

Northampton County Festival

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will hold the 2022 Northampton County Festival on Saturday, October 8th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the east side of Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA. The festival will be held rain or shine and admission is free.

The Festival will feature food vendors, a Fruits of the Vine & Field Beverage Garden, crafts, live music, non-profit organizations, demonstrations, an awards program for outstanding volunteers, youth, veterans, business, emergency and municipal personnel, and a presentation of colors. Live music performers include the Liberty High School Party Grenadier Band, Musik Makers, Ziggy Blue, Chuck Schubert and The Don Cunningham Band.

LANTA will provide a shuttle bus to-and-from the festival from 10:30AM – 6:00PM. (There will be no shuttle service from 1:00PM – 1:30PM to allow for a lunch break.) Attendees who want to use the shuttle bus should park at the LVHN Hecktown Oaks Campus at 3780 Hecktown, Road, Easton in the lot closest to the intersection of Hecktown Road and Route 33.

For general information, contact DCED at 610-829-6309.

In-Person D&L Heritage Half Marathon AND Virtual D&L Trail Challenge Sunday, November 6

By D&L

LEHIGH VALLEY - The Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon Run/Walk is fast approaching and the final price increase it almost upon us! Register today to save your spot and \$10 go to <https://race.delawareandlehigh.org/>. Registration ends Oct. 31st.

The Heritage Half functions as both the biggest fundraiser for the DLNHC and our biggest event on the D&L Trail of the year. As such, all profits made during the event go back to directly support the DLNHC, D&L Trail, and our programming. Two exciting changes this year: a new race route and the individual or team fundraising options!

Household Document Shredding

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Public Works will hold a Household Document Shredding event for Northampton County residents only on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00AM – 12:00PM at the Department of Human Services building at 2801 Emrick Blvd.

Participants are requested not to arrive before the 10AM starting time to avoid causing traffic problems.

Document shredding will be first come, first served. Residents are limited to three boxes or bags per vehicle with a twenty-five pound weight limit per box or bag. Accepted items include accounting records, cancelled checks, pay stubs, financial statements, investment transactions, legal documents, medical records, tax forms, etc.

Unacceptable materials include junk mail, magazines, catalogs, photographs, negatives and X-rays. Staples, paper clips, rubber bands and folders are okay. Ring binders, metal strips, and plastic sheet protectors or coverings will be refused.



4-H Members Best of Show at Allentown Fair

By Kelly M. Weisner, Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth Development

ALLENTOWN - Several Lehigh 4-H members were awarded the honor of Best in Show for their 4-H entries at the 2022 Great Allentown Fair.

The winning entries are as follows:

Allison Emanuel for her produce basket, Jonas Geiger of Schnecksville for his woodworking, Krista Lynch of Schnecksville for her sweater, Kamryn Fink of Germansville for her cake, Allison Emanuel of Laurys Station for her painting, and Rebecca Galius of Macungie for her vase arrangement.

The entries were all created as part of a 4-H project that showcases the member's skills and what they have learned through their time in 4-H.

Jonas's table was constructed during his time in the Neff's Clovers Club where they had a woodworking segment with craftsmen, Mike Stelts.

Allison, a member of the Farm to Table club, utilized her skills to put together a beautiful market basket featuring tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, and garlic.

Krista chose to create a sweater as a sewing project in the Neff's Clovers Club.

Kamryn took part in the new Virtual Cooking Club and used the information and techniques she learned there to bake a prize-winning cake.

Many of these members exhibited in multiple categories including vegetables, photography, drawings, posters, and PowerPoint presentations.

Many educational and fun activities are offered by 4-H in Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania, 4-H is coordinated by Penn State Extension through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 4-H programs are open to all youths regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. For more information about the above events or other 4-H activities, call the 4-H office in your county: Lehigh 610-391-9840 or LehighExt@psu.edu.



EPA Qualified Outdoor Wood Furnaces

A new generation of clean

When John Hanley built his 4,000 square foot log home in a small Ohio township 17 years ago, he chose propane for heat and domestic hot water because it was an economical choice.

But, when propane prices increased and his annual fuel bill reached \$6000, he dropped the thermostat to 63°F to manage his costs. His wife, however, suffered with severe arthritis and lowering the ambient temperature caused her discomfort.

He began looking for a more affordable home heating solution. His research led him to outdoor wood furnaces.

Today's outdoor wood furnaces, also called wood boilers or wood-fired hydronic heaters are a clean, cost-effective alternative to the safety, mess and health concerns of indoor wood burning, while also providing a ready supply of domestic hot water.

The outdoor furnace heats water in an insulated water jacket surrounding the firebox. The heated water circulates through underground pipes to a forced-air furnace, boiler or radiant floor heating system that distributes even, adjustable and comfortable heat.

Hanley knew some townships placed restrictions on the installation of outdoor wood furnaces to address smoke emission issues. It was important for him to set a good example in his own community

by choosing a unit that was EPA qualified. Central Boiler, an American-owned company in business since 1984, helped create the EPA Hydronic Heater Program. Their E-Classic was the first outdoor wood furnace meeting Phase 2 of the program.

Central Boiler's new E-Classic models utilize a three-stage gasification technology and a self-regulating thermostatically controlled system that burns wood so completely that combustion efficiencies approach 100%. This means the owner burns less wood, with very little residual ash and virtually no smoke. By minimizing the emissions, this cleaner generation of outdoor furnaces is the optimum choice for people concerned with the environment.

Hanley chose an E-Classic to heat a 2,500 square foot barn/garage in addition to his home and hot water. Now, Hanley's wife keeps the ambient house temperature at 76°F. "She's happy and she has endless hot water for her whirlpool bath," he says.

Company reliability was also a factor in his choice. "Central Boiler stands behind their products and this sort of warranty service is really important to me."

Finally, because he cuts his own wood, he has eliminated his home heating costs enabling him to redirect the money saved to their children's university educations.

"This furnace is the way to go. You can't beat it," says Hanley.



In 2002, concerns regarding smoke emissions from outdoor wood furnaces prompted a number of manufacturers to form the Outdoor Furnace Manufacturers Caucus and ultimately partner voluntarily with the EPA to create a program that gave homeowners choices for cleaner, more efficient models. EPA states that outdoor hydronic heaters that are EPA Phase 2 program qualified are 90% cleaner than unqualified units.



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