

Dunmorean of the Month: Kate Jones



By Steve Svetovich

Kate Jones is a very proud lifelong resident of Dunmore Borough. But the 1978 Dunmore High School graduate is just as proud of the work done at Goodwill Industries of Northeast PA (NEPA). And she should be.

She is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Goodwill Industries of NEPA.

The Bloomsburg University sociology graduate has been married for 35 years to Jerry Jones. The couple has three sons: Jerry, 32, Tucker, 29, and Cory, 27.

Jerry is married to the former Patti Kotchik of Dunmore and works in finance for Benco Dental. Tucker is an architect in Philadelphia. Cory

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Dunmore actors celebrate Shakespeare

As the Scranton Shakespeare Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary year this summer, two Dunmoreans have been an integral part of the professional company from the beginning.

Camille Reinecke appeared in Scranton Shakes' very first

production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 2011, and Joe McGurl joined the ensemble the following year for *A Comedy of Errors*.

Both are graduates of Dunmore High School and the University of Scranton where they met Michael

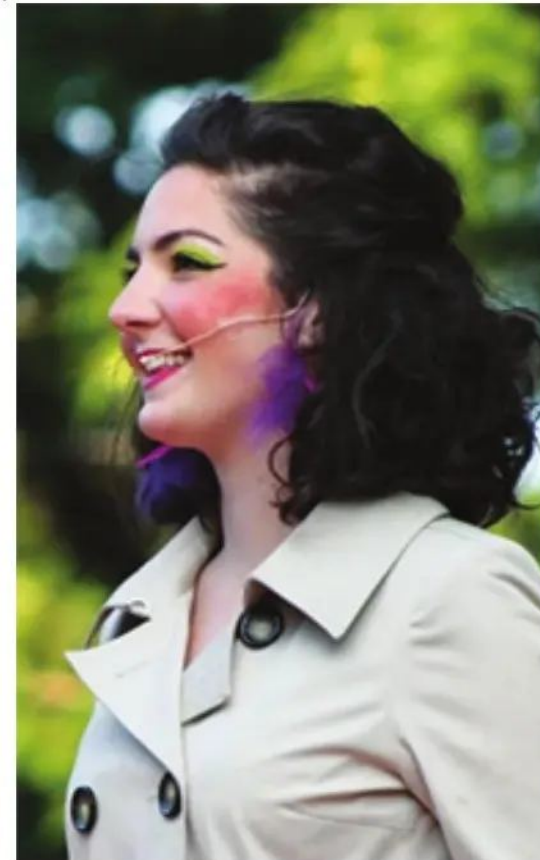
Bradshaw Flynn, a member of the University Players who went on to found the Shakespeare festival.

Camille Reinecke, who holds a degree in counseling and human services and a minor in theater,

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Joe McGurl in *A Tale of Winter*



Camille Reinecke in *A Comedy of Errors*

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Holy Cross High School graduates 62 seniors

Holy Cross High School held its commencement on June 4 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, with 62 seniors graduating. Commencement speaker was Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. Benjamin D. Tolerico is school principal.

A Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on June 3 at Cathedral of Saint Peter with Rev. Cyril D. Edwards as celebrant.

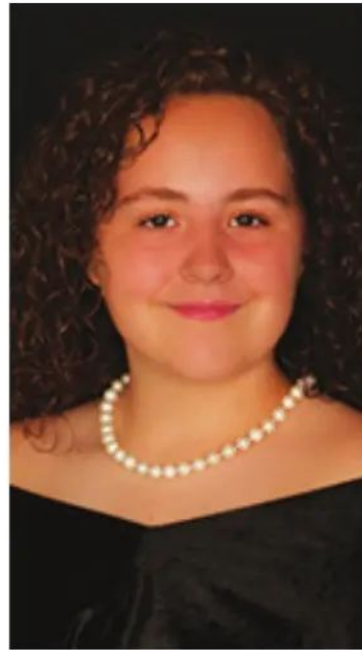
Peyton Phillips, daughter of Nancy and Justin Phillips, Nicholson, was valedictorian, while Norah Kelly, daughter of Meg Kelly and Thomas Pappas, Scranton, was salutatorian.

Peyton Phillips attended Mt View Elementary and during her high school career, she has been a member of the National Honor Society, which she served as vice president; Student Council, PJAS,

Foreign Language Club, History Club, Track and Field and Soccer in which she served as captain.

Valedictorian Peyton's academic career will continue at the University of Connecticut where she will pursue a major in Biomedical Engineering with a Pre-Med track and she hopes to pursue a career in Medicine, either in Pediatrics or Non-invasive Cardiology.

Salutatorian Norah Kelly entered Holy Cross after graduating from All Saints Academy and during her high school career Norah has been a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, Service Club, Crafting Club, costume crew for Drama Club, Fiction Fanatics, and served as a Daisy Leader for Girl Scouts and Junior Camp Counselor. In the fall, Norah plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.



Peyton Phillips...
valuedictorian

Graduates included: Jack O'Malley Allardye (diploma with distinction); Kathryn Grace Augustine, Bria Ann Beggin, Emma Lauren Bellman; Patrick Michael Bennie (diploma with distinction); Jillian Frances Brennan, Sarah Lynne Callejas, Paige Marie Caskey, Lucca Anthony Cerminaro, Kelsey Anne Conlon, Laurel Marie Cortazar, Arabella Cecile Cox, James B. Davis, Matthew Adrian Dec, Carter Elizabeth Engelhardt, Kylie Noelle Engleman and Ryan Philip Evans.

Also, James Michael Fay, Emily Jane Ferguson, Kylee Rian Gale, Patrick Robert Gilman Jr., Emily Rose Haikes, William Robert Hanna, Lauren Elizabeth Hegedus, Ryan Joseph Huester (diploma with distinction); Will Anthony
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Norah Kelly...
salutatorian

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Bucktown Music Fest promises songs and fun

Ready for the music, fun and dancing?

The anticipated Bucktown Music Fest will kick off at Dunmore Corners on four Sunday evenings July 11, July 18, July 24 and August 1, all from 5 to 8 p.m.

Admission is free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit and relax, enjoy the music and dance in the streets.

Dunmore Councilman Tom Hallinan, former Dunmore Mayor Patrick "Nibs" Loughney, and local Dunmore musician Brian McGurl are chairpersons for the event.

Dunmore Borough is sponsoring the four Sunday evenings through a grant from the Lackawanna County Commissioners and donations from local businesses.

"On behalf of Dunmore Mayor Tom Burke and Dunmore Borough Council," said Hallinan, "we want to thank Lackawanna County Commissioners Notariani, Domenick and Chermak and the local merchants for their generous support of events. We will continue to accept business donations right through the Festival dates to help offset ongoing expenses."

Opening night on Sunday, July 11 will feature music by the Luongo Brothers Band, Dunmore's own Pat and Nick Luongo. The duo, formerly of The Poets, have been performing for decades. The Luongo Brothers will be joined by veteran favorites Alan Shield and Rich Marmo.

Sunday, July 18, will feature the Dashboard Mary Duo, the spinning grooves of the popular E.J. the D.J., and a special appearance from "Old Blue Eyes" himself in the form of Chris DiMatteo singing the hits of the late Frank Sinatra. Dashboard Mary features Dunmoreans Rob Roman and



Brian McGurl

Joe Del Rosso who have been performing for the past three decades.

Sunday, July 25, will feature QBall with Dunmoreans McGurl and John Quinn along with Jim Davis and Bob Crossman. QBall plays classic rock, including the music of The Doors, Tom Petty, David Bowie and The Rolling Stones.

Sunday, Aug. 1, will be a "Dunmore Musicians Family Reunion." Young musical performers will come together for three hours at Dunmore Corners to play together and entertain the crowd. It will be a true celebration.

Dunmore residents have filled the rosters of many of the area's top bands over the past seven or eight decades. The Shindig shows at Dunmore High School in the 1960's and 1970's were incubators for so many talented performers. The same can be said for Dunmore's marching band and school talent shows,

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Tom Hallinan



**Patrick "Nibs"
Loughney**

Camille Reinecke, Joe McGurl in ScrantonShakes season

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is director of the Youth Theater Program at the Scranton Cultural Center.

"I feel like theater and counseling go hand-in-hand," she explains. "In counseling, you are working to understand people, and in theater you are working from the inside out to build your character."

Camille appeared in the very first show presented by Scranton Shakespeare Festival in 2011. She played Moth, a fairy, in that show, and will play Francis Flute, a mechanical, in the newest staging of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She is particular enjoying the experience of working with director Simone Daniels of New York City,

who is a Scranton native.

"Simone is incredible to work with," she explains. "She has a very clear vision of what she wants, but she also allows each actor room to explore their character. It's a great dynamic."

Camilla still recalls the excitement surrounding that inaugural play which was staged at Nay Aug Park.

"It was a beautiful experience and we felt so committed to serving the community by presenting free professional theater. Revisiting the play this year reminds me very much of that first year," she continues. "Scranton Shakes remains deeply dedicated to the concept

of free theater so that absolutely anybody can attend."

She has many fond memories of her SSF tenure, which includes comedies, drama, and musicals. "We did a show called *The Tavern* that was a favorite experience," she recalls. "I loved that dark, stormy melodrama."

Her favorite role, however, was as the courtesan in *A Comedy of Errors*. Her other Shakespearean roles were in *Macbeth* and *Measure for Measure*.

"I love being part of a Shakespearean ensemble," she says. "I know some audiences are afraid it will be too difficult to understand, but our responsibility as a cast is to make each play clear

and accessible, and I think SSF does that very well."

Joe McGurl, who majored in broadcast communications, has found the experience of presenting free theater to the community deeply gratifying.

"It feels like a privilege to be able to give back to the community that has supported me as an artist from my days in high school and college to the present," Joe explains. "There are people who have seen every show I've ever done."

"It is such a gift to be able to present free quality theater to everybody, especially those who cannot afford to go to Broadway or to take their families to a show."

Through the years, McGurl has

played Sir Toby in *Twelfth Night*; Applegate in *Damn Yankees*, and Don John in *Much Ado About Nothing*, among others. This season they are appearing as Theseus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and as the gravedigger/ensemble in *Hamlet*.

Joe's two favorite experiences with SSF thus far have been *As You Like It* and *Richard III*, both directed by Emma Went, who they describe as an "actor's director."

"Emma provided such a lovely bonding experience during *As You Like It*, and everyone in the cast felt very connected," Joe notes. "It was at a point where I really needed that."

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Students from Dunmore High School who were honored by the Dunmore Lions Club at its 40th Annual Scholarship Award Dinner at La Buona Vita Restaurant included, seated from left: Jim Aita, Lion president; Female Scholar /Athlete-Anna Talutto and Male Scholar/Athlete Cristian Buckey, and William Portanova, Penn State scholarship winner. Standing, same order: Michael Perry, DHS assistant football coach; Justin Patchcoski, toastmaster; Michael Colangelo, invocation, and Sam Sebastianelli Sr., treasurer.--Photo by Rich Banick.--See story on Page 16



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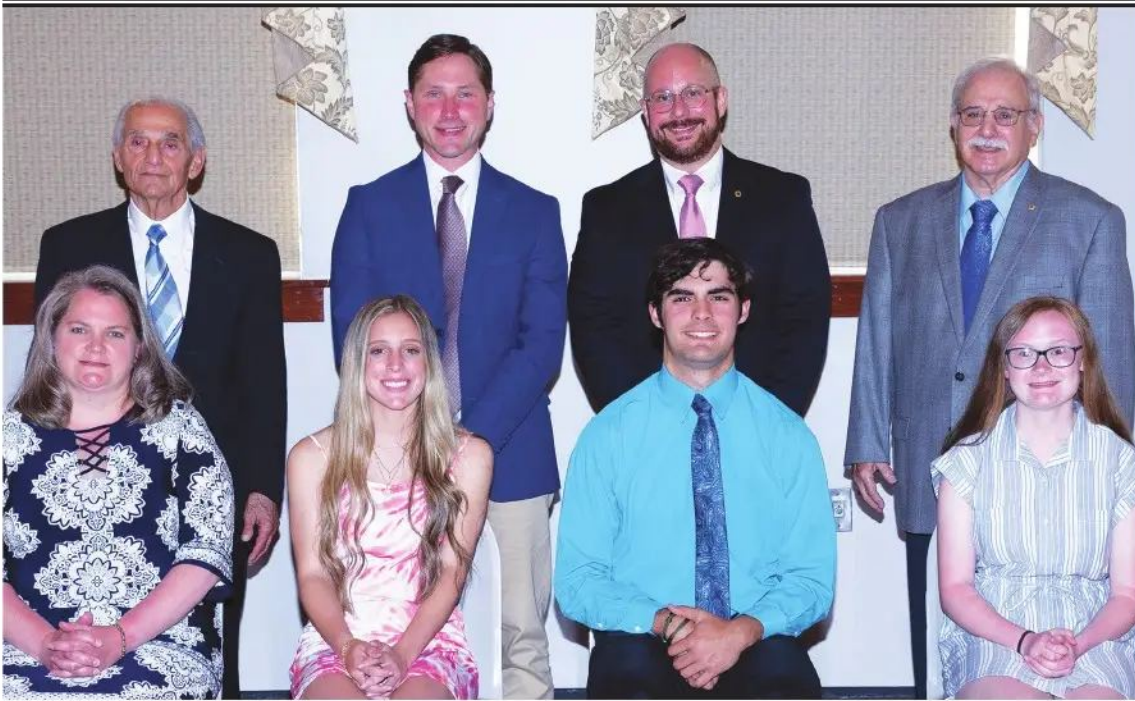
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Holy Cross High School students honored by the Dunmore Lions Club at its 40th Annual Scholarship Award Dinner at La Buona Vita Restaurant included, seated from left: Kandy Taylor, Holy Cross Dean of Students; Female Scholar/Athlete Cristia Polizzi; Male Scholar/Athlete Tyler Mendicino and Rebecca Tone, Penn State scholarship winner. Standing, same order: Jim Aita, Lion president; Justin Patchcoski, toastmaster; Michael Colangelo, invocation, and Sam Sebastianelli Sr., treasurer.--Photo by Rich Banick.-Story on Pg 16

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On Golden Pond, by Ernest Thompson will be presented Thursday through Sunday, July 8-11; Wednesday through Sunday, July 14-18, with performances Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m..

Tickets are \$12 general; \$10 seniors; \$8 students and are discounted on Thursday July 8 to \$8 general and seniors; \$6 students.

For reservations, call 570-342-9707, or email to tickets@actorscircle.com. All reservations are held 10 minutes until show time.

In respect for those having Covid issues, and in compliance with CDC regulations for close quarters, we respectfully request that all audience and staff wear a mask inside the building. Cast members will not be wearing masks while on stage.

Directed by Katie VonBergen, this well-known classic tells the story of Norman Thayer and his energetic wife, Ethel, who have

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Cast members for an upcoming production of "On Golden Pond" include, from left: Marcie Herman Riebe, Eric Lutz, Michael Seamus Fenton-Kapacs, Mark Fryer and Carol Davis. Opening is Thursday, July 8 at Providence Playhouse.



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Jones is proud of her four grandchildren: Patrick, Aidan, Adeline and newborn Emilia, only two months old. Patrick, 12, and Aidan, 10, are students at Dunmore Elementary School.

Jones has been the CEO of Goodwill Industries of NEPA for the past five years.

Following her graduation from Bloomsburg, Jones started her working career as a mental health worker for The Friendship House, Scranton.

She then went to work for a grant-funded program, the Private Providers Project, at Keystone College, Factoryville.

She continued to work at Keystone College in a variety of capacities, mostly development and educational, for 33 years before taking on the position of CEO at Goodwill Industries. Her last

title at Keystone was director of special events.

As the CEO of Goodwill Industries, she covers 11 counties in Northeast Pennsylvania. "There is a tendency for it to be more expensive to do retail in rural counties," she said.

"Goodwill also does behavioral support services as part of high school student transition plans. Our retail programs operate 12 group homes in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. We also work with intellectual and developmental disabilities of autistic adults," Kate explains.

"We also participate in a drug treatment force and re-entry program to help clients get job ready."

Jones, hard-working and community-oriented, pointed out that Goodwill provides many services the public is not aware of.

"As the CEO, all the departments report to me. It is not a

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huge non-profit, so I am involved with many of the day-to-day operations."

Jones said Goodwill Industries received a grant from the Department of Labor and Industry to help individuals re-enter the community after an arrest or incarceration.

"We work with these individuals on career readiness, resume writing, digital skills and what is needed for them to re enter the community in a positive manner."

Jones said Wayne County recently appointed Goodwill Industries to do a pilot program. The Employment Services Program is a small workforce development program to help individuals overcome barriers and become employed.

"That really is the reason we have our retail programs," she said. "Buying donated goods through Goodwill translates into services. People don't always make the connection there. Their donations

help us to expand programs. We are in the business of helping people. Spreading the word of what Goodwill is all about helps us do that."

Jones said Goodwill also owns and operates the Gerald T. Langan Residence and Senior Housing Facility which was originally North Scranton Junior High School. The facility provides lower income-based housing for senior citizens and was 22 years in the making, Jones said.

It is also the location of The Theatre at North, an 800-seat, state-of-the-art facility which provides musical entertainment, concerts, and other programs for the public. The facility was originally the site of the North Scranton Junior High School auditorium.

Jones said Goodwill Industries also has an E Commerce Division which is ShopGoodwill.com. "The public can shop online." The main warehouse for Goodwill Industries

of NEPA is located in Throop.

Goodwill Industries also has pre-vocational and small group employment programs. Eligible individuals are assigned to do work-related tasks in stores as part of these programs, said Jones.

Jones succeeded Gerald Langan as Goodwill Industries CEO of NEPA.

On Golden Pond

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been spending summers at their lakeside home on Golden Pond for 48 years, fishing and watching for loons. This time, their divorced daughter, Chelsea, her new fiancé, and his teenage son make an unexpected visit.

Cast members are: Mark Fryer as Norman Thayer; Carol Davis as Ethel Thayer; Marcie Herman Riebe as Chelsea; Eric Lutz as Billy Ray; Michael Seamus Fenton-Kapacs as Billy Ray, Jr., and Jeff Ginsberg as Charlie Martin.



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Bucktown Music Fest

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class nights and plays at Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools. Many young performers show talent and promise which will be exhibited Sunday, Aug. 1, at Dunmore Corners.

"I think it is going to be a great night of music for the young and old," McGurl said regarding the final event on Aug. 1.

"Everyone is volunteering their time and talent and it is going to be a lot of fun."

Bands, singers and musicians slated to perform the final night include the East Coast Trio, The Violet Sisters, Corner Pocket Blues Band, The Mesos, Dashboard Mary Duo, Pappa, Beckage, and Boylan; English, Tim McGurl, Janice Gambo, Katie Errico, Donna Polizzi Loughney,

Luke Tinklepaugh, Emma Pasko, Julia Pasko, Lenny Carlucci, Mike Kwaitek, Dan Zayac, Paul Arduino, Len Nole, Jack Garvey, Kevin Regan, Mike Seamon, Joe Pannick, Marty Ort, Chuck Scrimalli, Brian McGurl, Phil Rossi, Mara Hennigan, Dan Cox, Jim Kernan, Dom Fortese, Rob Roman and Joe DelRosso.

"I first thought about this while driving through Dunmore Corners one Sunday about 5 p.m.," said Hallinan. "It looked desolate, like a bit of a ghost town. I thought it would be nice to bring some life back to Dunmore Corners. What better way than with music?"

"Music would be the best way to bring people back together after months of isolation due to COVID. I ran the idea through Brian McGurl. He thought it was great and

we ran with it.

"Now Dunmore Borough can't wait for all of the music and entertainment. It's going to be a lot of fun at Dunmore Corners."

Dunmoreans Vito Ruggerio, Sally Judge and Jean Hill also assisted with the coordination of events.

Legion awards 9 scholarships

American Legion Victory Post 13, awarded nine \$500 scholarships to students of Dunmore High School's 2021 graduating class. The recipients are: Catlin Healey, Hannah Ptasinski, Ayden Ondek, Lilly McDonald, Nicholas Sinkevich, Sophia Lucas, Alexis Overholtz, Anne Jimmie, and Elizabeth Massaro.

Steve Lavelle, is post Commander and Joseph Durkin is scholarship awards chairman.



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We're on a two-week waiting list for repairs and I have fans and open windows in every room. Right now I'd jump into a bucket full of ice cream. However, I'm sure my doctors wouldn't approve!

Today reminds me of a day not that long ago when I was still teaching...teaching in a school

without air conditioning.

I left school and drove to Manning's on Meadow Avenue in Scranton.

A former student was waiting on customers and when my turn came, I asked her to give me the most refreshing flavor to help me cope with the oppressive heat.

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Well, we can't eat ice cream all

day, so we need other ways to keep cool.

In this month's column we're looking at family favorite "iced" drinks...both alcoholic and non. So, get ready for some sweltering days!

BLUEBERRY SHRUB

1 pint fresh blueberries
1/2 cup frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
Ginger Ale

Puree' blueberries in blender or food processor or pass through a food mill; rub through strainer with wooden spoon. Stir in lemonade mix; chill in screw-top jar. To serve, shake well; pour 1/4 cup mixture into glass; fill with ice and fill to top with ginger ale.

CHAMPAGNE DAZZLER

6 oz. lemonade concentrate
1 cup orange juice
6 oz. tonic water
6 oz. vodka
2 cups ice cubes
Champagne

Blend lemonade, orange juice, tonic water, vodka and ice in blender. To serve, pour 1 oz. champagne into each glass and fill with orange juice mixture. Makes 6-8 servings.

ORANGE JULIUS

1-6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate

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By Cheryl Radkiewicz

should be frozen to a mush. Serve with fresh strawberry, which has been coated in powdered sugar.

LIME SLUSH

This is a great treat to keep in the freezer and use as you need:

3-3 oz. pkgs. lime gelatin
2 quarts boiling water
1-20 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
1-46 oz. can pineapple-grapefruit drink
1-46 oz. can pineapple juice
1-12 oz. can frozen lemonade
1-6 oz. can frozen lemonade
3 liters ginger ale

Dissolve lime gelatin in boiling water and cool to room temperature. Stir pineapple, juices and lemonade concentrates into gelatin. Freeze mixture in quart plastic containers or clean half-gallon milk cartons.

To serve, remove from freezer about 3 hours before serving time. Mix 2 parts slush with 1 part ginger ale. **Note:** If you're in a hurry, defrost 1 quart container of slush in microwave on Defrost setting about 8 minutes. Makes 6 quarts.

1 cup milk
1 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
6-8 ice cubes

Blend all ingredients in a blender until smooth. Serve in tall glasses.

MOCHA COOLER

1 cup coffee, brewed
1 pint chocolate ice cream
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt

Pour coffee into blender. Spoon in ice cream, vanilla, cinnamon and salt. Blend 10-15 seconds. Serve immediately over ice cubes in tall glass.

FROZEN STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRI

1-6 oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate
6 oz. water
1-10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries
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MY FAVORITE VIRGIN MARY

1-46 oz. bottle or can of V-8 Juice
 1 tsp. horseradish
 5-6 shakes celery salt
 2-3 oz. Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 tsp. black pepper
 1/2 tsp. salt
 Few dashes of Tabasco

Mix all together in pitcher. Keep in refrigerator. Serve chilled over ice. Note: Now V-8 makes varieties of their vegetable juice with black pepper, spicy, or Bloody Mary mix. Note: Sometimes I add 1/4 cup dill pickle juice. Serve with celery stick garnish.

FRANGELICO ALEXANDER

Frangelico
 Brandy
 Ice Cream
 2-3 Ice cubes

Mix Frangelico, brandy and ice cream in blender. Pour into glass with ice.



SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian festival Aug. 13, 14 & 15

SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival will be held Aug. 13, 14 and 15, at St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore, featuring food, games and live entertainment. The Festival opens Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m. and on Sunday following the noon Mass and Procession.

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Kaci Kranson female athlete of year

By Steve Svetovich

Kaci Kranson, a junior basketball and softball player at Holy Cross, was named female Athlete of the Year last month by the Times-Tribune.

Brandon Reed of Riverside was named male Athlete of the Year.

Both were honored last month at a dinner and ceremony at the Theater at North. A total of 35 student-athletes, who were chosen as Athlete of the Week and 23 athletes who were

Times-Tribune Performers of the Year, were also honored.

It marked the 71st Times-Tribune and ESPN Radio Annual Athlete of the Week ceremony.

Kaci averaged 21.5 points per game for the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders basketball team. She has 1,225 career points at Holy Cross. She is closing in on the school record heading into her senior season.

She batted .485 with 12 homers, four doubles, three triples and 28 RBIs for the Holy Cross softball

team.

"When I heard my name being recognized as female Athlete of the Year, well I was in complete shock," Kaci said to The Dunmorean. "When they announced my name it was definitely one of the best moments in my life. It was very special having my two high school coaches support me. I am honored."

Kaci's softball coach at Holy Cross is Joe Ross. Her basketball coach is the veteran Barry

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Kaci Kranson, Times-Tribune female Athlete of the Year, poses with Brandon Reed who was named Male Athlete of the Year. --See story and more photos on Pages 14, 22, and 23



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Dunmore Lions award scholarships

The Dunmore Lions Club recently held its 40th annual Scholarship Award Dinner at La Buona Vita Restaurant, Dunmore.

Honored with Penn State Scholarships were William Portanova of Dunmore High School and Rebecca Tone of Holy Cross High School.

Also, honored with monetary gifts were Dunmore High School Male Scholar/Athlete Cristian Buckley and Female Scholar / Athlete Anna Talutto and Holy Cross High School Male Scholar/Athlete Tyler Mendicino and

Female Scholar/Athlete Cristia Polizzi.

Remarks were made by Michael Perry, Dunmore High School's assistant football coach, who is Cristian's brother) and Kandy Taylor, Holy Cross High School's dean of students, who is Tyler's aunt.

Presentations of awards were made by Lion President Jim Aita and Lion Treasurer Sam Sebastianelli Sr. Lion Michael Colangelo offered invocation and Lion Justin Patchcoski served as toastmaster.

Patchcoski congratulated all award recipients, "Not only for the great honor they are about to receive, but to be at such an exciting time in their life, adding, "it's probably hard to see now, given the uncertainty of the past 15 months, but I promise you will all look back on this night and all the wonderful memories of your high school athletic and academic careers often and fondly."

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Dunmorean Joe McGurl, right, is seen with Scranton Shakes founder Michael Bradshaw Flynn in a production of *Twelfth Night*.

10th anniversary of ScrantonShakes

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Joe portrayed Lord Rivers and Brackenberry in *Richard III*, which received a great audience reception as the only history play presented thus far by Scranton Shakes.

"The audience really connected with the history and weight of *Richard III*," McGurl recalls.

A playwright, Joe's original play, *Relationships*, was presented a few years ago at the Scranton Fringe Festival, and received the Best Local Author Award from Electric City.

McGurl has also appeared Off-Broadway in two shows that began their run at the Scranton festival—*Two Gentlemen of Verona* and *Com-media Rapunzel*.

Joe very much admires his friend from college, Michael Bradshaw Flynn, founder of SSF, and says the two support each other. Looking forward to this hallmark season, Joe says, "I'm glad he's brought me along for the ride."

"It's been a hard year, but theater is coming back!" Joe promises.



JoAnn Verduce receives the 2021 Dante Award for outstanding service to UNICO National at the annual installation dinner of Scranton UNICO. The Dante award is named for the late Al Dante, a former National UNICO President and mainstay of the Scranton Chapter for his entire life. Presenting the award are members of Al Dante's family, from left, grandson Dante Bieri, granddaughter, Nicole Bieri; Lisa Dante Bieri, daughter; Gail Cicerini outgoing president of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO and JoAnn Verduce, recipient.

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Former Holy Cross and University of Scranton baseball standout **Anthony Duchnowski** is baseball coach of North Pocono Trojans junior high team who were crowned Division 2 co-champions with Wallenpaupack with identical 6-2 league records...Duchnowski, in his sixth season, led Trojans to back-to-back titles and was assisted by his dad **Tony Duchnowski** of Dunmore...

Jerry Capone, also of Dunmore, who recently retired teaching and coaching at Wallenpaupack, was Wallenpaupack's junior high baseball coach...Capone was **Anthony Duchnowski's** first ever baseball coach when he managed him in Dunmore T-Ball League... Dunmore's **Gino Tempesta**, head of Tempesta Driving School, is assistant varsity baseball coach at

North Pocono High School...

Lavelle Insurance defeated Sunlight Crematory, 20-3, in Wyoming Valley League baseball action at Sloan Field Sunday, June 27...**Dylan Wall** went 5-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs for Lavelle Insurance...**John Aber** was 3-for-3 with double and three RBIs...**Zack McKitish** had one hit, two RBIs and three runs... **Dylan Svetovich** had three walks, an RBI, three runs and a diving catch in centerfield...**Rob Sarafinko** was winning pitcher for Lavelle...**Randy Torres** had two doubles and an RBI for Sunlight Crematory...

Congratulations to Holy Cross junior basketball and softball player **Kaci Kranson** named Times-Tribune female Athlete of Year...Kranson has 1,255 career

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With Steve Svetovich



points entering basketball senior season and hit .485 with 12 homers and 28 RBIs on softball team last season...Riverside's **Brandon Reed**, basketball and track and field standout, named male Athlete of Year...Valley View baseball product **Max Kranick** pitched five perfect innings gaining win in first MLB start for Pittsburgh Pirates over St. Louis Cardinals...One hour rain delay forced Kranick out of contest with perfect game going after five innings...Philadelphia Phillies pitcher **Aaron Nola** matched late **Tom Seaver's** 51-year record of 10 consecutive strikeouts in MLB game in 2-1 loss to New York Mets, the team Tom Terrific set record with...Nola struck out 12, gave up no runs in five and one-third innings and was not saddled with pitching loss...

Andrew Cimini had two hits and **Ryan Barber** drove in two runs in Green Ridge Post 908 4-3 win over Valley View in District II American Legion...Winning pitcher **Tyler Ancherani** struck out 11 for Green Ridge...**Eamon O'Malley** belted grand slam homer to lead Green Ridge over Wayne Highlands, 12-4, in Little League action...Winning pitcher **Matty Seitzinger** doubled for winners...**Tommy Mackrell** had two hits, including double, for Green Ridge...

Congratulations to **Erin McGee**, **Kaci Kranson** and **Carly Wywoda** of Holy Cross and **Emma Conte** and **Morgan Quinn** of Dunmore named

Lackawanna League Softball Coaches All-Stars for Division III...**Jenna Cruser** of Dunmore and **Priscilla Grill** of Holy Cross named honorable mention...

Congratulations to Holy Cross basketball product **Alysa Alfano** named to basketball coaching staff as an assistant at Penn State Scranton...Congratulations to Mid Valley softball team who advanced to PIAA Class 3A title game, losing 5-3 to Mount Pleasant...Condolences to family of long time local musician **Johnny Cagnetti** who died last month at 80...Condolences to family of **Donald Pregmon**, U.S. Army veteran who was stationed at the Panama Canal, Boston Celtics and Red Sox and Denver Broncos fan, who died last month at 85...A golfer, bowler and skier, Pregmon spent entire working career at RCA/Thompson Electronics, Dunmore...

Denver Nuggets **Nikola Jokic**, known as "The Joker," selected NBA MVP...**Jim Fassel**, who led New York Giants to Super Bowl XXXV and was NFL Coach of Year in 1997, died last month at 71...Condolences to family of former Scranton Tech track and

field standout **Chester Nezelkewicz**, U.S. Army veteran and retired Scranton firefighter, who died last month at 83...Nezelkewicz, long time Dunmore YMCA member, was life long swimmer, runner, weight lifter and played in competitive basketball and softball leagues into his 70's... His family called him a "Freak of Nature" for his ability to compete in athletics into his mid to late 70's before his illness... **Mike Krzyzewski** calling it a career following 2021-22 season as Duke University basketball coach...He has 1,170 career wins and five national titles...This will mark his 42nd season at Duke... Dunmore tennis coach **Chris Phillips** named Times-Tribune Coach of Year...Dunmore senior No. 1 singles tennis player **David Day**, class valedictorian, named first-team Lackawanna League Tennis Coaches All-Star...Dunmore senior **Dylan Aquino** named first-team Lackawanna League Track and Field Coaches All-Star for hurdle.. Do you remember **Todd Ardan**?... Whatever became of **Manny Sanguillan**?...



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DAVID DAY

Dunmore's valedictorian David Day
named Lackawanna tennis all-star

By Steve Svetovich

David Day finished off his Dunmore High School career as class valedictorian.

So what does he do for an encore?

He gets picked as a Lackawanna League Tennis Coaches first-team all-star for Class 2A as a No. 1 singles player.

Well versed and well spoken, David played four sports at Dunmore.

Besides being the No. 1 singles player on the tennis team, he was a wide receiver for the football team one year, participated in swimming for two years and goal keeper for the soccer team three years. He was a Lackawanna League Soccer Coaches first-team all-star as a goalkeeper in his junior year.

Son of Bobby and Karen Day, he credits his parents for the work ethic he learned. "My parents taught me the value of hard work.

It is what drives you to do well in life and succeed."

David is a driven young man who likes to keep busy. He was a member of the Spanish Club, Engineering Club, Earth Club and Service Club at Dunmore.

He was Dunmore student body president and yearbook staff editor. He was president of the National Honor Society. The scholar-athlete finished with a 3.8 academic grade point average as class valedictorian.

David will study astrophysics at the University of Florida in the fall.

He talked about what it takes to excel as a high school tennis performer. "You need determination," he said. "You can't get down on yourself. You need to be consistent. A lot of it is mental."

He praised Dunmore tennis coach Chris Phillips, the Lackawanna League coach of the year. "Coach Phillips told us that with the right mind set, anyone can

play tennis. With hard work and the right mind set, anyone can do what they want."

David said he likes listening to rap music in his spare time. He would like to see rapper Notorious B.I.G. in concert.

He talked about his future goals. "I would eventually like to earn a Ph.D in astrophysics," he said. "I want to get into independent research. Hopefully, I will have a family and live a very normal life."

David said he may play recreational tennis or bowling at the University of Florida.

A four-year member of the Dunmore Bucks tennis team, the intellectual athlete said he thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Dunmore High School.

"Everyone at Dunmore is very caring and welcoming. Everyone at Dunmore wants to see you do your best and succeed. The teachers, coaches, students and administrators all want to see that. It's a very caring atmosphere."

Dunmore Farmer's Market
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The Dunmore Farmers Market is underway. The market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through October 2, at the Fidelity Bank Parking lot, 101 N Blakley St., Dunmore.

The market features fresh produce, eggs, meat, jellies/jams, herbs, cheese, honey, maple syrup, and wine. In addition to the food products, there are curated, artisan, local crafters of jewelry, crocheted items, blankets, and soaps.

"The Dunmore Farmers Market is an excellent way to get fantastic quality items while supporting local growers and makers," says Marlene Sebastianelli, president of the Dunmore Farmers Market. "We thank our patrons, and community supporters like Fidelity Bank who have made our market such a success."

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Dylan Aquino first team Coaches All-Star in track

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore graduating senior Dylan Aquino knows that practice and perfecting the right technique leads to excellence as a track and field hurdler.

And last month the talented DHS graduate was rewarded for his hard work when named Lackawanna Track Conference Coaches Division III-IV first-team all-star for the hurdle.

Son of Jessica and Ivan Aquino, Dylan was also named the Dunmore track and field team MVP for his efforts in the hurdle.

Dylan, 18, was a four-year member of the Dunmore Bucks football team where he overcame some adversity that could have affected his track and field performance. He suffered a torn labrum to the shoulder as a sophomore and a pulled hamstring as a senior.

Still, he fought hard to rehab from the injuries to compete on both the Dunmore football and track and field teams. He was a wide receiver and defensive back on the Dunmore football team under coach Kevin McHale. He had one interception.

He injured his right hamstring again during Dunmore's first track and field meet this past season, but was able to bounce back strong.

Dylan graduated last month with a 3.1 academic average at Dunmore High School. He was a member of the Spanish Club and the Earth Club.

He was a second-team Lackawanna Football Conference Coaches all-star as a defensive back for football.

He will attend Wilkes College where he will play football in the fall.

Mike DeSando was his track and

field coach at Dunmore. "He was great," Dylan said. "He taught me absolutely everything I know about track."

The track and field hurdler said he owes a lot to his parents. "They always tell me to never give up. They tell me to out work everyone else. Work harder than anyone no matter what you are doing."

Dylan talked about what it takes to excel as a hurdler in high school track and field. "Technique is everything," he said. "Once you get that down, then you have it. Keep practicing the right technique."

Dylan said he enjoyed his years at Dunmore despite the transitions students were forced to make due to COVID-19.

"My time at Dunmore was more than interesting," he said. "I enjoyed my years at Dunmore, but we had to make a lot of transitions due to COVID. There were all



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different kinds of transitions, but I made it through them okay. I missed going to class and missed my friends at times. It was tough in that respect.”

The talented hurdler said he will study exercise science at Wilkes College. He hopes to eventually become a physical therapist. His best academic subject is chemistry.

Dylan enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Juice World, a rapper, in

concert.

He plans on working at a job and training in his spare time for football this summer. He wants to play safety for the Wilkes football team.

He said Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale was a big influence. “You learn a lot about discipline from coach McHale,” he said. “That is the very first thing he teaches.”

Dylan said he also had the privilege of meeting former

Dunmore football coach Jack Henzes before he retired.

The polite and hard-working Dunmore graduate talked about his future goals. “Well, eventually I want to become a physical therapist and possibly open and run a gym. I would love to do that. I am also looking forward to playing football at Wilkes. I can’t wait for that. I know it takes seven years to become a physical therapist, so I want to do well academically in college.”

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Kaci Kranson earns Times Tribune honors

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Fitzgerald.

The hard working junior, who aspires to become a physical therapist, was a first-team, all-state selection for basketball this past season.

She was second in the Lackawanna League in homers to Maranda Runco of Mid Valley who had 19 this past year.

A point guard on the Holy Cross basketball team, Kaci had multiple 30-point plus games as she led her team to a District 2 basketball title and a close run at the state

championship.

She helped lead the Holy Cross softball team to the District 2 Class 2A championship, a 2-1 loss to Elk Lake.

Not just a hard hitter on the softball diamond, Kaci also shows great athleticism, speed and range in the outfield catching every ball in sight.

She is considered a strong Division 1 college candidate for both basketball and softball.

Known for her character and team play, she has a strong knowledge of both sports.

Driven to success, Kaci also

excels in the classroom and is currently spending her time working out with a cast due to a broken wrist she suffered making a dive in the outfield in the district title softball loss to Elk Lake.

She is driven to be the best despite a quiet demeanor and often deflecting credit to her teammates.

"This really is a great honor," she said. "I had great support."

Kaci Kranson is pictured at right with her two high school coaches, baseball coach Joe Ross, left, and basketball coach Barry Fitzgerald, right. --See additional photos and story on Pages 14, 15 and 23



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Times Tribune sports editor Chris Imperiale presents female Athlete of the Year Award to Kaci Kranson.--See story and more photos on Pages 14, 15 and 22.

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