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HANCOCK SPRING FESTIVAL CONCLUDES WITH SIGN UNVEILING, FISHING & ARTIST AWARDS, AND MAJOR BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

At 12 PM on Memorial Day, Jerry DaBrescia, President of Hancock Partners, Inc., along with his fellow Board of Directors, were joined by Hancock Mayor Sandra Karcher, and Town Supervisor, Samuel N. Rowe Jr., to unveil the new lighted Hancock sign in the Municipal Parking Lot as over 40 local residents looked on and applauded. The sign had been completely covered for the past 6 months while under construction and created a great deal of curiosity on the part of many people. After the sign was finally unveiled, satisfying everyone's curiosity, DaBrescia then announced the winners of the Big Fish Contest, which was followed by the Riverscape Art Awards and a surprise announcement from Russell and Lynn Bass. Here are the winners in the Big Fish Contest. First Place was awarded to Taylor Rutherford with a shad measuring in at a whopping 22.5 inches. Second Place went to Joe Niesluchowski with a rainbow trout sporting a length of 18 1/2 inches, and Third Place was won by Adam Gotthardt with a brown trout tipping the ruler at 16 1/8 inches.

The Big Fish Awards were followed by announcing the winners from the Art Contest. Dolores Bentham, Art Contest organizer announced the art winners. First Place, and receiving a check for \$500 was Bethany Robinson. Second Place was won by Aksel Pedersen receiving \$ 300, and Third Place, receiving \$100, went to Dick Price. All the art represented "riverscapes" in various media. The Art Exhibit will be on display until June 30 at the Hancock Town Hall at 661 West Main Street.

DaBrescia then turned the podium over to Russell and Lynn Bass, owners of Bass Lumber and the French Woods Golf & X-Ski Resort. They announced a new hotel with 2 restaurants would be built on the very spot where they were standing. Russell Bass told the crowd the name of the new hotel would be The Hancock House, a name taken from a previous hotel which once occupied the ground where the Grand Union stands today. Bass said, "they expect to break ground in the fall" for the project. Mr. Bass is also a Director of Hancock Partners, Inc.

The Awards ceremonies, sign unveiling and Bass announcement concluded the Memorial weekend's First Annual Upper Delaware Spring Festival which was sponsored by Hancock Partners, area businesses and the Town of Hancock.

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