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HAPPENING IN THE SLATE BELT AREA

January 19

Annual Winter Bird Count

Saturday, January 19 at 8:00am to 4:00 pm. Join us as we spend the day counting birds at Jacobsburg and other places within a 5-mile radius of the Visitor Center. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, warm beverages, and a lunch. Van transportation available for all day participants. Participants must drive their own vehicle if they have to leave early. Registration is required. You can register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburg-sp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

Snow Show

Snow Show, hosted by Jacktown-Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association is one of the first shows of the year on the east coast! Join them at Jacktown Grove on Saturday January 19, 2019 from 8-4. This event is snow or shine! There will be a gas engine display, bon fire with hot dogs, hot cocoa, flea market and other food available. Hope to see you there!

Special Event at Bangor Library

The Bangor Public library will be host a special Snowflake Bentley Story and Craft event on January 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm for

youth from ages 5-12.

Celtic Hymn Night

Supporting its mission of promoting and preserving Celtic heritage through music, arts, dance, history and literature, Celtic Cultural Alliance is sponsoring a free Celtic Hymn night on January 19, 2019 at Life in Christ Church, 51 E. Hillmond St., Bethlehem PA from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. *For more information see page 13.*

Calligraphy Workshop

A beginners calligraphy workshop will be held at Bloom Creative Studio on Saturday, January 19th: 10am - 12 pm. The cost is \$35 for each reservation and you'll receive a mini-calligraphy kit that includes the tools to get started in pointed-pen modern-style calligraphy. This workshop will cover the basics on how to use a nib and holder, create the thick and thin lines that are characteristic of pointed pen calligraphy. Space is limited to 10 students so make your reservation TODAY! This workshop will include: 2 hours of instruction, 1 pen holder, 2 nibs, 1 jar of black ink, practice sheets. Reserve your spot today at bloombangor.org.

January 20

Needle Felt Art

Join the women at Bloom for a Beginners Needle Felting Workshop Sunday, January 20 from 4 to 6 pm. You'll create adorable animals using all natural fibers and needles. Each reservation is \$20 and includes the tools and materials as well as introductory teaching on needle felting. 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. Reserve your spot today at bloombangor.org.

January 21

Indoor Carnival

On Monday, January 21, 2019, the Blue Mountain Community Library will be celebrating Martin Luther King, JR Day with an INDOOR CARNIVAL for children ages 3-8 years old. The fun begins at 12:30 pm. *For more information see page 13.*

Winter Bible Study

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will offer a 6-week winter study on the "Jefferson Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth." The study will begin on January 21st at 7:00 p.m. Our third

president, Thomas Jefferson, also held an interest in theology – rational theology. He "created" his own bible of Jesus' teachings through a "cut and paste" process in which he combines the gospels into a chronological look at the life of Jesus. It is recommended that you have a copy of the Jefferson Bible for this study. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. For more information, call 610-588-4453 or visit ebumc.org.

January 23 & 24

Landscape Contractor Workshop

Landscape contractors are invited to this two-day intensive workshop which will be held on January 23 & 24, 2019 in conference rooms 205 and 206 at the Penn State Great Valley Campus in Malvern, PA. We will discuss how to determine the overhead of operating a landscaping business and create a profitable bid. There will be opportunities to ask questions and explore bidding practices with other contractors.

The cost to attend this class is \$200. Pre-registration and payment is required by January 22, 2019. To register go to: extension.psu.edu/landscape-bidding or 877-345-0691. Questions regarding class can be directed to Emelie Swackhamer at exs33@psu.edu. Individuals can also call Penn State Extension at 610-489-4315.

January 25

Build a Living Terrarium

Terrarium Making, Hosted by Grace on Broadway, will be held 6:30 PM Friday, January, 25 at the Bangor Elks, 120 Broadway, Bangor.

Join them and create living terrariums! All Materials will be provided for the class which costs \$25 and includes materials for one terrarium. You may order an additional terrarium for \$10. Tickets cannot be shared or split. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult since these are glass orbs. Each terrarium will consist of: Glass Orb, Two Succulents, River Rock, Moss, Soil and two mini figurines.

The Elks will have the Kitchen and bar open. So bring your appetite and grab a drink.

Tickets MUST be purchased NO LATER than JANUARY 16th to ensure that all materials are purchased and available for each

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Pen Argyl Honors Seniors



The Pen Argyl High School Wrestling program held senior night Tuesday prior to their match with Northern Lehigh won by the Green Knights . (L-R) Head Coach Jason Grim, Austin Ashenfalter, Jordan Sim and Gianni Reto. *TTS Photos Emily Dario*



FREE CLASSES BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

GED PREPARATION CLASS - COMPUTER PRACTICE - ALL SUBJECTS
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Bangor

DeFranco Elementary Library
 267 Five Points Richmond Road
 Begins February 12
 (Tues. & Thurs. 6 - 8:30pm)

Pen Argyl

Senior High School Library
 501 W. Laurel Avenue
 Begins February 11
 (Mon. & Thurs. 6 - 8:30pm)

Nazareth

Senior High School Library
 501 E. Center Street
 Begins February 12
 (Tues. & Thurs. 6 - 8:30pm)

Free Classes Provided by Bangor, Pen Argyl, Nazareth School Districts & NCC Center for Career & College Readiness

2019 HOBY Scholarship Recipient



The Bangor Womens Club GFWC is pleased to announce that Alexandria Carson a Sophomore at Bangor Area High School has been selected to represent our club at the 2019 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) this Spring. Alexandria, or just Alex for short, grew up in Bangor, raised by

honors schedule, holding a position as Sophomore class Vice President and serving as a delegate on the Girl Scout Board of Directors. In a house with her sister who is equally as involved in sports and other outside activities, she always seems to be out and about. Growing up, she loved being the one to lead. While other kids may have gotten nervous about speaking in public, or taking charge in a group, she always seemed to rise to the occasion being that bossy little girl who always needed to put in her two-cents regardless of the situation. Gaining more experience, she learned to become more of a leader as opposed to being the alpha. Photography and big dreams of marine mammal veterinary sciences are all muddled into this young lady. Alex is grateful to those who supported her giving her the opportunity to represent her school and community at the HOBY Leadership conference .

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC offers many leadership activities for club women. HOBY seminars are one of the opportunities that the club fundraising activities sponsor. The HOBY seminar purpose is to teach youth how to think not what to think while interacting with other youth from our region.

her wonderful parents, Tara and John Carson.

Athletics and academics seem to consume her life in its entirety at most times; as a tournament level softball player, carrying an all

Bangor Harvest Home Meats Honored

DiFebo’s Earn Leopold Conservation Award



A Pennsylvania Senate citation was awarded to Bangor’s Harvest Home Meats, Pennsylvania’s first winner of the prestigious Leopold Conservation Award. The award is given out in 14 states.

Presented in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes farmers, ranchers and foresters who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat management on private, working land. The award is presented in Pennsylvania by Heinz Endowments, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Sand County Foundation.

The owners of Harvest Home Meats, Richard DiFebo and his son, Dohl, were given the award during a ceremony this week at the 2019 Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

The DiFebos, who raise grass-fed beef cattle, converted highly-erodible row crop land to grass pastures, installed contour strips, raised cover crops, used no-till seeding practices, and fenced off streams and ponds on their farm.

Richard and Dohl DiFebo earned this prestigious award by demonstrating that agricultural business operators can be successful while also being responsible environmental stewards. Harvest Home Meats has family ties to our area that go back a century, and we all celebrate their nationally recognized achievement

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WEEKLY SLATE BELT CALENDAR

Saturday January 19

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4

Bangor Yard Waste - Dump in container at Bangor Park, 8-12.

Slate Belt YMCA - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3

Sunday January 20

Bingo - Bangor VFW. Doors 4:30. Bingo 6:00.

Breakfast - Blue Valley Farm Show, 7:30 - 12:30.

Fellowship Dinner - First UMC Bangor, 12:30 - 1:30pm

Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 10-2

Monday January 21

Bingo - Kunkletown Fire Co. Progressive Jackpot. 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

Plainfield Township Planning Commission - Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.

Bangor School Board Work Session - Slater Conference Room, 7:30

Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets Centerfield Building - 7pm

Upper Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets 7:00pm

Write Night - Collaborative writer's group. Nazareth Center for the Arts, 7-9pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Tuesday January 22

Book Discussion - Blue Mountain Library 6:30 pm

Kiwanis Club of Slate Belt - 12:15. J & R s Smokehouse. 610-863-3029.

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm

Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8

Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show

Preschool Story Time - Bangor Public Library, 10-11am.

Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-2

Bangor Exchange Club - Blue Valley Farm Show, 7pm.

Knights of Columbus Meeting - Council Home, 7:30-9:30pm

Friends of Bangor Library - 7pm

Bangor Band Boosters - BAHS Band Room, 7pm

UMBT Zoning Board - Township Building, 7:30pm

Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

Pen Argyl Workshop Council Meeting - 7 P.M. Council Chambers

Roseto Borough Authority - Municipal Building, 7pm.

Roseto Sewer Authority - Borough Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday January 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

Slate Belt Band - Roseto Legion, 7-9pm

Gym Nite - 6-8pm, Faith Christian School, Roseto. 610-588-6929

Story Time - Preschool children. Blue Mt. Community Library, Pen Argyl, 10:30am

Bangor Yard Waste - Dump in container at Bangor Park, 8-2

Washington Township Supervisors Meet - Municipal Building, 3:30pm.

Bangor Zoning Board - Bee Hive, 7:00pm

Men's Senior Softball League

Any former softball players interested playing in a 60+ men's senior softball league this summer, please call Jake at 610-248-3750, or Phil at 610-863-8322 for more details.



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Bangor High School Performing Arts Schedule

M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater

March 14, 7:00

Music in our Schools Concert

Various instrumental and choral ensembles

March 29-31

Spring Musical "Mamma Mia!"

Fri & Sat 7:30, Sat & Sun 2:00

May 9, 7:30

High School Choirs Spring Concert

May 15, 7:30

Middle and High School Jazz Bands

May 17, 7:30

High School Bands Concert

May 29, 7:30

Broadway Night

www.bahsbands.weebly.com

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Slaters Win Big Boys Basketball



Carlos Colon (1) drives to the basket during Bangor's 78-52 win over Salisbury that featured 15 three pointers by the Slaters (10-2) with Nate Owens connecting on a career-best seven from behind the arc. TTS Photos Lynn Cistone

Wilson 63, Pen Argyl 33

Pen Argyl..... 4-.5-15- 9—33
Wilson..... 7-13-19-24—63

Pen Argyl Tadd Barr 1 1-2 3, Conor Fehr 1 2-7 4, Anderson Dear 1 2-5 4, Lucas Betancourt 0 1-2 1, Lucas Maggipinto 2 1-2 5, Jacob Slaughter 1 1-2 3, Mike Vandegrift 1 0-0 2, Andrew Richmond 1 0-0 2, Jordan DeFelice 2 4-4 9. Totals:10 12-24 33.

Wilson Sam Brown 1 3-8 5, Robbie Swiatek 8 1-2 20, Ghaleb 3 3-3 9, Range 2 2-2 6, Ben Hindmarch 4 2-4 10, Buckley 1 0-0 2, McKinney 1 1-2 3, Javier 2 0-0 4, Clary 1 0-0 2, Stem 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 12-22 63.

3-Pointers: Pen Argyl: 1 (DeFelice); Wilson: 3 (Swiatek 3)

Bangor 82, Palisades 59

Palisades.....9-16-20-14—59
Bangor15-28-16-23—82

Palisades Bobby Snyder 4 1-3 11, Johnson 2 0-0 5, Bartol 1 1-2 3, Grayson Deiley 5 2-2 16, Liam Carey 4 0-0 11, Noah Marshall 3 5-5 11, Moldin 1 0-0 2. Totals: 19 9-12 59.

Bangor Ben Holland 8 7-10 26, CJ Miles 4 0-0 9, Noah Berger 1 2-2 4, Nate Owens 9 3-4 25, Zieba 1 2-2 4, Saxe 1 0-0 2, Taylor 4 1-2 9, Farensbach 1 0-0 3. Totals: 29 15-20 82.

3-Pointers: Palisades: 6 (Snyder 2,Johnson,Deiley,Carey 3); Bangor: 9 (Holland 3,Miles, Owens 4, Farensbach).



CALENDAR*continued from page 5***Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm**Thursday January 24****Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show**Story Time** - Preschool children. Blue Mt. Community Library, Pen Argyl, 10:30am**Roseto Zoning Board** - Borough Hall TBA**Slate Belt Rotary** - Scorecard, Wind Gap, 6-7pm**Plainfield Township Supervisors** - Meets 7:00pm Municipal Building**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm**Bangor Borough Authority** - Bangor Authority Bldg, 7:00pm**Friday January 25****Bingo** - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-5**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show**Knitters of the Round Table** - Blue Mt. Comm. Library, 10:30am. 610-863-3029**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm**Free Family Night Out** - Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel. 6-8pm**Saturday January 26****Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4.**Bangor Yard Waste** - Dump in container at Bangor Park, 8-12.**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 8-4**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3**Lunch With Our Bunch** - Faith United Presby-terian, Pen Argyl, 11:30 - 1:30. All welcome.**Sunday January 27****Bingo** - Bangor VFW. Doors 4:30. Bingo 6:00.**Fellowship Dinner** - First UMC Bangor, 12:30-1:30.**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3.**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 10-2**Monday January 28****Bingo** - Kunkletown Fire Co. Progressive Jackpot. 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**Bangor School Board Business Meeting** - Slater Conference Room, 7:30.**Bangor Borough Council** - Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm**Tuesday January 29****Bingo** - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show**Preschool Story Time** - Bangor Public Library, 10-11am.**Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-2.**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm**Wednesday January 30****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**Gym Nite** - 6-8pm, Faith Christian School, Roseto. 610-588-6929**Story Time** - Preschool children. Blue Mt. Community Library, Pen Argyl, 10:30am**Bangor Yard Waste** - Dump in container at Bangor Park, 8-2.**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

SLATE BELT SR CENTER**Slate Belt Senior Center**
Blue Valley Farm Show Complex
700 American Bangor Road
Bangor 610-588-1224**Hours: 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.***Meal Reservations please call by 10:00 A.M. one day prior before the meal. Lunch is served at 11:30 A.M.**Volunteers needed to help plan/set up for parties and special events***JANUARY**

- Pool Tables available every morning & Tuesday Thursday & Friday afternoons
- Computers, Library, cards, puzzles available on a daily basis.
- Poker, Tuesdays, 9:30 AM
- Tai Chi, Tuesdays, 12:15 PM
- Morning with the arts, Wednesdays, 8:00-11:00 AM
- Exercise, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
- Zumba, Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Bangor Library
New Books**January 19****Adult Fiction**

I Am Watching You by Teresa Driscoll
 Misty Shadows of Hope: 1870 by Ginny Dye
 Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
 What Have You Done by Matthew Farrell
 The Boy by Tami Hoag
 Verity by Colleen Hoover
 Watching You by Lisa Jewell
 The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner
 Under the Midnight Sun by Tracie Peterson
 Verses for the Dead by Douglas J. Preston
 One Day in December by Josie Silver
 A Season of Secrets by Elizabeth Adams
 Blessings in Disguise by Nancy Mehl
 The Buggy before the Horse by Tricia Goyer
 Where Hope Dwells by Elizabeth Ludwig
 Solace Island by Meg Tilly
 True Places by Sonja Yoerg

Adult Non Fiction

Imac For Dummies: 10th Addition by Mark L. Chambers
 500 Social Media Marketing Tips by Andrew Macarthy
 The Spy and the Traitor by Ben Macintyre
 The Complete Guide to Stamps & Stamp Collecting by James Mackay
 iPhone: The Missing Manual by David Pogue

Large Print Non Fiction

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Young Adult Fiction

The Wicked King by Holly Black
 Dumplin' by Julie Murphy
 What You Hide by Natalie D. Richards
 Skyward by Brandon Sanderson

Easy Fiction

Mikey and the Dragons by Jocko Willink

Heritage Center Calendar**February 10th @ 2:00 PM:** "Progress Report on Lake Minsi"**March 10th @ 2:00 PM:** TBA

Thursday:

April 11th @ 7:00 PM: Spring Opening**May 9th @ 7:00 PM:** "Structural Slate Company" by Kenton Lerch**June 20th @ 7:00 PM:** "Annual Preservation Awards"**July 11th @ 7:00 PM;** TBA**August 8th @ 7:00 PM:** TBA**September 12th @ 7:00 PM:** TBA**October 10th @ 7:00 PM** "Annual Haunted Heritage Show"**November 14th @ 7:00 PM:** "Pearl Harbor Revisited" by Jim Paynter**December 8 @ 2pm** Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

Slater Girls Threes Stop Pen Argyl 48-33

by Larry Cory

Some years ago Bangor had a midget football team named the Bangor Bombers. However, given the ability of the Bangor's girls and boys basketball teams to shoot three pointers, they, too, could be known as the Bangor Bombers.

Saturday afternoon at Bill Pensyl Gymnasium the Bangor Girls hit seven 3-point bombs en route to a 33-15 halftime advantage and an eventual 48-33 win over Pen Argyl.

Early on, Rachel Sutton gave the Green Knights an early 2-0 lead. The Slaters' Jordan Hendricks hit a three for Bangor, but the Knights' Kelly O'brien also hit from long distance giving the Knights a 5-3 edge.

It was bombs away after that as Madaline Minner hit consecutive threes, leading Bangor on a run and a 16-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Bangor went on a 14-4 run to start the second quarter as Casey Walsh hit three from beyond the arc and Madison Kluska also scored a three as the Slaters' lead increased to 29-11 with 2:30 left in the

first half.

Emily Labar scored on a lay-up and a put-back to close out the first-half scoring for Bangor with a 33-15 lead.

Minner hit the Slaters' eighth three-bomb of the game for Bangor early in the third quarter, but the Knights went on a 7-1 run thanks to scores by Sutton, O'Brien and Gabrielle Weaver, closing the gap to 37-22 going into the fourth period.

Brooke Labar scored seven points in the final period for the Knights and Minner made five free throws, three when she was fouled on a three-point attempt.

O'Brien had nine points, Weaver 8 and Labarre 7 to lead Pen Argyl while Minner with 15 and Walsh with nine were high for Bangor.

The Slaters improved to 8-3 on the season with a pair of huge home games next week versus Notre Dame GP and Southern Lehigh.

Pen Argyl dropped to 5-8 after playing the toughest part of their schedule with games versus Bangor, NDGP, Southern Lehigh and Wilson. Their schedule should be a bit less intense next week with games at Saucon Valley and home with Moravian Academy.



Madaline Minner (30) scored 15 points, including a trio of 3-pointers leading Bangor to a 48-33 win over Pen Argyl in a game played Saturday at Bill Pensyl Gym in Bangor High School.
TTN Photo Lynn Cistone



Jean Pinto Honored at Heritage Center



by Larry Cory

Jean Pinto formed the New Approach in 1970 to wage a fight against cancer in honor of Tim Caracio who was a neighbor and friend who died at a young age of the dreaded disease. Even though her daughter, Kathy, also succumbed to cancer in 2004, Jean continued the fight until her death in 2018.

In her nearly half-century fight she and the New Approach raised over one million dollars to aid in the fight against cancer.

Terry Toth who joined the popular singing group in 1979 and served as an assistant, said Jean Pinto was a “special lady” during a program held at the Slate Belt Heritage Center Sunday afternoon.

Pinto had the ideal background to pursue her goal. In addition to her engaging personality she was a church choir director and an edu-

cator for over 40 years.

People who joined the group were held to a high standard, but she had the respect of all who performed in the group. She held dinners for us because she “wanted us to be family,” Toth said.

She was also a lady of faith and ended every show with the song, “How Great is Our God,” which was sung by nearly two dozen members of the group who participated in the program. They also sang “In Remembrance of You,” “Oh Happy Day” and medley of other favorites.

Toth also talked about some of Pinto’s policies that she wanted everyone to follow. There was a way for group members to stand, a way to sit, and she never allowed anyone to wear white socks with black pants.

Pinto also wanted her shows to have a fast start and a strong finish. For that reason, New Approach shows never had intermissions, because, Toth, quoting Pinto, said, “If we stop we would have to start again.”

The Little Approach started in 1980 because Pinto wanted some younger people who would learn to perform and could provide back-up for veteran performers.

She had many honors for her work including commendation from many local members of the Pennsylvania state congress. She also became a member of the Bangor Area School District’s 1885 Club, among other honors.

White Van Scam

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is reminding residents of the resurgence of the “white van scam,” a scam involving the sale of electronic home theater goods from the back of an SUV or van. The con typically involves individuals selling “expensive high-end” home theater equipment (speakers, projectors, etc.) out of their vehicle at a significantly discounted price. The equipment is typically cheap, because, generally, it is poor-quality imitations of name-brand goods.

White van scammers often target moderately trafficked areas such as shopping centers, gas stations, and bank parking lots. They typically approach individuals using a fictitious backstory indicating they are selling expensive high-end equipment because they have too much inventory or have extra units from a recent job that they need to get rid of quickly. In an attempt to mislead the buyer, the equipment’s brand name is often similar to well-known manufacturers.

The merchandise is normally in original packaging, with profes-

sional looking imagery and marketing materials including an MSRP price tag and buzzwords such as “4K,” “High-Resolution Audio,” and high wattage numbers. The scammer may apply urgency or pressure to the potential buyer indicating this is a now or never opportunity. The scammer also may be very accommodating; for example, they might be willing to wait while the potential buyer rush to the ATM to get cash. In some instances, the scammer may be willing to accept whatever monetary amount the buyer can offer at the time.

The white van scam has also infiltrated the internet with scammers presenting online store-fronts, “official” Facebook pages, Craigslist ads, and eBay accounts to advertise and peddle their goods. Be aware that the online store-fronts are meant to help legitimize the shoddy products and high MSRP prices when customers look them up online. For example, a storefront or eBay listing may display a “high-end” MSRP price of \$2,500 for one item but another listing will drastically mark it down to around \$300.

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participant.

Tickets can be purchased at GRACE ON BROADWAY, or at BANGOR ELKS 1106, Or online at: eventbrite.com/e/terrarium-making-tickets-54258659110.

Kid's Night Out

Friday January 25th is KID'S NIGHT OUT at Bloom Creative Studio - 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!

January 26

Introduction to Snowshoeing

Saturday, January 26, at 9:30am to 11:30am. Learn how to use snowshoes and trekking poles to explore Jacobsburg's trails in the winter. You may bring your own equipment or borrow ours. We will also learn how to prepare ourselves for outdoor excursions in the winter time. If we don't get any snow we'll hike in our boots with the trekking poles. The hike will be about two miles. Bring water and a snack. Wear waterproof boots and dress for the weather. Registration is required. You will be asked to specify your weight range when registering; this is to determine what size snowshoe you will need.

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Snowshoeing for Scouts

Saturday, January 26, at 1:00pm to 3:00pm Scouts will learn how to prepare for being outdoors in winter as well as how to use snowshoes. We'll go for a hike in snowshoes, stopping along the way to talk about winter outdoor scenarios and how to prepare for them. If we don't get any snow we'll hike in our boots. The hike will be about two miles. Bring water and a snack. Wear waterproof boots and dress for the weather. Registration is required. You will be asked to specify your weight range when registering;

this is to determine what size snowshoe you will need.

You can register for community programs online at events.dcnr.pa.gov/. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

Embroidery Workshop

There will be a beginner's embroidery workshop at Bloom on Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 am. We will be using a 6 inch diameter hoop. Cost of \$35.00 includes all materials, instruction, and take home hoop. Space is limited so register today! Every purchase benefits our mission to help women survivors of violence and addiction. Reserve your spot today at bloombangor.org.

Paint Your Pet

Paint your pet night with Karin at Bloom Creative Studio on January 26 at 4:00 pm. Paint on a 12x16 for \$35 or 16x20 for \$45 after registering we will send you a email to send your photo so we can pre-sketch your canvas and bring your photo w/you. Register early class size is limited and this class is becoming very popular! Reserve your spot today at bloombangor.org.

January 27

Beer & Wine Bingo

Beer & Wine Bingo hosted by Lookout Fire Company #1 will be held Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1 PM – 5 PM at Weona Park Youth Center Weona Park, Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania 18072. Come out and play for the chance to win 2 single barrel kegerators, 2 24 bottle wine coolers, and tons of prizes including beer, wine, and other great items for your home bar just in time for Super Bowl Sunday. This is a 21 and older event only, with ID's checked at the door. Tickets \$25 in advance with tickets limited to 200. If still available, price at the door will be \$35.

Wine, Food & Spirits

Pocono Winter Wine, Food, & Spirits Festival '19 hosted by Sherman Theater and The Pocono Winter Wine, Food, & Spirits Festival- Sunday, January 27th, 12:00pm - 4:30pm.

Designed to introduce attendees to a variety of local wines produced in the heart of the Poconos, as well as select wineries from the Pennsylvania Wine Trail, The Pocono Winter Wine, Food, & Spirits Festival includes complimentary samples of local wine, spirits and fine cuisine, art displays, a variety of wine-related vendors, and free

wine-tasting education.

"The wine industry in the Poconos has experienced vigorous growth in the past few years so we are showcasing and celebrating local wineries as well as select wineries of the Pennsylvania Wine Trail," said Rich Berkowitz, President and CEO of the Sherman Theater, the non-profit organization hosting the event. The Sherman Theater opened in 1929 and has been a landmark and community social center for nearly 100 years.

The Fest features a selection of delicious sweet and savory bites, prepared by local restaurants, to complement the wines. Throughout the tasting area, there will be vendors with wine-related goods as well as displays by local artists.

Join us at the Pocono Winter Wine, Food and Spirits Festival to celebrate the finer things worth savoring in the Poconos. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 570-420-2808 or visit sherman-theater.com.

February 1

Family Night: Raccoon Nation

Friday, February 1, at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Join us for a movie and craft night. We will be screening "Raccoon Nation" from the PBS Nature series. This film investigates whether the increasing complexity of our urban/suburban habitat is advancing the brain development of our raccoon neighbors. Registration is required.

You can register for community programs online at events.dcnr.pa.gov/. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

February 9

Winter Plant Hike

Saturday, February 9 at 10:00am to 12:00pm. Join us as we take a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals as well as a few that can be used in a survival situation. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. If we have snow we will hike in snowshoes! Registration is required.

You can register for community programs online at events.dcnr.pa.gov/. If you need an accommodation to participate please contact the park office at 610-746-2801.

Area Entertainment

January 19

Deer Head Inn - Walt Bibinger & Gary Mazzopappi Trio 8:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Rio and the Secret People 10:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - The Outcrops 10:00 pm

Sherman Theater - Winter Craft Fest 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

January 20

Deer Head Inn - Ron Bogart Quartet 5:00pm

Sarah Street Grill - Pocono Duo 11:00 pm

State Theatre - Diavolio 5:00 pm

January 21

January 22

Sarah Street Grill - Regina Sayles 9:30 pm

January 23

Porters' Pub - Traditional Open Irish Jam Session 7:30 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Open Mic Night 9:15pm

January 24

Deer Head Inn - Jazz Jam with Bill Washer & Friends - 8:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Hamill & Johnny 9:30pm

January 25

Deer Head Inn - Kavita Shah 7:00 pm

Newton Theater - Gaelic Storm 8:00 pm

Penn's Peak - Phil Vassaar 8:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Bass Face 10:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Pocono Duo Trio 11:00pm

January 26

Deer Head Inn - Stoffey - Lieberman - Pearlman - Froman 8:00 pm

Newton Theater - The Lords of 52nd Street - Legends of the Billy Joel Band 8:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Heart Headed 10:00 pm

Roy's Hall - Seldom Scene in Concert 8:00pm

Sarah Street Grill - Dirty Grass Players 10:00 pm

Sherman Theater - Pocono Winter Beerfest 2019 1:00 pm

January 27

Deer Head Inn - Dave & Marti Lantz 5:00pm

Sarah Street Grill - Pocono Duo 11:00 pm

Sherman Theater - Pocono Winter Wine, Food & Spirits Festival 12:00 pm

January 28

Deer Head Inn - Water Gap Jazz Orchestra 7:30 pm

Porters' Pub - Karaoke at Porters' Pub 9:00pm

January 29

Sarah Street Grill - Steve McDaniel 10:00pm

January 30

Sarah Street Grill - Open Mic Night 9:15pm

State Theatre - Chicago 7:00 pm

January 31

Deer Head Inn - Jazz Jam with Bill Washer & Friends - 8:00 pm

Penn's Peak - Greensky Bluegrass 8:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Hamill & Johnny 9:30pm

State Theatre - American Girl Live 6:30 pm

February 1

Deer Head Inn - Matt Vashlishan Quartet 7:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Rob Viola 10:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Leaders of the Shift 10:00 pm

February 2

Deer Head Inn - Nancy & Spencer Reed with Bill Goodwin 7:00 pm

Penn's Peak - The Wall Live Extravaganza 8:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Asa Wilson & Travis Mason 10:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Young Lion 10:00 pm

Sherman Theater - Tim Reynolds 10:00 pm

State Theatre - Where the Bands & Fans Share the Stage 7:30 pm

February 3

Deer Head Inn - Bill Charlap Piano Solo 5:00 pm

Newton Theater - Top of the World/ Carpenter's Tribute 3:00 pm

February 4

February 5

Sarah Street Grill - Lucy Isabel 9:30 pm

February 6

Porters' Pub - Open Mic with Scott Harrington 9:30pm

Sarah Street Grill - Open Mic Night 9:15pm

February 7

Deer Head Inn - Jazz Jam with Bill Washer

& Friends 8:00 pm

Newton Theater - Leeann Rimes 8:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Steve Hall Trio 8:00 pm

February 8

Deer Head Inn - Carolyn Leonhart 7:00 pm

Pennsylvania Playhouse - Moon Over Buffalo 7:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Copper Fields 10:00pm

State Theatre - Charlie Romo 8:00 pm

February 9

Deer Head Inn - Paul Meyers Trio 7:00 pm

Newton Theater - Walter Trout & Eric Gales 8:00 pm

Penn's Peak - Dark Desert Eagles 8:00 pm

Pennsylvania Playhouse - Moon Over Buffalo 7:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Acoustic Bite Trio 10:00pm

Roy's Hall - James Maddock 8:00 pm

State Theatre - Where the Bands & Fans Share the Stage 7:30 pm

February 10

Deer Head Inn - Deer Head Inn Quintet 5:00pm

Newton Theater - Three Dog Night 8:00 pm

Pennsylvania Playhouse - Moon Over Buffalo 3:00 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Pocono Duo 9:30 pm

February 11

Deer Head Inn - Story Slam 7:00 pm

February 12

Sarah Street Grill - Regina Sayles 9:30 pm

February 13

Porters' Pub - Traditional Open Irish Jam Session 7:30 pm

Sarah Street Grill - Open Mic Night 9:15pm

State Theatre - Wilson Area Schools Fine Arts Showcase 7:00 pm

February 14

Deer Head Inn - Nancy Reed Vocals 7:00 pm, Jazz Jam with Bill Washer & Friends 8:00 pm

February 15

Deer Head Inn - Rich Jenkins 7:00 pm

Penn's Peak - Tesla 8:00 pm

Pennsylvania Playhouse - Moon Over Buffalo 7:00 pm

Porters' Pub - Bombs Eat Sharks 10:00 pm

February 16

Deer Head Inn - Paul Jost Quintet 7:00 pm

Travel Alerts

MAJOR AREA ROADS

Roadwork on PA 33 southbound between Exit: HECKTOWN ROAD and Exit: WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY. There is a traffic disruption.

Roadwork on PA 33 northbound between Exit: WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY and Exit: HECKTOWN ROAD. There is a traffic disruption.

Roadwork on US 22 westbound between 1 miles EAST of Exit: FULLERTON AVENUE and Exit: PA 145 NORTH - MACARTHUR RD. There is a traffic disruption

Roadwork on US 22 eastbound between Exit: PA 145 SOUTH - 7TH STREET/MACARTHUR RD and 1 miles WEST of Exit: AIRPORT ROAD SOUTH. There is a traffic disruption.

NEW JERSEY.

None

Safety for Roadside Workers

The “Slow Down to Get Around” law is now in effect in Pennsylvania. It is an expansion of the state law designed to protect roadside workers is now in effect in Pennsylvania.

Act 83 of 2018 adds trash haulers to the list of vehicles, including stationary tow trucks, mail delivery vans and other vehicles involved in performing a roadside service, to those for which a driver must slow down when passing.

Drivers are required to move at least one lane away when possible or slow down and be ready to stop if they cannot.

This law is in addition to the “Steer Clear” law requiring drivers to move over when approaching an emergency response scene.

Snow Ball Dinner Dance

Families First presents the 9th annual benefit Snow Ball Dinner Dance Margaritaville Saturday, February 23, 2019 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Weona park recreation center. Music by Romeo Vegas, dinner by Just in Thyme, \$25.00 per person in advance \$30.00 at the door. Basket raffles, door prizes, BYOB/dress casual.

For tickets contact Spring Shank – Pen Argyl High School, Heather Reed – Wind Gap Middle School, Kelly Thomas – Plainfield Elementary. For information contact: Frank Jones – 610-863-9095 ext. 1387 or jones.frank@penargylsd.org. All proceeds help support Families First free programs.

Read Across America Day

The Lorax is the “Speaker of the Trees” and with Earth Day around the corner, it’s time to think about our Earth. On March 2nd at Grand Central Environmental Education Center beginning at 10 am, children will hear the Lorax story to celebrate Read Across America Day, participate in crafts and learn to identify trees. A Lorax Character might even be present! (more to come on that!) Registration is required since space is limited. Please contact Adrienne Fors, afors1@wm.com 610-863-2387 for more information or to Register for the event at Waste Management’s Grand Central Environmental Education Center 891 Grand Central Road, Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania 18072.

Pet Project

The United Methodist Women of the East Bangor Community Church is asking for donations of unwanted t-shirts for a pet project the group will be making at their monthly meeting on February 6th. Also, old towels and pet food will be collected. All of these items will be given to pet shelters. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit ebumc.org. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA.

The Earth Speaks V

Stroudsburg, PA – The Pocono Arts Council, along with several local partners, will host “The Earth Speaks V: A Juried Exhibition on the Environmental Crisis,” in Spring 2019 at the Dunning Art Gallery, Northampton Community College Monroe Campus, Tannersville, PA. The show, now in its fifth year, grew out of past Pocono Arts Council board president Mark Lichty’s deepening concern for the climate crisis currently affecting our planet. Explaining the focus of the show, Lichty states that “Art has always been a powerful vehicle for raising consciousness, and this exhibit hopes to bring to light our growing awareness of a crisis we can no longer ignore.” Local partners include Northampton Community College Monroe Campus, Monroe County Conservation District, and East Stroudsburg University.

The juror for the show is Harry C. Tabak from New Paltz, NY, whose early work reflects his bond to nature through his landscape paintings. For nearly two decades, Tabak’s art reflects a social commentary with an emphasis on environmental issues. He began to explore sculpture as a medium in 2001, utilizing found natural materials, creating the basis for his current experiments often described as “three dimensional drawings.” His compositions include wood, stone, glass, discarded broken materials, as well as metallic objects. Tabak studied Painting and Sculpture at The Art Students League of New York and attended Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY.

“The Earth Speaks V” is a regional open call for work that focuses the public’s attention on the gravity of environmental issues. Artists from the following states are invited to enter: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA, VA, MD, DE, DC.

Download the prospectus and enter online at poconoarts.org/earth-speaks.

There is no limit to the number of entries. Students are encouraged to enter. Student: \$15 for first two (2) entries, \$10 for each additional entry; Adult (PoconoArts Member): \$20 for first two (2) entries, \$15 for each additional entry; Adult (Non-member): \$30 for first two (2) entries, \$25 for each additional entry.

Deadline for submission, Friday, February 8, 2019; Notification of accepted entries, on or around Friday, February 15, 2019; Winning entries arrive at the Dunning Art Gallery, on or before Thursday, March 28, 2019; The Earth Speaks V Exhibition at the Dunning Art Gallery, April 6-May 28, 2019; Exhibit Reception at the Dunning Art Gallery, Saturday, April 27, 2019.

More than \$1,000 in cash awards are available in a variety of mediums including 2-D, 3-D, Photography, and Printmaking. Awards include: \$250 Juror’s Choice Award; \$250 Kay & Girard Lichty Climate Crisis Award; \$100 Otto Grever Printmaking Award; \$100 3-D Award, \$100 2-D Award; \$100 Photography Award; \$100 ARTSPACE Gallery Student Award; and \$50 Origins Gallery Award.

To cover exhibition fees and support artist expression, the Pocono Arts Council is seeking sponsorships for “The Earth Speaks V” from local businesses and community members at a minimum \$250 level of support. Details here: poconoarts.org/support/become-a-sponsor/

For further information, call 570-476-4460 or email info@poconoarts.org.

Founded in 1975, the Pocono Arts Council is the oldest and most established local arts service organization in the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania. It serves as a “Chamber of Commerce” or umbrella organization for artists and arts organization in all disciplines, as well as the resident and tourist populations of the area. Its motto, Culture Builds Community, highlights PoconoArts mission of art service, promotion, education and advocacy.

Reducing Carbon Pollution in PA

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf announced that he has signed a new executive order establishing the first statewide goal to reduce carbon pollution in Pennsylvania, which is contributing to climate change. The executive order also establishes the GreenGov Council to boost green and sustainable practices in state government to help achieve the goals set in the executive order, while saving taxpayers money and creating jobs in the state's clean energy economy.

"In the absence of leadership from the federal government, states and cities are stepping up and doing their part to reduce emissions," said Governor Wolf. "Today I am proud to declare the commonwealth's intention to address climate change, the most critical environmental threat facing the world."

The commonwealth will work to achieve a 26 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050, from 2005 levels.

The GreenGov Council will work with all state agencies to reduce energy use in state government and improve the energy efficiency of state buildings and vehicles, saving taxpayers money in the process.

The GreenGov Council will serve as a central coordinating body to promote the implementation of the executive order and the achievement of the following state agency performance goals:

Reduce overall energy consumption by 3 percent per year, and 21 percent by 2025, as compared to 2017 levels.

Replace 25 percent of the state passenger car fleet with battery electric and plug-in electric hybrid cars by 2025.

Procure renewable energy to offset at least 40 percent of the commonwealth's annual electricity use.

The governor announced the new executive order at an event celebrating the public-private collaboration happening in the city of Pittsburgh to help bolster the city's climate action plan. Today, Peoples Gas announced a commitment to cut methane emissions from Pittsburgh's distribution system by 50 percent using advanced leak detection methods developed in partnership with Environmental Defense Fund and Google Earth Outreach to map and measure leaks coming from underground pipes. The pledge is the first of its kind by a United States utility.

Celtic Hymn Night

Supporting its mission of promoting and preserving Celtic heritage through music, arts, dance, history and literature, Celtic Cultural Alliance is sponsoring a free Celtic Hymn night on January 19, 2019 at Life in Christ Church, 51 E. Hillmond St., Bethlhem PA from 7:00 until 8:30 pm.

Come warm up on a cold January Saturday night by enjoying a night of classic Celtic hymns from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales! Over the past few centuries until today, many classic hymns that you regularly sing have been penned by a songwriter from one of the Celtic nations. Attendees will learn the history of the hymns and then sing-a-long. Featuring local musicians, the event will be an inspiring night of music that will celebrate the rich history and tradition of Celtic hymns.

For more information on the Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival and other Celtic Cultural Alliance events, visit the organization's website at celticfest.org.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration Forms for Bangor Area School District for children who will turn 5 before September 1, 2019 may be picked up at the school administration office or any of the districts elementary schools. *For more information see page 14.*

Landscape Contractor Workshop

Landscape contractors are invited to this two-day intensive workshop which will be held on January 23 & 24, 2019 in conference rooms 205 and 206 at the Penn State Great Valley Campus in Malvern, PA. We will discuss how to determine the overhead of operating a landscaping business and create a profitable bid. There will be opportunities to ask questions and explore bidding practices with other contractors.

On the first day the class will work through a spreadsheet using real-world examples to figure overhead costs of a landscape installation business. Each participant will receive an electronic copy of this spreadsheet, so they can adapt it and use it for their own business.

On the second day, the class will work together to create a bid for a small residential hardscape and plant installation job in detail, using the overhead costs determined on the first day of the class.

Join this workshop to discuss benefits and pitfalls of some common estimating methods. Explore the concept of production rates in depth, including why it is important to know what they are and how to determine these rates. We will also discuss profit margins and offering employee benefits.

The instructor is Scott Burk, owner of Scott's Landscaping, Inc. in Centre County, a mid-size, full-service company. He is a graduate of the Landscape Contracting Program at Penn State University and serves as a guest instructor for current Penn State students. Come hear what one of Pennsylvania's most successful landscapers has to say about running a profitable business!

The cost to attend this class is \$200. Pre-registration and payment is required by January 22, 2019. To register go to: <https://extension.psu.edu/landscape-bidding> or 877-345-0691. Questions regarding class can be directed to Emelie Swackhamer at exs33@psu.edu. Individuals can also call Penn State Extension at 610-489-4315.

Library Plans Indoor Carnival

On Monday, January 21, 2019, the Blue Mountain Community Library will be celebrating Martin Luther King, JR Day with an INDOOR CARNIVAL for children ages 3-8 years old. The fun begins at 12:30 pm and lasts until 2:00 pm at the Library and includes Story Time – Crafts – Activities – Prizes and therapy dog "QUINCY" will be here. All children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to come and Join the Fun!!

In keeping with MLK's message of Service and Giving, our volunteers will be giving their time to Serve our community. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable item which will be given to the Food Pantry at Bender's Church.

BMCL is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](https://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

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Federal Shutdown Scams



The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is reminding residents to be alert for scams that may attempt to take advantage of the current government shutdown. These scams may appear as email solicitations, email links or attachments, phone solicitations, or pop-up Internet pages. Residents should note that due to the shutdown the Federal Trade Commission customer complaint system is non-operational, leaving a gap between victim reporting and consumer alerts.

Some of the known scams include:

- Contacting people over the phone or by email and claiming to be from a government office and implying that the victim's federal benefits such as their Medicare direct deposits will stop unless personal bank information is received for verification. The scammer may spoof their phone number so it looks like it came from a local area code when in reality, they could be calling from anywhere and it may be impossible to trace.
- Calling and offering pre-approved loans or grants in exchange for the victim's banking information, claiming the scammer needs it so they know where to send the money.
- Furloughed workers should also be aware of the side job offers. There are a lot of fake postings that require an application fee.
- Cybercriminals often send fake emails that look like they came from banks so people will open them. The emails may not specifically be related to the shutdown, but they might be good enough to fool someone who is under financial stress. These emails contain

links leading to websites that will download malware, or have attachments containing malware.

The PSP reminds residents to remain vigilant and follow the below recommendations. If something does not seem right, report the suspicious incident to your local police department. Additional tips to avoid falling victim to scams include:

- Never provide anyone with personal information such as your social security number, date of birth, credit card number, bank account, or address.
 - If you receive an email from a financial institution that looks suspicious, do not open links or attachments. For example, if the email uses poor grammar and spelling, does not use your name or other personal identifying information, or goes to an email address not linked to the company or agency it pretends to be sent from, it is probably not legitimate. Delete it and sign on to your account using the web address you know belongs to that agency or your bank.
 - Government agencies will rarely call you unless you have been in touch with them first. If someone calls you claiming to be from a government agency and you were not expecting a call, hang up and call the agency back either at their customer-service number (available on the agency's website, which ends in .gov), or at another number for that agency that you may use, such as the number for a local office. Government agencies will never ask for your personal information over the phone or through email.
 - If you have questions about your government benefits or the government shut down, visit or call your elected representative for the most up to date information.
 - Above all, use common sense. If something does not seem right, it probably is not right.
- If you become the victim of a scam, notify your financial institution and local law enforcement agency immediately!

BASD Kindergarten Registration

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2032! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is excited to welcome our new kindergarten class to begin their educational journey for the 2019-2020 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she:

1. is at least the age of five (5) years by September 1, 2019.
2. resides within the boundaries of the BASD.
3. successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process.

As of January 4, 2019, kindergarten registration packets are available for parents and/or guardians at any Bangor Area School District (BASD) Elementary School (Five Points, Washington, or DeFranco) and the District Administration Office. Packets are also available for download from the BASD web page www.bangorslaters.org. Please contact the District Administration Office to request a registration

packet via mail (610-588-2163). In order to schedule a screening appointment, the completed registration packet and mandatory documents must be submitted to District Administration (123 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor, PA 18013). A completed registration packet includes:

- Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by September 1, 2019)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration Form
- Physical Exam Record (4 pages) - Completed by a Health Care Provider within one year of the date the registration packet is submitted (which must include the child's immunization record)
- Dental Exam Record - Completed by a Dentist
- Home Language Survey
- Pre-Kindergarten Questionnaire

Once packets are received and confirmed complete, BASD will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment. Completed packets must be received no later than March 1st to schedule a screening appointment in March. Kindergarten screenings for the 2019-2020 school year will occur between March 12 and March 28 at Washington Elementary School. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child(ren) for their screening appointment(s). Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child! Welcome Class of 2032!



Church

Ackermanville UMC

1210 Ackermanville Rd, Bangor, PA
Pastor Sukja Bang
(610) 588-7818
www.ackermanvilleumnc.org
Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am
1st Sunday of the Month:
Worship at SBNRC - 2:15 pm

Bangor Church of The Nazarene

150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor (610) 588-6929
www.bangornazch.org
Sunday
Sunday School - 9:30am Worship -10:40
Power House Praise Band - 5:00 pm
Monday
First Place - 4:00 pm
Wednesday
Teen Gym - 6:00 pm
Adult Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Belfast Bible

483 Belfast Rd., Belfast
Pastor Michael Yaworski (610)759-7937
Sunday
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am,
Worship 10:45 Evening Service 7pm
Thursday
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Belfast Wesley UMC

607 School Road Nazareth, PA
(610) 746-3652, Pastor Paul Milligan
Sunday
Children's & Adult Sunday School 9:15
Worship 10:00 am
Coffee fellowship following worship

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion

7742 N. Del. Dr. Martins Creek
Pastor Rick Tunis 610-250-9809
www.bethelbiblechurchfmzion.org
Facebook/Google+: Bethel Bible
Church: Martins Creek, PA
Sunday
Sunday School - 9:am Worship - 10:am.
Tuesday
Ladies Bible Study - 9:00 am
Wednesday
"Back to the Bible" - 7:00 pm

Christ Evangelical Lutheran

703 S. Delaware Dr(Rt. 611) Mt. Bethel
email celcpaorg@yahoo.com www.
lutheransonline/celcpa/celc .
Sunday
Worship - 9:00 am
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Community Presbyterian

1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
E-mail: cpcmbp@peoplepc.com
www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org
(570) 897-6766.
Sunday
Worship service - 9:30 am
(Communion 1st Sunday)

Cross Road Baptist Church

201 S 2nd Street, Bangor, PA
Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-
3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.com
Sunday
Sunday School (all ages) - 9:30 am
Worship -10:45 am
Wednesday
Prayer Service 7:00pm
Free meal
Second Sunday of the month

East Bangor United Methodist

136 W. Central Ave., East Bangor, PA
Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453.
Dial-A-Message, (610) 588-3896.
www.ebumc.org.
Saturday
8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting
Sunday

9:15 a.m. Worship Service
with Children's Church
(communion 1st Sunday)
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum (1st-3rd
Sundays)
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour (Last
Sunday)
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Free Dinner (First
Sunday)

Faith Alive Community Church

125 West Street, Wind Gap, PA
Pastor Matthew Whistler (610)863-6911
www.faccpa.org

Faith United Presbyterian

W. PA & Heller Ave., Pen Argyl
610-863-4447 - www.faithunited.net
Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am

First United Evangelical

25 South 2nd St., Bangor
Pastor Ronald Shipman (610)588-3226
Sunday
Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30

First UMC of Bangor

55 N. Third Street , Bangor, Pa. 18013
Pastor: Chris Hardy 610-588-4673
Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for children & adults
begins September 9.
www.methodismtoday.com

Flickville UCC

1337 Lower South Main St., Bangor, Pa
Rev. Kenneth Hess (610) 588-4648,
Sunday
Worship 10am
Local Musicians Every Sunday

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran

2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA
Pastor Louise Williams
email:goodshp2904@aol.com
Sunday
Worship Service - 9:am. Adult Bible
Study & Sunday School After Worship.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran

5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
610-759-9080
Sunday December 2
First Sunday of Advent 9:00am Holy
Communion
Sunday Morning Adventures 10:15
Adult Forum 10:30

Grace United Methodist

404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
Rev. J. Timothy Fisher (610) 863-4811.
Sunday
Contemporary Worship - 8:30 am
Blended Worship - 10:00 am
Youth Group - 5:00 pm
Monday
Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Hopesprings Community of Faith

301 Market Street, Bangor.
Jonathan Almanzar - Lead Pastor
(610) 599-0202
www.hopespringscommunity.org
(Info, Events, Podcasts, Links)
info@hopespringscommunity.org
855-INFO-HOPE
Sunday
Coffee - 9:45am Gathering - 10:00 am
Child Care Available.

Hope UCC

Second & Cherry Streets, Wind Gap, Pa
Pastor Darlene Blocker.
(610) 863-4474 www.hopewg.org
Sunday
Suumer Hours Starting June 3

Worship - 9:30 am
(Communion 1st Sunday)

House On The Rock

1336 Jacobsburg Road, Wind Gap
www.hotrfc.org
Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am
Wednesday
Mid-Week Service - 7:00 pm

Mount Bethel Church

1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt. Bethel
Pastor Chris Priestaf (570) 897-7142
Little Friends Preschool (570) 897-7797
www.mountbethelchurch.org
email: office@mountbethelchurch.org
Sunday
Worship Services - 10:00 am
Children's Church & Nursery available

Mount Eaton Church

7277 Mount Eaton Road Saylorsburg,
(570) 992-7050
office@mounteatonchurch.org. http://
www.mounteatonchurch.org
Sunday
Traditional Worship - 8:00 am
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Contemporary Worship - 10:30 am
United by One Youth - 6:00 pm
Wednesday
Family Night Activities - 7:00 pm
Saturday
Worship - 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street, Bangor,
Mass Schedule
Weekdays (See website)
Saturday - 4 PM
Sunday - 8:30 AM
Holy Days - (See website)
Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Two Churches - One Parish: Rectory Office: (610) 588-5445 www.ourladystvincent.com

St. Vincent de Paul

720 Delaware Avenue, Portland,
Mass Schedule
Weekdays (See website)
Saturday - 6 PM
Sunday - 10:30 AM
Holy Days - (See website)
Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM
Portland Baptist Church
601 Del. Ave., Portland (570) 897-6866
www.portlandbaptistchurch.com
Sunday
S. S. - 9:00 am Fellowship - 10:00 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Wednesday
Bible Study 10am Prayer Meeting 11:30

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto

332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
Reverend Albert Martin
(610) 588-4864
presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net.
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com/Presbyterybr
Sunday
Worship 10:30am.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
Rev Michael J. Scholtes (610) 588-2355
www.popbangor.org
Sunday
Worship/Communion - 9:45 am
1st & 3rd Saturday
Worship/Communion - 5:30 pm
Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
Pastor Ed Van Arsdale
(610) 588-7317

www.richmondumc.com

Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am

The Roseto Independent Presbyterian Church

210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
Rev. Barry Eng
(610) 599-9949,
Sunday
Worship 9:30 am
Slate Belt Church
1620 Church Road, Pen Argyl
Scott Davis, Senior Pastor
Dustin Ulrich, Assistant Pastor
(610) 863-9274
www.slatebeltchurch.com
Sunday
Worship - 10:30 am

St. John Evangelical Lutheran

12 N. Westbrooke Ave., Pen Argyl
(610) 863-4332
Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am

St. Joseph's Episcopal

1440 Verona Ave., West Bangor
Rev. Joel Atkinson
Sunday
Eucharist - 11:00 am
Coffee Hour Follows Church

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast

471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
Rev. Frank Gassler (610) 759-0244.
www.stlukesuccbelfast.com
Sunday
Worship 10:00 am
(Communion 1st Sunday)

St. Mary's Episcopal

340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
Rev. Joel Atkinson.
Sunday
Eucharist and Sunday School - 9:00 am
Coffee hour follows service.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran

1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
(610) 863-6859
Sunday
Sunday School- 9:00am
Worship - 8:00 am & 10:15am

The Pentecostal Christian Church of the Truth

(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794
(Bilingual Services)
Sunday
Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12
Praise & Worship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1
Tuesday
Food Bank Program
55 North Main St., Bangor (10-12)

Trinity Lutheran Church

404 Broadway, Bangor, 610-588-2023
Pastor:Larry D. Laine
tlcbangor@frontier.com
www.tlcbangor.com
Sunday
Sunday School - 9:00am
Worship /Holy Communion 10:15 am

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel
Rev. Rodney W. Wells 610 588-1989.
Sunday
Worship - 9:30 am

Zion Presbyterian Church


Water St., Wind Gap
Rev. Sam Huffard (610)863-8896.
Sunday
Worship & Church School - 9:30 am



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