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Slate Belt Town Topics

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Reese Karp of Pen Argyl High School is congratulated by Principal David Domchek during honor society inductions last week *Photos: Christmas City and Chloe Sisson* **PHOTO GALLERY**

Not Expected in the Slate Belt.....

Media outlets in the Lehigh Valley have been touting the arrival of the 17-year cicada in the area. While they may appear in some places, they most likely will not invade the Slate Belt. The picture above was taken May, 2013 in the back yard of our office in Pen Argyl. Thus they will not appear again until 2030. They appear in 17-year cycles, living underground for most of their lives before surfacing to mate and then die. They do not bite or sting, however, they make a lot of noise for a few weeks. Annual cicadas also make a buzzing sound, but they are fewer in number.

Slate Belt News Briefs

Cool, Cloudy Today Showers, Warm Wednesday

Today, mostly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Tonight, patchy fog after 3am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Wednesday, showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds. Partly sunny, with a high near 89.

Wednesday Night, showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm

Thursday, sunny high 81.

Friday, rain and cool. High 64.

Air Quality: Good. Reading of 23 from monitor in Columbia, NJ (0-50 is good)

Pollen today: Medium high, with an 8.3 rating on a scale of 12. Top pollen producers today will be oaks, mulberry and grasses.

UV Rays Today Moderate risk of harm from unprotected Sun exposure. Alert in effect for 6 hours between 11am–5pm.. High 5.3 on a scale of 12 at 1pm.

Slate Belt Weather

No Parking Rt 512 Pen Argyl Today

Due to Street Sweeping there will be no parking on Rt. 512 in Pen Argyl Borough on May 25, 2021 between 10am & 12pm.

Dotta's Yard Sale

The area's famous Dotta's community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday June 5 from 8am to 4pm.

Swing at the Stand

"Swing at the Stand" will be held on Saturday, June 19th …1:00pm-8:00pm…(RAIN or SHINE) at Weona Park, Rt. 512, Pen Argyl. Listen and dance to the "Oldies"and meet with friends. Everyone is welcome!

A Deer's Year

Saturday, June 12 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

As white-tailed deer fawning season wraps up, we will discuss the changes that our newly born state mammal will experience for years to come followed by a walk to look for traces of these graceful cervids. Registration is required.

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Event Calendar

May 27

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 27 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request.

Please register all members of your party as space for this program is limited to 4 attendees total each day.View and register for community programs online at **https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg**

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May 29

Borough Yard Sale
Craft Vendor Event

The Borough of Portland will be holding Town Wide Yard Sales, Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 8am to 2pm. There will be a map of participating homes will being given out at the Mayor's Table located at the Park and Walk in downtown Portland. An Outdoor Craft and Vendor Event will be held Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 9am to 3pm, to benefit Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 at the Portland Train Depot, Rt 611 in downtown Portland. Craft and Vendor Info contact Stephanie at 610-216-6716.

Blue Mountain Library
Half Price Book Sale

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold a Half-Price Book Nook Sale on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone wishing to come into the Library must call for a scheduled appointment.

Thirty-minute time slots will be assigned with a maximum of 3 people per time slot. The book nook is located on the second floor of the library at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. The phone number is 610-863-3029.

Masks are required and gloves will be supplied by the library. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please no $50 bills.

For information, visit our website at www.bmcl.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

May 31

Slate Belt Area
Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Roseto Legion will hold services at the following times and places:

- The New Catholic Cemetery at 9:00am
- The Presbyterian Cemetery at 9:30am
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 10:00am
- Saint Johns Cemetery in Bangor at 10:30am
- Roseto Municipal Building at 11:00am

They are only having a small service at the Roseto Municipal building this year that will include the placing of the wreaths at the war monuments and Gun Salute.

East Bangor Memorial Day

A Memorial Day service will be held on 1pm May 31 in East Bangor Cemetery. Scott Saltern will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The speaker will be Paul Karner, a US Army veteran. Jesse Geiger will recite the "Gettysburg Address". Kilee Goss will recite "In Flanders Fields". There will be a

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BANGOR MEMORIAL PARK

Summer Youth Basketball League

We are looking for teams to compete during the summer. Grades 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Girls and Boys

Coaches can contact Eric Striba for registration papers, fees, requirements & policies.

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For more information contact: Eric @ 610-554-4258 or email: estriba@aol.com

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roll call of those veterans who have died in the past two (2) years and are now buried in the East Bangor Cemetery. A gun salute will be fired by the Martocci-Capobianco Post 750 American Legion, Roseto. Taps will be played by Taryn Geiger. The East Bangor Fire Co. will be in attendance. In case of rain, the service will be held at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, The church is sponsoring the service. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org

UMBT Memorial Day

UMBT Memorial Day Drive-By Parade, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, May 31: Upper Mount Bethel Community Park, 1535 Potomac St. Guests will drive through various military displays while listening to patriotic music; TAPS will be played; and veterans will be welcomed by area fire departments and saluted. Visitors are asked to decorate their vehicles in a patriotic theme.

June 3

Food & Wine Festival

The Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival is returning in grand style June 3-12, both virtually and at participating restaurants. Plans are in the works for a special online event featuring Chef Emeril Lagasse, the first-ever Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival Restaurant Week, and an in-person "sponsors only" event showcasing restaurant favorites from festivals past.

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June 5

Mount Bethel Meltdown

Mount Bethel Meltdown Cheese Event will be held at 805 Orchard Rd, Mt Bethel,Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 12-9pm

Hardball Cider celebrates one of their favorite ingredients with a cheese event to melt any heart!

Three Cheese Vendors starting at NOON:

*Massive Mac 'n' Cheese menu by FonDippity Food truck with NINE different MAC options!

*All things cheese like loaded nachos, quesadillas, and more by The Nacho Depot!

*Local artisan cheeses for those with a more sophisticated palate, paired with a cider flight!

Live Music all day, No cover.

Columcille Tours

Celtic storyteller Tom Egan leads walking tours at 9 a.m. every other Saturday through Oct. 9. Tours start from the stone circle and last until about 11:30 a.m.

Intro to Mountain Biking

Bring Your Own Bike

Saturday, June 5 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

This two-hour program is designed to make a first-time mountain biker feel comfortable exploring Jacobsburg's multi-use trails. During the first portion of the program we will discuss essential information such as; bike parts, preparedness, safety, Jacosburg's trails, and proper trail etiquette. The second portion of the program will be used to inspect your bike for fit and function followed by a ride on a beginner trail led by an experienced rider. Registration required.

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Dotta's Yard Sale

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Wildlife Walkways

Saturday, June 5 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

To celebrate National Trails Day, we will take

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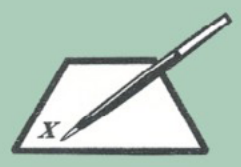

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a short hike while discussing the wildlife at Jacobsburg and the ways they use the trails. We will also look for trails that are created by wildlife and learn about how they use them to help them survive. Registration is required.

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June 6

Archery for Teens

Sunday, June 6 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join other teens for an introduction to the sport of archery! Participants will learn the beginner level skills of target shooting with a compound or recurve bow and arrow. The program will be led by a USA Archery certified instructor. All equipment will be provided. This program is for teens ages 13 and up. Each teen may bring one adult guest to participate with them. Please register adult guests if they will be participating as spaces are limited. There will be audience seating if the guest prefers to watch rather than participate. Registration is required. **https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg**

Vendor/Craft Show

The Washington Twp Fire Co. 920 Washington Blvd. will sponsor a Vendor/Craft Show June 6, 2021 from 10am - 4pm.

Vendors/Crafters if you are interest in a space our contact info is on the flyer. Spaces are $30 for (1) 10ft x 10ft or $50 for (2) 10ft x 10ft. All spaces are outdoors and will be socially distanced apart from other vendors. No access to Utilities (water, electric, wifi, etc). Applications must be mailed. Vendors will be accepted as first come, first serve.

Outdoor Event - Rain or Shine. Food and Drinks For Space Info contact, Aundrea Morrison 610-984-7101 or email bdjm@gmail.com

June 9-11

Great Nazareth Carnival

Great Nazareth Carnival will be held at Nazareth Boro Park June 9 from 6 pm – 11pm through June 11.

Entertainment:
June 9th - Timewhys
June 10th - Uncle Smiley
June 11th - Flirtin' with the Mod
June 12th - Naked Jake See Less

June 12

Knotweed SmackDown

Saturday, June 12 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

We will be challenging the ever-bothersome plant invader, Japanese Knotweed to a duel! Using machetes as our defense with feet firmly planted in the stream, we will help reclaim the lost territory of our native streambank inhabitants to once again diversify and prosper. En garde! We will be walking in the stream to cut down Japanese Knotweed (an invasive plant) on streambanks. Please wear shoes you are comfortable with getting wet. Participants must be ages 16+. Waders and boots may be provided but are not guaranteed. Registration is required.**https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg**

June 13

Forks Food Truck Fest

The Forks Township Food Truck Festival sponsored by the Forks Township Parks and Recreation will be held Sunday, June 13, 2021 from12pm – 6 pm.

Food, Beer, Wine, & Music from The Hazmats and The Stefanie Johnson Trio

June 15

Master Watershed Steward

Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Volunteers for the Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp program! Youth will learn about the environment, water resources management, and complete a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Youth will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and participate in field investigations. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 2 hours of service toward High School community service requirements. This free program will be held outdoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm each day. Registration required.

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June 24
Tails And Tales Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will explore the animal kingdom this summer as Bangor Public Library presents "Tails and Tales" during their summer library program. Activities may include songs, group games, crafts, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The 2021 Summer Reading Program is open to all young people,who are in preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. "Tails and Tales" begins on Thursday, June 24, 2021. For more information, call the Bangor Public library at 610-588-4136 or visit thier website, www.bangorlibrary.org

All programs are free of charge.

July 30
Bushkill Yard Sales

Residents of Bushkill Township will be having yard sales at their homes on Friday July 30th and Saturday July 31 from 9am-5pm.

Check registration list for specifics- some addresses will have additional days or adjusted times based on residents preference

Message Bushkill Community Yard Sale on Facebook or email them for a list of addresses, including a maps link for a convenient route to be sure you get to all the locations.

To be added to the list: If you are a resident of Bushkill Twsp and not registered yet, but would like to be, message us to be added to the vendor page

August 27-29
Vendor Fair/Flea Market

Roseto Helping Hands is hosting a Vendor Fair and Flea Market from August 27th through August 29th at the Roseto Ball Park. For Vendor/Flea Market applications contact Darlene Dunbar at 908-619-7643..

Hotline for Human Services

Northampton County has a 24-hour Emergency hotline for all Human Services-related emergencies. Anyone struggling with a mental health crisis, abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, evictions, substance abuse, food insecurity, etc. can call 610-252-9060 for help and referrals.

Weona Park Pavillions

Weona Park Pavilions will be available for rent in the 2021 Summer Season. All CDC rules must be followed.

Please call 610-863-9249 for more rental information.

2021 rates are:

- Pavilion Rentals: Large pavilion $150
- Kitchen: $40.00
- Side A or B Large Pavilion :$75.00
- Small pavilion: $100.00

CHURCH

East Bangor UMC

136 W. Central Ave. (Rt.512) East Bangor

Sat., May 29

-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sun., May 30

-10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Live & on Zoom)

Mon., May 31 -1:00 Memorial Day Service @ EB Park

(For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign in)

Grace Lutheran Church

Starting June 6th and every Sunday thereafter Grace Lutheran Church 5907 Sullivan Trail Nazareth Pa 18064 will be open for in person worship at 9:00am.

County Assistance

In light of Pennsylvania's eviction moratorium expiring on August 31st, Lamont McClure reminds residents that Northampton County has approximately $3.6 million available for rental assistance, rapid rehousing and utility payments.

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development worked together to develop the Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED). CMED offers experienced mediators, emergency financial assistance and rapid rehousing to prevent homelessness.

Contact: Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763 or email Ziana Keith at zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org

Blood Donors Needed

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is seeking donors. Recent storms have cancelled blood drives and supplies are running low. Miller-Keystone has 6 donor centers located throughout the region with extended hours. Anyone interested in donating should call 1-800-B-A-DONOR or make an appointment at https://www.giveapint.org/

Food Pantry

Did you know The Salvation Army of Pen Argyl has a food pantry?

If you or anyone you know are in need of food, you are welcome to come Tuesdays from 10AM-12 Noon. Curbside pick-up provided. Questions? Please call 610-863-6677

Filetown Road Closure

The Filetown Road (S.R. 1006) Bridge will be closed and have a detour plan in place from Monday, March 22, 2021 to Monday, August 16, 2021.

Please note that this is a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) project, and it will not be managed by Plainfield Township officials.

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Get Your Tail On The Trail' 165 Challenge Begins with a New Phone App

As participants begin the 165-Mile Challenge this year, they'll have a new app for the "Get Your Tail on the Trail" program, offered by St. Luke's University Health Network and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L). This free community initiative encourages people of all ages and abilities to meet their personal fitness goals.

From May 1 to November 8, the 165-Mile Challenge encourages participants to log 165 miles of exercise, such as walking, hiking, running, biking or paddling on the D& L trails or anywhere they choose.

- Logging miles and staying motivated has never been easier with our new app:
- Get exclusive content about nutrition, events and upcoming challenges
- Earn badges for your achievements based on your activity log
- Stay engaged all year round in activities and challenges
- Keep informed about your chapter and any organizations you are a member of
- Experience virtual tours of different parts of the trail
- Receive great prizes

To register, go to Get Your Tail on the Trail.

"Get Your Tail on the Trail" participants register for free as an individual or as part of an organization and log the miles doing a continuous activity for 10 minutes or more. While the program doesn't require participants to exercise exclusively on the 165-mile D&L Trail, it is a great centerpiece resource. The trail stretches from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the 165-Mile Challenge that runs each May to November, there are special events throughout the year, including bike and hike outings, health fairs, history walks and more. Since we launched in 2013, close to 10,000 participants have logged over 5 million miles.

Those who complete the challenge receive a reward. Past rewards have included t-shirts, hats, backpacks, and rain ponchos.

"Our goal is straightforward: To get people outside and get them active," says Kathy Ramson, St. Luke's Network Director for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease.

"We want people to be physically active because it is one of the best ways to prevent chronic disease. There's a good deal of data that show that if you exercise 150 minutes a week, you're going to have better health outcomes overall."

Aging Agency Call Line

Lamont McClure and the Area Agency on Aging Division (AAA) are operating a call line on Friday mornings for Northampton County Seniors to make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations. This service is intended for those who lack computer or internet access. AAA staff members will make 100 appointments per clinic date. Vaccination clinics will be held at the Wind Creek Event Center at 77 Wind Creek Blvd. Bethlehem, PA.

Residents of Bethlehem City and Northampton County who are age sixty-five and older can call 610-865-7092 to schedule an appointment for a vaccination. AAA employees will also assist with registration at the Wind Creek clinics.

BAHS Class of 1971

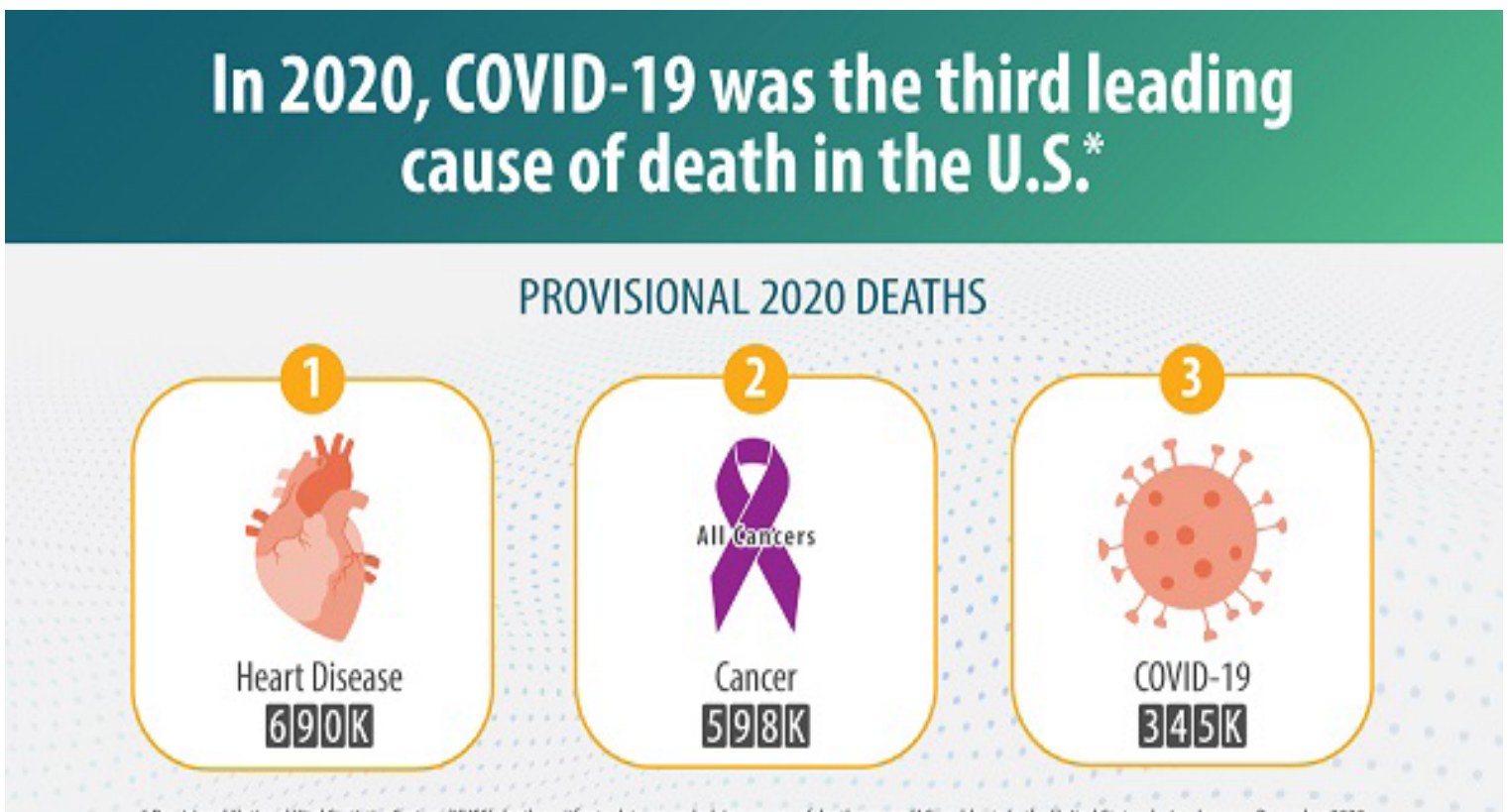
Members of the Bangor High School Class of 1971 have been invited to join the school's 136th commencement exercises Friday June 11, 2021.

(Rain date is Saturday June 12 at noon or 6pm depending on conditions.)

The event will be held at Bangor Memorial Park on Eisenhart Boulevard, Bangor.

Attendees should report at 5:15pm for light refreshments at the VIP tent located near the baseball field.

Commencement exercises begin at 6:30pm. RSVP: Denise Cope Sandt 610-905-5763 henden1973@gmail.com or Cynthia Slack Engler 610-588-1083 by May 27, 2021.



Bangor Park Yoga Thursdays 6-7pm

This active movement session cultivates awareness of the body, while utilizing the breath for grounding. We will flow with intention; consciously engaging the muscles to increase strength, & holding postures for several breaths to increase flexibility. The steady pace of this class balances effort & ease, making it suitable for all practitioners

Thursday's at 6pm - 7pm

Cash donations are accepted and always appreciated!

Please arrive 10 minutes early and park your car in the lot accessible from the Broadway street entrance. The class is located in the field between this parking lot and the circle.

(Remember to bring your own equipment such as a yoga mat, blanket, blocks, or a strap as they will not be provided.)

DAY CAMP 2021

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Stop by your branch And pick up a Registration packet!

Day Camp Counselors Needed - Apply today. gv-ymca.org

Greater Valley Ymca Slate Belt Branch

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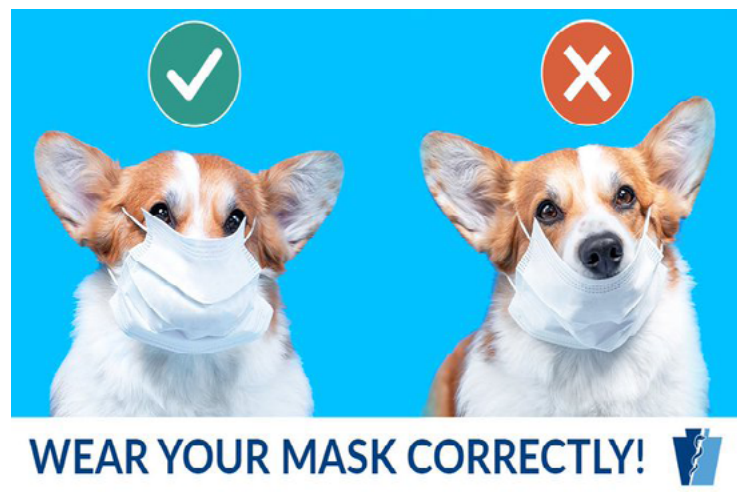

Slate Belt Chamber Awards Scholarships

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce made its annual scholarship awards last week to: (L-R) Alexandria Carson of Bangor High School who will attend the University of Tampa to major in marine science biology; Tyler Taylor of Pen Argyl High School who will attend Kings College to major in education; Jace Keenhold of Pen Argyl High School who received the Frederick R. Curcio Jr. Scholarship Award and will attend Kings College to major in criminal justice; Houston Andrew Shoup of Career Institute of Technology who will attend Northampton Community College to major in HVAC. *Photo: Larry Cory*

Tolino's Family Food Truck Friday Lineup

*May 28 Music by Erin McClelland, Food by Queen V & Pizza

Family Food Truck Friday Lineup in June

*June 4 Music by Erin McClelland, Food by Empanada Chica & Pizza

*June 11 Music by Erin McClelland, Food by Blendlife & Pizza

*June 18 Music by Off the Road, Food by Van Pelt Dogs & Pizza

*June 25 Music by At The Apollo, Food by JT Grill & Pizza

Family Food Truck Friday Lineup in July

*July 2 Music by Moondogs, Food by Flying V & Pizza

*July 9 Music by Steel Creek, Food by Little Creek BBQ & Pizza

*July 16 Music by Deja Vudu, Food by Empanada Chica & Pizza

*July 23 Music by At The Apollo, Food by JT Grill & Pizza

*July 30 Music by James Supra, Food by Flying V & Pizza

Family Food Truck Friday Lineup in Aug

*August 6 Music by Moondogs, Food by Queen V & Pizza

*August 13 Music by James Supra, Food by Little Creek & Pizza

*August 20 Music by At The Apollo, Food by JT Grill & Pizza

*August 27 Music by Steve McDaniel, Food by Flying V & Pizza

Family Food Truck Friday Lineup in Sept.

*September 3 Music by Moondogs, Food by Blendlife & Pizza

*September 10 Music by Lonesome Found, Food by Flying V & Pizza

*September 17 Music by James Supra, Food by Little Creek & Pizza

*September 24 Music by Steve McDaniel Food by Blendlife & Pizza

BANGOR MEMORIAL PARK

Summer Youth Basketball League

We are looking for teams to compete during the summer. Grades 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Girls and Boys

Coaches can contact Eric Striba for registration papers, fees, requirements & policies.

Games are on weekend mornings and afternoons from June to July.

For more information contact: Eric @ 610-554-4258 or email: estriba@aol.com

Remember all the restaurants and small businesses that you've asked for years and years to donate to your clubs, events, and organizations? They're calling in a favor. Answer the call.