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## EPA Qualified Outdoor Wood Furnaces

### A new generation of clean

When John Hanley built his 4,000 square foot log home in a small Ohio township 17 years ago, he chose propane for heat and domestic hot water because it was an economical choice.

But, when propane prices increased and his annual fuel bill reached \$6000, he dropped the thermostat to 63°F to manage his costs. His wife, however, suffered with severe arthritis and lowering the ambient temperature caused her discomfort. He began looking for a more affordable home heating solution. His research led him to outdoor wood furnaces.

Today's outdoor wood furnaces, also called wood boilers or wood-fired hydronic heaters are a clean, cost-effective alternative to the safety, mess and health concerns of indoor wood burning, while also providing a ready supply of domestic hot water.

The outdoor furnace heats water in an insulated water jacket surrounding the firebox. The heated water circulates through underground pipes to a forced-air furnace, boiler or radiant floor heating system that distributes even, adjustable and comfortable heat.

Hanley knew some townships placed restrictions on the installation of outdoor wood furnaces to address smoke emission issues. It was important for him to set a good example in his own community

by choosing a unit that was EPA qualified. Central Boiler, an American-owned company in business since 1984, helped create the EPA Hydronic Heater Program. Their E-Classic was the first outdoor wood furnace meeting Phase 2 of the program.

Central Boiler's new E-Classic models utilize a three-stage gasification technology and a self-regulating thermostatically controlled system that burns wood so completely that combustion efficiencies approach 100%. This means the owner burns less wood, with very little residual ash and virtually no smoke. By minimizing the emissions, this cleaner generation of outdoor furnaces is the optimum choice for people concerned with the environment.

Hanley chose an E-Classic to heat a 2,500 square foot barn/garage in addition to his home and hot water. Now, Hanley's wife keeps the ambient house temperature at 76°F. "She's happy and she has endless hot water for her whirlpool bath," he says.

Company reliability was also a factor in his choice. "Central Boiler stands behind their products and this sort of warranty service is really important to me."

Finally, because he cuts his own wood, he has eliminated his home heating costs enabling him to redirect the money saved to their children's university educations.

*"This furnace is the way to go. You can't beat it," says Hanley.*



In 2002, concerns regarding smoke emissions from outdoor wood furnaces prompted a number of manufacturers to form the Outdoor Furnace Manufacturers Caucus and ultimately partner voluntarily with the EPA to create a program that gave homeowners choices for cleaner, more efficient models. EPA states that outdoor hydronic heaters that are EPA Phase 2 program qualified are 90% cleaner than unqualified units.



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## Dementia Support Group Available

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure announces that the Division of Area Agency on Aging will host a Dementia Support Group at the Dept. of Human Services building at 2801 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem, PA on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30PM – 6:30PM.

This programing is provided by Arden Courts and is specifically designed for families and caregivers of dementia patients. Participants will receive practical caregiving information, get mutual support, learn about local community resources and find solutions to challenging behaviors.

"Being a caregiver to a loved one with dementia can be incredibly stressful," says Lamont McClure. "It's important that we offer them the resources and support they need so they can maintain their own mental and physical health while they care for someone else."

Anyone interested in attending should RSVP with Ann Stager at 610-829-4540 or [astager@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:astager@northamptoncounty.org)

## Little Town Of Bethlehem

East Bangor, PA - East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Invites Families To Visit The Little Town Of Bethlehem.

Ready to take your family back in time? Come to One Starry Night and experience Christmas like never before! You'll taste the food, see the manger, and participate in community life as you relive Bethlehem at the time of Jesus's birth. The entire family is invited to visit the stations and join in activities for all ages. A family photo of your time in Bethlehem will keep the story of Christmas alive throughout the year!

One Starry Night takes place on Saturday, December 11, 4 – 6 PM, and Sunday, December 12, 2 – 4 PM, at East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, conveniently located on Route 512 (136 West Central Ave.) in East Bangor. For more information, visit [www.ebumc.org](http://www.ebumc.org) or call 610-588-4453.



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