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84th Annual Labor Day Celebration

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL- Lookout Fire Company hosted their 84th Annual Labor Day Celebration at Weona Park which is celebrating it's 100th anniversary. The family fun ran from August 30 thru Monday September 2nd.

Mother Nature blessed them with beautiful weather for the parade after heavy rains in the morning took place at 1pm through Pen Argyl to Weona Park that attracts around 100 entries each year.

There was lots of great food, carnival rides, and games. Entertainment for the celebration included a great band "Philadelphia Funk," "Sidekicks," "Now Serving Band," and the "Headliners".

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Pen Argyl's Weona Park is celebrating it's 100th anniversary



Da Vinci Science Center Receives Grant from PPL Foundation

By Mike Litzenberger

ALLENTOWN, PA. Aug. 27, 2019 – The Da Vinci Science Center announced today that it has received a \$5,000 grant from the PPL Foundation to support STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Summer Learning Programs in the Allentown and Bethlehem Area School Districts.

Students not engaged in summer learning opportunities can fall 2-3 grade levels behind their peers by the end of fifth grade. This summer, thanks in part to the generous support of the PPL Foundation, students at Central Elementary School in the Allentown School District and Donegan Elementary School in the Bethlehem Area School District participated in a STEM Summer Learning Program designed to provide fun opportunities to learn in the summer and reduce summer learning loss.

The program employs a unique co-teaching model, pairing school district teachers with Da Vinci Science Center educators to deliver a curriculum designed specifically to increase student engagement and achievement. Throughout the six-week program, instructors integrated reading and narrative

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Wolf Administration Announces Investments to Improve 29 Airports

By J.J. Abbott

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf announced today the approval of \$13.7 million in grant funding to make infrastructure and equipment upgrades at 29 Pennsylvania airports.

The new improvements will help Pennsylvania's airports operate safely, expand to meet demands, or attract more growth.

"Investments in our aviation infrastructure is vital to the economic vitality of the commonwealth," said Governor Wolf. "Hundreds of thousands of jobs are supported by aviation in Pennsylvania and the new investments announced today will help airports bolster commerce and attract more customers."

As of April 2019, Pennsylvania ranks 13th in the country in the number of public-use aviation facilities with 127 airports, heliports, and seaplane bases. Funded through PennDOT's Aviation Transportation Assistance Program, Aviation Development Program, and the Multimodal Fund, the new investments will infuse new state investments to expand aviation-related operational and economic opportunities statewide.

Locally in Monroe County an approved aviation projects was awarded to Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport - \$150,000 for designing replacement of the fuel farm.

Slate Belt YMCA 5k

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Kick-off your Labor Day celebrations with us for our 3rd Annual Slate Belt Sprint 5K! This is a family event, as well as an event for competitive runners. Our challenging but achievable course is great for beginners or experienced runners alike.

Register by August 10, 2019 to save! Registration is only \$25 and includes a race t-shirt.* Children ages 11 and under can register for only \$10 with a participating adult and will receive the same awesome t-shirt.*

Go to this link to sign up: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/PenArgyl/SlateBeltSprint>

Location:

315 West Pennsylvania Avenue
YMCA Slate Belt Branch
Pen Argyl, PA US 18072
DESCRIPTION

START TIMES

7:00am Day of Registration Opens
8:15am 5k Run/walk begins
9:15am Kids Fun Run begins

AWARDS

First Place Overall Male & Female
First Place Walker Male & Female

Top 3 Male & Female by Age Group:

11 & under, 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & up

*T-shirts only guaranteed for those who register before 8/10/19. Those registering after this date may be able to receive a shirt on raceday while supplies last.

Savings Program to Support People with Disabilities Experiences Rapid Growth

Ben Hurr

HARRISBURG - A state program designed to help people with qualified disabilities save for future disability-related expenses has more than doubled its assets in just one year, reflecting the high level of popularity and need for this savings option. PA ABLE provides a tax-advantaged way for Pennsylvanians with disabilities and their families to save.

Participation does not jeopardize access to state and federal programs, such as Supplemental Security Income (savings up to \$100,000) and Medical Assistance. But it does allow for savings to be used to pay for any qualified disability-related expense including housing, education, health care and assistive technology to improve quality of life. Administered by the State Treasury, the program has more than \$18.4 million in assets, up from \$8.6 million in July 2018. More than 2,500 PA ABLE accounts have been opened since the program launched in 2017. For more information, visit www.PAABLE.gov or call 1-855-529-ABLE (2253).



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