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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

EBUMCC Free Community Dinner

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE Chicken & Rice Dinner on **Sunday, March 3, 4:00PM to 4:30PM**. TAKE-OUT ONLY. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

Slate Belt Restaurant Week

Slate Belt Restaurant Week will be held **Monday, March 4 to Sunday, March 10**. See ads on pages 8 & 9 for details

McMichaels UMC Donation Only Breakfast

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

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March 14, 2024

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Friday, March 8, 2024

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Grace UMC Craft Show & Bake Sale

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

McMichaels UMC Events

McMichaels United Methodist Church will hold a Soup and Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 9, 11:00AM to 2:00PM.** A large variety of delicious homemade soups will be sold by quarts and pints. Variety of desserts sold by the piece or whole.

Pizza Sale - Pizzas are 12" to place orders call Martha at 570-992-6742 by **March 7th**, Pick up at McMichaels the church UMC Church on **Saturday, March 16.** McMichael's UMC is located at 104 White Church Rd., (on the corner of Rte. 715 and White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA.

Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

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

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

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

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

Monthly Soup Nite On **Thursday, March 14, 2024** 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. FMI contact Sherry 908-672-9961. This will be the last soup night of the season. .

Miller House Spring Craft Show

The Miller House annual Spring Craft Show will be held **Friday- Sunday, March 15-16-17** at Miller's Paint Store (second floor) 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor, PA. 18013. **See ad on page 5 for details**

The Potting Shed Plant Explosion

The Potting Shed will hold a Plant Explosion **Saturday, March 16 10:00 to 5:00PM.** 931 Ann Street Stroudsburg, PA 18360. 570-424-1174 pshed@ptd.net **See ad on page 5 for details**

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Monthly Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, March 17 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.

Portland Hook & Ladder Co #1. Gun & Sportsmans Show

The Portland Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will host a Gun & Sportsmans Show on **Sunday, March 17, 9:00AM to 2:00PM.** William Pensyl Social Hall, 111 State Street Portland PA. FMI contact Jim Steele at 610-216-4191 or gunshow@portlandhookandladder.com **See ad on page 6 for details**

Bushkill Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. JACKPOT BINGO

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Doors Open 11:00am

Bingo Starts 1:00pm

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(In the event of snow, you may pick up your order on Sunday, March 28, from 9:00AM-1:00PM)

Trinity Lutheran Church 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013



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Celebrations

50th Wedding Anniversary

Ted and Michelena Smith of Bangor will celebrate 50 years of marriage on March 2nd. They were married by the late Father Gennaro Leone at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Roseto.

Michelena is the daughter of the late Frank P. Comunale and Mary R. Comunale. Ted is the son of the late Stewart C. and Edna M. Smith.

The couple have 2 children, a son, Matthew,

husband of Charlene, of Bangor and a daughter, Michelena Furnish, wife of Chris, of Morehead, Kentucky. They have 4 grandchildren, Jacob and Carter Smith and Chance and Josephine Furnish.

The couple has lived in the same house in Bangor since 1974 and will be happily celebrating year long with gatherings of family and friends and traveling throughout the year.



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Marine Corps League Meeting

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Weona Park Pool Pals March Meeting

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

Ross Township Historical Society

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



Mayola Danner Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mayola Danner celebrated her 90th birthday on February 21st. She was born on February 21, 1934 in Plainfield Township, PA to Roy Jones and Henrietta Sandt.

She was married to the late William Danner Sr for 42 years before his passing in 2003. Together they have 2 daughters, Melody LaBar, husband, Dale of Ackermanville Pa. and Tina Dickey husband, Harry, of East Bangor, Pa.

She has many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mayola celebrated her milestone birthday at a party in her honor with family and friends on Sunday, February 25.

She enjoys sewing, puzzles, playing card games, and spending time with friends and family.



MILLER HOUSE
SPRING CRAFT SHOW
 at Miller's Paint Store (second floor)
 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor, PA.
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 Saturday 3/16 10:00AM - 4:00PM
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Slate Belt Heritage Center March Program
 The Slate Belt Heritage Center will hold their monthly, historic program on **Sunday, March 10, 2:00PM**. Speaker for the afternoon will be Marc Blau who will present, "Achieving Peace: The Conflict Over Palestine." Mr. Blau will review the key Middle East events that led to the conflict and complete the program showing how peace could be reached. This presentation is perfect for the adult who wants to learn more, as well as the students interested in current affairs.
 Mr. Blau is a retired World Cultures teacher from Bangor High School. The program is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA . For additional information contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

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Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club to Present Sister Act the Musical

The Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club will present this year's spring production of Sister Act the Musical on **Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23 at 7:00PM and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00PM** in the High School Auditorium, Pleasant Valley High School, 2233 Route 115, Brodheadsville, PA. 18322.

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 23, 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Egg Hunt is at 1:00PM.**

See ad on page 5 for details

Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Sportsman's Banquet

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

Hope UCC Church Spring Fling Dinner

Hope United Church of Christ, Wind Gap will hold a Spring Fling Dinner on **Saturday, March 23, 3:00PM to 6:00PM** Eat In or Take out. Church is located at 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap, PA.

PIAC 45th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

The Pocono Irish American Club's 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 24.** Step-off time will be **1:15PM** from Stroudsburg High School. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's parade can find the rules, regulations and application form at <https://www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/parade-participant-sign-up.html?fbclid=IwAR0-4FvIq0e-5fLx4zf-TFuK49NvRahgpPDp-KTJVcsQPQvIjW3xrpYxwzW#/>

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

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

Bangor Area High School to Present Mean Girls High School Version

The Bangor Area High School Theater Department will present Mean Girls The High School Version on **Friday, April 12, 7:30PM, Saturday, April 13 at 2:00PM & 7:30PM and Sunday April 14 at 2:00PM** at the Bangor Performing Arts Theater, 187 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. 18013. For tickets go to <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/76527>

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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Slater Family Network 17th Annual Silent Auction

Slater Family Network will hold its 17th annual Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 6** at Five Points Elementary School, 363 5 Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. This year's theme is "Support a Slater." Attendees will have the

opportunity to browse and place tickets in desired baskets from **10:00AM to 12:00PM** Auction begins promptly at **12:00PM** with over 100 baskets, gift cards and prizes up for bid and a 50/50. Food and beverage will also be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit local families in need. Slater Family Network is a non-profit 501(C) (3) family center serving the residents of the Bangor Area School District. We provide resources, referrals, and programs to empower residents to meet their needs and goals. For more information or to make a donation please call the Slater Family Network office at 610-599-7019 or email Damourpa@bangorsd.org

Pen Argyl Women's Club News

The Women's Club of Pen Argyl met on Tuesday, February 6th at Phoebe in Wind Gap Manor under the direction of club member Debbie Procopio. Club members made 75 Valentine "Goodie bags" to be given to our area veterans at the VA Northampton County Clinic.

The Women's Club will be holding a Papa Sarge's Homemade Pierogie fundraiser offering 7 different choices. Orders may be placed with any club member.

The program for the March meeting will be Officer Josh Lowe of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department who will discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Police Department's K-9 dog, Zorro.

All women from Pen Argyl, Wind Gap and Plainfield are invited to attend our meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be **April 2, 2024** at the Phoebe Wind Gap Manor, Alpha Road at **1:00 p.m.**

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First United Methodist Church Bangor Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser

The First United Methodist Church in Bangor held a Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser on Saturday, February 17. Local fire companies and others competed to help raise funds for the First United Methodist Church Backpack Program that benefits school aged children in the Slate Belt with back to school supplies.

Washington Township Vol. Fire Company was the winner of the trophy with their award winning Sausage Potato & Cheddar soup. Other participants were: Cozy Corner Concessions (Jeff) Ham and Bean soup; Cozy Corner Concessions, (Jan) Loaded Baked Potato; 2nd Ward Fire Co., Italian Wedding soup; Wind Gap Fire Company, Stuffed Pepper soup, and Marie Cole, Chicken Tortilla soup. Information was available for the Backpack program and the Giving tree. The Giving tree will be up all year to collect donations of underwear and socks for the backpack giveaway on July 27, 2024, and will be held at the Blue Valley Farm Show.

For more information or to make a donation for the Backpack program email cjpfaitthdecor@yahoo.com

See page 12 for more photos.



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 Wed. - Cheesesteak w/sauce & onions, 16oz soda \$9.25+tax
 Thursday - Calzone or Sausage Roll, 16oz soda \$11.99+tax
 Friday - 10" Italian Hoagie, 16oz soda \$9.50+tax




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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

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Community Service Center
 The PVEN Community Service Center, located at 2334 Route 209, Sciota, PA 18354 (just outside Brodheads ville and diagonally across the street from The Flag Store), is home to their Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Diaper Pantry, and Menstrual Hygiene Pantry. These year-round programs provide free groceries, clothing, social service referrals, and other necessary items to residents of Chestnuthill, Eldred, Hamilton, Jackson, Ross and Polk townships in Monroe County, PA. All services are by appointment only.

All recipients must complete registration as a new client at the PVEN office to be eligible for services. Please call (570) 992 3136 for more information on registration hours and required documentation. Once registered, clients can schedule appointments to visit the Food Pantry once each month and the Clothing Closet once every 3 months. More information can be obtained by calling the PVEN office at (570) 992 3136, or by visiting www.pven.net

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

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

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Achievement Award 2024

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2024 are available at the guidance departments of Bangor High School, Pen Argyl High School, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology.

The Chamber will award one scholarship to a senior from each of these schools. Applicants must reside in the Slate Belt to apply.

The scholarships will be presented to the students based upon the following criteria; academic accomplishment, demonstrated service to school and/or community, demonstration of leadership capabilities and future college or vocational plans.

Please note: A separate award, The Frederick R. Curcio, Jr. Scholarship Award, may also be applied for at this time. To qualify a senior must be enrolled in a computer science related course or planning to attend a Technical School of their choice or majoring in computer science. Applications must be received by **April 11, 2024.**

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program offers eligible individuals rebates of up to \$1,000! Designed to support both homeowners and renters, the rebates vary and are funded by the PA Lottery and Gaming. Don't miss the deadline—**apply by June 30, 2024.**

Eligibility includes individuals aged 65 and above, widows/widowers aged 50 and above, and people with disabilities aged 18 and above, with a household income limit of \$45,000 annually. Visit:

<https://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx?SiteID=1>

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Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co.

6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA.

Nazareth Area Garden Club Meeting

The Nazareth Area Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the year on **March 19, 7:00PM** at the Dryland UCC Church 4415 Newburg Road, Upper Nazareth Township. The program for the evening will be given by Tim Kada. He will speak on Birding in the Backyard. Club members will display plant specimens, including African Violets, Ferns, and Cacti. Floral arrangements made by members will be on display. This month they can enter a Right Angle Design using pussy willows. The title is "Early Blooms". Or an Arrangement in or incorporating a teacup titled "Irish Tea".

Refreshments will be served. We welcome visitors to all our meetings. For membership information please call Phoebe Cubberly 484-767-6590 or Julie Anderson 610-868-8375.

Notre Dame Green Pond High School Wrestling Team District Champs and Medalists

The Notre Dame Green Pond High School wrestling team finished 1st with a tournament best 5 Champions on Saturday, February 24 at Freedom High School. Special congrats to Senior Ayden Smith who became the programs third 4x District Champion and he also was awarded Outstanding Wrestler. 11 team members advanced to SE Regions: 1st Ayden Smith (OW), 1st Cooper Feltman, 1st Gavyn Kelton, 1st Dom Sumpolec, 1st Keegan Ramsay, 2nd Tanner Berkenstock, 2nd Jared Gonzalez, 2nd Connor Smalley, 3rd Nino Morici, 3rd Gino Giuressi, 4th Nate Thomas. The AA Regional Wrestling Championship will be held on Friday March 1 and Saturday March 2 at Freedom High School. The top 6 placers will advance to Hershey.



Pictured L-R Front row Nino Morici, Tanner Berkenstock, Cooper Feltman, Gavyn Kelton, Dom Sumpolec, Ayden Smith, Keegan Ramsay, Jared Gonzalez; Back row Left to Right: Gino Giuressi, Nate Thomas, Connor Smalley. Coach Morici Coach Mike Coach Matt Veres (head coach) Coach Matt Veres Sr



First United Methodist Church Bangor Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser

The First United Methodist Church in Bangor held a Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser on Saturday, February 17.



Bangor Area High School Plays Host to PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & Orchestra Fest

Photos by Lisa Newberry

Bangor Area High School hosted the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & Orchestra Fest on Friday, February 16. 200 band and orchestra students from 33 schools throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill counties were nominated participated in these ensembles.

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



Bangor Area High School Mini-THON

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The Bangor Area High School LEO Club held its 3rd annual Mini-THON on Saturday, February 24th.

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



Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON

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Pen Argyl Area High School held its Mini-THON, "A Knight in Hollywood" on Saturday, February 24th.

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



New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - The Warm Hands of Ghosts: A Novel by Katherine Arden; Just Stab Me Now by Kill Bearup; The Book of Doors: A Novel by Gareth Brown; Bride by Ali Hazelwood Girl Abroad by Elle Kennedy What Feasts at Night by T. Kingfisher The Summer Book Club by Susan Mallery; Crosshairs: A Detective Michael Bennett Thriller by James Patterson Tales of the Celestial Kingdom by Sue Lynn Tan.



Adult Non Fiction - Do the New You: 6 Mindsets to Become Who You Were Created to Be by Steven Furtick; The Making of a King: King Charles III and the Modern Monarchy by Robert Hardman.

Adult Fiction Large Print - The Exchange: After The Firm by John Grisham; Random in Death by J. D. Robb Second Act: A Novel by Danielle Steel.

Easy Fiction - Zelda's Big Adventure by Marie Alafaci; Penguinaut! By Marcie Colleen; In Every Life by Maria Frazee; Why, Daddy? Why? By Tamara Girardi Snow What Fun!: When Snowmen Come to Life on Christmas Eve by Cheryl Hawkinson Don't Touch That Flower by Alice Hemming Why We Need Granddaughters by Gregory E. Lang; The Truth About Dragons by Julie Leung; Oh No, Astro! By Matt Roeser Lola and the Troll by Connie Schultz The Little Mermaid by Michael Teitelbaum A Cup of Love: Relationship Goals for Kids by Michael Todd.

Easy Non Fiction - I Am Money: And I Don't Grow on Trees by Julia Cook.

Junior Fiction - Eagle Drums by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson.

Young Adult Fiction - The Eternal Ones by Namina Forna; Amulet, Book Nine Waverider by Kazu Kibulshi; I Hope This Doesn't Find You by Ann Liang Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir by Pedro Martin If Only I Had Told Her by Laura Nowlin; Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang

DVDs - The Hunger Games: Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes; Hypnotic; The Marvels Train to Busan; Waitress: The Musical.

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

Blue Mountain Community Library Pastie Fundraiser

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

New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library

Adult Fiction - The Lost Dresses of Italy, M.A. McLaughlin; Manner of Death, Robin Cook; The Last Love Note, Emma Grey; The Favor, Adele Griffin; Home Before Dark, Riley Sager Adult Large Print; Fragile Designs, Colleen Coble; Rock Bottom, Fern Michaels.

Adult Non-fiction - Oath & Honor, Liz Cheney; Gut Check, Steven Gundry; Fertility Rules, Leslie Schrock; All You Can Ever Know About Adoption, Susan Hamblin; The One-Cent Magenta, James Barron; Savvy Estate Planning, James Cunningham; Out Live, Peter Attia Standing My Ground, Harry Dunn; How to ADHD, Jessica McCabe Clear Thinking, Shane Parrish; The Things We Make, Bill Hammack..

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.



Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity Taking Strudel Orders

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity Taking Strudel Orders is now taking pre-orders for Authentic Hungarian Stretched Strudel from Mattie's Strudel Haus. 7 options are available: apple, blueberry lemon cheese, cherry cobbler, cheesesteak with peppers and onions, chicken bacon ranch, and taco. Coupons to use later are also available for purchase.

Order deadline is Friday, March 8th. Cash/check/credit card payment is due at time of ordering, with frozen strudel and coupon pickup at the library on **Tuesday, March 26th, 4:00-6:00pm.**

Visit www.nazarethlibrary.org, call 610-759-4932 ext. 4, or email jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org for details.

Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity Tech Help

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity now offers technology appointments to patrons who need quick help with specific technology issues! This includes problems with emailing, filling out forms, typing documents, etc.

These appointments are not a substitute for major computer help or troubleshooting, and we cannot guarantee every problem will be fixed, but we will always do our best!

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

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