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Our Lady of Mount Carmel 128th Big Time Celabration

By Michael Ortoski

ROSETO - The third week of July marks the high point of the year for Native Rosetans and outsiders alike, as revelers gather to celebrate The Roseto Big Time. People gather from far & wide for the celebration of community, family, friends, food, fun, Crowning of the Queen and of course fireworks! This Year's Celebration Queen was Shannon Lousko. This year, the "Big Time" returned after being cancelled last year due to Covid-19.

I've been attending this event since I was about 10 and this years attendance has to be in the top 5 of my time.

The Annual "Big Time" celebration as it's known, dates back to 1883. The term was given by Fr. Denisco who started the civic-religious celebration because he felt the need for camaraderie. The initial celebration was patterned after the festival that took place in Roseto, Italy. Festival days were set aside to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus and was always held on the last weekend in July. On Saturday night, a fireworks display takes place and then on Sunday the procession down Garibaldi Avenue to Honor Mary.

As the years went on, the celebration program grew. It included a variety of Amusements, circus-type shows, band concerts and finally the Fireworks display on Saturday night. A vast assortment of food items complimented the entertainment including italian delicacies such as Sausage and Peppers, Pizza Fritta, italian candy and cookies.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2021 Big Time Queen Shannon Lousko and her court



L-R Sherry AceVedo, Louise Firestone, Lamont McClure, Dave Hess, George Hinton

Livable Landscape Grants Awarded in the Slate Belt

By Michael Ortoski SLATE BELT -

This past week Lamont McClure and the Department of Parks and Recreation came to the Slate Belt and presented checks to three municipalities for Livable Landscapes projects.

Livable Landscape Grant Awards Check Presentation in Wind Gap of \$75,000 was for the Wind Gap Park Trail Project Phase II Project at Wind Gap Park.

Livable Landscape Grant Awards Check Presentation in Bushkill Twp. for \$12,500 was for the Highlands Preserve Master Site Plan & Development at Highlands Preserve.

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