

AARP Foundation Grant Provides Resources for Older Workers

By NCC

BETHLEHEM - Through a new grant from the AARP Foundation, Northampton Community College (NCC) is providing the Back to Work 50+ program. This national initiative is designed to help older workers build the skills and confidence needed to compete for high-quality jobs in today's ever-changing job market.

"NCC is thrilled to be working with the AARP Foundation Back to Work 50+ program as we recognize the tremendous value that older workers bring to our community. This program will provide our older workforce with the necessary tools and resources to succeed and bridge the gap to new and exciting career opportunities," said Associate Dean of Community Education at NCC, Audree Chase.

Those unemployed individuals over 50 who are seeking assistance in connecting with the right resources to land a job, can attend a free in-person or online Back to Work 50+ workshop to get the skills and support they need in this competitive job market. The overview workshop will also explain how to apply for the Back to Work 50+ coaching program. Participants in the program will have access to job seeking opportunities and direct interaction with career coaches — all for free.

"For many older adults living with low income, it can be a challenge to keep up with," said AARP Foundation Interim President, Emily Allen. "AARP Foundation is proud to work with organizations that are helping older adults build skills and confidence so they can bounce back from unexpected job changes."

Overview Workshop Dates June 1, August 24, October 12

To learn more about Back to Work 50+, visit www.aarpfoundation.org/register or call 855-850-2525 to receive a free job search guide and register for the overview workshop.



Photos from 2022 Big Time



Come out and experience the Big Time July 26th-30th 2023

By Jolynn Holencik

ROSETO - The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church "Big Time" is a time-honored tradition and will be celebrating 130 years of amusement, delightful food, and most importantly family. The tradition of the "Big Time" brings decades of family generations together to reminisce about old times past and to look forward to making new memories in the future.

The 130 year old "Big Time" is one of the longest running Italian festivals in the United States and is still going strong. This year's event will be held July 26th-30th.

The Annual "Big Time" dates back to 1893. The initial celebration was patterned after the festival that took place in Roseto Valfortore, Italy.

The festival days were set aside to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The festival is a five-day event beginning on a Wednesday and ending Sunday afternoon.

The "Big Time" is ever evolving but keeps the traditions intact. Entertainment, although there is no longer a circus, includes amusement rides for all ages and bands that play old school Italian favorites as well as modern hits for all generations. A vast assortment of food complements the entertainment. This includes long time favorites: sausage and peppers, pizza frita, pasta, and Italian pastries. The fireworks display on Saturday night is spectacular and what makes it unique is that the show starts at 11:45 PM. On a beautiful summer night the streets of Roseto are filled with wonder and on this one night you could call Roseto the tiny city that doesn't sleep.

The Queen of the "Big Time" is appointed by fundraising efforts and she is crowned by the previous year's Queen in a ceremony Saturday evening.

The princess, page boys, and flower girls join The Queen on her float which parades down Garibaldi Avenue, the main street of Roseto.

The queen's court follows in convertible automobiles.

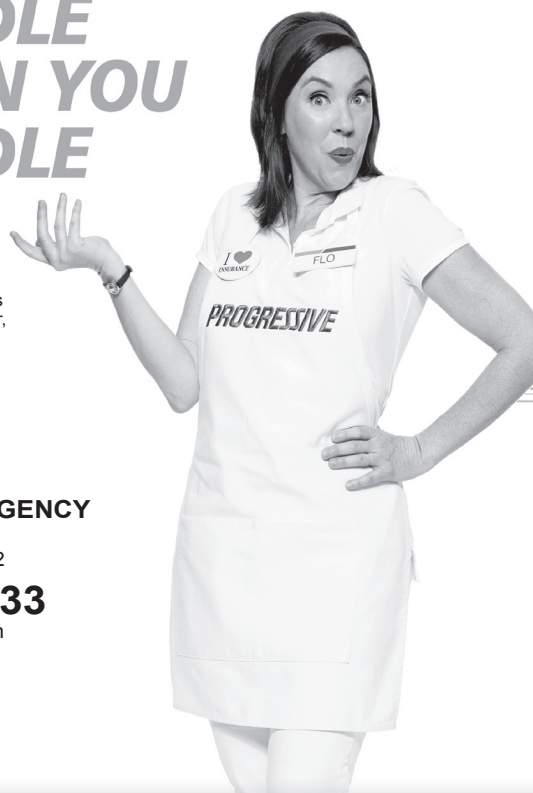
On Sunday, the festival turns its focus to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. The crowning of the Blessed Mother is the main event of the "Big Time".

The queen crowns the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Following the crowning, the priests and parish affiliated groups and parishioners

process down Garibaldi Avenue following Our Lady of Mount Carmel's float as they all recite the Rosary led by a few parishioners.

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