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Slate Belt Chamber Annual Christmas Party, Changing of the Guard



L-R Beth Duysen, Laura McClain



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By Michael Ortoski / SBCC Board Member
BANGOR - This years annual Slate Belt Chamber Christmas party at the Bangor Elks had a few different twists to it.

Besides acknowledging all the accomplishments the Chamber had for the year, we celebrated the retirement of our director of 22 years Laura McClain and the announcement our new Director Beth Duysen.

Also Jeff Ott the current President will be stepping down and Nancy Kessler will take his place.

Laura started with the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce in May of 2000, so for nearly 22 years she has dedicated her self to improving the local business's and making the Slate Belt a better place to live and work.

"I would like to thank the board of directors and the many business owners, that I now call friends, for their support and assistance.

We have accomplished so much here in the Slate Belt and although I am retiring, I will be now on the board of directors so I can continue to assist with the great work we do" said McClain.

Jeff Ott gave the champaign toast to Laura and expressed what we all think of her, dedicated, caring, hard worker and most of all pleasant to work with.

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807 th Civil Air Patrol Open House at Bangor VFW



L-R Capt Joseph Knapp, C/MSgt Mathew Pinguelo, C/CMSgt Logan O'Brien, C/1stLt Samuel Kirkpatrick, C/CMSgt Vaughn Telepo, C/SrA Noah Levin, C/SrA Ethan Zych, C/MSgt Manuel Pinguelo, C/Maj Brock Kephart, C/CMSgt Thomas Codispoti, 2dLt Brent Kephart

By Michael Ortoski
BANGOR - Members of the Civil Air Patrol 807th Composite Squad gathered at the Bangor VFW last week for their annual open house. The public was invited to come and talk to the Cadets, leaders and the alumni about joining their squad.

SMSgt. Pat O'Brien invited nine Alumni Cadets who have moved on to the 4 Service Academies as well as ROTC programs in area colleges. Most have moved on to be successful college students and have interesting civilian careers.

The young men and women were in attendance to answer questions and talk about their experience in the

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