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## WEEKEND HAPPENINGS



**Holly Week:**  
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## NATIONAL DAYS

### APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

### APRIL NATIONAL DAYS

- April 2 - National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
- April 4 - National Play Outside Day
- April 5 - National Go For Broke Day
- April 6 - National Student Athlete Day
- April 7 - National No Housework Day
- April 8 - National Empanada Day
- April 9 - National Former Prisoner Of War Recognition Day
- April 10 - National Siblings Day
- April 11 - National Living Donor Day
- April 12 - National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
- April 13 - National Scrabble Day
- April 14 - National Gardening Day
- April 15 - National Tax Day

## APRIL HOLIDAYS

### APRIL 5 - EASTER



See Community Easter Egg Hunts  
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**Chandler Estates Assisted Living Yaed Sale**

Chandler Estates Assisted Living Facility is having a yard sale on **Saturday, April 11th, 8:00AM - 1:00PM** at 1569 Teels Road., Pen Argyl, Pa.

**Slater Family Network Spring Tricky Tray**

Slater Family Network will hold its 20th Tricky Tray on **Saturday, April 11, 2025. Doors open at 10:00 AM** at Five Points Elementary School, 363 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. Attendees have the opportunity to browse and place tickets in desired baskets from **10:00AM to 12:00PM**. Auction will begin promptly at **12:00PM**. All proceeds benefit Slater Family Network

See ad at right for details

**Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal**

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, April 19th, 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.

**Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast**

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, April 19th 7:00AM-12:30PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl.

See ad on page 8 for details

**Richmond UMC Rummage & Bake Sale**

The Richmond United Methodist Church will hold a Rummage & Bake Sale on **Friday, April 24th & Saturday, 25th. 9:00AM-2:00PM**, 8538 S. Delaware Drive, Bangor, Pa.

**First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Bangor Free Luncheon**

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Bangor will offer a Free sit down luncheon on **Sunday April 26th, at 12:30PM** (held every 4th Sunday of the month) in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.

**St. John Lutheran Church Rummage/Bake Sale**

St. John Lutheran Church will hold a Rummage/Bake Sale on **Friday, May 1, 8:00AM- 4:00PM, Saturday May 2, 8:00AM-2:00PM** (Bag Day). 12 N. Westbrook Ave., Pen Argyl, Pa.

**Bangor Borough's 150th Time Capsule Burial Event**

Bangor's 150th Time Capsule Burial Event will take place on **Saturday, April 25th at 10:00AM, ( Raindate Sunday, April 26)** at Bethel Park, corner of Market and N. 1st Street Bangor, Pa. The Public is invited to attend.

**Trinity UCC Bingo Fundraiser**

Trinity United Church of Christ will hold a Bingo fundraiser on **Saturday, April 25th, Doors open 11:30AM - Bingo starts 12:30PM**. Trinity UCC, 632 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa.

See ad on page 5 for details

**Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. Purse Bingo**

Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. will host a Purse Bingo on **Sunday, May 17th, Doors open at 11:00AM. Bingo starts at 1:00PM.**

See ad on page 5 for details

**Pocono Pride Festival**

Pocono Pride Festival will be held on **Sunday, June 7** Hosted by Pocono Pride Coalition, Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg, Pa. FMI: [www.poconopridefestival.com](http://www.poconopridefestival.com)

**Slate Belt Heritage Center Celebrates It's "Spring Opening" Saturday April 18th, 12:00-3:00PM**



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**Time Capsule Burial**  
**Saturday, April 25th, 10:00AM**  
 (RAIN DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH)

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**4th Slate Belt Pride 2026**

The 4th Annual Slate Belt Pride will be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026, 12:00PM-6:00PM**, at Weona Park Rt. 512, Pen Argyl, PA (new location).

**Quilts in the Vineyard**

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### Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting April Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on **Monday, April 6th, 2026 at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI please call 610-863-6472. Donations to the Weona Park Pool Pals can be made on their website <https://weonapool.wixsite.com/website> or checks can be made payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

### NCC Bethlehem and Pocono Host Spring Open House Events

Northampton Community College (NCC) Bethlehem and Pocono campus locations are hosting Spring Open House events this April to give prospective students the opportunity to explore one of the region's largest, most affordable colleges.

Prospective students and their families are invited to learn about the benefits of an NCC education, meet faculty, and gain a better understanding of the admissions and financial aid processes. Team members will also be available to discuss the various resources and support services available to students, and attendees will have the opportunity to see NCC's residence halls at the Bethlehem campus event.

Pocono campus will have both virtual and in-person options. Participants who join us in person can opt to sign up for a pre-event campus tour. Look for this option when completing your sign-up.

Spring Open House is the perfect opportunity for students to get their questions answered and check everything off their to-do list at once. Event details are listed below.

#### NCC Bethlehem Campus:

**Saturday, April 11 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem, PA

#### NCC Pocono Campus:

In-Person & Online

**Saturday, April 18 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
2411 Rt 715, Tannersville, PA 18372

For more information and to register for a Spring Open House event, visit <https://nccgo.cc/admissionsevents>



### Slate Belt Annual Litter Clean Up

Slate Belt Rising is once again partnering with State Representative Ann Flood to organize this regional clean-up event. The annual litter pickup day will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 10:00AM - 1:00 PM**. Teams will be formed in 6 municipalities: Bangor, Pen Argyl, Plainfield, Portland, Upper Mount Bethel, and Wind Gap. Volunteers are asked to arrive between **9:15 - 9:30 AM, cleanup starts at 10:00 AM**.

Supplies will be provided to volunteers such as safety vests, garbage bags, and gloves. Litter grabbers will also be available on a first come first serve basis. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own grabbers if you have one. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Interested volunteers can sign up [www.slatebeltrising.org/cleanup](http://www.slatebeltrising.org/cleanup)

Questions, please contact Katherine Duque by email at [kduque@caclv.org](mailto:kduque@caclv.org)

### Bangor's 150th Time Capsule Burial Event

Bangor's 150th Burial Event is happening **Saturday, April 25th at 10:00AM** at Bethel Park at the corner of Market and N. 1st Street and everyone is invited to attend. The **rain date is Sunday, April 26th at 1:00PM**. Bangor's time capsule is actually a burial vault that was donated by Randy Sandt of Smith-Wilbert. It has been beautifully painted with Slater colors by Craig Ackerman and for special touch a Legacy Print was added to the lid of the vault. For the last three months, individuals, organizations, businesses, churches, etc. have been giving us items to put in this time capsule that will be opened in 2075. Also, time capsule envelopes that were sold and filled with letters, trinkets, photos, and other items that were addressed to family members, groups, etc. will be in the capsule.

The Bangor's Time Capsule is on now display at the Slate Belt Heritage Center on Sundays from noon to 3. Come and check it out. The Slate Belt Heritage Center, your local museum for Slate Belt history, is located at 30 N. 1st Street in Bangor. Admission is FREE. Follow us on Facebook for the latest information on the time capsule. (Slate Belt Heritage Center – SBHC).



**Pictured: Jeremy Grube delivers the Bangor's 2025-2075 Time Capsule to the Slate Belt Heritage Center.**

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**Ticket Cost: \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door**  
buys 20 games of bingo.  
Additional cards available at \$5.00 a packet.  
**175 tickets available; first come, first serve**  
(No refunds after purchase)  
Grand and Special Prizes will also be available  
(at an additional cost)  
**Doors open at 11:30am - Bingo begins at 12:30pm**  
Lunch and desserts for sale (no outside food permitted)  
\*Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to play.  
**To order tickets and for more information call 610-588-1989**

**Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co.**

**PURSE BINGO!**  
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Doors Open 11:00am • Bingo Starts 1:00pm  
**Pre-Sale Tickets \$30 • Tickets at Door \$35**  
Tickets available Monday 6:30-9:00pm or  
Thursday at Bingo 4:30-9:00pm  
Call for Tickets Elaine 484-764-6041 or Karen 484-221-1679  
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**Brick Bingo & Tricky Tray**

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**Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:00pm**  
William Pensyl Social Hall  
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~ doors open at 11:00am ~

**\$30 advance | \$40 day of Ticket bundles ~ Advance sales only**  
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# An Easter Reflection on Life's Journey

By Kathleen McFall

As Easter approaches, many of us return once again to the story of the Cross, the sorrow of Good Friday, and the joy of the empty tomb on Easter morning. For Christians, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who saved us from sin and gave us eternal life, is the center of our faith.

The season brings memories of church services, family gatherings, and familiar hymns. Easter, however, is more than a holiday remembered each Spring.

For Christians, the message of Christ's death and Resurrection doesn't remain only in church services or holiday traditions. It is something that shapes the way we live and how we treat others.

Christians are encouraged to live in a way that reflects the character of Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, our old selves died.

He offers us a new life. The question is not only what happened on Easter, but how should we live because it happened?

The New Testament teaches that Christ's death not only forgave our sins and gave us everlasting life, His death transformed us.

His sacrifice changed the purpose of our lives and calls us to a life centered on God marked by faith, hope and love.

Life today often feels unpredictable and does not always unfold the way we expect. In times of anxiety, it is natural to feel discouraged.

We can be tempted to give up on our plans and dreams, to complain about the things we don't have, or the illnesses or struggles that make life difficult. Yet, we should not let our challenges define us.

The answer is found in the Scriptures. The message of the Resurrection calls Christians to live with faith in unsettling times, hope in hardship, endurance through trials, and love toward others.

Because of this wonderful truth, we don't need to be consumed with fear and stress, even when we experience anger, job issues, health concerns or unsettling relationships.

Each day presents opportunities to get the most out of what life has to offer - to get past our fear and say yes to trying new things.

Empowered by the presence of God within us, we can meet life eagerly, let go of our fears and step into the future God has planned for us, ready to enjoy the blessings of this world.

Life is meant to be a beautiful adventure. If we lose sight of this, we are existing more than living. We want to maintain a zeal for life, to treat each day as a celebration with gratitude for opportunities that may await us.

No matter what our age, may we never outgrow the urge to discover, to keep learning, striving and challenging ourselves.

So many things shape our beliefs, including our upbringing, family history, education, friendships, and spiritual life.

When we feel overwhelmed, we can turn within to find serenity and strength and release fear and worry.

We need to begin each day authentically with eagerness and end it with gratitude.

It is important to take in all the wonder and joy of God's creation. God has designed us with purpose and plans.

Faith is not ignoring reality, but believing that God is still present in it. We are not walking alone. In 2 Corinthians 5:7, the Bible teaches: "For we live by faith, not by sight."

Faith is trusting God even though we do not have all the answers and do not know what the future holds.

Faith does not mean life will be easy. For Christians today, this means continuing forward in a changing world with trust even in times of fear, loss, or anxiety.

It is living by faith when we cannot see the outcome. Sometimes faith simply means not giving up. Believing that God is with us and gives us hope, even when the circumstances feel overwhelming.

The first Easter came at a time when Jesus' followers thought

everything had been lost. They were consumed by grief, but through the magnitude of the miracle of Christ's Resurrection, they were transformed from mourners without hope to fearless witnesses for Christ.

The Bible affirms that the Resurrection is a message of hope and reawakening: "He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3.

Hope, in the Biblical sense, is not wishful thinking. It is the belief that darkness does not have the final word.

The Resurrection reminds us that difficult days are part of life. The story of Easter begins with suffering before it reaches joy.

The words of the Bible never promise a life without trouble. Instead, they promise strength to keep going. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Jesus also calls us to live in love. The love He showed through His death is the model for how we should treat each other in a world that sometimes forgets how to love.

Jesus taught that His followers would be known by the way they love others. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 15:12.

The Bible also teaches us "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13.

In a time when anger and division can seem louder than kindness and compassion, many Christians see this command as one of the most important ways to reflect the meaning of the Resurrection.

Choosing kindness, compassion, and forgiveness defines those who follow Christ. In Ephesians 4:32, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Compassion is not about fixing people. It's about reminding others of their strength, their dignity, and their capacity to meet life with courage and grace.

Easter, the most important Christian celebration, is the story of the Cross, the empty tomb, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Easter morning we celebrate that the stone was rolled away and Christ arose from the dead, but what should that mean for us now? How should we live because it happened?

The Resurrection is not just something to remember. It is also a testimony that we are called to rise each day and live as Christ taught. It is something meant to guide the way we live.

The question for believers today becomes simple and personal: What kind of people should we be because of it?

To live as a Christian today means continuing forward with trust in God, even when the path ahead is unknown. Trials are part of life, but they are not the end of the story. For Christians, this means striving to live with integrity and purpose, day by day, to live with faith, hope, and love.

Just as Jesus transcended death, turning pain into light and sorrow into joy, we have the power to rise above any challenge.

When we feel defeated, we rise. When we stumble, we rise. Easter is not just Jesus's story, it is ours also. His Resurrection is a reminder that the power to rise above struggle and limitation is alive in us. We are a new creation. We rise. The message of the Resurrection is that Christ lives, and as His followers, we are called to live differently because He did.

1 John 7 describes the essence of Easter. "Love comes from God... because God is love... He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: He sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Today we celebrate that Christ lives and remember that because He lives, we are called to live differently as we follow Him and His teachings.

*Happy Resurrection Day*

*Join us this Easter*  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013

**Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm**  
**Good Friday - 7:00pm**  
**Easter - 10:00am**

with Pastor  
**P. Deb Staniszewski**  
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HE IS RISEN!  
*Alleluia!*  
**HAPPY EASTER**



**Grace Church**  
 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl  
 www.worshipatgrace.org

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Thursday, April 2nd**  
**7:00PM**

**Easter Services:**  
**Sunday, April 5th**  
**6:30AM Sunrise Service**  
 in back parking lot, weather permitting  
**Easter Worship Service**  
**9:30AM**

Hopesprings Community of Faith  
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**EASTER**  
*gatherings*

April 3, 2026 7pm  
 The Unveiling  
 a Good Friday gathering  
 with art & music

April 5, 2026 10am  
 Easter gathering



**East Bangor United Methodist Community Church**  
 Rev. Dave Goss

**Holy Week Services**

Holy Thursday Communion, 7:00 p.m.  
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**EASTER WEEK SERVICES**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**April 3rd - 7:00pm Bilingual**  
 Hanover Twp. Community Center  
 3660 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 5th**  
**10:00am English/12:00pm Spanish**  
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**Holy Week Services:**  
**Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday: 7:00 PM**  
**Easter Sunday: 6:00 AM and 9:45 AM**  
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### All You Can Eat Breakfast

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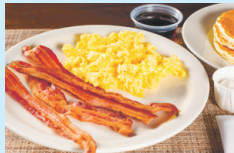
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## Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,  
Green is for the grass He made,  
Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night.  
Black is for the sins that were made,  
White is for the grace He gave,  
Purple is for the hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for the new tomorrow.

A bag full of Jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a Prayer...is a promise...  
Is an Easter treat!

Author Unknown

## Community Easter Egg Hunts

### ACKERMANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday, April 4th, 12:00PM - Rain or Shine**

Egg Hunt will be in the back part of the cemetery behind the church.

1410 Ackermanville Rd., Bangor, PA. 18013

### FATHER DENISCO COUNCIL 3862 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Saturday, April 4th, 2:00PM**

Council Grounds, 1860 West Bangor Rd., Bangor, PA.  
All children ages 1-12 are invited.

### LOOKOUT FIRE CO. #1

**Saturday, April 4th, 11:00AM-Rain or shine**

Ages 1-10 years

Weona Park, Rt 512 Main St.

Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072

### WASHINGTON TWSP. VOL. FIRE CO.

**April 4th, 10:00AM - Rain or Shine**

Children 12 and under

Washington Twsp. Recreation fields

71 Washington Blvd., Bangor, Pa. 18013

### WIND GAP BOROUGH

**April 4th, 11:00AM - Rain or Shine**

Children ages 0-8 years

Wind Gap Borough Park



## Slate Belt Heritage Center & Museum

The Slate Belt Heritage Center & Museum will hold their monthly historic program on **Thursday, April 9th at 7:00PM.**

As The United States is in full swing of celebrating its' "Semiquincentennial", come join speaker Melissa Hough as she presents "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: What Would We Do?" What would we do if we lived during the War of Independence? When it was a major struggle to survive on what was the frontier, how did international events impact the lives of people in what we now call the Slate Belt? What sites and artifacts do we have that connect us to those times? Follow Melissa on a journey into the Slate Belt area's lifestyle in the mid-1700's and the big questions that confronted people at that time. Melissa is the Curator of the Heritage Center & Museum and possesses a wealth of knowledge on the Slate Belt. Featured in the Chamber Room will be the Center's 2026 exhibit: "Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness". The event is free and open to the public. The Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

[www.thebeltandbeyond.com](http://www.thebeltandbeyond.com)



**Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co.**  
6480 SULLIVAN TRAIL, WIND GAP, PA.

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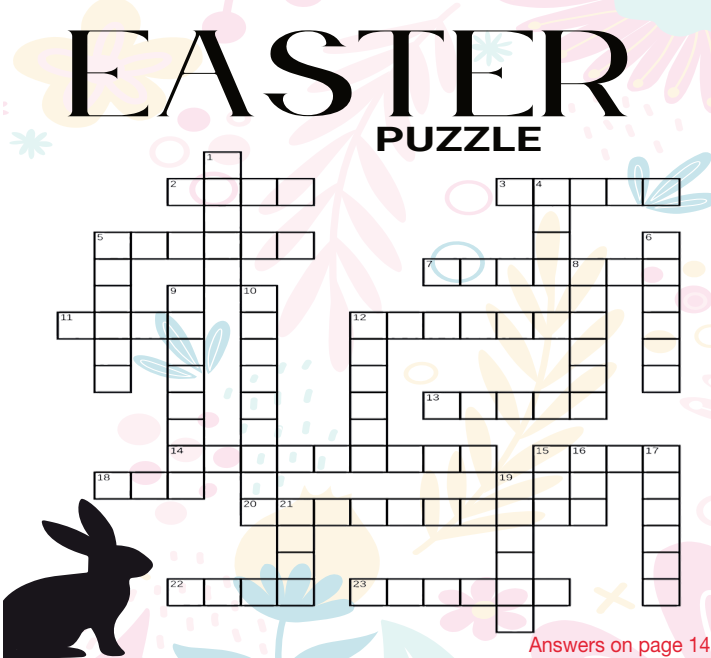


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# EASTER PUZZLE



Answers on page 14

- ACROSS**
- 2 A baby sheep, known for its fluffy coat.
  - 3 When flowers open up and display their vibrant colors.
  - 5 The day on which Easter is typically celebrated.
  - 7 Full of fun and lightheartedness.
  - 11 Before Easter, you will need to \_\_\_\_\_ eggs by placing them in clever spots for others to find.
  - 12 When flowers open up and bloom, a sign of Easter's arrival.
  - 13 A fluffy, long-eared creature associated with Easter.
  - 14 A custom or way of doing things that is passed down through generations.
  - 15 A sugary, marshmallow treat shaped like a chick, popular during Easter.
  - 18 Used to add a burst of color to Easter eggs.
  - 20 A fun Easter activity where decorated eggs are rolled down a hill (two words, no spaces).
  - 22 An activity where you search for chocolate eggs is called an Easter egg \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 23 Another name for #13 Across, commonly associated with Easter.
- DOWN**
- 1 Sweet treats often given during Easter.
  - 4 A fragrant flower often associated with Easter symbolizing purity.
  - 5 The season when flowers bloom, and Easter is celebrated.
  - 6 The colorful & fragrant part of a plant that blooms in gardens or fields.
  - 8 People related by blood or close bonds.
  - 9 To add colors, patterns, or special items to make something look more attractive or festive.
  - 10 A sweet treat often shaped into eggs and given during Easter.
  - 12 A container used to collect eggs during an Easter egg hunt.
  - 16 A small, oval-shaped object laid by birds, reptiles, or insects.
  - 17 A category of colors often associated with Easter.
  - 19 A meal enjoyed outdoors, usually with a blanket & basket.
  - 21 Something given to someone as a token of love or celebration during Easter.



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**Patricia Sutter Retires as Tax Collector of Wind Gap Borough**

On Friday, March 6, 2026 an appreciation Open House hosted by Patricia's family was held at The Washington, at the Washington Township Vol. Fire Co. in honor of her retirement after nearly 40 years of service as the Tax Collector for Wind Gap Borough. Family, friends, along with the Mayor of Wind Gap, Heather Webber and her husband, Patrick Webber, Wind Gap Borough Councilman, and other dignitaries were on hand to congratulate Patricia. She received citations and was honored with letters from the following offices: Representative Sarah, from United States Congressman Ryan Mackenzie's Office, Pennsylvania State Representative Ann Flood, Representative from Pennsylvania State Senator Lisa Boscola's office, and Anna Bet representing Pen Argyl Women's Club. Congratulations Patricia, enjoy your retirement!



**Pictured: L-R Mike Sutter, Joe Sutter, Ann Weaver, Patricia Sutter, Gary Sutter, and Dan Sutter.**

*Photo courtesy of Todd Weaver*

**State Rep. Joe Emerick Invites Residents of the 137th Legislative District to Shredding Event**

State Rep. Joe Emerick invites residents of the 137th Legislative District to a Shredding Event on **Saturday, April 18th, 10:00AM - 12:00 PM** at the Palmer Park Mall Parking Lot, Easton, Pa. 18045.

Acceptable items include: all paper and manila folders. No more than 3 boxes or bags per household. No businesses please. Staples or paper clips do not need to be removed.

Questions please contact Representative Emerick's Palmer district office at 484-544-0146 or Nazareth Office at 610-746-5090.

**Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center April Community Programs**

**Family Science Night - Amphibians & Reptiles Friday, April 3, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm.** Practice being a herpetologist by studying the differences between amphibians and reptiles! We'll venture outdoors to some of our seasonal pools and ponds to spot some of these amazingly adapted creatures. This program is best for children ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

**Wildflower Walk - Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10am to 12pm.** Join volunteer Doug Burton for a walk to the wildflower meadows of Jacobsburg. This program will focus on the identification of flowering plants and interesting folklore surrounding them. Prepare for a 1.5 mile walk in sloping and slightly muddy trail conditions. Please dress appropriately and bring necessary water/snacks. This program is for adults only.

**Hike for Health - Wednesdays, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 2 & 30, 2026 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. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

**Walk through Historic Jacobsburg - Saturday, April 18, 2026 Session A: 9:30am to 11am or Session B: 1pm to 2:30pm.**

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by learning about the role that early American industry played in shaping our fledgling country. On this exploratory walk, we will piece together the clues of the past to imagine the village which would eventually become our namesake. Registration is required. This program is being held twice on the same day, please pick your preferred time.

**Talk Birdy to Me! - Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:30am to 11am.**

Bird vocalizations are very useful to identify birds but the volume of sounds can be overwhelming at the same time. Now is a great time to brush up on your skills as we approach the peak of migration. We'll spend time both indoors and out using different tools and mnemonics to learn and identify the vocalizations of some of our common resident and migrant birds. Registration is required.

**Signs of Spring Hike - Saturday, April 25, 2026 1pm to 3pm.**

Join us as we search for wildflowers, new plant growth, migrating birds and other signs of spring. Be prepared for a moderate two-mile hike that involves muddy areas and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required.

**Summer Day Camp Registration opens on April 6th at 12:00PM:**

Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Visit [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov) for more information.

**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](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

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](mailto: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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### First United Methodist Church Annual Soup Cook Off

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On Saturday, March 21st First United Methodist Church in Bangor held their Annual Soup Cook Off. 5 area non profit organizations competed. This year's winners are: First place: Families First, Second place: Bangor's Lion Club, Third place: Second Ward Fire Company. Proceeds from this event benefit the Back to School Back Pack Program for area children.



### PAHS Musical The Lightning Thief

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Pen Argyl Area High School presented "The Lightning Thief" March 20-22nd.

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### PIAC St Patrick's Day Parade

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The weather was perfect for the 47th annual Pocono Irish American Club St Patrick's Day parade held on Sunday, March 22nd, in Stroudsburg. [See more photos on our Facebook](#)



**Area Easter Events & Egg Hunts held on Saturday March 28th**

**Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co Breakfast with the Bunny & Egg Hunt**

*Photos by Cory Dailey*

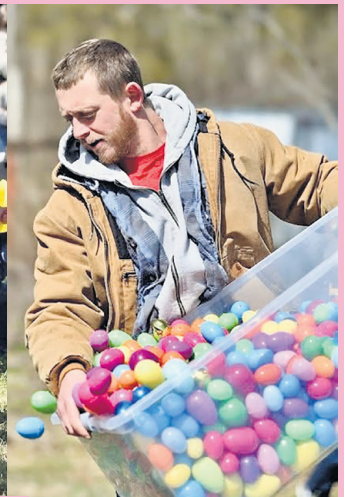
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**All Aspects at the Barn Easter Festival & Egg Hunt**

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**Borough of Portland Easter Egg Hunt**

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**New in the Bangor Public Library**

**Adult Fiction** - Daughter of Egypt: A Novel by Marie Benedict; And Now, Back to You by B. K. Borison; The Highway by C. J. Box; Mother of Death and Dawn by Carissa Broadbent; Bloodlust by Sandra Brown; You Resurrectionist by A. Rae Dunlap; The Golden Boy by Patricia Finn; The Dark Lord's Guide to Dating (And Other War Crimes) by Tiffany Hunt; The Night We Met by Abby Jimenez; Love Song: A Novel by Elle Kenney; Wolf Worm by T. Kingfisher; Once and Again: A Novel by Rebecca Serle; Nonesuch: A Novel by Francis Spufford; Everyone in the Bank is a Thief by Benjamin Stevenson; Served Him Right by Lisa Unger; Beautiful Broken Love by Shanora Williams; Mayhem and the Mortal by Shanora Williams; The Road of Bones by Demi Winters; The Violin Maker's Secret by Evie Woods; Hooked: A Novel of Obsession by Azako Yuzuki.



**Adult Non Fiction** - The Best Dog in the World: Essays on Love; Getting Naked: The Quiet Work of Becoming Perfectly Imperfect by Valerie Bertinelli; Judy Blume: A Life by Mark Oppenheimer A Hymn to Life: Shame Has to Change Sides by Gisele Pelicot.

**Easy Fiction** - The Littlest Yak: Home is Where the Herd Is by Lu Fraserl; Dr. Seuss's Spring Things by Dr. Seuss.

**Junior Fiction** - Junie B., First Grader Aloha-Ha-Ha! By Barbara Park; Ron Weasley by J. K. Rowling Hermione Granger by J. K. Rowling; Breakout by Christina Wyman.

**Young Adult Fiction** - The Ruins Beneath Us by Sasha E. Sloan.

**Young Adult Fiction** - Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend by Karen Blumenthal; The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming; Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown by Candace Fleming; Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark of Revolution by Judith E. Heumann.

**DVDs** - Hamnet; Sinners Song Sung Blue.

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Hours: Mon., 1-8pm; Tues., 10am-8pm; Wed., 1-8pm; Thurs., 10am-8pm; Fri., 1-5pm; Sat., 10am-4pm; Sun. Closed.

**Reflections at Easter Time**  
by Robert L. Martin

Reflections go beyond the Easter dress code for the people who lived in their humble abode, back in the days when Jesus was their King about to travel to Jerusalem in the early spring.

Extravagance was surely not the way he lived. His dress and conditions were very primitive. To him, the truth overshadowed all his concerns as he preached according to his Father's terms,

and our reflections must be upon the events as he rode into Jerusalem to await his trial.

**Blue Mountain Community Library News**



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. A huge thank you to the library's dedicated volunteers. The library is in need of more adult volunteers for all shifts. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and meet like-minded individuals! Commitment involves just 4.5 hours each month. No special skills are required. All training is provided. Pick up an application at the circulation desk.

- **The library is closed April 2 (evening), April 3, and April 4 for Easter.**

- Stop in today to see our new mascot: a beautiful little blue fish! Thank you to Waters Edge Aquarium for donating him and to an anonymous donor for donating his bowl, food, and supplies.



Through **April 18**, anyone can suggest a name for the fish. Then through **April 30**, everyone can vote for a name.



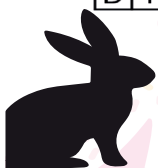
- Try the new scavenger hunt for children, with lots of new prizes in the prize basket - plus a scavenger hunt for adults and young adults! Deadline is **April 30**, with a prize drawn from all

correct entries.

- Book group for adults is **April 14 at 6:30pm**, discussing "The God of the Woods". Register by emailing [info@bmcl.org](mailto:info@bmcl.org)

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

**EASTER PUZZLE**



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