

# Slate Belt Town Topics



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January 1, 2022

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## St. Luke's Calls for Mandatory Masking at Area Schools

St. Luke's supports mandatory masking at area schools to Combat Omicron Surge as children return to classrooms after the holiday.

As the country sets daily records for positive Covid tests, masking can help slow the spread of the virus, including the highly contagious Omicron variant that now accounts for a majority of infections. This simple step will help to protect immunocompromised students and staff and help to prevent mass outbreaks and school closures.

**"What we are experiencing now is our biggest Covid surge yet," said Jeffrey Jahre, MD, St. Luke's Senior Vice President of Medical & Academic Affairs and Section Chief Emeritus of Infectious Diseases. "If there was ever a time for area school boards, administrators and parents to get behind masking, it's now."**

Currently, area hospitals are caring for record or near-record numbers of Covid patients. Lines for Covid tests may be hours long. As a reminder, if you develop a fever and symptoms such as a cough or difficulty breathing, call your doctor for medical advice. For St. Luke's patients, please do one of the following: Call your St. Luke's Physician Group practice. Download the St. Luke's app to utilize the video visit feature to connect with a doctor.

For patients without a doctor, call St. Luke's Coronavirus hotline at 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7.



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## Cloudy 52 Today Rain 54 New Year's

### National Weather Service Forecast

**Today,** Rain likely, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after noon. Areas of dense fog. High near 53. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Tonight,** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before midnight, then a chance of showers. Patchy fog before 1am. Low around 48. East wind around 5 mph becoming northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

**Sunday,** A chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 55. West wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

**Sunday Night,** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Monday,** Sunny, with a high near 30. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night,** Clear, with a low around 19.

**Tuesday,** Sunny, with a high near 37.

**Tuesday Night,** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

**Wednesday,** Partly sunny, with a high near 44.

**Wednesday Night,** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

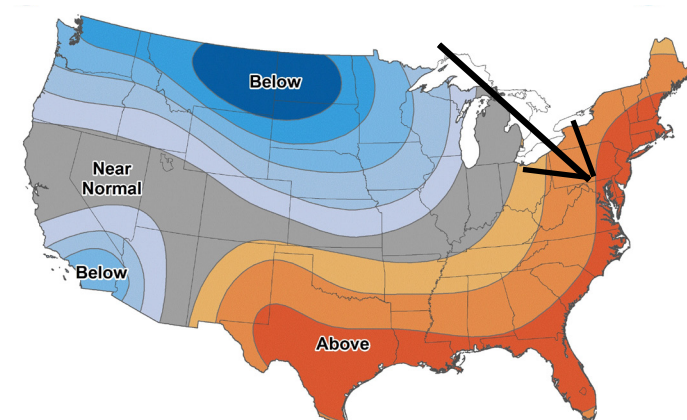
**Thursday,** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40.

**Thursday Night,** Snow likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Air Quality: Moderate** (51-100) Current reading (58) in Bethlehem, (38) in Columbia, NJ

### Slate Belt Weather

### Warmer Trend January 4-8



**8.7 million\* COVID-19 vaccinations have been given to children ages 5-11 years old**

Health check-ins to v-safe completed for over 42,000 children after vaccination<sup>†</sup>

Side effects were common but mild and brief<sup>§</sup>

- ✓ Pain where shot was given
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Headache



Mild side effects are a normal sign the body is building protection



Few myocarditis cases have been reported



Vaccination is the best way to protect children from COVID-19 complications

\* As of December 19, 2021

<sup>†</sup> V-safe, a voluntary smartphone vaccine safety monitoring system

<sup>§</sup> After the 2nd dose, about 2/3 children had a local reaction such as arm pain; 1/3 had a reaction beyond the injection site

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## First Day Hikes at Jacobsburg

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**January, 2013**



**Samm Firestone (13) of Pen Argyl shoots over Bangor's Morgan McCollian, during the Slaters' 41-27 win over the Knights in a game played Thursday in Pen Argyl. Sbtt Photo Kaitlyn McCollian**

**January , 2013**

**Tickets  
\$10.00**

**Bangor High  
School Theatre  
presents.....  
Annie**

**Thursday February 28, 7:00pm  
Fri/Sat March 1 & 2, 7:00pm  
Saturday March 2, 2:00pm**

**Questions: 610-599-7011**

**Bangor High School was preparing for "Annie" at the Senior High School Theater scheduled for late February and early March of 2013.**

**Bangor Library  
New Books**

**Adult Fiction**

Miss Marple: Complete Short Stories by Agatha Christie  
An Impossible Promise by Jude Deveraux  
Children of Dune by Frank Herbert  
The Cider House Rules by John Irving  
True Grit by Charles Portis  
The Woman Outside My Door by Rachel Ryan

**Adult Non Fiction**

Exposure by Robert Bilott  
How Did it Begin by R. Brasch  
Sacred Duty by Tom Cotton  
A Nation Rising by Kenneth Davis  
Laptop From Hell by Miranda Devine  
Johnny Cash by Robert Hilburn

**Large Print Fiction**

Friction by Sandra Brown  
The Country Guesthouse by Robyn Carr  
What We Find by Robyn Carr  
State of Terror by Hillary Clinton  
Button Man by Andrew Gross  
Credible Threat by Judith Jance  
Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury  
Spirit of the Season by Fern Michaels

**Young Adult Fiction**

Watchmen by Alan Moore  
Extraordinary by Nancy Werlin  
Impossible by Nancy Werlin  
Unthinkable by Nancy Werlin

**Junior Fiction**

City of the Plague God by Sarwat Chadda  
Dinosaurs Before Dark: a Graphic Novel by Mary Pope Osborne  
The Knight at Dawn: a Graphic Novel by Mary Pope Osborne  
Katt Loves Dogg by James Patterson

**Easy Fiction**

I Want to be an Astronaut by Byron Barton  
Sleepy, oh so Sleepy by Denise Fleming  
Lucy's Engineering Adventure by Danielle Passaglia  
Wherever You Are by Nancy Tillman

**Easy Non Fiction**

Can You Find 1001 Dinosaurs?  
Look and Find Dora the Explorer  
Albert Einstein by Isabel Sanchez  
Beyond the Great Mountains by Ed Young

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# New Year's Day

The new year has been celebrated for millennia. The earliest record of new year's celebrations occurred during Babylonian times. However, January 1st wasn't always the designated day. For example, the first new moon after the vernal equinox ushered in the new year at one time. These festivities occurred in Martius (March), the first month in the early Roman calendar, which only had ten months.

King Pompilius later added the months Januarius (named for Janus, the pagan god of gates, doors and beginnings) and Februarius bringing the calendar to 12 months. It was Julius Caesar who created the Julian calendar, which most closely resembles the Gregorian calendar a majority of the world follows today.

Celebrating the first day of the year in the appropriately named month of January, Romans made sacrifices to Janus, giving gifts and general revelry. With his two faces, the god Janus was able to look toward the past and forward to the future.



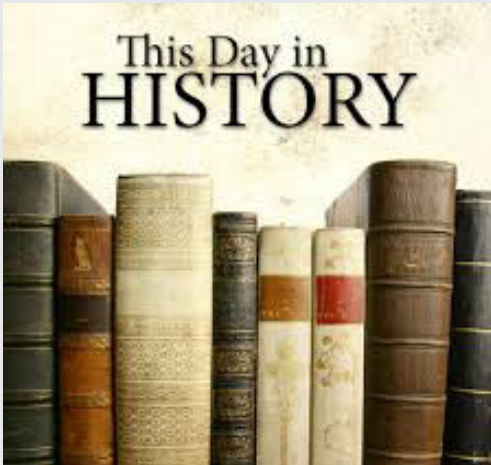
## QUESTION OF THE DAY

Which literary character has two close friends named Ron and Hermione?  
And the answer: Harry Potter.

In the Harry Potter series of books by J. K. Rowling, Harry loses his family at an early age, but makes several loyal friends at Hogwarts. Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley are his closest friends, and the trio get into good trouble together. Ultimately, both chemists completed invaluable work for their field that resonated for centuries to come.

Naturally, "The Boy Who Lived" needs a proper posse to defeat the Dark Lord, Voldemort, and his evil friends. From their introduction in the first novel to their epilogue in the very last, Ron and Hermione are as essential to the unfolding of the Harry Potter books as the titular character himself

# Lincoln Signs The Emancipation Proclamation



On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation. Attempting to stitch together a nation mired in a bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln made a last-ditch, but carefully calculated, decision regarding the institution of slavery in America.

By the end of 1862, things were not looking good for the Union. The Confederate Army had overcome Union troops in significant battles and Britain and France were set to officially recognize the Confederacy as a separate nation. In an August 1862 letter to New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley, Lincoln confessed "my paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or to destroy slavery." Lincoln hoped that declaring a national policy of emancipation would stimulate a rush of the

South's enslaved people into the ranks of the Union army, thus depleting the Confederacy's labor force, on which the southern states depended to wage war against the North.

Republican abolitionists in the North rejoiced that Lincoln had finally thrown his full weight behind the cause for which they had elected him.

## 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:

- A New York Secret, Ella Carey
- Apples Never Fall, Liane Moriarty
- Blush, Jamie Brenner
- Hostage, Clare MacKintosh
- Three Words for Goodbye, Hazel Gaynor
- A Slow Fire Burning, Paula Hawkins
- What I Never Expected, Jennifer Archer
- Blind Tiger, Sandra Brown
- The Husbands, Chandler Baker
- Billy Summers, Stephen King
- The Wish, Nicholas Sparks
- State of Terror, Hillary Clinton
- Vortex, Catherine Coulter
- Radar Girls, Sara Ackerman
- Foul Play, Stuart Woods
- Not A Happy Family, Shari Lapena
- The Show Girl, Nicola Harrison

### Large Print:

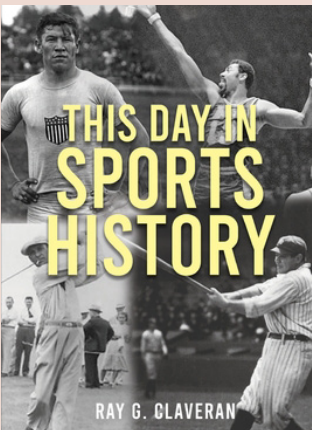
- Sleigh Bells Ring, RaeAnne Thayne
- Forgiving Paris, Karen Kingsbury
- Non-fiction:
- Peril, Bob Woodward
- Taking Paris, Martin Dugga

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

- 153 BC Roman consuls begin their year in office
- 45 BC The Julian calendar takes effect for the first time
- 1 Origin of the Christian Era
- 69 Roman garrison of Mainz uprising
- 89 Governor Lucius Antonius Saturninus of Germany becomes emperor of Rome1908 Earthquake strikes Messina in Italy, killing nearly 80,000
- 104 Triumphal procession for the Roman General Gaius Marius with the defeated Numidian King Jugurtha led in chains though Rome Asia and Siberia. Many die en rout
- 177 Commodus, son of Emperor Marcus Aurelius becomes consul for the first time - at 15 then youngest ever in Roman history

# On This Day in Sports History

- 1838 1st official horse race in South Australia-Adelaide
- 1902 1st Rose Bowl, Tournament Park, Pasadena, California: Michigan beats Stanford, 49-0; MVP: Neil Snow, Michigan, FB
- 1909 American Robert Fowler runs then world record marathon (2:52:45.4) at Yonkers, NY
- 1913 Australasian Championships Men's Tennis, Hastings, NZ: Irishman James Cecil Parke beats Alfred Beamish of England 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5
- 1916 2nd Rose Bowl, Tournament Park, Pasadena, California: Washington State beats Brown, 14-0; MVP: Carl Dietz, Washington State
- 1917 3rd Rose Bowl, Tournament Park, Pasadena, California: Oregon beats Pennsylvania, 14-0; MVP: John Beckett, Oregon



## Event Calendar

**January 1**

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New Bingo machine. New Hi-Def TVs.

Kitchen open for lunch and snacks.

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**January 13,14**

### Project FeederWatch Monitoring

Thursday, January 13 at 8:30am to 3:30pm

Friday, January 14 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 between the hours of 8:30AM- 3:30PM, all day commitment is not required. Registration required to let us know what hours you are available to monitor. You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**January 21**

### I Bark, Squeak, and Chirp!

Friday, January 21, 2022 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

What could I be? A squirrel of course! We will be gathering in the classroom to learn about the three squirrels of Pennsylvania and ways in which squirrels communicate. We will also learn about ways that squirrels help to promote a healthy forest ecosystem and go nuts as we assemble our very own squirrel call. Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**January 15**

### Fur Auction

Pennsylvania Trappers Association District 10 Live Bid Fur Auction at Stockertown Rod & Gun

Club (205 Le Fevre Rd. Stockertown, PA 18083), January 15th, 2022- Doors open at 8am, auction starts at 9am. PTA membership and furtaker's license required. Contact: Bob Counterman 610-759-9203

### Book Nook Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Semi-Annual Book Nook Sale on Sat. Jan. 15 from 10 am-Noon and Monday, Jan. 17 from 10 am Noon and 6-8 pm. All items in the Book Nook, located on the 2nd floor of the library, will be Half Price. Items include gently used Children and Adult Books, both hard and soft cover, Puzzles, and DVD's.

**January 27**

### Guest Speaker: Broad-winged Project

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Join Rebecca McCabe, a Research Biologist with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Ph.D. candidate at McGill University, as she explains her work in helping to conserve broad-winged hawks through extensive monitoring. One can imagine that catching a hawk, placing a transmitter, and following the hawk throughout the course of its life is no easy feat, but Rebecca will explain how this is done and the findings she and other scientists have made.

All ages can benefit from this fascinating program, but especially teens who would like to pursue a career in the field of conservation and natural resources.

**January 29**

### Winter Tracking

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Could you tell if a bobcat was in the area? An owl? Join us as we take a walk through Jacobsburg in search of animal tracks and signs. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

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Thurs 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Fri 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM • Sat 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Calendar Continued

### Winter Plant Walk

Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Take a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have deep snow, we will walk in snowshoes! Registration is required. You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

March 19

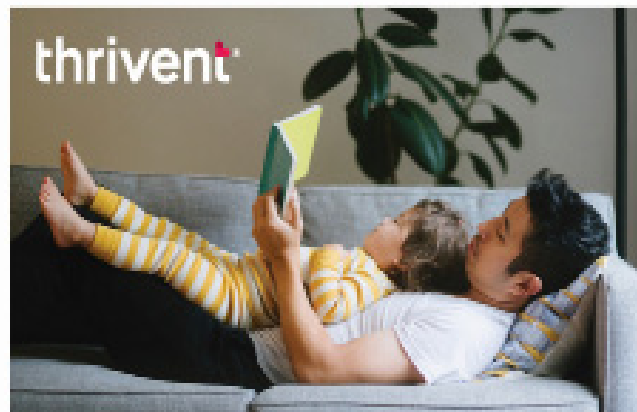
### Vendor Extravaganza

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 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.



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Doors Open At 4 With Dinner At 6. More Info On Tickets And Prizes To Come.

May 6,7,8

### Spring Book Sale

Spring Book Sale: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 6th, 7th & 8th at the Bee Hive Community Center.

Along with a Costume Jewelry Sale. For additional information contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661

May 21,2022

### Belvidere Ambulance 75th Anniversary Parade

This is the rescheduled date from 2020 will be held Saturday May 21, 2022 at noon.

Beginning at the Belvidere High School and ending at the Fireman's Field for a celebration, this will be an event you don't want to miss! Come and join us in celebrating 75 years of service to our community.

There will be music, food, drinks, and more!

Registration form for participation can be filled out here:

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Sept 17-19, 2022

### Hot Air Balloon Festival

2022 Lancaster Hot Air Balloon Festival Sep 17, 2022 At 6 Pm – Sep 19, 2022 At 9

The Lancaster Balloon Festival is a one-of-a-kind event in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Hosted in the village of Bird-in-Hand, PA the festival features the mass launch of dozens of big, beautiful balloon, family entertainment, fire works, delicious food, Amish goods, and even buggy rides!

May 7

### Blue Valley Farm Show Spring Pull

Npj Tractor Pullers announces the Spring Pull to be held at Blue Valley Farm Show on American Bangor Road May 7, 2022 (Rain Date May 8)

This will be a one-day show with the same classes as the August farm show but they're also going to try to hook SEMI's.

(Semi's will run at end of show, bring your own hitch.)

More details to come, check out the whole 2022 schedule at [npjpullers.com](http://npjpullers.com)

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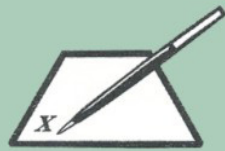
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Pastor: Larry Laine

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

Website: [www.tlcbangor.com](http://www.tlcbangor.com)

Sunday worship 10:30am.

Refreshments after. Masks optional.

### East Bangor UMC

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

Sun January 2

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

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

10:30am - Fellowship Hour

### Grace Lutheran Church

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth Pa 18064

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

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

Jan 2- 9:00am - Second Sunday of Christmas.. Holy Communion.

### Flicksville UCC

1337 Lower South Main St., Bangor

Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648

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

Worship at 10:45 am following  
social distancing guidelines

### Christ Presbyterian Church of The Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor

More info 610-588-4864.

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

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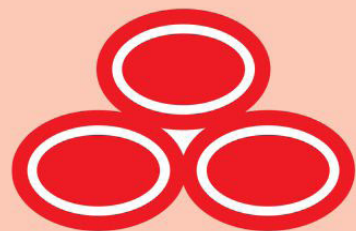
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## VALOR Clinic Thursday Meetings

“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](mailto: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.

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## 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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# Slate Belt Town Topics Sports



Wrestling

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

# Bangor Girls Win Fourth Straight

The Bangor Girls basketball team was the only winner yesterday among Slate Belt teams as the Slaters traveled to Wilson where they easily defeated the Warriors 43-22, raising their record to 4-1.

The Slaters wasted little time establishing control, taking leads of 10-4 after one quarter, 25-7 at halftime and 41-15 going into the final quarter.

Julia Pinter and McCormick Karner led the Slaters with 10 points each.

Bangor's scheduled game with Dieruff today has been postponed.

The Pen Argyl Boys playing North Warren at Belvidere for the Belvidere Tourney championship fell victim to the Patriots' Collin Price who scored 33 points in a 52-45 win.

The Knights, playing their second straight game without Damian Tyminski, were led by Zach Rudy who scored 13 points and hit three from long range.

The Bangor boys lost a close 54-51 game to Phillipsburg in what was the remains of Easton Rotary Tourney after West Philadelphia and host Easton were forced to withdraw.

After the Slaters led 22-19 at half, the Staleliners slowly gained control but didn't clinch until the final minute.

Josh Giaquinto led Bangor with 25 points.

# Pen Argyl Boys Defeat Sussex 46-39

The Pen Argyl Green Knights boys basketball team broke a six-game losing streak defeating Sussex Tech 46-39 in the Belvidere Basketball tourney played Monday afternoon.

The Knights, playing without leading scorer Damian Tyminski, increased a 20-15 halftime lead to 33-20 going into the final period. Tech's Jesse Griner, however, erupted for 14 of his game-high 16 points in the final period closing the gap down the stretch.

Pen Argyl sophomore Chase Kennedy, playing in his first game of the year, made five of six crucial free throws in the final period while Trowne Irwin-Hill and Christian Hershey also made a pair from the free throw line as Pen Argyl hit nine of 10 free throws in the final period to fend off a Sussex rally.

Overall, Pen Argyl shot 73% from line while senior Jillian Pysher and Hershey, a junior, each scored in double figures with 11 points each.

Hershey, incidentally, increased his season total of three-pointers to 15 which is tops among the Slate Belt boys and girls teams.

The Knights play North Warren 5pm tonight at Belvidere for the tournament championship.

## Pen Argyl 46 Sussex Tech 39

Irwin-Hill 3 2-3 8, Pysher 5 0-0 11, Rudy 2 0-0 5, Kennedy 0 7-8 7, Hershey 4 2-2 11, Pultz 1 0-0 2, Moore 0 0-0 0, Asakal 1 0-2 2.

**Totals** 16 11-15 46

3-Pointers: Pysher 1, Rudy 1, Hershey 1.

# Colonial League All League Team

(Bangor and Pen Argyl Players Only)

## First Team

**Offense:** Bangor - Ben Engle, Jr., center; Jose Fuentes-Maldonado, Jr., guard; Kael Godshalk, Sr., running back;

**Defense:** Bangor's Jacob Weaver, So., end.

## Second Team

**Offense :**Bangor - Gabe Woolverton,

**Defense :** Pen Argyl - Gian Greggo, Jr.; Bangor - Gabe Woolverton, Sr.

**Punter:** Bangor - Gabe Woolverton, Sr.

## Third Team

**Offense:** Bangor - Jayden Vilmenay, Jr., tackle, Eric Striba, Jr., athlete.; Pen Argyl - Damian Tyminski, So., wide receiver.

**Defense:** Bangor - Luke Chidsey, Sr., tackle; Paul Burkholder, Sr., nose guard, Kael Godshalk, defensive back, Sr. Pen Argyl - Damian Tyminski,, defensive back, So.;

# Head Girls Soccer Coach Wanted

The Pen Argyl High School is currently seeking candidates for Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2022-23 School year. Candidates should have coaching experience at the high school or collegiate level. Prior experience and knowledge of running a Soccer program is essential. All up to date background checks and clearances are required.

Any interested applicants should send a resume and application to [Egan. Tim@PenArgylsd.org](mailto:Egan.Tim@PenArgylsd.org) on or before 1/9/2022.

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Bangor's Aiden McNulty pins his opponent at 126 during the Slaters' 42-27 win over Wilson in a match held Tuesday night at Bangor. *Sbt*  
Photo Larry Cory ([PHOTO GALLERY](#))



# Sports Schedules



## Bangor Boys (1-5)

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	
Jan 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 6	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 8	Catasauqua @ Bangor	12:45pm	
Jan 10	Bangor @ Northwestern	6:45pm	
Jan 12	Northern Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 14	Bangor @ Southern Lehigh	6:45pm	
Jan 20	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	
Jan 22	Wilson @ Bangor	12:45pm	
Jan 25	Bangor @ Notre Dame G.P.	6:45pm	
Jan 27	Palisades @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 29	Bangor @ Palmerton	12:45pm	
Jan 31	NDES @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Feb 1	Bangor @ Moravian Academy	6:45pm	
Feb 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	

## Bangor Girls (4-1)

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	
Jan 6	Bangor @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	
Jan 8	Bangor @ Catasauqua	11:45am	
Jan 10	Northwestern @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 12	Bangor @ No. Lehigh	6:45pm	
Jan 14	So. Lehigh @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 17	Bangor @ Allentown Central	7:00pm	
Jan 19	Bangor @ Pleasant Valley	6:00pm	
Jan 20	Saucon Valley @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 25	NDGP @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 27	Bangor @ Palisades	6:45pm	
Jan 29	Palmerton @ Bangor	11:15am	
Jan 31	Bangor @Nazareth	7:00pm	
Feb 1	Moravian @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Feb 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Feb 5	Eastburg North @ Bangor	12:45pm	

## Bangor Wrestling (4-4)

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
Dec 29	Trojan Wars	TBA	
Dec 30	Trojan Wars	TBA	
Jan 5	Bangor @ NDGP.	7:00pm	
Jan 11	So. Lehigh @ Bangor	7:00pm	
Jan 13	Bangor @ Palisades	7:00pm	
Jan 19	Bangor @ Northwestern	7:00pm	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 26	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	7:00pm	

## Pen Argyl Boys (2-8)

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 Argtl	6:45pm	L 45-40
Dec 27	Sussex Tech	1:30pm	W 46-39
Dec 28	North Warren	5:00pm	L52-43
Jan 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 8	Southern Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	12:45pm	
Jan 12	Salisbury @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 14	Pen Argyl @ Palmerton	6:45pm	
Jan 18	Catasauqua @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 20	Moravian @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 21	Pen Argyl @ Northern Lehigh	6:45pm	
Jan 25	Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley	6:45pm	
Jan 27	Wilson @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 29	Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P.	12:45pm	
Feb 1	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Feb 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	

## Pen Argyl Girls (3-5)

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	@Lehighton	6:45pm	L 41-37
Jan 4	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	6:45pm	
Jan 6	Whitehall @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 8	Pen Argyl @ So. Lehigh	12:45pm	
Jan 10	Pen Argyl @ PME	6:00pm	
Jan 12	Pen Argyl @ Salisbury	6:45pm	
Jan 15	Palmerton @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 18	Pen Argyl @ Catasauqua	6:45pm	
Jan 20	Pen Argyl @ Moravian	6:45pm	
Jan 22	No. Lehigh @ Pen Argyl	11:15am	
Jan 25	Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	
Jan 27	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	6:45pm	
Jan 29	NDGP @ Pen Argyl	11:15am	
Feb 1	Pen Argyl @ Palisades	6:45pm	
Feb 4	Bangor @ Pen Argyl	6:45pm	

## Pen Argyl Wrestling (0-2)

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
Dec 28	Hurricane Wrestling	TBA	
Dec 29	Hurricane Wrestling	TBA	
Jan 3	Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	
Jan 5	Palisades @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	
Jan 6	Lehighton @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	
Jan 11	Pen Argyl @ Salisbury	7:00pm	
Jan 13	Pen Argyl @ Wilson	7:00pm	
Jan 19	Palmerton @ Pen Argyl	7:00pm	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 21	Coal Cracker @Lehighton	TBA	
Jan 26	Pen Argyl @ Bangor	7:00pm	
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

## 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..	8.....	106.....	13.2	
Kupres.....	8.....	31.....	3.9	
Wilgus.....	3 .....	0 .....	0.0	
Vargo .....	3.....	0.....	0.0	
Falletta.....	8.....	37.....	4.6	
Morro .....	8.....	88.....	11.0	
Weaver .....	5.....	2.....	0.4	
Antonioli ...	4.....	4.....	1.3	
Marshall ....	6.....	17.....	2.8	
Frey .....	3.....	3.....	1.0	
Kotolka.....	7.....	32.....	4.2	
O’Brien .....	3.....	2.....	0.7	
<b>3-Pointers</b> - Wallbillich 10, Kotolka 3, Morro 1				

## Bangor Boys

Player	.....	G.....	Pts.....	Avg
Hackenberg ..	4.....	0.....	0.0	
Johnson .....	4.....	33.....	8.2	
Kluska .....	6.....	53.....	8.7	
Diaz .....	2.....	10.....	.5.0	
Miller.....	6.....	17.....	2.8	
Giaquinto.....	5.....	75.....	15.0	
Nelson .....	3.....	0.....	0.0	
Singer.....	3.....	3.....	1.0	
Strohe .....	6.....	60.....	10.0	
Merklinger....	6.....	14.....	2.2	
Heald.....	3.....	21.....	7.0	
<b>3-Pointers</b> - Strohe 10, Kluska 11, Diaz 2, Giaquinto 8, Heald 2 , Johnson 1				

## Bangor Wrestling

Wrestler	.....	W-L
Alvarado.....	0-2	
Maldonado .....	3-5	
Hatesaul.....	0-3	
Hillis.....	2-4	
Klaver Alex .....	7-1	
LaBar.....	2-5	
McNulty .....	4-4	
Poff.....	4-2	
Siple .....	2-4	
Smith .....	2-1	
Stapp Riley.....	7-1	
Uhler .....	6-2	
Woolverton G.....	4-3	
Woolverton S.....	0-1	

## Bangor Girls

Player	.....	G .....	Pts .....	Avg
Stout .....	5.....	23.....	4.5	
Figurski .....	4.....	2.....	0.5	
Pinter.....	4.....	19.....	4.8	
Mendez.....	5.....	18.....	4.2	
Gonzalez ...	5.....	9.....	1.8	
Edwards.....	5.....	2.....	0.4	
Karner .....	4.....	24.....	6.0	
Nelson .....	4.....	24.....	6.0	
McLain.....	4.....	11.....	3.3	
Toth .....	5.....	52.....	10.4	
Done.....	2.....	3.....	1.5	
Holland.....	3.....	16.....	5.3	
Honn.....	1.....	0.....	0.0	
Escuadro....	1.....	0.....	0.0	
<b>3-Pointers</b> - Stout 3, Gonzalez 1, Nelson 2				

## Pen Argyl Boys

Player		G.....	Pts.....	Avg
Irwin-Hill ...	9.....	27.....	3.0	
Pysher.....	9.....	60.....	6.6	
Tyminski ...	7.....	69.....	.9.0	
Rudy.....	9.....	39.....	3.3	
Hershey .....	8.....	71.....	.8.8	
Pultz .....	8.....	33.....	4.1	
Moore.....	6.....	5.....	0.6	
Asakal .....	4.....	11.....	3.0	
Kennedy 1	7 .....	.....	7.0	
<b>3-Pointers</b> - Hershey 16, Pysher 10 Tyminski 4, Pultz 4, Asakal 1, Rudy 6				

## Pen Argyl Wrestling

Wrestler	.....	W-L
Knorr .....	3-2	
Bartholomew.....	1-1	
Beers .....	1-3	
Brinker .....	4-2	
Graham.....	4-1	
Greggo.....	2-3	
Keat C. ....	0-2	
Keat E.....	0-2	
Kessler.....	1-0	
King.....	1-4	
Moser A.....	4-3	
Moser S. ....	1-2	
Rivera.....	4-3	
Thomas.....	0-3	

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