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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Area High School Bands Pops Concert

The Bangor Area High School Pops Concert will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 7:30PM** at the Performing Arts Theatre, 187 Five Points Richmond Rd., Bangor, PA.

Jim Thorpe Winterfest

Jim Thorpe Winterfest will be held **Friday, February 16, thru Sunday, February 18**, in beautiful downtown Jim Thorpe. For more information visit www.jimthorpe.org

BASD to Host PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & Orchestra Fest

Bangor Area High School will host the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & Orchestra Fest **Friday, February 16, 7:00PM**. 200 band and orchestra students from 33 schools throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill counties were nominated and have been selected to participate in these ensembles. Concert is open to the public, will be held at Bangor Area High School Performing Arts Theater, 187 5 Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. Tickets on sale the day of event at **6:00PM**.

Waste Management's Grand Central Environmental Education Center Winter Bird Walk

The annual winter bird watch is back! Bundle up, bring your cameras and binoculars, it's Gull season! We will be walking uphill. Sturdy footing is necessary. The walk will take place on **Saturday, February 17**, promptly from **11:00AM to 12:00PM**. This event is weather dependent. If bad weather is forecasted, we will reschedule. Please watch our page for updates. Please RSVP via private message or by emailing Adrienne at afors1@wm.com

First United Methodist Church of Bangor Soup Cook Off Fundraiser

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor will hold a Soup Cook Off Fundraiser for their 2024 Backpack Program on **Saturday, February 17, from 12:00PM-3:00PM**. You be the judge, as local fire companies compete. Winner will be determined by the soup who has the most money, (Cash ONLY). Come out and support this great fundraiser to help children in our area. First United Methodist Church Bangor, 55 N. 3rd Street, Bangor, PA. Please use the alley door. FMI contact: CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com

Plainfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

Plainfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, February 18, 1:00PM-6:00PM** at the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA.

See ad page 3 for details

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, February 18**. 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl. See ad page 3 for details

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Look for our next issue on

February 29, 2024

Deadline for all ad copy and news

Friday, February 23, 2024

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Stroudsburg WinterFest

WinterFest in Downtown Stroudsburg will be held, **Saturday, February 17, 11:00AM to 4:00PM**. FMI visit: www.visitdowntownstroudsburg.com/events

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Monthly Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, February 18 beginning at 3:00PM**. The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

McMichaels UMC Donation Only Breakfast

There will be a donation only breakfast on the second **Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 10:00AM**. A complete breakfast is served including beverages. Everyone is invited. Bring your family and enjoy a hot breakfast. Takeout is available. McMichael's Church is located 104 White Church Rd., (on the corner of Rte. 715 and White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center Blood Drive at Waste Management

Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, February 20, 8:30AM - 2:00PM** at Waste Management, 910 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA to schedule an appointment visit: https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/86881 or contact Adrienne at afors1@wm.com

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, February 24, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Clothing Give Away

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host a clothing give away on **Saturday February 24, 10:00AM to 1:00PM**. Donated clothing and other items will be available. Please bring bags for your treasures. Prince of Peace Church is located at 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA.

First United Methodist Church Bangor Monthly Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church Bangor hosts a community luncheon the 4th Sunday of every month. The next luncheon will be held on **Sunday, February 25, at 12:30PM**. The church is located at 55 N. 3rd St., Bangor. Use the lower entrance on the alley on the left of the church. Questions? Call 610-588-HOPE (4673).

Upcoming Events continued on page 4

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 19, 2024

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

Harry S. Truman

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

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Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:30am-12:30pm

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Pre-Sale Tickets \$30 - Tickets at the door \$35
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jackpot-bingo-at-plainfield-township-vol-fire-co-tickets-799008474857>

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Grace UMC Craft Show & Bake Sale

Grace United Methodist Church will hold a Craft Show & Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 9, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**. Church is located at 404 E. Mountain Ave. Pen Argyl. FMI contact For more information contact Patti at 484-695-5754 or church office at 610-863-4811.

McMichaels UMC Soup & Bake Sale

A Soup and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 11:00AM to 2:00PM**. A large variety of delicious homemade soups will be sold by quarts and pints. Variety of desserts sold by the piece or whole. McMichael's Church is located 104 White Church Rd., (on the corner of Rte. 715 and White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA.

Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

The Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, March 10. Doors Open 10:00AM Bingo starts at 1:00PM**. 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, PA. 18064. Pre- sale tickets on Wed. nights at the firehouse 4:00-10:00PM or call Joy 610-739 -8111

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 10, 11:00AM to 4:30PM, 1860 W. Bangor Rd., Washington Township. Dine-in or Take-out, Advance ticket ONLY. FMI call Jim Rose 610-533-9974 or Joe DeFranco 610-751-2330.

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Aux. Monthly Soup Night

Monthly Soup Nite On **Thursday, March 14, 2024** and the second Thursday of every month thereafter at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two 8 varieties of homemade soups will be available by the quart Take-Out only.

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Sportsman's Banquet

The Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. will hold their Sportsman Banquet on **Saturday, March 23, Doors open at 4:00PM Dinner at 6:00PM**. For tickets stop by the firehouse 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Monday nights 6:30PM-8:30PM or call 610-392-7818.

Hope UCC Church Spring Fling Dinner

Hope United Church of Christ, Wind Gap will hold a Spring Fling Dinner on **Saturday, March 23, 3:00PM to 6:00PM** Eat In or Take out. Church is located at 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap, PA. [See ad page 5 for details](#)

PIAC 45th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

The Pocono Irish American Club's 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 24**. Step-off time will be **1:15PM** from Stroudsburg High School. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's parade can find the rules, regulations and application form at https://www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/parade-participant-sign-up.html?fbclid=IwAR0-4Fvlq0e-5fLx4zf-TFuK49NVrAhpPDp-KTJVcsQPQvJW3xrpypxwz#

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary 29th Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 29th Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show on **Saturday April 20** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. 18341.

Engagement

Adams - Padula

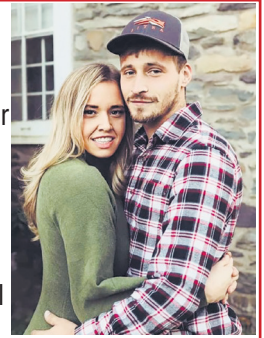
Vanessa Adams and Gage Padula are happy to announce their engagement. Gage proposed to Vanessa on December 25, 2023.

Vanessa is the daughter of George Adams of Kunkletown and Wanda Dotta of Belfast, PA.

Vanessa graduated from Pen Argyl Area High School and works at Inter-Coastal Trucking in Bangor, PA.

Gage is the son of Tammy Padula of Easton, PA and Joseph Padula, of Bath, PA. Gage graduated from Bangor Area High School and works at MWM Land Management Company in Bangor, PA.

The wedding is planned for September 27, 2025.



Engaged, Married, New Baby

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Slater Family Network Collecting Snacks for Backpack Buddies

During the **month of February** Slater Family Network will be collecting healthy snacks for their Backpack Buddy program. Donations of healthy snacks can be dropped off at the Slater Family Network office, 187 5 Points Richmond Road, Bangor.

For more information call 610-599-7019.



Marine Corps League Meeting

The Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League will meet **Saturday March 2, at 11a.m.** at 1621 Lehigh Street, Easton PA. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains welcome. Contact Jon Mitzak 908-235-7017 or email jvmitzak@gmail.com. Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298. Website: norcomcl.org

Event listings are Free to all Non-Profit organizations. Event listings include event, date, time, location and contact information ONLY. Email your event to thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 33 Bangor, PA. 18013 Contact us for Non-Profit display advertising rates.

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33 Days



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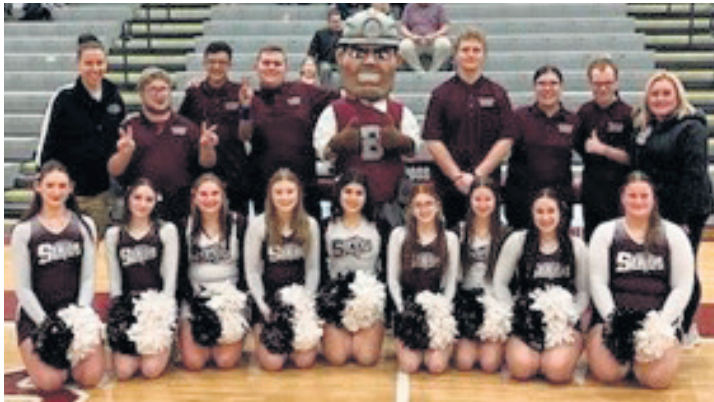
For tickets call: 610-703-8182 or purchase Friday night at the door.

Bangor Area School District Hosts First Bocce Match

The Bangor Area School District hosted its first ever Bocce match, on January 30, 2024.

Mr. Stephan Panczer, Director of Athletics, and Mr. Scot Engler, Director of Special Education, led this new partnership through Special Olympics Unified Sports. Slater Cheerleaders, students, staff, parents, and community members came together at the William Pensyl Gymnasium to cheer on all of the student athletes who split frame wins with East Stroudsburg SD 1-1!

See more Bocce photos on page 13



Pictured Front Row- Alyssa Luckadoo, Arianna Pongracz, Rachael Curley, Hailey Howell, Maria Leszkowicz, Ariana Puga, Josalyn Compton, Hilary Goff, and Sydney Sandt) (Back Row – Coach Walters, Austin Snow, Santiago Rueda, Samuel Campbell, Slater Mascot-Jonathan Fukushima, Parker Sandt, Allison Manicke, Devin Howell, and Ms. Reimel)

Bangor Women's Club



Members of the Bangor Women's Club joined together to make 108 Valentines for the Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. L-R Bonnie Due, Clare Osmun, June Hess, Betty Josephson, Barbara LaBar, Yvonne Humphreys, not pictured June Jones & Heidi Bates.

Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2024

Pen Argyl Area High School will be holding their annual Mini-THON® that raises money for Four Diamonds, an organization that supports pediatric cancer patients and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative pediatric cancer research at the Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Four Diamonds Mini-THON® is a K-12 program for students to be empowered as leaders in the fight to conquer childhood cancer. Students gain work ready skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, while promoting teamwork, creativity and spirit within their schools.

Mini-THONs are modeled after the Penn State IFC/ Panhellenic no-sitting, no-sleeping 46-hour Dance Marathon, or THON, the world's largest student-run philanthropy. Since 1993, Mini-THON® has raised more than \$64 million. The funds are used to drive the discovery of new and improved treatments and cures for childhood cancer to help kids around the world. Four Diamonds also supports families by covering all medical expenses not paid for by insurance for every eligible child, regardless of income.

2024 marks Pen Argyl's 10th Mini-THON, and they have raised over \$270,000 in total. They have hosted many fundraisers such as canning at sporting events, flocking, bake sales, paint nights, and of course a student favorite - stall day. Their goal this year is to raise \$35,000 and we can't do that without the help and support of local businesses, community members, and our students. Together as one, we are conquering childhood cancer. This year's Mini-THON, themed "A Knight in Hollywood," will be held on **February 24, 2024 from 10:00AM to 10:00PM**. During the day, students will dance, play games, and fundraise to meet the goal. The community is invited to join during the last hour from **9:00PM to 10:00PM** to take part in a luminary walk to honor and remember loved ones who have battled cancer and watch as they reveal how much they have raised to conquer pediatric cancer.

This event is being held and run by Pen Argyl's Mini-THON student leadership team who has spent all year planning and organizing this event. They would like to extend a big thank you to all of the sponsors who make this event possible. A special thank you to Mike Kresch and Gruvin Enterprises for their continued support, time, and dedication to our event.

Please help us reach our goal by visiting our fundraising page: PAHS Mini-THON 2024
<https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=4018>

Weona Park Pool Pals March Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held **Monday, March 4, at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donations can be made on the website www.weonapool.wixsite.com/ website or by mail. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

Bangor Women's Club Festival of Arts Winners

The Bangor Women's Club Festival of Arts judging was held on January 16. Judges were Jim and Angeline Gloria.

Division winners: Art: Division 1 - 1st place **Bryan Simon** "Yoshi Boat",

Division 4 -1st **Madelyn Eldridge** "Portrait", 2nd **Mia Correll** "Landscape", 3rd. **Mark Vidal** "Candle of Life"

Photography High School: 1st place Color Scenic **Isaac Martin** " Shawnee Ski Resort", 1st living Things, 1st

Daniel Smith "Life of a Leaf", Still Life Color **Raegan Toomey** "Sport Shoes on a Hockey Field" 1st place Still

Life, Black and White, **Aiden Werkheiser** "Born Free"

Crafts: **Carolyn Smith**, decorated egg, folded paper art, recycled tin can and wooden primitive angel. 1st place

photography - Reflections "Serenity Pond"
Karen Brewer and **Diane Abbot** judges for poetry and short story.

All 1st place Art and Photography will be judged at the District Level March 23rd. Winners will go on to State Judging at the GFWC Pennsylvania Convention in May. Thank you to all the school's staff and teachers for supporting our Arts Festival.



Phone Scam Involving the Northampton County Sheriff's Department

The Northampton County Sheriff's Department has received multiple reports about a male caller identifying as a Northampton County sheriff deputy who has been contacting county residents regarding repayment of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans.

The caller then gives instructions for repaying this loan at secure public kiosks that accept Bitcoin, or they will be arrested immediately due to their non-compliance.

The public should be aware that this is a scam. The Northampton County Sheriff's Department does not call residents and solicit money.

Please report any suspicious solicitations to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office at 1-800-441-2555 or email them to scams@attorneygeneral.gov

Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division 50th Anniversary & "Get Outdoors NorCo" Logo Selection Opportunity

Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division celebrate 50 years in 2024 of providing recreational and conservation initiatives to the public.

In 1975, a search for the design of the Northampton County Parks logo was first initiated, returning sixty-three individual entries. In December 1975, a student from Northampton Community College, Ms. Colleen M. Hayne of Bath, PA, was announced as the winner of the design. For nearly the past 50 years, the logo has sustained and continues to be the prominent icon.

The Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division is excited to announce the launch of a similar logo competition to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Division beginning today.

High school students are encouraged to be competitive and provide a design that will be unique but comprehensive to Northampton County Parks & Recreation. This logo will be incorporated in all 50th Anniversary planned events, marketing, and giveaways. In addition, the Division is promoting a new "Get Outdoors NorCo" that will promote all of its upcoming and future free public events and programs.

"Our youth were essential to our Division's efforts and progress over the last 50 years. With pressures from development, loss of habitat, weather changes, and continuous support to preserve, protect, and enhance our public spaces, this is an excellent opportunity for youth to help promote the County's initiatives into the future," said Bryan S. Cope, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

The submission deadline for the "50th Anniversary" and "Get Outdoors NorCo" logos is no later than **11:59 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2024**. All entries must be submitted to Emily Correll, Parks Clerical Specialist, at ecorrell@norcopa.gov.

Winners will be announced in April 2024.

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AOAM Foundation Blue Collar Scholarship

The AOAM Foundation (Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller Foundation) is now accepting applications for the Blue Collar Scholarship in loving memory of Aonghus Oakley Ames "Goose" Miller.

The scholarship is open to high school juniors attending the Career Institute of Technology (CIT) enrolled in the CAD Design or Machining and Tooling. Applicants are asked to submit a video presentation, power point, or written essay and two teacher references and high school transcript to: Aoam.foundation@gmail.com

For more information on the AOAM Foundation and the Blue Collar Scholarship please visit their website: www.aoamfoundation.org/scholarship

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW, INC.

4-H Scholarship 2024-2025

Blue Valley Farm Show 4-H Scholarship AWARDED: Two-Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$750.00) awards will be presented to two students of higher education (college, junior college, trade school or business school) as an undergraduate student who has contributed to community service either locally or in school and who has met the following criteria:

1. A member or past member of the Northampton County 4-H Club.
2. Application must be submitted to the Blue Valley Farm Show no later than February 28, 2024. No applications will be accepted after that date.
3. Applicants are required to work in the 4-H Scholarship milkshake stand. To fulfill the requirement for the scholarship each applicant must work two shifts per year starting their freshman year of High School. Past 4-H members are also required to work two shifts per year they apply for the scholarship.
4. You will be required to attend a personal interview on April 21, 2024, with no exceptions, with the judges as part of the judging process. You will be notified by mail of the date and time.
5. Recipients must agree to sign an agreement to successfully complete one semester of schooling as a full time undergraduate student or return the full scholarship award.
6. Recipients will be notified by letter prior to the presentation of the check. Time and place of presentation will be announced then.

Non-recipients will also receive a letter.

Judges will be selected from outside the Blue Valley Farm Show membership and judges who have any personal interest in an applicant for this scholarship will be disqualified.

Judges' decisions will be final.

Please submit your completed application to: Audrey Koehler, Attn: BVFS Scholarship, 5983 Koehler Road Bangor, PA 18013

Deadline for Bangor Borough New Logo Contest Extended

The Borough of Bangor will be celebrating its Sesqui-centennial, 150 years, in 2025. The Bangor Borough 150th organizing committee has announced that they are extending the deadline of the New Logo Design Contest until the end of February. The contest is open to both students and adults. The image needs to be related to some aspect of the Slate Belt's past or present, it must be an original design, and be visually clear both close up and at a distance and work in both color and monochromatic. All entries must be received by **February 29, 2024** and delivered to Bangor Borough Hall, 197 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, Pa. 18013 or sent via email to the Borough Manager at sreider@bangorborough.org.

The winning entry will be awarded a \$150.00

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Friday - 10" Italian Hoagie, 16oz soda \$9.50+tax



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- 1/4 C. olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 C. chopped fresh basil
- 1 pint of Cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 lb. bay scallops
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS:

In a large pot with boiling salted water cook pasta until al dente. Drain.

While pasta cooks, in a large skillet heat oil and garlic and cook until tender.

Add the salt and red pepper flakes, and sauté for 10 minutes.

Add chopped tomatoes, bay scallops, and fresh basil and simmer for 5 minutes, or until scallops are opaque.

Pour sauce over cooked pasta and serve with grated Parmesan cheese.

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AA Meeting - McMichaels UMC

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

McMichaels United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

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

Upcoming Events at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Full Moon Walk on Friday, February 23, 6:30PM-8:00PM. A walk for the whole family to enjoy. Join us for the opportunity to take a walk under the light of a full moon on a winter night. Dress for the weather and possibly snow covered trails. Hot Chocolate will be served at the end of the walk. You must pre-register. Call 570-629-3061 for more details.

Maple Sugaring Day Take a 90 minute tour of our Meesing sugarbush! Learn how to tap a maple tree, obtain sap and watch a demonstration of cooking sap into maple syrup! Please dress appropriately and wear proper footwear for trail walking. Pre-registration is required for this event. There are two dates available **Saturday, March 2 and Saturday, March 9.**

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is located at 8050 Running Valley Rd., Stroudsburg, PA.

Chestnuthill Township Parks and Recreation Toddler Pinecone Bird Feeder Fun

A special program designed just for littles! Bird talking, sounds, crafts and more! Join us **Wednesday, February 28th from 10:00AM-11:00AM**. Advance registration is required. Email athieling@chestnuthilltpw-pa.gov or call 570-992-7247. Please register by **February 21.**

Ross Township Historical Society

The Ross Township Historical Society will be hosting Thomas McCullough, Assistant Archivist at the Moravian Archives on **Saturday, March 9, at 1:00PM**. This presentation will provide you with information on researching your own family's history. For more information please email jjudy@ptd.net

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Area Food Banks & Food Pantries

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

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

Mission of Love Food Bank

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

Nominations for Northampton County 2024 Annual Outstanding Senior Award

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

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

Nomination forms can be found at:

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

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

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

5th Annual Northampton County Festival

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

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

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

<https://files.constantcontact.com/6d5f1902501/7d80c41a-8d28-4b67-b333-8024ac8f9f3f.pdf?rdr=true>

They must be returned by October 4, 2024.

Please contact DCED with any questions, 610-829-6309.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center March Community Programs

Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm.

Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm. Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Family Science Night: What's in a nest? Friday, March 8 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Nesting season is starting for birds in our area and no nest is the same. Learn about the different courting and nest building strategies that various types of birds use. We'll start off the evening by try to observe the amazing courtship display of the Timberdoodle. We'll meet out front of the visitor center promptly at 6:30 so that we don't miss this fleeting dusk display that many call the "sky dance"! Once it gets dark we'll head inside to examine examples of nests before attempting to make our own. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Hike for Health - Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. This monthly hiking program will repeat on April 10, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 4, and October 2 at the same time and place. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Volunteer Recruitment Event - Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm. After a chance to observe the mating flights of American woodcocks, we will gather in the center for some hot cocoa and learn the process of becoming a volunteer, reporting hours, and ways you can help the park. Registration is required.

Exploring Eclipses - Saturday, March 16 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm. On Monday April 8th portions of North America will experience a total solar eclipse and Pennsylvania is lucky enough to be in the path of totality. If you are planning to view the eclipse or are interested in learning about eclipses, join us for Exploring Eclipses to learn about the history of eclipses, what an eclipse is, how to safely view an eclipse, and what to expect on the day of the eclipse. After the program, we think you'll be even more excited for this upcoming astronomical wonder! Registration is required.

Tumbling Timberdoodles - Saturday, March 16 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The 'sky dance' or courtship display of the American Woodcock is a spectacle which has historically been known to take place at Jacobsburg each year. This program will cover some of the interesting biology of the American Woodcock followed by a quiet meander at sunset as we look and listen for these twirling courtship flights. Registration is Required.

Exploring Eclipses - Wednesday, March 20 at 10:00am to 11:00am. On Monday, April 8th portions of North America will experience a total solar eclipse and Pennsylvania is lucky enough to be in the path of totality. If you are planning to view the eclipse or are interested in learning about eclipses, join us for Exploring Eclipses to learn about the history of eclipses, what an eclipse is, how to safely view an eclipse, and what to expect on the day of the eclipse. After the program, we think you'll be even more excited for this upcoming astronomical wonder! Registration is required.

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

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Think Spring! Trout Stocking Schedules Available

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

The PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 697 streams and 129 lakes open to public angling. Stocking is set to begin the week of Feb. 19 in advance of the statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on **Saturday, March 30**, and the statewide opening day of trout season on **Saturday, April 6**.

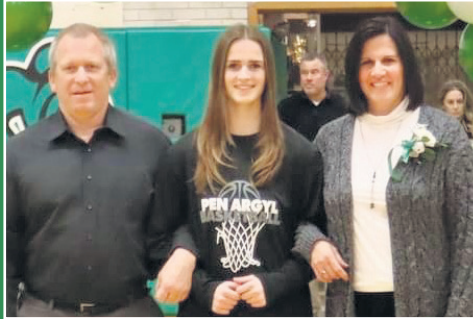
The 2024 adult trout stocking schedule is searchable by county; lists the waterways in alphabetical order; and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers and the species of trout that will be stocked at each location.

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

Pen Argyl High School Girls Basketball Senior Night & Game vs Moravian Academy

Photos by Lisa Newberry

Pen Argyl Area High School Girls Basketball team honored their senior players on January 31st at their game against Moravian Academy. Pen Argyl won 53 to 30. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



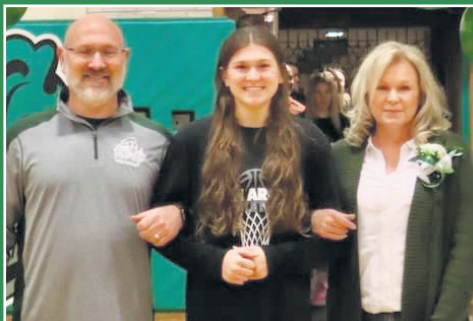
Kristen O'Brien with her parents Bill and Pam



Ellianna Wallbilich with her parents Stephanie and Chris



Macy Kotulka with her mother Julie



Julia Antonioli with her parents Bruce and Linda



Alexandra Marshall with her parents Richard and Amy



Pen Area Argyl High School Boys Basketball Senior Night and Game vs Northern Lehigh

Photos by Elliot Lorrach-Pfeifer

On January 25th, the Pen Argyl High School Boys basketball team honored their senior players at their game against Northern Lehigh. Pen Argyl won 47-45. [See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



Ethan Holland with his parents



Chase Kennedy with his parents



Dominic Dauley with his parents



Miyah Snyder with her parents



Bangor Area High School CoEd UCS Bocce Ball Team vs Salisbury High School

Photos by Lisa Newberry

On February 7th the Bangor Area High School Unified Bocce Team played Salisbury High School.

[See more photos on our Facebook page](#)



Knights of Columbus Council - Father DeNisco 3862 Free Throw Contest Championship Winners

On Friday, February 2 the Knights of Columbus Council - Father DeNisco 3862 held their Free Throw Championship at Immaculate Conception School in Pen Argyl.



The winners pictured with Scott Moyer, in their age bracket were: Frances Rowley, age 13 girls winner, Conner Beam, age 10, and Stephen Truskowski, age 9.

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Good material by Dolly Alderton; Hallowe'en party : a Hercule Poirot mystery by Agatha Christie; Wolves of winter by Dan Jones Heartsong by TJ Klune; When the moon hatched by Sarah A. Parker; Missing Persons by James Patterson; Everyone on this train is a suspect by Benjamin Stevenson.



Large Print - The Edge by David Baldacci.
Easy Readers Fiction - I love pink! by Frances Gilbert; Tooth fairy's night by Candice F. Ransom Worm and Caterpillar are friends by Kaz Windness.

Young Adult Fiction - The invocations by Krystal Sutherland; These deadly prophecies by Andrea Tang.

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

Blue Mountain Community Library Pastie Fundraiser

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

New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library

Adult Fiction – The Hike, Lucy Clarke; The Enemy at Home, Kevin O'Brien; If I Go Missing, Leslie Wolfe; Goodbye Girl, James Grippando; Unnatural Death, Patricia Cornwell; Welcome Home Stranger, Kate Christensen; The Second Chance Year, Melissa Wiesner; The Stars Don't Lie, Boo Walker; The Watchman's Hand, Jeffery Deaver; First Lie Wins, Ashley Elston; The Last Caretaker, Jessica Strawser.



Adult Nonfiction - Anxious Grief, Claire B. Smith; When Trolleys Ruled the Earth, Mark Bussler; Rock Climbing, John Long; Hidden in Plain Sight, Lauren Ibekwe; The Opioid Epidemic, Ethan Bryson; Water Polo Fundamentals, Glen Jefferson; The Final Witness, Paul Landis.

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

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Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity

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

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