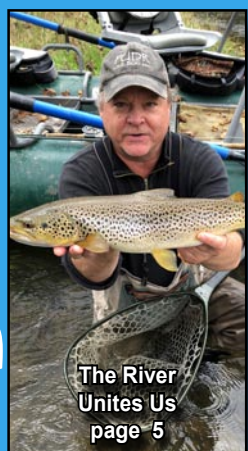




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30th Anniversary of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - This past Saturday weekend at the Bangor Elks Club, the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 30th Anniversary and the many years of service they have provided to area businesses and industry.

During the event a special recognition was given to board member Paul Donovan for his 30 years of service to the Slate Belt Chamber since its inception, plus an additional 15 years prior with the Bangor Chamber of Commerce.

Bangor VFW Easter Egg Hunt

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR -The Bangor VFW Auxiliary put on their annual egg hunt for children of all ages. The Easter Bunny helped the Auxillary hand out gifts to all the kids after lunch was served to all the guests.

Eggs were hidden by age groups outside in the 'Grove' by VFW members, some with special gift prize notice inside.

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Kids Campus Grand Opening

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - New owner Stephanie Nicholas her husband Scott and their two children celebrated the Grand Opening of her 'Kids Campus' child care in Pen Argyl on Saturday with friends and family.

The new business is located at 100 Blue Valley Drive in Pen Argyl, PA, just up the street from WEONA park.

Nicholas offers child care services to children ages 6 weeks to age 13 or completion of 6th grade with hours of operation are from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. "Our goal is to support children's desire to learn through social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development" said Nicholas."

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L-R Bob Rep. Marcia Hahn, Scott Nicholas with daughters Kinley and Madison, Owner Stephanie Nicholas, Brian Fenstermaker from Senator Scavello's office

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Donate Life Month

Department of Health, PennDOT Commemorate
By Melanie Baldwin
Harrisburg, PA – Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine and Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services Kurt Myers, along with representatives from Donate Life Pennsylvania, highlighted the importance of organ and tissue donation at an event at the new Summerdale Driver License Center in Enola today in conjunction with the national observance of Donate Life Month in April.

Nearly 49 percent of current driver's license and ID card holders - more than 4.88 million Pennsylvanians - are registered organ donors. Almost 7,300 Pennsylvanians are currently awaiting organ transplants.

"PennDOT is proud of our partnership with the Department of Health and Donate Life Pennsylvania," said Deputy Secretary Myers. "Becoming a registered organ donor can lead to saving a life."

"Donate Life Blue and Green Day is a reminder of just how important it is to sign up to be an organ and tissue donor," Dr. Levine said. "Registering to be a donor takes just a few minutes, as it can be done online, but it has the potential to save a number of lives. After registering, it is important to have a discussion with your family on why you believe organ donation is essential, and what your wishes are."

To add the organ donor designation to an existing driver's license or ID card, visit www.dmv.pa.gov and select the "Donate Life Pennsylvania" icon in the middle column of the page. Once the designation is added, individuals will receive a designation card that they must carry with them to affirm organ donor status until they renew or replace their driver's license or ID card. There is no charge for adding the designation to your driver's license or ID card.

Driver's license and ID card holders, as well as registered vehicle owners, can also support organ donation programs by donating \$1 to the Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund at the time of application and/or renewal. For additional information about organ donation in Pennsylvania, visit www.donatelifepa.org.

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Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival's 10th Anniversary

By Katherine Noll

BETHLEHEM- How do you celebrate the 10th anniversary of the biggest and best Food & Wine Festival in the Lehigh Valley? By bringing the most exciting party in the nation to Bethlehem! This year's Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival, May 31 - June 2, will bring Mardi Gras flair and New Orleans fun to the festivities at the Sands Bethlehem Event Center. Festival goers will enjoy New Orleans inspired dishes, second line parades, a themed selfie station, festive beads and even a signature Food & Wine event cocktail.

In addition, celebrity Chef Emeril Lagasse is returning to this year's Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival. His popular cooking demonstration will take place the morning of the event's Grand Tasting, Saturday, June 1. The timing allows guests to arrive in the morning for all the fun of Emeril live, followed by the greatest food in the valley and fabulous wines from around the world in the afternoon.

Hosted by Sands Bethlehem in partnership with Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, the festival features the region's top restaurants, vineyards and distilleries that offer up tasty and generous samples of their wares benefiting the Northampton Community College Foundation.

Each day of the festival will also feature the area's top chefs leading cooking demonstrations and wine seminars highlighting notable experts. Popular blues/rock touring artist Craig Thatcher Band will perform June 1-2 during festival hours.

Tickets for each day of the Grand Tasting are \$85 for general admission, \$100 for VIP noon access pass that includes the champagne and spirits room, and \$50 for a designated driver ticket (food only).

Buy tickets and stay up-to-date on new restaurant and wine list additions at www.lehighvalley-foodandwine.com.

SLATE BELT YMCA to Hold Two Events

By Jennifer DeLong / Branch Executive Director SLATE BELT YMCA

PEN ARGYL - I am pleased to present two upcoming opportunities for our community. Healthy Kids Day is a nationwide Y initiative to keep kids healthy and involved over the summer months. This free community event will be held at the Y on April 27 from 10-1. We are also pleased to present two group exercise classes in the Lower Mount Bethel region. These classes are free to Y members; the community may join us for a small per class fee.

Healthy Kids Day Saturday April 27 10 PM to 1 PM

Are the kids in your life already dreaming of summer? When kids are inspired, they can do anything. Let's awaken their imagination so they can explore new activities and healthy habits.

Enter to win a free week of camp. Activities Include: Bounce House Obstacle Course Bike Safety Face painting Planting Healthy Snacks Coloring Card Contest Tooth Fairy.

Cycle Masters from has donated a bike to be raffled off at the event.

JOIN US - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED at the Slate Belt Y.

Community Wellness Together Community Group Exercise Classes Hiit It and Active Older Adult Wellness CENTERFIELD BUILDING, LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP Join us for ongoing exercise programming at the Centerfield Building in Lower Mount Bethel Township. Classes begin May 2nd, 2019.

Registration before class is required. HIIT IT Thursday 5:30PM HIIT, High Intensity Interval Training, is a cardiovascular exercise strategy alternating short periods of intense anaerobic exercise with less intense recovery periods.

This class is suitable for all fitness levels. Active Older Adult Wellness Friday 1:30PM Active Older Adult Wellness is a 45 minute class consisting of 30 minutes of low impact aerobic and strength exercise, followed by 15 minutes of mindful stretching and yoga.

This class is suitable for our aging population that wants to keep active well into their golden years. Fees Sign up for a full month of classes to save.

Register online at www.gv-ymca.org • \$5 per class • Sign up for the entire month of May for only \$20 • Free for Grater Valley YMCA members, registration still required.

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