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Reflections on the Water: A Photographic Portrayal of Minsi Lake

By Michael Ortoski / Cochair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UMBT - Friends of Minsi Lake cordially invited the public to an exhibit of local photographer Lisa Newberry's beautiful images of Minsi Lake at Bangor Area High School Performing Arts this past Saturday.

Sixteen photographs of Lisa's choice were framed and mounted on easels on the first floor of the building. Many more of her photos of scenery at Minsi Lake were shown on continuous loop inside the theater on the big screen.

State Rep. Joe Emrick and Bob Kilbanks from his office attended the event. Cochairs of Friends of Minsi lake (FOML) John Mauser and Mike Ortoski honored Emrick for all the hard work he and Senator Scavello did to get the 5 million dollars to repair the spillway. "Without their involvement we would be looking at a dry lake bed today" said Mauser who was MC for the event. They presented Emrick with one of the framed photos.

Also receiving recognition was county executive Lamont McClure who gave FOML \$500,000 matching money for improvements at the lake. They presented McClure with one of the framed photos.



L-R Cochair John Mauser, Rep. Joe Emrick, Bob Kilbanks (Emricls office), cochair Mike Ortoski, all Friends of Minsi Lake

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L- R Pool Committee Member Jeff Fox, Pen Argyl Councilman Charles Kandel, WM's Karen Schoendel, Rep. Ann Flood, Brian Fenstermaker from Scavello's office, Mayor Steve Male, Council President Joe Ledonne, WM Adrienne Fors, Pool Pals' Walter Cole, councilman John Apgar, councilwomen Tammy Kemp and Stephanie Cooper, WM's District Manager Joe Statile, Borough Manager Robin Zmoda and WM's Senior District Manager Adam DeRobbio.

Historic Pen Argyl Pool Gets a Jump on Fundraising from WM

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL – The Weona Park community pool may soon see the joys of Summer as WM's Grand Central Landfill announced today that the company has made a \$50,000 donation to kickstart the fundraising efforts lead by Pen Argyl citizens.

Weona Park and the historic pool was constructed nearly a century ago when citizens of Pen Argyl donated their time, talents and money

to see a vision become a reality. Since it's construction in 1926, the pool underwent major renovations in 1933, 1967 and 1987. It has been regarded as one of the nicest swimming facilities in the Slate Belt and remained popular into the 21st century.

Unfortunately, due to extensive costs associated to make the necessary repairs to the filtration system and infrastructure,

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