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## High School Football Is Back In The Slate Belt !



By Michael Ortoski  
SLATE BELT - After months of waiting to see if their would be any 2020 high school football, both Pen Argyl and Bangor kicked off their seasons this past Saturday. The Green Knights came out strong on both sides of the ball but blew a huge 26-0 half time lead they went down 33-26 to WilsonHigh School. Bangor couldn't over come all the injuries vs. Bethlehem

Catholic and unfortunately they had one of their players lay on the field for over 20 minutes before they had to carry him off the field. The Slaters lost 47-7. Both Bangor and Pen Argyl gave each senior tickets for their families to attend the games. Not just the football players but also the cheerleaders and band members.

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## Slate Belt Rising 3rd Annual 'ROAD RALLY SCAVENGER HUNT'



Front Row - First place winners were the Soul Sistas: Cindy Kelton, Rochelle Kelton and Sarah Kelton who received \$1000.  
Back row Slate Belt Rising Members L-R Steve Reider, Robin Zmota, Stephine Steel, George Hinton.

By Michael Ortoski  
SLATE BELT - Slate Belt Rising held their 3rd annual 'Road Rally Scavenger Hunt' in the Slate Belt starting and ending at the Wind Gap Fire Company Social Hall. 21 teams drove around in cars to complete tasks and challenges, and try to be the first to team to the finish line. First place winners were the Soul Sistas: Cindy Kelton, Rochelle Kelton and Sarah Kelton who received \$1000; Second place winners were The Young and the Rest of Us: Norma Jean Koch Kimberly Bray, Jessica Goyette, Chris Koch who received \$500; Third place winners were The Tahoe's: Marilou Burham, Doug Burham, Cathy and Garrett Meagher who received \$250. The event was is a great way for adults to have fun and feel like kids again, all while exploring the Slate Belt region of Northampton County, Pennsylvania! The tasks vary in difficulty and will took teams across the ten municipalities that are considered the Slate Belt region including: The Boroughs of Bangor, East Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland, Wind Gap and Roseto as well as the Plainfield, Lower Mount Bethel, Upper Mount Bethel and Washington Townships. From the historic downtowns to the picturesque views of the region. Each task was worth points; team with most points at the end wins. The first and second place winners both had a perfect score and was decided by the tiebreaker rule by finish time.

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## Grand Central Landfill Hosts Fire Companies for Training Night

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL - Nearly 50 men and women visited the Grand Central Landfill throughout September for special trainings focused on emergency management and fire safety. The Grand Central Landfill hosted area fire companies as part of an annual training session.

The group included firemen from Wind Gap, Pen Argyl (Lookout Fire Company #1) and Bushkill Township.

The visit included a detailed discussion about Waste Management's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet and how to handle any potential emergencies. Brian Stahl, a Grand Central Hauling truck driver, Maintenance Manager Matthew Gibas and Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Archer provided the instruction and demonstration for the emergency features on the CNG fleet.

Brian is no amateur when it comes to Waste Management's trucks. He has spent 27 years with Grand Central Hauling and equally the same amount of time as a fireman. He serves as the Fire Chief for Bushkill Township Fire Company – one of the emergency crews that would service Grand Central Landfill.

Grand Central's Landfill Manager, Joe Statile and Sr. Community Relations Specialist, Adrienne Fors provided a detailed explanation of the facility in the parking lot at the office. Due to COVID, the team couldn't tour the facility on the bus like previous years, but Joe and Adrienne happily explained key components of the facility. The discussion included the facility's landfill gas-to-energy project and the Grand Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. Having knowledge of how to access these buildings will help crews at a time of emergency.

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