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Keystone Rod and Gun Club Holiday Craft Fair

The Keystone Rod and Gun Club will host a Holiday Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 6, 10:00AM -3:00PM**, 243 Mulberry Street, Bath, Pa. See ad on page 5 for details

Santa's Express Hosted by Rescue Fire Co.

Rescue Fire Co. will host Santa's Express on **Friday, December 6, 4:00PM-7:00PM**, rain date **December 7** \$5 per rider at Bangor Memorial Park, Bangor, Pa. Proceeds benefit Rescue Fire Co.

Bangor Slater Band Bingo & Tricky Tray

The Bangor Slater Band Bingo and Tricky Tray will be held on **Sunday, December 7, doors open at 11:00 AM Bingo starts at 1:00PM**, at the William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, Pa.

Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Christmas Cookie Sale

The Blue Valley Farm Show Youth Advisory Committee is holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale. **Order deadline December 7**. Call Terry at 610-258-5050.

EBUMCC Free Dinner

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a Free Chicken Pot Pie Casserole Dinner on **Sunday, December 7, 4:00PM-4:30PM TAKE-OUT** only at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. www.ebumc.orgwww.ebumc.org

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December 13**

*All ad copy and editorial must be
submitted by Friday, December 13
to be included in the December 18,
Christmas issue.



EBUMCC Advent Bible Study

The East Bangor UMC church is offering a 3-week Advent at tBible Study. It is based on Rachel Billups' book entitled "An Unlikely Advent", exploring the themes of Advent through the lives of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the Shepherds. The book is not required to participate, but is available through Amazon. The sessions will be held at **10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 10, and 17.** A zoom option will be available for those unable to attend in person. FMI, please contact Dave Goss at 570-556-9482.

EBUMCC One Starry Night

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church invites everyone to visit The Little Town of Bethlehem. Ready to take your family back in time? Come to "ONE STARRY NIGHT" and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll go through the city gate, register for the census, visit the inn, see the stable, and more. It's a living nativity experience for all ages.

Saturday, December 13, 3:00PM-5:00PM, Sunday, December 14, 2:00PM-4:00PM, 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA www.ebumc.org

See ad on page 6 for details

Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. Breakfast with Santa Claus

The Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. will host their annual Breakfast with Santa Claus on **Saturday, December 20, 8:00AM - 11:00AM** at Plainfield Township Vol Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap. See ad on page 8 for details

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, December 21, 7:00AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Bangor. **Santa will be at the breakfast 9:30AM-11:30AM.** Bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Mission of Love Food Pantry. See ad on page 9 for details

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Santa Breakfast

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will hold an All You Can Eat Santa Breakfast on **Sunday, December 21, 7:30AM-11:30AM,** William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street Portland, Pa. See ad on page 7 for details

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS
21 DAYS





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and Sunday, December 7, 9:00am - 2:00pm
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(Admissions ends 1 hour prior to closing time)

A donation of \$10
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Children 15 and under are free
when accompanied by an adult.

Visit our website www.allentownshow.com. For further club info call 610-438-9006



Santa's Christmas Market & Holiday Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
10AM - 4PM
(INDOOR & OUTDOOR EVENT)

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Slate Belt Heritage Center Annual Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

How well do you know Slate Belt History? Test your knowledge at the Slate Belt Heritage Center's

Annual Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest on **Sunday, December 14, 2:00PM**. Bring a team of four (4) or just yourself and we will place you on a team. Host Marc (Ken Jennings) Blau will be the emcee and he assures everyone of many laughs and a good time while learning tidbits about the Slate Belt that you may or may not know. A sure fun time for everyone and plenty of laughs. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. The Heritage Center and Museum is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Emergency Fuel Assistance Program for Low Income Seniors Residing in Northampton County

County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging Announce Emergency Fuel Assistance Program for low income seniors who reside in Northampton County

Northampton County, PA. The Northampton County Area Agency on Aging will begin its Emergency Fuel Assistance Program on **December 4, 2025**. This program is for once-a-season fuel assistance of \$800: \$780 goes towards fuel assistance and \$20 goes to Project of Easton for administrative costs. The Emergency Fuel Assistance Program is funded through a federal HUD grant administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

"Keeping our seniors warm and safe throughout the winter months is a fundamental responsibility," said Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure. "No older adult in Northampton County should have to choose between heating their home and meeting other essential needs. This program helps ensure that our most vulnerable residents can weather the winter with dignity."

To be eligible, an individual needs to be 60-years of age or older, reside anywhere in Northampton County EXCEPT for Bethlehem City, must meet HUD Income Guidelines, provide proof of household income and the fuel tank needs to be at 1/4 full or less. Proof of residency is also required with a copy of the current lease, a letter from the landlord and two pieces of mail, one of which is a bill. For assistance with non-oil heat, a shut-off notice is required. LIHEAP benefits need to be exhausted, or the applicant needs to have been denied LIHEAP benefits, before they can be eligible for this program.

To apply, contact the Northampton County Information & Referral Emergency Services 610-559-3270 or 610-829-4800.

When a referral is received, a Northampton County Area Agency on Aging staff person will schedule a home visit to determine eligibility.

2025 NCC-PASR Volunteer of the Year Award

Sandra Shriver was honored as NCC-PASR's Volunteer of the Year at the group's October luncheon meeting. Shriver stands out as an energetic volunteer who devotes countless hours to a number of organizations in the Slate Belt Area. Closest to her heart is Families First of Pen Argyl. Sandy has been a vital force in Families First since its inception in 2002, serving on its Board of Directors and as Secretary, as well as its all around



Pictured: Sandy Shriver & Natalie Damico

"go-to-person", according to Director Mikal Sabatine. The organization provides services, programs, resources, and support for families and youth in the Pen Argyl/Wind Gap area. Sandy assists anywhere she can lend a hand, from administrative tasks such as typing letters and preparing mailings to sorting and distributing donations. She is instrumental in supporting families at Christmas time, cheering on runners in the 5K race fundraiser, and mentoring others in her kind and unassuming manner.

In addition to attending NCC-PASR luncheon meetings, Sandy volunteers for our main community service project, the Loaves and Fishes-sponsored Summer Lunch Program.

Sandy resides in Wind Gap with her husband James Schriver. She has two children; Jennifer Huha who is an Environmental Consultant and Andrew, a Colonel in the US Marines. She also has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to Sandy!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church News

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church will hold a Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Blessing of the new elevator on **Saturday, December 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM**. The church is located at 560 N. 6th Street, Bangor, PA 18013.



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Keystone Rod & Gun Club

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Holiday Craft Fair**Saturday, December 6th, 2025****10:00 am – 3:00 pm****Over 35 Crafters & Vendors! Kitchen Open!**
Free Admission! Handicap Accessible! Free Parking!

Drop off location! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to help those in need!

Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus**Saturday, December 13, 9-11 am****\$12 per person; Kids 5-12 \$6; Under 5 free**

Enjoy breakfast & take pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Goodie bag for each child.

Get tickets at the craft fair, or call 610-837-7644 or email krgclub243@gmail.com. Deadline 12/7. Free Child's ID Event.**Join us on****Thursday, December 18****for a End of Year Bingo Bash****Doors Open 4:00PM - BINGO starts 6:30PM**
\$100 REGULAR GAMES • \$150 SPECIALS • \$2000 JACKPOT**No ticket needed**
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Saturday, December 6, 10:00am-3:00pm
One Stop Holiday Shop Vendor & Craft Show
Schnecksville Fire Hall 4550 Old Packhouse Road,
Schnecksville, PA

Sunday, December 7, 12:00pm-5:00pm
Holiday Pop Up Event
Wind Creek Outlets, Wind Creek Casino
77 Wind Creek Blvd, Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, December 13, 8:00am-3:00pm
Pocono Organics – Holiday Christmas Village
Pocono Organic, 1015 Long Pond Road, Blakeslee, Pa.

Sunday, December 14, 12:00pm-5:00pm
Holiday Pop Up Event
Wind Creek Outlets, Wind Creek Casino
77 Wind Creek Blvd, Bethlehem, PA

 BooBoobalmheal.com (570) 730-2977
BooBoobalmheal@gmail.com
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One Starry Night
A Savior is Born

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Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3-5pm
Sunday, Dec. 14th, 3-5 p.m.

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
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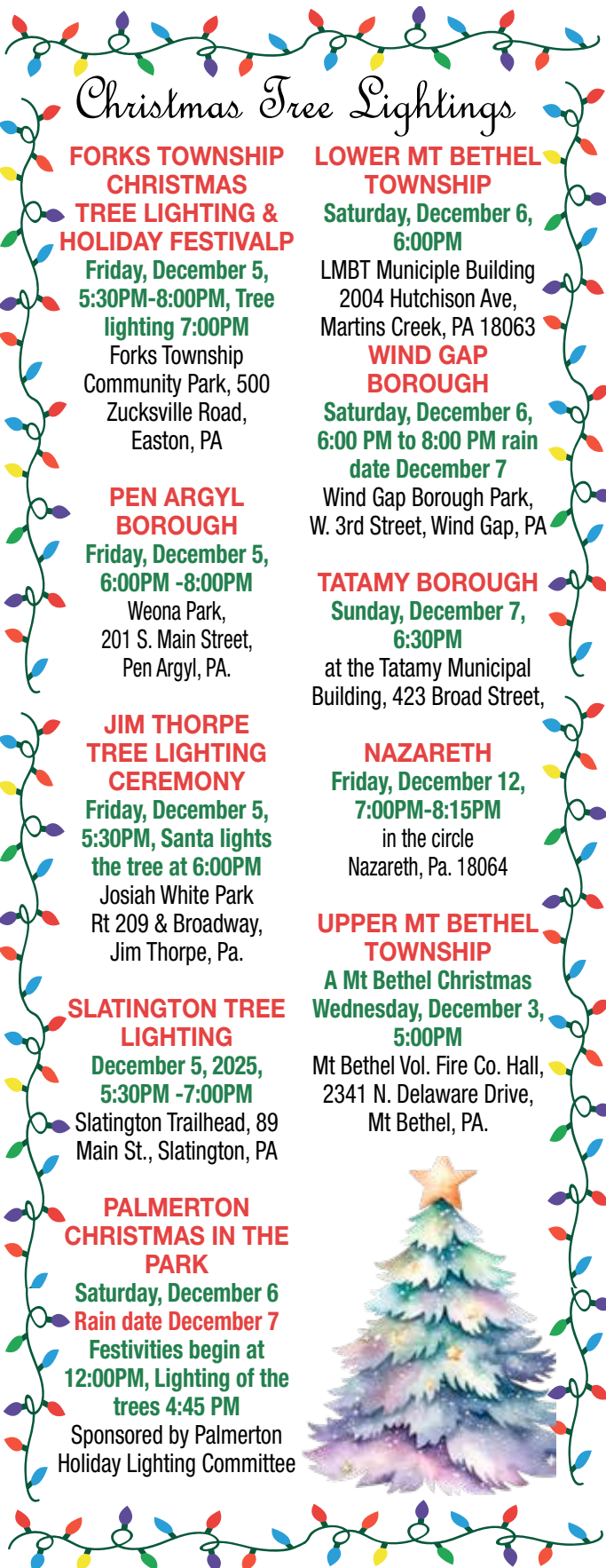
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Forks Township Community Park, 500 Zucksville Road, Easton, PA

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH
Friday, December 5, 6:00PM -8:00PM
Weona Park, 201 S. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA.

JIM THORPE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Friday, December 5, 5:30PM, Santa lights the tree at 6:00PM
Josiah White Park Rt 209 & Broadway, Jim Thorpe, Pa.

SLATINGTON TREE LIGHTING
December 5, 2025, 5:30PM -7:00PM
Slatington Trailhead, 89 Main St., Slatington, PA

PALMERTON CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
Saturday, December 6
Rain date December 7
Festivities begin at 12:00PM, Lighting of the trees 4:45 PM
Sponsored by Palmerton Holiday Lighting Committee


LOWER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
Saturday, December 6, 6:00PM
LMBT Munciple Building 2004 Hutchison Ave, Martins Creek, PA 18063

WIND GAP BOROUGH
Saturday, December 6, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM rain date December 7
Wind Gap Borough Park, W. 3rd Street, Wind Gap, PA

TATAMY BOROUGH
Sunday, December 7, 6:30PM
at the Tatamy Municipal Building, 423 Broad Street,

NAZARETH
Friday, December 12, 7:00PM-8:15PM
in the circle Nazareth, Pa. 18064

UPPER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
A Mt Bethel Christmas
Wednesday, December 3, 5:00PM
Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA.





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\$12 per person

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Sunday, December 21, 2025

7:30am to 11:30am

If you want Santa
to hand out a
special gift while
you are at breakfast,
please drop off a
wrapped, labeled
gift with child's
first and last
name Tuesday's
at the bingo hall
from 6:30pm to
9:00pm.
Please include
contact name and
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December 15th-19th 9:00-6:00; December 20th 9:00-4:00

December 21st 10:00-3:00; December 22nd & 23rd 9:00-6:00

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Breakfast with Santa Claus

Saturday, December 10 8:00AM - 11:00AM

Join us for a morning of fun with Santa Claus! Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take a picture with Santa and let the kids do some fun activities! Santa Claus will be visiting until 11:00am.

Breakfast includes: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice and coffee.

**Price: \$6 for children 5-12yrs
\$12 for adults/children 13yrs and up
Children 0-4 years Free**

Annual Santa Claus Toy Run same day (Plainfield Township residents only) starting at 12:00pm! If you are interested in having Santa Claus stop by your home to visit your child, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it and a \$10.00 donation (per house) to the firehouse any Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm or call the firehouse at 610-863-7383 to setup a drop off. All gifts must be dropped off prior to **December 19th**. Santa Toy Run form will be posted in the discussions tab.

Scooters at Millers

96 Mt Bethel Highway, (Rt 512), Bangor, PA 18013 - 610-419-4584

Photos with the Grinch!

Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, & 20

11:00 AM -2:00PM

Photos are free - bring your camera and take your photos.

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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00AM-5:00PM;

Sat. 9:00AM-4:00PM, Sun. 9:00AM-3:00PM

New Year's Day Bingo

January 1, 2026

2:00pm

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community December Programs

Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training - **Saturday, December 6, 2025 8:30am to 10:30am.**

Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. We'll have a special presentation from volunteer Dan Z. on how to identify common feeder birds. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Bagels, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will be provided. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on **Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 18-19, Jan 1-2, 15-16, 29-30, Feb 12-13, 26-27, Mar 12-13, & 26-27.** Registration is required.

Green Building Tour - **Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:00am to 10:30am.**

Join the team at Jacobsburg to learn about what it means to be a green building! Participate in a scavenger hunt highlighting many of the features that make the Environmental Education Center special. Learn more about DCNR's sustainability efforts and get practical take-aways to make your home more 'green'! This program is best suited for adults or families with children aged 12 and up. Registration is required.

Family Film Night: Owl Power - **Friday, December 19, 2025 6:30pm to 8pm.**

Owls are well known for their charismatic faces and eerie nighttime calls. How much do you really know about their amazing powers though? Bring your family along for a craft activity and screening of the PBS Nature Series film Owl Power. The film follows the lives of two Barn Owl chicks and will help us understand the adaptations that make owls the successful hunters that they are! Craft time starts at 6:30pm and the movie starts promptly at 7:00pm. Registration is required as supplies and seating are limited. You may preview the film online: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/owl-power/11628/>

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM. Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

Area Food Pantries

Bethel Bible Church Food Pantry

Every Saturday 9:30AM - 11:00AM. 7742 N. Delaware Drive, (Rt 611), Martins Creek PA. FMI call (908) 483-8231.

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 7:30AM to 11:00AM, 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

St. Elizabeth/St. Joseph Food Ministry

Corner of Genoga St. and Rte. 512, Wind Gap. The **second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00AM-10:00AM.** Contact Katherine Kerler for more information: 610-863-7542.

John Wesley Covenant Church

19 West Street in Wind Gap. The church offers free meals to the community **every third Thursday of the month.**

Free Community Meals

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, December 21, 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.

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Bangor Free Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Bangor will offer a Free sit down luncheon on **Sunday, December 28, at 12:30PM** (held every 4th Sunday of the month) in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.

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Small Business Saturday 2025

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Janet of Janet's Jems Thrift Store in Portland celebrated her 10 year anniversary on Small Business Saturday



Pictured: Lisa Thomas, of Thomas Greenhouse and Country Store, MT Bethel and Lisa Spagnola.



Kim Harcarik, owner of Kozy Emporium Gift Shop in downtown Bangor.



Caitlin, Frankie, Becky Higgins, owner, All Aspects at the Barn, and Maylaina pose for a photo on Small Business Saturday.



Sherry Haycock, of Miller's Paint and Wallpaper in Bangor, and friends at the Miller House Craft Show.



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Bangor Area High School Lip Sync Contest

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The Bangor Area High School held their annual Lip Sync contest on November 14th.

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Disney Night at Bangor High School

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Bangor Area High School Slater Chorale Disney Night was held on November 24th.

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Mount Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary 36th Annual Fall Craft Show

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The Mount Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary held their 36th Annual Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 29th. Over 100 vendors and crafters were on site.

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Bangor Christmas Tree Lighting

Bangor Borough held their annual Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, November 29th. The festivities started at Quarry Bites & Brews on Broadway. Santa then lead the crowd down Broadway to the site of the Christmas tree for the lighting to kick off the Christmas season.

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New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Quantum Tempest: A

Novel of the Oregon files by Mike Maden; Brimstone by Callie Hart; False witness: a novel by Phillip Margolin; Return of the spider by James Patterson 1947-; Evil bones: a Temperance Brennan novel by Kathy Reichs; The Seven Rings by Nora Roberts; A case of mice and murder by Sally Smith; The color of hope: a novel by Danielle Steel; The sunshine man by Emma Stone 1983-.

Adult Non Fiction - German home kitchen: savor the flavors of Germany with delicious traditional recipes by Sophie Sadler.

Large Print Adult Fiction - End of watch by Stephen King 1947-.

Easy Fiction - Thanksgiving in the Woods by Phillis Alsduff 1950-; The plump and perky turkey by Teresa Bateman; Weiwei's winter solstice: a Dongzhi story by Michelle Jing Chan; Llama Llama gives thanks by Anna Dewdney; Elmo gives thanks by Elin Guendelsberger; Flora and the penguin by Molly Idle; 'Twas the night before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey 1966-.

Easy Non Fiction - Wild moon: how the lunar phases light up our world by Andie Powers.

Junior Non Fiction - The crafting encyclopedia by Zoey Schrader.

Young Adult Fiction - The Heroes of Olympus. The house of Hades: the graphic novel by Robert Venditti.

DVDs - Downton Abbey, the grand finale.

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 News



The Blue Mountain Community Library is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Fundraiser this year. Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one or a pet may purchase an ornament to hang on our Christmas Tree for \$5.00 each. The Fundraiser **began November 1st and will continue through December 31, 2025**. Please consider helping the library by purchasing an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Visit our Book Nook to purchase books for the reader on your holiday list. Items include fiction and non-fiction books for adults, young adults and juvenile readers, as well as large print materials and puzzles.

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



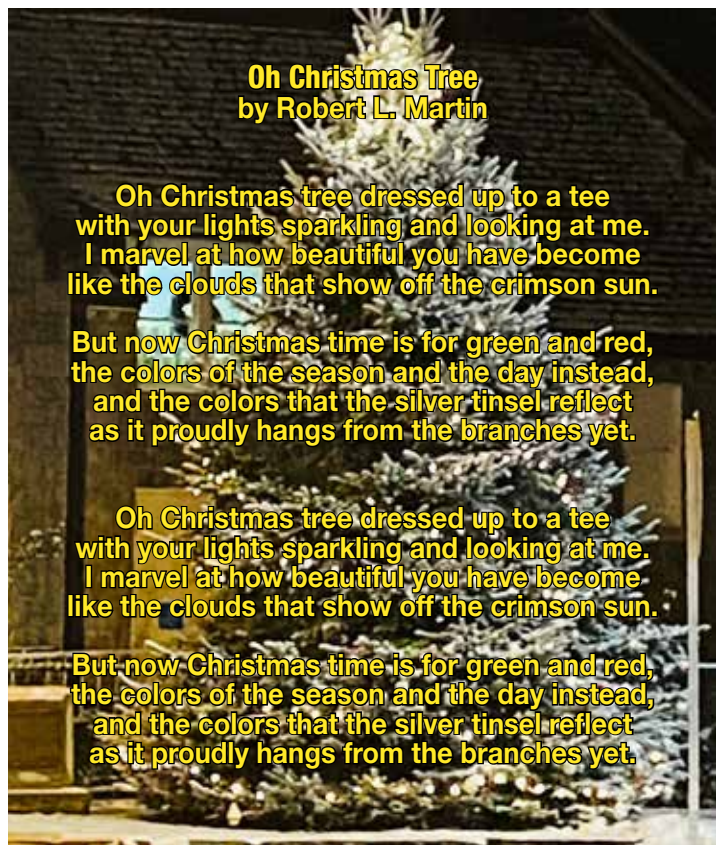
Oh Christmas Tree by Robert L. Martin

Oh Christmas tree dressed up to a tee
with your lights sparkling and looking at me.
I marvel at how beautiful you have become
like the clouds that show off the crimson sun.

But now Christmas time is for green and red,
the colors of the season and the day instead,
and the colors that the silver tinsel reflect
as it proudly hangs from the branches yet.

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COZY DECEMBER Word Search



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