

Dunmoreans of the Month: Tom Hallinan and Brian McGurl



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Brian McGurl

By Steve Svetovich

The 2024 Bucktown Music Fest is kicking off another summer of free music on the streets of Dunmore, beginning this month through September.

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

This year, the series will feature 10 concerts with 20 different bands performing.

In addition to eight of the concerts held at Dunmore Corners, two of the free shows will be held at different sites: the 400 block of Chestnut Street near the Fireside Martini Grill, and the 1600 block of Clay Avenue near Buddy Clarke's Tavern.

Daddy-O and the Sax Maniacs and the East Coast Trio kick things off Sunday, June 9, at 5 p.m., at Dunmore Corners. The 12-piece highly energized Daddy-O features Nick Costanzo, and Sal Scrimalli, of Dunmore. The band is a long time local favorite.

The East Coast Trio consists of Dunmore's McGurl, Phil Rossi and Chuck Scrimalli, with their blend of folk and jazzy rhythm and blues.

Black Tie Stereo and The 335, a classic rock cover band, will blast out onto Drinker Street Sunday, June 23, at 5 p.m. This will be the popular Black Tie Stereo's first time appearance at the Bucktown Music Fest. Both bands are sure to be big hits.

The Bucktown Music Fest will make its way to the corners of Chestnut, Elm and Pine Streets Sunday, July 7. There, outside of the Chestnut Street Tavern and Martini Fireside Grill, Dunmore's Joe Ferguson opens up festivities with Rattlin' Bones. EJ the DJ will be on hand between sets to perform fan favorites. Headlining will be Friends of Family, fea-

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Dunmore Bucks Nathan Reuther and Chris Conte were honored as the 2023 Hookey Reap Award winners – a recognition given to the top linemen in Lackawanna County. Lackawanna Football Conference coaches vote for the awards presented by the District 11 American Legion. Shown from left: Stephen B. Lavelle, PA Department Commander; Matt Fedor, District 11 American Legion Commander; Nathan Reuther, offensive award winner; Bob Pollish, Hookey Reap committee chairman; Chris Conte, defensive award winner, and Dunmore head coach Kevin McHale.



Senior members of the Dunmore High School National Honor Society and its Senior recipients of various academic awards were honored recently. Mrs. Jeanne Massaro and Mrs. Margo Balderson organized this year's ceremony.

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turing Dunmore's James McGurl and Nick Bush.

The Saturday, July 13, show will feature two very popular Dunmore bands, Strangers Rock and QBall. Strangers Rock will open at Dunmore Corners at 5 p.m. featuring Dunmore's P.J. Stoko on bass guitar. Watch him enthusiastically jam with talented guitarist Bob Taylor, who is originally from Green Ridge. Chuck Gudaitis is the hard rocking drummer. Strangers Rock plays the Stones to the Ramones and everything in between.

QBall, featuring Dunmore's McGurl and the highly-talented John Quinn, will bring their quartet with the music of Journey, Tom Petty, The Doors, The Beatles, Bowie, and other classics.

The Fabulous Fortunes and The Luongo Brothers will perform at Dunmore Corners on Sunday, July 21, beginning at 5 p.m. The Fabulous Fortunes are led by longtime

local music legend Stan Svetovich, now in his 77th year of performing, on drums.

The group has performed throughout the years in Northeast PA and the Pocono Mountains region and also includes Jack Mead, Tom Gavern, Firp Edmunds, and Stan's grandson Ryan Svetovich, Dunmore.

Nick and Pat Luongo are two more luminaries in the local music scene who have long been associated with classy entertainment. The duo always shows their audience a great time.

Country bluegrass favorite Old Friends and POP (Past Our Prime) will perform Saturday, July 28, at Dunmore Corners, at 5 p.m.

Old Friends, featuring Jack Bordo, has been performing for the past 50 years with high harmonies, guitar, twanging banjo and harmonica. POP features Joe Pappa, Phoebe Beckage, Tom Boylan, Sean Loughney, and Lenny Car-

lucci, all of Dunmore.

Mike Kwaitek and his band along with Corner Pocket Blues will perform at Dunmore Corners Sunday, August 4, at 5 p.m. Kwaitek is a longtime Dunmore favorite who will perform electrifying versions of Elton John, Billy Joel and other favorites.

Corner Pocket Blues consists of Dunmore natives Dan Cox, Jim Kernan, Joe Pannick, and noted sax player Jack Garvey.

The Wanabees, featuring Ron Pascoe and Fran Festa, and a Friend of the Gypsy perform Sunday, August 18, at Dunmore Corners, beginning at 5 p.m. The Wanabees perform classic rock from the 50's to the 80's and have a huge local following. Ron and Fran are sure to entertain the crowd. Friend of the Gypsy perform a mix of a Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, classic rock and jam band favorites and are

The popular Picture Perfect will bring its 11-piece band to the 1600 block of Clay Avenue off Green Ridge Street Sunday, August 25,



DePietro's Pharmacy is thrilled to be part of the rhythm of Bucktown Musicfest by making a \$500 donation to help keep the beat alive and bring people together with live music throughout the community. Let's keep the harmony flowing and support our local talents and small businesses! Shows start June 9 at the Dunmore Corners! Shown at the presentation are Tom DePietro and Tom Hallinan, cochair of the festival.

at 5 p.m. The wedding, show and party band will perform outside of Buddy Clarke's Tavern. Jim Cullen, Jack Bordo, and Sharon Ambrosia will open the show.

The finale for the 2024 Bucktown Music Fest is set for Sunday, September 8, at Dunmore Corners, at 5 p.m. Shindig/Dunmore's Got Talent will feature numerous Dunmore musicians performing on the showmobile stage. These shows have offered memorable performances over the past few years.

The Dunmore Music Fest invites anyone who can sing and play an instrument to perform in this event. Anyone interested in performing can contact McGurl via email at: mcgurl@gmail.com.

New this year are vendors for arts and crafts. Food vendors from local restaurants will once again be a constant at the events. A Bounce House for children will be set up along East Drinker Street June 9 and 23.

"I love being active in my community and enjoy helping people whenever possible," said Hallinan. "Dunmore Music Fest is a great opportunity for the whole town to enjoy free entertainment and a fabulous social event with friends and neighbors."

Hallinan, a Dunmore councilman for the past 11 years, is a Dunmore High School graduate.

He attended Penn State and retired after 35 years working for the PA Department of Transportation. He was assistant county manager for Susquehanna County.

He and his wife Alicia, a Dunmore police officer, have been married for 35 years. The couple has four children: Atty. Meghan Hallinan, 33; Molly Hallinan Smith, 31; Tommy Hallinan, 26, and the late Kelcey Hallinan who passed away in 2013.

Tom is past president of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Association and member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and San Cataldo Club. He is co-chairman for the annual food drive for ICC in memory of Father Sica and coached biddy basketball in Dunmore.

"This town is unbelievable when you think of all the people who donate to make these free concerts happen," says McGurl. "The events themselves are so great. Everyone comes together enjoying the music and each other's company, young and old, generations of families, all in the heart of the town."

McGurl grew up in Dunmore and attended St. Mary's Grade School before his family moved to Clarks Summit. The Abington Heights graduate received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Scranton in 1980 as well as an

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The Boy Scouts of America Troop 66 of Dunmore recognized seven new Eagle Scouts at a ceremony in the Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Street. The scouts were recognized for their commitment to faith, nature, their community, and their country. "Each of them, as part of their eagle project, had to do a service project. Some of them were done at this church, where one of them redid a set of stairs, another redid some landscaping, another of our scouts redid a fence at McDade Park," said Larry Durkin, Mentor Boy Scouts of America Troop 66. Durkin says this is the first time in Troop 66's over 70-year history that they are honoring this many new Eagle Scouts, who are shown from left: Luke Kalinowski, Bryce Talutto, CJ Muir, Peter Durkin, Congressman Matt Cartwright, Martin Smith, Caden Kirby, and Zach Eynon.



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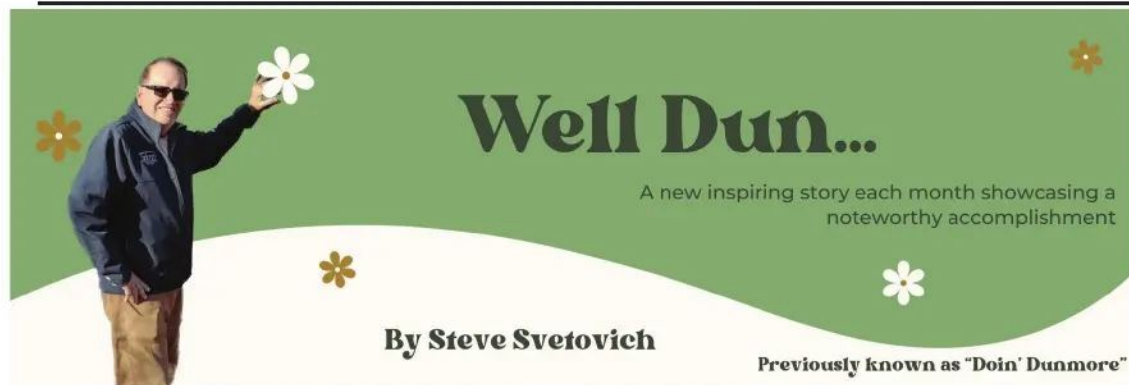
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By Steve Svetovich

Previously known as "Doin' Dunmore"

Jim Gregorowicz and pals: Brothers in arms to the end

As you get older in life, you read the obituaries and you start seeing people and friends you knew well.

And one day it really hits you hard when the person you are reading about is one of your very best friends.

Take Atty. Jim Gregorowicz, for instance.

One of my best friends in life for the past 49 years, Jim died recently at 62.

This scribe met Jim through his brother Andy at Scranton Prep when he was a freshman there.

Coming from a public school as a sophomore, I did not have a lot of friends there until Andy approached me and asked me if I liked playing APBA and Strat-O-Matic baseball board games.

He heard about that through a mutual friend Tom Reese, his neighbor in Dickson City. He also mentioned he heard from Tom, a

former classmate of mine at Robert Morris Elementary School, that I loved baseball.

Andy soon became my best friend in high school and that's how I met his younger brother Jim, a freshman.

I started to meet other people through Jim. Three of those guys—Paul "Saki" Wysocki, Tom "Duggie" Duggan, and Mike Booth—became a part of a brotherhood that lasts until this day.

We added five more close friends to that group in our college years at the University of Scranton: the late Pat O'Malley, Ned "Doc" Sweeney, Steve Gall, Ted "T.C." Christy, and Brian Bosley. Jim and Andy's older brother, John, also was a part of the group.

When I look back at my life, Jim was a huge part of it all. He was my friend through all of the ups and all of the downs.

He was with me in our high school days when I smashed my gold Ford Pinto into a parked car and totaled it on North Washington Avenue in Green Ridge. Jim and I never forgot the date. May 19, 1978. We often talked about it.

He was with me Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1980, when the Philadelphia Phillies, his favorite baseball team, won their first World Series.

Our group of friends watched the game at McCourt Hall at the University of Scranton. After Phillies lefty reliever Tug McGraw got the final out, we raced up Mulberry Street to Scanlan's Saloon shouting, "Tug! Tug! Tug!"

He was with me the night we downed about a dozen free hot dogs each at Scanlan's like it was nothing. Every time someone turned around to get a hot dog it was gone. Because one of us grabbed it. Jim loved telling that story and insisting to everyone it was me who ate the two dozen hot dogs.

He was with me every single time we snuck into a high school

football game and high school and college dances. Even a few concerts. We did it not only because we didn't have much money, but just to say we did. We would laugh every time.

He was with me when we all started drinking beer from the side of our mouth at Scanlan's, only because "it tastes better that way." And we kept doing it way into adulthood. Something else just for a laugh.

He was with me when our buddy Duggie noticed the Scanlan's juke box incorrectly had Bob Seger's "Night Moves" listed as "Night Norge."

Every time one of us started talking to a girl trying to get a date or phone number, Duggie would call out, he's making a "Norge!" Jim got a big kick out of that and it became an inside thing for the group.

He was with me and our group in 1980 when we all saw Springsteen for the first time at The Spectrum in Philadelphia during "The River" tour. We were hooked for life.

He was with me August 10, 1981 at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia when Pete Rose broke Stan "The Man" Musial's National League hit record with number 3,631. No one in the packed house was screaming "Pete, Pete, Pete!" louder than us.

Jim was with me all of those Monday nights we played Strat-O-Matic baseball in our friend T.C.'s apartment. He loved drafting and trading players.

He was with me when we played intramural basketball at the Univer-

sity of Scranton, pickup basketball games as young adults, touch football at Fern Hill in Olyphant, and many Long John Silver's softball games, which he organized. Jim was always Larry Bowa at short-stop and I was Pete Rose at first base. Those games were epic.

He was with me the 4th of July, 1986, when a group of us trekked out in two old cars to Buffalo to see the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and Tom Petty.

It was an all-day concert with a 6-hour drive up and 6-hour drive back. The two groups of us lost each other on the highway and somehow we found each other among 100,000 people at Rich Stadium even though it was general admission.

He was with me in Syracuse to see Springsteen on a night the Syracuse police attempted to drag me away for recording a song and when I got on the wrong bus after the concert with our buddy Jack Gilroy and almost ended up in Toronto, Canada, before jumping off and hitchhiking in a blizzard and somehow getting back to the hotel in Syracuse where Jim and the rest of our friends were. Jim was laughing about that during breakfast the next day and all the way home.

He was with me on so many trips to Phillies games, NBA games, and concerts. He was with me at one of Dr. J's final home games at The Spectrum in Philadelphia. He absolutely loved all sports,

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Friends for Life: Shown seated first row from left: The late Atty. Jim Gregorowicz, Brian Bosley, and Ned "Doc" Sweeney. Second row, same order: Mike Booth, Steve Gall, Ted "T.C." Christy, Dunmorean columnist Steve Svetovich, Andy Gregorowicz, the late Pat O'Malley, Paul "Saki" Wysocki, and John Gregorowicz.

"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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DEC fourth graders visit Steamtown, ride train

By Julie Esty

On Friday, May 17, the fourth grade students of Dunmore Elementary Center spent the day learning the history and heritage of the Lackawanna Valley at Steamtown National Historic Site.

Grant funding and a collaboration between Steamtown and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority allowed local students to visit the National Park in the month of May.

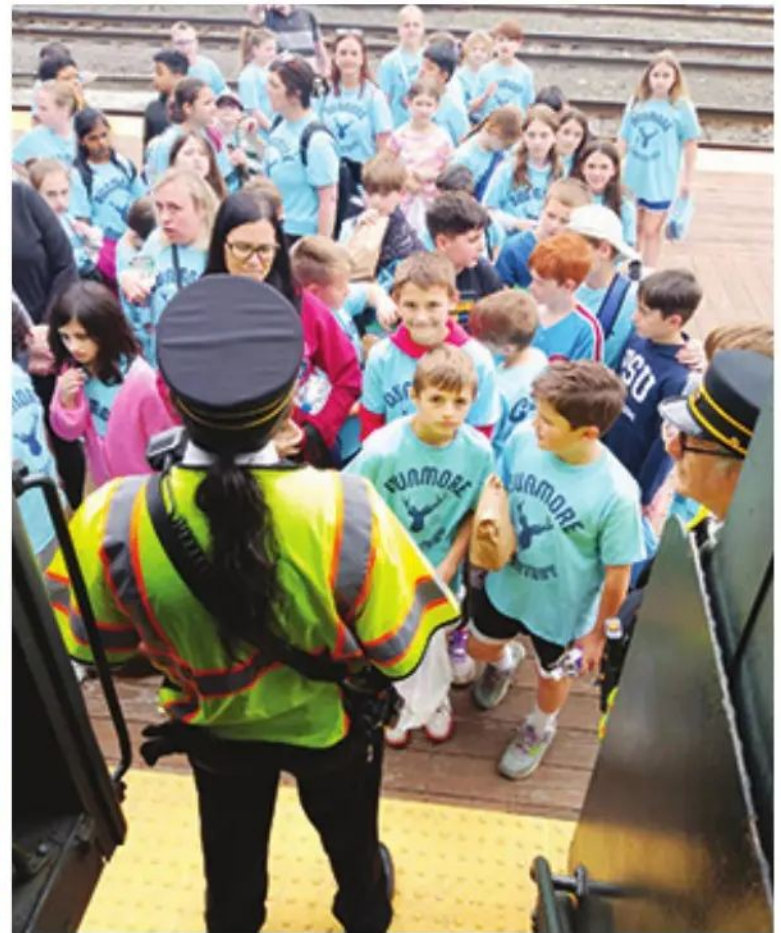
On arrival at the park, the Dunmore students were greeted by park rangers and viewed the Steamtown Turntable and Roundhouse. The pupils then boarded the Heritage Express for a two-hour rail excursion from Scranton to Carbondale.

Along the route, the young passengers were visited by historical interpreters portraying a silk mill worker, railroad executive, and immigrant wife of a coal miner. These interpreters explained life in the Lackawanna Valley over 100 years ago to the travelers.

On arrival in Carbondale Mayor Michele Bannon and Carbondale Historical Society President Dr. S. Robert Powell were on hand to welcome the visitors, who then boarded their buses and returned home after a very exciting, educational school day.



Historical interpreters Julie Esty, left, and Karl Barbee, right, Julia Gallick Vorozilchak, immigrant wife of a miner from Dunmore, an aboard the Heritage Express with fourth grade students of the Dunmore Elementary Center.



Dunmore Elementary Center fourth grade students are shown preparing to board the Steamtown Heritage Express in May.



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master of science degree in education from the University of Scranton in 1991.

McGurl was a crisis intervention specialist for the NEIU from 1985 through 1997 and a teacher in the Dunmore school district from 1997 through 2003. He was drama director for the Dunmore School District from 2004 to 2019.

He and his wife Dawn have four sons: John, Joseph, Michael (and wife Emily) and James (and wife Rose). The couple has one grandchild, Abigail Grace.

McGurl has been performing in the local music scene for the past 50 years. The talented keyboard player has been performing with the popular group QBall since 2018.

He performed with East Coast in the 1980's. He has been with the East Coast Trio since 2002 and performed with the Hometown Boys in 1980's and 1990's.

"The Bucktown Music Fest concert series has become a cherished summer tradition in Dunmore, bringing vibrant music and community spirit to the borough," said Dunmore Mayor Max Conway. "Special thanks to Dunmore councilman Tom Hallinan and Brian McGurl for their dedicated organization and effort in making this event a success year after year."



Actors Circle's satirical comedy "A Man, a Woman, a Head of Lettuce," is the work of local playwright Ted LoRusso, which features three of his works "Roquefort," "Hallelujah Breakdown," and "Vichyssoise." The play involves adult-oriented content. It is being presented at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Rd., Scranton, on June 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9. Times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and, Sundays at 2 p.m. Admission is \$15 general, \$12 senior, \$10 student. Pay cash at the door or visit www.actorscircle.com to buy tickets online. For reservations call 570-342-9707. Shown seated in front is Richard C. Kraus. Behind him, from left are: April Holgate, director Casey Thomas, Chris Eibach. Standing, same order: Terry Thompson, producer Cathy Rist Strauch, Celine Carlier, Kelly Ann Walsh, Sam Falbo, and producer Jeff Ginsberg.



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Keystone UNICO hosts 12th annual scholarship dinner



The 12th Annual Keystone UNICO Scholarship/Piccolo Dinner was conducted recently at Colarusso's Coal Fired Pizza with a total of \$7,750 awarded. Scholarship awardees included, front row, from left: Katherine Barnansky, West Scranton, Keystone Family Scholarship; Lillie Kochis, Holy Cross, Keystone Service Scholarship; Molly Dingwell, Dunmore, Angeline



Keystone UNICO's Family Scholarship Recipient is shown with, from left: Nanine Gramigna, Chapter President; Katherine Barnansky, recipient, and Sandy Collins, Scholarship Director.

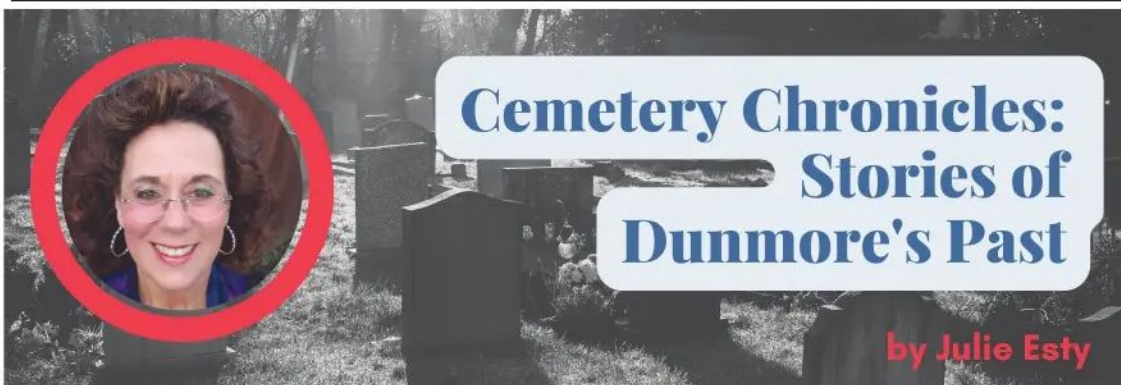


Brian Piccolo awardees with Keystone UNICO President Nanine Gramigna, at left include, Alexa Williams from Riverside High School, who received the Girl's Brian Piccolo Award, and Matthew Seidita from North Pocono High School, who received the Boy's Brian Piccolo Award, and Piccolo Awards Committee Member Ann Summa.



Honoring Trades Scholarship recipient Cameron Collins of Lakeland High School and the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County were, seated from left: Robert Lettieri, CTC Electrical Instructor; Danielle Haas, Cameron's mother; Cameron Collins, recipient; and Kathy and Daniel Haas, grandparents. Standing, same order: Tony Kovatch, scholarship provider; Dr. Karla Carlucci, Director of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County; Gene-O and Edith Perna, scholarship providers, and Kyle Linko, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education at the Career Technology Center.

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Colonel Lynn Adams a pioneer PA. State Trooper

"We must teach our children not merely the importance of making a living, but also how to live and make a life." (Colonel Lynn G. Adams, address to Berwick Kiwanis Club, 1934)

Born in Hop Bottom, PA., in 1880 to Simon and Nina Adams, Lynn G. Adams was raised and educated in Scranton. Following his years at Scranton High School, Adams served in the United States Army during the Spanish American War. His service from 1898 to 1903 included 30 months in the Philippine Islands.

After his wartime service, Adams returned to Scranton. He attended Scranton Business College and worked for the Erie Railroad.

In November, 1905, he traveled to Philadelphia and took the examination for the newly-formed Pennsylvania State Police. With his military experience, Adams easily passed the exam. One month later he became one of the original members of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Adams remained with the State Police and moved through the ranks of the organization until he was called to serve in World War I. With the American Expeditionary Force in France from 1917 to 1919, Adams served as Provost Marshall. Following his military service, Adams resumed his duties with the State Police.

Adams worked on criminal



Lynn Adams (Photo courtesy of the Pennsylvania State Police)

cases locally, statewide, and nationally during his career. Of note was the 1920 kidnapping case of Norristown, PA toddler, Blakely Coughlin. Coughlin was abducted from his home on June 2, 1920. Coughlin's parents paid a ransom for their child, but sadly, Blakely was dead at the hands of kidnapper August Pasquale.

The investigative work of Lynn Adams and his team identified the kidnapper. Although Coughlin's body was never found, Adams definitively established that the child was dead.

Adams experience with the Coughlin case allowed him to be enlisted to aid another family of a

missing child years later. Adams was asked to aid in the investigation of the kidnapping of the 20-month-old son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh and his wife Ann Morrow Lindbergh.

During his career Adams held the positions of Superintendent of Police from 1920 to 1937 and Commissioner of Motor Police from 1939 to 1943.

Under his tenure, the first trooper training school was instituted along with a teletype system connecting law enforcement officials. He also introduced a questionnaire for future troopers to determine their mental and physical fitness for their positions within the State Police.

Adams also lectured extensively throughout Pennsylvania to social, fraternal, religious and youth groups about crime, its prevention and the duties of the State Police.

Retiring in 1943 with the rank of Colonel, Adams holds the record for the lengthiest tenure by a head of the Pennsylvania State Police, serving almost 22 years. He is the only person in State Police history to hold the title of Superintendent and Commissioner.

Colonel Lynn G. Adams died at the age of 85 on December 2, 1965. Upon his passing, flags at Pennsylvania State Police barracks were lowered to half-mast throughout Pennsylvania. Adams was laid to rest in Section Twenty-One of the Dunmore Cemetery.



Sherry Cross recently delivered a \$5,000 check to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart Inpatient Unit in Dunmore. The check represents proceeds from the second annual "Night to Remember" fundraiser in memory of Sherry's sister, Tracy Gototweski. The event was held at the Back Mountain Brewery in Dallas, and featured basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing, great food and drinks. "Please accept this donation of \$5,000 as a token of our gratitude for all you do. It is an honor to have the opportunity to give back to your wonderful organization. We hope that our efforts will support patients and their families and keep Tracy's star shining bright," said Sherry Cross. Pictured from left are: Michael Catalano, Director of the Hospice of the Sacred Heart Inpatient Unit; Sherry Cross, and Diane Baldi, CEO of Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

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The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway

Mayor salutes DHS grads, Bucktown Music Fest, and urges safe summer fun

Summer is here, and I hope you're all as excited as I am for nicer weather ahead! Summer is the perfect time to enjoy our beautiful parks, attend Bucktown MusicFest, and spend quality time with family and friends.

As we dive into summer, let's remember to stay safe, whether we're exploring new places or just relaxing at home.

I also want to give a big shoutout to all our graduating seniors. Congratulations! You've worked hard to reach this milestone, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. As you move on to new adventures, know that we're cheering you on every step of the way. Your success is a testament to your dedication and perseverance, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Here's to a fantastic summer filled with sunshine, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Stay safe and enjoy every moment, Dunmore!

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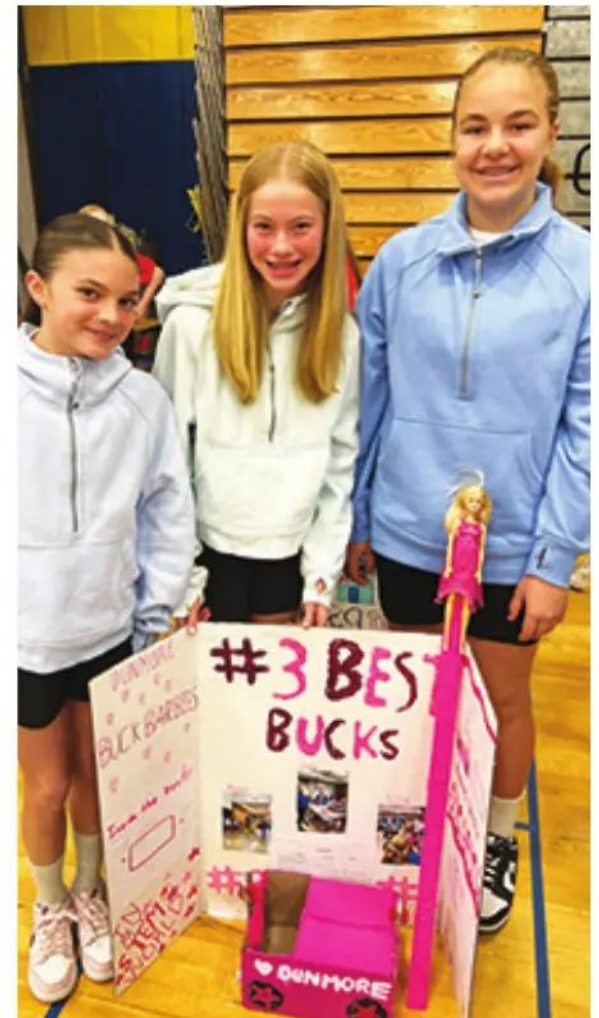
Dunmore students shine in media/design competition



Two teams from Dunmore Jr./Sr. High School participated in the State Middle School Media and Design Competition in Carlisle, PA last month. The team of Ty Dougher, Evan Eibach and Aaron Mecca won Second Place in the Digital Movie category with their movie, "The Cowboy That Could," and was awarded \$100. Mrs. Stacie Telnock who organized this for the Computer Club teams.



The 8th annual NEPA Girls STEM Competition took place at Valley View High School and was sponsored by the United Way. Each team competed in science, technology, engineering and math events. Two sixth grade teams represented the Dunmore Elementary Center. Students from In Our Girls STEM Era team included Nyla DelVecchio, Mackenzie Dolphin, and Adriana Rivera. They earned first place in the math event and first place overall.



At the 8th annual NEPA Girls STEM Competition at Valley View High School, students from The 3 Best Bucks team from Dunmore Elementary Center included Emma Farris, Maggie Killian, and Olivia O'Brien. They earned 5th place overall.



Dunmore Student Council members represent District at conference

Dunmore High School Student Council members and advisor William O'Malley recently represented the district at the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) Region H Conference at Mountain View High School.

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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ

Every year we look forward to the month of June...the official beginning of summer, grilling season, outdoor entertaining and Father's Day.

Hopefully, the rainy season has passed and we'll be spending our days and evenings enjoying the fresh air.

This month we're featuring outdoor entertaining recipes, in particular, Father's Day, when many Dads prefer to stay home, sit in the yard and "chill out".

So here are some easy recipes (most of them can be made ahead... my kind of entertaining).

MEXICAN CORN DIP

3-11 oz. cans Mexicorn, drained 1-10 oz. pkg. fresh spinach

2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1-4 oz. can chopped green chiles
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
Tabasco or hot sauce, to taste
Cayenne, to taste
Garlic powder, to taste

Combine corn, cheese, and chiles in a bowl and mix well. Stir in a mixture of the mayonnaise and sour cream. Season with tabasco, cayenne and garlic powder. Chill, covered, until serving time. Serve with tortilla chips. May be made the night before. Serves 6-8.

SPINACH, STRAWBERRY AND WALNUT SALAD

1 qt. fresh strawberries
Walnut pieces, as desired
¼ cup honey
2 Tbsp. sesame seeds
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
1 ½ tsp. minced onion
¼ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp. paprika
½ cup vegetable oil
¼ cup cider vinegar

Wash and trim spinach; spread over bottom of 13x9" dish. Cut strawberries lengthwise and spread over spinach. Sprinkle walnuts over berries.

Mix both seeds, onion, Worcestershire and paprika, and honey in blender until frothy. While blender is still running, add oil and cider vinegar. Blend well. Pour dressing over berries and spinach. Chill and serve.

MEDITERRANEAN ORZO SALAD

¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
Zest of 1 lemon
1 Tbsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1/4-1/2 cup sugar
2 cups orzo
½ cup golden raisins

6 Tbsp. finely chopped pitted black olives
6 Tbsp. finely chopped red onion
½ cup thinly sliced fresh basil
4 oz. feta cheese, drained and crumbled
Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk olive oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, garlic oregano, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tp. pepper and sugar in small bowl. Cook pasta (orzo) according to package directions and drain. Combine pasta and dressing in medium bowl and toss to coat. Cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally. Add raisins, olives, onions and basil and mix well. Add feta and toss lightly. Season with salt and pepper. Yield: 12 servings.

SUMMER MELON SALAD

½ (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
¼ cup orange marmalade
2 Tbsp. Triple Sec
½ cup fresh strawberry halves
2 cups assorted melon balls, such as cantaloupe, honeydew and seedless watermelon
1 small pineapple, cubed
Fresh mint sprigs, if desired

Combine lemonade concentrate, marmalade and liqueur in a bowl and mix well. Combine strawber-

ries, melon balls and pineapple in large bowl and toss gently. Pour lemonade mixture over fruit and stir gently. Chill, covered, for 2 hours or longer. Garnish with mint sprigs. Yield: 6-8 servings.

This next recipe is my very favorite steak marinade. I've used this for many years and it keeps forever in the refrigerator. I make it in a jar and just shake it well before using.

FRED PABST STEAK MARINADE

6 tsp. Adolph's unseasoned meat tenderizer
3 Tbsp. sugar
6 Tbsp. dry sherry
6 Tbsp. soy sauce
3 Tbsp. honey
2 tsp. salt (I use less)
2 tsp. Accent (eliminate if you can't tolerate MSG)

Pour all ingredients into a jar with a lid (peanut butter jar, e.g.). Ingredients mix best when sherry is at room temperature.

Tender cuts of beef need be marinated only for about 30 minutes. Thicker, less tender cuts should marinate for about an hour. Meat should be pierced with a fork every couple of inches. This mar-

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inade is best for using on a grill. Be sure to baste at least once... several times for thick cuts. After removing from the grill, be sure to brush on some additional marinade before serving.

TROPICAL ORANGE ICE

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 3 cups water
- 3 large bananas, mashed
- 1 ½ cups orange juice
- 3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 Tbsp. orange zest
- 1-20 oz. can crushed pineapple

Boil sugar and water in sauce-

pan until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat to cool. Combine bananas, orange juice, lemon juice, lemon zest, orange zest and undrained pineapple in a bowl and mix well. Stir in sugar syrup. Pour into 13x9" pan. Freeze for a few hours or overnight. Cut into 1 to 2" squares. Yield: 8-10 servings. Very refreshing.

FROZEN STRAWBERRY CAKE

- 1 quart strawberry ice cream, softened
- 1 angel food cake, broken into small pieces
- 1-10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries, partially thawed
- 1-8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

1-8 oz. carton non-dairy whipped topping (such as Cool Whip)

Combine ice cream, cake, strawberries and crushed pineapple. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into 2-8x8" pans. Cover with foil and freeze. Remove from freezer about 15 minutes before serving. Cut into squares and serve. Yield: 18-24 pieces.



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Scouts, American Legion join in Armed Forces Parade



Members of Boy Scout Troop 66 of Dunmore participated in the recent Armed Forces Parade held in downtown Scranton along with American Legion District 11.



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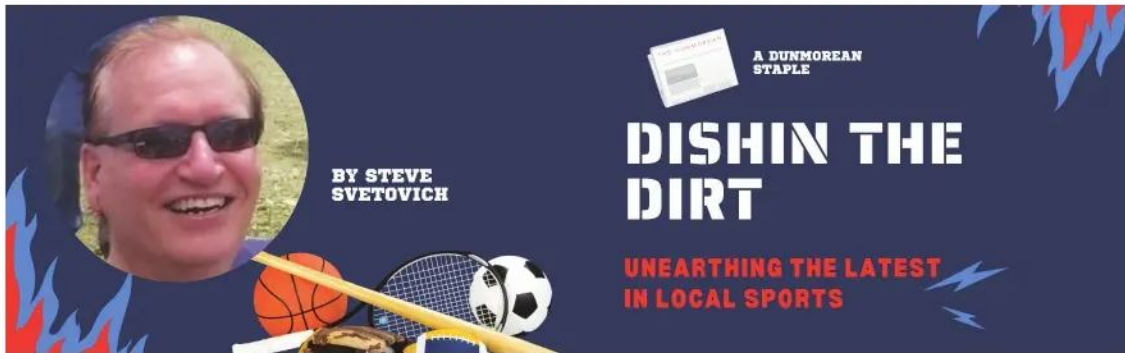
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Congratulations to Dunmore Lady Bucks sophomore stalwart softball pitcher **Rachel Walsh** for 300th career strikeout...She now has 313 career strikeouts in two seasons...And best of luck to Rachel as she begins recovery from left knee medial meniscus tear and partial left ACL suffered in team's loss to Holy Cross in district semifinal...Rachel won 12 games with 2.46 ERA and 169 strikeouts for Lady Bucks this year...She batted .448 with a .614 on base percentage, three homers, 22 runs, 26 hits, 31 RBIs, seven doubles, one triple and .758 slugging percentage...

Dunmore senior softball catcher **Tristan Canavan** led team with .452 batting average, 28 hits and five, 31 runs, 25 stolen bases and .806 slugging percentage...She also hit seven doubles, drove in 18 runs and had .534 on base percentage...Dunmore freshman **Emily McGowan** led team with eight doubles, batted .353, had .413 on base percentage, eight stolen bases, 17 runs, 24 hits and .470 slugging percentage...

Congratulations to Dunmore senior track and field standout **Maura Michalczyk** selected Scholastic Super Star by Scranton Times-Tribune...Maura received Gold Medal in pole vault at Districts and medal in pole vault in state competition...She also received numerous awards and scholarships at Dunmore's Senior Night...

Dunmore football coach **Kevin McHale** and his staff will lead City team in 90th Scranton Lions Dream Game Wednesday, July 17, at Valley View Stadium...Representing Dunmore are **Thomas Bowen, Chris Conte, Domenic DeSando, Nick Donvito, Rogan Dougherty, Jake Hickey, Danny Pigga, Nathan Reuther** and **Nick Tullio**...**Chris Petrucci** from Holy Cross also selected...

Congratulations to Dunmore's **Johnnie Occhipinti** selected Student-Athlete of Year by Luzerne County Community College...Former Scranton Prep swimming

standout **Morna Murray** present at her school's reunion recently...Former Scranton Prep swimmer **Ty O'Malley** and wife **Susie Ratchford O'Malley** also present at Prep class reunion held at the school...Local judge **Atty. Joseph Saporito, Jr.**, Pittston, present at reunion...Former Scranton Prep football player **Sean Coyle** also present...

Rolling Stones legendary frontman **Mick Jagger**, 80, put on quite a show at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey last month...Jagger making 80 the new 40 by strutting, singing, spinning and sprinting non stop throughout over two-hour concert leaving fans truly amazed...And Rolling Stones legends **Keith Richards**, 80, and **Ronnie Wood**, 77, did not disappoint...

Dunmore's **Dylan Svetovich**, a Marywood University baseball product, picked up win with three scoreless innings of relief pitching for Lavelle Insurance in Tri-Valley League baseball contest and next game made diving catch and over the head running grab tumbling over the fence while playing centerfield...

Congratulations to veteran softball coach **Joe Ross** and his Lady Crusaders who advanced to district title game before losing to Elk Lake, 4-3...Congratulations to Mid Valley Spartanettes for beating Holy Redeemer, 4-3, to capture District 2 Class 3A softball championship...Congrarulations to Valley View who repeated as District 2 Class 4A softball champions with 4-2 win over Tunkhannock...Congratulations to Scranton Prep for winning first District 2 Class 2A lacrosse championship over Crestwood...

Local sports fans disappointed Scranton Times-Tribune not publishing most MLB box scores and usually two days late on local sports scene...Condolences to family of Green Ridge's **Frank Cimino**, retired employee of Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau and huge New York Yankees fan,

who died last month at 99...Holy Cross sophomore **Ava Schmidt** pitched five inning no-hitter with six strikeouts and homered in Lady Crusaders 11-0 win over Dunmore in district semifinal...**Peyton Graboske, Mia Scalese** and **Alison Ross** all hit doubles for Holy Cross...

Scranton Prep senior **Zander Condeelis** will play baseball next year at Division I Canisius University...Congratulations to Dunmore's **Nathan Reuther** and **Chris Conte** honored as Hookey Reap Award winners as top linemen in Lackawanna County...

A dozen candidates are on ballot for election into Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...Eight will be elected as Class of 2024 during ceremony Sunday, October 6, at Fiorelli's, Peckville...Candidates include former Dunmore volleyball player **Susan Dempsey** and former Holy Cross track and field and cross country coach **Charlie Orlando**...Other candidates are **Sandy Zanghi, Jordan Hoyt Calvey, Gary Grudzinski, Steven Pratico, Joe Dente, Matt McGloin, Beth McGowan, Gina Chieffallo Moreno, Jim Tomcho** and **Tony Blaisure**...Former Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons general manager **Rick Muntean** will be honored with chapter's service award...Times-Tribune sports editor **Chris Imperiale** will receive media award...Voting will be held June 24 through July 3...Only Hall members can vote...To request an application for membership, contact **Bob Walsh** at 570-346-2228 or **Jerry Valonis** at 570-498-9461...

Dunmore's **Vic Fangio**, 66, spoke at press conference last month introducing him as new defensive coordinator for Philadelphia Eagles...

Holy Cross freshman **Jules Galella** had three hits and four RBIs as sophomore **Ava Schmidt** pitched five inning one-hitter in Lady Crusaders 13-2 win over Lakeland in district quarterfinal softball game...

How about the tear New York Yankees outfielder **Aaron Judge** is on with 21 homers, including 14 in May, at press time...Condolences to family of Green Ridge's **Mike Osborne**, former Scranton Tavern League softball player and Notre Dame football fan, who died last month at 55...

Former New York Giants Super Bowl champion and standout lineman **Chris Snee**, four-time Pro Bowl pick and Montrose football product, named senior scout for his

former team...

Do you remember Green Ridge's **Rick Taylor**?...Whatever became of **Willie Wilson**?...



*Lady Bucks senior catcher **Tristan Canavan**, at left, led team with a .452. battling average this season, while sophomore pitcher **Rachel Walsh**, right, had 300 strikeouts.*



Shown are members of the 2024 Lady Bucks softball team.



DHS senior Maura Michalczyk sets records for pole vault and hurdles

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore senior track and field standout Maura Michalczyk has set school records for pole vault and hurdles and now has her sights set on Bucknell University where she will study chemical engineering in the fall.

As a result of her academic accomplishments, Maura has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2024.

Daughter of Diane and Mark Michalczyk, Maura, 18, also performs in the long jump besides pole vault and hurdles.

She was named All-Region as a junior and Lackawanna Coaches' all-star in her sophomore and junior seasons.

This season she was selected as a Scholastic Super Star by the Times-Tribune and earned the Gold Medal at Districts in the pole vault, and also medaled in the pole vault at States. At DHS Senior Awards Night, Maura received

many awards as well as scholarships.

The hard-working senior is a member of the Spanish Club and Multi-Cultural Club at Dunmore. She is treasurer of the National Honor Society and captain of the Scholastic Quiz Bowl team.

She has an impressive 3.9 academic average at Dunmore. Her best subject is math.

Maura has also been a basketball cheerleader for four years at Dunmore. She is a four-year member of the track and field team.

Gianna Muracco is her track and field coach at Dunmore. "She taught me that dedication and hard work always pay off," said Maura. "She encouraged me to be a strong mentor to the young girls on the team."

Maura helped lead the Dunmore girls' track and field team to a winning record this year. She medaled in the PIAA State track and field

championship in pole vault last year as a junior. "It was an accomplishment I was most proud of," she said. "I had to practice multiple times a week in New York while balancing AP classes. The commitment and sacrifice paid off." (Update: Maura won an eighth place medal in the girls PIAA Class 2A pole vault last week in Shippensburg after a frightening incident the day before when her pole snapped in half. Another club lent her a pole for the finals.)

She praised this year's Dunmore girls' track and field team. "This team was a lot of fun," she said. "It was a small team, so we had to accomplish a lot of things to put together a winning record this year. Finishing with a winning record was a big plus for this team."

The senior scholar-athlete set the school record for the pole vault at 11-feet and 4-inches. She set the school record in hurdles at 16.24

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

MAURA MICHALCHYK



Allie Dempsey stayed steady all season for the Lady Bucks

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore senior second baseman Allie Dempsey was a steady performer all season for the Lady Bucks.

The scrappy second baseman was the glue to a strong infield that helped lead Dunmore to a 12-9 record despite a loss to Holy Cross in the district semifinal contest.

Daughter of Jack and Jenny Dempsey, Allie hit .304, with 21 hits, six doubles, 12 runs and 14 RBIs for the Lady Bucks this season. She also performed consistently defensively at second base and was a leader on the team.

Allie has been a four-year member of the Dunmore softball team. She was also a four-year member of Dunmore's basketball and volleyball teams.

She was a varsity cheerleading captain, president of the TACT Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, editor in chief of the school yearbook and member of the French Club.

Allie played guard on the basketball team and was a setter on the volleyball team.

Well-spoken and articulate, she has a 3.8 academic average. Her best subjects are English and History.

The senior student-athlete will study criminology at Penn State next year. She has hopes of attending law school and becoming a youth advocate attorney in the future.

Allie was a member of the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball state

championship team last season. "That was just crazy," she said. "It was a perfect season."

"It was an example of how great a community Dunmore is. It was just so intense. We had the whole community behind us. It was so special to celebrate with the entire community when we got home."

Allie had a hit in Dunmore's 8-2 win over Montrose, on Monday, May 20, in the District 2 Class 2A opener. However, Dunmore lost to Holy Cross, 11-0, on Wednesday, May 22, in the District 2 Class 2A semifinal. Ava Schmidt of Holy Cross pitched five no-hit innings against Dunmore.

Sophomore Rachel Walsh was the winning pitcher in her complete game win over Montrose. Senior catcher Tristan Canavan homered and drove in two runs for Dunmore.

"Rachel Walsh has been a big factor to our success this year," said Allie. "She has come a long way since her freshman year when she also made a big impact. And Tristan Canavan had such a huge year hitting and catching for us."

"This team really came along well. We've been playing together for a long time. We were very young when starting out together. That's why we've had so much success."

Allie credits her junior high softball coaches for her development.

"Colleen Ross and her husband Paul, and assistant coach Jerry Dempsey taught me so much. They taught me all the little things about

the game. All of that helped me so much on the varsity level. They made me better."

Allie said her parents are strong supporters. "They were both athletes, so they taught me how playing sports teaches you so many good qualities. They taught me about sports and the community."

"You learn things that go beyond sports. They also taught me it is very important to focus on education, the classroom, and activities."

The energetic senior said Dunmore softball coach Ryan Ferguson taught her many good qualities.

"He taught me to be a good teammate and lead others by example. He taught me to take a step back and regroup when things get bad."

Allie enjoys listening to music in her spare time and would like to see Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo in concert.

As she approaches graduation, Allie spoke fondly of her student-athlete experiences at Dunmore.

"It's been a great experience," she said. "The way I was able to maximize the high school experience was to play all different roles in three different sports. I was a bigger factor in some roles and a smaller factor in others, but I was a part of it all."

"It all helped me become a leader. I made strong friendships that will last my entire life."

"Dunmore is just such a great community. The community always rallies around us. What a great high school experience this has been."



Dunmore senior softball player Allie Dempsey poses with her parents, Jack and Jenny Dempsey.



Allie Dempsey is shown with fellow seniors, standing from left: Tristan Canavan, Allie, Molly Gatto, and Sophia Summa.



Lady Crusader softball team battles to the very end

By Steve Svetovich

The Holy Cross Lady Crusaders softball team battled to the end, losing in the District 2 Class 2A final, 4-3, to Elk Lake Tuesday, on May 28, at Marywood University.

Elk Lake scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning in the comeback win over the Lady Crusaders.

It was the fourth straight district title for Elk Lake (20-1). All four came against Holy Cross (15-7 this year). All four were decided by one run.

Holy Cross sent nine hitters to the plate in the top of the first inning and jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

Lady Crusaders sophomore pitcher Ava Schmidt led off the first inning with a single and beat the throw to second to reach safely on Alison Ross' fielder's choice. Peyton Graboske then singled off the left field fence to score Schmidt. Freshman Jules Galella followed with an RBI single to score Ross.

With one out, consecutive walks to Megan Hassaj and Lila Kolcharno forced home the Lady Crusaders third run.

"We wanted to get out early," Holy Cross veteran softball coach Joe Ross said. Holy Cross standout pitcher Schmidt retired the first 10 Elk Lake batters, striking out six.

Leah Traver then hit a single in the bottom of the fourth off Schmidt. She advanced to second on an error. With two outs, Mati Lord hit a line drive double to left-center to score Traver.

In the bottom of the fifth, Brynn Warriner led off with a single and took second on a wild pitch. Cheyenne Horn doubled to score Warriner. Paige Keeney sacrificed pinch-runner Kylie Shingler to third. Holy Cross tried to pick off Shingler, but an errant throw allowed the tying run to score.

Hannah Howell then reached first base on a wild throw, then Layla Weaver singled. Traver next blooped a single to shallow right field scoring Howell from second base with the go-ahead run.

Singles by Hassaj and Helring gave Holy Cross runners at first and second with two outs in the top of the sixth, but Elk Lake's Marissa Horn retired the next hitter and three straight batters in the seventh to seal the district title for the Lady Warriors.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team," coach Ross said. "We competed offensively, defensively, and on the mound.

"We had a good year. Our pitching was very strong all year with senior Mia Scalese and sophomore Ava Schmidt. They were dominant.

"We battled offensively all year and found ways to score runs. Through our experiences on and off the field, our players understood it is something special when you play for something bigger than yourself. Despite losing in the district final, we couldn't be prouder of our team. We competed with everyone and were physically, mentally, and emotionally engaged."

His daughter Alison, a senior standout second baseman on the team, shared her sentiments. "I couldn't be more proud of my team," she said. "Being a captain for these girls this year has been so much fun despite our loss. We battled every pitch, every at bat, no matter what happened. Unfortunately, we didn't come out on top.

"Each person on this team has so much to be proud of. We put in so much work to get to this point. We just fell a little short in the district championship game."

The Lady Crusaders beat Dunmore, 11-0, in the district semifinal contest Wednesday, May 22. Schmidt pitched a five inning no-hitter, striking out six in the win. She also had two hits, two runs, two RBIs and homered. Ross, Scalese and Graboske all hit doubles. Scalese and Graboske had two hits each. Graboske and Hassaj each drove in two runs.

Holy Cross defeated Lakeland, 13-2, in the district quarterfinal Monday, May 20. Schmidt pitched a five inning one-hitter with three strikeouts, no earned runs and no walks in the win. She also had two hits, three runs and three RBIs in the game. Ross had three hits, three runs and one RBI. Galella had three hits, one run and four RBIs. Kolcharno had two hits, one run and one RBI. Hassaj drove in two runs on a hit. Grace Rogers had two hits and one run.

The injured Mia Galella led the team with a .571 batting average, three homers, 19 stolen bases and a .714 on base percentage this year.

Kolcharno batted .471 and Jules Galella hit .415.

Graboske, a sophomore standout, led the team with 23 RBIs and hit two homers.

Schmidt led the team with 20 runs, 17 hits, eight doubles and a sparkling 0.91 ERA on the mound. She also stole eight bases.



The Lackawanna Blind Association is hosting the William J. Jordan, MD "Swing for Sight" Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, June 10, at Glen Oak Country Club. This year's tournament features a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize, skill prizes, raffle prizes, and a blind putting contest where contestants will get a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who are blind or visually impaired. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Lackawanna Blind Association. The captain & crew event will begin with registration at 10 p.m., followed by lunch and a shotgun start at noon. Dinner and drinks are also included. Sponsors are Northeast Eye Institute, FNCB Bank, Shoprite (Mt. Pocono, Daleville, Birney Plaza), NET Credit Union, and Ayers Supply Inc. For sponsorship information, or to secure your spot visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n8ttsa8>. Shown are committee members, from left: Paula DePeters, Sharon Borgia, Atty. Jerry Musheno and Dr. William Jordan, cochairs, and Mary Ann Iezzi.



Friends of Bucks to host youth football camp, two social fundraisers

The 2024 Dunmore Football Alumni Day and Youth Fundamentals Camp, to take place on June 22 at Dunmore High School, is a special opportunity for alumni and supporters to connect with the present and future members of the Dunmore Bucks football program.

The camp is a combined effort to offer top notch instruction for young football players, hosted by Friends of the Bucks, and sponsored and approved by Dunmore School District.

The Friends of the Bucks supply the manpower for the event, from collecting registration information, working the actual event, purchasing the commemorative t-shirts, and paying for the catered lunch by The Fireside Martini Grill. Payment for attendance is written out to the Friends of the Bucks. The graphic was designed by Tim Drewes Photography.

The District contributes to setup by supplying the school, field, tent, tables, chairs, various football equipment, etc. used during camp. The District maintenance staff is available during setup the day before, during the event, and after the event clean up.

The fundamentals portion of this program is available for athletes from grades K-12 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. This camp is open to athletes from any school district.

Sonny Crotti, Coach Jack Henzes and Frank Montaro will be honored with a moment of silence during camp. Alumni introduction will take place at 11:30am with lunch to follow catered by The Fireside Martini Grill.

The entry ticket is \$40, which includes lunch and a tee shirt. In order to be guaranteed a commemorative camp shirt, registration must be received by Monday June 10.

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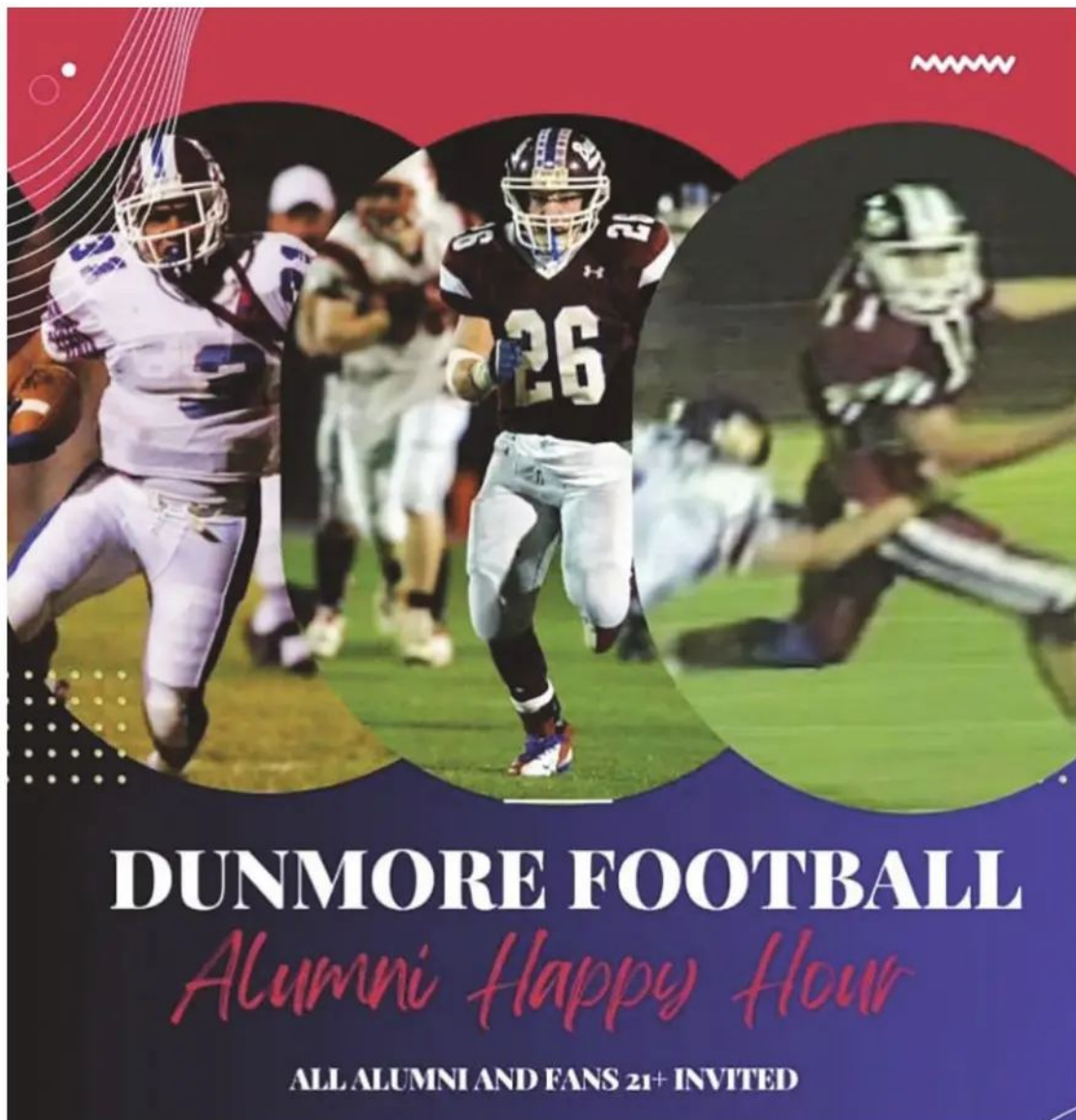
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Friends of the Bucks will host a happy hour for alumni and fans (21+) at The Bistro Bar & Restaurant at the Dunmore Holiday Inn on June 21, starting at 4 p.m. to raise "\$Bucks for the Bucks" before the next day's Alumni Football Camp. There is a suggested \$10 donation at the door which does not include food or drinks, but will be used to provide extras for the Bucks throughout the season. -Tim Drewes Photography (Note: This alumni gathering is not associated with or sponsored by the Dunmore School District.)



Friends of the Bucks invite alumni and supporters (21+) to reconnect for Beers for Bucks at Buddy Clarke's on June 22, starting at 5 p.m. following the alumni football camp. (Note: This alumni gathering is not associated with or sponsored by the Dunmore School District.) -Graphic by Tim Drewes



DEC kindergarten students enjoy virtual Disney field trip



Students in kindergarten at the Dunmore Elementary Center recently participated in a virtual field trip to Disney World. They rode the rides, watched a parade, saw a spectacular fireworks show, and more. They wrote about their adventures to the happiest place on Earth in their own Disney journal. Pictured are kindergarten students participating in the Disney festivities.



Chuck E Cheese fundraiser
hosted by PTA at DEC



The Dunmore Elementary Center PTA recently held a festive fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese for school students.



The H. Leigh Woehling Leadership Lackawanna Fund was awarded to Jason Pozniak of Nibbles & Bits in Dunmore, shown at right, because of his aspirations to become a leader. Lackawanna Leadership selected five scholarship recipients dedicated to community development for its 10-month Core Program. Also shown, from left: Nicole Morristell, Leadership Lackawanna; Rachel Santoro, CHOP; Jacob Torba, Griffin Pond Animal Shelter; Amber Trunzo, Countryside Conservancy; Steve Brown, LCBC Church, and Pozniak.

Leadership Lackawanna awards scholarships to five recipients

Leadership Lackawanna recently announced it awarded over \$2,700 to five scholarship recipients, who each actively lead and uplift their respective employers, demonstrate a passion for community development and wish to contribute to a brighter future through participation in the Leadership Lackawanna 10-month Core Program.

The H. Leigh Woehling Leadership Lackawanna Fund was awarded to Jason Pozniak of Nibbles & Bits in Dunmore because of his aspirations to become a leader.

These various scholarships help offset the cost of tuition associated with enrolling in this program.

To select the recipients, a diverse group of volunteers from across the Leadership Lackawanna organization—including previous alumni and local community executives—reviewed and then ranked each application, which each offered a unique perspective based on their tenure and experience in the workplace and demonstrated a level of commitment to leadership development and community awareness, with purpose and giving back.

In the Leadership Lackawanna 10-month Core Program, participants gain direct and indirect leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills and enhanced understandings of the issues and topics relevant to the greater region.

Class members also participate in group projects benefiting local nonprofit organizations.

Leadership Lackawanna is privileged to award annual scholarships to various program participants.

This opportunity is made possible because of a collaboration with the Scranton Area Community Foundation as they are the stakeholder and manager of these philanthropic efforts.

In total, there are nine scholarship endowments at the Foundation that provide various levels of tuition assistance, in perpetuity, to Leadership Lackawanna participants.

Other scholarship recipients were::

Both Amber Trunzo of Countryside Conservancy and Rachel Santoro of CHOP received the Margaret

Briggs Leadership Lackawanna Fund because of their demonstrated leadership ability, interest in community affairs and desire for an increased commitment to community and professional services.

Rachel Santoro of CHOP also received the Government Leadership Award of the Scranton Area Foundation, which is a merit-based award given to an individual who shall be committed to civic leadership.

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter employee Jacob Torba received the Karen O'Connell Welles Leadership Lackawanna Fund because of his potential for leadership and demonstrated financial need.

The William W. and Mary L. Scranton Leadership Lackawanna Fund was presented to Steve Brown from LCBC Church for displaying leadership qualities with a giving spirit to the community.



Attorneys John Hart and Kyle Franceski from Hart Law in Dunmore had the incredible pleasure of presenting to three combined 4th grade classes at Neil Armstrong Elementary School recently. They shared insights on the US Constitution and what it's like to be a lawyer. They found that the students were very receptive and engaged, making it a truly rewarding experience for all involved.



Mrs. Bridget Kapmeyer, kindergarten teacher at the Dunmore Elementary Center, recently won 98.5 KRZ's Rockstar Teacher Award. She was nominated for the award by parents from her homeroom. Pictured are Mrs. Bridget Kapmeyer with Rocky and Lissa from 98.5 KRZ.



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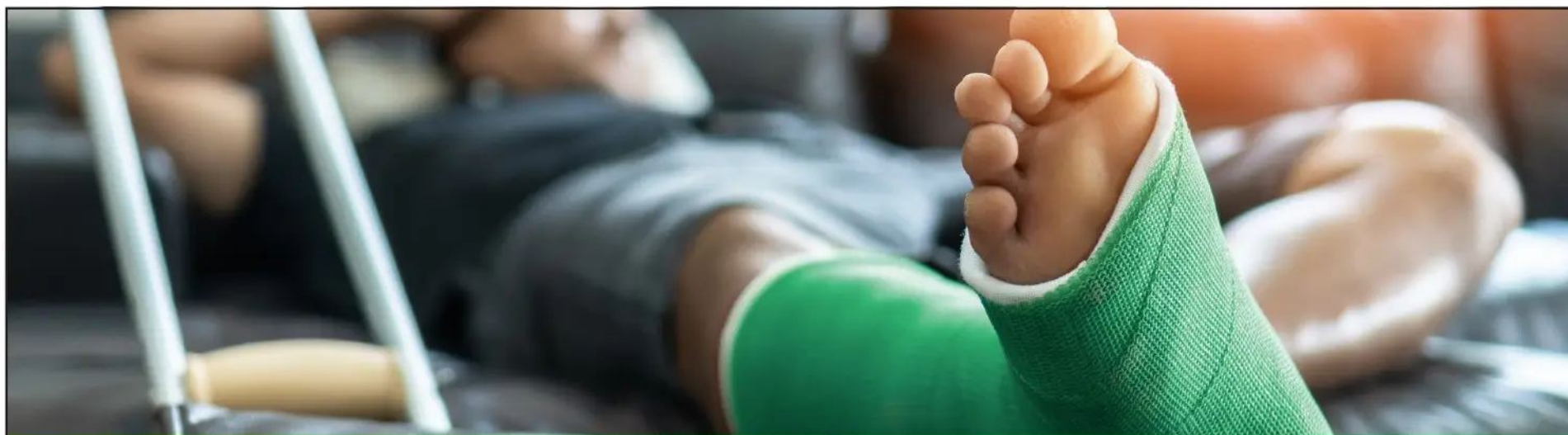
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Holy Cross High School is proud to announce that the Class of 2024 Valedictorian is Benjamin Robert Mulvey. Ben is the son of Mark and Christine Mulvey of Mayfield and a graduate of LaSalle Academy in Jessup. Ben will enter the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall.



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JUNE UNIONS: LEGAL INSIGHTS INTO SUMMER WEDDINGS

BY: JOHN M. HART, III, ESQ.

June, often dubbed the month of weddings, brings forth not just celebrations of love and commitment but also a myriad of legal considerations.

While in the past few years, my summer calendar had been inundated with weddings, this year I surprisingly only have one to attend. (But of course while there are less weddings to attend, there are more diaper parties and kid's birthday celebrations filling up my calendar.)

But, as couples embark on their journey together, they enter into a legal union that entails rights, responsibilities, and protections.

In this article, we delve into the multifaceted legal landscape of marriage, exploring various aspects from prenuptial agreements to international marriage laws, providing insights for couples navigating the intricate realm of matrimony.

Prenuptial Agreements: Protecting Assets and Clarify- ing Expectations

Prenuptial agreements, once reserved for the wealthy elite,

have become increasingly common among couples from all walks of life. These agreements outline how assets will be divided in the event of divorce or death, offering a level of financial security and clarity. They can address issues such as property division, spousal support, and even provisions for children from previous relationships.

While discussing a prenup may not be the most romantic aspect of wedding planning, it can lay a foundation of transparency and trust, preventing misunderstandings and potential legal battles down the road.

Marriage Equality: Strides and Challenges

The legalization of same-sex marriage in many parts of the world represents a significant milestone in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights.

However, despite these advancements, challenges persist. In some jurisdictions, LGBTQ+ couples still face legal barriers to marriage, while in others, they may encounter discrimination or lack

of recognition for their unions.

Additionally, the landscape of marriage equality continues to evolve, with ongoing debates surrounding religious exemptions, adoption rights, and access to services. As our jurisdiction may be accommodating, it's crucial to examine the laws in other jurisdictions throughout the world where you may be planning your union, or planning to live your united lives together which brings us to our next key point in marriage complexities.

International Marriage: Navigating Legal Complex- ities

Love knows no borders, but the law often does. International couples face a myriad of legal complexities when it comes to getting married in addition to determining if your type of union is legal in any particular location, from navigating different marriage requirements and visa processes to addressing potential conflicts of laws.

Each country has its own set of

rules and regulations governing marriage, including residency requirements, documentation, and procedures for recognition of foreign marriages.

Couples contemplating an international marriage should conduct thorough research and seek legal guidance to ensure compliance with relevant laws and mitigate potential challenges that may arise.

Marriage and Taxes: Understanding Financial Implications

Marriage can have significant implications for taxes and financial planning.

While the tax benefits of marriage vary depending on factors such as income, filing status, and deductions, many couples may benefit from lower tax rates, increased deductions, and eligibility for certain credits and deductions.

However, marriage can also result in the "marriage penalty" for some couples, particularly those with similar incomes.

Additionally, spouses may be held jointly liable for each other's tax debts, so it's essential to communicate openly about financial matters and consider consulting with a tax professional to optimize tax strategies and minimize potential liabilities.

Divorce and Dissolution: Navigating the End of Marriage

Despite the best intentions, not all marriages last a lifetime. In

the unfortunate event of divorce or dissolution, couples must navigate the legal process of ending their marriage.

This often involves dividing assets and debts, determining child custody and support arrangements, and addressing spousal support or alimony.

The process can be emotionally and financially draining, but approaching it with civility and cooperation can facilitate a smoother transition and minimize the adversarial nature of divorce proceedings. Alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation or collaborative divorce offer couples a more amicable and cost-effective approach to resolving conflicts and reaching mutually agreeable solutions.

Marriage is more than just a union of hearts; it's a legal contract that carries rights, responsibilities, and obligations.

As couples embark on this journey together, it's essential to be aware of the legal implications and take proactive steps to protect their interests and ensure a solid foundation for their future together.

By understanding the intricacies of marriage law, couples can navigate the complexities with confidence and embark on a lifetime of love and partnership. So if you're looking to tie the knot and have any legal questions regarding its implications, feel free to contact us at HART LAW.

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UNICO presents service scholarships and Piccolo awards



Keystone UNICO Service Scholarship recipients are shown with, from left: Sandy Collins, Scholarship Director; Lillie Kochis, Holy Cross High School recipient; Nathan Reuther, Dunmore High School Recipient; Nanine Gramigna, Chapter President, and Joe and Karen Sadowski, scholarship providers.



Keystone UNICO Family Scholarship recipient is shown with, from left: Melissa Delfino, mother; Sienna Delfino, recipient, and Cesira Berardelli, grandmother.



Frank and Mary Ann Coviello Military and Angela Mancini Nursing Scholarship recipients shown seated from left are: Patti Mancini, Mancini Nursing Scholarship provider; Cecilia Amico, mother; Celia Amico, Mancini Nursing recipient, and Vince Amico, father. Standing, same order: Gene and Toni DiVizio, Mancini Nursing Scholarship Providers; Mary Ann and Frank Coviello, Coviello Military Scholarship Providers; Meghan Dingwell, mother; and Molly Dingwell, Coviello Military Recipient.

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WELL DUN: Friends for Life

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Jim was there during my induction into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame three years ago. It meant a lot.

He loved music and concerts. It was Jim who got me into the music of Jimmy Buffett, Warren Zevon, Springsteen, Southside Johnny, John Eddie, Dave Mason, and Graham Parker. "Margaritaville" was one of his all-time favorite songs. He loved the life of Jimmy Buffett.

He was with me all of the nights we hung out at Uncle Mike's in North Scranton and sang 'American Pie.'

He was with me when we all sang "Thunder Road" together at each other's weddings.

Jim had a great sense of humor and enjoyed poking fun at the oddities in life. And he poked fun at himself. Like the old Dodge Dart he drove around for years and his "Archie Bunker" winter coat.

He was a huge Philadelphia sports fan, but knew about all of the teams.

He came from a very close Polish family in Dickson City. His parents taught him great middle class values he carried with him in life. He spoke often of his dad coaching him and his brothers in the Dickson City Little League and later

helping him set up his law practice. He spoke of the family values and religion he learned from his mom. He was close to his brothers Andy, John, and Ed and sister Anne Marie and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim enjoyed the simple things in life. Material things had no importance to him. He was at his best hanging with his friends, talking sports, and playing Long John Silvers softball games.

Jim was also highly intelligent and in his 30's worked hard to earn his law degree at the University of Baltimore. He had a law practice in Scranton.

But it was not Jim the attorney his friends cared about. It was Jim the person. We all have a special bond that goes beyond someone's occupation.

Jim loved nicknames. He was the first to call me "scribe" and first to call me "Greek," which stuck among my closest friends.

One time during a high school study class he kept asking me what my least favorite word is. Finally, I conceded and threw out the word, Germ. "Ok, from now on you're the Greek Germ," Jim chuckled. He also liked calling me "Savage Scribe" or "Greek Savage."

One of his final texts to me was

that he spotted a book "Doc Savage" at the local library. "I had to get it," he texted. Of course, that was a reference to me and our close friend Ned "Doc" Sweeney. Those little things I will miss the most.

He was a big fan of lists. Jim always had a top 10 and wanted to know your top 10. Top 10 NBA centers ever, baseball pitchers ever, TV sitcoms ever, TV character actors ever, baseball hitters ever, football quarterbacks ever, coolest people ever, best bands ever, best single artists ever, best

baseball broadcasters ever...

So in dedication to my friend, here are some of the favorites on his lists: Susanna Hoffs, Mike Schmidt, Tug McGraw, Larry Bowa, Steve "Lefty" Carlton, The Joker, Larry Bird, Bill Walton, Wilt, Jimmy Buffett, Dean Martin, James Dean, Clint Eastwood, Babe Ruth, Mike Trout, The Three Stooges, *Happy Days*, The Fonz, the two Chucks from *Happy Days*, Uncle Mike's, Bubba from *Sanford and Son*, Speed from *The Odd Couple*, Larry from *Bewitched*, Larry from *Three's Company*, Elvis the King, Bob

Dylan, Springsteen, Spike and, Bag from *Happy Days*, the Dodge Dart, the Philadelphia Phillies, *Dragnet*, Asbury Park, Norm from *Cheers*, Smokin' Joe Frazier, *Badlands*, Larry Linville from *MASH*, Bob Costas, Peter Gammons, Tim Kurkjian, Phil "The Scooter" Rizzuto, Richie Ashburn, Harry Kallas...

Digesting the little things in life and finding humor in it all. That was Jim.

Screen Door Slams on *Thunder Road*.

Rest in peace eternally Jim, my friend for life and beyond.



The 2024 Confirmation class of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish are shown at the altar following the ceremony. Rev. David Cappelloni is parish pastor.

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The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

Pizzeria proud of its savory selections

Granteeds, a beloved local eatery in the surrounding Dunmore area, has been serving delicious food since the 1970s. Fast forward to 2024, I was able to sit down with Gina & Giuseppe Cicco, the current owners of Granteeds, who were able to tell me a little bit more about the expansive history of the restaurant.

Known for its mouth-watering Italian Hoagies, Chicken Parm Hoagies, and New York-style pizzas, this family-run establishment has been a cornerstone of the community.

Granteeds was originally founded in the 1970s and was acquired by Gino Cicco, Gina and Giuseppe's father, in the 1980s as the third owner. The original location faced an unexpected challenge when the lease was not renewed due to the landlord's desire for his son to start a pizzeria there.

Undeterred by this setback, Gino made the decision to relocate the business a block and a half down the road to 817 Mulberry St, Scranton, PA 18510 in the 1990s, where it thrives today. In 2018 Gina & Giuseppe took over the business and have been running it ever since.

Granteeds is deeply involved in community activities, regularly donating to charity events organized by the universities of our local area. From sponsoring local sports teams to participating in

neighborhood fairs, Granteeds is committed to giving back to the community that has supported it for decades.

I asked Giuseppe what some highlights of taking over the family business are, to which he shares, *"Running a family business has taught us the importance of responsibility, customer service, and maintaining healthy relationships with employees and vendors. Our advice to future business owners is to stay consistent and reliable, ensuring customers know what to expect every day."*

The community has loved and supported Granteeds for many years, and the Cicco family plans to continue being a staple.

"Looking ahead, we hope to expand our reach within the community and continue to be a trusted place for delicious meals. We aim to uphold the legacy of quality and service that our family has built over the years." says Giuseppe.

You can visit them on Facebook for the latest updates and menu. Granteeds is open from 11 AM to 11 PM, Monday through Saturday, and they offer delivery to East Scranton, South Scranton, Green Ridge, Dunmore, and Downtown, as well as pickup and dine-in options. We invite you to stop in to experience a piece of history and indulge in the flavors that have stood the test of time.

Athlete of Month: Maura Michalcyak

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seconds.

She talked about what it takes to excel at both.

"You need speed, technique and good reaction times to be a strong competitor in hurdles," she said.

"The pole vault takes speed and strength. It also takes a lot of practice hours. It is a very hard and complex event."

She talked about her post high school graduation plans.

"I'm really excited about going to Bucknell next year. They have a great track program and I'm ready to be a part of it."

She is the recipient of an academic scholarship to Bucknell University as a chemical engineering and engineering management major.

The well-versed senior said she enjoys listening to music in her spare time and is a huge fan of Taylor Swift.

Maura said her parents taught her a lot. "They tell me to be nice to everyone and stand up for what you believe in."

Mature and highly focused, the senior standout talked about her most rewarding accomplishment.

"That would be the scholarship I created at my high school in honor of my brother Ryan. It is beyond rewarding to see how my hard work in fundraising can impact others' future education, a topic I feel passionate about."

Maura, who is kind-hearted and thoughtful, speaks of her brother who died at age one from Sudden Unexpected Infant Death. Her parents created the Ryan Mason Michalczyk Memorial Fund in 2009.

The well-spoken senior standout said she thoroughly enjoyed her four years at Dunmore as she approaches graduation. "Dunmore is a very close knit community," she said.

"The classes at Dunmore are small and this creates a great learning experience. I was able to challenge myself with some of the more difficult AP classes. Dunmore was a great experience. It's a school that rallies for others."



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Students at Perry's Academy of Learning Center presented "Singing in the Rain" at First Friday Scranton in May. The various preschool artists designed their own umbrellas. This is the second annual art show the academy has showcased downtown.



Keystone Chapter UNICO recently donated to the Matthew Mursch Fund to help with his transportation costs for treatments in Philadelphia. Besides having been treated multiple times for a congenital heart defect, Matthew was diagnosed in 2020 with an autoimmune blood disorder. Pictured in the front row from left are: Keystone Board Members Frank and Mary Ann Coviello, Matthew and his mother Lynn Mursch, and Keystone Board Member Toni DiVizio. Second row, same order: Bob Tagert, Marilyn Vitali, Sylvia Tagert, President Elect Michele McDade and Mark McDade, all Board Members.



At the annual Keystone UNICO Pig Roast, everything was "A Little Bit Country," and guests had a "Rootin Tootin Good Time." The major beneficiary from this event is Equines For Freedom. Keystone Chapter is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and new members are always welcome. If interested, call Ann Summa at 570-842-9336 or any chapter member. Along with the over 200 guests attending were several national officers. Pictured from left are Keystone Charter President Mark McDade; Past National President Dr. Ann Walko; Keystone Chapter President Elect Michele McDade; UNICO National First Lady Maria-Rose Contini; UNICO National President Cavalieri Ralph Contini; UNICO National President Elect Anthony Bengivenga; Immediate Past First Lady Maggie Pettinato, and Immediate Past National President Dr. Peter Pettinato.

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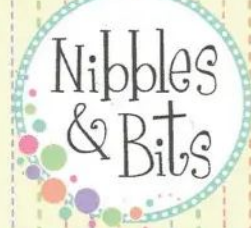
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