



'Mirror Mirror'  
New/Stylists  
page 9



BHS Jazz  
Band Student  
page 9



Maple Sugaring  
Program  
page 10



BHS Receives \$40K  
Safety Grant  
page 7

## Minsi Lake Grand Re-Opening

By Michael Ortoski \ Vice Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Minsi Lake to be Stocked with Trout for First Time Since 2017. Senator Mario Scavella and State Rep. Joe Emrick will join the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Friends of Minsi Lake, local officials and community organizations to celebrate the refilling of Minsi Lake and participate in trout restocking.

Senator Scavella and Rep. Emrick were both instrumental in initiating the release of state funds to rehabilitate the Minsi Lake dam structure and secured grant funding for extensive habitat work within the lakebed.

The event will be held Monday, March 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Boat Access Area Parking Lot at Blue Mountain Drive (off Lake Minsi Drive). Trout stocking at approximately 11 a.m.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Executive Director Tim Schaeffer, local and state government officials and other community

*Continued on page 4*



Friends of Minsi Lake, Scout Troop 38 and Lehigh Valley Audubon Society worked together installing two owl boxes at Bear Swamp Park.

## Bird Instalations at Minsi Lake

By Michael Ortoski \ Vice Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Jim Wilson from Friends of Minsi Lake FOML) installed Purple Martin Tower bases at east and west shore locations with the help of Lehigh Valley Audubon Society volunteers and led by Scott Burnet.

In the coming months they will all return to install the remainder of the nesting platforms.

The group then went to Northampton County Bear Swamp park just down the road where they met boy scout troop 38 Todd Albert Scout Master, troop leader Joe Crisante and five scouts who were there to install two owl boxes about a half mile back into the woods. Last month, FOML approved up to \$2500 to purchase two purple martin towers & components for installation at Minsi Lake.

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society (LVAS) will service and maintain the

*Continued on page 4*

## Historical Association Announces Winners of 15th Annual Historic Preservation Awards

By Amy Leiser

STROUDSBURG - The Monroe County Historical Association honored owners of historic buildings who have shown their dedication to preserving, enhancing, and promoting Monroe County's wealth of historic structures at their Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware.

Three categories of buildings were judged: Commercial, Publicly Funded, and Private Residence. The 2020 winners in the three categories were: Commercial Property – 616 Main Street (currently occupied by RAW Urban Winery & Hard Cidery and Mackey Photo & Video), Borough of Stroudsburg; Publicly Funded – Fenner, Snyder, & Robacker Homestead, Hamilton Township; and Residential Property – “Abeloff-Lambert Home” owned by Pearse and

*Continued on page 5*



Brinker's Mill Sciota Pa.

**REALTY EXECUTIVES**  
31 W First St. Wind Gap  
Office: 610-863-8444  
[www.KesslerHometeam.com](http://www.KesslerHometeam.com)  
**Joe & Nancy Kessler**  
and Corinne Groff



**HORN'S OUTDOOR INC**  
Cub Cadet • Scag • Yamaha Husqvarna • Polaris • Ski-Doo • Can-Am  
1169 MOUNT BETHEL HWY, MOUNT BETHEL, PA 18343  
See Our Ad On Back Cover Phone: (610) 588-6614 Fax: (610) 588-2343  
[www.hornsoutdoor.com](http://www.hornsoutdoor.com) email: [info@hornsoutdoor.com](mailto:info@hornsoutdoor.com)

**Now Hiring School Bus Drivers**  
**STA**  
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA®  
800 S. Main Street, Bangor 610-588-3590

**State Farm**  
Debbie Pettinari, Agent  
106 S Broadway  
Wind Gap, PA 18091  
610-881-4433  
[Debbie.pettinari.wz73@statefarm.com](mailto:Debbie.pettinari.wz73@statefarm.com)



# John T. Schimmel

## Public Accountant

1400 NORTHAMPTON STREET - EASTON, PA 18042-4024

**Serving Easton, Lehigh Valley, Northampton & Lehigh Counties, parts of Monroe County & New Jersey**

Our company specializes in accounting and tax preparation services for a wide variety of clients.

### We specialize in:

- Tax return filing and tax planning for individuals
- Bookkeeping and financial statements for small businesses
- Corporate tax return filing

• P. (610) 253-4000 • F. (610) 258-3294 TF. • (800) 370-8294

Email: john\_schimmel@yahoo.com

Website: www.johntschimmelpa.com

## Blue Valley Times

SERVING THE SLATE BELT, LOWER POCONOS AND NORTHERN N.J.  
DAILY ONLINE WEEKLY IN PRINT

Visit us at [www.bluevalleytimes.com](http://www.bluevalleytimes.com)

## Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - The FR DeNisco Council Knights of Columbus of the Slate Belt area is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at their home on west Bangor Road, Washington Township, Sunday, March 8, 2020. The all you can eat dinner will be from 11:00am to 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00/ children under 8 are free. Tickets will be sold at the door. Everyone is invited.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## 2020 Census Telephone "Town Hall"

By Becky Bradley

EASTON - Lamont McClure will participate in a town hall with representatives from Lehigh County, the City of Allentown and the US Census Bureau on March 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The town hall will be hosted via telephone by AARP PA and will address the importance of participation in the 2020 Census. Executive McClure will be joined by Lehigh County Executive Phil Armstrong, Lehigh County Director of DCED Leonard Lightner, and Erin Yasenchak, Partnership Specialist for the US Census Bureau.

Anyone interested in attending can register in advance and will receive a call when the town hall begins: <http://access.live/AARP-PA-Census>

## People in Pennsylvania Warned That Robocalls Are Likely To Rise During Election Year

By Rhi Smith

HARRISBURG - The 2020 elections, which will be held in November, will see all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, 35 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate, and the office of the president of the United States contested. Thirteen state and territorial governorships, as well as numerous other state and local elections, will also be contested.

CPR Call Blocker, makers of the best-selling call blocking device in the US, is warning that people in Pennsylvania are likely to get deluged with robocalls in the coming months and that they should know their rights when it comes to "these irritating calls".

Chelsea Davies, CPR Call Blocker Business Development Manager, said: "People throughout Pennsylvania receive these types of annoying calls every day. Some of these robocalls, which are more informative in nature, such as those from political parties or charities, can be extremely irritating but they are perfectly legal. Unfortunately, people in Pennsylvania can expect to see a significant rise in these types of calls in the coming months.

"While the information based robocalls are annoying, they are relatively harmless. However, there are other robocalls which are far from harmless and are trying to scam you. A robocall cannot legally attempt to sell you anything unless you gave them written consent so if you receive calls of this nature simply put the phone down. It's good to report robocalls that are trying to sell you something or scam you to the Federal Trade Commission."

Typical scam callers may claim to be from the IRS or other law enforcement agencies. Advice to prevent you becoming a victim of bogus calls: Hang up if you ever have any doubts about someone who has called you.

Ensure the line has been terminated before making any further calls. You can tell if the dial tone is present or by using another phone.

Never give out your PIN number, banks will never ask for it.

If you want to stop receiving scam and nuisance calls, follow CPR Call Blocker's quick three-step guide to stopping unwanted calls: Sign up to the National Do Not Call Registry – call 1-888-382-1222 or visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)

Don't consent to being contacted – get your phone number taken off directories and look out for tick boxes on all marketing correspondence to see if ticking or unticking them will prevent your details being passed on to third parties. Consider getting a call blocker.

Ms Davies continued: "In the meantime, if you suspect you may have compromised your account, contact your bank or card provider as soon as possible. It is also advisable to check your bank and card statements regularly for unauthorised charges as a matter of course."

147 N. Broadway  
Wind Gap  
across from Wind Gap  
Post Office

Laundromat  
5:30am-10:30pm  
Wash / Dry / Fold  
Dry Cleaning  
& Tanning  
7:30am - 7:30pm

**Wind Gap**  
**Laundry & Tanning**

**610-863-9080**  
[www.wglaundryandtanning.com](http://www.wglaundryandtanning.com)

**PRE-SPRING SPECIALS...**  
**FOR THAT GOLDEN GLOW WITH OUR**  
**NEW BULBS!**

*PURCHASE NOW and monthly timing  
only starts when using first session!*

**TANNING SPECIAL**

(\$60 +tax) BUY 1 MONTH GET 1 WEEK FREE  
(\$108 +tax) BUY 2 MONTH GET 2 WEEK FREE  
(\$135 +tax) BUY 3 MONTH GET 3 WEEK FREE  
\* must present coupon

## Blue Valley Times

900 N. Main Street., Bangor, PA 18013

*Published Weekly/Every Tuesday*

*Available on the web 24/7 at [www.bluevalleytimes.com](http://www.bluevalleytimes.com) and Facebook*

Phone: 610-452-9234

Email: [bvtimes@rcn.com](mailto:bvtimes@rcn.com)

News / Advertising Deadline

12 noon Fridays

Owner - Michael Ortoski / Michele Hanna  
Publisher - Michael Ortoski  
Sales - Michael Ortoski  
Asst. Editor - Anne Brown  
Graphic Design / Photography - MM4 Corp  
Feature Writers - Peg R. Berger  
Interns from Pen Argyl, Bangor and  
Stroudsburg H.S.

*All submissions become property of  
Blue Valley Times*