



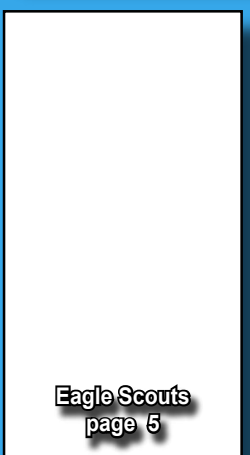
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Bangor Quarry Hoist Pavilion Goes Up

By Michael Ortoski & Mike Piersa

BANGOR - History was made in Bangor on Saturday as the timber frame pavilion was raised over the Bangor Quarry Hoist, one the last legs of the project. The 'Quarry Hoist Project' which was the imagination of Mike Piersa was brought to the Slate Belt Community Partnership about 5 years ago and got the green light to proceed saving the hoist made in Bangor and used in a Pen Argyl slate quarry until it closed. "We could never have done all this today without the great turnout of all of the community volunteers who showed up today" said Mike Piersa.

"I can't be live we got it all up in one day" said Jim Gloria, Dir. of Totts Gap
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L-R Mike Piersa and Jim Gloria helped hammer in the pegs



Bangor High School's "Mamma Mia!" Gets 16 Freddy Award Nominations

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Bangor hit it out of the park this year with "Mamma Mia"! The 2019 Freddy Awards nominations were announced this week and Bangor High School's "Mamma Mia!" recieved the most at 16!

Congratulations go out to Director Butch DiMinico, Rebecca Kranich, Eric Hahn, Rodney Carroll, Linda Manzi and the many other volunteers who shared time and talent.

The 17th annual Freddy Awards ceremony will be held on May 23 at Easton's State Theatre.

Freedom High School with "Anything Goes" came in at second with 14 nominations and third place is a tie — 13 nominations — between Emmaus ("Les Miserables: School Edition") and Nazareth Area ("Curtains.")

Fourth place is also a tie — 12 nominations — between Easton Area High ('Oklahoma!') and last year's top winner Parkland ("Curtains").

Below are the catagories and nominees

Outstanding Performance by a Male Ensemble Member

- Logan Holva as Pepper Bangor Area Mamma Mia!**
- Brendan Kern as Gangster #2 Allentown Central The Drowsy Chaperone
- Jonathan Burrus as Ali Hakim Easton Area Oklahoma!
- Lorenzo Antigua as Enjolras Emmaus Les Misérables: School Edition



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Bangor Hoist

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Arts (TGAI), who donated the trees from his property and had it all cut and assembled at TGAI in Bangor.

This heavy duty wooden structure will support a slate roof and protect the historic Hoist for generations to come. After two years of woodwork by volunteers at the Totts Gap Arts Institute, the pre-cut oak timbers all came together in one afternoon thanks to an incredible crew. Assemblies up to twenty feet long were pegged together on the ground and then lifted into place by the crane operated by David Schomp, Bean Inc. Dave Kirkpatrick and Bill McCarthy directed the raising.

An exhausting amount of skilled manual labor was provided by a over a dozen volunteers who carefully aligned the pieces, built temporary bracing, drove pegs, and brought components together using "come alongs" and mallets. In addition to the individual volunteers, Serene Scenes Landscaping (the Kluska Boys from Bangor) brought their entire crew. Everyone worked very well together and assembled a traditional structure that the community can be proud of.

Look for more progress and a dedication later this year. A free public operating demonstration of the Hoist is planned for the evening of Thursday, July 11th, at 6:30 PM. It is scheduled so visitors can proceed next door to the Slate Belt Heritage Center to attend Ed Henning's geology presentation at 7 PM that night.

Volunteers for the day were: Bob Daumer, Cheryl Daumer, Paul Carr, David Schomp, Adam Kluska, Dan Nyemscek, Jim Gloria, Bill McCarthy, Mike Piersa, Todd Kluska, Dave Kirkpatrick, Tim Nyemscek, Larry Altorfer, Matthew Nyemsek, Aaron Nyemscek, Gary Piersa, Chris Kluska, Jason Cascioli, Joe Kish, and Austin Ortega and Michael Ortoski.

Go to Blue Valley Times Facebook page and website to see all the photos and videos of the historic day.



Volunteer and taking the photo Michael Ortoski, left to right: Bob Daumer, Cheryl Daumer, Paul Carr, David Schomp, Adam Kluska (on the building), Dan Nyemscek, Jim Gloria, Bill McCarthy, Mike Piersa, Todd Kluska, Dave Kirkpatrick, Tim Nyemscek, Larry Altorfer, Matthew Nyemsek, Aaron Nyemscek, and Gary Piersa. Not pictured: Chris Kluska, Jason Cascioli, Joe Kish, and Austin Ortega.

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