



Eagle Scout, Hunterdon Watts

By Michael Ortoski

STROUDSBURG - "Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout, Hunterdon Watts, of Troop 86 in Stroudsburg. I commend his family, troop leaders and fellow Scouts for supporting him as he ascended the Trail to Eagle" Said Senator Scavello.

For his Eagle service project, Hunterdon restored and beautified the Middle Smithfield Evangelical Presbyterian Church cemetery. Under his leadership, fellow Scouts assisted in straightening and reinforcing leaning/sunken gravestones, removing debris and painting the church tool shed. "Thank you for your service to our community and your example to fellow Scouts."

"There Ought to be a Law"

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SWIFTWATER - "Congratulations to the three student finalists of my annual "There Ought to be a Law" contest said Senator Scavello.

Sixth grade students Faith Riviello, Lillian Mazza and Elizabeth Higgins of Swiftwater Intermediate School all submitted essays proposing their ideas for legislation to address various community needs. They each received a recognition certificate and \$50 scholarship for their entries. Both Faith and Lillian presented ideas for increasing recycling and Elizabeth proposed changes to school uniform policies for children who cannot afford them. "Thank you for your well thought out ideas - your submissions were impressive!"



Happy 100th Birthday to Ms. Mavis Lang!

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EAST BANGOR - "Please join me in wishing Ms. Mavis Lang of East Bangor the happiest 100th birthday! It was my pleasure to pay her a visit on Thursday evening at the Slate Belt Medical Center" said Rep. Joe Emrick."

He was joined by East Bangor Mayor Derek Powell and Brian Fenstermacher of Sen. Scavello's office.



L-R Rep. Joe Emrick, Mavis Lang, East Bangor Mayor Derek Powell and Brian Fenstermacher of Sen. Scavello's office

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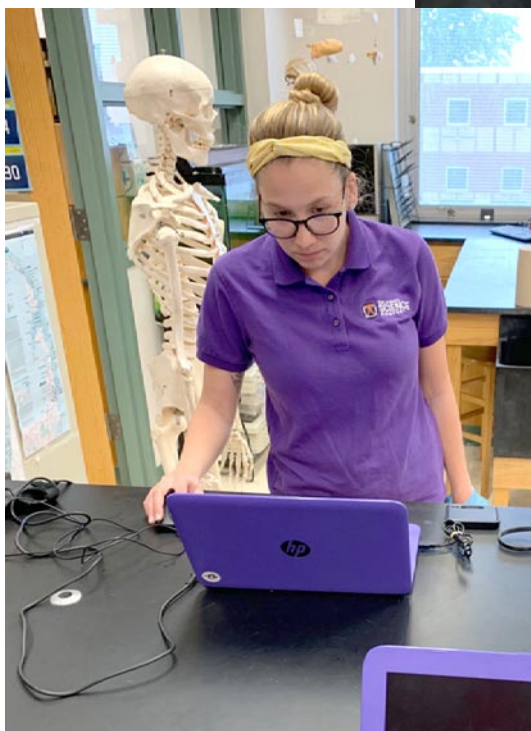
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Celena Daddario from the Davinci Science Center set up computers for the students so they could do research for the class



Synthetic Cadaver Program

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Students participated in hands on experiences including dissections and other experiments that highlighted a particular system of the body – the digestive system.

After a brief introduction to Cyndi the SynDaver, who was modeled after a 5ft. 2in female, educators Carol Luthar and Celina Daddario of the Da Vinci Center, tested the students' current knowledge of the human digestive system asking them to diagram the digestive system including organs, tissues or processes that they thought would be involved in the human digestive system.

While Cyndi the SynDaver was not the only experiment of the program, she was certainly the most popular.

The most common inquiry in the room was, "Does she have a heart?" To that question, Carol Luthar, Outreach Education Coordinator at Da Vinci Science responded, "See if you can find it!"

Students suited up with gloves and closely navigated through Cyndi's internal cavities, discovering both the small and large intestines, liver, pancreas and indeed, her heart! Faculty members, including the school nurse, heard about the buzz of Cyndi and stopped by to join in on the action.

To say the program was well received would be an understatement. Mr. Hobbs, Science Curriculum Leader and Anatomy and Physiology teacher at Bangor Area High School thanked the Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation for all their help and support and said, "This program was a fantastic way for students to visualize the complexities of human anatomy and its integrated systems."

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