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Dunmorean of the Month: Patrick Devaney



Patrick Devaney, center, is flanked by his parents Patrick and Jackie Ruddy Devaney

By Steve Svetovich

When you talk to Patrick Devaney Jr., you get the impression he is much wiser than many of his age of 17.

Maturity, intelligence, humor, introspection, people skills, and a strong work ethic make for an impressive first impression of the Scranton Prep senior.

Son of Patrick and Jackie (Ruddy) Devaney, Dunmore, Patrick has a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Scranton Prep.

Patrick, 17, spearheaded the Leaf Project which raised money for the Great Ignation Challenge food drive. The high honors student is involved in various school clubs and activities outside of school.

The Great Ignation Challenge food drive began as a school charity project in which Scranton Prep students and faculty were asked to bring in canned goods for food pantries.

The Scranton Prep senior organized the project. "It is an organized service project," said Patrick. "We bagged leaves in local neighborhoods. We raised a total of 1,200 pounds of food which was provided to local food pantries. Instead of pay, we took charity donations.

"I gained more satisfaction than I ever could imagine, better than if it was a for-profit project. The smile I witnessed from the little elderly lady on my block was something worth way more than money."

Patrick, whose favorite academic subjects are math and philosophy, is a student leader in the Chess Club and Business Club leader at Scranton Prep.

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The Dunmore Lions Club recently held its annual benefit show featuring "The Magic of Damian," Pennsylvania's foremost magician. This marks the 29th year the Lions have featured Damian's magic to elementary students in Dunmore Elementary Schools, including Saint Mary's Elementary Center, this year's host. All proceeds will be utilized for scholarships to help defray college expenses for Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools. Pictured below with students are, from left: Principal Maryelizabeth Shattin, School Nurse and Lion Member Renee Iezzi, Damian the Magician, and Lion Sam Sebastianelli, event chairman.

Holy Cross student wins scout award

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania is honored to announce that Nora Betts, a student at Holy Cross High School, has earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award, for the 2023 Gold Award class.

Betts' project, "Bat Boxes: Installation and Education," focused on addressing a lack of public education and understanding of the importance of bat populations in our environment.

Betts helped educate others of how bats benefit our environment and worked to eliminate stigmas and fears surrounding bats. To address the issue, she built four bat boxes to give the creatures a safe dwelling and designed an educational sign about bats and bat boxes.

She partnered with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association to complete the project. Her project's mission will continue through the sign's permanent installment along a trail and the sustainability of the

bat boxes that can last for decades.

Betts devoted a minimum of 80 hours to problem-solve, plan and implement her ideas for change. The impact of her Gold Award project will be felt long into the future, and Betts has shown the next generation of girls what they are capable of accomplishing.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, available to girls in high school who create sustainable change for a community or world issue. Gold Award Girl Scouts address pressing issues in their communities and create sustainable change to make the world a better place.

The Gold Award process not only enables girls to help their communities, but also provides tangible benefits as they grow as individuals. By going Gold, girls build professional skills, earn scholarships, build their network, and for those interested in serving their country, are able to enlist at a higher pay grade when they join the military.

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The Dunmore resident has been playing piano since the first grade and enjoys kick boxing. He is a second degree black belt in karate. He will be going out for speech and debate at Scranton Prep this year.

Patrick also runs Paddy's Lawn Care in Dunmore and surrounding neighborhoods.

"I have been involved in the lawn care business forever," the young entrepreneur said. "Since I was about 12. We expanded our business last year."

The articulate scholar said he has learned a lot from his parents.

"My dad always taught me to be a good man, but not in the traditional masculine way. He taught me how to communicate discomfort. That prevents problems. There are no solutions when slamming doors and shouting.

"My mom taught me not only to train the mind, but also the body. She has a strong belief that a balance between the two creates a well rounded individual. She's the reason I do kick boxing and chess."

Well-versed and ambitious, Patrick talked about his future goals. "I would like to attend Cornell University and study business," he said.

"I want to go into finance. Running a lawn care business has given me nuggets of wisdom. I have found out that compromise is always necessary."

Patrick, well-spoken and personable, has thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Scranton Prep. "I would not trade it for anything," he said. "I am constantly surrounded by such great talent. It pushes you as a person. It's been a spectacular experience. It will be a sad day for me when I leave at the end of this year."

Patrick also loves living in Dunmore. "I love Dunmore," he said. "It's my little bubble. I feel safe. There are so many nice local businesses. The borough is filled with nice people. There is very little crime."

Patrick enjoys music and wishes he could have seen the late Michael Jackson in concert.

He has a positive view of the future. "It will not matter what I go into as an occupation in the long term," he said.

"Of course, having a good occupation and being ambitious is nice, but what matters most is surrounding myself with people who love and support me. No amount of money can provide that.

"I will always want to have people and relationships in my life."



ABOVE: Dunmorean of the Month Patrick Devaney is joined by classmates, from left: Max Snyder, Brendan Shaffer, Devaney, Isaac Diaz, and Patrick Shaffer, and Prep theology teacher Mrs. Catherine Casey.



AT LEFT: Patrick Devaney is shown with a small portion of the donations he has helped to collect through the Leaf Project that he spearheaded to raise money for the Great Ignatian Challenge food drive.

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Doin' Dunmore

With Steve Svetovich



Steve shares his 33rd annual New Year's wish list

It's time again for the 33rd annual New Year's wish list for 2023.

With a pandemic lasting three years now, and a year that ended with the passing of legendary journalist **Barbara Walters** at 93, there is plenty to wish for in 2023.

It began with the 1991 issue of The Dunmorean. So here we go with the 2023 wish list:

A peaceful, happy and healthy year of recovery for **Atty. Melanie Naro**, former Dunmore Councilwoman stricken with cancer...a reversal of the 23 percent Dun-

more tax increase to borough homeowners...an end to the war in the Ukraine with peace and safety for its people...an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and any other variant that mysteriously comes along...the return of the peanut stick at Krispy Kreme...more of the strawberry frosty at Wendy's...a German Brownie from Minooka Bake Shop...the return of The Sperazza Band...Mickey Gannon's wings...a classic Hank's Hoagie in Green Ridge from **Tommy Owens**...**Tommy Owens** firing wiffle

ball curves...former **Scranton Mayor Jimmy Connor's** voice back so he can sing Johnny B Goode...a Dunkin Donuts in Forest City...a tray of pizza from McAlpine Bar and Restaurant in Avoca...

Mary Tyler Moore reruns on Hulu...crum cake from Cwikla's in Avoca...a night at The Roosey in Dunmore...Dunmore's **Joe Tomko** back in politics...**Barbara Eden** in a Jeannie bottle at Coco Beach...Taco Bell...Green Ridge Pizza...**Shania Twain** anywhere...tickets to Shania Twain at Bethel Woods...a night at the Waldorf Tiki Bar...The Wannabes at the Villa Maria in West Side...less haters...less division in our country...less pot holes...a decrease in the Scranton wage tax...less taxes...breakfast at the Bucktown Diner in Dunmore...Olena serving fresh drafts at The Roosey...Dunmore's **Nibs Loughney** back in politics...good health to Dunmorean publisher **John Hart** and his wife **Maureen**, editor...**Keith Richards** alive at 79...Mick Jagger strutting on stage and singing "Satisfaction" at 79...Ringo and his All-Star Band...an Arby's gyro...**Alyssa Milano** and **Tony Danza** on *Who's The Boss* reruns...Happy Days reruns...breakfast at Katrina's Diner in Dickson City...**Todd Helton**, **Jeff Kent** and **Jimmy Rollins** in the National Baseball Hall of Fame...

Kenny Anderson and **Otis "O.J." Anderson** in the Pro Football Hall of Fame...Dunkin Donuts hot coffee...pizza from the Roosey in Dunmore...a chili burger from Carawanna's in Carbondale...less divorce...much less crime...a visit with **Tim Wagner** at his sporting goods in Green Ridge...Rolling Rock beer...**Cher**...another **Bob Dylan** concert...Miller Genuine Draft...**Bob Barker** on The Price is Right at 100...Nardozi's Pizza in Dunmore...a night at Legends in Dickson City...Nashville's **Alyssa Lazar** with a new CD and back at Crotti's on Ash, Finnegan's and the Rockwell VFW...**Alyssa Lazar** on piano singing Piano Man with my son **Ryan** on drums...Crown Pizza in Dunmore...my dad's chili...a special place in music heaven for

Dunmore's **Billy Arnold** and **Art Stanton**, former sax player of The Fortunes...more band jobs for my dad, now in his 76th year of performing and leader of The Fabulous Fortunes...Nicholas Pizza in Green Ridge...a hoagie from West Side Flavas...more books written by Dunmore's legendary **Guy Valvano**...another successful year for Dunmore's **Bob Walsh**, chairman for the Northeast Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame...breakfast at Pinky's in Carbondale...a fresh Blue Moon draft...Thunder Road...no road rage...

Jennifer Lopez anywhere...**Valerie Bertinelli** back on a TV sitcom...Gomer Pyle reruns...*Everybody Loves Raymond*...Sirius-XM Radio...more of The Mad Dog on sports radio...wings from Honeychild's in Dunmore...Maroni's Pizza in West Side...Laverne and Shirley reruns...**Neil Young** back at Montage...**Brett "Gardy" Gardner** getting a coaching job with the Yankees...anything from Crown Chicken in South Side...a Popeye's chicken sandwich...**Lady Gaga**...dinner at Ragnacci's in Dunmore...shrimp or chicken scampi from **Joe Macciocco** at the Villa Maria in West Side...a Rosanne's Italian hoagie in West Side...Kelly's wings in South Side...less desperate housewives...no desperate husbands...no animal cruelty...

Roger Finnerty, **Jimmy Tighe**, **Vince Parise** and **Billy Woelkers** back with The Fabulous Fortunes...**Jack Meade** on sax...**Tom Gavern**, **Firp Edmunds** and **Jeff Lewis** on guitar...my dad on drums...good health to Dunmore's Crime Watch head **Gary Duncan**...a special place in Heaven for my beloved friend and former co-worker **Leah Cronauer** who lost her battle with cancer...successful New York Mets and flea market seasons for my buddy **Steve Gall**...a night at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park...reasonable prices for **Springsteen** tickets...good fortune and health to my friend **Jeanne Hoppel** whose late dad taught me to always look at the bottle as half full...

Brian Wilson back at the Kirby Center...**Marie Osmond** turning back the clock with Nutrisystem...the New York Knicks advancing in the playoffs...a World Series title for **Aaron Judge** and the New York Yankees...a solid season for the Cincinnati Reds...Dunmore's **Shannon Miele** and her sister **Michelle** rocking and dancing at the Waldorf Tiki Bar...**Taylor Swift**...a Pappas Pizza tuna grinder...a new gig for my son **Ryan** following the end of The Sperazza Band...another great summer of baseball for my son **Dylan** in the Tri-Valley League...a trip to Seaside Heights...

the Cincinnati Bengals winning the Super Bowl...a Guinness draft...a comeback season for Cincinnati Reds first baseman **Joey Votto**...a trip to Santorini, Greece...more government support and funds for autism...a trip with my sons to Cooperstown, New York...**Carly Simon** in concert...**Paul McCartney** back in Hershey...**Rod Stewart** crooning, kicking soccer balls, doing back flips and wooing women at 78...good health to Dunmore's **Fran and Santa Burne**...singing American Pie...**Susanna Hoffs**...Cooper's Maryland crab bisque soup...**Eric Sperazza** on keyboards and singing **John Lennon**...**Mike Sperazza** on guitar singing The Stones...**Jenny Sperazza** on drums belting out Zeppelin and **Janis Joplin** tunes...my son **Ryan** on lead guitar singing "Gold on the Ceiling" and "Psycho Killer"...a successful basketball season for Dunmore's **Moriah Murray** at Penn State...success for Holy Cross graduate **Kaci Kranson** in the University of Scranton basketball program...a great football season for **Kevin McHale** and his Dunmore Bucks...Success for **Carrie Bowen Toomey** as new basketball coach for the Dunmore Lady Bucks...Success for former Lady Bucks basketball coach **Ben O'Brien** as new coach of the University of Scranton Lady Royals...**Lori Loughlin** back on the Hallmark channel...Full House reruns...**David Letterman** back on TV...*Welcome Back Kotter* reruns...the Hawley Winterfest...**Johnny Carson** reruns...success and safety to my godchild **Mia** as she begins her career in Florida...success to my niece **Livy** as she pursues her master's degree...Dunmore's **Paul Nardozi** back in politics and his New York Giants in the playoffs...A return to good health for my great friend **Tom Duggan** who does great work as a pastor counseling prisoners...Nina's wing bites in Dunmore...no more inflation...reduction in gas prices and utility bills, especially PA American Water...a Gerrity's Supermarket ham and cheese hoagie...**Madonna**...a special place in Heaven for late Dunmore community activists **Addie Michalek**, **Carmel Arnone**, **Blanche Shaw**, **Philomena Errico**, **Fritz Voyeck**, **Leonard Verrastro**, **Sam and Tom Cali**, **Billy Weller**, **Al Frioni, Sr.** and **James McHale, Sr.**...good health to my **Aunt Annette**...a special place in Heaven for my **Aunt Stella**, a caregiver many years for her family who saved many hungry, stray cats...great health and treats for my cat Lola...a special place in a Heaven for my in-laws **John and Elva Hoffman**...continued recovery for

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The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



Huge crowd attends first Christmas in the Corners

It was a very busy holiday season in the Borough!

Early in December, we kicked off the Christmas season with our first ever "Christmas in the Corners" event and tree-lighting ceremony. To say it was a success would be an understatement. Over 1,000 people showed up at Fidelity Bank's parking lot to ring in Christmas.

We had tents filled with gifts and treats for the kids, St. Mary's Choir, Dunmore School Marching Band, bicycle raffles, a hot chocolate truck, stilt walkers, jugglers, and so much more. The event would not have been such a success without the support of so many local business owners and volunteers. It is important to remember that it's not companies like Walmart and Target that make events like this happen—it's businesses right here in Dunmore. Make sure you go out shop local!

The event was topped off with four-year-old David Rivera flipping the switch to light the tree (pictured here). David has been battling cancer these last few months and to see his face when the tree lit up, to me, is what the Christmas season is all about. I hope to see everyone there next year as we make it even bigger and better!

I also want to wish everyone a very happy New Year. I look forward to seeing what 2023 brings to this wonderful Borough! If you would like to keep up to date on other announcements and information, please follow me on Facebook at Mayor Max Conway!



Four-year-old David Rivera flipped the switch to light Dunmore Borough's Christmas tree during the big celebration Christmas at the Corners early in December. The event featured many activities and drew over 1,000 people.

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The ATHENA Award is sponsored by Michael A. Barbetti LLC Certified Public Accountants and will be presented at the Chamber's International Women's Day luncheon, sponsored by Honesdale National Bank, which will be held at Marywood University on Tuesday, March 8.

Nominations for the ATHENA Award will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. Find application and eligibility criteria online at www.scrantonchamber.com.



Keystone Chapter UNICO conducted its annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party with Recognition Awards at Fiorelli's for the 11th consecutive year. Over 100 toys were brought in by the membership and the Marines were there to receive them. Pictured are Veterans and UNICO Members with the U.S. Marines holding some of the toys collected, including, from left: Marine Lance Corporal Potoeskie, entertainer Frank Gervasi, Bob Tagert, Joe Sadowski, Bob Bonczek, Frank Coviello, Tom Carlucci, evening co-chairs Sallie and Peter Noto, Marine Sergeant Arellano, Carl Bianchi, Jim Mack and Chapter President Louise Ligi.

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Pictured after receiving their Keystone UNICO Recognition Awards at UNICO's annual Christmas party are, from left: Immediate Past Chapter President Mary Ann Coviello; Chapter Charter President Mark McDade; and current Chapter President Louise Ligi, who presented the awards.

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Fidelity Bank promotes Hinton to gen. counsel

Daniel J. Santaniello, President & CEO, Fidelity Bank, has announced the promotion of Theresa M. Hinton, Esq., CTFA, to Senior Vice President, General Counsel.

In her new role as General Counsel, Hinton manages the Bank's legal portfolio.

Hinton holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from St. Francis University, Loretto, PA, and a Juris Doctor degree from Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh. She earned her Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation in 2019, and her professional affiliations include membership in the Pennsylvania and Lackawanna County Bar Associations.

An active member of the community, Hinton is a board member of the Women's Resource Center, a member of Lackawanna County Pro Bono's Elder Law Clinic, and a member of the Estate Planning Council of NEPA. She is also the assistant women's tennis coach at Marywood University.



Hospice of the Sacred Heart recently received a grant for \$12,000 from the Scranton Area Community Foundation to support caring for patients and families during the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The grant is part of the Scranton Area Community Foundation 2022 Spring Community Needs Grant Cycle and was funded in 2022. The mission of Hospice of the Sacred Heart is to provide comfort, care, hope and choice to patients and their families, while guiding them through their end of life journey. Shown from left are: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Grants & Scholarship Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Linda Menichetti, Chief Operating Officer, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, and Frank Caputo, Grants & Communications Coordinator, Scranton Area Community Foundation

Registration open for summer camp activities at Marywood

Even though winter days are here, Marywood University is looking forward to summertime with its 2023 *Summer @ the Wood* camps program. Pick your passion from 10+ camps, featuring sports activities, creative pursuits, and scientific interests.

The 2023 schedule presently includes academic camps on architecture, art of comic books/graphic novels, biotechnology, environmental stewardship, and music, as well as athletic camps for boys/girls basketball, esports, girls lacrosse, softball, swimming, and girls volleyball. For more details, including camp dates, registration information and deadlines, camp descriptions, and associated fees, visit marywood.edu/community/camps/.

Some camps are currently open for registration, while others will open after the first of the year. Several feature early bird registration rates. It is possible that other camps may be added to these initial offerings. If so, information will be listed on the camps website at: marywood.edu/community/camps/.

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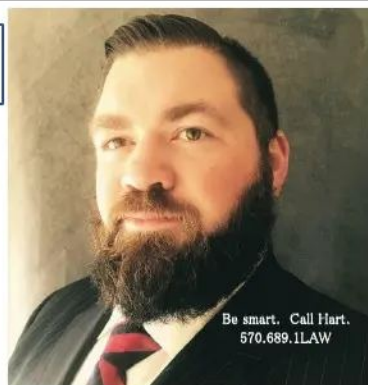


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"THE HART OF THE ISSUE"

By JOHN M. HART, III, Esq.

**Hart Law**Food, Fitness
and Finance:
Our New Year's
Resolutions

If you're like me, then the start of a new year means dieting. Throughout the year, I track my weight with a spreadsheet, and it looks like the blueprints to a roller coaster.

And the incline from Thanksgiving to Christmas makes for an embarrassing peak, with a necessary fall to follow. But unlike a roller coaster, the ride down is never fun, and it seems to take longer, much longer, than the anticipating climb up.

And so, begins the big diet that starts the year. It's not all bad. With dieting comes saving money. A typical work week at Hart Law includes luncheons with clients, colleagues, and employees alike. While I usually will pack myself a lunch each day, there's almost always those inescapable phone calls from friends who'd like to grab a bite.

Or when I ask what my legal assistant is having for lunch, she's on her phone looking up Door Dash for local restaurants to grab a burger, tacos, or a hoagie. When we moved our offices to Dunmore, the temptations multiplied!

The amount of incredible culinary options within a 3-block radius from HART LAW is out of sight! And so are my feet after throwing caution to the wind during the holidays and eating everything I got my hands on.

There's no way to get around it, dieting is difficult, and reluctance to start one is at an all-time high right after the holidays. But the start of a new year means a fresh slate to put bad habits behind us and we are at least able to make our best efforts to better ourselves. Positive reinforcement makes it easier.

Plus, we're all on board with starting fresh so I recommend finding others who have committed to the same resolutions so you can adhere to your plan together. It's not difficult to find friends who are also starting up a diet this month.

But dieting is only one of the common New Year's resolutions. A quick online search shows that the most popular resolutions involve dieting, fitness, and finances. When talking about finances it used to be spend less and/or save more. Traditionally, people have been

limited in how they can positively impact their financial position because income is a fixed figure for most employees.

However, there has been a growing trend in "side hustles". There are a number of ways someone can earn additional income through modern approaches. And we're not talking about mowing lawns, shoveling sidewalks, or opening up lemonade stands.

People are finding new ways to bring in some additional income and they're often doing it without much additional effort or consumption of time in their already busy day.

Many people are utilizing today's technology to earn some additional cash. Some are doing so passively, by investing in unique areas of business such as crowdfunding and real estate investment trusts.

Others are enjoying the ease of part time platforms such as shopping for Instacart, delivering for DoorDash (as mentioned earlier), or driving for Uber. You can even rent your car out on Turo. It's like Airbnb for your vehicle! These opportunities have all of the legwork taken care of for you. You just have to be willing to dedicate some down time to "turn the meter on" and drive or shop or rent.

For those who are more ambitious starting a small business can also be a way to earn additional income. Whether it be a novel idea or a business that is tried and true that they're passionate about, there are many new small businesses popping up everywhere.

I personally have been learning of them through the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development. As solicitor for OECD, I review applications for small grants and larger loan-to-grants through various programs that Scranton has to offer.

This aspect of my position gives me great insight to the growing number of small businesses in our community. I've seen breweries, pet bakeries, spice markets, and even a gourmet mushroom store open up over the past few months. I've seen people who have a passion for "yard sailing" who go around looking for used furniture that they can refurbish and resell for a profit. And I've come across

"home chefs" who sell their signature dishes right out of their homes. However, there are many risks that come along with side hustles. If you happen to enjoy the work and don't mind if your side job succeeds or fails, then it's still a win as long as you are having fun.

But if your new venture starts gaining traction and you see the potential of turning it into a successful business then a bit more consideration is needed to plan your next steps. Creating a successful small business involves many legal considerations.

Having a lawyer on your team can help you navigate the legal landscape and avoid potential pitfalls. To start, you must decide the legal structure of your company. There are several options to choose from such as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or limited liability company. Each structure has its own advantages and disadvantages, and HART LAW can help you determine the best structure for your business and handle all of the legal work required to get you up and running.

As your business grows, you will inevitably have to enter into a variety of contracts, including leases, vendor agreements, and employment contracts.

Whether you need these contracts drafted on your behalf or you are asked to enter into a contract that's been put in front of you, HART LAW can help you understand the terms of these contracts and ensure your rights are protected. And if your new business is novel with a lot of creativity intertwined with

your venture, you may need to look into protecting your intellectual property.

And of course, with the good, comes the bad. If your business becomes involved in a legal dispute, having a lawyer can be invaluable, whether it be in court or in negotiations, a lawyer can help you reach a resolution that is favorable to your new business.

Having an attorney during the infancy of your startup is the most beneficial way to protect yourself from the potential pitfalls that can come your way as your business grows. If you're looking for complete legal assistance from the start and to be there along the way, there are some firms that are starting to offer subscription-based legal services. I know about this because HART LAW offers this new arrangement of legal services.

While I'm reluctant to go on a necessary diet, many people are reluctant to call an attorney. The problem is that often times, attorneys get a call after the otherwise preventable issue has spiraled out of control.

Whether it be a contract that went south, or even having no contract at all or being sued and not having the proper business structure in place to protect you and your assets, an attorney is needed, but the issue might have been avoided or at least mitigated if they were called sooner. (Remember the idiom *penny wise and pound foolish*?)

In an effort to avoid these catastrophes, having a legal service subscription plan can take the reluctance out of making that initial

phone call. Subscription-based legal services offer affordable and predictable legal fees, with a fixed monthly or annual fee.

These types of plans allow for convenient access to legal advice, which is beneficial if you have multiple legal issues or need ongoing legal support.

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Actors Circle to present play about Martin Luther King

Actors Circle will present *The Mountaintop* by American playwright Katori Hall, a fictional depiction of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last night on earth set entirely in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel on the eve of his assassination in 1968. Show dates are Jan. 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2023. Thursday performances begin at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Rd., Scranton. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. On Jan.

12, all tickets are \$10. Call 570-342-9707 for reservations.

The show is presented in association with the Greater Scranton MLK Commission, Cathy Hardaway, committee chairperson, with special grants from the Lackawanna County for the Arts and

Culture, and The Scranton Area Community Foundation.

Darrius Pantophlet will portray Martin Luther King, Jr., and Shanay Figueroa will portray Camae. Directed by Charisse Peaten and Mark Fryer, Harry Adelman and Jeff Ginsberg are producers.

Cathy Rist Strauch is publicist, assisted by Jessi Teevan.

Theater critic Charles Spencer in *The Daily Telegraph* wrote of the production at Trafalgar Studios "It is a beautiful and startling piece, beginning naturally before shifting gear



Actors Circle will present "The Mountaintop" by American playwright Katori Hall, a fictional depiction of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last night on earth, this month at Providence Playhouse. Shown from left is Darrius Pantophlet, who portrays King, and Shanay Figueroa, who plays Camae.



Cast members for "The Mountaintop," a play about Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night include, from left: Jeff Ginsberg, Mark Fryer, Shanay Figueroa, Darrius Pantophlet, Charisse Peaten, and Harry Adelman. The production will be presented by Actors' Circle at Providence Playhouse this month.

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The play premiered on Broadway at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre on Sept. 22, 2011, with an official opening on Oct. 13.

Samuel L. Jackson made his Broadway debut in the role of Dr. King along with Angela Bassett as his co-star who portrayed Camae.

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The Dearly Departed Players were back in the Dunmore Cemetery on Black Friday, but not for walking tours. During the harvest season, visitors to the cemetery informed the Players that they enjoyed the autumn decorations so much that they wished the troupe could do something for the Christmas holiday. Trying to honor the request, the Players affixed 20 wreaths to mausoleum doors. According to tour director Julie Esty, the Players don't have funding for an event in another season but creative use of repurposed wreaths, wreaths donated by the now defunct Dunmore Historical Society, and ribbon donated by Vince Parise and his late wife, Carol, helped make the project a reality. Some of the mausoleums decorated included George Catlin, founding member of the Lackawanna Historical Society; former Congressman Thomas Henry Dale, Fenwick Peck, United States Lumber; and Thomas Dickson, president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. The massive Receiving Vault of the Dunmore Cemetery was also decorated with evergreen wreaths with red velvet and buffalo plaid bows.



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By Cheryl Radkiewicz



Try these fun ideas for using holiday leftovers

As we've wrapped up another Christmas celebration, we've moved on to New Year's and more entertaining.

However, what do you do with all of those holiday leftovers? It's time to go through your refrigerator and repurpose what items are taking up space before they expire. When I go through my refrigerator, it seems every year I have mostly dairy products left.... cheese, cheese and more cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, milk, eggnog, and a few rings of kielbasi.

By the way, I love having a great variety of cheeses, however, nieces and nephews only eat Cheddar. I keep hoping their tastes will mature into trying new varieties. So, what am I doing with the leftovers? Here are some ideas:

HOT CHEESE SQUARES

8 oz. cheddar cheese
8 oz. pepper jack cheese
4 eggs, slightly beaten

Grate cheeses together and add beaten eggs. Pour into a greased (or sprayed) 8x8" baking dish. Bake in 375 degree preheated oven for 30 minutes. Cut into squares. Freezes well.

PINK AND PRETTY CHEESE DIP

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup chopped onion
1/3 cup chili sauce
3 Tbsp. mayonnaise
1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Blend ingredients together. Serve with favorite raw vegetables.

SWISS ARTICHOKE PUFFS

1 loaf cocktail rye bread
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp. chopped parsley
1/4 tsp. onion powder
1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1-14 oz. can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered

Swiss Cheese, thinly sliced and cut to fit top of bread slices

Toast bread on cookie sheet in oven. Combine mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese. Add parsley, onion powder and Worcestershire sauce. Put one piece of artichoke on rye round and spread cheese mixture on top. Cover with pieces of Swiss cheese. Arrange on cookie sheet and broil until cheese melts and lightly browned.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TAVERN'S FETTUCINE ROYAL

1/4-1/2 lb. fettucine, cooked
1/2 cup cream cheese, melted
4 Tbsp. Rhine wine (or dry white)
1/2 cup backfin crabmeat
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
2 Tbsp. freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Drain the cooked fettucine in colander. In saucepan over low heat, combine melted cream

cheese, wine and crabmeat and heat through. Add fettucine and parsley, and toss. Top with Parmesan cheese, sprinkling of salt and grating of pepper. Serves 2.

ARTICHOKE AND RED PEPPER DIP

1-No. 10 can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1-28 oz. can roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
4 cups (2 pints) sour cream
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
2 tsp. white pepper
1 lb. mozzarella cheese, shredded
2 cups Parmesan cheese, grated

Blend all ingredients. Bake in 350 degree oven for 12-15 minutes.

KIELBASI IN BEER SAUCE OVER LINGUINE

3 lbs. kielbasi, cut in 1/2" slices
1 cup chopped green onion
12 Tbsp. butter
Flour, to thicken

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4 tsp. dry mustard
4 tsp. caraway seeds
2 ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
½ tsp. salt
4 cups milk
6 cups (24 oz) American cheese, cubed
3 cups (12 oz) Swiss cheese, shredded
2 2/3 cups beer
5 lbs. cooked linguine

Cook kielbasi until browned. Drain on paper towel. Drain fat from pot. In same pot, cook green onions in butter until tender. Stir in flour until mixture thickens, making a roux. Add mustard, caraway seeds, cayenne pepper and salt. Stir in milk and cook until thickened. Add cheese, beer and kielbasi. Stir until all cheese is melted. Serve hot over linguine.

EGGNOG CHEESECAKE

1 Graham Cracker Pie Crust
2-8 oz. pkgs. Cream cheese, softened
2 cups dairy eggnog
1 cup milk

2-(4 serving each) pkgs. vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
1 Tbsp. light rum
1/8 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

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YMCA in Dunmore receives Spitz Foundation grant to support aquatics

The Greater Scranton YMCA was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation to support aquatics staffing at the YMCA.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Scranton YMCA was able to fully staff both pools in its facility and offer 283 swim lessons per session.

Following the pandemic, the YMCA has only been able to offer 183 swim lessons per session, a reduction of more than 600 swim lessons annually.

The biggest loss, though, has been to our community, as learning to swim is one of the most important life lessons a child can learn.

This grant award from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation,

in conjunction with the \$14,000 grant award the Greater Scranton YMCA received in May, 2022 from the Scranton Area Community Foundation, has allowed the YMCA to increase lifeguard pay rates with the goal of attracting more staff, as well as retaining existing staff who need a pay increase.

Adding more team members to the aquatics department will directly impact the YMCA's capacity to provide needed services to our community, including offering an increased number of life-saving swim lessons annually, making more pool time available to members and guests, and ensuring the resources are available to implement more youth, adult and family programming.

"We are so grateful to the Robert H. Spitz Foundation for their generous support of our YMCA," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA.

"This grant award, along with the grant we received from the Scranton Area Community Foundation, will allow our YMCA to increase the number of swim lessons we offer annually, as well as add additional lifeguards to our team."

For more information about aquatics programming at the Greater Scranton YMCA, contact Ken Brewster, Aquatics Director, at kbrewster@greaterscrantonymca.org or call (570) 828-3112.

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The Greater Scranton YMCA was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation to support aquatics staffing at the YMCA. Shown at the presentation are, from left: Ken Brewster, Aquatics Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Cathy Fitzpatrick, Grants and Scholarships Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation, and Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO, Scranton Area Community Foundation.

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This unique, locally focused report was compiled by Cancer Institute Director of Cancer Surveillance, Karen Ryczak, RN and Medical Director, Samuel Lesko, MD, MPH. The report documents that both incidence and mortality rates for cancer are significantly higher in NEPA than the U.S. It also identifies those cancer sites for which there is a disparity in either incidence or mortality.

In NEPA, there are statistically significantly higher incidence rates for cancer of the lung, larynx, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, colon and rectum, urinary bladder, pancreas, thyroid, cervix, and uterus compared to the U.S.

Evidence based screenings are available for breast, cervical, colon and lung cancer that can reduce deaths from these cancers and in the case of cervical and colon cancer, prevent cancers from developing. Primary care providers are well suited to direct individuals on what screenings are appropriate based on age, gender, personal and family history, risk factors and eligibility criteria for screenings.

The goal in sharing these data is to raise awareness across the community and to promote collaborative efforts to reduce the risk of select cancers through healthy lifestyle choices and adherence to proper screening guidelines. The report offers important insight for Northeastern Pennsylvania residents, health professionals, and government leaders.

For additional information or if you would like a hard copy of the full report, please feel free to contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (570) 904-8808 or admin@cancernepa.org.

Marywood University continues to deliver 'Best Value' in NEPA

Marywood University continues to offer the "Best Value" among Northeast Pennsylvania Universities, according to the 2022-2023 *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges* ranking.

Marywood, located in both Scranton and Dunmore, also remains the highest ranked of only two local institutions included in *U.S. News* "Best Colleges for Veterans" category, along with repeating and advancing its strong showing in the "Top Performers in Social Media" category.

Moving up two places from last year to #23 of the regional universities (North) ranked for "Best Value," Marywood continues to demonstrate its affordability as the highest ranked of the three local four-year private colleges included in this category. According to *U.S. News*, the "Best Value" ranking considers a school's academic quality. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal. Only schools ranked in or near the top half of their categories are included, because *U.S. News* considers the most significant values to be among colleges that are above average academically.

At #44, Marywood was the highest ranked of only two local universities on the "Best Colleges for Veterans" (Regional Universities North). According to *U.S. News*, these are the top-ranked schools in the 2023 Best Colleges rankings that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees.

Marywood University ranked #48 overall on the "Best Regional Universities North" list, which includes institutions from 11 states, and continued to exhibit its strong digital presence in the "Top Performers in Social Media" category, advancing to #59, up 13 places from last year's rankings.

For additional information about Marywood University, visit marywood.edu, or call the Office of Admissions, at (570) 348-6234. For additional information about Marywood's rankings in *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges*, please visit usnews.com/best-colleges/marywood-university-3296.

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Meet Jack Maloney

The Dunmorean Scholar of the Month for January is Jack Maloney, son of Casey and Erin Maloney. A student at Scranton Prep, Jack's activities include basketball, baseball, Spanish Club, Business Club, Chess Club, shadowing program, and freshman orientation guide.

Jack's favorite sport is basketball, and he likes the following quote by Tim Notke: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." Jack believes in working hard every day toward one's goals. To prepare for a game, he listens to pump-up music, and does stretches and visualizations of the plays.

His favorite subject is English, and he loves to read and write. Jack says: "There is nothing better than reading a piece of literature and being in suspense, wondering what will happen next."

His favorite place to visit is his grandparents' house, which is just a few blocks from his, and his favorite way to relax is to go out back to play basketball with some music. He also likes to hang out with his friends and younger cousins during his free time.

Jack's favorite spot in Dunmore is Grande Pizza, where he goes often with his friends. "It is a fun, local place to watch sports and eat great food."

Jack says, "I love growing up in Dunmore because it is such a close-knit and kind community. I have made so many friends at Prep, but I am still so close with my buddies from Dunmore. When I reached sixth grade, I gained a lot more freedom to go out and walk around with my friends down near the Corners, where we would get food and just hang out. I love that we can walk around and have many businesses to visit within a short distance."

"I have learned many things from growing up in Dunmore, such as how to be a good neighbor, how to help others, how to be a good friend, and how important it is to have strong values and morals. It's important to be willing to help others in the community when needed. People of Dunmore are tightly bonded together and root each other on in a positive way."

Jack's goal after high school is to attend the University of Notre Dame ("My dream school"), and then attend law school and one day join my uncle's law firm, Maloney Law P.C.

Jack's high school plan is "to enjoy everything and not take anything for granted. I do not want to look back years from now and regret not doing something, which is why I try to get involved with anything I can and try new things. I want to make sure to excel, not only in academics and sports but also to help out in the community and contribute to something more important."

Jack's advice for others? "My hope for other Dunmore kids is to be selfless and just take a little time out of your day to help a neighbor or friend, who you see is struggling. Sometimes it only takes a second to listen or just be kind. That can help turn someone's day around."



Jack Maloney, Dunmorean Scholar of the Month is shown with his parents, Casey and Erin Maloney of Dunmore, and his sisters, Molly, 8, second from left, and Ally, 13, second from right. Jack is a sophomore at Scranton Prep.

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By Maureen Hart

If you are thinking about a trip in the near future, here are some hints I've learned throughout decades of traveling—not only in Europe, but anywhere outside of the U.S.

INDEPENDENT OR TOUR?

Both tours and independent travel have good aspects. Early on, I took organized tours because traveling abroad was all new to me and I had no idea how to navigate on my own, nor do I speak any other language.

Way back then, it was more difficult to plan things on your own without the advantage of the Internet for doing research on your itinerary and making reservations. It involved old-fashioned snail mail and costly overseas phone calls.

Today, if you are not a veteran traveler (or even if you are) who is determined to cover a lot of territory, a tour is still probably the best idea. Everything is planned out for you and your guide can help you if any problems arise.

However, since the 1990s, I have planned our trips inde-

pendently, including my most recent trip to Italy, as well as a month-long tour of Spain, my so-called "Mozart" trip to Prague, Vienna and Salzburg, and a trip to England and Scotland.

HOTEL OR AIRBNB: Early on, I booked hotels, but now I prefer Airbnbs or VRBO because they offer me more of the ambience of another country. Think a Tuscan-themed apartment right near the sites in Florence; a white-washed apartment in the midst of Rome with its own courtyard for evenings relaxing with Prosecco, or your own cabin on a hillside in Sorrento.

Also, if you need more than one bedroom, a hotel will be more expensive. I have done this in the States and abroad.

But do allow for special accommodations in various countries. For instance, in Spain we booked rooms at their famous Paradors, which are renovated palaces, castles, abbeys, etc., which also offer wonderful local cuisine. I loved having Spanish hams, goat cheese, and figs with my breakfast.

In London I booked modest accommodations except for a splurge on a hotel on Russell Square featuring a staircase by the same designer

How to plan your trip abroad

as the one on the Titanic. One time in Austria we booked a gorgeous schloss (once an aristocratic hunting lodge) in the Vienna Woods, only to discover it had a fantastic view but no air-conditioning! So always check the details!

You have to be careful choosing your bookings—read every review available, and check out the location so you are not too far from the main sites, but not too close to noise and traffic. Check if there is a metro or bus stop fairly nearby.

BUSES AND TRAINS: Oh yes, don't be afraid of using local transit. The trains and buses in Europe are far superior to ours and can get you anywhere you want to go quickly and cheaply. We also used cabs in Italy, which were affordable enough, but then we figured out the bus and train schedules and off we went.

SPECIAL HINTS: Look for specific hints from seasoned travelers on travel bulletin boards online. But, allow for differences in opinions. For instance, I was convinced that I would look like a fool in Italy if I did not eat the traditional 3-course meal of appetizer or soup, pasta course, and main entrée, plus dessert.

I thought the waiter would throw up his/her arms in disgust. But guess what? That did not happen. They are used to tourists who have different customs. The three courses were too much for me. So,

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Keep your packing light and color-coordinated. Aim for a small suitcase plus an under-the-seat bag.. Smart travelers do not check baggage in these chaotic times, so check for carry-on size regulations on your airline.



When I stayed in London years ago this was the foyer of the Russell Hotel in Bloomsbury, now the Klimpton Fitzroy. But the same staircase by same designer as that on the Titanic!

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Talented sophomore Sophia Talutto takes leading role with Lady Bucks

By Steve Svetovich

During the absence of injured Dunmore stalwart Ciera Toomey, Lady Bucks sophomore guard Sophia Talutto has taken on a leadership role.

Daughter of Joseph and Lori Talutto, Dunmore, Sophia led the Lady Bucks to four wins in its first five games this season averaging 17.0 points and 5.0 assists per contest.

Sophia led Dunmore with a game-high 19 points in the Lady Bucks 58-42 win over Scranton Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Lackawanna College Student Union in the semifinals of the 19th Lynett Memorial Girls Tournament.

The contest marked the return of North Carolina-bound center Ciera Toomey who has been sidelined since March with a torn ACL. The three-time all-state center returned at the start of the second half and hit a top-of-the key 3-pointer. The shot, her only one, swished through the nets to the crowd's delight. She played a little more than two minutes in the contest as her teammate Sophia took control of the game for the Lady Bucks.

Dunmore held a 28-22 halftime lead before Ciera entered the contest.

Dunmore lost to Scranton Prep, 52-33, in the Lynett Tournament final Thursday, Dec. 29.

Sophia is a second year starter on the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball team.

The talented sophomore guard has a 98.5 academic average at Dunmore. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and math.

Sophia is unsure where she will attend college, but most definitely



wants to play basketball and probably study business in college.

The scrappy sophomore said her parents taught her a lot. "They taught me to be humble and above all be consistent and work hard at anything I do."

She talked about the Lady Bucks starting the season without Ciera on the court and under new coach Carrie Bowen Toomey, Ciera's mom, who replaced Ben O'Brien.

"It was definitely different without Ciera's leadership early on. And we lost Moriah Murray to graduation. So I did take more of a leadership role. As long as we stay consistent and focused at practice, we will be successful as a team."

"This team is very good. We saw

that some are doubting us, but that keeps us very motivated. We are going to have another good year. With more practice, we will be very good. We are focused on it. We also know Ciera will be with us at full strength during districts.

"Our new coach was an assistant under coach O'Brien. So we are doing many of the same things. The transition is going very well."

"Sure, we miss coach O'Brien. But Carrie Toomey is doing great as our new coach."

Well-spoken and polite, Sophia is also a left wing on the Dunmore soccer team. She is a member of TACT and the French Club at Dunmore. Sophia enjoys listening to music and would like to see Bruno Mars in concert.

The hard-working scholar-athlete talked about what it takes to excel as a guard in high school basketball. "You need to stay consistent and focused," she said. "And you should be humble."

Sophia was an honorable mention on the Lackawanna League all-star team last season. She was named the 570 Sports Freshman of the Year.

"That was surprising," she said. "A lot of people talked about it and I received some very nice messages. A lot of people supported me. It was a great feeling."

Sophia said she loves living in Dunmore and playing for the Lady Bucks. "It's definitely memorable," she said. "I have loved Dunmore since I was a little kid. Our community is great. Everyone supports us."



Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Condolences to the family of former Dunmore baseball player **Corey Rinaldi** who died last month unexpectedly at 26...Corey played baseball for several years in The Freedom Summer Baseball League at Dunmore's Sherwood Park and was an assistant golf pro at Irem Temple Country Club...

Do you remember **Brian Lavelle** scoring 22 points in Dunmore's 54-48 win over Scranton Prep in Lynett Tournament championship 30 years ago?...Do you remember **Chael Clark** scoring 27 points for Dunmore in 54-47 win over Scranton Prep in Lynett Tournament championship 20 years ago?...

Condolences to family of former University of Scranton athletic director **Gary Wodder** who died at 78 Christmas Eve in Florida after battle with pulmonary fibrosis... **Brian Walsh**, member of Scranton Prep's baseball team, will attend Bloomsburg University next year... North Carolina-bound, three-time all-state senior center **Ciera Toomey**, sidelined since March with torn

ACL, came back in second half of Lynett Memorial Girls Tournament semifinal to swish clutch 21-foot 3-pointer in Dunmore's 58-42 win over Scranton...Dunmore sophomore **Sophia Talutto** led Lady Bucks with 19 points in Lynett Tournament semifinal win...

Congratulations to Scranton Prep boys and girls basketball teams for both winning Lynett Memorial Tournament...Holy Cross senior forward **Gabe Gonzales** scored 16 points in team's 58-52 loss to Scranton in Lynett Memorial Boys Tournament semifinal...**Oliver Almonte** led Scranton with 18 points...**Cullen Smith** scored 16 points and **Nico Ruggiero** added 13 points in Dunmore's 66-53 loss to Scranton Prep in Lynett Boys Memorial semifinal contest...**Kellen Casey** led Scranton Prep with 11 points and 12 rebounds...**Chase Scanlan** added 10 points for Prep...

Scranton Prep sophomore **Maya Jenkins** scored 16 points and Jenna Hillebrand added 15 points in Scranton Prep's 72-19 win over

Holy Cross in Lynett Girls Memorial Tournament semifinal... Condolences to family of Dunmore's **Delvi Olivetti**, who started Dunmore Roofing over 70 years ago and earned Purple Heart and Bronze Star after being shot and injured in Battle of the Bulge during World War II, who died Christmas morning at 97...Condolences to family of long time local musician **Billy Arnold** who performed all around world since age seven and died last month at 79...

Congratulations to Lakeland quarterback and defensive back **Dominico Spataro** presented with 31st Fiore Cesare Award and Scholarship...Congratulations to **Fred "The Crime Dog" McGriff** for his long overdue selection into National Baseball Hall of Fame... The Crime Dog batted .284, with 2,490 hits, 493 homers and 1,550 RBIs in 19-year career...McGriff hit 30 or more homers 10 times and drove in more than 90 runs 12 times...Crime Dog led both leagues in homers and batted .303 with 10 homers and 37 RBIs in 10 playoff series and 188 post season at bats... Despite Crime Dog's selection, Yankees legend **Don Mattingly** came up short on votes...Donnie Baseball hit .307 with 2,153 hits and earned nine Gold Gloves and an AL MVP in 14-year career...

Todd Helton, Jeff Kent, Gary Sheffield, Jimmy Rollins, Tori Hunter, Billy Wagner, Francisco "K-Rod" Rodriguez and **Scott Rolen** are leading candidates for selection into National Baseball Hall of Fame through writers' vote this month...This scribe's picks would be Helton, Kent, Rollins, Sheffield and Hunter...

Nashville's **Alyssa Lazar**, local music talent, in town last month performing at several venues with Dunmore's **Ryan Svetovich**... Former North Scranton standout athlete **T.J. Schmidt** proud to be expecting first grandchild in spring...Congratulations to New York Yankees outfielder **Aaron Judge** named AL MVP, team captain, Associated Press Athlete of Year and securing nine-year, \$360-million contract...Judge also got married this year and broke AL single season homer record with 62...It doesn't get much better than that...

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Holy Cross senior Gabe Gonzales is strong leader

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior small forward Gabe Gonzales is one of the leaders on the hardwood for veteran coach Al Callejas this season.

Coach Callejas has not missed a game this season following a cancer diagnosis the previous year. His players continue to support and rally around him.

"Coach Callejas is doing good," Gabe said. "He comes to practice ready every day. He hasn't missed a practice or a game. He is going right after it and we continue to support him."

Son of Melissa Gonzales, Gabe said his mom is a strong support for him.

"My mom tells me to always work hard because nothing comes easy. She tells me you only get good results with hard work."

The senior stalwart said coach Callejas has taught him so much about life.

"Coach Callejas has taught me so many life lessons," he said. "There are so many. He tells us that people will get on you all the time, but you just have to keep fighting."

"He tells us life is full of highs and lows, but you need to learn from the lows. The lows are the most important. That's where you learn. You have to keep moving forward."

The senior scholar-athlete has a 3.3 grade point average. His favorite subject is math.

Gabe is not sure where he will attend college, but is leaning towards Wilkes University. He wants

to study nursing and play college basketball.

The talented forward scored 16 points in his team's 58-52 loss to Scranton in the semifinal of the 71st Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Lackawanna College Student Union. Oliver Almonte led Scranton with 18 points.

Gabe scored 10 points in the consolation game—a 61-48 Holy Cross win over Dunmore—at the Lynett Tournament.

The hard-working senior is also a tight end on the Holy Cross football team.

Gabe, who led the Crusaders to four wins in the first seven games this season, talked about what it takes to excel at the forward position in high school basketball.

"You need to create three things," he said. "You need to be able to shoot the ball, post up, and finish off. You need to be a good overall scorer, to make the right passes, and play good defense."

He talked about his future goals. "I want to play some more basketball, finish college with a nursing degree and make good money with a great career. I want to be a registered nurse."

His goal for the rest of the basketball season is an ambitious one. "We don't want to lose another game for the rest of the season. We want to win the league title and go on from there."

The strong-willed senior talked about his decision to study nursing in college. "It's a great career and you get to help people. You are always secure with a job, too, so it is an easy decision for me."

Gabe enjoys listening to music and would like to see Drake in concert.

He has enjoyed his experience at Holy Cross. "It's been just a great overall experience," he said. "The education here is great. The faculty, teachers, students, my teammates and coaches have been great."



Dishin' the Dirt...

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How about **Lebron James** scoring 47 points on 38th birthday... Condolences to family of Dunmore's **Paul Biko** who died several months ago at 72...A standout basketball player at Cathedral

High School, Biko coached with late legend **Jimmy Valvano** who called him one of best players he ever coached... Bishop Hannon graduate **Jimmy "J.B." Barrett** seen strumming

guitar and singing New Year's Eve at Dunmore's Gold Crown Pizza and Bar...Dunmore's **Joe Cardillo** seen with family enjoying the entertainment New Year's

Dishin the Dirt items

Items for the Dishin the Dirt column can be sent to Steve Svetovich, c/o The Dunmorean, dpi22news@gmail.com. Our deadline for copy is on the final Wednesday of the month before.

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UNICO foundation donates to local charities



The UNICO Foundation Torracco Food/Shelter Fund recently donated \$1,000 to the Saint Patrick Parish Food Pantry. The UNICO Foundation is pleased to support such a worthy cause, especially in these challenging times. Pictured at the presentation from left are pantry volunteers Fran Sowka and Teri Millard; Father Richard Fox, Saint Patrick Parish Pastor; Michael Rescigno, UNICO Foundation Torracco Food Bank/Shelter Fund Committee Chair; and pantry volunteer Joan Robinson.

DEADLINE

Our deadline for Community Events copy is on the final Wednesday of the previous month. Please send items to dpi22news@gmail.com.



Pictured at the Keystone UNICO check presentation to ClothesLine for Men are the 10th Anniversary committee, including front row from left: Toni DiVizio; 10th Anniversary cochairman Sylvia Tagert; Keystone UNICO Board Chairman Mary Ann Coviello; Friends of the Poor CEO and President Meghan Loftus. and Cesira Berardelli. Back row, same order: Mark E. McDade, sponsorships; Gloria Rizzo, Frank Coviello, and 10th Anniversary cochairman Bob Tagert and Val Riggi.

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FNCB Bank, locally based since 1910, has announced an \$11,013,953 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Investment for the Scranton Square Apartments project through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). The project, located close to Dunmore on Dickson Ave. in the Green Ridge section of Scranton, will consist of 36 newly constructed senior housing units. Of the units, 32 are slated to be one bedroom and four are two bedrooms. The units will be affordable to low-income households falling below various levels of the area median income (AMI). "The need for affordable, safe and accessible housing is great in our community," said Jerry Champi, FNCB Bank President and CEO. "This project will not only provide much needed housing for low-income senior citizens, but it is also redeveloping a large vacant lot in the city. FNCB Bank is pleased to be a partner on this project by providing a significant portion of the total cost." Additional partners include Quandel Construction Group as the general contractor, and the project's developer, QSP Development, which is a Quandel Enterprises affiliate. Scranton Square Project is part of FNCB's larger Community Caring initiative. As a true, local community bank, FNCB is making a difference through volunteerism, donations, and outreach programs.

PennDOT is updating its security features for ID cards, driver's licenses

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has announced that, as part of ongoing security enhancements, PennDOT is updating the design and enhancing the security features of its driver license and identification card products.

PennDOT began piloting the new products at the Summerdale Driver License Center in Enola in September, then all Driver and Photo centers transitioned to the new products in November. The new products will be phased in over the next four-year renewal cycle and will replace existing products. Both current and new card designs will be in circulation during the transition period.

Both standard and REAL ID compliant products will use the new design and security features. REAL ID is optional in Pennsylvania, and customers are able to opt into REAL ID. Beginning May 3, 2023, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID. More information about REAL ID can be on the [REAL ID](#) page on the [Driver and Vehicle Services](#) website.

The cards look different and have additional enhanced security features that improve fraud prevention and protect from counterfeiting and alteration.

Some of the enhanced features include:

Guilloche Security Design, a feature that includes sophisticated techniques to embed a variety of customized security patterning into the credential, using non-commercial software developed specifically for high security documents (banknotes, passports, ID cards, etc);

Optically Variable Ghost Portrait and Variable Data with UV, features that change their appearance when the viewing angle of the card changes, which moves them from fully visible to non-visible. The card also includes an ultraviolet (UV) response that fluoresces under UV lighting. The UV response is fixed – visible under UV light regardless of viewing angle;

Dynamic Look Through Element (DLTE), a dynamic feature with gold metallic tint that is visible under direct lighting.

The new cards comply with American Association of Motor Vehicle Association (AAMVA) 2020 specifications.

Customers may obtain a variety of driver and vehicle products and services, including all forms, publications and driver training manuals, online through on the Driver and Vehicle Services website.

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TRAVEL

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I might have a Caprese salad and a pasta. Or soup and entrée. Nobody blinked.

PACKING: This could be a whole separate article, and maybe it will be in the future. But please, please take my advice, especially in these days when airports are in such chaos.

On my most recent trip abroad, I took a 21-inch carry-on suitcase onboard for overhead storage and a tote that fit under the seat. Believe me or not, but there was actually one pair of slacks I didn't even wear!

On the plane I wore black capri

pants, a striped tee top, a black jersey sweater, and black walking shoes.

IN MY TOTE: In my underseat tote I packed my iPhone, a small pillow, water bottle, medications, passport and vaccination cards, masks (this was last May), copies of our plane/ lodging reservations, electronics including air pods, charger, and travel adapter; a clear bag of liquids according to TSA guidelines including hand gel, shampoo/conditioner, hairspray, toothpaste/brush, small perfume; a cosmetic bag with lipstick, eyeliner and shadow with brush, hair pick, Kleenex, shower cap, floss, deodorant, sleep mask, small mir-

ror, Suduko booklet, pencil, pen, wipes, sunglasses, and snacks (pretzels, biscotti).

IN MY SUITCASE: I bought a Travelon purse that provides extra security with straps that resist cutting, and which I packed flat in my suitcase, along with a beige sunhat and small umbrella.

Also in my 21-inch suitcase (the size required, and which cannot weigh over 22 pounds) were a light laundry bag, underwear, bras, 2 nylon nightgowns (easy to launder in the sink), another pair of black shoes, black sandals for beach and shower, pink wristlet purse, 3 sundresses, 2 skirts, beige cotton slacks, and dressier black capris with lace trim. These were paired with a pink polka dot top, black and white polka dot tee top, black long and short-sleeved tee tops, white cotton gauze blouse. Also, a pink cotton shawl (pink was my accent color), beige scarf, blue scarf, bathing suit and travel towel (available on Amazon, foldable with mesh bag).

I wore things that were light and cool but not messy. Scarves dressed things up. I used a black, white and beige theme with some pink accents.

What I did not need: Beige cotton slacks (I preferred sundresses and skirts in the heat), small Suduko book (no time), and pink wristlet purse. I could have done with one pair of shoes and the sandals. What I did need: It was cold and rainy our first night in Florence and I bought a pashmina from a street vendor. But I am glad I did not pack one as it gave me a souvenir.

HINTS: Whatever you might forget, trust me, they have it there. I thought I lost my deodorant, but quickly bought another one there. Also, allow that you might want to buy tee or sweat shirts, a pretty hat or handbag, beach tote, sandals, or jewelry on your vacation. (Jewelry is a great souvenir because it is small and every time you wear it, you remember where you bought it.)

I never take any extra jewelry with me, having lost valuable/ sentimental pieces a long time ago in a hotel theft in Miami Beach. I wear my wedding/engagement rings, another ring, a bracelet, and a pendant necklace that go with everything—no losing or leaving behind. I do not take them off in the hotel room for fear of forgetting or losing. (A friend of mine lost her heirloom diamond by knocking it down a sink drain.)

Why you should do this: There are thousands of stories of lost luggage right now. A friend recently asked my advice before leaving for Scotland with her sister and brother-in-law. Upon her return,

she thanked me because she did the 10-day trip with one small suitcase and a carry-on with no problems. Her relatives said such light packing was impossible, but their luggage was lost when they

landed, they had no extra clothing for the tour (**always** pack at least one change in your carry-on if you insist on checking baggage), and their suitcases have yet to be found, months later.



One of my favorite lodgings throughout the years was the Parador de Cardona, located in the Pyrenees in Catalonia, Spain. You can luxuriate in a medieval castle with stupendous views at very affordable rates. A one night stay next June starts at \$139 for a double.



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Camps will include hitting, fielding, throwing, and speed/agility. Cost is \$150 per player.

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Organizations make donations for holiday projects



The Lackawanna County Commissioners recently presented a \$50,000 donation to support the annual Toys For Tots Drive. The gift will help to deliver smiles, hope and Santa to children during the holiday season. Shown from left: Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, Commissioner Chris Chermak, Dave Eisele, County Director of Veterans Affairs; Marine Sergeant Jason Dombrosky, Marine Staff Sergeant Sal Dely, Commissioner Debi Domenick, Brenda Sacco, Lackawanna County Economic Development Director; and Atty. Frank Ruggiero, Lackawanna County Solicitor.



The Country Club of Scranton Women's Golf Association donated over \$2,600 to Friends of the Poor to benefit their annual Christmas toy giveaway. "This year more than 1,700 children signed up for our toy giveaway. This donation makes a world of difference for our older kids, as we do not always get as many gifts donated for their age group. We will use this to purchase gift cards, hair tools, sports equipment, and other gifts on so many of their lists," said Meghan Loftus, President and CEO of Friends of the Poor. Pictured from left are: Carol Chidsak, Sally O'Brien, chair; Norina Lynott, all of the Golf Association, Meghan Loftus, president and CEO of Friends of the Poor, and Merry Lynch of the Golf Association.



FNCB employees recently donated grocery gift cards and over 200 gifts to 11 local families from the Catherine McAuley Centers of Lackawanna and Luzerne County, Children and Youth Services of Wayne County and Victims Intervention Program as part of the Bank's "Adopt-A-Family" holiday project. Members of FNCB's Community Caring Team display some of the items donated. Standing, from left: Margaret Woody, BSA Analyst; Deb Burnett, Human Resources Generalist; Katie King, Assistant Vice President, Compensation/Benefits Specialist; Kelly Cannon, BSA Analyst; and John Zielinski, Banking Officer, Technology Services Analyst.



FNCB Bank recently held a bank-wide Toys for Tots drive at its community offices and corporate centers, a drive that yielded hundreds of toys for area children. Shown from left are: Midge MacArthur, Vice President, Community Office Manager; Rick Cesari, Customer Service Associate; Denise Healey, Assistant Community Office Manager; Samantha Vargas, Customer Service Associate; Jessica Aronica, Customer Service Associate, and Angel Browder, Personal Banker.

The Dunmorean salutes all local organizations who give back to the community all year through!

A look back at Keystone UNICO's 10th anniversary



Entertainment at the 10th anniversary dinner of Keystone UNICO was provided by the Duo "Frankie and Toby." Standing from left are Frank and Cindi Gervasi, Donna Barbetti and Toby Naro.



Pictured are representatives of the Friends of the Poor, who were the major beneficiaries from the evening's festivities. From left are Sister Ann Walsh, IHM; Ann Montoro Williams, Stewardship Manager; Meghan Loftus, President and CEO; and Brian Williams, Programs Manager.

UNICO bestows scholarship



Pictured from left are the decorating committee for the anniversary party including Cathy Bianchi, Toni DiVizio and Cathy Gerard.



Rocco Mack was the recipient of the Keystone UNICO Family Scholarship. Shown in the front row, from left: Jim and Mary Mack Sr., grandparents; Honoree Rocco Mack of Holy Cross High School; and Joellen Mack, mother. Back row, from left: Sandy Collins, Keystone UNICO Scholarship Director; James Mack Jr., father; and Anthony Mack, brother.



The Double "R" Twirlettes were well represented this football season as 10 group members twirled with five different high schools. The performers are all students of Kathleen Y. Mercatili, director of the Double "R" Twirlettes. For information on the Twirlettes, call 570-489-1935 or visit doubletwirl.com. Members of the Double "R" Twirlettes included, seated from left: Molly Gilgallon, Rachel Mosher and Eva Schuler, Mid Valley twirling team. Kneeling, same order: Leah Gilbert and Olivia Van Lu-vender, Old Forge twirlers. Standing: Lydia Monroe, North Pocono's Miss Trojan; Madison Waltz, Dunmore's Miss Buck; Noah Marbert, Mid Valley twirling team; Kristen Griffiths, Wyoming Valley West drill team, and Sadie Solensky, Mid Valley's Miss Spartan.



The Purple Club held its annual holiday raffle drawing during which Gerald Garvey won the \$500 first prize; Michael Bar-rasse won the \$200 second prize, and John Noone won the \$100 third place prize. All monies raised go towards scholarships presented annually. The Purple Club has been serving the needs of local college students since 1933. Principals include, from left: Eddy Carpovich, Patrick O'Malley, Joseph Dantona, and Debbie Perry.

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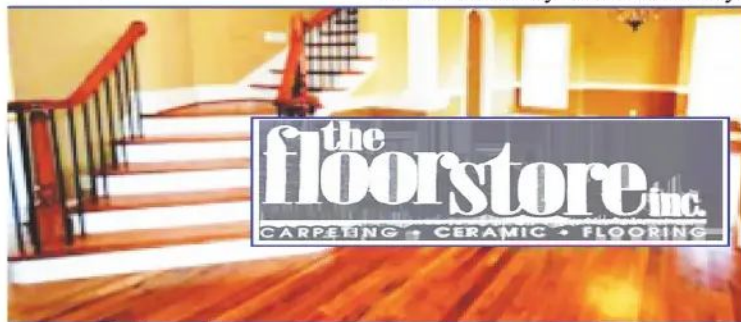
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DOIN DUNMORE: A New Year wish list

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told me to take a chance...good health to my brother George, his wife Maria and children George, Livy and Mia...continued success to my son Dylan, a pharmaceutical sales rep and the best center fielder and shortstop I ever saw...Success for his girlfriend Tiffini who will graduate from Marywood University this year...continued music success for my son Ryan, the best guitarist and musical talent I ever saw...great health and happiness to my dad and sister Denise...happiness and a new beginning for my special friend Janet...little baby ducks, old pickup trucks, tomatoes on the vine...life is short...enjoy the simple things in life...Happy New Year, everyone...



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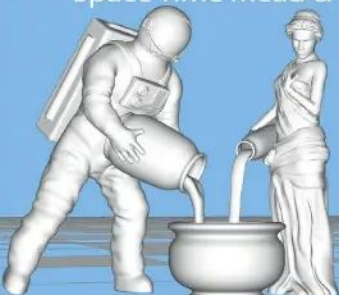


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