

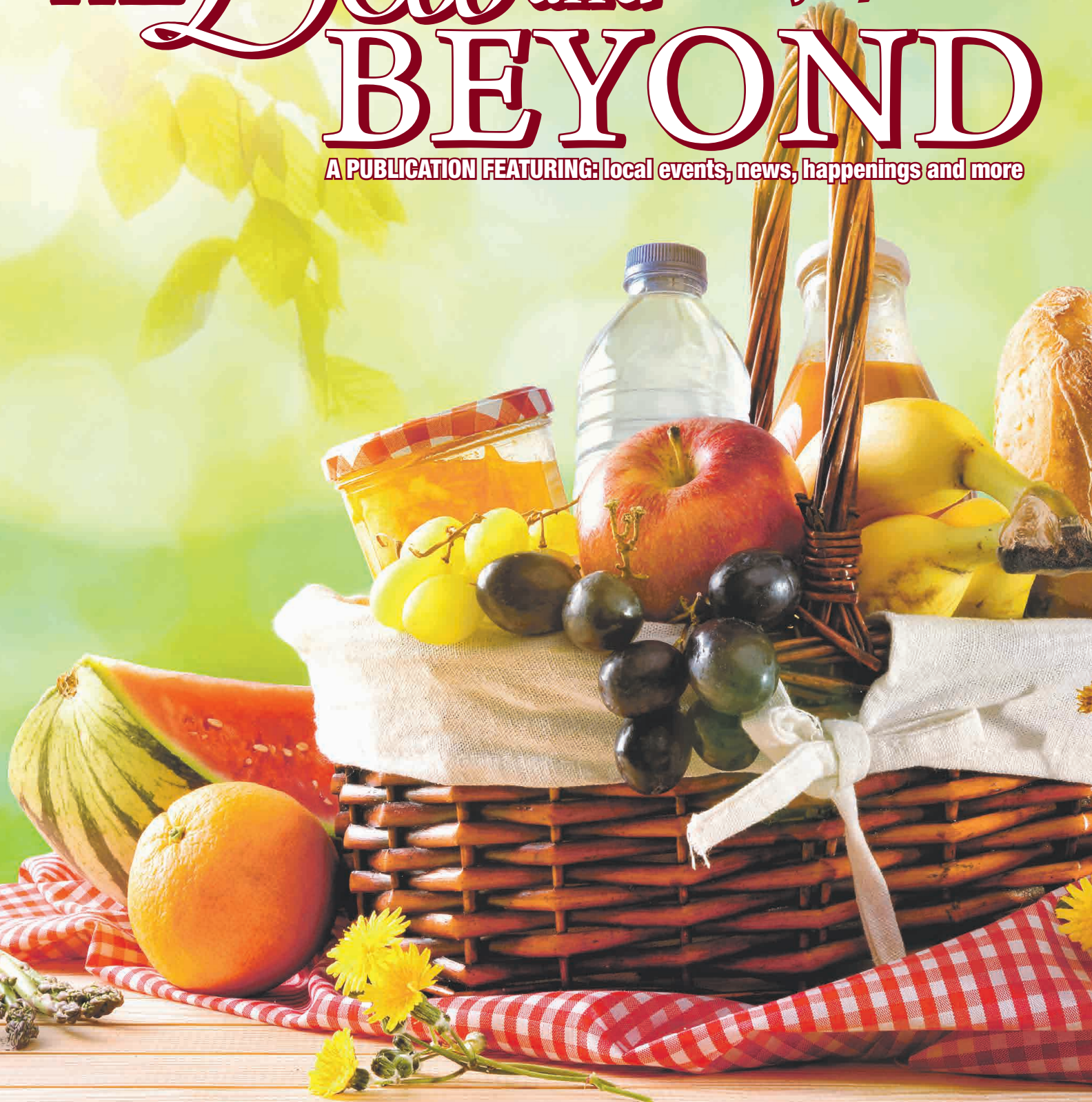
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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

PLAINFIELD FARMERS FAIR

The 71st Plainfield Farmers Fair is scheduled for **July 23rd-27th** at the Plainfield Farmers Grove, Rt. 191, 3 miles north of Stockertown, PA. Free Parking. See ad page 16 for Fair info or visit their web site at: www.plainfieldfarmersfair.com

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 126TH BIG TIME CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Mt Carmel 126th Big Time Celebration. 80 Ridge Street, Roseto (School Grounds), **July 24th-26th, 6:00pm-11:00pm & July 27th 6:00pm-Midnight. Fireworks July 27th 11:45pm.** See ad page 5.

BMCL BOOK NOOK SALE

The Blue Mountain Community Library Semi-Annual Book Nook Sale will be held on **Thurs., July 25, from 10am-12pm and 6-8pm., Fri., July 26th and Sat., July 27th from 10am-12pm.** All items in the Book Nook, located on the 2nd floor of the library, and selected items on the first floor, will be reduced for those three days. Items include gently used Children and Adult Books, both hard and soft cover, Puzzles, DVDs and CDs. The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl, PA.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Sunday, July 28th. Doors open 11:00am. Games start 1:00pm. William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA. For tickets/info Fedelmia Gallagher 570-977-4035 or email: gallagherschool@ptd.net. Proceeds to benefit the Gallagher School of Irish Dance Stroudsburg, PA.

SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT

Wind Gap Park, Sunday, July 28th, 6:00pm, Desire (Oldies music of the 50's-70's). Concerts are held rain or shine. See full schedule of concerts page 13.

AUGUST NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH JULY/AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

JULY 25th-NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY
JULY 26th-NATIONAL BAGELFEST DAY
JULY 27th-NATIONAL LOVE IS KIND DAY
JULY 28th-NATIONAL WATERPARK DAY
JULY 29th-NATIONAL LIPSTICK DAY
JULY 30th-NATIONAL FATHER-IN-LAW DAY
JULY 31st-NATIONAL AVACADO DAY
AUGUST 1st-NATIONAL GIRLFRIENDS DAY
AUGUST 2nd-NATIONAL ICE CREAM SANDWICH DAY
AUGUST 3rd-NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY
AUGUST 4th-NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY
AUGUST 5th-NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY
AUGUST 6th-NATIONAL ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY
AUGUST 7th-NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

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Friday, August 2nd at 5pm
Email your news and events to
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GRACE UMC VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 Mt. Ave., Pen Argyl. Children-adults are all invited to join us **July 29th-August 2nd, 6:00pm-8:00pm**. There is no charge for this program "Into The Wild for Encounters with Jesus". For more info or to register, please call the church at 610-863-4811 or email graceumc@worshipatgrace.org.

DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting **Thursday, August 1st, 7:30pm** in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Program: "Info Age & The Marconi Belmar Wireless Site / KA2JQG, Presenter. Members and others interested always are welcome.. Directions: <https://tinyurl.com/y852acvn>. FMI: www.DLARC.org , KE3AW@ARRLnet , or 610.432.8286.

ROSETO COMMUNITY YARD SALE DAYS

Roseto Community Yard Sale Days will be held **August 2nd-4th**.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Christ Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel, PA (Stone Church) **Saturday, August 3rd, 4:00pm-8pm**. Homemade ice cream, food & more. Info Chrissy 610-588-0809.

MT. BETHEL CHURCH VBS

Athens VBS will be held on **August 5th-9th, 9:00am-12:00pm** at Mount Bethel Church. Registration is on the church website <http://www.mountbethelchurch.org>.

MOORESTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Moorestown Garden club will hold it's 66th Annual Flower Show, "Classic Rock" Let us entertain you..., on **Saturday, August 3rd, 4:00pm-7:30pm and Sunday, August 4th, 11:30am-4:00pm** at the Salem UCC Fellowship Hall, 2218 Community Dr., Bath. The show will feature rock and roll inspired arrangements, floral, vegetable, and horticultural specimens. Admission is free, public is welcome.

ROSETO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out in Roseto will be held at the borough park on **August 6th at 6:00pm**. Terry Houck and Abe Kassis from the District Attorneys office will speak about drug addiction. Madison Scarfaro will speak about Marcy's law. Roseto police will be issuing child ID cards. Columbia Fire Company and Blue Valley Rescue Squad will be displaying their equipment and have games for the kids. Dinky's Ice Cream and Roseto Helping Hands will have food available. Old fashioned cake walks will be held.

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW**PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

If you have NEVER registered for the Blue Valley Farm Show or if you haven't registered IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD STILL READ THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW!

Registration was set up for the "Beginner" as well as the "Expert" registrant. There are 2 nights set aside before the Blue Valley Farm Show opens, so that anyone who is interested may register.

Blue Valley Farm Show Building

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Once you have paid your fee and received your exhibitor's number you are all set to enter any of the many and varied classes open to the public.

Questions Contact Melissa Koehler 610-498-2280

**Peach Festival**

Saturday, August 10th

3:00pm-9:00pm

Homemade Food, Games, Bingo

Cake Walk, 50 Prize Raffle

We have many picnic tables or bring a lawn chair
In case of rain, food sold in church 3:00pm-7:00pm

**Salem UCC Church Grove**

2218 Community Drive (Rt. 946)
Bath, Pa (Moorestown)

**SLATE BELT HERITAGE CENTER
MONTHLY HISTORIC PRESENTATION**

Slate Belt Heritage Center News: The next monthly historic presentation will be held at The Slate Belt Heritage Center on **August 8th at 7:00pm**: "Pennsylvania-German Folk Art": Cheryl Statham. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional info contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

ATC TRAIL TO TOWN FAMILY JAMBOREE

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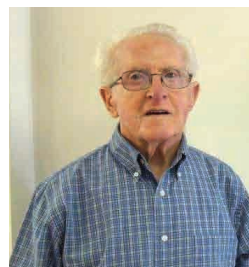
Girls on the Run Pocono Summer Camp GOTR

Girls on the Run Pocono is offering a Summer Camp called Camp GOTR from **July 29th to August 2nd**. We are offering three location options: **Twin Pines Camp**, 3000 Twin Pine Camp Rd. Stroudsburg, PA **Times: 9:30am-1:30pm**. **Wind Gap Park** 545 East West Street Wind Gap, PA.

Times: 9:00am-12:30pm. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church 310 Madison Ave. Nazareth, Pa 18064. **Times 9:00 am -1:00 pm**

Scholarships are available. Sign up here <https://www.aceplanner.com/register/index/Camp-GOTR-Pocono-2019>

We are also hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross at Northampton Community College on **Wednesday July 17th from 11:00am-4:00pm**. Like us on Facebook! Register to donate through this link <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=NCCTann&fbclid=IwAR2GG8dxkaYRJ6hFoUip8exLQ3FO2WVqrLjHVAraXfO4RxLx1mDXwgfTUqQ>



Mr. David King

the Book Nook.

All of the Board Members and Volunteers enjoyed working with him and wish him well.

Blue Mountain Community Library News

Mr. David King of Pen Argyl was recently honored with a luncheon at Detzi's Tavern by the Board of the Blue Mt. Community Library, where he was presented with a Plaque for his commitment to the library. Mr King was a wonderful asset to the library, volunteering for 16 years in

Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA Breaks Ground for New Pool, Gymnasium, and Child Care Wing

The Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA breaks ground for the construction of a heated indoor pool, basketball gymnasium and childcare wing. The Slate Belt additions are made possible because of the support of many generous gifts from local donors, Foundations, and community partners. The expansion's anticipated completion is 2020.

A key community supporter, Pennsylvania State Representative Marcia Hahn, helped make the expansion become a reality for the community. Hahn helped the Y secure \$5,000,000 in crucial funding for the project. The funding became available by the State Legislature through passing House Bill 271, which expands gambling in the state. Through this bill, the Y was able to secure funding from Pennsylvania casinos for the expansion of the Slate Belt Branch.

State Representative Hahn (R-Bushkill Township), shares, "The funding is generated solely by the Casinos Local Share Account, so

no taxpayer dollars are directly used in supporting these grants. I sat in on discussions about the pool and gymnasium almost 20 years ago as a member of then-State Rep. Craig Dally's staff. I also remember him telling me how his father, John, talked about this plan in the late 1970s when he was mayor of Pen Argyl."

David Fagerstrom, President and CEO of the Greater Valley YMCA shares, "This is an exciting moment for our community. It took patience and years of persistence, but I'm proud to see this project come to fruition. This expansion will enable the YMCA organization to serve the residents of the Slate Belt so much better than we can now. It is exciting to think of how many thousands of people a full-facility YMCA will be able to serve once completed now and well into the future." The addition of the basketball gymnasium, pool and childcare wing will allow the Y to serve many more individuals through life-saving swim lessons, helping seniors stay active and independent, and preparing children socially and academically for success in kindergarten and their futures.

Other key contributors to the Slate Belt Expansion Project are The John and Margaret Post Foundation, The John Jr. and Michael Rohall Jr. Foundation of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, The Wind Gap Chevrolet Buick Foundation, and Lafayette Ambassador Bank. As the project moves forward, the YMCA will host a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting to highlight the new pool, gymnasium, and childcare wing. The Y's Slate Belt Canvassing Committee is currently working to secure the rest of the necessary funding; pledging and naming opportunities are available now.

To learn more about the Slate Belt Expansion Project, stop into the Branch to see the blueprints or give us a call at 610-438-6065.

To donate, contact David Fagerstrom at [HYPERLINK mailto:davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org](mailto:davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org) davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org.



Pictured L-R David Fagerstrom, President and CEO of the Greater Valley YMCA, Rocco Del Vecchio, Merchant's Bank, Carlton Snyder, Green Knight Economic Development Corp., PA. State Rep. Marcia Hahn, Taylor Munoz, Senator Mario Scavella's office, Lamont Leclure, Northampton County, Jim Hunter, Slate Belt Branch YMCA Advisory Board Chair Photo by Lisa Newberry

Tradition Continues in Roseto at the 126th OLMC Big Time Celebration

By Sarah Janelle Loren

To everyone else, the Roseto "Big Time" may be just another carnival. It's an opportunity for parents to take their small children to play games and ride the Ferris Wheel, for teens to get together with friends during summer break, and for families to enjoy sausage and peppers, pizza frita, and meatball sandwiches.

But for the tight-knit Italian community of Roseto, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (OLMC) Celebration, more commonly known as The Big Time, is a tradition based in faith, honoring the Virgin Mary.

"When I drive up the hill and see the celebration flags, it brings a feeling of peace," said Linda Basso, OLMC Parish Secretary and member of the Queen's Committee. "To see our church, our little cathedral on the hill, standing so strong year after year is just such a blessing."

This year marks the 126th OLMC Celebration, which takes place **July 24th through 27th.**

"[The Big Time] is about family heritage, tradition, and pride for our town," said Amanda Impeciati, 2007 Celebration Queen. "I hope the tradition continues and the younger generation is just as dedicated to working hard."

High school senior girls who are members of OLMC may run for Celebration Queen by selling raffle tickets for the annual church fundraiser. Whomever sells the most

tickets earns the title of Celebration Queen. This year's queen is Sophia Genteel and the princess is Kendall Decker.

When 1995 Celebration Queen JoeAnn Impeciati Comunale ran, selling tickets was a family effort.

"We were on a mission," JoeAnn said. "Once a week a meeting was held at my grandmother's house to see how everyone was doing with their sales. If you didn't meet your quota, you were in big trouble," JoeAnn laughed. "My family, they were amazing; the love, loyalty and dedication was astonishing. Being queen meant something to all of us. It wasn't just about me."

With the hard work of her relatives, JoeAnn raised an incredible \$15,000 for OLMC. A family member even won the raffle that year and donated the prize money back to the church.

"Crowning of the Big Time Queen is always wonderful," Linda Basso said. "That young lady crowning the statue of our Patroness, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel--the true Queen of our parish--on Sunday before the Procession is the true meaning of our annual tradition!" Linda said.

The Big Time will be open nightly from 6 to 11, and on the 27th from 6pm to midnight. Fireworks will take place at 11:45pm on Saturday and the religious procession will begin at 2pm on Sunday.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 126th Big Time Celebration

80 Ridge St., Roseto (school grounds)

JULY 24, 25, 26 (6:00-11:00 p.m.) JULY 27 (6:00-Midnight)

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Families First Clothing Drive

Families First in collaboration with the Pen Argyl Area High School Athletic Department, Pen Argyl Salvation Army, and Grace United Methodist Church, will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit all students and families of the Pen Argyl Area School District.

Clothing will be collected from **July 30th to August 6th** only accepting gently used school appropriate clothing sizes Children's 5T to Men and Women's Clothing X-Large. Clothing can be drop off at these locations: Pen Argyl High School Cafeteria; Families First at Wind Gap Middle School and Plainfield Elementary School

Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting and organizing of the donated clothing on **August 7** at the Pen Argyl Area High School beginning at **8:00 am**.

Volunteers are also needed to do shift work during the distribution of clothing on the following dates:

Thursday, August 8th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Friday, August 9th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry

The Salvation Army Food Pantry wants to help you and your family keep food on your table! The relaxed and welcoming environment of our food pantry offers choice and variety to meet your families needs. The pantry is open **Tuesdays from 10am until noon or by appointment** for emergency food if needed; closed the 5th Tuesday of the month. Starting this month we opened an evening opportunity for those working families that are in need however are limited due to their work schedule. The **third Tuesday of every month the food pantry will be open from 6-7pm** for your convenience. The next evening opportunity is Tuesday, August 20th. Stop on by and meet the staff and volunteers here to help you. Contact the office at 610-863-6677 with any questions **Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm.**



*Queen Sophia
Morgan Genteel*

126th Queen Of Roseto Big Time ~ Sophia Morgan Genteel

Sophia Morgan Genteel, daughter of Victoria Genteel and Corey Genteel will be crowned 126th Queen of the Roseto Big Time on Saturday evening, July 27th. Sophiawill be crowned by the 2018 Queen, **Natalie Marie Binder** during the festivities which begin at 6:30 p.m.

Kendall Ann Decker, daughter of Kimber and Gabrielle Decker will be crowned Princess of the 126th Big Time.

The Emcee for this year's event is **Mr. Daniel Confalone**.

The Queen's Court is: **Sophia Albanese**, daughter of Stephen and Regina Albanese;

Alexa Carmella and Annalee

Carmella, daughters of Thomas and Denise Carmella;

Isabella Goffredo, daughter of Thomas and Jill Goffredo; **Shannon Louszko**, daughter of Christopher and Rita Louszko; **Anna Maida**, daughter of Joseph and Tara Maida; **Juliana Miller**, daughter of Jason and Adriane Miller; **Erika Neetz**, daughter of John and Kelly Neetz; **Isabella Reto**, daughter of John and April Reto.

The Queen's flower girl is **Adriana Genteel**, daughter of Victoria Genteel and Corey Genteel. Adriana is the Queen's sister. Princess Kendall's flower girl is **Francesca Reto**, daughter of John and April Reto.

Anthony Coccia, son of Michael and Lauren Coccia will serve as crown-bearer for Queen Sophia.

The page boys for the Queen are **Franco Comunale** and **Marco Comunale**, sons of Frank and Ashly Comunale.

On Sunday, July 28, Sophia will crown the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the patroness of the church. Parishioners will then gather for the traditional procession and recitation of the rosary and conclude the week's event with Benediction in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.



*Princess Kendall
Ann Decker*

Slater Family Network Open Thursdays

Slater Family Network will be open every **Thursday in the summer from 9:00 am -2:00pm** to serve the residents of the Bangor School District. Other days available by appointment. Food, clothing, Mental Health Counseling, School Supplies, and Back Pack Buddy Food Program, all free and available. Please call for details and appointment at 610-599-7019.

Tasty Tuesdays- A Free Bag Lunch Program

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, will be offering their free bag lunch program for the 6th summer. The program **runs until August 20**. Children, families and anyone in need in the Slatebelt Community are welcome to stop in at the church on **Tuesdays from 11am-1pm** and receive a free bag lunch. Each bag lunch will contain a sandwich, fresh fruit/vegetable, chips, healthy snack bar, juice and water. Please call the church office to register or just stop in - 610-588-2023

Congratulations Steve!

Recently State Rep. Joe Emrick, presented Steve DeFranco Sr. with a House certificate for his 50 years of service as Manager of the Roseto Legion Baseball Team.



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church hosting **STOP THE BLEED** campaign

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Johnsonville will be hosting a **STOP THE BLEED** campaign on **September 14th at 9 AM**. This is a federally funded program with no cost to participants. Chad Oliver from Suburban EMS will be leading the training.

Bystanders are usually first on the scene of an accident until emergency responders arrive. The **STOP THE BLEED** program is aimed to train bystanders to help in bleeding situations. Did you know that a person can bleed to death in five minutes. This program will provide skills that could save someone's life.

If you want more info on this program go to: **STOP THE BLEED**

This is open to the general public. Please call Prince of Peace at 610-588-2355 to register. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Mullen.

Easton High School Class of 1969 Reunion

The Easton High School Class of 1969 will be holding its 50th Class Reunion on **Saturday October 5, 2019**, at Northampton Country Club in Easton from **6:00pm-11:00pm**. Please contact Marianne at 610-863-7158 or duff@ptd.net for more information.

The Blue Ridge Hook & Fire Company Auxiliary Craft/Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

The Blue Ridge Hook & Fire Company Auxiliary in Saylorsburg is hosting a Craft/Vendor Fair & Bake Sale on **Sunday Nov. 24th, 9:00am-3:00pm** from For costs vendor info to reserve your table call Lucy Goss at (570) 629-2871



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You may see a red kettle or two soon around town in celebration of Christmas in July and in preparation of the holiday season. Bell Ringers are needed for the 2019 Christmas Season! If interested in helping, please contact the Office at 610-863-6677.

Christmas Assistance

The Salvation Army offers a Christmas meal and gift assistance to Slate Belt families in need upon completion of an application. Gifts are offered for Infant through School-Age children. Allowance based on a child's diagnosed disabilities may apply.

Walk-In interviews to complete assistance applications will be held on the following dates from 10am - 1pm: **October 23rd, 24th, and 30th**
November 6th, 13th, and 14th
November 6th- evening interviews available from 5-7pm by appointment only!
After **November 13th**- Interviews by appointment only if available.

*No applications accepted after **December 6th, 2019***

Please contact the office with questions at 610-863-6677



Thank You

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to those who expressed their sympathy after the loss of my husband, Robert Werner. Bob was a wonderful husband, devoted father, and extraordinary grandfather, as well as a faithful member of his community. We are truly blessed to have had Bob's love and presence in our lives for as long as we did. Losing Bob has been an incredibly painful experience. The love and support I have received during this tremendously difficult time is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your kind words, thoughts and prayers, cards, and support.

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10U Lehigh Valley Steel Wins Championships, Makes it to States for First Time

submission by Ron DeCesare

The 10U Lehigh Valley Steel is a tournament team made up of kids that participate in the Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken Rec league which covers the Pen Argyl, Bangor, Bushkill Twp, parts of Nazareth, and Freemansburg areas. The kids from Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken that are interested in playing baseball at a more competitive level attend an evaluation process in order to 'make' the team.

This year, Lehigh Valley Steel entered 5 10U tournaments. They played tournaments in Plymouth Meeting, Williams Township, a Cal Ripken District Tournament in Souderton, and Upper Perk where they won the championships. The fifth and last tournament was the Cal Ripken State Tournament that was played in

East Brandywine which they fell short of their goal, but still made it to the quarterfinals in an extremely competitive group of 16 teams.

"All together, the Lehigh Valley Steel went 20-3, 5 tournaments, and 4 championships but most of all, they grew a very strong bond with each other from day 1 that developed into friendships. They not only battled hard on the field together but had a great time with each other off the field as well. They definitely made memories that will last a lifetime." said Coach Ron DeCesare

The tournament season is now over for the 10U Lehigh Valley Steel but keep an eye out for the 11U Lehigh Valley Steel when they hit the field again next season!



The 10U Lehigh Valley Steel tournament team won the Championships this season and moved on to State under the direction of Head Coach Ron DeCesare and Assistant Coaches Mike Vishnesky, Chad Kreider, and Mike Plasco. Pictured L-R: Nick Bennett, Julian Lohman, Bella "Batgirl" DeCesare, Ryan Lichtenberger, Evan Plasco, Chayse Panczer, Jaxson Kreider, Cayden Vishnesky, Liam "Batboy" Vishnesky, Rocco DeCesare, Parker Kalinoski, John Hull, Liam Dillard, Tyler Martin.

First Time Rider

By Robert L. Martin

From the ground I looked up and saw
A colossal Ferris wheel touching the sky,
Daring me to come aboard and ride.
I got on as I swallowed my pounding heart,
My inner voice telling me to abort,
But I, finding my courage, stayed inside.

When I reached the top, I prepared to die.
The Grim Reaper appeared before me
And I saw my grave way down under
Waiting for me and calling my name,
But that iron beast let me down gently
As I floated thru the sky like a bird
And couldn't wait to get on board again.



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Merchants Bank Awards the 2019 Ronald H. "Pete" Cann Academic Scholarship

The Board of Directors of Merchants Bank is pleased to announce that Alex Golden was named this year's recipient of the Ronald H. "Pete" Cann Academic Scholarship. Alex is the son of Tracey Golden, an Assistant Branch Manager in the Bethlehem branch.



Pictured L-R: Rocco Del Vecchio, Alex Golden, Tracey Golden, Richard Hotchkiss

Richard M. Hotchkiss, Chairman of the Board, congratulated Alex and wished him continued success. Both Hotchkiss and Rocco Del Vecchio, CEO/President, assured Alex that the Bank has confidence in him for a bright, prosperous future.

Alex currently attends Millersville University, majoring in Biology and considering adding Chemistry to his educational curriculum. He loves animals and is working part-time at a local pet store.

Hotchkiss adds, "We are proud to continue this tradition of helping students pursue their educational goals. The award is given to students who demonstrate academic success and support our communities. I am proud we are able to recognize their achievements and support their pursuit of education."

Del Vecchio said, "Each year, I'm amazed by the exemplary students and their achievements in their young lives."



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Grand Central Landfill Hosts 5 Fire Companies for Training Night



More than 75 men and women toured the Grand Central Landfill on July 8 for a special training focused on emergency management and fire safety. The Grand Central Landfill hosted the five area fire companies as part as a bi-annual training session.

The group included firemen from Plainfield Township, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl (Lookout Fire Company #1), Bushkill Township and Klecknersville.

The tour included a detailed discussion about Waste Management's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet and how to handle any potential emergencies. Brian Stahl, a Grand Central Hauling truck driver, and Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Archer demonstrated to the group where the shut off valve was located on the trucks and how to handle the fuel in case of an emergency.

Brian is no amateur when it comes to Waste

Management's trucks. He has spent 26 years with Grand Central Hauling and equally the same amount of time as a fireman. He serves as the Fire Chief for Bushkill Township Fire Company – one of the emergency crews that would service Grand Central Landfill.

Grand Central's Landfill Manager, Joe Statile and Community Relations Manager, Adrienne Fors provided bus tours around the facility stopping at the Green Knight Energy Center to discuss the landfill gas-to-energy project and the Grand Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. Having knowledge of how to access these buildings will help crews at a time of emergency.



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Liberty Fire Company Carnival

The Liberty Fire Co. Carnival was held July 11th-14th. Food, clams, games, and nightly entertainment were enjoyed by all who attended the annual event. See more photos on our Facebook page.

Photos by Lisa Newberry



Bangor Park Board Family Luau

The Bangor Park Board hosted their annual family Luau on Friday, July 19th at the Bangor Memorial Park Pool. It was one of the hottest nights of the summer and the Luau was a huge success! The family friendly event included games, a DJ, food and fun for all! See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry



Rock The Ribbon 2019

Rock the Ribbon, an event celebrating the life of Gina Jennings, was held on Sunday, July 21st at the Riverside Barr & Grill. All proceeds from the event benefit the Pink Heals Lehigh Valley Chapter. See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry.



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2019 Plainfield Farmer's Fair Scholarship Recipients



Charles Nutaitis (Lafayette College); Kallie Manieri (Northampton Community College); Rachel Kromer (Delaware Valley University); Megan Pfeiffer (Delaware Valley University); Kandie Gower (Bloomsburg University); KayAnn Kern (Northampton Community College). Missing from photo: Carl Nutaitis (Lafayette College); Stephanie Hahn (Northampton Community College); Kristina Tucker (Kings College).

Photo by Lisa Newberry

Slate Belt Service Unit Girl Scout Camp

The Slate Belt Service Unit Girl Scout Camp was recently held at Weona Park. This year's camp theme was "Glitter, Sparkle & Shine." 69 girls attended the week long camp with 23 program aides and 14 helpers.

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The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl, PA. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10:00am-12:00pm and Mon.-Thurs., 6:00pm-8:00pm. Call Lisa at 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

VACATION FUN PHOTOS



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Wind Gap Park

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Sunday, 8/11/2019 6:00pm,

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Sunday 8/4/2019 6:00pm,

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Sunday, 8/18/2019, 6:00pm

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July 28th-Lisa Ellex & Terry Klinefelter

August 4th-Renegade Ramblers Feat. Doc Pappalardo

August 11th-Michele Bautier Duo

August 18th-Chris London Band

August 25th-Gary Dillon & Abigail Dillon

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Exercise with Darla - Wednesdays, 10-11:00am

Quilting/sewing group - Thursdays, 9:30am

Zumba Gold - Thursdays, 10:00am

JULY EVENTS

Council Meeting, Thursday, July 25th, 9:00am

Password, Thursday, July 25th, 12:15pm

Baseball, Friday, July 26th, 10:00am

MUSIC WITH BILL REESE, Friday, July 26th, 12:15pm

Farkle challenge, Tuesday, July 30th, 12:30pm

AUGUST EVENTS

Quoits, Thursday, August 1st, 9:30am

Dominos, Thursday, August 1st, 12:15pm

Baseball, Friday, August 2nd & 23rd, 10:00am

Bean Bags and Sundaes, Friday, August 2nd, 12:15pm

Meals on Wheels and Second Harvest food

demonstration, Tuesday, August 6th, 10:00am

Blood Pressure Readings, Wednesday, August 7th, 10:00am

Nickle-Nickle, Thursday, August 8th, 12:15pm

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Deja' the Therapy dog, Tuesday, August 20th, 9:30am

Events Meeting, Thursday, August 22nd, 12:15pm

Labor Day Bingo, Friday, August 30th, 9:30am

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY'S ANNUAL CENTENARIAN LUNCHEON

Lamont McClure and Area Agency on Aging are seeking Northampton County residents age 100 and older. Every year, the County holds a Centenarian Luncheon in honor of those who've reached this important milestone.

Centenarians and one guest may attend the luncheon for free. The event is organized by the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board and will be held on **October 3, 2019** in Bethlehem Township. Registration is required. Contact Melissa Titus at 610-829-4509 or mtitus@northamptoncounty.org**Keep These Friends in YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS***Kerry Anderson**Virgil Kasebier Sr.**Gene Buskirk**Hailey Marie Serfass**June Smith*

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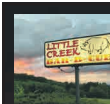
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