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Highlights From the 2026 Plainfield Farmers Fair

By Rep. Ann Flood

PLAINFIELD TWSP - The Plainfield Farmers Fair once again brought our community together for a week of activities, traditions and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors. My staff and I enjoyed spending time with residents and visitors throughout the week and appreciated the dedication of everyone who worked to make this year's fair a success.

The fair offered something for everyone, including agricultural exhibits, local vendors, delicious food, entertainment, fireworks and family activities. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to support local organizations and enjoy the traditions that have made this event a special part of our community.

One of the highlights of the week was serving as a judge for the cake and pie competition. With so many impressive homemade creations, selecting the winners was no easy task! I appreciate everyone who participated and shared their talents as part of this fun fair tradition.

My office hosted an information table at the fair, where residents could stop by, ask questions and learn more about available state services, programs and upcoming events. It was a great opportunity to meet with members of the community, provide helpful information and hear directly from residents.

Thank you to the organizers, volunteers, vendors and everyone who helped make the Plainfield Farmers Fair such a successful event. The time and effort put into this annual tradition are what continue to make it a highlight for our community.



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Musikfest 2026 "Music Unites"

By Michael Ortoski

BETHLEHEM, Pa. -- Friday night, thousands of festers turned out for a big Opening Night! The country's largest free music festival is back in Bethlehem for 10 days. Founded in 1984, Musikfest is the nation's largest free music festival and is an incredible 10-day celebration of performing and visual arts held every August in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Featuring more than 400 performers and 500 performances across 16 stages (15 are free), Musikfest attracts over 1 million people each year!

Named twice the No. 1 Music Festival in North America by the USA Today/10Best readers' poll, Musikfest® features hundreds of performances on stages (referred to as 'platzes' to pay homage to the city's Germanic heritage) throughout Bethlehem over 10 days. The 2026 festival runs July 31 through August 9, 2026.

The festival is spread throughout the city of Bethlehem, on the north side covering the Historic Moravian District and on the SouthSide at the SteelStacks™ campus in the SouthSide Arts District. It's easy to get overtucked around every corner. getting lost as you wander through the festival grounds. Don't miss award-winning food vendors, local craft vendors, artists at work, and hands-on art activations that are spread throughout the festival. Enjoy free wifi throughout the 10-day festival, courtesy of the City of Bethlehem!

The 2026 Musikfest poster was designed by painter and illustrator Doug Boehm. Boehm, who originally designed the 2020 poster, was unable to experience the full Continued on page



whelmed when looking at all that's going on, but you'll find fun. We recommend that first-timers to Musikfest spend some time

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