

State Fop Issues Statement Regarding Tragic Loss Of Northern York Regional Police Officers

By Fraternal Order Of Police – Pennsylvania State Lodge
HARRISBURG, Pa. (Sept. 18, 2025) – Fraternal Order of Police State President Joseph Reagan today issued the following statement regarding the tragic loss of Northern York Regional Police Detective Sgt. Cody Becker, Detective Mark Baker and Detective Issiah Emenheiser and the serious injuries suffered by another officer and a York County Deputy Sheriff.

"This is an unimaginable loss for the Northern York Regional Police Department and the entire community. We mourn the lives of Detective Becker, Detective Baker and Detective Emenheiser, whose dedication and service will never be forgotten. We also extend our deepest prayers for the officer and deputy sheriff who were injured. Our hearts are with their families, their colleagues and all those who grieve. The PA FOP stands ready to support the department, the families, the injured officers and the community in the difficult days ahead."



Valley Youth House Awarded \$20,000 Grant to Support Youth Services in the Lehigh Valley

By Valley Youth House

Bethlehem, PA – Valley Youth House is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Good Neighbor Fund of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, established by the PPL Foundation, that will provide utilities assistance to clients served by the organization's Lehigh Valley Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program.

This is the second consecutive year that Valley Youth House has been awarded this generous grant. Last year's funding provided utilities assistance to transition-age youth and families served by the organization's Lehigh Valley Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program. This year's funding will continue to support clients served by this program.

The RRH Program provides significant initial support to clients to ensure stability as they transition out of homelessness. Clients work with RRH staff to build the connections, resources, and skills in order to eventually take over their own lease or transition to other stable housing.

Many clients struggle to meet the initial costs of this transition while they work to gain employment and/or increase their income. Although clients receive support for rent, furnishings, and household goods, they face other significant costs such as childcare, transportation, or education to attain a living wage job. Many also face challenges with mental health or traumatic histories, which require stability before they can be addressed.

"The support provided by this grant has been invaluable because utilities assistance is often underfunded in the RRH Program, and is not offered through the federal HUD grants that are their primary funding source," said Harrison Fertig, Director of Grants and Foundations at Valley Youth House.

Valley Youth House's staff provides personalized support to young people, using proven methods that focus on positive growth and understanding past trauma, helping them to develop life skills and create a plan to find permanent housing.

On behalf of the hundreds of young people who are able to find assistance with their housing crises, Valley Youth House extends their sincere thanks to Lehigh Valley Community Foundation and PPL Foundation for their continued support of the organization's essential housing programs.



Slate Belt Heritage Center Haunted Heritage Program

By Karen Brewer

The Slate Belt Heritage Center and Museum will hold their Annual Haunted Heritage Program "The Ghosts Return for the 150th" on Thursday, October 9th @ 7:00 PM. Ghosts for this year's presentation are as follows:

Maria Drumm Engle Keller (1719-1802)-Refugee, immigrant, wife and mother, Maria Keller was kidnapped by "French Indians", force-marched to Canada and experienced the murder of her eldest son and kidnapping of two others in what we now call the Delabole or Keller Massacre. Find out what happened to her at the conclusion of this harrowing French and Indian War tragedy. What became of the surviving Kellers and what did it mean for the people of Plainfield Township and the Lehigh Valley?

Joseph Kellow (1820-?) and Robert Chapman were hunting one day in 1854 along the Blue Mountain and discovered a farmer named Mr. Moyer struggling with a big bluish gray rock. The next year they started the first quarry in what became Pen Argyl. Joseph worked in Pennsylvania with some of the Slate Belts' pioneering quarry operators at Chapmans and Pen Argyl until the 1860's when he returned to his native England and became chief engineer, of mining for Great Britain.

Henry Male (1872-1959)-Pen Argyl entrepreneur who engaged in real estate for 30 years, was vice president of Edelman's Slate Quarry, operator of an Ice business, proprietor of Male's Furniture Store and an antique dealer. He loved auctions! He was elected as a Democrat to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1931-1937 (3 terms) and served as councilman, borough secretary and chief Burgess of Pen Argyl. What did he hope to accomplish before he died?

Charles J. Newbaker, Sr. (1870-1960)-served as the guard of the covered bridge at Portland for much of his life. In January 1869, the 775 feet long and 18 feet wide bridge was finally completed. The original structure was a four-span timber bridge covered by a wooden shed with a slate roof and was primarily used to cross livestock. Any uncontrollable behavior could cause the bridge to sway dangerously. Find out what happened when a circus tried to cross the bridge!

Edward "Buddy" Fishler (1930-2012)- A Korean conflict veteran who became a teacher and administrator from 1956-1990, Mr. Fishler served as an educator in both Bangor and Pen Argyl schools until his retirement. He was a member of Bangor Town Council and later served as Mayor. He was active in the fire company, his church, the Elks and the Masons. Mr. Fishler will always be remembered for his stern discipline methods in school but was deeply respected by all students.

Ghosts for the event will be Melissa Hough, Perry Morris, Walter Cole, Les Garr and Marc Blau. Cheryl Statham will be the "Medium" who conjures up the ghosts. Tickets will be available at Bray's News Stand for \$10.00 or at the door on the night of the program. The Heritage Center & Museum is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA. For additional information please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661.

