

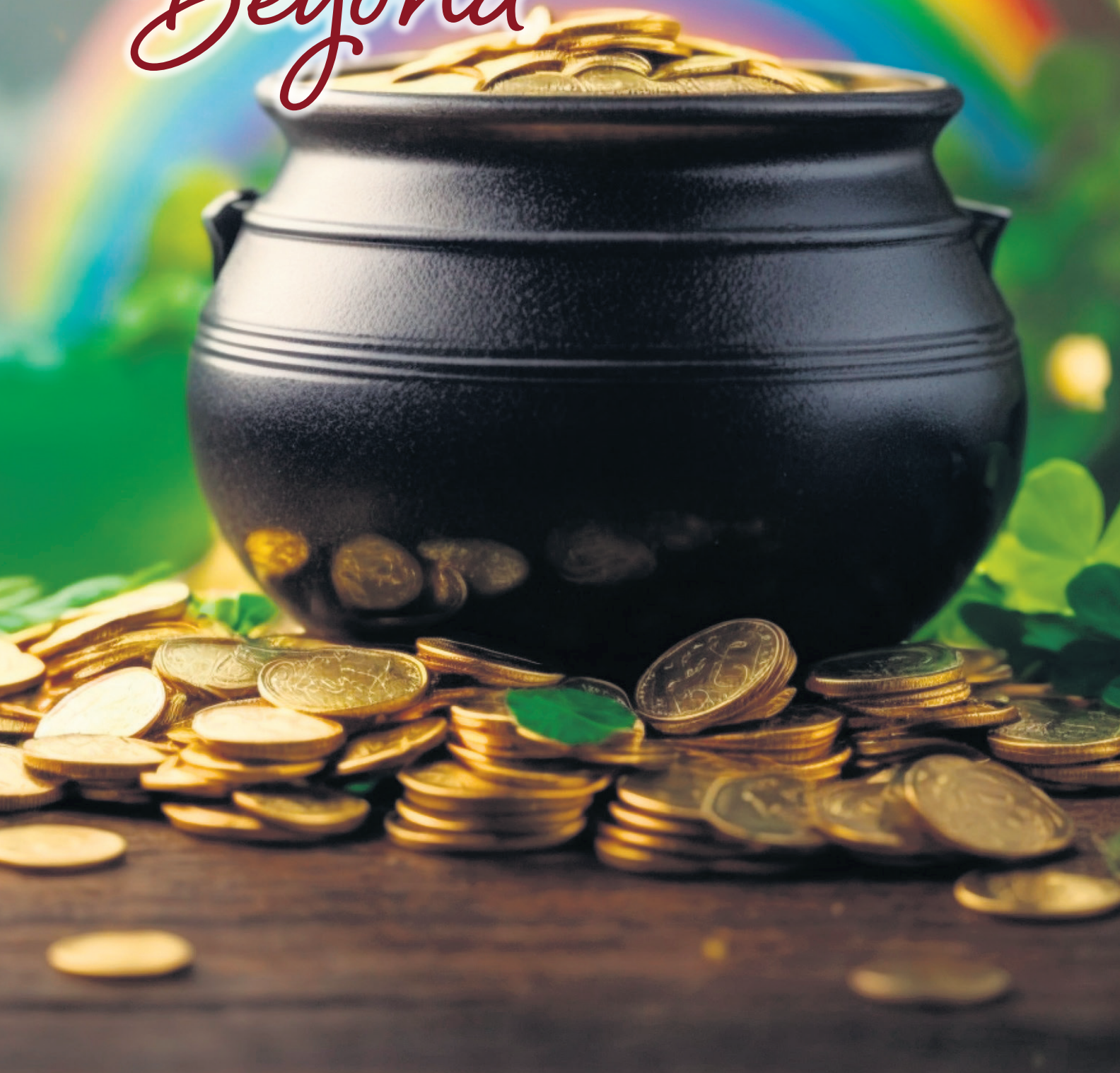
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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Miller House Spring Craft Show

2 The Miller House annual Spring Craft Show will be held
3 **Friday- Sunday, March 15-16-17** at Miller's Paint Store
(second floor) 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor, PA. 18013.

The Potting Shed Plant Explosion

The Potting Shed will hold a Plant Explosion **Saturday, March 16 10:00 to 5:00PM.** 931 Ann Street Stroudsburg, PA 18360. 570-424-1174 pshed@ptd.net

Rotary Club of the Slate Belt Easter Bunny Breakfast

15 Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, **Saturday, March 16th, 9:00AM-11:00AM** at the Scorecard Sports Bar & Grill, 130 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA. Donations accepted (pay what you wish. Reserve your spot by calling 610-863-5269 or email: info@scorecardbar.com Proceeds to benefit The Community Garden of the Slate Belt and our local food pantries.

Ackermanville United Methodist Community Drive-Thru Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, March 17 beginning at 3:00PM.** The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

Portland Hook & Ladder Co #1. Gun & Sportsmans Show

The Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will host a Gun & Sportsmans Show on **Sunday, March 17, 9:00AM to 2:00PM.** William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street Portland PA. FMI contact Jim Steele at 610-216-4191 or gunshow@portlandhookandladder.com

Penn State Extension Spring Garden Series

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Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, March 17.** 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl. **See ad page 3 for details**

First Day of Spring Saturday, March 19, 2024

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5 Days



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Look for our next issue on

March 28, 2024

Deadline for all ad copy and news

Friday, March 22, 2024

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Zion United Lutheran Church Brodheadsville

Free Community dinner on **Wednesday, March 20 from 5:00PM-6:00PM** by way of a drive-thru pick up. The church is located at 1919 Route 209 in Brodheadsville.

Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club to Present Sister Act the Musical

The Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club will present this year's spring production of Sister Act the Musical on **Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23 at 7:00PM and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00PM** in the High School Auditorium, Pleasant Valley High School, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA. 18322.

See more info page 9

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt

The Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. will hold their Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 23, 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Egg Hunt is at 1:00PM.**

See ad on page 6 for details

Bangor Area High School Theater Department "Fetch" Pancake Breakfast

The Bangor High School Drama Department will be hosting the ninth annual pancake breakfast with the cast of "Mean Girls" at the Bangor Area High School cafeteria on **Saturday, March 23, 8:00AM-11:00AM.** Bangor Area High School, 187 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA 18013.

Slate Belt LGBTQ+ 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Slate Belt LGBTQ+ will host it's 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, March 23, 5:00PM-8:00PM** Nelson's Lodge at Kirkridge Retreat, 3501 Valley View Drive, Bangor PA, 18013.

See ad on page 5 for details

Hope UCC Church Spring Fling Dinner

Hope United Church of Christ, Wind Gap will hold a Spring Fling Dinner on **Saturday, March 23, 3:00PM to 6:00PM** Eat In or Take out. Church is located at 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap, PA.

PIAC 45th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

The Pocono Irish American Club's 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 24.** Step-off time will be **1:15PM** from Stroudsburg High School. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's parade can find the rules, regulations and application form at <https://www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/parade-participant-sign-up.html?fbclid=IwAR0-4Fvlq0e-5fLx4zf-TFuK49NvRahgpPDp-KTJVcsQPQvJW3xrpYxwzW#/>

First United Methodist Church Bangor Monthly Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church Bangor hosts a community luncheon the 4th Sunday of every month. The next luncheon will be held on **March 24, at 12:30PM.** The church is located at 55 N. 3rd St., Bangor. Use the lower entrance on the alley (on the left of church). Questions call 610-588-HOPE (4673).

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, March 30, 11:30AM to 1:30PM.** The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:30am-12:30pm

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Nazareth Area Garden Club Meeting

The Nazareth Area Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the year on **March 19, 7:00PM** at the Dryland UCC Church 4415 Newburg Road, Upper Nazareth Township. The program for the evening will be given by Tim Kada. He will speak on Birding in the Backyard. Club members will display plant specimens, including African Violets, Ferns, and Cacti. Floral arrangements made by members will be on display. This month they can enter a Right Angle Design using pussy willows. The title is "Early Blooms". Or an Arrangement in or incorporating a teacup titled "Irish Tea".

Refreshments will be served. We welcome visitors to all our meetings. For membership information please call Phoebe Cubberly 484-767-6590 or Julie Anderson 610-868-8375.

Tatamy Historical Society

The Tatamy Historical Society invites residents and the public to attend a brief meeting for their 2024 events on **Monday, March 18, 6:30pm** followed by a tour at Gerhart, (formerly Northampton Farm Bureau) located at 300 Bushkill Street, Tatamy, PA. Come and tour the renovated facility and learn about Gerhart's 95 year history.

FMI call Deanne 484 903-9720 or Sarah 484-661-7450 www.tatamypa.com

Pen Argyl Women's Club News

The Women's Club of Pen Argyl met on Tuesday, February 6th at Phoebe in Wind Gap Manor under the direction of club member Debbie Procopio. Club members made 75 Valentine "Goodie bags" to be given to our area veterans at the VA Northampton County Clinic.

The Women's Club will be holding a Papa Sarge's Homemade Pierogie fundraiser offering 7 different choices. Orders may be placed with any club member. The program for the March meeting will be Officer Josh Lowe of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department who will discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Police Department's K-9 dog, Zorro.

All women from Pen Argyl, Wind Gap and Plainfield are invited to attend our meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be **April 2** at the Phoebe Wind Gap Manor, Alpha Road at **1:00PM**

Hendershot - Sarisky



Shanna Hendershot and Michael Sarisky III were united in marriage on February 22, 2024 on Anna Maria Island, in Florida.

Shanna is the daughter of Dale and Kellie Hendershot of Bangor. Granddaughter of Phillip Kostenbader of Winter Haven, Florida. Ron Hendershot of Orlando, Florida, and Amy Krohn of Wind Gap, PA.

Michael is the son of Michael Sarisky Jr. of Nicholson, PA and Faith Sarisky of Bangor. He is the grandson of Fred Belverio and Diane Belverio of Hope, New Jersey.

Wedding party: Maid of Honor - Rachel Sarisky (sister of the groom), Matron of Honor - Megan Hendershot (sister in law of the bride), Bridesmaid - Danielle Jones, Best Man was Cameron Nicoletti, Groomsman Ryan Hendershot (brother of the bride) and Groomsman Mark Benenati.

Shanna's cousin Jolina Storm, flew from Sweden to the US for the first time to attend the wedding, which made the couple's day extra special.

The couple resides in Bangor along with their 2 rescue Greyhounds Risky and Chance.

The couple plan to honeymoon in Europe in the future.

AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in Pennsylvania

The American Pickers are excited to return to Pennsylvania! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in April 2024.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.

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Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184, facebook: @GotAPick



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Saturday, March 23rd 2024 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Advance Ticket Purchase	Tickets at the door	
Ages 12 and over \$12.00	\$15.00	Under 4
Children 4-12 \$ 8.00	\$12.00	Free

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Saturday, March 23
8:00 AM - 11:00
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Free for children 0-4yrs • \$6 for children 5-12yrs
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 8:30am and 10:30am
Easter Services:
6:30am Sunrise Service
 in back parking lot, weather permitting
8:30am and 10:00am
Easter Worship Services

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Join us this Easter
Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 24 -11:00 AM
Holy Week Services:
Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM
Good Friday: 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday: 6:00 AM and 9:45 AM
Easter Breakfast: 7:30 - 9:30 AM



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Community Easter Egg Hunts

ROSETO HELPING HANDS
Saturday, March 16, 11:00 AM
Rain or Shine
 Roseto BallPark, Corner of McKinley Ave. & Denisco Street, Roseto, PA. 3 Age Groups, Prize Eggs & Easter Bunny

Grace United Methodist Church
Saturday, March 17 10:30AM
 In the fellowship hall
 Children ages 0 to 6th Grade
 404 E. Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl PA 18072

ALL ASPECTS AT THE BARN FAMILY DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday March 23, Rain date March 24
 1584 S. Delaware Dr., Mt Bethel, PA. 18343
 \$5 per child Ages 1-12
 Must Register by 3/20
 Registration/Info:
 www.allaspectsbarn.com/workshops

BANGOR MEMORIAL PARK
Saturday, March 23 Rain date March 24
11:00AM - 1:00PM Registration
Egg hunts 12:00PM-3:00PM
 for children ages 1-12
 Meet Barbie & the Easter Bunny!

PLAINFIELD TWSP. VOL. FIRE CO.
Saturday, March 23, 1:00 PM
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Saturday, March 23
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 Special Sensory Friendly Egg Hunt **1:00 PM** All ages
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Saturday, March 23, 11:00 AM
Rain date March 30.
 On the church grounds. Children ages 2-11 are invited. FMI call the church office at 570-992-7311.
 St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 924 Rt. 115, Saylorsburg, PA.

TATAMY BOROUGH AT BRADEN PARK IN TATAMY BOROUGH
Saturday, March 23, 11:00AM
Raindate March 30
 3800 Bushkill Drive Easton, PA. 18040

PALMERTON BOROUGH
Saturday, March 23, 11:00AM
 at the Palmerton Borough Park
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1:00

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Age Groups:
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 6-8 yrs old
 9-12 yrs old

Start time:
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Community Easter Egg Hunts






















































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PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 24, 11:00AM
 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA. 18013

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 children ages 0-10, 5 age groups

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Rain or Shine
 Washington Twsp. Recreation Complex
 1021 Washington Blvd., Bangor, PA. 18013

WIND GAP BOROUGH
Saturday, March 30, 11:00 AM
 Wind Gap Boro Park, E. 4th Street
 Wind Gap, 18091. Children Ages 0-10

ACKERMANVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Saturday, March 30, 12:00 PM
Rain or Shine
 Slate Belt Community children ages 2-10 are invited. (a parent must assist 2 to 4 age).
 Egg hunt will be held behind the church.
 1410 Ackermanville Rd, Bangor, PA.

PORTLAND BOROUGH
Saturday, March 30 12:00 PM
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Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club to Present Sister Act the Musical

The Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club is pleased to announce this year's spring production of *Sister Act the Musical* on **March 22 and 23 at 7:00PM. and March 24, 2:00PM** in adaptation of the 1992 hit movie featuring Whoopi Goldberg, is directed by Dan and Marcie Mulligan with production assistance by Donna Morris.

Sister Act, which opened on Broadway in 2011, is a musical comedy with music by Alan Menken (known for the music he wrote for many Disney movies and Broadway shows), lyrics by Glenn Slater, and book by Bill and Cheri Steinkellner. *Sister Act* is the story of Deloris Van Cartier (Jeneria Williams), a nightclub singer who witnesses a murder committed by mob boss and nightclub owner, Curtis Jackson (James Mauro), who decides he doesn't want Deloris sticking around as a witness. Deloris finds Officer Eddie Souther (Aidan Sawyer) at the Police station, and he decides to put her in a witness protection program, hiding her among the nuns at a local Philadelphia church. Mother Superior (Madeline Zipp), is concerned that Deloris's worldly character might have a negative influence on the other nuns. But we soon learn that Deloris has a gift for making a stoic nuns choir into something flashy and spectacular, helping to save this founding church from extinction due to waning membership. Several nuns are featured in the choir including Sister Mary Robert (Sarah Larregui), Sister Mary Patrick (Alayna Boland), and Sister Mary Lazarus (Megan O'Brien). Monsignor O'Hara (Owen Gordon) heads the congregation and several gangsters accompany Curtis including TJ (Isaac Mitchell), Joey (Julian Dempster), Pablo (Takenori Yogui), and Ernie (Tyler Jaquez). The nun choir features a number of other soloists including Khloe Gutai, Kylie Sharp, Jaime Rodriguez, Dylan Carrol, Sam Lowell, Sophia Dobson, Audrey McElwee, Maria Cuautla, Lydia Peters, Olivia Joseph and Eden Torres. Rounding out the ensemble for this production are Omar Martinez, Noah Cline, Arlo Calhoun. Rachel Costello, and Micah Hernandez.

All seating is general admission and tickets can be purchased in advance by emailing Donna Morris at morris.donna@pvbears.org or purchase at the door.

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Slate Belt Litter Cleanup Event

Join the Slate Belt Litter Cleanup Event on **April 27th from 10 am - 1 pm** (or until the area is complete)! Teams will be picking up litter in Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. We also want to expand this effort further in 2024 to additional municipalities. If you'd like to volunteer, email or call Slate Belt Rising Director, Brian Fenstermaker to sign up - at bfenstermaker@caclv.org - 484-523-0900. We are also looking for volunteers to lead teams in other municipalities in the Slate Belt. If interested, let us know! We'll provide all materials, including safety vests, work gloves, garbage bags, and litter grabbers. Let's keep the Slate Belt beautiful together!

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Slate Belt Rising Receives Donation from First Northern Bank

Recently, Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising, had the pleasure of visiting First Northern Bank & Trust at their Wind Gap branch.

He received a generous \$50,000 donation from First Northern Bank, which will support Slate Belt Rising's various regional projects and programs. Theresa Thompson, Michael DePaulo, and Tiffany McDaniel from the bank joined to offer their support, showcasing their commitment to the Slate Belt community.

This donation is part of the \$300,000 First Northern Bank has committed to Slate Belt Rising during our current 6-year NPP period. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing partnership and support, as it plays a crucial role in shaping the future of the Slate Belt.



Pictured L-R from First Northern Bank and Trust Michael DePaulo, Theresa Thompson, Brian Fenstermaker, Director, Slate Belt Rising, Kevin Benner, and Tiffany McDaniel.

Song of the Pipes

by Robert L. Martin

The song of the bagpipes cuts through the air,
over the moors and hills with an Irish flair,
songs of the battles and songs of romance,
songs that make me get up and dance.

How can I deny that music does things to me,
how it lifts me up and sets me free,
how the pipes resonate through my being
as I think of my Sweet Molly in the early Spring?

**Slater Family Network
17th Annual Silent Auction**



Slater Family Network will hold its 17th annual Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 6** at Five Points Elementary School, 363 5 Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. This year's theme is "Support a Slater." Attendees will have the opportunity to browse and place tickets in desired baskets from **10:00AM to**

12:00PM Auction begins promptly at **12:00PM** with over 100 baskets, gift cards and prizes up for bid and a 50/50. Food and beverage will also be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit local families in need. Slater Family Network is a non-profit 501(C) (3) family center serving the residents of the Bangor Area School District. We provide resources, referrals, and programs to empower residents to meet their needs and goals. For more information or to make a donation please call the Slater Family Network office at 610-599-7019 or email Damourpa@bangorsd.org

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Weona Park Pool Pals April Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held **Monday, April 8, at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

Area Food Banks & Food Pantries

Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Bank P.U.M.P.

The Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry P.U.M.P. is open **Mondays 8:30AM to 11:30AM**. P.U.M.P. is located at 111 State Street in Portland. The phone number is 570-897-5847.

Mission of Love Food Bank

Every Tuesday 9:00AM to 12:00PM, 555 North Main Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794.

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Drive Thru Pick Up parking lot opens at 4:30 PM. 915 North 5th Street, Stroudsburg, PA. For more information contact the church 570-421-0750

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Community Service Center

The PVEN Community Service Center, located at 2334 Route 209, Sciota, PA 18354 (just outside Brodheadsville and diagonally across the street from The Flag Store), is home to their Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Diaper Pantry, and Menstrual Hygiene Pantry. These year-round programs provide free groceries, clothing, social service referrals, and other necessary items to residents of Chestnuthill, Eldred, Hamilton, Jackson, Ross and Polk townships in Monroe County, PA. All services are by appointment only.

All recipients must complete registration as a new client at the PVEN office to be eligible for services. Please call (570) 992 3136 for more information on registration hours and required documentation. Once registered, clients can schedule appointments to visit the Food Pantry once each month and the Clothing Closet once every 3 months.

More information can be obtained by calling the PVEN office at (570) 992 3136, or by visiting www.pven.net

McMichaels United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

McMichaels United Methodist Church has an ongoing Prayer Chain and invites anyone who is in need of prayer or knows someone who needs prayer, to email Ruth at ruthandnick@yahoo.com detailing your needs. We have a group of people dedicated to praying for anyone who needs prayer. There is great comfort in knowing your loved ones are being lifted to the Lord in prayer.

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AA Meeting - McMichaels UMC

AA meets at the church every **Wednesday at 12:00PM** and every **Saturday evening at 6:30PM**. There is no charge for the class. All meetings are confidential. If you or someone you know needs help please feel free to attend. McMichaels United Methodist Church is located at 104 White Church Rd. (corner of Rte. 715 and White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA.

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Achievement Award 2024

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2024 are available at the guidance departments of Bangor High School, Pen Argyl High School, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology.

The Chamber will award one scholarship to a senior from each of these schools. Applicants must reside in the Slate Belt to apply.

The scholarships will be presented to the students based upon the following criteria; academic accomplishment, demonstrated service to school and/or community, demonstration of leadership capabilities and future college or vocational plans.

Please note: A separate award, The Frederick R. Curcio, Jr. Scholarship Award, may also be applied for at this time. To qualify a senior must be enrolled in a computer science related course or planning to attend a Technical School of their choice or majoring in computer science. Applications must be received by **April 11, 2024.**

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program offers eligible individuals rebates of up to \$1,000! Designed to support both homeowners and renters, the rebates vary and are funded by the PA Lottery and Gaming. Don't miss the deadline—**apply by June 30, 2024.**

Eligibility includes individuals aged 65 and above, widows/widowers aged 50 and above, and people with disabilities aged 18 and above, with a household income limit of \$45,000 annually. Visit:

<https://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx?SiteID=1>

Nominations for Northampton County 2024 Annual Outstanding Senior Award

County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board seek nominations for Northampton County's outstanding seniors.

Nominees must be Northampton County residents aged sixty years or older who are passionate about helping others through outreach, personal action, inspiration, public service, sports, educational instruction, or humanitarian endeavors.

Nomination forms can be found at: <https://files.constantcontact.com/6d5f1902501/57ed83df-643d-4c0e-a0b6-096dbeb510a2.pdf?rdr=true> and must be returned with an essay of 250 words or less with a description of why the nominee deserves recognition and a listing of their volunteer activities. You may nominate more than one person. Please return one form for each person with an attached essay to Melissa Titus at mtitus@norcopa.gov, or at the address below: Melissa Titus, Area Agency on Aging, 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Nominations must be postmarked by **Friday, March 15, 2024.** The selected individuals will be announced in April.

The 2024 Annual Outstanding Senior Award Ceremony will take place on **Friday, April 26,** at the Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township.

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Bangor Area High School to Present Mean Girls High School Version

The Bangor Area High School Theater Department will present Mean Girls The High School Version on **Friday, April 12, 7:30PM, Saturday, April 13 at 2:00PM & 7:30PM and Sunday April 14 at 2:00PM** at the Bangor Performing Arts Theater, 187 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. 18013. For tickets go to <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76527>

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary 30th Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 30th Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show on **Saturday April 20** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. 18341.

The Pen Argyl Area High School Drama Club Presented
Disney's The Little Mermaid on March 9 and 10 at the Wind Gap Middle School.
Photos by Elliott Lorrh-Pfeifer

See more photos on our Facebook page



Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club to Present Sister Act the Musical



L-R Jeneria Williams as Deloris Van Cartier and Aidan Sawyer as Officer Eddie Souther



L-R James Mauro as Curtis Jackson, Takenori Yogui as Pablo, Isaac Mitchell as TJ, Julian Dempster as Joey



L-R Kylie Sharp as Michelle, Jeneria Williams as Deloris Van Cartier, Jaime Rodriguez as Tina



Left: Jeneria Williams as Deloris Van Cartier, Center: Sarah Larregui as Sister Mary Robert, Right: Madeline Zipp as Mother Superior

Area Scouts Help to Add New Trails at Grand Central Environmental Education Center

Scouts from Troops 102, 34 and 78 earned two hours of community service last month as they assisted Grand Central's habitat team with the creation of new trails at the Environmental Education Center. The scouts dug holes and placed trail marker signs around the education center property. WM's Wastewater Technician and habitat leader at Grand Central worked with the Scouts to map out several trail options for guests to enjoy. "About a dozen scouts came out to help with the project. Together, we mapped out three trails around the education center property. Guests will be able to enjoy about 1 . mile of trail access to view birds and butterflies." Stated WM's Habitat leader Kevin Kelly.

The trail routes offer guests an opportunity to enjoy the certified habitat that Grand Central's team has worked to maintain since 2007.

Kevin added "The trails will offer a view of the newly added pollinator project in partnership with our Beekeeper John Stone." Kevin and the habitat committee made up of neighbors and WM employees are working on a new trail map that will be posted at the center soon.

"We are very thankful for the help of our friends and neighbors who are helping create a natural space for all to enjoy." Said Sr. Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors.

The education center is open to the public from dawn to dusk. Much like a state park, what you take in, you must take out. A list of the allowed activities are stated on the signage at the education center and on the Grand Central Landfill website www.grandcentrallandfill.com)



Easy Slow Cooker Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ingredients:

- 1 corned beef brisket (3-4lbs)
- 1 onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 1/2 – 3 cups water
- 2 lbs potatoes peeled & quartered
- 2 large carrots chopped
- 1 small head of cabbage cut into wedges



Directions:

- Chop onion into large chunks and place in the bottom of a 6 qt slow cooker. Top with corned beef and seasoning packet.
- Pour water into slow cooker until it almost covers the corned beef, add garlic and bay leaves.
- Cook on low setting 8-10 hours.
- After the first 3 hours add potatoes and carrots to the slow cooker.
- Two hours before serving, add the cabbage wedges to the slow cooker.
- Remove corned beef from slow cooker and let rest 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with potatoes, carrots and cabbage.



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MARCH NATIONAL DAYS

- MARCH 14 - NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CRAFT DAY
- MARCH 16 - NATIONAL QUILTING DAY
- MARCH 17 - NATIONAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DAY
- MARCH 18 - NATIONAL SLOPPY JOE DAY
- MARCH 19 - NATIONAL LET'S LAUGH DAY
- MARCH 20 - RAVIOLI DAY
- MARCH 21 - NATIONAL MEMORY DAY
- MARCH 22 - NATIONAL GOOF OFF DAY
- MARCH 23 - NATIONAL PUPPY DAY
- MARCH 24 - NATIONAL CHEESESTEAK DAY
- MARCH 25 - MEDAL OF HONOR DAY
- MARCH 26 - EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY
- MARCH 27 - NATIONAL SCRABBLE DAY
- MARCH 28 - NATIONAL TRIGLYCERIDES DAY
- MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY
- MARCH 30 - NATIONAL TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY

MARCH HOLIDAYS

- MARCH 17 - ST PATRICK'S DAY
- MARCH 31 - EASTER

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Three-Inch Teeth: A Joe Pickett Novel by C. J. Box; The Last Flight: A Novel by Julie Clark; A Fate Inked in Blood by Danielle L. Jensen; Don't Fear the Reaper by Stephen Graham Jones; The Book of Love: A Novel by Kelly Link; The Vineyard at Painted Moon by Susan Mallery Sisters Under the Rising Sun by Heather Morris A Wild and Heavenly Place: A Novel by Robin Oliveira; Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange How We Named the Stars: A Novel by Andres N. Ordorica After Annie: A Novel by Anna Quindlen; The Queens of London: A Novel by Heather Webb.

Adult Non Fiction - Sharing Too Much: Musings from an Unlikely Life by Richard Paul Evans; Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry by Leonard S. Mercia; Hedge Witch: Spells, Crafts & Rituals for Natural Magick by Silver RavenWolf.

Adult Fiction Large Print - Resurrection Walk by Michael Connelly.

Audio Books Adult Non Fiction - Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies: The Real West by David Fisher.

Easy Fiction - Sleepy Sheepy and the Sheepover by Lucy Ruth Cummins; Bugs by Mary Novick; Tinkering Tink: An Embossed Storybook by Elle D. Risco; Little Blue Truck's Springtime: A Lift-The-Flap Book by Alice Schertle McElligot's Pool by Dr. Seuss.

Easy Non Fiction - John Henry: An American Legend by Ezra Jack Keats; Paul Bunyun: A Tall Tale by Steven Kellogg; Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan; Balderdash!: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books by Michelle Markel.

Easy Reader Non Fiction - Paul Bunyun: My Story by David Harrison.

Young Adult Fiction - Fate Breaker by Victoria Aveyard; Heartless Hunter by Kristen Ciccarelli.

DVDs - Wonka.

The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA. The phone number is 610-588 4136. **Hours: Mon., 1-8pm; Tues., 10am-8pm; Wed., 1-8pm; Thurs., 10am-8pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 10am-4pm; Sun. Closed.**



Blue Mountain Community Library Pastie Fundraiser

The Blue Mountain Community Library is sponsoring a Mr Pastie Fundraiser. Tickets will be available to purchase at the library through **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. Tickets must be redeemed **Mon., April 1 through Sat., June 29, 2024** at Mr. Pastie, 10 Bell Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Visit our website at www.bmcl.org or our Facebook page for more information or call 610-863-3029. Please consider supporting your library by participating in this fundraiser and helping a local business as well.



The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. **Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings.** All information is available on our Facebook page and website @www.bmcl.org.

Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity Tech Help

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity now offers technology appointments to patrons who need quick help with specific technology issues! This includes problems with emailing, filling out forms, typing documents, etc.

These appointments are not a substitute for major computer help or troubleshooting, and we cannot guarantee every problem will be fixed, but we will always do our best!

Available tech appointments are every **Tuesday at 4:00pm and 4:30pm and every other Thursday at 11:00am and 11:30am.** To schedule a tech appointment with one of our volunteer helpers, call the library at 610-759-4932 or stop in. Walk-ins will be accepted if no one else has scheduled an appointment.

Think Spring! Trout Stocking Schedules Available



The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced this week it's 2024 trout stocking schedules are now available online and on the FishBoatPA mobile app. Schedules are also available at my district offices.

The PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout

in 697 streams and 129 lakes open to public angling. Stocking is set to begin the week of Feb. 19 in advance of the statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on **Saturday, March 30**, and the statewide opening day of trout season on **Saturday, April 6**.

The 2024 adult trout stocking schedule is searchable by county; lists the waterways in alphabetical order; and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers and the species of trout that will be stocked at each location.

For more information about stocking, fishing and licensing, visit fishandboat.com.

Leprechaun

By Kim Hardy-Lambert

There is a wee man
Who appears certain times
He has a devilish smile
And talks in riddles and rhymes
His biggest obsession is his pot of gold
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Northampton County Division of Parks and Recreation 2024 Livable Landscapes Grants

Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Division of Parks and Recreation will begin accepting applications for the 2024 Livable Landscapes Grant Program on **until 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 18, 2024.**

The Livable Landscapes Grant Program provides grant opportunities for eligible applicants in land conservation, ecological restoration, education and outreach, park rehabilitation and development, and regional trails in Northampton County. Program priorities are consistent with the goals of the Livable Landscapes – An Open Space Plan for Northampton County.

June 2024 – Anticipated Grant Award by County Resolution, Grant Agreement start date

December 31, 2026 – Grant Agreement expiration date
Applications are due by **1:00 pm, April 18, 2024**, electronically (PDF format). No hard copies. Email applications to Sherry Acevedo at sacevedo@norcopa.gov. For larger file sizes, please contact Sherry for more information

Schedule an individual meeting with Sherry Acevedo, Conservation Coordinator. If also applying to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), a joint meeting needs to be scheduled with Sherry Acevedo and DCNR Recreation and Conservation Manager

"Livable Landscapes funding supports my priorities by enhancing outdoor recreation, regional trails, water quality, open space conservation, and municipal parks within the County," remarks Lamont G. McClure, County Executive. "Open Space plays an essential role in the quality of life in our communities by protecting clean air, land, water, and the environment to improve our health and wellness."

The purpose of the grant program is to protect the county's important natural features by assisting municipalities and organizations in acquiring, restoring, and enhancing permanently protected lands to conserve natural resources and provide outdoor recreation for future generations. Since 2006, Northampton County awarded \$20.75 million in Livable Landscapes grants for successful local and regional park improvements, recreation, land conservation, ecological restoration, and trail projects.

Download grant-related forms on the new Northampton County website, Parks and Recreation page: www.norcopa.gov/livable-landscapes-grant. Updates will be posted on Northampton County Parks & Recreation's Facebook page.

For more information, contact the grant administrator, Sherry Acevedo, at sacevedo@norcopa.gov or 610-829-4872.

5th Annual Northampton County Festival

The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announces that the 2024 County Festival will take place on **Saturday, October 12, 2024**, at Louise W. Moore Park. The festival will be held from **11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**, rain or shine. The festival is free to attend.

The festival will feature food trucks, beer, wine and spirits, crafts, live music, non-profit organizations, and demonstrations. The event will also include an awards program for outstanding volunteers, youth, veterans, businesses, samaritan, and emergency and municipal personnel.

To participate in this year's County Festival, vendor applications can be found at



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Narcan Distribution Boxes Throughout Northampton County

County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division have announced that nine Northampton County locations will have Narcan Distribution Boxes installed to allow community members to access Narcan, a lifesaving overdose reversing medication, for free, beginning February 2, 2024.

- **Rotunda of the Government Center** - 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the Human Services Building** – 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA
- **Entrance of Gracedale Nursing Home** – 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth, PA
- **Entrance of the Domestic Relations Building** – 126 S. Union St, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the Juvenile Justice Center** – 650 Ferry St, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the Criminal Administration Building** – 105 South Union Street, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the County Prison & Inside Intake Department** - 666 Walnut St, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the Palmer Recovery Center** - 2906 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA
- **Entrance of the Hope Center** - 429 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA

St Patrick's Day Quotes

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~ Irish Proverb

"May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

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Irish Blessing