

Monroe County Historical Association

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Lindsey Lambert, Stroud Township. The Heritage Resource Award was given to the Old Mill at Sciota (also known as Brinker's Mill), Hamilton Township.

Monroe County Historical Association Executive Director Amy Leiser said, "Our organization is pleased to recognize the owners of these historic properties and cultural sites, and the volunteers who help keep our past alive. We appreciate their dedication in helping to maintain the historic fabric of our community."

Leiser also commented, "This is the 15th year we've acknowledged owners of historic properties.

We are always looking for additional structures to highlight and we welcome suggestions of other Monroe County sites that deserve recognition."

The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county's past with the present. Visit the website at www.monroehistorical.org for more information on the organization.



Above - Commercial Property - 616 Main Street (currently occupied by RAW Urban Winery & Hard Cider and Mackey Photo & Video. Top Right - Publicly Funded - Fenner, Snyder, & Robacker Homestead, Hamilton Township. Bottom Right - Residential Property - "Abeloff-Lambert Home"

Neon 5K Fun Run/Walk

By Deborah Bowman

BANGOR - The Bangor Elementary PTO is once again hosting its 4th Neon 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 2, 2020. Participants in the Neon 5K and Fun Run/Walk will go through 5 Splatter Stations where they will get splattered with color dust. All the money raised will benefit students attending DeFranco, Washington and Five Points Elementary Schools. The last run had over 400 participants and raised almost \$6,000. We set our goal this year of \$10,000. The PTO purchases new library books, school supplies and equipment, and funds field trips and assemblies. We wanted to offer a family friendly event that would bring the community together for a great cause and promote wellness at the same time. We are writing to ask your company to sponsor this event. As a sponsor, your company will receive recognition for your contribution in various ways outlined under each level of sponsorship below.

We ask you to respond by April 1 to ensure your business name and/or logo is printed on the race t-shirts and in our race day packet. Logos will need to be emailed to the email below. To become a sponsor: Fill out the bottom portion and either mail your donation to the address below or you can call and arrange for us to pick it up. Thank you so much for considering sponsoring our event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Best Regards, Karen Kennedy Bangor Elementary PTO President/ Neon 5K Fun Run/Walk Chairperson cell: 610-587-4063 bangorpto@yahoo.com

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Ken Field

Owner of Slate Belt Energy Services

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Free Advice

Occasionally a potential customer will ask if I can install a specific brand of equipment for them. The answer is yes but that's not the whole answer. I can but maybe I won't.

We have a lot of choices of equipment to pick from and there are more opinions on the internet than you can shake a stick at, so why wouldn't I want to install something that is requested by a customer? There are many reasons but I usually start by asking why they wouldn't want to use the equipment that I suggest as the best value for the money. They may say they never heard of it or there are no ads on the weather channel for it or they may just say that their friend has the other brand and they are happy with it. All of those may be valid reasons in their mind but my recommendation goes far beyond the hype and advertisements. Maybe I have toured the factory where it is built and I have used it for 10 years and still say it is the best value. Overall performance and warranty support are huge when it comes to systems that have been in operation for 5 or more years. I hope to see every system I install performing at top efficiency for 20 years. That is not too much to ask but it requires the whole package to be installed correctly and maintained periodically. I have some systems that are over 30 years old and still are running efficiently. Keep in mind that a 30 year old system could never perform up today's efficiency standards but until it breaks down, there is no reason to replace it.

I try to offer more than one choice and sometimes I have more than one brand of mini-split heat pump to will suggest because of research I have done or training I have received. After installing a few of a new brand we had a problem and I found that the warranty support was not adequate. I had to fight to get a part that failed and then we had to remove it from a complete unit just so my customer didn't have to wait a month for that part. Needless to say that brand is now off my list of offerings. I will support the customers who have it and maintain the units we have in the field but they soured me on their support so I won't install any more of them. That is information you won't find on the internet.

Ken Field is the owner of Field's Service, Inc. and Slate Belt Energy Services. He has over 40 years of experience in heating, air conditioning and is certificated by RESNET and BPI in various areas of energy conservation. He can be reached at 610-599-8832 or at www.SlateBeltEnergy.com

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\$20k Grant for Veteran's Housing Assistance

By Becky Bradley

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Veterans Affairs have received a \$20,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund for the purpose of providing housing assistance to veterans.

"Northampton County is ardently embracing the national goal to end veteran homelessness by establishing our own Veteran Rapid Rehousing Program," says Lamont McClure. "Our goal is to meet the needs of every veteran citizen of Northampton County so they can further their health and independence."

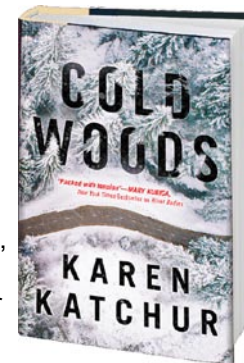
The program is defined as utility and rent assistance for eligible County veterans with qualifying low-to-moderate incomes.

The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development applied for the grant. Community Specialist, Rebecca Sanchez, was promoted last year to write grants for the County.

"Cold Woods"

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold our 5th annual Author Luncheon Event on Thursday, April 30 at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. The Church is handicapped accessible with ample parking. (Enter from lower parking lot). Local author, Karen Katchur will discuss her latest Novel, "Cold



Woods", a gripping and suspenseful story spanning 30 years, that interweaves the past and the present with an unexpected finish. This is the 2nd of three books in the Northampton County Series, the 1st being "River Bodies" and the soon to be released 3rd book, "Spring Girls." Ms. Katchur will discuss her book and have a question and answer session, along with a book signing. Copies will be available to purchase.

Luncheon will be at 12:00pm (Doors open at 11:30 am), catered by Café on Broadway in Wind Gap and will consist of soup, sandwich desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$12.00 each and MUST be purchased in advance of the event. There will be no tickets available at the door. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at the Library, located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA beginning March 16 through April 18. Hours are M-Sa, 10:00 am to Noon and M-Th, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call Lisa at 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org.

Super Bowl

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Each year at Super Bowl time the members of St. John Lutheran Church in Pen Argyl take part in a Souper Bowl of Caring and collect cans of soup to be donated to the Salvation Army in Pen Argyl. On Feb. 23, at the halfway point in this year's collection, Sue Straub, event organizer, and Marie Jucknik, congregation president, looked over the 334 servings of soup collected so far.

