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## 2019 National Association for Music Educators

By Mary Lou Cole

BANGOR - Bangor Area High School students Hannah Bledsoe, Cathianne McKenna and Brookel Sabella have been selected to participate in the All Eastern Honors Mixed Chorus at the 2019 National Association for Music Educators April 4-7 at the David L Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

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L-R in photo Cathianne McKenna, Brookel Sabella, Hannah Bledsoe

## Slate Belt Heritage Center Celebrating It's 20th Anniversary

By Karen Brewer

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center (SBHC), located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in conjunction with its' Spring Opening on Saturday, April 13th. Featured this year in the Council Chamber, will be "We the People: Folk Art for the Slate Belt". We the people means "hand-made" and not mass produced.

The featured folk art and crafts will tell about the creative drive, the diverse culture and the sense of identity that we share in the Slate region. Slate Belt people crafted many items like, slate whimsies and fancy needlework that demonstrate their skill and communicate a personal or community message. Some use traditional designs that reflect immigrant roots. Come and see rare "slate fans" that show a slate splitter's skill. Check out the show towels, quilts and fancy work that women made to demonstrate their talent with a needle to make a comfortable home for their families. Folk art has a practical use, but it is amazing to see and helps us understand who we are and from

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## Nick Nittoli Medals for Bangor at PIAA District Wrestling Tournament

By Michael Ortoski

HERSHEY - Nick Nittoli takes 6th at 220 lbs. for Bangor at PIAA District 11 Class 3A wrestling tournament in Hershey Pa..

Nittoli scored a second-period pin of Easton's Andrew Balukas for Bangor's first district title since 2014 and first Slater to medal at states since Scott Heckman 2003.



L-R Karen Brewer and Melissa Huff hold up one of the quilts that will be on display

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## Slate Belt Restaurant week this July 6th through July 14th.

By Laura McLain

BANGOR - Dine out during at Slate Belt restaurants who will be participating in our upcoming Slate Belt Restaurant week this July 6th through July 14th. Not only will this bring foot traffic to the local restaurants but to our other business owners as we will encourage them to offer a discount by showing their restaurant receipt. We will be placing advertisements, posters and more to promote this event in June/July.

Restaurants will offer a reduced price on a fixed menu for the week. Offer your best food. The idea behind restaurant week is for the restaurant week is to showcase the restaurants food to customers who may not eat there regularly.

If any restaurant in the Slate Belt is interested in participating, please contact the SBCC or visit [www.slatebeltchamber.org](http://www.slatebeltchamber.org) for more details.

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where we came. Items shown will be from the late 1700's to the present.

The Heritage Center occupies the former 1907 Bangor Town Hall in the heart of the Slate Belt. Displays focus on the lives of people who settled this part of America, from the Lenape to the waves of immigrants-the Scots-Irish, German, Cornish, Welsh, Italian, Jewish and others whose families live here today. The Heritage Center also houses rooms for the textile and slate industries, in addition to the Homefront and Fire rooms.

The Heritage Center is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is: To establish and offer for public view and educational purposes: artifacts, displays, DVD's, oral histories, genealogies and research information that reflect local Slate Belt history and heritage, and to perpetuate our Slate Belt Heritage, ethnic contributions, industry and history so that future generations may learn and appreciate our valued past.

SBHC presents Preservation Awards to people who preserve Slate Belt heritage and hosts students and teachers ranging from local 4th graders to East Coast Universities. The Center preserved nearly 3000 Slate Belt treasures which inspire heritage murals, historic building rehabs, family research and trips down memory lane. SBHC produces programs, exhibits, and tours for community groups, schools, special events, reunions and other museums.

The Center is open to the public Saturdays and Sunday 12-3 PM April through October, and Sundays 12-3 PM November through March. Admission is FREE. Private tours are available upon request. Monthly presentations are held the second Thursday of each month from April-November at 7:00 PM and the second Sunday of each month from December-March at 2:00 PM. These programs are also FREE. Memberships are available at the Center. Follow the news on the website [sbhc@frontier.com](http://sbhc@frontier.com) and Facebook Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC.

## 2019 Suzanne Anderson Scholarships Offered By Pocono Arts Council

By Susan Randall

STROUDSBURG – The Pocono Arts Council is offering two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors in music and visual art who plan to continue their art education at the college level. The scholarships are available thanks to a bequest by long-time local art supporter Suzanne Anderson. Deadline for applying is April 15, 2019. The winning recipients are invited to this year's Spring for the Arts Event on June 8 to receive their award.

Further information and applications are available by calling 570-476-4460 or emailing [director@poconoarts.org](mailto:director@poconoarts.org)

The Pocono Arts Council is a local arts service organization serving Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Lackawanna & Luzerne counties. The mission of the council is to build the community artistically and culturally by providing leadership, service and education - "Culture Builds Community." Further information can be found by visiting its website, [www.poconoarts.org](http://www.poconoarts.org)



## SBRPD Citizen's Police Academy

By Pat Stonaker / Administrative Assistant Slate Belt Regional Police Department

**PLAINFIELD TWSP.** - SBRPD CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY registration is OPEN!! The 2019 Academy class will run every Wednesday from April 17 - June 5, 2019, 6:00pm - 8:30pm. We will tour the Northampton County 9-1-1 Center and Monroe County Prison. Come meet SBRPD officers and learn what an officer encounters on a daily basis. Visit [www.Slatebeltpd.com](http://www.Slatebeltpd.com) and click on the Citizen's Police Academy tab and sign up. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 29th. Minimum age is 18, residents will have first priority, however, all are welcome after cursory background check. Questions? Email Pat at [PStonaker@Slatebeltpd.com](mailto:PStonaker@Slatebeltpd.com)

## Free Seminar for Small Businesses

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) are sponsoring a series of free seminars for small businesses in Northampton County. The first, Small Business Start-Up, will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 8:30-10:30AM at the Bath Borough Municipal Building 121 S. Walnut Street, Bath, PA 18014.

It will cover the topics of Marketing with Social Media, Lending and Loans, Developing a Business Plan and Human Resources. Keynote Speakers include Debi Rice from Fun-Nominal Events and Marketing, Brett Smith from Lehigh University's Small Business Development Center, Mike Lichtenberger from EnTrust Merchant Services and Elizabeth Kelly from Northampton County Human Resources.

The event is free, but registration is required. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-start-up-tickets-56917787635> For more information, contact Rebecca Sanchez at [rsanchez@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:rsanchez@northamptoncounty.org)

## Music Educators

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They are among more than 300 students selected from eleven states in the northeast United States. To qualify for this prestigious honor, students must have been selected in their All-State ensemble during their sophomore or junior year in the 2017-18 school year. State music educators associations select the students from their state by ranking students from the previous year's All-State groups.

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