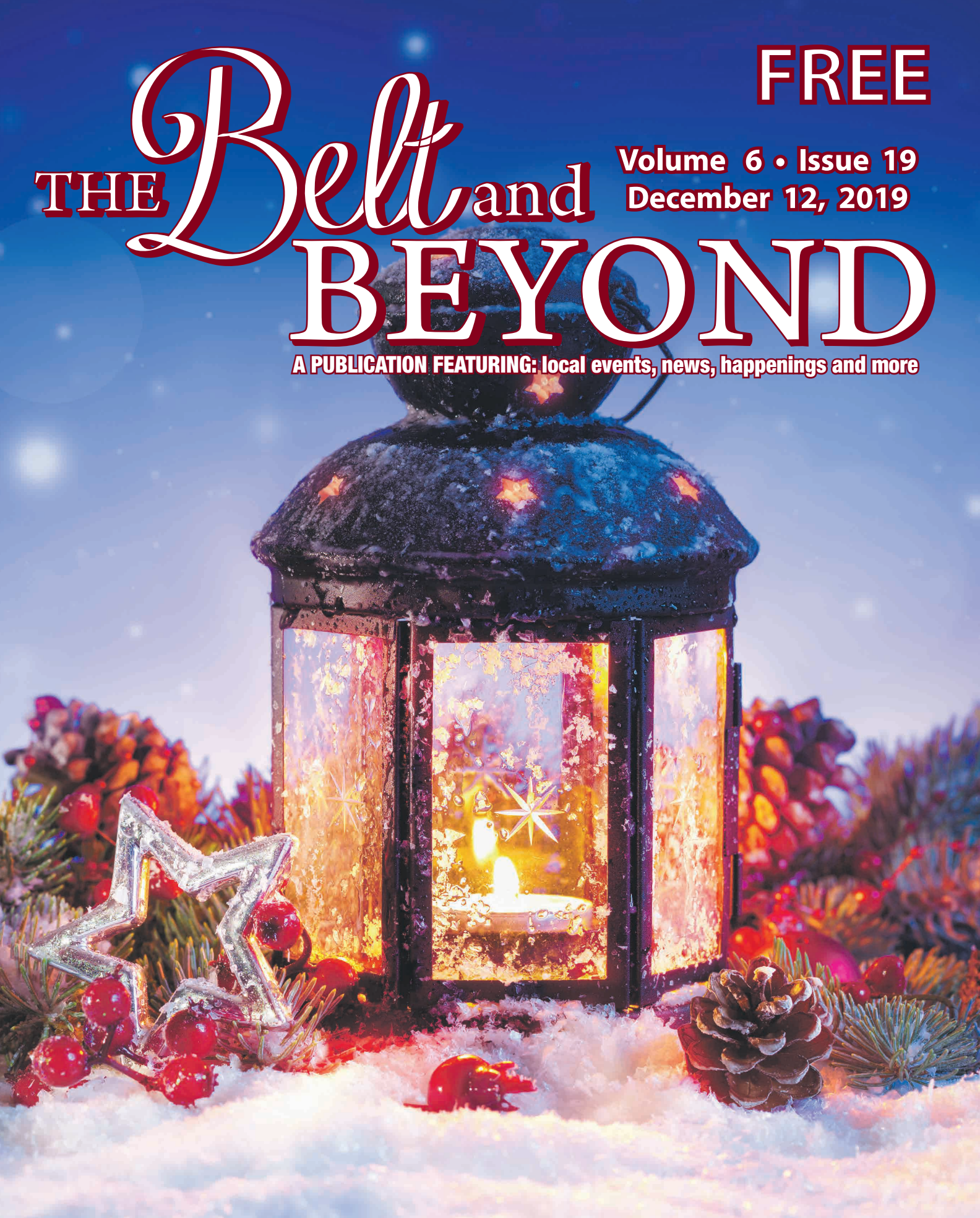


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Deadline for all ad copy and news
Friday, December 13th at 5pm
Email your news and events to
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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Bangor Area High School Winter Band and Choir Concert
Bangor Area High School Band Winter Concert - **December 13th, 7:30pm**, M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater, 123 Five Points Richmond Rd., Bangor, PA

ACKERMANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

A Christmas Cookie Walk hosted by Ackermanville UMC will be held **Saturday, December 14th, at 9:00am**. A Large assortment of homemade holiday cookies will be available (boxes provided). Come early for the best selection! Ackermanville UMC is located at 1410 Ackermanville Rd, Bangor, PA.

7th Annual Slate Belt Rotary Club Breakfast With Santa
Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Slate Belt along with Scorecard Sports Bar & Grill, State Farm, Debbie Pettinari, Agent, and Cascario's Beer Distributors, will be held on **Saturday December 14th, 9am-11am (snow date Dec.15)** at the Scorecard Sports Bar and Grill, 130 N. Broadway, Wind Gap. Call Scorecard at 610-863-5269 or e-mail info@scorecardbar.com to reserve a table. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club's Operation Warm project.

JACOBSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS AT BOULTON

The Jacobstown Historical Society will proudly open its museums and displays for their annual Christmas at Boulton on **Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th, 11:00am-4:00pm** both days. FMI and directions www.jacobsburghistory.com. See ad for full details page 6.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Slate Belt Community Choir will hold their Christmas Cantata at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl on **Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm** in the sanctuary. The cantata features members from many churches in the Slate Belt area. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Food Bank at Hope UCC in Wind Gap.

DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS

DECEMBER 12 - NATIONAL POINSETTIA DAY
DECEMBER 13 - NATIONAL COCOA DAY
DECEMBER 14 - NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
DECEMBER 16 - NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY
DECEMBER 19 - NATIONAL RE-GIFTING DAY - Thursday before Christmas
DECEMBER 20 - NATIONAL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY
DECEMBER 21 - WINTER SOLSTICE First Day of Winter

HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 22 - HANUKKAH BEGINS
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26 - KWANZAA BEGINS
DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

QUIET VALLEY FARM 29th ANNUAL OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will present its 29th annual Old Time Christmas event on **December 14th & 15th with candlelit tours every 15 minutes beginning at 3:00pm., with the last group at 7:00pm**. Begin a new tradition with your family this year during an outing to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, where the Christmas customs of the past are brought to life. FMI contact Quiet Valley at 570-992-6161, farm@quietvalley.org, or visit the website www.quietvalley.org. See ad and event details page 6 & 7

NASME MODEL TRAIN SHOW

The model train show presented by Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers will be held on the following dates: **December 14th & 15th, 1:00-5:00pm; December 27th, 7:00pm-9:00pm; December 28th & 29th, 1:00-5:00pm; January 3rd, 2020, 7:00pm-9:00pm; January 4th & 5th, 2020, 1:00-5:00pm**; The Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers is located at 212 Main Street, Stockertown, PA. Parking is available behind the Stockertown Municipal Building. See ad page 7.

EBUMCC ONE STARRY NIGHT

East Bangor United Methodist Church invites families to visit the Little Town of Bethlehem, One Starry Night on **Sunday, December 15th, 4:00-6:00pm** at East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, conveniently located on Route 512 (136 West Central Ave.) in East Bangor. For more information, contact East Bangor UMC at 610-588-4453 or email eastbangorumc@gmail.com. See full event details page 9.

ATTENTION VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

New Confidential Support Group Available to Veterans & First Responders. A Clean Slate, 100 First Street, Bangor, PA. Meetings are held **Third Monday of the Month, next meeting December 16th 7:00pm**. FREE to Attend. The open group will be facilitated by a professional counselor with extensive trauma training. All are welcome no sign up is required. Call 610-452-9348.

SLATE BELT YMCA OPEN HOUSE

The Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA will hold an Open House on **January 4th, 2020, 8:00am-4:00pm**. Try out free Y programming, meet the directors, take a tour, and get a feel for the Y community! Bring a friend and stop by the Y; it's free and open to the public. Plus, there's giveaways too! You belong at the Y. The Slate Belt Y is located at 315 W Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl, PA Phone (610) 881- 4470.

SLATE BELT HERITAGE CENTER MONTHLY SCHEDULE 2020

The Slate Belt Heritage Center announces it's monthly presentations for 2020. **January 12, 2:00PM**: "History of the Mummies" by Melissa Hough.; **February 9, 2:00PM**: "Sheep to Shawl" by Hope Horn.; **March 8, 2:00PM**: "Leopold Conservation Farming Award" by Richard DiFebo; **April 9, 7:00PM**: Book Reveal, **May 14, 7:00PM** The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

Bangor High School Girls Soccer in partnership with Upper Mt. Bethel Township Recreation Invites you to



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HBBA Thank you

On Thursday, December 5th the Historical Bangor Business Association (HBBA) hosted their annual holiday Santa pictures. Thanks to Borked PC for allowing the HBBA use their space at One Way Church. The event was a great success. Several families from around the area came out to enjoy free photos with Santa, craft decorating for the children and free delicious cookies and hot chocolate for the families to enjoy. The Animal Advocacy group was invited to the event along with their furry friends were invited. The money raised from the event went to the Animal Advocacy group. The HBBA would like to thank all that came and helped with the event and wishes everyone a happy holiday season. **See photos page 12**



Pictured: Front L-R Jill Matthews, Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor, Traci McGinty, Bangor Trust Brewery, Mike DeMasi, VS Eyewear. Back L-R Dana Klein Schmutz, Borked PC, Santa Claus, and Patti Bray, Bray's News Agency.

100th Anniversary of Weona Park 2020 Limited-Edition Calendar

The 100th Anniversary of Weona Park 2020 Limited-Edition Calendar is now available for purchase. The calendar, put together by Mr. Walter Cole, former History teacher at Pen Argyl High School and member of the Slate Belt Heritage Center, features pictures, past and present, of the park and events that took place there. The Calendar is on display at the Blue Mt. Community Library, 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. To purchase or for more info, call Walt Cole at 610-863-6472.

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Thank you

The Slate Belt Council of Governments, Slate Belt Chamber, Slate Belt Y, Yvonne Gumaer, Waste Management and Valor Clinic would like to thank all that responded to the call for coats and gently used clothing for our Veterans. Over the past 6 weeks we collected tons of items to assist the Valor Clinic. We would like to thank the following for hosting a collection box, Portland Borough Hall, Refiners Fire Ministry, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, Slate Belt Y, Waste Management, Hope UCC Church, Blue Valley Farm Show, Randy's Automotive, Wind Gap Municipal Complex, and Fulton Bank.

We will do this again in the spring of 2020 and hold a distribution event at Weona Park.

Full Facility YMCA coming to the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA in 2020

The Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA will expand to a full YMCA facility in 2020. The Y's expansion will include a heated indoor pool, gymnasium and preschool childcare wing. The Y's land development is currently underway, with most of the construction occurring in spring of 2020.

David Fagerstrom, President and CEO of the Greater Valley YMCA shares, "This is an exciting moment for our community. It took patience and years of persistence, but I'm proud to see this full-facility expansion come to fruition. We are grateful for the Y's relationship with Waste Management and look forward to better serving the Slate Belt Community in the future."

The facility addition will allow the Y to serve more individuals through life-saving swim lessons, teens through the 7th Grade Initiative program, seniors through activities combating isolation, and children through education for their futures.

Adrienne Fors, Waste Management Community Relations Manager, added, "Our Grand Central team members are looking forward to utilizing the amenities that the expansion will soon include. We feel as passionate as the YMCA does about healthy lifestyles and feel that the amenities will be a nice addition to the Slate Belt."

The Y's Slate Belt Canvassing Committee is currently working to secure the rest of the necessary funding; pledging and naming opportunities are still available now. Once the project is completed, the YMCA will host a public grand re-opening / ribbon cutting to highlight the upgraded facility.

To learn more about the Slate Belt Expansion Project, stop into the Branch to see the blueprints or give us a call at 610-438-6065. To donate, contact David Fagerstrom at HYPERLINK "mailto:davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org" davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org.



Book Signings by Local Author Jolynn Angelini to Introduce her Novel "The Protectors."



Local Author Jolynn Angelini will introduce her Novel "The Protectors" at book signings on the following dates: **Sunday, December 15 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm** hosted by Barnes and Noble, Southmont Plaza at 4445 Southmont Way, Easton, PA 18045 and on **Saturday, December 28th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** she will have another signing at Barnes and Noble at the Promenade Shops, 2960 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley, PA, 18034. Books will be available for purchase.

Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing 4th Annual Community Collection for Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc.

Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing will be collecting personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, body wash and personal items) to be donated to Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc. located in Delaware Water Gap.

Women's Resources provides services to all victims in our community, regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, or religion <http://www.wrmonroe.org>

Each year Donna's clients and the Slate Belt community have been very generous in this season of giving with donations. **Donation deadline December 21st.** This year Donna hopes to make the biggest contribution yet! Donna's Salon and Advanced Reiki Healing is located at 201 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA. 18072, 484-809-3727. Hours are: Monday-Thursday 10:00am - 6:00pm; Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm; Saturday by appt.

#66 Class of the Northampton County Department of Corrections Training

Lamont McClure congratulates Class #66 of the Training Academy for the Northampton County Department of Corrections. The thirteen graduates received their certificates and badges on Friday, November 22nd during a ceremony at the County Government Center. Presenters included County Executive Lamont McClure, District Attorney Elect Terry Houck, Director of Corrections James Kostura and Training and Accreditation Manager Nathan Stahlnecker.



Pictured: New Corrections Officers Nicole J. Amann, Ciarra S. Drayton, Mario Cabrera, Jessica Gambino, Kevin Garces, Dennis G. Gentile, Kamoni Y. Hamilton, Blake A. Haring, Jacob E. Martinez, Kamelis K. Ortiz, Alyson M. Rippert, Evan J. Sebesta, and Alisha M. Thanhauser.

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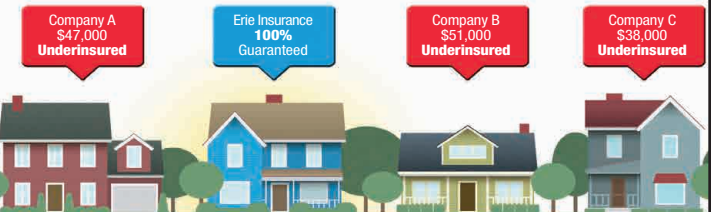
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Quiet Valley Announces its 29th Annual Old Time Christmas

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will present its 29th annual Old Time Christmas event on **December 14th, 15th with candlelit tours leaving every 15 minutes beginning at 3:00pm, with the last group going out at 7:00pm.**

More than any other holiday, Christmas celebrations center on the traditions of our families and our heritage. Begin a new tradition with your family this year during an outing to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, where the Christmas customs of the past are brought to life. From the softly glowing lantern light to complimentary hot chocolate and cookies, Old Time Christmas is sure to become a favorite holiday pastime for many years to come.

Gather around a bonfire while you wait for your visit to the 1800s to begin. Guides in period clothing will lead guests on their journey into the past beginning with this year's Victorian skit. Glimpse an 1890s Christmas as the family reminiscences and makes new makes holiday memories. Before you leave take a peek at their Christmas Putz, a homemade nativity and village scene that was a custom the Moravians began and was soon enthusiastically adopted by the Pennsylvania Germans.

Afterwards it's on to the living Nativity located in the barnyard which includes the Quiet Valley farm animals and offers a look at the foundation of this special celebration including a soloist and scripture readings. Then off to a simple log cabin where visitors experience the rustic Christmas of the early 1800s. At the one room schoolhouse it is a jolly time as the school marm leads both the musicians and guests in singing their favorite seasonal carols. There is plenty of nervous excitement in the cellar kitchen as folks await a visit from the Belschnikel, a traditional Pennsylvania German character who made his rounds during the Christmas season. He is the one who really knows if you were naughty or nice.

The final stop is in the Engel Education Building for complimentary refreshments which adds a final festive touch to the visit. As you leave be sure to stop in the Holiday Gift Shop which is stocked with heritage crafts handmade by Quiet Valley artisans. It is the place to find unique gifts at reasonable prices. All funds raised support the mission of the non-profit farm museum.

Those looking for a truly meaningful way to start their Christmas season will discover it at this very special event. Old Time Christmas is held annually the first two full weekends of December. You will be outside part of the time so remember to dress warmly. No pets or smoking please. It takes about an hour and a half to two hours to see all of Old Time Christmas. For more information contact Quiet Valley at 570-992-6161, farm@quietvalley.org, or consult the website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.quietvalley.org>" www.quietvalley.org. Quiet Valley is located 3 1/2 miles south of Stroudsburg, Pa. off of Business Route 209.

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"Starry Night",
a visit to biblical Bethlehem

Community Christmas Cantata

The Slate Belt Community Choir will hold their Christmas Cantata at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Avenue, Pen Argyl on **Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm** in the sanctuary. The cantata features members from many churches in the Slate Belt area. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Food Bank at Hope UCC in Wind Gap.

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Invites Families 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 the food, see the manger, and participate in community life as you relive Bethlehem at the time of Jesus's birth. The entire family is invited to visit the stations and join in activities for all ages. A family photo of your time in Bethlehem will keep the story of Christmas alive throughout the year

One Starry Night takes place on **Sunday, December 15th, at 4:00pm to 6:00pm** at East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, conveniently located on Route 512 (136 West Central Ave.) in East Bangor. For more information, contact East Bangor UMC at 610-588-4453 or email eastbangorumc@gmail.com.

Free Christmas Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church

All are welcome! **Wednesday, December 25th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.** Zion Lutheran Church, 1919 Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA. 570-992-6988 Please call for additional information or if you are interested in donating or volunteering.

Community Church Bible Study Tobyhanna Donates to The East Stroudsburg Salvation Army Food Pantry

Based on the Bible lesson of The Widow's Mite (KJV, Mark 12:43-44), the Community Church in Tobyhanna, PA Bible Study group collected monetary donations to support our Food Pantry this holiday season.

What started out as a jar full of pennies in September (to represent the Widow's Mite), grew to \$353 in that short time! "Our Bible Study just kept giving each week. Before we knew it, our group of 20 raised \$353," says Janet Shelton. "We all voted on a charity to donate the money to and The Salvation Army Food Pantry was the natural choice to make, especially this time of year."

"We feel so humbled and blessed by this thoughtful and generous donation," says Jill Brink, Food Pantry/Volunteer Director. "Because of this amazing group, we will be able to help provide our food insecure clients with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners."



Pictured L-R John Campo, Jim Shelton, Major BethEllen Parkhurst, Janet Shelton, and Ingrid McMahon

Bangor Elks Hoop Shoot

The Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 has announced that the annual Hoop Shoot free throw contest will be held on **Saturday January 4, 2020** at the Washington Elementary gymnasium. There are two divisions-girls and boys and the age groups are 8 and 9, 10 and 11, and 12 and 13. Age is determined as of April 1, 2020. It is open to students from the following schools-Bangor, Pen Argyl, Faith Christian, NDGP, Easton, and Wilson. The contest will start at **1:00pm** with registration at noon. Any questions please contact Glenn Miller at 610-703-0070.



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Slate Belt Heritage Center and Little Corner Café "Mystery Dinner Theatre" Winners



Pictured L-R: Alexa McMaster 2nd place winning a Homefront Book; Cia Kneebone 1st place winning a \$50.00 Gift Certificate compliments of Sherry and Gary Haycock owners of Little Corner Café; and Margaret Pickler 3rd place winning a Heritage Center Book.

Recently over 30 people attended the Characters from the Heritage Center presented clues to who killed a quarry worker in Pen Argyl. Guests had to amass the clues to solve the mystery. A four course dinner was served by the hosts.

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Danubio - DeLuca

Christina Danubio and Damian DeLuca were married on October 18, 2019 at St Jane De Chantal Catholic Church in Easton by Reverend Bernard J. Ezaki. The bride is daughter of Joseph and Phyllis Danubio of Roseto. The groom is son of Michael and Katherine DeLuca of Easton. The reception was held at Homewood Suites by Hilton in Center Valley. The couple honeymooned in Cancun Mexico. The couple and their son, Trevor reside in Pen Argyl.



Friends of the Bangor Public Library Thank You

The Friends of the Bangor Public Library would like to thank the following for their assistance in making this year's Santa Breakfast a success: VFW Post 739, Karasek Law, 191 North Auto Parts, Mt. Bethel Beverage, Mt. Bethel Diner, J.C. Bloom, Comunale's Italian Market, Heard's Meat Market, Giant Food Stores, Weis Market, Keyco, Speer's Market, Tolino's Fuel Oil, Gaffney-Parsons Funeral Home and community men who helped to move tables and chairs.

Grand Central Landfill and Hauling Presents Check to Toys for Tots

On Wednesday, December 4, Grand Central Landfill and Hauling presented a \$1,000 donation check to the Toys for Tots Organization. Sgt. John Dickerson accepted the donation on the organizations' behalf along with several boxes of toys collected by Waste Management employees.



Pictured: L-R District Manager, Joe Statile, Community Relations Manager Adrienne Fors, Sgt. John Dickerson, Route Manager Joe Rohrman and Operations Manager Ryan Stevens

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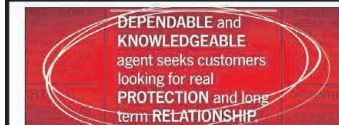
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The Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours: Monday thru Saturday mornings and 6-8, Monday thru Thursday evenings.

Call 610-863-3029 for info. or visit www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

Bangor Area High School Choir Disney Concert

On November 26th, the Bangor Area High School Choir presented their Disney Concert at the M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater, at Bangor High School. See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry



Historical Bangor Business Association Photos with Santa

On Thursday, December 5th the Historical Bangor Business Association (HBBA) hosted Photos with Santa at 50 Broadway Bangor. Both children and adults enjoyed visiting and photos with Santa! See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry



Washington Twsp. Vol. Fire Co. Pancake Breakfast with Santa The Washington Township Vol. Fire Co. Breakfast with Santa Claus was held on Sunday, December 8th at the The Washington.

Photos by Larry Cory Sbt



Portland Lodge #311 F & AM Toys for Tots a Slate Belt Tradition

Portland Lodge #311 F&AM hosted their annual Toys for Tots a Slate Belt Tradition on Saturday, December 7, at the Plainfield Vol. Fire Co. Charter's Banquet Facility. Children were thrilled to see Santa Claus arrive by helicopter, meet "Chesty" the Bull Dog, the marine mascot, and their favorite characters. There were fire and rescue vehicles, vendors, photos w/Santa, live animals crafts and more! See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry



The Friends of the Bangor Public Library Breakfast With Santa

The Friends of the Bangor Public Library held their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th at the BeeHive. See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lisa Newberry.



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Quoits, Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am

Tai Chi, Tuesdays, 12:15pm

Painting, Wednesdays, 8:00-11:00am

Exercise with Darla, Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am

Poker, Thursdays, 9:00am

DECEMBER EVENTS

Baseball, Friday, December 13th, 10:00am

Discussion group, "What makes you Happy?", Friday,

December 13th, 12:15pm

Discussion group, "How do you see yourself in the New Year,

Monday, December 16th, 10:00am

Memory Cafe', Tuesday, December 17th, 2:00-3:30pm

Christmas Karaoke, Monday, December 23rd, 12:15pm

Deja' the Therapy Dog, Tuesday, December 24th, 10:00am

Center will close AT 12:30 pm, Tuesday, December 24th**CENTER CLOSED--HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Council Meeting, Thursday, December 26th, 9:00am

Events Meeting, Thursday, December 26th, 1:00pm

Mexican Trains, Thursday, December 26th, 12:15pm

Miss Julies Dance School, Friday, December 27th, 10:30-11:00am

Create an action plan for the new year, Friday, Dec. 27th, 12:15pm

Center will close at 12:30, Monday and Tuesday,**December 30th & 31st****DEADLINE NEARS FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM**

Older adults and Pennsylvanians with disabilities have until December 31st to apply for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. The program benefits people age 65 or older, widows and widowers age 50 or older, and the disabled 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters, and half of Social Security income excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650. Supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners boosts rebates to \$975. After June 30, rebates will be distributed as claims are received and processed applications typically take 6-8 weeks to process. Eligibility information and forms are available www.rephahn.com, or by contacting her office at 610-746-2100. Eligibility information and forms are also available at www.repemrick.com or by contacting his Slate Belt office at 610-588-8011 or Nazareth office at 610-746-5090. **Once on website click on resources and then Property Tax/Rent Rebate.** Assistance in filling out the applications is available free of charge.

ATTENTION VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

New Confidential Support Group Available to Veterans & First Responders. A Clean Slate, 100 First Street, Bangor, PA. Meetings are held **Third Monday of the Month, next meeting December 16th, 7:00pm.** FREE to Attend. The open group will be facilitated by a professional counselor with extensive trauma training. All are welcome no sign up is required. Call 610-452-9348.

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DECEMBER 13 & DECEMBER 20**Wind Gap Fire Company**

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DECEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 21**Immaculate Conception**

Doors open at 11:00am • Bingo starts at 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 16 & DECEMBER 23**Kunkletown Fire Co.**

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