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| | 39th Blue Mt. Antique Gas Engine & Steam Assoc. Swap Meet |
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| Contributing Writer Kathleen J. McFall | Drive-thru meal will be held on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00PM. The church hosts a free monthly community |
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| Lisa Newberry, Nick Pulsinelli, Cory Dailey | Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly |
| Student Intern Photographer | breakfast on Sunday, May 18, 7:00AM-12:30PM at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, (RT |
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| Patti Jo Blum, Joelyn Peifly | Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Gun & Sportsman's Show |
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| May 29th Deadline for all ad copy and news | Roseto Chapter Ladies of UNICO Bingo & Basket Raffle |
| Thursday, Friday, May 23rd | The Roseto Chapter Ladies of UNICO will host a Bingo & Basket Raffle on Sunday, May 18. Doors open 12:00PM, |
| Email your news and events to thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com | Bingo starts at 1:00PM. Mt Carmel School, 80 Ridge Street, Roseto, PA. Tickets call Josette 610-653-3153. |

UPCOMING EVENTS 3

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Bangor Free Luncheon The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Bangor is resuming their Free sit down luncheons every **4th Sunday of the month at 12:30PM Sunday, May 24**, Luncheons will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on Saturday, May 31, 11:30AM-1:30PM. Dine in or Take out. Luncheons are held on the last Saturday of the month. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA.

Festival on 512

Festival on 512 will be held on **May 31, 11:00AM-3:00PM** at Weona Park. Foam Party Palooza starts aproximately at **12:00-1:00pm & 1:30-2:30pm**. See ad on page 4 for details

Bushkill Twsp. Ladies Auxiliary Presents Zerbini Family

Bushkill Twsp. Ladies Auxiliary presents Zerbini Family Circus. May 31, 4:000M-6:00PM; June 1, 3:00PM and June 2, 6:00PM. Bushkill Twps. Vol. Fire Co. Grounds, 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, PA 18064. Tickets online at https://zerbinifamilycircus.com/ See ad on page5 for details

Quilts In The Vineyard

Quilts In The Vineyard, presented by Evening Star Quilters Guild will be held on May 31 & June 1, 12:00PM-6:00PM. Brook Hollow Vineyard, 594 State Route 94 Columbia, NJ

Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

The Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, June 8, Bingo starts 1:00PM.** Plainfield Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, Pa. 18091. See ad on page 5 for details

EBUMCC Strawberry Festival

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will host their annual Strawberry Festival on **Saturday**, **June 7th, 12:00PM to 4:30PM** at the Blaine Reimel Memorial Park on Park Rd. in East Bangor (rain or shine). Food, fun and Jacktown Ice cream! For more info. call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.



All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, May 18, 2025 7:30am-12:30pm

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Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Brick Bingo & Tricky Tray





Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 1:00pm

William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland, PA Doors open at 11:00am

\$25 Advance Ticket / \$30 At the Door Group Tickets Available 3 for \$60 or 4 for \$75

Families are welcome. Kids may play accompanied by adult. For tickets https://portlandhookandladder.square.site/ Questions & tickets contact Stephanie 610-216-6716

> Please note that we do not sell tickets on Facebook. Only on our square site or by using the contact listed above.



Nazareth Area Garden Club News

The Nazareth Area Garden Club will hold its May Meeting on **May 20**, at the Dryland UCC Church, 4415 Newburg Road, Upper Nazareth Township at **7:00 p.m.** The program for the evening will be given by Sharon Carey. Her program will be about "Propagation." In May, Club members will display many plant specimens, including Clematis, Columbine, Violet, and Peony. They also have 3 floral arrangements to design; Basket of Love-Arrangement in a basket, May Day Pole-Vertical, Anything Goes with a sustainable twist.

On **May 31**st the club will hold a plant sale in the parking lot of the Schoeneck Moravian Pavilion at 316 Broad Street, Nazareth, Pa. 18064. Refreshments will be served at the monthly meeting. We welcome visitors to all meetings. For more information please call Janet Farole at 484-221-0047.

AOAM Foundation Blue Collar Scholarship

The AOAM Foundation (Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller Foundation) is 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, teacher reference and high school transcript or acceptance letter to Post Secondary Trade Program to: Aoam.foundation@gmail.com Deadline to apply is May 31, 2025. Winners will be announced at the Truck Show on September 13. For more information on the AOAM Foundation and the Blue Collar Scholarship please visit their website: www.aoamfoundation.org

Bangor Women's Club HOBY Award Recipient

The Bangor Women's Club has announced that the winner of the 2025 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award, HOBY, is **Matthew Xiao**.

Matthew is a Sophomore at Bangor Area High School. He is a member of the marching band, pep and concert bands, Envirothon, Ecology Club, National Honor Society, and Homecoming Committee. He is also the Sophomore Class President. Future plans: To go to college



Matthew Xiao

and major in Engineering and to pursue a career as an Aerospace Engineer. Matthew enjoys karate and plaving video games.

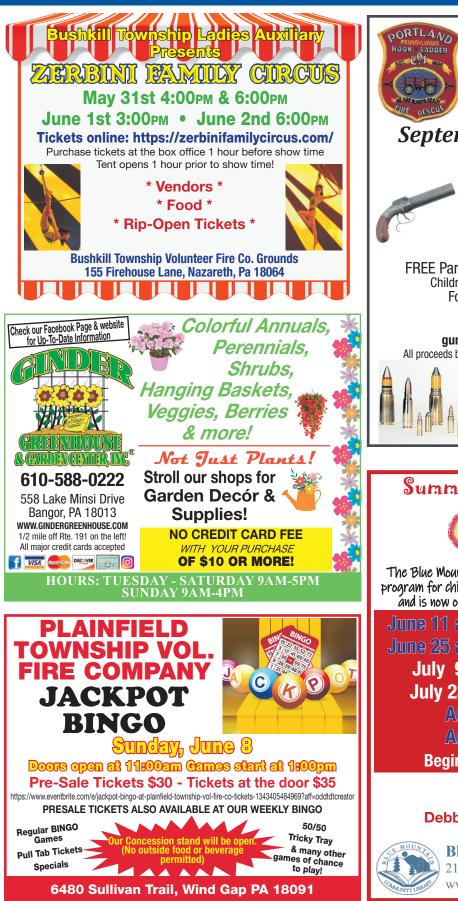
Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce held the annual Scholarship Awards Dinner at Tuscarora Inn on Thursday, May 8. In attendance were State Representative Ann Flood and Kurt Derr from the office of State Senator Lisa Boscola. The keynote speaker was **Faith Christian** Schools, Leeann Long. Local senior award recipients include: Bangor Area High School - Gianni Goodrich who will attend Franklin & Marshall College, Engineering or Pre Law; Pen Argyl Area High School - Louise Miller, University of Massachusetts (Boston), Double major School Psychology and History; Faith Christian School - Joreaan Williams, East Stroudsburg University Business Administration; Career Institute of Technology/ Bangor - Amy Weaver Northampton Community College, Early Childhood Education. The Frederick R. Curcio Jr. Award Career Institute of Technology/Pen Argyl Kyler Plummer, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Manufacturing & Technology.



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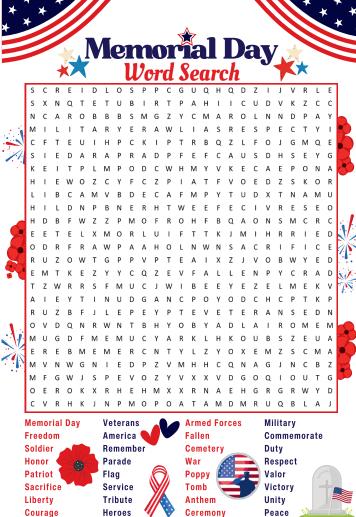
National Poppy Day® is May 23

National Poppy Day® is celebrated annually the Friday before Memorial Day. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

What is National Poppy Day you may ask? The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars.

It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Each year the American Legion Auxiliary and members of The American Legion distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, activeduty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.







In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Memorial Day, Monday May 26, a day to remember those who have served and died in our nation's wars. Let us show honor, respect, and remember the brave men and women who Skorochod will recite "In Flanders Fields". A gun salute will have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Pen Argyl Area High School Memorial Day Assembly

Friday, May 23, 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Pen Argyl Area High School will be hosting a Memorial Day Assembly in the Alumni Stadium of the high school. On May 23 the student body will gather outside for the student run assembly where speakers will talk about the importance of Memorial Day and the history behind it. In coordination with the branches of the military, many traditions and services will be held throughout the assembly to honor fallen soldiers. The event will include a flag folding ceremony, complete with the playing of taps, using a flag we had flown over the United States Capitol. The goal of the assembly is to stress the importance of Memorial Day and honor all the brave men Roseto will host the Memorial Day service. The legionnaires, and women who served for our country and gave their lives protecting our nation. Flags will also be planted in the front of the high school on the hill for everyone to see. Community members are invited to attend the assembly. After this event we aim to have everyone understand the importance of Memorial Day and hope that everyone will remember the soldiers who have served. The Knights' Order, the Character Education program at Pen Argyl High School that organized the event, is responsible for service projects throughout the school and community. The Knights' Order focuses on improving school climate, culture, and tolerance through hosting events and activities meant to showcase integrity, fortitude, diversity, and kindness. The Knights' Order strives to give back to the community that has been so supportive of their other initiatives.

Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery **Memorial Day Service** Saturday, May 24, 9:00 AM

American Legion Brown & Lynch Post 9 will hold a Memorial Day service at the Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery, 3051 Green Pond Rd, Easton, PA 18045 to honor our fallen heroes.

Williams Township Sunday May 25, 6:00PM

The Williams Township Veterans Memorial will hold a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 6:00PM to honor our heroes.

Bangor Borough Monday May 26, 10:00AM

There will be a Memorial Day service at St John's Cemetery in Bangor. Speaker will be Bangor Mayor MaryEllen DeFranco. Students from the Bangor Area High School Marching Band will play musical selections. Cival Air Patrol 807 will be present.

East Bangor Borough Monday May 26, 1:00PM

A Memorial Day service will be held at the East Bangor Cemetery, Park Rd., East Bangor, PA. The speaker will be Rev. David Felker, a U.S. Air Force veteran serving from 1962-1970. Rev. Felker is a native of the Mt. Bethel area. He

time pastor of the Salem UMC in Danielsville, PA. Connor Fishman will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Elizabeth be fired by the Martocci-Capobianco Post 750 American Legion, Roseto. Taps will be played by Hannah Confalone, who will also sing the National Anthem. Dustin Flyte will offer a musical selection. The East Bangor Fire Co. will be in attendance, as well as Boy Scout Troop 41. In the event of rain, the service will be held at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. The church is sponsoring the service. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.

Martocci - Capobianco American Legion Post 750 Roseto Monday May 26, 9:00AM

Martocci - Capobianco American Legion Post 750 in led by the Bangor Area High School Marching Band will depart from the Post home located on Garibaldi Ave at 8:30AM and proceeds to the New Catholic Cemetery where services will be held at 9:00AM. The contingent will then move to the Roseto Presbyterian Cemetery on Liberty Street for services at 9:30AM. The final graveside services will be held at the Catholic Cemetery adjacent to Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church at 10:00AM. From this cemetery the legionnaires will proceed to the Municipal Plaza on Garibaldi Avenue for the community services at the War Monuments beginning at 10:45AM. These services will also include the clergy from the area churches. Welcome will be given by Roseto Mayor, Ilene Tillman, Guest speaker will be State Representative Ann Flood. Students from DeFranco Elementary and Faith Christian School will read their winning essays on the topic "What Memorial Day Means to Me." Aidan Hayes an 8th grade student from Bangor Middle School will give an Oratory. Wreaths will be placed on the war monuments by the Post. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held indoors at the Post Home at 143 Garibaldi Ave. Roseto, PA.

Mt Bethel - Portland American Legion Post 216 Monday May 26, 11:00AM

Mt Bethel - Portland American Legion Post 216 will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery, Portland, PA. Master of Ceremonies will be Rod Rufe, Past Commander, Post 216. Guest Speakers will be Upper Mount Bethel Township Supervisor John Birmingham and Portland Mayor Heather Fischer. Boy Scout Connor Fishman of Troop 41 will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Victoria Parks of Girl Scout Troop 8420 will read "In Flanders Fields". There will be patriotic music and playing of Taps. Laying of wreaths by James Rounsaville, Commander Post 216, and Pastor Dave Allan, of The Portland Baptist Church will give the Benediction.

Pen Argyl American Legion Post 502

Monday, May 26, 9:00 AM The American Legion Post 502, Pen Argyl will host a Memorial Day service at Fairview Cemetery, in Pen Argyl. Musical tributes by community members, guest speakers, patriotic readings, prayer, Honor Guard rifle salute and Taps. The public is invited to attend.

** In the event of inclement weather service will be held at Grace retired from the ministry in 2014 and currently serves as part- United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl, PA.





Northampton County Annual Outstanding Senior Awards Ceremony

Northampton County proudly recognized 12 extraordinary individuals and one outstanding community group at the annual Outstanding Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Charles Chrin Community Center in Palmer Township. This annual celebration honors seniors whose leadership, service, and dedication have significantly enriched the Northampton County community.

"These honorees exemplify what it means to give selflessly," said County Executive Lamont G. McClure. "Their contributions span decades and touch every corner of the county—from mentoring young people and serving the underserved, to preserving local traditions and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors."

This year's Outstanding Senior Award Honorees are: **Barbara Abel** (Nazareth) – Intergenerational Outstanding Senior Award recipient, for sharing her musical talents with Morningstar Living residents and inspiring youth through music.

Marvin Boyer (Palmer Township) – For his enduring leadership in civil rights, criminal justice reform, and community advocacy.

Mary Detrick (Pen Árgyl) – For her exceptional volunteer work addressing food insecurity, elder support, and shelter needs.

Curt Ehly (Easton) – For his tireless contributions to community revitalization, especially as emcee of the Easton Farmers Market.

James & Eileen Glancy(Upper Nazareth Township) – For their compassionate and consistent service with Meals on Wheels and personal outreach to those in need. Happy Hookers, Knit Wits, and Sew 'n' Sews Group(Forks Township) – Outstanding Community Group recipient, for crafting essential items that support local seniors, children with special needs, the homeless, and animal shelters. Charles Mallon (Nazareth Borough) – For his 21 years of service at the Nazareth Senior Center and dedication to Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.

James Marsh (Palmer Township) – For decades of leadership at Bethel Memorial Baptist Church and involvement with the VA and community nonprofits. Gerald E. Seyfried (Lower Nazareth) – For a lifetime of public service, from County Executive to founder of the Parks 2000 initiative.

Maryann Umble (Bethlehem) – For her steadfast support of faith-based outreach, emergency shelter services, and community coordination.

Charles Wacik (Easton) – For his extensive record of volunteerism in local government, youth sports, church activities, and public safety.

Linda Weiss (Bethlehem) – For her lifelong dedication to children's education and her ongoing volunteer work with Cops 'n Kids, Meals on Wheels, and more.

The event celebrated the vital roles older adults play in building stronger, more compassionate communities. Each honoree's story reflects years—often decades—of tireless, often unsung service. For more information on the Outstanding Senior Awards or senior services in Northampton County, please contact the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging at 610-829-4540.

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Bangor 150th Anniversary House Decorating Contest

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Bangor the 150th Anniversary Committee is hosting a House Decorating Contest that honors the rich history and patriotic spirit of

Bangor. To enter, decorate your home in Maroon, White and Yellow representing your Bangor pride and Red, White and Blue to show your patriotism! Raise your flags, light up your porches and celebrate like it's 1875 - Bangor Style!

Émail your address to: Bangorfamilyday@yahoo.com Deadline to enter is June 7, 2025 - Judging will be June 11, 2025

1st Place - \$500 Cash - **2nd Place** \$250 Gift Certificate to ACE Hardware - **3rd Place** \$150 Weis Gift Card.

See Bangor's 150th schedule of events ad on page 16

Bangor 150 Celebration Parade "Bangor Through The Years" Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 2:00 P.M.

Parade participant Information:

The parade route will start on Lower South Main Street near Pennico Park and continue up South Main Street onto Broadway and end at Fourth Street and Broadway. Parade line ups will start at **1:00 P.M.** There will be parade volunteers to assist with line ups. You will be notified two days before the parade to inform you what division you have been assigned and who is in front and in back of your group, float, individuals or band. In-person registration will be at Bray's Newsstand, 36 Broadway, Bangor or Miller's Paint Store,100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor. For online registration go to BangorBorough.org and click on 150th Anniversary celebration. Deadline for registration is **Thursday, May 29 at 4:00 P.M.** Registration is free. No late registrations please. There will no candy throwing permitted.

Division line ups are as follows:

Division 1: Line up at the PCI parking lot.

Division 2: Line up BioSpectra parking lot near the viaduct. Division 3 Line up South Main Street in front of the Bangor Borough garage.

Participants registering online are asked to please make a sign measuring 6"x 8" with your assigned parade number. The judges will be seated in front of Jones monument on South Main Street, (by the Bangor Public Library) please place your sign on the right side of your float or group. Any questions can be directed to Keith Heard, Parade Co-Chair at 484-375-9824.

Slate Belt Band is Seeking New Members

The Slate Belt Band is looking for new members, especially trombones. Practices are held at the Roseto American Legion, 143 Garibaldi Ave., Roseto, PA. FMI email slatebeltband@gmail.com

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Northampton County 2025 Envirothon Results

The Northampton County Conservation District (NCCD) held its 29th annual Envirothon competition at Louise Moore Park in Bethlehem and Lower Nazareth Townships on April 17, 2025. The Envirothon is an environmental competition for students in grades 9 through 12. A team consists of five students and an advisor.

Each team was given materials and study objectives in advance from which they studied. The students were tested in five areas: Wildlife, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Aquatic Ecology and a current environmental issue (this year's topic was 'Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change').

This year, seven schools competed with a total of twelve teams from Bangor Area High School, Freedom High School, Nazareth Area High School, Northampton Area High School, Pen Argyl Area High School, Saucon Valley High School and Moravian Academy.

At the competition, the teams rotated through five stations taking written tests with some hands-on application.

Saucon Valley High School – Stepan Goudsouzian, Navair Goudsouzian, Jacob Norwood, Kyle Chi, and Ryan had the highest cumulative score and was the 1st place winner. Bangor Area High School Team Maroon placed second, and Bangor Area High School Team White placed third.

The event was sponsored by the NCCD; Northampton County Division of Parks & Recreation; The Pidcock Company; J.G. Petrucci Co. Inc.; Joe Correia; Commerce Construction Co., L.P.; Majestic Realty Co.; Buzzi Unicem USA Inc.-Hercules Cement; Pennsylvania American Water Co.; Schlouch, Inc.; Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc.; Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Grand Central Landfill (Waste Management); Bohler Engineering, PA, LLC; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services; Giant Food Stores, and Wegman's Markets. The Conservation District receives assistance from the following agencies who are responsible for preparing, administering and correcting the tests: PA Game Commission, PA. DCNR – Bureau of Forestry, PA Fish & Boat Commission, and Penn State Extension. Volunteers from the Northampton County Conservation District, and PA Master Watershed Stewards also assisted.

Following the competition, Peter from PA Reptiles provided a presentation for the students. Plagues, medallions, and gift cards were awarded to the top three scoring teams. Jeffrey Keifer, of the NCCD Board of Directors, presented the awards. In memory of our late manager, Chryss Buchman, the District also presented the 'Chryss Buchman Memorial Current Issue Award' to Moravian Academy's Team Gold for having scored the highest at the Current Issue Station that did not place. The team was awarded a certificate and a microscope to use in the classroom. In memory of the services of long-time District Board member and Chairman, Bob Jones, the District also presented the 'Robert H. Jones Memorial Soils & Land Use Award' to Nazareth Team Eagle Eye for having scored the highest without placing at the Soils & Land Use Station. The team was awarded a certificate, and five rain gauges for each of the students to take home. Resources and gifts from the Cooperating Agencies were also presented as station awards to teams scoring the highest at the Aquatics (Freedom Team Black), Wildlife (Nazareth Team Talons) and Forestry (Moravian Team Gold) stations. Annual Envirothon t-shirts and reusable water bottles were also provided to everyone who participated.

Saucon Valley High School's Team will advance to the State competition. The State competition will be held in two parts. A virtual segment consisting of the students presenting a 12-minute video followed by an 8-minute Q & A session will be scheduled for one of four days from May 15 – 17, 2025. The in-person station testing segment will be held at Windber Recreation Park, Windber, PA on May 21, 2025. Saucon Valley High School won the County event last year and placed 13th at the State competition; good luck Saucon Valley High School!

Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Co. Carnival Photos by Lisa Newberry

The Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Co. held their annual carnival April 30 - May 4. All who attended the annual firemen's carnival had a great time! See more photos on our Facebook page



LMBT Community Day & MayDay FireFighter Picnic and Raffley Photos by Lisa Newberry

It was a beautiful day and a great turn out for the Lower Mt Bethel Township Community Day and MayDay FireFighter Picnic and raffle. The event was sponsored by Lower Mt Bethel Township and Sandt's Eddy Fire Co. See more photos on our Facebook page



Bangor Area High School Spring Choir Concert Photos by Lisa Newberry

Bangor Area High School held their Spring Choir Concert, on May 7, at the Performing Arts Theatre at Bangor Area High School. See more photos on our Facebook page



Wind Gap Middle School Spring Band ConcertPhotos by Cory DaileyThe Wind Gap Middle School held their Spring Band Concert on May 6.See more photos on our Facebook page



Pen Argyl Area High School College Commitment Signing Day Photos by Lisa Newberry

On Monday, May 12, 11 student athletes at Pen Argyl High School signed their College commitment Letters of Intent.



Blake Boyer (DeSales University, Tennis) with his mother Jessica



Jillian Bradley (Lebanon Valley College, Softball) with her parents Janelle and Ian



Gavin Casey (Moravian University, Track & Field) with his parents Arnold and Carol Zellman



Nuallan King (Utica University, Football & Wrestling) with his parents Melissa Hersh and Kenneth King



Brayden Krasnopera (Juniata College, Football) with his parents Bob and Stephanie



Lucas Lerch (Misericordia University, Baseball) with his parents Angela and Joe



Colin McMahon (Kings College, Baseball) with his mother Allison



Shane Moser (Northampton Community College,Wrestling) with his parents Stefanie and Nolan



Gabriella Moyer (Muhlenberg College, Cheerleading) with her mother Suzanne Moyer



Madacyn Rivera (Cedar Crest College, Wrestling) with her parents Cortnei and Bob Snyder



Rylee Wentz (Northampton Community College, Softball) with her grandparents Mark & Cathy Sampson

14 COMMUNITY NEWS —

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Ireland by Sylvia Day; One Golden Summer by Carley Fortune; The Names: A Novel by Florence Knapp; The New Books Tenant by Freida McFadden Gone With The Wind by Margaret Mitchell The Book of Azrael by Amber V. Nicole.



Adult Non Fiction - I Wish Someone Had Told Me: The Best Advice for Building a Great Career and a Meaningful Life by Dana Perino.

Easy Fiction - Odder: An Otter's Story by Katherine Applegate: Clifford Follows His Nose by Norman Bridwell; Smoky Night by Eve Bunting; Scary, Scary Halloween by Eve Bunting; The Vanishing Pumpkin by Tony Johnston The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night by Peter Spier.

Easy Non Fiction - Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins.

Easy Reader Fiction - Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtles: The Secret by Steve Murphy.

Easy Reader Non Fiction - Beyond the Dinosaurs: Monsters of the Air and Sea by Charlotte Lewis Brown; Dinosaur Davs by Joyce Milton.

Junior Non Fiction - Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (And What the Neighbors Thought) by Kathleen Krull

Young Adult Fiction - Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer. **DVDs -** Mayfair Witches: Season 2.

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.

Area Food Pantries

Bethel Bible Church Food Pantry

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

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

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

Mission of Love Food Bank

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

Helping Hands Food Pantry at **Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church**

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 5:00 PM -6:00 PM. Drive Thru Pick Up parking lot opens at 4:30 PM. 915 North 5th Street , Stroudsburg, PA. For more information contact the church 570-421-0750

St. Elizabeth/St.Joseph Food Ministry

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

John Wesley Covenant Church

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

Spirit Ascending By Robert L. Martin

My spirit ascending, my breath no more, O'er the battlefield and riddled sycamore. Where bullets flew and soldiers died, I came to the time of my life denied. But for a life given up comes a life to be, Of inalienable rights from generations free.

How well we fought the battle to the end, Where freedom was born so free again, Nothing comes from nothing sought, As oppression flourishes so time we got. We go to battle with all our might And honor the creed of the sacrificial rite. For what I died for is for a greater cause Martyred for the future and what befalls. For freedom comes at a price to pay, For how we fought from this very day.



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Bangor Borough 150th Anniversary Celebration Celebrating 150 Years June 7-14, 2025 1875-2025

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 7 - Opening Ceremonies 10:00AM 45 Broadway, Bangor, PA. (Quarry Bites & Brews lot) Block Party 10:00AM - 2:00PM

> Sunday, June 8 - 2:00PM 150th Anniversary Parade

(Registration deadline 5/29/25. Contact Keith Heard at 484-375-9824)

House Decorating Contest

Show your Town and Country Pride!

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Bangor the 150th Anniversary Committee is hosting a House Decorating Contest that honors our rich history and patriotic spirit. To enter decorate your home in **Maroon, White** and **Yellow** representing your Bangor pride and **Red, White** and **Blue** to show your patriotism!

Raise your flags, light up your porches and celebrate like it's 1875 - Bangor Style! Email your address to: Bangorfamilyday@yahoo.com

Deadline to enter is June 7, 2025 - Judging will be June 11, 2025 1st Place - \$500 Cash - 2nd Place \$250 Gift Certificate to ACE Hardware -3rd Place - \$150 Weis Gift Card

> Tuesday, June 10 - 7:00PM Family Night at Bangor Memorial Park Outdoor Movie and family games

> > Thursday, June 12 - 4:00 PM Car Show

Car show sponsored by Slate Belt Rising, Quarry Bites & Brews lot, 45 Broadway, (local breweries/wineries/food trucks and bands.)

Saturday, June 14 - 1:00PM *Rain Date Sunday, June 15* Community Day at Bangor Memorial Park

(3 Live Bands, Family Fun Events, Food Trucks, Fireworks 9:15PM) Follow the Bangor 150th Anniversary on Facebook to stay update to date on announcements & events www.facebook.com/BangorBorough150 150th Merchandise Available