

Minsi Lake Receives Certificate of Recognition

By Michael Ortoski / Vice Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - The 'Friends of Minsi Lake' group has received a certificate of recognition from Senator Mario Scavello for being selected as an honoree in the Environmental Category by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

"It is with high regard and admiration that this certificate is presented to recognize your achievement. Thank you for your role in supporting our community.

A cover letter from Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure read "on behalf of Northampton County congratulations."

Currently the Dam has been finished and the refilling is in the process.

The parking lots, trail and jetties have been paved. 50% of the fish habitats have been installed on the lake bottom with the balance to be made and installed in the Spring/Summer of 2020.

Other projects to come: bridge over the dam, picnic tables, signage, docks, handicap accessible kayak launch and fishing pier.

Read the Blue Valley Times for all the updates on the lakes progress.



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Northampton Community College

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2033!

By Dr. Joseph Kondisko, Director of Student Services

BANGOR - The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is excited to welcome our new kindergarten class to begin their education for the 2020-2021 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she: Is at least the age of five (5) years by August 31, 2020 (no exceptions).

Resides within the boundaries of the BASD. Successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process.

New this year, kindergarten registration is online! Beginning January 2, 2020, online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the District website (www.bangorslaters.com). A parent only kindergarten registration information meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Five Points Elementary School. To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. A completed registration includes:

Parent/Guardian Photo Identification, Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 31, 2020), Two (2) proofs of residency, Immunization, Physical Exam Record and Dental Exam Record.

Once registration is complete and approved, Five Points Elementary School will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment. Completed registration must be approved no later than March 1st to schedule a screening appointment in March. Kindergarten screenings for the 2020-2021 school year will occur between March 17 and March 25 at Five Points Elementary School. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child(ren) for their screening appointment(s). Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child! Welcome Class of 2033!

Veterans Survey

By Michael Ortoski

HARRISBURG - One of the biggest obstacles facing service members and veterans is how to translate the skills and education they received in the military into civilian employment.

A survey by the PA State Department and St. Francis University's Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation is asking current PA military service members, veterans and their families about their experience transferring occupational licensure from the military to the private sector.

Responses will be kept confidential.

Go to https://csorsaintfrancisuniv.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q2s7MgABDP9hGt

The study should take you around 15 minutes to complete, and in-person surveys may receive a promotional item for your participation. Your participation in this research is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw at any point during the study, for any reason, and without any prejudice. If you would like to contact the Principal Investigator in the study to discuss this research, please e-mail Alanna Wilson at awilson@francis.edu or Tina Pelesky at tpelesky@pa.gov.

Please note that this survey will be best displayed on a laptop or desktop computer. Some features may be less compatible for use on a mobile device.

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Consider the Downside**

I prefer to do things myself so I'm not one to discourage someone else from attempting a DIY project. I am aware of some pitfalls and am pretty quick to point them out whenever I'm in a conversation with someone who is planning to get out of their area of expertise. Sadly today liability is a huge concern and insurance companies will refer to the fine print whenever it can help them deny a claim. You could get hurt cleaning your rain gutters but you could also get hurt installing a chimney liner. The latter may be frowned upon by your homeowner's insurance company for a couple reasons. Not being qualified for that job makes the finished product unacceptable no matter how good it looks. Contractors have insurance for both injury and liability and that is one thing that can add cost to having a professional do your work. It may be worth the additional cost if a problem ever arises.

The second pitfall is lack of warranty. When I install a product, I register the warranty with the manufacturer and that activates the warranty. Many times it adds to the standard warranty because it was installed by a registered contractor. Manufacturers are quick to deny any warranty claims on equipment purchased over the internet because the whole distribution network is setup to support local wholesale suppliers and contractors. As an example, I repaired a relatively new gas boiler this week that took several trips to the home and several calls with the technical support department at the manufacturer and ended with a visit by a factory representative. The first questions they asked me when I visited the home was the serial number of the equipment and where it was purchased. I did not install it but I did have that information and it was also registered so it gave me the full support of the factory team. All of the new highly technical equipment can be difficult to troubleshoot because it is more like a computer than a boiler. The problem ended up being in the last place I looked and that was about the 5th place suggested by the tech support people. They had me replace about \$1000 worth of parts before we found the one that was causing the problem and it was just a gasket. Not only will they compensate me for all of those parts but my labor as well. If this system was not registered, things would have gone differently. Most equipment works correctly right out of the box but when something doesn't, it can be a bumpy ride.

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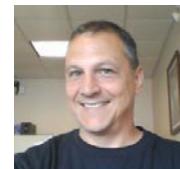
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