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Dunmorean of the Month Father John Doris



By Steve Svetovich

The beloved Reverend John A. Doris is retiring as pastor of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, on Sunday, July 16.

Son of John and Theresa Doris, Father Doris was born in Wilkes-Barre and where he attended St. Aloysius Elementary School and graduated from St. Mary's High School. He attended St. Charles College, Catonsville, MD, and graduated from the University of Scranton.

Father Doris pursued his theological studies for the priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, PA, where he attained both his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Theology.

"Dunmore has truly become my home for the past 28 years," Father Doris said as his retirement approaches. "Retiring now leaves me so thankful to the people of my parish and in general to my Dunmore family."

"I have truly experienced love, joy and Jesus here. I truly feel honored knowing and loving the people of this community. I do hope to stay close to my friends and real family here."

"And in the words of poet e.e. cummings, "I carry your heart in my heart."

Father Doris served three years as assistant pastor at St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, worked one year with the Vincentian Fathers

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Dunmore senior Ciera Toomey named Miss Penna. Basketball

By Steve Svetovich

She is a state champion and the world is her oyster.

The future is most certainly bright for North Carolina-bound Dunmore senior Ciera Toomey who was named Miss Pennsylvania Basketball late last month.

The 6-foot-4 three-time first-team all-state basketball standout was honored and received her award during ceremonies Saturday, May 27, at The Country Club in Harrisburg.

Ciera is the first female District 2 recipient of the award.

Daughter of Patrick and Carrie (Bowen) Toomey, Dunmore, Ciera returned from a torn ACL to lead the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball team to its first state title, a 42-30 win over River Valley in the Class 3A championship game.

She led her team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots throughout the playoff run. She and teammates Sophia Talutto and Cadie Lewis provided the leadership of champions playing under Dunmore Lady Bucks first-year coach Carrie Bowen Toomey, her mom.

Ciera earned the Miss Pennsylvania Basketball award over a highly impressive field of five other players who totaled 13 first team berths, including Gatorade state Player of the Year Gabby Casey of Lansdale Catholic.

This marks the 10th year the award was presented. Ciera joins Abington Heights graduate J.T. Show, who was Mr. Pennsylvania Basketball in 2014, as the only District 2 recipient.

"It was such an honor to receive an award like this after having to face such adversity over the past year," Ciera said. "I am so proud to now be part of the small group of women who have won this award."

Also a standout member of the Dunmore golf team, Ciera was one of 300 candidates at the start



of the Miss Pennsylvania Basketball process, and when the field was trimmed to semi finalists and finally six finalists, was still in contention for the prestigious award presented by Sportsrecruiters.com.

"It is all thanks to my amazing teammates and the coaches who have helped me over the past year. They are all the ones who make me look good."

"This is definitely at the top of the list because winning the player of the year in 3A, that's only for one class. To get something like this where all the girls in the state are nominated, it just means a lot."

"It's been really cool. Every award means something. It just makes me so happy I chose to play this year and for the season we had, winning a state championship."

"It's cool to have these awards to remember the season we had."

Other finalists for the award were Casey, a St. John's University commit who led her team to a state

title, including a 4A semifinal win over Scranton Prep; University of Pennsylvania commit Abby Sharpe of Plymouth-Whitemarsh, who led her team to a 2022 state title in 6A; Kansas State recruit Alexis Hess of Fleetwood; Cumberland Valley junior Jill Jekot and Cedar Cliff sophomore Olivia Jones.

Ciera's mom and sister Victoria were also Dunmore basketball standouts who went on to outstanding collegiate careers. Victoria will play her final collegiate basketball season next year at the University of Scranton while pursuing graduate studies. She previously played at Rider University. Her mom was a college All-American basketball player at Franklin and Marshall.

Ciera received a scholarship to pursue her collegiate studies and basketball career in the fall at the University of North Carolina. She graduates from Dunmore High School this month culminating a memorable four years.

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in experimental ministries in Alabama and Philadelphia, and served as assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, while teaching at Seton Catholic High School.

Father Doris was later transferred to Hazleton where he served as catechist and later as director

of Religious Formation at Bishop Hafey High School until 1989.

In 1989, Father Doris was named Pastor at St. Anthony's Parish, Freeland, and continued teaching for the Religious Education Institute for the Diocese of Scranton.

In 1991, Father Doris became pastor both for St. Anthony's and

St. Ann's in Freeland, and in 1993 was named pastor of St. Casimir's and St. John's, thus becoming pastor of a four-parish restructuring in Freeland.

In 1995, Father Doris was named pastor of St. Mary's of Mount Carmel, Dunmore, as well as St. Casimir's, Dunmore. He also served as president of the Board of Pastors at Bishop O'Hara High School, Dunmore.

In 1998, the Dunmore Parish restructuring would assume a new sister parish, All Saints Parish, and in 1998 Father Doris would serve as Dean of the Dunmore Deanery.

In his retirement letter to Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Father Doris wrote:

"I asked our Lord where to begin. I thought of the words gratitude, love and thanksgiving for a call so precious that such a call would entail my whole life and the lives of so many precious people.

"I remember my parents, brother, grandparents, aunts and uncles holding me and revealing Jesus to me in rather beautiful ways. I remember the Religious Sisters often telling stories of Jesus, His Mother, Saints and Apostles.

"I remember the joy, the reverence, and care of our parish priests whom I served as altar server. These memories, especially serving at the altar and knowing the love of Jesus in such profound and private ways, led me to ask to enter the Seminary.

"The Seminary, a place to learn more and more of Jesus, His Church, the Revelation of God in His history revealing His love to us. It is a magnificent love. The Seminary, what a place of good times and bad, sickness and health.

"The journey to know, love and manifest this divine love as His priest would become revealed over the next 40 some years. The call to know, love and serve Him as an assistant pastor, as a teacher of youth, as a teacher of adults, and as a pastor.

"What a gift it is to see Jesus in the lives of our youth, their parents and grandparents and to experience Jesus in the very lives of all His people and then to share the gift of Christ with so many.

"I have found, after being a pastor for so many years, that I have not only shared Christ as a member of their families, but been given the privilege of seeing the very presence of God within and among those families.

"To this day I can still look for Jesus and perhaps understand His process of revelation continuing in our lives.

"The people I have worked with have shown me Jesus in their sacrifice, joy, and true care. My brother priests continue to manifest Christ to me in rather unique and humorous revelations.

"I know to look to Jesus, as I am about to retire, in the lives of my brother, my niece and her husband, and Serena, a 16-month old who constantly shows me Christ."



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With Steve Svetovich



Bucktown Music Fest announces summer season

The 2023 Bucktown Music Fest is gearing up to kick off another summer of free musical entertainment on the streets of Dunmore from June through September.

Dunmore's Tom Hallinan and Brian McGurl are once again co-chairpersons for the summer event.

This year the series will feature nine concerts with 15 different bands performing.

In addition to seven of the free concerts held at Dunmore Corners, two of the free shows will be held at different sites: the 500

block of Chestnut Street near the Roosevelt Beer Garden, and the 100 block of West Grove Street near The Bar at The Patch.

Daddy-O and the Sax Maniax along with Cullen, Bordo and Ambrosia get things started Sunday, June 18, at 5 p.m., at Dunmore Corners.

The Bucktown Music Fest is pleased to welcome the always popular 12-piece Daddy-O who bring its high energy show to the streets of Dunmore. Dunmore's Nick Costanzo will be on drums. Dunmore's Sal Scrimalli, Daddy-O

himself, will be on keyboards. Jim Cullen, Jack Bordo and Sharon Ambrosia will start the evening off with bluegrass, The Beatles and more.

Sunday, July 2, will feature Dashboard Mary along with Friend of the Gypsy on Drinker Street. Rob Roman and Joe DelRosso started Dashboard Mary back in the 1990's. Friend of the Gypsy features music of the 1960's and 1970's, including The Grateful Dead, Tom Petty, and Bob Dylan. Bring your tie dyed t-shirts. The crowd will be rockin'.

Two Dunmore bands, QBall and East Coast, take to the show-mobile stage at Dunmore corners Saturday, July 22, at 5 p.m.

The "Q" in Ball is Dunmore resident John Quinn, who along with Brian McGurl, bring their busy quartet home to rock.

Started by Dunmore's Chuck Scrimalli, East Coast had a long heyday in the 1970's and 1980's and was later joined by the great Dunmore drummer and singer Phil Rossi and then by keyboard player/vocalist Brian McGurl.

The Wannabes will bring their music and merriment to Dunmore Corners Sunday, July 9, at 5 p.m. The Wannabes will play numerous fan favorites from their extensive list. The Wannabes always aim to please their big following



of fans. Ron Pascoe and Fran Festa make sure of that.

Saturday, July 29, marks the first time the Dunmore Music Fest moves away from the Corners. The 500 block of Chestnut Street near the Roosevelt Beer Garden will be the site of Past Our Prime and Two Minute Warning. Past Our Prime includes Dunmore's Joe Pappa, Phebe Beckage and Tom Boylan and features Sean Loughney and Lenny Carlucci. The Roosevelt will be rockin' outside.

Sunday, Aug. 6, at 5 p.m. the Music Fest returns to Dunmore Corners. Mike Kwaitek with Strangers is a long time Dunmore favorite who will sing Elton John and Billy Joel hits, among others. Strangers features Dunmore's P.J. Stoko on bass guitar playing The Ramones to The Stones and everything in between.

Picture Perfect will bring their 11-piece band to Dunmore Corners Sunday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m. This popular wedding show and party band have been pleasing audiences for many years. The Music Fest is happy to welcome them to Dunmore.

The Music Fest will move to The Patch Saturday, Sept. 2. Corner Pocket Blues and Rattlin' Bones will perform. The Labor Day weekend show will take place at the 100 block of West Grove Street near The Bar at The Patch.

Corner Pocket Blues features Dunmore natives Danny Cox on guitar, Jim Kernan on bass, Joe Pannick on drums and Jack Garvey on sax. Rattlin' Bones opens up with Dunmore's Joe Ferguson on acoustic guitar and vocals.

The finale for the 2023 Bucktown Music Fest, Shindig/Dunmore's Got Talent, is set for Saturday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., at Dunmore Corners. The finale brings more great Dunmore talent to the snowmobile stage, plus more performances from many of the Dunmore musicians who performed over the summer.

McGurl said he expects many of the popular performers over the past few years to return. This includes many who performed at original Shindig shows at Dunmore High School back in the

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Welcome to the world, Mollie Kathryn Conway!

Mollie is the first born daughter of Dunmore's Mayor Max Conway and his wife Alexandra. She was born at 1:13 a.m. on May 22, 2023. She measured 21 inches long and weighed in at 7 pounds and 13 ounces.



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Clinton Muir, son of Sandra and Clinton Muir, is Scholar of the Month from Holy Cross High School.

He is a Boy Scout who is working toward his Eagle Scout award.

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Lt Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held the 124th annual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) soldiers' plot in Dunmore Cemetery on Monday, May 29. Keynote speaker was author and Waverly native Jim Remsen, author of "Embattled Freedom: Chronicle of a Fugitive-Slave Haven in the Wary North", which highlights the abolition movement in NE PA and the challenges it faced before the Civil War. Remsen remarks focused on Dunmore's contributions in the immediate post-Civil War period as repatriated Union prisoners of war arrived in Philadelphia.

Scranton Prep announces Dunmore graduates

Dunmore seniors who graduated from Scranton Preparatory School last week include: Savannah Bonavoglia, Patrick Conway, Natalie Durkin, Ava Forgione, Daniel Haggerty, Chesney Langan, Natalia Nardelli, Kathleen Oven, Grace Osborne, James Pettinato, Olivia Roche, Caroline Skoff.

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Tobyhanna Depot Commander Colonel Daniel L. Horn and Deputy Commander Rob Lantka present the Employee of the Quarter, Junior Category award to accountant Ariana Katchur of Dunmore. —Photo by Ryan Beilman

Ariana Katchur receives award at Tobyhanna Army Depot

Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD) recognized two stellar employees in May, honoring them as the newest Employees of the Quarter (EoQs).

Ariana Katchur of Dunmore who is in the Resource Management Directorate was named EoQ for the Junior category, while Janet Warnick of the Installation Services Directorate was named EoQ for the Senior category for Katchur is an Accountant for TYAD'S Financial Analysis Division in the Directorate of Resource Management.

Working as a TYAD accountant requires a meticulous attention to

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1970's. He also has some new faces and voices lined up to perform. All are backed up by the Bucktown Music Fest house band.

Any Dunmore musicians interested in performing can contact McGurl by email at: mcgurlb@gmail.com. He can also be reached via private message on Facebook.

"We will work with you to rehearse the numbers and give the audience a great show," he said.

Hallinan said the Bucktown Music Fest is registered as non-profit.

"We are asking for donations to

offset the costs of putting together the concert series," he said.

"We thank all of the businesses and individuals who generously donated so far. Every penny we get goes to bring these free concerts to the people of Dunmore."

The top sponsors are the Lackawanna County Commissioners, Lehigh Valley Hospital in Dickson City, Atlas Landscaping Company, and the DeNaples family of Dunmore.

"We are really looking to a great music filled summer season as Dunmore corners comes alive,"

said Hallinan. "The event does not happen without the support of our Dunmore business community."

McGurl can't wait for the third annual event. "We are very excited to have 15 bands playing at nine free concerts for the people of Dunmore throughout the summer."

"The Shindig Dunmore's Got Talent finale will be bigger than ever. The summer of 2023 will have lots of music in Bucktown. Anyone who wants to sing or perform can e mail or message me on Facebook."

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Katchur earns employee honor

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detail, a commitment to best practices, and a steadfast dedication to the mission of the organization.

In nominating Katchur for this honor, Chief of the Financial Analysis Division Andrea Vozzi said Katchur, combines the aforementioned qualities with an inquisitive and determined work ethic to excel as an accountant.

"Ariana always acts with fiduciary responsibility at the forefront. Despite being the newest member of the accounting team, she is not afraid to ask questions to expand her knowledge and understanding. Additionally, she is not afraid to bring her concerns to the surface, prompting conversations which improve TYAD processes," said Vozzi.

One instance of Katchur's attention to detail was her investigation of unmatched Transportation Account Codes (TACs). Vozzi said Katchur successfully resolved 20 rejected freight shipping invoices totaling \$200K which had been in suspense.

In addition, Katchur is currently developing a local regulation regarding TACs to provide clear guidance.

Vozzi said this instance is a microcosm of Katchur's work ethic and altruistic approach to her work.

"Ariana is a model of selfless service within the organization. She continually performs extensive research and asks detailed questions to ensure that TYAD processes are audit-worthy and improve efficiency without ever thinking about whether she will be recognized for her efforts. The driving force behind her actions is always upholding her fiduciary responsibility to TYAD and all stakeholders, from customers to warfighters to taxpayers," said Vozzi.

Katchur was humbled to be recognized in this way, saying the recognition reinforces the idea that her work is recognized by her fellow members of Team Tobyhanna.

"I am truly honored and humbled to be named Employee of the Quarter. It came as a complete surprise when my name was announced. Like most, I come into work and try my absolute best every day, not thinking anything of it. Being named Employee of the Quarter is an honor and shows that people throughout the depot and at all levels see and appreciate the work I do each and every day," said Katchur.

Katchur enjoys her role because her work enables TYAD to best support our warfighters.

"Through monitoring our financials every day, I can catch discrepancies and work with other directorates to get them fixed so that the decision makers have an accurate picture of how TYAD is functioning overall. This is essential, as it affects every part of keeping TYAD in business so we can accomplish our most important mission of supporting the warfighter," she said.

While recognition is nice, Katchur said the best part of working at TYAD is the ability to help her fellow team members and come together to accomplish tasks.

"A major part of my job involves working with other directorates and areas to solve issues or brainstorm the best way to approach a situation. I truly enjoy when my expertise in certain areas can help make another person's job that much easier and I'm happy to help anytime I can!"

Recognition of outstanding employee performance across the enterprise through the Employee of the Quarter program directly aligns with Tobyhanna's long-range strategic plan, TOBY2035, and specifically the Invest in Our People line of effort.

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Legion Post, Boy Scouts set flag retirement ceremony



Boy Scout Troop 66 and American Legion Post 13 will hold a flag retirement ceremony at Sherwood Park, Dunmore, on Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend and participate. Pictured from left are American Legion Victory Post 13 Commander Steve Lavelle and Scoutmaster Dominic Pace.



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Dunmore's Caroline Lapinski joins Shakespeare staff

Caroline Lapinski of Dunmore, a multi-faceted theater arts major with a concentration in playwriting in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at Point Park University, Pittsburgh, has joined Scranton Shakespeare Festival this season as a junior producer.

The talented Dunmorean first became involved in theater as a nine-year-old attending Camp Daleville where she played the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*.

The youngster continued with the Green Ridge Youth Theater, which is now defunct, and studied for nine years at Linn McDonald Dance Studio.

"I absolutely fell in love with acting and theater," says the 21-year-old who is the daughter of Josephine Doherty of Dunmore. Caroline has two siblings, Catelyn Lapinski and Anne Doherty. Later at Scranton Prep, where she was graduated in 2020, Caroline acted in school productions of *Almost Maine*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Rags*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Cinderella*.

These positive experiences prompted Caroline to move on to study at Point Park where she has served as assistant director for a Mainstage Production of the musical *Newsies* at the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

She has also directed four produc-

tions, including one-act comedies such as *Really This Is It*, which Caroline wrote, and *A Lovely Day for a Boating Trip* and *To Kill Your Spouse*.

The young playwright prefers writing comedies. "They just come easier to me for some reason," she says.

At Point Park she has been a producer for the student-run Bridges Theater Company, which she serves as associate artistic director. She has taken the lead in producing a one-person show entitled *A Devised Piece*, as well as a comedic cabaret, *10,000 Ways the Universe Does Not Have Your Back*.

As if directing and producing is not enough, Caroline served as dramaturg for *Ride the Cyclone*, a musical taking place in Ukraine. She helped the cast with accents, costumes, and understanding Ukraine culture, which came naturally since Caroline is Ukrainian on her paternal side.

"I knew some of the culture already, since my family has incorporated Ukrainian Christmas and Easter traditions into our holidays," she points out.

If anything has been put on the back burner, it would be acting, although Caroline appeared in *Degas C'est Moi*, and understudied for a role in an original work entitled



Today I Looked Up.

"I've taken a step back from acting for now in order to learn other career options available in the theater," Caroline explains.

Consequently, she is excited about her upcoming summer with Scranton Shakes.

"People speak so positively about their experience with this organiza-

tion," Caroline points out.

"And I would have to say that my initial introduction to the Scranton Shakespeare Festival really has been wonderful."

Her first task upon arriving at the ShakesSpace, a new performing venue donated to the organization by the Marketplace at Steamtown, was to assist with an enormously

popular fundraiser on May 21. Entitled *A Sunday in Steamtown with Sondheim*, it was conceptualized by SSF artistic director Michael Bradshaw Flynn with music direction by Stephen Murphy and received multiple standing ovations from two sold-out audiences.

The cabaret salute featured 20-plus Sondheim classics as well as a reception for premium ticket holders with such clever snacks as Mrs. Lovett's Meat Pies (*Sweeney Todd*); Desiree's Sandwiches (*A Little Night Music*), Brie and Cranberry Bites (*Sunday in the Park With George*) and Bobby's 35th Birthday Party Cake (*Company*), among other treats.

It was also exciting for Caroline to see her former Prep director, Colin Holmes, in the show, along with her mentor, Billie Aken Tyers.

"Billie is the one who encouraged me to apply for the junior producer position at ScrantonShakes," Caroline reveals. "I am excited to get the job."

Caroline is now busy assisting with planning an opening night ribbon-cutting and reception prior to the season opener, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on Thursday, June 22.

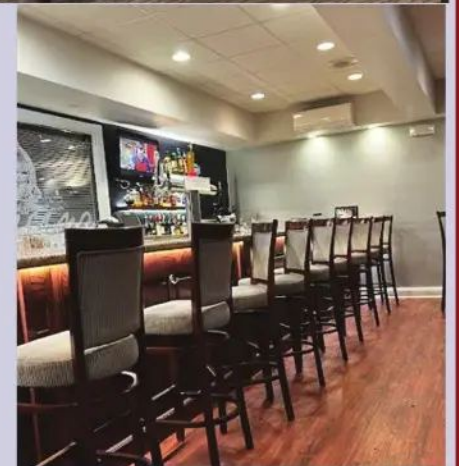
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The female elephant symbol of fierce love deeply resonates with a group of women born and raised in Dunmore, now scattered around the country, who have circled up

time and again over the past 40-plus years for the bitter and the sweet in each other's lives.

Some of the herd's friendships go all the way back to kindergarten. All were thrown together as Dunmore High School's "original eighth grade," sent to DHS at age 13.

Through the years the Class of '78 has circled up for the loss of loved ones, personal tragedies, and serious illnesses, and has celebrated intensely during good times.

It is circle up time again. Classmate Sandy (Richards) O'Connell, (Class of '78), is working tirelessly to help her husband Billy O'Connell (Class of '77) beat cancer. Over the winter, Sandy's friends heard that Billy

was undergoing surgery, as his cancer that began as melanoma had spread.

The herd got moving, and their Dunmore upbringing kicked in. First, the rosary beads came out, saints were petitioned, meals were made, restaurant and grocery gift cards were sent. But month after month dragged on, and more was needed for the

O'Connells. Work had become impossible for Billy, a self-employed master woodworker. The friends decided to set up a GoFundMe account and plan a blow-out fundraising event in Dunmore.

Led by Angela Wassell Lambert, the Class of '78 friends will host a Summer Benefit for Sandy and Billy on Saturday, July 15, beginning at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's Pavilion,

Hill Street, with food trucks, a mega basket raffle, DJ music by the O'Connell's son Keenan, and live music featuring Robbie Walsh and Jack Foley from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event is BYOB. Proceeds will help with some of the O'Connell's medical and living expenses while cancer treatments continue.



The Mueller Family McDonald's recently presented a check for \$11,500 to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation. Pictured are, from left: Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Christina Mueller, Mueller Family McDonald's; Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton.

YMCA highlights programs for Alzheimer Awareness

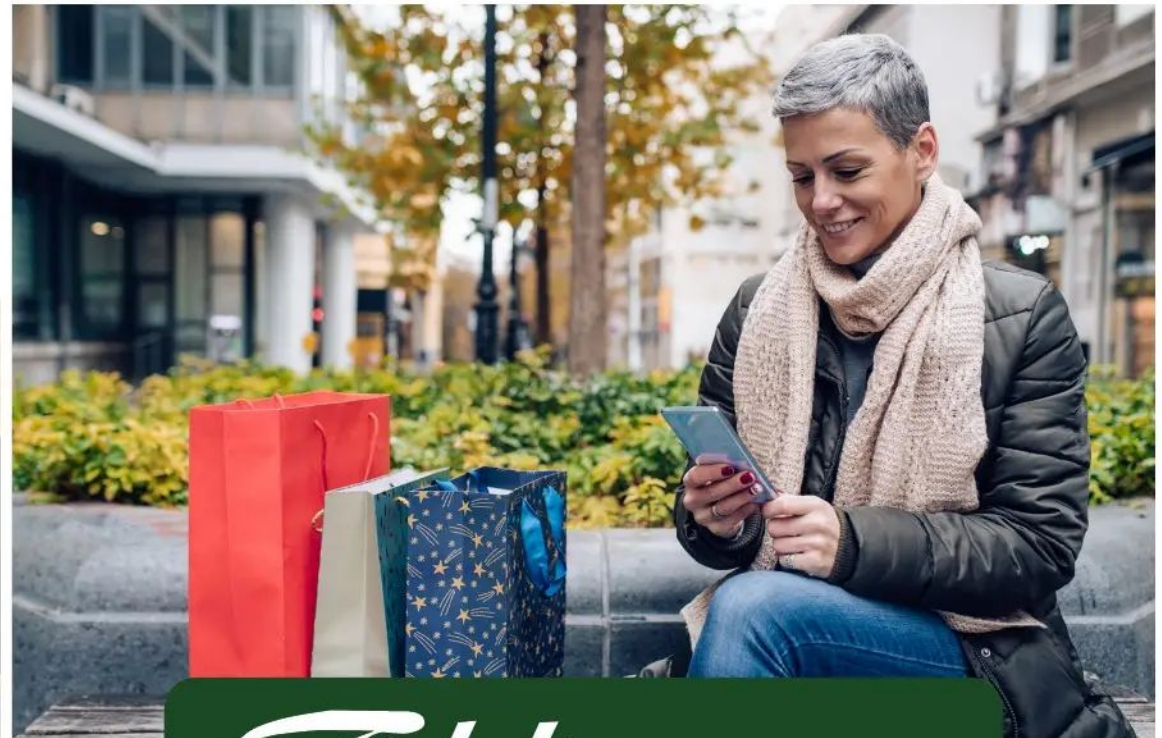
June is National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Worldwide, more than 55 million people are living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. Did you know that studies have shown that physical activity reduces the risk of cognitive decline?

At the Greater Scranton YMCA, we promote the importance of physical activity at any age! Just a little bit of activity can go a long way in helping improve brain health. Check out some of the great offerings in our community below, which can be used as a great start on anyone's health and wellness journey:

Silver Sneakers focuses on strengthening muscles and increasing range of movement for daily life activities. Participants can use hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a Silver Sneakers ball. Often a chair is used for seated exercises or standing support.

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By Cheryl Radkiewicz



Finally, summer and outdoor entertaining season have arrived! What I'm looking for are easy, easy and luscious desserts to serve.

Yes, we can make the same old favorites...Lemon Lush, cakes, pies, cookies, etc., but how about trying something new, easier, and make ahead!

This month we're featuring a few new ideas for your summer menus:

SHERBET DESSERT

- 1 ½ lbs. macaroons (store bought)
- 1 ½ pints heavy cream, whipped
- 4 pints assorted sherbet, softened

Crumble macaroons; mix with whipped cream. Spread 2/3 of this mixture in a 13x9" pan. Pile sherbet on top, swirling flavors. Cover with remaining crumb mixture. Freeze. Cut into squares to serve. Makes 18 pieces.

WHIPPED KAH LUA PIE

Crust:

- ½ pkg. chocolate wafers, crushed (1 ¼ cups)
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- ½ cup nuts, finely chopped
- 1 Tbsp. sugar

Crush chocolate wafers, using a food processor if possible, then add melted butter, nuts and sugar.

Summer desserts are delicious and decadent!

Pat into large greased (or sprayed) pie plate and bake in 350 degree oven for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Filling:

- 1 quart coffee ice cream
- 1 pt. whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/3 cup Kahlua
- 4 favorite chocolate bars, crushed, (I use Kinder Bueno)
- Some use Heath bars, crushed

Soften ice cream. Whip cream, adding vanilla and Kahlua. Gently fold crushed candy into whipped cream. Gently combine the two mixtures. Pour into pie shell and freeze. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving. Serves 8.

GOTTO SPEISE (Rich Austrian dessert)

- 6 oz. fresh white bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. instant Nescafe (coffee)
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 4 ½ oz. Nestle's Quik
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 4 oz Brandy
- Cinnamon
- Chocolate, grated

Combine bread crumbs, instant coffee, brown sugar and Nestle's Quik. Whip cream until stiff. In glass dish, layer crumb mixture, sprinkle with cinnamon and brandy and top with whipped cream.

Repeat layers until you have 6 layers, the final being cream. Top with grated chocolate. Chill. Serves 4-6.

STRAWBERRIES REBECCA

- 2 quarts fresh strawberries, washed and stemmed
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ oz. brandy

Place berries in large bowl or small dessert dishes. Combine sour cream, sugar, brandy and cinnamon. Spoon over berries. Note: Sauce can be made ahead and refrigerated. Serves 8.

AMARETTO ORANGES

- 4-5 large naval oranges, peeled and thinly sliced into rounds
- ¼ cup Amaretto liqueur
- 1-1 ½ pints sherbet (lemon, grapefruit or melon)

In bowl, place orange slices and sprinkle with Amaretto. Refrigerate until serving time. Drain slices and arrange in overlapping fan pattern on dessert plates. Scoop sorbet into mounds and set each on plate at base of fan pattern. Serve immediately. Serves 6-8.

ORESTES CHOCOLATE PARFAIT

- 4 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 lb. Marscapone cheese
- 36 Amaretti cookies
- 6 oz. Rum
- 6 oz. Tia Maria
- ¼ cup almonds, toasted and crushed

Whip eggs and sugar with electric mixer until ribbons form. Melt chocolate in small bowl over double boiled. Slowly add the melted chocolate to the egg mixture, while whipping. Remove egg mixture from the mixer and fold in Marscapone. In champagne glasses or small glass bowls, place 3 Amaretti cookies and drizzle with liqueurs. Spoon Marscapone mixture over cookies and sprinkle with almonds. This is best made hours ahead so cookies get soft. Serves 12.

ICE CREAM FRUIT PIE

- ¼ cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
- ½ pint raspberry sherbet, softened
- 3 cups assorted fresh fruit

Lightly grease or spray a 9" or 10" pie plate. Sprinkle with crumbs; refrigerate to set. Spread vanilla

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ice cream evenly inside plate to form a pie shell. Freeze until firm. Spread sherbet over ice cream. Cover and freeze. Fill with fruit when ready to serve.

Raspberry Sauce:

2-10 oz. pkgs. frozen raspberries, thawed
1/3 cup powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. black raspberry liqueur

In food processor or blender, combine raspberries and sugar and puree. Strain to remove seeds. Stir in lemon juice and liqueur. Serve over pie. Serves 6-8.



At the recent Keystone UNICO Scholarship Dinner, Jim Mack, a Dunmorean and founding member of Keystone Chapter UNICO, was honored on his 90th birthday with a cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday.--See related photos on Pages 22 and 23



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Dunmore's Keystone UNICO provided a bingo social for the residents at the Gino Merli Veterans' Center of Northeastern PA, as one of its four April service events. Along with socializing with the guests, the Keystone UNICO members provided ice cream, cake and monetary prizes for the bingo winners (everyone was a winner). Pictured from left are Keystone UNICO members Mary Lou Karliak, Diane Beckage, Tina Haas, Frank Coviello, Keystone Board Chairman Mary Ann Coviello, Tom Carlucci, Bob Tagert, and Mark McDade.

Book club kits available

The Scranton Public Library is excited to announce the launch of its new Book Club Kits, available to community members to borrow. The book club kits are designed to provide everything needed for a successful book club meeting, including multiple copies of the book in various formats. Some of the books in our inaugural collection include "The Forest of Vanishing Stars" by Kristin Harmel, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls, and "Magnolia Palace" by Fiona Davis.

These book club kits are available for a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and young adult books. Members of the community can easily browse and check out book club kits from the library's [online catalog](#) or by visiting the library in person.

Need a space to hold a book club meeting? The Scranton Public Library has in-person and virtual meeting spaces available for free. [Reserve](#) a meeting space for up to 50 people through the library's Zoom subscription or one of our in-person meeting spaces.

"It seems like, now that we are getting past the pandemic, book clubs are popping up everywhere," says Scott Thomas CEO of the Scranton Public library, "We hear about them in people's living rooms, in community centers, at the library. This means people are reading and talking, and the library really wants to support that."

This new service is just one example of the library's commitment to providing innovative resources and programs to the community. The book club kits are now available for checkout.

For more information on the book club kits or other services and programs offered by the library, please visit our [website](#) or stop by the library today.

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Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Congratulations to state champion Dunmore Lady Bucks senior **Ciera Toomey**, three-time first-team all-state, named Miss Pennsylvania Basketball...Dunmore freshman pitcher **Rachel Walsh** finished season with 140 strikeouts...She also batted .340 with nine doubles and a homer...Dunmore native **Chris Nardozi** met tennis legend **John McEnroe** at Prince de Gaulle Hotel in Paris...Nardozi and wife **Erica** were at the Paris Hotel after being side-tracked from vacation plans when Mt. Etna erupted 20 miles away from them in Sicily...

Congratulations to Holy Cross Lady Crusaders who advanced all way to District 2, Class 2A finals before losing to Elk Lake, 2-1...Holy Cross sophomore first baseman **Mia Galella** batted .455, with eight homers, 40 walks and .704 on base percentage...She walked, singled, doubled, homered, stole four bases, scored twice and had 4 RBIs in Lady Crusaders 11-8 win over Lakeland in District 2, Class 2A semifinal...Dunmore graduate **Brett Trichillo**, former running back at Wilkes University, is newest member of Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame...Trichillo was two-time Melberger Award winner (2003, 2004) which recognizes best player in NCAA Division III football...

Do you remember Green Ridge Little League and Teener League all-star **Billy "B.J." Rempe**?...Do you remember **Emily Angerson** getting three hits and three RBIs in Holy Cross Lady Crusaders 8-6 win over Mid Valley 10 years ago?...Do you remember **Dave Snell** hitting walk-off homer in Dunmore's 6-5 win over Valley View 20 years ago?...

Former Holy Cross and University of Scranton baseball standout **Anthony Duchnowski** gearing up for another summer season in Tri-Valley Baseball League...Former West Scranton athlete and Marywood University baseball product **Dylan Svetovich**, 27, now of Dunmore, playing his 23rd consecutive season of summer baseball as member of Tri-Valley Baseball League...Dunmore sophomore baseball shortstop-pitcher **Max Forgione** batted .510 with three homers this season after hitting .460 in freshman campaign...

NFL world mourning passing of legendary running back **Jim Brown** who amassed over 12,000 rushing yards in just nine seasons for Cleveland Browns averaging 5.3 yards per carry...Brown regarded by many as greatest NFL running back of all-time...Rock N' Roll world mourning passing of **Tina Turner** who overcame physical abuse to build legendary solo career...

Bella Pasko had two hits, including double, scored two runs and drove in one to lead Dunmore to 8-4 win over Honesdale in Lackawanna League Division II finale...**Leena Conte** had double, triple, run and RBI for Lady Bucks...Freshman **Rachel Walsh** picked up win for Dunmore allowing only six hits and three earned runs in complete game effort...New York Yankees veteran third baseman **Josh Donaldson** in town late last month on rehab stint with Scranton Wilkes Barre Railriders...

Former Yankees catcher **Gary Sanchez** signed contract late last month with San Diego Padres after being let go after short stint with New York Mets...Baltimore Orioles signed **Aaron Hicks** after Yankees released under achieving outfielder who spent over eight seasons in the Bronx...Yankees on hook for most of close to \$30-million left on Hicks contract...

Condolences to family of multi talented musician/photographer/recording studio artist **Johnny Nasser**, Bishop Hannon graduate from Green Ridge section of Scranton, who died last month at 62...Congratulations to Dunmore's 1,600 relay team of **Cole Fangio**, **Dom DeSando**, **Tommy Clark** and

Cory Domiano who won gold with time of 3:30.49, which broke record of 3:31.52 from 2017 in PIAA track and field championships at Shippensburg University...

Holy Cross softball player **Allison Ross** batted .432 this season...Holy Cross teammates **Ava Schmidt** and **Katie Wywoda** batted .373 and .365, respectively...Dunmore softball player **Morgan Quinn** batted .444 this season...Dunmore softball player **Allie Dempsey** batted .275, with seven doubles and 21 RBIs this season...Holy Cross softball pitcher **Mia Scalese** among division leaders in wins and strikeouts...Condolences to family of long time Carbondale Area basketball coach **Mary Ann Egnotovich** who died this past April...

Former New York Yankees flamboyant first baseman **Joe Pepitone** died in March at 82...Pepitone made several appearances at various Dunmore banquets and was friend of late **Jimmy Brozzetti** of Dunmore...Keystone College hired former Scranton Prep basketball coach **Andrew Kettel** to coach basketball team...Kettel won more than 200 games in 10-year career at Prep...He led Cavaliers into PIAA playoffs nine straight times...Happy 70th birthday to Dunmorean publisher **John Hart**...

Dunmore's Crime Watch head **Gary Duncan** surprised Boston Celtics and LA Lakers did not make NBA finals...How about magnificent play of The Joker of Denver Nuggets...Do you remember Abington Heights swimmer **Sue Heon**?...Do you remember **Lori Basalyga** of Green Ridge?...Do you remember **Tom Shoener**?...Whatever became of **Bob Apodaca**?...

Lap swim challenge set

The Greater Scranton YMCA will host its inaugural Lap Swim Challenge on Saturday, June 17, at the YMCA's facility, 706 N. Blakely Street, Dunmore. Proceeds will benefit the Stingray Swim Team. Participants will get 45 minutes to swim as many laps as they can. A grand prize overall winner will be named, as well as medals for individual age group winners. A personal lap counter is provided and the first 50 participants who register will receive a free T-shirt. In honor of Father's Day on June 18, all dads will eat free at the concession stand. The challenge costs \$30 to participate in and is open to Greater Scranton YMCA members and non-members. Registration packets are available at the YMCA's Welcome Center. For more information, visit the Greater Scranton YMCA online at <https://www.greaterscrantonymca.org/programs/40081/lap-swim-challenge/?locations=13>. For questions or help with registration, contact Leslie Kopa, Aquatics Director, Greater Scranton YMCA, at lkopa@gsymca.org or call (570) 828-3112.

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Sophomore Mia Galella on power surge with Holy Cross softball team

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross sophomore first baseman Mia Galella has been on a power surge all season.

The sophomore stalwart is second in home runs with eight in the Lackawanna League Division II.

She is also among the leaders in RBIs with 29 and in runs with 31. She is batting .455 with a robust .704 on base percentage. Mia has seven doubles and a triple in addition to her eight homers.

Opposing pitchers often pitch around her. She has 40 walks.

Against Montrose in the District 2, Class 2A quarterfinals, a 14-1 win, Mia was intentionally walked twice in two at bats. She scored once and had three stolen bases.

Against Lakeland in the District 2, Class 2A semifinals, an 11-8 win, Mia walked, singled, doubled and homered. She scored twice, knocked in four runs and had four stolen bases.

"The one thing that was really crazy this season," she said, "is that I have been walked 40 times. I'm so thankful to my teammates who do their part and be productive and allow us to compete for a District 2 title opportunity."

Daughter of Tom and Michelle Galella, Mia helped Holy Cross to a 10-4 league record this season. Seven of her homers came during the regular season.

As a freshman, Mia batted over .500 and finished second in the league with nine homers. Mia was selected All Regional at first base as a freshman.

The hitting standout also excels in the classroom. She has a 4.01 grade point average at Holy Cross. Her best academic subject is math. Mia is a member of the Pro Life Club and TRU Club. She received distinguished honors in Latin as a freshman and sophomore.

Her parents are her biggest fans. "My parents always teach me to try my best," she said. "No matter if you are playing the best or worst team, try your best. They also teach me to always be humble."

Well-spoken and thoughtful, Mia said Holy Cross veteran softball coach Joe Ross has been a strong mentor. "He teaches us no matter how good we are, we need to always stay humble. Always treat your opponent with respect."

Mia enjoys listening to music and is a huge fan of Taylor Swift. "I want to see her so bad," she said. "The tickets initially were so high



in cost, but I will eventually get to see her. I hope so."

Mia talked about what it takes to be a good first baseman in high school softball.

"You need to be aggressive and know everything that is going on around you. You need to help the other infielders. You need to help both the infield and outfield and be very vocal."

She talked about what it takes to be a good hitter. "You need very good mechanics to hit the ball well. You need a good mindset, to be aggressive, and not over

think. You need the hunger to win the at bat.

"Yes, yes, yes until it's no. Don't let the pitcher beat you."

Mia is not sure where she wants to attend college yet, but does want to play college softball.

"I want to play Division I college softball, graduate, and pursue a career I have a passion for."

Humble yet confident, Mia is enjoying her experience at a Holy Cross. "It's great. I love it here. Everyone is so nice. The teachers and coaches are the best."



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MAX FORGIONE



Dunmore's Max Forgione leading Lacka. League Division II in batting

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore sophomore Max Forgione has been a model of consistency this entire baseball season.

He led the Lackawanna League Division II in batting average with an impressive .509 mark and in triples with three. He also scored 30 runs which tied for the Lackawanna League Division II lead.

He helped lead Dunmore into the playoffs, although the Bucks lost, 8-7, to Mid Valley in the District 2, Class 3A quarterfinals. Max did his part in the playoff game with two hits, two runs and an RBI.

Son of Derek and Autumn Forgione, Max also hit three homers this season as a sophomore.

As a freshman, he hit .460 with one homer.

The shortstop-pitcher also excels in the classroom where he has a 3.95 grade point average. His best academic subject is algebra.

He also is a starting guard on the Dunmore Bucks basketball team. Max averaged 10 points per game last season.

The scholar-athlete is a member of the Health Careers Club at Dunmore.

He enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Cold Play in concert.

He talked about what it takes to excel at the shortstop position in high school baseball.

"You need to be quick and have fast reactions," he said. "You need a very good arm to get the ball over the diamond."

The tough-minded sophomore is already a strong leader on the team.

"Our coach Mike Hallinan teaches us to be a good teammate and a

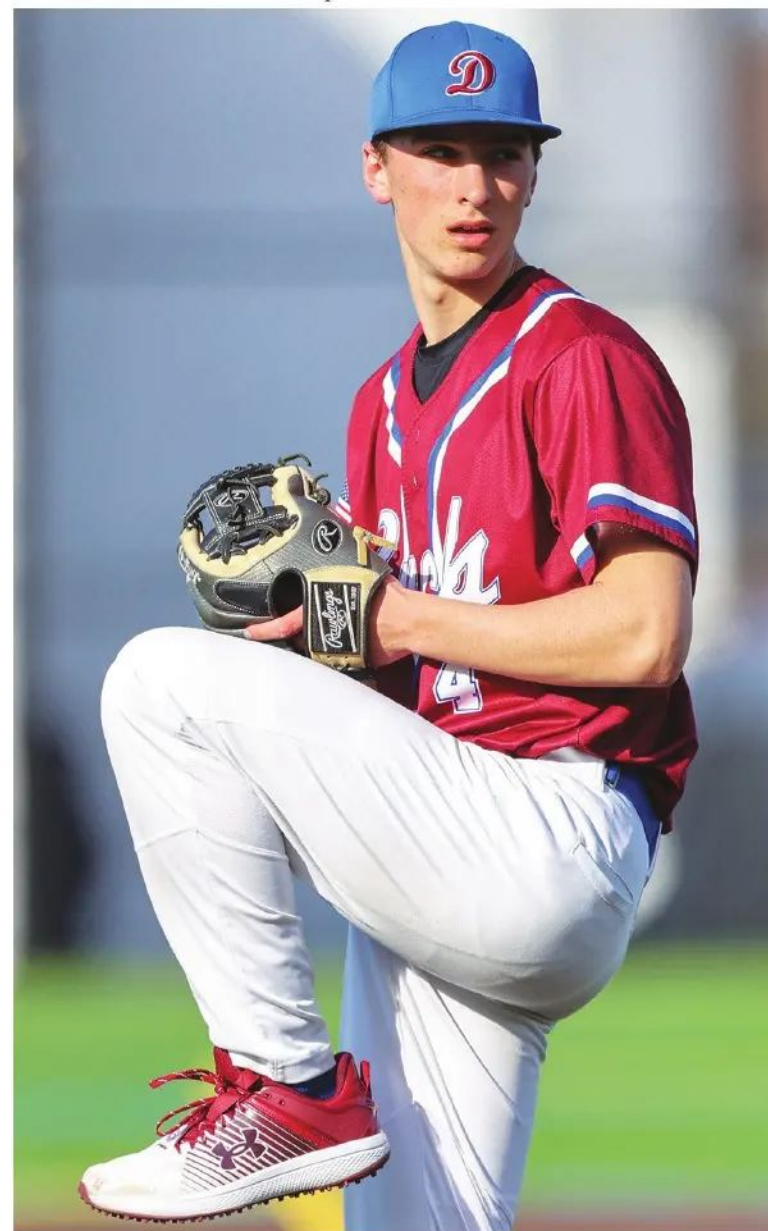
leader both on and off the field. He teaches us to grind at bats and be tough."

Mid Major to Power 5 colleges and universities are already looking at Max as he concluded his sopho-

more season.

"I definitely want to play baseball in college," he said. "I might study business and finance in college."

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Hot Wheels and Hot Water: Navigating the Legal Heat of Summer Driving*



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With the arrival of summer, people eagerly plan road trips, family vacations, and scenic drives. This rise in road traffic often corresponds to an increase in driving offenses.

At the time of this writing, the Pennsylvania State Police had already released their statistics from the recent Memorial Day holiday weekend. Statewide, there were fewer crashes this year compared to last year and fewer crashes caused by drunk drivers as well. But locally, speeding tickets have gone up... but why?

I get it. I've always been known to travel in the left lane, albeit appropriately. (Side note: Did you know it's against the law to stay in the left lane when not passing someone or driving faster than traffic flow? #moveover). Some of us like to drive faster, others don't. It's almost always been that way.

I own a 70s Chevy muscle car that's older than me, and it wasn't designed for leisurely Sunday drives to church. If it were, why would the speedometer go up to 120mph? But with cars becoming

smarter, safer, and more adaptive, one has to wonder why more speeding tickets are being issued.

Perhaps that because when these safety precautions are built into the vehicles, people feel more secure pressing the pedal to the metal. I don't know the exact answer, but I do know that there are several concerns that we must take into consideration when driving this season.

The excitement of summer can tempt many to let their guard down, so it's crucial to remain cautious behind the wheel. Irresponsible driving not only poses risks to personal safety, but also leads to numerous legal issues.

As stated above, speeding is one of the most common traffic violations in the summer, often triggered by clear roads and favorable weather conditions. Legally, the penalties for speeding can range from fines and demerit points on your license to court appearances for extreme offenses.

If repeated speeding violations occur, drivers can face license suspension, significantly higher

insurance premiums, and, in some cases, mandatory driving classes, or even jail time.

The warmer summer months also bring about more parties. With summer parties, cookouts and gatherings, there is a rise in DUI offenses compared to the rest of the year. Drinking and driving is a serious crime and carries severe legal consequences, but we've already touched base on that in previous articles, so I won't belabor the point. It's common sense. Just don't drink and drive!

Besides speeding, there's reckless driving, which often includes behaviors like tailgating, changing lanes without signaling, and disregarding traffic signals—all of these types of driving infractions increase during the summer months.

These acts of negligence can lead to accidents causing injury or even death. The legal consequences may range from hefty fines and a suspension or revocation of your driver's license to jail time.

Summer drives often mean long hours on the road, and distracted driving becomes a significant concern. Whether it's texting, changing the music, or dealing with rowdy kids in the backseat, taking your attention off the road can lead to catastrophic accidents. Distracted driving is legally penalized, often through fines and points on your license, but can escalate to more severe penalties in case of injuries or fatalities.

Speaking of those rowdy kids, I am already beginning to dread our

annual long drive up to Acadia this summer now that we have two boys to head up north with us! Coupled with two dogs, and a 27' camper in tow, you can already imagine the heightened degree of distractions that I will be contending with.

It is already nerve-wracking to drive with a travel trailer in tow. But I recently saw a post on social media of a pickup truck turned on its side with a camper still attached by the hitch. Apparently, this accident occurred on 81 North, which doesn't help with the impending anxiety of the next road trip.

It was tough to tell by the picture what caused the accident, but it did remind me of two things. First, I hope the driver had good insurance. I cannot express enough the importance of knowing the policy options when shopping for your auto insurance. So, I will do a short, boring lawyer talk real quick...

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) insurance and full tort options are key components of a comprehensive auto insurance policy. They offer significant protection in the event of an accident, especially when the at-fault driver either lacks sufficient insurance or has none at all. Here's why:

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) Coverage: This type of coverage is designed to protect you in situations where you're involved in an accident with a driver who either does not have any auto insurance (uninsured) or has insurance that doesn't cover the full extent of the damages (underinsured).

In the absence of UM/UIM coverage, you could be left to bear the cost of medical expenses, property damage, and other costs associated with the accident on your own, which could lead to significant financial hardship.

Full Tort Coverage: Here in PA, drivers can choose between "full tort" and "limited tort" coverage. Choosing full tort coverage gives you unrestricted rights to sue an at-fault driver for both economic and non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering.

If the at-fault driver has no insurance or inadequate coverage, having full tort can provide a pathway for you to seek compensation for all of your losses associated with the accident. In contrast, limited tort typically restricts your ability to sue for non-economic damages unless you meet certain thresholds of serious injury, making full tort a more comprehensive protection.

It's important to note that while these coverages can increase the cost of your auto insurance policy, the financial protection they provide in the event of an accident with an uninsured or underinsured

driver can far outweigh the extra cost. In essence, investing in UM/UIM and full tort coverages can help ensure that you're adequately protected on the road, no matter the insurance status of other drivers.

Okay, my lawyer rant is over. Now, back to the second remark that I was reminded of when seeing that accident.

It was July 2020, and a good friend of mine had finally bought a camper. This meant my wife and I finally got to caravan down to a campground with friends. We were excited. He was nervous. He had a newborn, a 140 lb Newfoundland dog, a skeptical wife, and a brand-new camper.

He had no idea how the whole ordeal would go. We set off to Cape May and had a picture-perfect weekend that went off without a hitch. (Poor choice of words, you'll see why).

Then Sunday came, and my buddy had already packed up camp and hit the road before us. At this time, we were self-proclaimed veterans, so my wife and I took our time packing up camp.

Then a call came in, "Did you guys leave yet? I had to get off the Garden State Parkway a couple exits north of Cape May."

So my wife and I packed up and hit the parkway to meet my friend to see what happened. Once we got off the exit, we saw his Jeep, along with his shiny new camper, only it was leaning to the right. When I got out of the truck, I noticed that his Jeep was missing a rear wheel!

Apparently, he had felt that the car was off while he was driving, so he pulled off the parkway, and once he got to the stop sign and turned left, the wheel popped off, causing additional damage to the new camper.

My rant before about insurance is important because my friend, also a lawyer, knew to have good insurance. This accident had no one to blame. It was a mechanical fluke. And they had to send two tow trucks, one for the Jeep and one for the camper, to bring them all the way back up to Lackawanna County. Imagine the costs for roadside assistance if he wasn't covered!

Summer is a time for relaxation and enjoyment, but when it comes to driving, the same rules of responsibility apply. Irresponsible driving not only jeopardizes the safety of yourself and others but also brings a host of legal consequences. Therefore, it's essential to drive carefully and responsibly, ensuring that the joy of summer is not overshadowed by preventable accidents and legal issues. And make sure you review your insurance policy to make sure you aren't taking needless risks to save a buck.



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DHS hitter Max Forgione

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Max said his parents are big supporters. "They tell me to keep grinding every single day. Eventually it will all pay off."

The sophomore standout likes to talk about hitting. "You need to be able to do everything as a hitter," he said. "You need to not just hit for the extra base, but play small ball, too. You need to be able to beat out a hit and spray the ball all around the field. You need both contact and power."

Confident in his game, Max talked about future goals. "I definitely want to play college baseball, graduate college, and get a good paying job in my field."

For now, Max said he is looking forward to his next two years at Dunmore.

"Dunmore is a great school. All of my coaches welcomed me as a leader right from the beginning. All of the coaches are great here at Dunmore."

"They teach me a lot about the game and how to be a good teammate."

"I have learned so much from my coaches and teachers here at Dunmore. And I have great teammates and friends."

Caroline Lapinski...

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other duties she will tackle for the summer—along with fellow junior producer Point Park University student Jeramie Welch—will be company management, coming up with fund-raising ideas, and helping any place she is needed.

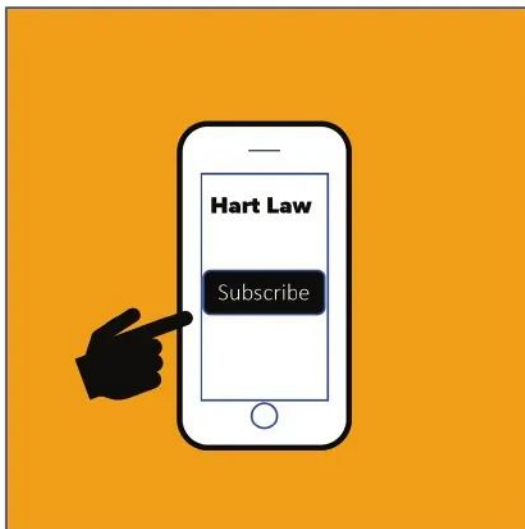
"I love the new space for Scranton Shakespeare Festival," she notes. "I love an intimate space for theater, and I can already feel how collaborative, friendly, and supportive this organization is."

"And I am proud to be part of Scranton Shakespeare Festival's mission to bring free and accessible professional theater to this community. I absolutely adore this area, and am so excited to be part of this experience."

Note: Information on mainstage productions of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Shakespeare's *Othello*, and the musical *Rent* can be found at ScrantonShakes.com, along with the Youth Ensemble's productions of *Twelfth Night* and the Percy Jackson musical *The Lightning Thief* can be found at ScrantonShakes.com. All performances are free and handicapped accessible.

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The Greater Scranton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association has announced its 2023 Annual Dinner details. The dinner, to be held June 8 at Fiorelli's, Peckville, will feature the new Penn State Men's Basketball coach Mike Rhoades and the "Voice of Penn State" Steve Jones. Former Penn State football star Matt McGloin will be toastmaster. The dinner will honor the memory of the late Steve "Doc" Weissberger, a founding member of the Scranton Chapter. For tickets and more information, email Mike.Rescigno@comcast.net or call 570-466-7872. Planners include, front row from left: Essie Weissberger, (cutout of Doc Weissberger), and Mike Rescigno. Back row, same order: Deb Johnson, Sue Thomas, Carm Piedmont, Doug Mallas, Ted Zayac, Ann McDonough, and Jeff Mallas.

YMCA receives grant funding to expand early learning center

The Greater Scranton YMCA has been awarded a \$62,500 grant from the City of Scranton's American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Funding will support the expansion of the Y's Early Learning Center.

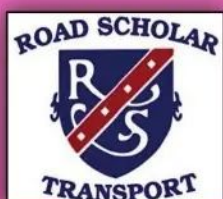
Since the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the need for child care services in the community has grown substantially. Enrollment in the Greater Scranton YMCA's early childhood education programs has grown by more than 50 percent from 2022 to 2023, with 60 children currently on a waitlist.

The Greater Scranton YMCA is limited in space and at maximum capacity. In order to open an additional 30 child care spots each year, the Greater Scranton YMCA will renovate its second floor, which is currently being used for storage and the location of H-VAC.

Through renovating the space, the Greater Scranton YMCA will create three new classrooms, each licensed to serve up to 10 children. The classrooms will specifically serve children ages zero to two, as the need for infant care is great.

"We are so grateful to the City of Scranton for their support of our Greater Scranton YMCA and this project," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. "We are excited to get this project underway and cannot wait to welcome more children and families through our doors."

Annually, the Greater Scranton YMCA is proud to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial assistance to children, adults and families from across our region, allowing them to benefit from all the YMCA has to offer. During the most recently completed fiscal year, the Greater Scranton YMCA awarded \$491,646 to community members in need. For more information about the Greater Scranton YMCA, call (570) 342-8115 or visit the Y online at www.greaterscrantonymca.org



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UNICO scholarship presentations



At the Annual Keystone Chapter UNICO Scholarship Awards Banquet, eight local graduating seniors were recognized with a monetary award for their scholarship, volunteerism, and leadership qualities along with other criteria. Shown front row, from left: Nico Ruggiero of Dunmore H.S. received the Keystone Chapter Family Scholarship and will attend West Chester University; Anthony Mack of Holy Cross H.S. received the Keystone Chapter Family Scholarship and will attend the University of Scranton; Vincenzo Angeloni of Valley View H.S., received the Keystone Chapter Family Scholarship and will attend the University of Scranton; Maura Sheetz of Dunmore H.S. received the Angeline Mancini R.N. Nursing Scholarship and will attend Bloomsburg University; Kristine Fagioli of Dunmore H.S. received the Joseph and Karen Sadowski funded Keystone Chapter Dunmore H.S. Scholarship and will attend St. Joseph's University; Thomas Pavlowski of Dunmore H.S. received the Frank and Mary Ann Coviello funded Military Descendant Scholarship and will attend the University of Vermont; and Ryan Burda of Holy Cross H.S. received the Keystone Chapter Holy Cross Scholarship and will attend American University. Back row: Keystone Chapter UNICO President Louise Ligi and Keystone UNICO Scholarship Director Sandy Collins. Missing from Photo is Alexis Cherney of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County. She received the Kovatch/Perna Trades Scholarship and will attend Lackawanna College.



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Presenting the Coviello Military Descendent Scholarship at the UNICO banquet are, from left: Mrs. Melissa Pavlowski, mother; Frank Coviello, sponsor; awardee Thomas Pavlowski; Mary Ann Coviello, sponsor, and Tom Pavlowski, father.

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Dearly Departed Players decorate Dunmore Cemetery for Memorial Day



The Dearly Departed Players recently decorated the Dunmore Cemetery for the Memorial Day holiday. This season the Players took the cemetery Receiving Vault under their wing by decorating it with patriotic banners, wind spinners, flags and flowers. Director of the Dearly Departed Players, Julie Esty, noted that the organization has been asked by visitors who frequent the cemetery to decorate for holidays other than their seasonal decor in October for the annual Dunmore Cemetery Tour. The Players are trying to comply and have received a good response whenever they decorate the Receiving Vault. Esty also noted that the cemetery is a very community friendly place, drawing visitors of all ages daily. The decorations seem to make people happy. The Players were also at the cemetery on Memorial Day distributing handmade poppy pins to the public. Each pin has the name and information about a soldier buried in the cemetery who was killed in the line of duty in the World Wars.



Presenting the Kovatch-Perna Trades Scholarship are, from left: Bob Kovatch and Geno Perna, sponsors; Career Technology Center Director Dr. Karla Carlucci accepting for student awardee Alexis Cherney; welding instructor Landon York of the CTC, and Eileen Kovatch, sponsor.---SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 22

UNICO HONORS SCHOLARS WITH AWARDS



Shown at the Annual Keystone Chapter UNICO Scholarship Awards Banquet are, from left: Kristine Fagioli, who received the Keystone UNICO Scholarship, with UNICO sponsors Joe and Karen Sadowski.



Cast members of the upcoming June production of "Perfect Crime" to be presented by Actors Circle at Providence Playhouse include Susan Parrick, seated. Standing from left: Greg Germano, Corey Kelly, Seth Golden, and Justin O'Hearn.



Keystone UNICO was one of the 145 entries represented in this year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Scranton. Although it was quite chilly, six members braved the cold to the cheering crowd on the parade's 50-minute route. Shown at the parade's staging area are, from left: Bob and Sylvia Tagert, Chapter President Louise Ligi, Mark and Michele McDade, and Tom Carlucci.

Actors Circle to present 'Perfect Crime'

Actors Circle will present *Perfect Crime* by Warren Manzi at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton. Show dates are June 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18. Friday and Saturdays shows begin at 7 p.m., and Sundays are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$12 seniors, and \$10 students. For reservations, call 570-342-9707. Pay cash at the door or visit: Actorscircle.com for online advance ticket sales.

Perfect Crime is a funny and romantic thriller about a psychiatrist who may have killed her husband - but then why is he still alive? It promises a great time at the theater for fans of *Law & Order*, *CSI* and *Investigation Discovery* who think they can solve the "perfect crime" according to the New York Daily News. *Perfect Crime* is the longest-running play in NYC history.

Kim Rose is Director, and Linda C. Griffiths and Jeff Ginsberg are producers. This show is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. and special grants from the Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture, and the Scranton Area Community Foundation.



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Living City Lab opens at Marywood's Insalaco Center for Studio Arts

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on May 4 to formally kick off the Living City Lab at Marywood University in the Insalaco Center for Studio Arts, where the Living City Lab at Marywood University is located.

Along with Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Marywood president, Center for the Living City Executive Director Maria MacDonald, invited dignitaries, and guests including Kimberly Dowdell, incoming president of the American Institute of Architects; current and former Mayors of Scranton and Dunmore; and members of the Board of Trustees of Marywood University and the Center for the Living City.

The date of the event was significant, because it marked the birthday of Jane Jacobs and also commemorated "Jane Jacobs Day" and the Biennial Observe Scranton: Jane Jacobs's First City Festival in Scranton.

Jane Jacobs (1916-2006), a Scranton native, was an urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community-based approach to city building.

She had no formal training as a planner, yet her 1961 treatise, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, introduced groundbreaking ideas about how cities function, evolve, and fail.

The impact of her observation, activism, and writing has led to a planning blueprint for generations of architects, planners, politicians, and activists to practice.

The Center for the Living City holds the singular distinction of being the only urbanist organization founded in collaboration with Jane Jacobs.

In the years since its 2005 founding by a group of activists, practitioners, and academics, the Center has become a leading global urbanist organization.

Maria MacDonald, program director of interior architecture at Marywood University, serves as the executive director of the Center for the Living City.

The mission is to inspire civic engagement and leadership development, invite creative urban solutions, and expand the understanding of the ecology of cities. Keeping the next generation and activists engaged with community and actively participating in their cities is at the heart of the Center's mission—by everybody, for everybody.

The Living City Lab at Marywood University is a co-created space for experiential learning, where students address global challenges on a local scale. It consists of three key components: education, projects, and networking.

Through integrated coursework rooted in urban ecology and sustainability, students across all disciplines create action-oriented local impact, work on real-life public design projects, connect with and learn from community leaders and mentors, and develop strong interdisciplinary career-connected pathways and local relationships.



A line of colorful Adirondack chairs is the latest visual addition to the Living City Lab at Marywood University, located in the Insalaco Center for Studio Arts, also pictured. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Living City Lab at Marywood University was held in May.

Y's Safe Around Water Campaign offers swim lessons

The Greater Scranton YMCA will once again host its Annual Safe Around Water Campaign this month. This year's campaign will be held Monday through Thursday from June 19-June 22 and June 26-June 29. The Safe Around Water Campaign is open to Y members and non-members and costs \$10 per week. Children can register for one week or two.

The annual Safe Around Water Campaign gives children the opportunity to learn new swimming skills designed to help keep them safe in and around the water. These concentrated lessons will incorporate safety around water skills so needed by all of the children in our community.

"Here at the Y, we believe all children should learn how to swim," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO. "For so many, though, the financial resources are not available to afford swim lessons. Through our Annual Safe Around Water Campaign, it is our goal to offer swim lessons to children from our community who may otherwise not have access."

The Safe Around Water Campaign is generously supported by the Kiwanis Club of Scranton. Lessons are first come, first served. To view the schedule and register, visit the Greater Scranton YMCA [online](https://www.gsymca.org) or contact Leslie Kopa, Aquatics Director, at lkopa@gsymca.org.

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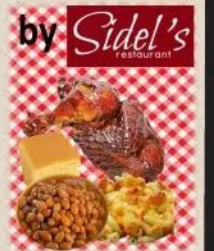
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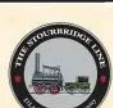


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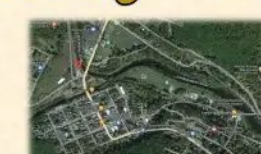
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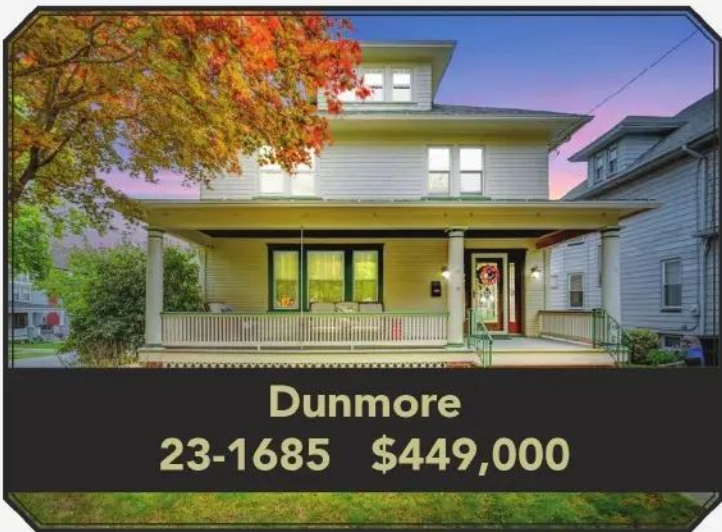
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