# Slate Belt Town Topics

NEWS TODAY NOT NEXT WEEK

#### **Royal Pancake Breakfast**

The Bangor High School Drama
Department will be hosting the eighth
annual pancake breakfast Saturday,
March 11 from 8am to 11am with the
cast of "Anastasia" at the Bangor Area
High School cafeteria. Anastasia tells the
story of the mystery surrounding a young
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- Tickets can be pre-ordered or purchased at the door.
- \$10 Ages 12 & Up, \$8 Ages 3-11, 2 years & younger free.
- Breakfast Pre-Order Form due no later than March 3, 2023.
- Pre-orders will be held at the door check in when you arrive.

See BASD website for cancellations.

#### **Save The Date**

Bangor High School Class of 1963 is going to hold their 60th reunion at the ScoreCard in Wind Gap on Saturday, July 15, 2023? They don't have all the details ironed out yet, but will follow up with that

## Fastnacht Donut Sale at Christ Lutheran Church

A Donut Sale will be held at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) on Tuesday, February 21st. Donuts are available powdered or plain and picked up by 1pm. The cost is \$10.00 per dozen. Orders are recommended and can be placed until February 18th. To place your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809.

#### Hello Spring Street Festival

Pen Argyl Borough, Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10 am – 3 pm

South Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl featuring vendors, crafters, food trucks, live music, and a Tricky Tray to benefit the local library.

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# Pentagon Creating New Hordes Of Air, Land And Seaborne



#### By Mark Waghorn via SWNS

The Pentagon is planning a new "weapon of mass destruction" - hordes of air, land and seaborne drones.

It has been dubbed the "swarm of swarms" - and is raising ethical and security concerns.

The top secret strategy envisages automated, coordinated attacks by many types of unmanned machines.

Critics suggest management will be difficult - raising the prospect of lethal force without direct oversight.

Most details of the U.S. defense research agency DARPA's project are classified.

But AMASS (Autonomous Multi-Domain Adaptive Swarms-of-Swarms) is described in federal contract documents seen by New Scientist.

The controversial plan involves thousands of small aerial, ground and underwater drones working together to destroy enemy defenses.

They will be equipped with missiles and tools including target identifying GPS and radar jammers. Bids for the \$78 million contract closed on Friday, Feb. 10.

Warfare experts are alarmed. Zachary Kallenborn, a policy fellow at George Mason University in Virginia, said: "As the swarm grows in size, it'll become virtually

impossible for humans to manage the decisions.

"Autonomy and AI will be needed to make those decisions - with all the brittleness that entails."

Kallenborn, an author on WMD terrorism and homeland security, told the magazine: "A massive drone swarm prone to errors would be a terrifying thing - a new weapon of mass destruction."

It isn't clear how AMASS will handle their independence, he said. It wouldn't need human assistance on the ground.

The swarms could coordinate across an entire area of operation - such as a whole country.

Gregory Allen, director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC says the Pentagon has experimented with swarms of hundreds of

drones.

But larger groups with land, air and sea components will introduce complexity and make communication more of an issue.

Kallenborn said: "In theory AMASS could be entirely non-lethal - carrying out jamming or other non-kinetic attacks in support of other platforms that actually destroy the defenses. I think that's unlikely though."

Allen is also dubious it could carry out its mission without using lethal force.

Low-cost drones have proved effective in the Ukraine conflict where they have destroyed tanks, swamped air defenses and damaged the power grid. But these

have been individually controlled.

A control system will enable thousands of units - including drones, submarines and robot tanks - to communicate, exchange information and coordinate actions autonomously.

A DARPA spokesperson said the aim is to keep humans making key decisions - with drones waiting for permission to act if communications fail.

There would be people somewhere overseeing and able to step in if necessary.

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**February 16, 2023** 

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#### **Slate Belt 7-Day Weather Forecast**

#### Showers 60 Today ... Showers 58 Windy Friday

**National Weather Service Forecast - 6am Today** 

**Today,** Showers, mainly after 1pm. High near 60. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

**Tonight,** Showers likely, mainly after 4am. Cloudy, with a low around 53. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

**Friday,** Showers, mainly before 3pm. Temperature rising to near 58 by 8am, then falling to around 38 during the remainder of the day. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Friday Night, Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Blustery, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday,** Sunny, with a high near 41. West wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night, Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Sunday, Partly sunny, with a high near 46.

Sunday Night, Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Washington's BirthdayMostly cloudy, with a high near 51.

Monday Night, A chance of rain before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Tuesday,** A chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday Night, A chance of rain and snow.

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Wednesday, A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

#### **Special Events**

#### **PUBLISH YOUR EVENT**

To publish info about your event, e-mail sbtopics@rcn.com Please send in text form. Do not send photos of text.

#### **February 16**

#### **BAHS Pops Concert**

The Bangor Area High School Bands Pops Concert Thursday February 16, 7:30 PM at Performing Arts Theatre 187 Five Points Richmond Rd Bangor,

#### **February 17**

## Family Science Night – Wings and Things

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

#### **February 18**

#### **Zumba Classes**

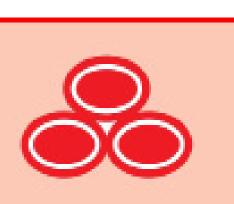
Join Clean Sltate in February for Zumba Classes on Saturdays at 118 S 1st, Bangor, PA. Call for more info 610-452-9348. They will start with 30-minute Zumba dance and keep it moving every Saturday! Connect with others for heart healthy movement and fun. EveryBODY can

#### February 19

#### **Plainfield Bingo**

The Plainfield Twp. Vol. Fire Co. will be hosting a Jackpot Bingo on Sunday, February 19, 2023. Doors open at 11am Games start at 1pm. Event will be held at our Banquet Facility located at 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap PA 18091. We will be having Regular

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### Daily Schedule

#### **Thursday February 16**

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 February 17

**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 February 18**

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 February 19**

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

#### **Monday February 20**

**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 February 21**

**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

#### **Wednesday February 22**

**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 February 23**

**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 February 24

**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 February 25

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





#### Daily Schedule

#### **Sunday February 26**

**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 February 27**

**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 February 28**

**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

**Washington Twp. Recreation** - 7pm **Roseto Zoning** - 7pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

**UMBT Zoning** - 7pm Room, 7pm

#### **Wednesday March 1**

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.

**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 March 2

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 March 3

**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 March 4**

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12

**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4

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

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#### **Sunday March 5**

Fellowship Dinner - East Bangor UMC, 4-6.

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.

Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2 All-You-Can Eat Breaklfast -Bangor Elks 8-12pm. Adults \$10.

Kid 6-12 \$6. Under 6 - Free.

#### Monday March 6

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 Committee 4:30 P.M. Council Chambers
Pen Argyl Municipal Authority 5:00 P.M. Council Chambers
Washington Township Zoning

Washington Township Zoning Board - Municipal Building, 6:30 pm.

Roseto Borough Council -Municipal Building, 7:30pm Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets Centerfield Building, 7pm

Portland Borough Council -Borough Hall, 7:00pm

Pen Argyl Council - 7pm

**Pen Argyl GFWC** - St. John , Pen Argyl, 7pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Pump - 8:30-11:30 Weona Park Pals - 7pm Wind Gap Boro Council - 7pm

#### **Tuesday March 7**

**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

#### Wednesday March 8

**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 March 9**

**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 March 10

**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 March 11

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 March 12**

**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

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#### **Temperature**

(Yesterday)

<u>High</u>

Low

64

39

(Today's Forecast

High

Low

**60** 

**53** 

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Combination of weather factors that can make one less or more likely to develop a migraine. Lower numbers are less while higher numbers increase the chance.

#### **COPD**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Combination of weather factors that can make one less or more likely to develop a pulmonary attack. Lower numbers are less while higher numbers increase the chance.

#### **Asthma Index**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Combination of weather factors that can trigger asthma. A higher index mean more people w/asthma could be affected by temperature and allergens.

#### Sinus Headache

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Combination of weather factors that can make one less or more likely to develop a migraine. Lower numbers are less while higher numbers increase the chance.

#### Migraine Headache

**Arthritis Index** 

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

#### **Common Cold**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Combination of weather factors that can make one less or more likely to catch a cold.. Lower numbers are less while higher numbers increase the chance.

#### **Air Quality**

**AM Reading** 

**Good 0-50** 

Columbia N.J - 73

**Moderate** (51-100)

Bethlehem - 48

Allentown - 46

**Bad for Some** 

Monroe - ND

(101-150)Very Bad 150+ Scale of 0-10 with 0 indicating a very low risk of weather-related arthritis pain, and 10 indicating the highest chance of pain.

#### **Cooling Degree Days**

**Yesterday** 

Season

Used to track energy use. Add the daily high and low temperatures, divide by 2 and add 65 to calculate heating degree days.

#### Rainfall/Snowfall

Rain

Snow

Recent - 0.00

Recent - 0.0

Month - 0.02

Month - 1.5

Year - 5.23 (+2.8)

Season - 4.00

#### **UV** Index

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



#### No Risk Today

(Ultra Violet Rays) Lower number indicates low risk of harm from unprotected sun exposure, higher numbers indicate greater risk

#### **Heating Degree Days**

**Yesterday** 

Season

3372

Used to track energy use. Add the daily high and low temperatures, divide by 2 and subtract 65 to calculate heating degree days.

#### Sun

**Sunrise** 6:54 AM

**Sunset** 5:37 PM

#### **Pollen-Allergy Forecast**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



#### **Top Allergen - None**

Scale of 0-12 with zero indicating the least potential allergy and 12 the most. Most prevalent allergen is Ragweed

#### Flu Index

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Flu index: (0-10) Combo of historical data and temperature. A high flu index means the spread of a flu is very favorable, assuming the disease is present



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Stop on out and help support your local fire co! Here is some insight what will be at the Bingo on Sunday. With your door admission you will receive a 9 board top bingo package for the regular bingo games. You will also receive your specials package.

#### February 21

#### Fastnacht Donut Sale at Christ Lutheran Church

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#### February 23

#### **Slavery in Bethlehem**

The Rediscovered 1780 Register of Northampton County's Enslaved Persons February 23, 2023, 5:00 pm, John R. Austen Auditorium at Sigal Museum

During the American Revolution, local officials in Pennsylvania were required to compile a list of every enslaved man and woman in each county. Northampton County's "slave register" was thought to be lost—but it was rediscovered in June 2022! This register reveals surprising new information about enslaved men and women in Moravian Bethlehem and in its satellite communities.

This program is free for NCHGS members and \$5.00 for non-members.

More info: https://sigalmuseum.org/contact/

#### **Ukulele Class**

Ukulele Class Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Event by A Clean Slate, 118 S 1st St Bangor.

Jim is coming, from Sync to teach us how to play the ukulele. He will bring the instruments.. just show up with the willingness to learn and be prepared to have a fun night!

#### February 23,24

## **Project Feeder Watch Monitoring**

Thursday, February 23 & Friday, February 24 at 8:30am to 3:30pm

You must have already participated in Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training to register for this volunteer opportunity. Volunteer as a citizen scientist to observe and record bird observations at Jacobsburg's feeders. You can choose what times you would like to monitor

what hours you are available to monitor.

https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg.

#### February 25

## **Exploring Jacobsburg's Foundations**

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

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#### February 25

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## Cavity Nesting Boxes Install and Upkeep

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

#### February 25,28

#### **Boy Scout Fundraiser**

Boy Scout Troop 102 of Saylorsburg is raising funds to purchase a new equipment trailer used to haul gear for the scouts' monthly campouts. You can support the Boy Scouts and enjoy a meal out by participating in our Dine and Donate at Texas Roadhouse in Stroudsburg on 2/25 and/or 2/28. Bring along this flyer or take a picture of it on your phone.

#### March 1

#### **Lenten Study**

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will be offering a Lenten Study "Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross." The sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 1 through April 5. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Dave know by February 5 so that materials can be ordered. The cost for the study guide is \$10.00. Call 610-588-4453 to sign up.

#### March 2

#### **Feeder Watch Monitoring**

Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training to register for this volunteer opportunity. Volunteer as a citizen scientist to observe and record bird observations at Jacobsburg's feeders. You can choose what times you would like to monitor between the hours of 8:30AM- 3:30PM, all day commitment is not required. Register here to let us know what hours you are available to monitor.

Wednesday, March 2 at 8:30am to 3:30pm Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

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#### March 3

#### **Feeder Watch Monitoring**

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

Thursday, March 3 at 8:30am to 3:30pm Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

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#### March 8

#### **Lenten Study**

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#### March 11

#### **Volunteer Event**

Bogsucker Search, Invasive Species Removal, and Earth Day Prep

After lopping and chopping invasive species to prepare for our Earth Day tree planting event, we will celebrate our accomplishments with an evening hike to look for courting American Woodcocks. Registration Required.

Saturday, March 11 at 4:00pm to 8:00pm Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

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#### March 18

#### St. Patrick's Day & 3rd Annual Wineaversary Celebration

You won't want to miss this celebration Saturday March 18 2023 at noon.! Participate in a pieeating contest, or a hook-and-ring competition. We will also have a Leprechaun Token Toss and as part of your admission you will receive 10 free tokens and a spin on the prize wheel giving you the chance to win prizes! You won't want to miss this fantastic event! Be sure to get your tickets on Eventbrite and save \$5 on the cost of admission.

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#### Hike for Health

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Wednesday, March 22 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. More dates through October 4, 2023. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 1806

#### March 24

#### Family Science Night - Tantalizing Timberdoodles

The 'sky dance' or courtship display of the American Woodcock is a spectacle which is known to take place at Jacobsburg each year. This program will cover some of the interesting biology of the American Woodcock followed by a quiet meander at sunset as we look and listen for these twirling courtship flights. Registration is Required.

Friday, March 24 at 6:30am to 8:00pm. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064

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#### March 25

## **Camp Papillon Animal Shelter Fund Raiser**

Camp Papillon Animal Shelter presents a Wise Crackers comedy fundraiser located at Mountain View Vineyard in Stroudsburg, PA on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:30 PM!

Doors will open at 6:30 PM. There will be a cash bar, food and a tricky tray. Tickets are \$30 each. Seating is limited so make sure to snag your chance to see three comedians fast!

You must be 18 years or older to attend.

To purchase tickets go to www.camppapillon. org or contact Sami Ely at 570-730-9226

#### **Trees in Early Spring**

Join us to learn how to identify trees without their leaves. We'll use bark, buds, branches, and other clues to help us differentiate common species found growing in Pennsylvania. Please wear warm layers and comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

Saturday, March 25 at 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064.

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#### March 29

#### **Cat Neutering**

No Nonsense Neutering will be offering a cat transport (pets and ferals) down to the Allentown clinic for neutering/vaccinations.March 29

Location for pick up: Pen Argyl Municipal building parking lot Pick up 7am-730am. Drop off 5pm-530 pm Same day.

By appointment. For scheduling details please visit www.nnnlv.org/new-transport

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#### **April 1**

#### **PLANTSTOCK**

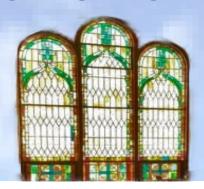
Blue Flame Events is hosting PLANTSTOCK at the beautiful Stony Run Winery in Breiningsville on April 1st from 12PM to 5PM! We're looking for plant vendors, non-plant related vendors, food trucks, and MORE! To register, simply text (272)-200-8163. The cost is \$40 for an outdoor space.

https://facebook.com/events/s/plantstock/1889244844759015/

#### BELT CHURCH INFORM











#### **Christ Presbyterian Church** of The Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor www.christpcsb.org More info 610-588-4864. E-mail: info@christpcsb.org. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. in-person/Zoom/Facebook Live. For more info: 610-588-4864.

#### Flicksville UCC

1337 Lower South Main St., Bangor Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.com

> Worship at 10:45am Sunday School - 9:30am

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#### Trinity Lutheran Church

404 Broadway Bangor (610-588-2023)

telcbangor@frontier.com Sunday worship 10:30am

**Sunday School:10:15 - 11:30 Holy Communion:** First and Third Sundays Refreshments after. Masks optional.

#### **East Bangor UMC**

136 W. Central Ave. (Rt.512) East Bangor February 18- A.A Meeting 8pm Fenruary 12-9:30 a.m. Worship Service Adult Sunday School 10::30 February 16- Choir Rehearsal (Live & on Zoom) 10:45 Fellowship Hour (For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign in)

#### **Grace Lutheran Church**

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth Pa 18064 www.gracebelfastpa.org 610-759-9080 Email:gracebelfast@rcn.com

February 12 9:00 am Holy Communion, 10am Sunday Morning Adventures

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**E-Mail Information to** sbtopics@rcn.com

#### **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

703 South Delaware Drive Mt. Bethel, 18343

http://www.celcpa.org/ Email: celcpaorg@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 **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, 610-588-2355** 2445 Lake Minsi Dr, Bangor popbangor.org

poplcbangor@gmail.com Sunday Worship 9:45 am (Weekly Communion) Sunday School 8:30 am

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## Slate Belt Town Topics Sports



### 2022 -23 Sports Schedule

2022 -25 Sports Schedule								
Pen Argyl Girls (19-5)	Pen Argyl Boys (8-13)	Pen Argyl Wrestling (10-4)						
12/2 NDES W 64-12 2:30pt	10/0	12/2/ NDGP L 69-3. 7:00pm						
12/3 Moravian W 45-34 1:00pi	10/0 15 1 51 06 0 45	12/3/ @Rough Rider 9:00am						
12/6/ Saucon W 60-31 6:45pi	10/6/ 6 1 1 46 33	2/7/ Saucon Valley L 43-24 7:00pm						
12/8/ Palmerton L 49-46 6:45pi	10/0/ D 1	12/16 Lehighton L 33-28 7:00pm						
12/12/ Wilson W 62-24 6:45pi	10/10/ 11/1 11/50 41	12/22/@ Palmerton W54-14 7:00pm						
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12/22 Lehighton W 46-37 6:45pt	n 12/21/ @ BangorW 45-40 6:45pm	1/6/ @ Wilson W 35-27 7:00pm						
12/21/Bangor L 45-37 6:45pi	n 12/22 @ Lehighton L 45-42 7:00pm	1/7/ Upper Moreland W33-30 9:00am						
12/27 PME - W 47-38 6:00pi	n 12/27 @ N. Warren W 50-361:30pm							
1/5/ Palisades W 51-24 6:45pi	n 12/28 @ Sussex W 57-37 TBA	1/7 Epicopal Acad. W 50-18						
1/7/ Northwestern L51-36 12:45pr								
1/9/ Salisbury W 70-29 6:45pi								
1/12/ Whitehall W 54-34 7:00pi								
1/14/ S. Lehigh W 58-27 12:45pi								
1/17/ Palisades W 55-24 6:45pi								
1/19/ Catasauqua W 49-28 6:45pi								
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12/17	E'burg North W	1:00pm			
12/19/	Saucon ValleyW 41-27	6:45pm			
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12/27	@ Wm. Allen W 48-30	). 2:30pm			
12/28	@ NDES W 38-9	2:30pm			
1/5/	Wilson W 52 - 32	6:45pm			
1/7/	N. Lehigh W 47-37	12:45pm			
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1/17/	@ Wilson W 49-22	6:45pm			
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1/11/	NDGP L 68-0 7:00pm
1/18/	S. Lehigh W 43-19 7:00pm
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1/21	@Coal Cracker 9:00am
1/26/	@ Del Val 7:00pm
1/31	Pen Argyl L 45-29 7:00pm

#### **High School Varsity Rosters 2022 - 23**

#### **Bangor Boys**

- 5 Marquise Acree
- 14 Nickolas Castelletti
- Alex Farensbach
- 12 Joshua Giaquinto
- 30 Quin Karner
- Ashton Kluska
- Bryan Marmol
- Hunter McShane
- 11 Gavin Nelson
- 54 Cody Quagliato
- 20 Jeremiah Singer
- 23 Ryan Wildrick

#### **Bangor Girls**

- Madyson Escuadro
- Jayleigh Figurski
- 12 Kaylynn Figurski
- Kyleena Gonzalez
- 14 Linzey Hann
- 21 Jade Hendricks
- Caydence McLain
- 10 Jackelin Miller
- 25 Avery Nelson
- 3 Julia Pinter
- 43 Jace Polowy
- Madeline Stout

#### Pen Argyl Wrestling

I CHAIgyl WI	Country			
Ethan Alvarado	215			
Riley Alvarado	172			
Yakup Aybaz	285			
Jonathon D'Alessandro 121				
Luke Dalton	114			
Michael Fuller	133			
Bo Hatesaul	160			
Noah Hillis	160			
Arman Khan	215			
Jace LaBar	121			
Timothy McLain	189			
Aidan McNulty	133			
Parker Reimel	145			
Tyler Scholato	152			
David Sipley	145			
Carter Smith	107			
Landen Smith	152			
Benjamin 2025 1				
Riley Stapp	189			
Riley Waldron	145			
Kody Ward	160			

#### **Pen Argyl Boys**

- 12 Blake Boyer
- 50 Dominic Dauley
- Christian Hershey 21
- Ethan Holland
- 0 Trowne Irwin-Hill
- 10 Chase Kennedy
- 5 Lincoln Kuster
- 33 Jacob Martini
- 32 Jack McLaughlin
- 35 Thomas Mulroy
- 23 Bradley Rissmiller
- 24 Mason Soos
- Damian Tyminski
- Cayden Vishnesky

#### **Pen Argyl Girls**

- Emma Albanese
- 3 Julia Antonioli
- 2 Mckenna Cunningham
- 44 Hailey Frey
- 1 Jasmine Holland
- 22 Macy Kotulka
- Kayla Maggipinto
- Alexandra Marshall 35
- 20 Natosha Morrison
- 21 Jillian Morro
- Kristen O'Brien 10
- 33 Ashlyn Oessenick
- 4 Kylee Uhler
- 12 Julia Vargo
- Ellianna Wallbillich 5
- 32 Grace Weaver
- Callia Wilgus 11
- 42 Katie Wilgus

#### **Pen Argyl Wrestling**

Isaiah Adams

Luca Albanese

Adam Bartholomew Connor Bartholomew

**Hunter Beers** 

Michael Culver

Michael Culver

Rocco DeCesare Gian Greggo

Kael Grim

Evan Johnson Kristoffer Kessler

Nuallan King

Aidan Knorr

Brayden Krasnopera

Blayke Lacey Cole Lobb

Cody Long

Zachary Metzgar

Alex Moser

Shane Moser

Collin Ramsay

Vincent Reto

Madacyn Rivera

Benjamin Whitley

Mgr Brooke Bowie

MgrDelaney Brinker

MgrAlexis Burrier

## Pen Argyl's Sokal Athletes Bringing Home the Gold

by Larry Cory

Recently, the Sokal Fitness and training center in Pen Argyl took a group to DeSales and Villanova University and came home with 10 gold medals, 10 silver medals and eight bronze medals.

"I was very proud of the kids that went," said Sokol director Erl Person. "We had 13 kids trained (and) for ten weeks in the fall for Special Olympics power-lifting, we had 11."

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According to their website: "Sokol 5-Tool Fitness is a not-for-profit organization that operates a sport fitness and baseball/softball training facility. It is administered and maintained by the Sokol Lodge 410 Board of Directors members. The goal is provide quality strength/ conditioning/agility training and baseball/softball skill development for our members and local baseball and softball organizations. The facility is also available

Person is currently training his group for their next competition,

for rent."

"We're probably taking eight or ten kids to Parkland February 25th for high school, teenage high school and team Special Olympics kids."

Sokal is not a fancy gym with all the glitz and glimmer of LA Fitness. Sokal, however, on Robinson Avenue in Pen Argyl is about as basic as a gym can be, yet they get the job done.

"It's the way we train here is very simple," said Person. "We focus on a small number of functional movements." Squat, bench press. dead lift and press."

This a process that doesn't produce results overnight. "We work on form technique first and foremost, then as they perfect that, we start adding weight." Person says.

"They don't need fancy. They just need to come in and they know that everyone here is on their side," Person stressed.

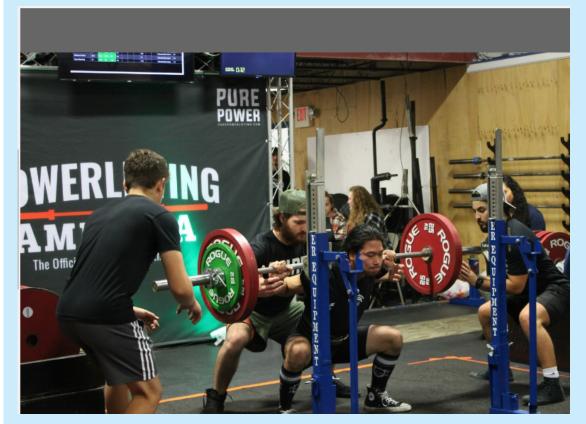
> "We don't want them competing against one another. We want then competing against themselves" he added. "You know every kid ha to do better than they did the las time they were here. That's al we're looking for. It's old school It's very old school."

Person is no stranger to athletic training he got off to a good start playing football at Pen Argyl High for Coach Roy Cortez.

School Since then he has become a Certified personal trainer through the CSM championships," he said. "Probably two or three of those are going to be and a certified power-lifting coach through Special Olympics. When he is not at the gym he works for the FAA as an Electronics technician.

#### **Medal Winners**

Justin Washington 1 Gold Medal Gage Higgins 1 Gold Medal Sammy Campbell 1 Gold Medal Mika Kanofsky 1 Gold Medal 3 Silver Medals Makenna Compton 1 Gold Medal 3 Silver Medals Christine DeHaven 3 Gold Medals 1 Silver Medal Tyler Youngkin - 4 Silver Medals Logan Wismer 4 Silver Medals James Morris 1 Bronze Medal and 3 4th place ribbons Markus Ikona 4 Gold Medals 1 Silver Medal









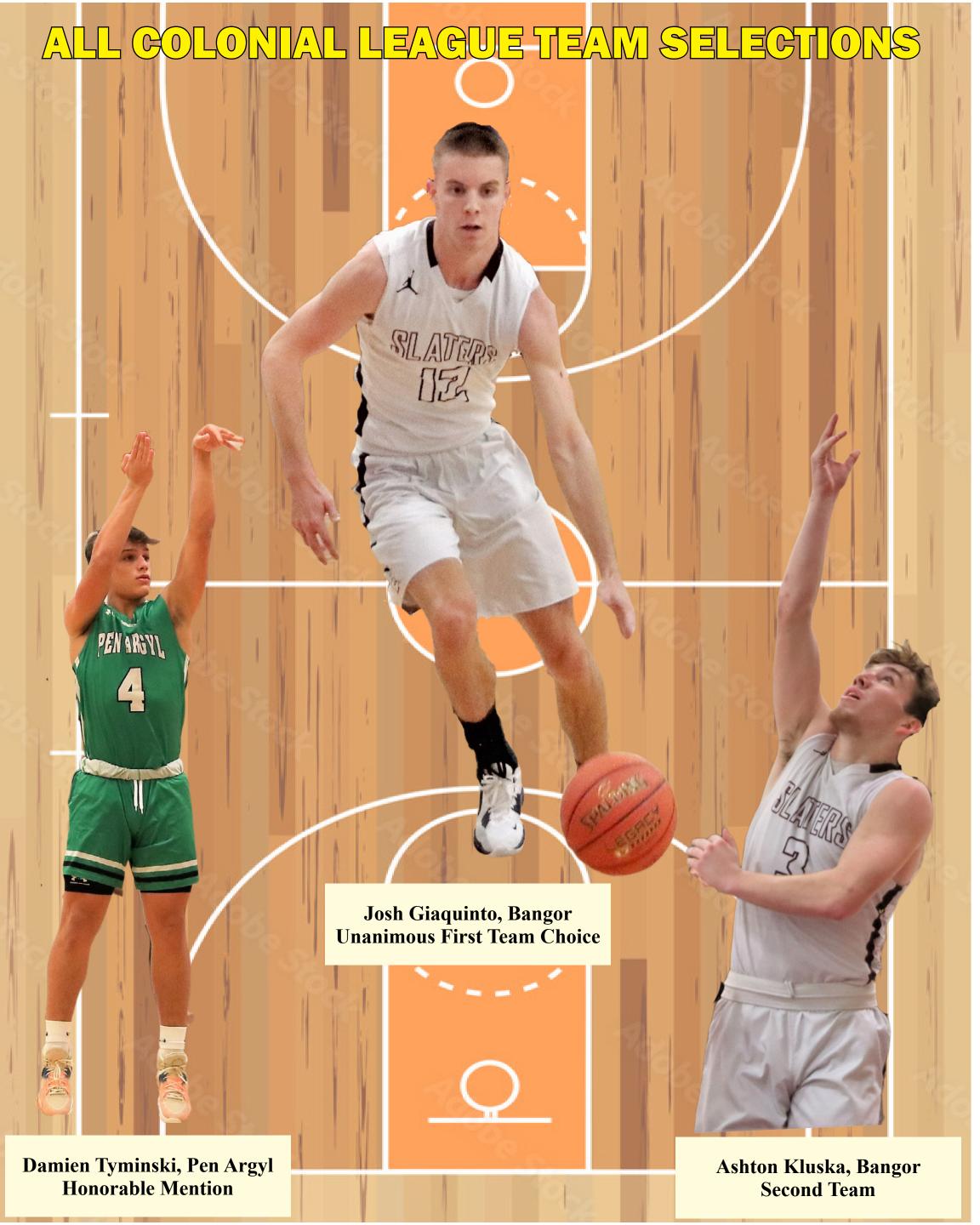












# Huge Slater Rally Stops Knights 56-39 Pen Argyl Led 28-17 at Half





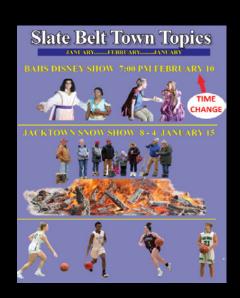


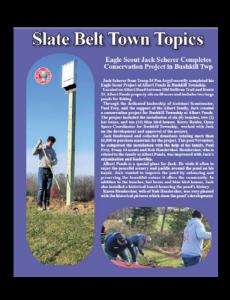


# Morro, Knights Overwhelm Bangor 65-40 Pen Argyl led 22-21 at Half

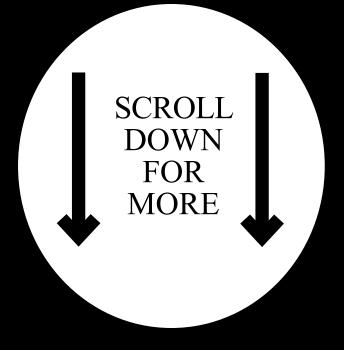


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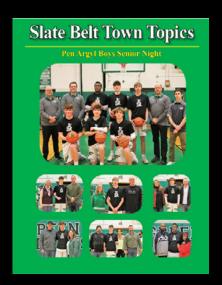


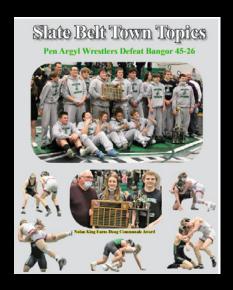












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## TALLER PANTHERS OVERCOME BANGOR SLATERS 47-41





TOP: (L-R) Mike Morris Head Coach, Thomas Mulroy, Chase Hershey, Trowne Irwin-Hill, John Stecz, Assistant Coach BELOW: Emily Stopfer, Haley Lacy, Kalista Weaast, Adrianna Moore, Alivia Flad.

## NELSON'S RECORD SETTING 32 POINTS LEADS BANGOR TO 54-34 WIN





