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CIT Student Built House Project is Nearly Complete

The 2018 PA High Priority Occupations List shows that Carpenters, Construction Laborers, Electricians, Plumbers and HVAC Mechanics & Installers are all areas experiencing significant growth in our area. The Lehigh Valley is showing tremendous economic growth which will continue to drive construction of new housing, office space, and industrial space. Luckily, the students in our Building Construction Cluster at CIT are gaining the hands-on experience needed to obtain the positions our area is seeking to fill in the construction industry.

Students in our Building Construction Technology, Building & Property Maintenance, Electrical Construction Technology, Heating, Ventilation, Refrigeration & Plumbing, and Masonry programs get to participate in the complete construction of our "Student Built House Project". Our current house at 548 Toboggan Trail, Easton, has just been put on the market and is in the final stages of the construction process. Building Construction Technology students participated in every aspect of the house. They completed all of the framing, installed the roof trusses, doors, windows and put up all of the siding and shingles. Inside, they worked on drywall and spackling, finish trim work, installed hardwood floors, built the stairs to the basement, and hung the garage door. They also learned how to hang the kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Building and Property Maintenance students help out as needed along the way by providing extra hands for major labor projects like framing and working on the roof. Recently, they built the final set of stairs that lead to the basement. Electrical Construction Technology students installed all electrical systems in the house, including the temporary and permanent service. They installed all the circuits and receptacles needed for lighting and appliances. They also installed recessed lighting and dimmers in the great room. Our Heating, Ventilation, Refrigeration and Plumbing students installed PVC pipe for the sewer and radon removal, copper tubing for domestic water, and black iron pipe for gas. They also installed the ductwork, air conditioning, water heater, and gas warm air furnace to keep the home comfortable. Lastly, they installed all the fixtures in the bathrooms and kitchen.

Many of the finishing touches are completed by our Masonry students. Along with laying the concrete floor in the basement and garage, they installed the exterior vapor barrier and placed almost 5000 bricks on the front of the house. They installed tile floors throughout the interior of the house and are about to complete an outdoor patio and kitchen area with a tile backsplash and concrete countertop!

Brian Iasiello, Masonry instructor, said that "completing the work at the house project is what really makes it 'click' with these students. They work on it here in the lab, but when they see it all come together at the house, it all starts to really make sense." CIT would like to thank Alfero Company, Inc. for supporting our Student Built House Project as our general contractor for more than a decade. We would also like to thank all of the businesses and contractors that have provided donations, discounted items, and valuable time to our students. For a full list of donors and our photos and videos of the house project, visit www.citvt.com and click on "Student Built House Project".

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Building Construction students complete the siding on the house.



Electrical Construction students install recessed lighting in great room.



Masonry students lay the concrete for the sidewalk

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Cut the Cord

Everything is going wireless today. I was told by a Verizon telephone repairman that copper is outdated and that 5G wireless technology will replace copper wires when it is rolled out. He said that partly because he could not figure out how to fix my DSL line or get the hum out of my landline phone. But he was probably correct because it must be a lot easier for phone companies to maintain their wireless transmitter sites than it is to maintain thousands of miles of wire strung on poles next to busy roads. I haven't given up on my landline yet. but it still has that hum and I use cable for internet now but I just can't cut the cord completely.

We use tablets in our service trucks for billing and directions and dispatching and that is the most convenient and efficient system we have ever had. We use Bluetooth to program new furnaces and we can setup new wifi thermostats from our tablet and only need to touch the thermostat once to get it into programming mode. It seems to be easier for the younger techs but I can manage to accomplish whatever I'm trying to do wirelessly also.

Having all of that technology at our fingertips allows us to check on equipment warranties from the job site and check on the availability of parts from our suppliers inventory without even calling them. I don't have GPS units on our trucks because at this point I feel like trusting a technician to handle his workload responsibly is the best option. Tracking their every move seems time consuming and too much like micromanaging to me.

Some of our new test equipment has wireless functionality too. We can put our sensors on the outdoor unit of an air conditioner or heat pump and then go inside to check the indoor unit while still being able to see pressures and temperatures on the outdoor unit on the tablet we carry inside.

The new heating oil tank gauge we sell can be viewed on your phone from anywhere in wifi range and will send an email at a preset tank level. I haven't tried setting the email up for our office address yet but I don't see why that wouldn't work. Now you could get oil exactly when you need it and never have to pick up the phone.

In many ways wireless seems to make our life more convenient and certainly it is easier to move about and keep in touch without having to be constrained by power cords and communication wires.

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Apply for Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini-Grants

By D & L

EASTON - As lead for the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape (LVG), the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is preparing to award \$75,000 as part of the 2019 LVG Mini-Grant Program. The funds are intended to encourage inspire collaboration to carry out ready-to-go, single-year projects that protect or promote the Lehigh Valley's natural resources. The application period runs through Friday, May 3, 2019. Interested applicants should review guidelines and fill out the application at <https://delawareandlehigh.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f3ae555e0e3cda8ec5be9de1f&id=b05390ce88&e=0212edb35a>

Slate Belt Rising and The Slate Belt Chamber Annual Networking Event

By Michael Ortoski / Slate Belt Rising Board Member

PEN ARGYL - On May 30th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm bring your family for an evening at beautiful Weona Park in Pen Argyl, PA. Take a ride on the Historic Carousel and enjoy fabulous local fair hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. You also don't want to miss the cash bar brought to you by Tolino Vineyards and Franklin Hill Vineyards, and Bangor Trust Brewing, three of our shining stars in the Slate Belt.

Celebrate our achievements together as we look back on a year of trailblazing new programs and ideas, and look forward to brighter and better initiatives and groundbreaking new partnerships.

The Slate Belt is ALIVE and RISING and we want you to know how much we value each and every one of you.

Contact Stephen Reider at 484-523-0900 or sreider@cacv.org

Jack Hewlette-Bullard honored as Eagle Scout of Troop 85

By Michael Ortoski

TANNERSVILLE - Jack Hewlette-Bullard was honored last weekend as the newest Eagle Scout of Troop 85 in Tannersville. Jack has served in a variety of leadership roles within the Troop, including Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. For his service project, Jack designed and constructed multiple pieces of training equipment and redesigned the training course for the Search & Rescue Dogs of PA, a nonprofit organization that assists law enforcement agencies.

"What an outstanding project, Jack! Congratulations on your accomplishment and thank you for your service to our community" said Senator Scavello. Christine Bush from Senator Scavello's

presented Bullard with a plaque from the senate for his accomplishment.



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