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\$10,000 Donation Helps Mission of Love Food Bank and PUMP



L-R Hilberto Rivera, Al Resendes, Bill Skinner, Frank Jones, Gary Schnirel, John Hanbrose (Waste Mgmt.) Pastor Frank Pons, Ardiane Forrs (Waste Mgmt.), Tom Dentith, Sherman LaBare (PUMP), Bob Abbott (Nestec), Bill Alvira, taking the photo Mike Ortoski

2019 Slate Belt GED Graduation

By Michael Ortoski

NAZARETH - Last Tuesday at Nazareth High School students from the Slate Belt celebrated their GED graduation with faculty, family and friends.

The program is run by Northampton Community College. Elleke Moyer, Instructor gave the welcome and introduced the staff and NCC representatives.

Student Speaker was Ashley Dawn Warren who told the audience "never give up, I'm finally graduating on my fourth attempt with the encouragement of Continued on page 9



Rebecca Sabatine from Nazareth School Dist.



Yan Xiao came over to the US in 1992 from Fuxhou, China. She has 2 sons. Her youngest, Raymond Chen, graduated from Bangor HS last week, will be attending Penn State in the Fall.

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - This Month Pastor Frank Pons celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony for the blessing of his 40' walk in out door freezer for the Mission of Love Food Bank/Pantry (MOL) in Bangor.

"God had blessed us with a \$10,000 donation from Waste Management last year to purchase this freezer and with other donations from the community we were able to get it put on a pad and hooked up to the electric, Thank God" said Pons.

Pons has offered to share his blessing with the Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank (PUMP), who together they serve 1000 families a month in the Slate Belt.

"Sherman LaBare is like a brother to me, we have been helping each other for years in a mission to feed our people" said Pons.

LaBare is the head co-ordinator for the PUMP.

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The Architectural Award was presented to Sherry & Gary Haycock for restoring the former Conrad Miller house, which was built at the end of the 19th century.

SBHC 2019 Preservation Awards

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - The Slate Belt Heritage Center acknowledged the recipients of their 2019 Preservation Awards along with awards from State Senator Mario Scavello and the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce by board member Michael Ortoski.

Awards were given in the following categories:

The Architectural Award is presented to an individual(s) who has performed an exemplary act

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"This large freezer will help us provide more food to the people of our communities which is our goal, nobody should go hungry aseptically our children" said Pons.

On hand from Waste Management were John Hambrose and Adrian Forrs who said they wanted to fund a project that reached as many people as possible that they serve in the Slate Belt thru Waste Management.

Other community members and business who stepped up to fund this project were Anthony Piccone (electrician), Wind Gap Electric, Slate Belt Rotary Club, Merchants Bank, Nestec, Horn's Outdoor, Mt. Bethel Plaza, Comunales Italian Market, and the many volunteers of the MOL who work every week to Pastor Frank feed the community.



L- Pastor Frank takes John Hambrose from Waste Mgmt. on tour inside the freezer explaining that with the donation he can increase their food bank about 25-30%.

R- Pastor Frank Pons gives thanks to God for all his prayers about needing a larger freezer to feed the people in his community.





Paster Frank Pons explaines how the State-of-the-art freezer technology will run efficient in all types of weather.

"We can now unplug all ten small freezers inside our building to help reduce our electric bill each month.

L-R Pastor Frank Pons, John Hambrose from Waste Mgmt., Frank Jones Families First, Bill Skinner from Slate Belt Rotary.

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