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More land for St. Gabriel's Cemetery

Rev. Father J.S. Fagan, pastor of St. Gabriel's, announced yesterday that the St. Gabriel's Cemetery Association, during the last week, acquired title to nine acres of land east of the present cemetery site in the city. The land adjoins the present cemetery.

— From Hazleton's newspaper, the Standard-Sentinel

Celebrity birthdays

Actor Earl Holliman is 95. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 84. Movie director Brian De Palma is 83. Singer-actor-dancer Lola Falana is 81. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 80. Guitarist Leo Kottke is 78. Actor Phillip Alford is 75. Actor Amy Madigan is 73. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 70. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 70. Actor Reed Birney is 69.

Public meetings

- Hazle Twp. Board of Supervisors, commons building, 103 W. 27th Street, Hazleton, 6 p.m.
- Kline Twp. Supervisors, municipal building, Fifth Street, Kelayres, 4 p.m.
- Wright Twp. Board of Supervisors, municipal building, 321 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, meeting follows work session at 6 p.m.

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Residents earn degrees from U. of Scranton

SCRANTON — Several local residents were among the more than 850 members of the University of Scranton's class of 2023 who were awarded bachelor's and associate's degrees at its undergraduate commencement ceremony May 21 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

Degrees were conferred to graduates who had completed their academic degree requirements in August and December 2022, as well as January and May 2023.

Members of the university's undergraduate class of 2023 represent 17 states, including California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Undergraduate majors with the most graduates are nursing, kinesiology, biology, finance, occupational therapy and accounting.

Judee M. Bavaria, former University of Scranton trustee and retired president emeritus of Presby's Inspired Life; James M. Murray II, chief security officer for Snap Inc., and former director of the United States Secret Service; and James M. Slattery, former chairman of the university's board of trustees and chief operating officer of North America for Melrose PLC; received honorary degrees from the university at the ceremony. Dr. Murray also served as the principal speaker.

"Rest assured that all you've experienced and been exposed to in your time here at Scranton will serve you well in years to come. Your immersion in the Jesuit way has not only afforded you increased knowledge, but it's given you the chance to examine and develop you: the whole person — mind, body and spirit," said Murray in his remarks. "Prime amongst the values, virtues and abilities you have honed here at Scranton is a quality that I encourage to redouble your investment in and make top of mind from now on ... and that is your character."

The Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J., president of the university, addressed the graduates and conferred degrees upon candidates presented by Victoria Castellanos, Ph.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies, David Dzurec, Ph.D., interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Mark Higgins, Ph.D., dean of the Kania School of Management.

Gabrielle Allen, Mickleton, New Jersey, spoke on behalf of the class of 2023. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, provided the invocation and Sarah Kenehan, Ph.D., executive director of the Gail and Francis Slattery Center for Ignatian Humanities, provided the benediction.

Also speaking at the ceremony were Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D., provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, and Paul DiPietrantonio, president of the university's alumni society.

Members of the Class of 2023 who were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army at a ceremony and presented colors to begin the undergraduate commencement ceremony were: 2nd Lt. Steven Gasperini, distinguished military

First Family Fun Festival to be held Saturday



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Catholic Social Services is partnering with Pennsylvanians for Human Life to hold its first-ever Family Fun Festival on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Catholic Social Services parking lot, 106 S. Church St., Hazleton, and inside the Family Center, the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. There will be games, food, vendors and local nonprofit agencies in attendance. Committee members planning the event include, from left: front row, LeeAnn Lywiski, Catholic Social Services; Nicole Tranguch, Pennsylvanians For Human Life; and Carol Matz, Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Back row, Kristie Lywiski, volunteer, and Danielle Matarella, Catholic Social Services. Tim Trently, Sue Farley, Karen Ann Kowalczyk, Bob and Kathleen Trishman and Chris Leskosky were not present for the photo.

Rosh Hashanah allows Jews to find strength

Celebration inaugurates 10 days of repentance, culminating in Yom Kippur.

The Jewish new year of 5784 will be ushered in at synagogues around the world Friday at sundown and celebrated through Sunday night.

In Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah celebrates the birth of the world. On this anniversary of creation, Jews ask forgiveness for any harm they have inflicted, either wittingly or unwittingly and stand before the Creator confessing their shortcomings and asking for forgiveness.

The two days of Rosh Hashanah are spent in synagogue worship. Together, Jews find the strength to face God and themselves. On these days the shofar, a ram's horn, is sounded again and again. Its piercing sound summons the worshiper to the High Holy Days experience.

The curtain covering the Holy Ark, the Mantles that adorn the Torah Scrolls, and the robes worn by the rabbi and cantor, are all in white, symbolizing the purity of the season. A special mahzor, or prayer book, contains the liturgy for these days and proclaims God as Sovereign King, as the moving force in history and as the Redeemer of the world.

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of a new page in the Book of Life of each individual. Sincere repentance and return in this period arouses God's compassion and gives a Jew the opportunity to begin anew.

Man must not surrender to despair for "repentance, prayer and good deeds can annul a harsh decree."

One of the most awesome prayers chanted is "Unetane Tokef." Its words remind us, "We acclaim this day's pure sanctity, its awesome power: In truth do You judge and prosecute, discern motives and bear witness, record and seal, count and measure, remembering all that we have forgotten. You open the Book of Remembrance and it speaks for itself for every man has signed it with his deeds."

Religious services in celebration of Rosh Hashanah will be held at Agudas Israel Synagogue, 77 N. Pine St., Hazleton, starting Friday at 6:30 p.m. and continuing Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Prior to sundown and the start of Rosh Hashanah, the woman of the household kindles the festive candles and recites special blessings. In addition to the candlesticks, the festive table is also adorned with a Kiddush cup and special challah (loaves of braided bread) baked in the shape of a ladder to remind Jews that Rosh Hashanah is the Day of Judgment when it is decreed, "Who shall be exalted and who shall be brought low."

A plate of sliced apples and a dish of honey also appear on the Rosh Hashanah table. The apples and challah are dipped in the honey as those around the table pray, "May it be Your Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and pleasant new

year."

Rosh Hashanah inaugurates the Ten Days of Repentance, which culminate with Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. During these ten days the Jew engages in self-reflection and spiritual stocktaking. Yom Kippur is a day of fasting and prayer. No food or drink is permitted from sundown Saturday September 24th, to sundown Sunday September 25th, and religious services continue throughout the day.

The purpose of fasting on Yom Kippur is to heighten awareness of the need for social action. In the words of the prophet Isaiah (58:6-7), which are read in the synagogue on that day, "Is this not the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Services for Yom Kippur begin at Agudas Israel on Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. and continue into Sept. 25 starting at 9:30 a.m. Services on Sept. 25th will conclude with a single blast of the ram's horn at 7:15 p.m. A break-the-fast will be served following the evening service.

For seating information and to inform security personnel if planning to attend services, call Agudas Israel Synagogue at 570-455-2851.

St. Luke's Church presents endowment checks



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St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Freeland, recently presented endowment checks to the community. Pictured are, from left: Linda Rogers, representing the endowment committee; Megan Potoskie, John Potoskie, Mary Lou Potoskie, Nancy Gerlach, all representing the Brueningen Memorial Food Pantry; and Tracey Wickiser, representing St. Luke's Church Council. Other endowment recipients were the Freeland branch of the Hazleton Area Public Library, Freeland YMCA and the Freeland Fire Department. Representatives from those three groups were not present for the photo.

Lotteries

- PICK 2** Midday 58 Evening 90
- PICK 3** Midday 448 Evening 805
- PICK 4** Midday 4876 Evening 3586
- PICK 5** Midday 73123 Evening 16195
- Wild Ball Midday 5 Evening 2

Treasure Hunt 01-12-14-22-27

CA's 6 06-18-26-29-33

Today's estimated jackpot is \$400,000.

MEGA 22-24-25-26-34-48

Today's estimated jackpot is \$1.02 million.

On this day

Today is **Monday, Sept. 11**, the 254th day of 2023. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **Sept. 11, 2001**, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida hijackers seized control of four jetliners, sending two of the planes into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date: In **1789**, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In **1814**, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In **1936**, Boulder Dam — later renamed the Hoover Dam — began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydro-electric generator.

In **1941**, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon.

In an anti-Semitic speech, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

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