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Dunmorean of the Month: Timmy Drewes



Dunmorean of the Month Timmy Drewes, at right, is shown with his girlfriend, Ariana Brennan, at left, and his niece and goddaughter, Charlotte Davis, center.

By Steve Svetovich

If you need an instant pickup for your day, just call Dunmore's Tim Drewes.

Drewes, 26, former Dunmore football all-state defensive lineman who played in two state title games, has stage 3A metastatic testicular cancer and recently had 28 chemotherapy treatments.

But he doesn't feel sorry for himself. He focuses only on the positive. The glass is always half full to Tim Drewes.

"Every morning I get up and put one foot on the ground," he said, "Just by doing that, I can climb a mountain."

"I try to put a positive spin on this. I see a lot of people who are worse off than me. I use my positivity to make them feel better. That makes it all worth it."

"When my two doctors got me in a room and informed me of this diagnosis, my immediate response was 'let's do this.' They were surprised by my positive reaction, but there was no other choice for me."

Son of Tom and Molly Drewes, Dunmore, Tim played in two state championship games for Dunmore, in 2012 against Clariton and in 2014 against South Fayette, both losses. Cincinnati Bengals tight end Tyler Boyd played for Clariton.

"I have a picture of myself tackling him," said Drewes. "We should have won one of those games."

The former all-state lineman said he has plenty of supporters as he fights cancer.

"Bobby Judge was my position coach at Dunmore," he said. "He also

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UNICO coloring contest winners listed



Pictured with Vihaan Bansal, front row, the winner in the Annual Keystone UNICO Columbus Day Coloring Contest from Saint Mary's Parochial School are from left: Frank Coviello, Keystone Board Member; Hannah Kozerski, Teacher; Mary Ann Coviello, Keystone Board Chairman; Jim Mack, Keystone UNICO Coloring Contest Chairman; Louise Ligi, Keystone UNICO President, and Maryelizabeth Shattin, Saint Mary's Parochial School Principal.

Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National recently announced the winners from the 11th Annual Coloring Contest conducted for all students in the second-grade classes at the Dunmore Elementary Center and Saint Mary's Parochial School.

The student with the winning entry from each of the second grades received their artwork entry professionally framed and a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Shown front row from left are winning students: Owen Krzywicki, Kamilla Bukenova, Neykis Alonso-Genao, Araina Bovenkamp and Caily Ciprian. Back row, same order: Sara Amendolaro and Maggie Del-Guercio, second grade teachers; Mark McDade, Keystone UNICO Chapter President; Louise Ligi, Chapter President; James Mack, Coloring Contest Chairman; Frank Coviello, UNICO board member, and Mary Ann Coviello, UNICO Board Chairman; Michele Walsh, teacher; Michele McDade, Keystone UNICO board member; and teachers Dana Cordaro and Mary Gavalla.

Absent from photo is Dunmore Elementary Center Principal Matthew Quinn.

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went through this very same cancer. He walked me through this and has been one of my biggest supporters. He checks on me daily.

"I was an assistant football coach under Kevin McHale for a few years at Dunmore. He has been very supportive. One of the only times I really broke down was when I told Kevin about my diagnosis. He was there for me.

"I was a clubhouse assistant for four years for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. I've met a lot of good people in the baseball world. One of my very best friends is Tyler Austin who played for the New York Yankees. He has been playing baseball in Japan. He's been killing it there. Tyler also had testicular cancer. He's been beating it. He checks on me all the time and texts me every day from Japan.

"My best friend is Johnny Barbato who pitched for the New York Yankees. He also checks on me all the time. I got to spend some time with him this past October during the World Series in Houston where he now lives. My parents were with me too. It was nice to be able to go there and hang out with him before starting chemotherapy."

Drewes was diagnosed with testicular cancer this past September after dealing with pain since June. "Once the doctors came up with the diagnosis, I was ready to fight it head on," he said.

Drewes enjoys photography which he finds therapeutic. "It's my side hustle," he said. "I do it as much as I possibly can."

Drewes, who has a bachelor of science degree in Tourist and Hospitality Management from Temple University, said he contacted COVID-19 in the middle of his chemotherapy treatments. "It took a toll on my body, but I got through it."

Drewes has always been involved in volunteering and supporting many Dunmore organizations and sports. He was a volunteer coach for Dunmore Bucks football and basketball. He takes photos for many of the Dunmore sports organizations, including DGR soccer, Dunmore Little League, Saint Mary of Mount Carmel youth leagues, and all Dunmore High School sports.

His number 55 was retired by Dunmore High School in 2015. He was Mr. Dunmore at his senior class night.

Abigail Davis, Ph.D., physician assistant program director at Marywood University, is Drewes's sister and also one of his big supporters. "Our family jokingly calls Tim a professional volunteer," she said.

"He has a full time job with Northeast Utilities in Dunmore and a side gig as a photographer. He is undoubtedly the most generous, kind, and thoughtful person I ever met. He is a loving brother, son, and uncle to his eight nieces and nephews. He is always there for us. For years he volunteered as Santa at the Country Day Nursery School. He made



Twin brothers Dan Drewes, number 57, and Timmy Drewes, number 55, played outstanding football for the Dunmore Bucks.



Timmy & Danny Drewes are shown at the DHS football number retirement ceremony after being selected for All-State Team.

Christmas house calls for families in Dunmore."

His sister told a story of Tim volunteering to help out at a cancer benefit, "Jamming for Gemma." His sister, as cheerleading coach for Saint Mary of Mount Carmel, was supposed to coach the girls for the event, but came up with a stomach bug.

"Tim did not hesitate to immediately step in. He coached the girls for me. With such positive energy, he was doing silly cheers with the girls. It was a big success.

"Tim has chosen to get his cancer treatments in Dunmore where he is most comfortable. He battles the illness with silent strength and immense positivity. He never asks for anything, but has so much support from family and friends. He continues to go to Dunmore sporting events and takes pictures which he shares freely with teams and families.

"Since his diagnosis, he constantly discusses how he can use his experience to help others. From planning to fundraise for cancer research, forming a foundation to assist other Dunmoreans battling cancer, to using his awareness about testicular cancer, he focuses on finding the best ways to help others. He is selfless to a fault and represents everything that's good about Dunmore."

Drewes, humble and gracious in nature, knows he is not fighting his cancer battle alone. "I always tell people from anywhere that if you are looking for a place to live, move to Dunmore," he said.

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With Steve Svetovich



The ballad of Don Reese has a happy ending

Sometimes stories have happy endings. And miracles do happen. Take the case of Don Reese, for instance.

You would have to be an old time musician from this area between the age of 70 to 100 to remember Don Reese.

And there are those still living who do, the oldest being Gene Dempsey at 97.

Then there is my dad. Don Reese was a guitarist in my dad's band, The Fortunes, in the 1960's and early 1970's.

As a matter of fact, it was Reese

who named the band, "The Fortunes" on the way to a band job in the Pocono Mountains.

The band remains "The Fortunes" to this day, with my dad still as the leader and drummer.

The older group of musicians besides my dad and Dempsey who remember Reese includes Jimmy Tigie, Billy Woelkers, Jack Skosko, Frannie Burne, Roger Finnerty, Sam Cortese, Paul Ardito, and Eddie Switala, who still performs in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

My dad, Switala, Skosko, the late Jimmy Keese and Reese were all a

part of The Fortunes as far back as 1959 and into the 1960's.

Some of the old-time musicians who passed away in recent years and remembered Reese include Art Stanton, Johnny Cognetti, Teddy Munchak, Johnny Cardona, Pete Pusateri, Chuck Morris, Joe Chesarini, Teddy Mileski and Wally Aikens.

Reese was raised in the Pinebrook section of Scranton. He quit high school to care for his ailing mom, so his father could work. He had no other family.

A self-taught musician, he started playing guitar at local clubs in the Scranton and Dunmore area.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957 where he served in the band. Upon returning, he joined The Fortunes performing in Downtown Scranton clubs at "The Strip" on Lackawanna Avenue and at resorts in the Pocono Mountains.

Reese was known as a character who enjoyed his beer. And did he enjoy his beer! Short and round in stature, he had a thick mustache and a jolly, jovial nature.

Every local musician had a story to tell about his drinking exploits

and some of the situations it would place the band in. Reese didn't have a driver's license, so other band members would pick him up for a job.

He was kind of a simple guy who liked to read comic books, drink countless beers and strum his guitar. He had no other income other than the money he made playing.

He called a gig in The Poconos "a five quart job" meaning he would have time to drink five quarts of beer while getting a ride to the job.

He was a splendid guitar player and had a habit of tapping his foot to the music while performing on stage. The combination of foot tapping and alcohol sometimes led to his falling off the corner of the stage.

But that was the nature of Don Reese, the character fellow musicians became accustomed to. He still played a whale of a guitar and was likeable. The key was to get through a job without him stumbling, falling, or passing out on the floor.

So what happened to Don Reese? Jimmy Tigie, a talented piano player and singer who once appeared on "The Tonight Show," went to San Diego, California, with Reese in the mid 1970's.

The pair went to visit Pete Barbutti, a stand-up comic from Scranton, in Las Vegas before heading to San Diego. Barbutti was a regular on the late Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" and even served as a substitute host. Barbutti, 88, still performs and lives in Las Vegas.

Following the visit with Barbutti, the pair also stopped in Utah before settling in San Diego. Tigie and Reese began performing in local

clubs, but Reese's drinking habits got them in trouble and soon Tigie was performing alone.

"He was there about a year with me," said Tigie. "The last time I saw him was on a street corner in San Diego. He had been drinking and said he was going to hitchhike with his guitar to Tijuana, Mexico. I saw him with his thumb out and off he went. I never saw or heard from him again."

My dad and Woelkers soon after received letters from Reese stating he was hitchhiking to Tijuana, Mexico. That was in 1975.

Tigie soon after returned to Scranton and performed with The Fortunes and other local bands.

Tigie, Woelkers, my dad and the other musicians never heard from Reese again. There were no letters or phone calls from him. There was no known address. He had no family left to ask.

All the local musicians had left were countless stories about Reese. As the years went on, many thought something may have happened to him in Mexico. Attempts were made to find him in the advent of the Internet age, but there were no records or traces of him. Many feared he had passed.

So for decades, the local musicians thought Don Reese was gone for good.

Until late last month.

My sister Denise was on a Pete Barbutti fan page website on Facebook. She suddenly noticed a Don Reese sent the fan page a text asking how Barbutti was and stating he was a former classmate and band mate with him as a teenager in Scranton.

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The Fortunes Band in 1959 included, from left: Stan Svetovich, Don Reese, the late Jimmy Keese, Jack Skosko, and Eddie Switala.

The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



Shop for your valentine at Dunmore businesses

In a time where love and togetherness are needed more than ever, I am proud to promote our local flower, candy, and gift shops to all the residents of Dunmore.

These businesses have been a staple of our community for many years and it is only fitting that we support the hardworking owners and their dedicated employees that give so much back to our community.

I encourage all residents to visit these shops to find the perfect gift for their loved ones. From beautiful bouquets to unique and personal gifts, our local flower and gift shops have it all.

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National Honor Society at Holy Cross installs new officers, members for 2023



The Holy Cross High School Chapter of the National Honor Society installed its 2022-20-23 officers recently. They are Mary McHugh, president; Ron Prislupski, vice president; Giuliana Mazza, secretary; Michael Allardyce, treasurer; Andrew Smith, parliamentarian, and Julianne Barrett, historian.

Current members of the National Honor Society include: Michael Allardyce, Julianne Barrett, Ryan Burda, Samera Burrier, Kaeden Carr, Carsyn Cole, Nora Flanneryk, Daniel Haikes, Rylie Heusner, Hayden Hosie, Johnathan Jones, Owen Jumper, Jacque Kakareka, Norah Kennedy, Aidan Kriege, Sarah Lyons, Giuliana Mazza, Aiden McCoy, Mary McHugh, Theodore Novak, Shannon O'Malley, Cecilia Otis, Alexis Phillips, Ron Prislupski, Katie Romanski, Sadie Shedlauskas, Andrew Smith, Marie Takach, Brianna Walz, Dante Warhola, Tyler Williams, Katie Wywoda, and Andrew Yankoski.

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Keystone Chapter of UNICO National is sponsoring its third High School Choral Competition open to schools throughout Lackawanna County to be held at Peoples Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Participating schools include Abington Heights, Mid-Valley, Riverside, and Scranton High Schools. Admission is \$10 for Adults; \$5 for students and children 5 and under are free. The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will also be performing under the direction of Ann Manganiello. Tickets are available by calling Michele at 570-343-7009, Toni at 570-344-2388 or Cathy at 570-878-5310. Shown in front, from left: Keystone Chapter UNICO president Louise Ligi; competition judges Ann Manganiello and Erin Malloy, and event chairman Michele McDade. Back row, same order: Keystone treasurer Valerie Rigg; co-chairs Toni DiVizio and Cathy Van Nort. and master of ceremony Peter Noto. Not shown are competition judge Michele Conaboy McGrath and stage director Tony Nicosia.

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It's February, and while we are growing tired of the chilly dismal days, we make a last-ditch effort to warm our hearts with Valentine's Day.

It's a holiday that clearly pales in comparison to Christmas, or even New Year's, but it's something that gives us a reason to celebrate and breakaway from the humdrum of winter.

Dunmore is certainly well-equipped to handle this holiday. Flowers, cards, and chocolates are the staple gifts. And Dunmore is blessed with chocolatiers.

While my fondest memories of chocolate as a kid came from Easter or Halloween, there would be an occasional chocolate-covered strawberry that I would pilfer from the counter, as they clearly were not for me.

For a kid, Valentine's Day meant Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,

Spiderman, or Power Ranger Valentine's Day cards that I would get at Fay's or Jamesway and eagerly distribute amongst classmates at school.

But Valentine's Day gifts can get rather pricey too. Some people go all out on their significant other with jewelry.

My wife and I personally celebrate with a nice night out for dinner, oftentimes not even on Feb. 14, because to us, it's not about the hype of the holiday, but just another opportunity for us to enjoy one another's company.

For those extremely love-struck souls, Valentine's Day is a stereotypical day for them to pop the question... the BIG question. There are pros and cons to proposing to your significant other on Valentine's Day. One glaring pro that sticks out to me is that the forgetful spouse will never forget

when their anniversary is!

Another pro is that the couple will save money on gifts since the present exchange will be consolidated into one event.

As a lawyer, there is one con that I cannot ignore and would caution people before proposing on Valentine's Day.

If you've gotten serious enough to consider proposing to your significant other, then you need a ring. And rings are more expensive than flowers or even the finest decadent silky-smooth morsel of chocolate our local confectioners' shops can prepare.

As traditions evolved, a ring has become more than just a sign of commitment. It is also an investment, because oftentimes, people think they have to spend a large chunk on an engagement ring as proof of their willingness to enter into this agreement. And that's the magic word for us lawyers... agreement.

I recall sitting in Contracts class in law school when this question was posed. If an engagement is called off and the one individual decides not to marry the other, who gets the ring?

And I've actually had clients call to ask this same question, so I'm glad I was listening in class that day. And like most other answers

to client's questions, this response is the same... it depends.

Different states address this fact pattern differently and because there is so much variation amongst courts from state to state, the question becomes rather complicated.

In Pennsylvania, the general rule is that an engagement ring is considered a conditional gift, meaning that it is given with the expectation that the wedding will take place. If the wedding is called off by the person who received the ring, they are typically expected to return the ring to the person who gave it to them.

That doesn't sound too complicated, so why is it? The simple answer is that lawyers use creativity.

There may be exceptions to this rule depending on the specific circumstances of the situation.

A legal matter involves laws and facts. And when the law isn't clear, or even on your side for that matter, a lawyer will use the facts to their advantage.

Let's say you do propose on Valentine's Day and your significant other says yes and you give that person a ring.

What other facts would be needed if the wedding is called off and the ring recipient refuses to return the

ring? Arguably none. Who's to say that ring wasn't a Valentine's Day gift. In addition to the ring, were there other gifts exchanged? Was the ring the only thing?

Maybe it seems obvious that it was an engagement ring, but that's an argument left up to a jury to decide. Facts split numerous ways and there are always two sides to every story. It is always best to consult with an attorney if you have any questions about the legal implications of returning an engagement ring in Pennsylvania.

And fortunately, people have known enough to call Hart Law in the past on this very issue. If you're one of those unlucky individuals who has a wedding called off, contact us and we'll go over the law with you, and certainly discuss the facts of your specific circumstances.

So, enjoy Valentine's Day—and if you don't want any surprises—stick to the flowers and chocolates.

Perhaps consider proposing on another day of the year if you want to avoid ambiguity. Oh, and it goes without saying, but it would be wise to avoid the other holidays for the same reasons above.

Killer Queen set to appear

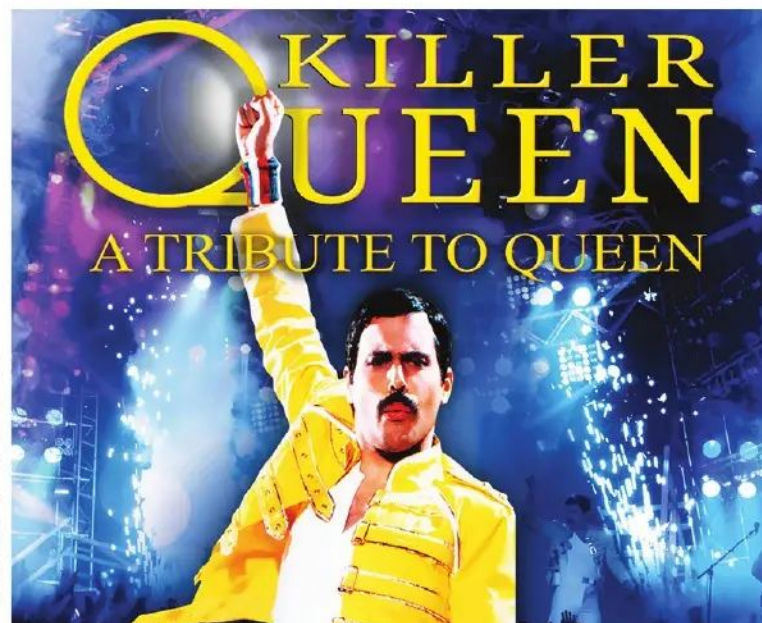
Magic City Productions will present Killer Queen on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. The tribute to Queen which features Patrick Myers as Freddie Mercury will take place in the SCC's Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre. Tickets for Killer Queen start at \$35 (plus fees) and are available for purchase at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. For more information or to view a full schedule of events, visit SCCMT.org.

Killer Queen's first public shows were at London University, following in the footsteps of the real Queen who had played their first shows there decades earlier. The band's UK popularity grew to such an extent they soon secured a residency in London's Strand Theatre attracting nationwide BBC coverage - the first tribute to have a show in the West End.

Killer Queen's reputation continued to grow both in the UK and abroad leading to an awards ceremony in Leicester Square, hosted by Suggs from Madness who presented them with the award for "Worldwide Best Tribute Band." They also scored a number-one hit when they were asked to recreate Queen's harmonies for "The Real Life" with Fatboy Slim.



The Greater Scranton Chapter of The Penn State Alumni Association will hold its annual "Recruiting Night" on Friday, Feb. 3, at with doors opening at 6 p.m. at Arcaro & Genell, Old Forge. For the eighth consecutive year, the guest presenter will be Donnie Collins, columnist and Penn State beat reporter for the Scranton Times-Tribune. Collins will present a video presentation at 7 p.m. of the incoming Penn State football recruiting class. He will also include a discussion of the football program and host a Q&A session. There are no membership requirements. Suggested donation is \$5 per person and will include pizza, soft drinks and salad. Pictured from left are: Jeff Mallas, Doug Mallas, Sue Thomas, Carm Piedmont, and Dave Tasselmyer.



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Choral competition

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The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. when Collins will present a video presentation of the Penn State incoming football recruiting

class of 2022. The night will also include a discussion of the football program and a Q&A session.

Family fundraiser

"Baskets for Marie's Family" fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26, at American Legion Post #570, 400 2nd Street (Lincoln St) Blakely, starting at 10 a.m. and throughout the day to help the family of Marie Armenti, owner of Armenti's Pizzeria, Olyphant, who passed away at age 41 on Dec. 31 after battling cancer.

Her husband Giancarlo (John), also owner of the pizzeria, has many medical bills and is left to care for their boys, age 3. Open to the public, all help is appreciated.

Donations of raffle baskets and as well as monetary donations are greatly needed for the Armenti's. Contact Tracey at 570-335-3639 for additional information.

Raffle baskets can be dropped off ASAP and please label that they are for the Armenti Family.

Psyansky classes

SS Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant will offer Ukrainian Pysanky classes on Sundays, March 12 and 26, at noon and at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall with plenty of free parking.

The two-hour *beginner* class will teach the basics to create a traditional Ukrainian pysanky egg. The cost of each class is \$25 for each person. Supplies are included.

Class size is limited and you must call Tammy Budnovitch at 570-766-1919 to register in advance. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the date/ time requested.

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Tom Papa Comedy Tour

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will present the

Tom Papa 2023 Comedy Tour on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in its Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre. With more than 20 years as a stand-up comedian, Papa is one of the top comedic voices in the country finding success in film, TV, radio and podcasts as well as on the live stage. He is a regular guest on "The Joe Rogan Experience" podcast.

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Dr. Stephen X. Solfanelli, DDS was recently honored with the prestigious UNICO National Antonio R. Rizzuto Award at its 99th Annual Convention in New Orleans. The Rizzuto award is the highest and most distinguished honor UNICO National may bestow upon any non-member. Dr. Solfanelli was nominated by the Scranton Chapter UNICO and was unanimously chosen by the Rizzuto Award Committee to receive this honor for his humanitarian efforts in serving in Honduras, the second poorest country in Central America, with his expert dental care. UNICO National, the largest Italian American service organization in the United States, was founded on October 10, 1922, in Waterbury, CT and is now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Local chapters include Carbondale, Dunmore and Scranton. Pictured from left are Dr. Peter Pettinato, DVM, President of UNICO National; Dr. Stephen X. Solfanelli, DDS, Rizzuto Awardee. and Michele McDade, Rizzuto committee chairman.

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Health care center opens new website

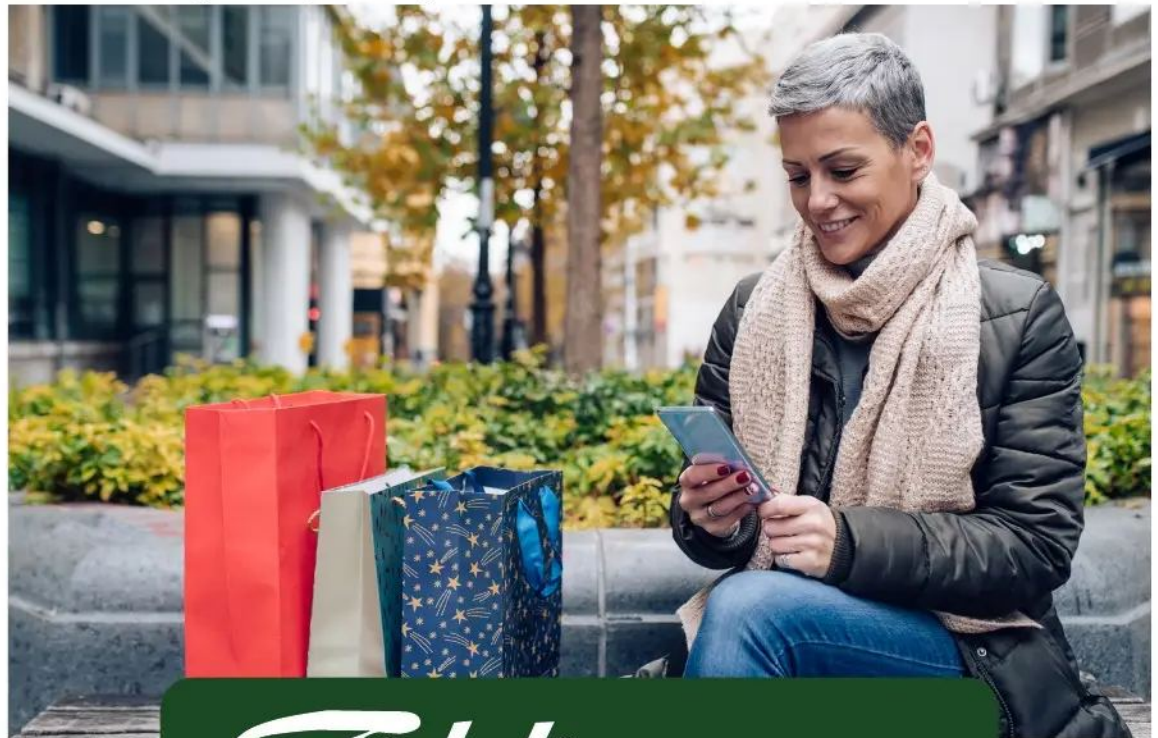
It is now easier for area consumers seeking medical services to find professionals and available services through a new website for The Clinics at Scranton Primary Health Care Center, where no one is denied services due to an inability to pay.

The new website, launched at the beginning of the year, provides consumers with key information about the services, hours, health insurance, directions, and lists registration forms in addition to the Clinics' policies. The site provides short biographies for the Clinics' providers in internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, perina-

tal, family medicine, general dentistry, behavioral health, and infectious diseases.

The new site also lists employment opportunities and the current availabilities at the Clinics. Applicants can apply for open positions directly on the site through an interactive application form. The job openings are updated regularly so potential applicants can determine if new opportunities match their skills and experiences.

Scranton Primary Health Care Center is a Federally Qualified Health Care Center, located at 959 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The new website can be accessed at ScrantonPrimary.org

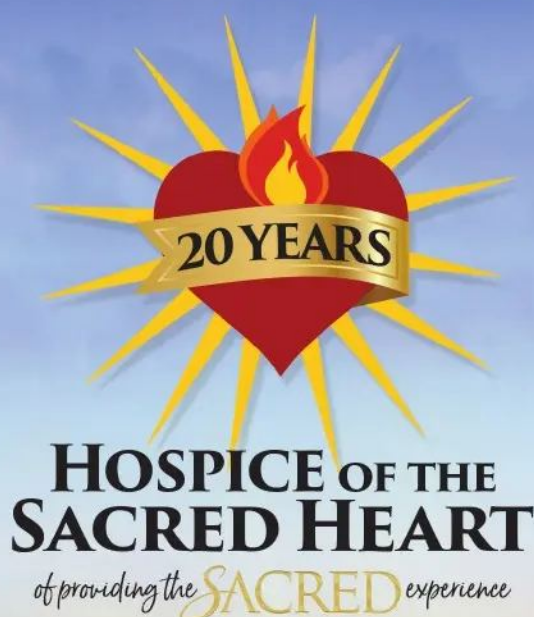


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Cheryl's Cuisine

By Cheryl Radkiewicz



Delicious seafood recipes for Valentine's Day

Have you ever noticed that as we age our tastes change? Having been raised in a carnivorous family (meat, meat, and more meat), within the past few years I have experienced more of a craving for seafood than meat.

Yes, I still have that occasional steak, pork or veal, however, now I prefer something "lighter." Also, while growing up seafood was not really considered "affordable" for a large family and was enjoyed mainly for Lent and Christmas Eve.

This month we're celebrating Valentine's Day and I've started to compile some of my favorite ways to cook shrimp for the event.

BROWN SUGAR SHRIMP

3 lbs. large shrimp, cooked and peeled
1 lb. raw bacon, slices cut in half
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup cocktail sauce

Wrap shrimp in bacon and secure with toothpick. Bake or broil until bacon begins to brown. Mix mayonnaise, brown sugar and cocktail sauce until sugar is dissolved. Pour over cooked shrimp. Bake at 350 degrees until sauce is hot. Serve warm.

Note: Can be served as an appetizer or entree.

How about starting the day out with Shrimp Benedict?

SHRIMP BENEDICT WITH ORANGE AND CAPER SAUCE

12 large shrimp, peeled and uncooked
1 Tbsp. olive oil
Salt
Pepper
Orange Zest
1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
3 Tbsp. fresh orange juice
½ cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. capers
¼ cup dill, chopped
4 eggs, poached or soft-boiled
2 English muffins

Place shrimp on a roasting pan and coat with oil, salt and pepper. Roast at 400 degrees until pink. In

mixing bowl, combine vinegar, mayonnaise, orange juice, orange zest, capers and dill. Whisk together. Poach or soft boil eggs. Toast English muffins. Assemble with 3 shrimp on each half of muffin, then 1 egg on each half and drizzle with sauce. Makes 4 servings.

BBQ SHRIMP

5 lbs. shrimp
1 ½ cups melted butter (3 sticks)
Tabasco or hot sauce, to taste
½ tsp. black pepper
1 Tbsp. salt
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. onion salt
4 Tbsp. powdered BBQ spice
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/8 tsp. oregano
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
Juice of 2 lemons

Lay shrimp flat in large baking pans. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over shrimp. Bake in 350 degree preheated oven for approximately 45 minutes. Serve with French bread for dipping. Serves 8.

COUNTRY DIJON SHRIMP SAUTE'

1 lb. large fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 clove garlic, crushed
3 Tbsp. butter
¼ cup dry white wine
3 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
2 Tbsp. fresh parsley
Hot, cooked rice for serving

In large skillet over medium-high heat, cook and stir shrimp and garlic in butter for 3-5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and done. Remove from heat. Stir in wine and mustard. Return to heat; cook for 2-3 minutes more or until heated through. Remove from heat, stir in parsley and serve over rice.

SHRIMP CHARDONNAY

1 lb. large shrimp
4 large cloves garlic
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
½ cup Chardonnay
½ cup chicken broth
¼ cup butter
Chopped fresh parsley
Juice of 1 lemon
1 cup seasoned Italian bread-crumbs



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Peel and devein shrimp. Saute' garlic in olive oil in ovenproof skillet until golden brown. Add shrimp, wine, broth, butter, parsley and lemon juice. Saute' until shrimp are almost cooked through. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Broil until bread crumbs are brown. Serves 4.

SHRIMP MONICA

1 bunch scallions, minced
1-2 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup butter
2-3 Tbsp. seafood seasoning mix
1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 cup cream
Pasta, cooked and drained

Saute' scallions and garlic in butter in a saucepan until scallions are tender. Stir in seasoning mix. Add shrimp and mix well. Cook until shrimp turn pink, stirring frequently. Stir in cream. Cook just until heated through, stirring constantly. Add the hot pasta and toss to mix. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

SHRIMP DELIGHT

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
2 Tbsp. butter

2 Tbsp. flour
½ cup cream
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/3 cup sherry
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 ½ lbs. large shrimp, cooked
1-15 oz. can artichoke hearts,
drained, cut into halves

Saute' mushrooms in butter in

skillet; push mushrooms to one side. Stir flour into butter in skillet. Stir in cream gradually. Cook for 1 minute or until thickened, stirring constantly. Add soup, sherry and cheese; mix until cheese melts. Stir in shrimp and artichokes. Cook until heated through, stirring gently. Serve over rice. Serves 6.



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YMCA receives \$500,000 Weinberg Foundation grant to support capital renovations

The Trustees of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation have authorized a one-year Capital Grant award to the Greater Scranton YMCA in the amount of \$500,000.

The grant will support capital renovations at the YMCA, including redesign of the welcome center, the newly constructed commercial and teaching kitchens, the creation of dedicated community space and aging infrastructure.

While a lot has changed at the

Greater Scranton YMCA since March, 2020, its pledge has remained, to always be here in times of need. When the devastating effects of COVID-19 swept across the country and landed on our doorsteps, we quickly mobilized to determine how to best serve our community.

Our capital renovations will continue to allow our Y to address the growing needs our community faces as we work to heal the whole person and return to normal. Construction

began in September, 2021 and ended in March, 2022.

"We are so grateful to The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for their incredible generosity in turning our dreams into a reality," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA.

"Our recently completed capital renovations have allowed our Y to increase the number of healthy meals and snacks we provide the children in our care; provide our members and community with

space to convene; ensure for a secure welcome center; and address infrastructure concerns."

For more information about the Greater Scranton YMCA and the

capital renovations, contact Fisher at (570) 828-3130 or tfisher@greaterscrantonymca.org, or visit the Y online at www.greaterscrantonymca.org.

Marywood Dean's List

The following students from Dunmore are among those named to Marywood University's Fall 2022 Dean's List from each of its colleges.

College of Health and Human Services, as declared by Interim Dean Shelby W. Yeager, M.Ed., LAT, ATC, CSCS: Kylee Jezorwski, Kathleen Kennedy, and Alexis Overholtz.

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Doin' Dunmore

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My sister felt a chill. Could this be the Don Reese who has been missing and not heard of for nearly five decades?

She showed me the text which we noticed came from a woman's Facebook page. The woman's first name is Linda. We searched her Facebook page and then googled her name. We found about four phone numbers.

First my sister communicated with Linda via private messages. She confirmed he was the Don Reese from Scranton and that he was even asking how my dad was doing. She was helping to care for him in San Diego.

I called Linda on one of the numbers. She answered and told me she had been messaging my sister back and forth. She told me Don Reese was sitting right next to her and wanted to talk to my dad. I spoke to Don first. I had not seen him since I was 14, but recognized his voice. He confirmed it was him and began mentioning his hometown and previous fellow band members. Then I put my dad on the line with him.

My dad thought he was dead for over 40 years. But Don Reese is alive and well at 89 in San Diego and still strums his guitar.

What he doesn't do anymore is drink. And that probably saved his life.

He told me he quit drinking a little more than 40 years ago to turn his life around. Don told me he diligently attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for years to help keep himself sober. He has not had a drink in over 40 years.

Don said he never came back to this area or contacted his old musician friends because he was told by Alcoholics Anonymous to leave his previous life and friends in the past.

But he was sure happy to reconnect with my dad.

So for all of you old musicians still out there, Don Reese is not dead or missing in Tijuana, Mexico, like many surmised.

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"It's a miracle," said my dad. "It's hard to believe."

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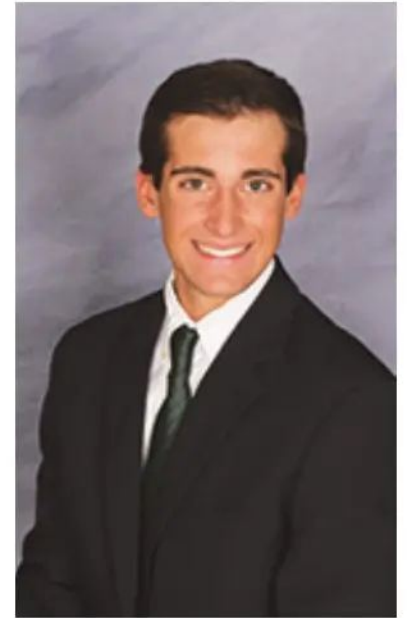
He is an honor student in the top 10 percent of his class at Holy Cross High School.

He is a member of the Basketball, Golf and Track & Field teams.

In addition to sports, he competes with the PA Media & Design team and is a member of the Computer Club.

For the past seven years he has studied piano with Judy Fedor and recently competed to perform at Carnegie Hall.

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With Steve Svetovich



Condolences to family of well respected former PIAA official **Bob Timlin**, inducted into Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame this past October, who passed away last month...Bob was a PIAA official for 37 years and dean of District 2 basketball officials...He officiated 14 Lackawanna League title games, 21 District 2 championship games and 26 PIAA state playoff games...Bob officiated every round in 2002 PIAA tournament, including PIAA state championship game in Hershey...He officiated 111 Lackawanna League all-star games...

Congratulations to Dunmore's **Vic Fangio** named defensive coordinator for Miami Dolphins...**Michael Hughes** scored 13 points and **Hayden Hosie** and **Gabe Gonzales** scored 12 each in Holy Cross 62-33 win over Riverside...With leading scorer **Sophia Talutto** out with sprained ankle, Dunmore junior **Sophia Summa** stepped in with team-high 17 points in Lady Bucks 69-39 win over Old Forge...Dunmore's **Cadie Lewis** scored career-high 26 points and **Tristan Canavan** scored career-high 24 points in prior two games since Talutto was injured...Rock N' Roll world mourning passing of legend **David Crosby** of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young who performed at Woodstock...

Holy Cross senior point guard **Hayden Hosie** leading Lackawanna League Division III in

free throw percentage...Do you remember **Megan Sacco** scoring 22 points in Dunmore's 50-33 win over Old Forge 20 years ago?...Do you remember **Ryan Savka** scoring 33 points in Bishop O'Hara's 79-50 win over Lakeland 20 years ago?...Do you remember Bishop O'Hara wrestler **Al Luchetti**?...Former Holy Cross Lady Crusaders standout **Kaci Kranson** averaging 14.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game as freshman for University of Scranton Lady Royals...

Do you remember **Rachel Calvey** scoring on layup with one second left in triple overtime to give Holy Cross 69-67 win over Dunmore 10 years ago?...Dunmore's **Sophia Talutto**, third in Lackawanna League Division III with 14.4 points per game average, came back from ankle injury to score 18 points in 51-40 loss to Lake Lehman...Dunmore's **Cadie Lewis** leads league in 3-pointers per game...**Gabe Gonzales** of Holy Cross is third in Lackawanna League Division II with 13.6 points per game average...Holy Cross soccer standout **Ron Prislupski**, Times-Tribune All-Region Player of Year, to continue soccer and academic career at University of Scranton...**Hayden Hosie** scored 12 points and **Gabe Gonzales** added 11 points in Holy Cross 58-27 win over Dunmore...**Cal Talutto** scored 10 points for Dunmore...Dunmore's **Ryan Svetovich** will perform as sing-

er-guitarist for Rock Royalty Tribute Band at Berwick Theater March 25 and at Ritz Theater in Scranton May 21...Condolences to family of Dunmore's **Rosemary Cali**, former co-owner of Cal-Ideas, Dunmore, who died last month at 93...

Holy Cross graduate **Doug Walsh**, a Bloomsburg University sophomore, was member of winning 4 by 100 meter relay team in 4.15.59 at Susquehanna University...Wofford College sophomore **Rachel Rose**, Scranton Prep graduate, played all 40 minutes, scored 15 points and added 12 rebounds, three assists and three steals in 55-51 win over UNC-Greensboro...Congratulations to former Phillies-Cardinals-Reds third baseman **Scott Rolen** for election into National Baseball Hall of Fame, but what about **Todd Helton**, **Jeff Kent**, **Gary Sheffield**, **Jimmy Rollins** and **Tori Hunter**?...Rolen played with Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons at PNC Field...Kent is all-time MLB leader in homers for second baseman, drove in over 1,500 runs and was an NL MVP...Helton hit .316 lifetime, with .419 on base percentage, 369 homers and almost 600 doubles...Wake up writers...

How about **Shelly Duncan** named new manager of Scranton Wilkes Barre RailRiders...Former Dunmore all-state lineman **Tim Drewes**, who was clubhouse assistant with Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders and football assistant coach at Dunmore, fighting courageous battle with testicular cancer...Condolences to family of Dunmore's beloved **Dominick Scartelli** who died last month...Do you remember **Tom Ferkile**?...Whatever became of **Herb Washington**?...



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Senior Cadie Lewis helps pick up number two ranked Lady Bucks

By Steve Svetovich

With teammates Ciera Toomey and Sophia Talutto out with injuries, Dunmore senior point guard Cadie Lewis is picking up the number two ranked Lady Bucks.

And the team just keeps rolling along and winning.

After Talutto was injured at the end of the first quarter in a recent game against Riverside, Cadie picked her team up and scored 26 points in leading her team to a 65-36 win over the Lady Vikings.

Daughter of Tom and Michelle Lewis, Cadie is among the league's leading scorers averaging 10 points per contest. She also leads the league in 3-pointers averaging over two per game. An unselfish player, Cadie averages 4.5 assists per game from her point guard position.

A four-year member of the basketball team, the well-spoken senior has a highly impressive 99 academic average. She is a four-year member and co-captain of the Dunmore football cheerleaders. She is a two year member and captain of the Lady Bucks softball team.

Cadie is also a member of the National Honor Society, TACT, SADD, and the Service Club. She talked about what it takes to excel at the point guard position in high school basketball. "You need to be both confident and humble in your game," she said. "You need to know your teammates well, make the right shots, and take care of the ball."

With two starters injured, Cadie knew she had to pick her game up. "With Ciera out a good part of the season, and then with Sophia out, I knew it was time to step it up. I had to make the right plays and right shots. I'm used to being a defensive player, so I had to step it up a bit on the offensive end."

Articulate and hard-working, Cadie said she has applied to Marywood University, Kings College, and Neumann University to study in the physician's assistant program. All are five-year programs.

"I want to study to become a physician's assistant," she said. "I definitely would love to play college basketball if given the opportunity."

Cadie has other goals in her future. "I want to become financially independent and travel the world," she said. "I would love to travel to Italy and Greece."

The senior scholar-athlete said she loves the musical artist Adele. "I would absolutely love to see

her in concert. No matter where, I would try to get there. If I had the time to get there, I would. I love her."

Cadie, who always seems to look at the bottle as half-full, praised new Dunmore basketball coach Carrie Bowen Toomey.

"She showed me how to read my teammates out on the floor. She gave me more confidence to get to the basket and look for my shot."

Cool and confident, Cadie has learned a lot from her parents. "They taught me the importance

of hard work," she said. "They tell me to work to the best of my ability and put my best foot forward."

Cadie said she has enjoyed her experience at Dunmore. "I love Dunmore," she said.

"It is a close knit community. It's a great place to grow up. Dunmore is a great school. You see all familiar faces in the crowd at the games. Everyone supports us. We see the teachers the day after a game at school and they are all congratulating us. Everyone is just so supportive both in and out of school."



Holy Cross senior Hayden Hosie a floor leader

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior point guard Hayden Hosie is a leader on the basketball court for the Crusaders. Holy Cross is 12-3, including 7-0 in the division at press time.

Hayden scored 12 points in his team's 12th win, 62-33 over Old Forge, Friday, Jan. 27. Teammates Michael Hughes and Gabe Gonzales scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, in the Division III win. The tough-minded senior is averaging 12.5 points and 6.0 assists per game in a stellar season under veteran coach Al Callejas.

Son of Eric and Lynne Hosie, Hayden has a 3.7 academic average at Holy Cross. He is undecided about a college, but would like to study biology and eventually go to medical school to become a doctor. Hayden talked about Coach Callejas who continues to coach despite a cancer diagnosis last year. "He is doing well. Coach Callejas is at every game and every practice. He is a great role model. He tells us to give 100 percent at all times." The senior scholar-athlete and aspiring medical student said he learned a lot from his parents, "They teach me how to handle myself in all situations. They tell me how to conduct myself and build good character."

Well-spoken, Hayden talked about the success of the team this season. "We came together and jelled as a team," he said. "We play together and for each other."

He talked about what it takes to be an efficient point guard. "You

need to put the team first and have a winning mentality. You can't focus on stats."

The senior standout talked about goals. "Well, my immediate goal is to help this team win a district championship and go on to Hershey."

"I want to take my time choosing a college and making the right choice. Playing college basketball is up in the air. I want to focus on academics and eventually become a doctor."

Hayden said his best academic

subject is science. He would like to see J Cole, a rap artist, in concert. A member of the National Honor Society, the studious senior said he has enjoyed his experience at Holy Cross immensely. "It's been great from my freshman year right through to my senior varsity season. I learned as a freshman from a very good senior class. I put what I learned into my next three years and took on a leadership role. Holy Cross has been a great experience for me. It's been a great learning experience."



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DHS boys, girls basketball teams participate in Lions games



Members of the Dunmore High School Boys Basketball Team who participated in the Intra Borough Boys Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club include, front row, from left: Lion Stephanie Juarez-Ventura, Brayden Canavan, Nate Aviles, Nico Ruggiero, Cal Talutto, Evan Capooici, and Jimmy Clark. Back row, same order: Cullen Smith, Max Forgione, Lion Renee Iezzi, Bobby Hoban, Lion Angelo Martarano, Assistant Coach Paul Biagioli, Lion President Sam Sebastianelli, Assistant Coach Sal Marchese, Domenic Desando, Thomas Bowen, Jack McNeff, Assistant Coach Pat Clark, and Lion Gino Tempesta, Event Chairman. Absent from photo is Head Coach Kevin Clark.



The Intra Borough Girls Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools was held on Jan. 16 at Dunmore High school. The Dunmore Lions Club sponsors the game to help defray its College Scholarship Program This year the Dunmore Girls defeated the Holy Cross Girls by a score of 47-33 to remain undefeated in Division III and remain the second-rated basketball club by the Scranton Times sport writers. Pictured above are the DHS team and members of the Dunmore Lions Club. Front row, from left: Ciera Toomey, Cadie Lewis, Lion President Sam Sebastianelli, Head Coach Carrie Toomey; Ana Pacewicz, and Maddie Valvano. Back row, same order: Assistant Coach Mike O'Malley, Lucy Monahan, Allie Dempsey, Leena Conte, Tristan Canavan, Jaclyn Brown, Cailey Waters, Amanda Dempsey, Sophia Talutto, Lion Renee Iezzi, and Lion Gino Tempesta, event chairman.

Holy Cross boys, girls basketball teams vie in Lions championship



The Intra Borough Boys Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools was held on Jan. 17 at Holy Cross High School, sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club to help defray its College Scholarship Program which is now in its 42nd year of existence. This year the Holy Cross Boys defeated the Dunmore Boys by a score of 58 to 27. Holy Cross is ranked third by the Scranton Times sport writers and have beaten five straight Division III opponents. Holy Cross team members and staff are shown, front row from left: Kaeden Carr, Nick Calciano, Logan Tierney, D.J. Smith, Gabe Gonzales, Hayden Hosie, Lion Renee Iezzi, and Lion Stephanie Juarez-Ventura. Back row, same order: Assistant Coach Corey Joyce, Assistant Coach Kyler Kovaleski, Charlie O'Malley, Assistant Coach Rich LaRussa, Austin Bicking, Michael Hughes, Mario Matrone, Joshua Lentowski, Matt Lyons, Joseph Ialli, Head Coach Al Callejas, Lion President Sam Sebastianelli, Brayden Moran, Cullen Moran, Gavin Monahan, Steve Yorkovic, Conor Farrell, Lucas Urban, Lion Gino Tempesta, event chairman; Assistant Coach Al Callejas, and Lion Angelo Martarano.



The Intra Borough Girls Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools sponsored by the Dunmore Lions Club featured the Holy Cross Girls Basketball team. Shown in front row, from left: Mia Scalese, Emma Luciani, Madison Porter, Head Coach Barry Fitzgerald, Lion President Sam Sebastianelli, Alison Ross, Trista Chickeletti, Abby Thompson, and Julie Walsh. Back row, Assistant Coach Bob McCormack, Emma Scalese, Addison Flannery, Ava Schmidt, Megan Hassaj, Sadie Shedlauskas, Giuliana Mazza, Jenna Luciani, Chloe Mendicino, Shelby Hartland, Lion Renee Iezzi and Lion Gino Tempest, event chairman.

Dunmore Honor Roll

Dunmore High School has announced the following students on the honor roll:

GRADE 12

Distinguished honors: Anna Acculto, Hannah Albano, Kristian Balingasa, Jacquelyn Bitter, Colleen Blockberger, Michael Bonavoglia, Carl Boone, Faith Bravo, Anthony Cantafio, Cole Capocci, Julia Cirba, Anthony Colborn, John Costanzi, Nicholas Creed, John Crespo Clark, Quinn Davis, Nathan DeSando, Zachary Eynon, Kristine Fagioli, Andrew Fazio, Cameron Gerrity, Jacob Grande, Nicola Hart, Kieran Hinton, Gregory Hunt, Abigail Kopacz, Cadence Lewis, Evan Makowski, Joshua Malone, Sonny Mattern, Nicholas Mecca, Mitchell Meglvern, David Milbut, Ayman Mounota, Angelo Naro, Osselle Nedd, Bastianna Orr, Adriana Pacewicz, Thomas Pavlowski, Kaylee Pinto, Patrick Pucilowski, Morgan Quinn, Breanna Ramos, Alyssa Renna, Nico Ruggiero, Anthony Sabia, Brian Santarsiero, Morgan Seamon, Maura Sheets, Ashley Stefanac, Cataldo Talutto, Adeline Tobble, Ciera Toomey, Caroline Valunas, Madolyn Valvano and Madison Waltz.

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Distinguished honors: Abilene Antoniotti, Julianna Argust, Anna Belko, Alexander Blasi, FCollin Blasi, Thomas Bowen, Grace Burrell, Tristan Canavan, Mia Capocci, Christopher Conte, Masiahs Cruz, Sienna Delfino, Allison Dempsey, Domenic DeSando, Molly Dingwell, Nicholas Donvito, Noah Dougherty, Tiffany Dudick, Abigail Earley, Chloe Ezzell, Serenity Fox, Gianna Frank, Sean Gallagher, Molly Gatto, Megan Gilhooly, Andrew Haser, Jacob Hickey, Giulian Hopkins-Morell, Nathan Howey-Reuther, Safwan Jolya, Aiden Kearney, Caden Kirby, Geanna Kirchner, Brynn Kochis, Savannah Lockwood, Alexa Marone, Camden McCarthy, Evan McHale, Maura Michalczyk, Lorenzo Mitchell, Daniel Pigga, Nataly Portanova, Emma Waters and Mackenzie Witkowski.

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line Kelly, Jackson Madajeski, Nathan McMynne, Lucy Monahan-Gann, Brett Monelli, Talan Mullarkey, Mia Novak, Thomas Robinson, Anthony Santarsiero, Dino Scotti, Dereck Soto, Sophia Summa, Bryce Talutto, Alan Walton, Mia Waters, Sophia Welk, Julia White, Lawrence Zeller, Kamran Zia and Kaylie Zimmer.

GRADE 10

Distinguished honors: Anthony Anelli, Jatan Avasatthi, Aaliyah Boone, Charles Calcianno, Arthur Christiano, Thomas Clark, Madden De'Angelo, Hayden Delbridge, Elizabeth DePrimo, Jack DiCindio, Tuan

Doan, Cole Fangio, Ava Ferraro, Max Forgione, Gabriel Franek, Sophia Gabello, Sydney Harding, Aiden Hart, Lauren Henry, Shamus Hinton, Robert Hoban, Matthew Iezzi, Margaret Jimmie, Asher Jones, Abigail Kocher-Vinton, Patrick Kopacz, Emily Lam, John Madaferri, Bethany Mazurick, Cullen McCarthy, Jack McNeff, Leah Mezick, Tyara Misian, Madeline Mislinski, Hailey Moffitt, Ariana Napolitano, Oseem Need, Ethan Parra, Isabella Pasko, Mir Patel, Radha Patel, Delfino Ramirez, Eric Reese, Aviana Rivera, Isabelle Rought, Lucy Seibert, Savannah Sherman, Loren Spudic, Sophia Talutto, Conor Toole, Holly Tosto, Anna Trauger and Aidan

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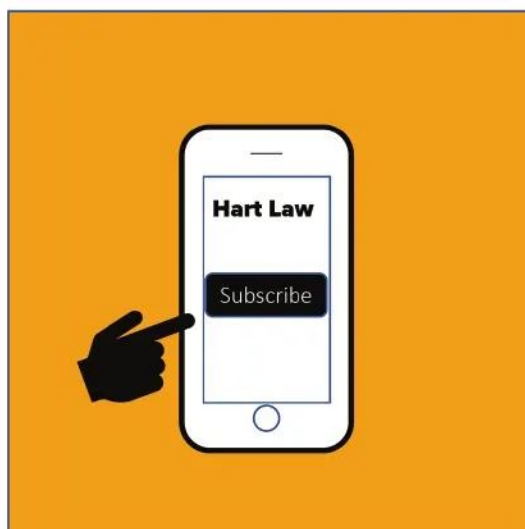
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Members of the Helen Keller Day Planning Committee recently met to make plans for the 94th annual Helen Keller Day, "Eyes on Fashion" Champagne Fashion Show and Luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 16, at Glenmaura National Golf Club. Cochairs for the event are Paula DePeters and Ellen Rudis. Please contact the Lackawanna Blind Association for information and tickets by calling 570-342-7613, ext. 5. Pictured, seated from left are: Lindsay Leventhal, Atty. Jerry Musheno and Christina Stolze. Standing, same order: Janet May, Cathy Van Nort, Noreen Burke, Bunny Chorba, Mary Lou Wascavich, Executive Director; Ellen Rudis, Paula DePeters, Louise Frye, Julie Smith, Sharon Borgia and Rose Baigis.

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Announce Tomorrow's Leaders Today 2022-23 class



Members of the 2022-23 class of Tomorrow's Leaders Today include, front row, from left: Riley Aquilino, Lizzy Cummings, Paris Santee, Corrina Maldonato, Alexa Williams, Carolena Ryon, Haylee Czyzyk, Brooke Bilski from Holy Cross High School; Rhayni Carroll, Odin Marrow, and Gavin Walsh. Second row, same order: Julia Possanza, Angela Zeng, Roger Getts, Braden Beecham, Brooke Beemer, Kate Evans, Emily Stefani, Alexandra King, Brian McCormack and Jocelyn Brown. Third row: Natalie Fuller, Dane Huggler, Andrew Housknecht, Grace Rodriguez, Ethan Warring, Emily Romanowski, Geanna Kirchner from Dunmore High School; Natalie Micknick, Mae Kaufman, Madeline Herold and Caden Brennan. Fourth row: Patricia McAndrew, Mary Zabielski, Mason Peters, Connor Peters, Katherine Boykin, Dinello Capalongo, Megan Cosklo, Adrian Agnello and Mason Milouszuskys. Not shown: Brittain Banull.

The Leadership Lackawanna Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) program class of 2022-2023 met on Oct. 20, for its first session, with Geanna Kirchner from Dunmore High School and Brooke Bilski from Holy Cross High School participating.

During the next seven-months, this elite group of 42 High School leaders will meet monthly to gain leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills.

TLT provides real-world expe-

riences in the areas of health care, STEAM, history and heritage, crime and corrections, financial literacy, philanthropy, non-profit organizations, and community service.

Sessions are held one full week-day each month. The TLT Program accepts applications from high school sophomores who wish to improve their personal skills and impact their local community.

This year, Leadership Lackawanna proudly celebrates its 40th year.

Leadership Lackawanna strives to enhance the skills, connections and knowledge of emerging and established leaders, hence strengthening our communities, workplaces and organizations.

The 2022-23 program participants also include students from Western Wayne, Valley View, West Scranton, Riverside, Abington Heights, Carbondale Area, Old Forge, Commonwealth Charter Academy, Scranton Preparatory School and Mid Valley.

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FNCB Bank has partnered with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to help their customers finance their higher education through the borrower-friendly PA Forward Student Loan Program.

The PA Forward Student Loan Program is a trusted suite of loans for undergraduate and graduate students, and parent borrowers, in addition to a PA Forward Refinance Loan that enables participating borrowers to combine all their Federal and private loans into one convenient monthly payment.

Through the program, FNCB Bank customers and non-customers can borrow up to the total cost of attendance with competitively low interest rates and a variety of upfront and repayment benefits.

"Being able to finance the cost of attendance is a challenge for many students and their families," said Gerard Champi, FNCB Bank President & CEO. "The PA Forward Student Loan Program through FNCB Bank provides another option in their financing package."

The PA Forward Student Loan Program leverages the combined resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide loans at low rates with better borrower benefits as compared to most commercial private loan programs. PHEAA serves as the lender and loan servicer for the program, with tax-exempt allocation provided by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The PA Forward Student Loan Program is designed specifically for students or parents/guardians of students who are enrolled or who plan to be enrolled in a degree, certificate, or diploma granting program. For Parent loans, the student must be enrolled half-time. These loans are meant for:

- PA residents attending an approved school in or out of PA.
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- U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens of the U.S.
- Borrowers and/or co-signers who meet the minimum credit requirements.

The PA Forward Student Loan Program includes four student loan products:

- PA Forward Undergraduate Loan for students seeking an undergraduate degree, certificate, or diploma.
- PA Forward Graduate Loan for students seeking an advanced degree such as masters, doctoral, law, health profession.
- PA Forward Parent Loan for parents or guardians of dependent undergraduate students seeking an undergraduate degree, certificate, or diploma.
- PA Forward Refinance Loan for borrowers in repayment seeking a more streamlined way to manage their debt by combining all their federal and private student loans into a single monthly payment under new terms and conditions.

The Program offers competitive fixed interest rates, and borrower benefits for undergraduate and graduate loan borrowers including a .50 percent interest rate reduction for achieving successful graduation.

Additional benefits for all borrowers include no application or origination fees, a .25 percent interest rate reduction for enrolling in Direct Debit, flexible repayment options, and biweekly payment options that can pay off a loan sooner, saving borrowers even more money in interest. PHEAA's earnings from the PA Forward Student Loan Program are used to support the agency's public service mission for Pennsylvania students and families.

For more information or to apply, visit www.fncb.com/studentloans or call 1-877-879-3622.



As part of its Random Act of Kindness program, Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO made a donation to Frances Willard Elementary School in support of its Scholastic Book Club Program. Pictured in the front row, from left: Keystone Board Chairman Mary Ann Coviello; Kelly Guerra, Frances Willard third grade teacher; Keystone board member Marilyn Vitali, retired Scranton School District teacher, and Brandon Budd, principal of Frances Willard Elementary. Back row, same order: Keystone board members Frank Coviello, Bob Tagert, and Sylvia Tagert; Mark McDade, Keystone Chapter charter president; Michele McDade, retired Frances Willard kindergarten teacher, and Toni DiVizio, Keystone board member.



Three new members were inducted into Dunmore's Keystone Chapter of UNICO recently. Shown from left are: Ann Summa, membership director; Lou Palazzi, new member sponsor; Steven Guccini, Anne Martino and Vincent Martino, new members; Mark McDade, inducting officer, and Louise Ligi, president.

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Dunmorean of Month:



Family members of Timmy Drewes include, first row, from left: Tom Drewes, father; Abbey Davis, sister; Molly Drewes, mother and Timmy Drewes. Back row, same order: Dan and Tom Drewes, brothers.

See additional photos and story on Pages 1 & 3



Timmy Drewes is shown with family at Disney World. From left are: Gavin Kovalski, Tim, Jack Davis, Charlotte Davis, Abbey Davis, Bobby Davis, Cate Davis, and Bobby Davis.



Timmy Drewes, as Santa, is shown with his nieces, nephews, and cousins. From top, left to right: Sophie O'Donnell, Gavin Kovalski, Jack Davis, Celia O'Donnell, Olivia Leslie, Jordyn Drewes, Nora Leslie, Sully Drewes, Cate Davis, Charlotte Davis, and Bobby Davis.



Timmy Drewes, #55, is shown at left tackling Tyler Boyd in 2012 state championship featuring Dunmore against Clariton. Boyd is now a tight end for the Cincinnati Bengals.

PennDOT offering paid internships, summer maintenance and student positions

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is seeking hardworking individuals for paid internships, summer maintenance, and student summer workers. If you enjoy working in an active, fast-paced environment with the potential for promotion into a permanent position, check out the various opportunities at PennDOT and apply today!

Engineering Internship - PennDOT - Statewide (College)

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[engineering-internship-penn-dot-statewide-college?pagetype=transferJobs](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pabureau/jobs/3826246/penn-dot-summer-employment-program-non-student?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) offers statewide paid internship opportunities during the summer to students in a variety of majors, predominantly in engineering, science, and technology fields; however, PennDOT does more than just road construction and snow removal.

PennDOT is a customer-driven service organization responsible

for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of Pennsylvania's multimodal transportation system.

PennDOT interns enjoy opportunities in various areas of PennDOT operations. Internship opportunities associated with this posting will be headquartered throughout PennDOT's Engineering Districts. Although all assignments may not be offered in every location, additional examples of work and special projects may be available. View PennDOT's District map to

see where your home county lies.

You may be able to obtain academic credit through participation in PennDOT's internship program. Ask your academic advisor if your college offers credit for paid internships.

Additionally, some internships may offer the flexibility to telework if determined operationally appropriate by the hiring organization.

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PennDOT Summer Employment Program (Non-Student)

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Pictured are the second shift of Keystone UNICO volunteers in front sale from left: Cesiara Berardelli, bake sale cochair; Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, Saint Joseph's Center president, and Mary Lou Karliak, bake sale cochair. Back row, same order: Keystone Chapter UNICO volunteers Toni DiVizio, JoAnn Martarano, Nancy Malone, Tom Carlucci, Valerie Raggi, Kevin Cicci, Sheryl Lynn Sochoka and Frank Cicci.



Pictured to the left are members of Keystone Chapter UNICO National who raised over \$1,500 for Saint Joseph's Center at the Sunday Bake Sale Tent. A host of Keystone UNICO members and friends donated their homemade delicacies for sale at the return of this annual event. First shift of volunteers included, front row, from left: Cesiara Berardelli and Mary Lou Karliak, cochairs, and JoAnn Martarano. Second row, same order: Mary Rinaldi, Toni DiVizio, Diane Beckage, Nancy Malone, Lenore Latarewicz, and Mary DePalma.



Hospice of the Sacred Heart recently received a grant for \$3,000 from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation, administered by the Scranton Area Community Foundation. The grant will cover a portion of operating expenses due to the loss of volunteer hours and other COVID-19-related expenses. The Robert H. Spitz Foundation primarily awards grants to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that support initiatives and programs serving the residents of Lackawanna County and Northeastern Pennsylvania. Shown from left: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Grants and Scholarships Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation, Diane Baldi, CEO, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Brittany Pagnotti, Community Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation, and Frank Caputo, Grants and Communication Coordinator, Scranton Area Community Foundation

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'Mornings at Seven' to be presented by Actors Circle in March



Among the cast members of "Mornings at Seven" to be performed by Actor's Circle in March are, from left: Debra Demming, Mike Lally, and Cathy Rist Strauch, a native of Dunmore.

Actors Circle will present the comedy "Mornings at Seven" by Paul Osborn, at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Rd., Scranton on March 2-5 and March 10-12.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 General, \$12 Senior, \$10 Student; and on Thursday, March 2, all tickets are \$10.

This charming portrait of smalltown, America, takes place at a time when life was simple, with no computers or internet. The life of four sisters is upended as they deal with the changes some family members decide to take on.

This production is presented through special grants from the Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture, and The Scranton Area Community Foundation. For reservations, call 570-342-9707.

The show is directed by Jessi Teevan, with Britt Demming as assistant director, and assistant to the directors is Jason Narcoonis. Producers are Mark Fryer and Harry Adelman.

Members of the cast are Debra Demming, Jeff Ginsberg, April Holgate, Ray Hopkins, Nina Kemp, Mike Lally, Harry Powell, Cathy Rist Strauch, a native of Dunmore, Poshi Walker, Reed Walker, and E.J. Leeson of Dunmore is understudy.

Air Force training counts toward college credits

SSgt. Taylor Holt, the U.S. Air Force Enlisted Accessions Recruiter at the 314th Air Force Recruiting Squadron in Scranton, has announced a program that allows Air Force training to count as college credit toward an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).

All active duty Air Force members are automatically enrolled in the program that provides transferable, accredited college credits upon completion of technical school, basic military training (BMT), and upgrade training. The CCAF is accredited by the Southern Commission of Colleges and Schools.

Other education benefits from the Air University include a unique "Associates-to-Baccalaureates" initiative between the Air Force and civilian higher education institutions, offering baccalaureate degree opportunities to every Air Force enlisted member.

"Unlike common perception, we in the U.S. Air Force are more than just pilots. In fact, the majority of service members lead careers in finance, administration, engineering, cyber security, maintenance, and more," explained SSgt. Holt, who was recently named Enlisted Accessions Recruiter in the Scranton office serving most of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Prior to his new position, SSgt. Holt served as a Munition Systems Technician and has been an Airman for over a decade.

Contact SSgt. Holt at the Scranton Air Force Recruiting office, 3 West Olive St., by email at taylor.holt@us.af.mil or phone (570) 840-9871 to learn more.



Staff members for the upcoming production of "Mornings at Seven" by Actors Circle include, from left: Britt Demming, assistant director; Jason Narcoonis, assistant to directors; Jessi Teevan, director; E. J. Leeson of Dunmore, understudy, and Mark Fryer, producer. The show opens on March 2 at Providence Playhouse.

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