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9/5/2019



Archive photo from his 94th birthday along with his friend Lucy Flinn

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 DeFranco Elem.
 School Library
 267 Five Points
 Richmond Road

PEN ARGYL
 Mon. & Thur.
 Begins
 Sept. 16
 6:00-8:30 P.M.
 Pen Argyl Sr.
 High School Library
 501 W. Laurel Ave.

NAZARETH
 Tue. & Thur.
 Begins
 Sept. 24th
 6:00-8:30 P.M.
 Nazareth Sr. High
 School Library
 501 E. Center Street

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Capitalizing on Technology for Education

By Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - Recognizing the impact missing school can have on a student's education, the General Assembly recently adopted two new laws to make better use of technology to limit, or even eliminate, these impacts. Act 18 of 2019 creates the Keystone Telepresence Education Grant Program to provide funding to intermediate units for the purchase of equipment and related services to support homebound students.

Telepresence technology may include a robotic device that resembles an iPad mounted on a mobile Segway unit that allows real-time communication between students who are homebound and their classrooms. The technology is valuable for children with extended

absences due to chronic illness, such as cancer, or recovery from surgery or injuries. Act 64 of 2019 allows school districts, intermediate units, area vocational-technical schools and charter schools to establish a "flexible instructional day" program to use when school is closed due to weather, damage to the school building, disease epidemic or other temporary circumstances. Under the law, no more than five flexible instructional days may be used during a school year. Act 64 takes effect this Saturday, Aug. 31, while Act 18 will take effect Sept. 26.



Scavello Urges Area Emergency Service Organizations to Apply for Grant Opportunity

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Volunteer fire companies and emergency service providers across Monroe and Northampton counties will soon be able to apply for funding through the State Fire Commissioner's Fire Company, Emergency Medical Service Grant Program beginning September 4.

The on-line application period will begin the first week of September 2019 and will remain open for 45 days. Exact dates will be listed on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner website closer to the grant window opening.

Eligible fire companies and EMS organizations may apply for a grant in up to two of the six eligible program categories:

Construction and/or renovation of the fire company's or ambulance service's facility and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the company to provide fire, ambulance and rescue services.

Purchase or repair of firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment. Includes the purchase of fuel for company vehicles.

Debt reduction associated with the facility (1) or equipment (2) categories above.

Training and certification of members.

Training and education materials regarding fire prevention for the general public.

Career Fire Departments Only – Overtime costs associated with backfilling positions while firefighters are attending training.

This important funding opportunity comes at a time when many of our emergency service organizations are struggling financially, as well as having a difficult time getting volunteers. This grant opportunity is representative of the legislature's commitment to helping these organizations succeed for the continued protection and overall wellbeing of our communities.

The 2019-20 Program Guidelines will be available for download in the coming weeks on the OSFC webpage at www.osfc.pa.gov. Entities with additional questions can contact my district offices or Harrisburg office.

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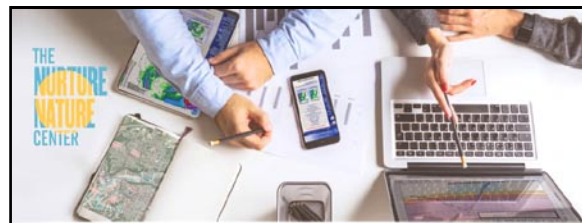
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