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## Slate Belt Communities Organize For A Bright Future

Matt Assad / Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

PEN ARGYL - Ten Slate Belt communities, the County of Northampton, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley's Slate Belt Rising and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission are banding together on a project designed to plan their collective future, ensuring that their economy is vibrant and opportunities are endless, that their beautiful open spaces are preserved while their tax base expands, that each and every resident can enjoy the kind of quality of life that they deserve.

The project to build a Slate Belt Multi-Municipal Plan was launched during a news conference today, led by Tom Petrucci, the Plainfield Township manager and chair of the steering committee that will guide the development of the plan. Petrucci was joined by community leaders, stakeholders and funding partners who agree that joining together will enable them to take advantage of geographic similarities and address their common priorities, while better managing an evolving development landscape.

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Salutatorian Jayne Stinson who's speech was about "A Celebration"



Valedictorian Krista Lee Warfle holds up the winning \$5 bet left on the podium by her friend Stinson on who would be the Valedictorian



Senior Chorurs and Chamber singers sing "I Was Here"

## 2019 Pen Argyl Graduation

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - On a beautiful evening the Green Knight seniors took center stage on their athletic field for their 2019 graduation.

With the class of 1969 honored, Principal David Domchek welcomed everyone and invited the High School band to play the "Star Spangled Banner."

Class President Nathan James Dale opened up the speeches his titled "The Next Hill On Your Journey." Second up was Salutatorian Jayne Stinson who's speech was about "A Celebration" and

admitted to the audience about losing a five dollar bet to her friend Krista Warfle on who would be Valedictorian at graduation between the two of them. She left a \$5 bill on the Podium!

The first thing Valedictorian Krista Lee Warfle did before her speech was hold up the winning \$5 bill and with a big smile accepted it.

Warfle's speech was about "Gratitude" to all the people that helped the graduates get to graduation and to where they will be going from today.

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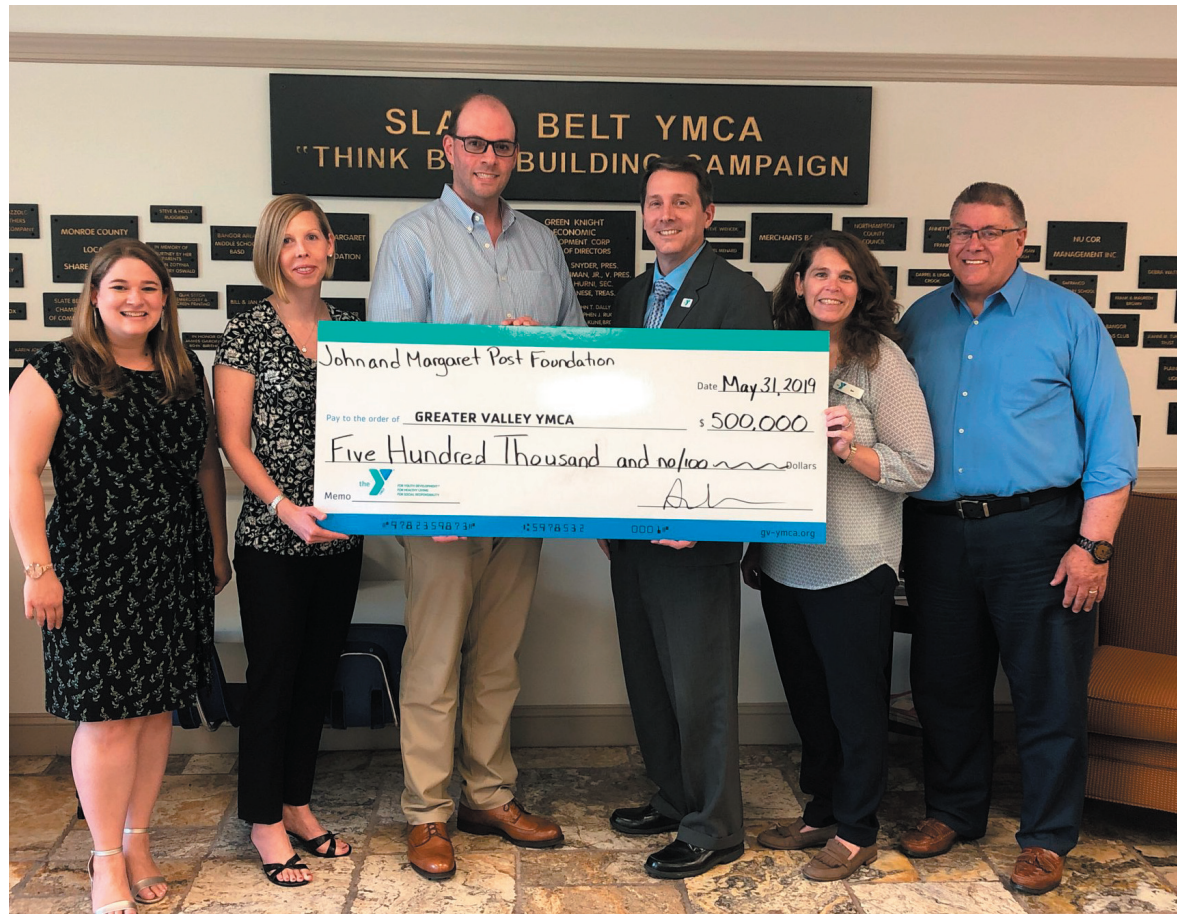
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## Post Foundation Contributes \$500,000 to Slate Belt YMCA Expansion

By Emily Mullen

PEN ARGYL - The Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA plans to begin construction on a heated indoor pool, gymnasium and childcare wing in 2019. The John and Margaret Post Foundation will support the Slate Belt Expansion Project with a leadership challenge grant of \$500,000. The Foundation's gift will be used as 1:1 match for community contributions, helping to raise the additional one million dollars of funding still needed for the project. The expansion's anticipated completion is 2020.

"We know that there is a community need for a pool, gymnasium and affordable childcare in the Slate Belt region. Thanks to the Post Foundation, we are able to take steps to ensure that the promised Y additions become a reality," said Greater Valley YMCA President/CEO David Fagerstrom.

Rich Villone, Operations Manager of Lamtec Corporation and a representative for the Foundation shared, "The trustees of the John and Margaret Post Foundation are proud to support the expansion of the Slate Belt YMCA. Being part of the Mt. Bethel and Slate Belt communities has been fantastic for Lamtec and Custom Laminating Corporations. We look forward to the continued success of the Y and hope the community will join in to raise the additional funding needed for the project."

As the project moves forward, the YMCA will host a public groundbreaking ceremony, as well as a grand re-opening / ribbon cutting to highlight the new pool, gymnasium, and childcare wing. The Y's Slate Belt Canvassing Committee is currently working to secure the rest of the necessary funding; pledging and naming opportunities are available now.

To learn more about the Slate Belt Expansion Project, stop into the Branch to see the blueprints or give us a call at 610-438-6065. To donate, contact David Fagerstrom at [davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org](mailto:davidfagerstrom@gv-ymca.org).

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