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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Stroudsburg Winterfest 2023

Stroudsburg Winterfest will be held on **Saturday, February 18th, 11:00AM** event hosted by Visit Downtown Stroudsburg. This year's theme is "Cartoons Frozen in Time" 50+ Ice sculptures will line the streets. Large Ice display in the Courthouse Square. Carving demonstration (time TBA) Free scavenger hunt throughout town for a chance to win prizes! Hunt for The Snowmen of Stroudsburg. Rain, Snow or Shine!

Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly Breakfast

The Blue Valley Farm Show Monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 19th, 7:30AM to 12:30PM**. 707 American Bangor Rd. Bangor, PA.
See ad page 3 for details

Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. Jackpot Bingo

Plainfield Township Vol. Fire Co. will host a Jackpot Bingo on **Sunday, February 19th, 1:00PM to 6:00PM**, 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap PA 18091.
See ad page 3 for details

TimeWhys at Bangor Elks Lodge

The Bangor Elks Lodge will host the band TimeWhys on **Saturday, February 18, 7:00PM**, 120 Broadway, Bangor, PA. For tickets call 610-588-3420

Ackermanville UMC Free Community Drive-Thru Meal

Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community drive-thru meal will be held **Sunday, February 19th, beginning at 3:00PM**. The church hosts a free monthly community meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

First Annual PV All Sports Club Basket Raffle

The First Annual PV All Sports Club Basket Raffle will be held on **February 18th & 19th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM** benefiting PV All Sports Club. Tickets available at the door. Big ticket items and 50/50 will be sold separately. All proceeds raised will be donated back to our 16 athletic teams at Pleasant Valley High School. Admission is free. Tickets are only needed for raffle items. Concessions will also be sold at this event. Snow dates will be **February 25 & 26**. Please continue to look for updates. This event will be held at Pleasant Valley High.

Mount Pocono House of Prayer Valentine's Day Bingo

Mount Pocono House of Prayer Valentine's Day Bingo **Saturday, February 18th, 7:00 PM, (Doors Open at 5:00PM)**. FMI Call 570-972-4780 or email:desilvavivian@gmail.com or alexnie18@gmail.com
See ad page 4 for details

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Fastnacht Donut Sale at Christ Lutheran Church

A donut sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel, PA. on **Tuesday, February 21st**. Orders can be placed until February, 18th. For orders & information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809.

McMichaels UMC Events

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on **Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:00PM** with the imposition of ashes. Everyone is welcome.

A **Donation Only Breakfast** will be held on **March 11th, 8:00AM to 10:00AM** at McMichael's Church. A full breakfast is served including beverages. Everyone is welcome. Take out is available. The church is located at 104 White Church Rd., (corner of 715 & White Church Rd.) Saylorsburg, PA

McMichaels UMC Bible Study Bible Study each week via ZOOM. We are currently studying the Book of Revelation. (Currently Chapter 13) If you are interested, please call Pastor Ed at 610-597-1030 and provide him with your email address.

Families First 12th Annual Snowball Dinner Dance

Families First will host their 12th Annual Snowball Dinner Dance on **Saturday, February 25th 6:00PM to 11:00PM** at the Lookout Fire Co. Social Hall, Main Street in Pen Argyl, Pa. **See ad page 5 for details**

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to their monthly hospitality luncheon on **Saturday, February, 25th, 11:30AM to 1:30PM**. Both dine-in and takeout are offered. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013. Phone is 610-588-4864.

FUMC Bangor Community Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church of Bangor hosts a community luncheon the 4th Sunday of every month. The next luncheon will be held on **Sunday, February 26 at 12:30PM**. The church is located at 55 N. 3rd St., Bangor. Use the lower entrance on alley on left of church. Questions? Call 610-588-HOPE (4673)

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PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday, February 20, 2023

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

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BLUE VALLEY FARM SHOW

All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, February 19, 2023

7:30am-12:30pm

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This event is sponsored by Mount Pocono House of Prayer

FMI Call 570-972-4780

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TeamTommy Inc Scholarship

The TeamTommy Inc Scholarship is now live in the guidance department at Bangor Area High School and on the school district's website. The \$1,000 scholarship is open to all Bangor High School Seniors. Deadline for applications is **April 30, 2023**.

Bangor High School Class of '63 60th Class Reunion

The Bangor High School Class of 1963 will hold their 60th Class Reunion on **Saturday, July 15th** at the Scorecard Sports Bar and Grill in Wind Gap, PA. Watch for reunion updates in The Belt and Beyond.

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

Reading the Forested Landscape with Environmental Educator Barrett Donna on **February 25th 10:00AM to 11:30AM**. Hike the trails at Kettle Creek and learn how to read the human stories and natural history preserved in our forest. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. You must pre-register. Please call 570-629-3061 **Maple Sugaring Public Day** - Take a 90 minute tour of our meesing sugarbush focusing on the history of maple syrup from the Native Americans to the early settlers in this region. Learn how to tap a maple tree to obtain sap and watch as we demonstrate how to cook the sap until it is sweet maple syrup! The tour will end at our pancake station where you will get to taste the finished product over fresh pancakes! Pre-registration is required. Dates available are **March 4th and March 11th**. Please call 570-629-3061 for fees/more information and to schedule your tour. Please dress appropriately for the weather and trail walking!

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Blue Valley Farm Show Scholarship Applications Available

The Blue Valley Farm Show has available to any student who is or has been a member of the Northampton County 4-H Clubs, two \$750 scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Applications must be returned by **March 31, 2023**. The scholarships will be presented to the winners during the annual Blue Valley Farm Show in August.

For more information contact Audrey Koehler, 610-498-3389.

Bangor Womens Club GFWC Announces 2023 HOBY Recipient Gianni Goodrich



Gianni Goodrich

Deanna Keyser, Education Chair Bangor Womens Club GFWC announced that Gianni Goodrich has been selected to represent Bangor at this year's HOBY Leadership training. Gianni is the son of Alicia R. Zito and Matthew G. Goodrich. He is a sophomore in Bangor Area School District's Class of 2025. He is a member of the Varsity Football and Baseball teams. He participated in Bangor High

School's MiniTHON.

Gianni's community service is assisting with fundraising events held by The Friends of the Bangor Public Library and he is an altar server at his church.

After graduation Gianni plans to attend a 4-year University, either Penn State or Lafayette to major in Engineering.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Recipient

Louise Miller, daughter of Timothy and Jamie Miller of Pen Argyl, has been chosen as the recipient of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award. With the sponsorship of the GFWC Women's Club of Pen Argyl.

Louise will attend the local seminar to be held in June at Neumann University, Aston, Pa. She will have the opportunity to learn from speakers in political, corporate and scientific fields.

Founded by actor Hugh O'Brian in 1958, the award is given to a sophomore student to help youth develop leadership potential and to encourage and prepare them for America's future.

Louise is a member of the Knights Order (Character Education Program) as well as an active member of the media and TV station. She also plays soccer for PAHS and is a part-time referee for youth soccer.

Louise has authored four chapter books in a series, Magic Charms: The Adventure Begins, Magic Charms: The Kangaroo Kraze, Magic Charms: Penguins in Paris, and Magic Charms: Canadian Castaways.



Louise Miller

**Come Celebrate
Jerry DeLong's 80th Birthday**

Come celebrate with Jerry's family and friends on **Saturday, March 4th, 2:00PM to 4:00PM** at the Lookout Fire Company No. 1 Banquet Hall (123 S. Main Street, Pen Argyl) to celebrate Jerry's 80th Birthday!! The only presents Jerry would like is your presence. So please feel free to stop in and pay a visit and wish Jerry a Happy Birthday!



AOAM Foundation Blue Collar Scholarship

The AOAM Foundation (Aonghus Oakley Ames Miller Foundation) is now accepting applications for the Blue Collar Scholarship in loving memory of Aonghus Oakley Ames "Goose" Miller.

The scholarship is open to high school juniors attending the Career Institute of Technology (CIT) enrolled in the CAD Design or Machining and Tooling. Applicants are asked to submit a video presentation, power point, or written essay and two teacher references and high school transcript to: Aoam.foundation@gmail.com

For more information on the AOAM Foundation and the Blue Collar Scholarship please visit their website: www.aoamfoundation.org/scholarship

Weona Park Pool Pals March Meeting

The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held **Monday, March 6th, 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.

Copies of the book on the history of Pen Argyl by Walt Cole are still available. Books can be purchased at Prints Galore 490 E. Main Street, Pen Argyl or by calling 610-863-6472

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Calling All Singers and Instrumentalists in the Slate Belt Area!

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church will be providing opportunities for local musicians (vocal and instrumental) in the Slate Belt area.

We are offering a \$75 honorarium to talented local musicians who will join us for worship on a Sunday morning and provide at least two musical pieces for worship. Our worship service is at 9:45 AM and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This is a great opportunity for students and for amateur performers of all ages.

For more information, please contact our Minister of Music, Martin Yazdzik at yazdzik@gmail.com or 570-677-0723.



Come on down and check out our Ice Sculpture. Then walk around Stroudsburg to see the 50 plus Cartoons Sculptures and don't forget to do the scavenger hunt. We will be having in house specials and a basket drawing (no purchase necessary).

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EBUMCC Lenten Study

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will be offering a Lenten Study "Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross." The sessions will be held at **10:30AM and 7:00PM on Wednesdays from March 1st through April 5th**. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Dave know by February 5th, so that materials can be ordered. To register and for study guide costs, call 610-588-4453

Harlem Wizards Coming to BAHS

Save the date! The Harlem Wizards are coming to Bangor Area High School on **Friday, March 3rd, 2023, 7:00 PM**. To purchase tickets visit: <https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/bangor/>

NASME Model Train Show

The model train show presented by the Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers will be held on the following dates: **March 4th, 5th. 1:00PM to 5:00PM**. NASME is located at 212 Main Street, Stockertown, PA. Parking is available behind the Stockertown Municipal Building. Donations welcome. FMI visit nasmemrr.org

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

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their Monthly Soup Nite on **Thursday, March 9th, 4:00PM to 7:00PM** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two varieties of homemade soups will be available by the quart for takeout. This will be the last Soup Night Soup for the season. FMI contact Diane at 973-202-3317.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Take out ONLY Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, March 12th**. All tickets must be purchased by **Monday, March 6th**. Pick will be **11:00AM to 4:30PM** at the K of C home, 1860 W. Bangor Rd., Bangor. For Tickets, call Jim Rose 610-533-9974 or Joe DeFranco 610-751-2330

PIAC 44th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

Join the PIAC for our 44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on **Sunday, March 19th. Step-off time will be 1:15PM** from Stroudsburg High School on Main St. in Stroudsburg making its way to the Municipal Building on Crystal St. in East Stroudsburg. This year we will be honoring our own Ed O'Donnell as Grand Marshal! Ed is a WW II Marine Veteran having served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters. At 98 years young he is still a very active member of the Pocono Irish American Club, always ready to lend a helping hand at our many events and fundraisers. If you are interested in your club, organization or business being in the parade please use the following link to fill out our application www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/parade-participant-sign-up.html# All information and instructions can be found on the parade participants page.

Breast Friends of PA Coach Bingo

Save the Date! **Sunday, April 30, Doors open 12:00PM** Plainfield Twsp Vol. Fire Co. hall, 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 18091. Pre-sale Tickets. All tickets are non refundable.

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Mid-Week Lunchtime Prayer Meeting Every Wednesday at 11:45 AM

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Youth Group Every Friday 6:00PM until 8:30PM open to anyone in 7th grade or older. Contact our Youth Minister Jayne for more information at 570-421-3050 ext. 110.

East Stroudsburg Salvation Army is located at 226 Washington Street East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Evening Star Quilters at Brook Hollow Winery

Join Quilts in the Vineyard **May 20th & May 21st 12:00PM to 6:00PM** at Brook Hollow Winery, 594 Star Route 94, Columbia, NJ. For tickets brookhollowwinery.com or call Jane Myers 530-604-1718

100th Carousel Birthday Celebration. Weona Park

Save the date for the Weona Park 100th Carousel Birthday Celebration **Saturday, June 3rd from 1:00PM to 4:00PM** Weona Park, Pen Argyl, PA.

NATIONAL DAYS

FEBRUARY AMERICAN HEART MONTH

FEBRUARY NATIONAL DAYS

- FEBRUARY 16 - NATIONAL ALMOND DAY
- FEBRUARY 17 - NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
- FEBRUARY 18 - NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY
- FEBRUARY 19 - NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MINT DAY
- FEBRUARY 20 - NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY
- FEBRUARY 21 - NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY
- FEBRUARY 22 - NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY
- FEBRUARY 23 - NATIONAL CHILI DAY
- FEBRUARY 26 - NATIONAL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE DAY
- FEBRUARY 27 - NATIONAL RETRO DAY

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

February 20 - Presidents Day

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Support Group for Caregivers of Dementia Patients

Lamont McClure announces that the Division of Area Agency on Aging will host a Dementia Support Group at the Dept. of Human Services building at 2801 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem, PA on the **third Thursday of each month from 5:30PM – 6:30PM.**

This program is specifically designed for families and caregivers of dementia patients. Participants will receive practical caregiving information, get mutual support, learn about local community resources and find solutions to challenging behaviors.

“Being a caregiver to a loved one with dementia can be incredibly stressful,” says Lamont McClure. “It’s important that we make resources and support available so caregivers can maintain their own mental and physical health as they care for someone else.”

Anyone interested in attending and would like more information can contact Ann Stager at 610-829-4540 or astager@northamptoncounty.org

In the event of inclement weather, please check the Northampton County Facebook page or call 610-829-4540 to see if the group is cancelled.

Christian Support Group GriefShare

GriefShare support group for those who have lost a loved one. New program (13 week session) those interested can join any time. Mt Bethel Church, 1275 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt Bethel, PA. FMI call or text Diane 973-202-3317.

Serenity Narcotics Anonymous Meeting at McMichaels UMC

Serenity Narcotics Anonymous meets every **Monday at 6:30PM** at the church. The meeting is open to all who need to talk and fellowship with those who understand What you are experiencing and you can get the help you need and desire to overcome your problem. The meeting is free and confidential.

AA Meetings - AA meetings are held every **Wednesday at 12:00PM and every Saturday at 6:30PM.** If you require assistance with this issue, please join one or both of these meetings and receive the help you are seeking. You will be gathering with others who understand. McMichaels UMC is located on the corner of Rt. 715 and 204 Church Rd., Saylorsburg, PA.

**Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church
Suicide Survivors Support Group**

Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church is continuing the journey with the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Monroe County as we come together to provide a Suicide Survivors Support Group. We will meet every **Tuesday, 6:30PM** at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church, located at 915 North 5th Street Stroudsburg, PA. Meeting is held in the Annex Building. 570-421-0750

Overeaters Anonymous

Is eating or food issues a problem? There is a solution. We are a 12 step ANONYMOUS group helping each other recover. Most meetings are online during Covid19. For more information see: www.oa.org or rearterlehighvalleyoa.weebly.com



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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center February Community Programs

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>

Project FeederWatch Monitoring - Thursday, February 23 & Friday, February 24 at 8:30am to 3:30pm, Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3 at 8:30am to 3:30pm, Thursday, March 23 & Friday, March 24 at 8:30am to 3:30pm. You must have already participated in Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training to register for this volunteer opportunity. Volunteer as a citizen scientist to observe and record bird observations at Jacobsburg's feeders. You can choose what times you would like to monitor between the hours of 8:30AM- 3:30PM, all day commitment is not required. Register to let us know what hours you are available to monitor.

Family Science Night - Wings and Things - Friday, February 17 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Wings are found on many different types of animals! We will look at why certain animals are able to live in the sky while others remain on the ground. Families will then craft their own flighty friends to complete in various aeronautical challenges. Registration is required.

Exploring Jacobsburg's Foundations - A Walk in the Remnants - Saturday, February 25 at 10:00am to 11:30am. Historically, the Bushkill Creek was dammed and diverted for many industrious activities. On this exploratory walk, we will piece together the clues of the past to imagine the village which would eventually become our namesake. Registration is required.

Volunteer Event: Cavity Nesting Boxes - Install and Upkeep - Saturday, February 25 at 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Join us in preparing our nesting boxes for the upcoming season. We will be installing wood duck boxes and numbering the current nesting boxes on the homestead trail. Waders and equipment will be provided. Registration is required.

March Community Programs

Fishing Equipment Available - Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm. Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. New this year, we now loan fly fishing equipment! Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov

Volunteer Event: Bogsucker Search, Invasive Species Removal, and Earth Day Prep - Saturday, March 11 at 4:00pm to 8:00pm. After lopping and chopping invasive species to prepare for our Earth Day tree planting event, we will celebrate our accomplishments with an evening hike to look for courting American Woodcocks. 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 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.

See full March Schedule in the March 2 issue

Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2023

Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2023 Pen Argyl Area High School held their 9th annual Mini-THON on Saturday, February 11, from 10:00AM to 10:00PM. The event hosted and organized by Pen Argyl's Mini-THON Leadership team spent all year planning and organizing. This year's theme was "A Knight at the Carnival."

Students danced, played games, and fundraised to meet their goal. They hold many fundraisers such as canning at sporting events, flocking, bake sales, paint nights, and of course a student favorite-stall day. The event raises money for Four Diamonds, an organization that supports pediatric cancer patients and their families at the Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The goal this year was to raise \$30,000. They exceeded their goal with the support of local businesses, community members, and students at this year's MiniThon raised \$33,847.89. All the money fundraised ensures that no family has to see a single medical bill.

A luminary walk to honor and remember loved ones who have battled cancer and ultimately watch the students reveal how much money raised to support the fight to cure pediatric cancer. A big thank you to all of our sponsors who make this event possible. Thank you to all sponsors and a special thank you goes to Mike Kresch and Gruvin Enterprises for their continued support, time, and dedication to our event.



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*"February is the border between
winter and spring"*
~ Terri Guillemets

Nominations for Northampton County Outstanding Senior Awards

Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging are seeking nominations for outstanding seniors. Nominees must be sixty-years-or-older, a resident of Northampton County, and have a passion for helping others through personal action, inspiration, public service, sports, educational instruction or humanitarian efforts.

Nominations may be made in an essay of 250 words or less with a description of why the nominee deserves to be recognized and a listing of their volunteer activities. Forms for nominations can be obtained from Melissa Titus at 610-829-4509 or mtitus@northamptoncounty.org For each nominee, please return one entry form along with the essay to:

Melissa Titus
Area Agency on Aging
2801 Emrick Blvd.
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Nominations must be postmarked by **March 22, 2023**. The selected individuals will be announced in April.

FEBRUARY TRIVIA

1. In addition to pisces, what other astrological sign is found in February?
2. What is the traditional birthstone for February?
3. How many chicken wings do americans eat over February's Super Bowl Sunday?
4. Which country's New Year celebrations are held from February 1st - 15th?
5. What year started to recognize February as black history month?
6. How often does leap year occur?
7. What flower is associated with February?
8. The name February comes from the latin word "februum" which means what?
9. T or F - February is one of the most misspelled words in the english language.
10. Those born on a leap day can be called what?



1. Aquarius
2. Amethyst
3. Roughly 1.4 million
4. China
5. 1970
6. Every 4 years
7. Primrose
8. Purification
9. True
10. Leaper or Leaping

Answer Key

Northampton County Area Agency on Aging



Senior Community Centers 11 Senior Community Centers throughout Northampton County

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 For more information contact the Area Agency on Aging at 610-829-4540

Area Food Banks & Food Pantries Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Bank P.U.M.P.

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

Mission of Love Food Bank

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

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

1st and 3rd Friday of Each Month at 5:00PM. Parking lot will open at 4:30PM. Drive Thru Pickup New Entrance at Avenue B. For questions or information visit www.stroudsburgwesleyan.org Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church, 915 North 5th Street Stroudsburg, PA.

West End Food Pantry

Distributions at the West End Food Pantry **1st and 3rd Saturday of every month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**. West End Food Pantry is located at 516 Kunkletown Road Kunkletown, PA. www.westendpantry.com for more information

www.thebeltandbeyond.com

Pen Argyl High School's Jill Morro scores 1,000th point at their game against Moravian Academy. Congratulations Jill!

On Wednesday, February 1st, Pen Argyl High School's Jill Morro scored her 1,000th point at their game against Moravian Academy. Congratulations Jill!

Photos by Sabrina Morris

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Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2023

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Five Points Elementary School Winter Chorus Concert
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Local Philadelphia Eagles Fans Gather at Bangor Memorial Park to Show Their Support Before Super Bowl
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New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Maame By Jessica George; Exiles By Jane Harper (Jane Elizabeth); The snow hare: a novel By Paula Lichtarowicz.

Adult Non Fiction - 8 rules of love: how to find it, keep it, and let it go By Jay Shetty; Love, Pamela By Pamela Anderson.

Easy Fiction - Jamberry By Bruce Degen; My first fairy tales By Tomie DePaola; Disney 5-minute stories starring Mickey; 1-2-3 By Claire Henley; Alexander and the wind-up mouse By Leo Lionni; Like me: a story about disability and discovering God's image in every person By Laura Wifler.

Easy Reader Fiction - Whales: the gentle giants By Joyce Milton.

Easy Reader Non Fiction - I'm a seed By Jean Marzollo; A tale about tails By Tish Rabe; Super heroes collection By Michael Teitelbaum.

Junior Fiction - Eva Evergreen and the cursed witch By Julie Abe; Eva Evergreen, semi-magical witch By Julie Abe; Battle for Wakanda By Brandon T. Snider

Junior Non Fiction - The beautiful butterfly book By Sue Unstead; Pirates: open the flaps and enter the past! By Pam Beasant.

Young Adult Fiction - Hex you By P.C. Cast; Chain of thorns By Cassandra Clare; Stardust By Neil Gaiman; The Davenport By Krystal Marquis; The mysteries of Thorn Manor By Margaret Rogerson; The Sunbearer Trials By Aiden Thomas; Unnatural creatures.

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.

**Western Pocono Community Library**

Toddler Rhythm Time has been added to our weekly programs! Join us **Mondays at 9:30AM or Wednesdays at 10:30AM.**

The Western Pocono Community Library Walking Track is located in the lower level and is available for walkers at the following times: **Monday 9:00AM-7:30PM; Tuesday 12:00PM-4:30PM; Wednesday 12:00PM-7:30PM; Thursday 12:00PM-7:30 PM; Friday 9:00AM-4:30PM; Saturday 9AM-3:30PM**

Join us Mondays from **9:00 AM-12:00 PM** for adult coloring and puzzles in the WCPL Cafe!

Western Pocono Community Library is located at 131 Pilgrim Way Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

National Love Your Pet Day Monday, February 20



Longer Days Ahead

by Robert L. Martin

Longer days and shorter nights up ahead
as Winter will begin yawning to go to bed.

But first we must wait a little while
before the frozen ground becomes mild.

Mother Earth in her old age moves too slow;
but fast enough to shake off all the snow.

It takes time for her to change seasons
and we must wait for her for many reasons.
But she never fails in her obedience to the sun
as she spins around and pleases everyone.

Eastern Monroe Public Library News

Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in the Hughes Library's Edinger Community Room on **Saturday February 18th from 9:30AM to 2:30PM.** Please Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "EMPL" to schedule an appointment.

Free Computer Class: Information Literacy/Fake News on **February 27th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM** Basic understanding of computer operations is not necessary for this session. Our computer classes are free! They are held in our Hughes Building's upstairs Pullen Room. You are welcome to sign up for this class by stopping by and speaking with a staff member at our 2nd floor Reference Desk or you can call the Reference Desk at 570-421-0800 ext. 316

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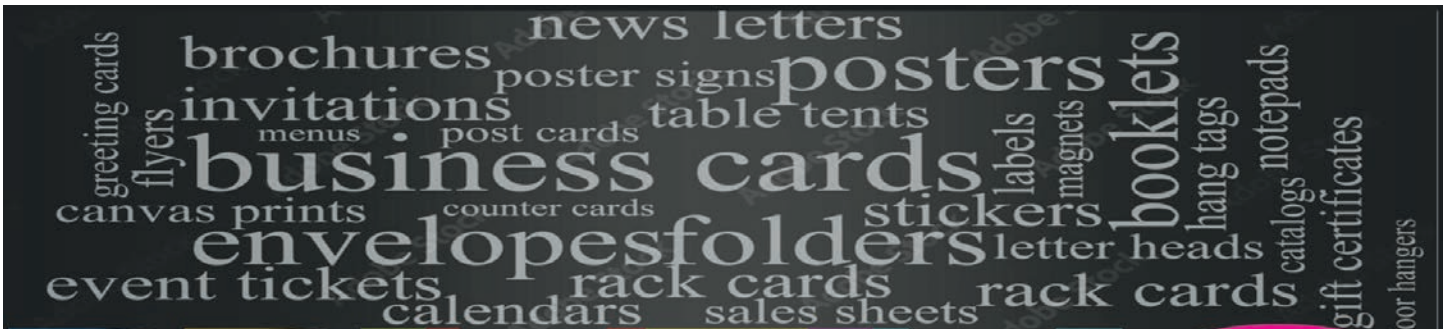
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