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Dunmorean of the Month STEVE LAVELLE



Steve and Donna Lavelle

By Steve Svetovich

Steve Lavelle has been involved in the PA American Legion for over 30 years and would not have it any other way.

Commander of Post 13, Dunmore, Lavelle, 73, last month was elected Commander of the PA American Legion.

"I am thrilled and honored they have the trust and faith in me to lead the department and help all of the veterans," he said.

Married to the former Donna Cardoni for 53 years, Steve was formerly employed by The Dunmorean and worked at Target for many years. The couple's grandchildren are Emelia Ann, Jesse Francis, Sophia Maria, Isabella, Nicholas and Noah.

"I met my wife in high school and we've been together ever since," he said.

Lavelle graduated from West Scranton High School in 1967 and went on to receive an associate's degree in business from Lackawanna Junior College. He served six years in the U.S. Navy from 1967 through 1973 and served in Vietnam.

"I'm proud to have served in Vietnam," he said, "We were the best they had at the time and I was proud to go there for my country. However, we suffered because it was a political war. The veterans did not need to suffer like they did."

Lavelle worked for over 30 years at RCA at the Dunmore Industrial Park following his stint in the service. He retired in 2013.

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Jack Henzes

1936-2023

Educator, Coach, Mentor, and Friend

Dunmore mourns a legend

By Steve Svetovich

There are those select few in life who make a lifetime impact on an entire community.

And Jack Henzes did it for decades for a large group of student-athletes over multiple generations.

He did it for more than half a century, impacting hundreds of lives.

Most of all, he was a teacher of life lessons.

Henzes, the legendary Dunmore Bucks football coach died Monday night, July 24, after a brief illness.

The Dunmore Bucks football icon was 87.

His coaching career spanned five plus decades.

He had a 52 year football coaching career. A total of 48 years were at Dunmore.

A member of the Pennsylvania

Sports Hall of Fame, he finished his career with 444 wins. He is second in wins for any high school football coach in the state.

After serving as an assistant football coach for the Blakely Bears, coached by his late father, Jack "Papa Bear" Henzes Sr., he became the head football coach at Wyoming Area in 1966.

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He became involved in the PA American Legion over 30 years ago when another veteran invited him to a meeting.

"Another veteran talked to me about it," he said. "I went to a meeting, stepped in, and it just blossomed from there. I became very involved in all aspects. I just got more and more involved. I want to help veterans." Lavelle previously served with the PA American Legion as Master Sergeant of Arms, District Commander, and Central Section Commander. He is Past Central Vice Commander and a member of the National Security Commission.

The 31-year member of the PA American Legion, said he will work with veterans on the local level in his new position as Commander.

"I'm just very happy with the position as I love helping veterans," he said. "I love being involved with the PA American Legion. I will always be a part of it."

Humble and good-natured, Lavelle said he loves Dunmore. "My wife and I raised our family in Dunmore. I love the Dunmore community." Lavelle said he is focusing on family, retirement, and his new position as Commander. "It all keeps me busy which I like."



Steve Lavelle of Dunmore is inducted as Commander of the PA. American Legion. He is also Commander of Post 13 of the American Legion in Dunmore.

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Coach Jack HENZES

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He lost his first game, 27-13, to the Dunmore Bucks.

The loss was not a prelude for things to come.

The following week, Wyoming Area beat GAR, and in four seasons under HENZES the Warriors went 30-12.

In 1971, Jack HENZES became the head football coach of the Dunmore Bucks. Dunmore beat Tunkhannock in the opener and the winning never stopped. For decades, titles and championships became synonymous with Dunmore football.

From 1973 to 1975, Dunmore won three consecutive Big 11 titles. During this time, HENZES mentored three players who later had long NFL coaching careers - Vic Fangio, Tony Marciano, and Joe Marciano.

Fangio became the best defensive coordinator in the NFL with the 49ers and Chicago Bears and is currently with the Miami Dolphins. He also had a stint as head football coach of the Denver Broncos.

"Coach HENZES had a great impact on me because of his passion and commitment to football and his ability as a coach," Fangio said.

"It was contagious to me and made me want to follow in his footsteps and become a high school coach which eventually turned me into a life-long career of coaching in the NFL. There is no way of quantifying the impact he had on hundreds of students at Dunmore High School during his near 50 years there. He was a true Dunmore icon."

The 1980's brought more success to HENZES and the Bucks. The 1985 team, led by twins Bobby and the late Billy Ruddy, went 13-0 and won the Eastern Conference Class A title.

In 1986, he led the PA Big 33 team to a 21-7 win over Maryland.

In 1989, HENZES led Dunmore to its first state title, 57-18, over Keystone in the Class A title game.

In 1995, the Bucks beat Wyoming Area for another district title.

In 2000, HENZES passed his father with 252 career wins.

HENZES led Dunmore to state championship games in 2007, 2012 and 2014, but finished second in the state.

He earned his 400th career win in 2015.

In 2019, he was inducted into the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Coach HENZES retired for health reasons in 2019 and was replaced by current Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale who played and coached under him.

"Coach HENZES was always prepared week by week," McHale said.

"He was very precise and concise. There were no cutting corners.

"He did things the right way. He had a distinct way of doing things.

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Doin' Dunmore

With Steve Svetovich



Parish Italian festival continues longtime tradition

It's been a tradition in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore since 1906, making it 117 years old.

SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish will hold its annual Italian Festival Aug. 11, 12 and 13 at 122 Kurtz Street in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore.

The annual event is noted for its delicious Italian foods and pastries and musical entertainment, but the highlight is always the annual Feast Day Mass to be held this year Saturday, Aug. 12, at noon, followed by the annual Procession with Statues of the Saints at 1 p.m.

Started in 1906 in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore, the procession has taken place every year, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was broadcast on social media in the first year of the pandemic.

The actual Feast Day is Aug. 16, so the procession is always held the closest weekend prior to the Feast unless it falls on Sunday.

Many families participate in the procession together. It symbolizes the strength of their parish family.

Rev. David Cappelloni, pastor, Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish,

who blesses the people with a relic of Saint Rocco at a special Mass before the procession said the event helps the parish have an identity.

"We carry the statues of St. Rocco, St. Anthony, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph through the neighborhood to remind people of who we are and who we are called to be," Rev. Cappelloni said.

"The procession of our patron saints are carried throughout the Bunker Hill section to show and signify that we, ourselves, are also striving to become saints."

After leaving the church, the procession travels throughout the streets of the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore with the patron saints carried on beams by the men of the parish. The parish priest accompanies the procession and blesses bystanders with a relic of Saint Rocco. A band usually follows the procession.

In addition to the special Mass and procession, the Dunmore community always celebrates its annual three-day festival the same weekend.

Those who walk in the procession of faith often pray for others or someone in remembrance.

The tradition also carries on with few changes each year. It's all about family, tradition, and mostly faith.

Saint Rocco, the protector against deadly plagues, is considered the patron saint of Guardia de Lombardi. Veneration to this Saint dates back to 1656 when a deadly plague and drought swept through the Italian town, killing 1,110 of its 1,475 residents.

Guardia's first procession in honor of St. Rocco took place that year when the remaining townspeople prayed to him to bring rain and to end the aggressive plague.

By the time the Guardiese immigrants arrived in Dunmore, the procession to Saint Rocco had been an integral part of life in their Italian community for more than 250 years.

When Italian immigrants settled in the Bunker Hill section of

Dunmore, they continued many of the same traditions. The annual procession is one of them.

In the early 1900's the Guardiese community in Dunmore had become so large that members decided to found their own church.

About 40 families banded together and called themselves the Society for Congregation of Saint Rocco's Church. They traveled door to door within the community to solicit funds to purchase a church building from a Presbyterian congregation in the neighborhood.

The first Mass at Saint Rocco's Church was held in October, 1905. The first procession to honor Saint Rocco took place the following August.

The annual festival was added to the procession in 1922. Initially, members prepared food at the stoves of the church basement and carried it outside in bowls to sell on the grounds.

Father Cappelloni said SS. Anthony and Rocco are now linked to Our Lady of Mount Carmel where he also serves as pastor.

The three-day festival will run 5 to 9:30 p.m. the first two nights and noon to 9:30 the final day.

The Dunmore High School

marching band and cheerleaders will perform the first night at 6 p.m., followed by the band, Picture Perfect, at 7 p.m. The band, Popstar Drive, will perform Saturday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m.

Following the Feast Day Mass at noon and Procession of Saints at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Vinsko Entertainment will provide music at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Scranton Prep cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. and the Luongo Brothers Band at 6 p.m. There will be fireworks at dusk.

Then there is the delicious Italian food, pastries, and desserts to fill and satisfy the palate. That includes sausage and peppers, porketta, pasta fagioli, shells, tripe, delicious pizza, Italian pastries, cookies, cakes and desserts, ice cream, snow cones, pizza frita, cannolis and anything else Italian.

Oh, the pasta fagioli!

And let's not forget the beer tent, wine, coffee, cappuccino, crispy potato pancakes and french fries, lemonade and root beer floats. A new desert item, Gelato, has been added this year.

It's an event in Dunmore not to be missed and a tradition that is sure to go on forever.

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The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



My Fellow Dunmoreans,

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that I share the news that legendary Dunmore football coach Jack HENZES has passed away.

We mourn the loss of a remarkable man, who not only shaped the Dunmore football program, but also touched the lives of so many in our wider Dunmore community.

His accomplishments and accolades on the gridiron are too lengthy to mention here...he was as legendary on the field as any you can find in Pennsylvania.

Arguably his greatest accomplishment, however, was his success in building strong, responsible, and compassionate individuals. The mark Coach HENZES left on his players' lives was felt long after they left the halls of Dunmore High School; and many of his former players have gone on to make meaningful contributions to our area and our nation. For that we will always be grateful.

We will always be appreciative of the positive impact Coach HENZES had on so many in our Borough. Our entire Borough Government and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones at this difficult time. May Coach HENZES rest in peace knowing that his legacy will be forever ingrained in the fabric of our Dunmore community. In the words of Coach HENZES, "Once a Buck, Always a Buck!"

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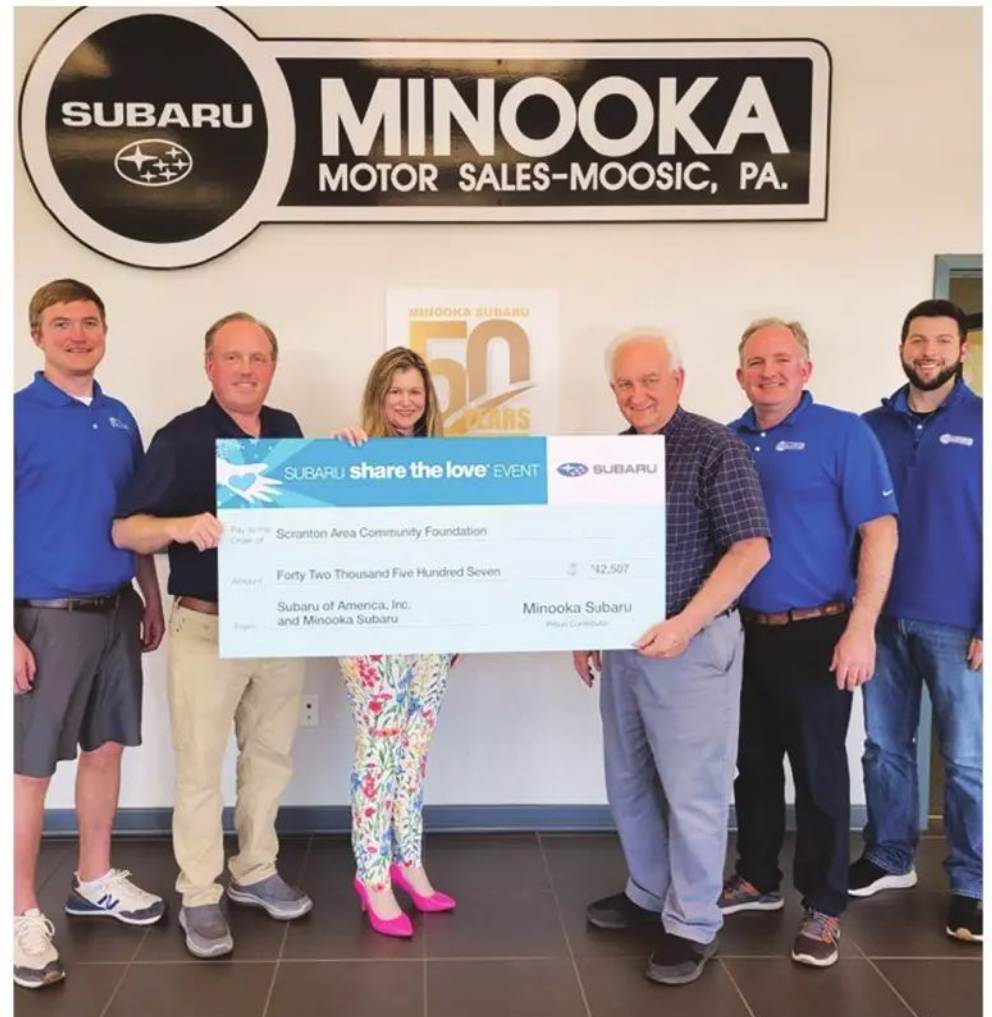


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Coach Jack HENZES

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"He was a great role model for all the students. The way he treated people is what I took with me from him when I became a head coach.

"Along with winning many football games, he went above and beyond in setting a great example for student athletes and teaching life lessons to many generations.

Many of his student athletes have passed these lessons down to their children and grandchildren."

Tim Drewes was a standout football player for HENZES at Dunmore from 2011-2014. "Coach HENZES used to deliver gear to me and my brother Danny every Christmas," he said. "He would write 'Santa HENZES' on the packages.

"Coach taught us more than football. He taught us how to be better members of the community.

"Being around the Dunmore football program for over 30 years, the overwhelming theme was preparation meets opportunity. This saying that coach always stated sticks with me to this day. Our team was prepared for anything and it showed, leaving Dunmore with the most wins in program history."

Henzes was 83 in 2019 when he resigned from his coaching duties while recovering from a heart procedure. His coaching record was 444-164-8 in 52 years.

Former Dunmore Mayor Patrick "Nibs" Loughney echoed the beliefs of the Dunmore community. "Coach HENZES was a true gentleman most of all," he said. "He was admired by his athletes and students and will always be in our hearts."

Tom Carlucci played under HENZES in 2004 and 2005. "I played for Coach in my junior and senior years," he said.

"Coach HENZES had a tremendous impact on my life. Like most kids, I needed some additional structure and purpose in life. Coach HENZES found a way to effortlessly bridge that gap for many kids. He discovered what I was good at and built me into his game plan.

"Although he discovered my speed first, it wasn't until several years later that I discovered that his game plan for all of us was more about life than football."

Henzes coached the Bucks to the state title game four times, winning the Class A championship in 1989.

Other titles won by Dunmore under HENZES include Eastern Conference champions 1985; Class A 2012 State Eastern champions; Class AA 2007, 2014 State Eastern champions; District 2 "A" 2012 champs; District 2 "AA" champions 1995, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Former Dunmore Councilman Paul Nardozi expressed his sentiments. "Coach was admired by the Dunmore High School students and faculty because he wasn't just a successful football coach, but a very good teacher and listener who cared about not only his players but the entire student body. He knew mostly everyone's name and their family.

"As the signs say in Dunmore, it's God, family and football. Coach HENZES wouldn't have it any other way."



(Sports Editor's Note: As a sports editor for The Dunmorean for 34 years and previously as a reporter for The Pennsylvania Athlete, Scrantonian Tribune and Sunday Sun, I had the privilege to know Jack HENZES and interview him over 30 times.

I also had the privilege to interview hundreds of his student-athletes.

Jack HENZES was all class and a true gentleman in all of my interactions with him.

But the best thing you can say about a coach is that during hundreds of interviews I had with his players, not one ever said a bad word about him.

And almost every single one called him a mentor and teacher of life lessons and preparing for adulthood. It wasn't just about football. "A mentor of life lessons." What a great life.)



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Former Dunmorean publishes article on Pope Francis

In a recently published scholarly article, former Dunmore resident, Marywood graduate, and Lackawanna College professor John Baldino draws a unique line between the university's teaching philosophy and Pope Francis' position on the globalization of society.

Baldino's "Pope Francis on the Environment, Technology, and an

Open World" was published in the inaugural issue of *Charity in Truth: A Journal of Ethics, Religion, and Culture*. In it, he recalls Marywood's pedagogical outcome "living responsibly in an interdependent world" and relates it to the overarching theme of the Pope's writings on fraternity and social friendship in *Fratelli Tutti*.

"When I read the Pope's encyclical I immediately thought of my years at Marywood and how often we would hear that teaching motto," Baldino says. "The increasing connection of our global society through communication technology and needs for social justice make our world a smaller place," he continues. "Pope Francis recognizes and speaks so well of this in *Fratelli Tutti*. I just had to weave Marywood's philosophy into the article to show that Francis' desires for positive and productive globalization are being realized right here in the greater Scranton area."

The inaugural issue of *Charity in Truth*, published on June 30, features a second article by Baldino: "The Catholic Church and Contemporary Issues of Dignity and Life." As described by Editor-in-Chief Dr. Peter DePergola, the critical analysis uses "contemporary examples, Church documents, and Papal teachings from three different centuries [and] logically defends and fully explains the pro-life philosophy far



beyond political rhetoric ... For the author, dignity must be applied to life, living, and dying with special consideration for issues related to abortion, homelessness, freedom of choice, physician-assisted suicide, and capital punishment."

John Baldino is a Secular Franciscan and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts with a concentration in digital media and broadcast production from Marywood in 2007. Baldino holds a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in philosophy and religious studies from Excelsior University in Albany, New York. He is an Assistant Professor in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Lackawanna College in Scranton, where he also serves as Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Baldino writes often on the relationship between philosophy and theology and is a regular contributor to *Catholic Insight Magazine* in Toronto, Ontario. In 2024 he will complete his second master's degree, a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine.

Read Baldino's full articles here: <https://charityintruth.scholasticahq.com/section/3790-commentary>

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DCCHS/O'Hara reunion

Dunmore Central Catholic High School/Bishop O'Hara Class of 1973 will have a meeting to update and discuss their 50th class reunion scheduled in the fall. Come Thursday, Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post #6082, 123 Electric St., Peckville.

All classmates are invited to attend this meeting. We are still in need an update of 50+ classmates addresses.

The original planning committee members are: Michele Gerrity, Florence Sweeney, Kevin McHugh, Colleen Mangan, Dottie Egan, and Sharon O'Boyle.

Family and friends of the Class of 1973 please help us in updating our class list information. Contact Lauren Telep, publicity chair, at cell/text 646-241-9443 or home 570-383-0319.

Paws in the Park

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter will host Paws in the Park on Sunday, Aug. 13, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at McDade Park. This event will have entertainment and music, over 40 local vendors, food trucks, homemade ice cream, adoptable pets

from the shelter, raffles, 50/50, and Jurassic Raptor 570. The event is pet and family-friendly, with games for the kids, sprinklers, and pools for the dogs.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and kids under 12 get in for free. Bring sunscreen and hats. For more information, call Sherry Crolly, Development Director, at 570-586-3700 ext. 522, or fundraising@griffinpondanimalshelter.com. Complete details are available at <https://www.griffinpondanimalshelter.com/paws-in-the-park-vendor-and-sponsors>. All proceeds will benefit the shelter's animal medical fund.

Casino bus trip

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will host a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, on Saturday, Sept. 30. The bus will depart from St. Patrick's Church, Jackson Street, West Scranton at 10 a.m. and depart for home at 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$30 with a \$25 rebate.

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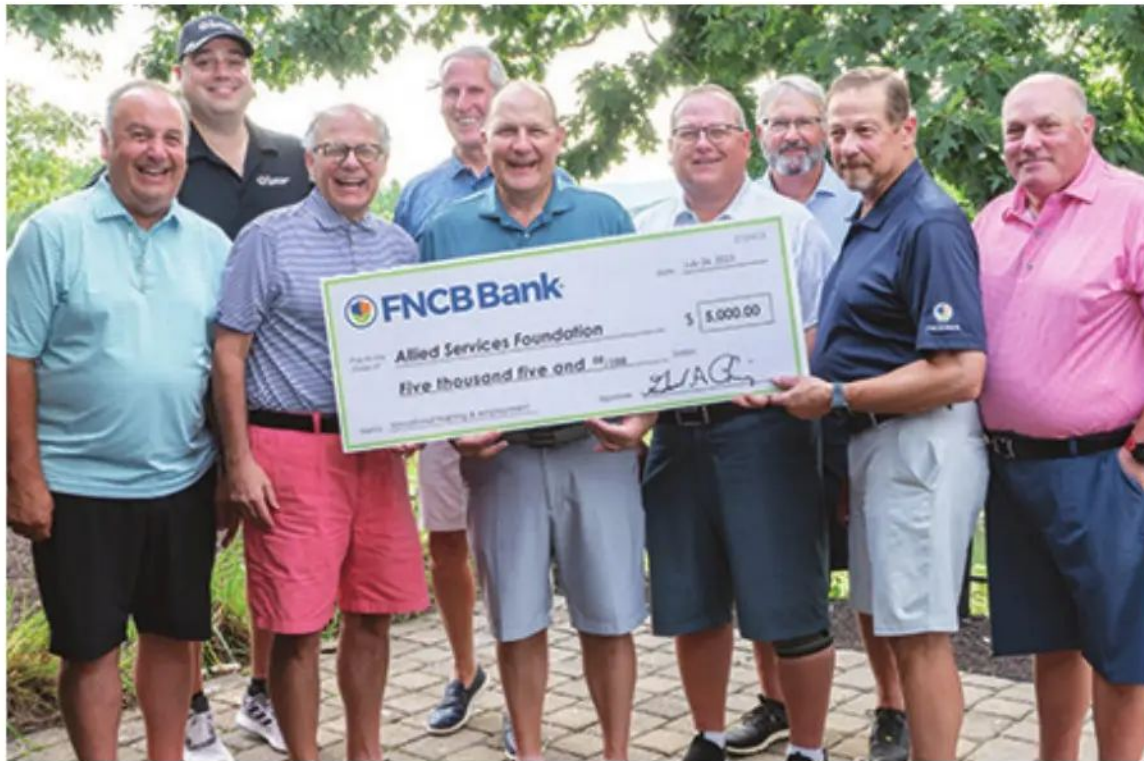
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The NativityMiguel School of Scranton is holding its sixth annual Tribute Dinner, this year honoring Chris and Donna Doherty on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the University of Scranton. The dinner is being chaired by Karen Minora and Virginia McGregor. Pictured from left are: Chris Doherty and Donna Doherty, honorees, and Ron Prislupski, President of the NativityMiguel School of Scranton. The school is an independent Catholic co-educational school which empowers underserved students to reach their full potential as students, leaders and role-models in their families and community. The school opened in 2015 and serves approximately 68 students. For more information, contact Ron Prislupski, President of NativityMiguel School of Scranton and visit <https://nativitymiguelscranton.org/tribute-dinner/>

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The Spirit of Hope Board of Ambassadors will honor Dr. Christopher A. Peters as the 2023 Tribute to Courage Honoree at their upcoming Spirit of Hope Celebration set for Friday, Nov. 10, at Mohegan Pennsylvania. The Board of Ambassadors is a group of individuals and business leaders in Northeast Pennsylvania who have come together to raise funds & awareness to fight cancer in the local community through their support and promotion of a gala event. 2023 Spirit of Hope Board of Ambassadors are, seated from left: JoAnn Romano Hallesky, Marta Gomes, Leo Vergnetti, Chairman of the Board of Ambassadors; Meghan Gaborik, Kristie Hynoski, Traci Fosnot, and Robin Long. Standing, same order: Joe Ferguson, Matt Beynon, John Heil, Vince Scarpetta, Dino Campitelli, Sonya Eddings, William Davis, Ed Cosgrove, Vito Pizzo, Nevin Gerber, and Steven J. Szydlowski, Ph.D. Not pictured: Clarence Baltrusaitis, Thomas Blaskiewicz, Jim & Susan Brady, Trish & Nicholas Colangelo, Ph.D., Richard P. Conaboy, Jr., Thomas P. Cummings, Jr., Esq., Thomas P. Cummings, III, Esq., Tom DePietro, Julie Eisenman, Mary Erwine, Greg Gaborik, James T. Gorman, Jennifer Heil, Charles C. Jefferson, Angela Remp Jones, John Mack, Linda Marino-Brooks, Joe Mattioli, Paul McGloin, Brian McQuestion, Evie Rafalko McNulty, Philip Medico, Dan Meuser, Chuck Morgan, Dana Morris, David J. Nape, Christopher A. Peters, M.D., John P. Rodgers, Esq., Tammy Saunders, Frank Sepko, P. Richard Scheller, Patrick Sicilio, Eugene D. Sperazza, Esq., Melissa Stites, Joseph S. Tomko, Joe Van Wie, Vanessa Vergnetti, and Chuck Volpe.



McGrath golf tournament set

Registration is open for the fourth annual Harry P. McGrath Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner Celebration which will take place on Friday, Sept. 15 at Glen Oak Country Club. Event proceeds will benefit Summer Scholars, one of the Greater Scranton YMCA's two Summer Learning Loss Prevention Programs. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., with golf at 1 p.m., cocktails at 6 p.m. and the dinner/program at 7:30 p.m.

The Y's Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program is a six-week program serving rising first and second grade students who are struggling with reading and are attending the Dunmore and Mid Valley School Districts. For more information about the tournament, including sponsorship opportunities and registration, visit the Greater Scranton YMCA online or contact Betsy at (570) 768-6118 or Meghan Carnevale, at mcarnevale@gsymca.org.

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Cheryl's Cuisine

By Cheryl Radkiewicz



Well, summer temperatures have arrived and most of us don't feel like cooking large meals.

So, why not try some wonderful, easy salads to serve either by themselves or as part of a barbecue menu?

Hopefully, your family will absolutely enjoy the change during these "dog days of summer."

GREEN SALAD WITH ORANGE VINAIGRETTE

6 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
2 Tbsp. soy sauce
4 Tbsp. orange juice
¾ cup salad oil (I use canola)
1 tsp. chopped onion (I use red)
Sprinkling of red pepper flakes
1 small clove garlic, crushed
½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. black pepper
2 heads Romaine lettuce, rinsed, patted dry and torn
¾ cup Swiss cheese, shredded

Combine vinegar, soy sauce, orange juice, oil, onions, red pepper flakes, garlic, salt and pepper in a bowl, mixing well.

In a separate bowl, combine lettuce with half of the cheese. Pour dressing over the salad and toss gently. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Serves 6.

GARDEN RICE SALAD

1 ½ cups raw rice, rinsed
6 hard-boiled eggs
1 cup chopped dill pickles
½ large bunch green onions, chopped

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1 can sliced black olives
¼ cup prepared mustard
2 cups mayonnaise (may take a little more...use your judgment)

Cook rice. (Note: I use my microwave rice cooker) Mix with all ingredients. Serves 10.

SPINACH & SHIITAKE SALAD WITH MUSTARD DRESSING

Dressing:
5 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. soy sauce
¾ cup heavy cream

For dressing: Mix Dijon, dry mustard, soy sauce and just enough cream to make a smooth paste. Whip remaining cream just until stiff. Then fold in mustard mixture. Taste for seasoning.

Salad:
4 bunches fresh spinach, picked and washed
1 lb. sliced shiitake mushroom caps

Place spinach and sliced mushrooms in a large salad bowl. Add dressing and gently toss. Serves 6.

BLOODY MARY TOMATO SALAD

1 pt. cherry or grape tomatoes,

halved
8 oz. medium shrimp, cooked and peeled
2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped
Grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon
1 Tbsp. vodka (optional)
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
Sprinkling of celery salt
Hot sauce
Salt and freshly ground pepper
4 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
3 slices thick-cut bacon, cooked and coarsely crumbled (optional, but why not?)
Crusty French or Italian bread, sliced

Combine tomatoes, shrimp and celery in large bowl. In separate bowl, whisk lemon zest, juice, vodka, oil, Worcestershire, garlic and celery salt together and then season with hot sauce, salt and pepper, to taste. Pour over tomato mixture, stirring to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

When serving, sprinkle tomato mixture with the blue cheese and bacon and serve with bread.

ROMAINE WITH PINK GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND GOAT CHEESE

2 heads romaine lettuce, coarsely chopped

2 cups pink grapefruit sections
2 avocados, pitted and sliced
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1-14 oz. log goat cheese, crumbled
Dressing:
6 Tbsp. canola oil
¼ cup pink grapefruit juice
2 Tbsp. honey
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine lettuce, grapefruit, avocados and onion in large shallow salad bowl. Sprinkle with goat cheese. For the dressing, place ingredients in jar with tight-fitting lid. Seal and shake well to combine. Drizzle salad with dressing and serve.

AMARETTO FRUIT SALAD

1 cup sliced strawberries
1 cup sliced bananas
1 cup blueberries
1 cup cantaloupe balls
1 cup raspberries
1 Tbsp. brown sugar
2 Tbsp. Amaretto

Combine all fruit in shallow bowl. Sprinkle with brown sugar; drizzle with Amaretto. Let stand at room temperature for 1 hour for juices to form and blend flavors. Chill until serving time.

Note: May add mini marshmallows, grapes and honeydew melon. Serves 4.

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The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce hosted their International Women's Day Luncheon, sponsored by The Honesdale National Bank at Marywood University. Pictured from left are: Bob Durkin, president of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; Sister Mary Persico, president of Marywood University; Donna Barbetti, Laura Ducceschi, president and CEO of the Scranton Area Community Foundation and ATHENA Award recipient; Dr. Damary Bonilla-Rodriguez, keynote speaker; Elizabeth Nagy, VP, director of sales, marketing and digital banking from The Honesdale National Bank; Mari Potis, director of membership and events at The GreaterScranton Chamber of Commerce, and Deborah Kolsovsky, board chair at The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.



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Keystone Chapter UNICO National gifted Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia with money raised from its annual pig roast event held recently. This is the first time that Keystone Chapter UNICO National chose Make-A-Wish as a beneficiary. Its gift of \$6,700 will help grant wishes that give local children with critical illnesses the power and strength to persevere. The donation was presented to Maggie O'Brien, Scranton Regional Manager, on June 22, 2023, at the President's Dinner. Pictured from left are: Cesira Berardelli, Gloria Rizzo, Valerie Riggi, Nanine Gramigna, Maggie O'Brien, Keystone UNICO President Louise Ligi, Mary Lou Karliak, Mary Ann Coviello and Mark McDade. For more information on ways to help local wish kids, contact Maggie O'Brien at mobrien@greaterpawv.org or 570.341.9474.

COMING EVENTS

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cis of Assisi Kitchen, and various local charities. Contact Maureen at 570-558-5263 or Michele at 570-343-7009. Your check is your reservation. No refunds. Payment is due by Sept. 10. Make checks payable to LAOH-DIV. 5 and mail to Michele McDade, 102 Ridgeway Drive, Scranton, PA 18504. This bus fills fast so sign up early.

Actors Circle plays

Actors Circle presents "A Celebration of Short Plays – Celebrating Our Local Talent" on Aug. 17, 18, 19, and 20, at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 general; \$12 Senior, and \$10 student. On Thursday, all tickets are \$10. Pay cash at the door, or visit www.actorscircle.com for the link to purchase tickets online. Call for reservations at 570-342-9707.

Golf tournament

St. Mary's Villa Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, Aug. 28, at Glen Oak Country Club, Clarks Summit. Golfer registration is \$150 and includes carts, lunch, cocktail hour and dinner. Call Lani Dickson at 570-795-2810 to register.

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Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Condolences to family of former Dunmore legendary football coach **Jack Henzes** who died last month at 87...Henzes totaled 444 career wins in 52 seasons, 48 at Dunmore, second most in state history...The Dunmore icon is in PA Sports Hall of Fame and known to his former players as teacher of life lessons...A statue is in his honor on grounds of Dunmore High School...Dunmore's **Vic Fangio**, getting ready for football season as Miami Dolphins defensive coordinator, coached under Henzes and gives him credit for mentoring him into lengthy NFL coaching career...

Congratulations to Holy Cross second baseman **Alison Ross** for earning all-state softball honors as junior...Congratulations to four-year baseball-football-basketball standout **Nico Ruggiero** for being named Dunmore High School athlete of year upon his graduation...Prayers and get well wishes to **Lebron James'** son **Bronny** who suffered cardiac arrest while practicing as college freshman...Rolling Stones legend **Mick Jagger**, still strutting and going strong, turned 80 last month...Get well wishes to **Bob Walsh**, Dunmore, president of Northeastern Chapter for PA Sports Hall of Fame, recovering from back and leg issue...Get well wishes to Dunmorean owner/publisher **John Hart** recuperating from fall...Hard to believe ESPN let go of **Suzy Kolber**, **Jeff Van Gundy** and **Jalen**

Rose in latest round of job cuts... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Max Forgione** named as Lackawanna League Baseball Coaches' All-Star...Congratulations to **Brian Walsh** and **Kyle Skutack** of Scranton Prep named as Lackawanna League Baseball Coaches All-Stars...Boston Celtics star **Jaylen Brown** signed 5-year deal worth \$304-million to remain with team...Texas Rangers had five MLB all-star game starters - **Adolis Garcia**, **Marcus Semien**, **Cory Seager**, **Josh Jung** and **Jonah Heim**...It was first time an MLB team had five position players in all-star game since 1976 Cincinnati Reds...Hard to believe no Cincinnati Reds positions players were named to analyze all-star team...**Matt McLain**, **Spencer Steer** and **Jake Fraley** were all deserving...

American League defeated National League, 6-1, in first annual Wyoming Valley Baseball League all-star game held last month at PNC Field in Moosic...Dunmore's **Dylan Svetovich** and **Anthony Duchnowski**, former members of Dunmore Freedom League, had first two all-star hits ever for National League all-star team...**Colin Dietz**, former member of Dunmore Freedom League, and **Rob Galonis** had the other hits for National League team...Dunmore's **Dylan Svetovich** had two hits, including double, drove in three runs, pitched an extra inning complete game and

turned a double play on mound for Lavelle Insurance in Wyoming Valley League game last month... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Max Forgione** and Scranton Prep's **Brian Walsh** named All-Region for baseball...Forgione batted .500 with three homers and 30 runs...Remember Dunmore's **Nick Boccella** with three hits, including double, in team's District 17 Junior League baseball win over North Pocono, 11-4, 20 years ago?...Congratulations to **Mia Galella** of Holy Cross named All-State and to All-Region softball team...She hit .471 with eight homers and 36 walks...Congratulations to Mid Valley's **Maranda Runco** named All-State and All-Region and Player of Year after batting .632 with 18 homers and 53 RBIs and posting 23-2 pitching record with 14 shutouts and 0.62 ERA...

Do you remember Dunmore Bucks 1955-56 backfield that included **Sam Incavido**, **Art Parola**, **Sam Stivala**, **John Rinaldi**, **Paul Bradican**, **Vince Summa**, **Joe Fazio**, **Cal Pinto**, **Bill Giannoni** and **Don O'Hara**?...**Tom Silvano** was the Dunmore football coach then...Do you remember **Bobby Joseph**?...Newest members to be inducted October 1 into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame are **Mike Zanghi**, **Al Callejas**, **Lauren Carra**, **Joe Baciotti**, **Mike Cerra**, **Joe Run-**

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This group of four had the only hits for the National League in 6-1 loss to American League in inaugural Wyoming Valley Baseball League all-star game held at PNC Field in Moosic. From left: **Anthony Duchnowski**, **Colin Dietz**, **Rob Galonis**, and **Dylan Svetovich**. All but Galonis are former members of Dunmore Freedom League.



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Nico Ruggiero caps high school career as Dunmore High's athlete of the year

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore High School recent graduate Nico Ruggiero made the most of his athletic career.

Son of Vito and Christine Ruggiero, Dunmore, Nico excelled for four years in baseball, football and basketball at Dunmore.

He was, simply put, a three-sport standout from beginning to end.

"I really didn't have a favorite sport," he said. "Whatever sport I was playing, well, that was my favorite. It depended on what season it was."

"When football started, I loved football and when basketball started I loved that. And I loved baseball when that season started. I conditioned myself for each sport."

And for all of his dedication and accomplishments in the three sports during his senior year, Nico was named Dunmore High School athlete of the year. A captain on the baseball team, he batted .300, with five doubles, 12 RBIs and a 1.000 fielding percentage as a center fielder. He also excelled as a southpaw pitcher. He was the team pitcher of the year.

He was an All-State honorable mention football player as a running back for the Bucks. He was a stalwart safety on defense for Dunmore.

Scrappy on the hardwood, Nico, a starting point guard, was MVP on Dunmore's basketball team.

The scholar-athlete finished his Dunmore academic career with an impressive 3.7 academic average. His best academic subject is statistics. He earned a 98 in statistics.

Down-to-earth and hard-working, Nico will attend West Chester



University to study business management in the fall.

"I want to graduate college with that degree and get a very good job," he said. "There should be a lot of jobs for that."

Nico said he learned a lot from Dunmore veteran baseball coach Mike Hallinan. "He taught me to be respectful on and off the field and to focus on my goals."

The three-sport standout has very high praise for Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale. "I learned so much from Coach McHale," he

said. "He taught me to always get up. When you get knocked down, always get right back up."

Nico, 19, said his parents are his biggest supporters. "They teach me to always be respectful. Never give up. If you put your mind to it, you can do it."

He talked about what it takes to be a good pitcher in high school baseball. "You need to throw strikes. It doesn't matter how fast you pitch, just learn to hit the corners and throw strikes."

A smart athlete and a gamer, Nico likes listening to music in his spare time. He would like to see Lil' Baby in concert.

He is looking forward to attending West Chester. "I'm not sure if I will play any sports there. I am thinking about playing baseball."

Nico said he loved his academic and athletic experiences at Dunmore. "It was an overall great time," he said. "I learned a lot and made great memories. I met a lot of great people."



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Allison Ross of Holy Cross earns all-state softball honors

By Steve Svetovich

Job well done.

Such is the case for Holy Cross Lady Crusaders second baseman Allison Ross who was rewarded for her efforts with selection to the all-state team as a junior.

Daughter of Joe and Mari Ross, her dad is the coach of the Holy Cross softball team.

Alison, 17, batted .488 in earning an all-state selection as a second baseman.

The soon-to-be senior said she owes a lot to her parents.

"They teach me to always be a good person and look at the positives. Treat people right."

Alison said her dad has always been like a coach to her even before she became a member of the Lady Crusaders softball team under him.

"He brought the game to me at a very young age," she said. "He taught me everything I know. He

knows what to say at the right time. He is always supportive."

A positive thinker and hard-working, Alison talked about what it takes to be a good second baseman in high school softball.

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication," she said. "You need to stay positive to make the plays. Our coaches are very positive and push us to do our best."

The scholar-athlete has an impressive 3.8 grade point average at Holy Cross. Her favorite academic subject is science. She is a member of the TRUE Club, Foreign Languages Club and National Honor Society.

She will be playing her fourth year on the Lady Crusaders softball team next year. Alison will also be in her fourth year on the basketball team where she was a starting guard as a junior.

Alison comes from a family of outstanding softball and baseball players. Her dad and uncles Frank

and Paul were standout high school baseball players.

Her late grandfather Paul was a superb and well-known professional softball player.

Her sister Amanda was a stalwart softball player for Holy Cross who played for Kean University. Amanda, 24, is currently a graduate student at Widener University studying to be an occupational therapist.

Alison talked about what it takes to be a solid hitter in high school softball.

"It all starts with a lot of practice and trying to be a good teammate," she said. "You need to practice in the off season and during the season. I just try to get on base for my teammates."

The all-state second baseman said the success of the Lady Crusaders this year was due to teamwork. "We banded together as a team," she said.

"We all get along. We encourage each other and never get down. That's why we have success."

Alison said she is not sure if she will play softball in college or where she will attend, but is thinking about becoming a pharmacist eventually.

She likes listening to music in her spare time and would like to see Drake in concert.

Right now Alison is enjoying her time at Holy Cross and looking forward to her senior year.

She is keeping her future goals simple. "I want to get a good job, live a good life and be a good person."



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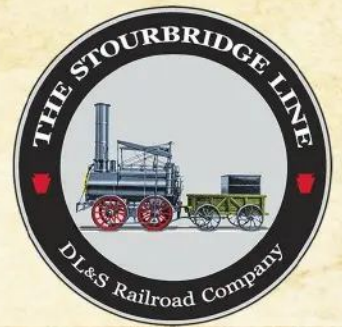
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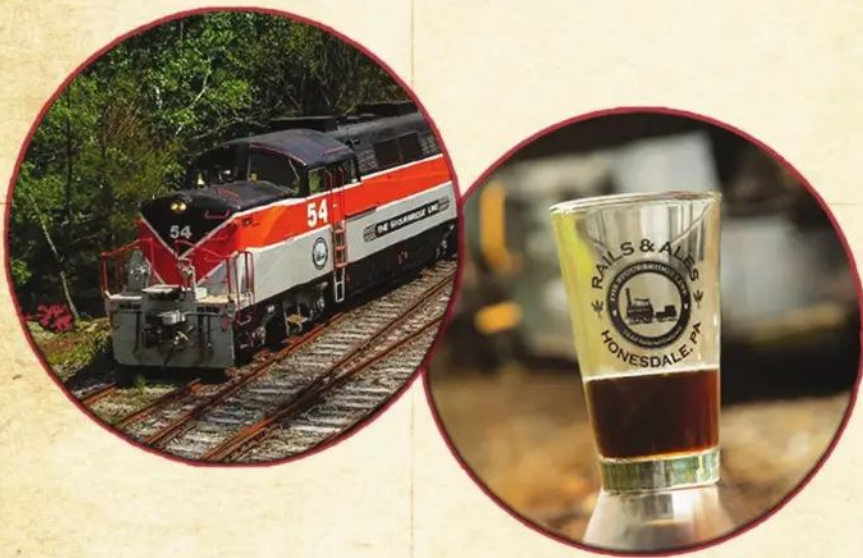
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Summer? Nope, not for me. A man of my stature doesn't fare well in the sweltering hot months of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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Our abundant trees equate to humidity, at least in my novice opinion. So, how do I beat the heat? I stay indoors, find pools, or travel to areas with substantial bodies of water!

Of course, I cannot speak for everyone. Some people enjoy this weather.

During the dog days of summer, many Pennsylvanians and visitors turn their attention to the beautiful vacation homes scattered across our picturesque state, particularly in Lackawanna County. Whether you're a property owner considering short-term rentals or a vacationer in search

of the perfect summer hideaway, understanding the legal implications involved is crucial.

If you're an owner thinking about renting your property, consider the following:

1. Zoning and Local Regulations: Always check with your local government to ensure short-term rentals are permitted in your area. In Lackawanna County, zoning laws differ among cities and towns.

For instance, Scranton permits short-term rentals in residential zones, but only under certain conditions and with appropriate variances. You can obtain relevant information from a local attorney or the city's planning and zoning office.

2. Rental Agreement: Ensure you have a comprehensive rental agreement in place. This agreement should encompass payment terms, duration of stay, maximum

occupancy, house rules, and policies regarding cancellations and damages.

A well-drafted contract can safeguard your interests and establish clear expectations for your guests.

3. Insurance Coverage: Standard homeowner's insurance may not cover short-term rental activities. It's worth considering proper insurance coverage to account for potential liabilities from renting your property.

4. Taxes: Pennsylvania state law mandates you to collect state sales tax, county hotel tax, and in some areas, local taxes from your guests. Failure to comply can result in fines and penalties.

On the other hand, if you're planning a vacation in a rental property, you should:

1. Review the Rental Agreement Thoroughly: This agreement governs your rights and responsibilities during your stay. Pay close attention to payment terms, cancellations, check-in and check-out times, and procedures for reporting issues or damages.

2. Protect Your Deposits: Some owners may ask for a damage deposit. To ensure you can reclaim this, document the property's condition upon your arrival and departure. Photos can help resolve any disputes.

3. Understand Local Reg-

ulations: Familiarize yourself with local rules, including noise ordinances and trash collection policies. Compliance with these rules can enhance your stay and help you avoid potential fines.

4. Assess Liability and Insurance: Verify if the rental property insurance covers guest accidents. If not, consider purchasing travel insurance to protect yourself from unforeseen incidents.

You might also consider using apps like Airbnb or VRBO to find a place to stay or rent out your property.

However, this option presents additional considerations. Hosts need to understand the platform's fee structure, how its insurance and liability coverage protects them, and its limitations.

You also need to set clear house rules that comply with local regulations and respect your neighbors.

Additionally, establishing a guest-screening process can prevent potential problems. As a guest, it's essential to read listings carefully to understand what's included in the rental.

Pay attention to the property description, amenities, house rules, cancellation policy, and check-in and check-out times. Also, review feedback from previous guests about their experiences and the hosts.

Be mindful of additional fees which may pile up as these platforms grow. Don't hesitate to communicate with your host; I've found direct communication before and during my stays to be beneficial.

Bear in mind, using these apps

instead of traditional hotels or motels often requires additional vigilance. You must respect the home you're staying in, understanding that your privacy may not be fully guaranteed. Also, as a host, remember that managing your property involves more work, particularly between rentals.

I once had clients who rented out their lake house, providing a lucrative source of additional income during the months they weren't using their vacation home. All went well until they received notice that past renters were filing a claim against them, alleging the host had installed cameras throughout the house.

This was untrue, and thankfully, they were well-insured, both through the rental app's coverage and additional private insurance that I had advised.

While it was never determined exactly what had happened, we speculated that previous renters had planted the cameras and hatched a scheme to rent the place and file a false claim against the host.

Navigating the legal aspects of vacation rentals may seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. An experienced attorney can help clarify these issues, assisting both owners and renters to make informed decisions about their summer plans.

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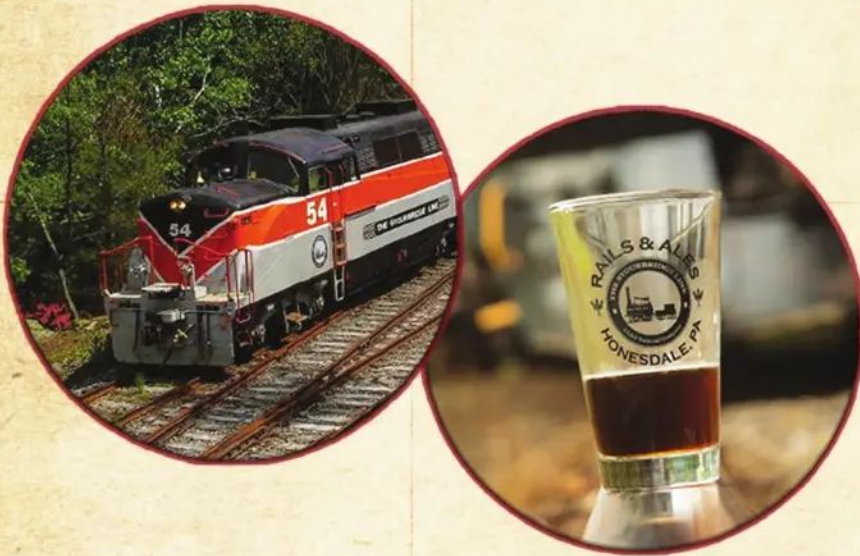
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