

Curiosity fuels activity

By SARAH HITE
shite@mydallaspost.com

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Deadline Paranormal, visit www.deadlineparanormal.com.

A curiosity about the unknown led Jim Fazzi and Tony Piontkowski to set up cameras in cemeteries.

The pair formed Deadline Paranormal about a year ago, and since then the ghost hunters have investigated nearly a dozen places some have claimed are haunted.

But it's not all seeing spooky sights - both law enforcement officials know that investigations can sometimes be all about the stakeout, which requires time and patience.

"We do a solid and thorough investigation," said Fazzi, of Trucksville. "We compile reports on the happenings and the reports are posted on our website. After our investigation, we make our statements and display evidence. Some groups don't display evidence but that's what we're here for."

At a recent investigation in the Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre, the duo spent hours setting up infrared cameras, using different devices to monitor changes in electromagnetic frequencies and keeping an eye out for unusual occurrences.

For all their painstaking work, the pair sometimes comes up empty-handed.

"The hardest part is making sure that it's not something else - in a picture it could be a leaf, or moisture, or a bug. We try to rule everything out," said Fazzi. "We'll take a thousand shots and there might be something a little off towards the end."

Fazzi said it could take as long as two weeks to complete an investigation, which includes visiting the site, examining all the evidence and preparing it for their website.

"There's a lot involved," said Piontkowski, of Kingston. "We take numerous photos of the same area. It's time consuming."

But sometimes the work is worth it. The group visited the Hollenbeck Cemetery last year and captured a "full-body apparition" on an infrared camera, something, Fazzi compared it to

a ghost-hunter's treasure.

"It was a woman who was wearing early 1900s clothing and she had one hand on her hip," said Fazzi. "We didn't see it happen but we saw it forming in the photos."

Other frightening occurrences include picking up a low, husky voice on a digital recorder that had some colorful words to share with Fazzi.

"It is said that ghosts talk in different frequencies and our ears can't hear it," said Fazzi. "Our very first EVP (electronic voice phenomena) was at a house in Plains. I was asking the spirit to come out and it cussed at me."

Piontkowski said in the same house, after all the equipment

was packed, he felt something brushing his head from his forehead all the way to the back of his neck.

"It happened twice, as I was leaving," he said. "I can't explain it. It was weird."

The group's interest in the paranormal stems from experiences both men had when they were young.

In Piontkowski's childhood home in Nanticoke, one room upstairs was always much colder than the rest of the house and gave off a feeling that someone was watching.

"My sister slept in there. One night she woke up and there was a little girl apparition, and behind the dresser that was caty-corner to the wall there was a



BILL TARUTIS PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Deadline Paranormal's Jim Fazzi, left, of Trucksville, and his partner, Tony Piontkowski, of Kingston, talk about their next paranormal investigation at Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre.



Deadline Paranormal investigator Tony Piontkowski walks down the hill at Hollenback Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre after setting up some equipment.

red glow," said Piontkowski. "My mother slept in there and she saw it, too."

He would love to go back to the house to investigate, but learned the house was recently sold and is currently being renovated.

"I don't want to spook the new owners," Piontkowski laughed.

The goal of the duo, said Fazzi, is to find things that can't be explained and to help others.

Deadline Paranormal is a non-profit organization, and the equipment and investigations are all funded out of Fazzi's and Piontkowski's pockets. In general, equipment ranges from about \$50 to hundreds of dollars.

Between full-time work and

having families, the pair makes time to pursue their passion, which they say is all in the name of finding the unexplainable.

"People want to believe what they want to believe," said Piontkowski. "We're not out to persuade anyone. You judge for yourself. But we don't put what can be explained on our website."

THE BARONESS - FAMILY LAW CONSULTING LLC

Divorce Made Easy

- We'll help you get what you want
- You can save up to 90% of regular cost

Call for a free Consult : 570-814-3563

BARONESS JULIANE VON SCHEMELING MBA, EID

334 S. Franklin St., Suite 201 W-B
(across from Children Service Center)

www.TheBaroness.biz TheBaroness1@comcast.net

CHEESESTEAKS

COSMOS

EST. 1972

CHEESE FRIES

\$1 OFF ANY CHEESESTEAK OR SUB

COUPON VALID AT BOTH LOCATIONS EXP. 8/31/12 CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER COUPONS OR DISCOUNTS.

Enjoy our variety of menu items:

Pizza Steak • Mozzarella Bomb

Calli Cheesesteak • Chicken Cheesesteak

Hot Wing Hoagie • Italian Sub

Vegetarian Sub • French Fries

and Kids Menu

BOTH LOCATIONS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK AT 11AM

SERVING GREAT CHEESESTEAKS AND MORE!

532 MOOSIC ST., SCRANTON (570) 341-5100

761 WYOMING AVE., KINGSTON (570) 287-2750

Our lives will end, but our families live on...

CAREGIVERS AMERICA

Hospice Services

We are here for everyone.

570-586-2222 • www.CareGiversAmerica.com

Teach fashion a lesson this year!

EYE CARE SPECIALISTS

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE!

Get **\$25.00 Off** Complete Eye Glasses (frames & lenses), Sunglasses or Exam & Contact Lenses.

674.9001 40 Dallas Shopping Center

Limits one coupon per customer per visit. Cannot be combined with other coupons, discounts or insurance benefits. Not referable for cash value or previous purchases. Redeemable by Sept. 30, 2012.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY HARVEYS LAKE ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 24, 2012

At Mill Race Golf Course in Benton. \$80.00 per person includes: Green Fee, Golf Cart, Open Bar, Lunch, Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Beer and Soda back at the Church Hall.

Grand Cash Prize \$5,000, and many other cash prizes and raffles.

For further information, please call Mike or Merry Ann at (570) 639-5426, or Helen at (570) 639-1535.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOT AND HUMID OUTSIDE. COOL AND COMFORTABLE INSIDE.

C. W. Schultz and Bryant are giving everyone another reason to head indoors this summer. Bryant's new line of central air conditioning features some of the best cooling products Bryant has ever made. Not only are they built using the latest technology, they're also smaller, so they take up less space in the backyard. With Bryant central air from C. W. Schultz, when it's hot and humid outside, you'll be cool and comfortable inside.

C. W. Schultz and Son, Inc.

Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning

The Service Experts Since 1921

(570) 822-8158

cwschultzandson.com

PA HIC License # 001864 **Whatever it takes**

Financing Available

Cook-out Cooking Class

INCLUDES 4 COURSE MEAL

August 21 at 5:30pm

Learn the Fundamentals of Cooking and Grilling with Chef Gary on our NEW PATIO!

\$39.99 Per person + tax & tip

570-696-3580

www.FIREandICEonTobyCreek.com

RT 309, Trucksville Just North of Sheetz

SNIPS n' TIPS

SALON and DAY SPA

JEWELRY & GIFTS!

3130 Memorial Hwy. • Dallas (across from Agway) • 675-7427

GET BEACH HIGHLIGHTS WITHOUT GOING TO THE BEACH

Vac-Way APPLIANCE & SERVICE INC.

Authorized Vacuum Cleaner Sales, Service and Parts

- Bissell • Dyson • Eureka • Electrolux
- Hoover • Kenmore • Kirby • Oreck and More

595 Market St. • Kingston • 288-4508

601 Cedar Ave. • Scranton • 343-1121

304 N. Main St. • Moscow • 842-4668

Tallulah

A Unique Boutique featuring... **Women's & Men's Apparel and Accessories**

Mon-Tues 10-5
Wed-Fri 10-7
Sat 10-5
Sun Noon-4

651 WYOMING AVE • KINGSTON • 287-1115