

## Dunmorean of the Month: Brian Loughney



By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore's Brian Loughney had a mission. And he accomplished it big time.

Son of John and Frannie Loughney, Dunmore, Brian's dad was diagnosed with leukemia in December 2018. Since then he has gone through treatments and is doing well.

However, Brian, 37, wanted to do something to help not only his dad, but others afflicted with leukemia.

In November of 2021, Brian, who is married for two years to the former Holly Zeshonski, was nominated to start a campaign for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

The fund-raiser campaign lasted 10 weeks. There were five other candidates nominated. Loughney, a 2003 Dunmore graduate, raised \$109,181 of the total \$191,780 raised.

"We raised funds from mid-May to mid-March. All six candidates raised funds," he explains.

And for this accomplishment, he was named Man of the Year by the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. He was honored at a gala at the Hilton in Scranton this past May 19. Loughney said the money was raised with a group of team members that included family and friends.

"Our team did a fantastic job," he said. "It was a grassroots campaign through letters, phone calls, texts, social media, and word of mouth."

"I really wanted to get involved. I'm extremely honored and blessed to have team members who were as engaged as I was in this effort, with my father and two fellow Dunmoreans in mind."

Loughney said the fund-raising efforts were also done in honor of Jack Callahan, 4. son of Molly and Dan Callahan, Dunmore, and in memory of the late Kelcey Hallinan, late daughter of Alicia and Tom Hallinan, who passed away a few years ago at 18.

"They were the driving force," he said.

"We focused on this campaign with my dad, Jack, and Kelcey primarily in mind, but others afflicted with leukemia as well."

"This was truly a team effort by family members and friends who were fully onboard with this campaign."

The humble and well-spoken Loughney is a 2007 graduate of the

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**Dunmore High School students who recently received scholarship from the Dunmore Lions Club included, front row, from left: Kevin Walsh, Joseph Cardillo, Moriah Murray and Chris Lucas. Standing, same order: Lions Jim Aita, Sam Sebastianelli Sr., Gino Tempesta, Justin Patchcoski and Michael Colangelo.**



**Students from Holy Cross High School who recently received scholarships from the Dunmore Lions Club included, seated from left: Alexa Bravis, Kaitlyn Farrell and Nick Cabets. Standing, same order: Lions Jim Aita, Sam Sebastianelli Sr., Gino Tempesta, Justin Patchcoski and Michael Colangelo.**

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## The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



### Stay cool and safe this summer!

Now that summer is officially here, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy month of July!

Don't forget, the Splash Pad at Sherwood Park is now open! It's the perfect way to cool off on these hot days. After, grab some ice cream at Padula's or a gelati from Rita's.

If you plan to stay close to home this month and are entertaining friends and family, celebrate safely with fireworks. Be mindful of your neighbors and how late you are setting them off. Also, be sure to wear gloves and protective eyewear to prevent burns. Never try to re-light a firework that didn't go off the first time, douse it in water instead.

If you are headed on vacation this month, I hope you have a very safe trip and a wonderful time. My family just got home from our annual Jersey Shore trip; as always it was a little Dunmore reunion. It was so great seeing so many familiar faces at the beach!

There are three Bucktown Music Fest dates this month. Stop by the Dunmore Corners on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. for what always promises to be a wonderful night of music, food and friends.

Stay cool and stay safe this summer!

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**Bucktown Music Fest, pictured above at last year's event, will continue this month on July 9, 17 and 24 at 5 p.m. at Dunmore Corners.**



**Richard Green of the Dunmore Lions Club was awarded the prestigious Carl Shoemaker fellowship medal at a recent NEPA Lion District 14-H Convention held at the Radisson, Scranton. The medal is presented to the Lion who shares the spirit of volunteerism and drive that was exemplified by Lion Carl Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker was the founder of Pa. Lion's Beacon Lodge Camp located in Mount Union Pennsylvania. Lion Carl's lifelong work was to help blind and special needs children and adults to improve their lives through the camping experiences that the Beacon Lodge has provided since 1948. Presenting the award to Mr. Green are International Director Gary Brown and District Governor Cathy Metschulat.**

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University of Scranton where he received a bachelor of science degree in political science. He also received an master of science degree in human resources administration in 2009 from the University of Scranton.

He has been human resources manager at the University of Scranton for the past five years.

Loughney played four years of baseball, basketball and soccer while a student at Dunmore High School.

He is the nephew of former Dunmore Mayor Patrick "Nibs" Loughney.



Brian Loughney and Holly Loughney pose at the recent gala.



Shown at the Man of the Year Gala are, from left: Pamela Formica, Jana Boyer, Brian Loughney, and Valerie Case.



Holly Loughney, John Loughney, and Brian Loughney are shown in a family photo.



John Loughney is shown with his wife, Fran.

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# Doin' Dunmore

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## Boys Scout Troop 66 to repeat borough cleanup

Dunmore's Joanne Gaetano had an idea last year.

And it worked with flying colors.

Thanks to Gaetano's efforts and with the help of Dunmore Boy Scout Troop 66 and scoutmaster Dominic Pace, there will be a second annual Great Bucktown Litter Cleanup on Saturday, July 30, beginning at 9 a.m. at Dunmore Community Center.

"It was a big success last year," said Chris Tigie, owner of KJ Tigie Painting, L.L.C. "Joanne Gaetano had the initial idea and

wanted to do it again this year. She spearheaded it and started this whole thing.

"We will clean up some debris in sections of the borough and also the weeds at the army tank on Blakely Street.

"We will hit St. Joseph's Center in the back and also the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore. We will clean up the area around Nina's Pizza on Adams Avenue.

"We will clean up all the weeds and litter. The cleanup will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout

the borough."

Tigie said the Dunmore Boy Scout Troop 66 once again will volunteer and do the bulk of the work.

Tigie said Mike Judge, Dunmore DPW director, will provide the use of DPW trucks for the cleanup work.

Jay Cali, owner and operator of Don Tomaso's Pizza, Dunmore, will provide the scouts with pizza for their efforts.

District Magistrate Paul Ware is donating trash bags for the day-long cleanup.

The scouts will do most of the weeding and cleanup work at the army tank where extra war memorials are expected to be erected in the future.

There will be a Dunmore police escort from East Mountain to Bunker Hill. Dunmore Police Chief Sal Marchese approved the police escort.

Cleanup work will be done on Mill Street and in the area around Riccardo's Market.

Tigie said the group will meet at the Dunmore Community Center before starting the cleanup work.

"These kids did a great job last year," said Tigie. "They are all good kids. It's a real scavenger hunt. Mike Judge is a big help with the DPW trucks. And Paul Ware is helping us with the trash bags."

Former Dunmore Councilman Paul Nardoizzi donated garbage bags during the first annual cleanup.

"Joanne Gaetano came up with the initial idea and Dominic Pace and the scouts volunteered," said Tigie. "It went extremely well the first time, so Joanne wanted to do this again. Some dads and sisters of the scouts also volunteer. They work really hard too.

"All of these kids are polite and respectful. I thank all of them for their efforts. We thank Dominic Pace for volunteering his scouts. I am sure they will do a great job like last year. They really made the army tank look amazing.

"They make picking up garbage and weeding enjoyable."

## Stephanie Longo earns Italian American Honor

Stephanie Longo of Dunmore was recently named "Donna Distinta" by the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations. This award is presented to women of Italian origin in order to spotlight their contributions to the Italian American community.

Growing up in Northeastern Pennsylvania, an area with a vibrant Italian-American community, Stephanie Longo first became intrigued by her heritage when she was five years old when her mother took her to Dino and Francesco's restaurant in Clarks Summit, which had a large map of Italy on their placemat.

While they were there, her mother, Ann Marie, took Stephanie's hand and traced her fingers across her ancestral homeland, showing her where her grandfather, Joseph Anthony Longo was born – the town of Guardia Lombardi, in the Province of Avellino. Joe passed away in 1973, eight years before Stephanie was born.

From that day on, Stephanie always carried a great passion for her Italian heritage in her heart. She majored in Italian at the University of Scranton, with the goal of mastering the language, and understanding the land of her ancestors. Stephanie also descends from immigrants who lived in the town of Nicastro, now Lamezia Terme, Province of Catanzaro, Calabria.

Following her graduation, she had the fortune to become acquainted with Dominic Candeloro and Jerry Krase, who encouraged her to start writing about the Italian community in her region, a story which deeply needed to be told.

This would lead to three books, *Italians of Northeastern Pennsylvania* (2004), *Dunmore* (2012), and *Italians of Lackawanna County* (2018). *Italians of Lackawanna County* received the Gold Award from the Nonfiction Writers Association.

Researching and writing about the Italian-American community has become her career, and she has stayed active in local, regional, and national Italian-American circles, always volunteering and helping where she could.

These activities culminated in her being named the Associate Producer of the Italian American Podcast in 2020. This job has completely changed her life, allowing her to encounter Italian-Americans from all over the country and getting the chance to take on additional leadership positions in the community, including work with the National



Columbus Education Foundation (NCEF) and the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO).

It is through COPOMIAO that Stephanie is the national co-chair of the Reconnecting with our Youth Committee, along with John Viola. Recognizing the need to bring Italian-American culture into the digital age, Stephanie enrolled in the Doctor of Strategic Communications program at Regent University in 2021. Her goal with this degree is to assist Italian-American organizations with increasing and enhancing their digital presence. Her expected graduation date is May 2024.

Stephanie is an award-winning journalist on the state and national level for her work with *The Scranton Times-Tribune/Times-Shamrock Communications* and other regional news outlets.

She has used this experience to create a blog, *Irpina Stories*, which seeks to educate people about the Province of Avellino, including its heritage, culture, history, and diaspora. *Irpina Stories* has won several state and national awards and is the only English-language blog about that section of Italy.

Stephanie is also very active in preserving and promoting Guardiese culture. She was named an honorary citizen of Guardia Lombardi in 2005 and was also named an honorary associate of the *Guardiesi si Nasce* Society in 2021 for her work in creating a sister city relationship between the city of Scranton, the borough of Dunmore, and Guardia Lombardi, as well as having a street between the two American towns given the honorary designation of Guardia Lombardi Way. She is currently working on a website designed to further unite the American Guardiese community with its

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## Italian Festival

SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival will be held August 12, 13 and 14, 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 Pro-

cession.

Live Entertainment includes **Friday:** DHS Marching Units & Cheerleaders and Picture Perfect; **Saturday:** Popstar Drive; **Sunday:** Feast Day Mass & Procession at noon followed by Vinsko Entertainment, Scranton Prep Cheerleaders, The Luongo Brothers Band, and fireworks at 9 p.m.

## Sandlot Summer camp

A sandlot summer camp hosted by West Scranton head coach Brian Minich will be held for four days, July 18-21, from 9 a.m. to noon at Dunmore Little League for ages 8-13. Cost is \$150. To register, contact CDD027@aol.com or call 570-445-1155.

## McGloin tournament

The Matt McGloin Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 11, at Glen Oak Country Club.

Each year, the Matt McGloin

Charity Golf Tournament supports those in need of help in the Scranton and surrounding areas and is based on Matt's belief to give back to his community..."take care of one another".

Proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit The Clinics at Scranton Primary Health Care Center, whose mission is providing quality primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care services to all persons, including those who are under-insured and uninsured. Proceeds from the tournament will help fund a 5,000 square foot

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Dunmore's Keystone UNICO recently made its annual donation and performed community service at Saint Francis Kitchen. The Kitchen provides much needed services to the hundreds of clients who stop by for a healthy hot meal. The need is great and donations are always welcome and can be made out and sent to Saint Francis Kitchen, 501 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18509. Pictured at Saint Francis Kitchen from left are, from left: Rob Williams, executive director of St. Francis Kitchen; Cathy Gerard, Michele McDade and Mark McDade, Keystone UNICO Board Members.

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The summer is finally here and in full force. The days are getting longer and certainly hotter. Kids roam the streets looking for ice cream trucks, stand in line on Blakely for some Italian ice, and coordinate meet-ups at their lucky friend's house that has a pool, and when all else fails, they turn to natural water sources wherever they can find them.

And what links the ages together... we all try to stay cool during the summer months as grownups, too. I've tried every trick in the book, everything stated above, and through my travels I've visited most waterways our great Northeastern Pennsylvania has to offer. One favorite pastime of mine is kayaking.

Kayaking is an all-around great hobby, you get exercise, you get to experience the beautiful outdoors, and yes, you get too cool off on those exceptionally hot days.

I started the hobby back in the early 2000s when I interned at a downtown law firm. I remember driving my boss, mentor, and still close friend, up to Towanda to meet

with clients he was helping during the infancy of the fracking boom in our area.

He was brainstorming to think of ways to help a friend of his raise money for spinal cord research as we drove along the endless bends of the Susquehanna River on our scenic venture to Bradford County. That's when it hit us... kayaking. At that time, neither of us had ever tried it before, so we stopped by a local outfitter to give it a go.

If I recall correctly, he was bitten by a spider, and we were both exhausted because we paddled upriver for our test run that day. But despite the hurdles, we recognized it was doable and so we started planning our first kayak fundraiser.

We got a river map and marked the spots where to camp overnight and created a kayak run that went 75 miles, starting in Towanda and ending in Pittston. It took us four days. After all the planning was done and we got the first trip in the books, we did it for 10 years straight!

While we ran the event for a decade, and like all good things,

it came to an end, my love for kayaking remained. I tackled all of the big-name rivers in our area, including, and regrettably, the mighty Lehigh River.

You see, it was on the Lehigh River, where I came the closest to meeting my maker and cutting my otherwise enjoyable life short. I'll never forget that day either. We had heard of dam breaks on larger rivers to keep a good flow of water throughout the summer for recreational purposes among other reasons.

And on our trip, we were encountered by a game commissioner or forest ranger before we set off. Hesitant of the aggressive appearance of the Lehigh, we asked him if it was safe. His words... "there's no dam release this weekend. You could float down on an air mattress if you wanted to." Boy, do I wish I got his name that day because I would've had some choice words with him after the experience that ensued.

That godforsaken river was not the right venue for the "touring/recreational" kayaks that my broth-

er-in-law and I brought for the day. We both have long 14-foot kayaks, and if you ever get the nose spun to point anywhere but forward, you better start praying and hope for the best... which is exactly what I did that day.

I came around a bend that had a huge influx of water rushing towards a narrow rocky section of the river and the nose of my kayak veered to the left, exposing the broad side of my boat to the rushing water.

The immense force of the cascading water knocked me out of the boat and the now, water-filled vessel weighing thousands of pounds, pinned me up against a rock. I was a goner. I was a quarter mile ahead of my group, and they couldn't get to me fast enough.

So how am I writing this story? Through the miles and miles of uninhabited nature we paddled through that day, my near-death experience happened to occur right in front of a group of professional water-rafting tour guides who were on the bank of the river gathering their gear.

They saw me in distress and jumped into the river and the three of us were able to move the burdensome water-filled kayak and set me free. I lost my driver's license, some cash, a croc, and a click wheel iPod (look it up if you're a younger generation reading this).

Fortunately, that trip didn't discourage my kayaking hobby, but it definitely taught me to appreciate larger types of boats a bit more.

Now that I'm older and arguably wiser, I get to pick and choose a bit more carefully where I want to go to cool off. Through personal ex-



perience, I prefer places that don't risk death! But that's not always the case. Because no matter what equipment we have, no matter how big a boat we sit in, we have to be reminded that we aren't infallible. Until the day that our bodies grow gills, and we can breathe underwater naturally, we have to be safe when we are trying to cool off via recreational activities around bodies of water.

I was lucky that day on the Lehigh River, but we have all heard of tragedies that have happened where people weren't as lucky and may have lost someone close to them. We have also all heard of people getting injured when playing near bodies of water. I hope everyone gets to enjoy their summer in the most fun and safe way but if an accident does ever happen, be smart, call Hart.



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### Golf tournament

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### Lebanese food fest

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There will be take-out, curbside, or limited seating, with Lebanese food and pastries, local picnic food favorites, variety baskets, and Holy Day services daily. Visit [www.melkite.scranton.org](http://www.melkite.scranton.org) or [facebook.com/melkitescranton](https://facebook.com/melkitescranton).

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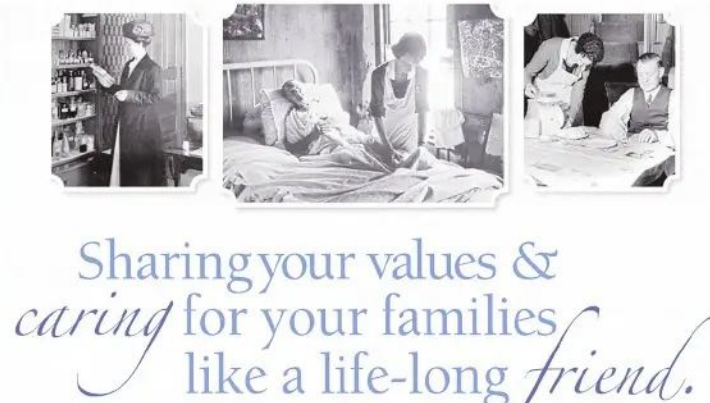
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Kimberly Santarsiero

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Santarsiero has contributed her time and expertise to many local nonprofit organizations, including St. Joseph's Center and Dress for Success Lackawanna. At Santarsiero Investment Group she has provided financial planning and investment management services for individuals, businesses, pension funds, foundations, and endowments for the past 20 years.

Other board officers are William R. Lazor, CPA/PFS, CFE, who has been elected Chair of the Board; Maria Marsili, Esq., has been elected as Vice Chair of the Board and will also Chair the Governance Committee, and Mary F. Sewatsky, M.D., has been re-appointed as the Foundation's Secretary.

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2-8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened  
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1 tsp. garlic powder  
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1/4 tsp. dried dill weed  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. basil  
1/4 tsp. rosemary

Whip all ingredients with electric beaters. Store in refrigerator. Make in advance to merge flavors.

#### PEPPERY PIMENTO CHEESE

1-1 lb. block sharp Cheddar Cheese, grated  
1-4 oz. jar sliced pimentos, undrained  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 or 1 1/2 tsp. black pepper

Mix all ingredients. Serve on crackers.

#### TORTILLA DIP

2-4 oz. cans chopped green chiles  
2-4 1/2 oz. cans chopped black olives  
3 tomatoes, chopped  
4 green onions, chopped  
2 Tbsp. wine vinegar  
2 Tbsp. oil  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Serve with tortilla chips.

## Cheryl's Cuisine



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

#### ROMAINE, GRAPEFRUIT AND AVOCADO SALAD

2 heads romaine lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces  
2 avocados, sliced  
1/4 cup sliced ripe olives  
2 cups fresh grapefruit sections

Combine romaine, avocados, grapefruit and olives in large bowl. Add Red Wine Vinaigrette, tossing to coat. Serve immediately.

#### RED WINE VINAIGRETTE:

1/2 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. celery seeds  
1/2 tsp. dry mustard  
1/2 red onion, grated

Whisk all ingredients together.

#### BEST SHRIMP SALAD

1-16 oz. pkg. small shell pasta  
2 lbs. cooked, frozen salad shrimp, thawed and drained  
1 cup chopped celery  
6 green onions, chopped  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup Russian salad dressing  
2 Tbsp. capers  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 Tbsp. celery seeds  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning

Cook pasta according to package directions (without adding any oil or salt) until al dente; drain. Combine shrimp, celery and green onions in bowl and mix well. Combine mayonnaise, sal-

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## Cheryl's Cuisine

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ad dressing, capers, lemon juice, celery seeds, salt, pepper and Old Bay seasoning in a bowl and mix well. Add mayonnaise mixture to shrimp mixture and toss to coat. Stir in pasta. Chill, covered, until serving time.

### MINI CHEESE BALLS

2-8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup minced green onion  
1 (2 1/2oz.) pkg. thinly sliced deli ham, finely chopped  
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1 cup finely chopped pecans

Mix cream cheese, onion, ham and Worcestershire sauce. Shape into walnut-size balls. Roll in chopped nuts. Refrigerate until serving. Serve on crackers or toothpicks.

And, what's life without dessert?

### CHEESECAKE BONBONS

1 small store-bought cheesecake  
1-12 oz. pkg. milk chocolate chips, melted  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted  
1 cup white chocolate chips, melted

Cut cheesecake into 24-36 small squares. Place on parchment-lined baking sheet; freeze 1-2 hours. Remove frozen bonbons from freezer and dip into melted milk chocolate. Place back on parchment paper until set. Once set, drizzle with either semi-sweet or white chocolate, or both. Once set, may be placed in zip-lock freezer bags. Will keep frozen for up to 2 months.



## Marywood Dean's List

Dunmore students named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Marywood University from each of its colleges, including the Insalaco College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health and Human Services, and the Reap College of Professional Studies include: **Molly Butler, Jonah Cogliette, Sean Dowling, Abigail Lovatt, Hayley Weaver, Dunmore; Maxwell Christian, Olivia Ciullo, Caroline Coar, Daniel Edwards, Jr., Emma Eynon, Jillian Mooney, Ruiwen Su, Danyelle Tech, Gianna DiPietro, Grace Feesser, Frank Golden, Megan Pavlowski, Aleah Schulte, and Mackenzie Senatore.**

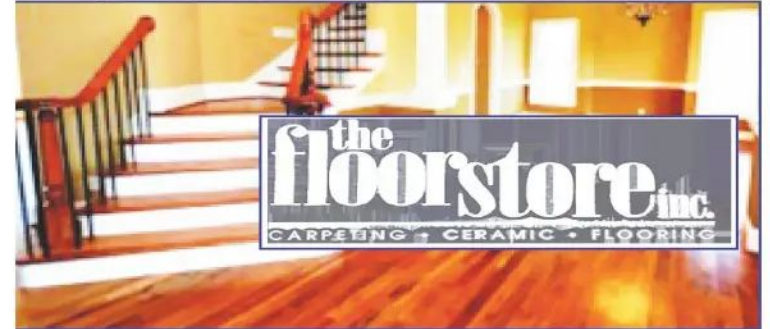
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hometown. All of this is done in honor of her grandfather, who was proud of his hometown despite never having the opportunity to return. A dual citizen of the United States and Italy, Stephanie has spoken both regionally and nationally on the subject of Italian immigration to the United States, including at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Dunmore Historical Society, the Forest City Historical Society, I AM Books (Boston), the IDEA Boston festival (Cambridge, MA) and the History of Italian Immigration Museum (Philadelphia). She has also been a panelist on Italian-American culture for Pennsylvania's Mining Heritage Month. Her works are also part of the Biblioteca del Senato "Giovanni Spadolini" in Rome, Italy. She currently resides in Dunmore, with her mother, Ann Marie, and her rescue Maremma Abruzzese sheepdog, Duke. She is engaged to Sean Brennan, a professor of history at the University of Scranton. They are planning an October 2023 wedding.



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# Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Congratulations to newest elected members of the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame: **Ross Zanghi, Bob Timlin, Mike Lucarelli, Natalie Winters, Enrico Galassi, Jessica Armillay, Laura Fitzpatrick O'Malley** and late **John Bucci**... Scranton Times-Tribune sports writer **Donnie Collins** is Media Award recipient... **Mike Serino** is recipient of Service Award... **Bob Walsh**, Dunmore, former University of Scranton assistant basketball coach, is president of Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame... Mid Valley baseball product and former Scranton Red Sox manager **Jerry Valonis** is vice president...

Condolences to family of Bishop Hannan graduate **Eddie O'Malley** who died last month at 62 after courageous battle with cancer... Raised in Green Ridge, he played in Green Ridge Little League and St. Paul's Biddy Basketball League and was strong family man who later coached his sons in various youth sports leagues and became proud grandfather...

Do you remember **Sarah Ross** throwing perfect game with 12 strikeouts in Dunmore's 8-0 soft-

ball win over Mid Valley 10 years ago?... Former Holy Cross and current University of Scranton basketball standout **Abby Anderson** honored with her jersey hanging in Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee from this month until May of 2023... Jerseys are honored based on the athlete's performance the previous season... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Brian Loughney**, named Man of Year by Leukemia Lymphoma Society... Loughney, 37, played four years of baseball, basketball and soccer at Dunmore and is nephew of former Dunmore Mayor **Patrick "Nibs" Loughney**... Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardozi**, his son **Chris Nardozi** and Dunmore's **Vince Sardo** were at Yankee Stadium last month for Yankees 2-1 win over Oakland A's and witnessed first inning Aaron Judge homer, a Judgeon Blast...

Do you remember Green Ridge native and Scranton Central graduate **Rick Taylor**?... Congratulations to **Tommy Rohan** and **Connor Rasimovich** of Holy Cross and **Nico Ruggiero, Max Forgione** and **Kieran Reyes** of Dunmore named to Lackawanna League Baseball Coaches' Division III All-Star

team... **Jason Janesko** of Riverside named Division III Player of Year... **Luke Dempsey** had three hits to lead Dunmore to 12-2 win over Moosic in District 17, 8-10 baseball... **Ralph Steeves** and **Luke Dempsey** each had two hits in support of Dunmore winning pitcher **Brady Schulte**... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Emma Conte** and **Kaci Kranson** of Holy Cross, both seniors, named to All Region softball team... Kaci hit nine homers and batted .449... Emma bit 12 homers, drove in 31 runs and batted .444...

Mid Valley junior **Maranda Runco** named All Region Player of Year, with 18-2 pitching record, 194 strikeouts and 1.29 ERA... Maranda, a Villanova commit and reigning state Class 3A Player of Year, also batted .661 and did not strikeout in 84 at bats in leading Mid Valley to third straight District 2 title... Former Green Ridge Little and Teener League southpaw **Kevin "Gig" McGowan**, now of Louisiana, taught electronics in junior college for many years and authored a book on the subject... **Alan LaRose**, baseball enthusiast who collected baseball cards as youth in Green Ridge Plot section, living in Delaware where he is a trucker... Former Scranton Prep and Scranton Central standout swimmer **Neal Walden Black** is national recording artist touring in Europe... Neal Black and the Healers new album, "Wherever the Road Takes Me" recently reached No. 1 in France on Collectif des Radio Blues airplay... Do you remember Dunmore's **Todd Hartshorn** hitting two homers in Dunmore's 6-5 win over Carbondale 30 years ago?... Holy Cross product **Rico Galassi**, newly elected to Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame, was Times-Tribune All Region track and field performer of year 10 years ago...

Dunmore's **Tony Duchnowski**, now 63, played in various amateur baseball leagues, including Scranton Association, well into his early 40's and remembers many summers playing over 50 games, including three or four on weekends... Congratulations to Holy Cross senior pitcher **Tommy Rohan** and Scranton Prep junior outfielder **Brian Walsh** named to All Region baseball team... Tommy had 6-2 record, 0.63 ERA and 99 strikeouts... Brian hit .371 with 21 RBIs and added six

wins, 85 strikeouts and 2.63 ERA as pitcher... Riverside junior catcher **Jason Janesko**, with .391 batting average, 19 RBIs and 30 runs, was All Region Player of Year... **Jacob Grochowski** had three hits and three RBIs to lead Dunmore to 18-0 win over South Scranton in District 17, 8-10 all-star action... **Luke Dempsey** and **Ralph Steeves** each had two hits for Dunmore... **Mia Galella** of Holy Cross, who hit nine homers as freshman, currently playing softball tournament in Colorado for her travel team...

Condolences to family of Dunmore's **Paul Simonetti**, professional boxing great, who died last month at 73... Simonetti, once ranked 19th in world as boxer, was on undercard as winning fighter, March 8, 1971 when **Smokin' Joe Frazier** defeated **Muhammed Ali** at Madison Square Garden... He played football for Dunmore and West Scranton and was linebacker

on West Invaders team that ended Blakely Bears 49-game winning streak... Congratulations to Dunpont's **Brandon Matthews** for clinching first PGA tour card... He is son of Scranton Central baseball product **Teddy Matthews** who was outstanding shortstop and pitcher in Green Ridge Little and Teener Leagues...

Congratulations to **Tommy Clark, Joe Cardillo** and **Maura Michalczyk** of Dunmore and **Nathan McAndrew** of Holy Cross named Division III-IV Lackawanna Track Conference Coaches' All-Stars... Congratulations to series MVP **Steph Curry** and Golden State Warriors for winning NBA title... Golden State coach **Steve Kerr** now has nine championship rings, five as player and four as coach... **Mia Galella** had two hits, four runs and three RBIs for Holy Cross in team's 13-12 loss to Elk

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## MIA GALELLA



# Freshman Mia Galella shines in first year on Holy Cross High School softball team

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross first baseman-outfielder Mia Galella just finished a stalwart freshman year, but is already honing her softball skills in a travel league throughout the country.

Daughter of Tom and Michelle Galella, Mia, 15, plays travel softball for the Virginia Glory National Mertz Bronowicz league.

She was playing in a tournament in Colorado when contacted for this interview.

Mia will also travel to Georgia, California, and Virginia to play in softball tournaments this summer.

"It's nice," she said. "You get to meet a lot of people, travel, and see a lot of things while playing softball. My parents drive me around and get to see me play."

Mia noted that the Colorado high altitude makes breathing initially more difficult, but the softball travels a bit further when she connects.

Mia has been playing in travel softball leagues since she was eight.

Mia batted .544, with nine homers, a .606 on base percentage, seven stolen bases, 24 runs, 31 hits, 38 RBIs, five doubles and a 1.105 slugging percentage. She did not make an error in the field.

The talented scholar-athlete has a 4.0 academic average. Her best academic subject is math. Mia is a member of the TRU Club and will be a sophomore student council representative next school year at Holy Cross.

She is thinking about studying early childhood education and wants to play Division I softball in college.

"I am thinking about becoming



a teacher."

With an impressive nine homers as a freshman, she talked about her power. "I was born naturally strong, so that helps," she said. "I do a lot of training work. I try to build up my lower legs to generate more power."

Mia talked about what it takes to be a good first baseman. "You need to be able to stop the ball from getting away from you. And

you need to be able to tell your teammates where they need to be after a hit ball."

Mia has learned a lot from her parents. "They teach me to be humble and not take anything for granted. They tell me to keep working hard, because someone can be right there to take your spot."

Holy Cross veteran softball coach

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# Dunmore's Max Forgione uses speed, bat & glove

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore shortstop-center fielder Max Forgione utilized his speed, bat and glove in a big way as a freshman this past season.

Son of Derek and Autumn Forgione, Dunmore, Max, 15, hit .481 as a freshman. He had a .632 on base percentage, one homer, 12 stolen bases, 17 runs, five doubles, 13

hits and a .777 slugging percentage. He also had a 3.63 ERA as a pitcher.

A noted speedster, Max talked about what it takes to be a solid hitter in high school baseball.

"You need to focus on what you are doing in the moment," he said. "You need to be able to hit a line drive up the middle or in the gaps."

Confident by nature, Max said

he has learned a lot from Dunmore veteran baseball coach Sid Hallinan. "He played shortstop too, so I learned a lot about infield mechanics from him. He also wants to win. I like that."

Max said his parents teach him a lot. "They teach me to be humble," he said. "They tell me hard work always pays off."

The scrappy Forgione said he is trying to build on his natural speed. "I practice sprints on the football field all the time," he said. "It helps."

The hard hitter said he is playing summer travel ball for Baseball U. He enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Macklemore in concert.

The slick fielding shortstop talked about his freshman season for Dunmore. "I thought it was a good one," he said. "We started slow, but then we had a really good stretch and started to roll. I started slow as well, but improved with the team. We definitely got better as a team as the season went along."

Multi-talented, Max is a guard on the Dunmore basketball team.

He talked about his future goals. "I want to play Division I college baseball. I'm not sure what I want to major in yet. I am thinking about colleges like St. Joseph's University, James Madison, University of Virginia and Boston College. They are all good baseball schools."

Max said he has been playing travel baseball since age eight and continues to hone his skills this summer at Baseball U.

The stalwart shortstop said he expects to pitch more for Dunmore in the future. "I definitely would like to improve my pitching and help more on the mound."

He enjoyed his freshman year at Dunmore. "I really had a lot of fun. I had some great times with all of my teammates. The seniors on the team pushed us to be the best. I am looking forward to my next three years at Dunmore."

## July athlete...

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Joe Ross is also a strong mentor and influence. "He tells us not to let the moment get to you. Stay in the moment. Live in the moment."

Named to the first-team all-district team, Mia said she likes listening to music and would like to see pop artist Dua Lipa in concert.

She talked about her future goals. "I want to continue my years here at Holy Cross, play Division I softball in college and then pursue my dream job. Right now I just love playing softball."



## Dishin' the Dirt...

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Lake in District 2 championship...Congratulations to **London Montgomery** and **Rita Collins** of Scranton Prep named to All Region Track and Field team...

Condolences to family of long time educator **Marisel Consagra**, beloved first grade teacher at Robert Morris Elementary School, who taught 35 years in Scranton School District, who died May 30...Condolences to family of former Scranton Prep football player **Eddie "Ned" Jordan** who died last month in Texas at 63 after courageous battle with cancer. A noted family man and huge Dallas Cowboys fan, Ned played for Post 908 in Green Ridge Little League and was a staple in his Green Ridge neighborhood at the "Islands" on Woodlawn Street...

Do you remember **Dave Nicoteri** setting Dunmore Teener League single-season strikeout record with 148 in 1975?...Do you remember **Tom Lavelle** of Scranton Prep?...Whatever became of **Moe Drabowsky**...

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