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HBBA Chili & Music Festival



The Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All-Stars band with musical guests in the center William Smith and Caiden Flowers who are Bangor High School students



Greg Smith Off the Road Band
 By Michael Ortoski



BANGOR - Down town Bangor on Sunday was jammed with event goers who attended the Historic Bangor Business Association (HBBA) Chili and Music Festival.

There were 12 chili sampling location on Broadway, 9 beer, wine and spirits garden, 12 food vendors and 7 retail vendors.

Personally I think this event was the best the HBBA has put on. My wife and I went down to get some lunch, do some wine tasting and listen to some music for an hour or so, but we ended up staying for over four hours conversing with friends and enjoying the festival.

All five bands on two different stages were great, but our two favorites were the Bakithi Kumalo and the South African All-Stars band with musical guests William Smith and Caiden Flowers who are Bangor High School students and Greg Smith Off the Road Band, and it turns out that Greg is our neighbor and lives three blocks from us.

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By Maxwell Houck (Queen's Court) - Senior and Pen Argyl High School Editor of the Green Echo

By Elizabeth Minnich and Katelyn Wilson (Kings Court)

PEN ARGYL - Queen's Court: With the start of football season also comes the excitement of Homecoming season. On Saturday, September 28th, a new Queen was crowned at the Pen Argyl vs. Wilson football game. Six girls were voted on by the senior class, and the rest of the school voted on the singular winner to be crowned at the game. The six candidates were Madalyn Buskirk, Megan Guthrie, Emma Lohman, Lauryn Male, Elizabeth Rundle, and Angelina Santiago. Reigning Queen, Taylor Rudy, came to pass on her crown.

Megan Guthrie, senior, is this year's Homecoming queen. Guthrie is the Vice President of the Senior class, the treasurer of the Student Government, the National Honor Society secretary, a member of the Mini-Thon lead-

2019 Pen Argyl High School Homecoming



ership committee, and a TV Studio anchor. Guthrie is also on the cheerleading team, the basketball team, and the track and field

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Look Out Fire Co. Grand Opening

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - At their Monthly meeting the Look Out Fire Co. has set the date for their grand opening, ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for Saturday Nov. 2, from 1pm to 4pm. The ribbon cutting will be at 1:30pm.

Tours of the new facility will be guided by members of the Fire Co., light refreshments will be served.

The public is encouraged to come out and see the state of the art facility and support one of the finest first responders in the Slate Belt.



CRAFT SHOW

Episcopal Apartments

684 American Bangor Road Bangor PA

Sunday, October 20th. 9am-2pm

Come support some very talented Artists.

Also featured Bake Sale - Book Sale - Raffles - 50/50.

**Kitchen Open with
Sausage & Peppers and more**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Rep. Marcia Hahn

Bushkill TWSP - I am proud to report that we in the state House of Representatives recently voted unanimously to approve House Resolution 467, designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

As one of the most chronically underreported crimes, it is important to recognize that domestic violence affects men and women of all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social and economic backgrounds.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior used to establish power and control over an intimate partner, causing both physical and emotional harm. Victims may be subjected to abuse, harassment, threats, vandalism, trespassing, burglary, theft and stalking. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), one in four women and one in seven men have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

These figures are as shocking as they are unacceptable. During our state's observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we encourage Pennsylvanians to educate themselves on the warning signs on domestic violence.

For those affected by domestic violence, know that there are resources and programs available to help. Pennsylvania's domestic violence programs offer assistance to approximately 95,000 victims every year.

More information about domestic violence and services available to help victims is available through the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence via their website, www.pcadv.org/, or by calling 1-800-799-SAFE.



East Shore Parking Lot Minsi Lake Has Been Repaired and Repaved

By Michael Ortoski

UPPER MT. BETHEL - As part of the Minsi Lake Dam rehabilitation project, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's contractor is re-paving the East Shore parking lot today and tomorrow. If needed, they will extend the work into Saturday.

The contract also includes re-paving the West Shore parking area, which will be completed after the dam reconstruction is finished.

Brand new Minsi Lake East and West Shore Entrance destination signs will be installed at the top of the driveway by the end of the month.

For more information on the extensive Minsi Lake dam project, habitat work, park improvements, ADA accessibility improvements and trail upgrades, make sure to visit and like the Friends of Minsi Lake page.

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