

Holocaust Survivor Co-Sponsored by the Donegal Foundation

Severin Fayerman, a spry and delightful eighty-eight year old man, will share his life story on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 4 pm in the Donegal High School Auditorium. Mr. Fayerman is one of the few living Holocaust survivors, and has graciously agreed to share his story with the Donegal community.

Born in Poland, Fayerman was forced into the Auschwitz concentration camp at age 19 after the Nazis seized his family tool and die business. After liberation of the camp, he found his way to the United States, eventually running the Baldwin Company, which he ultimately sold four years ago to Black and Decker.

While addressing a group of middle school students recently he told the story of the last encounter with a family friend. “On one Sunday while I was in Auschwitz, we were told we would have the day off. We were stripped naked, were forced to stand at attention and be inspected. I was sent to the right, and told to get dressed. Others were sent to the left, and never seen again. One of those who went to the left was the father of my friend. He looked at me and said ‘Avenge my innocent death. Don’t let the world forget what has happened.’ “

The Donegal Foundation (www.donegalfoundation.org) and The Donegal Performing Arts will co-sponsor Mr. Fayerman’s presentation in the afternoon in conjunction with the weekend performances of “The Diary of Anne Frank.” Tickets for the show are available at the box office at Donegal High School, the Fayerman presentation is free to the public.

“It is incredibly painful for me to constantly revisit the horrors of that time,” stated Fayerman, “But I feel I must do it. Nothing we can do will bring them (those who died) back, but by speaking to you, we can make sure that it never happens again.”