

Father DeNisco Council of the Knights of Columbus Announce Free Throw Champions




By Scott Moyer

PEN ARGYL - 12 boys and girls from the Slate Belt area, ages 9 to 14, participated in the local Knights of Columbus FreeThrow Championship and 6 were champions their age bracket. The event was sponsored by the local Father DeNisco Council of the Knights of Columbus, Bangor, PA, and held at the Immaculate Conception School, Pen Argyl.

Francis Rowley was the 10-year-old girls' champion. In the 11-year-olds' bracket, Ella Schweitzer was the girls' champion and Jakob Pietraskiewicz was the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old Brooke Bond was the 12 year old girl champion. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Olivia Schweitzer, and the Fourteen-year-old girls champion was Gianna Tout-Puissant. * Jakob P. is missing from both photos.

Each of these winners are eligible to compete in the district competition to be held on February 2, at Holy Family in Nazareth with an eye toward moving on to the PA District level.

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Workshops for Northampton County DCED Grants

By Becky Barlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will host three instructional workshops for any organization planning to apply for DCED funding in 2020. There is no charge to attend these workshops.

It is strongly encouraged for an organization to send at least one representative to attend one of these workshops. Failure to do so will have a negative impact on any funding application.

The workshops will be offered on three occasions at various locations within Northampton County in an attempt to accommodate all interested parties. Please RSVP to Dawn Tomaino at 610-829-6309 or dtomaino@northamptoncounty.org with your name, the name of the organization you are representing, and the date you will be attending.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Nurture Nature Center
518 Northampton Street
Easton, PA 18042

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 8:30am – 10:30 am
Department of Human Services Building
Conference Room 3
2801 Emrick Blvd
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This winter has not been a particularly brutal one so far. Temperatures have been slightly above normal during the day but have been average overnight. The wildcard has been a few days of high winds and they have caused some problems for our customers. One of the components of energy efficient homes is a tight building envelope. I measure that with a tool called an infiltrometer. That is a fancy name for a fan placed in your front door connected to a pressure measurement device. The things I can learn about your house from that tool are pretty interesting. Instead of me having to crawl through every inch of your home looking for air leaks, I can put this tool in place and calibrate it and then measure how leaky your house is in about 15 minutes. The infiltration number is unique to each home because it is based on the actual volume of the house. The magic number is given in ACH which means air changes per hour. The calculation used to arrive at that makes it accurate because it does not reveal how many air changes your house has per hour with a giant fan in the front door but how many air changes your house has per hour naturally. With this number I can estimate how good or bad your home is compared to a standard that is known to be safe and healthy.

The reason I explained that is because when the wind blows, it reaches inside your home like a frosty finger and touches any water pipe that someone has ridiculously placed in an exterior wall. If you are lucky that pipe won't burst but if it freezes solid that is always a possibility. Many times these heat pipes are only kept from freezing by water moving through them. If the water stops because of a component failure or a power outage, all bets are off. I have one customer who had heat pipes freeze and it took over a week for them to thaw enough to regain heat. We used to be able to use a thawing machine to create heat in the pipe and thaw them but most pipes for heating systems now are plastic and a thawing machine won't work with them. An antifreeze mixture can be used in heating systems but the mixture must be accurate and it must be maintained.

If your house is leaky and you have pipes in the wrong places, winter wind will find them for you and show you where improvements are needed.

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Recreation, Conservation Grants Available

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - Local governments and recreation and conservation organizations are encouraged to apply for grants through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Funded through DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program, grants benefit planning, acquisition and development of public parks, recreation areas, motorized and non-motorized trails, river conservation and access, stream buffers, open space conservation, and regional and statewide partnerships to better develop and manage resources.

The 2020 grant application round closes April 22. DCNR has scheduled two webinars to help potential applicants. The first is being held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 10-11:30 a.m. regarding grants for conservation, trail and riparian buffer projects. The second is being held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 10-11:30 a.m. regarding the statewide and regional partnership grant program for public recreation, conservation or heritage-area initiatives undertaken across a statewide or regional landscape.

Go here for more info - http://links.pahousenews.com/q/K2RqqA_mVirJ_bbZPE1I2gfESyih0u0OwpbAICLOKdLHNeJcGI
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