

## Johnsonville Inn Ribbon Cutting Hosted By The Slate Belt Chamber



By Michael Ortoski  
JOHNSONVILLE - On Wednesday new owners Ed and Donna Curry who bought the old 'Constitution House' built in 1874 in Johnsonville in 2019, celebrating their grand opening of the new 'Johnsonville Inn.' Slate Belt Chamber hosted the ribbon cutting event inviting local dignitaries. Citations were given by Selina Windchester from Congress Woman Susan Wild Office, Kurt Durr From Senator Lisa Boscolla's office and Hanna Douris from Rep. Ann Floods office.

Local business and the public came out to support the Curry's new business. Scotty and Laura Hettinger owners of H&H Outdoor Power Sports just down the road came in support, "It will be nice to have a great new restaurant back in Johnsonville once again" said the Hettinger's."

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## Friends of Minsi Lake & Partners Wrapped up 2023 Purple Martin Monitoring & Banding Season

By Jim Wilson

UMBT - Friends of Minsi Lake (FOML) & our partners wrapped up our 2023 Purple Martin Monitoring & Banding Season at our Purple Martin Colony at Minsi Lake. Three metal towers—two on the west shore of the lake & one on the east shore—each contain 18 plastic gourds for a total of 54 nesting gourds available for Purple Martins at Minsi Lake Park. Think of them as three apartment complexes, each with 18 units.

This is FOML's fourth year as Purple Martin Landlords, having first installed martin towers at Minsi Lake in 2020. That year, just three eggs were laid & hatched & the young banded & successfully fledged. Four years later in 2023, our martin colony produced 185 eggs of which 82 hatched, 73 young were banded & 70 young successfully fledged.

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