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Record Number of BAHS Students Chosen For District Chorus

Sixteen BAHS students were chosen for the 2020 PMEA Region V Chorus Concert. The festival takes place February 27-29 at Eastern York High School. The best of the District 10 vocalists from northeast PA will join the best of District 7 vocalists from south central PA for the Region V Chorus. This is a record number of Bangor attendees selected from the two districts from which approximately two thousand in total auditioned from 15 counties. Front Row: Nikita Mendelsohn, Gracie Caiazzo, Broker Sabella Second Row: Joshua Lopez, Michael Spagnola, Cathianne McKenna, Andrea Morokutti, Sophia Villano Third Row: Heather Heath, Hannah Almanzar, Kristen Stopfer, Noelle Schwartz Fourth Row: Mason Cruz, CJ Fassl, Evan Finkbeiner

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Slate Belt Area Happenings

February 26

Ash Wednesday Service

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will hold an Ash Wednesday service on February 26th at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

March 3

BAHS Band Pops Concert

Bangor Area High School Bands Pops Concert Featuring John Williams compositions from Raiders of the Lost Ark and Schindler's List, West Side Story medley and others will be held Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 PM in the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater at Bangor High School.

March 6

Kids Night Out

Join Bloom Friday, March 6th for Kid's Night Out - A Paint Night For Kids. Kids can enjoy art themed activities, which include completed project while parents enjoy 2.5 hours any way they want! Leave your kids in trusted care and take advantage of some time to run errands, relax or have a kid free meal! There are several restaurants within walking distance from the studio. For ages 5 and up from 6:00-8:30. Kids may bring a snack to have while they're here. The cost is \$30, register online now to save your spot!

Flower and Garden Show

Spring will be in full bloom March 6-7-8 at the Lehigh Valley Flower and Garden Show at the Allentown Fairgrounds. Tickets are available online and at the door; children age 12 and under are admitted free. Friday, March 6 is \$5 Senior Day at the Door. Free parking.

For complete info, seminar and activity schedules, plus a list of vendors visit: www.LehighValleyFlowerandGardenShow.com.

March 7

Gnome Man's Band

Don't miss the Gnome Man's Band, March 7. This benefit show for the Nazareth Center for the Arts will feature a performance by the ever-popular group, a 50/50 raffle, and snacks for sale to benefit the Center. Doors open at 7:00pm, and the show will run from 7:30-9:30pm. \$15. BYOB. Tickets are limited, and will be available soon at www.nazaretharts.org. Please RSVP to nazaretharts@gmail.com.

Needle Felting Workshop

Join Bloom Saturday, March 7, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM for a beginner Needle Felting Workshop. We'll create adorable animals or objects using all natural fibers and needles. The reservation is \$40 and includes the tools, materials, as well as 2 1/2 hours of introductory teaching on needle felting to create as much as you can. Come learn a new creative activity -- you'll get started with these adorable critters and be inspired to create so much more! Space is limited so make your reservation TODAY to secure your spot

March 11

Hike for Health

Wednesday, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 17, July 8, August 12, September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Come to Jacobsburg after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. You will hike at a brisk pace over uneven

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PA 511 Traffic Alerts - 7:00am Today

- **Albion Avenue in Pen Argyl from W. Applegate to W. Babbitt** will be closed until March 3
- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair until mid June, 2020.
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Damaged roadway on Five Points - Richmond Road** in both directions between Messenger St, Bangor, Park Drive and Sunset Drive. Lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between Mile Post: 60.5 and Mile Post: 60.0. There is a lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between .5 miles west of Exit 45: PA 863 - and .7 miles west of Exit 35: PA 143 - traffic disruption.



NJ 511 Traffic Alerts

- Usual Volume Delays

Hazardous Weather Alert

- Winds could gust as high as 45 mph on Thursday into Thursday night.

Weather Forecast

- **Today - Rain likely, mainly after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 48. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.**
- **Tonight - A chance of rain or drizzle before 7pm, then a chance of showers or drizzle after 7pm.**

PennDOT Work Schedule February 24 - 28

- **Washington Township Delabole Road. Between: Molasses Road and O.W. Road/American Bangor Road.** Delabole Road will be closed and detoured for repairs to the bridge over Greenwalk Creek Type of restriction: 24 Hours. Start date: 2/17/20. Est completion date: 6/16/20
- **PA 33 South Between: Northampton County Line and Belfast Road.** Daytime Lane restriction southbound 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 2/27/20. Est completion date: 2/27/20
- **Pen Argyl Road Between: PA 191 and Main Street.** Daytime Lane restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM with flagging. Start date: 2/26/20. Est completion date: 2/26/20
- **Pen Argyl Road Between: PA 191 and Main Street.** Daytime Lane restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM with flagging. Start Date: 2/28/20 Est completion date: 2/28/20
- **US 22 Between: Northampton County Line and New Jersey State Line.** No restriction for shoulder work 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 2/27/20 Est completion date: 2/27/20



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UMBT's first Seniors' Club Meeting

UMBT's first Seniors' Club Meeting will occur Tuesday, March 17 on Saint Patrick's Day at the Chelsea Sun from 12pm – 1pm. Wear your green if you would like to but you're not required. They will have a free lunch with chicken marsala, pasta and meatballs. If you have dietary restrictions, please let them know and they will accommodate. There will be refreshments and desert.

You will discuss what kind of Seniors' Club you want and what kind of activities you want to engage in. Additionally, they will have a guest speaker to be named shortly.

This will be a fun time and you can get to know each other and build long-lasting friendships. You can join the Seniors' Club no matter where you are from. All Seniors are welcome! 55 and older or close to that

Yomassage at Greenleaf Soft Tissue Therapy

Yomassage™ in Bangor, PA Hosted by Greenleaf Soft Tissue Therapy 32 Market Street, Bangor. Tickets app.acuityscheduling.com Your therapist will walk you through a series of comfortable and supported Yomassage positions that will be held for 5-10 minutes Sunday at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM March 1 at 1:00 P. While you are relaxing in these positions, your therapist will guide you through breathwork and mindfulness exercises as they walk around and massage you in each position. You will end the class having having received a full body massage, and feeling a state of ultimate relaxation. Yomassage classes are typically 60-90 minutes and suitable for all levels, no experience required.

8th Annual Mulligan Bowling Tournament

Wind Gap, PA– Rotary Club of the Slate Belt will hold its 8th Annual Mulligan Bowling Tournament at Blue Valley Lanes in Wind Gap on Sunday, March 15th. This innovative event is for both Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Bowlers. 1 in 6 Bowlers will win a cash prize. Registration fee is \$30.00. “Did you ever wish you could have a Mulligan for rolling a bad ball?” With this event you can. For more information or to register contact: Karin Susan Breitlach at ksbvet@ptd.net or 610-390-0351 or Ed Gallagher at ed@kseent.com or 610-657-6796. Proceeds will support local Slate Belt Community Projects.

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Census Starts in March

Being counted in the Census helps to improve our communities, roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, fire and police departments, parks, playgrounds and more.

Beginning in March, Census letters will be mailed. For the first time, people can respond to the Census online. There will also be a toll-free number so residents can share their information verbally. The traditional method of filling out the paper questionnaire will also be an option.

People can be confident that the Census Bureau will not share their information with anyone, including federal, state or local authorities of any kind, including law enforcement, immigration or landlords.

There are no exceptions to this law, which is enforceable with five years in jail and a fine of \$250,000. Learn more at www.pa.gov/census/.

9th Annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny



Wind Gap, PA– The Slate Belt Rotary Club will be holding its 9th Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday March 29th at The Scorecard Restaurant, 130 N. Broadway in Wind Gap. The event is from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. There will be a tricky tray, 50/50 and other surprises at the event. Come join the fun!

The Club is asking for a Donation for the Breakfast. Pay what you wish. Tickets are available at The Scorecard, from any Rotary Member. For more information or reservations call The Scorecard at 610-863-5269 or info@scorecardbar.com. Money raised will be used for the Slate Belt Rotary Coats for Kids Campaign. Over the last 3 years Slate Belt Rotary has given out in excess of 600 new coats to children in need

in our Slate Belt Communities.

Slate Belt Rotary is always looking for new members to join and help us doing even more to benefit our Slate Belt Communities. Our meetings are every Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at The Scorecard Restaurant in Wind Gap, PA. Be a part of helping our Local Slate Belt Communities with a variety of projects. Come and learn how you can get involved and give back to others. See you next Thursday!

For more information contact Bill Skinner at skinww@gmail.com or 570-350-7609.

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Applications

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2020 are available March 1st at the guidance departments of Bangor High School, Pen Argyl High School, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology.

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce will award one scholarship to a senior from each of the four area schools: Bangor, Pen Argyl, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology. Applicants must reside in the Slate Belt to apply.

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

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

Applications must be received by April 12, 2020. To honor the recipients, parents and friends, a Scholarship Awards Dinner is planned for May 14th at Tuscarora Inn. For more information contact the guidance department or the chamber office at 610.588.1000.

Absentee Ballot Info

The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is 5 p.m. the Tuesday before the election, which is April 21. The completed ballot must be received via mail, or dropped off in person at your county elections office, by 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 28.

The last day for county election boards to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 p.m. April 27) is a week after the election, May 5.

Also under the new law, voters who have a permanent disability may ask to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list. Voters on this list will have an absentee ballot application mailed to them by the first Monday in February each year. If you complete and return the application, the county will send you ballots in the mail for all the elections that take place that year, as well as for any special election held through the third Monday in February of the next year.

The Slate Belt Senior Center in keeping with Their mission will be hosting FREE health screening for seniors in the Slate Belt Area.

Screenings will be led by nursing students under the guidance of their professors.

Screenings of blood pressures, medication education related to diabetes heart disease and overall health concerns.

All interested seniors are welcome during the hours of 9:00am-11:00am.

Dates: 4/14,4/16,4/23, 4/28,4/30, 5/5,/5/7,/5/19,5/21

Textile Artifacts Wanted

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be display Exhibits on the textile industry in the Slate Belt, beginning in April. Samples of Textile Clothing, Pictures, Objects and other Textile related Artifacts from the Pen Argyl, or Wind Gap area will be put on display. Please call Walter Cole at 610-863-6472 if you are able to loan any items to the SBHC .



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terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. A guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Registration is not required

Kettle Creek for Kids

Kettle Creek for Kids at the Meesing Outdoor Site On Wednesday, March 11, 1pm. Little ones are invited to take a tour of the sugarbush to learn all about the maple sugaring process! They will learn the history of maple sugaring and see how it is made today. Dress appropriately for the weather including shoes appropriate for trail walking!

This program is for young children ages 3-6. Cost: \$6/non-member, \$4/EE Center member. (Parents must attend with their child.) Preregistration is required and limited to 25 participants.

For more information or to preregister, call the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at (570) 629-3061, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and most Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. For more information on other programs we offer visit our website at www.mcconservation.org.

Chicken/Waffle Family Dinner

Chicken & Waffle Family Style Dinner will be held Saturday, March 7 from 4 pm – 7 pm at Hope United Church of Christ, 2nd Street, Wind Gap. Adults - \$10.00. Ages 6-12 - \$5.00. Children 5 and under eat FREE!

March 14

Craft and Vendor Show

Portland Craft & Vendor Show, Saturday March 14 from 9am to 3pm. Free admission and parking. ATM within walking distance. Handicap accessible. Kitchen open. For space availability please contact Stephanie 610-216-6716.

Volunteer Work Day

Volunteer Work Day will be held Saturday, March 14 at 10:00am to 3:00pm

Come to Jacobsburg to spruce up their native gardens and bird blind area, including brush piles, mulching, dirt removal, and weeding. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Please dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Registration is required. Hike for Health

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5:30pm to 7:00pm

Celtic Classic Parade

The streets of Bethlehem turn green on March 14th as thousands of emerald-clad revelers will sweep into Historic Bethlehem for the 9th Annual Celtic Classic Parade of Shamrocks organized by the Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA).

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. This free event has plenty of viewing along the sidewalks of the procession route.

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March 20

Family Night

Family Night - Frog Find and Salamander will be held Friday, March 20 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Jacobsburg.

Do you know what an amphibian is? Discover what makes this group of animals and the vernal ponds that they depend on unique. Vernal ponds are temporary bodies of water that form in spring from rain and snow melt. Please dress for the weather, wear waterproof footwear, and bring a flashlight. Registration is required <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>

March 21

Ziggy Blue

Area favorite Ziggy Blue is performing at the Nazareth Center for The Arts March 21 at 7pm!

Tickets are \$10 and will be available soon at www.nazaretharts.org. Please RSVP to nazaretharts@gmail.com

March 25

Songbird Workshop

Pennsylvania Songbirds Workshop for Teachers is planned for Wednesday, March 25 from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Pennsylvania Songbirds is a hands-on interdisciplinary K-12 teachers' resource and activity guide about songbirds. It includes classroom activities on bird biology, habitats, observing and identifying songbirds, migration, research, and specific actions to help songbirds. Fee \$25.00. Workshop includes PA Songbirds activity guide, a bird banding presentation, and lunch. Act 48 hours are available. Registration is required <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>

March 27

Spotted Lanternfly

A Spotted Lanternfly presentation will be held Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Jacobsburg.

Join Amy Korman from Penn State Extension as she talks about Spotted Lanternfly biology, their effect on local flora, and what citizens can do the help stop the spread of these invasive insects. Registration is required <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>

March 28

Meet a Local Author

Meet local author Jolynn Angelini Saturday 10-12am, March 28 at the Bangor Public Library. She will be sharing her first book, *The Protectors*, a fast-paced thriller that is available for purchase from iuniverse.com and Amazon and Barnes and Noble

Space is limited. Please call the Library at 610-588-4136 to hold your space.

March 29

PA Alumni Assoc. Bingo

Pen Argyl Area Alumni Association Bingo. Featuring Designer bags and cash prizes. Sunday, March 29, 2020, Wind Gap Fire Company Social Hall, 111 N. Broadway Wind Gap, PA 18091. Doors Open at 11:30AM, Bingo starts at 1:00PM. 20 regular games, special bingos, Tricky Tray, & 50/50. Tickets are \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Light lunch will be available. For tickets call 610-863-4600. Proceeds Benefit The Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Breakfast With Easter Bunny

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April 4

Brick Bingo

Brick Bingo, will be held Saturday April 4. Doors open at 11am, Bingo begins at 1pm. ALL new this year a small Lego themed Tricky tray held during bingo, drawing immediately following bingo. Advance tickets are \$20. Group tickets available, click open flyer for info. Kids are welcome to play accompanied by an adult. Kitchen open for lunch and snacks. Contact Stephanie for tickets 610-216-6716 or brickbingo@portlandhookandladder.com.

April 22

Earth Day Turns 50

This year marks the 50th celebration of Earth Day! GCS will be celebrating at the education center April 22 with friend Paul Karner as he explains his journey as a Federally Licensed Bird Bander.

Immediately following Paul's presentation, they will hold a Myth Busting Session about those common recycling items.

Free snacks, crafts and fun for the whole family!

May 17

Wind Gap Car Show

2020 Wind Gap Cruise to the Gap Car Show will be held Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM at Wind Gap Park 58 4th Street, Wind Gap.

The Wind Gap Car Show is a non-profit fundraiser which supports the local community youth sports programs through the Wind Gap AAA. This event has seen as many as 500+ vehicles attend, with cars from as early as 1909 to those fresh off the showroom floor.

May 30

Annual Masonic Motorama

The 7th Annual Masonic Motorama car, truck, van, motorcycle show and the Horsepower Showdown presented by Portland Masonic lodge No. 311 and