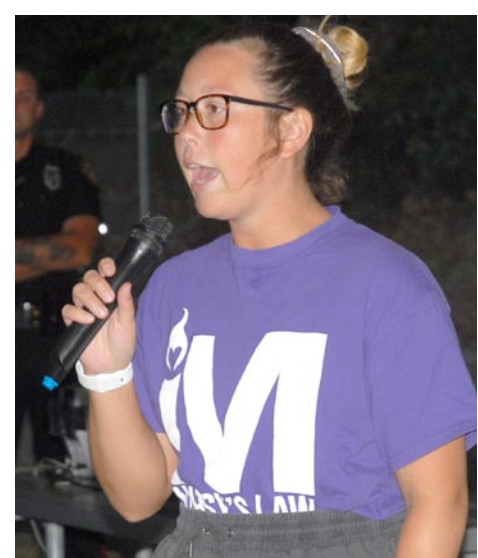




Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck



Madison Scarfaro field director for the Marsy's Law organization



Roseto Night Out

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old fashioned cake walk was held.

Speakers for the night were Terry Houck and Abe Kassis from the District Attorneys office spoke about drug addiction and its effect on our communities and a young lady Madison Scarfaro spoke about Marcy's law.

Scarfaro who is a field director for the Marsy's Law organization who explained to the audience what it is and to "Join the fight for Pa. Crime Victims."

Marsy's Law for All seeks to amend state constitutions that don't offer protections to crime victims and, eventually, the U.S. Constitution to give victims of crime rights equal to those already afforded to the accused and convicted.

"We can all agree that no rapist should have more rights than the victim. No murderer should be afforded more rights than the victim's family. Marsy's Law would ensure that victims have the same co-equal rights as the accused and convicted – nothing more, nothing less" said Madison.

"Marsy's Law is not a partisan issue. Giving crime victims equal rights is a rare political issue that Republicans and Democrats are unified in supporting."

Efforts are currently underway in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Idaho and Maine to extend equal rights for crime victims in those states as well.

Marsy's Law was named after Marsalee (Marsy) Nicholas, a beautiful, vibrant University of California Santa Barbara student, who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Only a week after Marsy was murdered, Dr. Nicholas and Marsy's mother, Mrs. Marcella Leach, walked into a grocery store after visiting her daughter's grave and were confronted by the accused murderer. The family had no idea that he had been released on bail.

The pain and suffering Marsy's family endured after her death is typical for family members of murder victims. They were not informed Marsy's murderer had been released because the courts and law enforcement, though well-meaning, had no obligation to keep them informed. While criminals have more than 20 individuals rights spelled out in the U.S. Constitution, the surviving family members of murder victims have none.

But the passage of Marsy's Law has changed that in some states.

Victims of violent crime in these states must by law be treated with respect and dignity by the criminal justice system. Courts must consider the safety of victims and families when setting bail and release conditions. Family members have legal standing in bail hearings, pleas, sentencing, and parole hearings.

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Back To School Event

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Platinum Cutz located at the 512 Plaza in Bangor held the second annual Back to School event out in the parking lot of the plaza.

They invited different organizations to help the students in the community be prepared for the upcoming start of the school year.

Platinum Cutz gave any student who wanted \$8 for kids in 6th grade and under and \$11 for kids 7th grade and up hair cuts. Slate Belt Y Dir. Jen DeLong and her volunteers handed out back packs to all the students who attended, it looked like hundreds of them.

Deb Bowman from Bangor DeFranco Elementary school and her volunteers were serving up hot dogs for all the event goers.

The National Guard was there with their gaming trailer as well as other vendors.

Other Vendors had school supplies that they packed into the backpacks like pencils, crayons, rulers, writing paper, folders, tablets and more.

Dinky's Ice Cream was on hand to dish out their favorite scoops and the Cody Templeton Band were the awesome entertainment for the day.

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