

# Santa visits Spalding



Photo provided  
Santa visited the Spalding Memorial Library on Friday, Dec. 8. He read stories and handed out gifts to all children that attended and listened to all of the Christmas wishes.

# Local United Way Director nominated for statewide board

**For The Times**  
United Way of Bradford County

Joan Smith-Reese, Executive Director of United Way of Bradford County, was nominated to be on the United Way of PA Board of Directors.

"It is an honor to serve the UW of PA. We are representing the rural communities of PA that are often overlooked," she said. "I look forward to learning how we can improve the lives of our residents in Bradford County and at the same time bring the rural perspective to the organization."

UWP welcomed seven newly-elected board members who bring a wealth of experience and expertise, further strengthening UWP's commitment to its mission. The distinguished members include:

- Angela Ferritto- President for PA AFL-CIO
- Beck Moore- CEO for Community Action Association of Pennsylvania
- Gayle Young- Executive Director for United Way of Lawrence
- Joan Smith-Reese- Executive Director for United Way of Bradford

County

• Karen Struble-Myers- President and CEO for United Way of the Southern Alleghenies

• Mai Miksic- Managing Director of Early Learning and Education for United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey

• Tim Fatzinger- President and CEO for United Way of the Capital Region

A nominating committee of our board chooses our board member candidates with intentionality, ensuring that UWP actively engages in amplifying the voices of diverse backgrounds. These board members bring not only their professional credentials, but also diverse lived experiences and relationship networks that they generously share with our organization.

Their service embodies the truth in the saying, "It's not about what you know; it's about who you know." This variation of a quote by Mark Twain rings true in today's age, where the power of connections holds immense value, and we want all of PA to know we are here to make a difference."

# SantaLand opens at the Early Owego Antique Center



Photo by Kenneth Waterhouse

Pictured is St. Nick himself at the Early Owego Antique Center's SantaLand.

By The Times

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Early Owego Antique Center offered a glimpse into their department store heritage with their presentation of "SantaLand".

The event coincides with Moonlight Shopping throughout downtown

Owego. Stores will be offering special pricing, refreshments and more. The next SantaLand will be presented today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the center, located on the corner of Main and Lake Streets in Owego, N.Y.

You can learn more at [www.earlyowego.com](http://www.earlyowego.com).

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