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Slate Belt Heritage Center Preservation Award

By Karen Brewer

The Slate Belt Heritage Center, located at 30 Forth 1st Street, Bangor, Pa, is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its' "Annual Heritage Award". The purpose of the award is to acknowledge individuals who have performed exemplary acts that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt. Candidates may be an individual or group and can be nominated by themselves or by another party.

There will be three (3) categories:

1. Initiative Award: Applicant who has performed exemplary actions in promoting and preserving the Slate Belt heritage through in-kind actions. This means acts that do not necessarily involve monetary donations but can be unpaid service for a preservation cause.
2. Architectural Award: Applicant who is saving or conserving a historic building, place or artifact where restoration is authentic to preservation.
3. Special Focus Award: Applicant who is saving or conserving tradition or a body of knowledge. That individual who contributes to educational information via exhibits, documentation, internet, archival, etc.

Consideration is given to projects with:

- 1.) A specific start and end date.
- 2.) Whether the project meets Professionally accepted preservation and/or scholar standards.
- 3.) Whether the project is considered "complete" with goals and how they were achieved.
- 4.) Whether the project had a significant impact with before and after photographs for proof of information and/or proof that a historic piece would have been otherwise lost if the nominee had not completed the project.

Nominations will be accepted this fall and will be reviewed in January of each year. the awards will be presented at a special program in June. One prize will be awarded with the possibility of one per category depending on committee's review of candidates. Nominations should include a description of entry, photos (if applicable), and any pertinent documentation. The Heritage Center retains the right to exhibit and/or publish the application materials, including photographs. Applications for those not chosen will be held on file, indefinitely, for future consideration.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Heritage Center (Sundays 1-3), at local municipal offices or by contacting Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661. If calling, please leave an address to where applications can be mailed in addition to name and phone number. For additional information contact Karen Brewer.

Grand View Health and St. Luke's University Health Network Sign a Definitive Agreement to Partner

By Sam Kenedy

SELLERSVILLE AND FOUNTAIN HILL, PA. – Today, Grand View Health and St. Luke's University Health Network announced they have signed a definitive agreement to partner, strengthening the two organizations' shared commitment to delivering the highest quality care to patients. The boards of Grand View and St. Luke's were unanimous in their decision and approval to move forward.

The transaction is expected to be completed in mid-to-late 2025, pending customary federal and state regulatory review and completion of closing conditions. In September, Grand View and St. Luke's announced they had signed a non-binding Letter of Intent to partner.

"This is a strategic decision to assure Grand View's future for the benefit of our community and our patients," Doug Hughes, President & CEO of Grand View, said. "Our Board of Trustees and senior leadership team welcome this opportunity to become part of St. Luke's, a network whose name is synonymous with quality, compassionate care and an outstanding culture."

Headquartered in Sellersville, PA, Grand View is a nonprofit, community-based health system of over 2,000 employees, caring for residents of Bucks and Montgomery counties. In 2024, Grand View earned an A grade for safety from the Leapfrog Group and five stars (the highest) for quality from Medicare. Grand View was established in 1913 as Bucks County's first hospital.

"Grand View, as does St. Luke's, enjoys a long and proud history of providing high-quality and compassionate care to its communities, which is why the two organizations will be excellent partners," Rick Anderson, President & CEO of St. Luke's, said. "All of us at St. Luke's are extremely honored and pleased Grand View will be joining our Network."

St. Luke's is a fully integrated regional health care network with more than 20,000 employees and \$4 billion in revenues. Its 15 hospital campuses and more than 350 outpatient sites serve 11 counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. St. Luke's hospitals have consistently earned numerous national awards including in 2024 A grades for safety from Leapfrog, five stars for quality from CMS and the 100 Top Major Teaching Hospitals designation from PINC AI.

"Together as partners, Grand View and St. Luke's will enhance each organization's ability to provide superb quality care and service for our patients and communities," Anderson said.



St. Luke's Health



Bangor Area School District Kindergarten Registration Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 1, 2025

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WELCOME CLASS OF 2038!

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2038! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is looking forward to working with our new kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she

- is at least the age of five (5) years by August 25, 2025.
- resides within the boundaries of BASD.
- successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process.

Kindergarten registration is online. Online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the district website (www.bangorslaters.com). Once packets are received and confirmed complete, BASD will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment in June of 2025. Completed packets must be received no later than May 16, 2025, to guarantee a screening appointment in June. A completed registration includes:

- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 25, 2025)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Immunizations
- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. Kindergarten screenings for the 2025-2026 School Year will occur in June of 2025. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child for their screening appointment. Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child!

For more information, please contact:
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