

Department Of Corrections Is Now Paperless.

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Inmate and classification files are now held in a digital format. Previously, the Department of Corrections sent between 75-150 boxes of paper to the Archives Building in Forks Township every year.

"Keeping paper files is no longer an option because of the storage challenges," says Lamont McClure. "If we continue to send boxes of paper to our Archives Department at the rate we have been, the building will run out of space in 2020." The Archives building was dedicated in 2013 and has 7,000 ft² of storage in the warehouse. As of May 8th, the Northampton County Jail officially went paperless, keeping all records in a state-approved digital archived system. Employees are back-scanning the current paper files. All files on inmates must be kept for a minimum of ten years. Homicide files are stored permanently. "I'd like to congratulate Director of Corrections James Kostura for this forward thinking on this matter and Director of Administration Charles Dertinger for spearheading this important document management program which will save Northampton County taxpayers money and more than a few trees as well."

The Northampton County Jail is the first department to move to a digital archive system. Human Resources and the Department of Community and Economic Development will begin the process this summer. Lamont McClure intends to have all County departments functioning on a paperless system by 2025.

Salvation Army

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The monies for the scholarships are awarded from a special fund created through a private endowment at the bequest of Irene Cramer. Without this financial support, most of the students would be unable to attend college."

Each year, the Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps welcomes applicants to the program who are younger than 21 years of age and have completed high school or the equivalent GED. Applications must be received by April 1 of the applying year. The number and amount of scholarship monies awarded is distributed based upon the funding available in each fiscal year from the Irene Cramer bequest. All eligible applicants are residents of Monroe County.

This year's recipients and their intended colleges are:

Angelina Augugliaro – Jefferson University
 Michael Boone – Ursinus College
 Michelle Brodsky – University of Hartford
 Sergio Butron – Lehigh University
 Rebecca Chan – West Chester University
 Samantha Donnelly – The Pennsylvania State University
 Cody Hawley – Temple University
 Emily Opshinsky – Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Valeria Osorio – Bethany College
 Marco Polimeni – Northeastern University
 Rocco Polimeni – Northeastern University
 Amanda Thomson – Northampton Community College

Van Meter concludes, "We are very proud of the applicants and their contribution to our community. It is the Salvation Army's hope that these monies assist them in the successful pursuit of their degrees and that they continue to give back to the community throughout their careers."



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Choose Your Brand

There are so many brands of air conditioners and furnaces on the market that it's hard for even someone in the business to keep up with. The new mini split heat pumps are gaining in popularity and they bring even more manufacturers to the game. Names like LG, Daikin and Fujitsu are very popular mini splits and they all say they are the best but I'm more concerned about what customers say than what the manufacturer says.

The reasons I choose what to install start with overall value and end with warranty support. I have sold several brands over the last 40 years and still maintain most of what I installed. Every now and then a customer will say that they went websurfing and found bad reviews on whatever brand I have recommended. I explain the reasons for my recommendation but will install whatever brand they request as long as they accept the responsibility for the decision. I feel very strongly that the installation has a lot to do with the longevity and performance of an air conditioning system. Any shortcuts will have a negative effect and they can be disastrous. I have heard stories of installers who have very high number of warranty claims and after a while they get scrutinized for such high failure rates. Of course some defects do get past the manufacturing process we have very few failures. Mostly what we see is damage from shipping.

Sometimes there will be a large price difference between brands. Usually that happens when one is well-known and the other is up and coming. I can spot the things that mean quality when I look the equipment over and I can also spot things that will make it hard to install or maintain. That's how I decide if I want to consider it as a regular brand we will recommend.

Once I have installed several of any brand it becomes apparent how well they are made and if it is a good value for the customer. And once I have filed a warranty claim I can tell whether the manufacturer respects its customers. So if a prospective customer says they found some bad reviews online for a brand I have recommended and wants a different brand, all I can do is give my opinion and accept their decision. There are a few brands I would just walk away from based on experience but if a customer signs a contract with their choice requested in black and white, the work will be done according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County Notice of Employment

Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, PA is seeking a Full-time CDL Driver Class A with air brakes for the Public Works Department. Application can be picked up at the at the Township Municipal Building located at 387 Ye Olde Highway, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or online at www.umbt.org. Applications will be accepted until June 1, 2019

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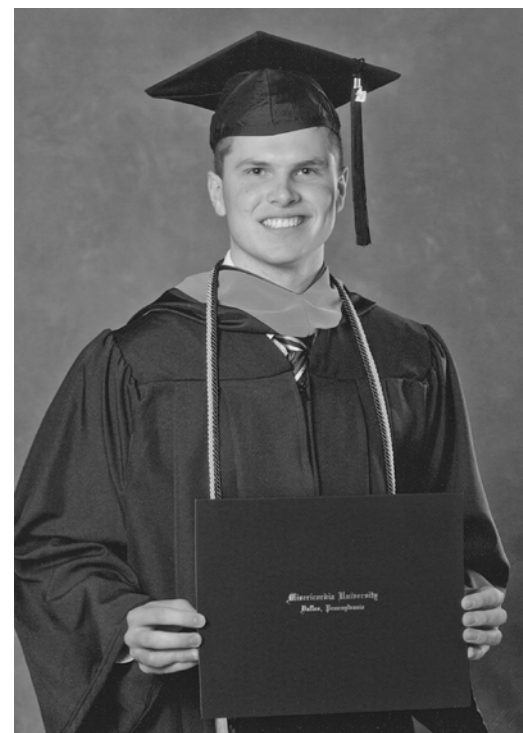
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Graduation Annoucnement

By Michael Ortoski

NAZARETH - Bailey Brugler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Misericordia University during their December 2018 Commencement exercises. Brugler graduated Magna Cum Laude. Brugler is the son of Brent and Tonya Brugler. He graduated from Nazareth Area High School in 2015. Brugler is currently enrolled in graduate school at Misericordia University pursuing his Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.

Tuesday Night is Pantry Night at The Salvation Army!

By Krista A. Nagy / Pathway of Hope Case Manager

PEN ARGYL - Tuesday Night is Pantry Night at The Salvation Army!

Beginning on July 16th we will offer an evening for the community members in need to come in for Food Pantry Services in addition to the daytime Tuesday opportunities. We heard you and realize the need for working families and families of special need to have access to this service in the evening hours! The Food Pantry will be open the 3rd Tuesday Night of the month from 6-7pm. Registered Client are welcome if you cannot make it during the day and new clients are also welcome with a valid ID upon application completion. Questions? Please contact us at 610-863-6677 or stop by the office and we would be happy to help you.

The Salvation Army Thanks YOU!

A food drive that was so graciously organized by the Pen Argyl Postal Service was held in early May and The Salvation Army received a generous 982 pounds of non-perishable food from the Pen Argyl Community as result! This food will be used to serve the many families and individuals residing in the

Pen Argyl and the Slate Belt region that are in need of food for the next couple of months. We are so appreciative of the efforts of the community and find comfort in knowing that our clients will be able to take care of their children and families as a result of your efforts! Thank you!

If you should have any questions regarding Food Pantry Services provided at The Salvation Army please feel free to contact the office at 610-863-6677.