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## Minsi Lake Construction Has Started

By Michael Ortoski

UPPER MT. BETHEL - KC Construction Company who was selected to do the construction on a new dam at Minsi Lake has started to bring in their heavy duty vehicles and are creating staging areas for all the materials they will need.

State Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton) will host an information meeting on Monday, to provide the latest news on the Minsi Lake Dam project. The meeting was held at the auditorium of Bangor Area Middle School.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and engineering firm KC Construction Company provided updates on repair of the dam and replacement of the spillway, as well as a timetable for re-filling the lake.

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## Remedial Work Underway On Bangor Messinger Street Culvert Project

By Jeff Ott / President of Ott Consulting Inc.

BANGOR - Major repair work to storm sewer culvert.

Bangor Borough residents on Messinger Street have been plagued with instances of flash flooding and partial collapses of a failing slate culvert that passes underneath their yards. This slate culvert was reportedly constructed by a dye and fabric manufacturer about 100 years ago to enclose a freshwater stream, which commences in Washington Township, channeling it approximately 2,500-feet through the private properties before reaching Martins Creek.

To address this problem, Bangor Borough successfully applied for a 1.9 million-dollar grant through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) in order to fund the largest storm water remediation project ever proposed by the Borough.

The centerpiece of this project is a massive 66-inch diameter conveyance system that is approximately 0.2-mile in length. "It's a large stormwater project - probably the biggest stormwater project the Borough has undertaken. We're working with limited space, recreating what should be a natural stream channel in order to reduce impact to the historic neighborhoods in the vicinity of Messinger

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## Pen Argyl Area High School Mini-THON raises \$25,706

By Spring Shank

PEN ARGYL - On Saturday, February 23, Pen Argyl Area High School students stood, dance, sang, and played games for 12 hours in support of childhood cancer. Students played in dodgeball and volleyball tournaments, ran through obstacle courses, played Just Dance and Mario Kart, had a tug of war battle, and even listened to a live band, Project 3 Squared.

Everything that the mini-THON raises goes to Four Diamonds, an organization helping to end childhood cancer. This event is based off of THON, a 46-hour dance marathon at Penn State and the largest student run philanthropy in the world. All the money raised at THON and mini-THONS across the country goes towards cancer research, covering medical bills, and supporting care providers.

The Weber with \$1,125, and Bree Lutz who raised \$1,560. Congratulations to all! In addition, many sponsors helped donate to the Pen Argyl Area High School mini-THON. The top sponsors included Gruvin Enterprises, Dice Productionz, Multisport Fitness, and Camelback Resort. Thank you to all of the students and businesses who helped raise money in support of such a great cause.



Pen Argyl Students In their Annual Mini-THON

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## Messinger Street Culvert Project

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Street” said Jeffrey Ott, P.E., the Borough Engineer and President of Ott Consulting Inc.

This storm sewer replacement project will stabilize the area, remedy immediate safety concerns, and allow stormwater to flow normally.

The Borough held a pre-construction meeting on February 7, 2019, and an informal resident meeting on February 11, 2019 in order to begin coordinating construction activities and allow impacted residents to voice their questions or concerns prior to commencement of construction activities.

## Moravian College to confer Honorary Doctorate on Neil Sedaka

By Michael Corr

BETHLEHEM, PA, February 28, 2019: Today, Moravian College announced that on Friday, April 12 it will honor two-time Songwriters Hall of Fame Inductee Neil Sedaka with a concert of his music, performed by renowned pianist Jeffrey Biegel, and the presentation of an honorary doctorate, the Doctor of Music. Mr. Biegel will be accompanied by a full orchestra of students, faculty and professional musicians. The Moravian College Big Band will also perform some newly arranged versions of Mr. Sedaka’s best known compositions.

Moravian College President Bryon Grigsby will confer the honorary degree to Mr. Sedaka on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Moravian College’s Foy Concert Hall, 342 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA. Tickets for the concert are available to the general public and can be purchased through the Lehigh Valley Arts Council.

“Mr. Sedaka has been a pop music icon spanning a 60-plus year career,” said Dr. Neil Wetzel, chair of the music department at Moravian College. “We are honored to have an artist of Mr. Sedaka’s caliber and stature here on campus.”

Classically trained at Juilliard, Sedaka’s impressive career includes being one of the first teen idols of the 50’s, a tunesmith in the 60’s, a superstar in the 70’s, who still performs to sold audiences worldwide. His prolific songwriting partnership with Howard Greenfield has sold forty million records and includes: “Oh! Carol,” “Calendar Girl,” “Where The Boys Are” (by Connie Francis), “Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen” and “Breaking Up is Hard To Do.”

Sedaka’s enormous popularity in the UK during The British Invasion caught the attention of Elton John. Sir Elton signed Sedaka to his American label, Rocket Records.

Event Details:

Honorary Degree ceremony and concert to honor Neil Sedaka

Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Moravian College, Foy Concert Hall

342 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA

Tickets: Visit the Lehigh Valley Arts Council Box Office: [www.lvartsboxoffice.org](http://www.lvartsboxoffice.org)

## Minsi Lake Construction

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The Contractor has started with initial construction activities such as establishing perimeter controls, clearing of the construction corridor, and the demolition of a single-story garage structure. Construction activities will ramp up over the next few weeks. An approved road closure along Messinger Street (S.R. 1018) will be implemented around the second week of March and be in place for most of the month. Advanced road closure and no parking signage will be erected, and signed detour routes will be provided to direct motorists around the road closure. The project is anticipated to be ongoing until June.

This section of Messinger Street has an average daily traffic volume of 4,014 vehicles.

Motorists are reminded to be alert for slow moving construction vehicles, obey work zone signage, and to slow down when approaching and traveling through work zones, not only for their safety, but for the safety of construction personnel.



Contractor KC Construction Company will begin using of heavy equipment the week of March 4th. Prior to and during construction, equipment will remain in the west parking lot, creating an active construction zone which will be open only to authorized personnel. Visitors who use Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) property around Minsi Lake are asked to avoid the west parking lot and the additional active construction zone around the dam. Signage will be posted on the property notifying the public of

restricted access points. The remainder of the property remains open for public recreation, such as walking and hiking.

Friends of Minsi Lake, the new caretakers of the lake responsible for rehabilitation of the infrastructure at the lake will begin their phase I fish habitat plan while the dam construction is taking place.

The over 800 fish habitat structures all have to be built and placed in the lake before the re-filling process begins in late 2019.

Phase II will be new - bathrooms, docks, kayak dock, roads, sinage around the lake, trails, spillway with a bridge for total access trail around the lake.

Go to [www.facebook.com/FOML.org](http://www.facebook.com/FOML.org) to learn more and become a ‘Friend of Minsi Lake.’



In the back ground temporary field offices are set up for Contractor KC Construction Company on the west shore of Minsi Lake

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