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## Mike Tenaglia 'Here To Help Life Go Right'

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - On this past Monday Mike Tenaglia his wife Abby, family, staff and the Slate Belt Chamber celebrated as he cut the ribbon to open his new office in Bangor.

State Farm Agent Tenaglia, a 2014 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania graduate has been with State Farm since 2016.

Dignitaries on hand were State Senator Mario Scavello and Pa. Rep Joe Emrick

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L-R First place winner Maria Smith, VFW Post commander Nick Alfaro Jr., second place winner Vincent Gino Caminneci

## Eagle Scout Presentation to Bangor VFW Post 739



L-R Eagle Scout Will Menhennit, Bangor VFW Post 739 member Gene Tragiani

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Will Menhennit from Troop 38 that is sponsored by the Bangor VFW Post 739 presented a plaque to Post member Gene Tragiani in appreciation for the VFW's 'generous contributions' to his Eagle Scout Project he finished in 2018.

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## Bangor VFW Post 739 Scholarship Winners

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - This past Monday night the Bangor VFW Post 739 presented their annual VFW Scholarships 'Voice of Democracy Competition' to the winner and runner up to two deserving youths in our community.

First place went to Maria Smith a home schooled Senior from the Slate Belt who received \$1,000.00 scholarship and a certificate from VFW Post 739 Post commander Nick Alfaro Jr.

Smith will be attending Cederville University in Ohio after graduation. Smiths essay was based on "The right for all U.S. citizens to vote was a long struggle."

She refers to late 1800's during the reconstruction after the Civil War, freed slaves, who were American citizens, were given the right to vote. Also during the early 1900's after many years of campaigning women were finally allowed to vote.

Smith ended her essay saying "I believe my vote matters because it is a choice that realizes my right, fulfills my responsibility, and promotes progress."

Runner up winner was Vincent Gino Caminneci, a sophomore from Easton H.S. who received \$500.00 scholarship and a certificate from VFW Post 739 Post commander Nick Alfaro Jr. Caminneci plans on furthering his education at a four year college after graduation.

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## Letter to the Editor

Presidents come and go. Issues do not. Border security is a complex issue which will require a variety of "fixes". Putting aside hatred and anger toward our current President, putting aside partisan politics and taking a look at the larger and future picture must be part of any solution. One should not get their information from only paying attention to the nightly news, CNN, FOX, MSNBC, social media echo chambers, party talking points (whether R, D, L, G, or anything else) or the like. Every source has an angle. The information is edited, and you get only what they want you to get. In order to see the forest through the trees, it is important to recognize that.

Our current President is not the first president to talk about reinforcing the border and the burden of illegal immigration. There are those who are so full of hate or dislike for our current President they are unable to look at policies through any other lens. I may not be infatuated with our current President, but I am and continue to be, infatuated with the United States of America. I believe just as Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama did, that a strong border system, including appropriate legislation, is necessary in order to maintain the integrity, safety, security and control of our borders and safe passage of immigrants into our sovereign nation, the United States of America.

Jeffrey Fox  
Pen Argyl, PA.

## Applications for Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Grants Now Being Accepted

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - is accepting applications for its Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants. Local governments and recreation and conservation organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to assist with: Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks, Recreation areas, Motorized and non-motorized trails

River conservation and access, Stream buffers, Conservation of open space.

Grants also support regional and statewide partnerships that build capacity to better develop and manage resources.

Two webinars have been scheduled to help applicants create a competitive grant application:

Wednesday, January 30, from 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. -- Grants for locally based recreation, conservation, trail, and stream buffer projects

Wednesday, February 27, from 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. -- Grants for public recreation, conservation, or heritage-area initiatives undertaken across a statewide or regional landscape.

The 2019 grant application round opened Tuesday, January 22, and will close Wednesday, April 10, at 4:00 P.M.

Additional information, including how to register, is available at the Penn State Extension website. The registration deadline is January 31.

## College Scholarship Deadline Approaching

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship deadline March 1.

The scholarship is for graduating seniors and legal residents of PA, with a minimum 3.0 GPA, planning to attend any 4 year college in PA, and demonstrating leadership and community service. For more info go to [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org).

## PennDOT Summer Job Openings for College Students

By Michael Ortoski

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is seeking hardworking college students for employment from early April through October for the 2019 Summer Maintenance Program.

Work includes seasonal maintenance work, crash system input and analysis, and maintenance and custodial services at roadside rest facilities. Many students also perform laboring and flagging duties in maintenance organizations and at highway work sites.

Pay is \$13.56 an hour and the deadline to apply is Feb.15 for more info go to [www.governmentjobs.com](http://www.governmentjobs.com).

## Businesses, Schools, Local Governments Can Apply For Clean Diesel Grants

By State Senator Mario Scavella

PEN ARGYL - Businesses, nonprofits, schools and local governments can apply now for emissions-reduction state grants to replace, re-power, or retrofit fleet diesel-powered trucks, buses, and other vehicles and equipment.

The Pennsylvania State Clean Diesel Grant Program is a competitive grant program for a wide variety of diesel emission reduction projects.

The application deadline is Feb. 28. You can find applications, guidance and an informative Feb. at [www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward](http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/DrivingPAForward).

**FREE  
CLASSES**

**GED**

**BEGINS  
February  
March**

**BANGOR**  
Tue. & Thur.  
Begins Feb. 12th  
or March 5th  
6:00-8:30 P.M.  
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Richmond Road

**PEN ARGYL**  
Mon. & Thur.  
Begins Feb 11th  
or March 4th  
6:00-8:30 P.M.  
Pen Argyl Sr.  
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501 W. Laurel Ave.

**NAZARETH**  
Tue. & Thur.  
Begins Feb. 12th  
March 5th  
6:00-8:30 P.M.  
Nazareth Sr. High  
School Library  
501 E. Center Street

**THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS IS ORIENTATION  
STUDENTS MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS.**

If a student cannot attend both days in February, they must wait until March to begin.

Computer Training is included in all classes.

Adults who attend class, complete requirements and pass the GED may be eligible for an equivalency High School Diploma. Please contact [www.GED.com](http://www.GED.com) for info about test.

Free classes provided by the NCC Center for College & Career Readiness and Bangor, Pen Argyl, Nazareth School Districts. Call 610-861-5427 for more information

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