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## WEATHER AND YOUR HEALTH

### Arthritis (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Asthma (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Sinus (0-Good 10-Worst)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Air Quality

Good - Moderate - Unhealthy - Worst



## Music In The Air

Music In The Air - A Concert of Church Bell Christmas Songs. December 17 - 3-4pm. Held outside in the parking lot of the Richmond United Methodist Church, 8538 South Delaware Dr., Bangor. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and a Christmas ornament per family

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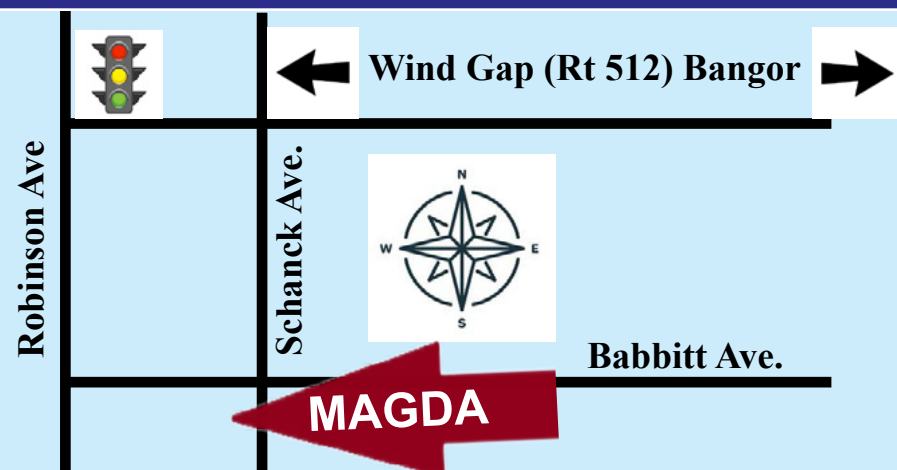
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# Vegan Diet Can Help Postmenopausal Women With Hot Flashes: Study

Participants Also Lost Around 6.4 Pounds In A 12-Week Study

By Isobel Williams via SWNS

**A** vegan diet can nearly eradicate hot flashes in postmenopausal women, new research reveals.

Overall, hot flashes were reduced by 95 percent, with moderate to severe flashes reducing by 96 percent and severe hot flashes being completely eliminated.

Participants who started the vegan diet also lost around 6.4 pounds in a 12-week study.

These results, from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington DC, were caused by changes in gut microbiome that come with a low-fat vegan diet.

This lifestyle change can also decrease the risk of developing health problems such as heart disease and type 2 diabetes, as the bacteria that can lead to these issues are less abundant.

**Co-author Dr. Hana Kahleova said:**  
**“Women who want to fight hot flashes should feed the bacteria in their gut a vegan diet rich in fruits, vegetables, grains, and beans, which also leads to weight loss and protects against heart disease and type 2 diabetes.”**

This new research, published in the journal *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*, comes from a secondary analysis of the WAVS trial.

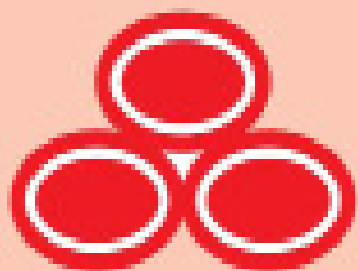
In the study, 84 postmenopausal women reporting two or more moderate-to-severe hot flashes daily were assigned 12 weeks on either a vegan diet or sticking to their usual eating habits.

For the secondary analysis, stool samples from 11 of the participants were used to study changes in gut microbiome.

The study is the first to find reductions in microbes *Porphyromonas* and *Prevotella corporis* are associated with a decrease in severe daytime hot flashes.

*Prevotella corporis* has also been found in the gut of people with rheumatoid arthritis and seems to have pro-inflammatory properties.

Changes in the abundance of other bacteria looked at in the study may play a role in alleviating hot flashes by stabilizing estrogen levels, reducing inflammation, and increasing satiety, among other benefits.



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Cyber Monday is the Internet's answer to Black Friday deals. The official observance takes place the Monday after Thanksgiving.

While Internet-based companies traditionally offered their best holiday shopping on Cyber Monday to compete with Black Friday deals in brick and mortar stores, things have been changing. However, in more recent years, Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals tend to run together. Some start as early as the week of Thanksgiving and run right through the holiday season. But don't neglect online deals. There may still be savings to be had. In 2014, Monday after Thanksgiving online sales continued to trend upward with 15.4% increase in revenue from 2013 sales, making it the biggest, online shopping day in history. In 2014 Americans spent an average of \$124 per order on Cyber Monday.

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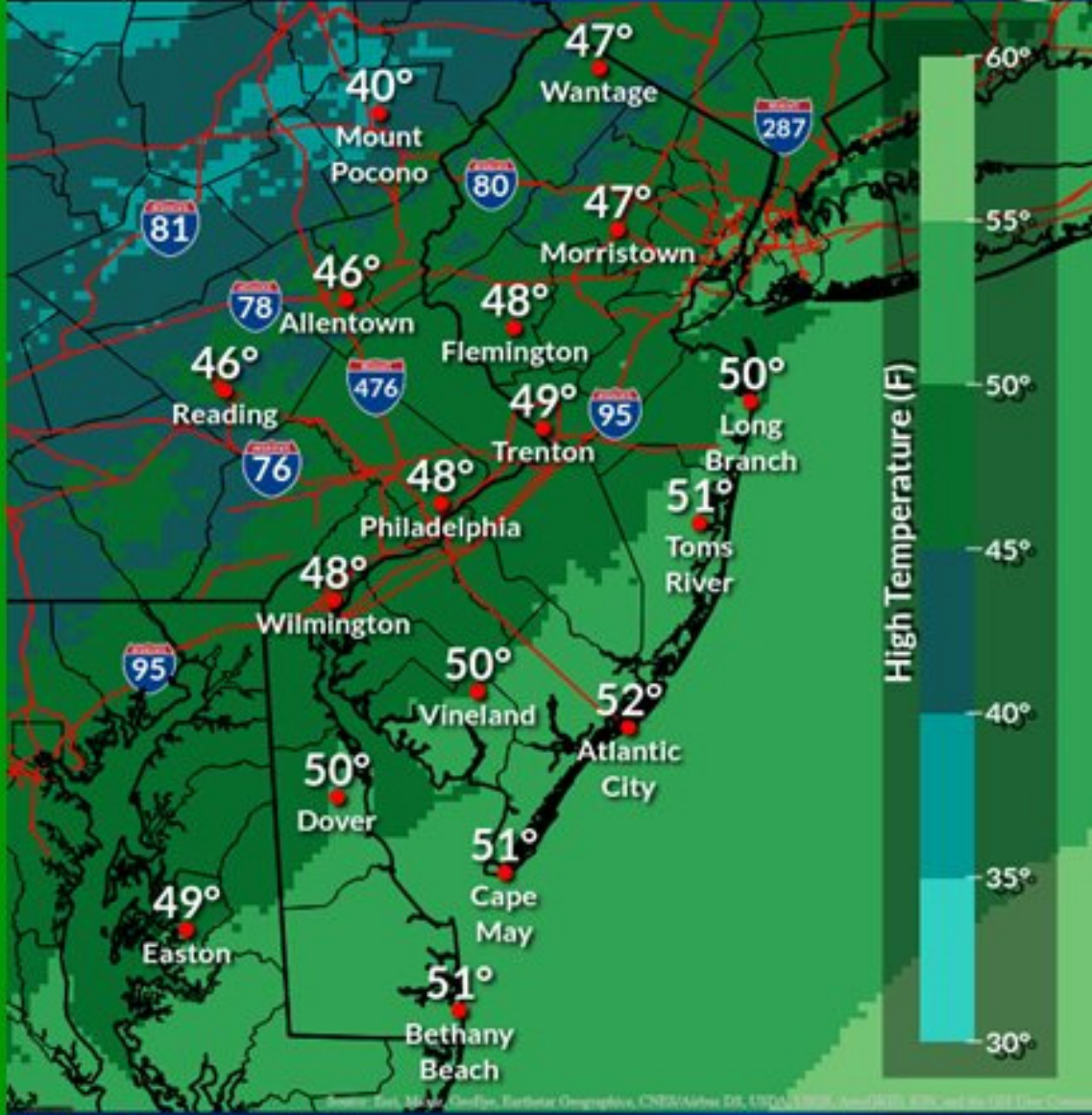
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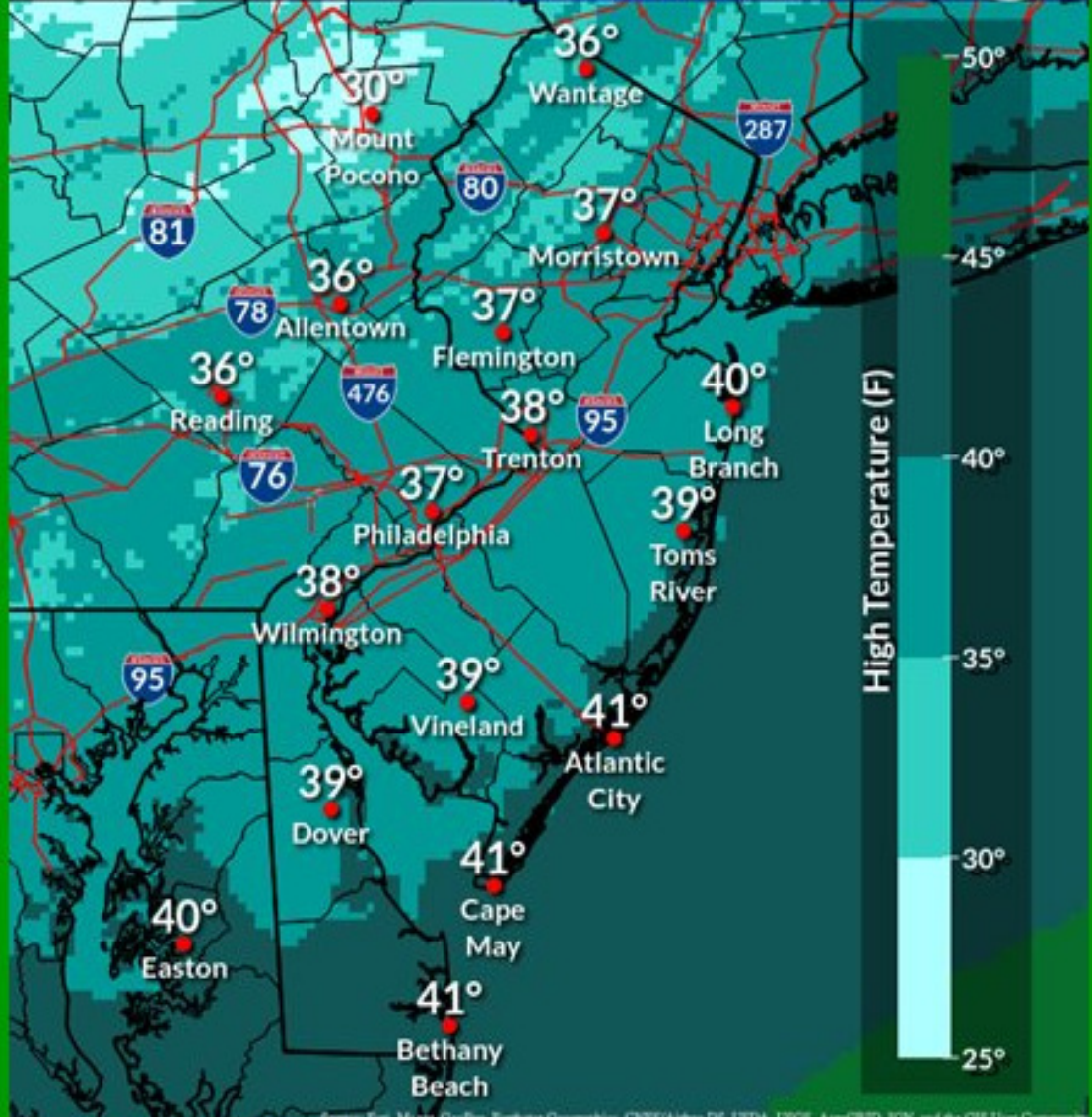
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Monday:

- Partly to mostly cloudy but mild. Winds increase later this morning with gusts between 20-25 MPH.

Tuesday:

- Wind Chills in the 20s as wind gusts will be in the 25-35 MPH range.

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# Scientists Solve The Mystery of Red Wine Headaches

Headache Can Occur Within 30 Minutes to 3 Hours After Drinking Small Glass Of Wine.

By Isobel Williams via SWNS

**T**he reason why drinking red wine can leave you with a sore head has been discovered. Researchers have found that a natural compound or flavanol in red wines can interfere with the metabolism of alcohol which leads to a headache.

The team from the University of California, Davis found the flavanol quercetin which is naturally present in all kinds of fruits and vegetables, including grapes.

It's considered a healthy antioxidant and is even available in supplement form. But when mixed with alcohol, it can be problematic.

Professor Andrew Waterhouse said: "When it gets in your bloodstream, your body converts it to a different form called quercetin glucuronide.

"In that form, it blocks the metabolism of alcohol."

They also found that different wines had different amounts of the pain-inducing flavanol depending on how much sunlight the grapes had.

Professor Waterhouse continued: "Quercetin is produced by the grapes in response to sunlight. If you grow grapes with the clusters exposed, such as they do in the Napa Valley for their cabernets, you get much higher levels of quercetin.

"In some cases, it can be four to five times higher."

**As a result of consuming this flavanol-filled wine people can accumulate a toxin called acetaldehyde which causes the painful symptom.**

**Dr. Apramita Devi said: "Acetaldehyde is a well-known toxin, irritant and inflammatory substance.**

**"Researchers know high levels of acetaldehyde can cause facial flushing, headache and nausea."**

Typically, a red wine headache can occur within 30 minutes to three hours after drinking small glass of wine.

Professor Morris Levin said: "We postulate that when susceptible people consume wine with even modest amounts of quercetin, they develop headaches, particularly if they have a preexisting migraine or another primary headache condition.

"We think we are finally on the right track toward explaining this millennia-old mystery.



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# Most Parents Get Their Parenting Advice From Social Media

Research Shows Social Media Is A Useful Tool For Many Parents

By Isobel Williams via SWNS

Four out of five parents get their parenting advice from social media, a new study has revealed.

In addition, half of the parents studied rated social media as very useful for getting new ideas to try.

University of Michigan Health C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health Co-director Sarah Clark said: "Many parents turn to online communities to exchange advice or discuss parenting challenges because it may seem faster and easier than asking a health professional.

"Finding parent camaraderie in this space can have benefits but parents should keep in mind that every family's experience is different and not everything they hear online may be accurate or the right thing for their child.

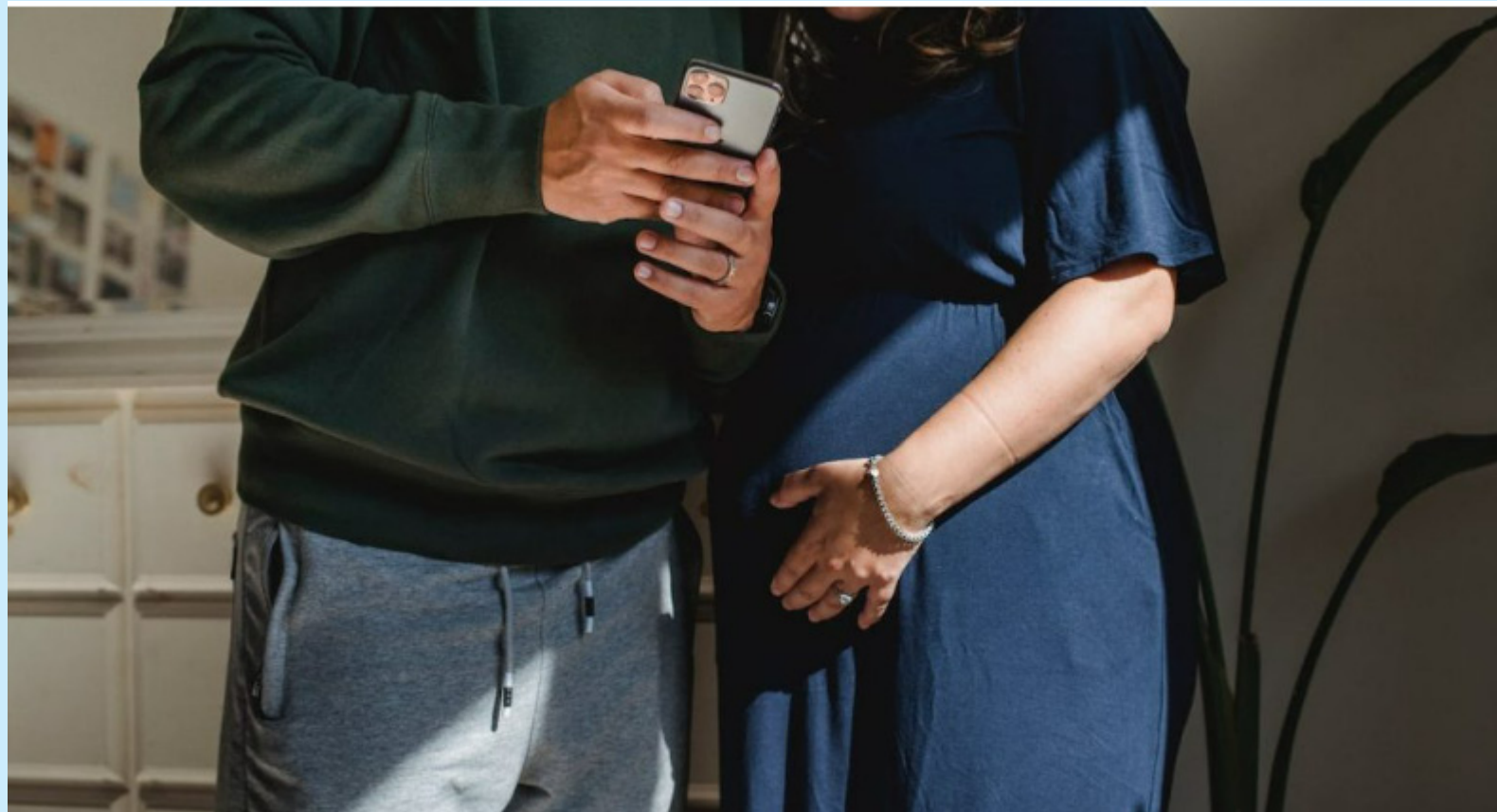
The team found that most mothers and more than two-thirds of fathers of children these ages look to social media for parenting advice or to share their experiences, which is a significant increase from their poll in 2015.

The most common discussions included toilet training, kids' sleep, nutrition and breast feeding, discipline, behavior problems, vaccination, day care and preschool, and getting along with other kids.

A few parents said they use these platforms because they don't have family or friends nearby, don't have enough opportunities to ask their child's health care provider or are too embarrassed to ask in person.

More than a third of parents also rate social media as very useful for making them feel like they're not alone.

However, not all parents enjoy this online takeover with almost 80 percent of parents feeling like people overshare on social media by bragging about their child or sharing too often or too much.



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# What's Your Favorite Thanksgiving Leftover?

Many Believe Leftovers Actually Taste Better

## By Talker Research

More than two-thirds of Americans think Thanksgiving dinner leftovers taste better than the original meal, new research suggests.

In a recent survey of 2,000 respondents who celebrate Thanksgiving, nearly seven in 10 said a next-day Thanksgiving sandwich tastes better than that day's fresh dinner.

Half (49%) agreed that the main course makes the best leftovers — more so than the side dishes (23%).

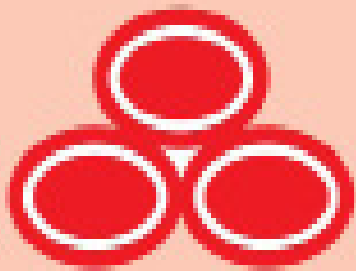
Where traditional foods are concerned, 62% said that turkey makes the best leftovers, while 46% opted for mashed potatoes and stuffing/dressing.

## Favorite Leftovers

- Turkey - 62%
- Mashed potatoes - 46%
- Stuffing/dressing - 46%
- Pumpkin pie - 45%
- Apple pie - 41%
- Green bean casserole - 37%
- Rolls - 34%
- Candied yams - 33%
- Gravy - 32%
- Cornbread - 29%
- Cranberry sauce - 28%

## Unique Leftover Uses

- Turkey Tetrazzini.
- Reprocessing into a barbecue
- Pot pies, soups, sandwiches.
- Turning it into a casserole.
- Stuff Avocados.
- Breakfast potato pancakes.
- Pizza from the rest of the food.
- Made a savory waffle
- Mix and make soup.
- Pan fry all mixed food.
- Make In an omelette.



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# Tyminski, Weaver, Campbell Earn First Team Colonial Honors

## First Team Offense

Center: Blaine Snyder, Northwestern; Guards: Zack Anthony, Palmerton; Jared Meck, Northwestern; Tackles: Ben Walters, Northwestern; Jack Cameron, Notre Dame-GP; Tight end: Shane Hulmes, Northwestern; Wide receivers: Andrew Olesh, Southern Lehigh; A.J. Lozano, Notre Dame-GP; Quarterback: Matt Machalik, Palmerton; Running backs: Dalton Clymer, Northwestern; Cade Sawyer, Southern Lehigh; Fullback: Devon Hildebrand, Northwestern; Athlete: **Damian Tyminski, Pen Argyl**; Kicker: Jack Inglis, Southern Lehigh.

## First Team Defense

Defensive tackles: Logan Anthony, Palmerton; Jackson Huber, Northwestern; Defensive ends: Bryer Reichard, Northwestern; **Jacob Weaver, Bangor**; Nose guard: Ben Walters, Northwestern; Inside linebackers: Chad Beller, Catasauqua; Dalton Clymer, Northwestern; Outside linebackers: Cade Sawyer, Southern Lehigh; Bailey Smith, Northern Lehigh; Defensive backs: Matt Machalik, Palmerton; Josh Ludlow, NDGP Eli Zimmerman, Northwestern; **Greg Campbell, Bangor**; Punter: Bailey Smith, Northern Lehigh

## Second Team Offense

Center: Jackson Van Norman, Northern Lehigh; Guards: Logan Anthony, Palmerton; Alex Carr, Southern Lehigh; Tackles: Bryer Reichard, Northwestern; Gijs Fooij, Southern Lehigh; Tight end: Bailey Smith, Northern Lehigh; Wide receivers: Ian Juica, Catasauqua; Jack Robertson, Saucon Valley; Quarterback: Danny Darno, Notre Dame-GP; Running backs: **Noah Hillis, Bangor**; Grady Newhard, Northern Lehigh; Fullback: Jack Tosh, Northern Lehigh; Athlete: Josh Ludlow, Notre Dame-GP; Kicker: Seth Kern, Northwestern.

## Second Team Defense

Defensive tackles: Gijs Fooij, Southern Lehigh; Zack Anthony, Palmerton; Defensive ends: Ryan King, Southern Lehigh; Alex Konze, Palmerton; Nose guard: Mitchell Andrejko, Southern Lehigh; Inside linebackers: Dainn Vassallo, Notre Dame-GP; Blaine Snyder, Northwestern; Outside linebackers: Devon Hildebrand, Northwestern; Ty Sander, Palmerton; Defensive backs: Andrew Olesh, Southern Lehigh; Jack Inglis, Southern Lehigh; Chris Frame, Northern Lehigh; Jack Robertson, Saucon Valley; Constantine Donahue, Saucon Valley; A.J. Lozano, Notre Dame-GP; **M.J. Siu, Bangor**; Punter: Cade Sawyer, Southern Lehigh.

## Third Team Offense

Center: Clayton Christman, Palmerton; Guards: Brody Dye, Northern Lehigh; Danny Haubert, Palisades; Tackles: Chad Beller, Catasauqua; **Parker Sandt, Bangor**; Tight end: Bryan Tobin, Southern Lehigh; Wide receivers: Jack Inglis, Southern Lehigh; **M.J. Siu, Bangor**; Quarterback: Chris Fritts, Southern Lehigh; Running backs: Hunter Reitz, Catasauqua; Constantine Donahue, Saucon Valley; Fullback: Emilio Gonzalez, Palmerton; Athlete: Ty Sander, Palmerton; Kicker: Chase Moffitt, Northern Lehigh.

## Third Team DEFENSE

Defensive tackles: Sam Frame, Northern Lehigh; Matt Fotta, Catasauqua; Nose guard: Miles Melendez, Catasauqua; Defensive ends: Caleb Grim, Saucon Valley; Michael Manlove, Notre Dame-GP; Inside linebackers: Shane Hulmes, Northwestern; Dylan Pacheco, Catasauqua; Defensive backs: **Brad Rissmiller, Pen Argyl**; Riley Sessinger, Palisades; Daniel Jenkins, Northwestern; **Alex Moser, Pen Argyl**; Punters: Josh Ludlow, NDGP; Jack Robertson, Saucon

# PAHS Unstuffs The Bus

On Friday November 17th students from the Pen Argyl High School went to the YMCA to sort, count, package, and hand out all the food that was collected from the huge Stuff the Bus event.

Pen Argyl Area High School collected food for Stuff the Bus, from Monday October 30th through Friday November 17th at 7:00-7:30 am and 2:30-2:45 pm. Stuff the Bus was a district wide event in which students and teachers donated non perishable items for people in need during the Thanksgiving season. The school district works with Families First, meaning that all the food collected was given to families in Pen Argyl that needed a little extra help to get through the holiday. Not only did the members of Pen Argyl School District donate to this cause, but the local businesses and community members also donated items. We wanted to give a special thanks to Krise Transportation, The YMCA, Waste Management, Woodstone Country Club, Boy Scout Troop 34, Forks UCC Church, and Miss Rose's Preschool. Thanks to the help from the community, they collected 7,599 items and were able to feed 44 families.

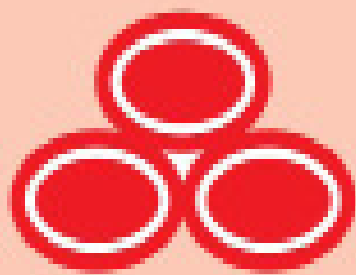
The Knight's Order, the Character Education program at the Pen Argyl High School that organized the event, is responsible for service projects throughout the school and community.

The Knight's Order wanted to give back to the community that has been so supportive of their other initiatives. The Character Education students put in hours of their time to get this event ready for the whole district to participate in.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event without your help this would not have been possible.



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# Santa's Mailbox Enters It's Fourth Season

Santa's magic mailbox is back again for the 4th year. The elves will be accepting handwritten letters for Santa from November 5th through December 10th. Every letter that Santa receives during this time period will receive a hand written letter back from him. The magic mailbox is located at 146 S. 9th St., Bangor, PA 18013. It will be at the end of the walkway and the magic mailbox will be outside daily from 8AM until dark. If it is raining, the mailbox will not be outside.



Note: Santa receives HUNDREDS of letters in this mailbox every season and it takes Santa time to write back. Please understand that Santa's elves will not respond to messages or posts asking about the status of the letter. All responses from Santa will be received via USPS before Christmas Eve. We also ask that when dropping the letter off, please do not open the mailbox and move the mailbox for any reason. In addition, letters with no name or address will not receive a response.



## "Growing Up Slater"

The Slate Belt Heritage Center has published another wonderful book filled with local Slate Belt memories. Authored by Nancy Traves Broadbent and Marc Blau, readers will be transported back to the 50's & 60's, when growing up in the Slate Belt taught all of us manners, trust, love for family and community.

Take a walk down memory lane, relive your days at school, the Bee Hive, and take a walk around the block. Add your own memories to your copy and share with your family. This will make a wonderful gift for the holidays.

A book signing will be held at the Heritage Center on Saturday, December 9th from Noon-2:00 PM. If you would like to pre-order send \$25.00 (with your name, address, phone number, email) to the Center and your book will be waiting for you at the day of signing.

If you need the book mailed to you, add \$10.00 for shipping costs. Make checks payable and remit to the Slate Belt Heritage Center, 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. Att: Marc Blau.

## LMBT Christmas Tree Lighting

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Save the Date! The LMBT Recreation Board will be hosting the 5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Joining us for the festivities will be the LMBT Sandt's Eddy Fire Company and the Fidelity Bank "Sweets and Treats" van. We'll be caroling, making crafts and enjoying FREE hot chocolate, cookies, hotdogs, popcorn and gifts for the children. And maybe, just maybe, Santa will surprise us and

## Geek Fest

Join the Geek Fest June 22, 2024 at the South Mall.

It's okay to embrace the weird in the world! We're bringing a variety of unique and fun nerdy & geeky things to do throughout the day!

Come out and participate in the cosplay dress up contest for a chance to win something unique! Stop in at the mall arcade and play some classic video games or swing by one of the open space board game tables that will be set up throughout the mall. Don't forget to shop with vendors and artisans who will be set up with unique and weird items!

## Santa Coming to LMBT

Santa is coming to Lower Mount Bethel Township on December 16th. We will be taking him around to see the little boys and girls of all ages on the firetruck if you want us to stop by your house call 484-221-2416 or 610-597-3802.

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# Special Events

## **PUBLISH YOUR EVENT**

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

## **YMCA Opportunities**

Lehigh Valley - Through December 20, 2023, Greater Valley YMCA is opening its doors and inviting the community to use the Y for free. With open branches in Bethlehem, Catasauqua, Easton, Nazareth and Pen Argyl, the YMCA is in a unique position to impact community health and wellness.

From November 20 to December 20, 2023, the Y is providing free opportunities for everyone in the community to connect and engage with others to meet social, physical and mental well-being needs. Community members can workout in the Y's wellness centers, enjoy pick up sports and time in its pools with family and friends.

In addition to opening its doors to the community, the YMCA is providing free virtual wellness for the entire community during the same time. Y Wellness 24/7 is a virtual platform that provides thousands of weekly live and on-demand health and wellness programs for all abilities and interests. Everyone in the community is invited to create a free account, using keycode "HERE FOR YOU" to access [www.YWellness24/7.org](http://www.YWellness24/7.org) from their home, office or anywhere, anytime!

## **Santa's Mailbox**

Santa's magic mailbox is back again for the 4th year. The elves will be accepting handwritten letters for Santa from November 5th through December 10th. Every letter that Santa receives during this time period will receive a hand written letter back from him. The magic mailbox is located at 146 S. 9th St., Bangor, PA 18013. It will be at the end of the walkway and the magic mailbox will be outside daily from 8AM until dark. If it is raining, the mailbox will not be outside.

We also ask that when dropping the letter off, please do not open the mailbox and move the mailbox for any reason. In addition, letters with no name or address will not receive a response.

## **Roseto Ice Rink**

The Roseto Ice Rink has been set up and ready to use as fall transitions to winter just in time for the holiday season.

The Roseto ice rink is officially OPEN. Weather it will be open daily from 8:00am - 7:00pm. Keep in mind they do not have skate rentals so bring your own. There is no cost to skate at the park. The ice rink at the Roseto Ball Park off McKinley and Denisco Streets. Only the main gate is open so enter off of Denisco Street.

There are no bathroom facilities.

## **Rental Snowshoes**

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). Check Their website for current conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

**December 1**

## **Tree Lighting With Santa in Washington Twsp.**

Tree Lighting from 6-7pm at the Municipal Building.

**December 2**

## **Bangor Tree Lighting**

Bangor Borough Holiday Artisan Market & Tree Lighting 45 Broadway, Bangor Saturday, December 2, 2023 At 1 pm – 6 pm

Join us downtown Bangor for the 3rd annual Holiday Artisan Market! Shop with an wonderful and unique selection of artisans! Be sure to enjoy delicious food from a variety of food trucks. Stick around for the live music, a visit from Santa and the town tree lighting.

## **LMBT Christmas Tree Lighting**

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Save the Date! The LMBT Recreation Board will be hosting the 5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Joining us for the festivities will be the LMBT Sandt's Eddy Fire Company and the Fidelity Bank "Sweets and Treats" van. We'll be caroling, making crafts and enjoying FREE hot chocolate, cookies, hotdogs, popcorn and gifts for the children. And maybe, just maybe, Santa will surprise us and light the tree!

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: LMBT Municipal Building, 2004 Hutchison Ave., Martins Creek, PA 18063

If you would like to volunteer for the festivities, or donate cookies, please contact Melissa at 610-252-5074

## **MD Performance Horses Sale**

A sale on Saturday, December 2 from 10-2 in MD Performance Horses in Bangor.

Please help spread the word as I would like to reach more local businesses this season. They do not have to be horse related.

Single spaces reserved by Nov 15th are only \$15. PM me for more information or to send payment as I am the only contact for the event.

Only 50 total spaces available, first come first serve.

\$20 for a single space \$35 for a double. Entry level thru high end hunter, western, dressage tack,

home decor, apparel and much much more! Single spaces are 12x12, doubles are 12x24.

Vendor set up begins at 8:30am. All vendors bring their own tables, saddle racks, clothing bars etc. WE DO NOT PROVIDE TABLES. Held indoors rain or shine. Food vendor on site.

All reservations must be paid in advance no exceptions. We are hosting the sale in our main indoor to fill with vendors, spaces are first come first serve. We also heaters if it happens to be chilly.

Marissa Beers is the ONLY contact taking reservations and Payments via Venmo or Check

**December 3**

## **Painting with A Purpose Christmas Edition**

Painting with a Twist (Bethlehem, PA) Event by Pink Heals Lehigh Valley Chapter Sunday, December 3, 2023 At 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Save the Date to join us on December 3rd for another fun afternoon as we get into the Christmas Spirit by painting Galactic Christmas Eve. We will add the link to register as soon as it becomes available.

Don't think you can paint? Don't worry; the instructors break it down step-by-step for you to create your very own masterpiece.

This event is open to those 18 and older. Those 13-17 are welcome to attend, provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Arrive 30 minutes prior and join us for a "happy half-hour" to unwind, mix and mingle.

50% of all proceeds go towards their benevolent fun to help those in need in our community..

**December 5**

## **Library Fund Raiser**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the Slate Pub in Pen Argyl will sponsor a Fundraiser for the Blue Mountain Community Library. The Pub will generously donate a percentage of all food sales that day, from noon until closing, both eat-in and take-out, to the library. Anyone patronizing the Pub that day will enjoy good food and will help the library at the same time. The Slate Pub is located at 509 East Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. Check out their menu at [www.slatepub.com](http://www.slatepub.com)

**December 6**

## **Winter Choir Concert**

The Bangor Area High School Winter Choir Concert will be held Wednesday December 6th at 7:30 PM in the Bangor Performing Arts Theater.

**December 9**

Blue Flame Events is bringing holiday fun from 9-3 December 9 to the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA for the 3rd year! We're thrilled about this event! We're looking for vendors and crafters for this festive event! Space is limited here so be sure to register early!

To request a registration text (272)-200-8163 or email [blueflameevents@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflameevents@yahoo.com)!  
Vendor/Crafter Cost = \$40 per space

## Santa and the Polar Express

The Polar Express sponsored by the Slate Belt Rotary will be held December 9 from 1-3pm at the Sportscard Sports Bar and Grill. Visit with Santa and enjoy milk, hot chocolate and cookies.

## Winter Tree ID

Saturday, December 9 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm  
No leaves to be seen? Dichotomous keys help you identify trees! During this program you will learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify trees by examining the twigs. You will discover common patterns among groups of plants and tricks to help you remember those groupings. After the lesson, we'll head out for a short walk to practice our new skills. Registration required. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

## Lookout Holiday Market

Lookout Fire Company is looking for vendors, crafters, and artisan makers to come be apart of their Holiday Market on Saturday December 9th from 10am - 3PM.

This holiday market will be the perfect place to get all those unique and special gifts for everyone on your Christmas list and more.

For more information on how to be apart of this great opportunity send us an email to [events@lookoutfireco.com](mailto:events@lookoutfireco.com)

## Festive Holiday at All Aspects

Join us for a festive Holiday experience at All Aspects at the Barn for our Santa's Christmas Market & Holiday Festival Saturday December 9 from 10-4.

Shop several local Artisan vendor tents, savor a delicious meal from our food trucks, enjoy wine and beer from Stone Lake Winery, listen to live music all day and create lasting memories with Photos along side of Santa at our 1951 Ford F1 pick up truck with Photography by Lauren Kinsel.

Holiday shop outside and inside our Barn store for holiday specials, enter our raffle and a chance to win hourly door prizes!

Don't forget to bring your kids to our event for a world of sweet delights at the candy counter, endless fun in the bounce house and playground, and a chance to meet, feed and pet our adorable animals at the Petting Farm. It is a family fun day that you won't want to miss!

Embrace the winter magic at our festival and cozy up by the inviting fire pits at our new Pavilion.

**TIME:** Artisan Vendor Tents, Food Trucks and Festival: 10am -4pm; Photos with Santa & Live Music 11am-4pm

**FREE ADMISSION.**

**LOCATION:** All Aspects at the Barn is located at 1584 S Delaware Drive, Upper Mount Bethel,

PA 18343.

**PARKING:** Pull in, drive straight through the gates and around the back of our store. We have lots of parking behind the Barn.

**INTERESTED VENDORS** can email Becky, with All Aspects at the Barn at [AllAspectsRecycled@gmail.com](mailto:AllAspectsRecycled@gmail.com)

**December 9-10**

## One Starry Night

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church invites everyone to visit The Little Town of Bethlehem. Ready to take your family back in time? Come to "One Starry Night" and experience Christmas like never before!

You'll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You'll go through the city gate, register for the census, visit the inn, see the stable, and more! It's a living nativity experience for all ages--so bring the whole family!

One Starry Night takes place on Sat., Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec.10, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA . FYI call 610-588-4453 or visit [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org).

**December 10**

## Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest

Think you know all there is to know about the Slate Belt? New to the area and would like to have a fun time learning about the Slate Belt? Or, if you are in a position as a town council member, you are invited to "test your trivia knowledge of the Slate Belt" and have fun and laughs while doing it. The annual "Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest" will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 PM at the Slate Belt Heritage Center. Questions will encompass the entire region from Slateford to Wind Gap. Bring a team of four, or come as one and we will place you on a team when you arrive.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and light refreshments will be served to all. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661

**December 13**

## Bangor Bands Winter Concert

Bangor Area High School Bands Winter Concert will be held Wednesday December 13, 7:30 PM in the Performing Arts Theatre 187 Five Points Richmond Rd Bangor, PA

## Crafting Natural Arrangements for Adults

Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm OR 6:00 - 8:00pm

This free program is offered in both English and Spanish.

Get crafty and join Conservation Volunteers Adriana and Toni as they demonstrate how to use natural materials to create simple, yet ornate floral arrangements. You will have the opportunity to create your own arrangement to take home. You will also learn to identify native and invasive plants and gain experience in sustainable gathering of plants for crafting. The arrangements will be Wabi Sabi-inspired; the Japanese world view centered on the acceptance of imperfections. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**December 15**

## Bell Tower Christmas Celebration

Join everyone at the Bell Tower Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM for a delightful evening filled with the joy and charm of a traditional country Christmas celebration. With guest artists, Norm Williams and Tom & Betty Drunkenmiller, you will experience was Old World Mountain Music was really like.

These nationally acclaimed artists will perform a holiday program that will have you in getting into the Christmas Spirit. And in what better place than the former Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, now recreated to be the Bell Tower Cultural Center.

The Bell Tower ocated at 2904 Church Road, Bangor, PA 18063, just north of Martins Creek, PA, the event venue will transport you to a bygone era, where the spirit of Christmas is celebrated in its most authentic form. Immerse yourself in the delightful melodies of live music performances, featuring lthe Banjo, Dulcimer and Fiddle.

Don't miss out on this magical event that captures the essence of an Old World Country Christmas. Mark your calendars and bring your loved ones along for an unforgettable evening of joy, laughter, and holiday spirit! Please join them.

## Family Science Night - Rhythm and Woodpeckers

Friday, December 15 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm  
Drumming is one form of non-vocal communication used by most species of woodpeckers. During this program we will put our music skills to the test to create a symphony of Pennsylvania woodpecker calls and drumming patterns all while learning the science behind common woodpecker behavior and adaptations. Registration is required. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**December 16**

## Santa Coming to LMBT

Santa is coming to Lower Mount Bethel Township on December 16th. We will be taking him around to see the little boys and girls of all ages on the firetruck if you want us to stop by your house call 484-221-2416 or 610-597-3802.

You can drop a wrap gift with childs name an adress off at the firehouse any Monday evening

and Santa will deliver on Dec 16th we plan on starting around 9am. Donations to help offset our cost is greatly appreciated.

**December 16-17**

## Enchanted Market

Join Blue Flame Events & Palmer Park Mall for the 2-day Enchanted Market on December 16th-17th from 11am to 4pm. This unique last minute holiday shopping experience will include thoughtful gifts from a variety of vendors & crafters who'll be set up throughout the mall with one-of-kind gifts. While you're there join in the fun with free family crafts, an ugly sweater contest, and much more!

We're still accepting vendors & crafters to join us for this wonderful event. Simply click the registration link below to sign up, or text (272)-200-8163, or email [blueflameevents@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflameevents@yahoo.com).

Registration Link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdAQyXCJxd.../viewform...>

Facebook Link: <https://facebook.com/events/s/enchanted-holiday-market/1150043785672430/>

For more information on upcoming events see us on the web at [www.blueflameevents.co](http://www.blueflameevents.co)

**December 17**

## Music In the Air

Music In The Air - A Concert of Church Bell Christmas Songs. December 17 - 3-4pm. Held outside in the parking lot of the Richmond United Methodist Church, 8538 South Delaware Dr., Bangor. Cookies, Hot Chocolate and a Christmas ornament per family

**December 19**

## BAHS Choir Will Sing at Bangor GFWC Meeting

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC would like to invite the public to hear the Bangor High School Choir on December 19th at 1:15 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ,

632 S. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. (Stone Church) .They will be singing Christmas music and other songs. Come and enjoy this talented choir.

**December 21-22**

## Project Feeder Watch

Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Bagels, coffee, and hot cocoa will be provided. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 21-22, Jan 4-5 & 25- 26, Feb 15-16 & 29, Mar 1 & 21-22. Registration is required. <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>

**January 4-5**

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**January 25-26**

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**February 29 - March 1**

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**March 9**

## POP Fusion Expo

Finally, a unique pop culture event for everyone to enjoy March 9 , 11-4 at the Palmert Park Mall! Whether you're into anime, comics, cosplay, or horror this will be an event for you!

Come dressed as your favorite character! Take photos with friends! Check out up and coming artists. Find your favorite comic books and more!

Are you interested in being part of the entertainment? Text or call (272)-200-8163.

To request a vendor registration text (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co).

Vendor Cost = \$45 per space

**March 21-22**

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**May 11**

## Flash Back to the 70s in April 2024

We're flashing back to the 1970's! Put on your best hippie attire and join us for Plantstock, inside the Palmer Park Mall! Enjoy those 70's sounds playing while you shop with a variety of vendors and crafters selling everything including houseplants, garden supplies, and more! There will also be some non-planty vendors and crafters joining us for those who just aren't plant people. While you're there, be sure to enter the best dressed hippie costume and be entered for a chance to win a prize! Also, before you leave, stop and get your photo taken and receive a free digital download to take home! Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11 AM

**February 24**

## Magical Mind & Spirit Expo

The Magical Mind & Spirit Expo are coming 11am February 24 to the South Mall in Allentown! Find yourself surrounded by alternative healing, natural & holistic vendors, mystical & magical vendors, guest speakers, and much more! We hope that you will join us for this magical day!

We're accepting unique vendors! We're also looking for guest speakers and demonstrators. To register text/call (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co).

Not able to attend? That's okay! We have some fantastic advertising packages available that will guarantee your noticed at the event! For more information text/call (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflamevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflamevents.co).

**March 16**

## **Kilts & Shamrock Fest**

Grab your best tartan and your luck shamrock and join us for the Kilts & Shamrock Fest 11am - 4pm March 16 at the South Mall.

Come out and participate in the best dressed tartan wearing contest and shamrock scavenger hunt.

While you're there be sure to check out our selection of unique vendors & crafters!

We're looking for unique vendors & crafters to join us for this event. To register text (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflamevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflamevents.co).

Advertising opportunities are also available! To request more information simply text/call (272)-200-8163 or email [kstocker@blueflameevents.co](mailto:kstocker@blueflameevents.co)

**June 22**

## **Geek Fest**

Join the Geek Fest June 22, 2024 at the South Mall.

It's okay to embrace the weird in the world! We're bringing a variety of unique and fun nerdy & geeky things to do throughout the day!

Come out and participate in our cosplay dress up contest for a chance to win something unique! Stop in at the mall arcade and play some classic video games or swing by one of the open space board game tables that will be set up throughout the mall.

Don't forget to shop with vendors and artisans who will be set up with unique and weird items!



# Regular Events Calendar

## Saturday November 25

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4  
Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3  
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every  
Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor.  
11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday November 26

Fellowship Dinner - First UMC Bangor,  
12:30-1:30.  
Portland Sunday Sundaes - 6:30 - 8:00pm  
(Summer only)  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

## Monday November 27

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Bangor Borough Council - Workshop, Bee  
Hive, 7:00pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
UMBT Supervisors -7pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday November 28

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4. Blue Valley  
Farm Show  
Washington Twp. Recreation - 7pm  
Roseto Zoning - 7pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
UMBT Zoning - 7pm Room, 7pm

## Wednesday November 29

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo  
6:45 pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Washington Township Supervisors Meet -  
Municipal Building, 3:30pm.  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Plainfield Zoning - 6:30pm  
UMBT Open Space Advisory .... 7pm

## Thursday November 30

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

## Friday December 1

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12

Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday December 2

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4  
Mission of Love Soup Kitchen - N. Main St.,  
Bangor. 11-2  
Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3  
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every  
Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St.  
Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday December 3

Fellowship Dinner - East Bangor UMC, 4-6.  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2  
All-You-Can Eat Breakfast - Bangor Elks  
8-12pm. Adults \$10. Kid 6-12 \$6. Under 6 -  
Free.

## Monday December 4

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 &  
6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Plainfield Township Planning Commission -  
Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.  
Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets  
Centerfield Building - 7pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday December 5

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes  
Closet - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12  
Pen Argyl Woman's Club Meets 1:30 pm St.  
John's Lutheran.  
Plainfield Parks & Rec - 7pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Wind Gap Boro Council - 7pm  
(Monday Holiday meet sday

## Wednesday December 6

Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo  
6:45 pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
LMBT Recreation Board - 7pm, Centerfield  
building  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

Wind Gap Zoning - 7pm

## Thursday December 7

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Bingo - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm  
Plainfield Environmental Advisory Board -  
Municipal Building, 7:00pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
Wind Gap Planning - 7pm

## Friday December 8

Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday December 9

Blue Mountain Library - 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - 10-4  
Columille Tours - Free. 9:30-11:30. Meet at  
Stone circle.  
Slate Belt YMCA -8-4  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3  
Hope, Faith & Recovery Group, every  
Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor.  
11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday December 10

Breakfast - Bushkill Volunteer Fire C. 7:30-  
12:30.  
Fellowship Dinner - Breaking Bread soup  
kitchen, 4:00pm. Cross Road Baptist, Bangor.  
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open 12-3.  
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

## Monday December 11

Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12 &  
6-8pm  
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue  
Valley Farm Show  
Pen Argyl Sewer Auth. - 4:30pm (If needed)  
Pen Argyl Municipal Auth. - 5pm (If needed)  
Bangor Borough Council - Meets Bee Hive  
Community Center, 7pm  
Portland Council - 7pm  
Pump - 8:30-11:30  
Upper Mount Bethel Supervisors - Meets  
7:00pm  
Roseto Borough Council - Municipal  
Building, 7:30pm  
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday December 12

Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12  
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8  
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-3:30. Blue

# Regular Events

Valley Farm Show  
**Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-12  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Wednesday December 13

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Washington Township Supervisors Meet** - Municipal Building, 7pm  
**Pen Argyl Park Board** - 7pm  
**Plainfield Township Supervisors** - Meets 7:00pm Municipal Building.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**East Bangor Municipal Authority** - Municipal Authority Hall, 555 Messinger St., East Bangor, 7:00pm

## Thursday December 14

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Bingo** - Plainfield Fire Co., 6:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Friday December 15

**Bingo** - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday December 16

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 8-4  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3  
**Hope, Faith & Recovery Group**, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

**Sunday December 17**  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 10-2

## Monday December 18

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Plainfield Township Planning Commission** - Municipal Building, 7:00 pm.  
**Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors** - Meets Centerfield Building - 7pm  
**Pump - 8:30-11:30**  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday December 19

**Bingo** - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Mission of Love Food Pantry & Clothes Closet** - N. Main St., Bangor, 10-2  
**Roseto Planning Commission** - 7:00pm Borough Hall  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Washing Twsp. Planning** - 7pm  
**Wind Gap Boro - Council** 7pm

## Wednesday December 20

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm..  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Thursday December 21

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open

1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Friday December 22

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 7pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**UMBT Planning Commission** - Township Building, 7:30pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Saturday December 23.

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 8-4  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3  
**Hope, Faith & Recovery Group**, every Saturday, at A Clean Slate, 118 S. 1st, St. Bangor. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Sunday December 24

**Fellowship Dinner** - First UMC Bangor, 12:30-1:30.  
**Portland Sunday Sundaes** - 6:30 - 8:00pm (Summer only)  
**Slate Belt Heritage Center** - Open 12-3.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 10-2

## Monday December 25

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Bangor Borough Council** - Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm  
**Pump - 8:30-11:30**  
**UMBT Supervisors** -7pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm

## Tuesday December 26

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8

**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-4. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**.Bangor Borough Council** - Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm  
**Washington Twp. Recreation** - 7pm  
**Roseto Zoning** - 7pm  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**UMBT Zoning** - 7pm Room, 7pm

## Wednesday December 27

**Bingo** - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm. Bingo 6:45 pm.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12 & 6-8pm  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Washington Township Supervisors Meet** - Municipal Building, 3:30pm.  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Plainfield Zoning** - 6:30pm  
**UMBT Open Space Advisory** .... 7pm

## Thursday December 28

**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  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - 6:00am - 8:00pm  
**Pen Argyl Council Workshop** - 7pm  
**Plainfield Supervisors** - 7pm  
**Plainfield Twp Fire Co. Bingo** - 6:30pm  
**UMBT Development** - 7pm

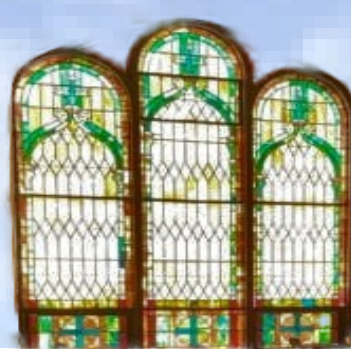
## Friday December 29

**Bingo** - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.  
**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 1-8  
**Slate Belt Senior Center** - Open 8-3:30. Blue Valley Farm Show  
**Slate Belt YMCA** - Open 5:00am - 9:00pm

## Saturday December 30

**Blue Mountain Library** - Open 10-12  
**Bangor Public Library** - Open 10-4

# SLATE BELT CHURCH INFORMATION



## Christ Presbyterian Church of The Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor

[www.christpsb.org](http://www.christpsb.org)

More info 610-588-4864.

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

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

in-person/Zoom/Facebook Live.

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## Trinity Lutheran Church

404 Broadway Bangor (610-588-20)

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

Sunday worship 10:30am

Holy Communion: First and Third Sundays

Masks optional.

## Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

703 South Delaware Drive Mt. Bethel, 18343

<http://www.celcpa.org/>

Email: [celcpaorg@yahoo.com](mailto:celcpaorg@yahoo.com)

610-588-7056

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: First and Third Sunday

Toddler Sunday School: Sept-May 10:15

## Richmond United Methodist Church

Rev. Peter Jamieson, Pastor

<http://richmondumc.com/>

8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor, PA 18013

610.588.7317 | [richmondumc@epix.net](mailto:richmondumc@epix.net)

Sunday Worship - Weekly at 10:00 a.m.

## First United Methodist Church of Bangor

Pastor Elisandra Garcia - 610-588-4673

55 North Third Street, Bangor PA

11:00am service (Communion First Sunday)

## Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes, 610-588-55

2445 Lake Minsi Dr, Bangor

[popbangor.org](http://popbangor.org)

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Sunday Worship 9:45 am (Weekly Communion) Sunday School 8:30 am

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

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Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648

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# Bangor Library - New Books

New in the Bangor Public Library  
November 17-November 23

## Adult Fiction

- The Little Liar: A Novel by Mitch Albom
- Bookshops & Bonedust by Travis Baldree
- The Edge by David Baldacci
- The Last Kingdom: Last Kingdom 1 by Bernard Cornwell
- The Girls Left Behind by Emily Gunnis
- Just Once: A Novel by Karen Kingsbury
- The Forest: A Novel Edward Rutherford
- The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods
- Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros

## Adult Non Fiction

- Emperor of Rome: Ruling the Ancient Roman World by Mary Beard
- Ghosts of Honolulu: A Japanese Spy, A Japanese American Spy Hunter and the Untold Story of Pearl Harbor by Mark Harmon
- Clanlands in New Zealand: Kiwis, Kilts, and an Adventure Down Under by Sam Heughan
- Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic by Bill Russell
- My Name is Barbra by Barbra Steisand

## Easy Fiction

- The Big Cheese by Jory John

## Junior Fiction

- Juniper's Christmas by Eoin Colfer
- Keeper of the Lost Cities the Graphic Novel Part 1: Volume 1 by Shannon Messenger
- Rhinos at Recess by Mary Pope Osborne

## Junior Non Fiction

- Biology for Curious Kids: Discover the Wondrous Living World! by Annie Baker
- Chemistry for Curious Kids: An Illustrated Introduction to Atoms, Elements, Chemical Reactions and More! by Lynn Huggins-Cooper

## Young Adult Fiction

- Nightbane by Alex Aster
- Check & Mate by Ali Hazelwood
- Murtagh: World of Eragon by Christopher Paolini



## Christmas Tree Fundraiser

The Blue Mountain Community Library is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Fundraiser this year. Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one or a pet may purchase an ornament to hang on our Christmas Tree for \$5.00 each. The Fundraiser will begin November 1st and continue through December 31, 2023. Please consider helping the library by purchasing an ornament to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Visit our Book Nook to purchase books for the reader on your holiday list. Items include fiction and non-fiction books for adult, young adult and juvenile readers, as well as large print materials and puzzles.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are 10-12, Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday and Thursday evenings. All information is available on their Facebook page and website [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org)

## Library Fund Raiser

On sday, December 5, 2023, the Slate Pub in Pen Argyl will sponsor a Fundraiser for the Blue Mountain Community Library. The Pub will generously donate a percentage of all food sales that day, from noon until closing, both eat-in and take-out, to the library. Anyone patronizing the Pub that day will enjoy good food and will help the library at the same time. The Slate Pub is located at 509 East Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. Check out their menu at [www.slatepub.com](http://www.slatepub.com).

## PUBLISH YOUR EVENT

To publish info about your event, e-mail [sbtotics@rcn.com](mailto:sbtotics@rcn.com)  
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# Slate Belt Winter Sports Schedule 2023-24

## Bangor Boys (0-0)

12/1 P. Valley at Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/5/ Bangor @ Moravian 6:45pm  
 12/7/ NDGP. @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/9 Northampton@Bangor 12:45pm  
 12/11/ Catasauqua @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/16 E'Burg North@Bangor 12:45pm  
 12/14/ Bangor @ Palisades 6:45pm  
 12/18/ Saucon Valley @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/20/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/4/ Wilson @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/5/ Bangor @ N.Lehigh 6:45pm  
 1/9/ Northwestern @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/11/ Bangor @ Salisbury 6:45pm  
 1/16 Bangor@NDES 6:45pm  
 1/18/ Bangor @ S. Lehigh 6:45pm  
 1/20/ Bangor @ Wilson 12:45pm  
 1// Moravian @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/25/ Bangor @ NDGP. 6:45pm  
 1/29/ Palmerton @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/31/ Palisades @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 2/3/ Bangor @ Saucon Valley 12:45pm  
 2/6/ Pen Argyl @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/16 Hall Of Fame  
 1/23 Senior Night  
 1/31 Youth Night

## Bangor Girls (0-0)

12/1 Bangor @ P. Valley 7:00pm  
 12/2 PM West@Bangor 3:30pm  
 12/5/ Moravian @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/7/ Bangor @ NDGP. 6:45pm  
 12/11/ Bangor @ Catasauqua 6:45pm  
 12/14/ Palisades @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/18/ Bangor @ Saucon Valley 6:45pm  
 12/20/ Pen Argyl @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/4/ Bangor @ Wilson 6:45pm  
 1/5/ Northern Lehigh @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/9/ Bangor @ Northwestern 6:45pm  
 1/11/ Salisbury @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/13 Bangor@Northampton 1:00pm  
 1/18/ Southern Lehigh @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/20/ Wilson @ Bangor 12:45pm  
 12/16 Bangor@E'burg North 1:00pm  
 1//23 Bangor @ Moravian 6:45pm  
 1/25/ Notre Dame G.P. @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/29/ Bangor @ Palmerton 6:45pm  
 1/31/ Bangor @ Palisades 6:45pm  
 2/3/ Saucon Valley @ Bangor 12:45pm  
 2/6/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/5 Youth Night  
 1/05 Mentor Night  
 1/18 Cancer Awareness  
 1/20 Senior Night

## Bangor Wrestling (0-0)

12/1/ Bangor @ Palisades 7:00pm  
 12/2 Bethlehem Duals @Freedom 8:30am  
 12/6/ Bangor @ Catasauqua 7:00pm  
 12/9 Bangor @ Delaware Valley 8:00am  
 12/13/ Saucon Valley @ Bangor 7:00pm  
 12/19/ Wilson @ Bangor 7:00pm  
 12/16/ Bangor@ Tamaqua 9:00am  
 12/22 Belvidere @ Bangor 7:00pm  
 1/3/ Bangor @ Northwestern 7:00pm  
 1/10/ Bangor @ Notre Dame G.P. 7:00pm  
 1/14 League Tournament 2:00pm  
 1/17/ Southern Lehigh @ Bangor 7:00pm  
 1/19 Bangor @ Lehigh Tourn 11:00am  
 1/20 Bangor @ Lehigh Tourn 11:00am  
 1/24/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 7:00pm  
 1/17 Senior Night

## Bangor UCS Bocce Ball (0-0)

1/4 Bangor @E-Burg South 3:30pm  
 1/17 Bangor @Dieruff 3:30pm  
 1/22 E'Burg South @Bangor 3:30pm  
 2/7 Salisbury@ Bangor 3:30pm

## Pen Argyl Boys (0-0)

12/1 @Moravian Tourney 4:00pm  
 12/2 @Moravian Tourney 2:45pm  
 12/5/ Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/7/ Palmerton @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/9 Pen Argyl @ Lincoln Leader. 2:45pm  
 12/11/ Pen Argyl @ Wilson 6:45pm  
 12/14/ Moravian Academy @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/18/ Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P. 6:45pm  
 12/20/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/22 Lehigh@ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/02 Pen Argyl @Mahanoy 7:30pm  
 1/4/ Pen Argyl @ Palisades 6:45pm  
 1/5/ Pen Argyl @ Northwestern 6:45pm  
 1/9/ Salisbury @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/13/ S.Lehigh @ Pen Argyl 12:45pm  
 1/18/ Pen Argyl @ Catasauqua 6:45pm  
 1/20/ Palisades @ Pen Argyl 12:45pm  
 1/23 Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley 6:45pm  
 1/25/ Northern Lehigh @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/29/ Wilson @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
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 2/6/ Pen Argyl @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 1/25 Senior Day

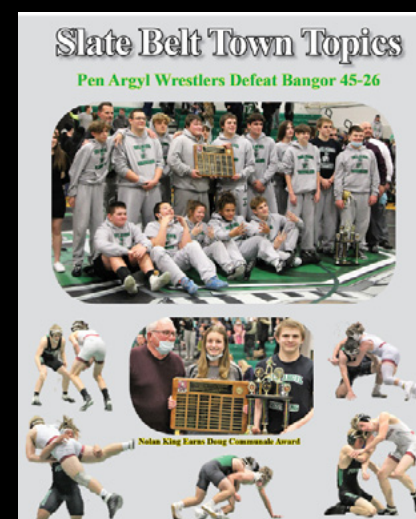
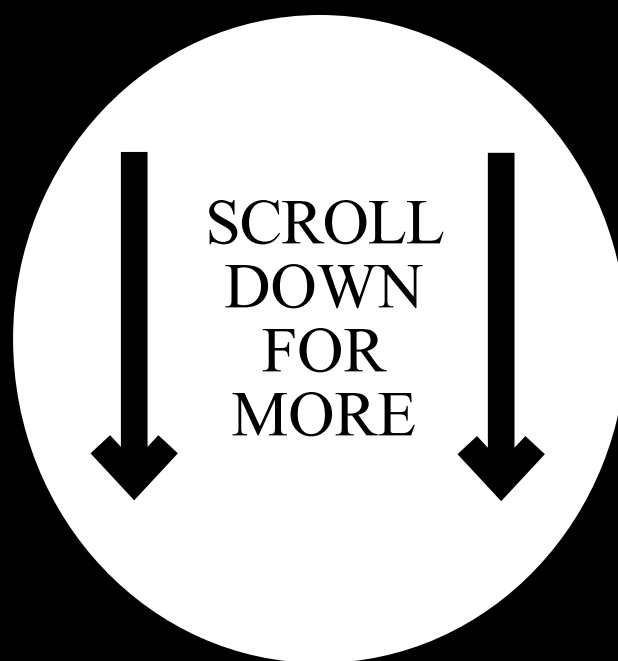
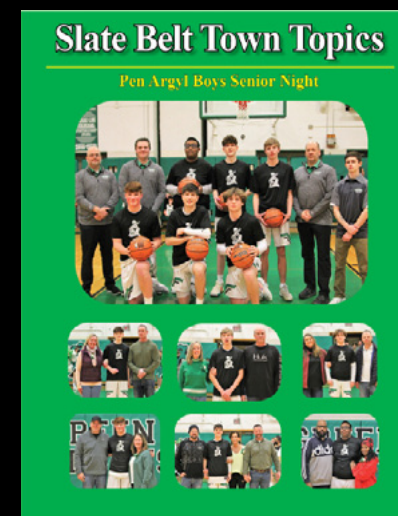
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12/1/ Pen Argyl @ Moravian 2:30pm  
 12/2/ Pen Argyl @ Moravian 1:00pm  
 12/5/ Pen Argyl @ Saucon Valley 6:45pm  
 12/7/ Pen Argyl @ Palmerton 6:45pm  
 12/11/ Wilson @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/18/ Notre Dame G.P. @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/20/ Pen Argyl @ Bangor 6:45pm  
 12/22 Pen Argyl @ Lehigh 7:00pm  
 12/28 Pen Argyl @ PME 2:30pm  
 1/4/ Palisades @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/5/ Northwestern @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/9/ Pen Argyl @ Salisbury 6:45pm  
 1/11 Whitehall/@Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/13/ Pen Argyl @ Southern Lehigh 12:45pm  
 1/18/ Catasauqua @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/20/ Pen Argyl @ Palisades 12:45pm  
 1/23 Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 1/25/ Pen Argyl @ Northern Lehigh 6:45pm  
 1/29/ Pen Argyl @ Wilson 6:45pm  
 1/31/ Moravian @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 2/3/ Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P. 12:45pm  
 2/6/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 6:45pm  
 12/18 Gold Out Game Mini Thon  
 1/18 Thank A Teacher Night  
 1/23 Pink Out  
 1/31 Senior Night

## Pen Argyl Wrestling (0-0)

12/1 Pen Argyl @ Notre Dame G.P. 7:00pm  
 12/2 Rough Rider Tourney @Catty 9:00am  
 12/6/ Saucon Valley @ Pen Argyl 7:00pm  
 12/13/ Palmerton @ Pen Argyl 7:00pm  
 12/15 Pen Argyl @ Lehigh 6:45pm  
 1/3/ Salisbury @ Pen Argyl 7:00pm  
 1/6 Battle At Valley Forge 9:00am  
 1/8/ Wilson @ Pen Argyl 11:00am  
 1/10 Pen Argyl @ Northern Lehigh 7:00pm  
 1/14 League Tournament 2:00pm  
 1/17/ Pen Argyl @ Palisades 7:00pm  
 1/19 Pen Argyl @ Lehigh Tourney 11:00am  
 1/20 Pen Argyl @ Lehigh Tourney 10:00am  
 1/24/ Bangor @ Pen Argyl 7:00pm  
 1/25 Ultimate Warrior@West Branch 11:00am  
 1/26 Ultimate Warrior@West Branch 10:30am  
 1/27 Ultimate Warrior@West Branch 9:00am  
 1/3 Gold Out Match Mini Thon  
 1/24 Senior Night

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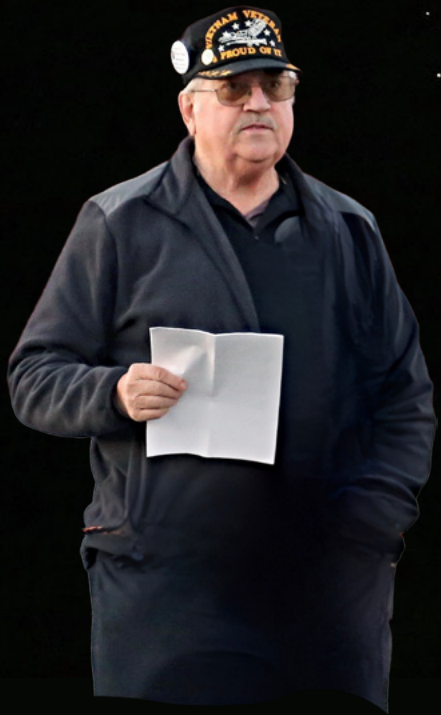


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# Julia Pinter Signs With Wake Forest

By Larry Cory

Bangor High School's Julia Pinter signed a Letter of Intent Wednesday afternoon to compete in the Javelin with the Wake Forest Track and Field team next year in Winston Salem, North Carolina where she plans to major in Exercise Science.

Her athletic career path, however, wasn't always headed in that direction.

"I played softball up until my 8th grade year and my dad suggested that I should try (javelin)," Pinter said. "So, I came out freshman year, kind of dealt with COVID not having practice, and started throwing. I just stuck with it and I ended up loving it and started doing it more competitively."

Pinter, who also plays soccer and basketball, still finds time to perfect her javelin throw.

"It's kind of just time management and things like that," she said. "I love playing sports, kind of being all around. I love my teammates being out with my friends at the sport."

When she finds time to work on throwing the javelin, she says that "technique," is the most difficult part of the sport.

That technique, however, has led her to consecutive Colonial League

Championships, and a second place in the District 11 AAA tourney.

Along the way she also tied the school record with a throw of 136-10.

## Highlights of Pinter's athletic career at Bangor:

- Four-Year Letterwinner in Girls' Soccer and Track and Field
- Three-Year Letterwinner in Girls' Basketball
- PIAA 3A Track and Field Championships (Javelin) - 5th Place (2023)
- District XI 3A Track and Field Championships (Javelin) - 2nd Place (2023), 4th Place (2022)
- Two-time Colonial League Javelin Champion (2022, 2023)
- Tied school record with throw of 136-10 in javelin
- District XI 5A Girls' Basketball Runners-Up (2021-22, 2022-23)
- Two-time qualifier in PIAA Championships in both Girls' Basketball and Track and Field
- Team Captain - Girls' Soccer
- Colonial League Girls' Basketball Honorable Mention All-Star (2022-23)
- LehighValleyLive.com First Team All Star in Track and Field (2022-23) and Honorable Mention All-Star in both girls' soccer and girls' basketball (2022-23)



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# Merlin Repsher A Fire Fighter For Life

by Larry Cory

It's safe to say that Merlin Repsher has been a fire fighter in the making most of his life, and therefore not surprising that he is celebrating 60 years of service with the Bangor Fire Department.

Much of his career path has been filled with many memorable experiences that have led him to a satisfying, lifelong experience as a fire fighter. As a child, he lived on Miller Street just a short distance from the Second Ward Fire company in South Bangor. One night, while he and his family were visiting friends on Messinger Street in Bangor, a few blocks from home, they received a call that the A & P (now the Bangor General Store on Broadway) was on fire. He was asked if he wanted to walk "uptown" to see the fire, which was an experience that he would never forget.

His uncle was the fire chief in Cornwall Heights, Bucks County where Repsher recalls him responding to fire calls. "One time he took me to the station and showed me how to operate the siren on one of the fire engines," Repsher said. "He had to lift me up so I could stand on the running board and depress the siren switch with my hands. I kept at it until he lifted me off the running board."



At play in his youth, he fondly remembers spending time playing with toy fire trucks, and when the fire whistle sounded, he knew that the real fire trucks would be rolling ASAP.

"I guess the bottom line is, from early childhood with my uncle's influence, I (always) wanted to be a fire fighter," he said.

After serving his country with the Air Force, he returned



home and submitted an application to Rescue Fire Company to become a fire fighter.

He was accepted into active membership on October 6, 1963 to serve a one-year probationary period. Sixty years later, he continues his service to the community as an active fire fighter.

During his career he has served as Chief Engineer of the Pumper for 35 years and was

Assistant Fire Chief for five years. He also served in every position from Fire Recorder to President, except for Trustee.

In 2013 he was given a citation by Matt Cartwright honoring him for 50 years of service, and just a short time ago, he received a similar citation from Ann Flood for 60 years of service.

In 1964, he began attending Northampton County Fire School classes and their monthly business meetings. In 1972, he was elected Treasurer, a position he still holds 51 years later.

Repsher was a PA State Fire Academy Certified Non-Suppression Instructor and Northampton Community College Adjunct Professor, teaching 30-hour classes in Pump Operations as well as a VFIS Certified Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Instructor.

One of the accomplishments which Merlin is most proud of is when he and Anthony Curcio in 1972 introduced the idea of using a new alerting system, where each member had an alerting unit which was activated by Blue Mountain Control Center. This took the place of the pull stations throughout the town which had activated the siren.

He also is well known for his rendition of taps on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.



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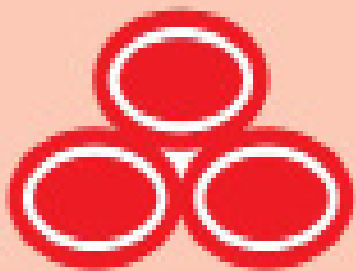
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