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## WEATHER AND YOUR HEALTH

### Arthritis (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Asthma (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Sinus (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Air Quality

Good - Moderate - Unhealthy - Worst



## Scoreboard

### Girls

Pen Argyl 52 Moravian 20  
PMW 62-Bangor 20

### Boys

Moravian 48 Pen Argyl 35



**Pen Argyl Boys:** Martini 2, McLaughlin 8, Kennedy 11,  
Holland 7, Soos 2, Dos Santos 3, MacMahon 2

3-Pointers: Holland 2, McLaughlin 2, Dos Santos 1,



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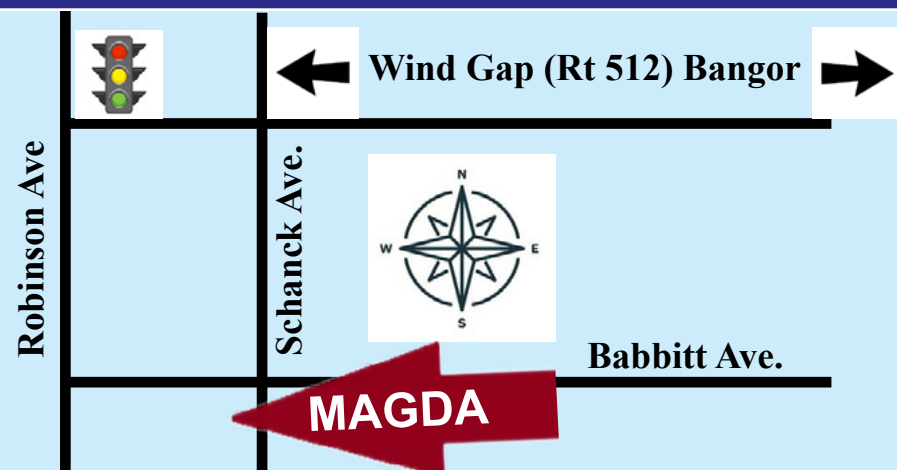
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# Research Uncovers The Best Way To Help Babies Learn To Talk

Scientists Say Babies Do Not Process Phonetic Information Until Seven Months

By Imogen Howse via SWNS

**S**peaking to babies in ‘sing-song’ speech - such as nursery rhymes - is the best way for them to learn how to talk, according to a new study.

Linguists have long considered phonetics - the smallest sound elements of speech, typically represented by the alphabet – to be the foundation of language.

Babies were thought to learn these small sound elements and add them together to make words.

**However, new research by the University of Cambridge and Trinity College Dublin has found that babies do not process phonetic information until they are around seven months old, and still struggle to do so at around 11 months old – when they tend to say their first words.**

**This means, the study said, babies instead learn in their early months from rhythmic speech and information – with moments of emphasis in a song helping them learn when an individual word starts and ends.**

Professor Usha Goswami, a neuroscientist at the University of Cambridge, said: “Our research shows that the individual sounds of speech are not processed reliably until around seven months old, even though most infants can recognize familiar words like ‘bottle’ by this point.

“We believe therefore that speech rhythm information is the hidden glue underpinning the development of a well-functioning language system.

“Infants can use rhythmic information like a scaffold or skeleton to add phonetic information on to.

“For example, they might learn that the rhythm pattern of English words is typically strong-weak, as in ‘daddy’ or ‘mummy’, with the stress on the first syllable.

“They can use this rhythm pattern to guess where one-word ends and another begins when listening to natural speech.

“So parents should talk and sing to their babies as much as possible or use infant-directed speech like nursery rhymes because it will make a difference to language outcome.”



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# Two-Year-Old Girl Gets New Heart For Christmas

She Underwent Emergency Surgery After Going Into Cardiac Arrest.

By Ashley Pemberton via SWNS

The parents of a little girl kept alive for 14 months by a machine say she is now looking forward to her best Christmas ever - after getting a new heart.

Brave Beatrix Adamson-Archbold, two, was rushed into hospital with suspected Covid, but was actually suffering from heart failure.

Doctors diagnosed her with dilated cardiomyopathy and after emergency surgery she went into cardiac arrest.

She was then connected to a mechanical heart at Newcastle Royal Infirmary for 14 months while her parents waited anxiously for a transplant.

Now, after being given a new heart, dad Terry Archbold and mum Cheryl Adamson are looking forward to her spending Christmas at home with the family.

The couple, who lost their daughter Isabel in 2018 to an unrelated heart condition, donated her heart for research.

And they have urged other parents to consider donating their children's organs.

Cheryl, of Burnopfield, County Durham, said: "If you asked someone if they would accept a donated organ, most likely the answer will always be yes, without hesitation.

"If you asked if they would provide the same gift to someone else, this reply can sometimes be met with uncertainty.

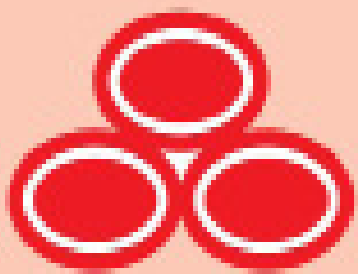
"The hesitation grows when it comes to considering your child being the donor of a lifesaving organ.

"When we were asked about donating Isabel's organs initially I did not want to agree.

"We eventually did agree to donate Isabel's heart for research and now I have seen how life changing this can be for families I would agree without hesitation.

"It could help save a life."

Little Beatrix, known as Bea, was rushed to hospital in May 2022 and spent the next 15 months there.



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# Holiday Happenings



## Santa Coming to LMBT

Santa is coming to Lower Mount Bethel Township on December 16th. We will be taking him around to see the little boys and girls of all ages on the firetruck if you want us to stop by your house call 484-221-2416 or 610-597-3802.

You can drop a wrap gift with child's name and address off at the firehouse any Monday evening and Santa will deliver on Dec 16th we plan on starting around 9am. Donations to help offset our cost is greatly appreciated.

## Santa's Mailbox

Santa's magic mailbox is back again for the 4th year. The elves will be accepting handwritten letters for Santa from November 5th through December 10th. Every letter that Santa receives during this time period will receive a hand written letter back from him. The magic mailbox is located at 146 S. 9th St., Bangor, PA 18013. It will be at the end of the walkway and the magic mailbox will be outside daily from 8AM until dark. If it is raining, the mailbox will not be outside.

We also ask that when dropping the letter off, please do not open the mailbox and move the mailbox for any reason. In addition, letters with no name or address will not receive a response.

Bar and Grill. Visit with Santa and enjoy milk, hot chocolate and cookies.

## Lookout Holiday Market

Lookout Fire Company is looking for vendors, crafters, and artisan makers to come be apart of their Holiday Market on Saturday December 9th from 10am - 3PM.

This holiday market will be the perfect place to get all those unique and special gifts for everyone on your Christmas list and more.

For more information on how to be apart of this great opportunity send us an email to [events@lookoutfireco.com](mailto:events@lookoutfireco.com)

## One Starry Night

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church invites everyone to visit The Little Town of Bethlehem. Ready to take your family back in time? Come to "One Starry Night" and experience Christmas like never before!

You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll go through the city gate, register for the census, visit the inn, see the stable, and more! It's a living nativity experience for all ages--so bring the whole family!

One Starry Night takes place on Sat., Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. FYI call 610-588-4453 or visit [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org).

## Portland Santa Breakfast

Breakfast with Santa is planned for Portland Hook & Ladder Fire Co. December 17, from 7:30 am to 11:30am. All you Can Eat. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages. Bacon and Breakfast Potatoes. \$10 per person

## Santa in Roseto

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to Roseto!

On Saturday, December 16, 2023. Santa will be visiting children in Roseto with the Columbia Fire Company. Please email them at [Santa\\_visit@columbiafireco.org](mailto:Santa_visit@columbiafireco.org) to arrange a visit to your home from Santa.

In the email, please include children(s) name, age, address, and gift suggestion up to \$25. Santa will arrive on the Fire truck at your house between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please email us no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2023 to sign-up. Sorry for any inconvenience but this is limited to Roseto Residents Only!!

## Plainfield Twp. Santa

Come for a morning of fun with the big guy himself, Santa Claus December 16 from 8-11am at Plainfield Fire Co.!

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take a picture with Santa and let the kids do some fun activities! Santa Claus will be visiting until 11am. Breakfast will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice and coffee.

Free for children 0-4yrs, \$8 for children 5-12yrs, \$15 for adults/children 13 yrs and up

Their Annual Santa Claus Toy Run will be the same day starting at 12pm! If you are interested in having Santa Claus stop by your home to visit your child, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it and a \$10.00 donation (per house) to the firehouse any Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm or call the firehouse at 610-863-3302 to setup a drop off.

All gifts must be dropped off prior to December 15th, 2023. Santa Toy Run form will be posted in the discussions tab. Santa Toy Run forms will also be available at the firehouse for pick up at anytime. we can also email the form to you. Please email [santa@plainfieldfireco.com](mailto:santa@plainfieldfireco.com)

## Santa and the Polar Express

The Polar Express sponsored by the Slate Belt Rotary will be held December 9 from 1-3pm at the Sportscard Sports B

## Bell Tower Christmas Celebration

Join everyone at the Bell Tower Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM for a delightful evening filled with the joy and charm of a traditional country Christmas celebration. With guest artists, Norm Williams and Tom & Betty Drunkenmiller, you will experience what Old World Mountain Music was really like.

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# Damp Sunday



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Issued: Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 6 AM

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Weather Forecast Office  
Mount Holly

Issued Dec 03, 2023 6:25 AM EST



- Rain tapering off from south to north this afternoon, but may linger north of Trenton & Allentown.
- Not as foggy as Saturday, with improving visibility though this afternoon.
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# NATIONAL ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD DAY



National Roof Over Your Head Day was created as a day to be thankful for what you have, starting with the roof over your head. There are many things that we have that we take for granted and do not stop to appreciate how fortunate we are for having them.

All across our nation, there are many who do not have the things that are necessary to everyday life. They may lack a roof over their heads, enough food to eat, or clothes to wear. For those who have those bare necessities, it may be insufficient.



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# FREE LEAD WATER SUPPLY LINE HAZARDS REPLACEMENT

**This is to ensure that you are aware of the new Slate Belt Rising partnership with Northampton County to serve the residents of East Bangor Borough. Slate Belt Rising is working on a press release and social media posts that will be sent out this week. Please keep an eye out. SBR would appreciate your help in spreading the word.**

## **Dear Homeowner:**

You are receiving this letter because your home is located in an area in need of a safety check to make sure there are no older water supply lines or fixtures in the service area of the East Bangor Municipal Authority. Several older water meters were found to be in service and the plan is to complete a safety check to make sure that there are no other older water supply lines or fixtures in this neighborhood.

Northampton County is working with our local partners Slate Belt Rising, Community Action Lehigh Valley, and the East Bangor Municipal Authority to offer a safety check of residents' interior home water supply lines for any hazards that may be present. We want to be able to say these neighborhood homes are free from any potential water supply line hazards.

**Program participation is 100% FREE for residents in the East Bangor Municipal Authority service area.**

Northampton County will check for the presence of water line hazards especially in any water line or fixture where lead may be an ingredient. As a rule, older homes are more likely to still have some lead presence in service lines and possibility in some interior plumbing fixtures. Northampton County will also check and replace any water supply line containing lead on the homeowner's side of the water meter. Northampton County's program will look at replacing manifolds/goosenecks, water meters, and older plumbing fixtures still containing lead. The program will use a PA-licensed plumber in any replacement and it will be free of charge for Northampton County homeowners.

## **Why are we so concerned with Lead?**

Exposure to lead has been shown to harm especially very young child living in the home, exposure has been shown to effect brain development, contribute with learning-behavioral problems, and lower IQ's. Very young children are particularly susceptible to the build-up of lead hazards, as their smaller size increases their exposure levels, which is far more damaging to them than adults. As studies have shown that there is no safe level of lead. Lead is this public health menace take away the lead and the problem goes away.

## **NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY**

Northampton County Homeowners

## **FREE LEAD WATER SUPPLY LINE HAZARDS REPLACEMENT!**

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## **HOW TO APPLY:**

Scan the QR code to your to be brought directly to the online application or access it by navigating to [SlateBeltRising.org](https://SlateBeltRising.org) and clicking the "Lead-Free Homes" tab.

If you need assistance in applying, our local partner is Brian Fenstermaker with Slate Belt Rising. Brian is available for in-person application assistance on Wednesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Bangor Borough Building located at 197 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bangor, PA 18013. Call 484-523-0900 to make an appointment to talk with Brian.

If you do not wish to apply, or if you reside at the specified address but are not the intended recipient of this letter, please contact us for the purpose of updating our records. Thank you!

## **How does lead get into drinking water?**

Lead can enter drinking water when pipes and plumbing fixtures that contain lead corrode, especially where the water has high acidity or low mineral content. There are three main sources of lead:

### **• Lead pipes**

• **Lead service lines**, the pipe that connects the water main under the street to the home's plumbing.

Lead pipes were also used in inside plumbing, but it is unusual. Congress banned the use of lead pipes in 1986.

• **Leaded solder** – Solder is used to connect copper pipe and fittings. Congress banned the use of leaded solder in 1986.

• **Leaded alloys** – Brass is frequently used in faucets and other plumbing components. In 1986, Congress limited the amount of lead in brass to 8% (close to the level of lead typical of products at the time) and later in 2014, reduced the limit to a much lower level (0.25%).

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# See Original Works of Local Artists at the Bell Tower

Come experience the vibrant and original works of local artists Elizabeth Snelling, Lauren Kindle, Donna Maloney, and T.R. Boyce Creating on Paper, Canvas, and Cloth 2:00pm Sunday at the Bell Tower Cultural Center 2904 Church Road just outside Martins Creek.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow art enthusiasts, gain inspiration, and let your creativity flow. Join us at Creating on Paper, Canvas, and Cloth and embark on a memorable artistic journey!

For more information, please call 610.253-0237

Join then for an exciting event where art enthusiasts come together to explore their creativity on paper, canvas, and cloth. Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, this event offers a unique opportunity to unleash your imagination and share your expressions of yourself through these artist's displays.

**Donna Maloney** will be giving a lively talk on her creative process in designing and supervising costume creations for films. Just how much do the costumes add to a movie's storyline and ultimate success? How do designers research a period piece? Which films were her favorites to work on? Which not so much? Perks and pitfalls of the job? You won't want to miss this fascinating look behind the scenes and between the seams.

During this in-person event, you'll have the chance to engage with talented artists, learn new techniques, and discover different styles of art. From sketching and painting to fabric art and mixed media, there's something for everyone to enjoy and explore.

Whether you prefer the traditional pen and paper, the versatility of canvas, or the texture of cloth, this event encourages you to experiment and create something truly unique.

**Lauren Jane Kindle** works predominantly in oil paints in a representational manner, from life as well as imagination. Her paintings are about reverence for the moment, which is evident in the slow and careful mark-making with which she records her response to the world. In a busy, hectic, era, slowing down is healing.

**Donna Maloney** is a seasoned union Costume Designer and Costume Supervisor currently living between NYC and PA. She is a partner in The Costume Collective, an east coast costume rental house for TV and Film.

Her first film took her to Belize as a film runner for Mosquito Coast. On her next film, she traveled to Paris, France where she met her friend and mentor, Oscar winning, Ann Roth, with whom she continues to work with to this day. Over the past 35 years, Donna has worked on over 50 films and TV projects both domestically and internationally. She was nominated for an Emmy for outstanding costumes for Angels in America.

Some of her credits include The Yellow Birds, The Reader, Sam & Amira, Netflix's Night Teeth, Professor Marston and Wonder Women, the pilot of The Prodigal Son and all four seasons of Netflix's Manifest.

Color is the first thing you notice about Elizabeth Snelling's figure, still life, and landscape paintings. She paints and draws the details of life, the places where she lives and have lived. Rooms, rugs, patterns, and furniture are interpreted over and over again. Visually democratic, she paints landscapes like interiors and interiors like landscapes. The backyard that she plants and tend is just as compelling as the drama of Nova Scotia vastness. Pets and people populate her work and are equally expressive, awkward and casual.'

## New!

## CDC's Respiratory Virus Update: Weekly updates this fall & winter



<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/whats-new/index.html>



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# Infants Found To Have Signs Of Self-Awareness: Study

Scientists Found Babies As Young As Four Months Have A Sense Of Consciousness

By Isobel Williams via SWNS

**B**abies as young as four months old have been found to have signs of self-awareness, according to a new study.

The research showed that four-month-old infants can make sense of how their bodies interact with the space around them, moving scientists closer to discovering the origins of consciousness.

To get these results the team, from the University of Birmingham, showed babies a ball on a screen moving towards or away from them.

The babies were then simulated with a touch using small vibrations on their hands as their brain activity was closely studied.

**The researchers found that from just four months old, babies show enhanced brain activity when a touch is preceded by an object moving toward them.**

**Dr. Giulia Orioli said: “Our findings indicate that even in the first few months of life, before babies have even learned to reach for objects, the multisensory brain is wired up to make links between what babies see and what they feel.**

“This means they can sense the space around them and understand how their bodies interact with that space. This is sometimes referred to as peripersonal space.

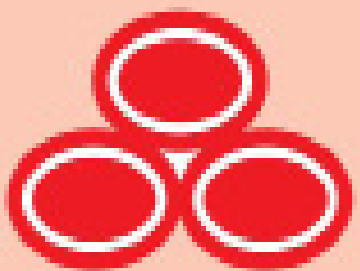
“Of course, humans do this all the time as adults, using our combined senses to perceive where we are in space and making predictions about when we will touch an object or not.

“But now that we know that babies in the early stages of their development begin to show signs of this, it opens up questions about how much of these abilities are learned, or innate.”

The researchers also explored how an unexpected touch would affect some of the older babies in the study.

They found that in babies aged eight months old when the touch on their hand was preceded by the ball on the screen moving away from them there were signs of surprise.

Professor Andrew Bremner said: “Seeing the older babies show surprise responses suggests that they had not expected the touch due to the visual direction the object was moving in.



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# Vegan Diet Can Help Postmenopausal Women With Hot Flashes: Study

Participants Also Lost Around 6.4 Pounds In A 12-Week Study

By Isobel Williams via SWNS

**A** vegan diet can nearly eradicate hot flashes in postmenopausal women, new research reveals.

Overall, hot flashes were reduced by 95 percent, with moderate to severe flashes reducing by 96 percent and severe hot flashes being completely eliminated.

Participants who started the vegan diet also lost around 6.4 pounds in a 12-week study.

These results, from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington DC, were caused by changes in gut microbiome that come with a low-fat vegan diet.

This lifestyle change can also decrease the risk of developing health problems such as heart disease and type 2 diabetes, as the bacteria that can lead to these issues are less abundant.

**Co-author Dr. Hana Kahleova said:**  
**“Women who want to fight hot flashes should feed the bacteria in their gut a vegan diet rich in fruits, vegetables, grains, and beans, which also leads to weight loss and protects against heart disease and type 2 diabetes.”**

This new research, published in the journal *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*, comes from a secondary analysis of the WAVS trial.

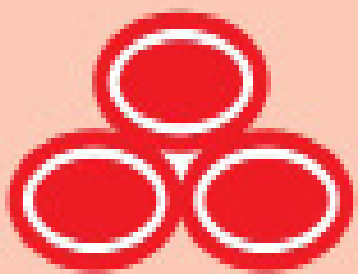
In the study, 84 postmenopausal women reporting two or more moderate-to-severe hot flashes daily were assigned 12 weeks on either a vegan diet or sticking to their usual eating habits.

For the secondary analysis, stool samples from 11 of the participants were used to study changes in gut microbiome.

The study is the first to find reductions in microbes *Porphyromonas* and *Prevotella corporis* are associated with a decrease in severe daytime hot flashes.

*Prevotella corporis* has also been found in the gut of people with rheumatoid arthritis and seems to have pro-inflammatory properties.

Changes in the abundance of other bacteria looked at in the study may play a role in alleviating hot flashes by stabilizing estrogen levels, reducing inflammation, and increasing satiety, among other benefits.



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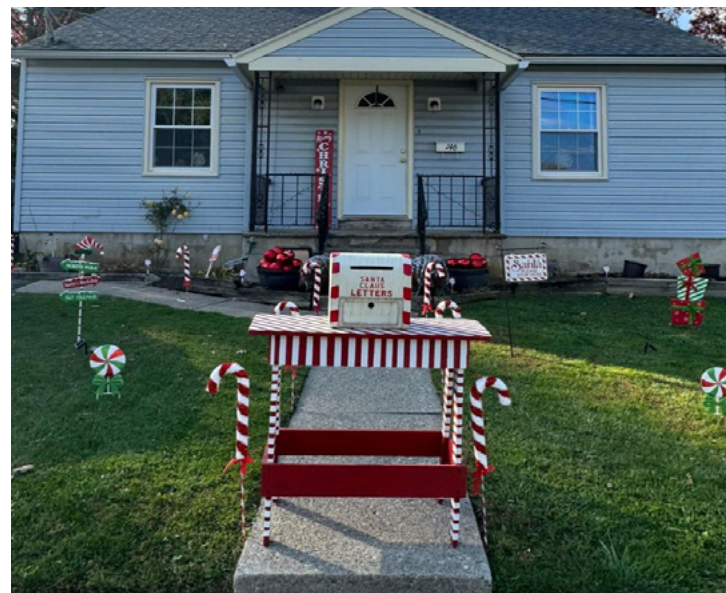


# Santa's Mailbox Enters It's Fourth Season

Santa's magic mailbox is back again for the 4th year. The elves will be accepting handwritten letters for Santa from November 5th through December 10th. Every letter that Santa receives during this time period will receive a hand written letter back from him. The magic mailbox is located at 146 S. 9th St., Bangor, PA 18013. It will be at the end of the walkway and the magic mailbox will be outside daily from 8AM until dark. If it is raining, the mailbox will not be outside.



Note: Santa receives HUNDREDS of letters in this mailbox every season and it takes Santa time to write back. Please understand that Santa's elves will not respond to messages or posts asking about the status of the letter. All responses from Santa will be received via USPS before Christmas Eve. We also ask that when dropping the letter off, please do not open the mailbox and move the mailbox for any reason. In addition, letters with no name or address will not receive a response.



## “Growing Up Slater”

The Slate Belt Heritage Center has published another wonderful book filled with local Slate Belt memories. Authored by Nancy Traves Broadbent and Marc Blau, readers will be transported back to the 50's & 60's, when growing up in the Slate Belt taught all of us manners, trust, love for family and community.

Take a walk down memory lane, relive your days at school, the Bee Hive, and take a walk around the block. Add your own memories to your copy and share with your family. This will make a wonderful gift for the holidays.

A book signing will be held at the Heritage Center on Saturday, December 9th from Noon-2:00 PM. If you would like to pre-order send \$25.00 (with your name, address, phone number, email) to the Center and your book will be waiting for you at the day of signing.

If you need the book mailed to you, add \$10.00 for shipping costs. Make checks payable and remit to the Slate Belt Heritage Center, 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. Att: Marc Blau.

## LMBT Christmas Tree Lighting

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Save the Date! The LMBT Recreation Board will be hosting the 5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Joining us for the festivities will be the LMBT Sandt's Eddy Fire Company and the Fidelity Bank "Sweets and Treats" van. We'll be caroling, making crafts and enjoying FREE hot chocolate, cookies, hotdogs, popcorn and gifts for the children. And maybe, just maybe, Santa will surprise us and

## Geek Fest

Join the Geek Fest June 22, 2024 at the South Mall.

It's okay to embrace the weird in the world! We're bringing a variety of unique and fun nerdy & geeky things to do throughout the day!

Come out and participate in the cosplay dress up contest for a chance to win something unique! Stop in at the mall arcade and play some classic video games or swing by one of the open space board game tables that will be set up throughout the mall. Don't forget to shop with vendors and artisans who will be set up with unique and weird items!

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## **YMCA Opportunities**

Lehigh Valley - Through December 20, 2023, Greater Valley YMCA is opening its doors and inviting the community to use the Y for free. With open branches in Bethlehem, Catasauqua, Easton, Nazareth and Pen Argyl, the YMCA is in a unique position to impact community health and wellness.

From November 20 to December 20, 2023, the Y is providing free opportunities for everyone in the community to connect and engage with others to meet social, physical and mental well-being needs. Community members can workout in the Y's wellness centers, enjoy pick up sports and time in its pools with family and friends.

In addition to opening its doors to the community, the YMCA is providing free virtual wellness for the entire community during the same time. Y Wellness 24/7 is a virtual platform that provides thousands of weekly live and on-demand health and wellness programs for all abilities and interests. Everyone in the community is invited to create a free account, using keycode "HERE FOR YOU" to access [www.YWellness24/7.org](http://www.YWellness24/7.org) from their home, office or anywhere, anytime!

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## **Roseto Ice Rink**

The Roseto Ice Rink has been set up and ready to use as fall transitions to winter just in time for the holiday season.

The Roseto ice rink is officially OPEN. Weather it will be open daily from 8:00am - 7:00pm. Keep in mind they do not have skate rentals so bring your own. There is no cost to skate at the park. The ice rink at the Roseto Ball Park off McKinley and Denisco Streets. Only the main gate is open so enter off of Denisco Street.

There are no bathroom facilities.

## **Rental Snowshoes**

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](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Check Their website for current conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

**December 3**

## **Painting with A Purpose Christmas Edition**

Painting with a Twist (Bethlehem, PA) Event by Pink Heals Lehigh Valley Chapter Sunday, December 3, 2023 At 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Save the Date to join us on December 3rd for another fun afternoon as we get into the Christmas Spirit by painting Galactic Christmas Eve. We will add the link to register as soon as it becomes available.

Don't think you can paint? Don't worry; the instructors break it down step-by-step for you to create your very own masterpiece.

This event is open to those 18 and older. Those 13-17 are welcome to attend, provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Arrive 30 minutes prior and join us for a "happy half-hour" to unwind, mix and mingle.

50% of all proceeds go towards their benevolent fun to help those in need in our community..

**December 5**

## **Library Fund Raiser**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the Slate Pub in Pen Argyl will sponsor a Fundraiser for the Blue Mountain Community Library. The Pub will generously donate a percentage of all food sales that day, from noon until closing, both eat-in and take-out, to the library. Anyone patronizing the Pub that day will enjoy good food and will help the library at the same time. The Slate Pub is located at 509 East Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. Check out their menu at [www.slatepub.com](http://www.slatepub.com)

**December 6**

## **Winter Choir Concert**

The Bangor Area High School Winter Choir Concert will be held Wednesday December 6th at 7:30 PM in the Bangor Performing Arts Theater.

**December 9**

Blue Flame Events is bringing holiday fun from 9-3 December 9 to the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA for the 3rd year! We're thrilled about this event! We're looking for vendors and crafters for this festive event! Space is limited here so be sure to register early!

To request a registration text (272)-200-8163 or email [blueflameevents@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflameevents@yahoo.com)!

Vendor/Crafter Cost = \$40 per space

## **Santa and the Polar Express**

The Polar Express sponsored by the Slate Belt Rotary will be held December 9 from 1-3pm at the Sportscard Sports Bar and Grill. Visit with Santa

and enjoy milk, hot chocolate and cookies.

## **Winter Tree ID**

Saturday, December 9 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm

No leaves to be seen? Dichotomous keys help you identify trees! During this program you will learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify trees by examining the twigs. You will discover common patterns among groups of plants and tricks to help you remember those groupings. After the lesson, we'll head out for a short walk to practice our new skills. Registration required. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

## **Lookout Holiday Market**

Lookout Fire Company is looking for vendors, crafters, and artisan makers to come be apart of their Holiday Market on Saturday December 9th from 10am - 3PM.

This holiday market will be the perfect place to get all those unique and special gifts for everyone on your Christmas list and more.

For more information on how to be apart of this great opportunity send us an email to [events@lookoutfireco.com](mailto:events@lookoutfireco.com)

## **Festive Holiday at All Aspects**

Join us for a festive Holiday experience at All Aspects at the Barn for our Santa's Christmas Market & Holiday Festival Saturday December 9 from 10-4.

Shop several local Artisan vendor tents, savor a delicious meal from our food trucks, enjoy wine and beer from Stone Lake Winery, listen to live music all day and create lasting memories with Photos along side of Santa at our 1951 Ford F1 pick up truck with Photography by Lauren Kinsel.

Holiday shop outside and inside our Barn store for holiday specials, enter our raffle and a chance to win hourly door prizes!

Don't forget to bring your kids to our event for a world of sweet delights at the candy counter, endless fun in the bounce house and playground, and a chance to meet, feed and pet our adorable animals at the Petting Farm. It is a family fun day that you won't want to miss!

Embrace the winter magic at our festival and cozy up by the inviting fire pits at our new Pavilion.

**TIME:** Artisan Vendor Tents, Food Trucks and Festival: 10am -4pm; Photos with Santa & Live Music 11am-4pm

**FREE ADMISSION.**

**LOCATION:** All Aspects at the Barn is located at 1584 S Delaware Drive, Upper Mount Bethel, PA 18343.

**PARKING:** Pull in, drive straight through the gates and around the back of our store. We have lots of parking behind the Barn.

**INTERESTED VENDORS** can email Becky, with All Aspects at the Barn at



**December 9-10**

## One Starry Night

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church invites everyone to visit The Little Town of Bethlehem. Ready to take your family back in time? Come to “One Starry Night” and experience Christmas like never before!

You’ll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You’ll go through the city gate, register for the census, visit the inn, see the stable, and more! It’s a living nativity experience for all ages--so bring the whole family!

One Starry Night takes place on Sat., Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec.10, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA . FYI call 610-588-4453 or visit [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org).

**December 10**

## Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

Think you know all there is to know about the Slate Belt? New to the area and would like to have a fun time learning about the Slate Belt? Or, if you are in a position as a town council member, you are invited to “test your trivia knowledge of the Slate Belt” and have fun and laughs while doing it. The annual “Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest” will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 PM at the Slate Belt Heritage Center. Questions will encompass the entire region from Slateford to Wind Gap. Bring a team of four, or come as one and we will place you on a team when you arrive.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and light refreshments will be served to all. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661

**December 13**

## Bangor Bands Winter Concert

Bangor Area High School Bands Winter Concert will be held Wednesday December 13, 7:30 PM in the Performing Arts Theatre 187 Five Points Richmond Rd Bangor, PA

## Crafting Natural Arrangements for Adults

Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
OR 6:00 - 8:00pm

This free program is offered in both English and Spanish.

Get crafty and join Conservation Volunteers Adriana and Toni as they demonstrate how to use natural materials to create simple, yet ornate floral arrangements. You will have the opportunity to create your own arrangement to take home. You will also learn to identify native and invasive plants and

gain experience in sustainable gathering of plants for crafting. The arrangements will be Wabi Sabi-inspired; the Japanese world view centered on the acceptance of imperfections. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**December 15**

## Bell Tower Christmas Celebration

Join everyone at the Bell Tower Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM for a delightful evening filled with the joy and charm of a traditional country Christmas celebration. With guest artists, Norm Williams and Tom & Betty Drunkenmiller, you will experience was Old World Mountain Music was really like.

These nationally acclaimed artists will perform a holiday program that will have you in getting into the Christmas Spirit. And in what better place than the former Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, now recreated to be the Bell Tower Cultural Center.

The Bell Tower ocated at 2904 Church Road, Bangor, PA 18063, just north of Martins Creek, PA, the event venue will transport you to a bygone era, where the spirit of Christmas is celebrated in its most authentic form. Immerse yourself in the delightful melodies of live music performances, featuring lthe Banjo, Dulcimer and Fiddle.

Don’t miss out on this magical event that captures the essence of an Old World Country Christmas. Mark your calendars and bring your loved ones along for an unforgettable evening of joy, laughter, and holiday spirit! Please join them.

## Family Science Night - Rhythm and Woodpeckers

Friday, December 15 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Drumming is one form of non-vocal communication used by most species of woodpeckers. During this program we will put our music skills to the test to create a symphony of Pennsylvania woodpecker calls and drumming patterns all while learning the science behind common woodpecker behavior and adaptations. Registration is required.<https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**December 16**

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## Santa in Roseto

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to Roseto!

On Saturday, December 16, 2023. Santa will be visiting children in Roseto with the Columbia Fire Company. Please email them at Santa\_[visit@columbiefireco.org](mailto:visit@columbiefireco.org) to arrange a visit to your home from Santa.

In the email, please include children(s) name, age, address, and gift suggestion up to \$25. Santa will arrive on the Fire truck at your house between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please email us no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2023 to sign-up. Sorry for any inconvenience but this is limited to Roseto Residents Only!!

## Plainfield Twp. Santa

Come for a morning of fun with the big guy himself, Santa Claus December 16 from 8-11am at Plainfield Fire Co.!

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take a picture with Santa and let the kids do some fun activities! Santa Claus will be visiting until 11am. Breakfast will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, juice and coffee.

Free for children 0-4yrs, \$8 for children 5-12yrs, \$15 for adults/children 13 yrs and up

Their Annual Santa Claus Toy Run will be the same day starting at 12pm! If you are interested in having Santa Claus stop by your home to visit your child, please bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name on it and a \$10.00 donation (per house) to the firehouse any Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm or call the firehouse at 610-863-3302 to setup a drop off.

All gifts must be dropped off prior to December 15th, 2023. Santa Toy Run form will be posted in the discussions tab. Santa Toy Run forms will also be available at the firehouse for pick up at anytime. we can also email the form to you. Please email [santa@plainfieldfireco.com](mailto:santa@plainfieldfireco.com)

**December 16-17**

## Enchanted Market

Join Blue Flame Events & Palmer Park Mall for the 2-day Enchanted Market on December 16th-17th from 11am to 4pm. This unique last minute holiday shopping experience will include thoughtful gifts from a variety of vendors & crafters who’ll be set up throughout the mall with one-of-kind gifts. While you’re there join in the fun with free family crafts, an ugly sweater contest, and much more!

We’re still accepting vendors & crafters to join us for this wonderful event. Simply click the registration link below to sign up, or text (272)-200-8163, or email [blueflameevents@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflameevents@yahoo.com).

Registration Link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdAQyXCJxd.../viewform...>

Facebook Link: <https://facebook.com/events/s/enchanted-holiday-market/1150043785672430/>

For more information on upcoming events see us on the web at [www.blueflameevents.co](http://www.blueflameevents.co)

**December 17**

## Music In the Air

Music In The Air - A Concert of Church Bell



Christmas Songs. December 17 - 3-4pm. Held outside in the parking lot of the Richmond United Methodist Church, 8538 South Delaware Dr., Bangor. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and a Christmas ornament per family.

**Portland Santa Breakfast**  
Breakfast with Santa is planned for Portland Hook & Ladder Fire Co. December 17, from 7:30 am to 11:30am.

All you Can Eat. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages. Bacon and Breakfast Potatoes. \$10 per person

**December 19**  
**BAHS Choir Will Sing at Bangor GFWC Meeting**

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC would like to invite the public to hear the Bangor High School Choir on December 19th at 1:15 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ,

632 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. (Stone Church) .They will be singing Christmas music and other songs. Come and enjoy this talented choir.

**December 21-22**  
**Project Feeder Watch**

Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Bagels, coffee, and hot cocoa will be provided. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 21-22, Jan 4-5 & 25- 26, Feb 15-16 & 29, Mar 1 & 21-22. Registration is required. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**January 4-5**  
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**March 9**  
**POP Fusion Expo**

Finally, a unique pop culture event for everyone to enjoy March 9 , 11-4 at the Palmert Park Mall! Whether you're into anime, comics, cosplay, or horror this will be an event for you!

Come dressed as your favorite character! Take photos with friends! Check out up and coming artists. Find your favorite comic books and more!

Are you interested in being part of the entertainment? Text or call (272)-200-8163.

To request a vendor registration text (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co).

Vendor Cost = \$45 per space

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**March 23**  
**Sportsmans Banquet**

Mount Bethel Volunteer. Fire Company Station. 37 will hold its 2024 Sportsmans Banquet March 23, at 5pm,

**May 11**  
**Flash Back to the 70s in April 2024**

We're flashing back to the 1970's! Put on your best hippie attire and join us for Plantstock, inside the Palmer Park Mall! Enjoy those 70's sounds playing while you shop with a variety of vendors and crafters selling everything including houseplants, garden supplies, and more! There will also be some non-planty vendors and crafters joining us for those who just aren't plant people. While you're there, be sure to enter the best dressed hippie costume and be entered for a chance to win a prize! Also, before you leave, stop and get your photo taken and receive a free digital download to take home! Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11 AM

**February 24**  
**Magical Mind & Spirit Expo**

The Magical Mind & Spirit Expo are coming 11am February 24 to the South Mall in Allentown! Find yourself surrounded by alternative healing, natural & holistic vendors, mystical & magical vendors, guest speakers, and much more! We hope that you will join us for this magical day!

We're accepting unique vendors! We're also looking for guest speakers and demonstrators. To register text/call (272)-200-8163 or [email kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co).

Not able to attend? That's okay! We have some fantastic advertising packages available that will guarantee your noticed at the event! For more information text/call (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co).

**March 16**  
**Kilts & Shamrock Fest**

Grab your best tartan and your luck shamrock and join us for the Kilts & Shamrock Fest 11am - 4pm March 16 at the South Mall.

Come out and participate in the best dressed tartan wearing contest and shamrock scavenger hunt.

While you're there be sure to check out our selection of unique vendors & crafters!

We're looking for unique vendors & crafters to



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**June 22**

# Geek Fest

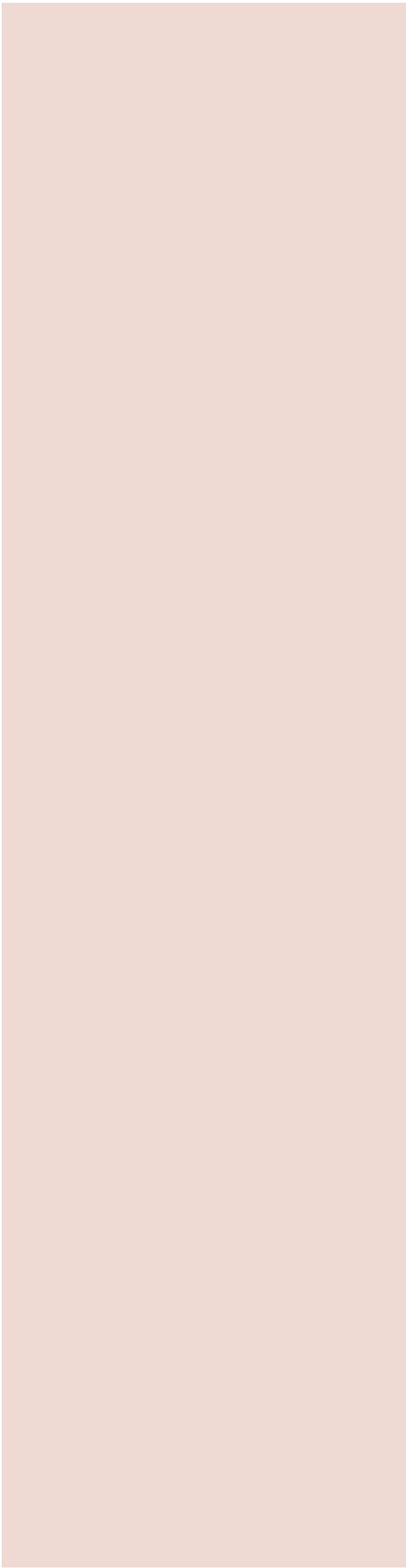
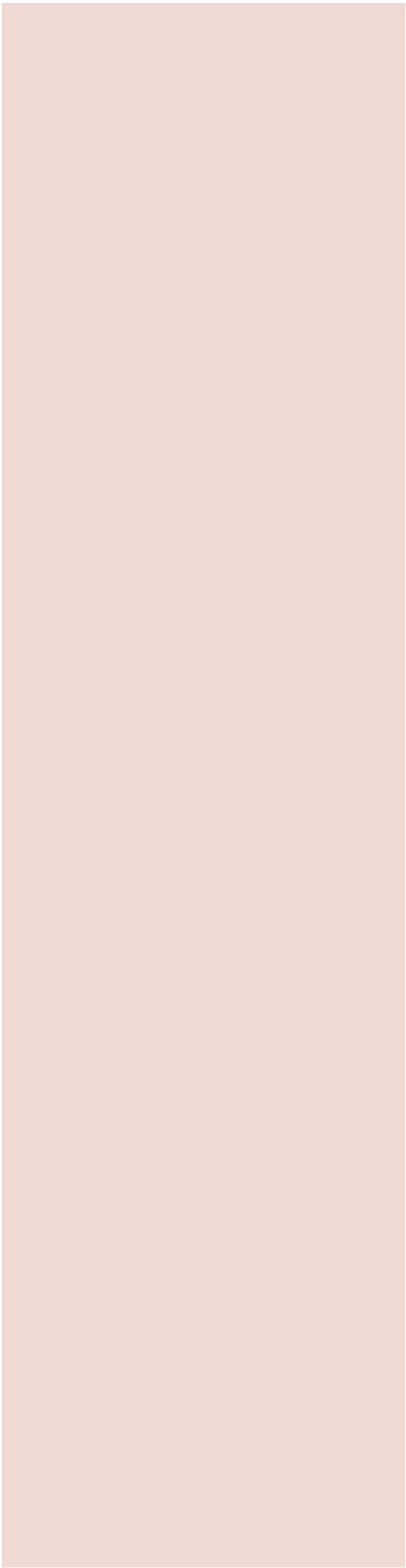
Join the Geek Fest June 22, 2024 at the South Mall.

It’s okay to embrace the weird in the world! We’re bringing a variety of unique and fun nerdy & geeky things to do throughout the day!

Come out and participate in our cosplay dress up contest for a chance to win something unique! Stop in at the mall arcade and play some classic video games or swing by one of the open space board game tables that will be set up throughout the mall.

Don’t forget to shop with vendors and artisans who will be set up with unique and weird items!

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Regular Events Calendar

Sunday December 3

Fellowship Dinner - East Bangor UMC, 4-6.  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2  
All-You-Can Eat Breakfast - Bangor Elks  
8-12pm. Adults \$10. Kid 6-12 \$6. Under 6 - Free.

Monday December 4

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Plainfield Township Planning Commission - Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.  
Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets Centerfield Building - 7pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday December 5

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12  
Pen Argyl Woman’s Club Meets 1:30 pm St. John’s Lutheran.  
Plainfield Parks & Rec - 7pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Wind Gap Boro Council - 7pm  
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Wednesday December 6

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm.Bingo 6:45 pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
LMBT Recreation Board - 7pm, Centerfield building  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Wind Gap Zoning - 7pm

Thursday December 7

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm  
Plainfield Environmental Advisory Board - Municipal Building, 7:00pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Wind Gap Planning - 7pm

Friday December 8

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday December 9

Blue Mountain Library - 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - 10-4  
Columcille Tours - Free. 9:30-11:30. Meet at Stone circle.  
Slate Belt YMCA -8-4  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3  
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday December 10

Breakfast - Bushkill Volunteer Fire C. 7:30-12:30.  
Fellowship Dinner - Breaking Bread soup kitchen, 4:00pm. Cross Road Baptist, Bangor.  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday December 11

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Pen Argyl Sewer Auth. - 4:30pm (If needed)  
Pen Argyl Municipal Auth. - 5pm (If needed)  
Bangor Borough Council - Meets Bee Hive Community Center, 7pm  
Portland Council - 7pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
Upper Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets 7:00pm  
Roseto Borough Council - Municipal Building, 7:30pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday December 12

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wednesday December 13

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Washington Township Supervisors Meet - Municipal Building, 7pm  
Pen Argyl Park Board - 7pm  
Plainfield Township Supervisors - Meets

7:00pm Municipal Building.  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
East Bangor Municipal Authority - Municipal Authority Hall, 555 Messinger St., East Bangor, 7:00pm

Thursday December 14

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Friday December 15

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday December 16

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4  
Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3  
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday December 17  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday December 18

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Plainfield Township Planning Commission - Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.  
Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets Centerfield Building - 7pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday December 19

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-2  
Roseto Planning Commission - 7:00pm Borough Hall  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Washing Twsp. Planning - 7pm  
Wind Gap Boro - Council 7pm



# Regular Events

## Wednesday December 20

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm..  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Thursday December 21

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pmm

## Friday December 22

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Saturday December 23.

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 8-4  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3  
**Hope, Faith & Recovery Group**, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday December 24

**Fellowship Dinner** - First UMC Bangor, 12:30-1:30.  
**Portland Sunday Sundaes** - 6:30 - 8:00pm (Summer only)  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** -

Open 12-3.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 10-2

## Monday December 25

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Bangor Borough Council** - Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm  
**Pump** - 8:30-11:30  
**UMBT Supervisors** -7pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday December 26

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**.Bangor Borough Council** - Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm  
**Washington Twp. Recreation** - 7pm  
**Roseto Zoning** - 7pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**UMBT Zoning** - 7pm Room, 7pm

## Wednesday December 27

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Washington Township Supervisors Meet** - Municipal Building, 3:30pm.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Plainfield Zoning** - 6:30pm  
**UMBT Open Space Advisory** .... 7pm

## Thursday December 28

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Pen Argyl Council Workshop** - 7pm  
**Plainfield Supervisors** - 7pm  
**Plainfield Twp Fire Co. Bingo** - 6:30pm  
**UMBT Development** - 7pm

## Friday December 29

**Bingo** - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday December 30

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4  
**Slate Belt YMCA** -8-4  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3  
**Hope, Faith & Recovery Group**, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday December 31

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Monday January 1

**Happy New Year**

## Tuesday January 2

**Bingo** - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12  
**Pen Argyl Woman's Club** Meets 1:30 pm St. John's Lutheran.  
**Plainfield Parks & Rec** - 7pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Wind Gap Boro Council** - 7pm (Monday Holiday meet Tuesday)

## Wednesday January 3

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm..  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8

**LMBT Recreation Board** - 7pm, Centerfield building  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Wind Gap Zoning** - 7pm

## Thursday January 4

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Bingo** - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm  
**Plainfield Environmental Advisory Board** - Municipal Building, 7:00pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Wind Gap Planning** - 7pm

## Friday January 5

**Bingo** - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday January 6

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4  
**Mission of Love Soup Kitchen** - N. Main St., Bangor. 11-2  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 8-4  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3  
**Hope, Faith & Recovery Group**, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm  
**Weona Park** - Carousel & Golf Open 3-9

## Sunday January 7

**Fellowship Dinner** - East Bangor UMC, 4-6.  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 10-2  
**All-You-Can Eat Breakfast** - Bangor Elks 8-12pm. Adults \$10. Kid 6-12 \$6. Under 6 - Free.



# SLATE BELT CHURCH INFORMATION



## Trinity Lutheran Church

404 Broadway Bangor (610-588-20)

[telcbangor@frontier.com](mailto:telcbangor@frontier.com)

Sunday worship 10:30am

Holy Communion: First and Third Sundays

Masks optional.

## East Bangor UMC

136 W. Central Ave. (Rt.512) East Bangor

Dec 2 A.A Meeting 8pm

Dec 3 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

(Live & on Zoom) 10:45 Fellowship Hour

(For Zoom, go to [ebumc.org](http://ebumc.org) to sign in)

Dec 6- 10:30am & 7pm - Bible Study

## Grace Lutheran Church

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth Pa 18064

Dec 3 Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion 9:00am

Sunday Morning Adventures - 10:15

[www.gracebelfastpa.org](http://www.gracebelfastpa.org) 610-759-9080

Email: [gracebelfast@rcn.com](mailto:gracebelfast@rcn.com)

## Flicksville UCC

1337 Lower South Main St., Bangor

Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648

[www.flicksvilleucc.com](http://www.flicksvilleucc.com)

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Children & Adult Sunday School 9:30

Worship at 10:45 AM

## Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

703 South Delaware Drive Mt. Bethel,  
18343

<http://www.celepa.org/>

Email: [celepaorg@yahoo.com](mailto:celepaorg@yahoo.com)

610-588-7056

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: First and Third Sunday

Toddler Sunday School: Sept-May 10:15

## Richmond United Methodist Church

Rev. Peter Jamieson, Pastor

<http://richmondumc.com/>

8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor, PA 18013

610.588.7317 | [richmondumc@epix.net](mailto:richmondumc@epix.net)

Sunday Worship - Weekly at 10:00 a.m.

## First United Methodist Church of Bangor

Pastor Elisandra Garcia - 610-588-4673

55 North Third Street, Bangor PA

11:00am service (Communion First Sunday)

## Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes, 610-588-55

2445 Lake Minsi Dr, Bangor

[popbangor.org](http://popbangor.org)

[poplbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplbangor@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship 9:45 am (Weekly

Communion) Sunday School 8:30 am

## Christ Presbyterian Church of The Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor

[www.christpcsb.org](http://www.christpcsb.org)

More info 610-588-4864.

E-mail: [info@christpcsb.org](mailto:info@christpcsb.org).

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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# Bangor Library - New Books

New in the Bangor Public Library  
November 24 November 30

## Adult Fiction

Tom Clancy Command and Control by Marc Cameron  
Alex Cross Must Die by James Patterson  
Inheritance by Nora Roberts  
There Should Have Been Eight by Nalini Singh  
The Ball at Versailles: A Novel by Danielle Steel  
Use of Force by Brad Thor

## Adult Non Fiction

Know What Matters: Lessons from a Lifetime of Transformations by Ron Shaich

## Easy Fiction

Bouncy Tires!  
Mighty Monster Machines  
Christmas  
with Peppa  
No Two Alike by Keith Baker  
Rootin' Tootin' Racetrack! By Frank Berrios  
Wind Power! By Frank Berrios  
I Am Max by Astrid Holm  
Sloths Don't Run by Tori McGee  
I Am Cindy-Lou Who by Tish Rabe  
Construction Site: Taking Flight! By Serri Duskey Rinker  
Dr. Seuss's 'Tis The Season: A Holiday Celebration by Dr. Seuss  
Are You There Little Bunny? By Sam Taplin  
Dino Parade! By Mary Tillworth  
Penguin's Big Adventure by Salina Yoon

## Easy Non Fiction

I Can Grow a Flower by Dawn Sirett  
How Does a Butterfly Grow? By Dawn Sirett  
How Does a Frog Grow? By Dawn Sirett

## Young Adult Fiction

Defiant by Brandon Sanderson

## DVDS

Expend4bles  
The Witch: Subversion  
The Witch 2: The Other One



## Christmas Tree Fundraiser

The Blue Mountain Community Library is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Fundraiser this year. Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one or a pet may purchase an ornament to hang on our Christmas Tree for \$5.00 each. The Fundraiser will begin November 1st and continue through December 31, 2023. Please consider helping the library by purchasing an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Visit our Book Nook to purchase books for the reader on your holiday list. Items include fiction and non-fiction books for adult, young adult and juvenile readers, as well as large print materials and puzzles.

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 their Facebook page and website [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org)

## Library Fund Raiser

On sday, December 5, 2023, the Slate Pub in Pen Argyl will sponsor a Fundraiser for the Blue Mountain Community Library. The Pub will generously donate a percentage of all food sales that day, from noon until closing, both eat-in and take-out, to the library. Anyone patronizing the Pub that day will enjoy good food and will help the library at the same time. The Slate Pub is located at 509 East Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. Check out their menu at [www.slatepub.com](http://www.slatepub.com).

## PUBLISH YOUR EVENT

To publish info about your event, e-mail [sbttopics@rcn.com](mailto:sbttopics@rcn.com)  
Please send in text form. Do not send photos of text.

## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

Everyone ages 6 months and older  
should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine.

- ✓ Protection from previous vaccination or infection weakens over time
- ✓ This vaccine is a better match to fight common variants circulating now



Find locations near you: [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)





# Slate Belt Winter Sports Schedule 2023-24

Bangor Boys (0-1)		
12/1	P. Valley at Bangor	L 63-37
12/5/	Bangor @ Moravian	6:45pm
12/7/	NDGP. @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/9	Northampton@Bangor	12:45pm
12/11/	Catasauqua @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/16	E’Burg North@Bangor	12:45pm
12/14/	Bangor @ Palisades	6:45pm
12/18/	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/20/	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/4/	Wilson @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/5/	Bangor @ N.Lehigh	6:45pm
1/9/	Northwestern @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/11/	Bangor @ Salisbury	6:45pm
1/16	Bangor@NDES	6:45pm
1/18/	Bangor @ S. Lehigh	6:45pm
1/20/	Bangor @ Wilson	12:45pm
1/24/	Moravian @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/25/	Bangor @ NDGP.	6:45pm
1/29/	Palmerton @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/31/	Palisades @ Bangor	6:45pm
2/3/	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	12:45pm
2/6/	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/16	Hall Of Fame	
1/23	Senior Night	
1/31	Youth Night	

Pen Argyl Boys (0-2)		
12/1	NDES	L 47-41
12/2	@Moravian Tourney	L 48-35
12/5/	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/7/	Palmerton @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/9	Pen Argyl @ Lincoln Leader.	2:45pm
12/11/	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	6:45pm
12/14/	Moravian Academy @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/18/	Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P.	6:45pm
12/20/	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/22	Lehighton@ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/02	Pen Argyl @Mahanoy	7:30pm
1/4/	Pen Argyl @ Palisades	6:45pm
1/5/	Pen Argyl @ Northwestern	6:45pm
1/9/	Salisbury @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/13/	S.Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm
1/18/	Pen Argyl @ Catasauqua	6:45pm
1/20/	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm
1/23	Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm
1/25/	Northern Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/29/	Wilson @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/31/	Pen Argyl @ Moravian	6:45pm
2/3/	Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm
2/6/	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/25	Senior Day	

Bangor Girls (1-1)		
12/1	Bangor @ P. Valley	W 44-42
12/2	PM West@Bangor	L 62-20
12/5/	Moravian @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/7/	Bangor @ NDGP.	6:45pm
12/11/	Bangor @ Catasauqua	6:45pm
12/14/	Palisades @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/18/	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm
12/20/	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/4/	Bangor @ Wilson	6:45pm
1/5/	Northern Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/9/	Bangor @ Northwestern	6:45pm
1/11/	Salisbury @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/13	Bangor@ Northampton	1:00pm
1/18/	Southern Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/20/	Wilson @ Bangor	12:45pm
12/16	Bangor@E’burg North	1:00pm
1/23	Bangor @ Moravian	6:45pm
1/25/	Notre Dame G.P. @ Bangor	6:45pm
1/29/	Bangor @ Palmerton	6:45pm
1/31/	Bangor @ Palisades	6:45pm
2/3/	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	12:45pm
2/6/	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/5	Youth Night	
1/05	Mentor Night	
1/18	Cancer Awareness	
1/20	Senior Night	

Pen Argyl Girls (2-0)		
12/1/	NDES	W 48-2
12/2/	Pen Argyl @ Moravian	W 52-20
12/5/	Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm
12/7/	Pen Argyl @ Palmerton	6:45pm
12/11/	Wilson @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/18/	Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
12/20/	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm
12/22	Pen Argyl @ Lehighton	7:00pm
12/28	Pen Argyl @ PME	2:30pm
1/4/	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/5/	Northwestern @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/9/	Pen Argyl @ Salisbury	6:45pm
1/11	Whitehall/@Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/13/	Pen Argyl @ Southern Lehigh	12:45pm
1/18/	Catasauqua @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/20/	Pen Argyl @ Palisades	12:45pm
1/23	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
1/25/	Pen Argyl @ Northern Lehigh	6:45pm
1/29/	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	6:45pm
1/31/	Moravian @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
2/3/	Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P.	12:45pm
2/6/	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm
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1/18	Thank A Teacher Night	
1/23	Pink Out	
1/31	Senior Night	

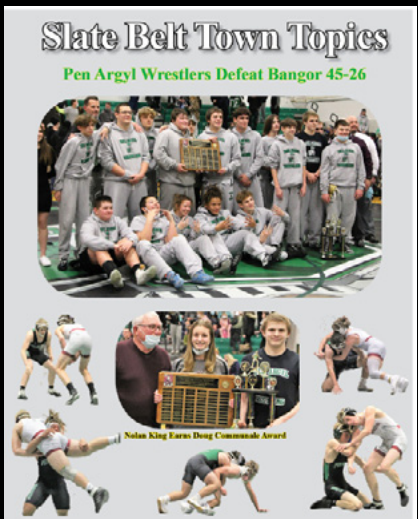
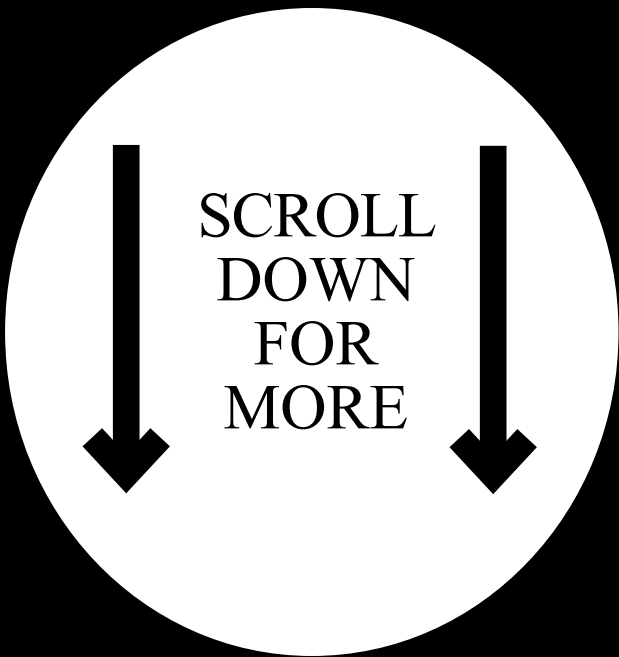
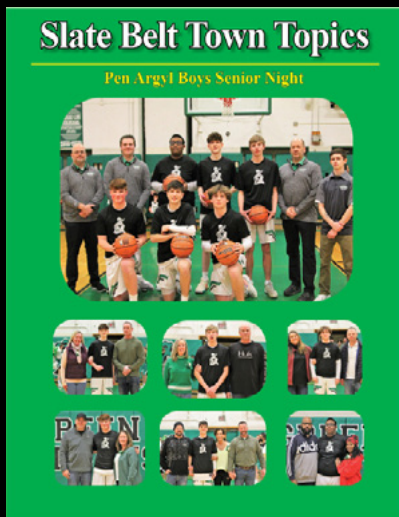
Bangor Wrestling (1-3)		
12/2	Pleasant Valley	L 43-23
12/2	Freedom	L 42-15
12/2	Southern Lehigh	L 37-26
12/2	North Penn	W 37-35
12/6/	Bangor @ Catasauqua	7:00pm
12/9	Bangor @ Delaware Valley	8:00am
12/13/	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	7:00pm
12/19/	Wilson @ Bangor	7:00pm
12/16/	Bangor@ Tamaqua	9:00am
12/22	Belvidere @ Bangor	7:00pm
1/3/	Bangor @ Northwestern	7:00pm
1/10/	Bangor @ Notre Dame G.P.	7:00pm
1/14	League Tournament	2:00pm
1/17/	Southern Lehigh @ Bangor	7:00pm
1/19	Bangor @ Lehighton Tourn	11:00am
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1/24/	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm
1/17	Senior Night	

Bangor UCS Bocce Ball (0-0)		
1/4	Bangor @E-Burg South	3:30pm
1/17	Bangor @Dieruff	3:30pm
1/22	E’Burg South @Bangor	3:30pm
2/7	Salisbury@ Bangor	3:30pm

Pen Argyl Wrestling (0-0)		
12/2	Rough Rider Tourney @Catty	9:00am
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12/13/	Palmerton @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm
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1/3	Gold Out Match Mini Thon	
1/24	Senior Night	



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# Julia Pinter Signs With Wake Forest

By Larry Cory

Bangor High School’s Julia Pinter signed a Letter of Intent Wednesday afternoon to compete in the Javelin with the Wake Forest Track and Field team next year in Winston Salem, North Carolina where she plans to major in Exercise Science.

Her athletic career path, however, wasn’t always headed in that direction.

“I played softball up until my 8th grade year and my dad suggested that I should try (javelin),” Pinter said. “So, I came out freshman year, kind of dealt with COVID not having practice, and started throwing. I just stuck with it and I ended up loving it and started doing it more competitively.”

Pinter, who also plays soccer and basketball, still finds time to perfect her javelin throw.

“It’s kind of just time management and things like that,” she said. “I love playing sports, kind of being all around. I love my teammates being out with my friends at the sport.”

When she finds time to work on throwing the javelin, she says that “technique,” is the most difficult part of the sport.

That technique, however, has led her to consecutive Colonial League

Championships, and a second place in the District 11 AAA tourney. Along the way she also tied the school record with a throw of 136-10.

### Highlights of Pinter’s athletic career at Bangor:

- Four-Year Letterwinner in Girls’ Soccer and Track and Field
- Three-Year Letterwinner in Girls’ Basketball
- PIAA 3A Track and Field Championships (Javelin) - 5th Place (2023)
- District XI 3A Track and Field Championships (Javelin) - 2nd Place (2023), 4th Place (2022)
- Two-time Colonial League Javelin Champion (2022, 2023)
- Tied school record with throw of 136-10 in javelin
- District XI 5A Girls’ Basketball Runners-Up (2021-22, 2022-23)
- Two-time qualifier in PIAA Championships in both Girls’ Basketball and Track and Field
- Team Captain - Girls’ Soccer
- Colonial League Girls’ Basketball Honorable Mention All-Star (2022-23)
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# Merlin Repsher A Fire Fighter For Life

by Larry Cory

It's safe to say that Merlin Repsher has been a fire fighter in the making most of his life, and therefore not surprising that he is celebrating 60 years of service with the Bangor Fire Department.

Much of his career path has been filled with many memorable experiences that have led him to a satisfying, lifelong experience as a fire fighter. As a child, he lived on Miller Street just a short distance from the Second Ward Fire company in South Bangor. One night, while he and his family were visiting friends on Messinger Street in Bangor, a few blocks from home, they received a call that the A & P (now the Bangor General Store on Broadway) was on fire. He was asked if he wanted to walk "uptown" to see the fire, which was an experience that he would never forget.

His uncle was the fire chief in Cornwall Heights, Bucks County where Repsher recalls him responding to fire calls. "One time he took me to the station and showed me how to operate the siren on one of the fire engines," Repsher said. "He had to lift me up so I could stand on the running board and depress the siren switch with my hands. I kept at it until he lifted me off the running board."



At play in his youth, he fondly remembers spending time playing with toy fire trucks, and when the fire whistle sounded, he knew that the real fire trucks would be rolling ASAP.

"I guess the bottom line is, from early childhood with my uncle's influence, I (always) wanted to be a fire fighter," he said.

After serving his country with the Air Force, he returned



home and submitted an application to Rescue Fire Company to become a fire fighter.

He was accepted into active membership on October 6, 1963 to serve a one-year probationary period. Sixty years later, he continues his service to the community as an active fire fighter.

During his career he has served as Chief Engineer of the Pumper for 35 years and was

Assistant Fire Chief for five years. He also served in every position from Fire Recorder to President, except for Trustee.

In 2013 he was given a citation by Matt Cartwright honoring him for 50 years of service, and just a short time ago, he received a similar citation from Ann Flood for 60 years of service.

In 1964, he began attending Northampton County Fire School classes and their monthly business meetings. In 1972, he was elected Treasurer, a position he still holds 51 years later.

Repsher was a PA State Fire Academy Certified Non-Suppression Instructor and Northampton Community College Adjunct Professor, teaching 30-hour classes in Pump Operations as well as a VFIS Certified Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Instructor.

One of the accomplishments which Merlin is most proud of is when he and Anthony Curcio in 1972 introduced the idea of using a new alerting system, where each member had an alerting unit which was activated by Blue Mountain Control Center. This took the place of the pull stations throughout the town which had activated the siren.

He also is well known for his rendition of taps on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.







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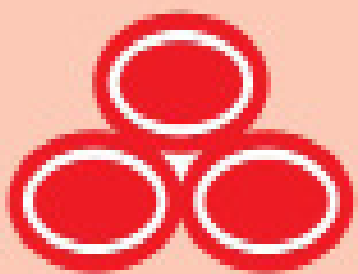
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