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## Alex Harrison Donates 'Little Free Library and Food Donation Box'

By Michael Ortoski & Jana Morris

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting event on Sunday for Alex Harrison, a Life Scout with Troop 34 of Roseto. who is leading a community project to benefit the Slate Belt by building both a Little Free Library and a Non-Perishable Food Donation Box. The boxes will be located at Hopesprings Community of Faith (301 Market Street-Bangor) property- directly on Rt 512. The location was selected due to being both accessible by foot and public transportation. The Little Free Library will provide access to books donated by residents of the Slate Belt or anybody that visits, while the Food Donation Box will support those in need in the Slate Belt area. As part of the project, Alex is also rebuilding the offering box for Hopesprings Community of Faith.

This project has been made possible through selling meat sticks at Ace Hardware and donations from both local and regional businesses. including Lowes in Stroudsburg, Bangor Glass Works, Miller's Paint and Wallpaper, and Jeff Martin Painting.

Alex is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony open to the public at the corner of 3rd and Market in Bangor at 2pm, hosted by the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce. "I wanted to give back to the Slate Belt, which has been my home for my whole life, and create something lasting that will help people for many years," Harrison said. The event will mark the official unveiling of the Little Free Library and Food Donation Box, offering the community a new way to share resources and support one another.



## **Building Bright Futures Through Scholarship Support**

By State Rep. Ann Flood

ALLENTOWN - I had the honor of joining school leaders, business partners, and fellow lawmakers at Allentown Central Catholic High School to celebrate a major investment in educational opportunity for families across the Lehigh Valley.

Thanks to the generosity of Waste Management, Wells Fargo, Post Road Management, and JL Mann Consulting, and through the Bridge Educational Foundation, more than \$300,000 in scholarships are being awarded to students in our region.

Schools in my district that benefited from this scholarship include Faith Christian School in Roseto, Immaculate Conception School in Pen Argyl, and the River Crossing YMCA locations in Forks and the Slate Belt.

These scholarships, made possible through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, are helping families choose the schools that best meet their children's needs.

I'm proud to support programs that empower parents, strengthen our schools and invest in the future of our Commonwealth!





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