

Just Dance Dance Studio Second Location

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Just Dance Dance Studio in Pen Argyl, PA is opening their second location this fall. After spending 8 years on West Main Street they are looking forward to offering classes at 490 East Main street as well. They are in the process of renovating the new space, adding sprung floors (for dancer's safety), mirrors, and barres. In addition to a spacious reception area for parents to wait for their dancers.

JDDS is excited to expand in their Slate Belt community. With the help from the Slate Belt Rising Subsidy Program, they were able to open a second location here in the Slate Belt instead of moving out of our area. The studio plans on opening its doors for new classes in the fall. In the meantime they are busy getting ready for their Grand Opening/ Open House on Saturday July 28th (open to the public). They are also holding their 1st Annual Dancers Against Cancer Dancer-a-Thon this summer.



Women's Club Of Pen Argyl Scholarship Recipient Julia Antonioli

By Ken Dawe

PEN ARGYL - Julia Antonioli, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Antonioli of Pen Argyl, a 2024 graduate of Pen Argyl Area High School, was the recipient of the \$1,000 GFWC PA Women's Club of Pen Argyl Scholarship given annually by the club to a deserving senior.

Julia plans a career in physical therapy. She will be attending Elizabethtown College in the Fall. Her field of study will be biology/premed.

Julia was in the National Honor Society, Leo Club, Aevidum, Student Government, Girl's Basket Ball, Girl's Track and Field, and Girl's Cross Country (Shining Knight Award).

We wish Julia the very best in her endeavors at college and feel confident she will succeed in her chosen field of physical therapy.



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USDA Recognizes National Pollinator Week

By USDA

WASHINGTON – During the week of June 17-23, 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is recognizing and celebrating National Pollinator Week. Pollinator species, such as bees, other insects, birds and bats play a critical role in producing more than 100 crops grown in the United States.

"Our nation's farmers depend on a vibrant ecosystem to feed and fuel communities, and pollinators are an important part of that ecosystem," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This week and every week, it is critically important that we protect pollinators and their habitats. Healthy pollinator populations are essential to the continued success and well-being of agricultural producers, rural America and the entire U.S. economy because without them, many of our nation's crops wouldn't be able to produce as many fruits, nuts or vegetables."

USDA supports the critical role pollinators play in our food system through research, data collections, diagnostic services, pollinator health monitoring, pollinator habitat enhancement programs, pollinator health grants, and financial assistance programs. As part of USDA's commitment, USDA established a Pollinator Subcommittee earlier this year that will identify annual USDA strategic pollinator priorities and will make pollinator health-related recommendations to strengthen USDA pollinator research efforts in support of USDA's Science and Research Strategy.

USDA is keen to understand the collective set of stressors that impact pollinators, including pests and pathogens; pollinator habitat; and climate change. This requires that we better understand pollinator needs around climate adaptation and the entire agricultural ecosystem.