

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Big Time 2022

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 Juliana Elizabeth Miller.

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



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italian delicacies such as Sausage and Peppers, Pizza Fritta, italian candy and cookies. The Queens ceremony for the 'Big Time' in Roseto was held on Saturday to a very large crowd. To lead off the event the Lehigh Valley Italian American Band played both the National Anthem & Italian National Anthem, followed by a welcome and introduction of Emcee - Fr. Simi. Master of Ceremonies was Christopher Cotturo who gave a short Speech.

The Queens Court consisted of Isabella Reto, Juliana Dotta, Sophia Albeanese, Violet Farino, Anna Goffredo, Julia Goffredo,

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Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project with PFBC, NorCo Parks & FOML

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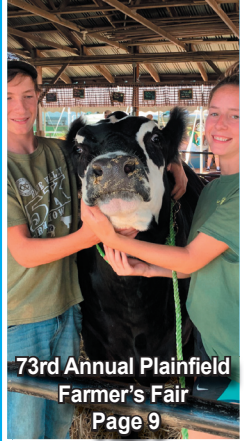
Friends of Minsi Lake (FOML) completed their final phase of their Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project with Pa. Fish and Boat (PFBC) and Northampton County Parks.

These photos are from Tuesday, July 12, when we had the entire Northampton County Junior Conservation School Class of '22. We built 30 porcupine cribs (fish habitat structures) & 10 turtle basking platforms. The cribs were sunk to the bottom of the lakebed & the plats were floated on the lake surface.

In all, FOML spent \$46,820 on habitat construction materials & equipment for the project. FOML paid for all the lumber & stone & a rock truck rental to build the project & PFBC paid for the agencies time, labor, equipment & miscellaneous materials to build the project. The project was built in phases in 2019, 2020 & 2022.

Minsi is now chockful of many 100s of habitat structures that will support the recreational sport fishery that is rapidly growing at the Lake!

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