



Memorial Day Tribute at Fairview Cemetery

By State Rep. Ann Flood

American Legion Post 502 hosted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Fairview Cemetery in Pen Argyl to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

I was honored to join veterans, families, and community members for this solemn observance. The ceremony brought together a meaningful tribute featuring prayers, musical performances, readings by local students, military honors, and a rifle salute in remembrance of our fallen heroes.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the cost of freedom and to ensure that the service and sacrifice of our nation's fallen are never forgotten.

I am grateful to American Legion Post 502, the participating veterans, students, and community organizations for their efforts in preserving this important tradition.



Local Girl Scout Earns Gold Award

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The Nazareth Area Service Unit recently held its annual Girl Scout Older Girl Award Ceremony at St. John's UCC Church, where local Scouts were recognized for earning Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, along with graduating Ambassadors who have dedicated years to scouting and community service.

I joined families and community leaders to help recognize these achievements and to present a Pennsylvania House citation to Ellodie Thomas-Ann, a resident of the 138th Legislative District, in recognition of her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

The Gold Award reflects exceptional leadership, initiative and a sustained commitment to service. Projects at this level are designed to create lasting impact in the community, and Ellodie's accomplishment is a strong example of that standard.

Congratulations to Ellodie and all of the Girl Scouts recognized for their hard work, leadership and dedication to service.



Supporting Senior Care in the Slate Belt Region

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I recently had the opportunity to tour Slate Belt Health and Rehabilitation Center and meet with staff to learn more about the important work they are doing to care for seniors in the community, as well as to discuss challenges facing skilled nursing facilities across the state, including Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls.

The facility provides both short-term rehabilitation and long-term skilled nursing care, including physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as hospice and respite services. In total, the center offers 18 short-term rehabilitation beds and 119 long-term care beds, supported by 24-hour skilled nursing care.

A welcoming environment has been created for residents, including three dining halls that host community events such as holiday meals and seasonal gatherings. All meals are prepared from scratch on-site.

Plans for a full renovation of the facility over the next two years were also discussed, reflecting a continued commitment to improving care and services for residents.

Thank you to the team at Slate Belt Health and Rehabilitation Center for the warm welcome and for the vital role you play in supporting families across our region.

Historic Cupola at Pen Argyl High School Restored

By State Rep. Ann Flood

On Friday, I had the opportunity to tour the newly restored cupola at Pen Argyl High School, a historic feature of the campus that has stood since 1937 and long served as a symbol of the school's tradition and identity.

The restoration project was completed by a three-person crew and returned the cupola to its former condition, preserving an important landmark for the school community. I was proud to have helped secure funding through the Public School Facility Improvement Grant program to support this work, which also included broader roof and HVAC improvements at Pen Argyl High School.

Often referred to as a "stalwart sentinel," the cupola remains a recognizable focal point of the campus and a meaningful connection between generations of students, faculty and alumni.

As a proud graduate of Pen Argyl High School, it was an honor to see this historic structure preserved for years to come and to celebrate the collaboration that made its restoration possible.



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