

# Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON® 2024

By Jessica Goyette

PEN ARGYL - Pen Argyl Area High School will be holding their annual Mini-THON® that raises money for Four Diamonds, an organization that supports pediatric cancer patients and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative pediatric cancer research at the Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Four Diamonds Mini-THON® is a K-12 program for students to be empowered as leaders in the fight to conquer childhood cancer. Students gain work ready skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, while promoting teamwork, creativity and spirit within their schools.

Mini-THONs are modeled after the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic no-sitting, no-sleeping 46-hour Dance Marathon, or THON, the world's largest student-run philanthropy. Since 1993, Mini-THON® has raised more than \$64 million. The funds are used to drive the discovery of new and improved treatments and cures for childhood cancer and to help kids around the world. Four Diamonds also supports families by covering all medical expenses not paid for by insurance for every eligible child, regardless of income.

2024 marks Pen Argyl's 10th Mini-THON, and we have raised over \$270,000 in total. We have hosted many fundraisers such as canning at sporting events, flocking, bake sales, paint nights, and of course a student favorite - stall day. Our goal this year is to raise \$35,000 and we can't do that without the help and support of local businesses, community members, and our students. Together as one, we are conquering childhood cancer.

Our Mini-THON, themed "A Knight in Hollywood," will be held on February 24, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. During the day, students will dance, play games, and fundraise to meet our goal. We invite the community to join us during our last hour from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM to take part in a luminary walk to honor and remember loved ones who have battled cancer and watch us as we reveal how much we have raised to conquer pediatric cancer. This event is being held and run by Pen Argyl's Mini-THON student leadership team who has spent all year planning and organizing this event. A big thank you to all of our sponsors who make this event possible. A special thank you goes to Mike Kresch and Gruvin Enterprises for their continued support,

time, and dedication to our event. Please help us reach our goal by visiting our fundraising page: PAHS Mini-THON 2024



## Narcan Distribution Boxes Throughout Northampton County

By Britney Waylen

EASTON - County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division announced today that nine Northampton County locations will have Narcan Distribution Boxes installed to allow community members to access Narcan, a lifesaving overdose reversing medication, for free.

This new effort to combat fentanyl in our community was announced at a press conference today that commemorated the County's Fake is Real campaign. These local distribution boxes will contain two free doses of Narcan nasal spray in each box and instructions on how to administer the spray in both English and Spanish. This life-saving intervention can rapidly restore breathing and give people a second chance at life.

The Fake is Real campaign is funded from the proceeds that the County secured from litigation against opioid manufacturers. Funding from the settlement allows the County to strengthen its response to the ongoing epidemic, raise awareness to prevent addiction, and offer services to treat it. This campaign puts the spotlight on the very real dangers of accidental overdose deaths related to fentanyl through our wide-reaching social media and billboard announcements. In 2023, Northampton County distributed 1,378 Narcan kits.

For more information on Northampton County's Fake is Real campaign, please visit [fakeisreal.org](http://fakeisreal.org).

Rotunda of the Government Center - 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA

Entrance of the Human Services Building - 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA

Entrance of Gracedale Nursing Home - 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth, PA

Entrance of the Domestic Relations Building - 126 S. Union St, Easton, PA

Entrance of the Juvenile Justice Center - 650 Ferry St, Easton, PA

Entrance of the Criminal Administration Building - 105 South Union Street, Easton, PA

Entrance of the County Prison & Inside Intake Department - 666 Walnut St, Easton, PA

Entrance of the Palmer Recovery Center - 2906 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA

Entrance of the Hope Center - 429 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA



## Students Invited to Participate in Lyme Disease Awareness Campaign

By Rep. Joe Emrick

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania students in first through sixth grades are invited to enter the 2024 Lyme Art Contest by creating a short video or poster focusing on the theme: "Protect. Check. Remove."

The annual contest helps students, Scout troops and community youth programs learn how to prevent Lyme disease by educating them about ticks, including where they live, how to prevent bites and how to remove ticks that do bite.

Pennsylvania has one of the highest annual counts of Lyme disease cases in the nation, which further emphasizes the importance of teaching children about tick awareness and prevention measures.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday, March 15. Go here for details <http://links.pahousenews.com/>

