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Omicron Sub-Variant May Cause African Surge

- Sub-variant spreading rapidly in South Africa, scientist says
- New strain more transmissible, but with similarly mild disease

By Antony Sguazzin, Bloomberg

A sub-variant of the omicron coronavirus strain, known as BA.2, is spreading rapidly in South Africa and may cause a second surge of infections in the current wave, one of the country's top scientists said.

BA.2 is causing concern as studies show that it appears to be more transmissible than the original omicron strain, the discovery of which was announced by South Africa and Botswana in November.

Research also shows that getting a mild infection with either of the two strains may not give a robust enough immune response to protect against another omicron infection. There's no indication that the sub-variant causes more severe disease from infection surges seen in Denmark and the U.K.

The omicron wave of infections "may end up like a camel," Tulio de Oliveira, a bio-informatics professor who runs gene-sequencing institutions and advises the government on the pandemic, said at a presentation at Stellenbosch University on Wednesday. "A wave with another hump."

So far the strain has infected a significant number of people in seven of South Africa's nine provinces, is dominant in Limpopo region and is on the verge of becoming so in Gauteng, the most populous province, according to de Oliveira's presentation.

Still, while South Africa was the first country to experience a major omicron wave the number of infections has tapered off. On Tuesday the country reported 3,085 new cases, down from a record of almost 27,000 on Dec. 15. The original omicron strain is itself significantly more transmissible than earlier variants such as delta, but appears to cause milder disease.

De Oliveira was involved in the discovery of the beta variant in South Africa in late 2020.



State Grants For Emergency Responders

Fifteen fire and emergency medical services (EMS) companies in the 138th Legislative District were awarded more than \$178,000 in funding support through the 2021-22 Pennsylvania Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program.

Following is a (local) list of local organizations that received grants and the amount of the awards:

- Bath Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Corps Inc. – \$13,165.
- Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company – \$15,000.
- Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company (EMS) – \$8,325.
- Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company – \$15,000.
- Wind Gap Ambulance Corps Inc. – \$8,325.
- Wind Gap Fire Company – \$15,000.

Northwestern Defeats Bangor Girls 48-40

The Northwestern Girls used a big second quarter out-scoring Bangor 22-11, and maintained that momentum into the second half for a 48-40 win over the Slaters..

Throw out the second period and the game was even for three quarters, however, it's the final score that counts.

Bangor was led by freshman Avery Nelson who hit three times from long range for nine points. Soph Julia Pinter also scored nine.

The Slaters are idle until the District XI 5A playoffs which may begin next week.

Bangor is currently ranked third among seven teams with Bethlehem Catholic and Schickellamy ranked one and two. Blue Mt. and Pottsville are four and five.

Northwestern 48 Bangor 40

Bangor (16-7)

Stout 0 2-2 2, Pinter 4 1-2 9, Mendez 0 0-0 0, Holland 2 1-2 6, Gonzalez 0 0-0 0, Ohland 1 0-3 2, Karner 1 2-5 4, Nelson 3 0-0 9, Toth 3 0-0 6. Totals: **15 6-14 40**
3-Pointers: Nelson 3, Holland 1.

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Wind Advisory

A wind advisory in effect from 11 pm this evening to 10 am Friday.

Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 50 mph expected in the Slate Belt

Gusty winds could blow around unsecured objects. Tree limbs could be blown down and a few power outages may result.

Cldy Showers 59 Today Clearing 33 Friday

National Weather Service Forecast

Today, A chance of showers, mainly after 4pm. Cloudy, with a high near 59. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tonight, Showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1am. Low around 43. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Friday, Showers and thunderstorms likely before 8am, then a slight chance of showers between 8am and 9am. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a temperature falling to around 33 by 5pm. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday Night, Mostly clear, with a low around 19. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Slate Belt Weather

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Palmer Plainfield Road name: **PA 33 Between: Main Street (Tatamy) and US 22.** Daytime Southbound lane restriction. Start date 9-2. Start date: 2/16/22 Est completion date: 2/17/22

February, 2016



A Murder Mystery Dinner Theater was held recently at the Red Thread Cafe in Bangor. Photo Julie Poliskiewicz

Bangor Library New Books

Adult Fiction

- The Family Chao: A Novel by Samantha Lan Chang
- Mrs. Lincoln's Rival: A Novel by Jennifer Chiaverini
- The Secret Adversary by Agatha Christie
- Christmas at the Island Hotel: A Novel by Jenny Colgan
- Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner
- The Mitford Scandal by Jessica Fellowes
- The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont
- The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf
- Darker by E. L. James
- The Party Crasher: a Novel by Sophie Kinsella
- Sherlock Holmes & the Christmas Demon by James Lovegrove
- A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms by George R. R. Martin
- Turkey Day Murder: A Lucy Stone Mystery by Leslie Meier
- Ramses the Damned: The Reign of Osiris by Anne Rice
- Black Cake: A Novel by Charmaine Wilkerson

Adult Non-Fiction

- Go Back to Where You Came From: and Other Helpful Recommendations on How to Become American by Wajahat Ali
- Money Magic: An Economist's Secrets to More Money, Less Risk, and a Better Life by Laurence J. Kotlikoff
- The Man Behind the Curtain: Inside the Secret Network of George Soros by Matt Palumbo
- Greek Myths: A New Retelling by Charlotte Higgins
- Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness by Susannah Cahalan
- The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story of the Women who Sewed to Survive by Lucy Adlington

Large Print Fiction

- Dashing Through the Snow: A Christmas Novel by Debbie Macomber

Easy Fiction

- Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer
- Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton
- The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
- Old MacDonald Had a Boat by Steve Goetz

Les Misérables School Edition

Bangor Area High School
Bangor Area High School Performing Theater
187 Five Points Richmond Road

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APRIL, 1 7:30pm | APRIL 2, 2:00pm & 7:30pm | APRIL 3, 2:00pm
2022

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Each year on February 17th, National Random Acts of Kindness Day grows in popularity. It is celebrated by individuals, groups, and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness.

The movement of Random Acts of Kindness inspires people every day. As a favorite celebration for many, people everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness. Not only do the acts of kindness bring joy to the receiver, but they spread positive reactions to the giver, too!

“I was a recipient of the kindness but more glad to be a contributor!”
(Unknown)

Our research found that the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation celebrates Random Acts of Kindness Week. The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation is an internationally recognized non-profit organization founded upon the powerful belief in kindness and dedicated to providing resources and tools that encourage acts of kindness.

In New Zealand, where this day originated, this day is celebrated on September 1st.



QUESTION OF THE DAY

The America’s Cup is a trophy awarded in which sport?

And the answer: sailing.

The America’s Cup races are held between two sailing yachts, one sailed by the existing trophy holder and another sailed by a challenger. The first match was held in 1851, making The America’s Cup the oldest trophy in international sport, predating the modern Olympics.

Though perhaps not the most famous competitive sporting award, The America’s Cup is a historic sailing competition dating back to the 19th century. In 1851, a group of businessmen from New York sailed a schooner across the Atlantic Ocean to the World’s Fair in England. There, the schooner won a race around the Isle of Wight against a fleet of British yachts to claim the £100 Cup. Naturally, the schooner was named “America.”

Yoga Class

Starting his month at the Nazareth Center fro the Arts, Tom Albani will instruct a yoga class for all levels of experience on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. See more at their website.

Open Mic

The Nazareth Center for the Arts offers open mic is the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Come to sing or play, or just listen. It’s BYO-instrument and BYOB..

Blue Mt. Library

Adult Fiction

Mercy, David Baldacci
Winter House, Joanne DeMaio
The Sentence, Louise Erdrich
Better Off Dead, Lee Child
The One You’re With, Lauren Denton
The Sisters Sweet, Elizabeth Weiss
A Little Hope, Ethan Joella
The Wicked Widow, Beatriz Williams
The Stranger in the Lifeboat, Mitch Albom
The Judge’s List, John Grisham
Wish You Were Here, Jodi Picoult
The Inheritance, JoAnn Ross

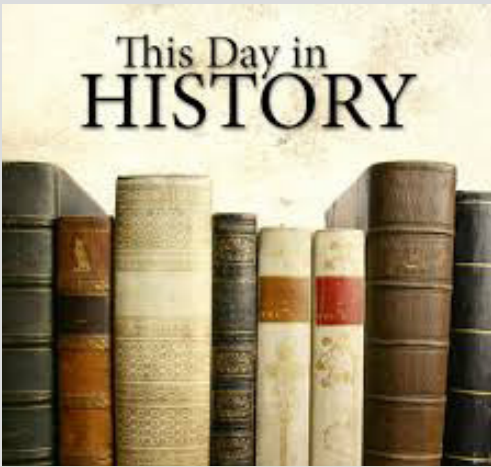
Large Print

The Maid, Nita Prose
19 Yellow Moon Road, Fern Michaels
A Stranger’s Game, Colleen Coble

Adult Non-Fiction

ER Nurses, James Patterson
Midnight in Washington, Adam Schiff
Marathon Woman, Katherine Switzer
Facing the Mountain, Daniel J. Brown
The President and the Freedom Fighter, Brian Kilmeade

Madame Butterfly Premieres



On February 17, 1904, Giacomo Puccini’s opera Madame Butterfly premieres at the La Scala theatre in Milan, Italy.

The young Puccini decided to dedicate his life to opera after seeing a performance of Giuseppe Verdi’s Aida in 1876. In his later life, he would write some of the best-loved operas of all time: La Boheme (1896), Tosca (1900), Madame Butterfly (1904) and Turandot (left unfinished when he died in 1924). Not one of these, however, was an immediate success when it opened. La Boheme, the now-classic story of a group of poor artists living in a Paris garret, earned mixed reviews, while Tosca was downright panned by critics.

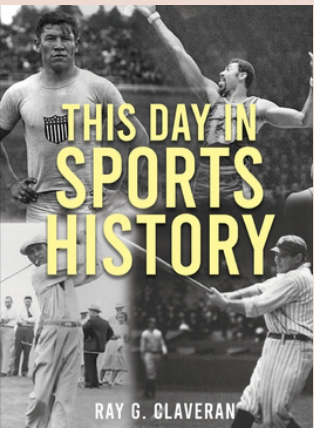
While supervising a production of Tosca in London, Puccini saw the play Madame Butterfly, written by David Belasco and based on a story by John Luther Long. Taken with the strong female character at its center, he began working on an operatic version of the play, with an Italian libretto by Giuseppe Giacosa and Luigi Illica. Written over the course of two years—including an eight-month break when Puccini was badly injured in a car accident—the opera made its debut in Milan in February 1904.

.....On This Day.....

- 1568** Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II agrees to pay tribute to the Ottoman Empire for peace
- 1865** Columbia, South Carolina, burns down during American Civil War
- 1876** Sardines first canned by Julius Wolff in Eastport, Maine
- 1972** British Parliament votes to join the European Common Market
- 2017** Discovery of a new mostly underwater continent Zealandia in the South Pacific announced in research journal “GSA Today” Today in History in 1971
- 1370** Battle at Rudau: Germany beats Lithuania
- 1461** Wars of the Roses: Second Battle of St Albans - Lancastrian army defeats Yorkists and recaptures King Henry VI
- 1500** Battle of Hemmingstedt - German peasant army repels ducal army of Schleswig and Holstein

On This Day in Sports History

- 1927** Toronto Maple Leafs beat the New York Americans, 4-1 in the team’s first game since changing name from “St. Patricks”
- 1928** American brothers, Jennison and John Heaton fight out the top placings in the cresta (now known as skeleton) at the St. Moritz Winter Olympics; Jennison takes the gold by 1.0s
- 1928** Johan Grøttumsbråten leads a Norwegian sweep of the medals in the 18k cross country at the St. Moritz Winter Olympics; he also wins the Nordic combined gold the following day
- 1931** 1st telecast of a sporting event in Japan (baseball)
- 1939** Katwijk soccer team forms in the Netherlands.
- 1941** In his 14th title defense Joe Louis KOs Gus Dorazio in the 2nd round.





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February 17

Crayola Bakery Treats & Wine

Experience the fun of Crayola as an adult while you get to indulge in treats from local bakeries paired with wines from Easton Wine Project and Tolino Vineyards, have the opportunity to paint your own wine glass and check out the brand new

show "Chaos and Creativity"!

Thursday, February 17th from 5:30-7PM! Tickets \$25 Featuring wines from Easton Wine Project and Tolino Vineyards and Sweet Treats from all your Easton Favorites! Link to register: https://lnkd.in/eTrG_4gj

February 19

Watershed Education Teacher Workshop

Saturday, February 19 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Watershed Education (WE) is an inquiry-based, interdisciplinary curriculum that is geared for students in grades 6-12. Developed by the DCNR Bureau of State Parks, WE helps educators utilize local natural resources as a valuable teaching tool. This workshop will specifically focus on the chemical water quality sampling component of the curriculum. Teachers who are already familiar with educating about watersheds and water quality issues will benefit from this advanced workshop that will provide resources on how to teach chemical concepts, how to maintain water quality testing equipment, and how to manage a chemistry lab outdoors.

Educators attending this workshop will receive the chemistry portion of the Bureau of State Parks award-winning Watershed Education curriculum and their own water quality test kit. Cost is \$10 payable at the workshop with cash or check made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". Participants will receive 3 hours of Act 48 credit. Registration is required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>.

Roseto Legion Bingo

Roseto American Legion post 750 Auxiliary is hosting a Bingo Saturday February 19th at 7pm. Cost is \$12 for a packet of 10 games and \$2 for a Jackpot game. They will also have Walking Tacos and Hot Dogs w/ Mac N Cheese available

for purchase. This will be in the bar and is open to members and their guest.

Stroudsburg Winterfest Coming February 19

Stroudsburg Winterfest will be held Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 11 am in downtown Stroudsburg.

This year they are going "On and Under the Sea" with 50+ ocean themed ice sculptures!

- *Visit the large display in the Courthouse Square and live sculpting demo
- *Scavenger Hunt
- *Specials at Participating Local Businesses
- *Check out the Snowmen of Stroudsburg

Liztech Bingo and Tricky Tray

Liztech Bingo and "small" Liztech Tricky Tray, Saturday, February 19, 2022 at William Pensyl Social Hall/Portland Hook & Ladder Fire Hall, 111 State Street, Portland.

Bingo start 1pm. Advanced tickets \$25, day of \$30. FREE parking, handicap accessible, ATM on-site, kitchen open. Tricky tray tickets for sale day of event, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Info or tickets contact Stephanie at 610-216-6716 or liztech@portlandlandhookandladder.com. We continue to follow current CDC guidance at our facility.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 19 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count with a bird walk in the fields and forests of Jacobsburg. This year marks 25 years for this community science program that collects data on winter birds by asking people to identify birds over a 15-minute time period and submit their results. Your data will be part of this global initiative! Tips on bird identification will be included.

February 22

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Bangor High School Band Pops Concert

The Bangor Area High School Bands Pops Concert Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:30 p.m., M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater, 187 Five Points Richmond Rd Bangor.

February 26

Growing Up Black in Easton: Dr. Karen Britt

Please come for an afternoon of conversation and insight with Dr. Karen Britt, Professor of Business and Economics and founder of Juneteenth Lehigh Valley February 26, 2022, 1:00 pm

Dr. Britt will speak about her childhood growing up black in Easton, the dichotomy she saw between different neighborhoods, the changes in her educational experiences, and the cultural shifts she encountered coming of age in the 1970s.

This program is being held in collaboration with the American Association of University Women, Easton PA Branch.

Following the conversation, Dr. Britt and the

AAUW will provide participants with action steps to further our understandings of power, privilege, and equity.

This program will be filmed and made digitally available on NCHGS's

Learn How to Dance From a Pro

Ballroom, Latin, Swing Social Dance at TC Dance Club International - PA in Wind Gap is offering lessons in Ballroom, Latin, and Swing Social Dance, Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Music by a Ballroom, Latin DJ

Refreshments will be served & BYOB

Lessons given by professional instructor. All level of dancers welcome, with or without a partner, to enjoy their 3,100 square foot dance floor

Call Richard at 610-881-1000 for directions or more information

Directions - 33-N to exit 512 bath/wind gap. right off exit, go to light and turn right, TC 1/2 mile on right - 33-S to exit Wind Gap/Bath, left off exit, go to light and turn right, TC 1/2 mile on right

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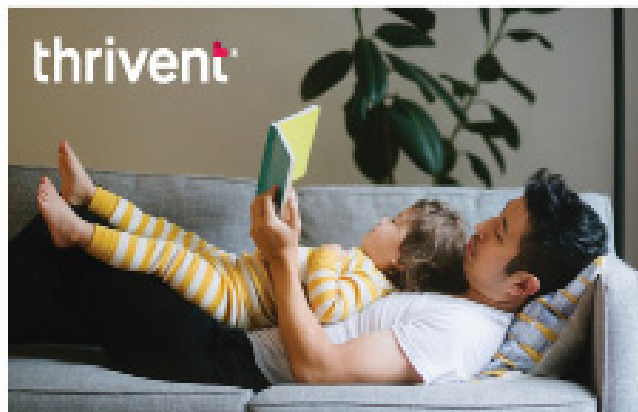


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Calendar 3

March 1

Fastnacht Donut Sale at Christ Lutheran

A Donut Sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) on Tuesday, March 1st. These delicious homemade donuts are available powdered or plain. Donuts should be picked up by 1pm. The cost is \$8.00 per dozen. Orders are recommended and can be placed until February 25th. To place your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809.

Help Build The Barricade Pancake Breakfast

“Help Build The Barricade” Pancake Breakfast is set Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 8 a.m. – 11a.m. at the Bangor Area High School Cafeteria.

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, Tea, Hot Chocolate Musical Performances, Photo Opportunities, Karaoke, Raffles, 50/50

Activities for Children of All Ages

The Bangor High School Drama Department will be hosting the seventh annual pancake breakfast with the cast of “Les Misérables” at the Bangor Area High School. Les Misérables spans twenty heart wrenching years of courage, love, heartbreak, passion, and the resilience of the human spirit in post-revolutionary France. Jean Valjean, known as Prisoner 24601, is released from prison and breaks parole to create a new life for himself while evading the grip of the persistent Inspector Javert. The story reaches resolution against the background of the June Rebellion. The musical is based on the book by Victor Hugo.

Questions? Call or Text Jen Fassl, 908-727-0090. Tickets can be pre-ordered or purchased at the door.\$8 – Ages 12 & Up, \$6 – Ages 3-11, 2 years & younger free. Breakfast Pre-Order Form due no later than Feb 25, 2022.

March 12

Parade of Shamrocks

The Celtic Cultural Alliance invites all organizations, teams and businesses to participate in the 12th Annual Parade of Shamrocks. CCA is encouraging organizations, teams and businesses to participate in the parade. “Anyone can participate in the parade. It’s a great way for your organization to gain visibility and get your message out, as every group is recognized on Astound Broadband powered by RCN broadcast and there will be several thousand people lining the streets.” Says Jayne Ann Recker, Executive Director of the Celtic Cultural Alliance. The parade will be shown on Astound Broadband on March 12th and available on video on demand.

Parade registrations will be accepted through February 28th and can be found at www.celticfest.org.

The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. at 5th Avenue and W. Broad streets and proceeds east on Broad Street,

turns right on to Main Street and heads south on Main Street. The parade concludes under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

March 19

Vendor Extravaganza

Spring Has Sprung Vendor Extravaganza & Tricky Tray is planned for 10-3 March 19, 2022 at the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA

March 20

Saint Pat’s Day Parade

Finally, the PIAC is happy to announce the 43rd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Please join them on Sunday, March 20th, The parade will begin at Stroudsburg High School and end at Crystal St. in East Stroudsburg. Step off time for the participants in the parade will be at 1:15 PM to accommodate the 1:30 PM live parade start time on BRC Channel 13.

March 26

Sportsman’s Dinner

Mt. Bethel Fire Co. Sportsman’s Banquet 2022 2341 N Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel, Saturday, March 26, 2022 At 4 Pm Hot Off The Press!!! Sportsman’s Dinner And Raffle Date Set For March 26Th 2022. Doors Open At 4 With Dinner At 6. More Info On Tickets And Prizes To Come.

April 2

Flash Back to the 70s & 80s Dance

The First Annual Theme Dance, “Flash Back To the 70’s & 80’s” has been planned for April 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Blue Valley Farm Show with Awareness 365. Let’s defeat Breast Cancer together. “Turning Pain Into Power” Non-Profit Organization

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Breakfast With Easter Bunny

All You Can Eat Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Sunday, April 10th, 7:30am to 11:30am, \$10 pp

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April 16

Portland Egg Hunt

The egg hunt returns to the Portland Ball Field, Saturday April 16th, the time will be announced in March.

Also in March, the committee will be seeking and collecting candy donations to stuff the 2,000 eggs that are filled for the egg hunt each year.

May 6,7,8

Spring Book Sale

Spring Book Sale: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May

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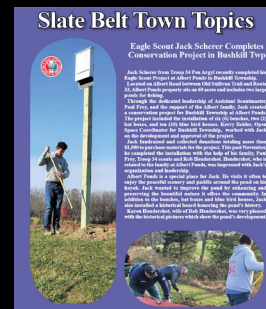
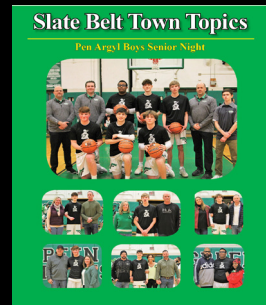
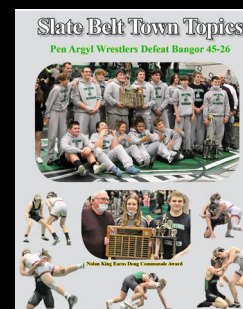
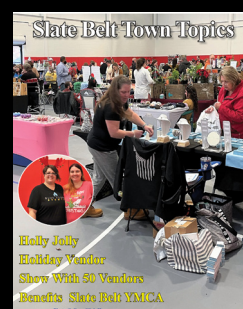
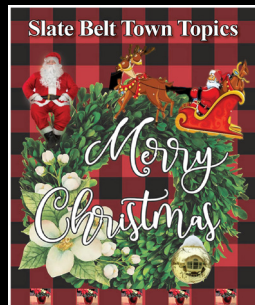
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Website: www.tlcbangor.com

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Holy Communion: First and Third Sundays

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Sun February 13

-9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Live & on Zoom)

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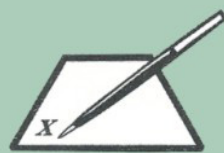
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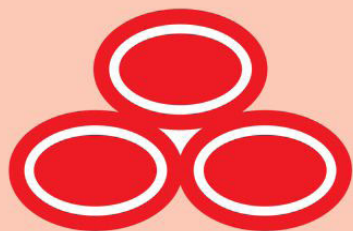
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VALOR Clinic Thursday Meetings

"You knew that you had each other's backs in battle. That can't change now that you're home. Find your brothers. Fight for each other as hard and as desperately as you did when people were shooting at you." - Unknown

Every Thursday night at 7:00pm is an open invite to all veterans to join the Peer to Peer group in a safe environment at Paul's House 1130 Scenic Drive. Kunkletown, PA.

You are welcome to join them for dinner at 6:00pm.

Slate Belt Y Child Care

The Greater Valley YMCA has announced the expansion of its child care offerings at its Slate Belt location. The Y now offers care for toddlers and preschool children ages 2 through 5 in its newly-constructed child care wing.

Northampton County Aging Agency Call Line

Lamont McClure and the Area Agency on Aging Division (AAA) are operating a call line on Friday mornings for all Northampton County Seniors to make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations.

This service is intended for those who lack computer or internet access. AAA staff members will make 100 appointments per clinic date. Vaccination clinics will be held at the Wind Creek Event Center at 77 Wind Creek Blvd. Bethlehem, PA.

Residents of Bethlehem City and Northampton County who are age sixty-five and older can call 610-865-7092 to schedule an appointment for a vaccination. AAA employees will also assist with registration at the Wind Creek clinics.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM
Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

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

Hotline for Human Services

Northampton County has a 24-hour Emergency hotline for all Human Services-related emergencies. Anyone struggling with a mental health crisis, abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, evictions, substance abuse, food insecurity, etc. can call 610-252-9060 for help and referrals.

Appointments Required for Vaccines at LVHN

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (Oct. 29, 2021) – Beginning Monday, Nov. 1, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) will offer COVID-19 vaccinations, including booster shots, through appointment only. Walk-in vaccinations are no longer available at this time.

They have made this change in response to an increased demand for vaccines and booster shots, and in anticipation of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine receiving emergency use authorization (EUA) for children ages 5-11. Appointment-only vaccinations support the safety and experience of those receiving vaccines under our care, allowing our clinicians to adequately plan and prepare for the number of individuals expected at each location.

You can schedule an appointment for a booster dose or first dose by calling our vaccine hotline at 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD) Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or by using MyLVHN, our patient portal.

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Wrestling

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

Josh Giaquinto Colonial League First Team

MVP: Brendan Boyle (Notre Dame–Green Pond, unanimous selection)
First Team: *Brendan Boyle (Notre Dame–Green Pond), *Na’Shawn Jones (Wilson), *Matt Machalik (Palmerton), **Josh Giaquinto (Bangor)**, Sean Howlett (Notre Dame–Green Pond), Max Pristas (Southern Lehigh). *denotes unanimous selection
Second Team: Kyle Artis (Salisbury), Liam Carey (Palisades), Shamel Gibson (Wilson), Brayden Hosier (Palmerton), Matt Tankred (Southern Lehigh), Dylan Witkowski (Northwestern Lehigh)
Honorable Mention: Noah Denton (Southern Lehigh), Dominik Lisicky (Southern Lehigh), Abhi Patel (Moravian Academy), Chris Ray (Moravian Academy), Zach Rodgers (Notre Dame–Green Pond), Anthony Shaw (Wilson), **Brayden Strohe (Bangor)**, **Damian Tyminski (Pen Argyl)**.



Josh Giaquinto junior, 310 points, 17.2 ppg



Damian Tyminski junior, 240 points, 12.6 ppg



Brayden Strohe senior, 226 points, 11.2 ppg

Jillian Morro First Team All-Colonial League



First Team
Jillian Morro Jr
318 points, 15.1 ppg



Second Team
McKormick Karner Sr.
243 points, 11.1 ppg



Honorable Mention
Emma Kupres Sr.
76 points, 3.8 ppg



Honorable Mention
Kaylee Holland Sr.
129 points, 7.2 ppg

Roseto Legion Baseball Sign-Ups

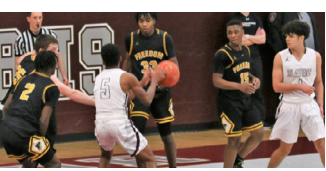
Roseto American Legion will hold Baseball sign-ups for boys 16 to 19 years of age on February 26th and March 12th from 10am to 12pm on both days. 19-year Olds are eligible if they turned 19 after January 1, 2022. Players must live in the Bangor area School district to sign-up.
Sign-ups will be held at the Roseto Legion located at 141 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto PA, 18013

Think Spring! Trout Stocking Schedules Available

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced this week its 2022 trout stocking schedules are now available online (<https://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/Stocking/Pages/default.aspx>) and on the FishBoatPA mobile app.
The PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 696 streams and 128 lakes open to public angling. This includes approximately 2.2 million Rainbow Trout, 686,000 Brown Trout and 293,000 Brook Trout. As with past practice, the average size of the trout produced for stocking is 11 inches in length with an average weight of 0.58 pounds.
Volunteers will once again be welcome to participate in stocking activities. Stocking is set to begin the week of Feb. 21 in advance of the statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on Saturday, March 26, and the statewide opening day of trout season on Saturday, April 2.
The 2022 adult trout stocking schedule is searchable by county, lists the waterways in alphabetical order, and indicates stocking dates and the species of trout that will be stocked.

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Sports Schedules



Bangor Boys (11-10)

Dec 11	Northampton @ Bangor	12:45pm	L 52-42
Dec 14	Bangor @ Wilson	6:45pm	L 58-35
Dec 16	Notre Dame G.P. @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 78-68
Dec 18	Bangor @ Palisades	12:45pm	W 65-51
Dec 20	Bangor @ Salisbury	6:45pm	L 55-30
Dec 28	Bangor vs P’burg @Easton	7:30pm	L 54-51
Jan 3	Freedom @ Bangor	7:00pm	L 51-47
Jan 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 61-58 (OT)
Jan 6	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 59-36
Jan 8	Catasauqua @ Bangor	12:45pm	W 68-35
Jan 10	Bangor @ Northwestern	6:45pm	L 52-50 (2OT)
Jan 12	Northern Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 64-32
Jan 14	Bangor @ Southern Lehigh	6:45pm	L 65-33
Jan 20	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	W 64-41
Jan 22	Wilson @ Bangor	12:45pm	W 52-45
Jan 25	Bangor @ Notre Dame G.P.	6:45pm	L 79-44
Jan 27	Palisades @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 80-53
Jan 31	NDES @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 46-43
Feb 1	Bangor @ Moravian Academy	6:45pm	W 56-47
Feb 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 68-35
Feb 7	Bangor @ Palmerton	6:45pm	L 74-72 OT

Bangor Girls (16-6)

Dec 11	Bangor @Pleasant Valley	12:45pm	ppd
Dec 14	Bangor @ Wilson	6:45pm	L 49-35
Dec 16	Bangor @ NDGP .	6:45pm	W 45-41
Dec 18	Palisades @ Bangor	12:45pm	W 50-25
Dec 20	Salisbury @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 50-24
Dec 28	Bangor @ Wilson	6:00pm	W 43-22
Jan 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 50-35
Jan 6	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	W 58-34
Jan 8	Bangor @ Catasauqua	11:45am	W 61-34
Jan 10	Northwestern @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 64-44
Jan 12	Bangor @ No. Lehigh	6:45pm	W 47-37
Jan 14	So. Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 54-23
Jan 19	Bangor @ Pleasant Valley	6:00pm	W 44-20
Jan 20	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 44-34
Jan 22	Bangor @ Dieruff	2:30pm	W 38-33
Jan 24	Bangor @ Allentown Central	7:00pm	L 49-16
Jan 25	NDGP @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 47-34
Jan 27	Bangor @ Palisades	6:45pm	W 50-23
Jan 31	Bangor @Nazareth	7:00pm	L 56-35
Feb 1	Moravian @ Bangor	6:45pm	W 52-40
Feb 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 46-39
Feb 5	Eastburg North @ Bangor	12:45pm	W 51-27
Feb 8	Palmerton @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 56-43
Feb 16	Northwestern @ Catty	6:00pm	

Bangor Wrestling (6-8)

Dec 11	Freedom	8:30am	L.... 52-21
Dec 11	Honesdale		L ... 58-12
Dec 11	North Penn		W ... 39-34
Dec 11	St. Joes’s Prep		W ... 42-27
Dec 11	Pleasant Valley		L ... 46-24
Dec 15	Catasauqua @ Bangor	7:00pm	L ... 42-24
Dec 17	Belvidere		W ... 42-27
Dec 21	Wilson @ Bangor	7:00pm	W ... 42-27
Jan 5	Bangor @ NDGP.	7:00pm	L.... 67-0
Jan 8	Saucon @ Bangor	7:00pm	L.... 70-6
Jan 11	So. Lehigh @ Bangor	7:00pm	L.... 36-34
Jan 13	Bangor @ Palisades	7:00pm	W.... 40-25
Jan 19	Bangor @ Northwestern	7:00pm	W.... 33-25
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 26	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	7:00pm	L 45-26

Pen Argyl Boys (6-15)

Dec 10	@ NDES	5:00pm	L 68-31
Dec 11	@ Moravian Academy	2:45pm	W 39-38
Dec 14	Pen Argyl @ Northwestern	6:45pm	L 45-43
Dec 16	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 57-42
Dec 18	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	12:45pm	L 48-19
Dec 20	Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 66-37
Dec 22	Pen Argyl @ Palisades	6:45pm	L 71-47
Dec 23	Lehighton @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 45-40
Dec 27	Sussex Tech	1:30pm	W 46-39
Dec 28	North Warren	5:00pm	L 52-43
Jan 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L -61-58 (OT)
Jan 8	Southern Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm	L 40-33
Jan 12	Salisbury @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 59-32
Jan 14	Pen Argyl @ Palmerton	6:45pm	L 55 43
Jan 18	Catasauqua @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 50-38
Jan 20	Moravian @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 40-28
Jan 21	Pen Argyl @ Northern Lehigh	6:45pm	W 50-43
Jan 25	Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	L 48-44
Jan 27	Wilson @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 49-21
Feb 1	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 52-40
Feb 2	Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P.	6:45pm	L 74-22
Feb 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 68-35

Pen Argyl Girls (13-10)

Dec 10	NDES	3:30pm	W 49-13
Dec 11	@ Moravian Academy	TBA	L 46-40
Dec 14	Northwestern @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 35-33
Dec 16	Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	W 48-22
Dec 18	Wilson @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm	L 56-46
Dec 20	Pen Argyl @ NDGP.	6:45pm	L 46-37
Dec 22	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 53-25
Dec 23	Pen Argyl @Lehighton	6:45pm	L 41-37
Jan 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	L 50-35
Jan 6	Whitehall @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 41-35
Jan 8	Pen Argyl @ So. Lehigh	12:45pm	W 58-35
Jan 10	Pen Argyl @ PME	6:00pm	W 57-48
Jan 12	Pen Argyl @ Salisbury	6:45pm	W 53-20
Jan 15	Pen Argyl @ Palmerton	11:15am	L 44-41
Jan 18	Pen Argyl @ Catasauqua	6:45pm	W 62-57
Jan 20	Pen Argyl @ Moravian	6:45pm	W 54-38
Jan 22	No. Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	11:15am	L 55-49
Jan 25	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 52-23
Jan 27	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	6:45pm	W 56 -36
Feb 1	Pen Argyl @ Palisades	6:45pm	W 58 - 27
Feb 2	NDGP @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	W 53-46
Feb 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	L 46-39
Feb 10	@Northwestern	6:00pm	L ????

Pen Argyl Wrestling (4-5)

Dec 11	Rough Rider Wrestling	TBA	8th Place
Dec 15	Pen Argyl @ Southern Lehigh	7:00pm	L 39=21
Dec 21	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	L 65-12
Jan 3	Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	L 69-6
Jan 5	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	W 38-30
Jan 6	Lehighton @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	L 48-30
Jan 11	Pen Argyl @ Salisbury	7:00pm	W60-18
Jan 13	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	7:00pm	L 35-34
Jan 19	Palmerton @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	W 44-30
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 26	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	7:00pm	W 45-26
Jan 28,29	Ultimate Warrior	TBA	

Team Rosters

Bangor Girls Basketball

1 ...	Madeline Stout	.....	11	.....	5’7
2 ...	Jayleigh Figurski	.....	11	.....	5’4
3 ...	Julia Pinter	.....	10	.....	5’9
4 ...	Analise Mendez	.....	12	.....	5’6
5 ...	Brianna Done	.....	12	.....	5’7
10 .	Kaylee Holland	.....	12	.....	5’8
11 .	Kyleena Gonzalez	..	10	.....	5’0
12 .	Emily Ohland	.....	12	.....	5’8
14 .	Abigail Maguire	.....	11	.....	5’6
22 .	Brooke Edwards	.....	12	.....	5’6
23 .	McCormick Karner	12	.....	5’8	
25 .	Avery Nelson	.....	9	.....	5’8
31 .	Caydence McLain	11	.....	5’7	
32 .	Emma Toth	.....	11	.....	5’7

Bangor Boys Basketball

1 ...	Skyler Hackenberg..	11	5'10"
2 ...	Ari Johnson	9	5'10"
3 ...	Ashton Kluska	11	6'0"
4 ...	Bryan Marmol	11	5'9"
5 ...	Carmine Diaz	9	6'2"
11 .	Michael Miller	9	6'4"
12 .	Josh Giaquinto	11	6'1"
14 .	Gavin Nelson	10	6'2"
20 .	Jeremiah Singer	9	6'1"
21 .	Brayden Strohe	12	6'4"
22 .	Jimmy Merklinger ..	12	6'3"
23 .	Dan Heald	12	6'6"
30 .	Quin Karner	11	6'1"

Bangor Wrestling

113	Jace Labar	.....	9
113	Liam Horne	.....	11
120	Raeyon Katzarov	.....	12
120	Aidan McNulty	.....	9
126	Landon Uhler	.....	12
132	David Siple	.....	9
138	Caidan Poff	.....	12
145	Noah Hillis	.....	10
152	Landen Smith	.....	10
152	Riley Alvarado	.....	10
160	Alex Klaver	.....	12
189	Sam Woolverton	.....	10
189	Gabe Woolverton	.....	12
215	Luke Chidsey	.....	12
215	Ethan Alvarado	.....	11
285	Jose Maldonado	.....	11

Pen Argyl Girls Basketball

15	Julia Antonioli	
13	Rose Falletta	
44	Hailey Frey	
22	Macy Kotulka	
10	Emma Kupres	
24	Kayla Maggipinto	
35	Alexandra Marshall	
21	Jillian Morro	
14	Kristen O’Brien	
12	Julia Vargo G	
5	Elliana Wallbillich	
32	Grace Weaver	
11	Callia Wilgus	
4	Alyssa Williams	

Pen Argyl Boys Basketball

0	Trowne Irwin-Hill	.....	5’10”
1	Jillian Pysher	.....	5’9”
3	Damian Tyminski	.....	6’2”
4	Zachary Rudy	.....	5’11”
10....	Chase Kennedy	.....	5’9”
12 ..	Blake Boyer	.....	5’9”
15 ..	Ethan Holland	.....	5’10”
21 ..	Christian Hershey	.....	5’8”
22 ..	George Pultz	.....	6’1”

Pen Argyl Wrestling

Adam Bartholomew	...Fresh	..145
Connor Bartholomew	.Fresh	..106
Hunter Beers	.....Fresh	..126
Braydon Bowie	.....Senior	.215
Gannon Brinker	.....Senior	.152
Michael Culver	.....Junior	.160
Cole Dorshimer	.....Senior	.160
Dakota Graham	.....Senior	.215
Gian Greggo	.....Junior	.160
Colton Keat	.....Junior	.132
Evan Keat	.....Soph	...120
Kristoffer Kessler	.....Junior	.160
Nuallan King	.....Fresh	..138
Aidan Knorr	.....Sophe	.113
Brayden Krasnopera	...Fresh	...160
Alex Moser	.....Soph	...138
Shane Moser	.....Fresh	..132
John Parnes	.....Fresh	..113
Vincent Reto	.....Soph	...120
Matthew Rissmiller	....Junior	.113
Madacyn Rivera	.....Fresh	..106
Hennessey Ruppert	....Senior	.126
Ben Spearmint	.....Fresh	..106

Player Stats

Pen Argyl Girls

Player	.....	G	.....	Pts	.....	Avg
Wallbillich	....	21	....	288	.....	13.7
Kupres	.....	20	....	76	.....	3.8
Wilgus	.....	5	.....	0	.....	0.0
Vargo	.....	8	.....	4	.....	0.5
Falletta	.....	21	....	99	.....	4.7
Morro	.....	21	....	318	.....	15.1
Weaver	.....	8	.....	6	.....	0.8
Antonioli	.....	17	.....	9	.....	0.5
Marshall	....	13	.....	58	.....	4.5
Frey	.....	7	.....	5	.....	0.8
Kotulka	.....	19	....	95	.....	5.0
O’Brien	.....	11	....	19	.....	1.7
3-Pointers - Wallbillich 37, Kotulka 12, Morro 5, Kupres 1, O’Brien 3						
(Updated 2/14/22)						

Bangor Boys

Player	.....	G	.....	Pts	.....	Avg
Hackenberg	10	.....	8	.....	0.8	
Johnson	....	19	.....	89	.....	4.7
Kluska	.....	19	.....	187	.....	9.8
Diaz	.....	15	.....	38	.....	2.5
Miller	.....	19	.....	54	.....	2.8
Giaquinto	...18	.....	310	.....	
Nelson	.....	16	.....	28	.....	1.8
Singer	.....	9	.....	8	.....	0.9
Strohe	.....	20	.....	226	.....	11.3
Merklinger	20	.....	35	.....	1.8	
Heald	.....	18	.....	114	.....	6.3
Quagliato	....	5	.....	4	.....	0.8
Stout	.....	7	.....	6	.....	0.9
Karner	.....	4	.....	0	.....	0.0
3-Pointers - Strohe 22, Kluska 32, Diaz 8, Giaquinto 41, Heald 4, Johnson 5, Singer 2, Nelson 1						

Bangor Wrestling

Wrestler

Alvarado E	.....	0-2
Alvarado R	.....	0-1
Chidey	.....	0-2
Maldonado	.....	7-10
Hatesaul	.....	1-9
Hillis	.....	3-8
Klaver Alex	.....	10-5
LaBar	.....	9-11
McNulty	.....	9-11
Poff	.....	5-3
Siple	.....	7-9
Smith	.....	4-6
Stapp Riley	.....	9-10
Uhler	.....	17-8
Woolverton G	....	6-12
Woolverton S	.....	2-7

Bangor Girls

Player	.....	G	.....	Pts	.....	Avg
Stout	.....	21	....	103	.....	4.9
Figurski	....	11	.....	5	.....	0.5
Pinter	.....	22	.....	86	.....	3.9
Mendez	.....	22	.....	63	.....	2.9
Gonzalez	...16	.....	22	.....	1.4	
Edwards	....	14	.....	4	.....	0.3
Karner	.....	22	.....	243	.....	11.1
Nelson	....	22	.....	163	.....	7.4
McLain	.....	10	.....	7	.....	.0.7
Toth	.....	18	.....	97	.....	5.4
Ohland	.....	18	.....	57	.....	3.2
Done	.....	13	.....	9	.....	0.7
Holland	.....	18	...129	.....	7.2	
3-Pointers - Stout 13, Nelson 15, Holland 5, Gonzalez 4, Karner 3, Toth 2						

Pen Argyl Boys

Player G.....Pts.....Avg

Irwin-Hill ...	22.....	67.....	3.1
Pysher.....	20.....	140.....	7.0
Tyminski ...	19.....	240.....	12.6
9.8 Rudy.....	19.....	98.....	5.2
Hershey	20.....	138.....	6.9
Pultz	20.....	83.....	4.2
17.2 Moore.....	17.....	7.....	0.4
Asaka	6.....	17.....	3.4
Kennedy	14.....	72	5.1
11.3 Holland	4.....	0	0.0
Piperato	6	5	0.8

6.3 **3-Pointers** - Hershey 34, Pysher 24, Tyminski 9, Pultz 6, Asaka 1, Rudy 17, Hill 2, Kennedy 1, Piperato 1.

Pen Argyl Wrestling

Wrestler

Bartholomew	.....	4-12
Beers	.....	4-12
Brinker	.....	10-7
Culver	.....	3-8
Dorshimer	.....	9-9
Graham	.....	18-8
Greggo	.....	17-10
Keat C.	.....	0-5
Keat E	.....	0-6
Kessler	.....	1-0
King	.....	1-7
Knorr	.....	3-5
Krasnopera	.....	0-2
Moser A	.....	4-5
Moser S	.....	1-2