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North Warren took on Perth Amboy Magnet on December 27th, winning, 51 to 40 during their Holiday Extravaganza. North Warren took on Central Jersey College Charter in the finals on December 29th. North Warren won, 53 to 41. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl took on Palisades High School in Boys Basketball on January 20th. The Green Knights won over the Pirates, 45 to 29. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor took on Wilson High School in boys basketball on January 4th. Bangor won, 51 to 37. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



North Warren took on Vernon Township High School on December 19th. North Warren won, 49 to 23. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl took to the mat against Salisbury High School during their Youth Night Wrestling Match on January 3rd. Pen Argyl won, 50 to 12. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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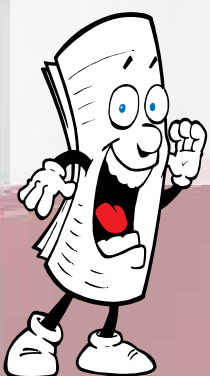
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Pen Argyl took to the basketball court to take on Moravian Academy during their Senior Night Girls Basketball on January 31st. Pen Argyl won, 53 to 30. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl held their annual Mini-Thon on February 24th to help raise money for Pediatric Cancer. Pen Argyl's final total this year was \$36,374.45. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



North Warren took on Kinnelon High School in the NJSIAA 1st Round, North Jersey Section 1, Group 1 tournament on February 22nd. North Warren was defeated, 52 to 42. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl went head to head against Northern Lehigh during their Senior Night boys basketball on January 25th. Pen Argyl won, 47 to 45. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor took on Pocono Mountain East in the Boys Basketball District 11, 5A Quarterfinals on February 23rd. Bangor lost 56 to 51. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



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Grace United Methodist Church in Pen Argyl, PA, hosted their Annual Spring Craft Show & Bake Sale on March 9th. Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



With Easter quickly approaching on Sunday, March 31st, the Roseto Helping Hands hosted their annual egg hunt on March 16th to help get everyone in the Easter Spirit. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The Annual Miller House Spring Craft Show was held on March 15th-17th. Local crafters displayed their work, to help spread the feeling of "SPRING." Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor's Jaelyn Silfies signed her letter of intent to play softball for West Chester University. Jaelyn is pictured above with her parents, Teddy & Heather Reed, and Ryon Silfies. Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



It's hard to believe that it has already been 10 years since Barber on Main first opened its doors at 17 Main Street in Blirstown, NJ! The full service barber shop specializes in men, women, and children's haircuts. Diane, owner of Barber on Main, said, "I couldn't have done it without my amazing staff and this wonderful community! Your support over the years has been humbling, and I am truly grateful! Looking forward to many more years of making everyone who walks through my door, look and feel their best! Thank you for a great decade, I am looking forward to the next!" Be sure to stop in for your next haircut, and see what has made Barber on Main a staple in the community over the past 10 years.



The Father DeNisco Council Knights of Columbus in Bangor, PA, hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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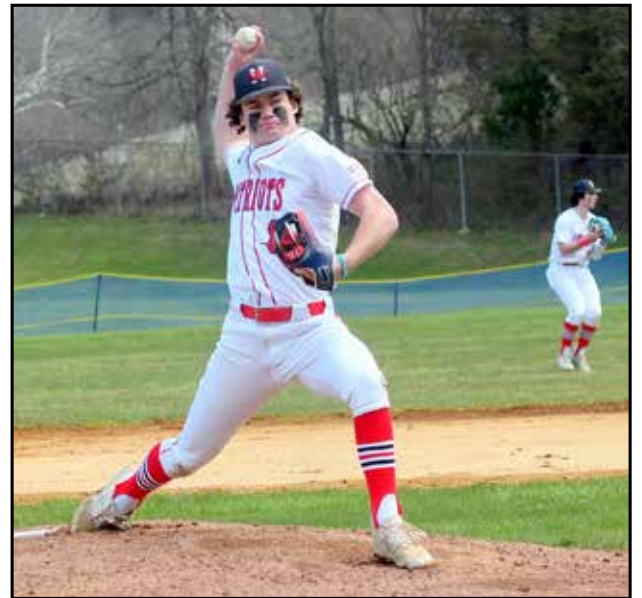
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North Warren took on Belvidere in baseball on April 6th. North Warren won, 14 to 1. Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl went head to head against Northwestern Softball on April 17th. Pen Argyl was defeated, 11 to 2. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor High School Presented their Spring Musical on April 9th. This year's musical was "Mean Girls" The High School Version. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor went head to head against Salisbury High School in boys tennis on April 8th, but were defeated 5-0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



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Pen Argyl students waited for the busses outside of the high school before being whisked away to the 2024 Prom on May 3rd. This year's prom, titled "STORRY KNIGHT" was held at Woodstone Country Club. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor went head to head against Saucon Valley during their Senior Night Baseball game on May 2nd. Bangor won, 12 to 2. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



North Warren took on Warren County Vo-Tech during their Senior Night Baseball Game on May 8th. North Warren crushed the competition, 12 to 2. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



A Vintage Volkswagen Parae stopped by Hunter's Lodge located at 64 Rt. 46, in Columbia, NJ, on May 4th. Photo by Doreen Rutherford/The Free Weekly Press



The Blue Mountain Antique Gas Engine & Steam Association held their 38th Annual Swap Meet on May 18th and 19th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



North Warren took on Lenape Valley High School in girls lacrosse on May 20th. North Warren won, 11 to 7. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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Pen Argyl High School held their Annual Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2024 on May 21st. This year's Valedictorian was Katrina Valente and this year's Salutatorian was Sydney Schreck. Congratulations Class of 2024, best of luck in all your future endeavors. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl High School held their Annual Memorial Day Assembly on May 24th, to honor the memory of the men and women who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedoms. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor Area High School held their 139th Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 30th at Bangor Veterans Memorial Park Stadium, in Bangor, PA, to celebrate the graduating seniors as they begin to embark on their new journey. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press.



North Warren Regional High School celebrated the graduating seniors in the Class of 2024 with their Annual Commencement Ceremony, held on June 13th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press.



The Bangor Memorial Park Pool held their annual Splash Dance for students entering grades 7-9 on June 21st. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Faith Christian School held their graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 on June 7th. This year's Valedictorian was Megan Rose Erwin, and this year's Salutatorian was Hope Rose Light. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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If there is one thing Blairstown, NJ, is big on...it's tradition - and that tradition is celebrating Independence Day with a BANG! Men, women, children, and even pets, gather at footbridge park for the annual Blairstown Fourth Celebration, which is full of fun and quirky traditions that residents hold near and dear to their hearts. Photo by Bob Halberstad/The Free Weekly Press



The Summer Sounds concert series, which continued on July 14th, with "Waitin on Sundown" taking the stage at Weona Park. Despite the heat, there was a great turn out. Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The Summer Sounds Summer concert series continued on July 21st with the musical stylings of the "New Individuals" at Wind Gap Park. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Portland, PA, celebrated the Fourth of July, on Thursday, July 4th, with their annual parade. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association held their 53rd Annual Gas Engine and Tractor Show July 19th through July 21st, at Jacktown Grove. This year they featured a John Deere 6HP Engine. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor Memorial Park Pool hosted their Annual Family Luau on July 19th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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Bangor, PA, held a Helicopter Golf Ball Drop on August 10th at Bangor Memorial Park to help generate funds for the planning of Bangor's 150th Anniversary Celebration. First place winner was John Chaffier. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Local Band, WATER STREET recently won the 1037-WNNJ Battle of the Bands at the New Jersey State Fair on August 2nd!



St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church in Martins Creek held their Annual Festival on August 8th-10th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press




A Celebration of Life was held for longtime Pen Argyl Resident, Gerry DeLong, at Look-out Fire Company No 1 on August 10th. Gerry was born on March 4th, 1943 and passed away on June 19th, 2024. Gerry was a cherished member of the Slate Belt Community and will be very missed. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The 78th Blue Valley Farm Show was held August 14th through 17th. Pictured above are this year's Farm Show Queen, Miss Hannah Kromer (right) and Queen Alternate, Miss Madison Pagats (left). Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl took on Bethlehem Catholic in field hockey on August 23rd. Pen Argyl won, 3 to 0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



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North Warren took on Wallkill Valley in girls soccer on September 4th. North Warren won, 7 to 1. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor took on Saucon Valley in field hockey on September 7th. Bangor won, 2 to 0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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The Redball Military Vehicle Transport Club hosted their fall show on September 20th & 21st at the West End Fairgrounds in Gilbert, PA. Military Vehicles were on display, as well as vendors & more. Photo by Melissa Lameo/



North Warren went head to head against Hopatcong High School in their Youth Appreciation Night Football game on September 13th. North Warren won, 34 to 26. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl took on Moravian Academy in field hockey on September 13th. Pen Argyl won with a 3 to 0, shut out. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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Firefighter Roger Downey and firefighter Logan Downey of the Blairstown Hose Company are the newest local graduates of the Warren County Fire Academy. Photos by Bob Halberstadt/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor and Pen Argyl took to the gridiron on October 26th for the 105th Annual Slate Belt Rivalry Game. Bangor won the extremely close game, 14 to 13. Pen Argyl's MVP was Caident Faust, and Bangor's MVP was Jacob Hillis, This year's game MVP was also awarded to Jacob Hillis. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl took on Salisbury High School in their 2024 Homecoming football game on September 28th. Pen Argyl won, 21 to 3. Pictured above is this year's Homecoming King and Queen, John Keller and Cybil Bashova Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor took on Southern Lehigh in their 2024-25 Homecoming Game October 11th. Bangor lost, 47 to 0. Pictured above are this year's Homecoming King and Queen, Jaleil Ameirward and Rachel Finkbeiner. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



North Warren took on Belvidere in their 2024-25 Homecoming Football game on October 19th. North Warren lost, 37 to 0. This year's Homecoming Queen is Kaley Ann Bonner, and this year's King is Robbie Pignotti. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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A Salute To Our Veterans was held on November 9th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery. The program was followed by a breakfast at the Roseto American Legion Post # 750. Thank You Veterans. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The Wind Gap Legion Post 724 hosted a Veterans Day Luncheon on November 2nd to Honor the Men and women who served, and continue to serve our country, Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor High School Slater Chorale hosted a Disney night on November 25th featuring a bunch of Disney Sing-a-long favorites. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



The Annual Roseto Christmas Tree lighting was held on December 1st. The community gathered together to spread holiday cheer. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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Upper Mt. Bethel Township held their Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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Pen Argyl took on Notre Dame East Stroudsburg in girls basketball on December 6th. The Lady Green Knights won, 48 to 17. Photos by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Bangor took on Jim Thorpe High School in wrestling on December 5th. Bangor won, 41 to 26. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



Friday the 13th is a local "Favorite Holiday" for the residents of Blairstown, NJ, and this December 13th was no different, with the exception of a holiday twist. Photo by Bob Halberstadt/The Free Weekly Press



Pen Argyl beat Lehigh, 48 to 31, in their girls basketball on December 11th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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