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Grand Central Road Bridge Ribbon Cutting

By Michael Ortoski
 PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP - "Plainfield Township, Northampton County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the importance of rebuilding aging infrastructure, and the Township is pleased to announce that the Grand Central Road Bridge Replacement Project is now complete" said Thomas R. Petrucci, Township Manager of Plainfield Township.
 Invited guests gathered at Plainfield Township municipal building this past week for a ribbon cutting for their new bridge.
 Grand Central Road is an important connector road between Pen Argyl Borough, Wind Gap Borough and Plainfield Township. The road has traditionally served as a primary route for police, fire and EMS first responders and school buses. Closed since September of 2015, the previous obsolete one-lane bridge has now been replaced with a modern two-lane bridge that will provide for a more efficient highway

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Threadstone Trading Co. Grand Opening

By Michael Ortoski
 PEN ARGYL - Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting in Pen Argyl at Threadstone Trading Co.
 Janelle Connelly and her family celebrated the Grand Opening of her new business Threadstone Trading Co. with the community along with Representative Marcia Hahn and John Casella from Senator Mario Scavullo's office and Lamont McClure from County of Northampton.
 Hahn and Casella presented Connelly with recognition on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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Bangor Library Breakfast with Santa

By Michael Ortoski
 BANGOR - Santa and Mrs. Clause showed up for breakfast at Bangor Bee Hive on Saturday to help raise money for the Bangor Library.
 Santa's elves were busy making and serving pancakes, sausage, hot cocoa and coffee along with all the holiday cookies.
 The children each got a chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and get a photo with him and Mrs. Clause.
 Other elves gave out small gifts to the children and helped them make holiday decorations for their Christmas tree.



Brandon, Jolie and their mother Lorana Martinho with Mr. & Mrs. Clauses

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Grand Central Road Bridge

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network and improved stream ecology in the Little Bushkill Creek.

In close proximity to the regionally significant Plainfield Township Recreation Trail, the Township elected to install a precast concrete arch structure bridge with an aesthetically pleasing surface and allotted sufficient room on the bridge deck for future trail connections, if determined to be necessary.

"This project would not have been possible without the efforts of all project partners. Specifically, Senator Mario Scavella, Representative Marcia Hahn, the Commonwealth Financing Authority/Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development represented by regional Dir. Fadia Halma, Northampton County represented by Executive Lamont McClure, Jeff Ott from Township Engineer Ott Consulting, Inc., and the project contractor E.F. Possinger and Sons, Inc., represented by Niles, Kitty, Kyle Possinger and Dan Leewho delivered the project to the Township on schedule and under budget" said Petrucci.

With the help of Senator Mario Scavella and Representative Marcia Hahn, the Township was able to secure a \$203,143.00 Multi-Modal Transportation Fund grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority/Pennsylvania DCED. Additionally, the Township was awarded a \$50,000.00 grant from Northampton County through their Community Investment Partnership Program. The total final project cost was \$341,116.33.

The previous Grand Central Road Bridge was built in 1916 and lasted until 2015- just under 100 years. The Township hopes that the new bridge will last a full century.

With that, I would like to recognize each project partner individually and give you a few moments to speak, if you would like to do so.

Give the Gift of Fishing!

By Rep. Joe emrick

BANGOR - Just in time for Christmas, 2020 fishing licenses, permits and gift vouchers are now available from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC).

All fishing licenses and related permits purchased now are valid for up to 13 months, from December 2019 through Dec. 31, 2020.

Licenses and permits can be purchased at www.gonefishingpa.com, or from any of more than 700 issuing agents, county treasurers' offices and all PFBC re-

gional offices.

The price of an annual resident fishing license is \$22.90. Multi-year options are also available in three-, five- and 10-year increments. The most popular add-ons, a trout-salmon permit and a Lake Erie permit, cost \$9.90 each, or \$15.90 for a combination permit. A collectible fishing license button is available for \$10. While youth anglers under age 16 do not require a fishing license, they must have either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License (\$2.90) or a free Mentored Youth Fishing Permit to participate in various youth opportunities throughout



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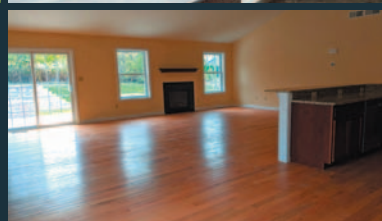
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