



Ken Field

Owner of Slate Belt Energy Services

Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times

One Man Band

There is nothing wrong with being a specialist but versatility has some benefits that can't be overlooked. If you've ever seen a musician who could pick up any instrument and play it well you have seen versatility. I'm sure if they would focus on only one instrument they could master it like nobody's business but maybe they would get bored playing the same instrument every day. Not to mention the fact that if they play in a band they know what the other members parts are and how they might play their own instrument to create that harmony that makes a smash hit. Since the creation of multi-track recording equipment several artists have made their own music with no other band members needed.

Tradespeople can specialize or they can learn multiple trades and complete their own work without having to coordinate with others. For example if I'm replacing a furnace and air conditioner and I need to have an electrician do the wiring, I will need to coordinate it so that my customer does not have to wait with no heat until that part gets finished. It is much more efficient for me to learn the electrical code and complete it myself. In new home construction it is not necessary for carpenters to know how to install heating systems but if they know that we can't make a duct go through solid wood, they can visualize where ducts will go and not block the only access we have to second floor bedrooms. So even if we don't actually do the task of another trade, we can make everyone's job go smoother by not ignoring the requirements of their work. I'm not a carpenter but when I am going to install an air conditioner in an attic, it needs to be on a platform so I build one. One downside of versatility is that I need to carry many more tools and supplies to do jobs properly but in the end it makes things go smoother.

It all starts by paying attention while others are working and having conversations with other tradespeople. Having code books is also important for doing things that are not every day occurrences as is having a contact who will offer advice and assistance. I have many contacts that I can rely on for guidance in other trades. They also call me so I can return the favor when they are working in my field of expertise. Cooperation and not competition between trades gets jobs done with the least amount of problems.

Ken Field is the owner of Slate Belt Energy and Field's Service, Inc. As a certified energy rater and contractor, he is qualified to assess every aspect of energy usage and prescribe solutions to save energy. He can be reached at 610-759-6306 or email Ken@FieldsService.com



Congratulations to Two of Our Area's Newest Eagle Scouts

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Over the weekend Robert Kilbanks from my Nazareth office and I presented House citations to Brandon Cressman (left) and Matthew Taylor (right) honoring their milestone of becoming an Eagle Scout.

As part of becoming an Eagle Scout each of these young men had to complete a service project. For Brandon's project he designed and built an outdoor pavilion and bandstand with specifications given by Forks U.C.C. This 8 foot x 12 foot pavilion is now being used for outdoor services, and as a DJ booth during outdoor festivals, as well as other seasonal program activities.

Matthew's project consisted of creating a veteran's memorial and reflection park outside of Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slatebelt. This was his way of honoring veteran members of the congregation and allowing parishioners to gather and reflect on those who have served.

Congratulations, Brandon and Matthew on this stellar accomplishment and I wish you both much success as you pursue your next chapter!

Bill to Stop Wolf Bridge Tolling Plan Passes House

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The House on Tuesday passed legislation to stop the current Wolf administration plan to toll nine bridges across Pennsylvania and reassert the Legislature's oversight of, and community involvement in, any future tolling plans.

The Public Private Partnership (P3) law adopted in 2012 authorized the establishment of such partnerships to assist in funding road and bridge repairs across the Commonwealth. However, the initial approval last fall by the P3 Board of the Pathways Major Bridge P3 Initiative failed to offer any specific information about the proposal, including which bridges would be affected.

Senate Bill 382 would void this proposal and prescribe a more open and transparent process for future P3 projects. Specifically, a detailed analysis would have to be developed prior to any consideration by the P3 board, and a 30-day public comment period would be held following publication of the project in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Additionally, any P3 project that includes a user fee would require legislative approval.

The measure now returns to the Senate for further consideration.



selfie circle

photobooth that moves with your party!

- Open Air Style Selfie Circle
- Personalized Overlays
- 1 Friendly Attendant
- Personalized Digital Props
- Images Texted To Guests
- Social Media Sharing
- Digital Copy Of All Photos

*New Customers Only *Excludes New Year's Eve

ROCKIN'

Photobooth

610.393.3339
RockinPhotobooth.com

Weddings • Corporate Events

2 HOURS
UNLIMITED SELFIES
\$695*
HOLIDAY SPECIAL
EXPIRES 12/30/19
VALUE \$795

3 HOURS
UNLIMITED SELFIES
\$795*
HOLIDAY SPECIAL
EXPIRES 12/30/19
VALUE \$895