

Serving the Slate Belt in Pennsylvania and Warren,
Sussex and Hunterdon Counties in New Jersey

The
Free
Weekly
Take One!

PRESS

www.thepressnews.com | www.facebook.com/ThePRESSNewsOnline

June 25, 2026

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Vol. 53, No. 46



Russell Horn

COUNTRY CLASSIC
REAL ESTATE
570-897-9043

YOUR
HOMETOWN
REALTORS



Frank Comunale Jr.

This Banner
Could Be
Yours!
Contact
Melissa at
thepressads@
gmail.com

OUR
MAILING
ADDRESS IS

The Free Weekly Press
PO Box 606,
Bangor, PA, 18013

FIND THIS PAPER ON
FACEBOOK & Online at
www.thepressnews.com



Bangor Pool Hosts Annual "SPLASHDANCE"



The Bangor Memorial Park Pool held their Annual Splash Dance Event for students entering 7th and 8th grade on June 19th. They will also have a second Splash Dance for students in High School this Friday, June 26th from 7-9pm. Admission is \$3. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Slate Belt Heritage Center Proudly Announces 2026 Preservation Awards Winner



The Slate Belt Heritage Center held their annual Preservation Awards on Thursday, June 18th. Shown in picture are: L-R; Jason Huggan who is the chairman of the committee, Randy Sandt of Smith Wilbert Co., & Brian Jones of Owens Monumental Co.. Both men were instrumental in ensuring Bangor's collected history from residents and friends of the Slate Belt region will be cherished again for future generations. They did this by providing free services in digging out the old time capsule and burying the new time capsule. Owens Monumental Co. will donate the new marker. The special Focus Award goes to Scott Dietz for his photo journal entitled "Beyond Main Street". In this book, Mr. Dietz captured the most beautiful parts of Bangor, but not of the main streets, rather he photographed side streets and forgotten alleys. He wanted the viewer to explore the hidden, the quiet & the overlooked. This book is on display at the Heritage Center. Mr. Dietz was unable to attend the ceremony. Congratulations to all! (Courtesy Karen Brewer)

Waiting on Sundown Rocks The Wind Gap Park



"Waiting On Sundown" took the stage on Sunday, June 21st as part of the Summer Sounds concert series. This week's concert was held at the Wind Gap Park. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Blairstown Ambulance Corps Receives \$10,000 Grant



Photo and Article by:
Bob Halberstadt/The Free Weekly Press

At the last meeting of the Blairstown Ambulance Corps, the FIRST HOPE BANK presented the Corp with a check of \$10,000. The check was part of the Small Business Recovery Grant system (SBRG). The SBRG program provides grant funds to benefit Home Loan Bank members' small business and non-profit relationships. A recipient may receive a grant of up to \$10,000, as deter-

mined by the member. Grant funds may be used for reasonable and necessary expenses, which include working capital for inventory, equipment, insurance, supplies and most business-related items to continue the organization's operations. The FHB vice president, Dan Beatty and branch manager Sondra Skyler presented the check to treasurer Steve Kosciulek and Captain Scott Durllester.

County Plans Veterans Recognition Ceremony - Applications Accepted Through June 26th

Applications are being accepted for the 19th Warren County Veterans Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, July 11 at the Warren County War Memorial in Belvidere, NJ.

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners will join the Warren County War Memorial Corporation to honor the county's eligible wartime veterans. The public is welcome to attend the 11 a.m. outdoor ceremony.

The deadline to apply is June 26, 2026 and applications are available for download on the Warren County Veterans Recognition Program website at www.warrencountynjveterans.com. Family members may apply on behalf of a veteran, living or deceased.

The program will feature the presentation of the Warren County Distinguished Military Service medal to veterans who served during wartime. County Commissioner Director Lori Ciesla and Commissioners James R. Kern III and Jason J. Sarnoski will present a medal, certificate and pin to veterans who have been approved and invited to attend.

The tentative program will include the following:

- A proclamation from the County Commissioners highlighting the 250th anniversary of our nation, the story of Dr. Joseph Warren (Warren County's namesake), and a brief history of our country.

- Presentation of the Distinguished Military Service award.



- Playing of the service songs for each branch of the military.

- Presentation of Quilts of Valor made by members of the Evening Star Quilting Guild to veterans John Depatto, Thomas Devlin, Arthur Ellis, Jr. and Carl Timberman.

- Musician Doug Grunn playing the Band of Brothers theme song and songs performed by the Colonial Musketees senior ancient fife and drum corps.

- Singing of the National Anthem by Lily and Grace Duckworth

Seating will be provided for each Veteran receiving the Warren County Distinguished Military Service award and for one person accompanying them. All other attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the ceremony, as a limited number of extra chairs

will be available.

The Warren County War Memorial is located next to the Warren County Courthouse at the corner of Second and Mansfield Streets in Belvidere, NJ.

Since the program's inception in 2003, a total of 2,265 men and women who have worn the uniform in the United States military during times of conflict have been awarded the medal.

Learn more about Warren County's Veterans Recognition Program at www.warrencountynjveterans.com/about-the-award. Questions about the program may be directed to the county's Veterans Services Officer, Jacqueline Petersen, MSgt, USAF (Retired) by calling toll-free: 877-222-3737

New to the Blue Mountain Community Library

Blue Mountain Community Library News:

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions?

Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org.

Our America on Wheels museum pass has arrived and is ready for checkout! Stop in today for this wonderful resource, courtesy of a sponsorship from Deerfoot Auto Parts.

The library will discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm. Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

The BMCL Summer Fun with Reading Program (SFRP) 2026: Words and Wonders! is underway. Stop in today for reading challenges with exciting prizes, a readers' raffle, and programs for ages 3-6 and 4-9!

The Book Nook is having a half-price sale during all open shifts from June 22-27: every morning from 10am-12pm, plus Monday, June 22 and Thursday, June 25 (6-8pm). All items are half price! We have fiction and nonfiction for all ages plus large print, puzzles, and DVDs.

New to the circulating collection - with many courtesy of a grant from Penguin Random House/United for Libraries - and more to be catalogued:

Adult fiction:

Ironwood (Michael Connelly)
The Divorce (Freida McFadden)

A Pair of Aces (Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray)

The Midnight Train (Matt Haig)

Brawler: Stories (Lauren Groff)

Dungeon Crawler Carl (Matt Dinniman)

Upward Bound (Woody Brown)

Revenge Prey (John Sandford)

Anatomy of an Alibi (Ashley Elston)

Adult nonfiction:

Crochet (Marie-Noelle Bayard)

Dog Show (Billy Collins)

There Is No Place for Us (Brian Goldstone)

20-Minute Air Fryer (Christina Kynigos)

Large print fiction:

Served Him Right (Lisa Unger)

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store (James McBride)

YA fiction:

The Unteachables (Gordon Korman)

YA nonfiction:

Top 20 Daredevils (Melvin and Gilda Berger)

The World Record Paper Airplane Book (Ken Blackburn and Jeff Lammers)

Juvenile fiction:

Hydroponic Hijinks (Rie Neal)

Squished (Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter)

The Bad Seed (Jory John)

The Bad Seed Goes to the Library (Jory John)

A Family of Readers (Rob Sanders)

Exca-Gator! (Brooke Hartman)

Buns Gone Bad (Anna Humphrey)

The Shimmer (Ridley Pearson)

Juvenile nonfiction:

Tornado Terror (Lauren Tarshis)

Investing for Tweens (Jamie Bosse)

Goats (Rose Davidson)

Serving the Slate Belt & Surrounding Areas in PA,
and Warren, Sussex & Hunterdon Co. in NJ

The PRESS

We Welcome Your News!

Please send your news articles, photographs, announcements and other information to us!

Email: thepressmail@gmail.com

Mailing Address:
PO Box 606, Bangor, PA 18013

Deadline for submissions is noon on **FRIDAY** prior to publication date.

Advertising inquiries can be sent to thepressads@gmail.com

Call Us 484-988-0969

www.thepressnews.com

Like us on Facebook!

The PRESS News Online

Please take the time to support the businesses who advertise in this newspaper. Shop Local!

Visit our website for a list of drop-off locations!



SPLASH DANCE AT THE BANGOR MEMORIAL PARK POOL

Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Check Out a Video From The SPLASH DANCE On Our Facebook!

New to the Bangor Public Library

39 S Main St, Bangor, PA 18013
Phone: (610) 588-4136

Adult Fiction:

The Wish: A Novel by Heather Morris; *The Someday Garden* by Ashley Poston; *The Immortal Heart: A Novel of Aphrodite* by Jennifer Saint; *Light Wielder* by Rachel Schneider; *Valley of the Moms: A Novel* by Hannah Selinger; *Choke Point: A Thriller* by Brad Thor; *Mister Magic: The Graphic Novel* by Kiersten White

Adult Non Fiction:

Courage Can Save Us: Ten Extraordinary Americans and the Fight for our Future by Rye Barcott; *The Dog's Gaze: A Visual History* by Thomas Walter Laqueur; *Communion: Finding My Way Back* by J. D. Vance

Large Print Adult Fiction:

The Divorce by Freida McFadden; *The Final Target* by Nora Roberts

Easy Non Fiction:

Big Book of Dinosaurs by Harriet Blackford

Junior Fiction:

Descendants, Wicked World: Cinestory Comic Volume 2; *Disney Descendants Book 1 Evie's Wicked Runway* by Jason Muell; *Disney Descendants Book 2 Evie's Wicked Runway* by Jason Muell

Junior Non Fiction:

Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!

Young Adult Non Fiction:

The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth: Understanding Our World and Its Ecosystems by Rachel Ignatofsky

DVDs:

Freaky Tales; *Scream 7*; *The Last Showgirl*; *Small Things Like These*; *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie*




WE WANT YOU...TO SEND US YOUR LOCAL NEWS!

LOCAL NEWS IS OUR MOST TRUSTED SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND US. IT PROVIDES A SHARED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN HALLS, SCHOOLS, & BUSINESSES.

BUT LOCAL NEWS SEEMS TO BE DISAPPEARING!

A Decline In Original Reporting Leads To A Less Informed Public. A Less Informed Public Equals Voter & Civic Engagement Decline, Which Leads To Government Waste Increase, & Public Polarization Increases.

HELP KEEP LOCAL NEWS ALIVE

Local News Connects Us To Our Community & Our Neighbors. It Uplifts Voices That Would Otherwise Go Unheard! Local news demands accountability of community businesses & local governmental bodies, and it forces decision making structures to operate within the public's view.

Email us your news today at thepressmail@gmail.com

WIND GAP SUMMER SOUNDS PRESENTS: WAITING ON SUNDOWN



Check Out a Video From Summer Sounds on Our Facebook!




SECURE PRIVATE LOCATION
"FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED"

STORAGE DISCOVERIES

FINDER'S COLLECTION & STORAGE DISCOVERIES



WE ARE CURRENTLY BUYING:
GOLD & SILVER BULLION • COINS
CURRENCY • ESTATES • ANTIQUES
COLLECTIBLES • SPORTS CARDS
ONE ITEM OR ENTIRE ESTATES
HONEST & TRANSPARENT PRICING YOU CAN TRUST!



Miracle-Ear
You and ME

FREE Amplifit hearing test, Only at Miracle-Ear.

Miracle Ear
1343 Blue Valley Drive,
Pen Argyl, PA 18072
610-588-3383

Miracle Ear Center
Stroud Commons (Rear of Building)
1619 N. Ninth Street,
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
570-476-9949



Pen Argyl Pizzeria

We Are Open 11am-10pm Daily!

Dine-In • Take-Out • Delivery • Catering Available
(95¢ Delivery Fee)...Call for Delivery Range

NOW AT OUR NEW LOCATION!
128 RT. 94, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ
NEXT TO THE TRACTOR SUPPLY!
EXPERTS@FINDERSCOLLECTION.COM
908-535-4064

PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
We Do House Clean Outs!

Monday-Thursday
2 Large Plain Pizza
\$25.95*

\$5 OFF \$30*

*Cannot combine with any other offers. Must present coupons.

610-863-6670 | 510 E. Main St., Pen Argyl

Report Wild Turkey Sightings This Summer

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is again asking the public to report sightings of all wild turkeys they see this summer. The annual Wild Turkey Summer Sighting Survey runs July 1 through Aug. 31.

Public participation is important for wild turkey population management. These reports allow the agency to estimate how good the wild turkey 'hatch' was and compare long-term reproductive success within Pennsylvania and across states, as this is a standard methodology used across the country. Data also are used in a population model to track trends in wild turkey numbers.

Wild turkey sightings can be reported through the Game Commission's website at <https://pgc-forms.pa.gov/Turkey-SightingSurvey>. The mobile app no longer is available.

Participants are asked to report the number of wild turkeys they see, along with the county, township, wildlife management unit (WMU), date of the sighting and their contact information so agency biologists can reach out if they have any questions about the report. Participants may also simply drop a "pin" on the map for the location data to automatically populate. Location data are used only for the survey, not for law enforcement, and are not shared publicly. Viewers can also access WMU- and state-level sighting report summaries from previous years.

"The summer sighting survey enhances our agency's ability to monitor wild turkey productivity and is used in our turkey population model," said Game Commission Turkey Biologist



Reina Tyl. "Participants should report all turkeys seen, whether gobblers, hens with broods, hens without broods, or turkeys of unknown sex and age."

Many factors, including spring weather, habitat conditions, previous winter food abundance, predation risk, and last fall's harvest affect wild turkey productivity.

The statewide reproductive success index from last summer—the average ratio of young turkeys (poults) seen per hen—was 2.7, which was down a bit compared to the average productivity observed across the previous 5 years (3.0 poults per hen from 2020-2024). At the WMU level, the number of poults per hen ranged from a low of 1.7 in 5D to a high of 4.8 in 4D during 2025.

This survey includes input from both agency personnel and the public. "Thanks to the great public participation we've had so far, we have been able to increase our confidence in the survey results," Tyl highlighted. "Your continued participation in this survey will ensure we have the best information to manage our wild turkey population."

Pennsylvania Senate Unanimously Passes Boscola-Backed Legislation to Modernize Pharmaceutical Licensing

Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) announced the Pennsylvania Senate today unanimously approved Senate Bill 1206, legislation that will modernize the Commonwealth's pharmaceutical manufacturer licensure process and strengthen Pennsylvania's ability to compete for life sciences jobs and investment.

Under current law, pharmaceutical manufacturers must complete the federal Food and Drug Administra-

tion approval process in full before applying for a Pennsylvania state license. A sequencing requirement that leaves the Commonwealth unprepared to act the moment federal approval is granted, allowing competitor states to move faster and capture investment.

SB 1206 eliminates that bottleneck by allowing manufacturers to pursue state licensure concurrently with the FDA process. The bill makes no changes to federal safety

standards or approval requirements. It simply ensures Pennsylvania is ready to license a manufacturer the moment federal approval comes through, rather than starting from scratch afterward.

"Pennsylvania has world-class research institutions and a growing life sciences sector, and we should be doing everything we can to keep that investment here and attract more of it," said Senator Boscola. "This bill doesn't cut corners

on safety, it cuts unnecessary red tape. While we waited, competitor states were already moving. Today, we're catching up, and we're sending a clear signal that Pennsylvania is open for business."

SB 1206 was prime-sponsored by Senator Tracy Pennycuik (R-Montgomery) and co-sponsored by Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York). The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The Fountain House Pub & Dining



973-317-8802 610-888-6613

439 RT 94, Fredon, NJ



ORIGINAL MUSIC BY

THE POOR HORSEMAN

SATURDAY
8:00PM
6/27

the Fountain House

Dust Off Your Boots
For Line Dancing
EVERY THURSDAY
7-10pm



\$10 at
the Door



Like us on
Facebook

ATTENTION

WE WANT TO HEAR
YOUR LOCAL NEWS
STORIES!
SEND THEM TO US AT:

thepressads@
gmail.com

THE FREE
WEEKLY
PRESS

Northampton County Sheriff's Chief Deputy George Volpe Honored as CIT Officer of the Year During Crisis Intervention Team Training

Chief Deputy George Volpe of the Northampton County Sheriff's Department was recognized as the Northampton County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year during the graduation ceremony for Northampton County's recent 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training.

The award recognizes Chief Deputy Volpe's outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing Crisis Intervention Team principles throughout Northampton County. Under his leadership, the Northampton County Sheriff's Department has prioritized mental health

awareness and CIT training, ensuring deputies are equipped with the skills necessary to safely and compassionately respond to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

"Chief Volpe exemplifies what CIT represents," said Johanne Vanessa Moise, Northampton County CIT Coordinator. "His leadership and dedication have played a significant role in advancing crisis intervention efforts within Northampton County. By prioritizing CIT training for deputies and supporting the importance of mental health awareness within law enforcement, he has helped

foster a culture of empathy, professionalism, and service. His impact extends far beyond his department and continues to strengthen our county's commitment to effective crisis response."

From June 8-12, 2026, members of the Northampton County Sheriff's Department and the Northampton County Department of Corrections completed the nationally recognized 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team Training. The week-long program provides first responders with specialized education in crisis de-escalation, communication strategies, behavioral

health awareness, and community resource navigation to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing mental health crises.

Participants learned from mental health professionals, individuals with lived experience, legal experts, peer support specialists, and community providers through presentations, community site visits, and scenario-based role-playing exercises designed to strengthen crisis response skills and collaboration among first responders and behavioral health partners.

During the graduation

ceremony, Margaret Murphy, Executive Director of NAMI Lehigh Valley, was recognized with the Northampton County CIT Legacy Award in honor of her upcoming retirement and her years of dedication to expanding and strengthening CIT initiatives throughout Northampton County.

Building upon the success of the training, Northampton County will host its Second Annual Crisis Intervention Team Symposium on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Green Pond Country Club in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The symposium will bring together law enforcement professionals, corrections staff, emergency medical personnel, firefighters, behavioral health providers, peer support specialists, advocates, and community partners for a day focused on education, collaboration, officer wellness, and strengthening community responses to individuals experiencing mental health crises.

Northampton County's CIT Program is a collaborative partnership among county agencies, NAMI Lehigh Valley, law enforcement, behavioral health providers, individuals with lived experience, and community stakeholders dedicated to improving responses to individuals experiencing mental health crises. Northampton County CIT training and CIT Symposium is funded by Northampton County Mental Health.

For additional information, contact Johanne Vanessa Moise at 908-400-5604 or jvmoise@nami-lv.org.

**ANSWER THE CALL
BECOME A
VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER!**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

- Fire Fighters
- Jr Members
- Auxiliary
- Drivers

WWW.FTVFIRECO.COM

Barry Lobb
Free Estimates

LOBB'S ROOFING & SIDING
LOW COST ROOFING SYSTEM

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
SLATE · METAL · SHINGLES
GOODYEAR RUBBER ROOFS
5" & 6" ALUMINUM
SEAMLESS GUTTERS

P: 610-588-7452 C: 610-533-9454 F: 610-588-9192

SPEERS MEATS
FRESH AND SMOKED MEATS

610-863-3938

Visit our Facebook page and website www.speersmeats.com.
You can place orders in person, or by phone!

4TH OF JULY
Thursday & Friday 10-6, Saturday 8-2

**WE HAVE WHAT YOU
NEED FOR YOUR
4TH OF JULY PARTIES
AND SUMMER
COOK-OUTS!**

DIRECTIONS: From Bangor: Delabole Rd., Make Left onto Heimer Rd., and Right onto Gum Rd.
From Wind Gap: 3rd St., make left onto Delabole Rd., Right onto Merwarth Rd., Left onto Gum Rd.

**PROUDLY SERVING ALL OF
WARREN, SUSSEX, MONROE,
AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES.**

**CUSTOM
DESIGNED
FUNERALS AND
CREMATIONS**

908-362-6341

PREMIER AND PERSONALIZED SERVICES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

200 RT. 94 BLAIRSTOWN

ERIK J. SCHNEIDER, OWNER/MANAGER, NJ LIC 4928

Washington Farmers Market Highlights Include 'Snacks', 'International Flavors', 'Heroes,' And Music



Every week it's something different at the Washington Borough Farmers Market. Sure, there are plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers - but there is a new theme every Saturday as well. The Washington Borough Farmers Market, which takes place every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Veteran's Park in the center of the Downtown, offers a host of fresh vegetables and fruits, as well as other locally sourced products. The season runs through the end of September. The Washington Farmers Market is now also approved to take Snap/EBT benefits and Good Food Bucks through a grant from City Green Organization. The Farmers Market in "Little Washington", presented by the Washington Borough Green Team in association with the Washington Business Improvement District, offers a variety of farms and vendors each week. Themes for July: July 11, Snack Attack Saturday; July 18, International Flavors Day; July 25, Heroes of the Hive. This year's farmers weekly market line up includes Greenbytes Farm, K&A Farms, Pipers Hill Farm, Citta Farms, Sharp Iron Farms, and Wilder Farm. Throughout the season other participating vendors include Dandy Lion Acres, Luna's Gift Company, Van Der Meer Enterprises, Made by Love with Becks, Luscious Spirits, Radiant Health & Wellness, and Rooted Remedies. The music line-up for July features Bob Nicholson on July 11, Gary Reed on July 18 and Addison Ehasz on July 25. For more information and a full schedule of weekly events, visit washingtontbid.org or check out their respective Facebook pages.

Public Invited to Help Shape the Future of Warren County's Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

Warren County is inviting residents, community organizations, and local stakeholders to help create a shared vision for the future of the County's parks, trails, preserved lands, and recreational opportunities, with the first public engagement session planned for Tuesday, June 23 in Blairstown.

The update to the County's Open Space, Recreation, and Parks Plan will serve as a roadmap for future investments in open space preservation, park improvements, trail connections, recreation programming, and natural resource protection. Building on the County's 2018 plan, the update will identify new priorities and opportunities that reflect the evolving needs of Warren County's communities.

"A successful plan begins with public input," said Warren County Commissioner James R. Kern III. "We want to hear directly from the people who live, work, and enjoy Warren County so that future invest-

ments reflect the values and priorities of our communities," he added.

To guide the process, Warren County has partnered with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., a planning and landscape architecture firm with extensive experience throughout New Jersey.

A cornerstone of the planning effort will be an extensive public engagement process designed to gather ideas and feedback from residents, municipal leaders, recreation organizations, environmental groups, agricultural stakeholders, and community partners. Input collected through surveys, public events, and stakeholder meetings will help shape recommendations for preservation, recreation, parks, trails, and future funding priorities.

Residents are encouraged to complete a brief online survey and participate in upcoming community engagement events. Access the survey at <https://bit.ly/wcosrp> and learn more about the project at

assets," said Planning Director Ryan Conklin. "This planning process is an opportunity for residents to help define how we preserve, improve, and connect these resources for future generations."

The completed plan will provide a long-term framework for protecting open space, enhancing recreation opportunities, strengthening community connections, and guiding investments that improve quality of life throughout Warren County.

For more information, contact the Warren County Planning Department at (908) 475-6532 or planningdept@co.warren.nj.us.

splan-bci.hub.arcgis.com/
Upcoming public engagement opportunities include:
Open House: June 23 | 5-7 p.m., Blairstown

Township Municipal Building, 106 Route 94, Blairstown.
Hackettstown Street Fair: July 19 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Warren County Farm-

ers' Fair & Balloon Festival: July 25 | 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
"These parks, trails, farms, forests, and waterways are among Warren County's greatest

**TODD'S
AUTO BODY**

610-588-4633

1025 Mt. Bethel Hwy.
Rt. 512, Mt. Bethel, PA

toddsauto@carcarepa.com

We work with all insurance companies!

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

In Loving Memory

During this difficult time, sharing the news shouldn't be an extra burden. We are here to help you notify friends, neighbors, and the community about the upcoming services for your beloved family member.

- Simple Process:** We guide you through every step.
- Community Reach:** Ensure everyone who cared has the chance to pay their respects.
- Affordable Options:** Packages tailored to fit your family's needs.

Get in Touch Today

For details on pricing and placement, please contact us at:
[✉ thepressads@gmail.com](mailto:thepressads@gmail.com)

WERNER TRANSMISSION

"Full Service Shop - Transmissions and more"

Racing and Domestic

PA State Inspections / Emissions

Brakes - Oil Changes - Exhaust - Much More

Open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

259 E. Central Ave.,
East Bangor, PA

610-599-1605

St. Luke's Physician Is Climbing High to Support Ovarian Cancer Patients

Rick Boulay, MD, has been putting in long hours at the St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Performance Center at St. Luke's West End Campus, whipping himself into his best physical shape since college -- and for a good cause.

In July, the highly respected St. Luke's gynecologic-oncology surgeon will scale new heights as a physician and humanitarian as he treks up Peru's Ausangate trail to the Machu Picchu summit.

Ausangate is an arduous and rewarding climb spanning mountains, forests, glaciers and remote trails. Dr. Boulay will make the demanding 10-day, 55-mile journey to raise awareness and donations for research and patient support alongside 20 fellow members of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. The not-for-profit's mission is to prevent, treat and end the scourge of ovarian cancer.

During his quarter-century long (and counting) career as a gynecologic oncologic surgeon, Dr. Boulay has treated hundreds of women suffering from ovarian cancer, one of the female reproductive system's most challenging cancers to treat. He's dedicating his

trip to the memory of patients who survived the cancer as well as those who succumbed to the disease. Some 25,000 women are diagnosed annually with ovarian cancer, whose overall five-year survival rate is about 50%.

His motivation to tackle this daunting challenge stems also from his own personal experience as a cancer patient. Two years ago, Dr. Boulay was treated for prostate cancer, which runs in his family, by urologist Zachariah Goldsmith, MD, at St. Luke's. He's celebrating his good health with a nod to the lessons he has learned from his patients focusing on living each moment to the fullest.

"This is my year of saying yes to everything I might have declined in the past," he explains. So far, he has visited Morocco and Iceland, bought a sports car and restarted downhill skiing, leading up to the trip of a lifetime that he might otherwise have passed up.

He was invited to join the trek by one of the first patients he treated for ovarian cancer in his career, who survived to later give birth to a now-23-year-old son, and he jumped at the opportunity.



To be physically prepared for the trip, Dr. Boulay has been training at the gym under the guidance of Patrick Babin, exercise specialist, who has him working on increasing his endurance, strength and flexibility, while also losing weight.

"I've never been a 'gym guy,' but I'm really enjoying this and feel myself getting into better shape for the trip," he says.

Dr. Boulay will leave his home in Allentown and fly to Cusco, Peru. There, he'll join the other members of the group to take time to adjust to the altitude. The Ausangate climb rises from 11,000 feet to the summit at 17,000 feet, which is higher than Dr. Boulay has ever stood on terra firma, and then descends to 8,000 feet. Since July will be winter there, the

hikers may be hampered by snow, ice and freezing temperatures on the way up and then by flies and mosquitos at lower altitudes.

The accomplished and popular vocalist, who has sung pop favorites, jazz standards and classical songs in venues throughout the Lehigh Valley, doubts he will be able to serenade his companions during their climb. "I'll be happy to be able to breathe at the higher altitudes," he says.

Despite the demands and inconveniences of the trek, including being away from family and work, and "not having a shower for two weeks," he's looking forward to it with an inner calm.

"I'm not nervous at all," he says. He's at peace with the anticipation of roughing it while helping raise funds and celebrating life moment-by-moment. It's a lesson, he admits, that took his cancer diagnosis for him to embrace.

"Every day is important," he says. "We aren't guaranteed many years here, and I want to live each one."

To contribute to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition via Dr. Boulay's hike, visit give.ovarian.org/perune-weights26/rick-boulay.

Boscola Announces Northampton County Farm Located In Lower Mount Bethel To Be Preserved As Part Of Commonwealth's Farmland Preservation Program



Senator Lisa Boscola announced today that a 30-acre crop farm owned by Jonathan and Angela Templeton in Lower Mount Bethel Township will be preserved as part of Pennsylvania's nation leading Farmland Preservation Program.

"Once again, the Commonwealth and Northampton County have worked collaboratively to make this critical investment to ensure another 30 acres of farmland in the Slate Belt will continue to benefit our region and our Commonwealth. Preserving farmland to ensure that it is available to farm for future generations by protecting it from future development is critically important for our region's quality of life," Senator Boscola stated. "Through farmland preservation, we ensure Pennsylvania's farming community re-

mains the backbone of our state's economy and an irreplaceable resource that benefits our environment, crop and livestock industries, rural communities, and grocery shoppers."

The State Agriculture Land Preservation Board met today and voted to preserve an additional 1,775 acres on 22 farms in 16 counties across the Commonwealth, protecting them from future residential or commercial development. With today's investment, the state's Farmland Preservation Program has protected 6,726 farms and 667,360 acres in 58 counties from future development across the Commonwealth. The program was created in 1988, when the voters of Pennsylvania overwhelmingly supported the creation of the Farmland Preservation Program.



FAMILY-OWNED BREWERY & RESTAURANT

570-897-5900 Mount Bethel PA

AlleghenyCreekBC.com

THURSDAY-SATURDAY 12-9
SUNDAY BRUNCH 11-5

INTRODUCING *Our New Summer Menu*









ALS BENEFIT RIDE

JUNE 28

10:30AM



After Delaney Hall Protests, Assembly Republicans Tour NJ State Prison, Highlight Conditions in State-Run Facilities

After weeks of politicians protesting, touring and commenting on conditions at Delaney Hall, Assemblyman Robert Auth decided it was time to examine a correctional facility actually control.

On Monday, Auth joined Assemblymen Greg Myhre, Michael Inganamort and Paul Kanitra for a tour of New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. Lawmakers observed aging infrastructure, inmate complaints about food quality, staffing shortages and the smell of illicit drugs in portions of the facility.

The visit was initiated by Auth following Gov. Mikie Sherrill's participation in protests surrounding Delaney Hall, a privately operated federal immigration detention facility. It was arranged by the Department of Corrections after outreach from Myhre.

"If politicians are going to make claims about conditions inside correctional facilities, they should be willing to inspect all of them," said Auth (R-Bergen). "State government has complete authority over New Jersey's prisons. If we're serious about oversight, we should start with the facilities we actually run."

The lawmakers emphasized that their concerns are not directed at correctional officers, who they said are doing

the best they can under difficult circumstances and with limited resources.

"Following last month's budget hearing with the Department of Corrections, it was important to see firsthand the staffing and capital needs of New Jersey's only maximum-security prison," said Inganamort (R-Sussex, Morris, Warren). "The men and women working inside this prison deserve a tremendous amount of credit. Their work may not generate cable news headlines, but it should be a priority for our state's elected leaders. Modernizing New Jersey State Prison and aggressively recruiting correctional officers to address staffing shortages and reduce mandatory overtime must be at the top of our corrections agenda."

During the tour, lawmakers observed cells in portions of the facility that were smaller than American Correctional Association recommendations, housing units without air conditioning and signs of aging infrastructure throughout the prison.

Opened in 1836, New Jersey State Prison is nearly 190 years old. Lawmakers said the age of the facility was evident throughout much of the complex.

Lawmakers were told the prison system is approximately 300 officers short of authorized staffing levels, with shortag-

es growing significantly when employees are on leave. Kanitra said the staffing challenges compound already difficult working conditions for correctional officers.

"Democrats spent the last month complaining about Delaney Hall. They should have spent it touring their own State Prison in Trenton," said Kanitra (R-Ocean). "We walked through a crumbling 1800s facility with cells that fail basic American Correctional Association standards, and smelled burning K2 in the air from drugs their liberal policies fail to screen out. But here's what should embarrass them most: the dedicated officers who keep that prison running aren't just working in a West Wing with no air conditioning, they're eating the exact same food the inmates call 'horrible.' Clean up your own backyard before you lecture anyone about a federal one."

Myhre said the tour underscored the need for meaningful investment in state correctional facilities.

"I want to thank Commissioner Kuhn, the Department of Corrections staff and the correctional officers who welcomed us, provided a safe and informative tour, and perform an incredibly difficult job every day," said Myhre (R-Ocean). "What we saw today wasn't a failure of the people working inside the prison. It was a re-



New Jersey State Prison - Trenton, NJ

minder that New Jersey has an obligation to maintain the facilities they are asked to operate. The people working there are doing their jobs. The question is whether Trenton is doing its job. State correctional facilities should strive to meet the same standards of safety, security and professionalism as federal facilities operating within our bor-

ders." During recent congressional testimony, U.S. Sen. Markwayne Mullin questioned New Jersey officials about conditions inside state correctional facilities while state leaders continued their criticism of Delaney Hall. At the same time, Delaney Hall has received satisfactory ratings from state health inspectors.

Assembly Republicans

said the contrast highlights a double standard in how correctional facilities are discussed.

"For weeks we've heard outrage about conditions in a federal facility," said Auth. "Meanwhile, the state prison sitting a few blocks from the Statehouse struggles with aging infrastructure, staffing shortages and quality-of-life concerns that have existed for years. That's not the fault of corrections officers. That's a failure of priorities."

Assembly Republicans have also requested a tour of Delaney Hall and other detention facilities operating within New Jersey.

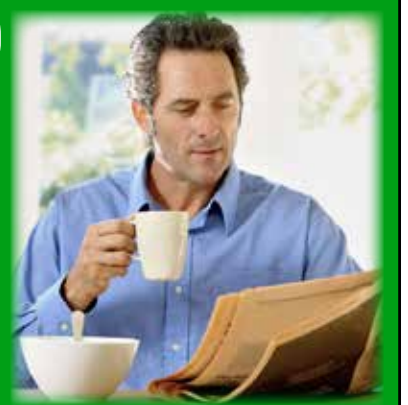
"If politicians want to compare conditions, let's compare conditions," said Auth. "We've now toured the prison New Jersey Democrats run. We'd like to see the facility they've spent the last month talking about."

DID YOU KNOW?

Community Newspapers are rated as the most trusted source of information about candidates running for public office - topping

ALL OTHER MEDIA!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!



75ft BUCKET TRUCK

Free Estimates | Fully Insured

TREE WORK

TRIMMING - REMOVAL - STORM DAMAGE - FIREWOOD
STUMP GRINDING - CHIPPING - WE DO SLATE REPAIRS!

24 Hr. Emergency Storm Damage Service
Call for Discount

For Fast Service, Call:
H: 610-599-6882
C: 610-442-2996

Craig Wickett
 CraigWickettTreeWork.com

Tom Ahearn Electric & Home Improvement

Residential/Commercial Electric
Electric Generator Installation
 Light Carpentry - Painting - Home Repairs

610-588-6790

C: 484-515-1134

PA Reg. #PA058650 Fully Insured & Licensed

Veterans Assistance

AT THE MONROE COUNTY OFFICE

State Senator Rosemary Brown and the American Legion Department of Pennsylvania are partnering to offer assistance to veterans of the 40th Senatorial District in her Scotrun office.

Second Tuesday of Each Month
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ★ 2398 Route 611, Suite 201 Scotrun, PA 18355

A Department Service Officer with the Pennsylvania American Legion will be on site to assist veterans with issues including:

- ★ COMPENSATION AND PENSION CLAIMS
- ★ EDUCATION BENEFITS
- ★ ENROLLMENT IN THE VA HEALTH SYSTEM
- ★ BURIAL AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS
- ★ STATE BENEFITS
- ★ OBTAINING MILITARY PERSONNEL & MEDICAL RECORDS

Contact Senator Brown's office at (570) 620-4326 to schedule an appointment.

Senator Rosemary M. Brown

Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services.
 Visit SenatorBrown40.com for additional information.

Garden Dilemmas? Ask Mary?



Mary E. Stone
Stone Associates
Landscape Design
& Consulting,
Blairstown, NJ

Hello, fellow readers,

Recently, I attended an open house at Well-Sweep Herb Farm here in Warren County. The event featured lectures, vendors, beautiful gardens, and plenty of plants to tempt gardeners.

I've visited Well-Sweep several times over the years, purchasing plants for clients. This time was different. I was there to relax, enjoy the beauty, and learn.

The day began with a tour led by Patrick McDuffee, the third generation of the family that has nurtured Well-Sweep for nearly sixty years. What struck me most wasn't Patrick's scientific knowledge. It was his storytelling.

Before we entered the herb garden, he picked a common plantain leaf growing in the lawn.

"Many of you have herbs growing right in your yard," he said.

I was tickled pink. Here we were surrounded by thousands of unusual plants, and Patrick began with what many people consider a weed.

As the tour continued, we learned about horsetail grass, once used like sandpaper because of its silica-rich stems. We sampled fragrant herbs and listened to stories about plants passed from one generation to the next. Every plant seemed to carry a history.

One of my favorite moments happened before the tour started. A resident calico cat joined Patrick on the porch of the blue farmhouse. He noted that while the farm has been around for nearly sixty years, the cat family had been there for far more generations. I loved that thought.

Then I met a plant I may have encountered before but never truly noticed: lovage.

Standing nearly six feet tall, it towered above the surrounding herbs. The foliage resembles celery, which makes sense because they're relatives. The flower stalks rise high above the foliage, topped with chartreuse-yellow blooms that float in the air.



Patrick explained that his grandmother uses it in potato salad. Others use the hollow stems as straws in Bloody Marys. The leaves flavor soups and broths. Yet what captivated me wasn't its culinary use. It was its beauty. I bought three. Not because I needed more herbs. Certainly not because I needed more plants. Well, gardeners always find room for more plants (smile).

The real treasure of the day, however, didn't happen at Well-Sweep.

It happened a few mornings later. I woke feeling sad. Truthfully, I woke angry, an emotion I rarely feel. A year filled with endings has a way of catching up with you.

My life partner leaving, Marty passing, and the closing of the Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice, where volunteering soothed my soul.

Questions unanswered. Loose ends dangling.

While stretching on my screen porch, something caught my eye near



Miss Ellie May's memorial tree. Bright yellow flowers were glowing in the morning light. At first, I thought they were daylilies. Then I realized they were the Jethro Tull coreopsis that my friend and design colleague, Marty Carson, had given me. The plant had never amounted to much, so I had moved it beside Ellie's tree. There it was, blooming beautifully.

Soon after I adopted Ellie, Marty laughed, "You need another dog named Jethro. But since you'll likely not adopt another dog now, I brought you this plant."

Crouching beside the flowers, I remem-

bered that conversation.

A few days earlier, I had asked Marty for a sign that she was okay. And there it was. Not because Marty magically made a plant bloom. Though who knows?

The flowers became a reminder of our friendship, our laughter, and our shared love of gardens. Of all the ways people continue to shape us long after they're gone.

While holding the flowers, I cried. "I love you, Marty. I miss you."

Sometimes tears are exactly what the garden prescribes.

When I returned home from Well-Sweep, I wandered out to the vegetable garden. Jolee settled beside a mound of cucumber seedlings. That moment centered me.

I went to Well-Sweep to admire plants and came home with lovage. But what I really found were reminders that treasures often appear where we least expect them.

Garden Dilemmas? AskMaryStone.com or tune in on your favorite podcast App.

GRAY'S RECYCLING

MULCH • TOP SOIL • STONE • DYED MULCH

Pick Up Or Delivered To Your Location



Summer Hours:
Open Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm
Saturday: 7am-Noon
Closed Sundays!

Commercial & Residential Sales!

MULCH AVAILABLE

Hardwood, Dyed, Black, Brown, Red, & Cedar Mulches, Topsoil, Clean Fill, & Wood Chips

We Now Sell Mushroom Soil!

WE ACCEPT YARD DEBRIS

Dumping for Brush, Logs, Wood Chips, & Bales of Straw!

STONE AVAILABLE

River Stone: 3/8", 3/4", 1" to 3"
Red Stone 3/4"

ALSO AVAILABLE:

3/4" Gravel, 3/8" Crushed Gravel, QP Stone, & Stone Dust

We Also Offer Heavy & Light Land Clearing

908-475-3797 **Gray's Recycling Mulch**

CASH & ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



JOIN US FOR

WBS

WHEN: JULY 6-10, 6-8PM

WHERE: GRACE CHURCH IN PEN ARGYL

404 E. MOUNTAIN AVE, PEN ARGYL

REGISTER HERE: WWW.WORSHIPATGRACE.ORG

Pre-K to Teen

Little Washington's Annual Sustainably Green Music & Arts Fest



The Washington Business Improvement District and the Washington Borough Green Team combined their efforts for what turned out to be an ideal day for the Annual Sustainably Green Music & Arts Fest, held on June 13 in Downtown Washington. "Little Washington" delivered beautifully with perfect weather, great music and a variety of vendors, activities for kids. Shoppers from throughout the region descended on Washington for the family-friendly event. The event also kicked off the start of the Washington Farmers Market season which runs through September. (Courtesy Dan Hirschberg)

HUNTER'S LODGE RESTAURANT & MOTEL

64 Rt. 46, Columbia, NJ • 908-475-0060 • We Are Open 11am-11pm • 7 Days a Week

Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HuntersLodgeNJ



Steamed Clams



Serving Breakfast at 11am



Martini Monday! \$5 Wells



Taco Tuesday! \$7.99



TRY OUR LEGENDARY STEAKS!
★★★★★

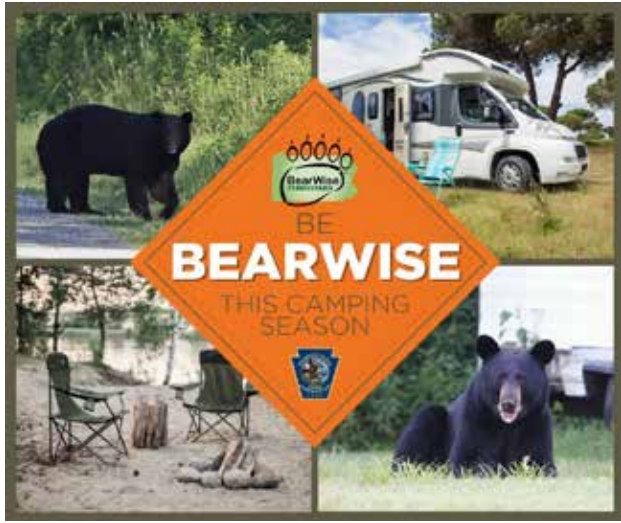


Motel Rooms Rates: \$110/Night; \$600/Week; \$1,200/Mo.

Includes: A/C & Heat, WiFi, Dish Network, Trash, Parking, Small Fridge & Microwave.

Call 610-888-6613 For Motel Rooms!

Bear Safety Tips For Camping Season from BearWise



Summer camping season is here, so everyone must be BearWise this summer.

Here are some tips to help deter from bear encounters while camping:

- Keep a clean camp.
- Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.
- Clean and store your BBQ grill when not in use.
- Secure your food and trash and Do NOT store

them in your tent.

- Cook downwind and as far away from your tent (or shelter) as possible.

- Set up backcountry camps away from dense cover and natural food sources.

- Always enjoy bears from a distance. Never approach them!

Learn more from BearWise and the Pennsylvania Game Commission on how to best coexist with bears!

Sherrill Should Focus on New Jersey's Own 'Junk Fees' First, Assembly Republican Leaders Say

Someone, somewhere, spoke of removing the log from one's own eye before offering to take the speck from someone else's. Perhaps that is why Gov. Mikie Sherrill's June 15 announcement to combat junk fees fell flat on the one hand, and stung with irony on the other, Republican Assemblymen John DiMaio and Brian Rumpf said.

"Every legislative session, Democrats discover new and creative ways to nickel and dime taxpayers with government-sanctioned 'junk fees,'" Assembly Republican Leader John DiMaio (R-Warren) said. "If the governor is serious about affordability, she should look no further than how Trenton takes advantage of the hard-working men and women of this state."

Sherrill's Executive Order 19 defines junk fees as hidden, surprise, or excessive add-on charges that appear only after a consumer has committed to a transaction, obscuring its true cost. The irony, Assembly Republicans say, is that the very state agencies tasked with reviewing the private-sector industries they regulate, to identify junk fees and make recommendations by Sept.

14 to reduce or eliminate them, are the same agencies that tack on their own hidden, surprise, and excessive surcharges that fund general state revenue rather than the services they nominally support, and charges whose primary purpose is revenue extraction rather than cost recovery. And have for years.

"I believe 'hypocrisy' may be the more precise term. Rather, we would have lauded the governor for mandating such scrutiny over the departments the executive branch oversees," Assembly Republican budget officer Brian Rumpf (R-Ocean) said. "It's once again a missed opportunity for Governor Sherrill to have exercised true leadership in ushering in the changes she promised. It is Trenton business as usual, and it is quite disappointing."

Some fees impact nearly everyone. Home and business owners know well the sting of New Jersey's property taxes, the highest in the nation that now exceeds an average of \$10,000 annually. And every year, drivers brace for statutory toll and gas tax hikes in July and October, respectively. They've heard of the "exit tax," a misnomer

for the chunk the state demands when one sells a home and relocates to somewhere presumably more affordable, as a prepayment of the capital gains tax. Or the inheritance tax, in which the state imposes a tax up to 16% on people receiving money—the amount is irrelevant—from an estate.

Then there are fees that punish do-gooders and keep the trodden down. For instance, electric vehicle owners, whether their motive is to save the planet or simply love new tech, suddenly and unexpectedly found themselves on the hook for a \$250 annual registration fee, more than double what their gas-guzzling counterparts pay, because, the logic goes, they use the roads but don't pay gas taxes.

Those who have been caught up in the legal system, who have been on the receiving end of much care and support from the former and current governors, find their stated fines of several hundred dollars increasing exponentially with extras: court costs, fees for the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, the Safe Neighborhood Services Fund, and the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Penalty.

Unique to the Garden State, drivers who accumulate six or more points on their licenses within three years are subject to surcharges for three years. Fail to pay? The license is revoked. Drive anyway? Another \$250-per-year surcharge for three years. The state can garnish wages, place a lien on property, or intercept a tax refund to collect. And as per so many programs, what started as a way to subsidize one thing now feeds its general coffers: New Jersey has collected over \$583 million through the program, with most funds now flowing to the state's general discretionary fund rather than their original purpose of subsidizing insurance bonds for uninsured drivers.

"Look, the executive order makes for good press. But this administration is unserious about our state's affordability crisis," DiMaio added. "How else do you make New Jersey affordable except to cut spending and lower taxes? We won't know the nature of Democrats' pork spending until well after Sherrill signs her budget into law. Still, when you propose a record-breaking \$60.7 billion budget, it's glaringly obvious you're not serious."

GARY EAGLE



TREE SERVICE, Inc.

- Tree Trimming
- Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Bucket Truck Service
- Portable Saw Mill
- Crane Service
- Saw Sharpening
- Commercial Lawn Mowing & Mulching
- garyeagle.com

FULLY INSURED
610-588-1034

Henry Yeska & Son Inc.

821 Georgetown Road, Nazareth, PA

610-759-3290 • www.yeskasepticservice.com

In Business for Over 100 Years!

Industrial, Commercial, & Residential
Cleaning • Pumping • Repairs • Installations

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| •Septic Tanks | •Swimming Pools | •Aerators |
| •Grease Traps | •Sand Mounds | •Drain Field Restoration |
| •Cesspools | •Sewer Pumps | •Septic Tank Repair |
| •Fish Ponds | •Sewer Alarms | •Tank Replacement |



RECEIVE
\$10 OFF
Your Next
Septic Pumping

Miracle-Ear Digital Hearing Aid Sale: Now through June 30th

Digital hearing aids

On sale for a limited time!

*Digital technology delivers the clearest, most accurate sound quality available in hearing aids!***

Sale Ends June 30th, 2026



as low as **\$28!** per month*



FREE hearing tests*
Reveals if and where you need hearing assistance and is recommended for everyone over 50 years old.



Attention hearing aid wearers:
If you already wear a hearing aid (any make of model), we can help you, too! Our **FREE** computerized analysis and tune up keep your hearing aid working its best.**

FREE ear canal inspections*
Sometimes it's nothing more than excessive earwax. We use our state-of-the-art Video Otoscope to look inside your ear canal. You can watch on a video monitor as it happens.



Many Styles Available!

Fully Digital Hearing Aid

\$28! per month*

DON'T WAIT!

Digital hearing aids for as low as...

LIMITED-TIME OFFER. CALL TODAY!

Miracle Ear

1343 Blue Valley Dr.
Pen Argyl, PA 18072
610-588-3383

Miracle Ear

134 Pilgrim Way
Brodheads ville, PA 18322
570-476-9949

Miracle Ear Center

1619 N. Ninth Street
Stroud Commons
(Rear of building)
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
570-476-9949

Miracle Ear Center

Strykers Crossing
Shopping Center
201 Strykers Rd.,
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
908-505-1053

* Our hearing test and video otoscopic inspection are always free. Hearing test is an audiometric test to determine proper amplification needs only. These are not medical exams or diagnoses nor are they intended to replace a physician's care. If you suspect a medical problem, please seek treatment from your doctor. ** Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending on severity of hearing loss accuracy of evaluation, proper fit, and ability to adapt to amplification. Only your Miracle-Ear® representative can determine which model and options may be right for you.
†\$1,000 or as low as \$28 per month, Calculated at a 3.25% minimum payment, if you pay only the minimum amount it will take you 18 months to pay off the balance and \$1,334 total 14.90% APR until Paid in Full. Only available on purchases of \$1,000 for 48 fixed monthly payments equal to 2.7730% required, but interest will be assessed at reduced 14.90% APR 7 all minimum monthly payments on account, including debt cancellation, paid when due. If account goes 60 days past due, promo may be terminated early and standard account terms will apply. As of 1/1/10, Purchase APR 26.99%;
Penalty APR 29.99% Minimum Interest \$2. Existing cardholders refer to your current credit agreement for rates and terms. Subject to credit approval.



Trusted for Over 60 Years

SUMMER AD SALE!

Full Page Ads: \$300

Half Page Ads:..... \$200

Quarter Page Ads: \$100

3x5 Ads: \$70

3x3 Ads: \$60

2x4 Ads: \$50

2x3 Ads: \$35

★ *America's* ★

★ **250th** ★

★ *Anniversary Sale* ★

★ July 2nd Edition ONLY ★

FULL PAGE ADS

★ **ONLY \$250** ★

Limited availability.

Must be paid in full.

Local Business Directory

Promote your business in our local Business Directory for
ONLY \$228 for 12 Weeks! Thats Only \$19/Week

CARPET CLEANING

N.E.P.A CARPET CARE

\$30 PER ROOM! Est. 2021 Insured!

Includes Shampoo, Deodorizer, Sanitizer & Oxil

570.591.6414

Serving Northeast PA

HANDY MAN

TIM VICARIO'S Handy Man Service

GENERAL HOME REPAIRS
Painting · Carpentry
Minor Plumbing · Decks
Bathroom & Kitchen Remodeling

INSURED FREE ESTIMATES

Call Tim Vicario
610-588-1620

LANDSCAPE MAKEOVERS

Gardens Need TLC?

Ask Mary!

Stone Associates
Landscape Design & Consulting

908-362-6617

SEPTIC SERVICE

YESKA SEPTIC SERVICE

484-764-6351

Call Henry Today!

Septic Tank Pumping & Repairs

YOUR AD HERE!

Easy Advertising without the hassle!
ONLY \$19/week

TREE WORK

Jim's Tree Service

NJ License: NJTC 784049

Professional Tree Care
Stump Grinding
Articulating Tractor
Removes Grindings
Both Fit Through a 36in Gate

40 Years In Business!
610-588-5761
908-763-5709
1-800-793-0465

Jim Goucher, Jr. & Karen Goucher
GOUCHERTREESERVICE.COM

Call Us at 484-988-0969 or
Email us at: thepressads@gmail.com
for more details Today!

Classifieds

Rentals

OFFICE SUITE WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM. 2ND FLOOR, INCLUDES HEAT AND ELECTRIC. IN UPPER MT. BETHEL, \$575/MO. CALL: 570-977-7495 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Help Wanted

Siding, Roofer, and Window Installer. Experienced only. Must have drivers license. Work available immediately. Call Comunale Construction at 610-588-6715 TS

Position for oil burner service tech! Must have experience in oil burner cleanings, service, and air conditioning. Blirstown & Belvidere areas. Call: 908-362-8910

CDL DRIVERS & LABORERS WANTED
Henry Yeska & Son Septic Service Is Now Hiring CDL Drivers Class A & B and Laborers. Full Time & Part Time positions available. Experience preferred but not required. Will train on the job.

Please call the office at 610-759-3290

Part Time Tree Helper Wanted! Must Have Valid DL. Call 610-588-1034

Help Wanted Must Have Taken CDL Endorsment Class A or B Benefits Offered & Vacation Time Apply by Calling 610-759-3290

NOW HIRING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
CDL Class B
P & S Endorsments
Will Train.
Call 973-383-2786
stockerbus@gmail.com

Bus Person Wanted!
Mt. Bethel Diner,
Apply In Person.
2600 North Delaware Dr.,
Mt. Bethel

For Sale

For Sale
Kitchen or Dinette Set. 60' x 84' Glass Table with six (6) chairs. In Very Good Condition!
Please Call: 908-750-4077

Yard Sale

Community Wide Yard Sales:
SAVE THE DATE!
Bushkill Township June 26-28.
Plainfield Township July 10th -12th.
Roseto: July 31st -Aug. 2nd

Experienced Waitress Wanted!

Weekends Mandatory Apply in Person at Mt. Bethel Diner



2600 N Delaware Dr.
Mt. Bethel, PA
570-897-6409

Pen Argyl Area School District EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PROGRAM
Training Session on July 13, 2026 from 10am to 12pm.
No teaching credentials required - only a Bachelor's Degree. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher in the Pen Argyl Area School District, contact Mrs. Kim Farnack at farnack.kim@penargylsd.org or 610-863-3191 ext. 11313 to learn more about the program and training opportunity.
RSVP by July 8, 2026.

Yard Sale
containing lots of household items and more!
One Day Only!
Sat., July 4th
from 8am-2pm.
1813 West Bangor Rd.,
Bangor, PA, 18013

Classified Ad Order Form

All Classified ads are \$15 per week, per inch, with the exception of Yard Sale ads, which are \$5. There is no charge for items being listed as FREE. Please specify the category in which you would like you ad to appear (ex: Help Wanted, Real Estate, Rentals, Vehicle...Etc.) Please specify which size ad, and how many weeks you wish to run.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Ads with Photos!
\$20

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CATEGORY: _____

WEEKS RUNNING: _____ AMOUNT PAID: _____

Please PRINT Your Ad Information Below

One inch
(actual size shown here)

Two inches
(actual size shown here)

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY IN ORDER TO BE PRINTED IN THE UPCOMING EDITION.
All classified ads must be paid in full, in advance. Credit cards are NOT accepted for charges less than \$25
CLASSIFIED ADS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO: THEPRESSADS@GMAIL.COM OR BY MAIL TO: THE FREE WEEKLY PRESS, PO BOX 606, BANGOR, PA 18013
Help Wanted ads are free for current advertisers. Classifieds are NOT accepted by phone
Make Checks Payable to: The Free Weekly Press, LLC



Did You Know...Our Most Recent Editions Are Just A Click Away!

Follow Us Online at thepressnews online.com and on Facebook!

ATTENTION BLAIRSTOWN!

NEED A PLACE TO DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING?

VISIT OUR DROP SHED!



Support Blairstown PD Community Policing!

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING TODAY!
DROP SHED LOCATED BEHIND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING:
106 Rt. 94, Blairstown, NJ



VALOR
A HAND UP ON THE HOME FRONT

VALOR Presents its 13th Annual
Michael C. Wargo Cup

Golf Tournament

June 26th 2026

Southmoore Golf Center, Bath PA • Tee Time 8AM

\$125 Entry Fee Per Person
\$450 Per Foursome
Includes: Golf Cart Fees,
Breakfast & Lunch
Registration Deadline
June 26, 2026 7AM

- Standard Best of Foursome Scramble
- Lady Golfers are warmly welcomed
- 4 Person Teams

Special Contests

- Longest Drive
- Closest to Pin
- Mulligans
- 50/50 Drawing
- Basket Raffle
- Golf Ball Drop
- Pot-of-Gold

Register at www.valorclinic.org/Events or with the QR Code

Call For more Information
570-534-2812
or Visit our Facebook Page



501(c)3 - EIN #45-4634922