## PA ABLE Helps Save for Disability-Related Expenses

By Rep. Joe Emrick

The PA ABLE Savings Program, an initiative created to help people with disabilities and their families save for future expenses, continues to grow in the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Treasury, which oversees the program, recently announced it has surpassed \$150 million in assets.

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ABLE stands for Achieving a Better Life

Experience. The program offers multiple savings and investment options, including an interest-bearing checking account. PA ABLE account owners can contribute up to \$19,000 per year. Contributions can be deducted on PA state income taxes, and PA ABLE account owners pay no federal or state income tax on account growth when used for qualified withdrawals.

The money can be used for everything from groceries, rent, health care and transportation to longer-term expenses including education and assistive technology.

Learn more at www.PAABLE.gov.

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## The Slate Belt Heritage Center

will hold their monthly historic program on Thursday, April 12th @ 7:00 PM. Melissa Hough, Local historian, President and Curator at the Center will present: "Unpacking Bangor's Past: Rural Villages to Miniature City" that shows the town's change from a cluster of farms to an industrial borough. Ms. Hough will showcase the Council Chamber Room where the new displays will feature: photos, original artifacts, paintings, documents and much loved objects that highlight Bangor as it celebrates its' Sesquicentennial. Many of the items that will be on display are being shared for the first time in many, many years and in some cases ever. In 1875 Bangor became the first and largest borough, in what is now the Slate Belt and the second largest town, in Northampton County next to Easton. Come discover what has made the town unique enough to be on the National Historic Register status. As always, the event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661.



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