

## Columbia Fire Co. No. 1 In Roseto Presented Its Annual Scholarships



By Joe Martocci / Secretary - Columbia Fire Co. No. 1

Roseto - Columbia Fire Co. No. 1 in Roseto presented its annual scholarships to students from Bangor Area, and Faith Christian High Schools. The awards are presented annually to seniors from each high school and are given in memory of all deceased firefighters. They are presented to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of civic involvement to his or her community. Each school is given the scholarship criteria and then selects the student from the senior class. This year's recipients are:

### Bangor Area HS – Avery Schiavone

Throughout her four years at Bangor Area High School, Avery was actively involved in numerous student and athletic activities. She was on both the Lady Slater's basketball team and track and field team for all four years and participated in various student activities such as student government, class cabinet, powderpuff, and yearbook. In the fall, Avery will be attending Quinnipiac University in their 3+1 Communications Program, with a concentration in advertising. This intensive program will enable Avery to earn a Master's Degree in Communications by the end of her four years of study at Quinnipiac University.

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## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Noting childhood cancer is the second leading cause of death in children under 15 years of age, the state House passed a resolution last week designating September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 11,000 new cases of childhood cancer will be diagnosed in children under the age of 15 in the United States this year. While major treatment advancements have led to an overall five-year survival rate of 84%, this rate varies widely depending on the type of cancer and other factors.

House Resolution 962 is intended to bring awareness to childhood cancer, to encourage young Pennsylvanians who are fighting cancer, and to honor young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer. The resolution also expresses gratitude to the doctors and nurses who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer and encourages all residents in this Commonwealth to join the fight against childhood cancer.



## Quiet Valley's Autumn on the Farm Series

By Deborah DiPasquale

Stroudsburg – To comply with COVID-19 restrictions Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will feature five smaller autumn events instead of our usual large Harvest Festival in October. There will be a limit of 250 people on the farm at any one time, with plenty of room to spread out. Masks will be required.

Saturday, September 19th will be "Fiber Arts in our Lives" with a focus on demonstrations of spinning, weaving, flax processing, rope making, basket making, quilting and more. Refreshments; 10am to 4pm; \$10 adults, \$5 ages 3-12

Saturday, September 26th our "Apples – King of Fruits" event will naturally feature apples, a favorite fruit of the Pennsylvania Germans used for many delicious desserts among other things. See Apple Butter making, Cider making, learn some apple lore and more; Refreshments; 10am to 4pm; \$10 adults, \$5 ages 3-12.



Hatsie Forsman makes rye straw baskets



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### Faith Christian School – Connor Brawley

While at Faith, Connor was involved with Student Council from Grades 7-12, serving as president his senior year. He was Class representative in grades 7 and 8, class vice president in grade 9 and class president grades 10 through 12. Connor also was a member of the National Honor Society from grades 10 through 12 and serves as NHS President in Grade 12.

Connor was a member of the Basketball team where he served as manager from grades 9 to 11 and played and was team captain his senior year. He was a Co-Leader for Boys Bible Study in his senior year. His other school activities include Art and Yearbook grades 9 through 12, serving as Editor his senior year. His community service at First Baptist Church includes Tech Crew, Nursery worker, and Children's Church worker. Connor was selected by Faith Christians Teachers to represent FCS at the HOBY leadership conference. His other accomplishments include Junior Management Team at Spruce Lake and the RSP program for the National Guard.

Connor has enlisted in the National Guard and will begin his service immediately following his senior year.

## Pennsylvania Department Of Education And Pennsylvania Pbs Bring School Curriculum To Homes Without Internet

By Gov. Wolf's Office

HARRISBURG, PA – Earlier today, the Wolf Administration announced that the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds is awarding \$8 million in federal funding to Pennsylvania PBS to establish a statewide datacasting initiative.

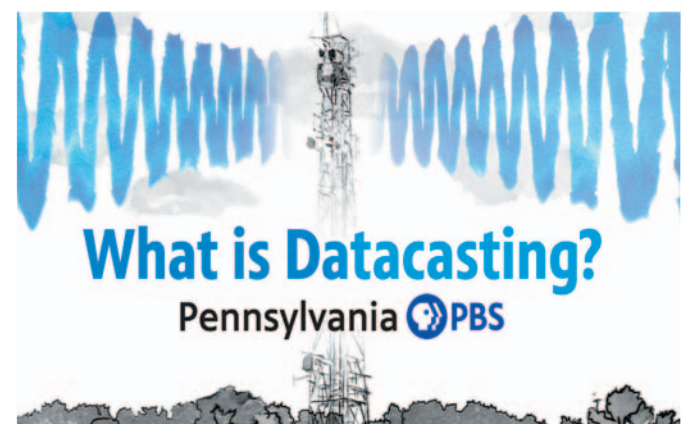
What exactly is datacasting? While broadcasting refers to sending programming "over-the-air" across a geographic region that can be received by an antenna and played on a television, datacasting refers to using those same signals to transmit data to be used on a computer. Pennsylvania PBS will coordinate with educators to create data "instructional units" that are transmitted over television air waves and received by a student's home computer, without the need to connect to the internet. By supplying an inexpensive receiver, families will be able to download lesson plans, videos, slideshows, worksheets, webpages and more. These instructional materials would then be available on-demand for the student, on the learning schedule that is right for them.

Safety and security are of utmost importance for the datacasting endeavor. The content will be protected in three ways. First, unlike a television broadcast that any TV can pick up, only students with the supplied receivers will be able to access the data "instructional units." Second, the content will be encrypted and sent over a secured signal, ensuring that no one else can alter the information downloaded by a student. Lastly, children can only access the content that is sent through the datacast, meaning they won't be able to stumble across inappropriate content like one might with an internet connection.

Pennsylvania PBS refers to the seven Public Broadcasting System (PBS) member stations in the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania PBS provides free broadcast television to nearly 97% of the state's population, without a need for cable, satellite or internet connectivity. The seven stations are WHYY/Philadelphia, WITF/Harrisburg, PBS39/WLVT/Bethlehem, WPSU/State College, WQED/Pittsburgh, WQLN/Erie and WVIA/Scranton.

"Pennsylvania PBS is thrilled to partner with Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to provide a new way for children to receive curriculum materials at home," said Ron Hetrick, president and CEO at WITF, a member station of Pennsylvania PBS. "Unfortunately, the gaps of broadband internet access continue to be a barrier to many students' educations while learning at home."

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