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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Miller House Spring Craft Show

The annual Miller House Spring Craft Show will be held
**March 20 - 21 - 22, Fri. 3/20 4:00-8:00 PM, Sat. 3/21
10:00AM-4:00PM & Sun. 3/22 12:00PM-4:00PM** at
Miller's Paint Store (second floor), 100 Erdman Avenue,
Bangor, Pa.

Belfast Wesley UMC Flea Market/Soup & Chili Sale

The Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church will hold a
Flea Market/Soup & Chili Sale on **Saturday, March 21st
8:00AM - 3:00PM & Sunday, March 22nd, 12:00-3:00PM**
607 School Road, Nazareth, Pa.

FUMC Bangor Soup Cook Off

The First United Methodist Church in Bangor will hold
their annual Soup Cook Off fundraiser on **Saturday March
21st, 11:30AM-1:30PM** at the church, 55 N. 3rd Street,
(please use the alley door) Bangor, Pa. You be the judge
as local non profit organizations compete for title of "Best
Soup". Your vote \$cash ONLY equals 1 vote. Proceeds
from the event support the 2026 Backpack Giveaway
program for area children.

WTVFC Bingo-Blue Valley Rescue Squad Tricky Tray & Raffle

The Washington Township Vol. Fire Co will hold a Bingo
& Blue Valley Rescue Squad Tricky Tray and Raffle on
Saturday, March 21st, 920 Washington, Blvd. 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 March, 22nd,
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.

Pocono Irish American Club 47th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Pocono Irish American Club's will host the 47th
annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday,
March 22nd**, in Stroudsburg, Pa. **Step-Off Time: 1:15 PM**
Parade Route: From Stroudsburg High School, Main St.,
Stroudsburg. Parade ends at the Municipal Building,
Crystal St., East Stroudsburg.

**First Day of Spring
March 20, 2026**



All Aspects Easter at the Barn & Kids Egg Hunt

All Aspects at the Barn will host Easter at the Barn Festival & Kids Egg Hunt. **Saturday, March 28th 10:00AM -4:00PM (Rain date Sunday, March 29th)** All Aspects is located at 1584 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, Pa. 18343 www.allaspectsbarn.com **See ad at right for details**

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on **Saturday, March 28th, 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.

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt

The Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. will hold their Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28th, 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Egg Hunt is at 1:00PM**. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 1818091. **See ad on page 5 for details**

Washington Township Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Murder Mystery Dinner

Washington Township Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary 80's theme Murder Mystery Dinner on **March 28, 2026** at the Washington 920 Washington Blvd, Bangor PA. FMI/ tickets call Jessica 484-895-9255.

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

The annual winter bird has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 28th at 9:00AM -10:00AM**. Meet at the Grand Central Environmental Education Center, 891 Grand Central Road, Pen Argyl, Pa. Please dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes. Bring your cameras and binoculars! RSVP by emailing Adrienne at afor1@wm.com

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 at right 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

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).

See Community Easter Egg Hunts on page 6

Grapevine Antiques & Crafts Mall

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**KID'S EASTER
EGG HUNT**

**Face Painting
& Kids Activities**

**Petting
Farm**

**Live
Music**

**WINE & BEER
AT COTTAGE**



**Saturday, March 28th
10am-4pm**

RAIN DATE SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

**Free
Festival
Admission**

Kid's Easter Egg Hunt

Cost: \$5 Per Child
8000+ Candy Eggs PLUS 125 Toy Prizes
Registration required for Egg Hunt:
www.allaspectsbarn.com/workshops
Registration Closes Once Sold Out.

Easter Egg Hunts

Age Groups:

Ages 2-3 yrs: 12:00 pm
Ages 4-5 yrs: 12:15 pm
Ages 6-8 yrs: 12:30 pm
Ages 9-12 yrs: 12:45 pm
*No parents on fields
Ages 4-12 years

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Questions: email krgclub243@gmail.com

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FOR MORE INFO GO TO KRGCLUB.COM & FB



PUBLIC WELCOME!

BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW**All You Can Eat Breakfast****Sunday, April 19, 2026****7:30am-12:30pm****Adults \$15 Children 6-12 \$7 UNDER 6 FREE****SERVING OUR MONTHLY BREAKFAST SINCE 1991**Homemade Creamed Chipped Beef, Homefries (with or without onions), Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Pancakes, Kielbasa, Scrapple, Pork Sausage, Turkey Sausage, Bacon, Ham, **DESSERT BAR****DRINKS:** Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate**707 AMERICAN BANGOR ROAD (RT 512)(BETWEEN BANGOR & PEN ARGYL)
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 610-417-0959****Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting****Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
Identity Coffee Lehigh Valley.**

Photos by Cory Dailey

Jason Velazquez, owner, Identity Coffee Lehigh Valley, a New England based, family-owned specialty coffee company, welcomed the community,

family and friends at the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, March 14th.

Jason and his team are excited to welcome the community and look forward to serving you coffee, teas, smoothies, baked goods, and sandwiches. Located at 855 S Broadway in Wind Gap. Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

See more Grand Opening photos page 12**Look for the next issue of
The Belt and Beyond
on April 2nd****Bangor High School Class of 1953 Reunion**The Bangor High School Class of 1953 will hold their 73rd year reunion luncheon at Detzi's Tavern on **Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 1:00PM**. Please come and join us!Contact Kathleen at 610-392-8548 or Shirley at 610-863-2643. RSVP by **April 16, 2026**.**Patricia Sutter Retires as
Tax Collector of Wind Gap Borough**

On Friday, March 6, 2026 an appreciation Open House was held at the Wind Borough office for Patricia Sutter in honor of her retirement after nearly 40 years of service as the Tax Collector for Wind Gap Borough. Family, friends and local dignitaries were on hand to celebrate and honor Patricia.

**Pictured: L-R Mike Sutter, Joe Sutter, Ann Weaver, Patricia Sutter, Gary Sutter, and Dan Sutter.***Photo courtesy of Todd Weaver***Bangor Area High School Community Service Project**

Recently students at Bangor Area High School completed a spring community service project. They collected nearly 400 pet items that they donated to the A.W.S.O.M. Animal Shelter in Stroudsburg, Pa. All of the student classes competed for class points with the seniors winning. Donations were delivered to A.W.S.O.M by freshman and sophomore Class Advisors Mrs Young and Mrs. Finkbeiner.



Students at Bangor Area High School recently completed a spring community service project. They collected almost 400 pet supply items that they donated to the AWSOM (Animal Welfare Society of Monroe) pet shelter. All of the student classes competed for class points with the seniors winning. Donations were delivered to AWSOM by the Freshman and Sophomore Class Advisors, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Finkbeiner.



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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



BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Photos with the Bunny
 Kids Crafts!
 Kids Toy Tricky Tray!

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

Saturday, March 28, 2026
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 6480 Sullivan Trail · Wind Gap, PA

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet!

Scrambled Eggs • Pancakes • French Toast
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Join us this Easter

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 29-11:00 AM

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM

Good Friday: 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday: 6:00 AM and 9:45 AM

Easter Breakfast: 7:30 - 9:30 AM



2445 Lake Minsi Dr, Bangor, PA 18013 popbangor.org

Community Easter Egg Hunts

BANGOR CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

March 21st, 10:00AM-12:00PM Rain or shine

Ages toddler to 12 years

150 Bunny Trail E. Bangor, Pa. 18013

BUSHKILL TWP. VOL. FIRE CO. LADIES AUX.

Saturday, March 21st, 1:00PM

Bushkill Township resident children only ages 0-8 years

155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, PA 18064.

BANGOR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

HOSTED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Saturday, March 28th 1:00PM-3:00PM

Ages 1-12 years. Bangor Memorial Park,
90 Eisenhart Blvd., Bangor, Pa. 18013

NAZARETH BOROUGH

Saturday, March 28th, 1:00PM

(Rain Date: Saturday, April 4th, 1:00 PM)

Nazareth Borough Park,

475 Broad Street, Nazareth, Pa. 18064

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE CO.

Saturday, March 28th, 1:00PM

6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA

Children ages 0-12 years

PORTLAND BOROUGH

Saturday, March 28th, 11:00AM

(Rain Date Saturday, April 4th)

Portland Ball Field, State Street, Portland, PA. 18351

ROSETO HELPING HANDS

Saturday, March 28th 11:00AM - Rain or Shine

3 age groups children ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-10

Roseto Ball Park,

Corner of McKinley Ave. & Denisco Street, Roseto, PA.

TATAMY BOROUGH

Saturday, March 28th, 1:00PM

Braden Park, Tatamy Borough

3800 Bushkil Drive, Tatamy, Pa 18040

PRINCE OF PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 29th, 11:00AM

2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, Pa. 18013

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

WIND GAP BOROUGH

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

Children ages 0-8 years

Wind Gap Borough Park

If you would like your non-profit
organizations Easter egg hunt added to
our Easter egg hunt list please email:

thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com



Palm Sunday,
March 29
Maundy Thursday,
April 2
Good Friday,
April 3
Easter Sunday,
April 5

Meet Trinity Lutheran Church, Bangor New Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bangor has called a new pastor, P. Deb Staniszewski. She is a grateful child of God, pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Bangor, spiritual director, recovering woman, wife, mom, sister, friend and outdoor adventurer. She loves sharing spiritual practice and sacred space with others, both within the congregation and throughout the wider community. Deb feels called to companion people on the spiritual journey of growth and transformation, trusting the Spirit's work of healing, freedom, and joy. She has served as an ordained pastor in the ELCA since 2017 and completed a master's certificate in spiritual direction from Moravian Theological Seminary in 2024. She brings her passion for sharing God's love into all the everyday adventures of ministry and life.



P. Deb Staniszewski

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church

Rev. Dave Goss

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday Communion, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.

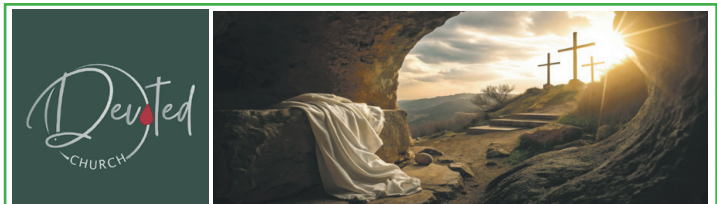
EASTER Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
with Communion



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EASTER WEEK SERVICES PALM SUNDAY

March 29th - 10:00am English/12:00pm Spanish

Hanover Twp. Community Center
3660 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem

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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404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013

Palm Sunday - 10:00am

Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm

Good Friday - 7:00pm

Easter - 10:00am

with Pastor

P. Deb

Staniszewski
officiating.

HE IS RISEN!
Alleluia!
HAPPY EASTER



Grace Church

404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
www.worshipatgrace.org

Palm Sunday:
Sunday, March 29th
9:30am

Easter Services:
Sunday, April 5th

6:30am Sunrise Service

in back parking lot, weather permitting

Easter Worship Service

9:30am

www.thebeltandbeyond.com

*"Spring will come and so will
happiness. Hold on.
Life will get warmer."*

~ Anita Krizzan



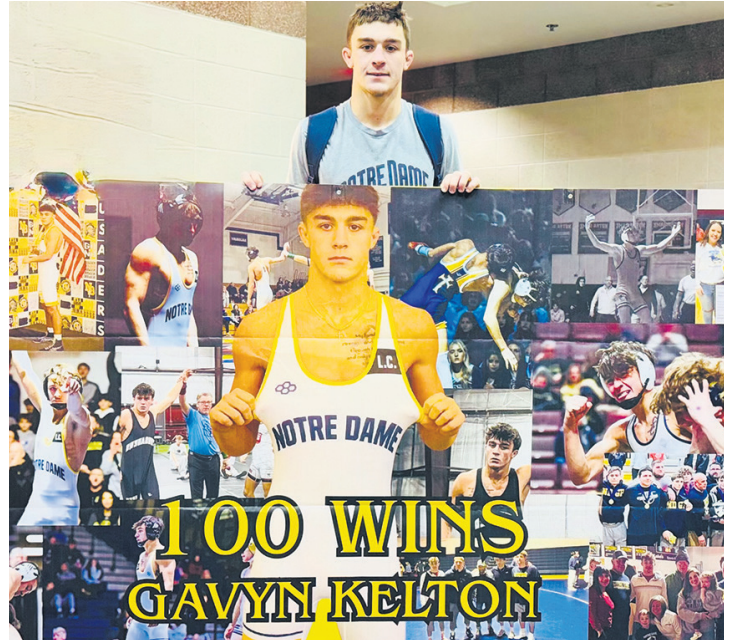
Signs of Spring



Gavyn Kelton, Notre Dame Green Pond Wrestling Earns his 100th Win

Gavyn Kelton, a senior wrestler at Notre Dame Green Pond, earned his 100th win on Saturday, March 7th, in Hershey at the PIAA States Championship.

Gavyn is the son of Shawn and Cindy Kelton, of Bangor. Congratulations Gavyn!



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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Grass
Warmth
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Chick
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Season



Showers
Puddle
Garden
Fresh
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Springtime
Easter
Bees





Slaters Family Network Spring Tricky Tray

Slaters 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 5 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 Slaters Family Network, a non-profit 501(C) (3) family center serving the residents of the Bangor Area School District. Slaters Family Network has served the community for over 25 years, providing resources, referrals, and programs to empower residents to meet their needs and goals. SFN assists families with food, clothing, rent, health insurance, utilities, counseling services and more. Businesses, groups and individuals interested in making and donating a basket can contact the Slaters Family Network office at 610-599-7019 or BartoshMa@Bangorsd.org. Your support is greatly appreciated. Find out more about us at www.slatersfamilynetwork.org and like us on Facebook!

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.

Slate Belt Regional Jr Police Academy

Applications are now being accepted into the Slate Belt Regional Jr Police Academy. Applications must be received by **April 15, 2026**. The dates of the academy are **June 15 thru June 19, 2026**.

To be eligible, participants must be between 12 and 15 years old. Be a resident of either Plainfield Township, Pen Argyl Borough or Wind Gap Borough, and a good school discipline record.

Should you have any questions, please contact Officer Bill Wales @ Wwales@Slatebeltpd.com.



Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Achievement Award

The Chamber is please to announce that applications for the 2026 Scholarship Achievement Award are available at local guidance departments of Bangor Area High School, Pen Argyl Area High School, Faith Christian School and CIT. The deadline for submission is April 9th. A recipient will be awarded from each school (applicants must reside in the Slate Belt). Any questions can be directed to info@slatebeltchamber.org



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Bangor Park Board 2026 Events Schedule

The Bangor Park Board is happy to announce its 2026 schedule of events. All events are held at Bangor Memorial Park.

Friday, June 5th - Movie Night

Friday, June 19th - Splash Dance (Rain date, June 20th)

Friday, June 26th - High School Pool Party (Rain date, June 27th)

Friday, July 10th - Movie Night (Rain date July 11th)

Friday, July 17th - Family Luau (Rain date July 18th)

Friday, August 7th - Movie Night (Rain date August 8th)

Tuesday, August 4th - National Night Out

Sunday, August 23rd - Pooch Plunge

Saturday, September 12th - Wizardfest & Magikal Market (Rain date September 13th)

October 17th & 18th - Octoberfest

Watch for updates on upcoming Bangor Park Board events in The Belt and Beyond.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Park Board or any of these events can contact Sherry at 610-588-6894 or email bangorparkboard@gmail.com

Bangor Memorial Park is located at 90 Eisenhower Blvd. Bangor PA. 18013.

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 7:30AM to 11:00AM, 555 North Main. Street, Bangor, PA. Questions contact Pastor Frank Pons (570) 807-7794. **Check Facebook for distribution day and weather related changes.**

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.**

Free Meal Cross Roads Baptist Church

Crossroads Baptist Church offers a free meal the **second Sunday of every month 3:00PM - ?** 201 S. Second Street, Bangor, Pa.

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MARCH 21 - NATIONAL MEMORY DAY

MARCH 22 - NATIONAL GOOF OFF DAY

MARCH 23 - NATIONAL PUPPY DAY

MARCH 24 - NATIONAL CHEESESTEAK DAY

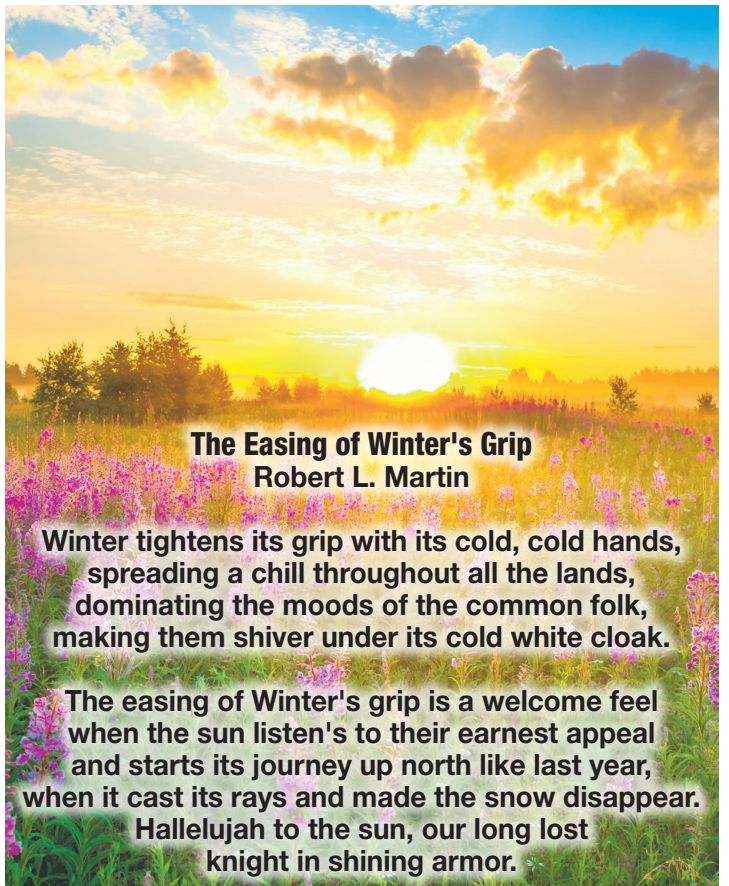
MARCH 25 - MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

MARCH 26 - EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY

MARCH 29 - NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

MARCH 30 - NATIONAL TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY

MARCH 31 - NATIONAL TATER DAY



The Easing of Winter's Grip Robert L. Martin

Winter tightens its grip with its cold, cold hands,
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making them shiver under its cold white cloak.

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when the sun listen's to their earnest appeal
and starts its journey up north like last year,
when it cast its rays and made the snow disappear.
Hallelujah to the sun, our long lost
knight in shining armor.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center March Community Programs

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 jacobsbursgsp@pa.gov.

Family Science Night - Tumbling Timberdoodles! - Friday, March 20, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm. Join us as we learn to be ornithologists, scientists who study birds! We'll start off the evening by trying to observe the amazing courtship flights of the Timberdoodle. We'll meet out in 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 learn more about bird courtship and nesting habits. This program is best for families with children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders - Monday, March 23 & 30, 2026 8:30am to 10:30am, recurring Mondays until September 28. Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. This is a seasonal opportunity. Recurring volunteers: If you are a recurring volunteer, please respond to this opportunity in our new volunteer database using this link: https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/need/detail/?need_id=1194496 You will need to create an account if you have not already done so. If you have any trouble, please contact Brooke: brofoster@pa.gov

Northampton County Fishing Opportunities - Friday, March 27, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm. Join guest speaker, Brian Wagner, as he discusses local lakes, ponds, rivers and streams for fishing of all levels from beginners to experienced anglers. Locations covered include family and kid-friendly spots, as well as accessible areas for mobility challenges, public and private access, fish species, safety tips, angler etiquette, and more! Brian Wagner is a long-time local angler and volunteer with the Forks of the Delaware chapter and Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. This presentation is best suited for adults and teens. Registration is required.

Trees of the Revolution - Saturday, March 28, 2026 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Trees have always been an important part of our lives providing us with food, shelter, and income. Some species were especially important during the early days of our nation. Join us on a hike to learn about the role that American forests had shaping the country as we know it. Registration is required.

Tumbling Timberdoodles - Saturday, March 28, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm. The 'sky dance' or courtship display of the American Woodcock is a spectacle that is a sure sign of spring! This program will cover some of the interesting biology of the American Woodcock followed by a quiet walk at sunset as we search for these twirling courtship flights. Registration is required.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 3-5): Animal Olympics - Tuesday, June 23 thru Friday, June 26, 2026 10am to 11am. Can you flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird? Or run as fast as a deer? Have

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 jacobsbursgsp@pa.gov.

Discovery 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 jacobsbursgsp@pa.gov.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsbursg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsbursgsp@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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Bangor Area High School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Phantom of the Opera

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

On Saturday March 7th the Bangor Area High School held a pancake breakfast fundraiser and a sneak peek of performances for their upcoming musical The Phantom of the Opera." Show dates will be April 17-19.

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



Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Identity Coffee Lehigh Valley

Photos by Cory Dailey

The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Identity Coffee Lehigh Valley in Wind Gap was held on Saturday, March 14th. The Slate Belt Chamber hosted the Ribbon Cutting ceremony prior to the Grand Opening. Identity Coffee Lehigh Valley is located at 855 S. Broadway, Wind Gap, Pa.

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



All Aspects at the Barn "Shake Off Winter" Indoor Pop Up Vendor Market

Photos by Cory Dailey

The Shake Off Winter indoor pop-up vendor market was held on Saturday, March 7th. The event featured, vendors, music, wine tastings, shopping passport and giveaways. Look for the All Aspects at the Barn ad on page 3 for details on their next event, Easter at the Barn Festival and kids Easter egg hunts on Saturday, March 28th.

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



31st Annual Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary Spring Craft & Vendor Show

Photos by Lisa Barthelmeus

The 31st annual spring craft and vendor show hosted by the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co ladies auxiliary was held on Saturday, March 14th at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co.

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



Bangor Public Library Accepting Book Donations

The Bangor Public Library is accepting book donations **March 23rd-31st**. All items must be in good to excellent condition. All nonfiction books can not be older than 10 years. Please no text books, encyclopedias, or magazines. Remember to drop off books during library hours only. Only one box or 2 bags of books will be accepted per visit. Kindly call ahead to make sure the library has space for your books.

New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives by Elizabeth Arnott; The Crossroads by C. J. Box; The Beginner's Quilt by Wanda E. Brunstetter; Death at a Firefly Tea by Laura Childs; When Justice Comes by Colleen Coble; Across the Vanishing Sky by Catherine Cowles; Judge Stone: A Novel by Viola Davis To Cage a Wild Bird: A Novel by Brooke Fast; When We Meet Again by Kristin Harmel The Bookstore Diaries by Susan Mallery; It Girl by Allison Pataki; Honeymoon by James Patterson; Faithful of Heart by Tracie Peterson; Trust No One: A Thriller by James Rollins; Isles of the Emberdark by Brandon Sanderson; A Far-Flung Life: A Novel by M. L. Stedman; The Fox and the Devil by Kiersten White; Dawn of the North by Demi Winters; Kingdom of Claw by Demi Winters.

Adult Non Fiction - The Supreme Gift: Love is the Greatest Thing in the World by Paulo Coelho; A World Appears: A Journey Into Consciousness by Michael Pollan.

Large Print Adult Fiction - The Astral Library: A Novel by Kate Quinn.

Junior Fiction - Amari and the Metalwork Menace by B. B. Alston; Minecraft: Wither Without You Volume 2 by Kristen Gudsnuik; Minecraft: Wither Without You Volume 3 by Kristen Gudsnuik; Hikaru in the Light! Volume 3 by Mai Matsuda; Small Wonder by Ross Montgomery Kilala Princess: The Collection Book 2 by Rika Tanaka.

Young Adult Fiction - The Sun and the Starmaker by Rachel Griffin; Twisted-Wonderland the Manga: Book of Octavinelle 1 by Wakana Hazuki; Disney Twisted-Wonderland: Book of Octavinelle 2 by Wakana Hazuki; Carnival Fantastico by Angela Montoya; Her Hidden Fire by Clodhna O'Sullivan.

DVDs - The Carpenter's Son; Zootopia 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.



Blue Mountain Community Library News



The board of directors has lowered the library card eligibility age to 3. Residents of Pen Argyl, Plainfield Township, and Wind Gap are encouraged to bring proof of residency and get a FREE library card today. (Annual membership is just \$12 for non-residents). The library at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl is open **Mon.-Sat. 10am-12pm and Mon. and Thurs. 6-8pm**.

- The library is in need of 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, and all training is provided. Pick up an application at the circulation desk. Email info@bmcl.org or call 610-863-3029 for more information.

- There's a new scavenger hunt in the children's room, and the prize basket is fully stocked with tiny treasures. Children are invited to find the insects and pick a prize!

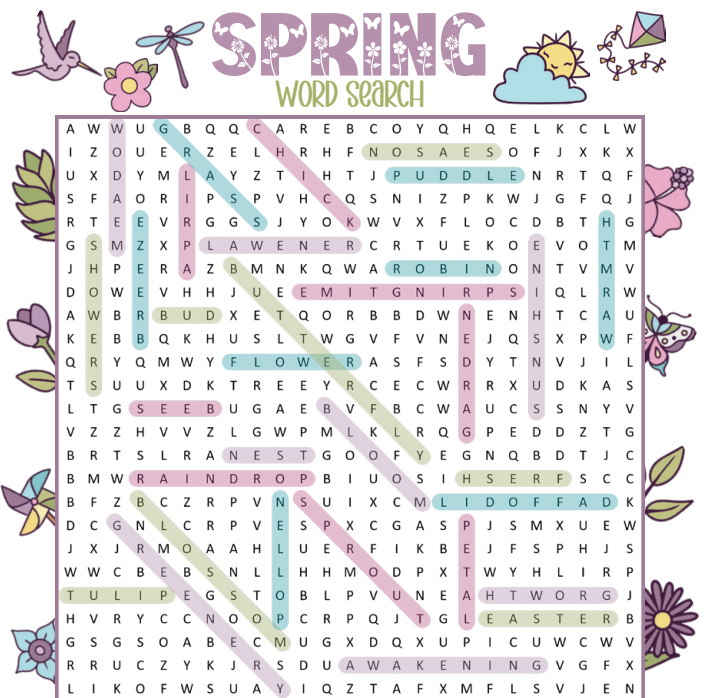
- The magazine swap rack and craft/art supply swap basket are both overflowing. Come take some magazines and supplies!

- A limited number of 1040 tax booklets are available at the library.

- Order a special from Potsy's on Broadway on **Tuesday, March 24**, and Potsy's will donate a portion of the bill back to the library. Potsy's is located on 21 S. Broadway in Wind Gap. Visit their Facebook page or call 610-881-4261 for details.

- Pen Argyl yearbooks, going back decades, are for sale at \$25 each.

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.



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