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	Luncheons will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter at the alley entrance off of North 3rd Street, Bangor, PA.
HAPPENINGS 11,12,13	First UMC Bangor Clothing & Shoe Fund Drive The First United Methodist Church of Bangor will be
BUSINESS CARDS/CLASSIFIEDS 15	The First United Methodist Church of Bangor will be accepting clothing and shoes to raise funds for the 2025 FUMC Backpack Giveaway. Donated items must be
ADVERTISMENTS 16	bagged and tied, (13 gallon bags ONLY please) Donations can be dropped off on the following dates:
Please support the businesses who advertise in this publication! Live 🎔 Local	- Sundays, March 23 and April 6 & 26, 12:30 PM -2:00 PM FMI: contact Jennifer @ CJPFaithDecor@yahoo.com First United Methodist Church 55 N. 3rd Street, (use alley door) Bangor, PA.18013.
CONTACT US.	PIAC 46th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
CONTACT US: thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com P.O. Box 33, Bangor, Pa 18013 610.704.6818 Like us on Facebook "The Belt and Beyond" Online at www.thebeltandbeyond.com	The Pocono Irish American Club's 46th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 23 , Step-off time will be 1:15PM from Stroudsburg High School parade will end at the Municipal Building, Crystal Street, East Stroudsburg. Individuals and groups interested in participating in this year's parade can find the rules, regulations and application form at www.poconoirishamericanclub.com/piac-st-patricks-day-parade-information
Publisher/Editor Candy Martin Account Executive Kaitlyn E. Szarzynski kszar.thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com Contributing Writer	A Clean Slate Resource Open House A Clean Slate will hold a Resource Open House on Monday, March 24, 11:00AM-5:00PM with their THRIVE team and special guests offering special recovery support services. A Clean Slate is located at 118 S. 1st Street, Bangor, PA. 18013. 610-452-9348
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Thursday, Friday, March 28th Email your news and events to thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com	beanty in new beginnings." ~ Matshona Dhliwayo

UPCOMING EVENTS 3

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt Hospitality Luncheon Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt invites you to join them on Saturday, March 29, 11:30AM-1:30PM. Dine in or Take out. Luncheons are held on the last Saturday of the month. The church is located at 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA.

Grace UMC Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair will be held **Saturday, March 29, 9:00AM-3:00PM.** FMI contact the church 610-863-4811 or Patti at 484-695-5754. Grace UMC, 404 E Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl.

Slate Belt LGBTQ+ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Slate Belt LGBTQ+ will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, March 29, 4:00PM-7:00PM**, Hope UCC Church, 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap, PA.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Annual Church Street Garage Sale

Opening April 5, 2025. Donations accepted (new and gently used household goods.No clothing or electronics). **Saturday March 29 ,10:00AM -12:00PM**, 3rd and Church Street, Bangor,PA

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Clothing Closet

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor will host a free Clothing Closet on **April 5 & April 19, 11:00AM-1:00PM.**The clothing closet will be open the first and third Saturday of every month. The church is located at 404 Broadway, Bangor, PA. 18013.

Awareness 365 4th Annual 80's Dance Party

Awareness 365 will host their 4th Annual 80's Dance Party on **Saturday, April 5, 6:00PM-11:00PM (Doors Open 5:30 PM)** at the Blue Valley Farm Show, 707 American Bangor Rd., Bangor, PA. 18013. Tickets/Info call or text Tammy 484-239-8997, Jenna 570-977- 3324 or Jennifer 610-442-5786.

Slater Family Network Spring Tricky Tray

Slater Family Network will hold its 19thannual Tricky Tray on **Saturday, April 12. Doors open at 10:00 AM** at Five Points Elementary School, 363 5 Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA. All proceeds benefit Slater Family Network. Businesses, groups and individuals interested in making and donating a basket can contact Slater Family Network office at 610-599-7019 or email Damourpa@bangorsd.org

Ackermanville United Methodist Church Free Meal

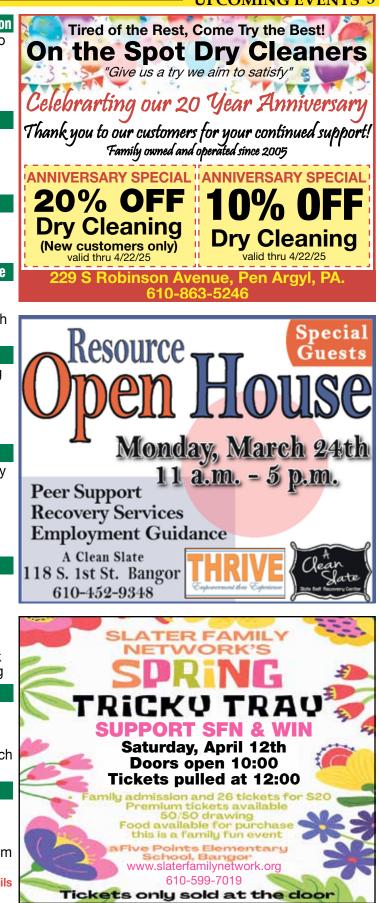
Ackermanville United Methodist Church free community Drive-thru meal will be held on **Sunday, April 20, at 3:00PM.** The church hosts a free monthly community Drive-thru meal every 3rd Sunday of the month. The church is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Ackermanville, PA.

Miller House Spring Craft Show

Miller House Spring Craft show at Miller's Paint Store (second Floor) will be held on Friday, April 4 4:00PM-8:00PM. Saturday, April 5 10:00AM-4:00PM and Sunday, April 6 12:00PM-4:00PM. Handmade Items from local crafters. 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor, PA.

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Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club to Present Schoolhouse Rock, Live!



The Pleasant Valley High School Musical Drama Club is pleased to announce this year's spring production of Schoolhouse Rock, Live! on March 21st and 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and March 23rd at 2:00

p.m. in the High School auditorium. This musical, based on the educational cartoons from the 1970s and 1980s, is directed by Dan and Marcie Mulligan with production assistance by Donna Morris.

Schoolhouse Rock started as a series of animated cartoons written to help students struggling with math, science, reading and other school subjects. It includes music from local jazz artist Bob Dorough, who penned memorable songs such as "3 Is a Magic Number", "Conjunction Junction", "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly' and "Zero My Hero". The musical, Schoolhouse Rock, Live! was written by George Keating, Scott Ferguson, and Kylie Hall and opened in Chicago in 1993, and then the musical enjoyed a few off-Broadway and National Tour productions. The show centers around an elementary school teacher, Tom (Owen Gordon), who is nervous about his first day of school. Using songs from the original animated series, Tom is encouraged by various alter egos who affirm him as a good teacher and equip him with songs to make teaching fun and more meaningful. These alter egos include Jeneria Williams, Sarah Larregui, Khloe Gutai, Alayna Boland, Isaac Mitchell, Sam Lowell, Brooke Burke, Steven Roberti and Arlo Calhoun. Rounding out the cast is a strong ensemble including Jaime Rodriguez, Rachel Costello, Sophia Dobson, Shelby O'Neill, Zuzanna Romanczyk, Kailey Grave de Peralta, Olivia Joseph-Lesniewski, Cindy Page, Kiera Jeffreys, Kylie Hendrix, Emerie Gonzalez, Leo Philipps, Dylan Carroll, and Chelsea Buleje.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. All seating is general admission and can be purchased in advance by emailing Donna Morris at morris.donna@pvbears.org.

Spring Trout Stocking Schedule Available



The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has announced its 2025 trout stocking schedule now available online

www.fishandboat.com and on the FishBoatPA mobile app.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 691 streams and 130

lakes open to public angling. Stocking began in February in advance of the statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on **Saturday, March 29**, and the statewide opening day of trout season on **Saturday, April 5**.

The 2025 adult trout stocking schedule is searchable by county; lists the waterways in alphabetical order; and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers and the species of trout that will be stocked at each location.

Notre Dame High School East Stroudsburg Presents the Timeless Musical "Godspell"

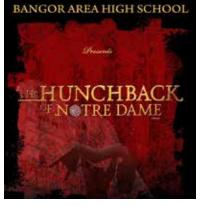
Notre Dame High School East Stroudsburg is thrilled to announce the upcoming musical production of Godspell, that brings the teachings of Jesus to life through music, movement, and energy in this 2012 revised version. The show will be performed at Notre Dame East Stroudsburg's state-of-the-art High School theater on March 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2025, with performances at 7:00PM Friday and Saturday, and 3:00PM on Sunday.

Directed by Tim Naughton, choreographed by Naomi Naughton under the musical direction of Cathy Tynemouth, Godspell is a vibrant retelling of the Gospel of Matthew. Featuring a dynamic score by Stephen Schwartz, the production combines a variety of musical styles with an infectious, heartwarming story of faith, friendship, and redemption. The cast of talented Notre Dame High School students will bring this powerful story to life with unforgettable performances, humor, and inspiring music."Godspell is about love and the idea that love conquers all. Each time I mention we are doing Godspell, every response has been 'Oh, I love Godspell'," says Director Naughton. "But the students hardly knew the piece when we started, so it has been amazing to watch them lend their talents to making the show come to life."

Tickets are available for purchase at the door with cash. Notre Dame High School is located at 60 Spangenburg Avenue, East Stroudsburg. For information call 570-421-0466.

Bangor Area High School Presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame

From the Academy Award-winning team comes a lushly scored retelling of Victor Hugo's epic story of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero. Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney animated feature, The Hunchback of Notre Dame showcases the film's Academy Awardnominated score, as well as new songs by Alan



Menken and Stephen Schwartz. Showtimes: April 4 at 7:30PM ,April 5 at 2:00PM &

7:30PM and April 6 at 2:00PM.

Ticket Information: PURCHASE ONLINE: https://cur8.com/15974/project/12854 or In-person box office hours: Wednesdays from 4-6PM at the Bangor Area High School box office (187 Five Points Richmond Rd) Bangor, Pa. 18013.

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2025 Slate Belt Annual Litter Pickup Day



Slate Belt Rising will once again be organizing the annual litter pickup day. On Saturday, April 26. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 9:15 - 9:30 AM, cleanup starts at 10:00 AM and runs until 1:00 PM (or whenever you're done!) There will be multiple locations across the

Slate Belt. Sign up and choose your cleanup site!

There are team leaders confirmed for Pen Argyl Borough, Bangor Borough, Portland Borough, Wind Gap Borough, Upper Mt Bethel Township, Washington, East Bangor, and Plainfield Township! We are still hoping to add Roseto and Lower Mount Bethel Township to reach all 10 Slate Belt municipalities. Let us know if you want to lead a team. Interested in volunteering? Visit to sign up www. slatebeltrising.org/cleanup to sign up. All volunteers must complete a new volunteer form to participate. You can submit the form ahead of time or fill one out day of the event.

Supplies provided: PennDOT is supplying safety vests, gloves, and garbage bags, but if you have your own gloves or vests, please bring them! We also have about 60 litter grabbers to distribute, but if you have one, bring it so more people can use them.

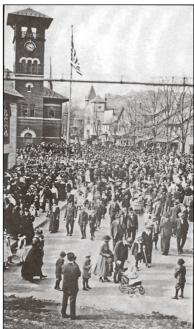
Any questions, please contact Brian Fenstermaker by email at bfenstermaker@caclv.org or call him at 484-523-0900.

Slate Belt Heritage and Art Trail

Are you Interested in exploring the historic Slate Belt region of Pennsylvania? The Slate Belt Heritage & Art Trail is a curated guide for both visitors and locals, designed to help you discover and explore the rich tapestry of murals, public art, memorials, and iconic landmarks throughout our region. Explore the map on the Slate Belt Rising website to discover the artistic and historic treasures scattered throughout the boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. Take an immersive journey into the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Slate Belt.

To learn more, visit https://www.slatebeltrising.org/ map. This program is being funded in whole or in part with funding from the Hotel Tax Grant Program through the County of Northampton Department of Community & Economic Development.

Spring Opening A Walk Through History: Bangor at 150



The Slate Belt Heritage Center kicks off its 2025 season and the "Bangor 150" celebration year with new exhibits, opening receptions, and in-person programs beginning in April 2025.

When property owners in the little villages of Uttsville and New Village petitioned to incorporate the Borough of Bangor in May, 1875, Bangor became the first and largest borough in what is now the Slate Belt. Over the next four decades Pen Argyl, East Bangor, Wind Gap, and Roseto followed, all products of the Slate Industry that

grew within their borders.

The new exhibit highlights Bangor's origins and some of the people who who built a thriving community. See original artifacts, photos, paintings, documents and some much-loved objects that will be displayed for the first time in years.

Beginning on Opening Day, April 12, the Center opens every Saturday and Sunday, from 12:00PM to 3:00PM through October featuring the special exhibits in the Council Chamber and in each of the nine rooms.

On **April 10 at 7:00PM** Melissa Hough presents a live program "Unpacking Bangor's Past: Rural Villages to Miniature City" that shows the town's change from a cluster of farms to an industrial borough, stressing some of the personalities and places that make the town unique enough to achieved National Historic Register status.

Beginning on June 7-14, the Center extends its hours to celebrate Bangor's week-long sesquicentennial festivities. Visitors can see the contents of the 1975 time capsule, artifacts from other celebrations, the release and book signing for Memories of Growing up Slater, and other activities like walking tours. Follow us on Facebook, Slate Belt Heritage Center - SBHC, for up-to-date schedules of events.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center collects, preserves and interprets the history and culture from all nine Slate Belt municipalities and many ethnic groups. SBHC is a notfor-profit 501 (c) 3 organization located at 30 North First Street, Bangor, PA, 18013, in the former Bangor Town Hall. **Starting April 12, the Center will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, from 12:00-3:00PM** (except holidays). Private tours, research time, and program speakers are available by contacting the Center at SBHC@frontier.org or (610) 599-4993.

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Community Easter Egg Hunts

ZION UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 30, 1:00PM All are welcome up to Grade 5. Zion United Lutheran Church, 1919 Route 209 in Brodheadsville

ROSETO HELPING HANDS

Saturday, April 5, 11:00AM - Rain or shine 3 age groups children ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-10 Roseto BallPark,

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

UPPER MT BETHEL TOWNSHIP HOSTED BY MT BETHEL PHARMACY

Sunday, April 6, 12:00PM-2:00PM 4 age groups (0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-12) Slate Belt Baseball Field (Rt 512) Mt Bethel Highway, Mt Bethel, PA. 18343

ACKERMANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, April 12, 12:00PM All children ages 2-10 years. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to egg hunt. 1410 Ackermanville Rd., Bangor, PA. 18013

BUSHKILL TWP. VOL. FIRE CO. LADIES AUX. Saturday, April 12, 1:00PM

Bushkill Township resident children only ages 0-8 years 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth, PA 18064.

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE CO.

Saturday, April 12, 1:00PM 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA Children ages 0-12 years

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Saturday, April 19, 2:00PM Council Grounds, 1860 West Bangor Rd., Bangor, PA. All children of the Slate Belt and beyond are invited.

LOOKOUT FIRE CO. #1

Saturday, April 19, 11:00AM - Rain or shine Children ages 0-10, 5 age groups Weona Park, Rt. 512 Pen Argyl, PA

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE CO.

Saturday, April 19, 10:00AM - Rain or shine Children ages 0-12 years Washington Twsp. Recreation Complex 1021 Washington Blvd., Bangor, PA. 18013

WIND GAP BOROUGH

Saturday, April 19, 11:00AM Children ages 10 and under at Wind Gap Borough Park, 334 S Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap, PA 18091

If you would like your non-profit organizations Easter egg hunt added to our Easter egg hunt list please email: thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com



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Bangor Area High School Band Member **Eric Goffinet to** Participate in PMEA **State Convention** Bangor Area High School band member Eric Goffinet has been selected to participate in PMEA All-State Wind Ensemble at the PMEA State Convention to be held at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, April 9-12. The Wind Ensemble is composed of the best of the best from the state's regional bands. Eric placed first in Region V band on Euphonium. The concert will be held on Saturday. April 12 at 2:00pm. **Congratulations Eric!**





The Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce is bringing back Nazareth Area Restaurant Week from March 23 to March 29, 2025. Throughout the week, participating restaurants will offer special menus and deals. Click on the link to see participating restaurants www.lehighvalleychamber.org/nazarearw.html

East Bangor UMC Book Study

The East Bangor UMC Church is offering a Book Study on Mondays thru April 21st, at 10:30AM (in person & on zoom) and 7:00PM (zoom only). Drop-ins Welcome! The study is on "The Celtic Way of Evangelism". Discover the timeless wisdom of Saint Patrick and the Celtic Christians exploring their innovative approach to sharing the Gospel. To join on zoom, contact Pastor Todd at pastor.toddlattig@gmail.com or call 610-588-4453. www.ebumc.org)

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Aux. Spring Fling Bingo The Washington Township Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 27. Doors open at 11:00, games start at 12:30PM. Washington Township Volunteer Fire Co., 920 Washington Blvd, Bangor PA. FMI/ tickets call Donna 484-298-0192 or Jill 484-226-7591. See ad on page 7 for details

Northampton County Earth Day 2025 Festival

Northampton County is excited to announce the Earth Day 2025 Festival, set to take place on April 26th from 11 AM to 5 PM at the Northampton Community College Main Campus Quad. This family-friendly event is free to the public and promises a day filled with fun, education, and celebration of our planet!

Join us for a fantastic day featuring:

- Free Admission and Parking
- Delicious Food Trucks
- Local Vendors
- Live Entertainment
- Exciting Activities for All Ages
- And Much More!

The Earth Day Festival is a perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a day outdoors while learning about sustainability and environmental stewardship. With a variety of engaging activities and entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

"We invite the community to come together to celebrate our planet and learn how we can all contribute to a healthier environment," said Lamont G. McClure, County Executive; "This festival is a wonderful way to engage families and individuals in meaningful discussions about sustainability while having fun."

Mark your calendars and join us for a day dedicated to celebrating our Earth!

For more information about the Earth Day 2025 Festival, please contact Dawn Tomaino at 610-829-6309 or Debi Rice at 484-239-4925.

Bangor 150th Anniversary Parade



Bangor Borough will celebrate its 150th Anniversary the week of June 7-14 2025. The Bangor 150th Anniversary committee has announced that there will be a parade in celebration of the anniversary on **Sunday, June 8, at 2:00 p.m.. rain or shine.**

The theme of the parade will be "Bangor Through the Years" 1875-2025. All community members, organizations and businesses interested in participating by entering a float or marching in the parade are asked to please contact Keith Heard at 484-375-9824. Join in celebrating our historic town and this momentous anniversary!

Any business, group or individual who would like to make a monetary donation to the 150th Anniversary Committee are asked to make checks payable to the Bangor 150th Committee and mail to

P.O. Box 653, Bangor, PA. 18013.

Watch for updates on the Bangor 150th Anniversary Facebook page www.facebook.com/BangorBorough150/

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2025 Slate Belt Rising Scholarship Program

The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship Program is excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2025. This year, 6 scholarships of at least \$1,000 will be awarded to deserving students or adults furthering their education.



The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship Program aims to support education and training by helping to defray the costs of post-secondary education or tools needed for a trade. Scholarships are paid directly to qualified educational institutions or used to purchase trade tools. Eligibility Requirements: Bangor or Pen Argyl high school senior who has been accepted to a four-year university/ college, community college, technical school, or is entering the workforce in a trade OR an adult continuing their education. Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). Have verifiable volunteer experience within the past two years. Demonstrate membership and/or leadership in clubs and organizations. Take this opportunity to invest in your future or your career. We can't wait to see your applications.

Application Deadline is **Friday, March 28, 2025**. For additional information and to apply visit: https://bit.ly/SBRScholarship25

Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Achievement Award 2025

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2025 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 10**.

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- 9. A plant with a large, brightly colored, bell-shaped flow
- 11. Christian holiday celebrated in spring
- 12. Spring flower with a trumpet-shaped yellow bloom
- 13. Color associated with new growth and foliage
- 17. Bright color seen in spring flowers
- 18. Annual tradition of decluttering after winter (2 words)
- 19. Waterproof footwear (2 words) 20. Fourth month of the year

2. Cute furry creature associated with Easter 4. Home built by birds

 Busy insects buzzing around flowers to collect nect
Beautiful pink flower seen in springtime festivals in Japan (2 words)

festivals in Japan (2 words) 8. Structure designed to provide sheiter for birds

- 10. Small red insect commonly seen in gardens
- 14. Popular sport played outdoors as the weather warms up
- 15. Baby bird hatched from eggs
- 16. Colorful arch seen in the sky after rain

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Minsi Lake Corridor Conservation Efforts: Temporary Closure of Institute Drive to Protect Amphibians Crossing

Motorists can expect part of Institute Drive to be closed in the Totts Gap Conservation Area for the next several weeks to protect breeding amphibians. The closure will extend from Totts Gap Road west on Institute Drive for about one-half mile to allow for amphibian migrations to breeding pools without the risk of being crushed by vehicle tires.

In partnership with Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County Parks & Recreation is taking steps to protect migrating amphibians by closing the eastern half of Institute Drive through the County's Totts Gap Conservation Area **from March 14th through April 25th**.

The trigger for the crossing will be a forecast calling for evening rain with mild temperatures, generally above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Since amphibians (frogs, toads, and salamanders) are primarily active at night, you can observe their migration from dusk until dawn as long as conditions remain favorable. "Recommendations from the County's Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway & Stewardship plan highlight the need for protection of critical landscapes. This temporary closure is a major step in the on-going efforts to provide sustainable conservation practices", said Bryan Cope, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation with Northampton County.

The woodlands on either side of Institute Drive are home to the largest concentration of natural seasonal pools and associated species of amphibians anywhere in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Some of these species are listed as threatened and endangered by the PA Fish & Boat Commission, which oversees the Commonwealth's fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

For more information on the natural phenomenon of springtime amphibian migrations and how motorists can help protect them in their travels, log onto https://www.shaverscreek.org/2016/04/18/amphibians-on-the-move/

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	- NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR
	VETERANS DAY
MARCH 30	- NATIONAL TAKE A WALK IN THE
	PARK DAY
MARCH 31	- NATIONAL CRAYON DAY

Community Programs

Bethel Bible Church Food Pantry

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

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

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

Mission of Love Food Bank

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

Helping Hands Food Pantry at Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

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

St. Elizabeth/St.Joseph Food Ministry

John Wesley Covenant Church

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

GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare Support Group for those who have lost a loved one will be held at the Mt Bethel Lutheran Church, 1270 Belvidere Corner Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343.

Weekly sessions 10:00AM in the upper level room. All are welcome and you may join anytime. For more information please call Diane at 973-202-3317.

Ladies Trauma Healing Support Group

Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church hosts a Ladies Trauma Healing Support Group on Zoom. Ladies are invited to join the Zoom Trauma Healing Support Group on **Monday evenings from 7:00PM -8:00PM.** Contact Laura Lacey for the at 570-856-4143 for the Zoom link.

Weona Park Pool Pals Meeting April Meeting The next meeting of the Weona Park Pool Pals will be held on Monday, April 7, 7:00PM at the Pen Argyl Borough Hall, on Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. FMI please call 610-863-6472. Donations to the Weona Park Pool Pals can be made on their website https:// weonapool.wixsite.com/website or checks can be made payable to: Pen Argyl Athletic Park Association and mail to: Weona Park Pool Pals, P.O. Box 42, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. All donations are tax deductible.

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Get Ready for REAL ID

The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act is fast approaching. As of **May 7, 2025** you will have to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification



include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs.

To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit www.penndot.gov/REALID.

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Bangor Area Middle School Talent Show Photos courtesy of Keri Sandt

The Bangor Area Middle School Talent show was held on Friday, March 7 at the school. The show is hosted by the Greater Slater club, a group of students who organize and run various events throughout the year. There were 22 performances. This year's winner was Andrew Scheerer who played "Fur Elise" on the piano.



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Pen Argyl Area High School Drama Club Presents Disney's Frozen Jr. Photos by Lisa Newberry

Pen Argyl Area High School Drama club presented Disney's Frozen Jr. the weekend of March 7, 8 and 9 at the Wind Gap Middle School. <u>See more photos on our Facebook page</u>



Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2025 Photos by Lisa Newberry Pen Argyl Area High School held a Mini-THON® on Saturday, March 15. "Crushing Cancer in Candyland." Pen Argyl students joined students across the country to help conquer childhood cancer. Four Diamonds Mini-THON® is a K-12 opportunity for students to be empowered as leaders in the fight to conquer childhood cancer. See more photos on our Facebook page

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New in the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction - Deep Cuts: A Novel by Holly Brickley; Blood Moon by Sandra Brown; The Peacemaker by Wanda E. Brunstetter: Ambush by Colleen Coble:



Broken Country: A Novel by Clare Leslie Hall; One Good Thing by Georgia Hunter; The Dream Novel: A Novel by Laila you may bid on an item(s). Lalami; Every Tom Dick & Harry: A Novel by Elinor Lipman; Shore by Charlotte McConaghy; Count My Lies: A Novel by Sophie Stava; Far From Home: A Novel by Danielle Steel

Adult Non Fiction - Raising Hare: A Memoir by Chloe Dalton; Super-Italian: More than 110 Indulgent Recipes Using Italy's Healthiest Foods by Glada DeLaurentiis; There's Always Room at the Table: Farmhouse Recipes From My Family to Yours by Kaleb Wyse.

Easy Fiction - Bluey Hoorah, it's Easter!; There's a Little Chick in your Book by Tom Fletcher; Arlo Draws an Octopus by Lori Mortensen; Escargot and the Search for Spring by Dashka Slater; Will the Pigeon Graduate? By Mo Willems. Junior Fiction- The Baby-Sitters Club: Mallory and the Trouble with Twins by Arley Nopra.

Young Adult Fiction - The Ragpicker King by Cassandra Clare; Our Infinite Fates: A Novel by Laura Steven; The Otherwhere Post by Emil J. Taylor.

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 Mt. Community Library News The Blue Mt.

Community Library will be holding a Spring Silent Auction at the library. A variety of items will be up for bid all on display on the first floor of the library and posted on the website and



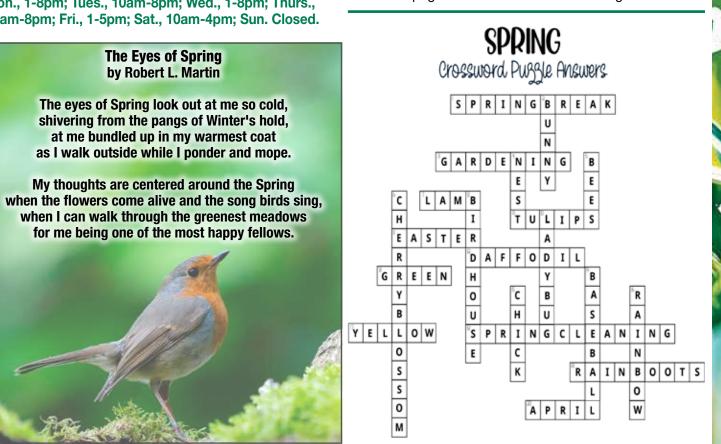
social media. Bidding starts April 1, 2025, and continues through April 26. There is no limit to the number of times

Stop in the library to place your bids or call the library at Famous Last Words: A Novel by Gillian McAllister; Wild Dark 610-863-3029 during open hours. The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA.

> New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library Adult Fiction – Book of the Month, Jennifer Probst; The Cheating Husband, James Caine; The Best is Yet to Come, Jessica Redland; The Resistance Bakery, Siobhan Curham; The Unexpected Gift, Heidi Donohue; Hot Property, Mike Lupica; Better Than Friends, Jill Shalvis: The Memory Library, Kate Storey; Pictures of You, Emma Grey; The Days Between, Robin Morris; When We Meet Again, Kristin Harmel; The Big Empty Robert Crais; The Note, Alafair Burke; Grave Danger, James Grippando; The Crash, Freida McFadden.

Adult Large Print - Saturday Night at the LakeSide; Supper Club, J. Ryan Stradal; The Inn at Lavender Bay, Michele Brouder; Upside Down, Danielle Steel.

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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Grand Central Landfill/Energy Center 910 W Pennsylvania Ave Pen Argyl

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Learning Opportunities: Waste Reduction Tips

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Register by April 1, 2025 **Email Adrienne Fors** afors1@wm.com



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