

## Bail Scam is making the rounds

Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reports his office has responded to multiple complaints from residents about scam calls for bail.

An individual only identifying themselves as an attorney is contacting people requesting cash to secure the release of a family member. The caller instructs the person to withdraw a large sum of money, and the "attorney" will arrange for a driver to pick up the cash from the residence for the family member's bail.

The Sheriff Office is urging people to be aware of this scam.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- This scheme is the latest version of a bail scam.
- One should contact the family member directly to verify their status.
- If the person chooses to verify the "attorney's" call, they should ask the caller which law enforcement agency arrested the family member. Then they should call that agency to confirm if an arrest was made and if the defendant is held on bail.
- The scammers tell potential victims that a ride-sharing/transportation company will pick up the cash or the person at the residence.
- Do not enter an unknown vehicle.
- Do not hand over any amount of money to an unknown individual.
- This is not how bail is processed, and people should avoid this scheme.
- The best way to avoid being scammed is to hang up.

## DeGlopper



Shirley Luther with her son's medals and photo she cherishes. (Photo by Michael J. Billoni)

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Bunny, who passed away in 1999, and Shirley, filled the years since their son's death with a strong faith and commitment to their church, total community involvement and family gatherings. Their daughters, Nancy Sandford, Carol Dunworth and Gail Click, spouses, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren all live on the island.

Luther attended Sidway and Huth Road schools and was in the first class when Grand Island High School opened in 1963. He was a Boy Scout, earning several badges, and enjoyed building model ships and airplanes. He enjoyed fishing with his older sisters and like most young men, he loved playing sports, including football, baseball and wrestling. He also played trumpet in the high school band and was active in Youth Fellowship at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Upon graduating from Grand Island High School, Luther attended Erie Community Technical Institute and graduated as a mechanical engineer and began working at an architectural firm in Buffalo and for the town's engineering department.

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### Clean UP Grand Island is a team sport

Clean UP Grand Island 2021 takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24.

This is an event organized by the Town of Grand Island, the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations to encourage the local community to come together and spruce up our beautiful Island.

With the snow melted away and the foliage not yet in full bloom, it's easy to identify areas where trash and debris have accumulated over winter and are in need of removal.

All that's needed is a few hours of your time, a little passion to keep nature clean and a heart of service. You can put a team together or attend as individual. Either way, please join in and help Clean UP Grand Island!

#### Before the Event

Email the following items to [CleanUP@gichamber.org](mailto:CleanUP@gichamber.org)

- The name of your team/individuals that will be joining in for Clean UP
- Suggestions for areas that are in need of cleaning up, including as much location information as you can provide, including street addresses, landmarks and photos)

#### On the Day of the Event

Email before after pictures, pictures of your team in action and photos of all the trash you cleaned up. Prizes will be available for groups, businesses and families that participate.

### Lions Spaghetti dinner is Monday

The Grand Island Lions 52nd annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1841 Whitehaven Road.

The event has funded numerous projects and services benefiting the residents of the Grand Island community and the world we all share.

To keep servers and customers safe, it will be a drive-thru only event. Dinners must be prepaid and will be delivered to your vehicle. All dinners will include spaghetti and meatballs, a dinner salad and bread.

Tickets for the event are available from Lions on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB](https://facebook.com/groups/GILIONSCLUB). The unique feature of their page is that tickets (\$8 for adults and \$5 for kids 7 and under) can be ordered in adult and child-size portions. You can indicate what time you will pick up your dinners.

Tickets for the club's lottery tree raffle, spirit and wine basket raffle and 50/50 raffles can also be ordered online. Donations to the club charitable endeavors can also be made.

No internet? No credit card? Not computer savvy? No problem! Dinner tickets can be obtained from any Lion or can be ordered from Lion Dick Crawford at 716-818-6992. Tickets for the raffles can also be obtained at the event.

The Lions wish to thank the community for their welcomed and continued support for the many projects that have benefited so many: the Miracle League Baseball/Beep Ball Field and associated playground; Special Kids Picnic; the children's playroom/client living room at the new Family Justice Center satellite; the new Sidway playground, Lions Scholarship Program; plus over 50 other organizations that have provided for the needs of so many of our families, neighbors and friends.

Should you have a passion and a humanitarian project that could use some help, the Lions stand ready to assist in whatever capacity is available to them. Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

### GI Historical Society to hold yard sale fundraiser

The Grand Island Historical Society will hold its Yard Sale fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. The event will take place outdoors, rain or shine, under tents at River Lea, located at the southern tip of Beaver Island State Park.

Enter the park and follow the signs to the Historic Farm House.

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