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## Bangor Artisan Market & Kids Corner

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - One of the many events the Historic Bangor Business Assoc. (HBBA) was held on Sept. 21 where artisans displayed their handmade gifts, antiques, re-purposed items, DIY crafts, art and jewelry just to name a few.

The event featured lots of childrens activities and amusement games including there favorite 'bouncy house.'

Local restaurants and food trucks had special menus for the day, my favorite was the crab cakes from Little Corner Cafe.

Shoppers we invited into all the stores on Broadway and some brought their merchandise out on the sidewalks for easy access. The next HBBA event is the 2nd annual Chili & Music Festival scheduled for October 13th

There will be multiple bands playing all day and lots of different types of chili.

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Marcella Calviero with some of the fish habatat structures she helped fund

## Schnaitman's Flooring America Announces New Ownership

By Michael Ortoski

STROUDSBURG - Schnaitman's Flooring America held a ribbon cutting event on Friday September 20th to celebrate new ownership of their 'flooring mall.' John and June Schnaitman announced their daughter Jenny Schnaitman would be joining them as co-owner of Schnaitman's Flooring America, "It feels great to be co-owner with my Dad and June" said Jenny Schnaitman.

"It was always a dream of mine to have my daughter be a part of the this business, and now it has come true" said John Schnaitman with a tear in his eye, "its great to carry on business with family."

Together John, June and Jenny now have 100+ years of experience offering outstanding values, superior service and the largest, diverse selection of fashion-forward flooring and home improvement products in the area.

Attending the event of about 50 people were family, friends, clients and Stroudsburg Mayor Tarah Probst who congratulated the three Schnaitman's and

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Front center L-R John Schnaitman, Jenny Schnaitman, June Schnaitman, Stroudsburg Mayor Tarah Probst. In front of them is their grand children L-R Addison and Rylie

## My Family, Friends and I Became 'Friends of Minsi Lake'

By Michael Ortoski / Vice Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Jim Wilson Sec. of Friends of Minsi Lake (FOML) was contacted by Marcella Calviero a local community resident to see how she could help with the FOML project at the lake.

Calviero has fond memories of the lake and wanted to be part of the rehabilitation of the lake infrastructure. Wilson explained how the groups first phase was build 900 fish habitat structures to be placed in the lake bed to promote better fishing.

"We welcome the community to be active in this project and donations will be needed to accomplish our goals" said Wilson.

Calviero wrote out a check to FOML and presented it to Wilson who then said "you have just became a 'Friend of Minsi Lake' forever! Wilson invited her for a tour of the lake to show her the habitat project she

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## Tour de Blairstown

By Michael Ortoski

BLAIRSTOWN - Saturday, October 5, 7:00am to 3:30pm, Rolling hills, farmland vistas, the Appalachian Ridge, Paulinskill Valley Rail Trail, and a town of proud heritage all come together in one tremendous cycling event. Blairstown is just 1.25 hours from NYC and Philadelphia and 7 miles off I-80, Exit 12. Locals have always known that Blairstown, NJ, boasts some of the best cycling on the East Coast. Now they're

ready to share it with YOU.

This year we offer your choice of 3 NEW rides: 22-mile, 40-mile, 65-mile with fewer hills, more breathtaking views. This is a charity bike ride: 100% of proceeds benefit nonprofit Foodshed Alliance, advocates for sustainable farming, local food access, and healthy environment. The ride is organized by Marty's Reliable Cycle.

All rides start and end at the Blairstown Farmers' Market at 5 Stillwater Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825 (across from the Blairstown Elementary School). All

routes are marked, cue sheets provided, rest stops along the way and SAG wagon support. Port-a-johns are available at start/finish and at rest stops. Continental breakfast will be set up at the start. Lunch after the ride is included in your registration fee, and includes complimentary craft beer.

Online registration will be open until 8pm on October 4. On-site registration will be \$75 and we will accept cash, checks or credit cards.

For more info, please go to <https://www.bikereg.com/tour-de-blairstown>.

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Construct new restroom facilities



Install an accessible kayak launch



Install an accessible fishing pier

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## Friends of Minsi Lake

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helped fund.

"I shared my interest of the lake project with my family and friends and directed them to donate to FOML instead of buying her gift cards for her recent 80th birthday" said Calviero. Those funds nearly matched her personal donation and now all of those people became a 'Friend of Minsi Lake.'

It didn't stop there, she is so thrilled with the project she plans to donate more to FOML each year as well as in her will.

If you would like to become a 'Friend of Minsi Lake' visit our Facebook pg at [www.facebook.com/FOML.org](http://www.facebook.com/FOML.org) or send a check to Friends of Minsi Lake P.O. box 261, Bath Pa. 18014 or call us at 610-829-6404.

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