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Deb Bowman with her children Levi and Gabby were the greeters at the event.



L-R UMBT Dave Due, Senator Scavello, Portland Mayor Lance Prator, Congresswoman Susan Wild, Megan Best



John Birmingham Chairman, UMBT Supervisors

Honoring Our Nation's Heroes For Veterans Day

By Michael Ortoski

UMBT - Upper Mt. Bethel and surrounding communities joined together on Saturday to celebrate Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served our nation in the military.

'Our nation has paid a dear price to protect freedom and make the world a safer place, and we must never forget the individual and collective sacrifices that our men and women in uniform have endured to protect the principles and values that make America the greatest country in the world.'

Dignitaries in attendance were Congresswoman Susan Wild and Senator Mario Scavello along with UMBT TWSP manager Ed Nelson, Supervisor Dave Due, John Birmingham Chairman, UMBT Supervisors.

Birmingham was the MC for the evening thanking everyone who

came out for the event, UMBT and Portland Fire companies, PA State Police, civil war re-enactment group, medic first responders and a donation of an Army truck for the event.

Birmingham said "Today we honor those who have served and who are now serving in the military to protect the thing we at times take for granted such as freedom. Sometimes we forget what it means to have freedom but these men and women veterans never do. We have the right to speak up, the right to protest, we have the right to go where ever we want to and do what we want to do because of them."

Senator scavello said "We take a moment to give thanks and to reflect on those who have served our country and those who are currently serving in our nations military at home and abroad. They both need and deserve our continued support, prayers and encouragement. Many of our best and brightest citizens have volunteered

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Ribbon Cutting at The Meadows in Martins Creek

By Michael Ortoski

LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP (LMBT) - The meadows at Martins creek is a passive park of 74 acres with about 0.8 of a mile of Martins Creek held it ribbon cutting ceremony last week unfortunately in the rain.

Welcome, Comments and Introduction of Guests was done by John Mauser, LMBT Supervisor who spoke of the journey to get to this day. Other speakers were; Lorne Possinger, Recreation and Conservation Manager, DCNR; Becky Bradley, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission;

Bryan Cope, Northampton County Superintendent of Parks & Recreation; Kathleen Ward, Lehigh Valley Greenways; Michael DeBerardinis, Chairman, LMBT Supervisors.

In 2018, LMBT acquired 27 acres which was part of a 4-lot subdivision

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Low-Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Open Now

By Senator Scavella

PEN ARGYL - Pennsylvanians who have a heating emergency or are struggling to pay utility bills can apply now for assistance through the state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program is open to households earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty rate.

LIHEAP provides grants to help low-income families pay heating bills during the coldest months of the year. Crisis grants are also available for heating emergencies such as a broken furnace, utility termination or fuel shortage. Eligibility and grant amounts are based on income and the number of people living in a household.

Applications for LIHEAP can be completed online on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services (COMPASS) website at www.compass.state.pa.us.



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