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Members of the Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 lead off the parade

2019 Bangor Elks Halloween Parade

By Michael Ortoski
 BANGOR - Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 held their annual Bangor Elks Halloween Parade on Thursday night under perfect parade weather. The parade theme for this year was 'A Mardi Gras Halloween.'

As well as candy the Mardi Gras beads were flying from the floats all night. The children and some adults couldn't wait to put them around their necks.

Green Knights Senior Day



By Michael Ortoski
 PEN ARGYL - The Green Knights celebrated Senior Day before their football game against Palisades in which they won 28-15 and a great performance from Antonio Reto.

Football players, Cheerleaders and Band seniors were called out on the field and were acknowledged for their efforts in athletics, musical talents and academics.

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'JUDGE'S SPECIAL' 1st Place Realty Solution

After the parade, the Bangor Lodge once again hosted free hot dogs and soda at the lodge for the parade participants.

- This years prize winners were: BEST FLOAT
- 1st - Reagle Dodge
 - 2nd - SBYSA U13 Girls Soccer
 - 3rd - Cub Scout Pack #14

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Watching the tractor pull at Jacktown Fall Harvest & Sawmill Show

40th Fall Harvest & Sawmill Show

By Michael Ortoski
 PEN ARGYL - Jacktown Grove was packed again this weekend for its 40th Fall Harvest & Sawmill Show. The Case Steam Engine 'Shingelmill' was in operation throughout the grounds.

The tractor pull (one of the big draws) had tractors lined up to get their chance at the track.

One of my favorites is the American Saw Mill & Wood Splitter

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L-R Tim Egan PAHS Athletic Dir., Logan Wismer (Varsity team Mgr.) Logans Mother Kimberly Wismer

Green Knight Family At Its Finest

Logan Wismer

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - At 18 mos. old, Logan Wismer sustained an anoxic brain injury after a near fatal drowning. He was hospitalized for almost 8 weeks, coming home in a wheelchair, with a feeding tube and nonverbal. He had met all child development milestones prior to the accident.

Logan has continued progressing over the years and has surpassed all expectations of his doctors. He is able to ambulate on his own, no longer has a feeding tube and while still hard to understand, able to verbalize and use a communication device.

Logan has always been interested in sports, playing in both the Miracle League and Challenger league baseball for many years. Logan had even assisted the Pen Argyl Midget football team as water-boy until it became difficult for him to maneuver on and off the field.

"Being a senior now, he was thrilled when asked if he wanted to be Manager of the Varsity Football Team. Since the players were familiar with Logan and many would high five him when passing in the halls, they embraced him not only as the manager but as one of the team" said Logans Mother Kimberly Wismer.

"Coach Smith and the other coaches have been amazing, inspiring Logan to do his best, seeing ways to use Logan's abilities and overcoming the disabilities. Everyone has been so encouraging. This is Green Knight family at its finest" said Wismer.

"Coach Smith made sure Logan was included in huddles and wouldn't start the end of the game singing of the Alma Mater until Logan was at his side" said Wismer.

Logan's father is Todd Wismer and his siblings are Jennifer (who is also his one on one health aide during school hours) and Nathan. Logan's support staff at school is Austin Ashenfalder.

Logan participates in various athletic programs with Northampton County Special Olympics. Logan is a member of the recycling club, Leo Club, and Coffee Cart Club. After graduation, Logan will be enrolled in the pathways to possibilities program at the CIU 20.

Bangor October Fest

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Bangor Borough along with local business sponsored Family fun at Bangor Memorial Park this past weekend with Craft and Gift Vendors, Scarecrow Stuffing, Pumpkin Carving/Painting, Hay rides, bounce house, pony rides and more.

Many vendors from Roseto Helping Hands selling homemade pies to Mt. Bethel Pharmacy who brought their mascot 'Happy Capsuel' who walked around handing out literature donning his pill hat.

There was a costume contest for the prettiest, scariest, funniest most original & best costumed family contest and carved themed pumpkin contest for a chance to win \$100, results to come in the next issue.

Bangor Elks sponsored 'Ride the Bangor Train' through a pastoral display of Jack-O-Lanterns. two local food vendors Dinky's Ice Cream and Little Creek BBQ along with others were the food vendors.



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