666

Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure

Continued from page 1

close, Election's staff will have to scan 350 books containing over 209,000 names into the state's SURE system to confirm that no one voted twice – once at the polls and once via a mailin ballot. Until the scanning is completed, none of the mail-in ballots can be opened. The County expects to receive a minimum of 15,000 votes by mail—enough to change the results tabulated on the voting machines.

In past elections, scanning the poll books took a minimum of two to three weeks. With high turnout and more people voting by mail, this time may be doubled.

Northampton County did not want to purchase ePoll Books and has resisted requests to do so for years. The ePoll Books introduce another level of technology for our staff and volunteers to master. They are also expensive. The system under consideration will cost \$262,150 for the machines themselves as well as another \$43,750 a year for maintenance. However, they can be updated quickly through the state's SURE system, producing accurate voter rolls in time for the election. They can also redirect someone who is at the wrong polling place to the right one, and indicate which voters have filed an application to vote by mail.

Forcing us to use a paper system will result in long lines and confusion at the polls, will delay election results for weeks, and will likely cause Northampton County to miss the deadline to file our results with the state. To be clear, this will be the fault of the Commissioners.

All of these facts have been presented to the Election Commission. Northampton County has many authorities, boards and commissions operated by volunteers who willingly donate their time and work with the County in a responsible manner because they want residents to benefit from government services. Unfortunately, on Thursday night, the Election Commission made it very clear that they 1) are not interested in making sure candidates and Northampton County residents can see results the night of the election, 2) are not concerned about the stress they are putting on County staff, 3) are not troubled by the difficulties poll workers will have trying to check long lines of people in on multiple lists and 4) don't care if Northampton County misses its filing deadline with the state.

Chair Maudeania Hornik instructed the administration to "hire an army" and "do the printing in-house." Governments have obligations to taxpayers and must follow budgets. The labor and overtime needed to "hire an army of workers" would require us to take money from other programs. We can't magically conjure a printing system to produce poll books and we'd have to provide space for an army to work. Counting votes in a hallway will bring justified complaints about security issues.

Northampton County bears all of the responsibility for making sure that our election produces fair, accurate and legal results. The purpose of the Election Commission is to assist the County in that endeavor, not to deny them the tools required to complete the job. Alan Brau, Frank DeVito, Maudeania Hornik and Daniel Lospresti all voted against the purchase of a resource Northampton County must have to fulfill the requirements of Act 77. (Gail Preuninger voted for the purchase). If you want a floor cleaned properly, don't refuse to give the janitor a mop.

For those unhappy with not knowing which candidates won in Northampton County the night of the election, please send an email at to elections@northamptoncounty.org We'll be sure each and every member of the Election Commission receives a copy.

SLATE BELT MEN'S QUOIT LEAGUE

January 23, 2020

Oxford Fire Co. 45 Second Ward Fire Co. 11 – Bill Griffett 14-0, John Garrison
13-1, Matt Becker 12-2O'Neill's Place 47 Roseto Legion 9 – Paul Freeby 14-0, Andy
Conroy 13-1, Justin Wagner 13-1, Ryan Hunt 12-2East Bangor Fire Co. 30 Bangor VFW
26 – John Pene 11-3, Bill Pascoe 10-4; Nick LaBar 10-4Hillside Rod & Gun Club 33 Pen Argyl Legion 31 (one extra round) – Dave Flick, Jr. 12-4, Chuck Klingle 10-6; Clyde Bellis 13-3, Gary "Pidge" Miller 10-6
Liberty Fire Co. 31 Roseto Rod & Gun Club 25 – Ryan Dentith 10-4, Buck Miller 10-4, Brian Miller 9-5; Harold
Bird 9-5, Larry Mucklin 8-6, Zack Clark 8-6Bangor Elks 39 Columbia Fire Co. 17 – Chad Kreider 13-1, Jerry
Bubba 13-1, Tyrone Comunale 10-4; Devon LaBarre 10-4Bangor Jax 36 Rescue Fire Co. 20 – Jim Waring 11-3,
Rob Tiburzi 10-4, Jim Hughes 9-5; Horst Hoppe 7-72019-2020 SBMQL SECOND HALF STANDINGS
Division 1 – Hillside Rod & Gun Club 6-0, Bangor Elks 6-0, East Bangor Fire Co. 6-0, Bangor VFW 4-2, Pen Argyl
Legion 4-2, O'Neill's Place 4-2, Oxford Fire Co. 4-2Division 2 – Bangor Jax 4-2, Columbia Fire Co. 2-4, Rescue
Fire Co. 1-5, Liberty Fire Co. 1-5, Second Ward Fire Co. 0-6, Roseto Rod & Gun Club 0-6, Roseto Legion 0-6











February 9

Portland Fire Co Starts 7pm

February 10

Bushkill Twp Fire Co Doors 5pm Starts 7pm

February 7

Wind Gap Fire Co Doors 5pm; Starts 6:45pm Immaculate Conception

February 9

Doors 11am; Starts 1pm

February 6

Kunkletown Fire Co Progressive Jackpot - 7pm

MT. BETHEL ABSTRACT

A FULL SERVICE TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY 3013 N. Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel, PA. 18343

SEARCHES
CLOSINGS
TITLE INSURANCE

REAL ESTATE
SETTLEMENTS
NOTARY PUBLIC

PHONE 570-897-9047

FAX 570-897-9048 TOLL FREE **888-325-2433**

www.mountbethelabstract.com

Now Hiring School Bus Drivers Bangor Area School District



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA®

Experienced or Interested (Free Training)
20-30 hours per week
(AM and PM Routes)
Competitive Wages

Must pass all clearances and background checks
STA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

800 S. Main Street Bangor, PA 18013 610) 588-3590 **PAGE 12** <u>CHURCH LISTINGS</u>

NOTICE ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE **EMAILED ONLY TO BVTIMES@RCN.COM** BY FRIDAYS NOON

Ackermanville United Methodist 1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang (610) 588-7818,

www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene 150 Bunny Trail, Bangor

Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praice Practice, 6pm Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible 483 Belfast Rd., Belfast

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist 607 School St., Belfast

Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Worship 10am, coffee fellowship following worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610) 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church 975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl

Sun Worship service every Sunday at 10:10am: Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion 7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), **Martins Creek**

Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone welcome, questions 908-483-8231; Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor Sun.-Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev Albert Martin (610)588-4864

e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church 703 South Delaware Drive

Mt Bethel, PA 18343 610-588-7056 The Rev. Larry Laine Worship at 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church 1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap

Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am & 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick. (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl

Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian 1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service

10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. www. mtbethelpresbyterian.org, (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church 201 Second St., Bangor

Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS 10:45am Worship; Wed-7pm Prayer/ Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April 28th. We would appreciate your help in advertising this year's event without cost to the church.

The East Bangor United Methodist **Community Church**

Thurs., Feb. 6 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sat., Feb. 8 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting Sun., Feb. 9 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Children's Church -10:30 a.m. Adult Forum Tue., Feb. 11 -7:00 p.m. Bible Study **Pastor Dave Goss** (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church 10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap

Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

Family Life Community Church 1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor

Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs-Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical 25 S 2nd St., Bangor

Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting, 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church 55 N. Third St., Bangor

Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am, Communion first Sunday of month, Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist 19 West & Water St., Wind Gap

Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ

1337 Lower South Main Street Bangor, PA 18013 Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.com Sunday School at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:45 AM All are welcome!

God's Missionary Church of Northampton 4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton, PA

Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412.

http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church,

2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult

Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor Louise Williams. www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church 5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth

Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist 404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg

Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith 301 Market Street, Bangor

Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC 2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap

Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! SS 9:30 Sunday Morning. Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church 396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna

Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church A Church of the Lutheran Brethren 1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd. Mt. Bethel

Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service, 11am Contemporary Service Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel 436 South 2nd Street

Bangor, PA 18013 Rectory (610) 588-5445

Parish Webside: www.ourladystvincent.

BLUE VALLEY TIMES com Mass Schedule Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays (See Church Website) Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,

Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Community Dinner on Sunday, July 21st from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreciate your assistance in advertising this dinner without cost to the Church. **Portland Baptist Church**

601 Delaware Ave., Portland

Sun-Sunday School 9am, Service 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and rampsWe are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor

Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm. Sunday School starts at 8:30am (September-May) Sunday Service- 9:45am Holy Communion is served weekly. All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church 8538 Delaware Dr. Bangor

Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist 1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl

Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (570) 664-4603.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.

Delete Sunday school Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church 310 Madison Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-3910 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish 300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran 12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl

Sun.-8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal 1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor

Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service. St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast

471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast) SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia

Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

> St. Mary's Episcopal 340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap

FEBRUARY 4, 2020 Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran 1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl (610) 863-6859

Sunday Worship/Communion 8am and 10:15am; 9am SS www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Vincent dePaul

720 Delaware Avenue Portland, PA 18351 Rectory (610) 588-5445 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLGC) Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

The Pentecostal Christian **Church the Truth** (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad) 4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl

Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evanglistico) 1pm.

Temple Israel of the Poconos **Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue** 660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg

Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 S Delaware Dr. Mt Bethel Pa 18343 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney Wells pastor

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran 404 Broadway, Bangor

Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/ Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Zion Presbyterian Church Water St., Wind Gap

Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speaking at the 9:30am service. Children SS during the service. Visitors welcome. (610) 863-8896.



LIKE US ON **Blue Valley Times**