

Student Art Competition Raises Awareness About Ticks and Lyme Disease

By Senator Mario Scavello

PEN ARGYL - As the number of Lyme disease cases in the state and across the nation continues to rise, students can use their artistic talents to raise awareness of the prevalence of ticks and the types of diseases they carry.

The Lyme Disease Art Contest is open to children in first through sixth grade. Entries must be received by March 11. Contest materials can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's website. Finalists will be notified by mail and will be invited to an award ceremony in May.

There are reports of up to 10,000 Lyme disease cases per year in Pennsylvania and more are likely unreported. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a short course of antibiotics. However, if the infection is left untreated, it can spread to joints, the heart and the nervous system. Ticks that cause Lyme disease are found in every county and every green space, even in cities.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony

Over the weekend we attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Tyler Mann. Tyler is a member of Troop 101 and completed 52 badges. We presented him with a senate citation. Congratulations to Tyler and his parents Brad and Michelle!



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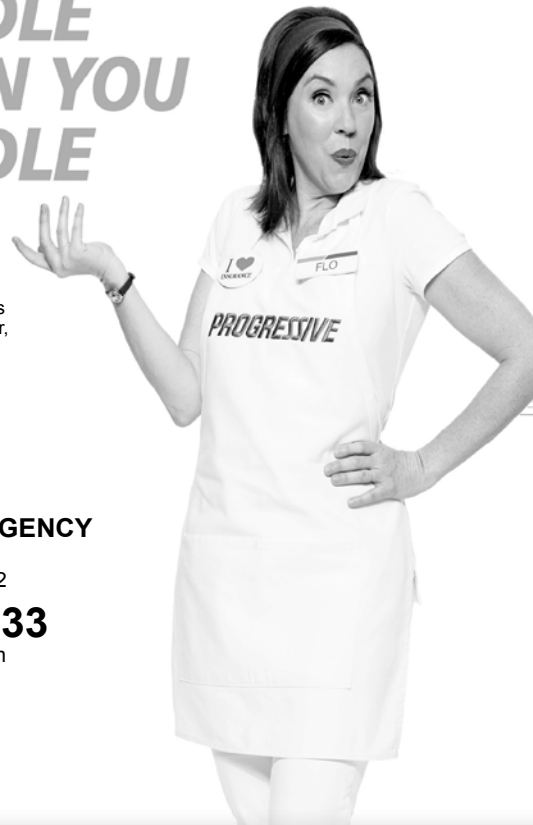
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