

## Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce 2020 Scholarship Recipients



**Lindsay Hoffer**  
Bangor High School



**Jonathan Ruth**  
Bangor High School/CIT



**Megan Guthrie**  
Pen Argyl High School

By Michael Ortoski / SBCC Board Member  
**BANGOR** - The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the following students were chosen to receive the 2020 Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Awards:

Lindsay Hoffer, Bangor High School, Derek Lasher, Career Institute of Technology (Bangor High School), Megan Guthrie, Pen Argyl High School

& the recipient of the Frederick R. Curcio Jr. Award is awarded to Jonathan Ruth of Bangor High School/CIT.

Unfortunately the presentation and dinner every year held at Tuscorora Inn had to be canceled due to the COVID - 19.

## 2020 BAHS Senior Smile Project

By Maria McKenna / Chairperson – Senior Smile Baskets BAHS 2020 Parents

This project was created by a group of parents who got together and decided to take care of our 2020 Bangor Area Senior Class. Without any creative plans coming from the school district and their conflicting communication, we decided we needed to step in are working on a few plans (no funding from the district). Our first project is the Senior Smile Baskets. We are having the students complete a short survey about their favorite things and what they miss, what their plans are after graduation, etc. We will create a basket personalized for each student based on their answers and deliver them to their doorsteps. We will randomly assign students to sponsors and only give the sponsor a summary of the student (no name for privacy). Something to say “We care and we know you are hurting”

So we need sponsors! \$50 to sponsor a Senior. Any amount to help with a sponsorship. You can write a short note with your sponsorship that we will include in the basket. (Can be an individual, family, group or business!)



## Minsi Lake Update

By Michael Ortoski & Jim Wilson / Board Members of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Jim Wilson from Northampton County Parks/Rec completed installing bluebird boxes with one of the LV Audubon Society (LVAS) volunteers at the Lake as a joint venture with Friends of Minsi Lake.

“We now have twelve in total: five each at the West Shore & East Shore Drive Meadow & two at the East Shore. We’ll eventually install more along the bottom south side of the dam. And more in meadows at Bear Swamp & Totts Gap” said Wilson.

“With LVAS, we’ll be installing ten wood duck boxes around the lake this spring. Also planing to install screech owl, woodland songbird & flying squirrel boxes along the Lake Trail corridor over the coming months. Most of these boxes probably won’t be used for nesting this year. But we’ll get them mounted & they’ll be in place for future nesting seasons.”

Wilson & I check on our Osprey family at Totts Gap on a regular basis  
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## Senior Smile Project

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We are also looking for people or businesses to donate gift cards or products to fill the baskets for those that aren't completely sponsored. We intend to include EVERY student so we need about 250 baskets and we have to raise 100% of it on our own! Please consider helping bring a Smile to the face of a graduating senior. They have lost so much this year and it's just a small gesture that can make their day. **BUSINESSES** - this is a great opportunity to get your name on the project - we will be publicizing all the businesses that help and encouraging the communities to support you as we move forward through these hard times and beyond! **MEDIA OUTLETS** we need you too to get the word out! You do NOT need to be in the Bangor district to help... These young people are ALL our futures! **PLEASE SHARE!**

Here is how you can donate (we are not 501c3 and therefore donations are NOT tax-deductible. They are simply from the heart.)

\*Full sponsorship of ONE Senior Basket \$50 (you may choose to sponsor more than one senior)

\*If you would prefer to donate a different amount towards supplies, please choose that option and tell us how much you are able to donate.

\*If you have product/service to donate, please choose that option and complete the requested information.

Please note we are unable to take requests for specific Seniors - all sponsors will be randomly assigned a Senior to be fair and avoid duplicate requests.

Please have your 2020 Senior click on the Senior link and complete the form. They must complete and submit it not later than May 15 to participate in the Senior Smile Basket project. If they do not complete the form, a generic basket will be sponsored and delivered. We would really like to personalize them as much as possible so please encourage your student to participate. Thank you so very much for your help. We hope for this to be a huge success and make at least a small impact on our graduates. More plans are being brainstormed. Please continue to watch for updates. Please also ask your senior to share this link with other BAHS seniors. We are trying to reach ALL students so no one is left out!

**Senior link:** <https://forms.gle/hq1ZpvsKVCc4e9wh6>

Also, if you have not already and would like to sponsor a basket for a senior or donate towards supplies, please follow the link below. We need all the support we can get!

**Sponsorship link:** <https://forms.gle/T1ujTJ8SAdea7k6e7>

If you would like to speak to me about the project, you can reach me at (570) 656-2279.

## Stay-At-Home Order Lifted for 24 PA Counties Effective May 8

By Senator Scavella

**PEN ARGYL** - Although Governor Wolf's stay-at-home order for COVID-19 currently remains in effect for all counties in Pennsylvania, 24 counties will see these restrictions lifted beginning on May 8. Counties in northwest and northcentral Pennsylvania will move to the yellow phase of reopening, which allows businesses with in-person operations to open under strict health guidelines and business safety orders.

Counties moving to the yellow phase include: Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango, and Warren.

More information about current plans to reopen Pennsylvania is outlined here <https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>.

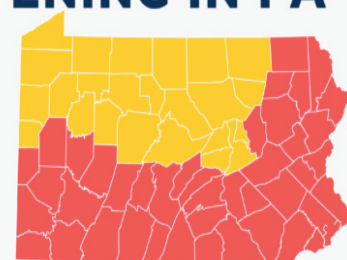
While the governor's action is a small step in the right direction, I believe employers and small businesses in more counties could continue to operate safely with the proper guidance of the Centers for Disease Control. I will continue to fight to see more counties and industries opened safely as soon as possible.

## COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING IN PA

**RED**  
Stay at Home Order

**YELLOW**  
Aggressive Mitigation

**GREEN**  
Aggressive Mitigation Lifted



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