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2010 Roseto Big Time Celebration

by Joel Manley, Intern from Kutztown University

ROSETO- The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Roseto held their 117th annual Big Time Celebration which began last Tuesday and ended on Sunday with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel by the celebration

“Queen”. The “Queen” of the Big Time was Miss Jayana Smith. Princesses of the “court” were Cailee Carmella and Lauren King. The Queen is chosen by the amount of money she raises for the parish through selling tickets.

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First Princess - Cailee Carmella

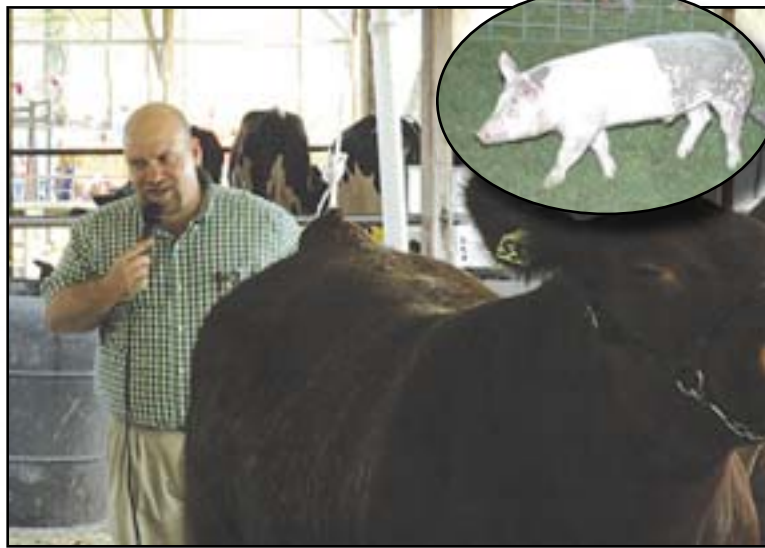


2010 "Big Time Queen" - Jayana Smith



Second Princess - Lauren King

Plainfield Farmers' Fair



Brian McCallister was the judge for the animal events at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair

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PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP- The annual Plainfield Farmers Fair, held at the Plainfield Farmers' Grove, began this past Tuesday and went until Saturday. The Fair, which is in its 62nd year included many events. The first three days included a tractor pull while Friday and Saturday included a Demolition Derby. Friday also hosted the competition of livestock presentation. The Competition is judged by the Northampton County 4-H organization.

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Slate Belt Heritage Days



Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Slate Belt Heritage Center by Donald Jones, with Carol Matthews and June Jones in traditional Welsh costumes. Photo by Don Prytherch of Pocono Perspective Photography

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BANGOR- Downtown Bangor was the site of the Slate Belt Heritage Days this past Friday and Saturday. It is an annual event in its 13th year. It began at 10a. m. both days and included music as well as ethnic Welsh and Cornish food. The festival included the opening of a special historical exhibit located at the Slate Belt Heritage Center in downtown Bangor.

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Back To School Specials will start next week in the Blue Valley Times!

New Kindergarten Program Has Room for a Few More Learners

There are still a few seats available in the full-day kindergarten that will open at Northampton Community College (NCC) this fall.

NCC has offered care and education for children from 6-weeks of age through kindergarten entry for many years. The college's children's center is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is a Keystone STAR 4 program.

"Parents have been very eager to see us add a kindergarten

program," says Karen Klein, the coordinator of the children's center. "We are pleased to be able to do so."

The kindergarten class on Northampton Community College's Main Campus at 3835 Green Pond Road in Bethlehem will be taught by a certified teacher and will meet state standards.

The kindergarten program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, Monday through Friday. Wrap-around programming will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the school year. Child care will also be available during the summer.

Rebecca Gorton, director of early childhood education programs at NCC, reports that the majority of kindergarten programs in the local area have part-day (morning or afternoon) schedules that require parents to search for before and after kindergarten care for their child, and require moving children from one environment to another as they are transported from kindergarten to a child care

program. Being able to serve children seamlessly through their kindergarten year supports children's learning and development, as well as reducing stress for parents, according to Gorton.

Northampton's kindergarten program will incorporate Art as a Way of Learning, an arts-integrated approach to early childhood education that NCC developed with Crayola to encourage children to use the arts to construct meaning and represent and express learning. The arts also serve to integrate reading, math, science and social studies with an emphasis on creating and solving problems. All learning will be aligned to the Pennsylvania Kindergarten Standards.

Gorton says all of the learning experiences in the new kindergarten program will be age and ability-appropriate. Children's progress will be charted using the kindergarten version of "Work Sampling."

Gorton notes that the new kindergarten's location on a college campus will provide children with many opportunities for educational enrichment including visits to the college library and art gallery, physical activity in the dance studio and outdoors, and attendance at performances appropriate for children.

Children who turn five by October 1 will be eligible to enroll in the full-day kindergarten. Class size will be limited to thirteen students. For additional information, call Karen Klein at 610-861-4542.



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 Who will be ages 9 - 12 as of April 30, 2011

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 Wednesday August 4, 2010 ~ 6pm - 8 pm at Field House at Bangor Park

Fee: \$40 (No work bond required - No candy sales - Just Baseball)
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