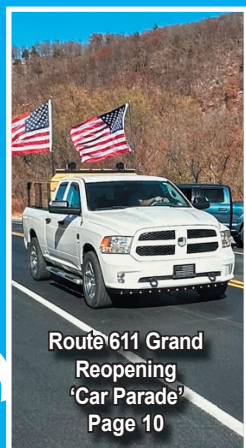




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Honoring Our Veterans

By Michael Ortoski

This Monday, Nov. 11, we celebrate Veterans Day by remembering the sacrifices these men and women made on behalf of our citizens and people around the world.

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, first marked the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, and sought to honor the veterans of the World War – the only world war to have occurred at that time. Armistice Day was declared a national holiday in 1938 to acknowledge world peace, and then was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to celebrate the contributions of veterans of all wars.

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”



Best of the Slate Belt Award Winners

By Beth Duyssen

UMBT - The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce recently held its annual awards ceremony to celebrate the Best of the Slate Belt. Congratulations to Erik Borgh of Capitol ACE Hardware for being named Businessperson of the Year, and to Terri Eagle for receiving the Volunteer of the Year award.

I was pleased to provide House certificates of recognition for presentation at the event. Congratulations to each of the winners—we are proud to have you as part of our community!

The Slate Belt Chamber held the ‘Slate Belt Awards Dinner’ at Allegheny Creek Brewing Company on Wednesday, November 6th.

The dinner served to honor the following award recipients:

Best of the Slate Belt Awards - Presenting these awards is Board Member Zach Miller.

Businessperson of the Year, presented by SBCC Board Vice-President Debbie Pettinari, was awarded to Erik Borgh, owner of Capitol ACE Hardware.

Volunteer of the Year, also presented by Debbie Pettinari, was awarded to Terri Eagle.

Franklin Hill Vineyard, Category: Best Vineyard/Winery

Accepting this award is Bonnie Pysher.

Hillside Smokehouse, Category: Best Deli/Caterer

Accepting this award is Bob & Linda Ackerman.

Johnsonville Farm & Garden, Category: Best Specialty Shoppe

Accepting this award is owner Aline Haddad.

Richmond Farm & Brewery, Category: Best Brewery/Pub

Accepting this award are owners Eric & Milissa Smith

The Local Scoop, Category: Best Ice Cream Place



Volunteer of the Year, presented by (L) Debbie Pettinari, was awarded to (R) Terri Eagle.

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