

4th of July Celebration in Portland and Upper Mt. Bethel

By Michael Ortoski

PORTLAND-Both Upper Mt. Bethel and Portland celebrated the holiday together by putting on a parade thru the town of Portland then thru the back roads of UMBT.

All of the trucks from UMBT and Portland were in the procession along with East and North Bangor, Knowlton from N.J., Wind Gap and Penargyl's Look Out Fire Co.

Many others had decorated floats, farm tractors, off road vehicles, cars and trucks.

Local dignitaries in attendance were John Birmingham, State Rep. Joe Emrick and Lance Prator.

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Will Tonnie a Bangor H.S. student plays the National Anthem amplified by officers loud speaker in his police car



27th Annual Delaware River Sojourn On The Delaware River

By Chris Mele for Brodhead Watershed Association

DELAWARE RIVER - For paddlers participating in the 27th Annual Delaware River Sojourn, an eight-day journey along the Delaware River, a stop at the Kittatinny Point Visitor Center highlighted the benefits of breaking from the manmade world and being immersed in the natural one.

More than 100 kayakers, some who came from as far away as Kentucky and Michigan, pulled onto the beach at the center to rest, have lunch and learn more about the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service that straddles parts of five counties in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



The sojourn honored Sherry Acevedo as one of its "High Admiral Award" recipients for a lifetime of work dedicated to conservation.

As kayakers gathered under a pavilion to eat and learn more about the recreation area from a National Park Service ranger, the loud rumble of trucks echoed off nearby I-80, underscoring how much perspective can change by traveling along the serene scenery of the river versus the asphalt-topped roadway with its heavy traffic.

Nancy Harney of Milford, Pa., was on the sojourn with her cousin Veronica Horn, of Wilmington, N.C. They were both first-timers.

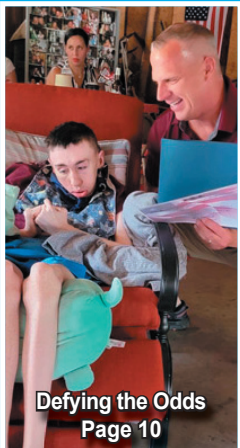
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