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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Council - Father DeNisco 3862 Youth Free Throw Championship

3 All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on **Friday, January 19** at Immaculate Conception School - 290 W. Babbitt, Pen Argyl, at **7:00PM**. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date is set for Friday, February 2. Participants are required to provide proof of age and written parental consent at time of competition. FMI contact Scott Moyer - 484-547- 6247 or at scott@moyer107.net

McMichael's United Methodist Church Pizza Sale

McMichael's UMC will hold a Pizza Sale - Call Martha Stout at 570-992-6742 to place orders. Pizza can be picked up at McMichaels Church on **Saturday, January 20 by 12:00 PM** The pizzas are all 12" cheese pizzas. McMichaels United Methodist Church is located at 104 White Church Rd. (corner of Rte. 715 and White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA.

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

The annual winter bird is back! Bundle up, bring your cameras and binoculars, it's Gull season! We will be walking uphill. Sturdy footing is necessary. The walk will take place on **Saturday, January 20 promptly at 11:00AM to 12:00PM**. This event is weather dependent. If bad weather is forecasted, we will reschedule. Please watch our page for updates. Please RSVP via private message or by emailing Adrienne at afors1@wm.com

Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Assoc. Winter Show

The Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association will hold its Winter Show **Saturday, January 20, 7:00AM to 2:00PM** weather permitting. Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Rd. Bangor, PA. 18013. FMI: www.Jacktown.org or call 610-588-7360

A Clean Slate Free Game Night

A Clean Slate will host a Free Game Night featuring Bingo on **Saturday, January 20, 5:00PM to 7:00PM** open to all! A Clean Slate is located at 118 South 1st Street, Bangor, PA. FMI call 610-452-9328.

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show will hold their monthly breakfast on **Sunday, January 21**. 707 American Bangor Road, (RT 512) Between Bangor & Pen Argyl.

See ad page 3 for details

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Email your news and events to thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com

Upcoming Event listings are Free to all Non-Profit Organizations

Event listings include event, date, time, location and contact information ONLY. Email your event to thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 33 Bangor, PA. 18013

Contact us for Non-Profit Display Advertising Rates

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Community Drive-Thru Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, January 21 beginning at 3:00PM**. The church hosts a free monthly community Drive -thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co. Super Bowl Bingo

Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co will hold a Super Bowl Bingo on **Friday, January 26, Doors open at 4:00PM bingo starts 6:40PM** Wind Gap Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 N. Broadway, Wind Gap. PA.18091. **See ad page 4 for details**

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Monthly Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt will hold their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, January, 27, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013.

First United Methodist Church Bangor Monthly Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church Bangor hosts a community luncheon the 4th Sunday of every month. The next luncheon will be held on **January 28 at 12:30PM**. The church is located at 55 N. 3rd St., Bangor. Use the lower entrance on the alley on left of church. Questions? Call 610-588-HOPE (4673).

Hope UCC Wind Gap Rodeo Rally Day

Join Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap for a Rodeo Rally Day **Sunday, January 28, 10:00AM to 1:30PM** Fun and fellowship for the entire family! Hope UCC Wind Gap, 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap. **See ad page 5 for details**

Immaculate Conception School to Hold Open House

Immaculate Conception School will hold their annual Open House on **Sunday, January 28, 11:30AM to 3:30 PM** To schedule a tour or for more information call 610-863-4816. Immaculate Conception School is located in Pen Argyl. **See ad page 16 for details**

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 Bingo

The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 will hold a Bingo on **Saturday, February 3, Doors open at 4:30PM Bingo starts at 6:00PM**. Must be 21 to play. For tickets call 610 588-3420 or purchase at the door. Bangor Elks, 120 Broadway Bangor, PA. **See ad page 5 for details**

St Peter's Oldies Dance

The St Peter's Scholarship Committee is sponsoring an Oldies Dance on **Saturday, February 3, 6:00PM to 10:00PM** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Road, Bangor, PA. For tickets/information call Jackie at 610-588-2101. **See ad page 5 for details**

Trinity Lutheran Church Super Bowl Chili Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church Bangor is taking orders for their famous Farm Show Chili! Deadline for orders is **Saturday, February 3** and pick up date is **Saturday, February 10**. To order or for questions call 610-588-6713 or 610-588-6894. Trinity Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA.

See ad page 5 for details

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BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW**All You Can Eat Breakfast**

Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:30am-12:30pm

Adults \$14 Children 6-12 \$6 UNDER 6 FREE



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(In the event of snow, you may pick up your order on Sunday, February 11, from 9:00AM-1:00PM)

Trinity Lutheran Church 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106
Congratulates Hoop Shoot Winners

The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 congratulations to this year's Hoop Shoot Winners and volunteers that made this year a success! Girls 8/9 **Elinor Eberts**, Boys 8/9 **Landon Buist**, Girls 10/11 **Morgan Wolf**, Boys 10/11 **Gus Normyle**.

Good luck in the District Shoot on the **January 27** at Tamaqua High School. **9:15 practice, 10 am Shoot.**

Marine Corps League Meeting

The Northampton County Detachment #298 Marine Corps League will meet **Saturday, Feb. 3 2024** at 1621 Lehigh Street, Easton PA at **11am**. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains welcome. Contact John Mitzak 908-235-7017 or email jvmitzak@gmail.com. Facebook: Marine Corps League Northampton County Detachment 298.

Weona Park Pool Pals February Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held **Monday, February 5, at 7:00PM** at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI or to offer help with fundraising please call 610-863-6472. Donations can be made on the website www.weonapool.wixsite.com/ website or by mail. Donors are asked to make checks payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic and Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

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

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Monthly Soup Nite on **Thursday, February 8**, and the second Thursday of every month thereafter at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two 8 varieties of homemade soups will be available by the quart Take-Out only. To Pre-Order call Svena at 570-234-7203.

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Bangor 150th Anniversary Group Announces Logo Contest

The Borough of Bangor will be celebrating 150 years in 2025. The planning committee for this important anniversary is in need of a logo for the event. The Bangor 150th organizing committee is announcing a contest for a new logo. The contest is open to both students and adults. The image needs to be related to some aspect of the Slate Belt's past or present, be an original design, be visually clear at both close up and at a distance, and work in both color and monochromatic. All entries must be delivered to the Borough Hall, 197 Pennsylvania Ave., Bangor, PA 18013 or sent to the Borough Manager's email, sreider@bangorborough.org by **February 16, 2024**.

The winning entry will be awarded a \$150.00 prize.

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 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap PA 18091
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Chili Cook Off - Enter to win a prize!
Live Music by Dustin Flyte
Games, Pony Round Up,
Pony Races,
Corn Hole Tournament
 Questions - 610-863-4474




Other ongoing events at Hope UCC include:
 • Sunday Morning Services - 10:00am - in person and via Facebook Live
 • 2nd & 4th Monday evening - Goal Setting for Life Success Group
 Via Zoom at 7:00pm (see our Facebook page for info & link)

St Peter's ANNUAL Oldies Dance 
 Sponsored by the St Peter's Scholarship Committee
Saturday, February 3, 2024 6:00-10:00 PM
 Doors open 5:00pm - Dinner & Dancing 6:00pm-10:00pm
\$28 per person BYOB
BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW
 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor PA.
Dinner, Desserts, Chips/Pretzels, water, coffee/tea and soda included
 **DJ Frank Zito** 

For tickets/Information call 610-588-2101 Checks payable to St. Peter's Scholarship. Mail to Jackie Brinker, 285 American Road, Bangor, PA 18013
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 120 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013

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 Doors open 4:30 pm
SATURDAY FEB 3
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For tickets call 610-588-3420 also available at the door.
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Snow Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Price In Advance \$40 (12 Face)
\$45 Price Day Of Event
 Regular Games Pay \$250 • Jr. Jackpot Pays \$1,000
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Slate Belt Heritage Center Preservation Award

The Slate Belt Heritage Center, located at 30 N. 1st Street, Bangor, Pa, is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its' Annual Preservation Award.

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge individuals and businesses (Architecture Award only) who have performed exemplary acts that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt.

Candidates may be an individual or group (including businesses as mentioned below) and can be nominated by themselves or by another party.

There are three (3) categories:

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

Consideration is given to projects with:

- a) specific start and end date;
- b) meet generally accepted preservation or scholar standards;
- c) considered 'complete', i.e. the project had a goal and potentially achieved the goal; and
- d) significant impact with before and after photographs (as proof) that information or a structure that would have otherwise been lost if the nominee had not done the project.

Nominations are now being accepted until March 1st. Nominations should include a description of entry, photos (if applicable), and any pertinent documentation.

The awards are then presented at a special program in June. One prize will be awarded with the possibility of one per category depending on the Committee's review of candidates.

Note: The Heritage Center retains the right to exhibit and/or publish the application materials, including photographs. Applications for those not chosen will be held on file, indefinitely, for future consideration.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Heritage Center

(Sundays 12:00-3:00PM during Winter hours), local municipal offices or by contacting Jason Huggan @ 484-574-2480 (Committee Chairperson).

If calling, please leave an address to where applications can be mailed in addition to name and phone number.

AOAM Foundation Announces 2024 Scholarship

The Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller Foundation is happy to announce that we are accepting applications for our Blue Collar Scholarship for 2024! A gift certificate for \$2000, plus \$500 cash will be awarded at the Blue Collar Scholarship Truck Show on **Saturday, September 28, 2024** at the Blue Valley Farm Show. To qualify for the scholarship applicants must be a senior at Pen Argyl, Bangor, Easton, or Nazareth High Schools, and enrolled in a traditional trade program. Applicants must submit a video presentation, power point, or written essay and a teacher reference to: aoam.foundation@gmail.com by **May 2**, of their Senior year.

Submissions will be reviewed and the scholarship will be awarded at the Truck Show on **September 28, 2024**.

The idea of the scholarship is to help get a start on a solid tool set and material resources to accomplish future career goals. The submission should include the following information: Name, contact information, interests and hobbies, family and friends, How you got interested in your trade, What you would like to be doing in 5 years What your personal priorities are and how they serve your goals. Your story should give us a good idea of who you are as an individual, and within your family and community.

Portland Hook & Ladder Co. LizTech Jewelry Bingo & Tricky Tray

The Portland Hook & Ladder Co. LizTech Jewelry Bingo & Tricky Tray **Saturday February 10, 2024 at 1:00pm** (Rain Date Sat. February 17) William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street, Portland PA. Limited Tickets: <https://portlandhookandladder.square.site>

See ad page 11 for details

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. will hold a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, February 18, 1:00PM-6:00PM** at the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA. **See ad page 8 for details**

6th Annual Snowmen of Stroudsburg

The Snowmen return for the winter season in downtown Stroudsburg! The snowmen are designed and built by local artists and will stay up until **February 24**. The Snowmen of Stroudsburg is a project by Go Collaborative! For more information visit <https://gocollaborativestbg.com/>

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Nominations for Northampton County 2024 Annual Outstanding Senior Award

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

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

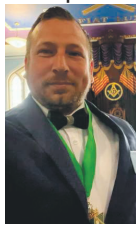
Nomination forms can be found at: <https://files.constantcontact.com/6d5f1902501/57ed83df-643d-4c0e-a0b6-096dbeb510a2.pdf?rdr=true> and must be returned with an essay of 250 words or less with a description of why the nominee deserves recognition and a listing of their volunteer activities. You may nominate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

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

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

Slate Belt Heritage Center February Historic Presentation

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly historic presentation on Sunday, February 11, 2:00 PM. Speaker for the afternoon will be Andrew Nechetsky who will speak on the "History of The Masons."



Andrew Nechetsky

Andrew graduated from Pen Argyl Area High School in 2006 and is a Veteran of the New Jersey Air National Guard, having served with the 108th Security Forces Squadron. He is currently both an Operations Supervisor and a Supervisor of Measurement & Regulation for UGI Utilities Inc. He is currently enrolled at Purdue University Global pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, a Bachelor of Science in Military History at Liberty University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History at University of Maryland Global. Andrew completed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge becoming a Master Masonic Scholar. His writings have been published in a well-known, internationally distributed Masonic magazine. Andrew is an Officer of Pen Argyl Lodge No. 594 Free & Accepted Masons. He is also a member of a non-Masonic organization: The National Society Sons of the American Revolution which is comprised of members who have proven direct decendency to an ancestor that served during the American Revolution.

The event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Mt. Bethel Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

29th ANNUAL

SPRING CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

Saturday APRIL 20, 2024

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Reserve Your Table/Space - First Come - First Serve Basis
8ft table or space \$25 - Second table \$15

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VENDORS: 1 vendor "per company" Ex. 1 AVON, 1 Scentsy, etc.

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Questions Call or text Michelle 484-523-3379

We will do our best to honor requests for specific hall spaces but cannot guarantee. Table rental fees are refundable with a minimum 2 weeks notice. Please call ASAP if you cannot attend. If our quota is filled your money order will be returned to you.

Doors Open 7:00 AM for Crafters/Vendors. Hall address: 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. 18341. Please park your vehicles behind the building after unloading to accommodate our patrons. * We request that you stay for the time the show is advertised open 9:00 AM -3:00 PM leaving early jeopardizes your table reservation in the future.

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NUMBER OF TABLES: _____ NUMBER OF CHARIS: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

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Thursday - Calzone or Sausage Roll, 16oz soda \$11.99+tax
Friday - 10" Italian Hoagie, 16oz soda \$9.50+tax

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JACKPOT BINGO

Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 1PM-6PM

Doors open at 11:00AM Games start at 1:00PM

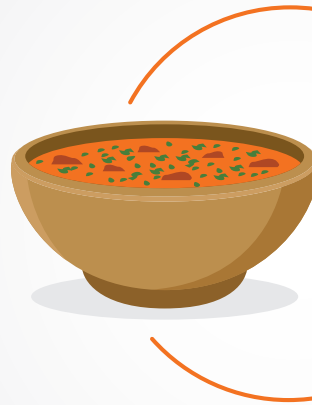
Pre-Sale Tickets \$30 - Tickets at the door \$35

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jackpot-bingo-at-plainfield-township-vol-fire-co-tickets-799008474857>

Presale Tickets also available at our weekly bingo

Regular BINGO games, Specials, Pull Tab tickets, 50/50, Tricky Tray, and many other games of chance to play!

Concession stand will be open (No outside food or beverage permitted)
Banquetfacility@plainfieldfireco.com or contact us through our Facebook



JANUARY IS
NATIONAL
SOUP
MONTH

Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- 1 medium sweet onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 ½ cups chicken stock
- 2 cups diced russet potatoes
- Kosher salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 5 cups finely chopped broccoli florets
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 8 ounces shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese, (2 cups)

Instructions:

- 1 Melt butter in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion, and cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 2-3 minutes.
- 2 Stir in garlic and thyme until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- 3 Whisk in flour until lightly browned, about 1 minute.
- 4 Stir in chicken stock, scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pot. 5 Stir in potatoes; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Bring to a boil and reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes.
- 6 Using a wooden spoon, mash potatoes until slightly thickened, if desired; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- 7 Stir in broccoli and heavy cream. Cook covered until broccoli is tender, about 8-10

minutes. Remove from heat and let cool 2 minutes.

8 Stir in cheese, a handful at a time, until smooth about

1-2 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve and enjoy!



CASH BINGO

Palmerton Lions Club at Towamensing Volunteer Fire Company

105 Firehouse Rd (Rt 209), Palmerton, PA 18071

EVERY TUESDAY

Doors open
4:00 P.M.

Warm-ups start at 6:00 P.M.
Main Bingo starts at 6:30 P.M.



**\$25.00 Admission Package
Includes:**

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, February 2024

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:15am-3:30pm. Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

Couples Wilderness Skills Triathlon - Saturday, February 10 at 9:30am to 11:30am or 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Do you and your partner have what it takes to survive? Test your ability to work as team in this triathlon of semi-difficult, yet thrilling survival challenges. To remain fair, challenges will not be announced until the start of the program. This program will be held outdoors, and moderate physical activity can be expected. Adults and teens only. Registration in pairs is required.

Intro to Fly Fishing - Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Interested in learning to fly fish? Trout Unlimited, Forks of the Delaware Chapter will offer a program on how to best start out fly fishing. They will discuss what equipment is necessary and offer demonstrations. You can also practice your best rollcast using Jacobsburg's loaner flyrod kits. This will take place indoors. Registration is Required.

Family Science Night - Maple Sugar Science - Friday, February 23 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Learn the science of how to get syrup from trees! We'll learn how to tell when sugar water is flowing, how to tap a tree, and the steps to cooking syrup. We'll also learn some of the history of maple syruping in PA. We will not be producing syrup, but there will be some taste testing. Registration is required.

Basic Boating Course - Saturday, February 24 at 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Commission. This course will be held indoors. Registration is required. For questions call Andy Desko at 215-968-3631.

Volunteer Event - Cavity Nesting Boxes Install and Upkeep - Sunday, February 25 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Join cavity nest box monitors, Becca and Jeff, to help prepare for the arrival of broody birds. Attendees can expect to replace and maintain boxes in disrepair, organize box numbers, and help install predator guards. Registration is required.

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

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The Pocono Irish American Club's 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 24**. Step-off time will be **1:15PM** from Stroudsburg High School. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's parade can find the rules, regulations and application form at <https://www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/parade-participant-sign-up.html?fbclid=IwAR0-4FvIq0e-5fLx4zf-TFuK49NVrAhpDPDp-KTJVcsQPQvJW3xrpypxwzvw#/>

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

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 29th Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show on **Saturday April 20** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. hall, 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. 18341.
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EASTON, PA. Downtown creative studio Mercantile Home, in partnership with the Easton Main Street Initiative, has launched a community art project called 'Love, Easton' that will create 28,127 hearts of all sizes and materials to fill windows and public spaces throughout Easton. The project will run from **January 9 to March 9**. The beloved local shop is asking the Easton community for their support in participating in the creation of these hearts, currently being installed now through February 8, and displayed through mid-March.

"We chose this number because it is the current population of Easton. There will be one heart for every resident of the city. It's a giant love letter, an art project that represents, in a big way, the kindness, creativity and good vibes for which Easton has become known," said Mercantile Home co-owner Ron Morris.

"The Easton Main Street Initiative is excited to be partnering with Mercantile Home on this community building project and encourages everyone from Easton and beyond to participate," said Kim Kmetz, Easton Main Street Initiative manager. "There are many ways to join in and help: making hearts, hanging hearts in your home or business windows, volunteering to help install hearts around the city, and more."

The majority of the "Love, Easton" hearts will be hung in and on buildings and public spaces from the Free Bridge to 15th Street along Northampton Street and from the top of Cattell Street to the top of Saint Johns along 3rd Street through Downtown. However, all Easton residents and businesses are encouraged to make and hang hearts in their windows even if they are not located on this specific route. All hearts will be added to the total. Any resident or business making and hanging their own hearts are able to register their location and number of hearts by visiting www.love-easton.com. Additional hearts can be sent or turned in at Mercantile Home, 140D Northampton Street, the Easton Public Market, 325 Northampton Street, and a variety of other venues which are identified on the website.

"The enthusiasm in the community around the project is very contagious. Folks are already creating so many inventive, unique, wonderful hearts by recycling all kinds of paper and other materials: old bills, newspapers, fliers, wrapping paper. I can't wait to see all the creative ways we are able to 'Love, Easton,'" said Ken Jones Jr., co-owner of Mercantile Home.

For more information on the project and how to get involved, visit www.love-easton.com

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

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January Fun Facts Did You Know?

- The flower symbol of January is snowdrop and carnation.
- On January 6, 1912. New Mexico became the 47th state.
- January is National Soup Month.
- Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi
- On January 12, 1991 Congress authorized President George Bush to use military force against Iraq following it's invasion of Kuwait.
- On January 17, 1942 Muhammad Ali was born in Louisville, Kentucky, as Cassius Clay.
- January 20, 1945 Franklin Delano Roosevelt the 32nd president of the United States inaugurated to a fourth term. FDR was the only United States president to be elected to four terms serving from 1933-1945.
- An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight traveling from California to New York on January 25, 1959.

Falling Snow
by Anonymous

See the pretty snowflakes
 Falling from the sky;
 On the wall and housetops
 Soft and thick they lie.
 On the window ledges,
 On the branches bare;
 Now how fast they gather,
 Filling all the air.
 Look into the garden,
 Where the grass was green;
 Covered by the snowflakes,
 Not a blade is seen.
 Now the bare black bushes
 All look soft and white,
 Every twig is laden, What a pretty sight!

IT'S THE LAW

Pennsylvania drivers are legally required to clear their cars of snow or ice before hitting the roads, according to a law that was signed in 2022.

Pet Friendly Winter Tips

HIDING IN THE HOOD
 Warm engines attract cats and small animals. Bang on your hood before starting the engine.

PAW PATROL
 Check regularly and wipe away salt after outdoor walks.

BE ALERT
 Signs of hypothermia include: shivering, whining, sluggish or anxious behavior.

GET COZY
 Provide warm beds for naps.

STORM PREP
 Create disaster kit with food, water and medication that can last 5 days.

STAY INDOORS
 Keep cats and dogs inside. Consider providing dry, well-insulated shelter for feral and neighborhood cats.

SWEATER WEATHER
 Play dress up with cozy sweaters and coats.

Tips to Help You Weather the Snowy Winter

(Family Features) When snow is in the forecast, a fully stocked shed and plan of attack can help you weather the storm. Regardless of the predicted snowfall totals, it's best to have the appropriate tools on hand for your home, your car and yourself.

The driveway

To clear snow from large, flat areas, a snow blower is the best tool. The innovative Snow Joe iON Hybrid Snow Blower eliminates the need to run out for gas during a storm and operates on both battery and corded electric power, giving you extended clearing time. Begin by using the rechargeable battery to clear the areas furthest away from your home and utilize the corded electrical power for extended use as you get closer to your house. Clear a path as it snows, if possible, to avoid a bigger end job. Once all of the snow has been removed, cover any slippery patches with salt or sand.

Sidewalks and pathways

Clearing sidewalks and pathways is not only courteous to your neighbors, but in many areas it's the law. For lighter snow, putting down ice melt a few hours before a storm can melt snow up to 2 inches deep and keep ice from forming. For larger storms, it's advised to remove smaller amounts of snow several times instead of waiting until the snow stops falling. This results in less strenuous activity and also allows the sun to warm up the pavement, preventing ice from forming.

The car

It's important to keep your car stocked up for an emergency, just as you would your home. Fill your trunk with a small survival kit, including a blanket, water, flashlight and extra batteries. Another important tool to keep in your car in the winter is an ice scraper. The Snow Joe illum-n-Broom is equipped with an ice scraper and snow broom to push snow off the car without scratching the paint. The all-in-one unit also features a flashlight and emergency blinker, so you can address hazards and drive safely.

Yourself

While removing snow may make you work up a sweat, it's still important to dress warmly and keep your body covered, especially parts of the body that are vulnerable to frostbite, such as your fingers, toes and face. Make sure that you are equipped with a warm jacket, thick gloves and socks, and a hat that covers your ears. Dress in layers so that you can take off pieces of clothing as your body warms up.

For additional snow removal products that will help you weather the winter, visit snowjoe.com. #13035 Source: Snow Joe



SNOW DAY



Two year old Reese enjoys play time in the snow.



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Mercury by Amy Jo Burns; First Lie Wins: A Novel by Ashley Elston; The Wildest Sun: A Novel by Asha Lemmie; He's Not My Type by Meghan Quinn; Wild and Distant Seas: A Novel by Tara Karr Roberts; Upside Down: A Novel by Danielle Steel.



Adult Non Fiction - The Wuhan Coverup: And the Terrifying Bioweapons Arms Race by Robert Francis Kennedy.

Easy Fiction- Snuggle Puppy: A Little Love Song by Sandra Boynton; Love Monster and the Scary Something by Rachel Bright; There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books! by Lucille Colandro; How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills; R is For Rocket: An ABC Book by Tad Hills; The Windy Day by Anna Milbourne; The Rainy Day by Anna Milbourne; The Snowy Day by Anna Milbourne; The Sunny Day by Anna Milbourne; Perfect Hug, The by Joanna Walsh.

Easy Non Fiction - On the Plane by Carron Brown; Spider-man by Derek Harmening; Arctic Animals by Jill McDonald.

Junior Fiction - Claudia and the Bad Joke, A Graphic Novel 15 The Baby-sitters Club by Arley Nopra.

Young Adult Fiction - Manslaughter Park by Tirzah Price; A Fragile Enchantment by Allison Saft; Dark Star Burning, Ash Falls White by Amelie Wen Zhao.

DVDs - Five Nights at Freddy's: Can You Survive; PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie.

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.

AA Meeting - McMichaels UMC

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

McMichaels United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

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

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New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library



Adult Fiction - The Little Liar, Mitch Albom; The Edge, David Baldacci; Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt; Resurrection Walk, Michael Connelly Judgment Prey, John Sandford ;The Secret, Lee Child; Sisters Under the Rising Sun, Heather Morris; One Last Kill, Robert Dugoni; The Keeper of Hidden Books, Madeline Martin; The Spy Coast, Tess Gerritsen; Mrs. Winchester's Biographer, Deana L. Stetten; The Better Half, Alli Frank; Betrayal, Phillip Margolin. **Large Print** - Dirty Thirty, Janet Evanovich. **Adult Non-fiction** - Tangled Vines, John Glatt; The Sisterhood, Liza Mundy; This Is So Awkward, Cara Natterson.

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

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- January 18 - National Winnie the Pooh Day
- January 19 - National Popcorn Day
- January 20 - National Cheese Lovers Day
- January 21 - National Hugging Day
- January 22 - Celebration of Life Day
- January 23 - National Pie Day
- January 24 - National Peanut Butter Day
- January 25 - National Irish Coffee Day
- January 26 - National Green Juice Day
- January 27 - National Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 28 - National Blueberry Pancake Day
- January 29 - National Puzzle Day
- January 30 - National Plan for Vacation Day
- January 31 - National Hot Chocolate Day

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