

Hall of Fame

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"When I went out for sports my grades got better. Physically sports benefited me. They taught me to develop a team approach that I have to this day. Being in sports helped me to relate to other people," said Anzalone, who has been Sem's school physician since 1982.

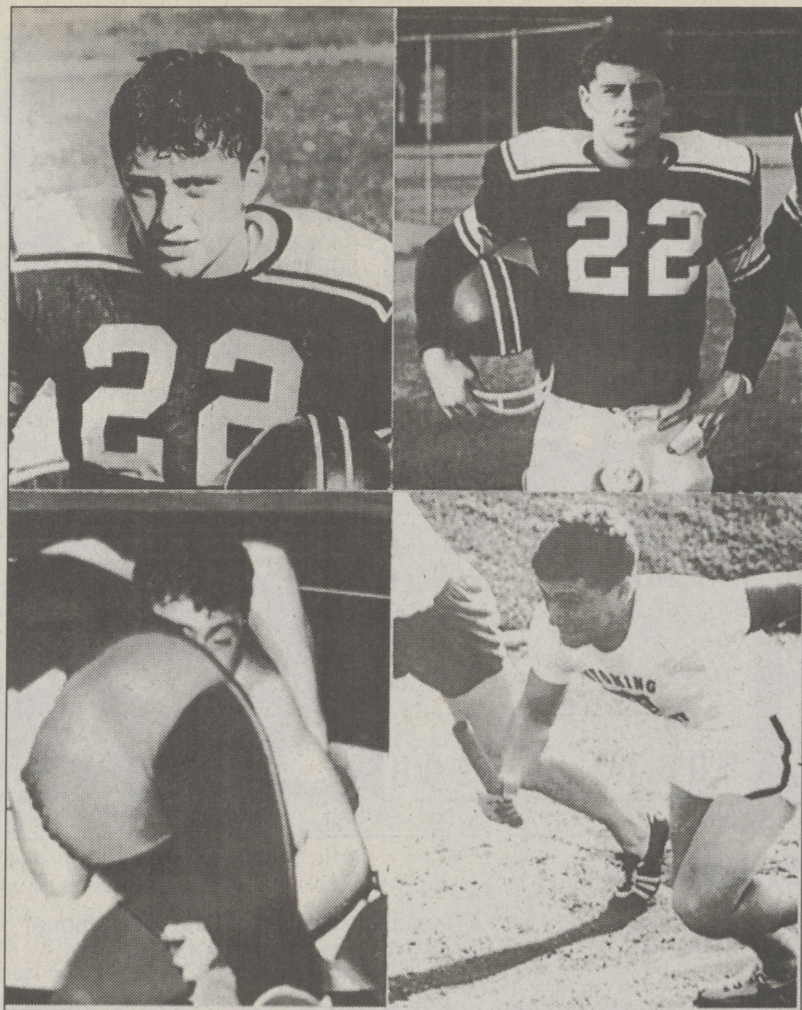
He initiated the school's middle-school football program in 1993, providing financial and coaching support for the program.

Sandra Laidler, now Laidler-Valenti, graduated in 1961 as the MVP on both the field hockey and basketball teams. She lettered for varsity field hockey three years in a row and lettered twice in basketball. She was the basketball captain her senior year.

"I'm totally shocked, but very honored," said Laidler-Valenti. "I thought going to Sem was wonderful. I was involved in sports after school and had a great time. I have very good memories of that school."

After graduation, Laidler-Valenti went to Bouve Boston College (now Tufts University) and East Stroudsburg College. She served as Sem's field hockey and swim team coach from 1967-1971. She has been a health education teacher in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District since 1971.

Although she did not play sports in college, she currently enjoys the sport of golf with her husband, Clark. She has been the Women's Club Champion at Irem Temple Country Club six times. Currently, she is a member at Huntsville Golf Club.



Dr. A. Anthony Anzalone keeps this composite of photos from his playing days at Wyoming Seminary.

Like Anzalone, Laidler-Valenti believes sports helps teach students discipline. "I became a team player. Sports kept me away from things like smoking," she explained.

"I think there is a good correlation between sports and grades. If you wanted to play sports you had

to have good grades." Laidler-Valenti looks forward to the induction ceremony.

Jack Meeks, The Varsity Club president, said, "These two are outstanding individuals. The Hall of Fame represents the continuation of a great sports tradition," said Meeks.

Rec Park

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municipalities and appropriate organizations are eligible for Rails-to-Trails and Rivers Conservation.

DCNR provides grant funding up to 50 percent of eligible costs except for Small Communities/Small Projects, which falls under the first type of grant. The state will pay 100 percent for approved material costs and professional design fees for those projects.

Small Communities/Small Projects is for municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. Grants are limited to a maximum of \$20,000.

The funds have been available since 1995. Each autumn the window opens. The application process takes 12 to 18 months to complete.

Michele Breslin, DCNR regional recreation and park advisor, said she receives 30 to 35 applications a year for her 15 county region. Breslin has talked with Griffiths and BMRAC about the grants.

"The communities are working together in providing recreational opportunities. Now they are trying to hammer out some things to make it a regional effort," explained Breslin.

Jeff Box, Kingston Township manager, said the township has used the grants in the past, but has been preoccupied with building projects in recent years.

"We haven't discussed the grants in any detail, but we are always looking out for improve-

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Dave Sutton
Lehman Twp. supervisor

ments. It's definitely worth looking into," said Box.

Kingston Township has written a letter of support for a regional recreation facility. "The concept of a regional recreational center is excellent," Box said. The township would not rule out supporting the project financially, he said, but would need more information.

Lehman Township supervisors are behind the project. "We were one of the first municipalities to show our support," said Dave Sutton, supervisor, who is on the BMRAC board.

"We'd love nothing more than to have a recreation center in the community," Sutton said. "Lehman Township would have a hard time getting a grant, but the more municipalities, the better the chance."

In Tioga County, five municipalities created the Northern Tier Recreation Authority. The combined population is 3,746 people. "They combined their resources and turned an old school building into a recreation facility," said Breslin.

"There are not many combined recreation authorities. Yet, more and more municipalities are developing partnerships with one another and are learning to cooperate to accomplish these goals," she said.

Other municipalities, like Ashley Borough in Luzerne County, have received grants. Ashley Borough has a population of 3,124 and received a Small Communities grant for park improvements and athletic fields.

West Hazleton will build a pavilion and make park improvements with its money. It has a population of 3,915.

Although Leonard Kozick, Dallas Township manager, had never heard of the grants, he was extremely interested. "I'd like to look at that with the supervisors," he said.

Phyllis Mundy, state representative, wants the community to know she is behind this grant program and will help anyone interested in it. "It's a window of opportunity with these grants. I've sent notices to all municipalities. The window will close until there enough money is accumulated to open it again," explained Mundy.

"These grants are important because local municipalities and non-profit organizations simply do not have the resources or access. I doubt there would be a lot of recreational facilities ongoing without state assistance."

Police

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voted unanimously to hire Charles Musial as a part-time police officer at a salary of \$10.25/hour. An attempt by council member William Wilson for a motion to review additional applicants failed, and the council hired Musial, a full-time roads employee, for the part-time slot. Musial will continue working for the roads department.

In other business, Council awarded the garbage and recyclables contract to J. P. Mascaro and Sons for \$267,233 for three years. Based on this fee, Council predicts that garbage rates will stay the same. Only two bids were received; the other was

"The Association would take strong exception to any plan designed to reduce police coverage."

Donald Marx Sr.
President,
Harveys Lake Protective Ass'n.

for \$306,000. Lombardo Trucking received the bid for removal of the old property at Pole 307, opposite the telephone company building.

In addition
• Council passed Act 537, a plan to begin developing a comprehensive sewage facilities management project.

• Jason Wilson, the son of Council member William Wilson, was hired as a part-time roads employee at the salary of \$6.25/hour. Councilman Wilson abstained from the vote; Councilman Francis Kopko voted against the hiring.

• Council also passed a motion to advertise for a full-time roads employee.

The next meeting will held Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m.



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