

Dunmoreans of the Month Josh Cantarella & Shawn Keating Dave Lopatka & John Keating



Dunmoreans of the Month include, from left: Josh Cantarella, Shawn Keating, Dave Lopatka and John Keating of DJ2 Lawn Care in Dunmore.

By Steve Svetovich

Having a strong work ethic usually adds up to success. Such was the case with three Dunmore teens who are now young adults in their mid 20's.

John Keating, David Lopatka and Josh Cantarella, all members of the Dunmore High School Class of 2014, were three close friends looking to make spending money and save for college. They were sophomores at Dunmore when they decided to mow lawns for some extra cash.

The teens eventually added trimming bushes, making flower beds and landscaping to their repertoire.

It all started word of mouth in the Dunmore borough.

The boys were hard working, diligent and trustworthy and soon de-

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Dunmore based businesses earn Chamber's 2021 SAGE Awards

A large number of Dunmore businesses were winners when The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce hosted its Chamber Gala in March presenting the 2021 SAGE Awards – the Scranton Awards for Growth and Excellence.

Borough businesses who came up winners included Fidelity Bank, Business of the Year winner; DePietro's Pharmacy, Impact: Community Outreach winner; Space Time Mead & Cider Works, New and Emerging Business of the Year winner; Hematology & Oncology Associates of NEPA, People's Choice winner, and United Sports Academy, Small Business of the Year.

This year's event was a hybrid celebration with SAGE finalists and award sponsors attending at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, while other guests enjoyed viewing parties from home via Zoom.

Chamber president, Bob Durkin, and Chamber board chair, Patrick Fricchione, opened the ceremony thanking all finalists, award sponsors, and Gala sponsors for

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The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce hosted its Chamber Gala presenting the 2021 SAGE Awards – the Scranton Awards for Growth and Excellence at the Hilton Scranton & Conference on March 19. Dan Santaniello is shown receiving the Business of the Year Award for Fidelity Bank in Dunmore.

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veloped a good reputation adding more and more customers.

Son of Sue and Shawn Keating, John Keating, now 25 and a Penn State business administration graduate, eventually got his dad involved in the business.

"It has now evolved into a lawn care company that is owned and operated by my husband, son and my son's two friends David and Josh," said Sue Keating, Dunmore.

"The business, before it was actually a business, was started by my son and his two friends when they were in the 10th grade at Dunmore.

They began doing this for extra money. They started word of mouth in the borough. They worked tirelessly during the summer to make some extra cash for

college and to just have some pocket money for themselves.

"I watched my son and his two friends go out at 8 a.m. and work until dark doing a lot of labor intensive jobs. They never complained or gave up.

"Eventually all three of these young men went away to college and my husband tried to help out by keeping the regular customers the boys did lawn work for. He got involved in doing the work as a way of helping them out.

"After returning from college the boys decided this could be something bigger due to all of the inquiries for additional services.

"After going over all the details they decided to file and apply for an L.L.C. They are now preparing for the upcoming season and are ready to go.

"I have always been in awe of their work ethic. I saw them at 15 and 16 being so focused and determined to be successful. It is a rarity to see this type of hard work and determination at a young age. And they are all college graduates today."

Her son John Keating works as a logistics analyst for Leidos. He is a former Eagle Scout with Dunmore Troop No. 66. He has a bachelor of science degree from the Penn State Smeal College of Business.

Lopatka, 25, is an accountant for Baker and Tilly, Wilkes Barre. He earned an M.B.A. from Bloomsburg University.

Cantarella, 24, has a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Penn State. He is an insurance auditor for Guard Insurance, Wilkes Barre. He was a member of the

Blue Band at Penn State.

The young men over the years added an assortment of equipment they utilize for their landscaping work.

Access NEPA named the business the best landscaping business in the area for 2020. The business obtained its L.L.C. in 2020.

"I saw them trimming bushes and doing landscaping work week after week after school and on weekends throughout college," Sue Keating said.

"I am very proud of these three young men. They are so hard working. It is very impressive. They added equipment and really enjoy the work. Now my husband is involved in the business with them.

Lackawanna County police departments including Dunmore, in cooperation with the Lackawanna County Police Traffic Services Project, will join the Pennsylvania

Aggressive driving targeted by police

Lackawanna County police departments including Dunmore, in cooperation with the Lackawanna County Police Traffic Services Project, will join the Pennsylvania State Police and over 200 municipal police agencies to conduct a targeted aggressive-driving enforcement wave through April 25.

The Lackawanna County Police Traffic Services Project is administered by the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office.

As part of the Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project, the wave will concentrate on reducing the number of aggressive driving related crashes, injuries, and deaths on roadways throughout the state. Any aggressive driver stopped by police will receive a ticket.



Mary and her dad,
Tom Walsh from "the Patch"



The Dempsey Family
Top: Jim, Jack, Jerry, Richard
Bottom: Bob, Kathleen, Kathy & Jane

Dunmore Is In My DNA

It is no coincidence that my two favorite men, my husband and my father, were born and raised in Dunmore. To say they were proud Dunmoreans would be an understatement! If elected, I pledge that I will proudly represent Dunmore and all of Lackawanna County with morals, values, hard work, integrity, and intellect.

You have my word that the Buck stops with me and I respectfully request your vote on election day. Thank you.

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Dunmore scores big at Chamber's SAGE Awards

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their dedication to the NEPA community.

Emcee for the evening was Thom Welby, with musical entertainment provided by Lexington Entertainment.

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Winner of the SAGE Small Business of the Year Award presented by The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce was United Sports Academy, 1035 Reeves St., Dunmore, represented by Dimitrina Raynova and Emilia McCormick.

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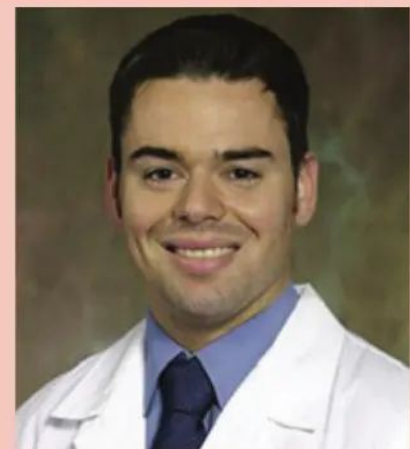


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Dunmorean Gary Duncan to chair PA council on aging

since 2013. He is a member of the Lackawanna County Suicide Prevention Alliance. He is a member of the Lackawanna County Elder Technology Committee. He is on the advisory board of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging. As a nurse and occupational therapist, he has 44 years of experience in health care.



His wife Lynne is a speech pathologist at Allied Services, Scranton.

The couple has two daughters. Annie, 27, has an M.B.A. from Marywood University. Claire, 23, is a graduate student at West Chester University where she studies English and Digital Communications. She received her B.S. in both English and Digital Communications from Immaculata University.

As chairman of the PA Council on Aging, Duncan cannot attend meetings at the Capitol as previous chairmen did. "This is due to the current pandemic world we live in now," said Duncan. "The guidelines tell us we cannot meet at the Capitol, so we must explore a new platform."

As the new chairman, Duncan wants to set goals regarding dementia, elder abuse/neglect and social isolation. "These are three areas we want to address in the pandemic world," he said.

"We have not seen a pandemic this wide spread in 100 years. And it is affecting the elderly in many ways.

"I am proud of this group. It is an honor and I am so excited to do this. It is a chance to serve as an advocate for elder individuals.

"Last year we started a state-wide survey for older adults in response to the state wide pandemic. The survey was available in English and Spanish. This was put out in 67 counties. We got 3,700 responses

in the course of one week. It was a great snapshot of the needs of the state.

"We saw in these surveys the loneliness and isolation the elderly face. Social isolation can even result in abuse.

"We put together a social isolation task force that led us to our second goal. We then released an interactive guide, information and resources to help elderly adults create a healthy mind, body and spirit.

"Now the whole purpose is to mitigate social isolation among our seniors.

"We have now produced informative videos that seniors can access on line."

Duncan said his number one role is to advise the Governor and the Department on Aging on the planning and coordination of services for older individuals and advocating for older individuals.

"What we do has implications to older residents of 67 counties," he said.

Duncan said the 67 counties represent 17 in Northeast PA, 13 in Northwest PA, eight in Southeast

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Gary Duncan, 68, is not afraid of challenges.

Last month the Dunmore resident took on one of his biggest challenges as he was made the new Chairman of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging.

During a recent symposium, he followed Governor Thomas Wolf and Secretary of Aging Robert Torres in opening remarks.

Not too shabby.

"I was appreciative of the nomination," Duncan said. "Like all things," he said, "when serving as the chair of a group you are simultaneously excited for the challenges leadership presents as well as for the opportunity to be part of a team that can increase services to the citizens of our great Commonwealth.

"In the midst of a pandemic, we had to develop new strategies and platforms for service delivery. I am very pleased to now chair the group and deliver our message across the commonwealth."

Duncan is a semi retired educator, nurse and occupational therapist. He still teaches in the continuing education department at Marywood University. He teaches the rehabilitation component of the nursing home administration course.

Duncan has been a member of the Dunmore Planning Commission since 2018.

He has been head of the Dunmore Neighborhood Crime Watch

YMCA to launch E-Sports Program for middle, high school students

With a goal to promote teamwork, leadership, online safety, and individual growth steeped in YMCA Youth Development practices, the Greater Scranton YMCA announces its participation in the national Y's E-Sports program.

The Y is made up of people from all backgrounds working side by side to strengthen communities. We are committed to advancing equity for all in everything we do so that everyone—regardless of who they are or where they come from—has an opportunity to reach their full potential with dignity.

The E-Sports program will be another pathway for the YMCA to empower youth and teens to reach their full potential by providing them with access to nurturing environments, enriching experiences and support systems that reduce barriers and strengthen cognitive, physical and social-emotional development.

Registration is open for the program, which will be comprised of NBA 2K, Super Smash Bros. and Rocket League. Each league can serve up to 50 children in middle and high school.

Registrants will make up the Greater Scranton YMCA team, which will compete against other YMCAs across the country. Interested participants will need to have the ability to play on a PC, Xbox, PlayStation or Switch.

In its pilot session, there will no cost to participate in the program, which is open to existing YMCA members and non-members (in future sessions, registration fees will apply).

"The YMCA is excited to launch this new program as we continue to evolve to find ways to keep kids engaged with one another virtually during COVID," said Wayne Stump, Branch Executive Director, Greater Scranton YMCA.

"Not only do E-Sports require teamwork, communication, critical and strategic thinking, creativity, sportsmanship and leadership, but they also help kids develop friendships and provide an educational opportunity through developing STEM skills that can help with a future career path."

E-Sports will be held in eight-week sessions, with practice and games held twice per week. The program will run from April 5 through May 28. The middle school

group will practice and compete on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. and the high school group will practice and compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Yearly league championships will lead to regional championships, which will then lead to the national championship.

For more information, contact Wayne at westump@greaterscrantonymca.org or (570) 828-3266. To register, visit <https://scranton.recliquecore.com/programs/40031/>



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Griffin Pond Animal Shelter invites the community to register for its first-ever "Fur Kids' Mother's Day Photoshoot." At this event, patrons will receive a professional photo session with their "fur kids" and family at Danni P. Photography, Moosic.

Danni P. Photography will host sessions from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on April 21 and 22, at her new studio in the Quinn Business Center, 210 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, centrally located between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre just off of I-81.

Sessions are \$35 each with 55 percent of the fee being donated to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter. An animal lover herself, Danni P. is hosting this event to help us honor the special connection between Moms and their fur kids and to raise money for shelter pets.

To register, visit www.dannipphotography.com/book-a-session/ and click on "Griffin Pond Mother's Day (4/21 - 4/22 only)".

For more information, please contact Jackie Galvin, development and communications director for Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, at 570-586-3700 ext. 522 or jackie@griffinpondas.com.



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Fidelity honors bank employees for service

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Czajkowski is Assistant Vice President & Facilities Manager. He was recognized as Outstanding Service Partner for his extraordinary commitment to the safety and well-being of Fidelity Bankers and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the onset of the public health crisis, he immediately addressed the needs of Fidelity Bankers. He ensured Bankers were supplied with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and created work spaces in compliance with CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines. Workplace adjustments included installing barriers, adding signage, and implementing sanitation processes in all offices.

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Donna Marie Boland is April Artist of the Month at Dunmore Activity Hub

By Donna Marie Boland

I'm Donna Marie (Maro) Boland and I love art.

Beautiful art is the difference between a drab, colorless life and a life full of brilliant splashes of passion and emotions, all put on canvas. And everyone's passion is so different. That's what I love the most.

But first let me tell you a little about myself. My life is always full of excitement with my loving family.

My handsome husband, Sean, is recently retired, so I get to spend much more special time with him.

This also includes my beautiful daughter, Maria and her husband, Michel, who is a Sommelier at a

local vineyard. Maria works as the Assistant Director of Clinical and Patient Services at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

And then there's my musical son, Sean, who is a music therapist at Allied Service and several local nursing homes. Not to mention his talented band members, who practice religiously in our basement. They just cut their first single.

He will soon be married to his lovely fiancée, Dominique, who is also licensed in the medical field. They all keep me hopping and I'd have it no other way. They are all the loves of my life.

I was born and raised in Dunmore. Most of my friends were from this borough and I'm still a Dunmorean at heart. (We are... the

Bucks!) I now am thrilled to get to know so many more interesting people at this local Dunmore Activity Hub.

It's been very hard this last year with Covid to keep track of the health and well-being of each of the artists/friends in this class.

I do miss them all greatly, along with our lovely instructor Jill Swersie. I do try to keep in touch with a few of the close friends I've made, but I know how hard it is on each of them. I could only hope we're back together soon.

Besides art, I am a member of the Dave Ragnacci School of Dance and take a regular adult jazz class once a week there. The instructor is also my best friend. So, as an extra bonus, I get to visit with him during classes.

I do yoga with Theresa Novak most weekdays... now by Zoom, of course.

Yoga and her meditation classes have held me together during this trying time. And once it gets a little warmer out, I'll be back out on my bike. I like doing approximately 14 to 30 miles daily, depending on the day. This keeps me mentally and physically together, and I just love it.

I've chosen these four pieces in the photo due to the fact there's still snow on the ground as I write this and this wintry season is what has inspired these pictures. I love being outdoors and the beauty of snow is exquisite.

I also have adopted pick-up trucks into a lot of my work. I just enjoy painting them. They are also

the ones that I replicate and sell the most of. I like personalizing them with family names on the truck and inserting family pets into the scene.

Watching the excited faces of the people purchasing these special portraits for their family elates me. I never get tired of seeing the excitement on the receivers faces. Especially when they see a long passed, beloved pet in the front seat of the truck, next to the steering wheel.

Cardinals also tend to fly into a lot of my winter paintings. The bright, red color of the cardinal against the soft, white winter's snow is always so powerful.

I have loved art most of my life and I'm so happy to be a member

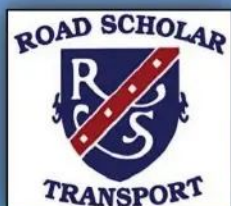
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of this wonderful group. I hope to have my talented sister, Lynette, join me in a few years when she finally retires. She can put on canvas almost anything she sees, and is always very polished. Looks like I may have to step it up a bit if I'm going to keep up with her talent. Well, I do have a few years to practice before she will be able to join us, but definitely something to look forward to.

I do look forward to getting back with my art friends and suggest anyone with even a little bit of talent, to come on over to this class and join our group. I promise you, you won't regret it!

AT LEFT: Donna Boland, April Artist of the Month at Dunmore Activity Hub, chose these four pieces of art to feature since there was still snow on the ground when she was writing her article, and this wintry season is what inspired these pictures. She also features pick-up trucks in a lot of her work. She likes personalizing the paintings with family names on the truck and inserting family pets into the scene.

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April designated National Garlic Month

Did you know that April is National Garlic Month? What would we ever do without this heavenly herb?

Years ago, I attended the Pocono Garlic Festival where I decided, YES, there is such a thing as too much garlic, especially when it came to flavoring ice cream. Tried it, but definitely did not enjoy it.

However, in every day cooking, I cannot imagine living without these heavenly cloves.

So, in keeping with the celebration of the month, I'm sharing some of my favorite recipes using garlic.

CREAMY GARLIC SALAD DRESSING

1 pint mayonnaise (I use Hellman's or Duke's)
1 pint sour cream
1/2 cup oil (I use canola)
1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. basil
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. chopped parsley
1 Tbsp. garlic powder (Yes, 1 Tablespoon)
1/4 cup minced white onion

Combine all ingredients. Makes 1 quart.

BAGNA CAUDA (from the former Villa Virella, Blakeslee)

3 oz. sweet butter
5 Tbsp. olive oil
1 small can anchovies (drained and chopped fine)
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 cup heavy cream

Put butter, olive oil, anchovies and garlic in sauce pan. Cook gently for about 15 minutes. At last minute, blend in cream. Caution: DO NOT let mixture boil. Transfer to copper pot, serve at once with raw vegetables. Serves 6-8.

CROSTINI AI DUE FORMAGGI (also from Villa Verilla)

1/4 lb. Fontina cheese, grated
1/4 lb. Swiss cheese, grated
1 egg
2 Tbsp. milk
2 tsp. dry white vermouth
1 clove garlic, chopped
1/3 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. white pepper
1/2 tsp. salt

Cheryl's Cuisine



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

2 loaves small Italian bread Oil for deep frying

In small bowl or food processor combine cheeses, egg, milk, vermouth, garlic, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. Mix very well. Slice bread and carefully spread mixture to the edges of each slice. Spread on both sides of bread. Fill pot with vegetable oil half way. Heat oil and fry crostini until golden brown on both sides, about 1 minute. Use tongs for turning. Drain on paper towels and serve hot.

TOMATOZ GARLIC SHRIMP from Tomatoz, Wilmington, NC

6 oz. cooked fettucine
2 Tbsp. olive oil
4 oz. shrimp, cleaned
2 Tbsp. chopped garlic
1/2 cup chopped spinach
2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup white wine
1/4 cup vegetable or seafood stock
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
1 Tbsp. grated Romano cheese

Peel and devein shrimp. Heat olive oil in heavy saute' pan. Add garlic and roast for 2 minutes just until edges turn brown. Add

shrimp and cook for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes and spinach. Deglaze pan with white wine, then add vegetable or seafood stock. Add pasta and toss to distribute evenly. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle with Romano cheese and chopped parsley.

RUM RUNNER SHRIMP

3 lbs. large shrimp, rinsed and peeled
Salt, to taste
Hot sauce, to taste
1/2 cup light rum
Juice of 1 lime
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. cumin
1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup olive oil
5 garlic cloves, chopped
1/4 cup bread crumbs
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

In a bowl, season shrimp with salt and hot sauce. In smaller bowl, combine rum, lime juice, Worcestershire sauce and cumin. Blend with shrimp, refrigerate and marinate at least 1 hour. In small saucepan, combine butter and oil. When butter begins to foam,

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add garlic. Saute' for 2 minutes. Set aside. Transfer shrimp with marinade to shallow baking dish. Place shrimp in single layer. Top with garlic sauce and bread crumbs. Broil until done (about 10 minutes). Garnish with fresh parsley. Serves 6.

TOMATO BASIL SOUP
(from Market on the Boulevard,
Newport, R.I.)

4-27 oz. cans peeled and diced tomatoes
16 oz. tomato juice
2 cups white wine
15 fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped
1 large Spanish onion, sliced
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh garlic
4 oz. sugar
1/4 cup olive oil
Black pepper
Celery salt

Saute' onions in olive oil until translucent. Add garlic and stir 1 minute. Add wine, basil, tomato juice and sugar. Let simmer approximately 20 minutes and add diced tomatoes.

Continue to simmer another 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add pepper and celery salt to taste and remove from heat. Soup should rest at least 1 hour before refrigeration. This is best served the next day. Yields: 4 quarts.

PETTI DI POLLO ROMANO
(one of my favorites from
Sardella's, Newport, R.I.)

4-8 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
12 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese

1 cup flour
1 cup dry white wine
6 sprigs parsley
8 cloves fresh garlic, finely chopped
1 stick unsalted butter

Pound out chicken breasts and cut in half. In bowl, mix mozzarella, garlic and parsley and roll mixture into balls, about 2" round. Place ball in center of chicken breast and secure with toothpick. Repeat for other 3 breasts.

In large saute' pan heat butter. Flour chicken breasts and pat dry. When butter melts, place chicken in saute' pan and brown, turning until all sides are golden brown.

Add wine and reduce. Place saute' pan in preheated 375 degree oven and bake for 10 minutes, until breasts puff.

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Adventurers go south of the border to find old cars

By Bill Ciccotti

Just south of the border, down Mexico way, Dunmore natives Brian McAndrew and I traveled, in search of rusty gold. We boys were in search of antique automobiles.

Robert “Rollo” Meehan had come across a good lead on some vintage muscle cars of exceptional lineage. He was willing to pay the price, but before he did, he wanted certain specifications and models.

So, we headed for a trip to the Baja. Rollo wanted a fast, high performance muscle car that knows how to glide through the gears smoothly. And built solid enough to be able to take out a telephone pole if he had to--50s chrome and steel by Detroit at

its finest.

We made a call to a point man we knew, Leandro Choba. “Leo” was a contact we knew from a previous road trip and a solid individual who could be trusted.

In accordance with strict COVID-19 restrictions Brian and I had both received our two shots and were cleared to go to Tijuana. We landed in Southern California and rented a car to drive the peninsula. Social distancing was seen in all the cantinas and the use of face coverings was consistent among patrons.

Mexico’s 775-mile-long Baja Peninsula is a magnet for travelers in search of their own slice of adventure. If you love classic
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Antique cars line the street in La Paz, where Dunmoreans Bill Ciccotti and Brian McAndrew were looking for golden opportunities to buy.

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Daring duo on the road again....

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cars, the Mexican Baja is a hidden destination gem. Unbelievable autos from the 1950s and 1960s motor along the cobbled streets and winding highways.

Chevrolets, Fords, Pontiacs, Buicks, Dodges, Plymouths, and Studebaker's cruise dirt covered magical miles. Those cars run the gamut from mint condition to downright dilapidated.

Well-preserved cars have exteriors that shine brightly with vintage chrome and lustful new paint jobs. While the worse-off autos were barely held together with odd parts, bailing wire and mismatched scrap metal of assorted rusty shades.

We crossed the border, met up with Leandro and three of his friends who would be watching our backs on this adventure. After a few get-acquainted rounds, we all journeyed from Tijuana down into Chihuahua, then finally to La Paz. But first, we stopped off for a few rounds in Tijuana. That chaotic metropolis can be jarring for first-time border-crossers. Leandro and his pals showed us around.

We traveled off into destiny. And maybe had a few too many rounds along the way. Somehow, I got scheduled for a boxing match in Mexico.

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Leandro, Brian and Juan Carlos hit the jackpot looking at cars in La Paz on the Baja Peninsula.--See more photos on Page 14)



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Dunmore natives Brian McAndrew and Bill Ciccotti traveled south of the border to Mexico recently in search of antique automobiles for a friend. They met up with a point man they knew from a previous road trip, Leandro "Leo" Choba. (Related story begins on Page 12)

Bill, Leandro and Brian took time out on the Baja to relax and plan their strategies, although rum bars, Spanish guitars and fine cigars sometimes got them distracted.



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Civil War Roundtable to meet

The Scranton Civil War Roundtable will resume meetings on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Abington Community Library will be the Zoom host and everyone interested can obtain the zoom link by contacting either Charlie Spano or Renee Roberts, Project Manager, Abington Community Library 1200 W. Grove St. Clarks Summit, PA 18411 lclshome.org/abington or calling 570-587-3440.

April's topic will focus on the antecedents of the Civil War, including the policies of President James Buchanan, the Dred Scott decision, and the failure of the 1850 compromise and its effect on the country.

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Working harder than anyone else a motto for swimmer Maddie Healey

By Steve Svetovich

Work harder than your competition.

That is how you become an All Regional swimmer three years in a row.

Dunmore senior swimmer Maddie Healey is that swimmer.

Daughter of Georgia and Joseph Healey, Dunmore, Maddie, 17, had the top qualifying time in the 100-yard backstroke with her school record (58.58) and seeded fourth in the 200 free (2:02:14), but could not compete in the post season due to a shutdown of athletics at school because of COVID-19.

Maddie was expected to compete at a high level in districts and state competition, so the shutdown was a disappointment.

However, she was honored with her third consecutive All Regional selection.

She will attend Marist College

in Poughkeepsie, New York in the fall on a scholarship. She will study chemistry and be a member of the swimming team at Marist College.

"I'm excited about it," Maddie said. "I am excited to see what the next four years will bring. I will see if all of my hard work pays off."

"I can't wait to be a part of the swimming team there. Chemistry is a broad major. I am not sure what I will eventually do with it, but it is a strong academic major and it will provide me with a range of decisions."

Well spoken and personable, Maddie has a 3.65 grade point average at Dunmore. Not surprisingly, her best and favorite academic subject is chemistry. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Maddie said her parents teach her a lot. "They teach me to always work very hard and respect my elders."

The senior stalwart swimmer said

she likes listening to music in her spare time and would like to see Post Malone in concert.

She talked about what it takes to be a good swimmer.

"It takes a lot of hard work. There is a lot of talent out there, but you need to put in the work and out work the competition."

"You need to work harder than anyone else."

Maddie is a four-year member of the Dunmore swimming team. She has been swimming competitively since age 11 in the Dunmore Middle School. She is also a member of the Dunmore cross country team. She has been participating in cross country since seventh grade and was named "Runner of the Year" at Dunmore the past four years.

She was named MVP of the Dunmore swimming team the past three years.

Maddie this past February

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Holy Cross Lady Crusaders win District 2A title

By Steve Svetovich

Seniors Abbey Lentowski and Emily Ferguson scored 21 and 15 points, respectively, and team leading scorer Kaci Kranson added 17 as the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders defeated Old Forge, 59-38, Friday, March 12, in the Class 2A final to earn the school's second District 2 title at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Ferguson hit on three-of-five 3-pointers in a district title win that was especially sweet considering she tore her right ACL in the state tournament last March. Her 15 points were a season high.

Lentowski, who added seven rebounds was feeling a sense of revenge stemming from last season's loss to Old Forge in the final.

Five first quarter steals set the tone for the Lady Crusaders. The steals helped Holy Cross build a nice, early lead.

Ferguson drilled a 3-pointer near the midway point to put Holy Cross up, 8-4.

Kranson then scored off Lentowski's steal and then hauled down a rebound and went the length of the floor for a bucket.

Lentowski did the same following her steal and the Lady Crusaders had a 14-4 lead.

A tight Holy Cross defense held Old Forge's Olivia Ciullo to one field goal and four free throws in the first half. Ciullo was held to 13 points, well below her season average, in the contest.

Makayla Parker led Old Forge with 17 points in her final game.

Ferguson got things going in the second quarter by hitting a 3-pointer as part of a 7-0 burst. Lentowski capped off the scoring spree by hitting a long shot at the top of the key.

Old Forge staged a comeback in the second quarter when Parker scored six points and Ciullo added a free throw.

But Ferguson and Lentowski then came through in the clutch.

Ferguson hit on two free throws and added a bucket on a baseline drive.

Lentowski added two more buckets around a Parker drive in the final minute of the half as Holy Cross built a 34-17 halftime lead and never looked back.

The closest Old Forge came in the second half was a 45-34 deficit with 5:42 left in the game.

However, Lentowski, Kranson and Julia Goetz scored the next eight points to seal the win and district title for coach Barry Fitzgerald and the Lady Crusaders.

Kranson, who averaged 21.4 points, added three assists and two blocks. Lentowski, who averaged 18.3 points, had three steals.

Holy Cross advanced into the Class 2A quarterfinals after Linden Hall withdrew due to COVID-19 circumstances within its program. Holy Cross then lost, 50-47, to Mount Carmel, Friday, March 19, in the PIAA Class 2A quarterfinal at Mount Carmel.

Mount Carmel all-state center Dani Rae Renno scored four points in the final 47.8 seconds and forced a turnover with seven seconds left to help the Red Tornadoes edge Holy Cross.

Holy Cross had staged a dramatic comeback after trailing, 41-31.



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Condolences to family of former Holy Cross and Penn State Scranton basketball player **Pat "Toach" Purcell** who died tragically last month at 29 in auto accident...Toach, beloved by many, went on to coach basketball at West Scranton and Scranton High Schools and at Holy Rosary biddy league...Former Holy Cross teammate **J.J. Gaughan** delivered touching eulogy at his funeral...Congratulations to Dunmore senior swimmer **Maddie Healey**, who set school record (58:58) in 100-yard backstroke, named to third consecutive All Regional team...Congratulations to Scranton Prep senior swimmer **Lauren Schofield**, who will attend Seton Hall in fall, named Swimmer of Year and selected All Regional for fourth straight year...

Scranton Prep junior swimmer **Olivia Turner Havira** named to her third All Regional selection in a row...Scranton Prep junior swimmer **Nicole Irazza** and freshman **Mackenzie Cross** selected All Regional...Remember **Ashley Murray** scoring 25 points for Dunmore in 51-46 win over Mid Valley in PIAA Class 2A Eastern Conference final 10 years ago?...Remember Dunmore's **Mark Fontanella**?...Dunmore graduate **Joe Talutto** had two hits, including triple, and two RBIs for Penn State Scranton in 11-10 loss to Penn State Brandywine...**Jake Schuster** homered and drove in three runs in Marywood's 15-11 loss to Cabrini in second game of twinbill...Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardozi** picking New York Yankees to beat LA

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With Steve Svetovich



Dodgers in 6 games in World Series this year...Condolences to family of former Blakely Bears and Notre Dame standout full-back **Ron Dushney** who died last month due to COVID-19 complications...He led the Fighting Irish with 5.1 yards per carry in 1967...**Jason Shields** scored 20 points and **Kevin Lazdowsky** added 19 in Scranton Knights 48-39 win over Williamsport in District 2-4 Class 6A sub regional final...**Robert Rossi** scored 13 points and **Gavin Bednarz** added 12 to lead Scranton Prep to seventh straight District 2 championship, 57-49 over Mid Valley...NFL owners approved 17-game season beginning this year...Holy Cross graduate **Kierra Saldi**, Duquesne women's bowling sophomore, named second-team all-Northeast Conference...NBA world mourning passing of LA Lakers great **Elgin Baylor** who died last month at 86...Baylor, an 11-time all-star, averaged 27.4 points and 13.5 rebounds per game for his career and was one of greatest small forwards of all time...Condolences to family of long time Adams Manor employee **Dolores Micknick** who died last month at 85...Congratulations to Dunmore basketball standouts **Moriah Murray** and **Cierra Toomey** named to first team of Lackawanna League Basketball Coaches All-Stars...Congratulations to Holy Cross basketball standouts **Kaci Kranson** and **Abbey Lentowski** named to first team of Lackawanna League Basketball Coaches All-Stars...

Mia Blume and **Anna Talutto** of Dunmore received honorable mention...Riverside's **Kylie Lavelle** named Division III Player of the Year...Congratulations to **Patrick Bennie** of Holy Cross named co-player of year with **Brandon Reed** of Riverside for Lackawanna League Division III...University of Scranton mourning passing of its president, **The Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.**, at 61 last month due to ALS...Congratulations to University of Scranton junior and Scranton Prep graduate **Logan Bailey**, Dunmore, named Landmark Conference men's basketball Player of Year...Bailey ranked second in conference with 17.8 points per game and third in field goal percentage at 51.9 percent and averaged 5.1 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.0 blocks...His dad **Todd Bailey** is former University of Scranton basketball standout under late coach **Bob Bessoir**...Condolences to family of **Catherine Hannon Lennox**, graduate of Saint Patrick's High School, proud of her combined 33 children and grandchildren, who died last month...Condolences to family of **Gaynor Cawley**, former state legislator representing 113th legislative district in PA House of Representatives, who died last month at 79...Cawley was standout baseball, football and basketball

player at West Scranton and played minor league baseball as pitcher in Detroit Tigers organization moving up as high as Triple-A...Congratulations to Holy Cross Lady Crusaders for winning school's second District 2 title, 59-38 over Old Forge...Senior **Abbey Lentowski** led Holy Cross with 21 points and **Kaci Kranson** added 17 and **Emily Ferguson** 15 points in district title win...Condolences to family of Dunmore's beloved **Philomena Errico**, a most giving woman who loved cooking and feeding anyone who passed her way, who died last month at 88...Philomena, devoted church member of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish and its Altar and Rosary Society, Dunmore, even had a street named after her in the borough...**Brett "Gardy" Gardner** began 14th season in New York Yankees uniform putting him in elite company with 11 other Yankee greats...Congratulations to Dunmore's **Gary Duncan**, a former cross country runner, selected chairman of PA Council on Aging...Duncan is member of Dunmore Planning Commission and head of Dunmore Neighborhood Crime Watch...Do you remember **Rich Hepler**?...Whatever became of **Cookie Rojas**?...

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Ciccotti backs out of boxing match

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The night before I had shadow boxed with the bartender at El Dandy's for laughs. Brian suddenly got the bright idea to set me up for a money match. Leo was all too happy to make it happen. I did not find out about the details till later. After I almost died.

Few boxing rings are as unique as the open-air Zapata Boxing Gym, the best in Tijuana. In the excitement of the moment, I agreed to shadow box a few rounds. Tequila is a bad deterrent to common sense.

My opponent, Kid Mango was the local middleweight champion. I figured, "Ok. Bob and weave. Shadow box like last night. No contact. No blood. Maybe a few good photo ops."

As soon as I saw my opponent lacing up for our match with blood in his eyes, I quickly declined the match Brian had set up for me. He looked too eager to punch me into another time zone, so I backed off the fisticuffs.

Brian smiled, "What were you worried about Bill? I bet on Kid Mango." What a pal. Kid Mango continued to stare evilly at me while we backed out of the gym. It was time to move on.

Just 10 minutes down the Trans peninsular, there are rocky cliffs overlooking the dark blue Pacific and alluring Mediterranean type landscapes. The drive south has moments of majesty mixed with ugly, haphazard development. Ensenada, less than two hours from San Diego down the Baja California peninsula, is a lovely area.

Beyond the souvenir shops, sombreros, knockoff handicrafts and tacky T-shirts, we found the first clues of hidden Detroit muscle. Those small towns along the



Kid Mango

Mexican Baja have become a time capsule museum for old cars.

One of the cars we looked over had a gorgeous body but when we popped the hood, it revealed a smoke chunking washing machine for its motor. It had a body like Venus and an engine like Frankenstein. Those locals who want more power fit their American classics with tractor engines.

Entering the Baja at Chihuahua, in the rugged northwestern desert of Mexico, we traveled craggy mountainous terrain and wide river valleys.

The Sierra Madre mountain range, part of the continental

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Marlene Sebastianelli seeks election as senator for Penna. 22nd District

Marlene Sebastianelli has announced that she is running as a Green Party candidate as the people's alternative for Senator in the Pennsylvania 22nd District.

Marlene Sebastianelli resides in Peckville with her husband Sam and is the proud mother of two daughters—Danielle and Jessica.

After growing up in a rural section of the Abingtons, Marlene went on to graduate from Abington Heights High School before earning a bachelor's degree in communication disorders and a master of business administration degree, both from Marywood University.

Marlene is not the type of person to just talk about serving people; she lives it in both her vocation and her personal life.

As a seasoned Nursing Home Administrator (NHA), Marlene has spent years in health care, ensuring elderly residents receive quality care.



Marlene Sebastianelli

Throughout 2020 up to today, she has taken that expertise into consulting for the State of Pennsylvania on regulatory compli-

ance in nursing homes throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, helping struggling facilities implement needed corrections to save lives and prevent future infections.

She is also the owner and operator of Case Quattro Winery in Peckville and co-owner of Intact Health & Wellness in Dunmore, two small local businesses, both of which she has had to work hard to adapt, like so many others, to the difficulties presented by the pandemic's restrictions.

For many years, Marlene has been a community advocate and volunteer for several non-profit organizations.

As a cancer survivor herself, she is proud of her time spent volunteering for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and American Cancer Society, where she has served as a community ambassador in Washington to promote colorectal

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Hitting the jackpot in La Paz

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spine that also includes the Rocky Mountains, dominated the terrain. We found no gold, but lots of chrome and steel.

A lovely Harvest Gold 1955 Bel Air was magnificent. It is super rare to find one with a 3.75" bore x 3.0" stroke, 9.25 to 1 compression ratio. 225 horsepower. Torque 270-foot pounds at 3600 rpm. Special high-lift camshaft, high-speed valve mechanism. Polished aluminum rocker covers. Dual four-barrel carburation, buff aluminum racing-type air cleaners, special intake manifold. Full pressure lubrication system with full-flow oil filter. High power exhaust headers and full dual exhaust system. Shielded ignition, 12-volt electrical system all in solid working order.

They let Brian take it out around the plaza and when he pulled back in, he told me, "She handles like a dream. The Synchro-Mesh has no sponge to it. But play it cool or they will rake us over the

coals negotiating price." After tough negotiation, the car was Rollo's.

We kept low key and out of trouble, a monumental task for us. Because we were careful where we ate or drank, and never showed excess American money or clothing, and kept a very low profile.

The only real trouble we had was along the road to La Paz. One of the local tough guy gangs stopped our car and demanded a toll payment. They had guns, knives and a hand grenade. Several dollars, a bottle of tequila and all our Santana CDs were confiscated. But we were eventually allowed to travel on. In La Paz we hit the motherload. Attempting to pry some of that shiny Detroit gold free, was quite an effort. But money talks and we could not believe what we were shown down a cobbled side street.

A Cascade Green 1956 Corvette with numbers matching. Only 290 cars were built in this Cascade Green in 1956 with very few receiving the optional

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One of the cars the duo looked over had a shiny body, but a glance under the hood revealed a smoke chunking washing machine for its motor!

Car search resulted in some duds and beauties

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225hp dual carb engine 5200 rpm. This Corvette still retained its factory original "GR" Coded engine. It has a beige interior and top, 3-speed manual transmission, Cascade Green hardtop, special two-tone paint, and wide white wall tires. We were not even looking for that one but when we called Rollo, he flipped. "Get it boys."

A few miles out of town we got a wagon. A 1956 Chevy Nomad in fact. The "tri-five" phase of the 1950s produced some pretty good station wagons. The Nomad is the rarest of the lot with just 8,000 ever produced. Its 350 cubic-inch crate V8 was larger than

283, rated at 220 horsepower. Howie said, "We could use Chevy's fuel-injected Ramjet V-8s, with a hydraulic cam, and solid lifters.

It was time to celebrate and enjoy the setting of the sun. Howie set

up the pickup and delivery for all the vehicles.

Of course, no major money was exchanged before reliable pickup and inspection was completed by Dean-O himself. With strict documentation.

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Nursing scholarships offered by local health care foundation

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation has announced the opening of its new *Careers in Care* Nursing Scholarship application, established through the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

This \$700,000 competitive nursing scholarship program aims to support the growth and development of the nursing workforce in NEPA.

The *Careers in Care* Nursing Scholarship Program is now accepting applications from students who plan to pursue or who are pursuing nursing and who will practice in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Interested students with demonstrated financial need can apply through the Scranton Area Community Foundation's online portal found at safdn.org/nursing.

The deadline to apply for a nursing scholarship is Saturday, May 15.

To qualify for a *Careers in Care* Nursing Scholarship, individuals must show they have had a permanent address in Lackawanna, Luzerne, or Wyoming County for the last three years. Scholarships are available to those interested in obtaining a CNA and entering the healthcare workforce.

Scholarships are also for anyone employed in the healthcare field in either Lackawanna, Luzerne, or Wyoming County and looking to advance as an LPN or RN.

Additionally, students may apply if they are in their third or fourth year of a four-year nursing degree and looking for financial assistance. 'Nontraditional' students or those looking to go back to school to obtain a nursing degree may also apply. A registered nurse looking to obtain a Master's degree may also qualify for a *Careers in Care* Nursing Scholarship. Letters of recommendation are required when applying.

These scholarship opportunities offered by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation through its *Careers in Care* program, come during a time where the strains on the healthcare workforce in Northeastern Pennsylvania have been significant. These scholarships aim to make an impact on the nursing workforce in Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties.

"These scholarships will provide the much-needed financial support to students who may otherwise not have been able to further their education," stated Director of Nursing and Associate Professor of Practice at Marywood University, Dr. Theresa Tulaney, Ph.D., MS, RN, GCNS.

"In addition, it will allow students to focus on their education instead of having to work many hours to alleviate difficult finan-

cial situations," she added.

"The Foundation's Board understands the strains that the regional healthcare workforce is facing and, through the *Careers in Care* initiative, strives to make an impact to address these critical issues," said James Clemente, NEPA Health Care Foundation Board Chair. "Over the past year, we have seen just how timely this really is."

Additionally, through *Careers in Care*, the NEPA Health Care Foundation will provide grant support totaling \$830,000, to a variety of organizations including Lackawanna College, for its three-year plan to enhance the pipeline of local healthcare professionals and increase the number trained

and retained in the region; United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA for its Upward Economic Mobility Program; and Saint Joseph's Center for direct support professional wage increases.

In addition to the *Careers in Care* initiative, the NEPA Health Care Foundation is also in the seventh year of a \$3.2 million commitment to the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) for scholarship support for incoming first-year medical students from Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming counties. The NEPA Health Care Foundation Scholars program covers full tuition for these scholars, who indicate a commitment to practice medicine in Northeastern PA.



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For over 40 years the Dunmore Elite Easter Bunny Hunt was held on Holy Saturday at Saint Anthony's Field and Playground. This year's fete, due to COVID restrictions, was a drive-through event held at Dunmore Elementary Center. The Bunny Hunt is sponsored by Dunmore Lions, Dunmore Rotary, and the Dunmore Police and Fire Departments. Over 1000 bags of Easter candy was distributed to the children of the community, as well as local nursing homes and veteran centers. Pictured are organizing members of each volunteer group. From left are: Rick Sabato, Rotary Club, Walter Howells, Fire Department, Peter Cottontail -Bunny Assistant, Mike Igoe-Police Department, and Jim Aita, Lions Club.

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH:

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scored the 1,000th point of her career as a swimmer.

With a time of 58.58 seconds, she broke the school backstroke record set by Coleen Brown in 2019. The previous record was 01.01.03.

"It was an incredible feeling," she said.

Maddie said she and her teammates were heartbroken when a COVID-19 outbreak cancelled Dunmore's post season. "All of our hard work was just taken away from us. We were all heartbroken. We were so much looking forward to it."

Last year the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled the state playoffs for Dunmore. Maddie had placed fourth in the 200 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle in districts as a junior.

Her swimming coach at Dunmore is John Andreoli. "He teaches us a lot of life lessons," Maddie said. "He tells us to always be there for each other and the team is most important."

The articulate, hard working senior talked about what it takes to excel as a swimmer. "You need to dedicate yourself to swimming and put in the time. You need to work hard in and out of the pool. You need to work on both your training and diet. Diet and eating the right food is a big factor. Plus your training out of the pool is a big aspect of it."

Maddie talked about her Dunmore experience. "Well, due to the COVID pandemic the past year and a half is not what I expected. None of us did."

"But it has been a great four years to be a part of Dunmore High School and the swimming team. Dunmore is a great school. We are all obviously disappointed in not being able to compete in the post season. I am looking forward to attending Marist in the fall."

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PA, 13 in Southwest PA and 16 in Central PA.

Duncan said his appointment came as a nomination to the Governor from 16 members of Council and was subject to Senate confirmation.

"We are living in a pandemic world and we must address and are addressing issues seniors face which are primarily dementia, elder abuse and neglect and social isolation. My goal is to plan and coordinate these programs, advise the Governor and the PA Council on Aging regarding the programs and serve as an advocate for the elderly."

Lady Crusaders win...

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Kranson, who led all scorers with 22 points, hit a 3-pointer to start a 12-0 Holy Cross run giving the Lady Crusaders a 43-41 lead with 2:11 left in the contest. Kranson hit two free throws to give Holy Cross the lead. Lentowski hit a clutch 3-pointer and Caitlyn Bestrycki hit a big shot in the 12-0 run.

Renno then tied the game with a put back.

Then Lentowski hit a huge 3-pointer and the Lady Crusaders had the lead back with 1:46 left.

Renno scored on a layup. Mount Carmel regained possession after a ball was ruled out of bounds by Holy Cross. Renno missed a shot, but was fouled when she went for the rebound. She hit two foul shots to give her team a 49-47 lead with 29.1 seconds left.

A play was set up for Kranson, but as she drove, Renno tried to cut her off. Kranson was knocked off balance and she was called for traveling. A Mount Carmel free throw made it 50-47 with 4.8 seconds left.

Kranson then drove the length of the floor, but missed a 25-footer to end the contest as Mount Carmel (17-5) advanced.

Lentowski scored 10 points for Holy Cross in the loss. Sophomore Krista Carachilo added six points on two first quarter 3-pointers which helped the Lady Crusaders build an early 15-9 lead.

Kranson had 10 rebounds and two blocks for Holy Cross (12-5) in the loss.

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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO conducted its first Lottery Fundraiser Raffle during the month of February. The committee met for a Joe Macciocco breakfast at Villa Maria and the final drawing. Committee members included, front row, from left: Michele McDade, President Mary Ann Coviello, Mary Mack and Valerie Riggi. Back row, same order: Board Chairman Frank Coviello, Jim Mack Sr., Mark McDade and Tom Carlucci.



At a Lottery Fundraiser Raffle sponsored by Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO to raise money toward this year's Chapter Scholarships, the Bonus Prize winner was drawn by Angie Potis and was won by Jim Mack Jr. and sons. In Jim Jr's. absence, his parents were present to accept the prize on his behalf. Accepting the prize from Angie Potis are Dunmoreans Jim and Mary Mack.

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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National donated \$250 to the Keystone Mission as part of Keystone Chapter's Random Act of Kindness program. Keystone Mission is a faith-based, 501c3 non-profit organization serving those who face homelessness in Scranton. Monetary donations can be sent to Keystone Mission, 8 West Olive St., Scranton, PA 18508. Present at the donation to Keystone Mission are, from left: Mark McDade, Frank Coviello, Keystone UNICO President Mary Ann Coviello, Keystone Mission Executive Director/CEO Justin Behrens, Michele McDade and Valerie Riggi.

Dunmore pharmacist Thomas R. DePietro named to college board

Lackawanna College has announced the recent appointment of three new members to its Board of Trustees, including Thomas R. DePietro, owner of DePietro Pharmacy in Dunmore; Debra Leftkowitz and Mark DeStefano.

Thomas R. DePietro is a pharmacist and owner of DiPietro's Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy located in Dunmore. The pharmacy has received numerous awards and recognitions over the past eight years from the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

DePietro has been recognized for his philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, NEPA Chapter. He is actively involved in promoting the pharmacy profession and serves on the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Independent Pharmacy Owner Committee and on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Care Network.

"We are delighted to welcome these exceptional members to the Board of Trustees," said Dr. Jill Murray, Lackawanna College President. "They bring experience, talent and passion, which will help guide Lackawanna College as it continues to transform and fulfill its mission as an innovative leader in higher education."



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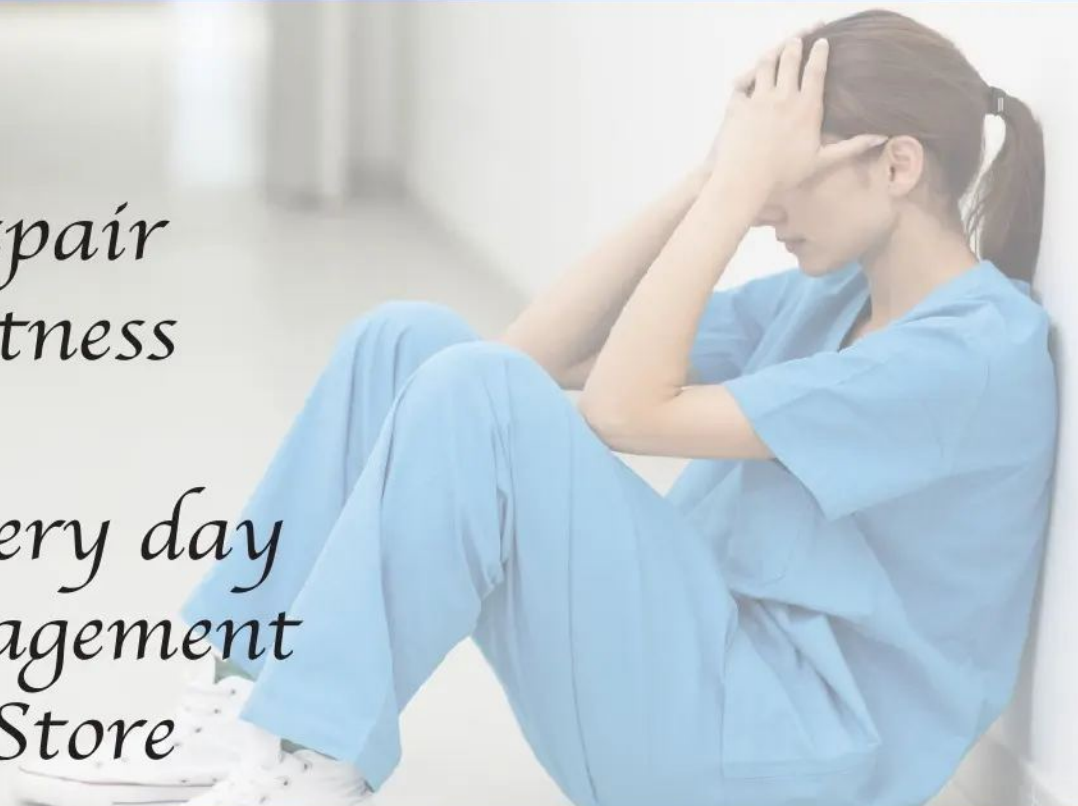
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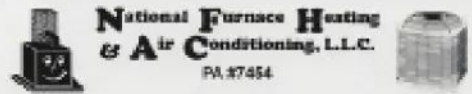


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Sebastianelli running for PA state senator

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screening legislation and earned a Volunteer of the Year Award.

Building on her career in long-term health care, Marlene has spent much time volunteering for the Alzheimer's Association.

As a member and officer of Citizens for a Healthy Jessup (CFHJ), Marlene has seen up close what local political pressure over public interest looks like, but that has not stopped her from spear-heading many public outreach events, including organizing pasta dinners and food drives for the needy in local communities during this last year when so many families were hurting financially.

She is proud of serving on the CFHJ committee that worked on drafting legislation for implementing minimum standards for power plant host agreements, legislation that has been introduced by Senator Blake and State Representative Kyle Mullins.

In recent years, she has worked diligently alongside the Dunmore Historical Society to develop a thriving farmer's market in the borough, of which she serves as the current president.

While at Marywood, she also worked on developing a program to help grow small businesses.

Marlene believes that people want common sense solutions to problems that all people, have no matter their party affiliation. She plans to listen to the voters of the 22nd district and focus on serving their needs only, while not being weighed down by the obligations that power and influence brings with it.



FNCB Bank recently donated \$20,000 through the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Assistance Project Tax Credit Program to the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency for its Pre-Kindergarten Center of Excellence project. FNCB's donation helped the SLHDA purchase the historic former Holy Rosary School in Scranton. The organization's goal is to start offering in-person pre-school education services to children of low-income families this fall. Shown from left:: Katie Blake, SLHDA Community Development Coordinator; Richard Drust, FNCB Bank Senior Vice President, Retail Banking Officer; Deb Kennedy, FNCB Bank Vice President, Retail Market Manager; Jim Wansacz, SLHDA Executive Director; and Jerry Champi, FNCB Bank President and CEO.



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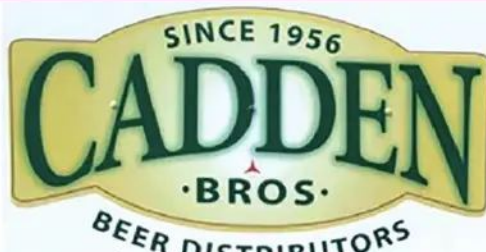
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