



## Ken Field

Owner of Slate Belt Energy Services

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### No Fun 2021

I don't know where things are headed in the future but some things that have happened this year are almost as unprecedented as things that happened last year. It seems like the only thing we can count on is that nothing is predictable. I don't need to even get into the things that made last year difficult because there were problems for everyone. Luckily it didn't have a devastating impact on my business but others are still struggling to recover. This year however, we have seen 4 price increases from 3 of the manufacturers whose equipment we use a lot of and each increase was between 4 and 8%. We were given only 30 days notice on all of them and that made any estimates I wrote only valid for that long and if someone wanted to do the work that was listed, it had to be done within that timeframe. In addition to that difficulty, a large number of units were out of stock and some with no predicted arrival time at all. They could not be purchased at any price and the price that would be in effect when they were available is unknown. It feels like something that would happen in a third world country but not here. Substituting other equipment or using different brands may have been an option if they were available but that would leave needing to support another line of equipment and stocking even more parts for them. I am hoping that in the next 6 months things will settle down. A 90-120 day backorder on parts for a relatively new air conditioner is enough to make anyone angry. If this kind of supply chain problem extends into the winter, there is no way someone can get through the winter with a broken down heating system. It's not a comfort issue at that point, it's a problem that could destroy someone's home. Maybe I'm making too much of it but I am obligated to a lot of people who count on me to keep their heating and cooling systems running and sometimes it is a warranty part I can't get. That means the manufacturer is obligated to supply the part to me and I am obligated to install it but if I can't get it, the manufacturer doesn't have to explain that to my customer. The important thing to understand is that many of these parts come from China and we will all witness the results of the world grinding to a halt for almost a year. Nobody is to blame but we will all pay the price one way or another.

**Ken Field is the owner of Slate Belt Energy and Field's Service, Inc. As a certified energy rater and contractor, he is qualified to assess every aspect of energy usage and prescribe solutions to save energy. He can be reached at 610-759-6306 or email Ken@FieldsService.com**

**ESTATE SETTLEMENT AUCTION  
COUNTRY REAL ESTATE AND CONTENTS  
KUBOTA TRACTOR, FISHING EQUIPMENT  
COMPLETE SELLOUT  
SATURDAY JULY 31, 2021 RAIN OR SHINE  
ON THE PREMISES  
2825 JACKSON ROAD  
JACKSON TWSP., MONROE COUNTY, STROUDSBURG, PA 18360**

**11 A.M. REAL ESTATE** consists of Single Family Brick 2 Story Home with Fireplace and 3 Bedrooms Approximately 40 Years old with Basement Garage. Home needs some Repairs, etc. Also Large Former Horse Stable and other Out Building. 2 Acres adjoining PA State Game Land. Real Country Setting with Excellent Deer and Bear Hunting. Tax Code: 8-10-1-5-68

**TERMS ON REAL ESTATE: \$10,000 BANK CASHIER'S CHECK (Payable to Jack Muehlhan Auctioneer Escrow) AT SALE. BALANCE AT SETTLEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS. NO BACK TAXES, NO BUYER'S PREMIUM**

**10 A.M. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** BX22 Kubota tractor w/backhoe mower and 3 point hitch - 4 wheeler- boats-log splitter-generators-muzzle loaders-fishing rods-traps-Mathews bow-hunting gear-camping gear-cub cadet rotary tiller-Mig welders tools-power tools-furniture-household goods-Plus Much More. Everything needed for country living. Lots of surprises. **TERMS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: CASH**  
**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTIONEER:** Rob Reinhardt AU5161L For Complete List Call Rob Reinhardt at 570-856-4666

**INSPECTIONS:** WEDNESDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 5 - 7 P.M.  
SATURDAY JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> 10 - 12 Noon

**DIRECTIONS:** From Stroudsburg, PA take I-80 West to Tannersville Exit, PA (Exit 299) South on Route 715 4.6 Miles right onto Mountain Road and go 1 1/2 miles left onto Jackson Road.

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Rare opportunity to BUY a real country property with 3 bedroom home and stable adjoining state PA Game Lands. Rural living only a few miles to I-80 and Village of Tannersville. Looking for a homestead, here is your chance !

*Social Distancing and Must Wear Mask*

**SALE ORDERED BY:** Estate of Gerard G. Hill, Deceased  
Attorney Elizabeth Field  
**JACK MUEHLHAN AUCTIONEER**  
"The Name You Can Trust"  
601 MAIN STREET # 2  
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360  
570-421-8333 AU000643L

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## Two New Eagle Scouts

By Senator Scavello

**PEN ARGYL** - Last week, we attended two Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremonies as we added two more Eagle Scouts to the 40th District. The first was for Reece Anderson of Northampton County (Top Picture). He is the son of Jean and Bill Anderson and a member of Troop 242 at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville. His Eagle Project was to re-roof the pavilion at the church.

The second was for James Hagerty of Monroe County. He is the son of Jodie and Matthew Haggerty and a member of Troop 300 of Stroudsburg. His Eagle Project was to install several benches and flowering trees at the Stroudsburg Middle School. Congratulations Reece and James!