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The 73rd Annual Blue Valley Farm Show was held August 14th-August 18th in Bangor, PA. Photo by Dale Young/The PRESS

## Highly Anticipated Victorian Days Celebration Returns to Belvidere, NJ

It really is back! Belvidere's renowned celebration of Victorian Days returns the second weekend in September with more style, more events and more fun for everyone!

Friday, September 7th, 8:00pm-11:00pm, Red Frame Mill (lower level); Saturday, September 8th, 9:00am-6:00pm, Garret D. Wall Park; and Sunday, September 9th, 11:30am-5:00pm, Garret D. Wall Park

Belvidere Heritage, the new organizers of the event, has really shaken things up. All the beloved favorites will still be there—house tours, porch teas, cemetery tours, the classic car show and reenactments. The organizers have really excelled with the additions of a Friday night dance, two full days of entertainment, a Kid Zone with children-centered vendors and rainbow ponies, an Authors' Grove, a Plein Air art contest and wet paint sale. The vendors are juried and the food selections are varied. The classic car show is augmented with local businessmen holding a muscle car show and military vehicles on display.

"Tough times can spark a



hidden gem to arise." Mike Moyer, Thisilldous Eatery

In 1987 high budget and trade deficits and a crash of the stock market, inspired the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce to do something. With the leadership of Mike Moyer, Brad Day and Thomas McPeck, Victorian Days was born to make residents feel good about their community by inviting visitors to see the beauty and experience the history of their small, quaint town. And each year the visitors did come from near and far to enjoy the splendor of Belvidere!

There is more going on here than anyone can possibly take in on just one day. Which is why it's a good thing the festival runs for two full days!

The expanded entertainment offerings require two stages at the event. A full schedule is posted on Belvidere Heritage's website to ensure everyone can catch their favorites—12 live musical acts, historical presentations and demonstrations addressing women's rights and fashion, stage combat and 19th century novels, civil

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## Hackettstown NJ's Derek Weaver Is Already A Veteran On The Golf Course At Just 15

Derek Weaver is only 15 years old but he's already a veteran on the golf course! And a pretty darn good one at that!

Weaver, from Hackettstown and a member of Panther Valley Golf & Country Club, began playing golf when he was just six years old. He played in his first tournament when he was only 9. Since then he's played in numerous tournaments, in New Jersey and around the country.

Weaver credits a close family friend, Robert Thomas, for getting him into golf and giving him his first lessons. Although he is home schooled he is also now a member of the Hackettstown High School golf team. In his first year with the Tiger golf club he won the K-Golf Classic with a 71, took 3rd at counties, and qualified for the Tournament of Champions.

For the past three years he has worked closely with Dan

McCarthy, the Golf Pro at Panther Valley.

"He knows my swing so well and if something is off he can always identify what is off and help fix it," said Weaver.

"Derek is unique," stated McCarthy. "For such a young kid, he has extensive knowledge of the golf swing and the game itself. We work together every Friday morning, but with him, it's not your standard golf swing lesson. After a few weeks, we changed our game plan immensely. We weren't working on the swing itself so to speak, we worked on hitting golf shots. High draws, low fades, etc.... Derek has raised the bar. He has PGA Tour aspirations so our game plan had to be changed to accomplish his goals, which rightfully so, are set very high. We will generally only hit balls for about 10 to 15 minutes, hit about



5-10 putts, then we go play 5 or 6 holes to practice.

"What impresses me the most about Derek is his thinking," added McCarthy. "I believe he is in a very good spot mentally and understands how to get the ball in the hole in the least amount of shots possible."

Weaver, one of five siblings, has been a member at Panther Valley for the past four years.



## RE/MAX Agents Make a Difference with Warren County Habitat for Humanity

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RE/MAX agents Margarita Green, Linda & Hayley Simpson have made a difference in Warren County by taking time to rebuild local properties. Through the Habitat for Humanity, people are given help where needed to rebuild or beautify the community.

"My business is only as healthy as my community," says Greer & Simpson, REALTORS at RE/MAX TOWN & VALLEY located in Hackettstown. "We feel better knowing that we're doing our part to make sure our community who needs care has a shot at the best care possible."

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When he's not participating in a tournament somewhere, he plays at his home course in Allamuchy as often as possible.

All of his hard work has paid off. He now plays on the Junior NJPGA tour, and has played at AJGA and FJGT (Florida) events. In the process he made the NJ PGA All State 3rd team. In addition he has been invited to play this year again in the NJPGA Pritsch Cup (top five players 16-18 and 11-15 in NJPGA player standings).

In other highlights, he was 8th in the AJGA All Star Tournament in Ohio (3+ day competition), was second in the NJPGA Mountain Classic -1 for 2 days, and finished in the top 10 in all NJPGA events this year that he entered. And he's not done yet. Many other tournaments are on tap before the year is out.

Weaver's game has many

strengths, but he says he is strongest with his short game where he is great around the greens. "Although he is a little guy, when you have a short game that's good," pointed out McCarthy. "It takes a lot of pressure off your golf swing. He doesn't just swing the club when he plays, he hits shots."

Down the line, Weaver aspires to play Division 1 golf in college, "hopefully somewhere warm all year!" Weaver says with a smile.

McCarthy predicts that there will be much more than just college success for Weaver. "He is very impressive for someone so young and has been a real pleasure to watch develop," said the Panther Valley Pro. "We are going to be hearing his name for a long time in the golf industry."