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Front left Eagle Scout Matthew Albert, along with VFW members Quartermaster Bob Washock, Post Commander Nick Alfero Jr. and Troop 38 leaders and scouts.

Matthew Albert's Eagle Scout Service Project

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Matthew Albert who belongs to Boy Scout Troop 38, which meets the VFW Post 739, in Bangor completed his Eagle Scout Service Project of a Flag Retirement Pit.

A dedication took place on December 8, at the VFW Post 739 in Bangor. The Flag Retirement Pit was dedicated to all Veterans. Albert thanked everyone that came out to the fundraiser to support his service project.

"It takes volunteers and donations to complete a project like this, I would also like to thank: VFW Post 739; Home Depot; Horn's Outdoor Center and Scott Hettenbach;

Liberty Fire Co. #2; Nazareth Machine Works; Easton Block; R & R Lawn Service and Rich Defebo; Jack Stenlake; Len Thomas; Amber Albert; Garrett Taff; American Legion; Troop 38 Scouts, Leaders and Parents" said Albert.

Bangor Jacksonian Club Donates \$1500 to Slate Belt YMCA Financial Assistance Program

By Jennifer DeLong / Branch Dir. SLATE BELT BRANCH

PEN ARGYL - Thank you to the Bangor Jacksonian Club for stopping by the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA today with a donation of \$1500 to the Y's financial assistance program. This program ensures no child or family is turned away from the Y for an inability to pay. John Hartzell, Vice President of the Bangor Jacksonian Club's Board, states "We are happy to do our part to help our community." We are grateful for the support of our community partners.

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The Y's Slate Belt Canvassing Committee is currently working to secure the rest of the necessary funding; pledging and naming opportunities are still available now. Once the project is completed, the YMCA will host a public grand re-opening / ribbon cutting to highlight the upgraded facility.



L-R Jacksonian Club Pres. John Hartzell, Jennifer DeLong Slate Belt Y Dir., Y Board member Dick Smith

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Fusia Dance Center 4th Annual Winter Ballet

By Anne Brown

EAST STROUDSBURG - Last weekend the FuSia Dance Center performed "The Nutcracker" as their 4th annual winter ballet! The ballet is a magical tale that follows Clara from a holiday party to the land of the sweets. The ballet featured dancers as young as 4 years old.

The show was directed by Bridget Hopkins. Choreography was done by Joseph Ambrosia, Bridget Hopkins, Brielle Johnson, Francesca Marinaro, and Jade Ryan. Set design by Matt Dillon and costume design by Adriana Stigliano.

FuSia Dance Center is a school that combines the study & discipline of dance technique, as well as artistry & personal growth. At FDC, our students

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Merchants Bank And Fidelity Bank Jointly Announced A Definitive Agreement

By Merchants Bank

BANGOR - Dear Merchants Bank Client:

As of Monday, December 9th, 2019, Merchants Bank and Fidelity Bank jointly announced the execution of a definitive agreement for a planned acquisition of Merchants Bank by Fidelity Bank. The Board of Directors and leadership of Merchants Bank are confident that the combined organization will provide increased value, enhanced products and service, and additional lending opportunities to all our clients. Both community banks, operating successfully for over a century each, have strong legacies of serving their communities and their clients.

Fidelity Bank, headquartered in Northeastern Pennsylvania, is independently recognized as a financially strong, client-centric community bank. Fidelity Bank maintains a Five Star Bauer Financial rating and has been recognized by American Banker as a Top 200 Community Bank for the past 6 consecutive years. Forbes recognized Fidelity Bank as one of the top three 'Best-In-State Banks' in Pennsylvania for the last two years, which distinguishes its client experience as one of the best in the banking industry. Like Merchants Bank, Fidelity has a storied history, specializing in assisting clients with their unique financial needs.

Here's a little background information on Fidelity Bank:

- A leader in mortgage lending in Northeastern Pennsylvania for the last 10 years, the Bank has provided over \$571 million in financing to 3,164 homeowners;
- It has helped 342 businesses receive funding of about \$121 million to support a growing economy last year;
- Their bankers provide nearly 1,700 hours of volunteer time to local non-profit organizations;
- Extended hour client support is available through a professional, fully staffed, seven day a week, Customer Care Center;
- Clients can bank 24 hours a day through digital banking and online account opening capabilities;
- A full-service Wealth Management Division includes comprehensive planning and investments;
- The Bank offers expanded lending capabilities due to enhance capital position.

Fidelity BANK



The merger of two strong community banks leads to questions. Attached is a FAQs document that may answer some of these for you. We want to assure you that every effort will be made to make the transition as seamless as possible and to minimize any impact to you. There will be additional information, especially about Fidelity Bank, to follow over the next few months.

Please reach out to your banker with any questions and/or concerns you may have. We look forward to serving all your financial needs and thank you for your support.

Why Pursue a Change of Ownership for Merchants Bank?

Merchants Bank and Fidelity Bank are coming together to form a strong organization made up of two great banks with similar cultures and business models. The union will allow for the Merchants Bank team to expand products, services and benefits for clients. Further, this will create a business and community banking footprint that spans most of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Why Did Merchants Bank Choose to Merge with Fidelity Bank?

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Association as a Top 200 Community Bank for 6 consecutive years. Forbes recognized Fidelity Bank as one of the top three 'Best-In-State Banks' in Pennsylvania in the past two years, which distinguishes its client experience as one of the best in the banking industry. Fidelity Bank has found a way to succeed in its crowded banking marketplace by empowering bankers to make client decisions in the field. Innovative community outreach includes bankers providing over 1,700 hours of volunteer time; giving its branch managers money to spend at their discretion ("Random Acts of Kindness"? and inviting the community to use its premises for meetings and events ("Community Connections"?). Becoming part of a larger financial institution provides Merchants Bank with the resources to enhance products and services to our clients, our bankers, and ultimately our shareholders. Their culture strongly aligns with ours, and is an excellent strategic fit.

When Will the Merger Take Place?

The merger of two banks requires several approval processes. The boards of both banks have approved the merger. The merger is also subject to the approval of state and federal regulatory agencies, and a vote by each bank's shareholders. We expect to receive the required approvals during the first quarter of 2020 and to officially complete the merger during the second quarter of 2020.

Why Did Fidelity Bank Choose to Merge with Merchants Bank?

Merchants Bank is known as a strong, well-managed community bank that is well capitalized by the regulatory agencies. We share a similar culture and background with Fidelity Bank. With combined assets of approximately \$1.5 billion, the combined banks will have enough capital to be a viable alternative to the "big banks," and together we can do more for our bankers, clients, community, and shareholders. Fidelity Bank will benefit from Merchants Bank's excellent reputation and its deep rooted community connections in the Lehigh Valley, giving Fidelity Bank access to a healthy and growing market.

Will the Merchants Bank Name Remain?

At the close of the acquisition, MNB Corporation and Merchants Bank will merge with Fidelity Bank. All Merchant Bank offices will become Fidelity Bank offices.

Will I Have An Opportunity to Meet One-On-One With New Team Members to Learn More About Their Products and Services?

We anticipate that you will continue to deal with your current Banker, although internal business partners may also be introduced. Once the merger is complete, you will have access to additional services such as Cash Management, Wealth Management and retail comprehensive financial planning and investments. We want the transition to be seamless, with minimal impact to your existing relationships.

Can I Continue to Access My Accounts As Usual?

Absolutely. Access to all your accounts remains the same. Everything will continue as it is now: clients can access their on line accounts, use their ATM/ debit

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