Pen Argyl High School Senior athletes signed Letters of Intent Thursday to further their education as student athletes in college. Front Row (L-R) Jacob Abbruzzese, Football - Lebanon Valley; Jake Davis, Football - Lycoming; Anderson Dear, Football - Rhodes; Stu Kernosh, Soccer - Mansfield; Austen LaBarre, Baseball - Shippensburg and Lauren Reduzzi, Field Hockey - Drew. PHOTO GALLERY at sbtopics@rcn.com (24 pics) Sbtt Photo Emily Dario.

Bangor’s Eric Lyon signs a Letter of Intent to attend Oregon University and join the school’s Track and Field program. Lyon specialized in the Javelin throw at Bangor. Photo: Bangor Athletics twitter.
February 23

**Bangor Elks Bingo Bonanza**

Bingo Bonanza, Hosted by Bangor Elks #1106 will be held Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6 PM.

Come enjoy everyone’s favorite game of chance and determination at the Elks. This event will be open to the community.

Doors Open at 5:00 PM and Bingo begins at 6:00 PM. Pre-sale tickets for $20.00 are available at the Elks lodge; after February 16, tickets will be $25.00. Food is being served by Elite Gourmet Catering.

**Knitting Club at Bangor Library**

Come join the new knitting club at the Bangor Public Library. Starting On February 23 the group will meet from 11:00 to 1:00 pm very Saturday in the upstairs of the library. (when no special events are being held) Bring your own yarn and your knitting or crocheting materials. Come enjoy knitting, crocheting and socializing. Open to all Adults. So drop on by.

**Birding at Middle Creek**

Saturday, February 23 at 10:00am to 4:00pm. Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is one of the premier birding spots in eastern Pennsylvania. Join us for this birding tour of Middle Creek as we enjoy the sights and sounds of Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, and other waterfowl. Cackling Gees and the rare Ross’s Goose have been located among the Snow Geese flocks during previous trips. Bald Eagles and sometimes Golden Eagles have been seen. Please dress for the weather and bring a lunch and binoculars. This is a great opportunity for photographers. Meet at the Middle Creek Visitor Center at 10:00AM. Leaders will stay until dusk to look for Short-eared Owls and listen for American Woodcocks for those who are interested. Registration is required.

You can register for community programs online at http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

**Snow Ball Dinner Dance**

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

For tickets contact Spring Shank – Pen Argyl High School, Heather Reed – Wind Gap Middle School, Kelly Thomas – Plainfield Elementary. For information contact: Frank Jones – 610-863-9095 ext. 1387 or jonesfrank@penargylsd.org.

All proceeds help support Families First free programs

**Wintry Night**

Join Jasmine at Bloom Creative Studio in creating a beautiful Wintry Night painting on Saturday, February 23 at 10:00 am. Your choice of canvas size - 11x14 is $25 and 16x20 is $35. Cost includes instruction and all supplies. Paint with a purpose! Every purchase helps a woman start over. Register at bloombangor.org

**Paint Your Pet**

Paint your pet night at Bloom with Karin! Saturday, February 23 at 4:00 pm. Paint on a 12x16 for $35 or 16x20 for $45 after registering we will send you a email to send your photo so we can pre-sketch your canvas and bring your photo w/you. Register early class size is limited and this class is becoming very popular! Reserve your spot TODAY. Register at bloombangor.org

**March 2**

**Lorax Story**

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

**Dr. Suess Day at Blue Mt. 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 10:30-11:30 am at the Library. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bml.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

**Orienteering for Scouts**

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center will hold Orienteering for Scouts on Saturday, March 2 at 9:00am to 11:00am. Orienteering is a fun, family-friendly sport that involves navigating a course using a map and compass. It can be competitive, in timed events, or just a way for your pack or troop to get out and enjoy the woods while practicing useful map-reading skills. During this hands-on experience, you’ll learn how to read a topographic map, how to use a compass, and how to put all that knowledge together. All the equipment you will need is provided. Please bring water and wear comfortable shoes, there will be some hiking. Registration is required.

**Herpetology for Scouts**

Herpetology for Scouts at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Saturday, March 2 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Learn about the scientific study of amphibians and reptiles! We’ll become amateur herpetologists as we search for frogs, snakes, turtles, and salamanders. We’ll study what these types of animals need in order to survive and how the characteristics of each group are similar and unique. Be prepared to be outdoors in wet and muddy conditions. Rubber boots are recommended. Registration is required.
No Call - No Win - No title

by Larry Cory

Bangor only had five healthy players to start the Slaters’ quest for an unprecedented fifth straight Colonial League Championship. In the end the iron-five Slaters stayed with a deeper and taller Southern Lehigh team until the final seconds when a no-call on an apparent foul ended the Slaters’ hopes.

After trailing 33-26 with 2:40 left in the game, Bangor gradually chipped away at the lead. A driving lay-up and pair of free throws by C.J Miles helped the Slaters cause as Bangor closed the gap to 34-32. The Slaters fouled and a missed Spartan free throw resulted in a held ball under the Southern Lehigh basket. With the arrow pointing in Bangor’s favor, the Slaters in-bounded the ball with 16 seconds left. Colonial League MVP Ben Holland drove to the left of the lane shooting a short runner and was apparently fouled when he was knocked to the floor. With no whistle to be heard from any one of the three officials, the Spartans grabbed the rebound sending Bangor to a heartbreaking defeat.

It was clear from the outset that Southern Lehigh wanted to exploit Bangor’s lack of depth by applying defensive pressure in the back court and substituting fresh players especially in the first half. The big thorn in Bangor’s side was the play of the Spartans’ Daryl Coleman who scored 15 of Southern Lehigh’s 20 points in the second half and had a game high of 18.

After Bangor pulled ahead early in the second half, led by a lay-up and a three pointer by Chase Taylor, Coleman, who didn’t start either half, hit consecutive threes which gave the Spartans a 26-25 lead going into the fourth quarter. Coleman later scored on some driving lay-ups as the Spartan lead grew to seven points before Bangor’s ill-fated comeback.

The Slaters overall record dropped to 17-8, but they still have, at least, one more game to play when they begin Class 5A district play next week. Currently, Pottsville is ranked number one followed by Blue Mountain, Southern Lehigh, and Bangor.

According to the brackets just released Bangor will play Pottsville and Southern Lehigh will play Blue Mountain February 25 in the semi finals at a time and place to be determined.

The second-seeded Bangor girls will also play Pottsville February 27 at time and place to be determined.

The Pen Argyl girls will play Notre Dame Green Pond February 26 at time and place to be determined.

Bangor's Ben Holland is fouled on a drive to the basket during the first half of the Slaters' 36-32 loss to Southern Lehigh which denied the Slaters their fifth straight title. TTS Photo Lynn Cistone
Bangor Wrestler Sal Schippers (Back Row - Far left) was honored Thursday for his senior status and his fight against leukemia, hence the "Team Sal" T-shirts. Others pictured: (L-R) Front Row - Kaylee Hartzell, Paulie Mastrogiavanni, Gage Caiazzo, Sergio Murillo and Emily Labar. Back Row - Schippers, Doug Toth, Joe Nittoli, Joe Schrader, Dan Ferguson, and Garrett DeBoer. Photo Emily Dario.
Sunday February 24
Bingo - Immaculate Conception.
Doors 11:00am, Bingo 1:00pm
Bingo - Bangor VFW. Doors 4:30.
Bingo 6:00
Fellowship Dinner - First UMC
Bangor, 12:30-1:30.
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open
12-3.
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday February 25
Bingo - Kunkletown Fire Co.
Progressive Jackpot. 7pm
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
& 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.
Blue Valley Farm Show
Bangor School Board Business
Meeting - Slater Conference Room ,
7:30.
Bangor Borough Council -
Workshop, Bee Hive, 7:00pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am -
9:00pm

Tuesday February 26
Bingo - Portland Fire Co., 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
& 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.
Blue Valley Farm Show
Preschool Story Time - Bangor Public
Library, 10-11am.
Mission of Love Food Pantry &
Clothes Closet - N. Main St., Bangor,
10-2
Bangor Exchange Club - Blue Valley
Farm Show, 7pm.
Knights of Columbus Meeting -
Council Home, 7:30-9:30pm
Friends of Bangor Library - 7pm
Bangor Band Boosters - BAHS Band
Room, 7pm
UMBT Zoning Board - Township
Building, 7:30pm
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am -
9:00pm
Pen Argyll Workshop Council
Meeting - 7 P.M. Council Chambers
Roseto Borough Authority -

Wednesday February 27
Bingo - Bushkill Fire Co. Doors 5pm.
Bingo 7pm.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
& 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.
Blue Valley Farm Show
Gym Nite - 6-8pm, Faith Christian
School, Roseto. 610-588-6929
Slate Belt Band - Practice. Roseto
American Legion, 143 Garibaldi Ave.,
Roseto 7:30-9.
Story Time - Preschool children. Blue
Mt. Community Library, Pen Argyl,
10:30am
Bangor Yard Waste - Dump in
container at Bangor Park, 8-12.
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am -
9:00pm

Thursday February 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
Story Time - Preschool children. Blue
Mt. Community Library, Pen Argyl,
10:30am
Roseto Zoning Board - Borough Hall
TBA
Slate Belt Rotary - Scorecard, Wind
Gap, 6-7pm
Plainfield Township Supervisors -
Meets 7:00pm Municipal Building
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am -
9:00pm

Friday March 1
Bingo - Wind Gap Fire Co., 6:45.
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-5
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.

Blue Valley Farm Show
Knitters of the Round Table - Blue
Mt. Comm. Library, 10:30am. 610-
863-3029
Slate Belt YMCA - Open 5:00am -
9:00pm

Saturday March 2
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
Bangor Public Library - Open 10-4
Mission of Love Soup Kitchen - N.
Main St., Bangor. 11-2
Bangor Yard Waste - Dump in
container at Bangor Park, 8-12.
Slate Belt YMCA - 8-4

Sunday March 3
Bingo - Immaculate Conception.
Doors 11:00am, Bingo 1:00pm
Bingo - Bangor VFW. Doors 4:30.
Bingo 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner - East Bangor
UMC, 4-6.
Slate Belt Heritage Center - Open
12-3.
Slate Belt YMCA - 10-2

Monday March 4
Bingo - Kunkletown Fire Co.
Progressive Jackpot. 7pm
Blue Mountain Library - Open 10-12
& 6-8pm
Bangor Public Library - Open 1-8
Slate Belt Senior Center - Open 8-4.
Blue Valley Farm Show
Pen Argyll Sewer Committee - 4:30
P.M. Council Chambers
Pen Argyll Municipal Authority - 6:00
P.M. Council Chambers
Washington Township Zoning
Board - Municipal Building, 7pm.
Roseto Borough Council - Municipal
Building, 7:30pm
Knights of Columbus Ladies
Auxiliary - Council Home, 7:30-
9:30pm
Lower Mount Bethel Supervisors -
Meets Centerfield Building, 7pm
Reduzzi New Slater Head Coach

According to published reports on Twitter, former Pen Argyl High School head football coach Paul Reduzzi has been named head football coach at Bangor High School.

According to a statement from Slater Athletics on twitter, “SlaterNation welcomes Coach Paul Reduzzi as our new head football coach. We are extremely excited to have such a successful, veteran coach take over our program.”

Reduzzi, a 1985 Pen Argyl grad where he played flanker and defensive back and was a member of the Green Knights’ 1984 PIAA District XI Championship team, coached the Green Knights from 2007-17 and went 66-59 and guided the Knights to back-to-back District 11 2A titles in 2011 and 2012.

Earlier in his career he was a coach in New Jersey for 17 seasons at Belvidere, Watchung and Hopatcong. In 2005, he led Hopatcong to the Sussex County League championship and North 1 Group 2 State Sectional title. He also compiled a 35-23 record at Belvidere.

In Reduzzi’s six seasons with Hopatcong, he compiled a 40-25 record. His first state title with the Chiefs came in 2001. In 2005, he led them to another championship and they shared the SCIL title for the first time in school history.

Reduzzi was an assistant defensive coach at Liberty last year after resigning from his job in Pen Argyl at the end of the 2017 season. Paul Reduzzi is the second head coach from arch-rival Pen Argyl to be hired at Bangor this year. Nick Pope, former co-head coach of the Pen Argyl boys soccer team, was recently hired as the Slater boys head coach. Bangor has now appointed three new head coaches this year, including Brandt Godshalk as the Slaters’ new head baseball coach.

Roseto's Engle bids for County Council Seat

Dan Engle has announced his candidacy for the open seat for Northampton County Council - District 4 which consists of the Slate Belt area, Bushkill Township, Upper Nazareth, Bath, Chapman, Moore Township, Lehighton Township and Walnutport.

Engle is a fourth-generation Union member of Boilermakers Local 28 since 2002, who has been involved in many community organizations over the past eight years including coaching for children's sports activities, and has been a Roseto Borough Council Member for the past two years. Engle says the motto he lives by is to "work, serve and lead productively and responsibly".

Engle says there is a lot of untapped potential in Northampton County, specifically within District 4, for growth and revitalization. “As I learned during my apprenticeship, when there's work that needs to be done, it's time to jump in and help to get it done, Engle said” Engle has made a promise to the residents of Northampton County that he will continue to serve with transparency, integrity and respect. As he has done on Roseto Borough Council, he says he will continue to listen to the issues that are most important to his constituents. He says that he is willing to work hard to bring about fair and effective policy in Northampton County.

The issues he wants to address are the needs and rights of individuals, like economic vitalization, environmental issues and by supporting those working paycheck to paycheck. Engle also wants to ensure that contracting is done responsibly, protecting the taxpayers while ensuring workers are protected.

Engle had been considering a run in recent months, but the final decision came in recent weeks when a number of friends and community leaders encouraged him to run.

“District 4 needs a strong voice in Northampton County,” he said. "We need problem solvers and common sense advocates for the people in District 4.”

For more information, email Engle at engle4noco4th@gmailcom or visit Facebook at fb.me/engle4noco4th

Smith Chosen For 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 Robesonia, 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.
The Pen Argyl Girls Basketball team celebrated senior night prior to their game with Northwestern Wednesday night. (L-R) Head Coach Kyle Eckley, Kelly O’Brien, Gabrielle Weaver, Hannah Irwin, Kristen Freda, Peyton Lemon (Mgr.) and Asst. Coach Katherine Salvemini. TTS Photo Emily Dario
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Annual Polar Plunge
Come out for Camp Papillon’s 2nd Annual Polar Plunge Pocono will be held March 2. Raise only $100 to take the plunge for a good cause! Register at https://www.camppapillon.org/polarplungepocono. All plungers receive a 2019 Polar Plunge Pocono long sleeve shirt and free lunch. Plungers can collect donations online or collect cash & check donations and bring the day of the event. Doors open at 11 AM to public. Plunging starts at 2 PM. Live Music, Food, Games & Contests!!! VIP Heated Lounge Area. More Details To Follow! Admission is free.

March 6
Drug Awareness Program
John Bermingham, Chairman, UMBT Supervisors has announced that Upper Mount Bethel Township is partnering with the Bangor School District on hosting programs and educational courses concerning drug awareness. This partnership will further support the School District in protecting our children from leading a life on drugs.

On March 6, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Bangor Area High School there will be a “Mock Teen Bedroom” course. This is a free course that any parent/s may attend regardless of where you live or how old your children are.

The Course is designed to inform parents where kids stash their drugs, what diversion safes are, and common household items that indicate abuse. I hope you will come out for this wonderful program that will help you better protect your children.

March 7
Amateur Radio Club
The Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 7, 7:30 pm in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Program: “CISM”- Critical Stress Debriefing:” Presenter: Joel / WB3JWC. Members and others interested always are invited. Directions: https://tinyurl.com/y852acvn. FMI: www.dlarc.org. KE3AW@ARRLnet, 610.432.8286.

March 8
Flower & Garden Show
The 2019 Lehigh Valley Flower & Garden Show will be held March 8 - Mar 10. Fri 12:00 PM. MAR 9 Sat 10:00 AM. MAR 10 Sun 11:00 AM. Agri-Plex Expo Center 302 N 17th St, Allentown. More flowers! More gardening! More family-fun! Don’t miss the annual Lehigh Valley Flower & Garden Show at the Agri-plex, #AllentownFairgrounds in Allentown, PA. The Lehigh Flower & Garden show usher in Spring with beautiful gardens, flower arranging demonstration & free seminars, kid-friendly exhibits and activities, and lots of garden-related supplies. Don’t miss this year’s show with even more flowers

March 9

Your order or for additional information call Chrissy at 610-588-0809.

March 10
Pennsylvania’s Slate Lands
March 10th @ 2:00 PM: “Digital Documentation of Pennsylvania’s Slate Lands” by Professors, Frank Matera, John Hinchman and Joseph Elliot Of The Philadelphia School of Design.

All You Can Eat Breakfast
All You Can Eat Breakfast Hosted by Blue Valley Rescue Squad - Station 71 Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 8 AM – 12 PM at the Roseto Legion 143 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto, Pennsylvania 18013. Menu: Scrumbled Eggs, Potatoes, Bacon, two types of Sausage, Ham, Scrapple, French Toast, Pancakes, S.O.S. and Wheat Toast, Sausage Gravy, and S.O.S. Cream Chip Beef. We also have deserts and a large variety of coffee, Tea, and Juices. Cost Adults $8.00 Children age 5 to 10 $5.00 Children under the age of 5 are Free.

Hike for Health
On Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm you can Hike for Health at Jacobsburg Environmental Center. Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke’s University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke’s University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Registration is not required.
Benefit Basketball Game

This is one of many memorable moments of a game between the Harlem Wizards and the Slate Belt Dream Team played Friday night at Pen Argyl High School to benefit the school's D.A.R.E program. Sbt Photo Emily Dario
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**Mamma Mia Pancake Breakfast**

On Saturday March 9, 2019 from 8AM to 11AM 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 7:00 PM. 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, $6.00 per person, children 2 and under are free. Please call Sue Bina, 610-588-3041, with any questions.

**New Pennsylvania Farm Bill**

State officials revealed what they called a “historic proposal” to pump $24 million into programs to protect and expand agriculture. The plan would embrace the growing of hemp, including its use as an approved animal feed. Preserved farm restrictions would be relaxed to allow properties to be subdivided.

To protect the future health of farming in the state, tax credits for farmers would be expanded and wider farm equipment would be able to be driven on public roads.

For dairy farmers, a new $5 million program would be established to help struggling farmers transition to organic produce and develop and market niche dairy products.

Another $2.5 million will go for grants to farmers to help them afford conservation practices being pushed by the state and federal government as part of the Chesapeake Bay restoration. And $500,000 will be used for loans to farmers for the measures.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bill allocates $24 million in additional funding to chart a real path for a dynamic and prosperous farming economy in Pennsylvania. It’s about providing more opportunities to our farmers by creating more jobs, more income, and more hope.

- Spending of $2.6 million to make Pennsylvania the leading organic state.
- Exemption of the realty transfer tax when preserved farmland is transferred to a beginning farmer.
- Creation of a Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program for $5 million to help dairy farmers transition to organic and marketing grants to sell their products.
- Creation of a Center for Animal Agriculture Excellence for $1 million by expanding meat processing facilities, help with food safety compliance and converting hemp to animal feed.
- Using $500,000 to create new and expand markets for small or new meat producers.
- The width of farm equipment allowed to be driven on roads will be expanded from 16 feet to 18 feet.
- Creation of a Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account for $5 million to allow a quick response to agricultural disasters such as the spotted lanternfly outbreak and Avian Influenza.
- Spending $500,000 to encourage high-priority crops such as hemp, hops and hardwoods.

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**Pen Argyl Lodge #594 F&AM Golf**

Pen Argyl Lodge #594 F&AM is still looking for donations, event sponsors and golfers for their upcoming golf tournament which is being held on May 11th 2019! If you or your company would like to support their tournament and help them raise funds for Masonic Charities, please contact them. This is our 3rd year of hosting this event at the Southmore Golf Course! If you are a golfer or would like to play in this event, we would love to have you and/or your team participate. All funds raised by this event does support the Lodge and enables it to be a source of support to our community! All donations, and sponsorships are 100% tax deductible! Please consider help Pen Argyl Lodge #594 spread the light of Freemasonry.

**Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival**

The Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10 AM – 5 PM Cedar Beach Park, 2600 Parkway Blvd, Allentown. A fun event for the whole family! Games, exhibits, food, music and more, the event promotes the arts, international cultures, environmental awareness and features a children's activity area. Free and open to the public.
Chamber Scholarship Applications
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 been 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.

St. David’s Day Celebration
On March 1, come celebrate St. David’s Day with Celtic Cultural Alliance! Martha Capwell Fox, author, historian, and D&L Historian and Archives Coordinator, will be sharing her knowledge of the impact of the Welsh immigrants in the development of the Lehigh Valley.

The event will be held at Life in Christ Church, 51 E. Hillmont St. Bethlehem from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

After her informative talk, you are then invited to test your knowledge in a Welsh Trivia Contest and celebrate the Welsh love of singing and music through an open microphone forum.

St. David, or Dewi Sant, as he is known in the Welsh language, is the patron saint of Wales and he is celebrated on March 1, the date of St. David’s death in 589 A.D.

Martha Capwell Fox is the author of Catasauqua and North Catasauqua and Whitehall and Coplay and the coauthor of The Lehigh Valley Cement Industry. Her latest book, set to be released sometime soon, is Geology, Geography, and Genius: The Industrial History of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

For information about this event or other CCA programs, please go to www.celticfest.org, call 610-868-9599, or contact mmulligan@celticfest.org.

In the event of cancellation, please check out our Facebook page, Celtic Classic at facebook.com/CelticClassic.

Knitting Club at Bangor Library
Come join the new knitting club at the Bangor Public Library. Starting On February 23 the group will meet from 11:00 to 1:00 pm very Saturday in the upstairs of the library. (when no special events are being held) Bring your own yarn and your knitting or crocheting materials. Come enjoy knitting, crocheting and socializing. Open to all Adults. So drop on by.

Morganelli to Speak in Pen Argyl
District Attorney John Morganelli will be the guest speaker of the Pen Argyl Women's Club 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.

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Save the date for the St. Patrick’s Day parade on Sunday, March 24th. Enjoy marching units, bands, non-profit groups, politicians and local businesses marching between two boroughs to celebrate the life and good works of St. Patrick of Ireland with a grand Marshall who exhibits the similar characteristics. The parade kicks off at the Stroudsburg High School at 1:30 PM and ends at Crystal Street in East Stroudsburg. Camp Papillon's float is Harry Pawter themed!

Monroe County Earth Day
Join Monroe County’s environmental efforts and successes! April 27 From 10am - 3pm there will be ongoing live music, speakers, exhibitors, workshops, give & take, tire amnesty, e-cycling, children’s activities, food, and more! Sponsored by MCCD and Northampton Community College (NCC) Monroe campus, the event will take place at NCC’s beautiful, new Monroe campus on Rt. 715 in Tannersville. Don’t miss it! Check out mcearthday.org for more information.

Parade Of Shamrocks
Downtown Bethlehem will be awash in green as Celtic Cultural Alliance hosts the 8th Annual Celtic Classic Parade of Shamrocks! The celebration will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2019. The parade steps off at 1:00 p.m., so get here early for the best viewing spots! The parade will kick-off at 10th Avenue & Broad Street. The parade route will continue east on Broad to Main Street and makes its way south on Main Street, ending under the Hill-To-Hill Bridge.

Emrick to Host Minsi Meeting
State Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton) will host an information meeting on Monday, March 4, to provide the latest news on the Minsi Lake Dam project. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., in the auditorium of Bangor Area Middle School, 401 5 Points Richmond Road. Richmond Road, Bangor, PA 18013.

“I recently met with Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer, who gave me a progress report on construction at Minsi Lake,” Emrick said. “My office is frequently contacted about the project, and this will be an easy way to get out the latest news.”

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and engineering firm KC Construction Company will provide updates on repair of the dam and replacement of the spillway, as well as a timetable for re-filling the lake.

Questions about this or any legislative issue should be directed to Emrick’s district offices at (610) 588-8011 or (610) 746-5090.
**Church**

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

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

**Faith United Presbyterian**
W. PA & Heller Ave., Pen Argyl
610-863-4447 - www.faithunited.net

**First United Evangelical**
25 South 2nd St., Bangor
Pastor Ronald Shipman (610)588-3226

**First UMC of Bangor**
55 N. Third Street, Bangor, Pa. 18013
Pastor: Chris Hardy 610-588-4673
Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
www.methodistsunday.org

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

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran**
704 Delaware Ave, Wind Gap, PA
Sunday Contemporary Worship - 8:00 am
Blended Worship - 10:00 am
Youth Group - 5:00 pm

**Grace United Methodist**
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl

**Hopspring Community of Faith**
301 Market Street, Bangor.
Jonathan Almanzar - Lead Pastor
(610) 590-3020
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855-53-HOPE

**Hope UCC**
Second & Cherry Streets, Wind Gap,Pa
Pastor Darlene Blocker.
(610) 864-4747 ... www.hopewg.org

**Mount Bethel Church**
1270 Belvidere Corner Road, Mt. Bethel
Pastor Chris Prietial (570) 897-7142
www.mountbethelchurch.org
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**Mount Eaton Church**
7277 Mount Eaton Road Saylorsburg, (570) 992-7650
office@mounteatonchurch.org. http://www.mounteatonchurch.org

**St. James School**
- 9:00am