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Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting at NuHydro Farms in Bangor

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Beth Duyssen, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce (SBCC) Director held a Ribbon cutting ceremony for owner David Derkits of NuHydro Farms in Bangor this past weekend.

Hydroponics is a type of horticulture that involves growing plants without soil, and Derkits outfitted his grow room to include shelving, water pumps and T5 LED lighting. He uses jute or hemp mats during the seeding process.

Derkits focuses on microgreens, which are young plants that are harvested before they fully mature. No pesticides are used.

"Microgreens are basically baby plants, but they're not sprouts," Derkits explained. "We grow about five different varieties of microgreens, which are extremely healthy additives to salads, sandwiches and snacks."

Derkits, who retired from the Marines in 2013, has been committed to following a healthful diet most of his life.

At nuHydro Farms, he grows and packages good-for-you options such as broccoli, Genovese basil, romaine lettuce, rainbow radishes, speckled peas and a salad mix, featuring arugula, kale, kohlrabi, cabbage and broccoli.

The business' plants are cut between 7 and 14 days old, when they are nutrient-dense, Derkits said.



L-R Jessica Coe, Joanne Koval, owner David Derkits

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Knights Of Columbus Held Their Annual Easter Egg Hunt

By Scott Moyer Deputy Grand Knight/ Family & Community Coordinator

ROSETO - On Saturday the Father De Nisco Council of the Knight of Columbus held their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children of the Slate Belt searched for real hard boiled eggs on the council grounds, separated into four different age groups 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10+. After the Egg Hunt, each child received a molded chocolate pop from the Easter Bunny, and many posed for pictures.

The children in each age group who found special foil wrapped eggs of purple, silver, and gold won individual prizes of various sized solid chocolate bunnies and/or crosses.



The individual winners by age group are:

Ages 0-3 - Purple egg - Kenzy DeCeasar; Silver egg - Luca Hoper; Gold egg - Elly Ani Huer-tas

Ages 4-6 - Purple egg - AnnaBella Klinger; Silver egg - Amelia Benfer; Gold egg - Chistudes Fey, Jr.

Ages 7-9 - Purple egg - Jaxdson Bectin; Silver egg - Sean Moosh; Gold egg - Paisley Mort


Ages 10+ - Purple egg - Abigail Impeciat; Silver Egg - Adelise DeFranco; Gold egg - Justice Moyer



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