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Dunmorean of the Month: Bob Ragnacci



Bob Ragnacci with wife Antoinette

By Steve Svetovich

Serving the public with high quality dining at affordable pricing has been Bobby Ragnacci's forte for the past 40 years.

His business, Ragnacci's Restaurant, 507 S. Blakely St., Dunmore, is one of the best known establishments in the area.

Son of Antoinette and the late Robert Ragnacci, the long-time restaurant owner, a 1973 Dunmore graduate, received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from East Stroudsburg University in 1977.

He became a teacher at the Dunmore Elementary Center, but was furloughed in 1979-80 before going back to teaching there again in 1989 until he retired in 2015.

Still, he found out during his furlough from teaching that the restaurant business was in his blood.

His uncle, August DiBiasie, opened the restaurant in 1963 and ran it until 1981 when it was known as Sharkey's.

"I worked there in high school and then again in college, so I had a feel for it," said Ragnacci, "I started teaching at Dunmore, but when I got furloughed, that is what pushed it for me to be in the restaurant business. I bought the business from my uncle in 1981. I eventually started teaching at Dunmore again in 1989, so I needed help from the family to keep running the business.

"I had a lot of help from my wife and early on from my uncle. My mom helped out a lot in the restaurant. My mom is 88 now. My dad handled the paperwork and bills until he passed away in 2000."

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As part of the Dunmore Police Appreciation breakfast, the Dunmore Lions and Rotarian Clubs presented an achievement award to the Department for outstanding service to our community during the Covid pandemic. Accepting the award is Dunmore's Police Chief Sal Marchese Jr. with committee cochairmen Lion James Colangelo and Rotarian Rich Sabato.



The Dunmore Lions and Rotary Clubs joined together to provide an appreciation luncheon for the members of the Dunmore Fire Department for their gallant service in our community in these troubling times. These firefighters exemplify the courageous conduct required of the Fire Department and continuously demonstrate readiness, performance, and excellence at all times, particularly during the Covid pandemic. Pictured from left; committee cochairmen: Rotarian Rich Sabato and Lion Jim Colangelo. Firemen are Chris Cichocki, Fire Chief Chris DeNaples, Adam Valkos, and Dave Price.

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Dunmorean of Month...

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Married for 30 years to the former Antoinette Pasquariello, Ragnacci, 65, has no immediate plans of retiring.

"We have a lot of loyal customers. I can almost always predict what night they will be in and what they will order. A lot of times they go out of their way to compliment one of our waitresses for their service and the food served. That is the most exciting and best part of running a restaurant. It is nice seeing that. It is rewarding."

Ragnacci said his goal has always been to serve quality food at affordable prices.

His specialties at the restaurant include Italian homemade dishes, the various homemade pasta and sauce his wife makes, chicken Marsala, chicken Parmesan, various choices of veal, New York strip steak, filet mignon, stuffed clams, antipasto, steamed clams, U-Peel shrimp, chicken Alfredo, grilled pork chops, lobster and shrimp scampi, surf and turf, veal Marsala, veal piccata, spaghetti with sausage, meatballs or shrimp and penne pasta with meatballs or sausage. All Italian specialties are served with a cup of soup, salad, potato and vegetable. Various desserts are also available.

Ragnacci certainly aims to please his customers.

It is an inviting atmosphere that includes a small bar area with dining tables. Various drinks, including wine and beer, are served.

Ragnacci's is open for lunch Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The popular Dunmore establishment is open for dinner Tuesday to Saturday from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Takeouts were available during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic for three months followed by takeouts and outdoor dining until indoor dining was permitted again.

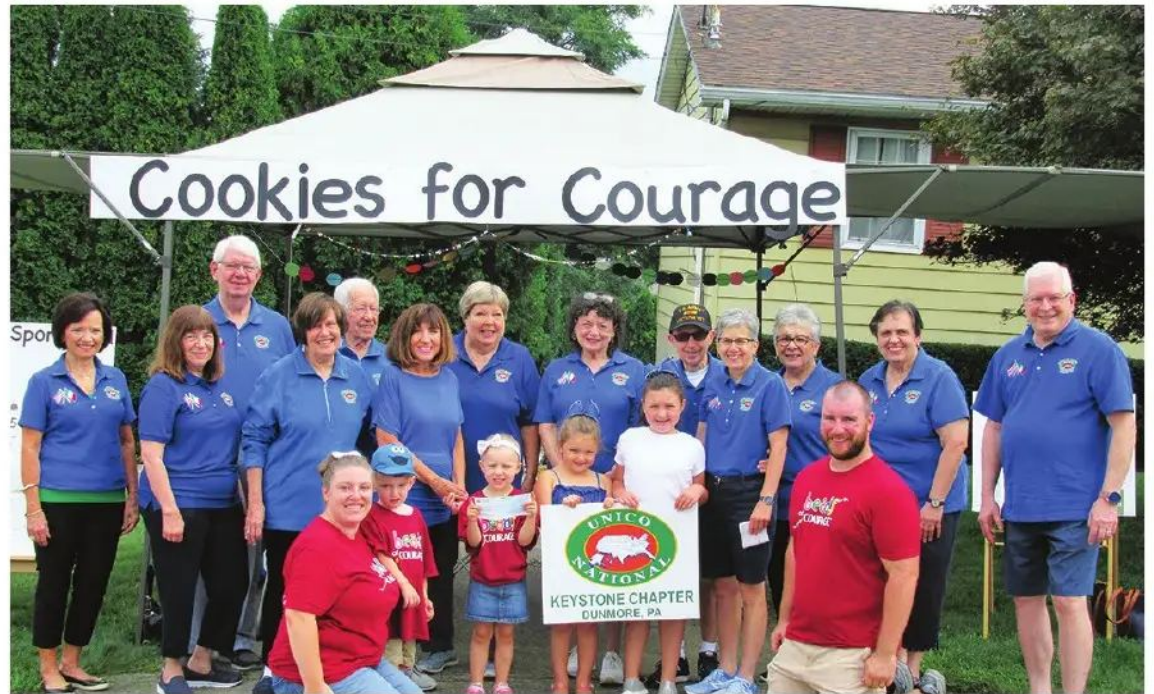
"Due to our very loyal customers, we held our own during the worst times of COVID," said Ragnacci. "We have great customers. We are so appreciative of our customers who were so supportive during a difficult time."

Ragnacci is the proud father of three grown daughters: Kim Potoroski, 50, Marissa Jenesko, 38, and Gianna Ragnacci, 26.

He and his wife have two grandchildren: Eloise, 7, and Julianne, 5. "They are our pride and joy."

Ragnacci, hard working with a sense of humor and positive outlook on life, has no plans to leave the business after recently celebrating 40 years of Ragnacci's Restaurant.

"I'm going to keep going. We love seeing the customers come in. We just had a regular customer come in from Binghamton, N.Y. We want to provide quality food to our good customers. And we keep the prices very affordable for them. We try to make it a nice, comfortable atmosphere. I like what I do."



Dunmore's Keystone UNICO donated \$300 to the Avery Shivock "Cookies For Beads Fundraiser" for Beads of Courage. Pictured at the event are representatives of Keystone UNICO who donated \$300 to the fundraiser. Shown in the front row, from left: Avery's mother Stephanie, brother Mason and Avery Shivock; Gianna and Mia O'Neill; and Avery's father Christopher Shivock. Standing, same order: Sandy Collins, Nancy Malone, Mark McDade, Lenore and Ed Latarewicz, Toni DiVizio, Val Riggi, Michele McDade, Frank Coviello, Keystone President Mary Ann Coviello, Mary Lou Karliak, Ann Summa and Bob Tagert.

Race, pet parade will benefit shelter

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter will host its inaugural Wag-O-Ween 5K and Pet Costume Parade Saturday, Oct. 16, at McDade Park, pavilion 1, at 1 Bald Mountain Rd., Scranton. Registration and check-in are from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., and the race begins at 10.

At the event, runners are invited to wear their favorite Halloween costume or running gear as they dash through a 5K course designed by Scranton Running Company. The top male and female runners in each age category will receive a medal.

The runners who compete in costume also will vie for the scariest, funniest, best superhero, and most unique costume prizes.

All runners will receive a complimentary Griffin Pond Animal Shelter Wag-O-Ween 5K and Pet Costume Parade t-shirt. Registration is \$35 and can be completed at www.runsignup.com/griffinpond.

Following the race at approximately 11:30 a.m., Griffin Pond will host a Halloween pet costume parade. Parade participants should check in at 11 a.m.

During the event, pet owners will escort their pets as they contend for the funniest, cutest, most creative, and most unique costume prizes. Parade registration is \$15. The shelter also has numerous sponsorship options available which are great advertising vehicles for businesses or a way to honor someone. To register for the parade or as a sponsor, please visit www.griffinpondanimalshelter.com.

All proceeds will benefit the shelter's canine and feline enrichment program.

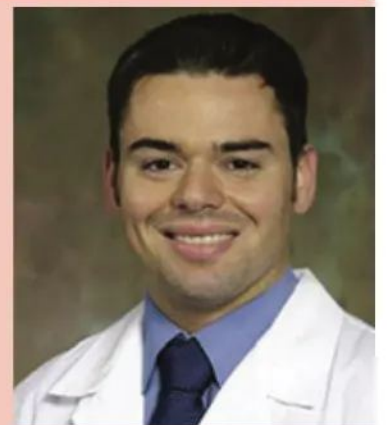
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Sept. 11 heroes to be honored at Dunmore HS memorial event

country.

Ty Holmes, 52, from Summit, N.J., is bringing an event to honor Siller and fellow 9-11 first responders to Dunmore on Saturday, Sept. 11.

His wife, the former Margie Piepoli, a 1993 Dunmore High School graduate, was instrumental in making the arrangements along with John Marichak, superintendent of Dunmore schools, and the Dunmore School Board.

"This event is always held in New York City around the Twin Towers each Sept. 11," said Holmes. "However, it has been tempered down due to COVID, so we asked to have the event in Dunmore to remember Stephen Siller and all of those who died that terrible day."

Holmes is a 25-year retired military man, having served 15 years in the U.S. Army and 10 years in the U.S. Navy earning the rank of master sergeant.

Holmes said Siller's final words, as he was running up the tower to save anyone he could, were, "My brothers are in there," a reference to his fellow firefighters.

"In the midst of tragedy," said Holmes, "heroes emerge. We cannot let 20 years go by without acknowledging that."



Ty Holmes

Holmes said in New York City to commemorate the event "we go to the exact path Stephen walked."

At 8:46 a.m. taps is performed to honor Siller and the others who bravely died that day. The significance of 8:46 is the exact time the Twin Towers were first struck.

"We are extremely grateful to Dunmore to host this event for us. The event in New York City was

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The late Stephen Siller is a hero in every sense of the word.

And Dunmore will acknowledge this Saturday, Sept. 11.

The late New York City firefighter who tried to rescue others but died at The Twin Towers Sept. 11, 2001, will be recognized on the outside grounds of Dunmore High School, at Dunmore Veterans Memorial Stadium Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8 a.m.

Stephen Gerard Siller was the youngest of seven children born to Mae and George Siller. At age eight, he lost his father, and a year-and-a-half later his mother passed away, leaving him an orphan to be raised by older siblings.

Despite a period of struggles, but thanks to the love of his siblings, he grew up to be a dedicated firefighter.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Stephen, age 35, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear.

The veteran firefighter drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes.

Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 pounds of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.

Stephen had everything to live for. He had a wonderful wife, five beautiful children, a devoted extended family and friends.

His life and heroic death serve as a reminder to us all to live life to the fullest and to spend our time here on earth doing good deeds. That is his legacy.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others. It also honors our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our

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Ty Holmes is shown holding a flag which will be used in the 9-11 observance to be held at Dunmore High School on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the attack.

Drive-through Dunmore Cemetery Tour returns

By Julie Esty
Tour Director

The annual Dunmore Cemetery tour will return to the first two Sundays of October, which fall this year on Oct. 3 and 10, beginning at 2 p.m.

Because of the uncertainty of Covid 19, we have decided to go with a drive-through format again.

It was a very successful event in 2020, and we will give visitors a new tour book and expanded route through the cemetery. The tour book they receive can be used at any point following the tour, either for drive or walk through.

We will have a different line-up of people from the past featured this year, with a whole new route. As always, admission is free.

Since we have learned that many people on a national level are returning pets adopted from shelters during the pandemic, we have decided to partner with Griffin Pond Animal Shelter this year and accept donations of pet items at the gate. We have been the fortunate recipients of a sizable Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Covid grant for adapting our art form, and we have also received a Municipal Arts Grant from the Borough of Dunmore to aid in financing this free tour.

It is our plan to make the cemetery more of a harvest festival this year. We did this to a degree last year, but our funds were limited. We plan to do more this year.

The cemetery looked absolutely gorgeous with corn stalks and scarecrows - even ghosts -- so we're expanding on that.

Right now we have close to 100



Julie Esty, director of the Dunmore Cemetery Tour, enjoys bringing things a little further "into the future" with her hippie look.

bouquets of flowers for the Home for the Friendless Section and about a dozen wreaths to adorn mausoleums.

We're just starting to get ready now -- I'm sure there will be an explosion of autumn in the cemetery for folks to see.

Our dear friends at Gertrude Hawk Chocolates will be supplying a "goodie" for tour visitors. Some people/organizations are decorating mausoleums.

Our friends at the Lackawanna Historical Society are going to take care of George Catlin's spot.

As always, our Dearly Departed Players will be in the cemetery to guide people along the tour route.

Costume planning has begun, and the Players are looking forward

to getting out in the cemetery and seeing everyone.

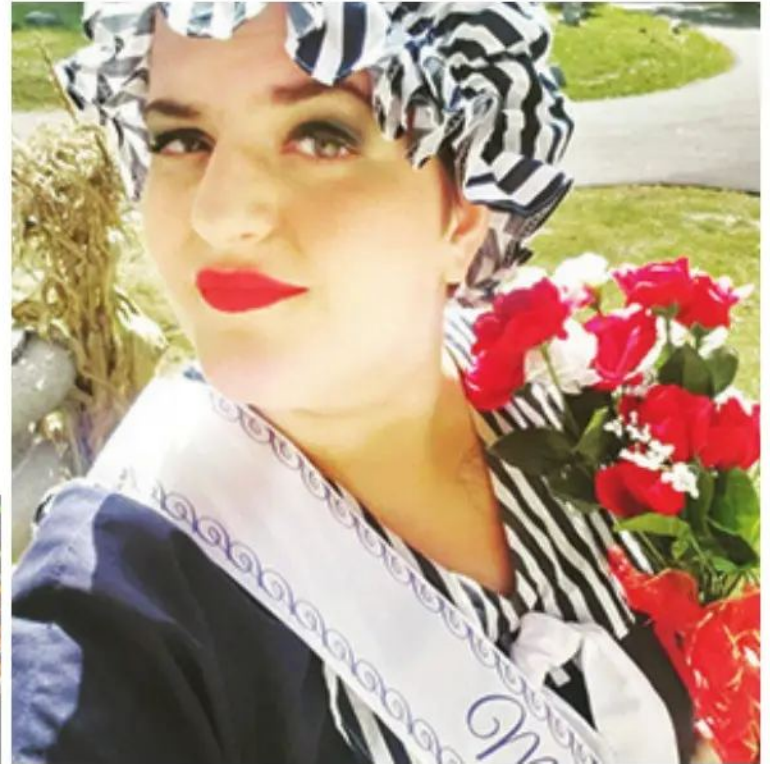
We look at back and remember the tour was so positive last year. People were so happy, and even with our visitors in vehicles, we got to interact with the public on a large scale and it was wonderful. The drive through method is really cool, and it works like a charm.

Of course, we are looking forward to the time when we get back to our regular format, but for now this is great.

The tour took about a half hour



The final resting place of Dunmore music teacher and director of music Martha Matthews Owens was decorated by the Dunmore Federation of Teachers.



Christa Gaskill as a former Miss Scranton appeared at the Cyrus Jones Mausoleum in 2022. The mausoleum was decorated by Space Time Mead and Cider of Dunmore.

last year, and this year we expect it should take a bit longer.

Since I am up the front where the cars come in, I decided a hoop skirt or dress isn't the safest thing, so I will be going out there again as a hippie. Last year, folks were flashing me peace signs --- so I am hoping they will do it again this year!

On another note, local filmmaker Luz Cabrales from Scranton Films worked with the tour for two years and has made a one-hour documentary about our beginnings. Then Covid hit. That took the documentary down an interesting avenue.

Luz showed how bleak things

looked and how we adapted and a community worked together to help others. It's a beautiful film - she did an amazing job.

The aerial views of the cemetery/Dunmore/the huge crowd are amazing. She started submitting the documentary to different film festivals internationally and it is being seen on an international level.



BACK TO SCHOOL JUST GOT SWEETER!

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CHOCOLATES



La Festa Italian returns with main act The Bronx Wanderers

La Festa Italiana is back! After the event was cancelled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, La Festa is returning and will be held Labor Day weekend, Friday through Monday, Sept. 3-6, on Courthouse Square, Scranton.

Hours are Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The festival committee is collabo-

rating with the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Mayor of Scranton's Office to plan the event. COVID vaccines, masks and hand sanitizers will be available at no charge.

A variety of vendors will be offering Italian food and other items, and continuous live entertainment will be featured. There is no admission charge. This year's presenting

sponsor is the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Also returning this year are The Bronx Wanderers, La Festa's main act on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The Bronx Wanderers deliver a "Back to the Future" high-octane '50s, '60s and '70s rock n' roll experience featuring the infectious energy of the music that skyrocketed classics like "American Graffiti," "Happy Days" and "A Bronx Tale" to immediate success.

Among the many other acts that

will perform are The Cameos, comedian Uncle Floyd Vivino, Frank Sinatra tribute (Chris DiMattio), Dean Martin Tribute (Andy DiMino from Las Vegas), a Connie Francis tribute featuring Nikki Rasmus, Gene Dempsey Orchestra, Old Friends, Flaxy Morgan, Popstar Drive and Mike Lanza.

Also, the Luongo Brothers, The Wanabees, Daddy-O and the Sax Maniax, The Exact Change, Gerard Mayer Band, the Mark Montella Project featuring Erin Malloy, and

La Festa's principal Italian tenor Michael Castaldo.

Ballet Theatre of Scranton will be performing Italian folk street dances, plus there will be jugglers, magicians, street acts, favorite local bands and dance groups.

The annual Mass in Italian will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located one block from the festival site. The Mass will also be televised live by CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

Fireworks presented by Dickson City Hyundai will be displayed on Sunday night.

For more information, the complete entertainment schedule and updates, visit the festival Web site at: www.lafestaitaliana.org.

La Festa Italiana will literally hit the ground running with the Ninth Annual Captain James R. Minicozzi Memorial 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m.

The race is being sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of UNICO, the Italian-American service organization, and proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania Christmas Party and West Scranton High School Scholarship Program. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 1 and can be done at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Scranton/Minicozzi5k>

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dunmore blood drive

The Northeast Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dunmore Community Center, 1414 Monroe Ave., Dunmore. The day is being called "Roll Up Your Sleeve for the Red Cross. Day in Dunmore."

The COVID 19 pandemic has caused blood supplies to become

critically low, according to Red Cross officials.

The Red Cross has been helping people since 1881 and now the 140-year-old organization finds itself needing help. Download the Red Cross App for more information on the Red Cross. Regular blood donors can save time at the donation site by using the App's Rapid Pass.

Nay Aug craft fair

A Craft Fair will be held at Nay Aug Park on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit a special needs playground for all to enjoy. There will be over 100 vendors, raffle baskets, food, and more.

Cancer Survivors Day

Cancer Survivors Day is a dual-location event set for Saturday, Sept.

18, at McDade Park in Scranton and Saturday, Sept. 25 at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre. The events run from 10 a.m. – noon and are free of charge although pre-registration is encouraged.

The events feature the Circle of Survivors, an activity during which every person in attendance can say a few words about their experience with cancer. Conversation and light

refreshments provide an additional opportunity for connection and support.

Cancer survivors, their families, and friends, as well as caregivers and healthcare professionals are invited to attend.

For more information, go to www.cancernepa.org or call the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (570) 904-8808.



Dempsey Open 2021 winners are shown from left, including: Tim Dempsey, Ken Smith, Tom Hallinan and Eric "Coach" Grundman. The Dempsey Golf Tournament honors the memory and scholarship fund for James "Jazz" Dempsey.

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September Artist: Ruth Boyles

By Ruth Boyles

For years I had thought maybe there was an artist inside me that just needed to be taught how.

One year, David Smith, a wonderful artist friend of mine and I were doing some work on Grace Bible Church's "Living Nativity," and he invited me to come to a painting class at the Dunmore Senior Center.

I went, not knowing anything about art except that I thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought I was just going to learn to paint, which I did. But more than that I found many new friends. People I have grown to love.

I have immensely enjoyed my last nine years at what is presently called the Dunmore Activity Center. In our sketch class, we have dabbled with watercolors, acrylics, pastels, charcoal on different surfaces, pen and ink, and during

the painting time, most of us work with oils.

We appreciate the help of our teacher, Jill Swersie, as she has very unselfishly given of herself to teach us how to make our paintings

take on new dimensions and lives of their own. We look forward to having her back full time when the Covid business is over.

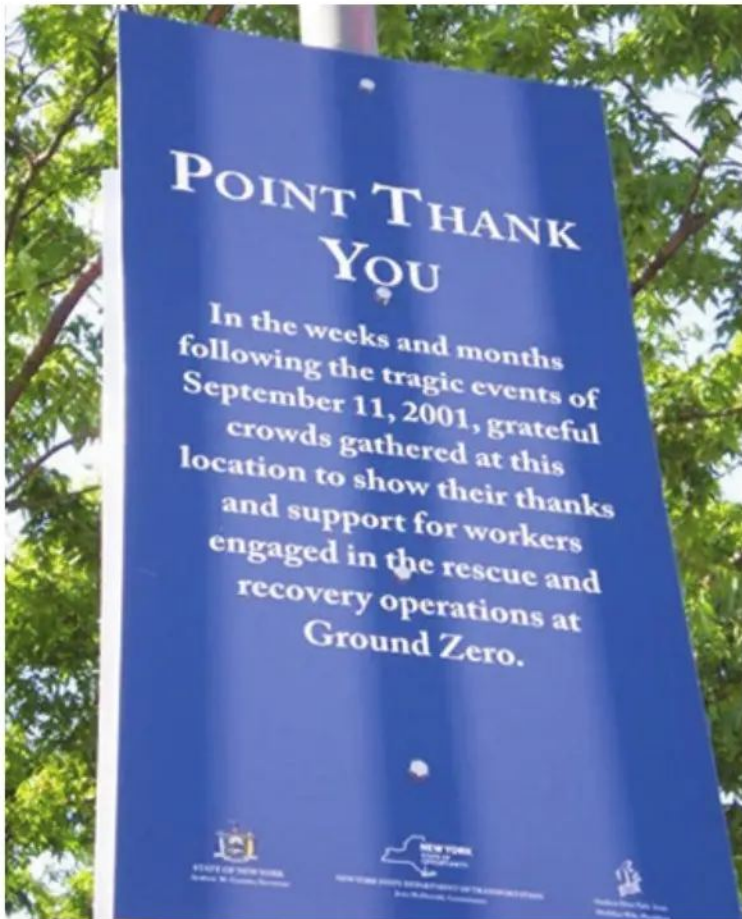
For now we are learning from each other. I have been working on a "commission" of a barn which I especially enjoy painting for someone in the area.



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Dunmore woman part of Point Thank You group

As part of the 20th anniversary of 9-11, Lenore Mills of Willow Street, Dunmore, will return as she does every year to commemorate the rescue and recovery workers at Ground Zero.

Lenore served as a volunteer after 9-11 with a grassroots group who stood on the West Side Highway at Christopher Street, New York City, with homemade signs of thanks and encouragement for the rescue and recovery workers from the initial event until the cleanup at Ground Zero was completed in May, 2002.

The various groups who passed by were members of the New York Police Department, Fire Department of New York, PAPD, EMTs, construction workers, sanitation workers, Red Cross and Salvation Army, and more.

Lenore remembers, "Many times these workers would stop and thank us even though we were thanking them. They also were very emotional and told stories of working on the 'pile'."

"It reminds me of what people have done for healthcare workers the past year."

Ms. Mills drove every weekend from NEPA to join the group and they return on every 9-11 Anniversary.

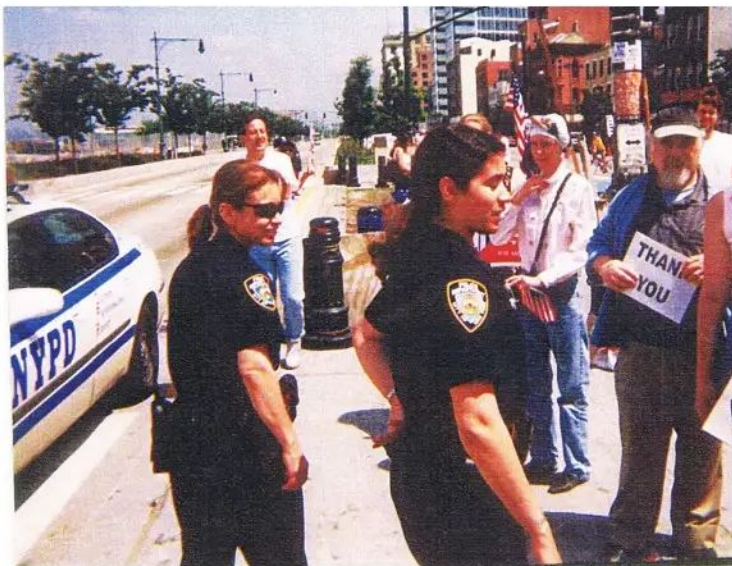
Then Governor George E. Pataki at the time designated the area as POINT THANK YOU and a sign was erected at the spot where the group volunteered. Lenore and the others will be there this 9-11 at the same place.

Lenore has just been notified

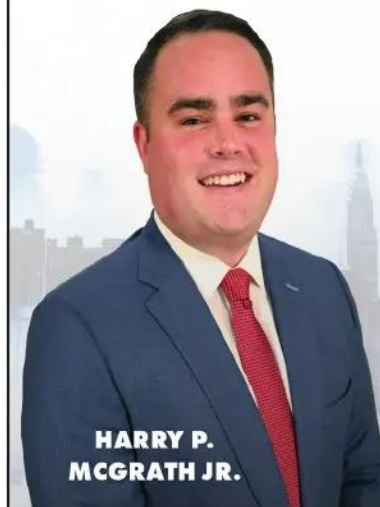
that her photographic record of this and other related events surrounding 9-11 are entered into the Greenwich Village archives by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation.

Go to www.villagepreservation.org

and click on the blog, then scroll to see: 9-11 IN MEMORIAM – Point Thank You
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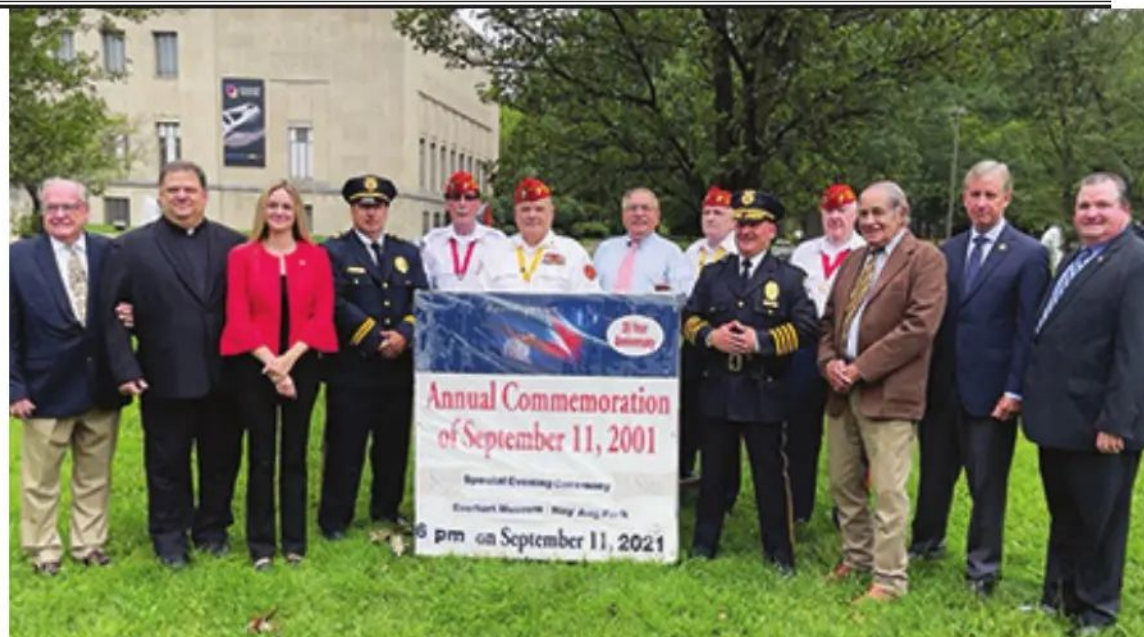
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The 9/11 Memorial Committee of Lackawanna County will host a special observation of the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, with an evening vigil on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. in front of the Everhart Museum at Nay Aug Park. The public is invited. The ceremony will include prayers, songs, a rifle salute by the Northeast Detachment Marine Corps League and the lighting of 297 tea candles (1 for every 10 victims) to symbolize the 2977 innocents and heroes who died that day. Mayor Paige Cognetti and Congressman. Matt Cartwright are scheduled to give remarks. Shown from left: Thomas Munley, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Rev. Richard E. Fox, St. Patrick's, Scranton; Mayor Paige Gebhart Cognetti, Capt. Dennis Lukasewicz, Scranton Police; Vince Carden and Jim Rosar, Marine, NE Detachment, Marine Corps League; Charlie Spano, chair of the 9/11 Committee; Jim Casella, NE Detachment of the Marine Corps League; Chief Len Namiotka, Scranton Police; Chief Richard Kane, NE Detachment Marine Corps League; Joe DeAntona, 9/11 Committee; US Rep Matt Cartwright, and Patrick O'Malley, vice chair of the 9/11 Committee.

SKILLS workforce career fair is Sept. 23

Skills in Scranton, the workforce development affiliate of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, is hosting SKILLS 2021 Workforce Summit & Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Viewmont Mall.

Employer booth and sponsorship applications are now open. Multiple levels of sponsorship are available for businesses.

This event, which is free to the public, is not your typical job fair. It will connect local employers and job seekers, as well as host

engaging and educational presentations. The theme is *Bridging the Gap: Employers & Employees in a Post-COVID World*.

Speaker topics will include apprenticeships, veteran employment, and best practices for job searching and recruitment.

Attendees can also learn about career opportunities with local employers from a variety of industries. In addition, free assistance with resumes and interviewing will be available for job seekers.

An on-site COVID-19 vaccine clinic will also be offered, administered by DePietro's Pharmacy.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held to announce the new Treasure House Child Development Center at its Dunmore Location, 1416 Monroe Ave. The center provides care for young toddlers to school age children. Shown from left are: Linda Lynett and Carlon Preate, board members; Ann Marie Pisano, office manager; Margi Lomeo, executive director; Elizabeth Martin, assistant director; Kristina Ludwikowski, group supervisor; Pat McDonough, accountant; Kathleen McCabe, program consultant, and Jim Calvey, board member.

Medical Assistant program offered

Lackawanna College has received a \$150,000 grant from Moses Taylor Foundation to launch a certified clinical medical assistant (CCMA) certificate program at the main campus in Scranton and the Lake Region Center in Hawley. Funds from the grant will be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for hands-on teaching laboratories and to upgrade lab equipment at the College's Towanda Center.

"This grant will provide state-of-the-art equipment to students, giving them the hands-on experience, they need to enter the workforce as skilled

medical assistants," said Christine Martin, Program Director. "Thanks to the generosity of the Moses Taylor Foundation, Lackawanna College can meet Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania's need for certified medical professionals."

Lackawanna College's program is matching the growing demand for medical assistants which stems from several factors including an aging population, rising chronic disease rates, and advancements in healthcare. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in this field are expected to grow 19% by 2029.

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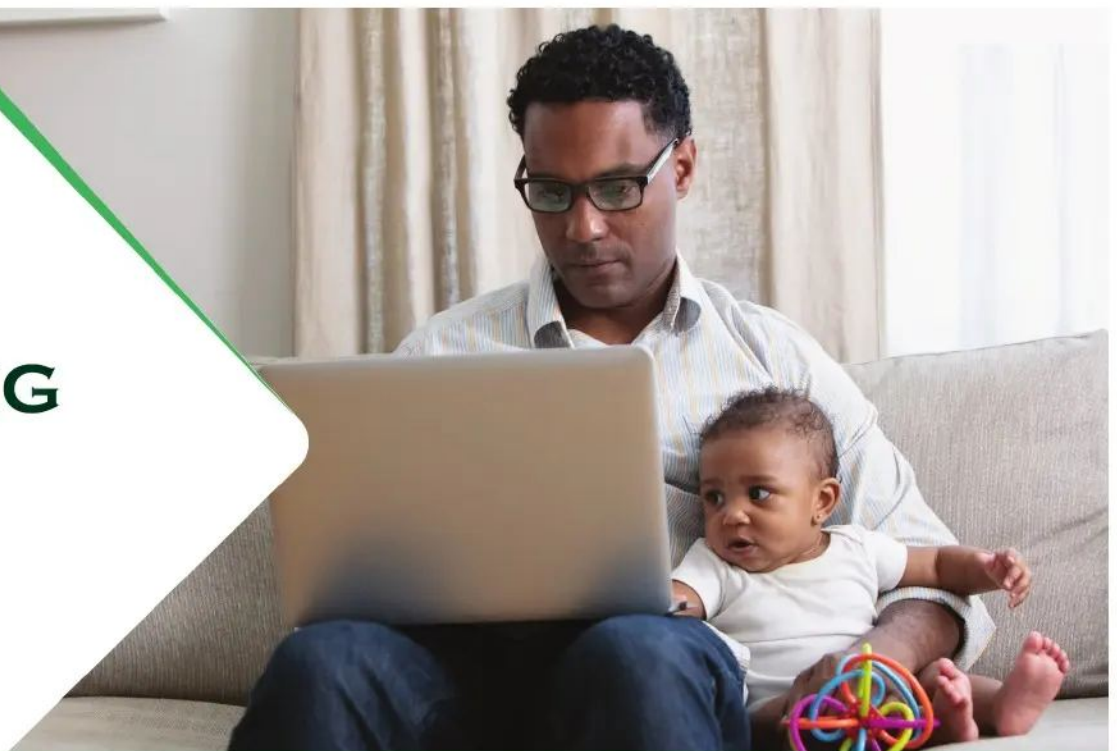
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Get ready for kickoff with tailgate recipes

It's kick-off time!!!! Football fans are raring to go..... In our house, everything revolves around Penn State's football schedule.

My husband, a Penn State alum, who played football for Clarks Summit (now Abington Heights) considers game time High Holy Days in our house and discusses menus for his snacks as seriously as he does for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Years ago, when we attended games at University Park, he sent me to the college bookstore to look for Penn State cookbooks. Then, we went to the Creamery!!!

So, in keeping with our tradition, here are recipes from Penn State for Nittany Lion Tailgating:

BEER CHEESE

1 lb. sharp cheese
1 lb. Swiss cheese
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/8 tsp. garlic powder (I use 1 tsp.)
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce (I use 2 tsp.)
1 cup beer

Shred cheese and blend with other

ingredients. Age 6 days. Serve at room temperature with your favorite crackers.

SEAFOOD SANDWICHES

1 cup shrimp, lobster or crab, boiled and chopped (Note: I boil my shrimp and steam my lobster and crab)
1/2 cup cucumber, chopped and patted dry (optional)
3 oz. softened cream cheese
2 Tbsp. fresh chives, chopped
1 tsp. lemon juice
Salt
Dill weed
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients. Spread on bread that has had the crust cut off and cut into strips. Note: I usually sprinkle the mixed ingredients with a little Old Bay seasoning before making the sandwiches.

STEAK SALAD

1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
2 Tbsp. capers, drained
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 lb. charcoal-broiled steak,

thinly sliced
2 ripe tomatoes, chopped
1/2 small red onion, finely sliced
2 hard boiled eggs (These are optional for me)

Combine salad dressing, capers and mustard, stirring to blend. Add steak and toss with dressing until well coated. Add tomatoes, onion and eggs; gent mix. Cover with plastic wrap and chill overnight.

CHICKEN WINGS

8 chicken wings or legs
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup fresh lime juice

Cheryl's Cuisine

1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. ginger, powdered
1 garlic clove, pressed
3 Tbsp. parsley
1/2 tsp. rosemary leaves
1 tsp. dried dill weed
1/2 tsp. paprika (I use 1 teaspoon)

Oil an 13x9x2" baking dish.



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

Rinse chicken thoroughly. Mix juices and pour over chicken. Mix herbs and spices together and sprinkle over the chicken. Cover with foil and refrigerate for 2-4 hours. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake for 25 minutes; remove foil and bake 20 minutes more. Let cool and refrigerate or freeze until ready to pack.

BLOODY MARY

4-46 oz. cans V-8 juice (you can get flavored ones, with black pepper, or Bloody Mary flavored)
1 qt. vodka
1-6 oz. bottle Worcestershire sauce
2 lemons, juice only
1 tsp. celery salt
Tabasco, to taste

Mix together and chill. Makes 36 Bloody Marys.

CAULIFLOWER AND STILTON CREAM SOUP

1 large head cauliflower, cut into florets
1 cup water
1 quart chicken broth
1 cup chopped onion
2 carrots, grated
1 quart half & half
1 stick butter
2/3 cup flour
4 oz. cream cheese
4 oz. Stilton cheese

Cook cauliflower in water until tender. Drain and mash. Cook other vegetables in chicken broth until tender. Stir in cauliflower. Add cream and heat until warm, but not boiling. Melt butter and stir in flour. Gradually add to soup to thicken it. Stir in cheeses. If you'd like a totally pureed soup, put all vegetables through food processor before adding the cream. Serves 8.



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The Dunmore Farmers Market is well 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 support-

ing 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."

This year's vendors include Mulberry Bush, Buttercup Farm, Blue Magic Farms, Case Quattro Winery, Space Time Mead & Cider Works, Janet's Crafty Creations, Jazzy Treasures, Crafty Psycho, and Miss Debbie's Soap.

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Fidelity Bank says Dunmore will always be its home

Fidelity Bank opened its doors to Dunmore 119 years ago. Today, its home remains the same.

And while the Bank may look different than it used to – imposing metal teller windows have been replaced by welcoming, round desks, and the use of mobile banking apps has surpassed that of checkbooks, one thing has never changed... Fidelity Bank's commitment to its clients and community.

"We aren't afraid to try something new," says Fidelity Bank's President & CEO, Daniel Santaniello.

"As we learn, as new technology becomes available, we embrace opportunities while continuing to put our clients at the center of every decision we make."

"Where the future may take us

is yet to be seen," said Santaniello. "But no matter what, Dunmore will always be home."

The Bank plans to remodel the branch office which has sat on the corner of Blakely and Drinker Streets since 1902. The innovative approach to delivering our clients an extraordinary experience the community have gotten to know and trust will remain.

That innovative leadership has been a part of the Bank's philosophy since its early days. In 1951, Fidelity Bank was the first in the area to introduce a drive-through bank window.

It was an early adopter of digital delivery, having the ability to open deposit accounts online since 2008. In 2019, the Bank released a

totally digital mortgage application process that can be done from any mobile device easily and securely.

It was in 2007 that Fidelity Bank's leadership decided to make a concerted effort to think boldly about tying its brand and sustainability into the banking experience.

As it built out new branches over the years, Fidelity refined its prototype, adding new features and shrinking its overall footprint to take clients' banking needs into account.

Bank leaders and architects from firm Dx Dempsey visited financial institutions across the country, from Chicago to Florida, to research the latest trends and bring back best practices to the area.

It is not just about appearances

either... the client experience had a redesign, too. Today, under the Bank's service model, a banker will greet a client within two steps of entering a branch or office. Inside, a table made from milled lumber provides a platform for local businesses to showcase their work, a digital wall displays what's happening in the community via slick LCD TVs, and a hospitality bar offering coffee and cookies baked that morning.

All Fidelity Bank enhancements are made not to be trendy, but to help Bankers build relationships with clients. Technology and experiences always stay true to the Bank's brand.

In 2020, Fidelity Bank acquired Lehigh Valley-based Merchants Bank and on its heels, recently completed the acquisition of Landmark Community Bank. Now, the

Bank operates 23 branch offices throughout four counties. "We've come together with these Banks to form one, strong organization, committed to delivering the best client experience possible," he said.

"These unions allow for expanded products, services and benefits for clients, and create an expanded business and community banking footprint."

Fidelity Bank believes that a strong community will have a strong community bank, and that the relationship is symbiotic. Fidelity is proud to give back in time, talent and treasure to the people, businesses and organizations that support it. "We are grateful to those who've supported us, especially here; it's because of them that we are as successful as we are," he said.



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The lobby of Fidelity Bank in Dallas, Pa., shows the new design concepts the Dunmore-based bank has adopted.

Tour de Scranton 17 bike ride, riverwalk scheduled Sept. 26

The Tour de Scranton 17 bike ride and riverwalk, a non-competitive bike ride for riders of every age and skill level, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event benefits the Erin Jessica Moreken Dug & Alcohol Treatment Fund, Inc., which was established in 2002 in memory of Erin, who died at the age of 28 of a drug overdose.

Participants are eligible to win one of several bikes, and one of many gift certificates or prizes to be awarded.

The bike ride will be monitored from start to finish by adult volunteers and cyclists at regular check points, making it a safe and enjoyable way to have fun and raise much-needed funding to assist young people struggling with substance use disorders.

Each year, the event raises monies to offer high school scholarships to help worthy se-

niors who are going on to post-high school education despite dysfunction in their homes because of drugs and alcohol. Erin's Fund has provided rent money to candidates who have completed Treatment Court and are moving to a sober home. In addition, the fund has sponsored inspirational speakers such as Chris Herron to educate the community at no charge.

The cost is \$ 25 for walk and \$ 45 for bike. There is a family price adults and children under 18 \$ 65.

The event is held rain or shine. Participants can ride a bike from 8 miles to 65 miles. The walk is on the Lackawanna Heritage Trail on Olive Street, Scranton. It is family-friendly and also for more experienced riders. Check out www.tourdescranton.com for more information.

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At a recent Keystone UNICO Board of Directors meeting at Arcaro and Genell Restaurant Frank and Vito Ruggiero were inducted into the chapter. Standing from left are: Inducting Officer Mark McDade, Frank Ruggiero, Keystone UNICO President Mary Ann Coviello, Vito Ruggiero, and Keystone UNICO Membership Director Ann Summa. If interested in joining Keystone UNICO, contact Ann Summa at 570-561-5944.



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Keystone Chapter UNICO recently inducted new member Samuel Hannah who is also the recipient of Dunmore High School's Keystone UNICO Scholarship. Pictured from left are Mark McDade, inducting officer; Samuel Hannah, new member; Ann Summa, membership director, and Keystone president Mary Ann Coviello. New members are always welcome. For an application, call Ann Summa at 570-561-5944 or any of our Keystone UNICO Members.



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Officials report new samples of West Nile Virus

The presence of West Nile virus has been detected in five new mosquito samples collected in Lackawanna County.

Positive samples were found at: intersection of Marion Street and Powell Avenue in Clarks Summit; May Street in Moosic; Spring Street in Moosic; the intersection of South Irving Avenue and East Locust Street in Scranton; and the intersection of Palm Street and Crown Avenue in Scranton.

No human cases have been reported in Lackawanna

County at this time.

Officials from Lackawanna County and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection are responding to the situation.

Residents in these areas are advised to take precaution when outdoors.

For more information on West Nile virus and the Pennsylvania West Nile Virus Control Program, please visit <https://gis.dep.pa.gov/WNV/>



Keystone UNICO is sponsoring a CASH BINGO Fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Eagle-McClure Hose Company, Old Forge. Doors open at noon. There will be 20 Cash Games and 4 Specials. There will be a 50/50 drawing; a basket raffle; the famous Keystone UNICO bake sale; and food/drinks for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased from any member or by calling Michele McDade at 570-343-7009. Proceeds are designated to local scholarships and 501c3 Agencies. Committee members include, seated from left: Eileen Kovatch, Cesira Berardelli, Mary Ann Stoppini, cochairmen Michele McDade and Lenore Latarewicz, Toni DiVizio, President Mary Ann Coviello and Sylvia Tagert. Standing, same order: Valerie Riggi, Mark McDade, JoAnn Martarano, Joe Michalczyk, Cathy Gerard, Bob Collins, Sandy Collins, Bob Kovatch, Ann Summa, Tom Carlucci, Mary Lou Karliak, Ed Latarewicz, Frank Coviello, Bob Tagert and Dot Mariani.

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Bob Walsh of Dunmore, president of Northeast Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame is seeking new members and former members to renew memberships by calling him at 570-346-2228... Anyone interested in attending induction ceremonies and dinner for Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame at Fiorelli's, Peckville, on Sunday, Oct. 24, can call Bob Walsh at 570-346-2228... Congratulations to North Scranton's **Jake McCarthy**, Scranton High School product, who had two hits, including RBI double, scored a run and threw **Bryce Harper** out at home plate in second big league game playing right field for Arizona Diamondbacks in 7-4 loss to Philadelphia Phillies...

Condolences to family of beloved **Marie Nesko**, Taylor, born and educated in Dunmore, who died surrounded by her family last month at 90... Her late husband, **George "Duke" Nesko** was well-known local baseball umpire... Congratulations to Holy Cross new head football coach **Joe Giorgio** who led team to opening day 34-28 win over Holy Redeemer to snap 13-game losing streak dating back to 2018... Holy Cross junior tailback **Logan Tierney** rushed for 242 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries and had double-digit tackles from his outside linebacker position in win... **Gavyn Grems** added 87 yards on 10 carries and touchdown in win

for Crusaders...Dunmore's **Thomas Bowen** in second season as starting quarterback as sophomore for coach **Kevin McHale**...Do you remember **Selena Cerra** shooting even-par 34 on front nine at Sleepy Hollow to lead Holy Cross to 7-2 win over Delaware Valley 10 years ago?...

New York Mets newly acquired **Javier Baez** and high-priced and under-achieving shortstop **Francisco Lindor** way off base with thumbs down gestures towards fans at Citi Field after being booed in the Queens...Mets front office not too happy...How about the catches **Brett Gardner** is making in center field for the NY Yankees at 38... And congratulations to **Aaron Boone** and his Yankees on recent 13-game winning streak...**Luke Voit** making strong case to be back in Yankees lineup...Former Sunday Scrantonian Tribune sports editor **Guy Valvano**, Dunmore, who has written 12 books, will celebrate 93rd birthday next month...

Watch out for **Sean Herbert** of Holy Cross as he makes move from quarterback to wide-out...He had two interceptions in secondary last season for Crusaders...**Caitlin Bestricky**, **Christina Monroe** and **Maddy Kranson** won their singles matches to lead Holy Cross to 4-1 win over Honesdale in tennis...**Ciera Toomey** shot 38 and **Abby Longo** had an eagle

Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



on No. 7 in Dunmore's (142) golf match against Scranton Prep (126) at Elmhurst Country Club...**Gianna Cafarella** shot 40 for Prep... Congratulations to Detroit Tigers slugger **Miggy Cabrera** for 500th career home run...**Eric Sperazza** of The Sperazza Band celebrated 41st birthday with gig at Ashley Wine Fest last month...Congratulations to country singer **Shania Twain** who turned 56 last month...Former North Pocono cross country runner **Brian Bosley** and wife **Cheryl** enjoyed James Taylor/Jackson Browne concert last month at Bethel Woods...Remember former Scranton Tech track and field standout **Joi Siebecker**?...On back nine at Pine Hills, **Cullen Moran** shot 39 for Holy Cross as Crusaders won first five points to earn 5-4 golf win over West Scranton...

Congratulations to Scranton Prep junior running back **London Montgomery** who rushed for 144 yards in Cavaliers 49-9 opening night win over Nanticoke Area...Pittston Area mourning passing of former football coach **Bob Barbieri** who died last month. He won 150 games for Patriots from 1966

through 1988...Lavelle Insurance defeated Keisinger Funeral Home, 18-10, in Wyoming Valley Baseball League action last month...**Harry Wildrick** had four hits, including double and three runs for winners...Marywood University product **Dylan Svetovich** added three hits, including double and two runs and pitched final inning...**Rob Galonis** had two hits, including double and three runs...**Neil Fedele** had three hits, including double and three runs...**Rob Sarafinko** was winning pitcher...**Sam Goldstein** had two hits, including triple and three runs for Keisinger...Entertainment world mourning passing last month of **Ed Asner**, age 91, Lou Grant from Mary Tyler Moore Show, who had long list of acting roles...**Betty White**, at 99, is lone surviving cast member of Mary Tyler Moore Show...And congratulations to **Barbara Eden**, everyone's favorite Jeannie, who turned 90...

Old Forge football coach **Mike Schuback** could become eighth LIAA coach with 170 wins if Blue Devils win six games this season... Former Dunmore football coach **Jack Henzes** leads all LIAA coach-

es with 444 wins...Dunmore leads all local football programs in Lackawanna Football Conference with 702 wins in program history...Old Forge is closest with 556 wins...

Kevin Walsh, PIAA baseball/basketball and NCAA basketball official, was 1,000-point scorer with over 500 rebounds as Dunmore basketball player and was named six times to All-Tournament team while averaging 10 points and eight rebounds per game in college hoops career at Wilkes College... On back hole at Pine Hills, **Connor Mullaney** won final hole to split match and earn Dunmore a tie with West Scranton in golf...Former Scrantonian Tribune and Sunday Sun staffer **Leo Murray** heading blood drive called "Role Up Your Sleeve for the Red Cross Day" at Dunmore Community Center Oct. 1...Remember North Scranton's **Donnie Davis**?...Whatever became of **Denny Doyle**?...

Trolleys running to the ballpark during season

The Electric City Trolley Museum is once again taking a page out of the area's rich railroad history by offering excursion runs to PNC Field this Summer for Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders ballgames.

Select games will offer fans an opportunity to "take the trolley" to the park at a very reasonable rate. This hassle-free service will also provide the riders with a picturesque snapshot of our community's natural beauty.

The price of the Excursion and Baseball admission ticket is \$20 per person.

If individuals have game tickets and just want to ride the trolley, the cost is \$11.

Reservations for both packages are required.

The regular departure schedule of trolley rides, which run Thursdays through Sunday, are: 10:30 and, 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 2 and 3:15 p.m..

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LOGAN TIERNEY: Holy Cross junior excels at two positions



Tierney does it all as Crusaders snap losing streak in 34-28 opening day win

By Steve Svetovich

Logan Tierney did it all.

The 6-2, 195-pound junior excelled on both ends of the ball as the Holy Cross Crusaders football team snapped a 13-game losing streak with a 34-28 opening day win over Holy Redeemer Saturday, Aug. 28, at Saint Anthony's Memorial Park, Dunmore.

Logan dominated the contest at both his tailback and outside linebacker positions.

He rushed for 242 yards on 22 carries while scoring three touchdowns on runs of one, five and 50 yards. His first touchdown came in the second quarter and the final two were in the final quarter.

From his outside linebacker position, he contributed double-digit tackles to lead the Holy Cross defense.

Holy Cross, two years removed from cancelling the 2019 season because of low participation, ended a 13-game losing streak, posting their first win since Sept. 1, 2018, when the Crusaders beat Montrose, 13-6.

Holy Cross senior Gavyn Grems added 87 yards rushing on 10 carries, including a 26-yard bolt in the third quarter giving the Crusaders a 21-14 lead. Holy Cross did not look back.

Logan's one-yard plunge gave Holy Cross a 7-0 lead after the extra point, with 11:24 left in the second quarter.

His 50-yard sprint gave the Crusaders a 34-21 lead, with 1:58 left in the game. His six-yard burst for a touchdown came with 5:22 left in the contest.

Son of Tom and Angela Tierney, Logan is a three-year member of

the Holy Cross football team. He has been a forward for the past two years on the basketball team.

He has a 3.4 academic grade point average. His best subjects are English and history.

Logan said he is learning a lot from new Holy Cross head football coach Joe Giorgio.

"He has a lot of knowledge about

the game. He is a very determined and patient coach. He devised a great playbook for us. He goes over all the plays with everyone very patiently."

Logan said his mom and dad taught him a lot. "They tell me to always act like you have been there before. Be classy and re-

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DHS Quarterback Thomas Bowen shows leadership

By Steve Svetovich

Some look at the bottle as half full and others look at it as half empty.

Take Dunmore sophomore quarterback Thomas Bowen, for instance.

Son of Damon and Alicia Bowen, the Dunmore signal caller knew he had a lot to prove when he was named a starter as a freshman.

He answered the call and passed for over 400 yards and three touchdowns in the COVID-19 abbreviated five-game season.

"I had to take on a leadership role as a freshman quarterback," he said. "That is not an easy thing to do as a freshman. I had to earn the respect of all my teammates."

This season the sophomore stalwart said he feels more confident taking on that leadership role.

"As a freshman, learning coverages was a big thing for me. It looks a lot easier this year. And being a leader is much easier as a sophomore. I feel much more comfortable."

Thomas talked about what it takes to be a successful high school quarterback.

"It takes hard work, athleticism, leadership skills and the ability to be coachable," he said.

He said Dunmore head football coach Kevin McHale taught him a lot. "He tells us we cannot be successful without putting the hard work in. Nothing is handed to you. You need to put the work in with

lifting weights and also in the off season."

Thomas said he is very grateful to his parents. "They taught me about leadership through the way they raised me. They raised me the right way. They tell me to be a big person in the room."

The hard-working quarterback is also both a small and power forward on the Dunmore basketball team. His best academic subject is math.

His hobbies include bike riding, video games, and lifting weights.

Thomas enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Kanye West in concert.

He talked about the team goals. "We want to win every game, but one game at a time and step-by-step."

However, Dunmore lost its opening game, 20-2, to Western Wayne, Friday, Aug. 27. Thomas completed 8-of-23 passes for 47 yards.

"It was a tough game for us. I am not usually going to be throwing that many passes, but we were behind. We can bounce back from this and we will. We have a lot to build on. A lot of things did not go our way. We will take one game at a time. We want to win them all, but we can only look at our next opponent."

Thomas said he is looking forward to a sophomore year where classrooms are filled at Dunmore. "It was hard as a freshman during



COVID not having kids in class. The next three years are going to be exciting. It should be a great time in school and with sports at Dunmore. I want to be with my friends and enjoy the experience." Thomas said he is unsure about a future major, but his dream is to get accepted to Penn State for college.

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ing to assist in finding the appropriate project and meeting time.

For more information, contact Sandi Graham at 570-963-6842 or e-mail at saa224@psu.edu.

SCC outdoor concert

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will host the

final show in its free outdoor summer concert series on Sept. 10 with alternative rock/punk band Blind Choice. The show will take place outside the Scranton Cultural Center at 420 N. Washington Avenue.

All current CDC Guidelines will be followed, with any updates being shared via social media. Patrons are requested to wear face coverings while inside the building.

The performance will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; a cash bar with light fare will open at 6 o'clock prior to the show. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

To learn more about the Scranton Cultural Center and its upcoming events, visit SCCMT.org.

Brother's Revival

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will present "A Brother's Revival" on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in its Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre. "A Brother's Revival" features David Goldflies, who was a member of the Allman Brothers Band from 1978-1982 as well as Mike Kach from Dickey Betts Great Southern.

Tickets for "A Brother's Revival" are on sale ranging from \$28.25 - \$48.25 (includes fees) and are available for purchase at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. For more information or to view a full schedule of events, visit SCCMT.org.

Fall church festival

Our Lady of the Abingtons hosts its Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 5 - 11 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 12, noon - 6 p.m. at the OLA Church Grounds Dalton. Featured on Saturday will be a BBQ Pig Roast, and on Sunday, a Chicken BBQ.

There is free parking and no admission. Also available will be delicious food, pizza, potato pancakes, clam chowder, homemade baked goods, bountiful baskets, silent auction, white elephant, children's games (on Sunday). Saturday night entertainment features Andy Bower and Peak Evolution; Sunday entertainment is The Quietmen and Vocal Accord Barbershop

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modified due to COVID, so Dunmore was receptive. We are requesting Dunmore and Scranton police and firefighters to attend. We will have speakers who will discuss how 9-11 affected them, where they were at the time and how life has changed for them since then. A firefighter from New York City will speak."

Holmes said taps will be played in Dunmore at 8:46 a.m. The tradition is also to walk 14 laps, the same distance Siller ran from his car to the Twin Towers. A total of 2,997 flags will be placed around Dunmore Veterans Memorial Stadium to honor and represent each victim from the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy.

The 13 United States soldiers who were tragically killed in Afghanistan will be remembered through a Mission Man Table. "This will honor those no longer with us. We will have a memorial for our fallen soldiers." The Bell football game will follow at 2 p.m.

"It tells you a lot about the Dunmore School District who went above and beyond for us. The school superintendent, John Marichak, has been extremely helpful. This is a Veteran's Visions event. It is also open to the public. We begin at 8 a.m."

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Logan Tierney leads team to a win

spectful and stay humble. Keep to yourself."

The junior standout talked about what it takes to be a good tailback in high school football. "You need good field vision. You need to be strong and patient. And you need a good line."

And to excel as an outside linebacker? "You need a lot of patience and field awareness of your surroundings. You need to be able to follow good instructions and listen to your coaches."

Logan said his hobbies are sports, lifting, and hanging with friends. He enjoys music and would like to

see Travis Scott in concert.

The scholar-athlete said he has aspirations to eventually become a physical therapist. His big dream would be to attend Notre Dame.

He loves Holy Cross High School.

"I absolutely love it here," he said. "It's a great school. The teachers are very nice and will do anything to help you. The principal, administration and staff root for you on the football field or in any other sport. There is a lot of school unity."

He talked about both team and personal goals. "We want to win as many football games as possible and finish with a winning record.

We want a positive record. I would like to rush for at least 600 yards and maybe even 1,000 and score at least 10 touchdowns to help us win games. In basketball, we are shooting for another district title and to go as far as possible in states. I also want to make high honors in all four quarters."

The speedy tailback said his performance in helping his team win the first game of the season felt pretty good. "It was an amazing feeling," he said. "Last season was not the greatest. This first game was high impact. It felt terrific to get this win."

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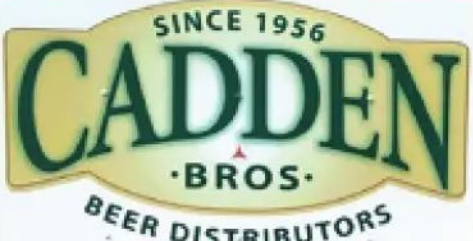


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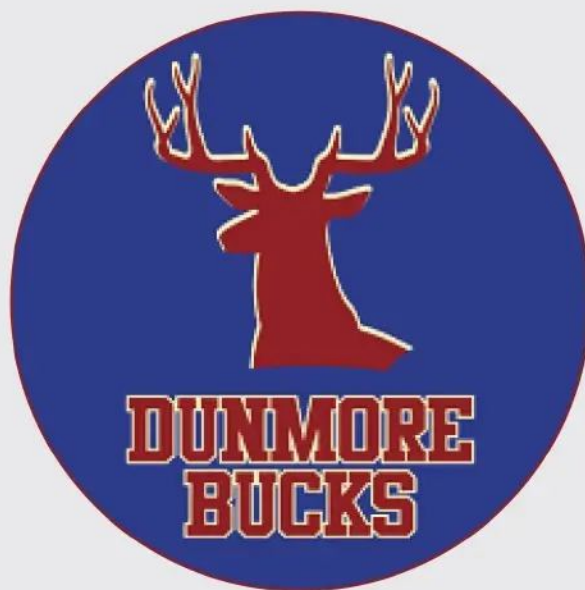
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