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Grand Opening of Portland 'Dunkin'

By Michael Ortoski

PORTLAND - The long awaited Dunkin' held their grand opening on Saturday to a packed house led by co-owners Druhv Acharya and Jay Joshie.

"We are so happy to finally open thanks to the help of Portland borough and Senator Scavello's help on getting us thru the permit process" said Acharya.

Dunkin' Mascots 'Cuppy & Sprinkles' were on hand for photos the children along with Bob Flannery and Jackie Stumm from Dunkin Brands who coordinated the event.

Dignitaries on hand were Portland Mayor Lance Prator and Councilwoman Stephanie Steel. Also were Senator Mario Scavello and State Rep. Joe Emrick who presented the new owners with a plaque from the house thanking them for bring economic development to Portland borough and the Slate Belt.



L-R Portland Mayor Lance Prator, Chris Karasiewicz, Stephanie Steel (councilwoman), co-owner Druv Acharya, State Rep. Joe Emrick, Senator Mario Scavello, Bob Flannery (Dunkin Brands)

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Senior Day for PAHS Boys Basketball & Cheerleaders

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - The Green Knights honored seven seniors before their game on Saturday against Wilson H.S.

Also recognized during the ceremony was John Antonioli a student and basket ball player who tragically died in 2017 who would have been a senior this year.

The team presented the Antonioli family a game ball with John's name and the inscription "Forever in our hearts."

The two senior cheerleaders were Sr. Brielle Incalcaterra escorted by her mother Erika Faust and Orianna Mondella escorted

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Sr. Tadd Barr with his parents Dave & Julie



Sr. Brielle Incalcaterra with her mother Erika Faust

"My Belief In The Value Of Cit"

By Kenneth L Brewer, Jr / CIT School Board Treasurer Bangor Area School District

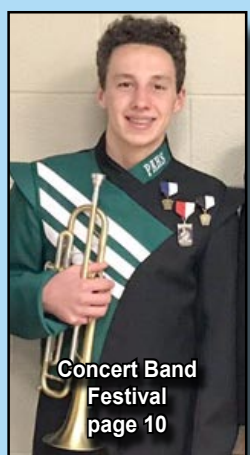
BANGOR - I am a strong advocate for trade skills since I have spent my entire life in positions that reflect that area, and I have experienced the essential importance in that realm of expertise. Where many schools are advocating students to pursue college prep classes, they are losing sight of the weighted necessity of those who can contribute to our economy and world through hands on professions.

There will always be a need for plumbers, electricians, welders, and utility workers. Trades are always in constant need of workers. Going to college, spending exorbitant amounts of money, does not always guarantee a job. Students at the Career Institute of Technology can go into an apprentice program and come away with employment from "on the site experience."

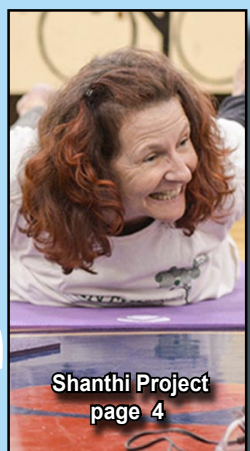
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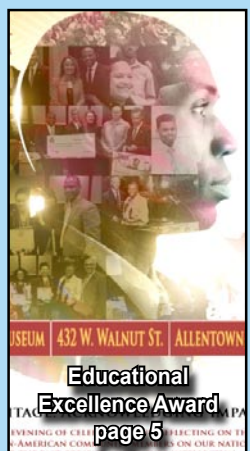
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Begins Feb. 12th
or March 5th

6:00-8:30 P.M.

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School Library

267 Five Points
Richmond Road

PEN ARGYL

Mon. & Thur.
Begins Feb 11th
or March 4th

6:00-8:30 P.M.

Pen Argyl Sr.
High School Library

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,
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"My Belief In The Value Of Cit"

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Historically, vocational schools have had a certain stigma attached to them. When my own son, changed from college prep to CIT, it turned out to be the best choice for him. He graduated, went on the Penn College, then Penn State, then Millersville for his degrees in Work Force Education, Welding and Secondary Education. His strong work ethics are partially attributed to his experiences at the Career Institute of Technology and have made it very personal for me, in this sense.

There was a cartoon, once in the newspaper, where high school seniors were conversing about what they wanted to do with their lives. Three of the four students were planning on going to a four - year college. The fourth was planning on an Automotive career. The three students said to the one, "hey man, if you don't go to college you won't go anywhere". The fourth replied, "if you don't have anyone to fix your cars, when they break down, none of you will be going anywhere".

That being said, being on the school board of CIT makes me proud to say that, we as sending school districts, are doing everything in our power to see that ALL students become productive, contributing members of society in the world to come.

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Resumes Operations

By Kathleen Sandt / Public Affairs Specialist National Park Service

Bushkill, PA- With the enactment of the continuing resolution on January 25, 2019, staff at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area will resume regular operations this week. While park offices re-opened on Monday, it will take some time for employees to re-open other areas that would normally be accessible this time of year. "This week, our employees will be focused on picking up and collecting trash and clearing ice and snow from areas that were closed during the lapse in appropriations," said Superintendent Sula Jacobs. "The staff is thrilled to be back at work, serving the American people and welcoming visitors to the park. We just ask that people be patient as we work through the backlog and current weather conditions to get things up and running again."

During the partial government shutdown, some areas of the park were closed due to unsafe conditions related to winter weather and the limited availability of staff to keep those areas safe and clear for visitors.

Master Watershed Steward Program Call For Volunteers

By Michael Ortoski

MONROE COUNTY - The Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program in Monroe County is training a new class in spring of 2019. We are looking for individuals that have an interest in the environment, a willingness to learn more, and most importantly, a strong desire to make a difference in the community. So whether you are a teacher, an accountant, a construction worker, a homemaker, a student, or have another background, YOU can become a Master Watershed Steward. To become a certified Master Watershed Steward, you must complete 40 hours of training and fulfill 50 hours of volunteer service. After becoming certified, you can maintain your status by giving at least 20 volunteer hours and attending at least 10 hours of continuing education annually. The 2019 training program will begin on Thursday, March 14, 2019, and continue on subsequent Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through May. The sessions will be held at Kettle Creek Environmental Center with several hands-on

Master Watershed Stewards volunteer in the community to improve the health of our streams, rivers and other natural resources by: organizing educational events, organizing stream clean ups, designing demonstration rain gardens, teaching adults and children about the environment, monitoring streams for bacteria, working with municipal officials to plant native meadows, and in many other ways

For more information or to receive an application packet Jim Vogt jav45@psu.edu (570) 421-6430 Annie Polkowski ammccd@ptd.net (570) 629-3060 <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards/counties/monroe>

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