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Dunmorean of the Month: Fire Lieutenant Eric Shigo



Lt. Eric Shigo with son Brayden
By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore fire department lieutenant Eric Shigo didn't think twice when he risked his life and entered a burning building on Third Street last month to save other lives.

And because of his heroic effort as well as those of the Dunmore and Scranton fire departments, Serenity Session, 3, is alive today.

Her dad, Darkell Session, 24, also survived.

The fire that killed a mother and three of her young children in Dunmore March 9 was ruled accidental and may have been fueled by debris left in another apartment, Lackawanna County District Attorney Mark Powell reported.

Dunmore firefighters, community respond to fire victims, survivors



Saluting all the members of the Dunmore Fire Department.:This group photo was taken by Joe Klapatch. He wrote the book "The Boys from Bucktown" the history of the Dunmore Fire Department.

Arson was ruled out as a cause of the fire, added Powell in a statement last month.

Powell said the fire appeared to have started in the middle room of the vacant apartment on the second floor of 610 Third Street. Ebony Thompson, her fiancé Darkell Session and their four children had recently moved into the apartment one floor above.

Thompson, 26, and the couple's daughter London Session, 5, and

Tiara Session, 2, died in the fire. Their son, Dallas Session, 1, died a day later.

Darkell Session, who jumped out of a second floor window, and Serenity survived.

Investigators from the Dunmore police, Scranton police and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives could not make a conclusive determination of the initial source of heat or what ignited.

Former Dunmore Councilman Paul Nardoizzi, a former police officer, praised the Dunmore and Scranton fire departments for their heroic efforts.

"Dunmore suffered an unimaginable tragedy with the loss of four innocent people, three who were children," he said. "If not for the efforts of all the brave and highly trained firefighters from Dunmore, Scranton and

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By John M. Hart Jr.
Publisher

The headline speaks volumes as to where we find ourselves today.

You will note from the notice on our Page One today that The Dunmorean embarks on a new, full service Internet edition, www.thedunmorean.com.

We have been a presence on the Internet for many years in order to keep our readers informed of borough happenings as they occur. It has served to augment the print edition which is published monthly.

However, today the familiar print edition will appear in its entirety on our website. Readers will now be able to avail themselves of the full page layout, as well as a means to download and

print the paper as well. The familiar print edition will appear in its entirety on our website. This will no doubt be useful to Dunmoreans who now live out-of-town and to readers who prefer and online presence.

BUT DON'T WORRY! We know that many of our readers prefer the touchy-feely newsprint paper that they have enjoyed all these years. This will not change. We will continue to publish a print edition as well as the Internet.

Undoubtedly, one of the main reasons for our move at this time is the worldwide health crisis. You will notice that many of our advertisers are not with us since Governor Wolf issued lockdown orders on many of their establishments. We can only hope that this will change

in a short period of time.

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If your establishment is not listed due to our tight deadline, please email your information to us for the May issue at dpi22news@gmail.com and we will add it to our list.

Many outlets for our paper are closed but several - Schiff's and Riccardo's for instance--are well stocked.

Finally, we will continue to provide Bucktown with the best possible good news newspaper that we can. We try to emphasize the good news in the borough. Even in the face of tragedy and crisis, Dunmoreans pull together!

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With Steve Svetovich



Bucks football team steps up for DePietro's

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"When we heard there was a chance to help, the word spread quickly and a bunch of us volunteered."

Coach McHale was not surprised by the turnout. "Community service has always been a big part of our football program," he said. "Our kids do a great job with it."

"Tom DePietro and DePietro's Pharmacy are some of our biggest supporters. When Tom was in need of assistance, some of our players were quick to lend a hand."

The football players go through a daily pre-shift meeting of guidelines they must follow. The guidelines

begin with washing and wearing gloves. The young men must stay six feet away from customers and stand to their side. Every so often, they must return to wash their hands again and change gloves.

The business continues to serve hundreds of customers a day during the state-wide shutdown.

DePietro, a 2002 Dunmore graduate, credited coach McHale and former Dunmore coach Jack Henzes for molding the football players into fine young men.

Not even a national pandemic can pull this community apart.

"These kids' parents, teachers and coaches raised them right. It's a credit to these kids, their parents and the whole community."

When the going gets rough, the tough get going.

Take the Dunmore football program, for instance.

Tom DePietro, with the Coronavirus emerging in Lackawanna County and with a shutdown in place, knew he could not let customers walk into his Dunmore pharmacy.

But there was still a job to do.

He still needed to get his customers needed supplies and medicines during a national

pandemic.

So he called Dunmore Bucks football coach Kevin McHale to see if any of his players could help.

Well, within 20 minutes, numerous current and former players texted him.

"I could not believe the immediate response," the owner of DePietro's Pharmacy said.

"I made a decision to not allow customers to enter the store for their and my co-workers safety. In a panic, I realized I would need

help assisting customers curbside. My first thought was to text coach Kevin McHale.

"Within minutes I had over 20 kids reaching out and offering support."

"It is truly humbling to see these kids provide care and compassion during a pandemic. They easily could have elected not to get involved."

"I'm so proud of the kids, their parents, coaches, teachers and Dunmore. Over and over the Dunmore community finds a way to shine."

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We will all get this together in true Dunmore fashion. The Dunmore community always comes together."

DePietro said the group of current and former Dunmore football players wear protective gear, masks and gloves. "We have a safety huddle before every shift," he said.

The current and former Dunmore football players who volunteer at DePietro's Pharmacy include Billy DonVito, Pat DonVito, Keiran Reyes, Zach Cruser, Jerry Sanchez, George Mesko, Kamryn Reyes, Mike Giannetta, Ross Cordaro and Sean Pietruszkiewicz.

Letter to Editor

Dunmore suffered an unimaginable tragedy recently with the loss of four innocent people, three of whom were children. If not for the efforts of the ALL the brave and highly trained firefighters from Dunmore, and also Scranton and several surrounding communities, as well as our excellent Dunmore Police Department, loss of life could have been a lot worse. Lt. Eric Shigo, from the Dunmore Fire Department, risked all he has in life to enter that third floor inferno and rescued two of those children from that blaze, and was himself trapped and disoriented for a while, thus the Fireman's MAYDAY that went out.

I'd like to personally acknowledge Eric for his efforts to save lives that also could have been lost. I'd also like to thank all the brave firefighters and police officers on that fire scene that Monday night / Tuesday morning. GOD BLESS the family for their loss, and GOD BLESS all the First Responders who were there !! -----PAUL NARDOZZI



Young fire survivor Serenity Session is shown looking at an Easter themed raffle basket held by Mary Kate Cadden of Dunmore. As luck and generosity would have it, Serenity won the cherished basket at the recent fundraiser at the Martini Bar & Grill.

Fire fundraiser...

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surrounding communities, as well as our excellent Dunmore police department, the loss of life would have been worse.

"Lieutenant Eric Shigo from the Dunmore Fire Department risked all he has in life to enter that third floor inferno and rescue two of those children, one of whom died a day later, but one who survived the blaze. Eric, himself, was trapped and disoriented for a while. Thus, Fireman's MAYDAY that went out.

"The entire community and myself personally have been acknowledging Eric for his efforts to save lives that would have been lost. We all need to thank these brave firefighters and police officers. God bless the first responders and especially the family with so many lives lost."

Chris DeNaples is Dunmore borough fire chief. He was also at the scene of the fire.

Shigo, who has 16 years experience as a Dunmore fireman, was extremely humble when interviewed by The Dunmorean.

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Shown at the recent fundraiser for Dunmore fire victims is Darkell Session, who lost his fiancé and three children in the blaze, with Dunmore fireman Eric Shigo, who helped rescue his daughter, young Serenity Session.

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"Four of us were initially called to the scene of the fire," he said. "But there were five people to save. Darkell jumped out of a window, but five were inside.

"A total of 12 more firefighters from Dunmore and 10 from Scranton were called to help. Plus we had volunteers. Larry Waters was my driver. Dunmore firemen Jordan Wisniewski and John Rebovich were also first responders "When we pulled into the scene the fire was going pretty hard on the second floor and moving up. The exterior steps were the only way up. I ran all the way up. Two of our men pulled the hand line to extinguish flames.

"I was able to get Serenity, who was semi-conscious, and Dallas, who was unconscious, out of the building. I handed Serenity off to Larry Waters to the front porch. He threw the ladder up. The PA and Commonwealth ambulances were there to provide CPR and transported Serenity to Geisinger CMC and Dallas to Moses Taylor. Serenity was treated for smoke inhalation and released the next day. Dallas was transported to the

Lehigh Valley Burn Unit, but died a day later."

The Dunmore community responded quickly and a fundraiser was held at the Fireside Martini Grill, 411 Chestnut St., Dunmore, on March 15.

"Larry Waters and I met Serenity later at the hospital. We met the mom and dad of both Darkell and Ebony at the fundraiser," said Shigo. "The parents were very appreciative. Serenity was there at the fundraiser too.

"This is the worst fire I was ever involved in as far as fatalities. This one will take a toll emotionally. I only wish I got everybody out.

"It is a feeling that is hard to put into words. It is why I do this job... to save lives."

Jimmy Reese, a partner with Art and Sara Ware as owners of the Fireside Martini Grill, said the idea for the fund raiser started with the Facebook page, "Dunmore, Greatest Place on Earth." Members of the Facebook page quickly met with Reese and his partners to arrange the fund raiser.

"We had the venue and wanted to help," said Reese. "Most of the local businesses got quickly

involved with donations. Most restaurants in Dunmore plus some from Mid Valley, Scranton and Moscow made donations. Over 120 trays of pizza were donated. Over \$1200 was raised for the family. It was a nice turnout.

"There were 118 gift certificates and baskets donated. Serenity had her eye on a basket with the Easter Bunny. Well, we made sure she won it.

"There is a beautiful picture of Mary Kate Cadden, one of our employees, presenting Serenity with the basket. It was so touching."



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Easter party

The O'Malley Family regrets to inform the public that due to safety precautions surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, our 21st Annual Easter Party will be cancelled. We hope to reschedule in the near future, but safety is our number one responsibility for the citizens of our county. Have a happy, safe, and healthy Easter.

PROSPER fair

The Riverside PROMoting School – community – university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) team has cancelled its annual Spring vendor craft fair slated for Saturday, April 4, at the Riverside East Elementary School, 900 School Street, Moosic, as a precautionary response to the Coronavirus.

Cultural Center

Due to the guidelines announced by Gov. Tom Wolf, the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple has been closed and many staff are working remotely. The Cultural Center has announced the postponement of its 20th annual Evening of Fine Food and Wine scheduled for April 19. Cancelled events include the fifth annual Buy Local Spring Fling Marketplace which had been scheduled for May 3. Also cancelled were all "Little Mermaid" rehearsals.

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Dunmore's Scholar of the Month...

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With their school year in limbo, and their natural desire to congregate with friends and family, our students are doing their best during this Coronavirus crisis.

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Recipes for this self-isolation challenge

I'm writing this shortly after Gov. Wolf closed Lackawanna County due to the Coronavirus.

The first thing I did when he issued his order was to run quickly to the grocery store. (NO, not for bathroom tissue).

I was in search of potatoes, onions and garlic. As my freezers are always stocked from my travels (Stew Leonard's in Conn., Groff's and Gene Wenger's in Elizabethtown, etc), I needed vegetables.

My pantry is always stocked with canned items and pasta, however, we don't know how long this "quarantine" or "closure" is going to last and we can always get to the grocery store.

So, this month I'm searching my pantry and freezers to come up with new ideas for

«quarantine cooking», using what you have at home rather than running out for an ingredient or two.

One favorite item we have in our freezer is ham loaf from Wenger's and Groff's in Elizabethtown. You may not have it in your freezer, but do you have any ham? Here's how to make it:

HAM LOAF

3 eggs
3 lbs. lean ground ham
3 cups soft, fine breadcrumbs
2 tsp. brown sugar

Slightly beat eggs in large mixing bowl. Stir in ground ham (can be done in food processor) and mix thoroughly. Add breadcrumbs

and brown sugar. Stir to mix well. Form into loaf and spread into sprayed baking dish or pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Note: Before putting in oven you may decorate top with pineapple slices and cherry in the middle. Remove from oven and let set a few minutes before slicing.

Have any ground beef in the freezer? You can make meatloaf, meatballs, soup or a Mexican treat.

TACO PIE

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef (I use 80/20)
1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 onion, chopped
1 tsp. Oil
1-15 oz. can Rotel (Mexican tomatoes with peppers) (I use Mild

Cheryl's Cuisine

or Medium)
1 Tbsp. chili powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese
1- 6 oz. box corn muffin mix
1 egg
2/3 cup milk
Salt

Brown ground beef, bell pepper and onion and drain well. Add salt, can of Rotel, 1 cup water, chili powder and garlic powder. Cook on medium heat for about 10 minutes or until most of liquid has evaporated. Pour into 13x9x2" baking dish. Sprinkle cheese on top. Combine corn muffin mix,



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

egg and milk and beat well. Pour over cheese. Bake in 375 degree preheated oven for 25 minutes or until corn muffin mix is lightly brown. Let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

Then there's pork chops...a must in our freezer.

BAKED PORK CHOPS

6 pork chops
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2-8 oz. cans Hunt's Tomato Sauce
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup finely diced celery
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. mustard
1/2 tsp. lemon juice

Pan fry pork chops in oil seasoning with salt and pepper. Place in shallow sprayed baking dish. Combine tomato sauce, water, celery, brown sugar, mustard and lemon juice. Pour over chops. Cover with foil or lid and bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour or until tender.

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GARLIC LIME CHICKEN

1/2 cup soy sauce
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1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

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2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp. dry mustard
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1/2 tsp. pepper
Oil for sauteeing

In small bowl whisk together soy sauce, lime juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic cloves and dry mustard. Place chicken in zip-top bag and pour marinade over breasts. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Drain chicken and season with black pepper. Pour a few tablespoons of oil into a nonstick skillet. After heated, add chicken and cook about 6-7 minutes on each side or until a fork inserted produces clear juices and chicken is easily pierced.

Sausage is another meat I keep in our freezer, whether it be Sweet or Hot Italian or Breakfast Sausage... there's always a new use for it.

SAUSAGE, CORN AND BEAN CHOWDER

1 lb. ground sausage
1 large onion, chopped

3 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. white pepper
2 cups water or chicken broth
1-15 oz. can white cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
1-15 oz. can cream-style corn
1-15 oz. can whole kernel corn, undrained
1-12 oz. can evaporated milk

In medium skillet crumble sausage and brown over medium heat. Drain fat, reserving 2 Tablespoons. In stockpot, put drippings browned sausage and onions. Saute' until onion is clear. Add potatoes, salt, basil, pepper, water or broth, and cannellini beans. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes. Stir in the corns, corn liquid and evaporated milk. Cover and heat almost to boiling. Note: Any of the above sausages will do fine in this recipe, depending upon your palate.

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1-8 oz. pkg. shredded Cheddar cheese
1 onion, chopped
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
2 eggs, beaten
2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 1/2 cups round buttery crackers, crushed

Mix tomatoes, corn, 6 Tbsp. butter, cheese, onion, cornstarch, eggs, sugar and 1 tsp. each of salt and pepper. Pour into buttered (or sprayed) 13x9x2» baking dish. Bake, uncovered, in 350 degree oven for 35 minutes. In small bowl, mix cracker crumbs and 2 Tbsp. of the butter. Sprinkle over top of casserole and bake for 15 minutes more.

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Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,

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- Chris Koellhoffer, IHM



Saint Joseph's Center Employee of the Month!



Sister Lenore Thomas, IHM, is presently the Pastoral Care Coordinator at Saint Joseph's Center. The primary function of the Pastoral Care Coordinator is to tend to the spirituality fundamental to each person including the residents, clients, staff and others. Another important function is to promote an appreciation for the understanding that all persons are made in the image and likeness of God. Sister Lenore coordinates and plans services such as Prayer Services for healing, blessing of caregivers, special Liturgies as well as other resources for weekly reflection or an awareness of current Catholic/Christian events. At Saint Joseph's, there is a mutual respect and trust that every staff person and volunteer displays in the great variety of programs and residential settings. There's a phrase that Sister often

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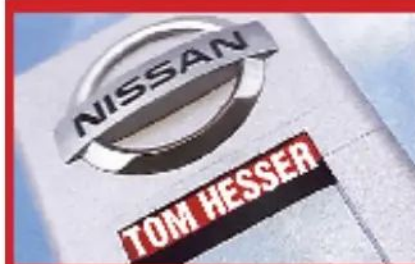
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Scholastic Athlete of the Month



Kayleigh Semion wins Big Ten award

By Steve Svetovich

Dreams come true.

This is the case for former Dunmore basketball standout Kayleigh Semion.

Daughter of Sherry Nicolais and step daughter of Mark Nicolais, Kayleigh passed up opportunities to play Division I and II college basketball because she wanted to attend Penn State. It was her dream school.

Not only did she achieve that, but she dreamed even bigger. As a junior, she tried out for the varsity girls' basketball team and made it. And after three years on the team, she was named Penn State's recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award, a prestigious honor for team play.

Kayleigh, 23, has proven the value of hard work and dedication throughout her years at Penn State. And no one works harder. During her high school years, she was often seen practicing her shot over and over and over at the Greater Scranton YMCA.

She began her college career as a club basketball player and team manager before earning a roster spot during the 2017-18 season.

A consummate teammate, she made a huge impact on and off the court for the Lady Lions. Kayleigh was a crucial spark off the bench and always gave her all, the only way she knows.

A genuine scholar-athlete, she is a two-time Academia All-Big Ten selection and will receive her master's degree this May in Business Management and Organizational Leadership.

Kayleigh was Times-Tribune player of the year in 2015, her senior year with the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball team.



"I am very honored to receive the Sportsmanship Award," she said. "It is really humbling. I look at it as a team award. It is awesome, a great ending to my basketball career."

Named second team All-State after her senior year at Dunmore, the point guard said she wants to secure a management position in the sports industry upon graduation.

Kayleigh was a key member of Penn State's club basketball team that placed third in the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association Championship Tournament in her sophomore year.

Her team beat Virginia Tech,

Ohio University and the University of Connecticut before losing to Air Force at Ohio State. Kayleigh scored 13 points off the bench in the loss.

The former Dunmore standout served as team manager for the Penn State varsity girls' team for two years.

But in November of her junior year she was invited to tryout for the Penn State varsity team. She worked extremely hard during the two-week tryout and made the team.

For Kayleigh, it was another hard earned dream come true story.

"It was one of the best feelings in

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Sports

Lady Bucks advance to second round in state playoffs before shutdown

By Steve Svetovich

The Dunmore Lady Bucks were on a roll.

Only a national pandemic could stop them.

And then the season came to a quick halt.

The Lady Bucks, coached by the veteran Ben O'Brien, defeated Neumann-Goretti, 65-51, in the second round of the PIAA Class 3A girls basketball playoffs at Freedom High School in Bethlehem Tuesday, March 10.

Dunmore easily beat Constitution, 62-23, Friday, March 6, in the first round of the PIAA Class 3A girls basketball playoffs.

But the Coronavirus threat halted the end of the winter sports season and sent high school athletes

home. A national shut down, which does not include "life essential" workers, has been since extended to April 30.

Social distancing is the mantra now to help thwart the spread of COVID-19, and keeps local athletes away from teammates. It's simply keeping people away from each other.

Businesses, schools, gyms, restaurants, sports arenas, concert venues, movie theatres, life as we know it, are shut down.

Dunmore sophomore Moriah Murray scored 23 points and added five assists in the win against Constitution. She hit four 3-pointers.

Dunmore freshman Ciera Toomey added 16 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Murray exploded for a career-high 33 points, including seven 3-pointers, in the second round win over Neumann-Goretti, 65-51, Tuesday, March 10, at Freedom High School in Bethlehem. She added six rebounds and three assists.

Toomey scored 22 points and added seven assists and five rebounds. Elisa Delfino hauled down five rebounds. Anna Talutto and Alexis Chapman contributed three assists each.

Mia Blume had two assists.

Murray and Toomey were both selected as Lackawanna League Coaches first team all-stars. Talutto and Blume were honorable mention.

"It's sad to see that our season could potentially be over," Murray said to The Dunmorean. "as we felt our team had more to accomplish."

"I'm proud of how our team came together and won a league and district title. I will be very sad if we can not finish our season for my teammates and especially for the seniors."

Murray swished her first six 3-pointers, none shorter than 23-feet, against Neumann-Goretti. The sharp shooter hit on 10-of-15 shots in the win.

Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year Diamond Johnson scored 35 points for Neumann-Goretti.

Dunmore had a 39-21 lead at one point, but Johnson helped lead a comeback. She scored 10 points in two and one-half minutes to cut Dunmore's lead to eight points after three quarters.

However, Murray hit one of two foul shots after a technical, the scrappy Anna Talutto drove into the paint and hit a soft 12-footer and Alexa Chapman finished a fast break on a Toomey nifty pass.

Murray's wing drive made it seven straight for Dunmore after the technical.

The Lady Bucks all of a sudden had a 56-43 lead with 3:42 left and did not look back.

Only the Coronavirus could stop this team.



Moriah Murray, a sophomore, shown here on the court for the Lady Bucks basketball team, has been named to the first team all-stars by the Lackawanna League Basketball Coaches.



Ciera Toomey, a freshman with the Dunmore Lady Bucks is shown in action. She has been named to the Lackawanna League Basketball Coaches first team all-stars.--Rich Banick Photo



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Sports

Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Kieran Burrier scored 18 points and **Leahy O'Connor** added 12 in Holy Cross Crusaders 56-42 loss to Dock Mennonite Academy at Liberty High School in second round of the PIAA Class 2A playoffs...**Cecelia Collins** scored 22 points in Scranton Prep Lady Classics 54-31 win over Allentown Central Catholic in PIAA Class 4A second round game at Hazleton Area High School...Remember **Mickey Banas**?...New York Knicks owner **James Dolan** tested positive for Coronavirus...There were 32,308 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in New York City at press time...

Retired MLB gold glove center fielder **Jim Edmonds**, who played with Cardinals and Angels, has symptoms and is being tested for Coronavirus...High praise and commendation to Dunmore lieutenant **Eric Shigo** and members of Dunmore and Scranton fire departments who saved life of **Destiny Session**, 3, in Third Street fire last month that took lives of a mother and three children...**Darkell Session**, the father, also survived...kudos to **James Reese** and Art

and **Sara Ware** for holding fund raiser for family of fire victims at Dunmore's Fireside Martini Grill...

Congratulations to former Dunmore basketball standout **Kayleigh Semion** named Penn State's recipient of Big Ten Sportsmanship Award...Semion, who will receive master's degree next month, is big **Ed Sheerin** fan...Her mom, **Sherry Rubino Nicolais**, is prominent Dunmore twirler instructor...North Pocono sixth-grader **Brayden von Ahnen**, who plays baseball, keeping busy with various fund raising efforts raising awareness for autism...**Moriah Murray** scored 33 points and **Ciera Toomey** added 22 in Dunmore Lady Bucks 65-51 win over Neumann-Goretti in PIAA Class 3A second-round game at Freedom High School, Bethlehem...Old Forge junior **Olivia Ciullo** scored 35 points in Old Forge Lady Blue Devils 67-51 win over Steelton-Highspire in PIAA Class 2A playoffs...

Remember **Tom Marchese** scoring 30 points in Dunmore's 61-53 win over South Williamsport in first round of PIAA Class 1A playoffs?...Remember **Nicole**

Korgeski scoring 13 points and adding eight rebounds in Dunmore Lady Bucks 40-37 win over Pen Argyl in second round of PIAA Class 2A playoffs in 2010?...Congratulations to Dunmore's **Steve Borgia** and Abington's **Maria Tully** for selection as second annual William Gerrity Team Player Awards for basketball...**Alyvia Svetovich** of Scranton and **Jack Nealon** of Abington were first recipients of award last year...**Tom Brady**, a Tampa Bay Buccaneer?...Somehow just does not sound right...Patriots also let go of 14-year kicker **Stephen Gostkowski**, franchise leading scorer...Will former Patriot **Adam Vinatieri**, late of Colts, be kicking this season at 47?...

Congratulations to Holy Cross girls' basketball coach **Barry Fitzgerald** for 600th career win, 61-23 over Carbondale in early February...Dunmore baseball coach **Sid Hallinan** among many present at Roosevelt Bar for Dunmore baseball fundraiser early last month prior to Coronavirus outbreak in this area...Long time Dunmore politician **Jim McHale**, Jr., present at event...New Orleans

Saints quarterback **Drew Brees**, 41, who recently signed two-year, \$50-million contract, donated \$5-million towards effort to battle Coronavirus...Elmira College women's basketball senior **Lauren Franklin**, Holy Cross graduate, scored career-high 17 points in 60-42 loss to The Sage Colleges...Congratulations to Dunmore Lady Bucks coach **Ben O'Brien** for 300th career win, 68-18, over Lakeland early February...Condolences to family of Dunmore native **Irene Palmitessa** who died in February at 90..

Congratulations to former standouts **Kevin Walsh** of Dunmore and **Bernie Brown** of Carbondale Sacred Heart for induction into Wilkes University Hall of Fame as part of 1998-99 men's basketball team...Remember **Paul "Bumper" Dennebaum** scoring 43 points in Scranton Central's 81-75 win over Scranton Prep 30 years ago?...Remember **Mary Grace Sempa** hitting layup with nine seconds left to give Holy Cross 48-46 overtime win over Valley View 10 years ago?...Remember **Josh Kosin** scoring 22 in Holy Cross 69-42 win over Mid Val-

ley 10 years ago?...Bloomsburg native **Doug Davis** named new manager of Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders who are hoping to have season with Coronavirus outbreak postponing start of year...

Remember Dunmore baseball player **Joe Cantafio**?...**Kieran Burrier** and **Patrick Bennie** scored 18 points each and **Caleb Callejas** added 13 in Holy Cross 72-35 win over Sayre in first round of PIAA Class 2A playoffs...Remember **Amber Jacobs**?...**Nya Johnson** scored 18 points in West Scranton's 49-38 win over Spring Grove in first round of PIAA Class 5A playoffs...Seniors **Nora Haggerty** and **Katherine Hopkins** played key leadership roles off bench for Dunmore Lady Bucks...

Dupont native **Brandon Matthews**, son of former Scranton Central baseball standout **Teddy Matthews**, shot 3-over-par 75 in PGA Tour debut...Congratulations to Holy Cross senior **Kieran Burrier** named first team Lackawanna League Basketball Coaches All-Star and Division III player of year...Holy Cross teammate

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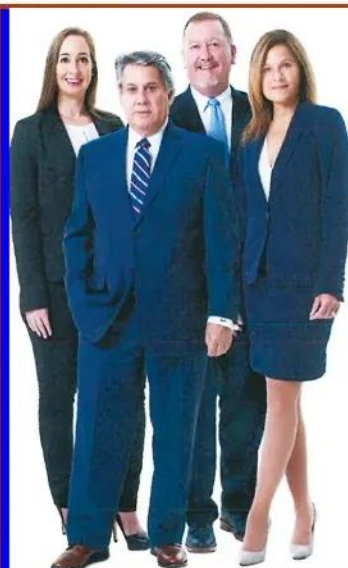
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Dishin' the Dirt...

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Leahy O'Connor named to first team...Thomas Dougherty of Dunmore named honorable mention...Congratulations to Moriah Murray and Ciera Toomey of Dunmore and Kaci Kranson of Holy Cross named first team all-stars...Mia Blume and Anna Talutto of Dunmore and Abbey Lentkowski and Emily Ferguson of Holy Cross named honorable mention...Kylie Lavelle of Riverside was player of year...Kudos and commendations to grocery and dollar store workers, truckers, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, nurse aides, gas station attendants, all hospital employees, automotive repair workers and all others on the front line as "life essential" workers during this Coronavirus outbreak...those are our heroes and heroines of today...

Austin Waters, Tommy Dougherty, Joe Mandarano, Owen Haggerty, Tommy Lewis, with trophy Head Coach Kevin Clark, Lion President Jim Aita, Rich Conte, and Kevin Walsh. Standing, middle row, same order: Lion Jim Colangelo, Coach Ryan Ehnot, Dom Temperino, Steve Borgia, Nico Ruggiero, Adriel DeNaples, Zack Crusier, Liam Crolly, Frankie Ruggiero, Aiden Sload, Hunter Robertson, Coach Michael Ehnot, Lion Rich Green, Coach Paul Biagoli, Lion Angelo Martarano, and Coach Jamie Monahan. Standing, back row: Lion Leo Wentline Jr., Luca boles, Colby Murray, Tyler Maciejewski, Jeffery Walsh, and Caid DeNaples



The Intra Borough Boys Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools was recently held at Holy Cross High School. The game sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club to help defray the cost of their College Scholarship Program is now in its 39-year. This year both teams will be entering the District Playoffs. Pictured here are coaches and players from Dunmore High School, including, kneeling in front from left:

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Athlete of the month:

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my life ever," she said. "When I was told I made it, it was just awesome. My hard work paid off. I put so much into it.

"I had an extra year of eligibility while going for my master's degree, so I played three years of Division I basketball at Penn State. My playing time increased during my final two years. I was getting good minutes.

"Putting that Penn State jersey on was so meaningful to me. Playing in those Big 10 tournaments and facilities was unreal. Playing Division I college basketball at Penn State was so special to me.

"I can now say I played Division I college basketball at Penn State."

Kaleigh played two years under Coquese Washington and one year under Carolyn Kieger at Penn State.

Kaleigh, All Regional as a high school senior, said she learned a lot from Dunmore basketball coach Ben O'Brien. "He taught me about a strong work ethic. He taught me a lot at Dunmore."

Her mom, a prominent twirling instructor in Dunmore, and two sisters, Brittany and Meredith, are her role models and mentors. "I learned so much from them my entire life. They gave me my mind set and work ethic and I follow in their footsteps."

An Ed Sheerin fan, Kayleigh had a 3.8 GPA with a B.S. in Kinesiology before starting graduate studies at Penn State.

She scored over 1,200 career points at Dunmore.

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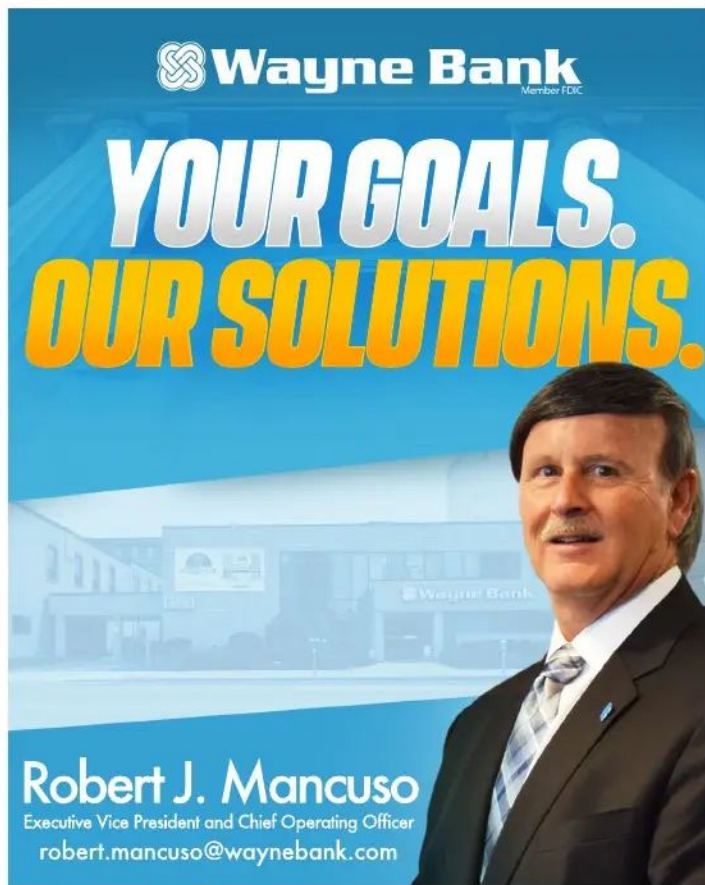
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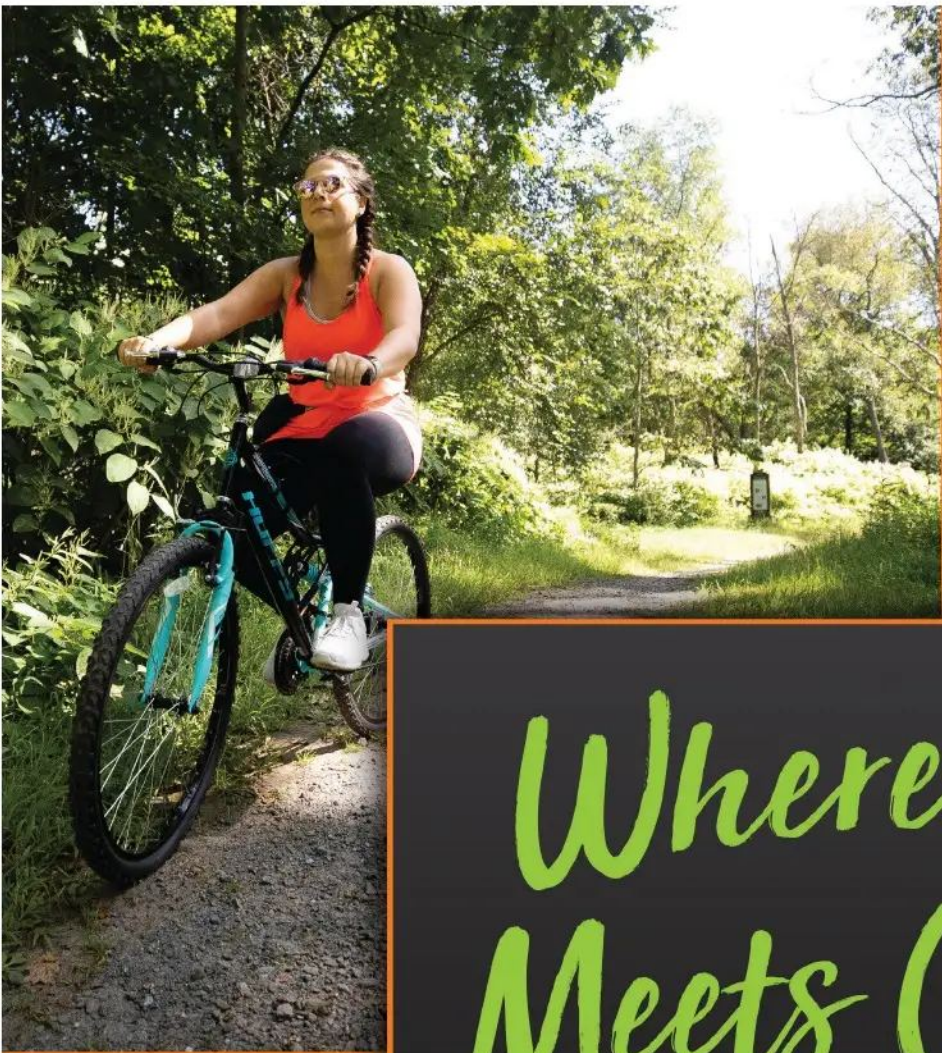


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