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WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

FAMILIES FIRST SNOW BALL DINNER DANCE

Families First presents their 9th annual benefit Snow Ball Dinner Dance "Margaritaville" on **Saturday, February 23rd, 6:00pm-11:00pm** at Weona Park recreation center, Pen Argyl. Music by Romeo Vegas, dinner by Just in Thyme. For tickets, contact Spring Shank - Pen Argyl Area High School, Heather Reed - Wind Gap Middle School, Kelly Thomas - Plainfield Elementary School. For more information contact Frank Jones - 610-863-9095 ext. 1387 or jones.frank@penargylsd.org. All proceeds help support Families First free programs.

BANGOR ELKS BINGO BONANZA

The Bangor Elks #1106 will host a Bingo Bonanza on **Saturday, February 23rd, 6:00 pm** at the Elks Lodge, 120 Broadway Bangor, PA. Doors Open at 5:00 pm and Bingo begins at 6:00 pm. The Event is open to the community. To purchase advance tickets please call 610-588-3420 after 6:00 pm or 610-844-3056.



Upcoming Event Listings are listed free to all non-profit organizations. Event listings include the event, time, date, location and contact information ONLY. Contact us for non-profit display advertising rates.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH & NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH FEBRUARY NATIONAL DAYS

FEBRUARY 23 - NATIONAL DOG BUSCUIT DAY
 FEBRUARY 24 - NATIONAL TORTILLA CHIP DAY
 FEBRUARY 25 - NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED NUT DAY
 FEBRUARY 28 - NATIONAL CHILI DAY

MARCH 1 - NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S DAY
 MARCH 3 - NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY
 MARCH 4 - NATIONAL GRAMMAR DAY
 MARCH 6 - NATIONAL DENTISTS DAY

MARCH HOLIDAYS

MARCH 10 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS DAY
 MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NCC TO PRESENT "THE PARENTS LEFT BEHIND"

Hear the testimony of parents of individuals with substance abuse disorders. Parents of individuals with substance abuse disorders will share their powerful stories at Northampton Community College (NCC) on **Tuesday, February 26, 11:00-12:15pm**, in Room 220, College Center, at the Bethlehem Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township. Admission is free and open to the public and NCC administrators, students, and staff. For more information, visit www.northampton.edu or call 610-861-5300.

ATTIC SALE

March 1st & 2nd 9:00am to 3:00pm United Presbyterian Church, Mansfield St, Belvidere, New Jersey.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Read Across America Day **Saturday, March 2nd 10:00 am-11:30 am**, hosted by Waste Management's Grand Central Environmental Education Center, 891 Grand Central Road, Pen Argyl, PA. Registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Adrienne Fors, afors1@wm.com 610-863-2387 for more information or to register.

IT'S A PLACE YOU SHOULD GO, IT'S A PLACE YOU SHOULD BE BRING ONE FRIEND OR MANY, TO CELEBRATE AT THE LIBRARY!

The Blue Mountain Community Library, 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA would like to invite ALL children, Preschool -Eight years old, to Celebrate the Birthday of DR. SEUSS with Story Time on **Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30-11:30am** at the Library. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

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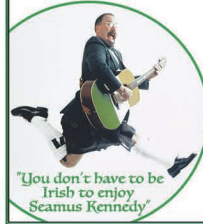
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Northampton County Detachment 298 Meeting **6 March/ 7:00pm**. 1621 Lehigh St. /Easton. All active duty and honorably discharged marines welcome!
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The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce News

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2019 are available **March 1st** at the guidance departments of Bangor High School, Pen Argyl High School, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology.

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce will award one scholarship to a senior from each of the four area schools: Bangor, Pen Argyl, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology. Applicants must reside in the Slate Belt to apply.

The scholarships will be presented to the students based upon the following criteria; academic accomplishment, demonstrated service to school and/or community, demonstration of leadership capabilities and future vocational plans.

Please note: A separate award, The Frederick R. Curcio, Jr. Scholarship Award, may also be applied for at this time. To qualify a senior must be enrolled in a computer science related course or planning to attend a Technical School of their choice or majoring in computer science.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2019. To honor the recipients, parents and friends, a Scholarship Awards Dinner is planned for May 17th at Tuscarora Inn. For more information contact the guidance department or the chamber office at 610-588-1000.

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Nazareth Sr. High
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NCC to Hold Information Session on Dental Assisting Program Become a dental assistant in ten weeks

Northampton Community College (NCC) will hold a free information session on its dental assisting program on **Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00-8:30pm**, at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 East Third Street, Bethlehem. The ten week dental assisting program, prepares graduates to assist a dentist with diagnostic, preventive and other treatment of patients. It emphasizes hands-on instruction, clinical observation and an externship arranged by the College. For questions, call 610-332-6585. For more information, or to enroll, visit www.northampton.edu/HealthcareCourses.

Slate Belt Restaurant Week

Calling all Slate Belt Restaurants! Would you like to participate in "Slate Belt Restaurant Week"? The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is planning this event for the week of **July 6th through July 14th**. Contact the Slate Belt Chamber at 610-588-1000 or Email: info@slatebeltchamber.org or visit the Slate Belt Chamber web site www.slatebeltchamber.org for more information.

Mt Bethel Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Spring Craft & Vendor Event

The Mt Bethel Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their 25th Annual Spring Craft & Vendor Event **Saturday, March 30th, 9:00am-3:00pm**, at the Mt Bethel Fire Co., 2341 N. Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA.

For tables/vendor information contact Kris
610-392-7975.

Merchants Bank Donates to the Children's Home of Easton

Merchants Bank awarded the Children's Home of Easton with \$5,000 to support the innovative educational program for displaced, low-income children.

Merchants Bank proudly supports The Children's Home of Easton, who provide a caring and nurturing environment for children to develop self-worth and reach their full potential. "We are pleased to be able to support committed non-profits who do so much for our community, such as the Children's Home of Easton. Our aid will benefit underprivileged children and help them with programs to better themselves. Our relationship with CHE also allows us to give these children financial literacy training to better prepare them for the real world" says Mark Jobes, Chief Banking Officer, Merchants Bank.

"We are grateful for your ongoing support, and for the guidance you provide our youth through the Financial Literacy Education Program! The program teaches older youth & kids in our summer program about budgeting, credit, and much more," says Anita Jo Paukovits, M.Ed., Executive Director, the Children's Home of Easton.



In the photo (left to right) – Anna Rittle, Branch Manager, Merchants Bank Easton Office, Anita Paukovits, Executive Director, The Children's Home of Easton, Kyle Labar, AVP, Assistant Controller, Financial Analyst II, Merchants Bank, and Mark Jobes, Chief Banking Officer, Merchants Bank

Pen Argyl Salvation Army Food Pantry

The Pen Argyl Salvation Army offers Food Pantry services to the community in need on a weekly basis. We offer a well balanced variety of food and our Patrons personally choose their foods of interest an need individually. The Pantry is open to the public the first four Tuesdays of the Month from 10am to Noon. Drop ins during that time are welcome to register with valid ID. Emergency Food can also be given throughout the week by contacting the office at 610-863-6677 to set up a time. Visit and refer a friend in need to the Pantry during the month of February and be entered to win a 19lb Turkey and Fixins' as part of our "Love For Turkey February Drawing!"

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District Attorney John Morganelli to speak at March 4th Pen Argyl Women's Club Meeting

District Attorney John Morganelli will be the guest speaker **Monday, March 4th, 7:30pm** at St John Lutheran Church on Westbrook Avenue in Pen Argyl. The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served immediately afterward.



The Pen Argyl Women's Club meets the first Monday of every month and is always accepting new members.

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club News

The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will offer FREE Amateur Radio classes beginning **Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00-9:00pm**, for a total of 9 successive Tuesdays near Nazareth. Register or FMI details: KE3AW@ARRL.NET or 610.432.8286. The next monthly meeting of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will be held on **Thursday, March 7th, 7:30pm** in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Program: "CISM"- Critical Stress Debriefing:." Presenter: Joel / WB3IWC. Members and others interested always are invited. Directions: <https://tinyurl.com/y852acvn> . FMI: www.dlarc.org , KE3AW@ARRLnet , 610.432.8286

Easton High School Class of 1969 Reunion

The Easton High School Class of 1969 will be holding its 50th Class Reunion on **Saturday October 5, 2019**, at Northampton Country Club in Easton from 6:00pm - 11:00pm. Please contact Marianne at 610-863-7158 or duff@ptd.net for more information.

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Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again Pancake Breakfast

On **Saturday March 9th from
8:00am to 11:00am** the Bangor
High School Drama Department

will be hosting the sixth annual pancake breakfast with the
cast of "Mamma Mia" at the Bangor Area Middle School. Mamma Mia tells the hilarious story of a young woman's
search for her birth father so he can walk her down the
aisle on her wedding day. Set on a Greek island paradise
it features the music of 70's pop group sensation **ABBA**.
This sensational production contains ABBA's greatest hits,
including title song, "Mamma Mia", "Super Trouper", "Lay
All Your Love On Me", "Dancing Queen", "Waterloo" and
more! The pancake breakfast features restaurant quality
food and top-notch service. Tune up your voice and put
on your dancing shoes. Join us for great food, karaoke,
dancing, musical performances, a raffle, and other
activities for people of all ages.

The breakfast will raise funds for the high school
musical production of "Mamma Mia". Performance dates
are: **March 29, 30, 31 2019**. There is a special preview
night for Gold Card patrons, **March 27, 2019 at 7:00pm**.

Tickets for the musical will be available for purchase at the
pancake breakfast or you can call 610-599-7011 x1001 for
further information regarding tickets for the musical.

Tickets for the "Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again"
pancake breakfast can be purchased at the door. Please
call Sue Bina, 610-588-3041, with any questions.

GKEDC Community Grant News Release

The Green Knight Economic Development Corporation
(GKEDC) has distributed over three quarters of a million
dollars to more than forty non-profit organizations
in the Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, and Plainfield Township
area through their community grant program. These
organizations include Families First, Blue Mountain
Community Library, and Pen Argyl Parks and Athletic
Association to repair the slate roof on the historic
carousel at Weona Park. Other organizations that have
received support include Pen Argyl Borough Outreach,
Wind Gap Beautification Program, Wind Gap Borough
Park Board, Sullivan Trail Sertoma, various volunteer fire
and ambulance companies, local Boy Scout troops and
athletic organizations.

For 2019 GKEDC community grants are being accepted
until 31 March, 2019, and will be awarded in May 2019.
Grant information and applications are available on the
Grant page at the GKEDC website GKEDC.org.

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Soup Nite

The Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary will host their
"Monthly Soup Nite" on **Thursday, March 14th, 3:00pm-
7:00pm** at the Mt Bethel Vol. Fire Co. firehouse, 2341 N.
Delaware Drive, Mt Bethel, PA. Two varieties of homemade
soups will be available by the bowl or quart to eat in or take-
out. The ladies auxiliary will host the monthly soup night the
2nd Thursday of each month through March 2019. For more
information contact Diane DeMarzo at 973-202-3317

Birth Announcement



Vincent Nicholas Sciascia

James and Danielle Sciascia are proud to announce the birth of their son Vincent Nicholas, born January 22, 2019 at 11:17 am at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. Vincent weighed 7lbs., 7 oz and was 19 inches in length. Big brother is James Sciascia IV. Maternal Grandparents are Pamela and Steve Werkheiser and Danny Marshall. Paternal Grandparents are Jim and Denise Sciascia and Tina and Ron Carter.

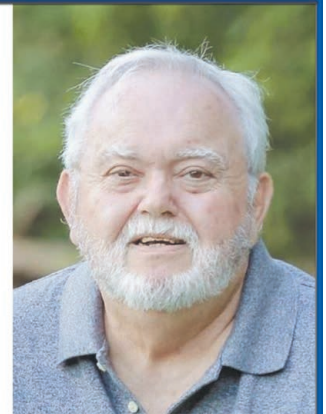
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*Memory drifts to scenes long past;
Time rolls on, but memories last.
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BASKET RAFFLE

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Saturday, March 23rd 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday, March 24th 8:30am - 12:30pm

Drawing Begins

Sunday at 1:00pm
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BINGO

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6:30 pm

25 Games ~ Cash Prizes

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\$25/ticket at the door
(purchased on Saturday, March 23, while supplies last)

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BINGO TICKET HOLDERS ONLY
at 4:00 pm to participate in the
Basket Raffle until 6:00 pm******

**Kitchen will serve food at
5:00 pm and during intermission**



Steffani Smith

Bangor Slater Band member Steffani Smith Selected to Perform in the PMEA Region V Band

Bangor Slater Band member Steffani Smith has been selected to perform in the PMEA Region V band. The festival will be held March 7-9, 2019, at Conrad Weiser High School in Robeson, PA. Region V encompasses 15 Pennsylvania counties from south central PA to northeast PA. Steffani performed in District 10 earlier this year. The best of the District 10 musicians from northeast PA will join the best of District 7 musicians from south central PA for the Region V band.

The band will be under the baton of Dr. Kyle Glaser who serves as the Associate Director of Bands at Texas State University. He holds a Doctor of Music degree in Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Prior to his appointment at Texas State, Glaser served as the Director of Bands at the East Stroudsburg Area South High School. He has also served as the interim director of the East Stroudsburg University/Community Concert Band, and was the co-director of the COTA Cats in Delaware Water Gap, a regional high school honors jazz ensemble that was founded by jazz legend Phil Woods.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family, friends and customers at Inn Town Storage and Blue Mountain Service Center for their kindness and patience shown to me during my recovery from my fall. I am so blessed and grateful to each and everyone of you.

Thank you, Lucille Amy



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Six Ten Hair Studio Open House & Ribbon Cutting

Photos by Lisa Newberry

Six Ten Hair Studio, located at 610 Broadway in Wind Gap, held an Open House on Saturday, February 9th. The Slate Belt Chamber officiated the ribbon cutting ceremony. More than 300 clients, family, and friends, stopped by to congratulate salon owner, Ashley Thomas, and offer well wishes on her new venture. State Representative Marcia Hahn and State Senator Mario Scavella were on hand to welcome the new business to the borough of Wind Gap.



HBBA Chocolate Valentine's Trail

The Historical Bangor Business Association (HBBA) held a Chocolate Valentine's Trail on Sunday, February 17th. The sold out event was a chocolate lovers dream come true! Ticket holders were able to sample a variety of chocolate treats from HBBA members as they strolled the downtown businesses on Broadway and Market Streets. Live music, family fun and prizes were part of the festivities. Photos by Lisa Newberry



Nine-Year-Old Bangor Wrestler First Female Champ at VEWL

By Sarah Janelle Loren

One girl and 33 boys were finalists at the Valley Elementary Wrestling League Championships on February 10th. Wrestling is a predominantly-male sport, but nine-year-old Hailey Mintz didn't let that stop her from making history at the Varsity VEWL. Now, Hailey isn't just the first female to reach the Varsity VEWL finals; she's also the first female to win first place. "She had this goal all season. Right from the beginning..." said Hailey's mom, Paula Mintz. "Halfway through [the season], one of the coaches said no girl has ever won the Varsity VEWL. Then this goal was even more important to her." Hailey, of Mt. Bethel, is a second-year varsity wrestler for the Bangor Junior Slaters and this isn't the first time she's made history. Last year, she was the first female to win a PA Junior Wrestling title. "We are so proud of her for meeting her goal and accomplishing this," Paula said. "Her ultimate goal is to get to the Olympics. It's tough, especially as these boys get bigger, but she puts a lot of effort into it. In addition to the Bangor Slaters, Hailey is a member of two wrestling clubs where she trains five days a week and wrestles year-round. The next major events she will be competing in are War at the Shore and the Viper Pit Duals, both national tournaments held in April. Hailey is a force to be reckoned with, currently undefeated against 41 boys in her weight class. This comes as no surprise, as Hailey is on a team of determined wrestlers coached by Bill Lindsay, who was named 2019 Coach of the Year at VEWL. Bangor was one of 36 teams that competed at VEWL, where six Slaters placed at finals, including Hailey's older brother, Tyler. Tyler placed second, Gavyn Kelton third, Carter Smith and Aidan McNulty fourth, and Michael Fuller seventh in their respective weight classes. With all those wins, the Bangor Junior Slaters were named 2018-19 VEWL Dual Meet Champions. Lindsay has been coaching the Bangor Junior Slaters for 18 years. This year, for the first time in history, Lindsay led Bangor to become Southwest Division Champions. They also placed first at the Fall Brawl and Stroudsburg Winter Tournament, second at The Duel of the Den, and fourth at the Downingtown Thunder Duals. Congratulations, Coach Bill Lindsay and all of the Junior Slaters, on your accomplishments this season!



Harlem Rockets vs Slate Belt Dream Team in Fundraiser Basketball Game

A Sold Out fundraiser basketball game sponsored by the Pen Argyl Area School District and the Slate Belt Regional Police Department was held on Friday, February 15th, at Pen Argyl High School gymnasium. The Harlem Rockets delighted fans of all ages with their comedic style of basketball. Proceeds from the event benefit the D.A.R. E. program in the Pen Argyl School District.

Photos by Lisa Newberry.



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March 5th

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Black olives, garlic, banana peppers, roasted red peppers, peas and fresh ham sauteed in extra virgin olive oil. Finished with cream and tossed with pasta.

March 12th

All You Can Eat Pasta \$12.95 Served with 1 meatball or 1 Sweet Sausage and your choice of pasta, Penne or Linguini and your choice of sauce, Alfredo, Red Sauce, or Rose'.

March 19th

Appetizer - Mozzarella Sticks \$4.00 - Shrimp Rose' \$14.95
Succulent shrimp sauteed and finished with a Rose cream sauce, tossed with fresh pasta.

Penna Pasta with homemade sauce and meatball \$11.99

March 26th

Appetizer - Mozzarella Sticks \$4.00 - Homemade Lasagna \$13.95
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Fat Tuesday Fasnachts Free You from Lenten Temptations

By Sarah Janelle Loren



Shrove Tuesday is March 5th, so make sure to mark it as your cheat day; we don't call it "Fat Tuesday" for nothing! Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, is the last day before Lent, a season of fasting, sacrifice and reflection, so it's only natural that we indulge a bit before beginning 40 days of repentance. And that's where fasnachts come in. Fasnacht Day is a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch celebration in which fasnachts, or fried doughnuts, are made and consumed the day before Ash Wednesday. But there is a perfectly good reason why, so don't go feeling all guilty! And don't worry: Shrove Tuesday is a religious celebration, so calories don't count (again, consider this your cheat day)! Fasnacht (yes, there are other ways to spell it; many, in fact) literally means "fasting night." For Christians, this is the last night to overindulge before fasting for Lent begins. So why fasnachts? Well, not only are they delicious, but making fasnachts is the perfect way to free your cupboards of all sugar, butter and lard (and potatoes in some cases!) before the start of Lent. See, I told you not to feel guilty! So you may put on a few extra pounds and feel a bit sluggish come Ash Wednesday (I bet there's an increase in anti-acid sales), but you're setting yourself up for a very successful Lent! By removing the sugar, butter, lard and other "junk food" from your pantry, you won't even be tempted to consume them during Lent. After choosing something to do without for 40 days in addition to not eating meat on Fridays, why give yourself an added temptation? So go ahead and pull out the ingredients for fasnachts and get frying! Fat Tuesday is the perfect excuse to stuff your face with all those carbs, guilt-free, just as long as you hop on the fasting train come Ash Wednesday!



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Tax Preparation, Fridays, 8:00AM-2:00 PM

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Baseball, February 24, 10:00 AM

Name that tune, Tuesday, February 26, 9:30 AM

AARP PALMER TOWNSHIP AREA CHAPTER 2144

The AARP Palmer Township Area Chapter 2144 will meet on

Monday, March 4th, 1:00 pm Wilson Borough Community Center, 2200 Liberty Street, Easton, PA.

Speaker will be Michael Settler, Director, Senior Solutions

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH BUS TRIP

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Pen Argyl will be sponsoring a trip to the Hollywood Casino on **Thursday, March 14th**. The first pick up location will be the church parking lot in Pen Argyl, leaving by **9:30am**. the second pick up location will be the old St. Joseph's parking lot in Wind Gap. You will receive a \$30 free slot play and a \$5 food voucher. For more information, please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-48476 or 610-844-4630.

SLATE BELT YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Slate Belt Young at Heart Club will be meeting at St. Elizabeth's catholic church in Pen Argyl on **Thursday, March 21st at 1:00pm**. Mr. Ron Karasek, a local attorney, will present a program on estate planning for senior citizens. all are welcome! For more information please call Mary Lou DeRea-Lohman at 610-863-4846 or 610-844-4630.



On February 15th, love was in bloom at the Valentine's Day Party at the Slate Belt Senior Center. Bingo, music by Bill Reese and refreshments dipped in chocolate topped off the festive occasion. Pictured are Nancy Gold (L) and Andrea Mongelluzzo (R) snacking on goodies. Photo submitted by Marcia Schiavone

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Pen Argyll High School Girls Basketball Senior Night

Pen Argyll Area High School Girls Basketball team honored their senior players on February 6th at their game against North Western.

Photos by Emily Dario sbtt



**Gabrielle Weaver with her parents
Todd and Ann**

**Hannah Irwin with her parents
Vince and Sue**



**Kelly O'Brien with her parents
Bill and Pam**

**Kristen Freda with her parents
Andrew and Patricia**

**Peyton Lemon with her parents
John and Jamie**

Pen Argyl High School Boys Basketball Senior Night

The Pen Argyl Boys Basketball team honored their senior players and cheerleaders on February 2nd at their game against Wilson.

Photos by Emily Dario sbtt



Jacob Slaughter with his mother, Lisa and grandmother, Cecelia

**Kyler Horn with his
parents, Steve and Connie**

**Tadd Barr with his parents,
Dave and Julia**

Anderson Dear with his father, Andy



Orianna Mondella with her parents, David and Brooke

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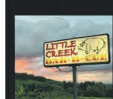
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The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge.
(610) 863-8007

St. Matthew's UCC

102 Church Rd., Kunkletown, PA 18058
Traditional worship is 9:00am weekly, w/Communion 1st
Sun. of the month;
Sunday School meets 10:30-11:30am weekly. Nursery,
for infants and children up to age 5, available during
9:00am worship 610-381-2442
www.stmattsucckunkletown.com

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

12 North Westbrook, Pen Argyl
8:45am Sunday School, 10am Worship
(610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal

1440 Verona Drive, Pen Argyl
11:00am Eucharist, Coffee hour after service
The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, priest in charge.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

1422 Church Road, Pen Argyl
8:00am & 10:15am Services, 9:00am Sunday School,
Pastor Chris Druckenmiller (610) 863-6859
www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Peter's UCC

401 Broad Street, Tatamy
10:00am worship all year; 10:00am Sunday school
Sept.-May.
Interim Pastor Dale Sattizahn
(610) 252-6515

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic

Delaware Avenue, Portland
6:00pm Saturday, 10:30am Sunday
Rev. Stephen L. Maco
(610) 588-5445

The Salvation Army

301 W. Main Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072
610-863-6677
Sundays: 10:00am Sunday School, Sunday services
every Sunday from 11:00am-12:00pm.
Tuesdays: Food Bank 10:00am-12:00pm

**The Pentecostal Christian Church
the Truth (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)**

4 Jory Avenue, Pen Argyl
12:00pm Sunday School (Escuela Dominical)
1:00pm Praise & Worship (Cuho Evanglistico)
All invited to Bilingual Services
Rev. Frank Pons
(570) 807-7794

Temple Israel of the Poconos

Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue
711 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg
Sabbath Services: Friday 8:00pm followed by a
Traditional Oneg Shabbat
Saturday 9:30am followed by a traditional Kiddush.
Services conducted in both Hebrew & English in a warm,
welcoming, Jewish environment. Hebrew School for
ages 4-13
Rabbi Baruch Melman
570-421-8781

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

404 Broadway, Bangor
Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 10:15am
Pastor Laine, 610-588-2023
www.tlcbangor.com

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 South Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
Sunday School 9:15am & Worship 10:30am.
Rev. Rodney W. Wells, (610) 588-1989

Zion Presbyterian Church

Water Street, Wind Gap
9:30am Service, Children's Sunday School during
service. Visitors are welcomed!
Rev. Sam Huffard

Zion United Lutheran Church

1919 Route 209 in Brodheadsville, PA
Worship: Saturdays 5:00 PM informal spoken service,
Sundays 8:00am with recorded music and 10:30am
with choir. Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am.
The Rev. E. Ann Melot~ ELCA
570-992-6988
www.zionulc.com

**If your worship time changes please email us at
thebeltandbeyond@gmail.com**

Mt. Bethel Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
2341 N Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel, PA.

Annual Sportsmen's Banquet

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

Doors open at 4:00pm ~ Dinner served at 6:00pm

Dinner Catered by Hillside Smokehouse - Firearms by Comunale's

**Raffle
Ticket
Only
\$20**

No admittance
w/this ticket

General Admission Tickets:

\$50 per person includes:

All You Can Eat Dinner

Soda, Tea, Coffee, Water & Mixers

30 prizes valued over \$5,000

**There will be other
small games
of chance during
the event!**

Tickets available from the following:

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***Mt. Bethel Fire Station**

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***Teel Auctions**

***Comunale's Italian Market**

***Mt. Bethel Auto**

***Johnsonville Farm & Garden**

***Horn's Outdoor Center, Inc.**

Mail check with this form to:

Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co. Inc., P.O.Box 208, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Name _____,

Address _____,

Phone Number _____,

Number of Tickets _____ at \$50 each along with a check to:

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Tickets will be mailed to you. Reserved seating for groups of 8 or more.

Please list reservation name under one person's name per group.

For Information and Tickets call Dane Edelheiser 570-242-7223

For complete list of prizes visit our website: mountbethelfire.com