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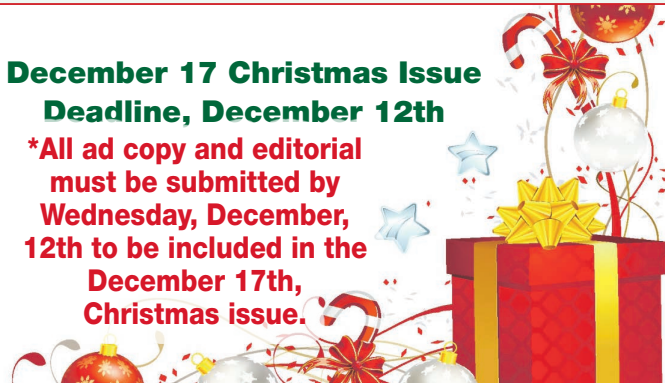
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DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS

DECEMBER 7 - NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER 10 - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DECEMBER 12 - NATIONAL POINSETTIA DAY

DECEMBER 13 - NATIONAL COCOA DAY

DECEMBER 15 - NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS
AMERICA DAY

DECEMBER 16 - NATIONAL CHOCOLATE
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DAY DECEMBER 20 - NATIONAL SANGRIA DAY

HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 10 - HANUKKAH ENDS

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 26 - KWANZAA BEGINS

DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE



WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

NCC Dance Showcase

The dance concert showcases student performances with choreography by NCC dance faculty, guest choreographers and students. Sponsored by NCC Theatre Department. **December 6th, 11:15am and December 7th, 7:30pm.** at Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, Bethlehem Campus. Admission is free with a donation of canned goods for the needy.

First UMC Breakfast with Santa

The First United Methodist Church, 55 North 3rd Street, Bangor, will host their 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 8th 9:00am-11:00am.** Seating is limited so make your reservations now by visiting their website www.firstumcbangor.com

Pen Argyl Holiday Celebration

Pen Argyl Borough will host a very special evening at Weona Park Community Center on **Friday, December 7th at 6:30 pm,** Mayor Nasatka, Borough Council and the Pen Argyl Outreach Committee invites the families of Pen Argyl to attend the Pen Argyl's Holiday Celebration at the Community Center located in Weona Park. Join friends, family and neighbors for a joyous holiday celebration.

Christmas in Nazareth

Christmas in Nazareth, **Saturday, December 8th, 12:00pm-4:00pm,** a community wide, family friendly, celebration of the holiday season featuring Christmas carols by the NASD music groups, Santa and story telling, ice sculpting, a traditional Christmas Putz, food vendors, and community wide business open house.

Holiday Open House at Miss Julie's

Miss Julie's Dance & Fitness Studio will host a Holiday Open House **Saturday, December 8th, 2:00pm-4:00pm** 306 Front Street, Roseto, PA

Slate Belt Rotary Breakfast with Santa

The Slate Belt Rotary Club & Scorecard Sports Bar & Grill will host Breakfast with Santa **Saturday, December 8th 9:00am-11:00am** at the Scorecard Sports Bar and Grill, 130 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA.

WITNESS Christmas Concert at First UEC Church

The popular vocal trio WITNESS, will present a Christmas concert of sacred and holiday music on **Saturday, December 8th, 7:00pm,** First United Evangelical Congregational Church, 25 South Second Street in Bangor. The public is invited to this annual event as we ring in the Christmas season.

Quiet Valley Farm Old Time Christmas

December 8th & 9th, beginning at 3:00 -7:00pm. Enjoy a candlelit visit to an 1800s Christmas small groups leave every 15 minutes for candlelit tours. FMI contact Quiet Valley at 570-992-6161, farm@quietvalley.org, or www.quietvalley.org

Bangor Lions Club Paint & Sip Fundraiser

The Bangor Lions club is hosting a paint & sip fundraiser on **Sunday, December 9th from 2:00-4:00pm** at Bloom, 32 Broadway, Bangor. Cost includes snacks and non-alcoholic drinks while painting a winter scene. For reservations, please contact Michelle at 908-362-6703 or Peggy at 610-588-6041 as soon as possible. Limited spaces.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast With Santa!



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Slate Belt Heritage Center

Sunday, December 9th, 2:00pm - The Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest MC Marc Blau hosts the trivia game for teams of four. Make your own team or just show up and join in the fun. Prizes for the winners. The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 N. 1st Street, Bangor, PA.

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Bangor Elks Lodge Announces Elks National Free Throw Contest

Bangor Lodge #1106 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is pleased to announce the Elks National Hoop Shoot to be held beginning at **12:00pm on Saturday December 8th, 2018** at the Washington Elementary School, 381 Washington Blvd, Bangor, PA. This Free Throw Contest is open to boys and girls ages 8 through 13 and is free to all contestants. Registration will be open beginning at 11:30 AM on December 8, 2018 at the school gymnasium.

Beginning at the local level, winning contestants will advance through District, State, Regional, and National competitions. The Elks helps sponsor contestants and their families at every level of competition. One boy and one girl from each division will win a national title at the National Finals and have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Two National Champions will receive the Getty Powell Award for most baskets made during the National Finals.

The Elks National Hoop Shoot Program, sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, provides a character-building, competitive experience for all contestants. Contestants learn about the importance of respect and good sportsmanship. The Bangor Lodge is a proud sponsor of this annual local event. Winners of this local event will represent our Lodge at the District Free throw competition, also being held at Washington Elementary in February.

Pocono Arts Council Holiday Store

The Pocono Arts Council will host its annual Holiday Store in the ARTSPACE Gallery at 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. The popular art gift shop will be open throughout the holiday season, **now through Friday, January 4, 2019, Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 4pm.**

Blue Mountain Community Library

The Blue Mountain Community Library is sponsoring a Christmas Craft Event! On **Friday, December 7th, 12:30pm**, there will be a class for adults. There is a fee for supplies only. On **Saturday, Dec. 8th**, there will be two classes for children. There is a small fee for materials for each of these ornaments per child. Registration with payment is required prior to the events. Hours are **Mon.-Sat., 10:00am to Noon and Mon.-Thurs., 6:00-8:00pm**. Call Lisa at 610-863-3029 or visit www.bmcl.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

NASME Model Train Show

The model train show presented by the Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers will be held on the following dates: **December 8th, 9th, 15th (1-5pm); December 27, 28, 29, 30 (1-5pm); January 5, 6 (1-5pm)**. NASME is located at 212 Main Street, Stockertown, PA. Parking is available behind the Stockertown Municipal Building. Donations welcome. For more information, visit: <http://nasme.tripod.com>

Blue Valley Rescue Squad All You Can Eat Breakfast

All You Can Eat Breakfast Hosted by Blue Valley Rescue Squad - Station 71, **Sunday, December 9th, 8:00am-12:00pm** at Roseto Legion 143 Garibaldi Ave, Roseta, PA.

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Soup Nite

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their "Monthly Soup Nite" on **Thursday, December 13th, 3:00pm-7:00pm** at the Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. firehouse, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two varieties of homemade soups will be available by the bowl or quart to eat in or take-out. The ladies auxiliary will host the monthly soup night the 2nd Thursday of each month through March 2019. For more information contact Diane DeMarzo at 973-202-3317.

Slate Belt Heritage Center Calendar of Events**Schedule of Events for 2019**

Sunday, January 13th at 2:00pm: "History of the Mummies" by Melissa Hough.
Sunday, February 10th at 2:00pm: "Progress Report on Lake Minsi" by Mike Ortoski
Sunday, March 10th at 2:00pm: "Textile Project" by Marc Blau
Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm: Spring Opening
Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm: "Structural Slate Company" by Kenton Lerch
Thursday, June 20th at 7:00pm: "Annual Preservation Awards"
Thursday, July 11th at 7:00pm: TBA
Thursday, August 8th at 7:00pm: TBA
Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm: TBA
Thursday, October 10th at 7:00pm: "Annual Haunted Heritage Show"
Thursday, November 14th at 7:00pm: "Pearl Harbor Revisited" by Jim Paynter.
 Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 N. 1st Street, Bangor, PA.

Bangor Area HS Bands Winter Concert

The Bangor Area High School Bands Winter Concert will be held on **Friday, December 14th at 7:30pm** in the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater at Bangor Area High School. The Concert and Symphonic Bands will each present their own portion of the concert. At the conclusion of the program, both groups will unite on stage for a grand finale complete with a Christmas Carol sing-along and our annual performance of Sleigh Ride conducted by a jolly special guest. Please join us on December 14 to share in the holiday joy! For more information visit: bahsbands.weebly.com

Night of Christmas Carols

The Red Thread Cafe and Baby Harry Coffee Co. will host a night of Christmas carols on **Saturday, December 15th 6:00pm-9:00pm** at Baby Harry Coffee Co, 34 Broadway, Bangor, PA. Join us for a relaxing festive night this holiday season.

Bus Trip NY Botanical Gardens Christmas Train Show

Friends of Easton Area Public Library will sponsor a bus trip to the holiday train show at the New York Botanical Gardens Christmas train show on **Sunday, December 16th**, cost includes admission, lunch, bus, and driver's tip. **Deadline is December 10.** For reservations call Mary Ann 610-258-2917 ext 393



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Roseto Ball Park Ice Rink to Open Soon

The ice rink at Roseto Ball Park will soon be ready for ice skating! Get your ice skates sharpened. As soon as they have ice the rink will be open every day from **9:00am till about 6:00pm.**

Hackettstown Community Band Holiday Concert

The Hackettstown Community Band will perform a Holiday Concert at the United Presbyterian Church on Mansfield Street in Belvidere, NJ on **Thursday, December 13th, at 7:00pm.** There will be a free will offering to support the band.

Columbia Fire Co. No.1 Breakfast w/Santa

Columbia Fire Co. No.1 is Roseto will be sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday December 15th from 9:00-11:00am** at the Roseto Municipal Building. The event is open to all children from Roseto borough as well as children and grandchildren of current Fire Co. members. Please call 610-588-0597 or email kidsparty@columbiafireco.org for reservations.

Holiday Luncheon Fundraiser at the Historic 1795 Stroud Mansion

The Monroe County Historical Association will host the annual Holiday Luncheon at the Stroud Mansion fundraiser on **Saturday, December 15th.** The Early Lunch seating will be held at **11:00am** and guests may dine until **12:30pm** and the Late Lunch seating will be held at 1:00 pm and guests may dine until **2:30pm.** Tickets must be purchased at the Stroud Mansion, 900 Main Street in downtown Stroudsburg. Please get your tickets early; seating is extremely limited for this popular event. For costs and more information, please contact MCHA at (570) 421-7703 or admin@monroehistorical.org. Visit us on the web at www.monroehistorical.org.

Ackermanville UMC Cookie Walk

Ackermanville United Methodist Church, 1014 Ackermanville Rd., Bangor PA. will hold its 5th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on **Saturday, December 15th from 9:00am to 11:30am.** FMI please call 610-588-7818, or www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Christmas Jazz in Bethlehem

Christmas Jazz in Bethlehem will be held **Saturday, December 16th, 8:00-11:00pm** in the Christmas City of Bethlehem, PA. Bring the whole family and "Countdown to Christmas" with vocalist, Corinne Mammana and pianist, Sean Gough. FREE concert, inside the ArtsQuest Center at Steelstacks. Concert Ticket Giveaway for attendees!

Grace United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata

Grace United Methodist Church will be hosting a Community Christmas Cantata. Everyone in the Slate Belt community is welcome to join. The Cantata will be held on **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00pm** in the chapel at the church, 404 E. Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl. For more information or call the church office at 610-863-4811.

Santa Coming to Pen Argyl

Santa Claus, with the help of the Lookout Fire Co., will be visiting the children of Pen Argyl on a fire truck, bringing gifts to your home! To be included on the list for Santa to stop at your house, sign ups will be held on **Monday December 17th from 6:00-7:30pm** at the Lookout Fire Co. Social Hall on North Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. All gifts must be wrapped when signing up, and only accepting one gift per child. This is only for residents of Pen Argyl Borough. Donations are always appreciated but not required.

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Blue Mountain Community Library Christmas Tree Fundraiser
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Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing 3rd Annual Community Collection for Monroe County Women's Resource Center.
 Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing is collecting personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes & tooth paste, soap, & other personal care items) for women and children in need at Monroe County Women's Resource Center.
 Each year Donna's clients and the Slate Belt community have been very generous with donations. Donna hopes this year to make the biggest contribution yet! **Deadline for donations is December 15th.** Donna's Salon is located at 201 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. 18072, 484-809-3727. Donations can be dropped during salon hours **Monday-Thursday 10:00am - 6:00pm; Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm; Saturday by appt.** Deadline for donations is December 15th.

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 - I'll Be Home for Christmas
 - Scrooge (A Christmas Carol)
 - The Santa Claus
 - The Christmas Shepherd
- Which popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
 - Angels We Have Heard on High
 - Silent Night
 - We Three Kings
 - Jingle Bells
- Who first recorded "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth" in 1948?
 - Bob Hope
 - Travis Saveri
 - Spike Jones
 - Jerry Lewis
- In which city is the famous 34th Street from the film "Miracle on 34th Street"?
 - Las Vegas
 - Philadelphia
 - New York City
 - San Francisco
- How many sides does a snowflake have?
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 8
- In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", what happens every time a bell rings?
 - An Angel gets it wings
 - Someone's prayer is answered
 - Love is felt in your heart
 - A baby is born
- What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
 - A carrot
 - A twig
 - A button
 - A piece of coal
- What Christmas song includes "Let every heart prepare him room"?
 - Oh, Holy Night
 - O Come All ye Faithful
 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 - Joy to the World
- Who conceived the idea of a Christmas tree in the 7th century?
 - English
 - Italians
 - Germans
 - Norwegians
- What is the best-selling Christmas record of all time?
 - White Christmas
 - Silent Night
 - Jingle Bells
 - Joy to the World

See answers on page 10

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 Gun and Sportsman Show - March 17
 Craft Show - March 16




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Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation Awards \$7,000 in Teacher Grants to Fund Special Projects

By Deanna Ruzanski, Executive Director

Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation

The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation, whose goal is to enhance the educational quality of students and improve the overall community, awarded \$7,000 in teacher grants to fund special projects in the Bangor Area School District for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Through the Foundation's fund-raising efforts and investment success, the Teacher Grant Program was made available for the first time this year. The Teacher Grant program is intended to cover initiatives and programs that are outside of the typical school budget. Fourteen applications were received after board members from The Foundation presented the Teacher Grant Program to the faculty at each of the five schools last spring. A committee, which consisted of four board members from The Foundation, reviewed each application and chose the recipients based on the overall impact for the students and community as well as the creative and innovative aspects of each program. This year's recipients and their programs are as follows: Patricia Rutt, 5 Points Elementary: Mobile Agricultural Education Science Lab; Angela Ronco, DeFranco Elementary: Science in the House; Adam Raines, Senior High: Virtual Business Sports & Entertainment Program in Marketing Class; James Burke DeFranco, 5 Points and Washington Elementary: Programming in the Classroom; Angela Ronco, DeFranco Elementary: Accessing Text for all Students.

Angela Ronco, a fifth grade teacher at DeFranco Elementary, who received two grants this year said, "Thanks to the generosity of the BASD Education Foundation, the 5th grade language arts classrooms at DeFranco have received listening centers! The students enjoy listening to books with their peers for enjoyment, and the centers are also very helpful to allow students to experience books that may be above their independent reading level. The centers are very useful for differentiating reading materials and allowing student access to books on their level. Children at all levels love to be read to, so they really enjoy the listening centers."

The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization. Founded in the Spring of 1997, The Foundation's mission is to support learning for the children and adults of the Bangor Area School District by funding activities and culturally enriching programs, community events, student scholarships, teacher grant projects and academic awards. The Foundation oversees the financial aspect of the various scholarships that are presented to district students each year. The two largest awards are the Wolf and Trigiani scholarships. Scholarships and the Teacher Grant program are made available through donor contributions and fundraising efforts of The Foundation. Should you be interested in getting involved or to make a donation, contact Deanna Ruzanski, Executive Director, at 610-730-8408 or dlynnruzanski@gmail.com.



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Hunters Can Share their Harvests

To help families, individuals and seniors who are in need, the Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) program has encouraged hunters from across the Commonwealth to share their deer harvest and provide thousands of pounds of venison.

The program partners with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Department of Agriculture and many other sportsmen and charitable organizations. Since 1991, HSH has distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of donated venison.

Hunters can donate all or part of a harvested deer by taking it to a participating processor, which will then distribute the ground venison to food banks and pantries. In an average hunting season, the HSH program's goal is to channel about 100,000 pounds of processed venison through the state's 20 regional food banks, which then redistribute to more than 5,000 local provider charities such as food pantries, missions, homeless shelters and churches, as well as individual families.



Back Row: Dr. William Haws, BASD Superintendent; Deanna Ruzanski Executive Director of the BASD Educational Foundation; Marc Blau, Board Member of the BASD Educational Foundation; Michael Feeney, President of the BASD Educational Foundation; James Burke, Teacher Grant Recipient; Adam Raines, Teacher Grant Recipient. Front Row: Patricia Rutt, Teacher Grant Recipient; Angela Ronco, Teacher Grant Recipient.



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One Room School House to Get Facelift

It has long been the goal of the Bangor Area School District and its community to revitalize the One Room School House that sits on Five Points Richmond Road in front of the Bangor Area High School. The lessons of history and the heritage of the Slate Belt have always played an important role in the community. The One Room School House stands as a reminder that history is important and never forgotten.



The One Room School House served the District beginning in 1858 making the building One hundred sixty years old. This style of school building used to be common and there may have been up to twenty-six schoolhouses in the area that now comprises the Bangor Area School District. Today, the One Room School House is one of only a handful of remaining structures making it vital that we preserve this structure. Jeff Ott, P.E. of Ott Consulting Inc.,



Mike Ortoski, Editor of the Blue Valley Times, and Frank Brooks teamed up with school district Administrators William Haws, superintendent, and Bradon Hendershot Assistant to the Superintendent to determine what could be done to save this remarkable building.

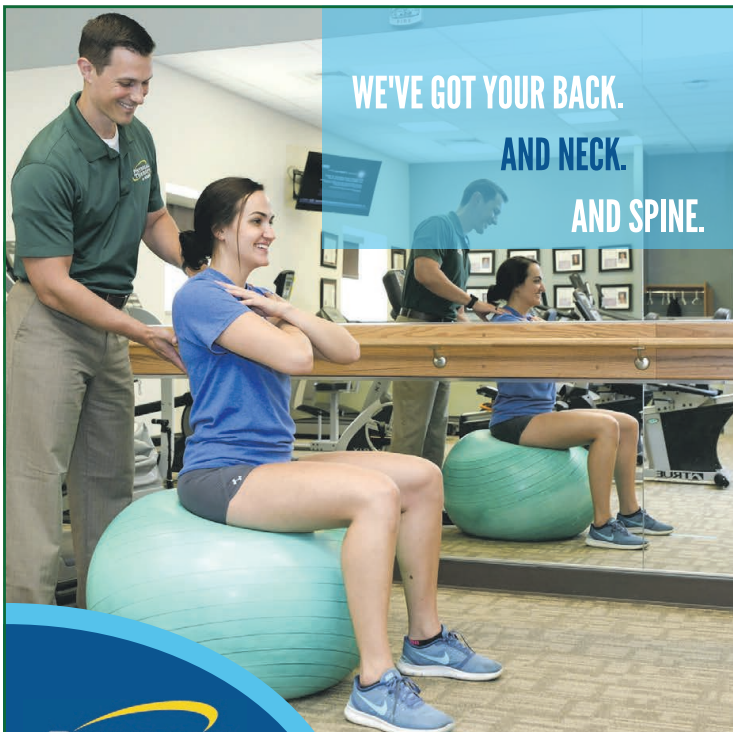
It was hoped that not only could the building be restored but that it would once again serve the District as it had in the past.

Frank Brooks took the initiative to write a grant proposal while Mike Ortoski posted a request for letters of support on the Blue Valley Times website. Thanks to all of the concerned citizens and the efforts of all involved, Northampton County awarded \$15,000 toward the restoration of the One Room School House.

The Bangor Area School District will now begin its work to determine what work needs to be done to restore the structure. In addition, tests for lead-based paint hazards will be completed to ensure the safety of younger students should the One Room School House be used as a classroom.



The Bangor Area School District would like to thank the residents who took the time to post notes of encouragement and to everyone who participated in getting this project to this point. Keep an eye on our One Room School House as it gets a facelift and takes its place in our School District.



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Mt Bethel Beverage Thanks Customers for Support of Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mt. Bethel Beverage held a fundraiser during Breast Cancer Awareness month selling specially designed tee-shirts "One Beer Closer to a Cure" to raise money for breast cancer research. With the help of their great customers and staff they raised \$400. Mary Jo Krafty, co-owner of Mt. Bethel Beverage is a 15 year survivor of breast cancer. She chose to donate to the Breast Cancer Research Fund as this organization is dedicated to preventing and curing breast cancer with 90% of all donations going directly to research. Mt Bethel Beverage wish to thank everyone for their outstanding kindness and support.



UMBT Special Workshop Meeting

A Special Workshop Meeting will take place at the Upper Mount Bethel Township (UMBT) Building on **December 20th at 7:30pm** and will feature Ron Stern of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Stern has been overseeing the Upper Mount Bethel Study and will be at the Special Workshop Meeting to discuss what it takes to get a police force in place whether local, regional or by contracted police services provided by another municipality.

The topic for discussion will be crime statistics in UMBT for October and November and the Call Responses by the Pennsylvania State Police.

For October in Upper Mount Bethel the PSP Belfast station handled a total of 173 calls for service. The attached spreadsheet contains the significant incidents which required an investigation.

The majority of the calls for October were what the State Police consider to be minor in nature and required no formal report other than notes in their Computed Aided Dispatch (CAD) sheets such as false alarms, welfare checks, security checks at schools, traffic stops, etc.

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Birth Announcement **Logan Ryan Koehler**

Ryan and Alyssa Koehler are proud to announce the birth of their son Logan Ryan born on September 1, 2018 at St Luke's, Bethlehem. Logan weighed 9lbs and was 20.5 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Harry and Tina Dickey, Paternal grandparents are Norman and Audrey Koehler & Maternal great grandmother is Mayola Danner. Big brother Owen, age 3.



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Mt. Bethel Christmas Tree Lighting

Photos by Nick Pulsinelli



Bath Christmas Tree Lighting

Photos Courtesy of Bath Mayor Fiorella Mirabito



Miller House 17th Annual Holiday Craft Show

The 17th Annual Miller House Craft Show was held the weekend before and the weekend of Thanksgiving. The event featured beautiful handcrafted items from local crafters.

Photos by Candy Martin



Jennifer's Consignment Boutique

Jennifer's Salon and Consignment Boutique held an Open House on Sunday, November 25th, for the new addition to the Consignment Boutique. The boutique is filled with beautiful, next to new clothing, bags, shoes, and accessories from casual to formal wear, for women, teens, and children. Located at 6 E. Main Street in Pen Argyl, PA. The phone number is 610-863-5191. You can find Jennifer's Salon and Consignment Boutique on Facebook.

Photos by Candy Martin



Friends of the Bangor Public Library Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 6th the Friends of the Bangor Public Library hosted their 6th annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Bee Hive Community Center. The event included crafts, photos, a visit from Santa who gave each child and adult a book.

Photos by Kris Ordinsky-Parks



Dotta's Annual Children's Christmas Party & Giving Drive

On Sunday, December 2nd, Dotta Chrysler Jeep held their annual Children's Christmas Party. Santa made a special visit to Dotta's for the Christmas party and gave gifts to all the children. Families were also able to make and take home gingerbread houses. Dotta's Annual Giving Drive will benefit Slater Family Network and St. John's Pet Food Pantry.

Photos by Kris Ordinsky-Parks



BHS Winter Choir Concert

The Bangor High School Winter Choir Concert was held on Tuesday, December 4th, in the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater at BHS. Photos by Kris Ordinsky-Parks



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- 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/8 tsp. baking soda
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup vanilla chips
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract



Directions:

In a quart size glass jar, layer the sugar and brown sugar packing well between layers.

Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt and spoon into jar. Top with oats, cranberries and chips. Cover with lid.

To make cookies: Pour cookie mix into a large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Beat in butter, egg and vanilla. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Drop by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 375°F for 8-10 min. or until browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.

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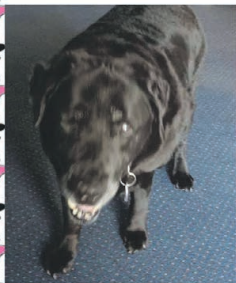
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Thank you to all who loved Freedom as much as we did.
Rest in Peace Freedom, you will be missed!
Mark, Carol and Clint Heisler

Keep Your Pets Safe this Holiday Season

The holidays are a time to be merry and festive, but they are also a time that pose potential dangers to your pet. A few simple precautions can avoid potential holiday mishaps and ensure the safety of your four legged family members.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PETS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

- 1. Ornaments and Tinsel** - Although tinsel is not toxic it can still be very dangerous if ingested by your pet. Cats especially love tinsel. If your cat consumes tinsel and it is not caught in a timely manner this could be fatal.
- 2. Lights and Candles** - Candles need to be placed where pets do not have access to them. Knocking over a candle can not only create a potential fire, pets can also burn their paws on the hot wax. The shiny holiday lights entice curious pets. Make sure to keep all lights out of a pet's reach and frequently check for signs of chewing or fraying on the lights to make sure that pets who like to chew are not in danger of electrical shock.
- 3. Toxic Holiday Plants** - Many holiday plants are poisonous. Some holiday plants are not only poisonous but may even be deadly to your pet. Some plants may cause vomiting and diarrhea while others may cause organ failure and even death. Poinsettias, Mistletoe, Holly and some form of Lilies are a few of the most common poisonous plants. It's best to keep your pet away from all holiday plants including your Christmas tree.
- 4. Christmas Trees** - Although not poisonous Christmas trees can still pose a potential hazard to your pet. Pine needles can cause oral irritation to the mouth and digestive tract. The needles are also indigestible and may be very painful for your pet to pass. Do not decorate your tree with any food. Popcorn, candy canes, gingerbread cookies are all a temptation to your pet. They may be a treat for you but could cause an upset stomach or even a blockage for your pet.
- 5. Food** - We all love the holidays and the special foods and sweets the season brings. These treats can be very harmful to your pets. Chocolate - a favorite for many during the holiday season but not so for your pet if ingested. Chocolate (especially dark and baking chocolate), can be very toxic to your pet if ingested. The darker the chocolate the higher the risk of toxicity. Nuts - another popular treat during the holidays. Nuts should not be given to your pet as they can cause an upset stomach or get lodged in your dog's throat or intestinal tract. Certain nuts can be toxic, causing seizures or neurological signs. Vomiting, lethargy, and loss of muscle control are some of the effects of nut ingestion by a dog. Other foods to keep away from pets are alcohol, fatty foods, and foods and beverages with caffeine. It is best to stick to your pet's regular diet even during the holiday season.

In the event of a holiday accident with your pet contact your veterinarian immediately or If you think your pet has been poisoned contact the Pet Poison Helpline 1-800-213-6680 with any questions or concerns. **Happy holidays to you and your pets!**

St John's Pet Food Pantry

St John's Pet Food Pantry is in need of wet dog food and wet/dry cat food. If you would like to make a donation to help our furry friends please contact us at 610-863-7261

AWSOM Home for the Holidays Foster Program

Give our AWSOM Angels a Home for the Holidays! Foster one of our shelter animals so they can spend the holidays in a happy home. **Pick up will be December 21-23rd, drop off December 28th thru January 2nd.** Should you decide to adopt your new foster friend, adoption fees are reduced thanks to our generous sponsors. Stop by the AWSOM shelter for a foster application any day 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, or download it online at AwsomAnimals.org Our knowledgeable staff will pair you with the perfect foster selection, based on your family, home and animal experience.

Happy Holidays

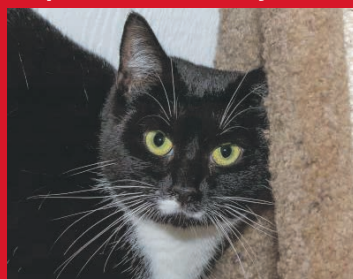
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From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a service officer with the American Legion Pennsylvania Department will be on site to assist veterans with issues including: compensation and pension claims, education benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, burial and survivor benefits, state benefits, and obtaining military personnel and medical records.

Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services. Please contact the Tannersville office to schedule an appointment at 570-620-4326.

You can follow Senator Scavello on Twitter and Facebook.

Slate Belt AARP Chapter 4135

The Slate Belt AARP Chapter 4135 will hold its Christmas Party on **December 10th, 1:00pm** at The Original Doughboys Pizza Restaurant, 230 W. Moorestown Road (Rt. 512) in Wind Gap. If you are planning on attending but have not signed up please call Deanna at 610 588-4623 as soon as possible. A head count of those attending is needed for the restaurant. Thank you.

Slate Belt Senior Center

Blue Valley Farm Show Complex, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor Ph 610-588-1224. Hours: 8:00am-3:30pm. New interested seniors wishing to attend must fill out forms. Meal Reservations please call by **10:00am, one day prior. Cancellations as soon as possible. Lunch is served at 11:30am.**

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Exercise, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

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Special December Events

Santa Craft - Thursday, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 10:00 AM

Reindeer Games - Friday, December 7, 10:00 AM, Show appreciation for all our volunteers

FOOD DRIVE FOR PUMP - December 10 -12

Christmas Carols, Hot Chocolate & Ugly Sweater contest - Thursday, December 13, 12:15 PM

Baseball - Friday, December 14, 10:00 AM

Therapy Dog - Tuesday, December 18, 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS PARTY (Pre-registration required)

Music with Bill Reese Friday, December 21

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, December 25
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Officers Council Meeting, Thursday, December 27, 9:00 AM

Events Meeting, Thursday, December 27, 1:00 PM

Celebrate the Year in review, Friday, December 28

New Years Bingo - December 31st, 12:15 PM

St. Elizabeth's of Hungary Parish Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

St. Elizabeth's of Hungary Parish in Pen Argyl is sponsoring a trip to the Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre, on **Thursday, December 13**. You will receive \$25 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher. The first bus will depart from St. Elizabeth's parking lot by **9:00am** and then proceed to the old St. Joseph's parking lot in Wind Gap. For more information, please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846 or 610-844-4630.

Slate Belt Young at Heart Club

The annual Christmas luncheon of the Slate Belt Young at Heart Club will take place on **Thursday, December 20th, 12:00pm** at the St. Elizabeth's church in Pen Argyl. Please remember this club is open to all, 55 and older, regardless of race, creed or religion. Please join us. For more information please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846 or 610-844-4630.





Adult Fiction: A Spark of Light, Jodi Picoult; Under My Skin, Lisa Unger; The Subway Girls, Susie Orman Schnall; The Reckoning, John Grisham ;The Next Person You Meet in Heaven, Mitch Albom; The Dream Daughter, Diane Chamberlain; Dark Sacred night, Michael Connelly ;Every Breath, Nicholas

Sparks; The Hour of the Fox, Kurt Palka; You Don't Own Me, Mary Higgins Clark; Nine Perfect Strangers, Liane Moriarty; Auschwitz Lullaby, Mario Escobar.

Adult Large Print: Holy Ghost, John Sandford; When We Were Young, Karen Kingsbury; Marilla of Green Gables, Sarah McCoy; Vendetta, Iris Johansen.

Adult Non-Fiction: Leadership in Turbulent Times, Doris Kearns Goodwin; Valley Forge, Bob Drury.

Audio Books: The Making of Us, Lisa Jewell; Bonfire, Krysten Ritter; The Sunshine Sisters, Jane Green; The Paris Seamstress, Natasha Lester.

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Adult Fiction - Robert B. Parkers Blood Feud by Mike Lupica,; Fire & Blood by George R. R. Martin; The Colors of All the Cattle by Alexander McCall Smith; Kingdom of the Blind by Louise Penny; A Christmas Revelation by Anne Perry;Pharaoh by Wilbur A. Smith; Beauchamp Hall by Danielle Steel.

Adult Non Fiction - Barefoot in Paris by Ina Garten; Wicca for Beginners by Gillian Nolan; Cooking at Home with Americas Test Kitchen.

Large Print Adult Fiction - Target Alex Cross by James Patterson.

Young Adult Fiction - The Princess, the Scoundrel and the Farm Boy by Alexandra Bracken; The Big Field by Mike Lupica; Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald by J. K. Rowling; Sabrina The Teenage Witch, V. 1 by Archie Comics.

Junior Fiction - The Initiations by Ridley Pearson.

Easy Fiction - Elijah's Angel by Michael J. Rosen

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Who run to warmer places then become lost.
We huddle together at an open hearth in flame,
The only fruit of winter to relieve the pain.

Old man winter with your
Temporary entrenchment,
Come springtime,
'Twill be time to go.
Too bad for you.

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~ Dale Evans

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201 S Second Street, Bangor
9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:45 AM Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer/Bible Study
2nd Sunday of Month Free Meal
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Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor, 610-588-3966
www.crossroadbaptistbangor.com

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
136 West Central Avenue, East Bangor, PA
Sundays - 8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 AM Worship Service w/Kids
Church, 10:30 AM Adult Forum, After-Church Fellowship (Last Sunday),
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Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453
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218 W. Penna. Avenue, Pen Argyl
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Family Life Community Church
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Sun.: Sunday School at 9:30am, Morning Worship at 10:30am,
Wed., Eve.: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Pastor Ronald Shipman, (610)-588-3226

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55 N. 3rd St., Bangor
Sunday Worship at 11:00
Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45
Communion first Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome
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10 AM Worship/Communion
11 AM Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month
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2904 Church Road, Martins Creek
9 AM Worship, Adult Bible, Study following worship
Pastor Louise Williams

Grace Lutheran Church
5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
9 AM Service, 10:15 AM Sunday School,
10:30 AM Adult Forum
(610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist Church
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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Nazareth, PA 18064-8828
Sunday Worship: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am
610-759-7363 www.holycrossnazareth.org

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9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Sundays
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301 Market Street, Bangor
Meeting time 10:00 AM
855-info-hope., www.hopespringscommunity.org

Hope Lutheran Church
240 S. 8th Street, Tatamy, PA
Pastor Herbert Dolich
9:00am Sunday School classes and Bible Study (Sept.-May)
10:30am Worship services(Sept.-June)

Hope UCC
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Service begins at 10:30 am with communion the first
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AA Meetings - Sundays at 7:00 PM; Mon. & Tues.
Mornings at 10:00 AM; Wed. at 7:00 PM
(610) 863-4474

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Little Friends Preschool (570) 897-7797
email office@mountbethelchurch.org
www.mountbethelchurch.org

Sunday Service Schedule

8:30 & 11am Worship Services
9:45 Confirmation and Sunday School

Mount Eaton Church

7277 Mt. Eaton Road, Saylorsburg
Services: 6:30 PM Saturday, 8 AM Sunday Traditional, 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary,
6 PM Sunday Youth Group, Wednesdays: 7 PM Family Night, 8:30 PM Young Adults' Group
Pastor Doug Hayes, (570) 992-7050
mouneatonchurch.org

Nazareth Moravian Church

4 South Main Street, Nazareth, (610) 759-3163, nazarethmoravian.org
Sundays - 8:15am Worship; 9:30am Sunday School; 10:45am Worship
12/2, Food Bank, 5:30pm Confirmation, 6:00pm Girl Scouts
12/16 Joyful Noise, 10:45 SS Christmas Play, Soup Sale, 5:30pm Confirmation
12/24 Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Light Services 5:00pm & 8:00pm
Monday 9:30am Woman's Bible Study
Thursdays-6:15pm Bell Choir; 7:15pm Sr. Choir

Northampton God's Missionary Church

4965 Nor Bath Blvd, Northampton, PA www.ngmc.church
Sundays: 10:00 AM, and 6:30 PM
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. (call for location)
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Every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 5:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion
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Rev. Michael J. Scholtes, (610) 588-2355
www.popbangor.org

Presbyterian Church of the Mountain

Church Lane, Delaware Water Gap (570) 476-0345
Sunday Worship Service: 10 AM in the Sanctuary
Holy Communion: 1st Sunday of each month
Praise Team: 2nd Sunday of each month
Sunday School: during worship in the Fellowship House for ages 0-12 (childcare and class)
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Choir Room, Deacons Meeting: Last Sunday of each month at 11 AM, Session: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM, Bible Study: each Monday at 7 PM

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto

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www.presbyparishbangorroseto.webs.com

Richmond United Methodist Church

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refinersfireministry2006@gmail.com

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Third Monday of the month Consistory Meeting 7:00 PM
Tuesdays Boy Scout Troop 50 6:30-8:00 PM & Senior Choir 7:00 PM
Wednesdays Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Pastor Kaye Lentz, (610) 759-1652
www.salemuccbathpa.org

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church

310 Madison Avenue, Nazareth
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Rev. William Martin,
(610) 746-3910, www.stbrigidspa.org

Elizabeth's Parish

300 West Babbitt, Pen Argyl
Masses: 5 PM Saturday, 8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday
Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. (610) 863-4777

St. Luke's UCC

471 Belfast Road Belfast (Nazareth), PA
Worship 10:30 am - 1st Sunday of month Holy Communion
Rev. Cecilla and Rev. Jameson Baxter
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www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal

340 Lehig Street, Wind Gap
9 AM Eucharist, Coffee hour follows service.
The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge.
(610) 863-8007 saintmarywindgap.webs.com

St. Matthew's UCC

102 Church Rd., Kunkletown, PA 18058 610-381-2442
www.stmattsucckunkletown.com
Traditional worship is 9 AM weekly, w/Communion on the 1st Sun. of the month; Country Gospel worship 12 PM 2nd Sun. of each month; Sunday School meets 10:30-11:30 AM weekly. The Nursery, for infants and children up to age 5, is available during 9 AM worship during the Family Table service

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

12 North Westbrook, Pen Argyl
8:45 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Worship
(610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal

1440 Verona Drive, Pen Argyl
11 AM Eucharist, Coffee hour after service
The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Chris Druckenmiller (610) 863-6859
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Trinity United Church of Christ

632 South Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
Sunday School 9:15 am & Worship 10:30 am .
Rev. Rodney W. Wells, (610) 588-1989

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