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Monday, March 20

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH & NATIONAL CHILD DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

NATIONAL DAYS

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 FEBRUARY 11TH-NATIONAL MAKE A FRIEND DAY
 FEBRUARY 13TH-NATIONAL CLEAN OUT YOUR COMPUTER DAY
 FEBRUARY 16TH-NATIONAL ALMOND DAY
 FEBRUARY 17TH-NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
 NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY
 FEBRUARY 18TH-NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY
 FEBRUARY 20TH-NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY
 FEBRUARY 22ND-NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY
 FEBRUARY 23RD-NATIONAL CHILI DAY

HOLIDAYS

FEBRUARY 14TH-VALENTINE'S DAY
 FEBRUARY 20TH-PRESIDENT'S DAY

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Moore Township Democrats

Thursday, February 9th, 6:30pm, Pizzaville, located at the corner of 946 and 512 Lamont McClure will be our guest speaker. He is running for Northampton County executive. We meet every month, the 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm at Pizzaville! Please join us!

10th Annual Liztech Bingo

Fundraiser for Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1. **Saturday, February 11th, Doors open at 11:00am Bingo 1:00pm.** Contact Stephanie at 610-216-6716 or Steve at 570-242-5578 or email liztech@portlandhookandladder.com

St. Peter's Annual Oldies Dance

Sponsored by St. Peter's Scholarship Committee **Saturday, February 11th 6:00pm -10:30pm** (Doors open at 5:00 pm) Blue Valley Farm Show Building, American Bangor Rd., Bangor. For Tickets call Jackie Brinker 610-588-2101.

Viaduct Presentation

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic presentation on **Sunday, February 12th at 2:00pm.** Speaker for the afternoon will be local photographer Ernie Dietz. Mr. Dietz will be showing pictures of the Bangor "Viaduct" pre 1939 construction, during its use as a conduit span over the railroad tracks, its recent demolition and current reconstruction. He will also speak about the materials that were and are now being used to erect the historic landmark and will reveal the little known fact about "names" that were inscribed on the top of the old side posts. The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 610-588-8615.

Stroudsburg Winterfest 2017

Saturday, February 18th Winterfest will be held in downtown **Stroudsburg from 10:00am – 6:00pm.** For more information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/265528123860757/>

Steak and Shake – Bangor Elks #1106

Saturday, February 25th Steak and Shake event open to the public at the Bangor Elks #1106 located at 120 Broadway Bangor, PA. Steak and Shake begins at **6:00pm**, tickets required deadline is **February 18th.** Tickets available for purchase at the lodge, for more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/266966117049840/>

Easton Singles & Married over 40 Organization

Easton Singles and Married over 40 organization will hold a dance every **Saturday night through June from 7:00pm to 10:00pm** at the Wind Gap American Legion 271 N Broadway, Wind Gap, PA. For more information call Norman 610-881-4140 or Paul 973-347-2070.

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NCC to Stage Collision

Northampton Community College (NCC) will stage a production of Collision, a play by Lyle Kessler, in which the lives of three students, a professor and a stranger collide.

Performances will take place **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:30pm** in the Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, Bethlehem Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township.

The cast includes: From Bethlehem: Dylan Craig and Hannah Cummings, from Easton: Matt Hogan and Tyronn Brewington, and from Hellertown: David Lippincott.

Admission is free with a donation of a non-perishable food item for a local pantry or a contribution to the Norman R. Roberts Scholarship Fund. Reservations are suggested. Email NCC_theatre_tickets@northampton.edu or call 610-861-5524.

Grand Central Environmental Education Center To Hold Great Backyard Bird Count

The Grand Central Landfill and its wildlife habitat team are going to be monitoring winter birds on **February 18th from 10:00am-11:00am** at the Grand Central Environmental Education Center (891 Grand Central Road, Pen Argyl PA 18072). Contact Community Relations Coordinator, Adrienne Fors to register for the event: afors1@wm.com

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

The Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge for Special Olympics is fast approaching! It is the last of 9 plunges held in Pennsylvania raising money for Special Olympic Athletes and their families to attend events with no cost to the families. This is truly a wonderful cause.

Polar Plunges fall under the umbrella of our Law Enforcement Torch Run Program. So... I am looking for the brave, the tough, the temperature challenged to join our plunge! Every police officer in the Lehigh Valley is asked to join in plunging, wading or toe dipping in to the Delaware River on **February 18th**. By raising \$50, you can enjoy the warm waters and know that you're helping Law Enforcement help Special Olympics.

For those who would rather be a spectator, that's great too! You're invited to come out (in uniform if possible) and experience the festivities!

Please visit the link below to find out more - See you on the 18th!
<http://specialolympicspa.org/about-lehigh-valley-plunge>

Little Friends Preschool to Hold Open House

February 21st, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Snow Date—February 28, 2017 (if weather is questionable, please call us before coming) 570-897-7797
 1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

BHS Drama Department "Be Our Guest" Pancake Breakfast

The Bangor High School Drama Department will be hosting the fourth annual pancake breakfast with the cast of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" on **Saturday, February 18th, 8:00am-12:00pm** at the Bangor Middle School cafeteria, 5 Points Richmond Rd. Bangor, PA. Classic characters, such as Belle, the Beast, and Mrs. Potts, will transport visitors to the French countryside as they welcome guests of all ages with music, food, and activities.

In addition to restaurant-quality food and top-notch service, patrons can take advantage of a special opportunity to have their photo taken with the princess, the beast, and the enchanted characters. After snapping a photo and filling their bellies, guests can play games and participate in other activities, all while enjoying musical performances from the cast of Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

The breakfast will raise funds for the high school musical production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. **Performance dates are: March 3, 4 & 5, 2017.** Tickets for the musical will be available for purchase at the pancake breakfast or you can call 610-599-7011 x1001 for further information regarding tickets for the musical.

Tickets for the "Be Our Guest" pancake breakfast can be purchased ahead of time by calling Sue Bina at 610-588-3041.

Delaware River Shade Fisherman's Assoc.

Sunday, February 26th, 2017 Sportsmen's Fishing & Hunting Flea Market will be held at Se-Wy-Co Fire Company Social Hall (Rte. 378 Bethlehem, PA). GPS directions 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Donut Sale - Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church will be holding a Donuts Sale. To place your order, call Chrissy 610-588-0809 by **February 26th**, pick up will be **Tuesday, February 28th.**

Seventh Annual "912" Scholarship

The family and friends of Mr. Denny Strouse are offering a \$1000 scholarship in loving memory of Denny. The 7th Annual "912" Scholarship is for a graduating Bangor High School senior who plans on attending a technical school or college. The scholarship is awarded to a well rounded student with interests in academics, outdoor sporting activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking and an enthusiasm for the outdoors. The student must possess a giving spirit exemplified through community service and love for family and friends. The application process is being facilitated by Slater Family Network. Applications are in the High School Guidance office, Slater Family Network office or on the school district website front page under 2017 Scholarships or under Slater Family Network. Applications are due in the SFN office by **Thursday, April 20.** If you have any questions please call the office at 610-599-7019.

Marine Corps League

Northampton County Detachment 298 Meeting **1 March / 1900**
 1621 Lehigh St. / Easton. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines welcome! jimmieousmc@rcn.com www.norcomcl.org
 Facebook: Marine Corps League, Northampton County, Detachment 298

Bangor Area High School Musical

The Bangor Area High School will present Disney's Beauty and the Beast on **March 3rd, 4th and 5th.**

The 40th Annual PIAC St. Patrick's Day Parade

Will take place on **Sunday, March 19th.** Parade starts at **1:30pm.** This year's parade Co-Grand Marshall's are Pat and Mike Murray. For information/sponsorship please visit the Pocono Irish American Club's website www.poconoirishamericanclub.com.

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Slater Family Network to Hold 11th Annual Silent Auction

The Slater Family Network's 11th Annual Silent Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, March 11th**, at Five Points Elementary School on the Bangor Area School District Campus. Proceeds from this event will benefit local families in need. The event begins at **10:00am** for browsing and placement of tickets. The tickets will be pulled at 12:00noon. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. There will be over 80 themed baskets and premium items such as gift cards, 50" Flat Screen TV, Inflatable Kayak, 2 bikes, Vera Bradley Bags, Coach Handbags, Xbox One and much more! Family admission includes 26 tickets. Tickets for the premium prizes will be available for a separate purchase. Please come and enjoy some family fun! For information please call the Slater Family Network office at 610-599-7019.

Slate Belt Heritage Calendar of Events 2017

- Sunday, March 12th, 2:00pm** - Lance Prator- "Slate Quarries: Then & Now"
 - Thursday, April 13th, 7:00pm** - Homefront Book Presentation
 - Thursday, May 11th, 7:00pm** - Doug Wynne, Painter of historic areas in the Slate Belt
 - Thursday, June 15th (3rd Thursday) 7:00pm** - 2017 Preservation Awards
 - Thursday, July 13th, 8:00pm** - Kirk & Sara Brown, Letters From the Homefront
 - Thursday, August 10th, 8:00pm** - TBA
 - Thursday, September 14th, 7:00pm** - TBA
 - Thursday, October, 12th, 7:00pm** - Haunted Heritage Presentation
 - Thursday, November, 9th, 7:00pm** - TBA
 - Sunday, December 10th, 2:00pm** - TBA
- The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information contact: Karen Brewer @ 610-588-8615.

American Cancer Society's 2nd Annual Community Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at East Bangor Park (Park Rd). Egg hunt for ages 0-10 yrs., at 2pm followed by an adult Egg hunt. For more information call Ashley Frey 484-892-1567 or Britney Weiss (text) 484-353-6615.

Spring Garden Series

Penn State Master Gardener's present their annual Spring Garden Series on **March 28th and April 3rd** at Gracedale Tower. This year's lectures include: "Forgotten" Small Fruit from the Old World, Companion Plants, Transitioning to Organic Gardening, and Native Plant Garden Design for Small Spaces. For costs /registration call 610-391-9840

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ILEAD USA Selects Library Assistant for 2017 Program

Mary Boykoff, a Library Assistant at the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity, has been selected as one of 19 Pennsylvania library workers to take part in ILEAD USA (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover), a prestigious program designed to help library staff understand and respond to user needs through the application of participatory technology tools and the creation of an easy-to-duplicate model program.

Boykoff will serve as a member of one of five teams, along with fellow Pennsylvania library workers from public, academic and school libraries. Selection was through an application process. The teams participate in three four-day in-person sessions over the course of eight months, beginning in March. The teams work together to identify a community need and develop, manage, and evaluate a project to meet that need. They are assisted by instructors and mentors.

The sessions will be held at Harrisburg University. In addition to the Harrisburg sessions, teams will hold virtual meetings. This is the third year that Pennsylvania has participated in this national program. The ILEAD USA project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).



Blue Mt. Community Library

The Blue Mountain Community Library is currently collecting non-perishable foods for the Bender's Church Food Bank through February 28. Please consider donating to this ministry and bring your food items to the library. The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 10:00am- Noon, and Mon.-Thurs. 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

Former Ebony Magazine Editor to Speak at NCC



Jamilah Lemieux, a former senior editor at Ebony magazine and current vice president of Interactive One, an online news and men's programming platform, will speak at Northampton Community College (NCC) on **February 16th**. The talk, *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised, but It Might Be Live-Streamed*, will take place on **Thursday, February 16, at 11:00am** as part of the College's observation of Black History Month.

Also included on February 16 will be social justice performances by NCC students, at 9:30 a.m., and a faculty panel discussion at 1:30 p.m.

All of the events above will take place at NCC's Bethlehem Campus, Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. Lemieux's talk will be live streamed at the NCC Monroe Campus, room 208, Pocono Hall, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville.

For more information, call 610-861-5000 or visit www.northampton.edu and click on "Events."

1885 Club Accepting Nominations

The Bangor Area High School Alumni Association is looking for nominations for induction into the 2017 "1885 Club Hall of Fame." In 1998, the members of the Bangor Area High School Alumni Association began to search for a way to honor graduates who have distinguished themselves through public service, scholarship, and recognition in their chosen fields of work. Discussions naturally led to creating a Hall of Fame for such individuals. Concerned about possible confusion with the Athletic Hall of Fame, however, the committee began to seek ways to create a different type of recognition with its own unique distinction. From this collaboration, "The 1885 Club" was born. Named in honor of the first year in which a class of students graduated from Bangor High School, this exclusive club honors distinguished alumni and holds these individuals as outstanding examples for others to follow. Through the creation of "The 1885 Club" the Alumni Association underscores and upholds the fact that graduates from Bangor Area High School have been making tremendous contributions to mankind for more than 130 years. We reserve a special category for educators and administrators who have served the Bangor Area School District over its long history. To nominate someone for either of these awards, please go to the Bangor Area School District web site, click on the Alumni icon (under quick links) and then click on the 1885 Club. There you will find a printable form. Fill it out and mail it to the address shown or forward it to Carole J. Hontz at Bangor Area Middle School, 401 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA 18013-5267. Nominations can also be e mailed to hontzc@bangorsd.org

Slate Belt Heritage Center Preservation Award

The Slate Belt Heritage Center, located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, Pa, is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its' "Annual Heritage Award". The purpose of the award is to acknowledge individuals who have performed exemplary acts that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt. Candidates may be an individual or group and can be nominated by themselves or by another party.

There will be three (3) categories:

1. Initiative Award: Applicant who has performed exemplary actions in promoting and preserving the Slate Belt heritage through in-kind actions. This means acts that do not necessarily involve monetary donations but can be unpaid service for a preservation cause.
2. Architectural Award: Applicant who is saving or conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation.
3. Special Focus Award: Applicant who is saving or conserving tradition or a body of knowledge. That individual who contributes to educational information via exhibits, documentation, internet, archival, etc.

Consideration is given to projects with:

- A specific start and end date.
 - Whether the project meets generally accepted preservation or scholar standards.
 - Whether the project is considered "complete". Did project have a goal and did the project achieve the goal.
 - Whether the project had a significant impact with before and after photographs or proof that information or if a structure would otherwise be lost if the nominee had not done the project.
- Nominations will be accepted this fall and will be reviewed in January of each year. The awards will be presented at a special program in June. One prize will be awarded with the possibility of one per category depending on committee's review of candidates. Nominations should include a description of entry, photos (if applicable), and any pertinent documentation. The Heritage Center retains the right to exhibit and/or publish the application materials, including photographs. Applications for those not chosen will be held on file, indefinitely, for future consideration.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Heritage Center (Sundays 1-3), at local municipal offices or by contacting Karen Brewer @ 610-588-8615. If calling, please leave an address to where applications can be mailed in addition to name and phone number. For additional information contact Karen Brewer

Slater Family Network Eleventh Annual Scholarship

Slater Family Network is offering a \$2000 scholarship for a graduating Bangor High School senior who plans on attending a trade/vocational school or college. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in community service. Applications are in the High School Guidance office, Slater Family Network office or on the school district website under Slater Family Network. Applications are due in the SFN office by **Thursday, April 20**. If you have any questions, please call the office at 610-599-7019

East Allen Twsp. Vol. Ambulance Corps.

East Allen Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps, is seeking vendors, crafters and sponsors for a combined Yard Sale/Craft show along with a Tricky Tray on **Saturday, May 13th**. For more information on this event please call Joe Light 610-261-9196 or JLIGHT@EATVAC.ORG or visit www.eatvac.org/events.

Slate Belt Photography Club

Meets at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway, Bangor, Pa. Meetings are held **every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm**. For more info contact: Ricky Mensch @ Sbpc216@gmail.com.

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THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS IS ORIENTATION - STUDENTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS. If a student cannot attend both days in February they must wait until the next class session to begin in mid March. Adults who attend class, complete requirements and pass the GED will receive an equivalency High School Diploma.

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Slate Belt Heritage Center



Letters to Homefront Magazine: "A Love Affair Between a Community and its World War II Soldiers"

The project to publish a book about the Homefront Magazine began in October 2015. The co-authors; Marc Blau, Chip Turtzo, Karen Brewer and Deanna Ruzanski assembled volunteers to read and summarize the 4000 + letters that WW II soldiers sent home to their beloved Homefront Magazine.

The letters were then categorized by topic, and placed into appropriate chapters. Some of the chapters are: The Fairest of the Month, Battlefield Stories, Soldier's Artwork, Poems and Prayers, Heroes and more. The book highlights the letters and used the hand-written words of our Slate Belt fighting men and women to tell the story. Many of your fathers and grandfathers are mentioned in the book and while it was unfeasible to use all of the letters, those that were chosen was based on content. A book signing will be held at the Heritage Center's Opening on **April 23, 2017**, however to unsure that copies are available for all who would like a copy, pre-orders are now being taken. Please send a check payable to the Slate Belt Heritage Center 30 N 1st St, Bangor, PA 18013, Attn: Marc Blau for \$35.00 to reserve your copy. Those out of town desiring a copy must add \$10.00 to cover cost for shipping/handling. For additional information contact: Karen Brewer @ 610-588-8615.

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New to the Neighborhood

Bangor Trust Brewing



Bangor Trust Brewing owners Traci McGinty and Leo Bongiorno opened their doors on Friday, February 2nd, with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting slated for Friday, February 17th at 5:00 pm

The restaurant features Mediterranean/American Cuisine, Flat breads, Salads, Humus, fresh baked bread as well as a variety of Mussels and Frites. They will also be brewing and serving their own beer in the near future. Bangor Trust



Owners Leo Bongiorno and Traci McGinty
photos by Nick Pulsinelli

Brewing is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for dinner from 4:00-9:00 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 15 Broadway, Bangor, PA. Phone number is 610-452-3232.

Pen Argyl's GFWC Announces the 2017 Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award Winner

Pen Argyl's GFWC Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award for 2017 is Cade Kuster. He is the son of Rachel and Kraig Kuster.

Cade is very active in his high school where he has been his class secretary for the past two years. He is a member of the golf and baseball teams, as well as the Mock Trial and Scholastic Scrimmage teams. Cade also is a Peer Mediator, a member of the Chess Club and the Reading Olympics. He is very involved with Pen Argyl's chapter of the Leo Club.



Cade is on the board of Color for Kids, a non-profit organization that supplies underprivileged youth with crayons and other art supplies, where he acts as a youth advisor and technical support team. He volunteers upwards of 150 hours a year, mostly to Color for Kids, but also enjoys volunteering with the Miracle League every summer. Out of the school setting, Cade plays the piano, snowboards, enjoys history, traveling, and reading.

Last summer Cade received the award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. His goal is to pursue a career in the medical field specifically in either surgical or anesthesia.

Cade is looking forward to representing Pen Argyl Area High School at the Hoby conference and feels that the experience of being a Hoby Ambassador will not only help him to grow as a leader and a student, but will help prepare him to make a difference in the world as a global citizen.

Hoby was founded by actor Hugh O'Brien in 1958. The award is given annually to deserving sophomores across the nation. Hoby's mission is to seek out and develop leadership potential in youth and to encourage and prepare the next generation for America's future.

Tickets Available for Ellen Goodman's Littner Series Lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman will present "The Most Important Conversation American Isn't Having" at the seventh annual Dr. and Mrs. Max Littner Memorial Lecture Series for Bereavement, co-sponsored by St. Luke's University Health Network.

The lecture is scheduled for **7:30 p.m., April 19th** at the Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St., Bethlehem.

Tickets are currently available at www.slhn.org/littnerlectureseries or by calling 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537).

Goodman is the founder of The Conversation Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. The goal of the project is to make conversations about end-of-life care easier, and to make sure that individuals' wishes are expressed and respected. Guests at the lecture will gather the tools needed to start the conversation.

The Dr. and Mrs. Max Littner Memorial Lecture Series for Bereavement was created to raise consciousness for the big issues of life: living meaningfully and well, and sparking necessary conversations with loved ones about issues that are truly matters of life and death. The annual lecture features prominent guests who discuss the importance of mind and body in healing and care, and ways you can cultivate hope, take action and be more responsible for your medical decisions.

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5 Tax Tips

Preparing for your Tax Preparation appointment and more Part 2

1. Do you know that if you make a contribution to a traditional IRA, you can reduce your taxes as long as you have earned income. And you have until 4/15/2017 to make that contribution. The contribution will not be taxed until you take a withdrawal, hopefully after you have retired and are in a lower tax bracket. If you make a contribution to a Roth IRA, it is not tax deductible, but as long as it has been in the account for 5 years or more, it can be withdrawn at any age and the principal and interest is tax free. Many people like Roth IRAs to leave tax-free money to their loved ones.

2. Want to reduce next year's taxes and get a bigger refund? How about increasing your 401-K contributions. A small \$10 a week increase can possibly make you refund over \$500 larger. And if the employer matches any of your contributions, this is tax-deferred income that for which you didn't have to work. Free money!

3. Did you take a distribution from an IRA or a deferred retirement plan and you haven't reached retirement age? You will receive a 1099R from the investment institution. It may be subject to an additional 10% penalty besides being taxed as income. Frequently the investment institutions do not take sufficient withholding to cover the taxes and penalty. If that withdrawal from the deferred retirement account is just a loan, it is not taxed as long as re-payment are kept up-to-date. If the loan re-payment is defaulted on, the balance owing becomes a distribution with no withholding to offset the penalty and taxes. If you are thinking of taking a withdrawal, contact your tax professional prior to taking the distribution so we can advise you on how much withholding is needed and inform you of the tax consequences.

4. Delayed refunds for returns claiming certain credits. Due to law changes the IRS can't issue refunds before 2/15/2017 for returns that have Earned Income Credit or additional child tax credit. It is unlikely that your refund will arrive in your account until the week of 2/27/17 if no mistakes are detected.

5. Direct deposit of refunds is a faster and safer method to get your refunds. Remember to bring a check with you to the tax interview to alleviate any errors in entering the routing and account numbers. These important numbers are not available on your debit cards attached to your account. If you don't know your account numbers, your bank can provide them on their letterhead. Many banks will issue a small wallet size card to keep in your wallet.

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NCC to Hold Information Sessions on Lineworker Program

Northampton Community College (NCC) will be holding free Information sessions about its Line worker program at **5:00pm on February 13th and February 21st** at Alumni Hall, Room 130 A-D, Gates Center, Bethlehem Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. These sessions are mandatory for anyone who would like to enroll in the program.

The session will provide students with the opportunity to meet the instructors, hear about the program and its requirements, and gain information about potential resources for financial assistance for qualified candidates.

This hands-on non-credit course is taught by instructors with lineworker experience and has been popular since its inception since 2013. It prepares students for entry-level linework in the electrical and telecommunications industries.

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Ted Ashenfalder Technician of 37 years Earns Mopar “Top Tech” Award

Mopar “Top Tech” program recognizes top performing, elite technicians at FCA US LLC dealerships. Dotta Chrysler Jeep technician Ted Ashenfalder one of only 27 Mopar “Top Tech” award winners, 1,000 high-performing technicians honored and 27 “Top Tech” award winners selected from more than 25,000 eligible technician candidates across FCA US dealer network. Pietro Gorlier, Head of Parts and Service (Mopar), FCA – Global, on hand to present awards at historic Meadow Brook Hall in Metro Detroit January 9-12, 2017 – Dotta Chrysler Jeep technician Ted Ashenfalder was recently recognized as one of only 27 Mopar “Top Tech” award winners. Ted Ashenfalder was selected from more than 25,000 eligible technician candidates across the FCA US LLC dealer network and was among the best and brightest FCA US LLC dealership technicians recognized during an awards ceremony held at historic Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, Michigan, on January 10.



Pietro Gorlier, Head of Parts and Service (Mopar), FCA – Global, was on hand to help honor [Insert Award Winner Name] and fellow elite technicians. The Mopar “Top Tech” program, introduced in 2014, recognizes elite-performing technicians in categories including Fixed First Visit (FFV) scores, dealership tenure and training achievements.

“Customer satisfaction and retention will continue to be key drivers of our business, regardless of vehicle or make,” said Gorlier. “The decision to purchase a particular vehicle brand is determined not only by the attributes of the vehicle, but also as importantly by the level of service that the customers receive. That is why it’s so critical to make sure that our top technicians receive the proper training, and that we recognize superstars of the service lane such as these 27 high-performing technicians, as well as the dealerships that support them.”

Mopar “Top Tech” winners participated in an all-inclusive two-day trip to Metro Detroit. In addition to the awards ceremony at Meadow Brook Hall, a National Historic Landmark constructed in the 1920s, “Top Tech” recipients received a tour of the FCA US headquarters and tech center on January 10 and a visit to the industry preview of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on January 11.

The Mopar “Top Tech” program also awards the 72 top technicians (including the elite 27 “Top Tech” winners) with a Mopar “Top Tech”-branded tool kit, comprised of a Snap-on four-drawer roll tool cart, 1/2-inch Snap-on cordless impact wrench and 3/8-inch Snap-on cordless impact wrench. In addition, each quarter the “Top Tech” program honors 1,000 high-performing technicians at four different recognition levels, including 75 designated as top Platinum performers, 100 Gold, 200 Silver and 625 Bronze level technicians.

Dotta Chrysler Jeep is very proud and honored to have one of the top tech’s in the country working for their dealership for the last 37 years. It is one of the most prestigious and highest awards any technician or dealership can obtain. This award comes with years of dedication, loyalty, and years of training. Again the Dotta family and all Dotta employees congratulate Ted Ashenfalder for all his hard work and dedication. Dotta Chrysler Jeep has been serving and supporting the Slate Belt Area for the last 75 years.

Ted Ashenfalder would also like to thank Dotta Chrysler Jeep for this great opportunity to work with such a great dealership and great employees for the last 37 years. Ted would also like to thank FCA group and the Mopar trainers for their excellent training programs and facilities. It has been my honor to do my job and to have the highest training in order to provide the best customer service possible.

During the brand’s 80 years, Mopar has introduced numerous industry-first features including:

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80 Years of Mopar

Mopar (a simple contraction of the words Motor and Parts) was born on August 1, 1937, as the name of a line of antifreeze products. Mopar has since evolved over 80 years to serve as the total service, parts and customer-care brand of all FCA vehicles around the globe.

Mopar made its mark in the 1960s during the muscle-car era, with Mopar Performance Parts to enhance speed and handling for both road and racing use, and expanded to include technical service and customer support. Today, the Mopar brand’s global reach distributes more than 500,000 parts and accessories in over 150 markets around the world. With more than 50 parts distribution centers and 25 customer contact centers globally, Mopar integrates service, parts and customer-care operations in order to enhance customer and dealer support worldwide.

For 80 years, Mopar has been the source for genuine parts and accessories for all FCA brands. Mopar parts are engineered together with the same teams that create factory-authorized specifications for FCA vehicles, offering a direct connection that no other aftermarket parts company can provide. Complete information on the Mopar brand is available at www.mopar.com.

Historical Association announces winners of 12th Annual Historic Preservation Awards

The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the 2017 P.E.P (Preserve, Enhance, Promote) Historical Preservation awards. Owners of historic buildings who have shown their dedication to preserving, enhancing, and promoting Monroe County’s wealth of historic structures will be honored at the Monroe County Historical Association’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware.

Three categories of buildings were judged: Commercial, Non-Profit, and Private Residence. The 2017 winners in the three categories are: Commercial Property – Jane Maughan Law Office, Ann Street, Borough of Stroudsburg; Non-Profit – Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Smithfield Township; and Residential Property – “The Kennedy Residence” owned by Robert and Gina Kennedy, Hamilton Township.

The Heritage Resource Award will be given to the volunteers of the Tobyhanna Ice Harvest of Coolbaugh Township in recognition of their efforts to provide a historical experience and educational opportunities for the visiting public.

Monroe County Historical Association Executive Director Amy Leiser said, “Our organization is pleased to recognize the owners of these historic properties and the volunteers who help keep our past alive. We appreciate their dedication in helping to maintain the historic fabric of our community.”

Leiser also commented, “This is the 12th year we’ve acknowledged owners of historic properties. We are always looking for additional structures to highlight and we welcome suggestions of other Monroe County sites that deserve recognition.”

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For luncheon costs/information, please contact the office at (570) 421-7703 or admin@MonroeHistorical.org. Reservations, with payment, should be made at the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, before Friday, February 17, 2017. The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county’s past with the present. Visit the web site at www.monroehistorical.org for more information on the organization and to learn more about these properties.



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Slate Belt Rising Committee Holds Press Conference Announces Plans

On Thursday February 2nd, the Slate Belt Rising committee officially announced its plans to help bring vitality back to the surrounding boroughs at the new Bangor Trust Building.

The boroughs of Bangor, Pen Argyl and Wind Gap have been selected for the first region selected for a 6-year revitalization. The Borough of Bangor represents the flagship town of the project and, during the first year, will have a stronger focal point of restoring parts of the historic town. Across all four boroughs, will see funding towards community building events, updating in signage and banner designs, youth development programs and upgrade to local websites. Included in this project will also include assistance for local businesses, counseling and classes for first time home owners through Community Action Financial Services, foreclosure prevention services, rehabilitation and weatherization of homes in region as well.

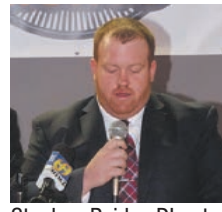
Michael Ortoski, Chair person of the Slate Belt Rising Steering Committee, planned out the overview of the project for the first two years as well as introduced the spokespersons from Waste Management, Merchants Bank of Bangor, ESSA Bank and Trust, as well as county officials from the Department of Community and Economic Development, and Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. Other programs from across the state of Pennsylvania have used similar programs to build and strengthen larger areas such as Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Easton, Allentown, and Bethlehem. The ultimate goal of the action plan is to bring pride, business and help restore our local towns to the status they held from times past.



Dennis M. Davin, Secretary, PA Dept of Community and Economic Development



John Hambrose, Communications Manager Waste Management



Stephen Reider, Director of Slate Belt Rising



John Brown Executive, County of Northampton



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Sen. Scavello, Department of Health to Offer Tdap Vaccines at District Office

State Senator Mario Scavello will continue his Healthy Living Series in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to offer free Tdap vaccine shots at his Pen Argyl District Office on Thursday, February 23 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM (2 N. Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl).

The Tdap vaccine shots are available to individuals of all ages who are uninsured or underinsured. This service is not available to anyone with Medicare Part D or insurance that already covers the vaccination.

Tdap is a combination booster vaccine that inoculates against tetanus,

diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

To schedule an appointment, please call the PA Department of Health at 610-250-1825.

State Senator Mario Scavello represents the 40th Senatorial District, which includes portions of Monroe and Northampton Counties. To find out more information regarding this event or any state-related issue, please visit www.marioscavello.com or email mscavello@pasen.gov.

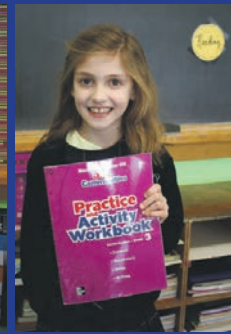
Immaculate Conception Open House

photos by Sabrina Schantzen

Immaculate Conception School in Pen Argyl kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a Children's Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on Sunday, January 29th. Following mass, ICS held their annual Open House at their school located at 290 W. Babbitt Ave. in Pen Argyl. Families and friends were invited to tour the facility and speak with teachers, students, administration and parents. Immaculate Conception School offers solid religious training, academic excellence and individual attention to students from Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information please contact Sister Maria Luz, OP at 610-863-4816.



Front left to right (front row): Grace Holzmacher, Alyson Mucha, Ella Schweitzer and Francis Rowley. Back Row: Gianna Tout-Puissant, Ava Conte, Sister Maria Luz, O.P., Isabella Reto and Joline Bozzi.



Cheese, Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Held at Chandler Estate IV

On Friday, February 3rd, a cheese, wine and chocolate tasting was held at The Chandler Estate IV located in Pen Argyl. The event was open to the public.

Photos by Candy Martin



Pictured residents of Chandler Estate IV enjoying the event.



Lori Kulp Woodward and James Hummel entertained at the event.



Chandler staff members Michelle Leh and Christian Maddox sell tickets for the basket raffle



ESSA Bank was one of the 10 basket sponsors of the event pictured L-R from ESSA Dan McDermott, Roxanne Odierno, JoAnn Baratta, Valerie Noble



Amber Behn, Chandler Estate Director of Marketing, Kathy Hinton Activities aide, and Myra Roger Chandler staff member.

Buskill Park Roller Rink

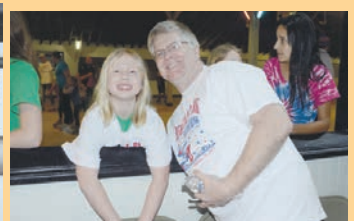
It's been more than a decade since the roller skating rink has been open at Buskill Park, but that changed on Friday, January 20th, when the Buskill Park Roller Rink re-opened. An excited crowd of more than 300 came out for opening night ready to skate.

Open Skate is every Friday and Saturday 8:00pm -11:00pm and Sundays 12:00 noon-2:00pm.

Photos by Kris Ordinsky Parks



Ted and Joy Transue were ready to roller skate, their first time skating in 20 years!



Brooke and Luther Bond were two of the first 50 people in line to receive a free t-shirt.



Over 300 people came out on opening night at Buskill Park roller rink.



Bushkill Park staff with owner Neal Fehnel

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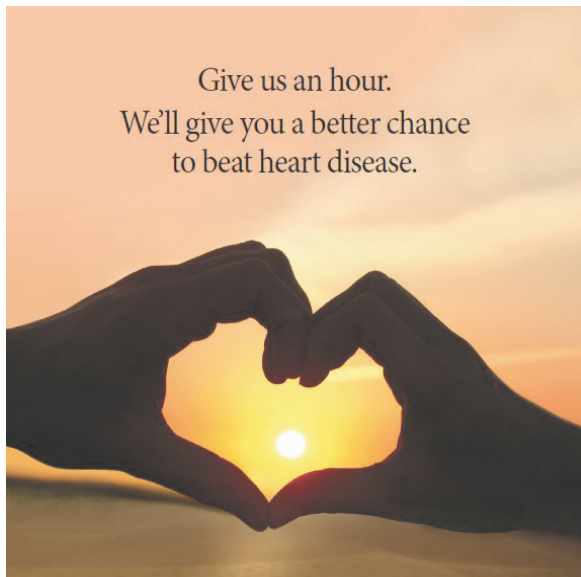
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- Patients report feeling more satisfied with the health care they received at an Accredited Chest Pain Center. Other benefits include:
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 - shorter hospital stays

This approach to cardiac care extends beyond the hospital to the community through outreach programs to teach preventive health. When it comes to chest pain, it means educating community members about how to spot a heart attack and what to do in the first critical moments. Warning signs include neck, back or jaw pain, chest pain, nausea, fatigue, dizziness and sweating. Getting help immediately gives you a better chance to survive a heart attack. So know the warning signs and, if you ever experience them, call 911 right way.



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Hello Belt and Beyond Readers. My name is Alyssa McGarry, I am 19 years old and currently help operate Cafe on Broadway in Wind Gap with my mom, Joyce. At a young age I began baking and cooking, it's brought me far enough that at the restaurant I make all the baked goods. Just like our business has grown so have my baking skills. So I finally got the dough rolling and started my own baking blog, "The love at first bite."

On my blog I share my passion for baking, with recipes and little tips to help the everyday home cook. Look for my column in The Belt and Beyond. I will try my very best to share simple yet delicious recipes and treats! Since Valentine's Day is around the corner I will share with you my simple yet melt in your mouth recipe for Dark Chocolate Truffles! Enjoy! Check out my blog for daily updates at www.theLoveatfirstbite.com. All you need is love & Dark Chocolate Truffles!



Dark Chocolate Truffle Recipe:

INGREDIENTS:
 16oz premium chocolate such as Ghirardelli
 1 cup heaving whipping cream
 Zest of one orange (optional but highly recommended)
 Cocoa powder for dusting

INSTRUCTIONS:
 In a glass bowl, add your chopped chocolate and orange zest. Place heavy whipping cream in a small saucepan on medium heat and bring it to boil. Once it boils, remove it from heat, slowly pour it over your chocolate, and let it set for about 4 minutes. Smooth the mixture with a whisk and place it in the fridge for 2-3 hours. Use a scoop or spoon and roll your truffles bite size on a pan, about 2 dozen. Roll the truffles in a little bowl of cocoa powder to finish it off. Store truffles in fridge and take them out as needed to enjoy!



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Fun Valentine's Day Facts..... Did you know?

History of St Valentine's Day - Valentine's Day - the popular festival of love and romance traces its origin to ancient Roman festival and has not been created by card companies as some people believe it to be. There are various legends associated with the festival along with the belief that birds began to mate from this day. Popularity of the Valentine's Day festival stems from the combined effects of all these legends, beliefs and of course the wish to glorify the unparalleled feeling of love.

There are many variations to how Valentine's Day came to be. The most common stems from the third century about a Roman martyr saint named Valentine whom performed secret marriages in defiance of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius realized that single soldiers fought better than those that were married, therefore setting forth the law prohibiting marriage. However, Valentine saw the injustice and continued to conduct marriages until he was imprisoned by Claudius for doing so.

Another story shows where some of our Valentine's Day card traditions originate from. This story suggests that Valentine helped prisoners escape harsh conditions in a Roman prison while he was imprisoned as well. During his time of confinement it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl who visited him. So before his death, this legend says that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine". This closure is still used in modern day Valentine's Day cards.

The First Valentine's Day Card - The first known Valentine is said to have been written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

Approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in the United States each year. That's the largest card sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.

The Rose-An Expression of Love - Roses are a beautiful symbol of love. The word rose comes from the Latin word rosa meaning red, and the flower has been a symbol of love since ancient times. The Rose is said to have been created by Chloris, the Greek goddess of flower. A rose is a blossom with a sensuous fragrance and delicately yet beautifully crafted petals. Roses are the most popular flower given on Valentine's Day.

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD FIND

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Blessed Affinity

by Robert L. Martin

**Blessed affinity and its exhilarations
Its heavenly instinctive reciprocations**

**Its magnetic arms that wrap around
Its lonely ships that come aground**

**Its other world that sinks into our soul
Its harbor lights that glisten and glow**

**Its soft winds that kiss the lonely sails
Its gentle rocking that rides the swales**

**Its maiden voyage that knows no others
Its soft hands that deliver love to lovers**

**Its internal saint that brings heaven down
Its loud descending without making a sound**

**Its breathtaking ride into the exotic paradise
Its landing into the midst with starry eyes**

**Its delightful romp among the rolling hills
Its basic pleasures along with all the frills**

**Its not wanting to return back home again
Its stubborn perseverance that will not end**

**Its cooperation with Mother Nature's plan
Its attachment to her mystical wonderland**

**Blessed affinity and thy will to be forever,
May your loving arms
Keep drawing us together.**

BINGO

February 9 & 16

Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company
Main Fire House Hall, 115 Interchange Rd, Kresgeville
Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 6:45 PM

February 10 & 17

Wind Gap Fire Company
Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts 6:45 PM

February 11 & 18

Immaculate Conception
Doors open at 11:00 AM • Bingo starts at 1:00 PM

Bangor VFW

Doors open at 3:30 PM • Bingo starts at 6:00 PM

February 14 & 21

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1
State Street, Portland 7:00 PM

Klecknersville Rangers Vol. Fire Co.

2718 Mountain View Drive, Moore Township
Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

February 15 & 22

Bushkill Vol Fire Company
Doors open at 5:00 PM • Bingo starts at 7:00 PM



Music Helps to Make Life Better

By Kathleen McFall

This Sunday the entertainment industry will celebrate music by recognizing the outstanding recordings, compositions and artists of the past year at the 59th Annual Grammy Awards.

Whether you prefer Beethoven or Beyoncé, there is little doubt that music can have a profound effect on our lives. The type of music we listen to can say something about us and our personalities.

Music can be very beneficial. Relaxing music is soothing and can reduce stress and anxiety. If you enjoy working out, listening to music can stimulate your endurance and help you perform better. Whether you are 7 or 70, learning to play an instrument can increase your memory and boost your brainpower.

Music is one of our greatest creations - a universal language that is capable of bonding people regardless of their cultural differences.

It is a wonderful force that can draw millions of people from different parts of the world and lift them up emotionally. When words fail, sometimes the best option is music.

It can also be spiritual. Inspirational songs motivate us, touch our souls and help us find more fulfilling lives.

Jeremy Gibson, a third generation worship leader, has a passion to present God's truth through music.

Growing up in the panhandle of Florida, Gibson began writing music at a young age. He noted that "music was an organic part of my life."

As Director of Worship Arts at Calvary Baptist Church on Green Pond Road in Easton, he understands the role of music in church service and believes music is a tool that enables us to connect to God. It is not a form of worship. It is an expression that can draw us closer to God.

"Music does not have a priestly role. It is not an intermediary between God and man. Only Jesus can lead us to God, and through Him we can enter God's presence with worship and singing."

He believes that spiritual lyrics can help us understand the truth of scripture and center our hearts and minds on God.

"The gospel is the power of salvation and sanctification. I am committed to the teachings in the Bible, in particular Romans 12. We need to live a life focused on God and trusting in Him with the results."

Gibson concluded, "When writing a song, I try to reflect God's beauty."

Regardless of your specific tastes, music can create a moment or linger for a lifetime. From childhood memories to today's tunes, it can evoke our emotions and influence our thoughts and feelings.

While it may be challenging to completely explain why music affects us the way it does, it is difficult to dispute the fact that music enhances our lives.

New in the Bangor Public Library

ADULT FICTION - Death of a nurse; Pushing up daisies by M.C. Beaton; The Hamilton affair by Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman; The rising by Heather Graham; The wedding dress by Rachel Hauck; Fatal by John Lescroart; The friends we keep by Susan Mallery.

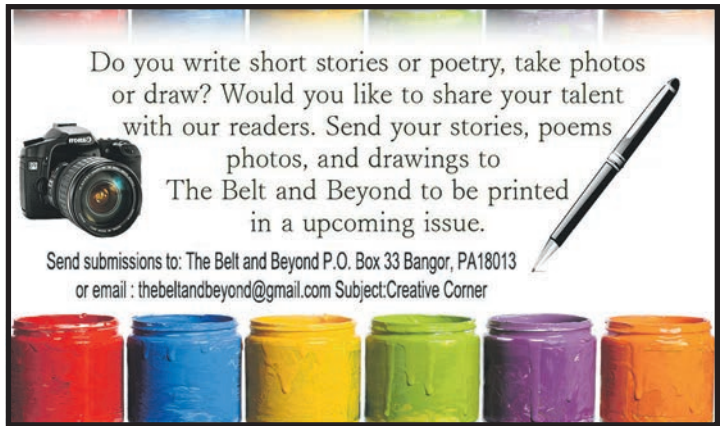
ADULT NON FICTION - Judgemental maps by Trent Gillaspie.

JUNIOR FICTION - Nanobots for dinner by David Filmore; Caveboy Dave: more scrawny than brawny by Aaron Reynolds.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION - Every last breath; Stone cold touch; White hot kiss by Jennifer Armentrout; The midnight star by Marie Lu; Carve the mark by Veronica Roth.

EASY FICTION - Dragons love tacos by Adam Rubin.

DVDS - Finding Dory; The girl on the train; Miss Peregrines home for peculiar children.



The Music in My Ears

by Brian Potopowitz

The first sensation that came back to me was sound. It was soft at first but then increased in volume until I could hear everything around me. I could hear the creaking of the trees in the slight breeze and the rustle of the leaves. Insects buzzed as they made their way passed me and went on their way. Twigs cracked from creatures on the ground and birds made many different chirps and whistles high above.

Next was smell. I breathed in deeply and the air was crisp. There was a hint of decay but also the sweet smell of flowers which I loved because it reminded me of home.

Last was feeling. I could feel the warm ground beneath me and the cool air around me. My legs and feet were sore and I was a little hungry.

I wasn't sleepy anymore so I opened my eyes.

I was in the forest with tall trees all around. Shadows danced about and flickered off tree trunks and bushes, over rocks and leaves. I could see the birds in the trees and a small animal moved close to me on the ground but I didn't know what it was.

I was confused.

It seemed that I always knew where to go to get home but now I didn't and I didn't understand why. I was lost and I had been looking but I couldn't find it. I was in a place that I did not know and I couldn't find my way and it made me scared. My heart began to race and just then I heard the music in my ears.

I loved the music. I had heard it in my ears for as long as I could remember. It was wonderful and it soothed me and I could feel my heart beat slowing down as a feeling of calm came over me.

I felt better so I slowly and carefully got to my feet.

"Home Steph."

There it was again. I had been trying to find my way home but I didn't know which way to go.

"Home Steph."

I wanted to run but I knew that I could not so I started walking. Straight ahead, making my way through the forest and thinking of which way I should go. Now I had to concentrate and it was very difficult because I never had to do it before.

The music had stopped and I felt lonely as I walked. I enjoyed walking in the woods and did it often but it was different now. I just wanted to find home. I needed to find home.

As I made my way around trees and bushes and rocks I thought that when I was leaving home I went down hill so, maybe, if I went up hill I would find it. So I went up hill. Any time I was faced with a decision to turn one way or the other I chose the way that took me up hill.

I don't know how long I had walked but the light had increased and it was much warmer. Insects would bite and sting me and it hurt so I would swat at them. I was getting very hungry and also thirsty because I couldn't find any water either. My body told me to rest but I could not, I needed to find home. I was scared.

See Part II in the Feb. 23rd issue

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Fun & Games - Mondays, 10:00am
Penny Card Bingo - Everyday 8:30am
Bonus Bingo - Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00am
Penny Bingo - Wednesday, 10:00am
Moravian College Student Nurses, Thursdays, 9:00pm

FEBRUARY EVENTS:
Council Meeting, February 9, 10:00am
Valentine's Day Meal - Tuesday, February 14th
IN-SERVICE with Nurse Lisa - Wednesday, February 15th, noon
PRESIDENTS' DAY CENTER CLOSED - Monday, February 20th
Tonya & Marge Entertainment - Tuesday, February 21st, noon
IN.SERVICE: Diabetes Awareness - Monday, February 27th - 10:00am

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Pray for our Nation,
Lucas Fox, Bob Crouse & Tina Due

If you would like to add a name of a loved one, friend or neighbor to the prayer list please send their name to:
The Belt and Beyond P. O. Box 33 Bangor PA. 18013
Attn: Prayer list or email us at thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com
Subject: Prayer List

Slate Belt Senior Center
Blue Valley Farm Show Complex, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor Ph 610-588-1224. Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm. For Meal Reservations please call by **10:00am, 1 day prior before the meal. Lunch is served at 11:30am. We are looking for volunteers to help plan/set up for parties & special events.**

Morning Stretch, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30am
Crafts, Tuesdays, 9:00am
Zumba Gold, Tuesdays, 10:00am
Brush Away with Senior Artists, Wednesdays, 8:00-11:00am
Afternoon with the Arts, Thursdays, 12:15pm
Crafts with Bev, Thursday, February 16th, 10:00am
Tax Preparation by AARP, Fridays, 8:00 A.M.-2:00pm. (MUST call 484-541-0198 for appointment)
Pool Tables are available every morning & Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons

FEBRUARY EVENTS
Oscar Name That Tune, Thursday, February 9, 10:00am
Farkle, Thursday, February 9, 12:15pm
Valentine Meal, Friday, February 10
MUSIC WITH BILL REESE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 12:30pm
AARP Meeting, Monday, February 13, 12:30pm.
BINGO, February 14th, 21st, 22nd & 27th
Bingo & pick your own#, Wednesday, February 15th. 2:00pm
Council Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 9:00am
Events Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 12:30pm
Baseball, Friday, February 17, 10:00am
PRESIDENTS' DAY CENTER CLOSED - Monday, February 20th
Poker, Tuesday, February, 21, 12:15pm
Oscar Trivia, Thursday, February 23, 10:00am
Painting with Hen House, Tuesday, February 28, 1:00-3:00pm

Salvation Army Pen Argyl - Community Lunch Program
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00pm-1:00pm
Community Lunch Program, Thursdays after lunch senior program. Food pantry first 4 Tuesdays of the month from 10am-12pm.

Senior Center Listings

Slate Belt Senior Center
707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA (Blue Valley Farm Show Building)
610-588-1224 • Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Easton Area Lifestyle Campus
3201 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA
610-829-3201 • Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Nazareth: The Border House
15 South Wood Street, Nazareth, PA.
610-759-8255 • Hours: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

"Seek to learn constantly while you live; do not wait in the faith that old age by itself will bring you wisdom."
-Solon

Bangor Wrestling Seniors

The Bangor Boys Varsity Wrestling team recognized their senior wrestlers and cheerleaders on January 24th at their match against Pen Argyl. The Slaters won the match 47-23.



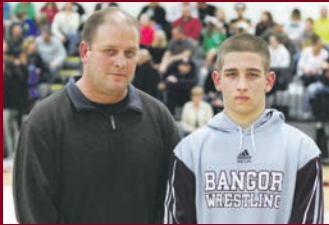
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Coach Rick Thompson



Hailey Docherty and parents Patrick and Danielle



Captain, Jesse Rocco Jr. and father Jesse



Gaelen Happel and parents Kelly and Wendy



Blake McNew and parents Art and Kathy



Brian Gembariski and parents Joe and Nancy



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Terrance Lee Higgins III and parents Rachel and Terrence



Mike Bocco II and mother Dina



Cheering Capt. Ashley Kessler and parents Valerie and Rich



Dylan Benton and parents Kevin and Lori Benton



Trysten Vincent and parent Carlos Rodriguez



David Pagotto and father Robert Pagotto

Bangor Boys Varsity Basketball Senior Night

Bangor Boys Varsity Basketball team observed senior night on February 2nd during their game against Notre Dame Green Pond. The Slaters took the win 66-44.

photos by Lynn Cistone



Reece Jones and parents Mike and Nadine Jones



Seth Benton and parents Kevin and Lori Benton



Anthony Schiavone and parents Mark and Michelle Schiavone



Colton Holland and parents Bron and Kerry Holland



Skye Hunter and parents Kristin and Phil Judd



Brittney Nystrand and parents Tammy and Randy Nystrand



Jaiden Capozzolo parents Jeannine and Joseph Capozzolo



Emily Short, parents Billie Jo and James Short



#33 Tim Brunstetter and parents Laurie and Tim Sr.



Pen Argyl Boys Basketball Seniors

Pen Argyl Boys Basketball Senior Night

The Pen Argyl Boys Basketball team honored their senior players, cheerleaders and managers on January 31st. The Green Knights played Northwestern Lehigh taking the win with a final score of Pen Argyl 53-Northwestern Lehigh 50. Photos by Nick Pulsinelli



Manager Sophia Cesare and mother Linda Cesare



#10 Cleary-Kojo, Jawara & #5 Shomari Cleary-Kojo, w/mother Georgiana Cleary and Grand mother Rosemary



#52 Austin Compano and parents Sheila and Michael



Manager Kasey Hanlon and parents Patrick and Shannon



#2 Benjamin Hicks and parents Robert and Jill



#15 Max Kuklia and parents Mark and Maria



#20 Joshua Messerschmidt and parents Jamie and Wendy



#42 Connor Robicheau and parents Lloyd and Donna



#21 Trey Sampson and parents Sue and Eric



#3 Christian Scott and parents Jarrett and Keri



23 Adam Strouse and parent James and April



#24 Tanner Barr and parents Dave and Julie

Pen Argyl Green Knights Girls Basketball Senior Recognition Night

The Pen Argyl Girls Basketball team recognized their senior players and cheerleaders on February 2nd at their game against Saucon Valley. The game went into overtime and the lady Green Knights claimed their first win of the season. Final Score Pen Argyl 30 Saucon Valley 27 Photos by Nick Pulsinelli



Asst. Coach, Elizabeth Hinehine Sarah Campbell, Sarah Sampson, Head Coach Bill Schankel, Asst. Coach Danielle Hinehine, back Asst. Coach Donald Kaiser.



Senior Cheerleaders and coaches L to R: Head Coach Erin DeBoer, Kiara Thomas, Mackenzie Shafer, Savannah Shannon, Asst. Coach Amy Levan.



Sarah Sampson and parents Susan and Eric Sampson



Tiffany Thomas and parents Kiara and Philip Thomas



Sarah Campbell and parents Bridget and Hank Campbell



Carrie Rush and parents Savannah and Edward Shannon



Mackenzie Shafer and parents Ryan and Nicole Shafer



#30 Megan Lilly takes the ball down the court.

Bangor Girls Varsity Basketball

The Bangor lady Slater's played host to the Wilson Warriors on January 25th. It was "Pink Night". The lady Slater's won the game final score 49-32

Photos by Lynn Cistone



Bangor and Wilson Girls Basketball teams and coaches pose for a photo during their "Pink Night" game.

Bangor's Reece Jones Scores 1,000th Point



Bangor senior #4 Reece Jones scored his 1,000th career point during the game against Moravian Academy. Bangor won 75-44.

Photo by Lynn Cistone



Bangor's #32 junior Jaclyn Hess



Bangor's #22 sophomore Emily LaBar shoots the ball.



#15 freshmen, Morgan Karasek, takes the ball down the court.



Bangor player #5 junior, Verence Mendez, reaches for the basketball.



Bangor senior #14 Nicole Robinson takes the ball past a Wilson player.



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A Dog's Resolution:
 I will not chase that stick
 unless I actually see it leave
 his hand.
 ~Unknown

February 23rd is National Dog Biscuit Day
 How to Make Homemade Dog Biscuits:
You will need:
 2 1/2 Cups Flour (white or wheat) 1 Chicken or Beef Bouillon Cube
 1 tsp. Salt 1/2 Cup Hot Water
 1 Egg Baking Sheet & Cookie Cutter

Instructions:

- **Step 1:** Pre heat oven to 350°. Place 1/2 cup of water into a microwavable bowl and heat it until water is almost boiling. Then drop your bouillon cube into water to dissolve.
- **Step 2:** Now throw all the ingredients into a mixing bowl and begin to stir until everything is combined. Mix all the ingredients together. Stir until everything is combined.
- **Step 3:** Sprinkle some flour onto your work surface and begin to roll out the dough. Then grab your cookie cutter and start cutting out your dog biscuits. Sprinkle a good amount of flour on your work surface and your hands. Place the biscuit dough onto the floured board. Use a rolling pin to spread out the dough. Grab your cookie cutter and start cutting! It helped us to dip the cutter in some flour to prevent the dough from sticking to the cutter. Continue to cut your bones, alternating the placement of the cutter to get the most out of your dough.
- **Step 4:** Place the dog biscuits on the cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 30 minutes!



**A.W.S.O.M. Hosts
 Go Jump in a Lake Event
 with Gary in the Morning**

A.W.S.O.M. Animal Welfare Society of Monroe hosted Go Jump in a Lake with Pocono 96.7FM radio personality Gary in the Morning, who took the plunge to support the AWSOM animal shelter. The event was held on Saturday, January 28th at Memorytown USA, Mount Pocono PA.

Volunteers from Northeast Search and Rescue were on hand to safeguard the activities.

Photos courtesy of John Auer

 Ann Bouchard



 Michele and Kevin Cooney

 96.7FM Gary in the Morning and Rich Homar.

Season of Love

Courtesy of Leck Veterinary Hospital

Winter is in full swing, so it's always nice to warm things up with tokens of love and appreciation when Valentine's Day comes around. The traditional chocolate and flowers are my favorite! But it's also a good time for a reminder to put those goodies safely out of reach of both dogs and cats.

The fat and sugar in chocolate can cause an upset stomach and this is what happens in most chocolate ingestion cases. However, chocolate can also be directly toxic because of a compound called theobromine. The more chocolate liquor there is in a product, the more theobromine there is. This makes baking chocolate the worst for pets, followed by semi-sweet and dark chocolate, then milk chocolate and chocolate flavored cakes and cookies. Signs of theobromine intoxication are vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors, seizures, racing heart, rhythm progressing to abnormal rhythms, and death in severe cases. If the chocolate was eaten recently, it may be possible to induce vomiting; otherwise, hospitalization and support are needed until the chocolate has worked its way out of the system. A call to the Pet Poison Helpline, ASPCA Poison Control, or to your veterinarian can help calculate the risk, and go over the treatment options should you discover an empty box of chocolates at Fido's feet.

One of the most significant dangers to our feline friends comes in the form of true lily. Plant species from the Liliaceae (Easter Lily) and the Hemerocallidaceae (Daylily) families will cause kidney failure and death in cats if ANY part of the plant is eaten. If a cat eats the equivalent of less than one leaf, it can become severely ill. They may vomit initially, then appear to be okay, but if treatment is delayed more than 18 hours, their kidneys will fail and they may die. Do not mess around with cats and lilies; make sure if you have these plants anywhere in or around your premises, your cat cannot access them. Should you suspect your cat has snacked on one, a visit to your veterinarian for blood monitoring and supportive care, is in order.

As little as 6 ounces of milk chocolate is enough to cause a moderate to severe reaction in a twenty pound dog. So remember, to share the love, but hide the chocolate and flowers!

Happy Valentine's Day!

BAGS & BARKS BINGO

A Bags and Bark Bingo will be held on **Sunday, March 19th 12:00pm to 5:00pm**, Ridgecrest at Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Proceeds to benefit Boomer's Angels Rescue & Care (501C3). Each winner will receive a Coach handbag. A luncheon will be held from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm this will be an additional cost. Doors open at 1:00 pm and the Bingo will begin at 1:30 pm and end at 4:00pm. Advance tickets can be purchased through the website. www.boomersangels.com Tickets will also be available at the door. You must be 18 or older to play Bingo.

Attention Dog Owners

Obtaining a license for your dog is the right thing to do...and it's the law. In Pennsylvania, all dogs three months and older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog. The fee for an annual dog license is \$6.50, or \$8.50 if the animal is not spayed or neutered. Lifetime licenses are available for dogs that have permanent identification such as a microchip or tattoo. Older adults and persons with disabilities may be eligible for discounts.

For more information and to find out how easy it is to purchase your dog license, please visit <http://www.licenseyourdogpa.pa.gov/>

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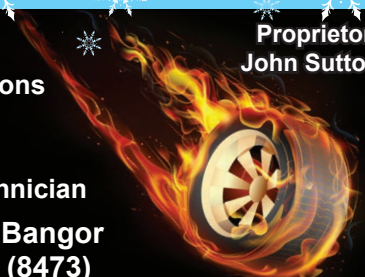
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(BPT) - Preparing your car for harsh winter temperatures before they strike is a great way to ensure your vehicle will be able to handle the year's coldest months. Both new and old cars need maintenance during this season. Following the car care tips below will help to keep your vehicle running at its peak from now until spring.



• **Check the tires:** Snow, sleet and slippery roads mean you will rely on your tires during the winter more than any other time of the year - so make sure they are up to the task. Check your tires for correct cold weather air pressure and have them rotated. Inspect the condition of your tire's tread. This can be achieved by performing a simple test, place a penny on its edge in the tread groove with Abraham Lincoln upside down. If you see the top of Lincoln's head, your tire treads are worn down and you should replace your tires. This same test should be done in several tread grooves across the tire.

• **Clean your fuel injector:** When the temperature reaches its lowest, you want to know your engine will still operate efficiently. Royal Purple's Max-Atomizer is the most concentrated fuel injector cleaner on the market. Using it in your vehicle can improve your car's fuel efficiency, power, throttle response and emissions. It also helps your car start quickly, idle smoothly and operate in winter's coldest weather.

• **Check your fluid levels:** Check your brake, coolant, power steering, transmission fluids and windshield washer fluid levels regularly during the winter months. Clear visibility is imperative during the winter months, and windshield fluid can be heavily used. It is a good idea to have a bottle in your trunk to ensure safe driving conditions.

• **Clean the air filter:** The winter season sees the roadways littered with debris that can get caught in your vehicle's air filter. The air filter can be easily inspected and cleaned or replaced if necessary. Doing so will help your car run more efficiently and may even prevent larger problems from occurring in the future.

• **Prepare a winter survival kit:** Even the best planning can't prevent a winter accident. If you find yourself stranded on the side of the road, a winter survival kit could be invaluable. Your kit should include an ice scraper, de-icing liquid, hand warmers, a granola bar or two, bottled water and cat litter, which can provide traction for your tires if you get stuck. It is also a good idea to store your phone in the glove box or center console when driving. This way, if you do spin out, you'll be able to find your phone afterward.

• **Take your vehicle in for a tune-up:** Some winter car maintenance tasks may be outside of your expertise, so it is a good idea to bring your car in for a winter check-up. Your regularly scheduled oil change is the perfect opportunity for your mechanic to do a more detailed inspection of your vehicle. Come prepared with any questions or concerns so your mechanic knows what to look for.

The winter driving season can be nerve-wracking, but if you apply the tips above, you can rest assured that your vehicle is prepared for whatever the season throws at you.

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Family Night: Snowshoe Night Hike - Friday, February 17, 6:30-8:00 PM

Explore Jacobsburg at night! We will learn about what animals might be found in the evening and how they survive cold winter nights. Then we'll put on warm layers and snowshoes to go outside and experience a snowy winter night. Snowshoes and trekking poles will be provided. If we don't get any snow then we will hike in our boots. The hike will be about half a mile. Wear waterproof boots and dress for the weather. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. Registration is required. You will be asked to specify your age and weight range when registering to determine what size snowshoe you will need. If you plan to bring your own snowshoes note that on your registration so we can offer the

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Tracking with Snowshoes -

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 AM – 12 noon

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Winter Plant Hike - Saturday, February 25, 10:00 AM-12 noon

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You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

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First United Evangelical

25 South 2nd Street, Bangor
Sun.: Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
Worship at 10:30 AM
Wed. Eve.: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7 PM
Pastor Ronald Shipman, (610)-588-3226

First United Methodist Church

55 North Third Street, Bangor
8:30 AM Contemporary Service, 8:50 AM Junior Church,
9:50 AM Sunday School for all ages, 11 AM Traditional
Service, 11:15 AM Junior Church
Rev. Navin Satyavrata, (610) 588-4673
www.firstumcbangor.com

Faith Family Fellowship

1002 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth
Sundays: 10 AM Worship Service with fellowship time
to follow
Pastor Robert Hampton, 484-408-9624

Flicksville United Church of Christ

1337 Lower South Main Street, Bangor, PA 18013
610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.org
Sunday School 9:30a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45a.m.
Service will include local musical talent

First United Methodist

19 West & Water Street, Wind Gap
8:45 AM Sunday School
10 AM Worship/Communion
11 AM Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month
Pastor Bruny Martinez (717) 940-3090

God's Missionary Church of Northampton

4965 Nort Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton
9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM & 7 PM Service
6:30 PM Youth Service
Wednesdays-Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM
Rev. Rodney Keister, (610) 262-4412
www.GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

404 Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10 AM Blended Service, Sunday School
Rev. John T. Pfeil, (610) 863-4811

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Sundays
6:30 PM Vespers Saturday
(570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org

Hopesprings Community of Faith

301 Market Street, Bangor
10:15 AM Coffee served, Meeting times are 9:30 AM
and 11:00 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

22nd & Cherry Street, Wind Gap
Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday school 9:15 AM and
communion first Sunday of the month.
Pastor Rev. Dean D. Frey, (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church

396 Sterling Road Unit D, Tobyhanna
Thursday: 6-7 PM Christian Education, Sunday:
9:15 AM Christian Education, 10:30 AM Worship
Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters
(570) 350-4710 or (570) 629-5581
livingwaterscc@aol.com



Arsha Vidya Pitham (Institute for Study of Vedanta, Yoga and Meditation)

651, Route 115, Saylorsburg www.arshavidya.org

Mount Bethel Church

1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt. Bethel
Pastor Chris Priestaf, (570) 897-7142
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
mouteatonchurch.org

Nazareth Moravian Church

4 South Main Street, Nazareth
Sundays - 8:15 Worship; 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship
Wednesdays-6:00pm Weight Watchers:
7:00pm Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30pm Bell Choir; 7:15pm Senior Choir
Feb 10 - Ham Dinner 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Feb 11 - 7:05PM Family Night at the Phantoms Hockey
Feb 12 - 5 :30pm Confirmation; 7:00pm Inquirers Class
Feb 13 & 27 - 9:30am Women's Bible Study
Feb 14- 7:00PM Elders
Feb 18 - Loaves & Fishes Lunch
Feb 19 - SOUP SALES - Joyful Noise Offering; 4:00PM Banquet of Song
Feb 20 - 7:00PM Property Comm
Feb 21 - 6:30PM Outreach Comm; 7:00PM Trustees
Feb 26 - Noon - Church Council; 5:30 Confirmation
Feb 28 - 7:00PM Human Resources
(610) 759-3163, nazarethmoravian.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street, Bangor
4 PM Saturday, 8:30 AM Sunday
Pastor Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445

Portland Baptist Church

601 Delaware Avenue, Portland
9 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Fellowship, 10:20 AM Worship,
6-7:30 PM AWANA Youth Group/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study,
Handicap accessible
(570) 897-6866, www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor
Every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 5:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion
Sundays: 9:45 AM Worship & Communion
Rev. Michael J. Scholtes, (610) 588-2355
www.popbangor.org

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto

Sunday 10:45 AM Worship Service
Rev. Albert Martin, (610) 588-4864
www.presbyparishbangorroseto.webs.com

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)
Choir Rehearsal: Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship House
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

Richmond United Methodist Church

8538 Delaware Drive (Route 611), Bangor
One Sunday Service at 10:00 AM
Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Children's Sunday School at 10:00 AM
Pastor Ed Van Arsdale
(610) 588-7317 www.richmondumc.com

Refiner's Fire Ministry

100 Division Street, Portland
Sundays: Prayer 9:15 am Worship 10:00 am
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm
Friday Night Redemption (Christ-centered, 12 step meeting) 8:00pm
Pastors Phil and Jessica Karasiewicz
570-583-3101
refinersfireministry2006@gmail.com

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist Church

1620 Church Road, Pen Argyl
Every Tuesday: Mixed Martial Arts/Self Defense 7-8:15 PM, Aerobics 7-8 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided)
Adult Bible study is at 4:30, AWANA is at 5:30
Pastor Scott J. Davis, (610) 863-9274

The Roseto Independent Presbyterian Church

210 Garibaldi Avenue, Roseto
9:15 AM Greeting, 9:30 AM Service
Rev. Barry Eng, (610) 599-9949
www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org

Salem UCC

2218 Community Drive Bath PA 18014
Worship 8:00 AM; Sunday School, Confirmation Class,
Junior Choir 9:00 AM; Worship 10:15 AM
Sundays Cub Pack 50 1:00 PM
First & Third Mon. of the month Pinochle Club 11 AM-2:30 PM
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 Donald Brown, (610) 759-1652
www.salemuccbathpa.org

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church

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

St. 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 Belfast

471 Belfast Road, Nazareth (Belfast)
9:00 AM Worship - beginning the week of June 13th
1st Sunday of month Holy Communion
Pastor Rev. Frank Gassler, (610) 759-0244
www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal

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

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

1422 Church Road, Pen Argyl
11 AM Bible Study, 7 PM Praise Band,
6 PM Youth Choir, 7:30 PM Adult Choir,
8 AM & 10:15 AM Services, 9 AM Sunday School
(610) 863-6859

St. Peter's UCC

401 Broad Street, Tatamy
10:00 AM worship all year
10:00 AM Sunday school Sept.-May.
Interim Pastor, Darlene Blocker, (610) 252-6515

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic

Delaware Avenue, Portland
6 PM Saturday, 10:30 AM Sunday
Rev. Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445

The Salvation Army

301 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072
610-863-6677

Sundays: 10 AM Sunday School, Sunday services every Sunday from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Tuesdays: Food Bank 10 AM-12 PM

Wednesdays: Knitting & Crocheting 10 AM-12 PM

Thurs: 10:30-11:30 AM Home League Women's group.

Free Lunch for Seniors: Tues.-Thurs. 12 PM

The Pentecostal Christian Church

the Truth (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Avenue, Pen Argyl
12 PM Sunday School (Escuela Dominical)
1 PM Praise & Worship (Cuho Evangelistico)
All invited to Bilingual Services
Rev. Frank Pons, (570) 807-7794

Temple Israel of the Poconos

Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue
711 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg
Sabbath Services: Friday 7 PM followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat
Saturday 9:30 AM followed by a traditional Kiddush. Services conducted in both Hebrew & English in a warm, welcoming, Jewish environment.
Hebrew School for ages 4-13
Dr. Sandra Alfonsi, 570-223-7062

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

404 Broadway, Bangor
Sunday School 9am
Worship 10:15am
Pastor Laine, 610-588-2023
www.tlcbangor.com

Trinity United Church of Christ

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

Zion Presbyterian Church

Water Street, Wind Gap
9:30 AM Service, Children's Sunday School during service. Visitors are welcomed!
Rev. Sam Huffard

MT BETHEL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



CRAFT SHOWS

APRIL 1, & NOVEMBER 25, 2017

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

\$20 For an 8 FT Table

\$15 for Each Additional Space

For Information Call

Kris Vanderpool 610-392-7975

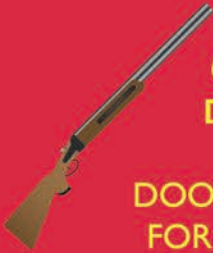
2017 GUN SHOW DATES

APRIL 23RD

JULY 16TH

OCTOBER 8TH

DECEMBER 3RD



DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM
FOR PUBLIC ADMISSION
ADMISSION PRICE \$5.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE
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REDBALL MILITARY TRANSPORT CLUB

WINTER SWAP MEET

MILITARIA and MV PARTS

MARCH 3, 2018

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET AND RAFFLE MARCH 25, 2017

DOORS OPEN 4:00 PM

BUFFET DINNER 6:00 PM

30 RAFFLE PRIZES WORTH OVER \$4,000

TICKETS \$50 EACH

For Information and Tickets call

Barry Leck 570-897-0586

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MAY 20, 2017

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GERMAN STYLE PIG ROAST

4:00-8:00 PM DOORS OPEN 3:00 PM

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Harry Nasatka 610-588-7538

OCTOBERFEST DANCE

OCTOBER 21, 2017

W/WALT GROLLER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

GERMAN STYLE PIG ROAST

4:00-8:00 PM DOORS OPEN 3:00 PM

TICKETS \$40 EACH INCLUDES OPEN BAR

For Tickets and Information call

Harry Nasatka 610-588-7538



www.mountbethelfire.com