit <http://ebumc.org/>.

The Bangor Area High School Class of 1968 has cancelled their "70th" Birthday Party scheduled for September 19 due to the CoVid 19 pandemic. See you in 2023 for our 55th Class Reunion. For more information, please contact Tom Abruzzese at sam0ht68@gmail.com or Donna Mensch Smith at smittyde@ptd.com.

Sunflower Trail at VonThun Farms
 Wednesday, July 15, 2020 to Friday, August 21, 2020

The Sunflower Trail is now open daily, 10am-5pm, and is a great place for pictures, an afternoon out or to cut your own sunflowers! Remember Mother Nature will determine when the Trail will open & close. For questions, call 732-986-6816.

Warren County Hot Air Balloon Festival

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 to Sunday, August 23, 2020

The hot air balloon festival that happens each summer is moving to a new location for 2020 for a five-day event that will include drone demonstrations and more. Tickets are on sale now for the balloon festival, now in its 20th year, that has been held annually at the Warren County Farmers' Fair. The hot air balloon festival that happens each summer is moving to a new location for 2020 for a five-day event that will include drone demonstrations and more. Tickets are on sale now for the balloon festival, now in its 20th year, that has been held annually at the Warren County Farmers' Fair.

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