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## WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

### BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK NOOK SALE

Blue Mountain Community Library will hold their Semi-Annual Book Nook Sale on **Thursday, January 9th, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm; Friday, January 10th, 10:00am-12:00pm; and Saturday, January 11th, 10:00am-12:00pm.** ALL prices are slashed in half! The Book Nook is located on the second floor of the library. The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. Call (610) 863-3029.

### MT BETHEL VOL. FIRE CO LADIES AUXILIARY TO HOST MONTHLY SOUP NITE

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their "Monthly Soup Nite" on **Thursday, January 9th, 3:00pm-7:00pm** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two varieties of homemade soups will be available by the bowl or quart, eat in or takeout. Soup night is held the 2nd Thursday of each month thru March, 2020. FMI contact Diane DeMarzo at 973-202-3317.

### ART RECEPTION AT JACOBSTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Friday, January 10th, 6:30pm-7:30pm**, come to Jacobstown Environmental Education Center for a reception to celebrate the new art installation interpreting environmental balance at Jacobstown. Sixteen teens and artist Melissa Perhamus have created a collaborative artwork inspired by nature, entitled Jacobstown in Balance. The artists will speak about their artwork and answer questions. Help us to recognize their hard work and contribution to Jacobstown! Jacobstown Environmental Education Center is located at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 Registration is not required.

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Email your news and events to  
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## JANUARY

### National Blood Donor Month NATIONAL DAYS

- JANUARY 9 - NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY
- JANUARY 11 - NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
- JANUARY 12 - NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY
- JANUARY 13 - NATIONAL CLEAN OFF YOUR DESK DAY
- JANUARY 14 - NATIONAL STICKER DAY
- JANUARY 15 - NATIONAL HAT DAY
- JANUARY 18 - NATIONAL WINNIE THE POOH DAY
- JANUARY 19 - NATIONAL POPCORN DAY
- JANUARY 20 - NATIONAL CHEESE LOVER'S DAY
- JANUARY 21 - NATIONAL HUGGING DAY
- JANUARY 23 - NATIONAL PIE DAY
- JANUARY 24 - NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER DAY

### HOLIDAY

JANUARY 20 - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 927 MEETING**

The American Legion Riders will hold their monthly meeting on **Sunday, January 12th at 10:30am** at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert. The American Legion Riders contribute to Veterans, the Community, and enjoy riding. For more information, contact President Everett Shaver, 570-977-8208.

**NCC TO OFFER CAMPUS TOURS AT BETHLEHEM AND MONROE CAMPUSES**

Northampton Community College (NCC) will offer tours of its Bethlehem and Monroe Campuses in January. Participants will learn about majors, financial aid, clubs, organizations, career services, and more. All questions will be answered by the experts, and tour-goers will have an opportunity to meet faculty and current students. The schedule is as follows: Bethlehem Campus: **Thursday, January 16th at 2:00pm and Tuesday, January 28th at 2:00pm, Room 220, College Center.** Monroe Campus: **Friday, January 31st at noon, Keystone Hall, Room 120.** For information or to register, call 610-861-5500 or go to [www.northampton.edu/admissions](http://www.northampton.edu/admissions). Driving directions are available online at [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu). View Online: <http://northampton.meritpages.com/news/ncc-to-offer-campus-tours/13259>

**PA TRAPPERS ASSOC. LIVE BID FUR AUCTION**

Pennsylvania Trappers Association District 10 Live Bid Fur Auction at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club (205 Le Fevre Rd. Stockertown, PA 18083), **January 18th. Doors open at 8am, auction starts at 9am.** PTA membership and furtaker's license required. Contact Bob Counterman 610-759-9203.

**WM WINTER BIRD WALK**

Hosted by Waste Management's Grand Central Environmental Education Center. Join us for a fun educational walk with our friends from Jacobsburg State Park as we explore the landfill property for Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and more **On Saturday, January 18, 2:00pm** for this Free event! Must be able to walk at least 1 mile. Wear proper weather attire and bring your binoculars! Register with Adrienne at [afor1@wm.com](mailto:afor1@wm.com). \*in the event of bad weather, the event may be cancelled\* Waste Management's Grand Central Environmental Education Center, 891 Grand Central Road, Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania.

**SLATE BELT HERITAGE CENTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2020**

**Slate Belt Heritage Center Monthly Presentation** On **Sunday, January 19th, 2:00pm**, John Reinhart will be the speaker on "Slate Folk Art". The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661. [See more page 9.](#)

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS**

A Clean Slate, 100 S 1st St. Bangor, PA 18013 610-452-9348. **Jan 20th, (3rd Mon Every Month) 7pm-8pm.** Join any time.

**BANGOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR LIP SYNC CONTEST**

The Bangor Area High School Choir will host a Lip Sync Contest on **Friday, January 24th, 7:00 pm.** M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater, 187 Five Points Richmond Rd., Bangor.

# Roseto Bakery

Our retail location is now closed. We will still be baking for our wholesale accounts which include Ruggiero's Market and Main Street Market Wednesday through Saturday. Ruggiero's Market and Main Street Market will also be taking orders for breads, tomato pies and stuffed breads for Friday and Saturday only, with pick-up at Ruggiero's and Main Street Market. Our product is also available at Johnsonville General Store and Comunale's Italian Market.

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## BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

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**Sunday, January 19**

**7:30am-12:30pm**

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(located opposite to Lehigh Valley PMC ER)

### Marines Add New Member Begin New Programs

The Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League has gained a new member, Grace Meyers, who founded the Marine Corps League in Oklahoma, opening the first Detachment there.

Her distinguished accomplishments include training women Marines, working for the Commandant of the Marine Corps General Lemuel Shepherd, raising a family of four daughters, becoming an RN, and being honored for her many achievements by the Marine Corps.

Coinciding with Mrs. Meyers becoming a member of the Marine Corps League Detachment in Easton after moving east, the League's officers are announcing programs to highlight each of its members with Marine of the Month, Member profiles, and the writing of the Detachment history.

## MATTHEW ALBERT EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT FLAG RETIREMENT PIT

On December 8, 2019 a fundraiser buffet was held to support Matthew Albert's Eagle Scout Service Project. Matthew built a flag retirement pit. After the buffet, a flag retirement ceremony and dedication was held at the Bangor VFW Post 739 in Bangor. The flag retirement pit was dedicated to all Veterans. Matthew would like to thank everyone that came to the fundraiser to support his service project. He would also like to thank Bangor



VFW Post 739, Home Depot, Horn's Outdoor Center and Scott Hettenbach, Liberty Fire Co. #2, Nazareth Machine Works, Easton Block, R & R Lawn Service and Rich DiFebo, Jack Stenlake, Len Thomas, Amber Albert, Garrett Taff, American Legion Troop 38-Scouts, Leaders and Parents.

### Slate Belt Heritag Center Schedule of Events for 2020

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will resume their monthly presentations on **Sunday, January 9th, at 2:00pm** John Reinhart will present "Slate Folk Art"

Future Presentation dates and topics are as follows.

#### Sunday:

**February 9th, 2:00pm** "Sheep to Shawl" by Hope Horn.

**March 8th, 2:00pm** "Leopold Conservation Farming Award" by Richard DiFebo.

**Thursday: April 9th, 7:00pm** "Textile Book Reveal & Signing" by Committee.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

### Local Knights of Columbus Council - Father DeNisco 3862 to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local co Ave. The competition will be held on **Friday, January 17th** at Immaculate Conception School - 290 W. Babbitt, Pen Argyl, gymnasium at **7:00pm**. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date is set for **Friday, January 31st**. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent at time of competition.

Contact: Scott Moyer - 484-547-6247 or at smoyer@nazarethasd.org for additional information.

### Thank You

The Blue Mountain Community Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Tree Fundraiser this past December. Your donations will help the library to meet its needs and purchase new books in 2019.

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are Monday-Saturday from 10:00am to Noon, and Monday-Thursday, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call Lisa at 610-863-3029 for information or visit the website at [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](https://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

### BMCL to Celebrate Martin Luther King, JR Day with Indoor Carnival

On **Monday, January 20th**, the Blue Mountain Community Library will be celebrating Martin Luther King, JR Day with an INDOOR CARNIVAL for children ages 3-8 years old. The fun begins at **12:30pm** and lasts until **2:00pm** at the Library and includes Story Time - Crafts - Activities - Prizes and therapy dog "QUINCY" will be there. All children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to come and Join the Fun!! In keeping with MLK's message of Service and Giving, our volunteers will be Giving their time to Serve our community. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item, which will be given to the Food Mission at St. Elizabeth's Church. The BMCL is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](https://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

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MON. and THUR.****6:00 – 8:30 P.M.****Pen Argyl****Sr. High School****Library****501 West Laurel Avenue****Pen Argyl, PA****NAZARETH****Begins February 4  
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FREE Adult Education classes will begin in February 2020. Students will improve computer skills, reading, writing and math skills to then advance to take the GED test. If a student is not able to begin in February, they must wait until September or contact the Main NCC Office at 610-332-8650 for year round classes.

Adults who attend class, complete requirements and pass the GED may receive an equivalency HS diploma. Classes run until the middle of May. Information about job searching and continuing studies at NCC will be available.

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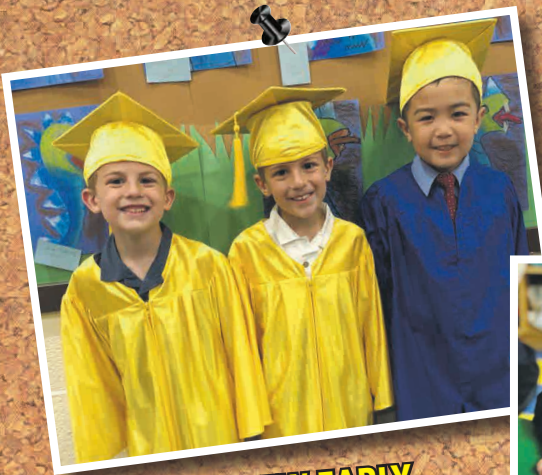
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## GRIEF RECOVERY SPECIALIST JENNIFER KASANDER BRINGS RENOWNED PROGRAM TO LEHIGH VALLEY

"You are not broken," is the core truth shared by Jennifer Kasander, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist and Life Coach.

It's a message that she emphatically brings to the table whenever working with clients in person in the Slate Belt and surrounding areas of the Lehigh Valley or through video sessions online.

Grief is the most powerful and misunderstood of emotions. It can come from the death of a partner or family member as well as manifest itself after a significant life loss like a divorce or career setback. It's natural for people to want to quickly get past the emotional pain that stems from the loss of a loved one or relationship.

The grieving process isn't easy, but it is normal, natural and necessary. But like many things, when it comes to our emotional well-being, fast is not always tantamount to good. And ignoring the problem won't make it go away. In fact, it can make it worse.

There are so many myths that keep us in pain. Grief is cumulative, especially when we don't deal with it when it happens.

A Recovery Method That Works - Kasander is a graduate of the Grief Recovery Institute™, whose renowned Grief Recovery Method has been featured on CNN and MSNBC as well as the pages of Time, USA Today and The Wall Street Journal. The program, which has helped thousands across the country deal with loss, works to dispel many of the myths surrounding grief, including advice to "just keep busy," and the potentially damaging adage "time heals all wounds." Understanding and overcoming grief is a process that benefits from working with a trained grief coach like Jennifer, a woman who has walked the proverbial mile in her clients' shoes. For her, the road to helping others work through grief began with a significant loss of her own.

A native of Eastern Pennsylvania, Kasander grew up in a close-knit traditional Italian family. In 1989, she met Jeff, the man she would marry and with whom she would build a life and business, a dental practice. The couple were more than spouses; they were also best friends and business partners. All of this would change. In 2014, after nearly 15 years of marriage, Jeff died suddenly. Life dealt Kasander a 'one- two' blow. Without Jeff, she was faced with the sad reality of having to sell the practice that they built together. "That was brutal," Kasander recalls. "It wasn't just selling a business. It was part of my life."

Time Alone Isn't Magic - For Kasander, the adage "time heals all wounds," proved a fallacy. Two years into her grieving process, Jennifer (a very upbeat person) was still feeling lost in her own skin. 2016 proved to be a real game changer. It was then that she began grief recovery work. It was through the Grief Recovery Method that she realized the grief she was experiencing from her husband's death also involved unresolved grief from the untimely death of her sister years earlier.

After going through the program herself, a renewed



Jennifer Kasander

Jennifer decided that she could use those skills to help others like her. And, in 2017, she received her certification as a specialist from the Grief Recovery Institute. With clients, Kasander "unstuffs" feelings that have been left to fester as she helps them deliver emotional communication with those they've lost.

Through helping others, Kasander feels she's also helped herself. She proudly says "it's a lightness to come home to my home," adding "I feel alive and engaged."

Based in Bangor, PA, Jennifer Kasander coaches clients one-on-one in person as well as through online meetings. For more information on Kasander and the Grief Recovery Method, visit: <https://jennifergriefrecovery.com> Jennifer may be reached directly at 484-764-709 or [kasander@epix.net](mailto:kasander@epix.net).

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## Slate Belt Heritage Center Monthly Historic Presentation



The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic presentation on **Sunday, January 19th at 2:00pm**. Speaker for the afternoon will be Mr. John Reinhart, President of St. David's Welsh Society

and former Superintendent of the Bangor and Easton Area School Districts. Mr. Reinhart will conduct a program on "Slate Folk Art of the Area". A founding member of the Heritage Center, and an educator for over forty-eight years, he and his wife Judy have been collecting decorated slate for over fifty years. Both are lifelong residents of the Slate Belt and both have had family members who were engaged in the slate industry. An important part of their collection of artifacts includes items that were created and given away as gifts and tokens of affection. The Slaters used the skills they acquired while working in the local slate quarries. These items were made by people without formal art training and instruction. Some items reflect ethnic and cultural interests. While much of the slate produced by local quarries was for architectural purposes, the quarries also provided this by-product which was used to produce decorated mantels, game boards, bookends, and household articles, including lamps. Mr. Reinhart's book, *From the Slate: O'r Lechen, The Welsh and the Folk Art of Pennsylvania's Slate Belt*, published through the Heritage Center and funded by Merchant's Bank provided readers with the first documentation of examples of the slate folk art created in the region. The Heritage Center has its own extensive collection of slate folk art. The presentation will include both artifacts and photos of the beautiful items the Reinharts have collected. The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

### Bangor Womens Club GFWC Announces 2020 HOBY Winner

June Jones Education Chair of Bangor Womens Club GFWC is proud to announce that Kaylee Holland a sophomore at Bangor Area High School has been selected to represent Bangor at the 2020 HOBY Leadership Training Program this Spring.



*Kaylee Holland*

Kaylee is the daughter of Bron and Kerry Holland. She is on the varsity softball and field hockey teams. She is a member of the morning announcements team, and for two years has been an active member of Bangor's Student Government. A member of the Bangor choir and chamber choir, she was also a cast member in the school's 2019 musical production of Mamma Mia! Kaylee's older brother Colton attends East Stroudsburg University, her older brother Ben attends Bloomsburg University, and her younger sister Brynn is a freshman at Bangor.

### Columbia Fire Company No.1 Receives Donation From Roseto Rod and Gun Club

On Thursday, December 26th, 2019, officers from the Roseto Rod and Gun Club presented the Columbia Fire Co No.1 in Roseto with a donation of \$2,000.00 at the Fire Company's monthly meeting. The money will be used to upgrade and maintain equipment within the Fire Department. Rod and Gun Club Treasurer Randy Ott noted that the Fire Company has always been there to support and help out the Gun Club, and we are happy to make a donation to help Columbia continue to serve the community. Fire Chief Michael Goffredo and President Robert Goffredo accepted the donation on behalf of the Fire Company and thanked them for their generosity.



Pictured L-R; Michael Goffredo, Fire Chief Columbia Fire Co. No. 1; Rick Ostrander, President Roseto Rod and Gun Club; President Columbia Fire Co. Robert Goffredo and Randy Ott, Treasurer Roseto Rod and Gun Club.

### Bangor VFW President: Membership Not Exclusive to Vets - Bangor VFW Post 739 To Host Membership Drive on January 18

Submitted by Keith Kutz Jr.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 739 in Bangor is comprised of three separate but symbiotic organizations. The Post consists of veterans that have served overseas in time of conflict. The Post commander is Nick Alfero Jr., a Marine Veteran and the youngest commander in the Post's 85 year history.

The Auxiliary consists of the spouses of post members or relatives of veterans that are eligible to be post members. Auxiliary President is Deborah Riley a US Army veteran.

The Home Association comprises of veterans not eligible for Post Membership or any other non-veteran individual who would like to join supporting our Military, Veterans and community. The President of the Home Association is Keith Kutz Jr., a lifelong Bangor resident. The organization sends care packages to our service men and service women. As well as helping those less fortunate, food banks, and our veterans organizations. Each year they donate in excess of \$20,000. The facility hosts the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron, Boy Scout Troop 38, Blue Eagle Marching Band and sponsors the Lehigh Valley division of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corp.

The VFW holds many annual events for its members including a Member's Appreciation Day, Veterans Day, POW/MIA and Memorial Day events. An annual chili cook off, a pig roast and Halloween events are held. Children's movie nights are held a couple of times a year as well as an annual visit from Santa and the Easter Bunny. Monthly DJ's and live bands.

The smoke free canteen is open seven days a week. The kitchen is currently open Tuesday through Thursday. Pool tables and quoits boards are free to use. There is a large event hall and picnic grove. The goal is to provide a clean, friendly, safe and family friendly organization.

These organizations are holding a membership drive and Open House at their facility on **Saturday January 18th starting at 3:00pm to 9:00pm**. Potential Post members are asked to bring their DD214. All potential members will need to bring a drivers license or proper identification. Families and children are welcome at the open house. Entertainment will be provided by Chrome Dome Duo and the kitchen will be open.

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## Bangor Couple Featured on HGTV's "My Lottery Dream Home" Encourage "Give to God"

By Sarah Loren

Did you hear about the Bangor man who won \$100,000 on a scratch-off ticket? Probably so, but did you see his family featured on HGTV's My Lottery Dream Home on January 1st? If not, you can catch the "Bangor or Bust" episode on **January 10th at 9:30pm, and the 11th at 12:30am.**

"I always had a feeling we would hit the lottery," said Robyn Sanchez, whose husband, Nicolas, bought the winning scratcher.

"I looked at the ticket like ten times, then read the front and back to make sure," Nicolas said. "Then I called Robyn and she said, 'Hold on, let me sit before I drop the baby!'"

Robyn continued, "After we won and knew we would purchase a home, I said, 'Nick, I should call My Lotto Dream Home and see if we qualify!' They loved our story. It was such an enjoyable experience, but the best part is winning with my partner, my best friend.

"We are so thankful for these winnings. We have three sons and want something to pass on to them."

The Sanchez family's Realtor, Lindsay Stewart of Realty Solutions of PA/NJ, initially thought the story was too good to be true. Her real estate career was just taking off when she received the call from Robyn.

"Robyn said that she and her husband, Nicolas, along with the producers of My Lottery Dream Home, wanted to consult with me and Realty Solutions of PA/NJ in an effort to find them their dream home in Bangor," Stewart said. "Being a newer agent, I thought, 'This can't be real... What if this is a scam?'"

A few days later, Lindsay read an online article, confirming that Nicolas and Robyn Sanchez had indeed won the lottery and would be featured on the HGTV series.

"Fast forward a couple months later and we had filmed and found them their dream home!" Lindsay said. "We had such a fun time filming and Robyn and Nicolas

couldn't be a more deserving couple!"

Before deciding to buy a home however, Robyn and Nicolas wanted to give back.

"I told God, when we [hit the lottery] we will donate ten percent, which we did," Robyn said.

She and Nicolas took ten percent of their winnings and donated it between two churches: their home church in New Jersey, and their new-found church in Bangor, Family Life Community.

"Our message to all is to give to God," Robyn said. "Even in times of trouble, He provides!"



L-R: Robyn and Nicolas Sanchez take a selfie with "My Lottery Dream Home" Host David Bromstad.



David Bromstad (left), host of HGTV's My Lottery Dream Home, takes a selfie with the staff of Realty Solutions of PA/NJ, including Broker Faith Sarisky and the Sanchez's Realtor, Lindsay Stewart.



Nicolas and Robyn Sanchez's "Lottery Dream Home"



Realtor Lindsay Stewart collaborated with Host David Bromstad in helping Nicolas and Robyn Sanchez find their "Lottery Dream Home" in Bangor. Lindsay is a realtor at Realty Solutions of PA/NJ in Mt. Bethel.

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### Bangor Area School District Kindergarten Registration

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2033! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is excited to welcome our new kindergarten class to begin their education for the 2020-2021 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she: Is at least the age of five (5) years by August 31, 2020 (no exceptions). Resides within the boundaries of the BASD. Successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process.

New this year, kindergarten registration is online! Online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the District website ([www.bangorslaters.com](http://www.bangorslaters.com)). A parent only kindergarten registration information meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 at 7:00pm** in Five Points Elementary School. To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. A completed registration includes:

- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 31, 2020)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Immunization
- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

Once registration is complete and approved, Five Points Elementary School will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment. Completed registration must be approved no later than March 1st to schedule a screening appointment in March. Kindergarten screenings for the 2020-2021 school year will occur between **March 17th and March 25th** at Five Points Elementary School. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child(ren) for their screening appointment(s). Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child! Welcome Class of 2033!

### 100th Anniversary of Weona Park 2020 Limited-Edition Calendar

The 100th Anniversary of Weona Park 2020 Limited-Edition Calendar is now available for purchase. The calendar, put together by Mr. Walter Cole, former History teacher at Pen Argyl High School and member of the Slate Belt Heritage Center, features pictures, past and present, of the park and events that took place there. The Calendar is on display at the Blue Mt. Community Library, 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. To purchase or for more info, call Walt Cole at 610-863-6472.



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## ELKS HOOPS SHOOT

photos by Larry Cory

The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 annual Hoop Shoot  
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at the Washington Elementary gymnasium.

## BANGOR ELKS HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

Winners

8 and 9 Girls-Rylee Geffers;

8 and 9 Boys-Dillon Miskowski

10 and 11 Boys-Hayden Stout

12 and 13 Girls-Brooke Bond

12 and 13 Boys-Kamel Crockett

These five winners will advance to  
the Northeast District Hoop Shoot

on January 18th at

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Porker, Tuesday, January 28th, 9:00am

Darts, Tuesdays, 10:00am

Tai Chi, Tuesdays, 12:15pm

Painting, Wednesdays, 9:00am, 11:00am

Exercise with Darla, Wednesdays, 10:00am

Needle Nook, Thursdays, 9:30am

Zumba, Thursdays, 10:00am

**JANUARY EVENTS**

Mexican Train Tournament, Thursday, January 9th, 12:15pm

**BEACH PARTY/ BEACH BOYS KARAOKE** (Chase away the winter chill), Friday, January 10th, 10:00am-2:00pm

AARP MEETING, January 12th, 1:00pm

Benefits of Vegetables (snack) Thursday, January 16th, 12:30pm

Bean Bags, Friday, January 17th, 9:30am, 12:15pm

**CLOSED, MONDAY, JANUARY 20th, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

Farkle Tournament, Thursday, January 23rd, 12:15pm

Baseball, Friday, January 24th, 10:00am

MUSIC WITH BILL REESE, Friday, January 24th, 12:15pm

Council Meeting, Thursday, January 30th, 9:00am

**Remember the 50's, Trivia & Treats, Thursday, January 30th, 12:15pm**

**SUPER BOWL, Friday, January 31st, 10:00am.**

Discussion group (winter fun) Friday, January 31st, 12:15pm

**SLATE BELT AARP CHAPTER 4135 MEETING**

The Slate Belt AARP Chapter 4135 will hold its first meeting of the new year on **January 13th, 1:00pm** at the Slate Belt Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. If the center is closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be cancelled also.

**Don't Forget to License Your Dog for 2020**

*Rep. Joe Emrick*

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