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Dunmorean of the Month Ann Marzolino



By Steve Svetovich

Her vision as an elementary school teacher was to provide a joyful learning experience by using technology, hands-on activities and group projects. And Ann Marzolino has been doing this to perfection for 45 years. She will retire next month from the Dunmore School District.

"I believe this way of teaching empowers children to reach their educational and personal potential while nurturing their self confidence and self esteem," the retiring teacher said.

Ann spent her last 18 years teaching third grade at Dunmore Elementary after 27 years as a second grade and third to sixth grade science and social studies teacher at Saint Mary's of Mount Carmel Grade School in Dunmore.

Daughter of the late William and Jeanne Walsh, the Dunmore native graduated from Bishop O'Hara in 1974. She received a bachelor science degree in elementary education from East Stroudsburg University in 1978. She went on to receive a master of science degree, and began her teaching career at Saint Mary's of Mount Carmel in 1978.

"One of my greatest challenges as a teacher," she said, "was teaching through the COVID-19 pandemic. I spent my whole summer learning Google Classroom and collaborating with my colleagues to ensure a successful school year for my students. It helped me grow as a teacher

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Ballet Theatre to mark 65th anniversary



Mya Harrity of Dunmore will appear in an upcoming production of the ballet *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to be presented by Ballet Theatre of Scranton on Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Theater at North in celebration of the company's 65th anniversary. Joanne Arduino is BTOS artistic director. Tickets are available by calling 1-855-222-2849 or at www.tututox.com.

Ballet Theatre of Scranton will present an original work *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* in celebration of its 65th anniversary on Friday, May 5, at 7 pm at the Theater at North.

Giovanni Ravello, a professional dancer and choreographer from Colombia, has set this visually stunning ballet for the senior company dancers. Joanne Arduino, BTOS Artistic Director, is thrilled to welcome Giovanni back to Scranton as he danced in 2003 as Romeo in the company's production of *Romeo and Juliet* and in 2018 reprised his role for the BTOS 60th anniversary performances.

Giovanni recently retired from the world famous Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo after a 13-year career. He originally came to Scranton with his mentor and BTOS guest choreographer the late Ana Consuelo de Diaz, who was a pupil of the late Henry Danton, Mrs. Arduino's mentor.

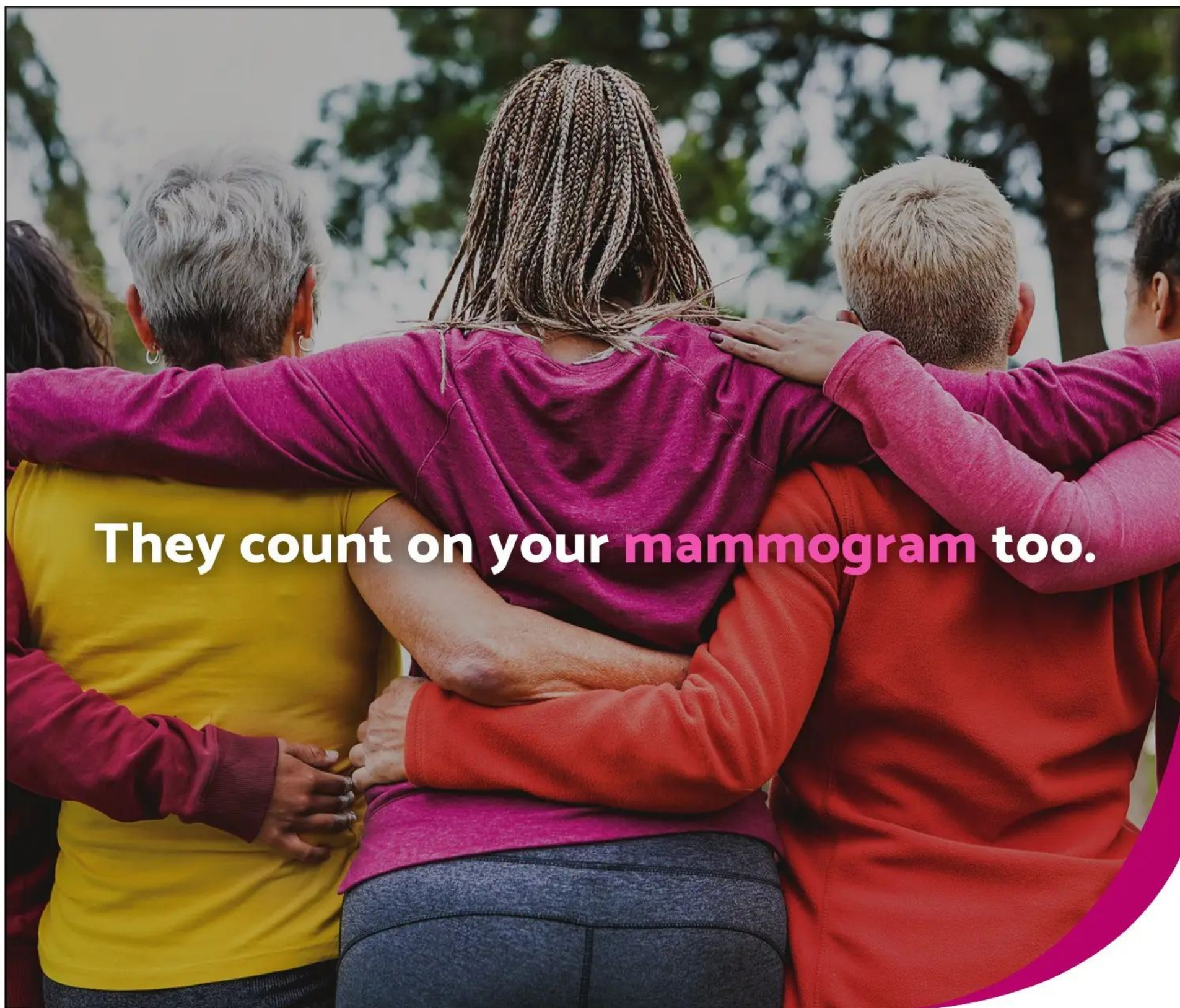
This delightful ballet, after the classic tale by Lewis Carroll and with music by Dvorak, features Laura Durkin as Alice, Elizabeth Schneider as the White Rabbit,

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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO made a donation to the annual Bunny Hunt in Dunmore through its Random Act of Kindness program. In the picture at the check presentation from left are Tom Cola, Dunmore Lions Club; Rick Sabato, Dunmore Rotary International; Keystone UNICO Board Chairman Mary Ann Coviello, Toni DiVizio, Frank Coviello, Keystone UNICO President Louise Ligi, Mark McDade, Sylvia and Bob Tagert and Michele McDade, all Keystone

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and moved my methodologies in a new direction that I continue to use even after the pandemic.

"I am blessed for having the opportunity to work with so many outstanding colleagues and administrations over the years. I feel especially grateful for being given the opportunity to have taught in my home town and watch my students and eventheir children grow up to become wonderful, successful adults."

A very patient teacher, Ann said her most fond memories teaching at Saint Mary's were her yearly science fairs and embryology and butterfly projects.

While teaching at Saint Mary's, Ann was very active in the parish. She served on Parish Council for 20 years, was a Eucharistic Minister for 14 years, helped plan and worked at the church bazaar, and was involved with First Penance and First Communion for 14 years.

Ann was hired by the Dunmore School District in August 2005 and taught third grade there for the past 18 years. While at Dunmore, she was involved in the after-school and summer tutoring programs.

Her most fond memories teaching at Dunmore Elementary Center were working the football games and meeting the great fans, playing in the annual faculty vs. senior basketball games, and playing in the annual student golf tournament.

Ann continues to live in Dunmore with her husband Bob, who is retired. A former construction worker, her husband went on to own the Caddy Shack Golf Center, Scranton.

The couple has two children, Bryan and Eileen.

Bryan is a roll-off route manager for Waste Management, Dunmore. A 2006 Dunmore graduate, he is married to the former Kearson Crockenberg. The couple has two children, Norah and Lilah.

Eileen, a 2011 Holy Cross graduate, is administrator of Allied Terrace Personal Care Home.

Ann enjoys reading and belongs to a book club. She is a member of Elmhurst Country Club Women's Golf Association and a past president. She enjoys long walks, yoga, gardening, and making memories with her grandchildren.

Her late grandmother, Elizabeth Walsh, and her sister, Alice Murray, were both teachers in the Dunmore School District.

Hard-working and conscientious, Ann always has a warm, genuine respect for the students in her class. She utilizes a hands-on approach through activities and technology.

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Honoring John Aloysius Perry this Memorial Day

It has been nearly a decade since the passing of World War II veteran John Aloysius Perry, but his family and friends keep him close to their heart.

He is one of thousands of U.S. war veterans to be grateful and proud of this coming Memorial Day.

John Aloysius Perry was also a proud Dunmore family man during the 91 years of his life.

The World War II veteran served as a young man in the U.S. army in the Philippines from 1943 to 1945. He was 20 years old when he was

sent overseas.

It was there where he served as a construction builder, also known as a "CB." As a CB, he was responsible for rebuilding airstrips in order for American pilots to safely land and take flight. It was a skill he learned to perfection.

About 70 million people fought in World War II between 1939 and 1945. There are still about 167,000 living World War II veterans in the United States alone. More than 400,000 were killed in combat.

Son of the late Pasqualina and Giuseppe Perri, his parents were

Italian immigrants from the town of Cosenza, Calabria. As a young boy, Perry left Longfellow School in the Green Ridge section of Scranton when he was in the eighth grade to help care for his many siblings. Born and raised in Dunmore, he was one of 13 children.

After World War II ended, he returned to Dunmore where he met his one and only love, the former Antoinette Stango, at Ianelli's Italian Market.

A smart and charismatic young man, he had Antoinette's attention after a simple, "hello." Not long after she said "yes" the couple began a journey of undying love for each other resulting in almost seven decades of marriage, seven children and numerous grandchildren. They were bonded together for life.

The couple had four sons and three daughters. Tragically, the couple lost their oldest and youngest sons. Joseph died at 50 and Tommy passed away at 34. Their other sons are John and David. Their daughters are Mary Regina, Patrice and Donna.

Despite leaving school in the eighth grade to help out his family, Perry became a self-made man. After the war ended, it took months for Perry to get a ship from the Philippines to California. Then he took a bus from California to his hometown of Dunmore.

Using the skills he learned in the war as a construction builder (CB), he became a self taught master builder of fine homes starting his own business. He shared that gift with his sons.

Perry also received the Boxing Gold Glove as a highly competitive amateur fighter. He was very proud of that accomplishment which he shared with family and friends.

A man of his word, he expected this from everyone. Though an extremely strong personality, he easily displayed a tender and gentle posture when the time was right. He was at all times generous and hard-working and not capable of lying or deceit.

The proud World War II veteran was also known as a human GPS before there ever was a GPS. He (Please turn to Page 14)



John Aloysius Perry



Antoinette Stango Perry

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The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



Mayor reminds residents to do shopping in Dunmore

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community about the importance of shopping local, especially in this beautiful spring season.

Dunmore is home to many wonderful local businesses that offer unique products and services. By supporting these businesses, we not only help them grow and thrive but also contribute to the overall economic development of our town.

Spring is the perfect time to explore our local shops and restaurants, many of which offer seasonal products and menus. From fresh produce and flowers to home improvement equipment and sporting goods, Dunmore has something to offer everyone.

So, as you plan your spring shopping, I encourage you to consider the local options available in Dunmore. By supporting our community businesses, we can all contribute to the growth and success of our town, and ultimately create a more sustainable and vibrant community for years to come.



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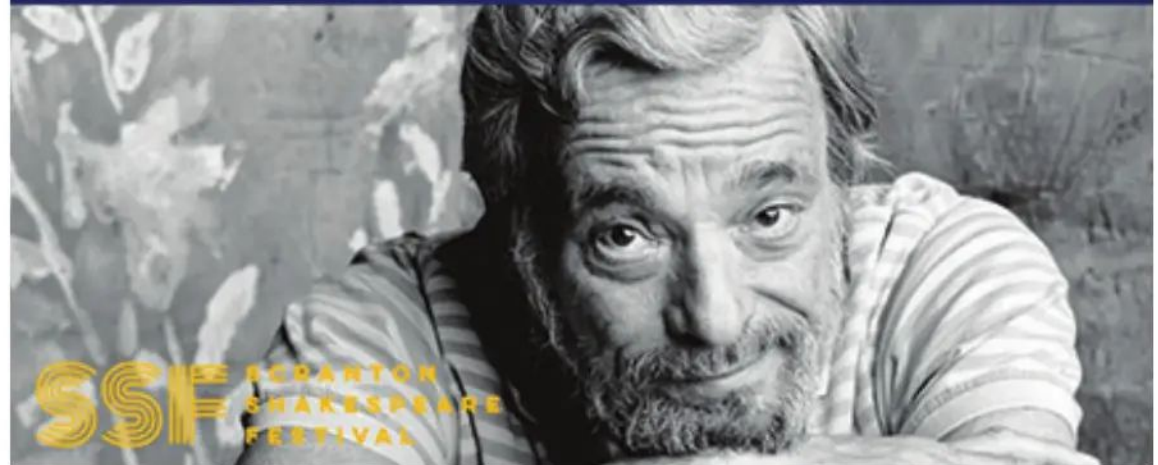
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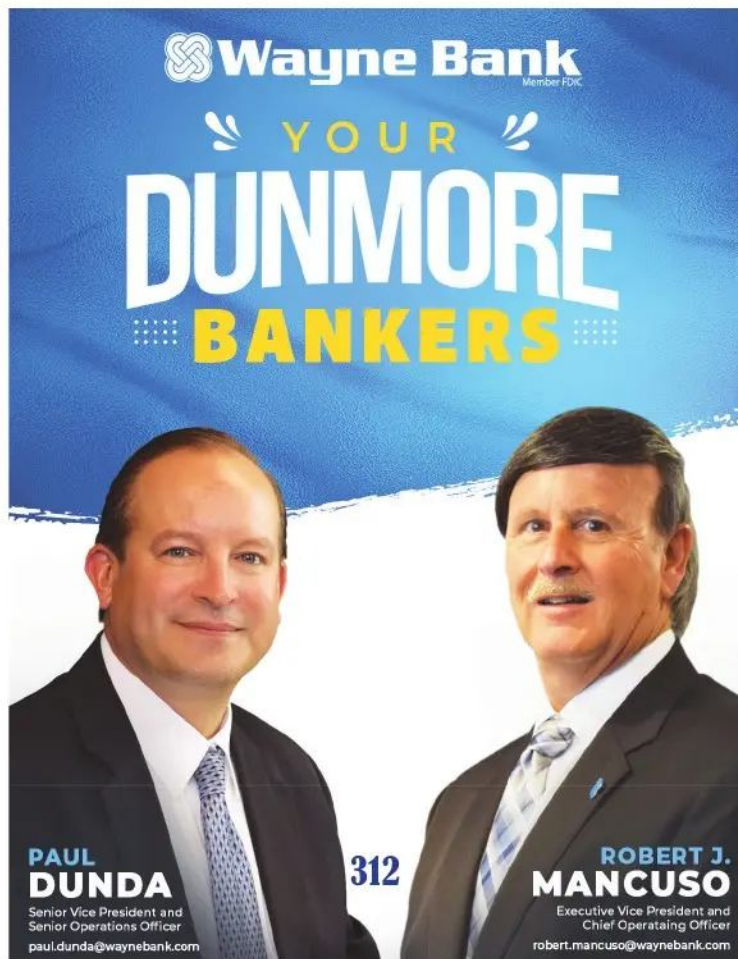
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'Alice in Wonderland' ballet set for May 5

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Aubrey Gallagher as the Queen of Hearts, Brennan Connor as the Mad Hatter, and John Roman Vachino as the Cheshire Cat.

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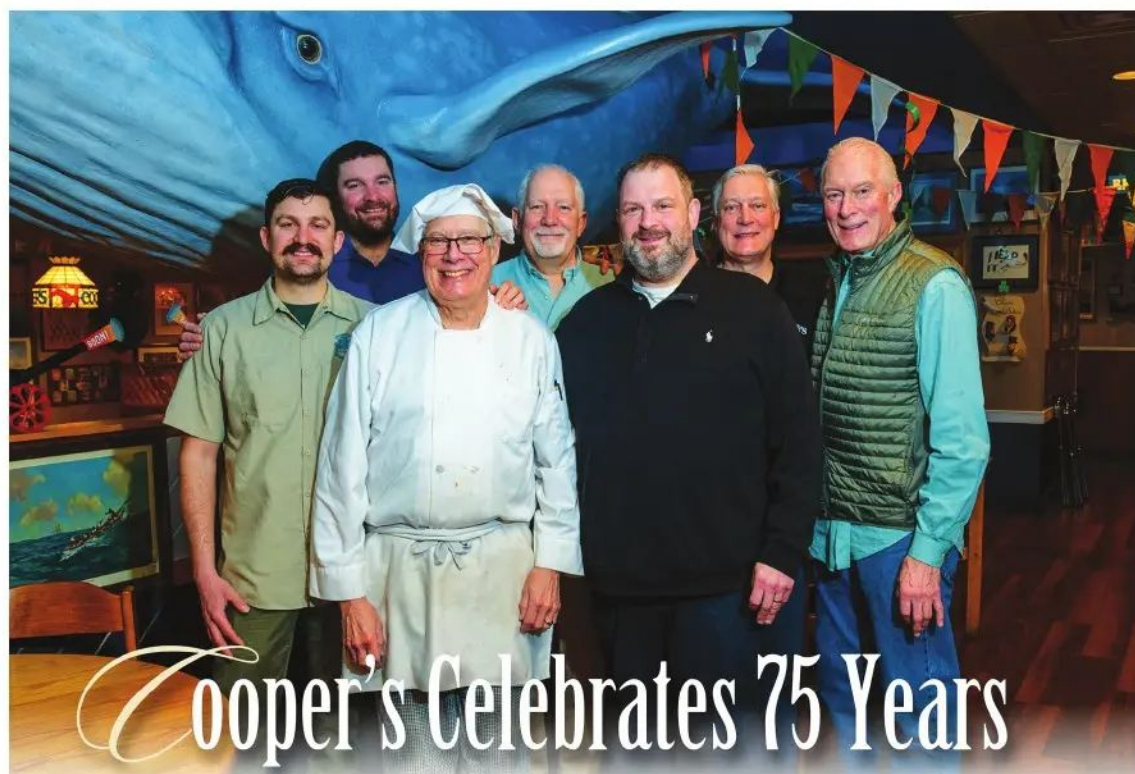


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Scranton, known as the "Electric City" because of its electric

streetcar systems, was a great iron industrial center followed by the coal industry. In the early to mid-1900s, as the need for railroads became less and less, the original Erie-Lackawanna Station was sold and made into a restaurant.

Cooper's in Scranton has been a restaurant on this site for over 75 years. It has endured the region's economic setbacks throughout the late '50s and '60s caused by the decrease in the need for anthracite products. From the mid to late '70s to the present time, Cooper's has been part of the resurgence of Scranton. Since 1976 seating has increased from 75 seats to over 500 seats, including a Pirate ship built on site

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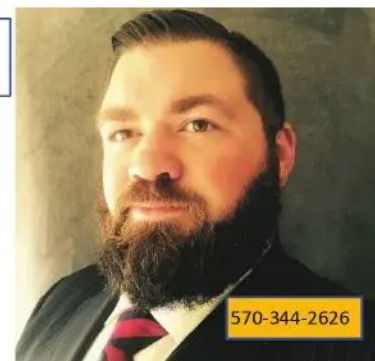


"THE HART OF THE ISSUE"

By JOHN M. HART, III, ESQ.



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Election Day is upon us, and we must remember that it is a vital part of the democratic process. It is an opportunity for citizens to exercise their right to vote and have a say in the selection of their local government representatives.

Local government officials are responsible for making decisions that impact the daily lives of their constituents, including decisions related to taxes, public safety, infrastructure, education, and much more. Therefore, every vote cast in local elections is critical and can make a significant difference in the outcome of the election.

Many individuals may underestimate the significance of local elections and choose not to participate in the voting process. However, the decisions made by local government officials can have a more direct impact on the lives of citizens than decisions made by federal officials.

For instance, local officials are responsible for managing and funding schools, roads, and public safety services. If citizens fail to vote in local elections, they risk having their needs and concerns overlooked by those in power, ultimately affecting the quality of life in their communities. It is also essential to understand that every vote counts in local elections. In some cases, local elections are decided by only a handful of votes.

This has been the case several times in Lackawanna County, even right in the Borough of Dunmore. In 2019, the race for Mayor of Dunmore was decided by single digit votes. During the same election, the race for a seat on Borough Council was likewise determined by a small margin of votes.

Furthermore, local elections can have long-term consequences. Local officials who are elected have the power to influence policy decisions and allocate resources in their communities for years to come. A community's quality of life can be greatly impacted by the policies and initiatives put in place by local officials. Thus, every vote cast in local elections is crucial, and citizens must take their civic duty seriously by participating in the election process.

The upcoming County Commissioner election should be important to all of us as well. There are several anticipated changes to us all on a county level with an impending reassessment, a prison that is constantly under scrutiny and an entire new County Department of Health underway. All of these county level changes will be in the hands of who we elect this May and in November.

We have a total of eight candidates vying for 3 seats. While often times, these types of races can be, well, boring, this year's county commissioner race is full of excitement because the voters have several of candidates with whom to choose from. And that is the best part of our democracy. It is up to us to choose who will represent us.

A few years ago, I had the honor of representing four individuals from a neighboring county, two Republicans and two Democrats, who were seeking to run for the position of County Commissioner. The individuals had filed their petitions to run for office, but unfortunately, their petitions were challenged by others who sought to remove them from the ballot. If the challenge was successful, only the incumbent candidates would remain on the ballot.

I fought hard to ensure that our clients remained on the ballot and that the citizens of that county had the right to vote from several candidates, accurately and adequately representing them in government. As a result, the citizens of that county had the opportunity to vote for the candidates of their choice and to exercise their right to participate in the democratic process. I was proud to have represented these individuals in their quest to serve their community and to have played a role in ensuring that the election process was fair and transparent. I firmly believe in the importance of upholding the democratic principles of fairness and justice, and I will continue to fight for the rights of my clients to have their voices heard in the political process. And more importantly, I will continue to exercise my right to vote and make a difference in each and every election so that I can support my candidates whomever they may be.

Please remember that your vote matters and each and every local election matters to all of us living in the Borough of Dunmore, the County of Lackawanna, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America because every vote cast in local elections is an opportunity to make a positive impact and improve the quality of life in our communities.

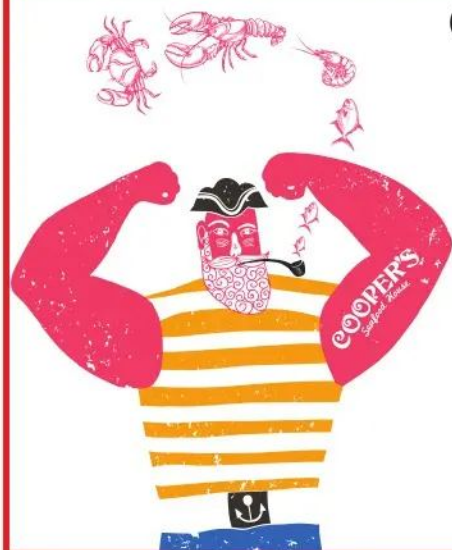
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Dunmore Lions Club hosts annual luncheon for Blind Association



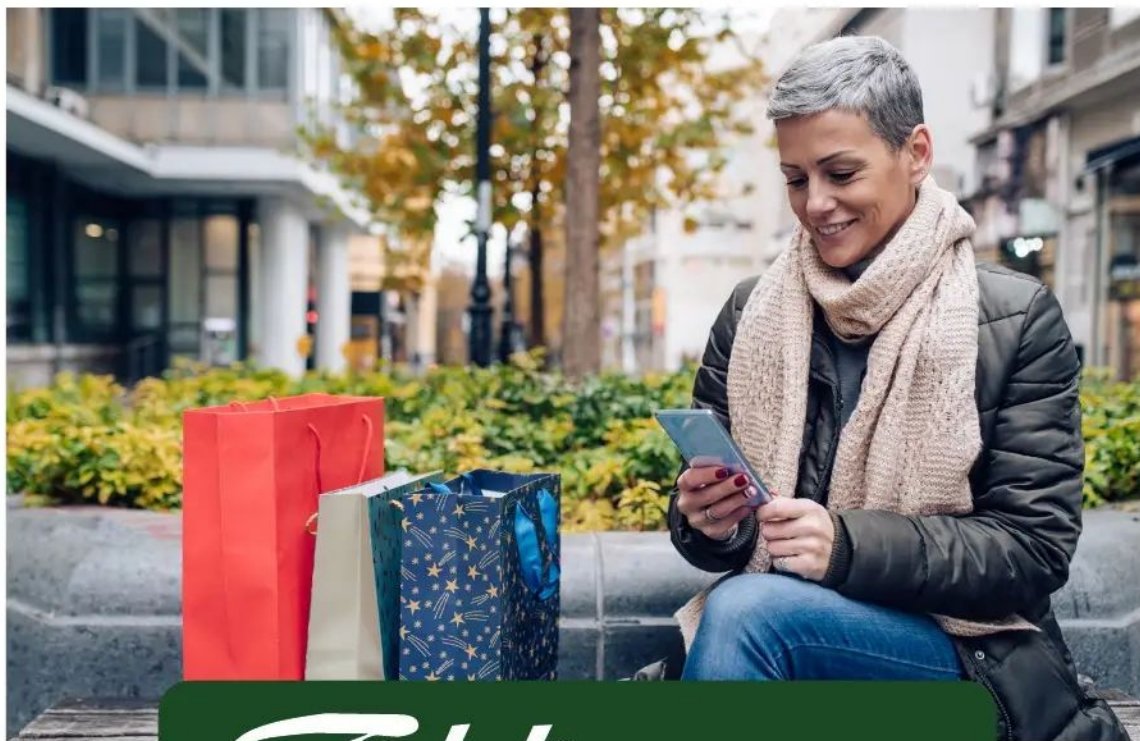
The Dunmore Lions Club (DLC) recently hosted its annual luncheon for the Lackawanna Blind Association (LBA) at their building on Adams Avenue, Scranton. Lion participants included from left : Sam Sebastianelli, DLC President; Leo Wentline Jr., DLC activities chairman; Mary Regina Perry, DLC event chairperson and LBA member, and Jim Colangelo, DLC secretary.



The Dunmore Lions Club (DLC) recently hosted their annual luncheon for the Lackawanna Blind Association (LBA) at their building. This year the Lion's served boxed lunches from Sibio's Restaurant and homemade pastry to the members and staff of the Association. Helping with the luncheon, bingo and arts and crafts was Past District Governor, Lion Fran Stepkovitch of the Archbald/ Eynon Lions and a LBA Member. For information on the Lackawanna Blind Association, phone 570-342-7613.



Boxed lunches from Sibios as well as homemade pastries were served to members of the Lackawanna Blind Association at the annual luncheon hosted by Dunmore Lions Club (DLC). For information on the Lackawanna Blind Association, phone 570-342-7613.



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Cheryl's Cuisine

By Cheryl Radkiewicz



When I think of May it brings to mind special events that take place during the Spring month. Growing up, May meant the last full month of school, May crowning, First Holy Communion, Mothers' Day and Memorial Day, the official opening of barbecue season.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the US Military. When visiting cemeteries, one sees miles and miles of American flags blowing in the breeze honoring those who have served.

My father and his brothers served in the Army during World War II,

my grandfather served in the Army during World War I, my niece is a Navy veteran, and my husband's uncle lived in numerous states and countries while serving in the Air Force. Needless to say, we were raised to honor and respect the military.

So this month I'm sharing recipes from military families that you can add to your upcoming Memorial Day celebration. They are great additions to any hot dog, hamburger, chicken or steak.

COLORFUL CORN CASSEROLE UNBAKED

2 cans corn, drained

Share military family recipes for Memorial Day

1 small jar, green chilis, drained
1 small jar red pimentos, drained
½ cup diced onion, sauteed
1 block cream cheese
1 stick butter
Black olives, drained and sliced
Diced tomatoes
Shredded Cheese or Crushed Crackers

In medium saucepan, warm corn, green chilis, red pimentos, cream cheese and butter. Add sauteed onions, olives and tomatoes and salt and pepper, to taste. Heat until cream cheese and butter are melted and mixture bubbles. Pour into casserole dish and top with cheese or crushed crackers.

PASTA AND OLIVES

¾ lb. cherry tomatoes
½ cup sliced black olives
1/3 cup olive oil
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
2 cloves garlic
1-16 oz. box small rigatoni, shells or elbows
Oregano, to taste
Parsley, to taste
Salt and pepper

Heat oil on low heat, add thinly sliced garlic cloves and saute until clear. Cut cherry tomatoes into quarters and add to garlic. Increase heat to medium and add parsley and oregano.

When mixture has reduced, add olives and salt and pepper to taste. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Prepare pasta. Serve mixture over cooked pasta and sprinkle cheese. Serve warm.

BAKED BUTTER BEANS

3 cans butter beans, drained
1 green pepper, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1-14 oz. bottle ketchup (use half)
1 can stewed tomatoes
1 cup brown sugar
½ lb. bacon, fried and crumbled
½ stick kielbasa

Mix all ingredients together and pour into casserole dish. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 1 ½ to 2 hours.

BAKED POTATO SALAD FOR A CROWD

10-12 Russet potatoes
12 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled
1 1/3 cups thinly sliced green onions
6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream

3 Tbsp. vinegar
3 tsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
1/3 cup sweet relish
1/3 cup dill relish
1/8 tsp. paprika
½ cup finely grated or shredded Cheddar cheese

Scrub potatoes under cold, running water; place in large pot and cover with cold water. Bring to boil over high heat. Cook until fork-tender, about 20-30 minutes. When potatoes are done, remove pot from heat; drain potatoes and set aside to cool. Remove their skins.

While potatoes cook and cool, prepare bacon according to package directions. Place cooked bacon on paper-towel lined plate to drain and set aside. Next, cube potatoes and place in large mixing bowl. Add all but 1/3 cup of the green onions, eggs, mayonnaise and sour cream.

Dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar and add to potato mixture. Add sweet and dill relishes, and gently mix. Add additional salt to taste and transfer to serving bowl. Just prior to serving, mix in bacon and sprinkle salad with reserved onions and cheese.

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Perry died at 91 in 2014. His wife Antoinette, a registered nurse with a bachelor of science in nursing died in 2017 at 87.

"My dad enjoyed a fine retirement as he greatly enjoyed cultivating his garden," Mary Regina said. "The epitome of his life's meaning came with his beautiful grandchildren who filled his life with joy, life and hope.

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Honors:

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Honors:

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10th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

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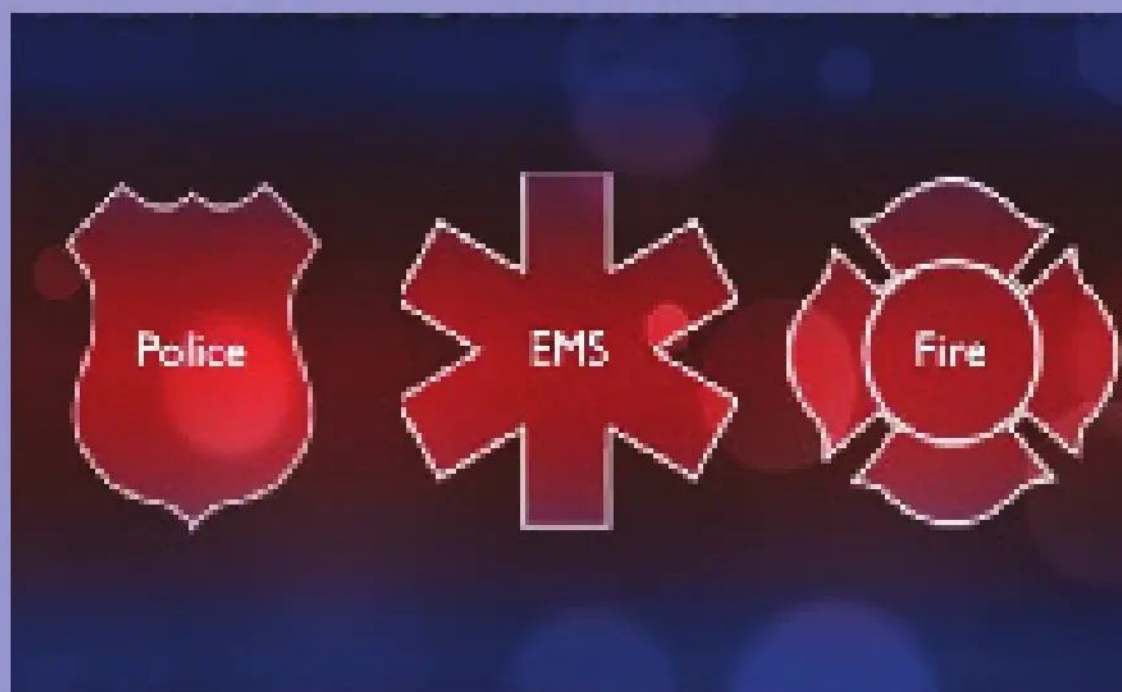
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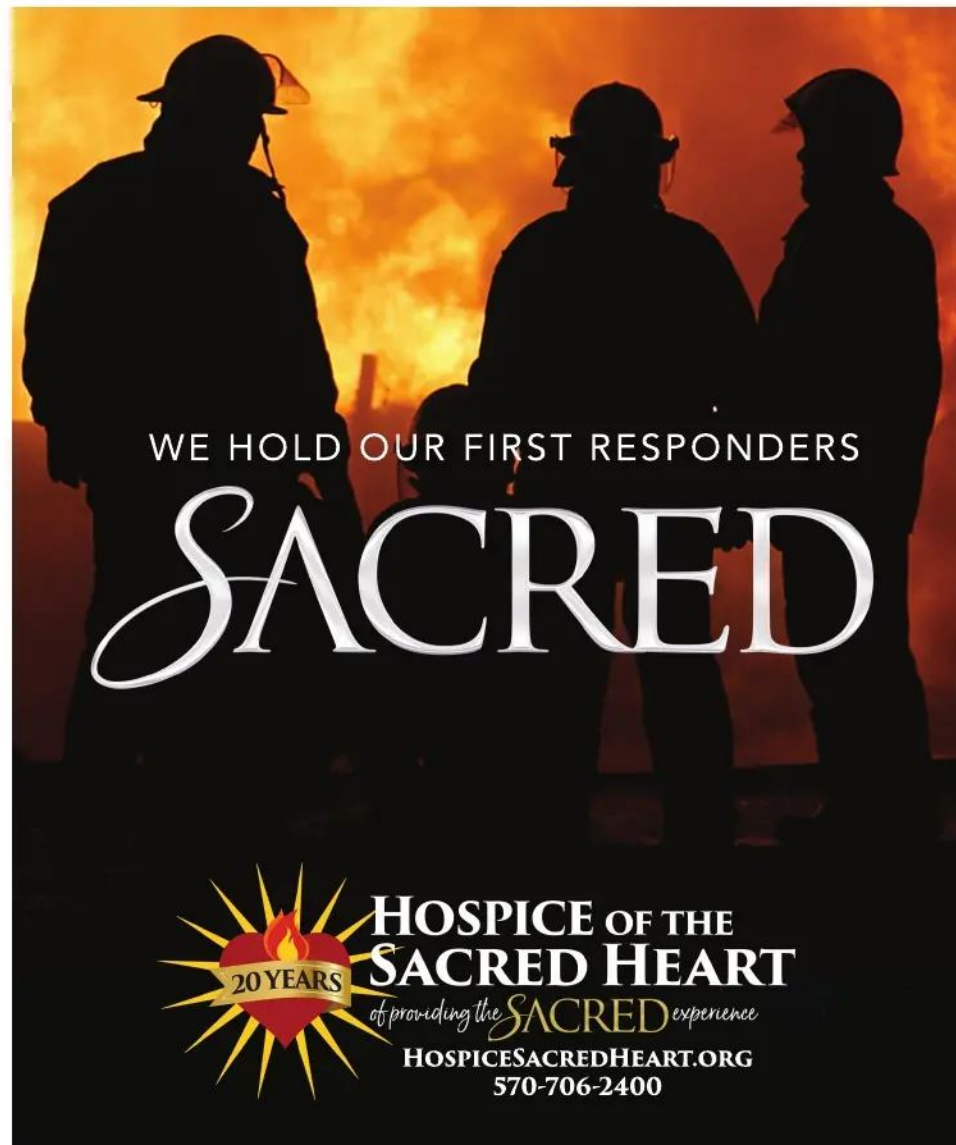
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Dunmore junior Maura Michalczyk sets the bar high in track and field

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore junior track and field performer Maura Michalczyk sets the bar high.

And she keeps setting it higher and higher and higher.

Daughter of Diane and Mark Michalczyk, Maura is setting numerous Dunmore school records as a pole vaulter.

She broke the previous Dunmore record of 8.8 ft. as a pole vaulter last season. This year she broke her own record several times and now holds the school record at 11.3 ft., a mark she set Thursday, April 20, against Lakeland.

She has her sights set now on the league record, but will need about another foot for that one.

"That's a good goal for me though," she said. "I have the rest of this season and next year to work on it."

Maura started on the pole vault in her sophomore year. She has been a member of the Dunmore track and field team for three years. She ran hurdles and competed in the long and triple jump as a freshman. She continues to compete in those track and field events too.

Well-versed, Maura is also a basketball cheerleader and member of the Quiz Bowl, Spanish Club, MultiCulture Club and Engineering Club. She has an impressive 99.4 academic average.

The scholar-athlete originally broke the school record with a 9-ft. jump last year. She broke it multiple times since.

She talked about what it takes to excel as a pole vaulter. "You need a mix of all the events," she said. "You need the speed of a sprinter, strength and the gymnastic ability to get the spring or power over the bar."

Well-spoken and articulate, Maura said she is unsure about where she will attend college, but is looking at both Division I and III options. She wants to study chemical engineering and compete in track and field on the college level.

"I need to find the right mix for both track and field and what I want to study," she said. "A Division I college could be a strong possibility, but I won't rule out Division III either. It all depends on the engineering program and being able to compete in track and field too."

Confident in nature, Maura said she owes a lot to her parents. "They taught me about determination and discipline. They make me self motivated. They are always behind me. They encourage me."



She has also learned a lot from her track coach, Gianna Muracco. "She teaches me to embrace the process. You may not always be at your very best, but you need to work through the process and embrace it. You need to piece it together."

Maura said her best academic subject is chemistry. She also likes math. A perfect combo for a future chemical engineer.

She likes listening to music in her spare time and will be going to see Taylor Swift, one of her favorites, at Giants Stadium in New York next month.

The standout pole vaulter talked about her future goals. "I want

to compete in track and field in college and contribute to my team," she said. "I want to study chemical engineering, graduate, and pursue my career."

Maura has been participating in track and field since the seventh grade. She was a Lackawanna League Coaches' first-team all-star for the pole vault as a sophomore.

She is enjoying her overall experience at Dunmore High School.

"Dunmore is great, a very close knit community," she said. "It's a small class size, so you get close interaction with your teachers. The teachers are great. I've made a lot of friends."

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DHS freshman Rachel Walsh shines on mound & plate

By Steve Svetovich

A major bright spot for the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team this season is freshman Rachel Walsh. Dunmore has its very own Shohei Ohtani in the multi-talented freshman who excels both on the mound and at the plate.

Daughter of Kevin and Michele Walsh, Rachel, 15, is among the Lackawanna Division II softball pitching leaders in wins, strikeouts and earned run average (2.90). She is also among the Lackawanna Division II softball leaders in batting average, doubles and runs scored. She is batting close to .500 and was tied for the league lead in doubles at press time.

The freshman standout pitched her first career complete game shutout, 1-0, with 12 strikeouts against Lakeland.

She is also a member of the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball state championship team. "That felt really great," she said. "It was a surreal feeling being on the court celebrating a state championship with my teammates. Being a freshman on the team, everyone was so welcoming to me. I loved it. It was so great being a part of it."

The freshman scholar-athlete has a 98 academic average at Dunmore. Her best subject is math.

Rachel also plays softball for the

NEPA Shock 16U travel team. She has been playing AAU softball since age 11.

Rachel talked about what it takes to excel as a softball pitcher in high school.

"You need confidence and determination," she said. "You need to want to get that batter out. You have to stay positive. You definitely can't get down on yourself."

Rachel is a member of the Earth Club, Art Club, French Club, and TACT at Dunmore.

"Dunmore High School has been really good for me so far," she said.

"It's an adjustment going to high school, but it's going very well.

I'm making a lot of friends and that helps a lot. The teachers are great." Articulate and genuine, Rachel said her parents are her biggest boosters. "They teach me to work hard and never give up. They tell me to go after my dreams. They always have my back."

Rachel is also learning a lot from Dunmore softball coach Ryan Ferguson. "He tells me things will happen, but you always need to work hard. He tells me to stay confident and to always be prepared for bigger and better competition."

The freshman standout said her ultimate goal would be to study engineering and play softball for the Division I University of Florida Gators.

"I would love to be a Gator," she said. "I want to move down south and become an engineer. I want to

play Division I softball. Someday I would like to be an engineer for an amusement park like Disney World or Universal Studios in Florida."

In the meantime, Rachel will be making memories over the next few years at Dunmore before she begins to chase her star.

"I just want to keep getting better and help our team," she said. "Just keep working hard."





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Congratulations to Dunmore Lady Bucks state champion center and North Carolina bound **Ciera Toomey** named both All-State Player of Year for Class 3A and Times-Tribune All Region Player of Year...Ciera averaged 14.4 points, 13.0 rebounds, 3.8 blocks and 3.0 assists in leading Lady Bucks to state title...Congratulations to **Carrie Bowen Toomey** named All-State Coach of the Year for Class 3A and Times-Tribune All Region Coach of Year...

Congratulations to Dunmore sophomore guard **Sophia Talutto** named to Times-Tribune All Region team and selected as Player of Year by NEPASportsNation.com division all-star team...Talutto averaged team highs of 12.3 points and 3.2 assists while ranking second in assists at 3.0...Dunmore senior **Cadie Lewis** also named to first team...Dunmore freshman **Jackie Brown** and Dunmore junior **Tristan Canavan** named to second team...Holy Cross sophomore **Abby Thompson** named to second team...Dunmore coach **Carrie Bowen Toomey** selected Coach of Year while her daughter Ciera Toomey named special

honorable mention...Congratulations to Holy Cross guard **Hayden Hosie** named to Times-Tribune All Region team...

Congratulations to Holy Cross recently retired basketball coach **Al Callejas** named Times-Tribune All Region Coach of Year...Congratulations to seniors **Hayden Hosie** and **Gabe Gonzales** of Holy Cross named first-team Lackawanna League Division III Coaches all-stars...Holy Cross senior **Logan Tierney** selected honorable mention...Congratulations to Dunmore senior basketball player **Cadie Lewis** for selection as fifth annual William J. Gerrity Team Player Award...Dunmore freshman softball player **Rachel Walsh**, who pitched 1-0 shutout early in season, among league leaders in pitching wins, strikeouts, ERA, batting average, doubles and runs scored...Dunmore's **Max Forgione** among league leaders in hitting with batting average at .478 at press time...Holy Cross softball player **Mia Gallela** among league leaders in home runs and RBIs...**Allison Ross** of Holy Cross among league leaders in batting average...Do you remember **John Ruby** of North

Scranton?...**Dale Symons** tripled, scored a run and drove in three in Dunmore's 7-3 win over Carbondale Area...Dunmore's **Max Forgione** added two hits and three runs in the win...Best wishes to Dunmore elementary school teacher **Ann Marzolino** retiring next month...Congratulations to Dunmore junior track and field pole vaulter **Maura Michalczyk** who set school pole vault record several times with mark now at 11.3 feet and has 99.4 academic average...**Nico Ruggiero** hitting close to .350 at press time for Dunmore baseball team...Dunmore Little League used grants to build two new fields and replaced all lights with LED lights...Do you remember former Green Ridge and Teener League baseball standout **Bob Harrington**?...Congratulations to **Al Callejas, Jr.** taking over for his retired dad as coach of Holy Cross varsity boys' basketball team...**Al-Callejas, Sr.** led Holy Cross to state tournament in 15 of 16 seasons, with only exception 2021 when team sat out due to COVID-19 outbreak...

Check out Dunmore's Sherwood Park where nice renovations are being completed...Winning pitcher **Mia Scalese** doubled and drove in two to lead Holy Cross to 17-2 non-league win over Lackawanna Trail...**Natalie Charles** doubled for Lady Crusaders...How about the Pittsburgh Pirates...Hard to believe Greek Freak and Milwaukee Bucks eliminated early on in NBA playoffs...And how about the New York Knicks advancing against Cleveland...Don't ever count out **Lebron James**...**Richie Cornwall**, who played many great basketball games in Scranton CYC in EBA in 1960s and 1970s, passed away last year...Former Riverside basketball standout **Kylie Lavelle** transferring from Drexel to Penn State where she will continue basketball career...Lavelle four times this past season named Colonial Athletic Association women's basketball Rookie of the Week...After four years at Rider University establishing herself as a Division I post player, former Dunmore Lady Bucks standout **Victoria Toomey** is returning home to play for her former coach **Ben O'Brien** while in graduate school at the University of Scranton...Under NCAA COVID-era rules, Toomey, who had season highs of 19 points and eight

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Giuliana Mazza, daughter of John and Wendy Mazza, is an honor student in the top 10 percent of her class at Holy Cross High School. She has a sister Gia.

She has participated in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Scholars Program with Marywood University. In addition to her studies Giuliana serves Holy Cross as the Secretary of the National Honor Society and as a Student Council Representative.

She is an NEIU 19 Academic Challenge Team member. She actively participates in the History, Foreign Language, and Book Clubs, as well as the Tobacco Resistance Unit. Her plan is to attend the University of Pittsburgh Frederick Honors College to major in business.



Honor Roll

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9th Grade

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Honors:

Smriti Basnet, Benjamin Bellagamba, Angila Ghalley, Joseph Hanley, Noelle Hunter, Daniella Mulonda, Gregg Novak, Jr., Zander Schaeffer, Robert Wallace, Leland Wudarski

Healthy Kids Day Saturday at YMCA

Greater Scranton YMCA is hosting its annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. This free event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families and a healthy start to the summer season. Sponsored by Eggland's Best, Healthy Kids Day's mission is to turn fun and play into lifelong memories. Featured activities include a Kids Fun Run that kicks-off at 10:30 a.m., vendor fair, petting zoo, rides, bounce houses, and more.

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rebounds in Rider University's 66-63 overtime win over Marist College, has one year of basketball eligibility remaining...Do you remember **Josh Kossin** of Holy Cross named state Class 2A Player of the Year 10 years ago?...

Max Forgione hit two-run walk-off homer in Dunmore's 4-3 win over West Scranton in non-league baseball game at Schautz Stadium...Forgione added a single and triple...**Nico Ruggiero** drove in two for the Bucks...Congratulations to senior **Rita Collins**

and sophomore **Maya Jenkins** of Scranton Prep named to Times-Tribune All Region basketball team...

Kevin Clark stepping away as basketball coach of Dunmore Bucks to spend more time with family...Do you remember **James Wetter** scoring winning run in eighth inning to give Holy Cross 3-2 win over Mid Valley 10 years ago?...

Dunmore pitcher **Nico Ruggiero** among league leaders with 1.62 ERA at press time...**Allie Dempsey** hit 3--run double and drove in four in Dunmore's 6-5 loss to Wyoming Area...Do you remember Bishop

Hannan graduate **Tom "Ace" Shea** shredding the nets in pickup basketball games at Robert Morris Elementary School playground hoops in 1970s?...Do you remember **Sam the Greek**?...Do you remember **Rick Taylor**?...Whatever became of **Randy Lerch**?...

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Dunmorean of Month:

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Her final day in the classroom is June 8.

"I'm humbled," she said. "I always loved what I do. I love teaching. I struggled with this decision to retire, but I want some time to live now and spend time with my grandchildren and family."

"I always tell children when people praise them for who they are, to keep those qualities. I see my former students as adults now and they have those same good qualities."

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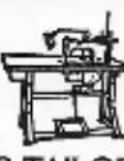
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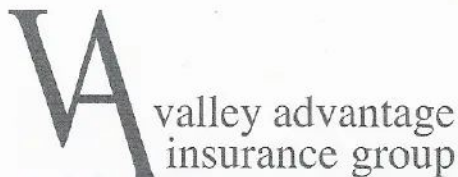
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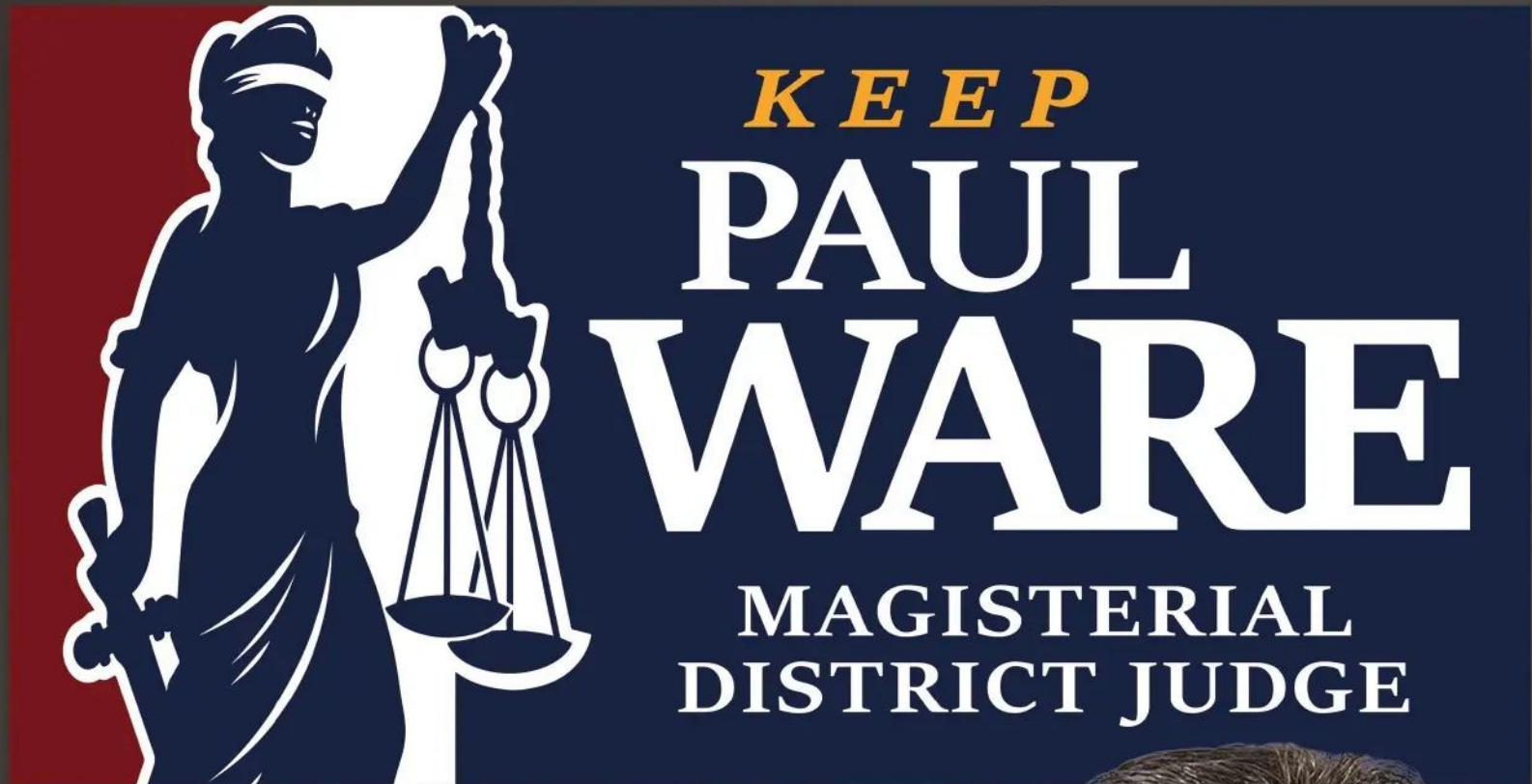
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