

Dunmorean of the Month Col. Robert McAllister



By Steve Svetovich

Robert W. McAllister, formerly of Dunmore, was promoted recently to the rank of Colonel and assumed duties as faculty instructor assigned to U.S. Army War College at the Carlisle Barracks.

Son of Rosemary Lewis, Throop, and the late Robert J. McAllister, Dunmore, Colonel McAllister is a 1987 graduate of Dunmore High School.

Major General John J. Gronski, former Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Europe, and former Commander, 28, Infantry Division, hosted the promotion ceremony that took place at the Scranton Armed Forces Reserve Center this past September.

"I was very honored with this promotion," McAllister said. "I came into this 32 years ago as a private. I never thought I would see this day. It means so much to me."

McAllister, 54, commanded the Scranton-based 1-109 Infantry Regiment from 2018 through 2020. He enlisted in the PA National Guard in 1991 and served as a citizen soldier in the 1-109 Infantry through 1997.

Colonel McAllister will be guest speaker at the 1-109 Infantry Regiment Dining Out on Saturday, January 6, at the Hilton Conference Center, Scranton.

"I'm very excited about that," he said. "I will be back in my hometown of Dunmore. I should be in town the entire weekend. My sister Erin

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Attending a 50th anniversary celebration honoring the 1973-74 Dunmore Boys Basketball championship team, which was the winningest team in Bucks history were, from left: deceased team member Harry McGrath's grandson Harry and son Harry; deceased team captain Tim Earley's son Timmy and wife Margie; Frank Murrin, Bobby Mancuso, Len Carlucci, Tony Nardelli, Mark Nicolais, Mickey Perry, Joe Nicosia, Head Coach Tom "Doc" Dougherty, and Assistant Coach Canio Cianci.

Dunmore celebrates 50th anniversary of 1973/74 basketball championship

A 50th Anniversary Celebration honoring the 1973-74 Dunmore Boys Basketball championship team, the winningest team in Bucks history, was held on December 16.

Diane Pegula shared the script she read at the event with our readers:

Good Evening Everyone:

At this time the Dunmore School District would like to take a moment to recognize the Dunmore Bucks Boys Basketball team from 1973-74. They were led by Head Coach Tom "Doc" Dougherty and Assistant Coach Canio Cianci.

Fifty years ago, the team captured the hearts of the student body and local community. Playing before capacity crowds both home and away, the Bucks broke the school record-winning 22 games while losing only five, with three of those losses by two points or less.

The .814 win-loss percentage continues to be the school record. The team also scored 70 or more points 13 times, and that was before the 3-point field goal existed!

Playing before estimated crowds of 4,000 fans at the famed Scranton CYC, the Bucks beat West Scranton for the Lackawanna League title; beat Riverside for the District 2 title, and beat James Buchanan in the PIAA playoffs, and they did this all within a 3 week span.

The win over James Buchanan was the first inter-district win in school history. The playoff run ended with a Sweet 16 berth, but locally the Bucks were ranked Number 1 in all polls.

Following the season, Mayor Martin Monahan proclaimed the spring season of 1974 the Championship Season in the Borough of Dunmore, with each player and coach receiving a day in their honor.

It is my pleasure to introduce one of the greatest teams in Bucks Boys' Basketball history: Players who are with us tonight: Lenny Carlucci, Bobby Mancuso, Frank Murrin, Tony Nardelli, Mark Nicolais, Joe Nicosia, and Mickey Perry. The coaches are Assistant Coach Canio Cianci and Head Coach Tom "Doc" Dougherty.

Family members with us tonight representing deceased players: Representing Captain Tim Earley are his wife Margie and sons Dr. Timmy and Michael. Representing team member Harry McGrath are his son Harry and grandson Harry.

Not with us tonight: Guy Ardizoni, Frank Capoccia, Jerry Dempsey, Jerry Hart, Joe Risse, and managers Joe Gaughan and George Kofel.

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(Klatt) lives on Butler Street in Dunmore, so I will get to see her. My dad (Robert McAllister) lived with my stepmother Sharon McAllister on Fourth Street in Dunmore, but he passed away last year."

Colonel McAllister received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1998 through the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School at Fort Indiantown Gap.

A 32-year veteran of the PA Army National Guard, McAllister served on multiple overseas deployments, including Bosnia-Herzegovina and Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he commanded A Company, 1-175 Infantry, (Maryland Army National Guard) in Qayyarah, Iraq.

In addition to deployment overseas, Colonel McAllister served in numerous Homeland Operation missions such as Hurricane Katrina and Operation Jump Start, assisting the U.S. Border Patrol Agency and Department of Homeland Security with securing the United States' southwest border.

"I was in Bosnia in 2002 and 2003 during a peacekeeping operation," he said. "I was in Iraq in 2007 and 2008 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was company commander of a light infantry unit."

McAllister served in numerous staff assignments at National Guard Bureau Headquarters in Arlington, VA and at Headquarters TRADOC in Fort Eustis, VA.

He is a graduate of numerous military schools, including the U.S. Army War College and Command and General Staff College.

He earned his associate degree from Keystone Junior College and a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Wilkes University. He earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College as well as a master of science degree in engineering management

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Colonel Robert McAllister, center, is flanked from left by his mother, Rosemary Lewis, and his son Ryan, and on right by his wife, Gloria, and daughter, Kelly.



Colonel Robert McAllister, right, is congratulated on his promotion by Major General John J. Gronski.

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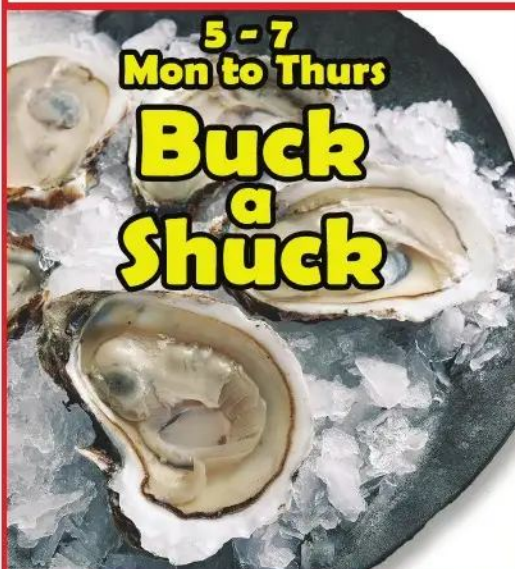
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from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and a master's degree in operations and national security from the University of Maryland.

Prior to his current assignment at Army War College, he served as Chief Collective Training for the Army National Guard in Arlington, VA.

He resides in Burke, VA, with his wife, the former Glenda Sanchez, and his 13-year-old twins, daughter Kelly and son Ryan, and dog Teddy.

Colonel McAllister and his wife Glenda have been married 15 years. The couple met in northern Virginia. His wife is from Puerto Rico.

"I was a student at Wilkes University when I joined the Pennsylvania National Guard," said Colonel McAllister. "I joined for both the benefits and the adventure. I knew it would help pay for my education. Pennsylvania National Guard Sergeant first class Billy Hartshorn of Dunmore was one of my recruiters. His son was also in my unit.

"I never dreamed I would be spending my entire adult life wearing this uniform. I've been wearing this uniform from age 21 to 54 now. It's an honor and I'm very proud of it. It's very rewarding."



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter of UNICO National has chosen The Hart Free Library Fund for a donation in its "Random Acts of Kindness" program. This donation is being made in memory of John M. Hart Jr., who passed away in August. The initiative of the Hart Free Library Fund is twofold. One is to renovate the Little Free Library located on Morel Street, Scranton, and secondly is to start a small museum to showcase the hobbies and collections of the late John M. Hart Jr. Donations to this project can be made to the "Hart Free Library Fund" at 1175 Morel St., Scranton, PA 18509. Pictured at the check presentation in the front row are Mary Ann Coviello, Keystone UNICO donations committee cochair; Maureen Hart, editor of The Dunmorean, and John M. Hart III, Esquire, publisher of the Dunmorean. Second row: Mark E. McDade, Keystone Charter president; Valerie Riggi, Frank Coviello, donations committee cochair; Sylvia and Bob Tagert, Sandy and Bob Collins, and Marilyn Vitali, all Keystone UNICO committee members. New members for Keystone UNICO are always welcome and should contact Membership Director Ann Summa at 570-842-9336 or Mark McDade at 570-343-7009 for further information.



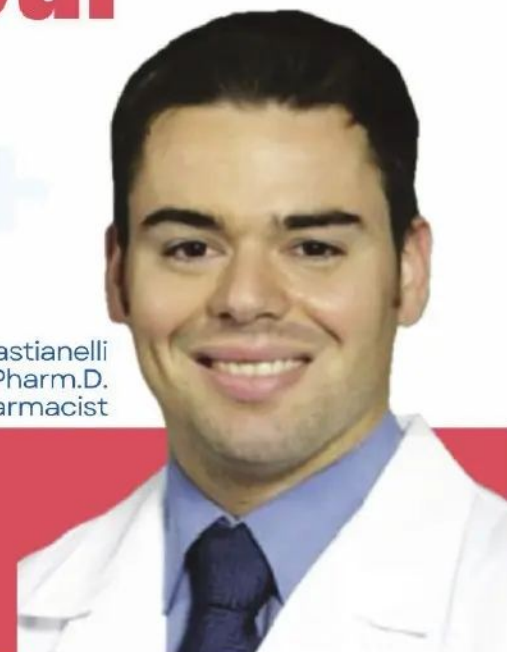
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Sharing the 34th annual New Year's Wish List

It's that time of year again. This marks the 34th consecutive year of the New Year's wish list.

It began with the 1991 issue of The Dunmorean. So here we go with the 2024 wish list:

No rain outs this summer for **Brian McGurl** and **Tom Hallinan** at the annual Bucktown Music Fest... a Hank's hoagie in Green Ridge from **Tommy Owens**... Tommy Owens firing his whiffle ball curves like he did back in the day... **Brian Wilson** back at the Kirby Center... a stop to American Water Company with skyrocketing bills to consumers in Dunmore and Scranton... Dunmore's **Joe Tomko** back in politics... **Johnny Carson** reruns... **Jackie the Jokeman** and **Stuttering John** back with **Howard Stern**... more of **Dick Van Dyke** at 98... a Pappas Pizza tuna grinder... a cheeseburger in paradise for the late **Jimmy Buffett**...

pasta at Carmella's in Dunmore's Bunker Hill... Starbucks coffee... a coffee and toasted bagel from the Retro Cafe in Pinebrook... **Shania Twain** anywhere... **Mary Tyler Moore** reruns... **Stangers Rock**... a German brownie from Minooka Bake Shop... the return of the peanut stick at Krispy Kreme... a night out at the Rockwell VFW... **Alyssa Milano**, **Judith Light** and **Tony Danza** on a Who's the Boss reunion... the return of the Saint Patrick's picnic in West Side... **Marie Osmond** turning back the clock with Nutrisystem... **Mick Jagger** and **Keith Richards** rocking at 80... Keith Richards defying the odds at 80... **Springsteen** at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park... **Adrian Beltre**, **Todd Helton**, **Jimmy Rollins**, **Joe Mauer**, **Gary Sheffield** and **Tori Hunter** in the National Baseball Hall of Fame... **Kenny Anderson**, **Isaac Curtis**,

Torry Holt and **Otis "O.J." Anderson** in the Pro Football Hall of Fame... **Warren Zevon**, **Jim Croce** and The Guess Who in the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame... crumb cake from Cwikla's in Avoca... a square tray of pizza with onions from McAlpine Pub in Avoca... dinner at Ragnacci's in Dunmore... wings from Haggerty's in West Side... a West Side Flava's hoagie... a Dunkin in Forest City... Paulie's hot dogs in Honesdale... **Barbara Eden** in a Jeannie bottle... Dunmore's **Anthony Duchnowski** back for another summer in the Tri-Valley Baseball League... a healthy year for **Atty. Melanie Naro**, former Dunmore councilwoman, who continues to kick cancer in the butt with her positive vibes... a decrease in real estate taxes... peace for the Ukraine... the strawberry frosty back at Wendy's... my dad's chili... Mickey Gannon's wings... continued recovery and health to **Peter St. James**, leader of Rock Royalty, who recently received new kidney... Nardozi's pizza in Dunmore... a return to health for Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **Joe Burrow**... Dunmore's **Shannon Miele** and her sister **Michele** rocking and dancing at the Waldorf Tiki Bar... a visit with **Tim Wagner** at his sporting goods store in Green Ridge... **Joe Snedeker** weather reports... **Vince Sweeney** back as a local TV weatherman... a continued mild winter... fresh water... complete recovery for **Jimmy Connors** and his vocal cords, so he can sing Johnny B Goode... a night at The Roosey in Dunmore... **Olena** pouring fresh drafts at The Roosey... wings from Honeychild's in Dunmore... Taco Bell... Nicholas Pizza in Green Ridge... a Dunkin hot coffee... **Cher** turning back time... continued success for local music talent **Alyssa Lazar** and having her back at Crotti's on Ash... the return of Gold Crown Pizza in Dunmore... a new Neil Young CD... Dunmore's **Brian McGurl** on keyboards with Q Ball... less haters... less division in our country... breakfast at the Bucktown Diner in Dunmore... the return of Bartels beer... a draft beer with my long time buddy **Brian Bosley**... the return of the Throop Cow

Flop... Mickey Gannon's wings in Green Ridge... no pot holes... The Wannabes... a successful return to politics for Dunmore's **Nibs Loughney**... an Arby's gyro... Crown Chicken in South Side... a Popeye's chicken sandwich... a chili burger from Carawanna's Diner in Carbondale... **Ringo** and his All-Star Band... a **Paul McCartney** concert... the Saint Ubaldo Festival in Jessup... breakfast at Katrina's Diner in Dickson City... a night at The Moose in West Pittston... another **Bob Dylan** concert on his "Never Ending" tour... another Lynyrd Skynyrd concert... **Lady Gaga**... the Cincinnati Reds in the playoffs... another year for **Joey Votto**... Rolling Rock beer... another book from Dunmore's legendary **Guy Valvano**... **Jennifer Lopez** anywhere... **Brett "Gardy" Gardner** back in baseball as a coach for the Yankees... a football scholarship for Dunmore's **Danny Pigga**... a new manager and GM for the New York Yankees... Donnie Baseball managing the Yankees... a Guinness draft at The Bog... a night at Legends in Dickson City... **Taylor Swift**... more band jobs for my dad, the leader and drummer of The Fabulous Fortunes as he begins his 77th year performing... a return to health for Dunmore's **Bob Walsh**, president of Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame... solid New York Mets and flea market seasons for my great friend **Steve Gall**... Thunder Road... no road rage... Green Ridge Pizza... **Valerie Bertinelli** back on a TV sitcom... a 100th birthday for **Jimmy Carter**... Gomer Pyle reruns... Sirius-XM radio... more of the Mad Dog on Sirius-XM... the return of the cassette... a hoagie from Cara Mia's in Dunmore... a fresh Italian hoagie from Roseanna's Pizza in West Side... my son Ryan singing "Yesterday" with the Rock Royalty Tribute Band... Kelly's wings in South Side... **Madonna**... another great summer baseball season for my son Dylan in the Tri-Valley League... good health to my great friend **Tom Duggan** as he continues his great work counseling prisoners... a day in Cooperstown, New York with my sons... a night with **Bugeye McGuire**... Welcome Back Kotter reruns... a reduction in gas prices and utility bills... a reverse to inflation... another **Martina McBride** concert at the Kirby Center... a night dancing to the music of The Sperazza Band... a night at The Knights in Pittston... continued success for **Kevin McHale** and the Dunmore Bucks football program... another state title run for the Dunmore Lady Bucks... **Lori Loughlin** back on the Hallmark channel... continued success to Holy Cross graduate **Kaci Kranson** with the

University of Scranton Lady Royals... a return to form after injury for former Dunmore Lady Bucks standout **Ciera Toomey** as she continues her basketball career at the University of North Carolina... more great work from Dunmore Crime Watch head **Gary Duncan**... **Eva Longoria**... wing bites from Nina's in Dunmore... singing American Pie... breakfast at Abe's Diner in downtown Scranton... Maroni's Pizza in West Side... a **Bob Seger** comeback... dinner at La Cucina in Dunmore... less divorce... no crime or shootings... police protection at all schools... more honest politicians like Green Ridge's **Bob Casey**... more funding for autism... Happy Days reruns... good fortune and health to my friend **Jeanne Hoppel** (and her mom) whose late dad Bill always told me to look at the bottle as half full... a decrease in the Scranton wage tax... a trip to Seaside Heights, New Jersey... Santorini, Greece... Miller Genuine Draft... Everybody Loves Raymond reruns... a nice playoff run for the New York Knicks... wings from Joyce's Cafe in Minooka... a Texas wiener from Green Ridge News... continued success for the Dunmore and Holy Cross athletic programs... Laverne and Shirley reruns... Flaxy Morgan... no animal cruelty... **Roger Finnerty**, **Jimmy Tighe**, **Vince Parise**, **Billy Woelkers**, **John Parise** and **Sam Zaffino** back with The Fabulous Fortunes... **Jack Meade** on sax... **Tom Gavern**, **Jeff Lewis** and **Firp Edmunds** on guitar... my dad on drums... a strong playoff run for Dunmore's **Vic Fangio** as defensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins... King of Queens reruns... **David Letterman** back on TV... more Interviews from Howard Stern... **Carly Simon**... The Sperazza Duo at Ernie G's in Avoca... Dunmore's **Paul Nardozi** back in politics and his Yankees back in the playoffs... **Susanna Hoffs**... my son Ryan singing Jethro Tull's "Locomotive Breath" with the Rock Royalty Tribute Band... continued success for my son Dylan as a medical sales rep for Johnson and Johnson... good health to Dunmore's **Fran and Santa Burne**... my talented musical friend **Diane Luke** singing White Rabbit... concerts at Bethel Woods... Rock a Royalty at A.J.'s in Carbondale... another trip with my sons to the Montrose and Hawley Winter-fests... Cooper's Maryland Crab Bisque soup... the Saint Rocco's and Saint Anthony's picnic in Dunmore's Bunker Hill... a special place in Heaven for my aunts **Stella** and **Annette** who passed away this past year... a special place in heaven for late Dunmore community activists **Addie Michalek**, (Please turn to Page 19)



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Holy Cross Crusaders fall just short in Lynett title game

By Steve Svetovich

Despite a gritty battle, Holy Cross came up a little short in the Lynett Tournament boys' title game.

The Crusaders (6-2) lost to Scranton, 48-46, in the 72nd Lynett Memorial Boys championship contest Friday, December 29, at Lackawanna College Student Union.

The Knights (8-1) erased a seven-point deficit to claim their eighth title and complete Scranton's sweep as the girls also won, 65-54 over Scranton Prep in the 20th Lynett Memorial Girls Basketball Tournament.

Scranton's defense tightened up in the fourth quarters in the boys' win over Holy Cross.

Matthew Barrett hit on two clutch 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to pull Scranton within 40-38 with 7:08 remaining in the title game.

Scranton sophomore Tony Battaglia drilled a spinning jumper to tie the game, 42-42, with 4:20 left in the contest.

Scranton's Cullen Moran, who played for Holy Cross last season, hit on two huge layups to give Scranton leads of 44-42 and then 46-44 with 2:26 left.

Jaheam Roberts came off a screen and drove in for a layup giving Scranton a 48-44 lead with 1:18

left. An offensive rebound clutch tip-in for a bucket by Matt Lyons brought Holy Cross to within, 48-46.

The Holy Cross strong defense then forced two turnovers in the final minute.

The tough Crusaders had two chances to tie or take the lead. However, Scranton's Moran challenged a shot by Michael Hughes. Roberts then swatted away a shot attempt by Austin Bunting on the rebound. The ball sailed out of bounds and the Crusaders had the ball with 0.4 seconds left. A field goal attempt at the buzzer caromed off the rim and the Knights owned the 72nd

Lynett title.

Lyons led Holy Cross with 16 points and eight rebounds. Hughes added 14 points for the Crusaders. Both were named to the all-tournament team.

"I am proud of this team," Holy

Cross basketball coach Al Callejas, Jr. said. "I am proud of our effort." Freshman C.J. Thompson played well for Holy Cross scoring nine total points and along with Lyons helping the Crusaders take a 35-26

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BUCKS SCHOLARS: A special luncheon was held for Bucks Scholars in December to honor their scholastic achievements. The Bucks Scholars represent the top 10 ranked students in each grade from 7-12.



Junior Matt Lyons was leading scorer for the Holy Cross Crusaders in the title game of the Lynett Tournament, where the team was narrowly beaten by Scranton, 48-46.

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79	West Catholic	54	69	Tech	48	99	Tech	81
55	Mid-Valley	54	45	Prep	44	74	Prep	57
66	Riverside	60	91	Bishop Klonowski	58	96	Bishop Klonowski	64
62	Old Forge	40	58	West Scranton	59	71	West Scranton	52
71	Bishop O'Hara	49	79	Abington	69	73	Abington	67
49	Bishop Hoban	51	67	Bishop Hannan	51	74	Bishop Hannan	56
59	Montrose	51	56	Central	57	68	Central	61

LACKAWANNA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

81 West Scranton 51

DISTRICT II PLAY-OFFS

81 Crestwood 49

67 Riverside 61

LACKAWANNA LEAGUE "B" PLAY-OFF

53 Riverside 74

P.I.A.A. INTER-DISTRICT PLAY-OFFS

86 James Buchanan 79

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A photo of the 1973-74 Boys Basketball championship team from Dunmore High School. --See related and story and photo on Page 1.

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PHOTOS AT LEFT: Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National has announced the winners from its 12th Annual Columbus Day Coloring Contest, conducted for all students in the second-grade classes in Dunmore Borough. The student with the winning entry from each of the second grades received their artwork entry professionally framed and a gift card. Pictured with the winners at Dunmore Elementary Center are DEC staff and UNICO coloring contest chairman Jim Mack. With their winning entries are, from left: Matilda Zayac, Makenzie Robbins, Mackenzie Marshall, Alexis Schlereth, and Aella Carter. Back row: Mr. Quinn principal; Mrs. Amendolaro, Mrs. DelGuercio and Mrs. Walsh, second grade teachers; James Mack, Mrs. Cordaro, second grade teacher; Miss Abood, student teacher; Mrs. Gavalla, second grade teacher, and Miss O'Sullivan, student teacher.



Pictured with Ayla Chmielewski, the winner in the Annual Keystone UNICO Columbus Day Coloring Contest from Saint Mary's Parochial School are from left: James Mack, Keystone Chapter UNICO National Columbus Day Coloring Contest Chairman; Ayla; Hannah Kozerski, second grade teacher, and Maryelizabeth Shattin, Saint Mary's Parochial School principal; and Mark McDade, Keystone Chapter Charter president.



Scranton Area Community Foundation Staff and Board Governors gathered to prepare for its annual celebration held in December. Shown from left: Joel Grabin, Finance and Accounting Manager; Vivian Williams, Senior Community Initiatives Manager; Amy Betts, Community Initiatives Manager; Frank Caputo, Grants and Communications Coordinator; Cassandra Miller, NEPA Thrives Pathways Navigator; Dana Hunter, Administration Manager; Ken Okrepkie, Board Governor; Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO; Maggie Martinelli, Chief Operating Officer, and Tom Donahue, Board Governor.



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Lackawanna College Occupational Therapy Assistant program hosted an Assistive Technology Fair in the OTA lab on campus recently. Featuring Occupational Therapy Assistant program staff and students, the event was attended by area occupational therapy students, practitioners, and other Lackawanna College employees. Presenters included United Cerebral Palsy's Assistive Technology Resources Center, Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation, Penumbra, and NeighborWorks NEPA. In photo from left, are: Laura Pert, LC OTA Student; Alyssa Espinoza, NeighborWorks Northeastern PA; Melanie Brock, LC Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, and Mary Endrusick, NeighborWorks Northeastern PA



Skills in Scranton has announced it was awarded a 2023 American Water Charitable Foundation Workforce Readiness Grant of \$20,000, focusing on developing and promoting career pathway education resources and community outreach. Shown from left: Emily Pettinato, workforce specialist at The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; Susan Turcmanovich, external affairs manager at Pennsylvania American Water, and Amy Luyster, vice president at The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

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The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway

I can't thank everyone enough who played a role in turning our second Annual "Christmas in the Corners" event into a massive success! Special thanks to the members of the Dunmore Business Association, our incredibly generous contributors, Dunmore's first responders, DPW, and our volunteers who made the whole event seamless.

A special round of applause goes to Cara Lowe from Cara Mia's Delicatessen, who worked her magic for months, hustling to secure donations, find vendors, snag sponsors, book entertaining acts, and find the perfect gifts for the children of Dunmore.

What makes me proudest about this event is that no child left the event empty-handed. Witnessing the entire Dunmore community come together in a selfless Christmas spirit was a heart-warming reminder that there's truly no place like Dunmore.

Ally, Mollie, and I want to wish everyone joy-filled new year!

P.S. - The number of times I heard "I feel like I'm in a Hallmark Movie" would make the Hallmark channel blush!



Attendees likened Christmas at the Corners 2023 to a Hallmark movie with its magical glow.

Christmas at the Corners brought holiday spirit to throngs of Borough residents

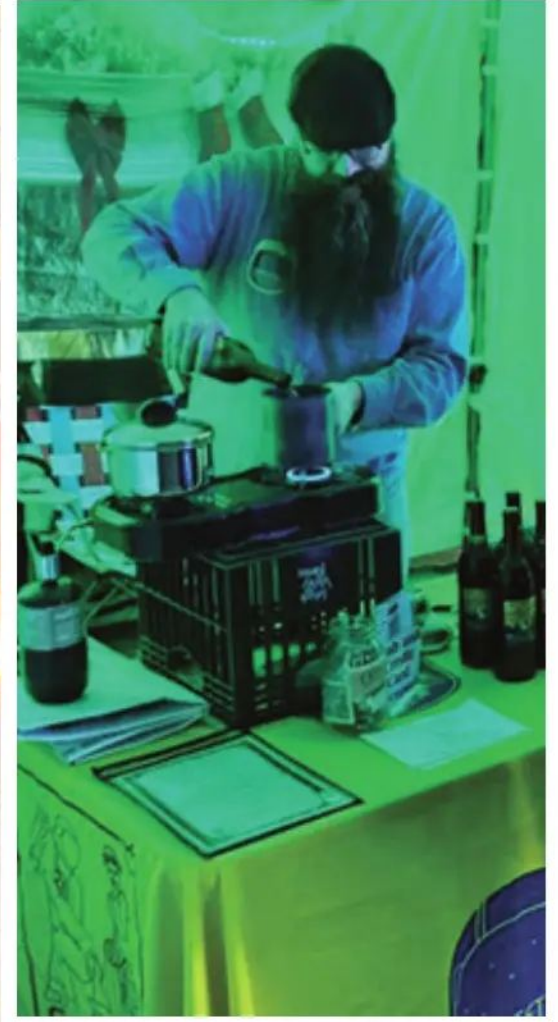


Huge crowds thronged Dunmore for the annual Christmas at the Corners sponsored by the Dunmore Business Association.

—Photos by John Hart



What an incredible turnout at Dunmore's Christmas in the Corners! Shown here is juggler Rob Smith entertaining the crowd.



Space Time Mead & Cider Works participated in the recent Christmas at the Corners in Dunmore.

Dunmore students demonstrate excellence in academics, community spirit, art and music



Congratulations to Dunmore School District's Students of the Month for November. They are: Nancy Mecca, 7th grade; Michelle Nidoh, 8th grade; Bridget Walsh, 9th grade; Luke Kalinowski, 10th grade; Patrick Kopacz, 11th grade, and Thomas Robinson, 12th grade.



Dunmore senior art students took time in December to help get the Borough in readiness for the holidays by decorating festive windows to help get in the Christmas spirit!



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Congratulations to Emma Renard, Geanna Kirchner, Julianna Argust, Jackson Madajeski, and Conor Roberts! These Dunmore High School students qualified for the PMEA District 9 Chorus festival at Dallas High School from January 24-26, where they will audition to qualify for the Region 4 Chorus.



Dunmore's Keystone UNICO conducted its 12th annual Toys for Tots Drive at its Christmas Party at Fiorelli's. The Marine's look forward to attending this annual dinner to pick up the large quantity of toys donated by the chapter members and guests. Entertainment was provided by song stylist Jim Cerminaro. It was another joyous evening of food, song and comradery. Pictured at the presentation are UNICO Veterans holding a sampling of the toys. From left are Joe Sadowski, Bob Tagert, Chapter First Vice-President Michele McDade; Toy Drive cochairs Peter and Sallie Noto, Marine S/Sgts Dely Salvatore and Marcus Vallejo, Frank Coviello, Joe Berardelli, Vince Martino, and Tom Carlucci.

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CUISINE

BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ



Holiday entertaining season is upon us.

I've come to an age where I feel Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year are all jumbled together.

The gifts are unwrapped and put away...now it's time to ring in 2024.

We can't fit all our gatherings into one or two days...thus, the new year has arrived and we're still celebrating through January.

We're all getting company and need some quick recipes on hand for either planned parties or drop-in guests.

So, to make our lives a little easier, here are some great quick appetizers with very little work.

BAKED ARTICHOKE DIP

- 2 cups mayonnaise**
- 2 cloves garlic, mashed**
- 2 cups Parmesan cheese, grated**
- 2 medium cans artichoke hearts, drained**
- Dash of Worcestershire sauce**
- Cayenne pepper, to taste**
- Parsley flakes, to taste**

Mix mayonnaise, garlic, cheese, artichoke hearts and Worcestershire sauce in a bowl. Pour into an attractive baking dish. Sprinkle with cayenne and parsley flakes. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30-45 minutes until hot and bubbly. Serve with crackers or vegetables.

Try quick and easy appetizers for party season

SHRIMP AND CRABMEAT DIP

- 2 Tbsp. butter**
- 2 stalks celery, chopped**
- 1 green pepper, chopped**
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce**
- 1 ½ cups mayonnaise**
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice**
- 2-6 ½ oz. cans shrimp, drained**
- 2-6 ½ oz. cans crabmeat, picked and drained**
- ½ tsp. salt**
- ¼ tsp. pepper**
- 12-15 crushed Ritz or Town House crackers**
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese**

Saute' chopped celery and green pepper in butter and Worcestershire sauce. Cool. Add mayonnaise. Add lemon juice, shrimp and crabmeat. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to buttered casserole.

Cover with layer of crushed crackers and top with grated cheese. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 40 minutes. Cover with foil. Can be kept in warm oven for an hour. Transfer to chafing dish. Serve with crackers.

RUM SAUSAGES

- 8 pkgs. little smokie sausages**
- 1 lb. brown sugar (I use less)**
- 1 cup rum**
- 1 small bottle soy sauce**

Note: this is for a large crowd.

You can use 1 or 2 packages of smokies, a few tablespoons brown sugar, a few tablespoons of rum, few teaspoons soy sauce.

Brown sausages in skillet, stirring frequently and drain. Combine brown sugar, rum and soy sauce in saucepan and mix well. Bring to boil, stirring frequently. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add sausages. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve in chafing dish with toothpicks. May be stored in refrigerator for several days or frozen.

APPLE DIP

- 8 oz. cream cheese**
- 1 cup brown sugar**
- 2 Tbsp. rum**
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts (I use pecans)**
- 4 apples, sliced**

Combine cream cheese, brown sugar, rum and nuts in a bowl. Serve with apple slices.

The next two appetizers I have been making for many years and are true "hits" at parties:

OLIVE PATE

- 1 jar green manzanilla olives stuffed with pimiento**
- 1 can black olives**
- 1 clove garlic, crushed**
- 1 tsp. canola oil**

Put all ingredients into food processor. Store in small jar in refrigerator. Spread on tiny baguettes or water crackers.

TOMATO CHUTNEY

- 1-14 oz. can whole tomatoes, chopped, not drained**
- 4 Tbsp. light brown sugar**
- 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar**
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped**
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped**
- 2 Tbsp. ketchup**
- 6 drops of hot sauce, or to taste**
- ½ tsp. black pepper**

In saucepan on medium heat mix all ingredients. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and allow mixture to simmer for 2 hours or until cooked to a thick sauce. Serve with cream cheese and crackers or as a vegetable side dish. Yield: 3-4 cups.

Have a happy, healthy, peaceful 2024 from our house to yours!!!!!!!!!!!!

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FNCB Bank, locally based since 1910, recently held a Toys for Tots drive that brought in hundreds of donated toys for children in Northeast Pennsylvania. The drive was conducted in all 16 community offices as well as FNCB's Corporate Centers in Dunmore. Midge MacArthur, FNCB Dunmore Community Office Manager, spearheaded the project. The support of Toys for Tots is part of FNCB's larger Community Caring initiative. As a true, local community bank, FNCB Bank is making a difference through volunteerism, donations and outreach programs. Shown from left are: Samantha Vargas, Customer Service Associate; Midge MacArthur, Vice President, Community Office Manager; Jacob Rooney, Customer Service Associate; Angel Browder, Personal Banker, and Bridget Connor, Assistant Community Office Manager.



Dunmore High School hosted its annual Career Fair for students on December 7 with over 50 different careers represented. The school would like to thank everyone who volunteered to meet with students to teach them about their professions. Organizers for the event were school counselors - Kimberly Ahern, Margo Balderson, and Jeanne Massaro.



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Dunmore businesses pick up SAGE Awards at gala



Winners of the 2023 SAGE Awards presented by the Scranton Chamber of Commerce to honor outstanding businesses for talent, creativity, and innovations are shown during the Gala Dinner at Scranton Art Haus Theatre and Cinema Club.

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce hosted its Chamber Gala recently, where they presented the 2023 SAGE Awards—the Scranton Awards for Growth and Excellence.

Verizon presented this year's event at the Scranton Art Haus Theater and Cinema Club.

Chamber board chair, Jerry Musheno, opened the ceremony by thanking all finalists, award sponsors, and Gala sponsors for their dedication to the NEPA community.

The following were presenters for the evening— John Basalyga, owner of Scranton Art Haus, Marketplace at Steamtown, and JBAS Realty, and Robert McGuckin, manager-state and local government affairs for Verizon.

Mike Castellano, special projects manager, United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties, served as the emcee for the evening.

The SAGE Awards honor outstanding local businesses for their talent, creativity, and innovation. The Chamber received nearly 90 SAGE Award applications. A team of volunteers scored the applications. The top three scoring applications were named finalists.

The 2023 SAGE Awards offered a new category to highlight businesses and their significant milestones, the Milestone Awards. 14 businesses were recognized throughout the award show: DBA Architects, LLC, **Fidelity Bank**, Goodwill Industries of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Highland Associates, Ltd., Inspired Studio, Montage Mountain Resorts, Needle Law, PC, Outreach – Center for Community Resources, Ski Shack, **Space Time Mead & Cider Works**, Talerico's Tropical Winery, Tobyhanna Army Depot, WVIA, and WNEP.

The Chamber congratulates all finalists and winners of the 2023 SAGE Awards. The winners in each category are: Business of the Year, **Titan Tree Service, Inc.**; Community Involvement Excellence, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Customer Service Excellence, Tech42, LLC; Marketing & Communications Excellence, Honesdale National Bank; New and Emerging Business of the Year, LFG Life Fitness Goals; Nonprofit Organization of the Year, WVIA; Product & Services Excellence, Merut Construction; People's Choice, **United Sports Academy**; Small Business of the Year, Ski Shack; Workplace Excellence, Woodloch Resorts.

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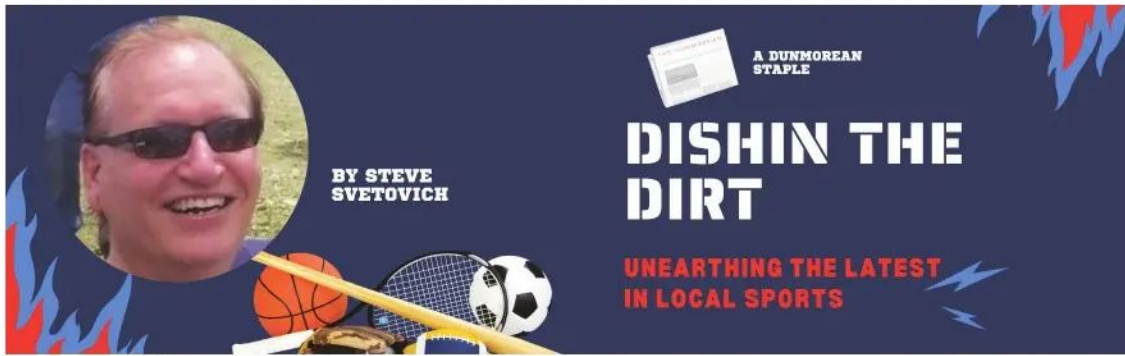
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Congratulations to Dunmore senior back **Danny Pigga** named by Lackawanna League coaches as offensive player of year, NPF MVP, and All Region team...He rushed for 1,752 yards at 11.7 yards per carry, caught 31 passes for 498 yards and scored 26 total touchdowns on runs, passes and kickoff and punt returns...He also earned Mr. 570 Football Award presented by 570 Sports...

Scranton freshman **Zya Small** leads Lackawanna League in scoring at 20.7 points per game leading into holiday tournaments...Congratulations to former Pittsburgh Pirates, Florida Marlins, Colorado Rockies and Detroit Tigers manager **Jim Leyland** deservedly elected to National Baseball Hall of Fame by Veterans Committee...Former New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs, Tampa Bay Rays manager **Sweet Lou Piniella**, with 1,835 career wins as manager, narrowly missed election by one vote for second time...Sweet Lou, who managed Reds to World Series title in 1990 and led Mariners to record 116 wins in 2001, deserves to be

in...Strong candidates for election by writers into National Baseball Hall of Fame this month include **Adrian Beltre, Joe Mauer, Billy Wagner, Todd Helton, Carlos Beltran** and **Gary Sheffield**...Look for Beltre, Mauer and Helton to get in...**Jimmy Rollins** and **Tori Hunter** are two candidates who deserve more support...This marks former Philadelphia Phillies star second baseman **Chase Utley's** first year on ballot...

Condolences to family of former Green Ridge resident and University of Scranton graduate **Donald Booth**, beloved family man, Waverly Township, who died last month at 89...He worked 20 years for Wurlitzer Piano and Organ Company and operated Booth Appraisal Company for 20 years in addition to jobs at Lackawanna County Assessor's Office and State Tax Equalization Board...

How about New York Knicks **Jalen Brunson** scoring 38 points leading team to 129-122 win over Milwaukee Bucks Christmas Day...Scranton Knights record-setting distance cross country runner **Brian McCormack** committed to

Penn State where he will continue academic and athletic careers...His parents, **Brian and Louise McCormack**, are Penn State graduates...His dad was a standout baseball player at Scranton Central...Condolences to family of **Tommy "Chic" DePietro**, Dunmore, co-owner of DePietro and Sons Catering, who died this past November at 71...A huge Penn State, New York Giants and Dunmore Bucks fan, he was a member of the Willow Club and associate member of San Cataldo Club, both of Dunmore...Condolences to family of **Jim Caramanno** who helped his son **Robert** establish Caramanno's Restaurant in West Scranton, who died at 83 last month...

Do you remember **Jill Korgeski** blocking shot with two seconds left helping Dunmore Lady Bucks to 30-28 over Scranton Prep in title game of 11th annual Lynett Memorial Girls' Basketball Tournament 10 years ago?...Congratulations to Dunmore junior soccer midfielder **Tommy Clark** named by Lackawanna coaches as Player of the Year...Dunmore teammates **Connor Toole**, midfielder, and **Cory Domiano**, defender, also named first-team all-stars...Dunmore junior defender **Patrick Kopacz** and Holy Cross midfielders **Ben Mulvey**, senior, and **Jamie Prislupski**, sophomore, named second-team all-stars...

Congratulations to Dunmore junior **Alisha Davis**, forward, and seniors **Kaylie Zimmer**, midfielder, **Cecelia Amico** and **Serenity Fox**, defenders, named by Lackawanna League coaches as first-team soccer all-stars...Dunmore junior midfielder **Michaela Guardia** named to second team...Congratulations to Dunmore senior middle hitter **Tristan Canavan** named All-Region Girls Volleyball...She led Dunmore with 191 kills and totaled 308 for career...**Michael Hughes** scored 24 points and **Matt Lyons** added 17 in Holy Cross 69-49 win over Holy Redeemer...Congratulations to Dunmore seniors **Nathan Reuther**, offensive tackle, **Chris Conte**, defensive line, and **Nick Donvito**, linebacker, selected All-Region for football...Dunmore senior football standout **Danny Pigga** selected athlete All-Region...Donvito led Dunmore with 131

tackles, including 20 for losses, and added five sacks, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, one interception and three blocked PATs...Conte had 79 tackles, including 22 for losses and added 17 sacks, three forced fumbles and a blocked punt...Reuther was top blocker of standout offensive line that helped Dunmore amass 3,842 yards on ground...

Condolences to family of **Sam Vitris, Sr.**, Scranton, role model, for Scranton Boys Club and West Scranton Little League and former tax administrator at Scranton Single Tax Office, who died this past November at 87...Former Dunmore basketball star **Tara Macciocco** joining Keystone College men's basketball staff as assistant coach and Director of Basketball Operations...She was most recently head women's basketball coach at Wilkes University and prior to that spent 14 years as women's basketball coach at Marywood University leading Pacers to 10 straight Colonial States Athletic Conference playoff berths and seven ECAC tournament appearances...**Sophia Summa** scored 14 points and **Tristan Canavan** added 12 in Dunmore Lady Bucks 51-28 win over Western Wayne...Dunmore's **Danny Pigga**, **Jake Hickey**, **Nate Reuther**, **Eric Reese** (kicker), **Chris**

Conte and **Rogan Dougherty** named by Lackawanna League football coaches as offensive first-team all-stars...Dunmore's **Nick Donvito**, **Conte**, and **Nate and Brayden Reuther** named to defensive first-team...

George McGinnis, two-time ABA champion and three-time all-star in ABA and NBA, Hall of Fame basketball forward, died last month at 73...Former Holy Cross basketball standout **Abbey Lentowski** scored 12 points and added seven rebounds in DeSales University 70-48 win over Immaculata University...Is **Ohtani** really worth \$700-million?...Is anyone worth that?...What if he can't recover from his injury and never pitches again?...Right now he is only a DH...Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardozi** is big fan of New York Giants quarterback **Tommy DeVito**...How about resurgence of Cleveland Browns recently signed quarterback **Joe Flacco** at 38?...Condolences to family of former Scranton Prep baseball standout **Damien Flasser** who died last month at 63...A strong lefty hitter, Damien hit 12 homers in his final Green Ridge Little League season...Do you remember **Paul "Bongo" Patterson**?...Whatever became of **Rey Ordenez**?...



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Maura Michalczyk, a standout track and field star from Dunmore, has announced that she will be taking her talents to Division 1 Bucknell University. Maura is highly recognized for her exceptional pole vaulting skills, as well as her impressive hurdling abilities. She has proven her dedication and hard work in both of these events, making her a valuable addition to any collegiate team. Dunmore is excited to see her continue to excel at the next level of competition.

ATHLETE

Of The Month

TOMMY CLARK



Photo by Tim Drewes



DHS junior soccer star Tommy Clark selected All-State, All-Regional player

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore soccer midfielder Tommy Clark not only led the league in goals with 45, but was selected All-State, All Regional and Lackawanna League Player of the Year.

Son of Tom and Molly Clark, Dunmore, he also is a Lackawanna League Coaches' first-team all-star selection.

He was among the league leaders with 16 assists and totaled 106 total points.

Tommy is also a member of the Dunmore cross country and track and field teams.

His dad is his soccer coach at Dunmore.

"Playing for my dad is not always easy," he said. "We have our struggles. But he always makes sure I have a very strong attitude and work ethic. He is a great coach for our team and believes in team unity."

"My dad is very good at what he does. He makes sure everyone is close together as a team. We have a lot of success because of our high work ethic at practice. He makes sure of that. He brings us close together. We even have meals at each other's houses. There is a lot of team unity and cohesiveness."

The junior scholar-athlete has a highly impressive 3.9 academic average at Dunmore. His best subject is math.

He now has 89 career goals and 45 assists.

He talked about what it takes to excel as a student-athlete. "You need good study habits. You need to study hard and have school street smarts."

"You don't wait until the season starts to start training for your sport. You need focus, determination and keeping your head straight. There should be no distractions."

The hard working midfielder said both his parents teach him a lot.

"They tell me to stay humble throughout any success. They tell me school matters the most."

The junior soccer stalwart has high aspirations for the future. "I want to play Division I soccer in college," he said. "I want to come out of college with a good education and job. I might want to move out of the area after college."

Tommy said he enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see The Beastie Boys in concert.

"They are an older group, but I like them a lot."

The talented junior said he likes



Dunmore soccer superstar Tommy Clark was selected to the United Soccer Coaches Regional All-American Team in the State of Pennsylvania.

the closeness of Dunmore High School.

"I like it a lot," he said. "The teachers are always around for you."

There is a close connection to the teachers and staff.

"All of that just makes you better."

Hospice of Sacred Heart receives \$7,000 grant

Hospice of the Sacred Heart recently received a \$7,000 grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation to support a pediatric patient initiative called the Kids' Klostet. The grant is part of the Scranton Area Community Foundation Community Needs Grant Fund.

The Kids' Klostet is open to Hospice of the Sacred Heart pediatric patients and their siblings. Electronics, arts and crafts, stuffed animals, games and various toys are made available at no charge. The hospice also makes every effort to fulfill special requests for items not stored in the Kids' Klostet.

"Infants, children and adolescents facing a life-limiting illness deserve a gift now and then to bring them joy. We are grateful to the Scranton Area Community Foundation for their financial support to help make this program flourish," said Diane Baldi, CEO, Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

The Kids' Klostet is located at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart office on E.D. Preate Drive in Moosic. We are proud to offer exemplary pediatric hospice care in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

The mission of Hospice of the Sacred Heart is to provide comfort, care, hope and choice to patients and their families, while guiding them through the end of life journey.

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Danny Pigga selected offensive player of year

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore standout back Danny Pigga capped a stellar senior season by earning Offensive Player of Year honors as selected by the Lackawanna Football Conference coaches.

He earned first team selection at both offensive halfback and defensive cornerback. The versatile senior also was selected All Regional at halfback and cornerback.

Pigga earned further honors with his selection as MVP by Nepafootball (NPF). He also received the Mr. 570 Football Award presented by 570 Sports.

Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale's changes in the Bucks offensive scheme during this past season proved to be highly successful as Pigga excelled at a high level. He rushed for 200 yards and scored two touchdowns in the first game with the new strategy in place.

As a result, his performance continued to improve significantly throughout the rest of the season. Coach McHale and his staff's decision to change the offense led to an impressive season for the Bucks.

Pigga helped lead Dunmore to a 12-2 record as the Bucks made it to the semifinal game of the state playoffs. Pigga had a game for the ages rushing for 234 yards and five touchdowns in Dunmore's win over Williams Valley. He added 195 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the Bucks win over Camp Hill.

Pigga finished the football campaign with an astounding 1,752 rushing yards on 149 carries and 15 touchdowns. He averaged a mind boggling 11.7 yards per carry. He added 498 receiving yards and seven touchdowns on 31 receptions. He averaged 16 yards per catch. Multi talented all over the football field, he added four more touchdowns on punt and kick returns. He finished the season with 26 touchdowns.

"When I heard about the award as Offensive Player of the Year," he said, "I felt that all the hard work in the off season paid off. All of the reps and Sunday lifts throughout the season pushed me to be the best player I could be."

"The All Regional selection is something I wanted for the past three years. because I never even got an all-star vote before all this."

"I attribute the great improvements of our team this year to our coaches and the great offensive line."

Pigga came into the 2023 season as a receiver and a special teams player, but finished his senior year as one of the best offensive players in the entire area. He became Dunmore's primary ball carrier and a dangerous weapon in all phases of the game.

One of the most dangerous kick returners in the Lackawanna Football Conference, he also excelled as a defensive back. He became a major threat as an offensive back and punt and kick returner.

"What stands out about Danny," said coach McHale, "is his ability to make big plays in so many different ways. Early in his career, he was primarily a receiver. In the past two years he demonstrated big play ability as a running back, defensive back and punt and kick returner. He played extremely hard and invested a lot of his time making himself and his teammates better."



Photos by Tim Drewes



Health care news announced for local area



FNCB Bank recently presented Allied Services with a \$15,000 donation as part of Team Allied Services & You. FNCB Bank is a proud major sponsor of Team Allied Services & You, the annual charity campaign hosted by WNEP TV and Allied Services. Funds raised from the months-long charity campaign will benefit patients and residents at the non-profit health system. FNCB Bank is a long-time supporter of Allied Services, contributing to various health and vocational programs run by the non-profit health system. On November 5, 2023, FNCB Bank team member Jason Bohenek will participate in the TCS New York City Marathon. Shown from left: Jerry Champi, President & Chief Executive Officer, FNCB Bank; Jason Bohenek, CIA, CFSA, Vice President, Audit Manager, FNCB Bank; Robert Cole, PhD, Senior Vice President & Chief Analytics Officer, Allied Services; Jim Brogna, Vice President, Strategic Partnership Development, Allied Services.



2023 Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Foundation Scholars honored during Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's annual scholarship reception included, seated from left: Alivia Roberts '26, Abigail Glynn '27, and Madison Ziobro '27. Standing, same order: Alexi Blackburn '26, Kyle-Allen Kidd '25, Rachel Simon '24, James Basting '24, and Parita Ray '25, with Cathy Fitzpatrick, Scranton Area Community Foundation Grants & Scholarship Manager. The Scranton Area Community Foundation administers the NEPA Health Care Foundation.

Nurse practitioner program planned by Wright Center

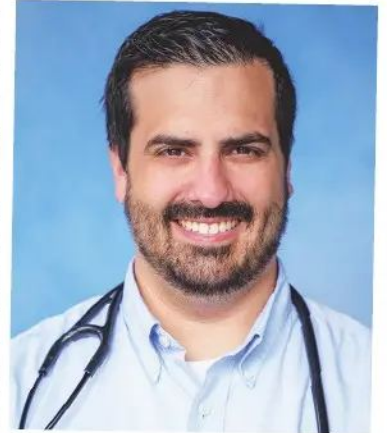
The Wright Center for Community Health is introducing a 12-month nurse practitioner postgraduate fellowship program in family medicine that provides hands-on clinical training experience for newly minted nurse practitioners.

Nurse practitioners who have licenses and are entering their first year of practice can apply to the program in January. The paid fellowship begins in September. The Wright Center is accepting a limited number of applicants for the first fellowship program in the region. To make an application, email twc-np-fellowship@the-wrightcenter.org.

"The focus of our fellowship is to provide nurse practitioners who want to remain in family practice with the experience they need to provide high-quality primary and preventive care to the communities we serve in Northeast Pennsylvania," said Joshua Braddell, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C, director of the fellowship program and medical director of The Wright Center for Community Health Mid Valley Practice. Kelly Morgan, MHA, has been named program coordinator for the fellowship program.

The nurse practitioners chosen for the fellowship will receive increased clinical exposure during the first year of their practice. The fellowship will help advanced practice nurses develop leadership skills through weekly didactic sessions and specialty clinic experiences.

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Joshua Braddell

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The Wright Center for Community Health follows the Patient-Centered Medical Home Model and participates in the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration's Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program that addresses America's primary care workforce shortage, maldistribution, and related health disparities.

The new fellowship provides experience in pediatrics, mental and behavioral health, infectious disease, and addiction treatment and recovery services at The Wright Center for Community Health's Clarks Summit, Mid Valley, and Scranton practices.

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As we usher in the New Year, it's customary to make resolutions that improve our lives. While many focus on health, fitness, or personal development, an often-overlooked area is legal preparedness.

As an attorney, I cannot stress enough the importance of legal resolutions, particularly in areas like estate planning, insurance reviews, and staying abreast of new tax laws.

These are not just paperwork exercises; they are crucial steps in safeguarding your future and that of your loved ones.

Estate Planning: More Than Just a Will

Our previous discussions have highlighted life events that necessitate estate planning—marriage, purchasing a home, and welcoming children. These milestones are joyous, yet they carry significant legal implications.

A will is paramount in these situations, not just for asset distribution, but for ensuring your wishes are honored and your loved ones protected in your absence.

If you don't have a will, the new year is the perfect time to create one. A will is not solely for the wealthy; it's a fundamental doc-

ument for anyone who wants to have a say in what happens to their possessions and dependents after they're gone.

If you already have a will, consider this a reminder to review and update it. Changes in relationships, finances, or even relocating to a new state can all influence the relevance of your current will.

The Necessity of Regular Will Updates

Remember, an outdated will can be as problematic as having no will at all. For instance, if you've had another child since you last updated your will, they might not be included in the existing provisions. Or, if you've divorced and remarried, your assets could unintentionally go to your former spouse unless you revise your will.

These are not just hypothetical situations; they are real-life complexities that can cause distress and discord among family members.

Reviewing Insurance Policies

Another vital legal resolution is reviewing your insurance policies. Insurance is an ever-evolving field, with policies and coverage often changing. The start of a new year is an ideal time to reassess your

needs and ensure your policies are aligned with your current life situation. This could mean adjusting your life insurance coverage, reviewing homeowner's insurance following property improvements, or ensuring your health insurance meets your family's needs.

An annual review helps you avoid being underinsured or paying for unnecessary coverage.

Understanding New Tax Laws

2024 may bring new tax laws, and staying informed is crucial. Tax laws can significantly impact your finances, from investment income to retirement savings.

For example, changes in tax brackets, deductions, and credits can alter your financial planning strategies. As an attorney, I recommend consulting with a tax professional to understand how these changes might affect you and to strategize accordingly.

Estate Planning Isn't Just for the Elderly

A common misconception is that estate planning is only for the elderly. The truth is, life is unpredictable, and estate planning is about preparing for the unknown. It involves designating guardians for minor

children, outlining your healthcare wishes, and protecting your digital legacy. It's about making sure that in the event of an unforeseen tragedy, your family isn't left with a legal labyrinth to navigate during an already challenging time.

The Role of a Trust in Estate Planning

For some, a trust may be a suitable addition to their estate plan.

Trusts offer more control over asset distribution and can provide tax benefits and protection against creditors. They can be especially beneficial for those with larger estates or specific wishes for how and when their assets should be distributed. So what can you do?

It's Simple: Be Smart, Call Hart

Your New Year's resolutions should include a legal health check.

Whether it's drafting or updating a will, reviewing insurance policies, or understanding new tax laws, these steps are essential in safeguarding your future.

If you're uncertain where to start or need guidance through these processes, Hart Law is here to help. We handle estate planning and can provide the expertise and support you need to ensure your legal affairs are in order.

Remember, being legally prepared isn't just a wise decision; it's a profound act of care for yourself and your loved ones. So, as you step into this New Year, be smart. Call Hart.

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Lynett Tournament... (From Page 5)

lead with 1:23 left in the third quarter. However, the Knights fought back hard to earn the title.

"I think despite the loss," Holy Cross junior standout Lyons said, "this shows the team's resilience in these kinds of situations."

"Being overlooked by many going into this matchup we all wanted to show that we had what it takes to win."

"Unfortunately, we came up short. However, we will be back more prepared than ever and ready for the season."

Hughes scored 22 points and added a key assist in overtime to lead the Crusaders to 56-50 overtime win over Dunmore in the Lynett semifinal contest Wednesday, December 27.

Holy Cross was able to make a run at Dunmore in the fourth quarter overcoming a 37-34 deficit after three quarters. The Crusaders reached the Lynett final for the first time since winning the tournament in 2019.

Adam Badyrka scored 11 points in the semifinal win over Dunmore. Lyons added eight points and nine rebounds for Holy Cross. Thompson contributed six assists.

Brayden Canavan led Dunmore with 19 points, Thomas Bowen, the four-year starting quarterback on the Dunmore football team, added 13 points and seven rebounds. Canavan and Bowen accounted for 32 of Dunmore's 50 points.

Maggie O'Shea scored 19 points leading the Scranton Lady Knights to their first Lynett title.

Freshman standout Zya Small, the tournament's MVP, added 16 points, eight rebounds, three blocks and three steals for the Lady Knights in the title win over Prep. Freshman Chrissy Jacklinski added 13 points for Scranton.

Well Dun!

(Continued from Page 4)

Carmel Arnone, Blanche Shaw, Philomena Errico, Fritz Voytec, Sam and Tom Cali, Leonard Verrastro, Billy Weller, Lou Perrella, Al Frioni, Sr. and James McHale, Sr....great health and more treats for my cat Lola...a newspaper, business ventures and big cigar in Heaven for late Dunmorean founder and publisher **John Hart Jr.** who passed away this past year...continued success to his son **Atty. John Hart III** who is honoring his dad's wish to keep The Dunmorean alive as the new publisher...great health to **Maureen Hart**, as she continues her ongoing role as dedicated editor of The Dunmorean...a special place in Heaven for my in-laws, **John and Elva Hoffman**...a special place in Heaven for my **Uncles Gus, Art and Wally**...a most special place in Heaven for my two grandmothers...a special place in Heaven for my sister-in-law's parents and brother **Nickie Stelmack**, gone too soon...continued good health to my ex-wife **Beth**, a cancer survivor...a most special place in Heaven to my mom who always told me to take a chance...great health and lots of hiking and kayaking for my girlfriend **Janet**...a night dancing with Janet and our friends **Diane, Lynne, Kathie, Debbie and Allison**...good health to my brother **George** and his wife **Maria**...a great senior high school year for my nephew **George**...continued success for my nieces **Mia and Livy**...great health and happiness to my dad and sister **Denise**...continued success and happiness to my son **Dylan**, the best center fielder, shortstop and base runner I ever saw...continued success and happiness to my son **Ryan**, the best guitarist, drummer, harmonica player and lyricist I ever saw...little baby ducks, old pickup trucks, tomatoes on the vine...peace, love and tranquility...the simple things in life...life is short...Happy New Year, everyone...



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Shown at a presentation of a \$7,000 grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation for Kids Klotset, a special project of Hospice of the Sacred Heart, are, from left: Frank Caputo, Grants & Communications Coordinator, Linda Menichetti, COO, Hospice of the Sacred Heart; Sara Valvonis, Executive Assistant, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, and Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO of Scranton Area Foundation.--SEE STORY ON PAGE 16



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Sandlot baseball, softball tryouts

The 12th annual Sandlot Baseball and Softball Camps will start the weekend of January 27 and 28 and continue for six weeks.

Boys ages 5-12 can choose Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Boys in grades 6-12 will meet on Sundays from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Girls ages 6-16 will meet on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Sundays from 3 to 4:30 p.m., and will be grouped by age.

Camps will include all aspects of the game. Cost is \$150. Contact CDD027@aol.com or call 570-445-1155 to register.

Scranton Cultural Wedding show

The Scranton Cultural Center NEPA American Winter Bridal Show, the ultimate wedding planning event in the Scranton area, will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave., Scranton.

This in-person event brings together a wide range of wedding vendors and professionals under one roof, including photographers, florists, caterers and DJs. Call 570-344-1111 or go to www.scrantonculturalcenter.org. The event is free.

Ancient Aliens LIVE Project Earth event

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will host Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth, a live, in-person event that will explore questions as old as the planet itself.

The 90-minute live experience will take place on May 1 and celebrates the long-running program *Ancient Aliens* on The HISTORY* Channel. Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth is an experiential extension of *Ancient Aliens* that explores the theory that extraterrestrials have visited Earth for millions of years.

Tickets for Ancient Aliens LIVE: Project Earth tour are on sale at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster.

Disco Biscuits concert

Trancefusion pioneers The Disco Biscuits will return to Northeastern Pennsylvania when they play the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, March 28, at 8 p.m. as part of the Why We Dance 2024 Tour.

Ticket prices are \$34.50, \$39.50, \$44.50, and \$49.50 plus fees. VIP Experience tickets are \$144.50 plus fees (available online only) and includes one general admission ticket, early entry to the venue and access to merch; pre-show soundcheck, group photo with band, limited edition show poster, and commemorative laminate and lanyard.

Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, slpconcerts.net, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by calling 570-826-1100.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons concert rescheduled

The Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons performance previously scheduled for October 14 at the F.M. Kirby Center has been rescheduled to Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.

All previously purchased tickets will be honored on the rescheduled date. Refunds will be made available through point of purchase for those unable to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office at 570-826-1100.

Limited seats are available and can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during our regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., or by calling 570-826-1100.

NOTE: You can send coming events items to dpi22news@gmail.com



Northeast Title and Tag recently hosted a fundraiser to support the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute (NRCI). Staff members created a breast cancer t-shirt and employees at nine locations in the region were able to purchase them. Through their efforts, they raised \$1,400 to help ease the burden of cancer in northeast Pennsylvania. All funds will stay local and support NRCI's community programming and services. Their donation was made In Memory of Molly Gurick, a Shown at the check presentation were, from left: Mickalya Wells, Assistant General Manager; Mary Ramsey, Human Resources; Aurleigh Smith, General Manager; Dawn Walsh, best friend of Molly Gurick; Customer Service Representative; Maria Thompson, Owner, and Amanda E. Marchegiani, Community Relations Coordinator, Northeast Regional Cancer Institute. —Photo by Maggie Amico.



Cynthia Cummings of Dunmore, Lackawanna County's Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, retired on December 5 after 39 years with the Department. A graduate of the University of Scranton, Ms. Cummings began her career with the County in 1984, holding a number of posts in the office. She was promoted to the top spot in 2018.

Members of the Court System, Commissioners Office and department staff were involved in a brief program and proclamation presentation. Shown from left: Atty. Frank Castellano, Lackawanna County Court Administrator; Commissioner Jerry Notarianni, President Judge Trish Corbett, Ms. Cummings, and Commissioner Chris Chermak.



The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce community leadership and professional development affiliate, Leadership Lackawanna's youth program, Tomorrow's Leaders Today, announces the program class of 2023-24. Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) is a seven-month program that develops high school juniors' leadership, interpersonal, and managerial skills in the greater Scranton region. Program participants will be provided with real-world experiences in financial literacy, health care, STEAM, philanthropy, crime and corrections, nonprofit organizations, and community service instructed by partnering organizations. NBT Bank proudly sponsors the 2023-24 program year. Shown, front row, from left: Ashley Bossick, Nicholas Giumento, Kylie Krzak, Isabella Moher, Ava Page, Dante Pallazari, Abygale Plevyak, Gabriella Potis, Lily Rozzi, Gia An Serge, Faith Wormuth. Second row: Abigail Harshbarger, Chloe Dong, Cole Johnston, Giada Costa, Joseph T. Healey, Matthew Hill, Mandie Martin, Reese Morgan, Justin Osman, Margaret Pegula, Nico Warhola. Third row: Gabriella Estadt, Jordan Robert Malar, Isabelle Maurer, Sarah McCullon, Declan Moran, Ivy Neureuter, Sarah O'Brien, Hope Polishan, Elizabeth Schneider, Makayla Walton, Elizabeth Washine. Back Row: Dhruv D. Amin, Jacon Antolick, Joseph DiStasi, Zachary Kobaleski, Caroline Luyster, Jack Maloney, Roland McLaine, Clinton Muir, Anthony John Piestrak, Akhilesh Velaga. Not pictured: Ava Wallace

County moving Single Tax Office to Franklin Ave.

The Lackawanna County Commissioners have announced that the Single Tax Office is being moved to an easily accessible location on the first floor of the Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services building on 315 Franklin Ave., Scranton.

The Commissioners felt strongly that the Government Center did not serve the public very well. They have rectified the situation with the move to the Department of Health & Human Services building.

The new site will offer residents plenty of free parking and options for paying their Lackawanna County, Scranton City and Scranton School District taxes.

Taxpayers can walk into the office to make payments at the in-office cashier bays. In addition, the drive-through window from the former Penn Federal Credit Union will be operational as well.

Throughout the move, residents also had the option of paying their taxes using the drop box in the vestibule of the Government Center or online at <https://scrantontaxoffice.org/make-a-payment/>.

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Dunmore Middle School hosted over 30 career representatives on December 15 as part of its partnership with Junior Achievement. Seventh and eighth grade students spent the morning engaged in various career activities, which were facilitated by JA community volunteers. The program, which was a months-long collaboration between Junior Achievement and Dunmore Middle School, afforded students the opportunity to listen to various career representatives while engaging in several hands-on activities. Junior Achievement representatives and school counselor Mrs. Kimberly Ahern organized this event.

Looking Back: Pajama Day raises over \$3,000



Dunmore students, faculty and staff participated in Pajama Day on December 1 and raised over \$3,000 for the Child Life Department at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP).

Looking Back: Activities at Dunmore schools



Looking back on an awesome job by Dunmore students at December's Music Guild Holiday Concert! Congratulations to the talented band and chorus members on a job well done, and a special thank you to Mrs. Nicole Zywicki and Mr. Frank Jones for organizing this event.



Structured Literacy was the topic of a teacher training event after an early dismissal day in December.



Dunmore's Art I students did an awesome job decorating the windows around the school for the holiday season.



Before the holidays, the Crimson Company of Dunmore High School held auditions for its spring musical of "The Lightning Thief: A Percy Jackson Musical."



And that was a wrap on "The Bugs," the fall presentation of The Crimson Company! It was one heck of an adventure, but a fun one to say the least. The Company did have a break over the holidays and will now begin preparations for the Spring production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical."

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Among the cast of "Ravenscroft", to be presented by Actors Circle are, front left: Jessi Teevan, Courtney McCreary and Eric Lutz.



The Gothic thriller "Ravenscroft" features, from left: April Holgate, Britt Demming, and Marnie Azzarelli. The play will be presented by Actor's Circle in January at Providence Playhouse.



Cast and staff members of "Ravenscroft," to be presented by Actors Circle at Providence Playhouse, January 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 include, seated from left: April Holgate, Courtney McCreary, Marnie Azzarelli, Britt Demming and Jessi Teevan. Standing, same order: Eric Lutz, Jeff Ginsberg, Kate Martin, Justin O'Hearn and Cathy Rist Strauch.

Actor's Circle plans 'Ravenscroft'

Actors Circle will present *Ravenscroft* by Don Nigro at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton, on January 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21. Performances are on Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general; \$12 seniors, and \$10 students. On Thursday, January 11, all tickets are \$10. Pay cash at the door or prepay online through Actorscircle.com. Call for 570-342-9707 for reservations, which can be held until 10 minutes before showtime.

This psychological drama is a thinking person's Gothic thriller, a dark comedy that is both funny and frightening. On a snowy night, Inspector Ruffing is

called to a remote house to investigate the headlong plunge of Patrick Roarke down the main staircase. He becomes involved in the lives of five alluring and dangerous women. Directed by Kate Martin and produced by Cathy Rist Strauch and Jeff Ginsberg, the cast includes Eric Lutz, April Holgate, Jessi Teevan, Courtney McCreary, Britt Demming, and Marnie Azzarelli. Justin O'Hearn is stage manager. Joe and Karen Sadowski are royalty sponsors. This is presented through special permission by Concord Theatricals, and special grants from The Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture, Sam's Club, Dickson City, and Walmart (Taylor, and Dickson City).

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Looking Back: Italian flag raising at courthouse



TOP PHOTO: Principals at the Italian Flag Raising at Courthouse Square included, from left: Mark McDade, past president, Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County; Ryan Ruggiero with Atty. Frank Ruggiero, Carbon-dale Chapter UNICO; Michele McDade, first vice president of Keystone Chapter UNICO; Stephanie Longo, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy and main speaker; Lou Febbo, Old Forge's Gloria Lodge of Order Sons and Daughters of Italy; Michael Cappellini, vice president of Jessup's Saint Ubaldo Society; Joseph Macciocco, president of the Victor Alfieri Society; Chris Chermak, Lackawanna County Commissioner and this year's Columbus Day Association Man of the Year; Giosue D'Avino, Resident of Guardia Lombardi, Italy; Carlo Pisa, Saint Rocco Church, Dunmore; Emanuela Sica, Resident of Guardia Lombardi, Italy representing DMO Irpinia and Performing Vocalist of the Italian National Anthem, and Alfredo Pisa, president of Dunmore's San Cataldo Club.



CENTER PHOTO: Members of the Keystone Chapter UNICO National who attended are from left: Michele McDade, Holly Cappellini, Cathy Bianchi, Nancy Malone, Toni DiVizio, Mikhail Barnansky, Frank Coviello, Katherine Barnansky, Tina Haas, Cathy Gerard, Bob Tagert, Mary Ann Coviello, Sylvia Tagert, Valerie Riggi, Mary Lou Karliak, Mark McDade, Ann Summa, Diane Beckage, Tom Carlucci and Marilyn Vitali.



The 12th Annual Lackawanna County Italian Flag Raising, commemorating the arrival of the Christopher Columbus Expedition on the shores of the Western Hemisphere and with October being Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, was conducted in October at Lackawanna County Courthouse Square.

Representatives of several Lackawanna County Italian American Organizations were present and spoke about their organization's contributions to our Lackawanna County. The featured speaker was Stefanie Longo. The Italian Anthem was sung by Emanuela Sica of Guardia Lombardi. Dunmore's Keystone UNICO initiated this event in 2012.

Pictured above are attendees at the annual Italian Flag Raising.

Looking Back: Another successful cemetery tour



Christine McGeachie portrayed Carbondale Mary Hoysradt who is buried in the Home for the Friendless section of the Dunmore Cemetery.



Karl Barbee spoke of former Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Lynn G. Adams as TFC Robert Urban stood at the gravesite as Honor Guard.

Once again, the Dearly Departed Players brought history to life in the Dunmore Cemetery with their annual walking tours.

On October 1 and 8, almost 1,000 tour attendees gathered to hear about the lives of those buried within the cemetery gates. Under the direction of Julie Esty, the Dearly Departed Players presented 12 vignettes throughout the cemetery.

Of special note this year was the late Lynn G. Adams. Adams was among the first Pennsylvania State Troopers at their inception in the early 1900's. Adams ended his career as Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner.

His knowledge and expertise in the kidnapping of a young New Jersey boy in the early part of the 1900's caused his aid to be enlisted in numerous criminal cases, including the Lindbergh kidnapping. Pennsylvania State Police turned out for this trooper from the past with an honor guard for both tours.

Although not buried in the Dunmore Cemetery, her research of those at rest in that cemetery and local history writings earned the late Dunmorean, Mary "T.C." Connolly a place on Tour 2023. Following the monologue of this beloved educator and author of "The Gravity,"

Julie Esty noted that so many tour attendees

relayed wonderful memories of Connolly's teaching career and high praise for her pioneering writings on the Gravity Railroad.

Tour 2023 incorporated the use of "Wind Phones." This innovative grief-coping method was started over a decade ago in Japan and has since spread worldwide. For two days in October, the Dunmore Cemetery was a "wind phone" station. Esty noted that many people used the phones and some of the stories that were relayed were quite moving.

Local businesses and individuals volunteered to decorate the cemetery in a harvest theme. Once again, the Players were supported by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Space Time Mead and Cider, Dunmore Rotary, Northeast Women's Network, Scranton Films, Lackawanna Historical Society, Carlucci, Golden, DeSantis Funeral Home, and Kim Rosar Bochicchio. As in previous years the Dunmore Cemetery Tour was a recipient of a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture grant. The performances brought people into the borough from different areas of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

The Dearly Departed Players will be back in the cemetery next October, but in the meantime Director Julie Esty said that the Players decorated the beautiful cemetery Receiving Vault for the holiday season.



S. Robert Powell welcomed tour attendees to the annual Dunmore Cemetery Tour.



Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gathered for Christmas festivities. Shown seated from left: Judith Krell, Sara McCormack, Cathleen McCormack, Eileen McGuigan, Carolyn Wahl, Jean Hannon, Nancy Butler, Kristen Krowiak, Lynn Walsh, Mary Kate Werner, and Mary Eleanor Gillott. Standing, same order: Mary Anne McAndrew, Chrissy Lavelle, and Division 4 president Nancy McAndrew Yavoroski.

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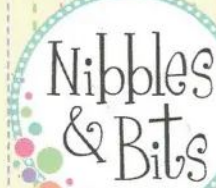
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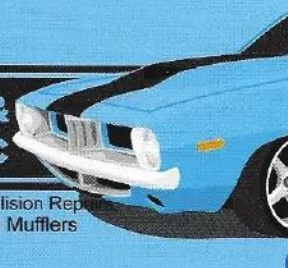
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