

Dunmorean of the Month: Ryan Ferguson



Dunmorean of the Month Ryan Ferguson is shown with his son, John, age 7.

By Steve Svetovich

Ryan Ferguson is a Dunmore lifer.

And he shows that all the time with great enthusiasm as both a teacher and coach. He cares about his students, players and the community. He always puts his students and players first.

“It’s all about them,” he said. “It’s not about me.”

Married for 10 years to the former Leslie Colosimo, the couple has three children: John, 7; James, 4, and Elizabeth, 2.

He met his wife close to two decades ago at First National Bank in Dunmore where she was working as a bank teller.

“Family is my priority,” he said. “I’m pretty lucky.”

Ryan and Leslie’s son John last month played in his first coach-pitch baseball game in Dunmore.

“That was huge for him,” Ferguson said. “My son loved it. It was a big deal for him. His baseball coach was Chris Bantell, who was great with the kids.”

Ferguson, 40, has been a teacher in the Dunmore School District for the past 18 years.

He has also been the coach for the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team for the past 16 years.

He led Dunmore to an impressive 12-8 record while advancing to the

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Boys who attended the Youth Fundamentals summer football camp sponsored by the Friends of the Bucks presented a check to the organization for \$2,007 which they raised at a lemonade stand at Bucktown MusicFest. Pictured from left are: Dominick Lepri, Cullen Hart, Nick DeMuro, Dunmore Bucks Coach Kevin McHale, Brody McCarthy, and Carter Bantell. Other boys were involved with the lemonade stand fundraiser in memory of Sonny Crotti but were not present for the photo. The whole group of kids call themselves “Team Sonny.” -- See related photos and information on Pages 18 and 19. (Photo by Tony Ingargiola)



Students of Dunmore Elementary Center’s first summer camp recently got to Explore the History of NEPA over a two-week period including monuments and architecture of Scranton’s Courthouse Square, Steamtown National Historic Site, Electric City Trolley Museum with an excursion to PNC Field, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Everhart Museum, even a trip to Manning’s Farm in Dalton to enjoy an ice cream treat as seen above. This camp was in partnership with a grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association. --See additional photos on Page 3.

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Ryan Ferguson

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district semifinal, a loss to Holy Cross, this past season.

He now has 138 career wins as the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball coach.

Ferguson also was an assistant basketball coach for 16 years for the Dunmore seventh and eighth grade team. "I'm giving the basketball up now to spend more time with my kids," he said.

He actually started his coaching career 20 years ago as a varsity basketball assistant under his brother Joe at Scranton Prep. He coached under his brother for four years before taking on the coaching positions at Dunmore.

Ferguson, a Dunmore graduate, received his bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education from Marywood University. He received his masters in Education from Wilkes University.

He is a Title 1 mathematics teacher for third through sixth grade at Dunmore Elementary Center.

Ferguson could not say enough about his assistant coaches for the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team. The assistants are Mike O'Malley, Colleen Ross, and Dean Tallo.

"They are all great," he said. "They all work hard and the girls are very lucky to have them."

He also praised volunteer assistant Alyvia Svetovich. "We are certainly going to miss her," he said. "She had one of the hardest jobs in the district and did an amazing job. She is going to be successful at whatever she does. She was so good with the girls and also did a great job in the classroom."

Always positive and full of energy, Ferguson said his Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team had great chemistry.

"The senior group was exceptional in terms of leadership," he said. "And our freshmen put up really good numbers. Sophomore Rachel Walsh is going to be an incredible softball player. She already is. She's a great kid and we expect Rachel will come back from injury and pitch for us again. I can't provide a timeline, but I think it will happen. She can still hit in the meantime. And she's a great hitter."

"As a senior, Tristan Canavan did an outstanding job catching Rachel. She just did a tremendous job handling her. Tristan was also one of our best hitters. She smacked the ball all season. And every time she got on base, she was a threat to steal and score. She is a tremendous base runner. She batted .452 with five homers, but also had 25 stolen bases and 31 runs scored."

"Tristan, Allie Dempsey, Sophia Summa, and Mollie Gatto were the seniors who represented Dunmore in the Field of Dreams Game at PNC Field in Moosic. We were honored to have these four girls represent Dunmore. I was able to coach them in the game and face off against Joe Ross of Holy Cross. What a pleasure."

Always looking at the bottle as half full, Ferguson talked about his coaching philosophy.

"Teaching is the philosophy," he said. "The idea is to teach and let the kids become better each day. I love coaching. Every year it's a new team and new experience."

"It all comes back to the classroom. I love to teach. I'm lucky to have such wonderful kids at Dunmore. I've never had a bad one."

"It's a testament to the kids and their families. It's due to the great parents."

The 2002 Dunmore graduate played baseball in his high school years under coaching legend Gino Tempesta. "I love Gino," Ferguson said. "I learned so much about the game of baseball from him. He still is involved coaching baseball. And I'm still learning from him."

Coach Ferguson is living his dream as a teacher and softball coach. "I give credit to the community, kids and their parents," he said. "They deserve all the credit, I also have great coaches and administrators. I also am blessed with a wonderful family."

"Dunmore has been a big part of my whole life. I love teaching and coaching. It's just a fantastic part of my whole life."

(Do you have someone to nominate as Dunmorean of the Month? Send your suggestion to The Dunmorean at dpi22news@gmail.com, including you and your nominee's email and phone contact information.)



Ryan Ferguson is shown with his wife, Leslie, and their three children, from left: James, John, and Elizabeth.



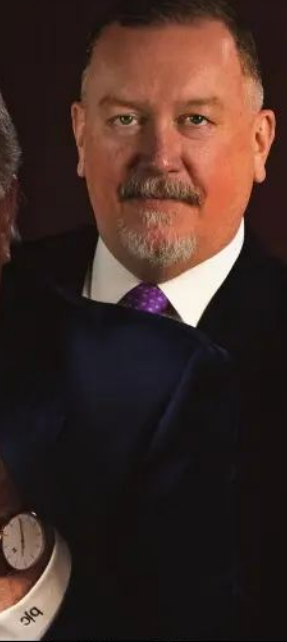
Coach Ryan Ferguson, far left, is shown with his Lady Bucks softball team during their successful 2024 season.

DEC students explore local history at summer camp



Students of Dunmore Elementary Center's first summer camp got to Explore the History of NEPA over a two-week period. These students learned about Pennsylvania history and facts, engaged in a scavenger hunt of monuments and architecture of Scranton's Courthouse Square, visited the Steamtown National Historic Site, explored the Electric City Trolley Museum with an excursion to PNC Field, traveled down 300 feet below ground to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, toured the Everhart Museum, bowled at South Side Lanes, and ate ice cream at Manning's Farm in Dalton. This camp was in partnership with a grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association. Students entering 4th-6th grades were able to apply to the camp. This is the fourth year Dunmore Elementary Center was able to host this program.





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Local youth leagues mourn loss of Teddy Loftus

If you played basketball or baseball in a local youth league anywhere in Lackawanna County in the past three decades, you knew Teddy Loftus.

And there is a pretty good chance he remembered your name and made some type of impact.

Born and raised in Dunmore, Teddy's life was tragically taken from us Friday, June 21, when a vehicle he was driving was hit by a tractor-trailer about 3 a.m. on Interstate 380 South and 84 East in Roaring Brook Township.

State police reported the 2022 Kenworth tractor-trailer was traveling in the far right lane near the I-380 south/I-84 east split and made an unsafe lane change into the far left lane to get off at the I-84 exit in Roaring Brook Township.

The truck hit the car driven by Loftus that was traveling in the center lane going south on I-380.

According to the coroner, Loftus,

60, died from traumatic injuries suffered in the crash.

The male driver of the tractor-trailer, from Sarasota, Florida, was arrested and charged with involuntary manslaughter, recklessly endangering another person, and various summary offenses.

Loftus, a graduate of Bishop O'Hara High School and East Stroudsburg University, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu.

Loftus was a beloved and well-known basketball referee and baseball umpire throughout several towns and boroughs in Lackawanna County and a bit beyond. He was a PIAA official.

Loftus' passion for refereeing and umpiring was fueled by his love for sports and commitment to helping others, especially local youth.

Parents and student-athletes were shocked and saddened by the passing of Loftus. This was evidenced by various Facebook posts across

almost every town and borough representing youth leagues in Lackawanna County.

Chris Stone met him almost two decades ago when he and Loftus were refereeing youth biddy basketball for seventh and eighth graders.

"I remember him refereeing in a youth basketball league with 100 young athletes," he said.

"He memorized every kid's name. He was a kind, gentle man who really cared."

This scribe came to know Loftus as he refereed and umpired my two sons' biddy and youth leagues over the past 25 years. He umpired a Sunday game in the Tri-Valley Baseball League which my son Dylan played in just five days before his tragic passing.

My son Dylan told me he was one of his favorite umpires, often taking the time to chat between pitches and showing a genuine interest in every player.

"He would keep you entertained between pitches. He was complimentary and would remember things about every player."

"He has been refereeing my basketball games and umpiring my baseball games since I was a little kid. I always looked forward to seeing him there."

This scribe remembers Loftus as a biddy basketball referee at Holy Rosary in North Scranton. Loftus would occasionally call a foul on a player, so that a kid who had not scored would get an opportunity to make a couple foul shots.

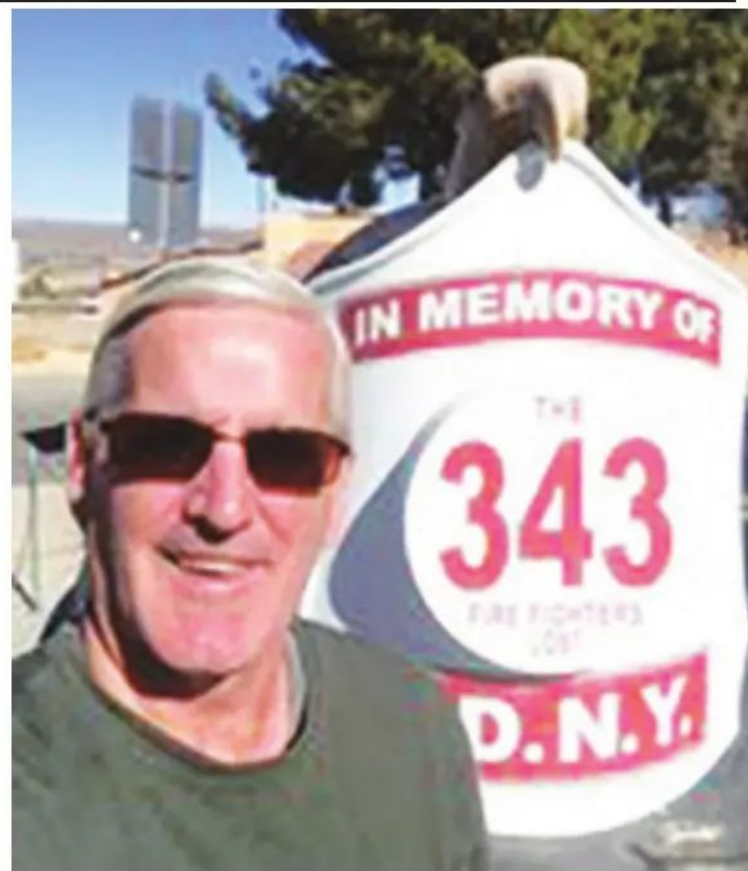
Or he would call a timeout with a few seconds left to make sure a kid who didn't score also got his chance for a basket. He would stop a game, so a kid could make a shot.

And it's true that he remembered every single kid's name.

Those are the things you remember about Teddy Loftus. He had an impact not only on the best players, but on every single one of them.

Jerry Capone, a 1979 Dunmore graduate and retired teacher in the Wallenpaupack School District, was Loftus' close friend since their Dunmore Little League days.

"Dunmore and the surrounding communities have lost a beautiful soul and very caring baseball umpire and basketball official who always had every single kid's best interest



in mind when he worked a game. Friends since Little League, I will miss him dearly.

"Life is short, unpredictable and not always fair. Teddy recently texted me several times wishing me and my wife Happy Anniversary and congratulations on our son's wedding. He always cared about others."

Old Forge baseball coach Tony DiMattia partnered as a basketball official with Loftus over a dozen times.

"This is gut wrenching," he said. "I worked with Teddy as a basketball coach. As a baseball coach, Teddy umpired over 30 of my games. He will be missed. I am heartbroken for his kids and family."

"Teddy was a guy who was always willing to teach kids the game while he officiated. This was especially apparent at the youth level where you often would see him encouraging kids as they played."

"Working a basketball game with Teddy was as fun an experience as you can have as an official."

Robert Sarafinko, a veteran in the Tri-Valley Baseball League always enjoyed seeing Loftus calling games as an umpire.

"I loved when Mr. Loftus was behind the plate when I pitched," he said. "He was one of the best umpires in the league. His loss will be felt. My condolences to his entire family. May he rest in peace."

Former West Scranton basketball standout Cullen Fanning, now a PIAA basketball and football official, had the chance to both perform under Loftus as a player and later work with him as an official. "The impact he had on local youth was very meaningful," he said.

"I've known him since I was seven years old playing basketball at

Saint Anne's in West Scranton. Later I was able to officiate with him.

"He cared so much about the kids and always wanted the best out of everyone. He was really a great guy and will be missed."

Local baseball umpire Leo D'Angelo knew him well. "He was a very good umpire," he said. "He looked out for the kids and they liked him a lot."

Son of the late Donald and Anne Walsh Loftus, Teddy was a stand-out basketball and baseball player at Bishop O'Hara High School in Dunmore.

His monumental impact on various communities will be felt for years to come. Almost every youth league in every borough of Lackawanna County had a heartfelt post on Facebook about his impact on local youth following his passing.

He was known for his big heart and childlike, clever demeanor which would bring a laugh to anyone around him. A baseball enthusiast, he was also an avid sightseer.

Teddy cared for all of the kids in the local youth leagues, but he fiercely loved his family and made sure everyone knew it. He had three children who he loved dearly.

He is survived by a son, Jack, and wife, Aspen Loftus, Las Vegas, Nevada; two daughters, Maddie Loftus, Harrisburg, and Sydney Loftus, Dunmore; three brothers, Donald and wife Jeanne Loftus, Dunmore; Joe, and wife, Mariliz Loftus, Scranton; and Richard "Rocky" and wife, Carol Loftus, Atlanta, Georgia; and three sisters, Marsia and husband John Kohanski, Dunmore; Deanne Loftus and husband Conall Killeen, Dunmore; Karen Loftus and husband, Steven Zaretsky, Hardeville, South Carolina; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Dunmore Lions Club presents student athlete awards



Joe Lalli, the 2024 Holy Cross High School Student Athlete award winner for the Dunmore Lions Club is shown at center, with Holy Cross athletic director Alex Higley, at left, and Lions President James Colangelo, at right.



The 2024 Holy Cross High School Female Student Athlete Awards recipient is Brooke Pawelski, shown here with Gino Tempesta, awards dinner chairman, at left, and Lions President James Colangelo, right.



Holy Cross Penn State Award recipient is Brendon Art is shown at center flanked by Holy Cross athletic director Alex Higley at left and Lions president James Colangelo at right.



2024 Dunmore High School Female Student Athlete Awards recipient is Tristan Canavan. Shown from left: Lions president Jim Colangelo, awardee Tristan Canavan; Renee Iezzi and Mark Finan, Dunmore athletic director.



2024 Dunmore High School Male Student Athlete Awards recipient is Domenic DeSando, shown here with Lions President James Colangelo at left, and Dunmore athletic director Mark Finan, at right.



Dunmore High School Penn State Award recipient is Anthony Tunis, shown with Lions president James Colangelo, left, and Dunmore athletic director Mark Finan, right.



Retiring Holy Cross High School Girl's Basketball Coach, Barry Fitzgerald was recognized by the Dunmore Lions Club at its annual awards dinner recently. He is shown at center with James Colangelo, Lions president at left, and Gina Tempesta, award dinner chairman, at left.----SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 5

Camp Healing Hearts set Aug. 5-9 for children experiencing grief

Hospice of the Sacred Heart will host Camp Healing Hearts, a five-day camp experience Monday to Friday, Aug. 5-9, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Montage to provide grief education to children ages 8 to 14 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Camp is designed to provide campers exposure to the arts, giving them the opportunity to develop healthy ways to express themselves and process their emotions.

Trained bereavement counselors and members of the regional arts community work together to assist the campers in finding comfortable outlets to share their grief.

The five-day camp is free and is made up of instructional sessions in various art platforms. This year's theme is *Pure Imagination*. Bereavement counselors will be available throughout the week if any campers or family members require individual support.

Community volunteers lend their time to campers with artistic projects in painting, writing, photography, yoga, dance, singing and cooking/baking. All sessions will be held in person at the lodge at Montage Mountain Resort. At the conclusion of camp activities, campers and their families will enjoy a day at the waterpark on Friday, August 9.

A video retrospective of Camp Healing Hearts will be presented before the feature film at the Circle Drive-In, 1911 Scranton Carbondale Highway, Dickson City, on a date to be determined. For information, contact Jennifer Seechock at (570) 855-4370 or email jseechock@HospiceSacredHeart.org.

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The Keystone Chapter of UNICO National recently donated \$10,000 to "Equines For Freedom" (EFF). The Chapter was given a tour and history at the site of the facility by Founder Ann Lewis. Desert Storm Veteran Philip Hawthorne spoke of his moving experience as both a client and now as a Director at EFF, which offers therapy to individuals suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) using horses as the conduit (not for riding). This service is offered to clients with PTSD ranging from Armed Services Veterans and First Responders and there is no fee. If you or someone you know can benefit from this therapy, call 570-319-9684 or visit the website at equinesforfreedom.org. Shown at the presentation, front row from left: Keystone UNICO Treasurer Mike Gramigna; Keystone Board Member and Pig Roast Cochair Sylvia Tagert; Bruce Roast Co-chair Bob Tagert. Back row: Keystone Board Members Cesira Berardelli and Marge Ruggiero; EFF Board Di Jolley; EFF Founder and Lead Psychologist Ann Lewis; Keystone Board Member Gloria Rizzo; Keystone Chapter President Nan Gramigna; Keystone Board Member Val Riggi; EFF Board Vice-President Mary Beth Guyette; Keystone Board Member Marilyn Vitali; EFF Board Member Philip Hawthorne; Keystone Board Chairman Louise Ligi and Chapter V.P. Michele McDade.

Keystone UNICO hosts annual installation dinner



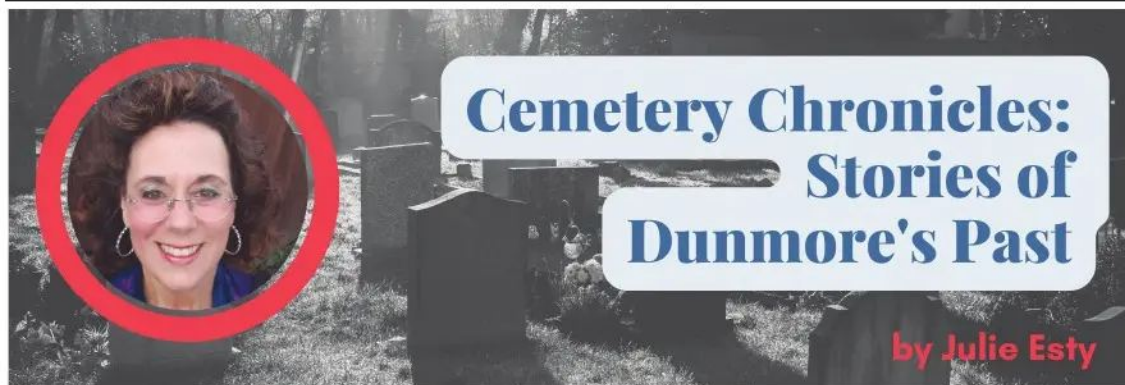
Keystone UNICO Installed the Chapter Officers and Directors at the Presidents' Dinner. First row from left: Mark McDade, Corresponding Secretary; Frank and Mary Ann Coviello, Board Members; Mike Gramigna, Treasurer; outgoing President and Board Chairman Nan Gramigna passing the Presidential Gavel to incoming President Michele McDade; Sister Mary Persico, Chaplain; Installation Officers IPDG PA II Terri Pettinato and Past National President Glenn Pettinato; Sylvia Tagert, Second Vice-President and Jim Mack Jr. First Vice President. Second row, same order: Board Members Sandy Collins, Cathy Bianchi, and Marge Ruggiero; Cathy Gerard, Recording Secretary; Board Member Bob Collins; Peter Noto, Board Chairman Emeriti; Board Members Marilyn Vitali, Gloria Rizzo, Mary Lou Karliak, Cesira Berardelli, Anne Martino, Tina Haas, and Nancy Malone; David Phaneuf, Financial Secretary; Bob Tagert, Sergeant at Arms; and Board Member Louise Ligi.



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National recently conducted its Installation Dinner at La Buona Vita. Past National Membership Director Mark McDade inducted New Members Melanie Biederman and Michaelene Merrill into the Chapter at the Presidents' Dinner. Shown front row, from left: Outgoing President and Sponsor Nanine Gramigna; New Members Michaelene Merrill and Melanie Biederman; Marywood University President Sister Mary Persico, and Immediate Past PA II District Governor Terri Pettinato and Past National President Glenn Pettinato. Back row, same order: Treasurer and Sponsor Michael Gramigna; incoming Vice-President and Sponsor Michele McDade and Past National Membership Director and Sponsor Mark McDade.



Keystone UNICO installed Michele McDade as President for 2024-25. From left are Mark McDade, holding a Bible for his wife, Michele McDade, as she is being installed as Keystone UNICO President by Past National President Glenn Pettinato. Michele is a retired Elementary School Teacher of the Scranton School District.



Anna Etzrodt Ellison: Female chiropractic pioneer

Anna Etzrodt Ellison
"On the great clock of life, the time for health is now." (Dr. Anna Ellison)

Born on December 26, 1888, to Albert and Elizabeth Etzrodt, Anna Etzrodt was raised and educated in Scranton.

Following her early schooling, Anna worked as a dressmaker. She then furthered her education and was a 1917 graduate of the Dr. Reed Burns Private Hospital Training School for Nurses.

In 1919, Etzrodt matriculated into The Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

While at The Palmer School she met recently widowed fellow student Jay W. Ellison of Bay City Michigan. The two dated briefly and were wed in May 1920.

Following the marriage, Anna left school for almost three years. During that time, a son, Edward, was born to the couple. After a hiatus of almost three years, Anna Etzrodt Ellison returned to The Palmer School and graduated in 1923.

Following her graduation the Ellisons returned to Scranton, but Jay Ellison's stay was short-lived. By 1924, Anna Ellison filed for divorce on grounds of desertion as Jay Ellison had returned to Michigan.



Yearbook photo of Anna Etzrodt Ellison

The divorce never came to fruition and the couple remained estranged for the remainder of their lives.

Anna Ellison operated a chiropractic office in the Coal Exchange Building on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton until 1940.

She then purchased a home at 603 Jefferson Avenue. In 1943, the house became Ellison Chiropractic Hospital. Ellison advertised regularly that her hospital offered a restful environment with one of the finest and most completely equipped offices employing a staff of nurses and trained technicians.

She felt her chiropractic method could correct health problems in all parts of the body. Ellison also practiced plasmatic therapy which involved inducing heat into blood circulation to treat illnesses.

In 1942, Ellison's estranged husband died due to colon cancer. Shortly after his death Ellison began treating of ailments of the colon.

Anna Ellison held membership in the American Bureau of Chiropractic, Pennsylvania Chiropractic Society, Anthracite Chiropractic Association of Pennsylvania, and International Plasmatic Therapy Association.

Her establishment on Jefferson Avenue hosted guests in the chiropractic field who visited Scranton for conferences held at the Hotel Jermyn. Likewise, Ellison attended chiropractic and plasmatic therapy conferences both nationally and internationally.

During her career, Ellison received numerous accolades for her chiropractic and alternative methods of healing.

But her greatest honor came from the son she raised single-handed. In 1943, while serving with the United States Air Force, Private Edward Ellison was interviewed and stated, "I want to become a chiropractor like my mother when the war ends." In 1947, Edward Ellison graduated



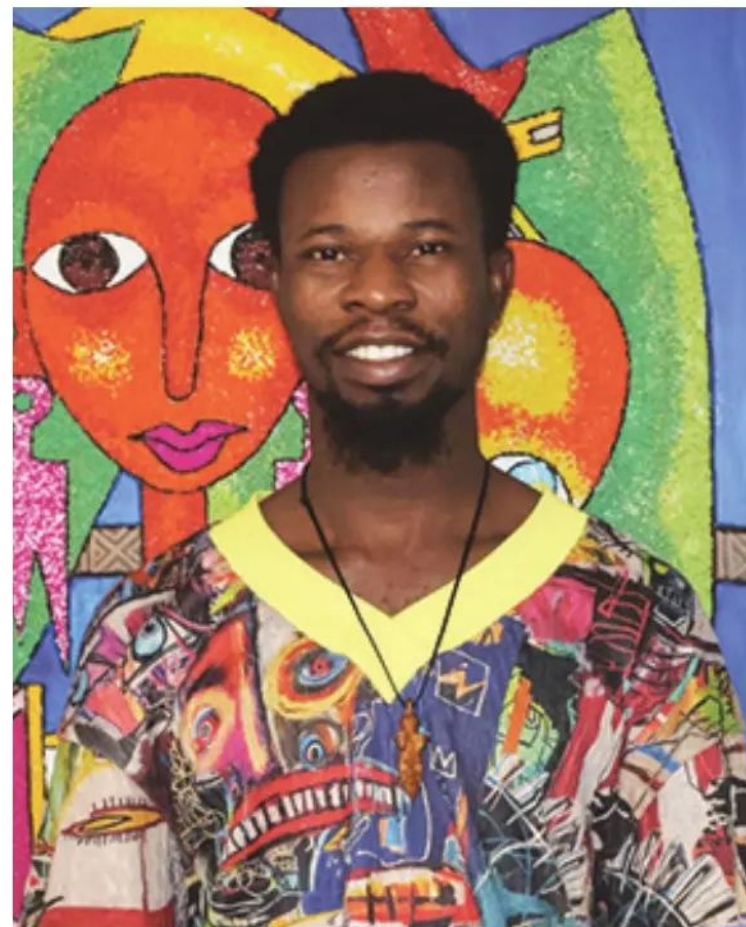
Gravesite of Anna Etzrodt Ellison at Dunmore Cemetery

as a physician from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy.

Anna Ellison died at the age of 61 of kidney disease on August 24, 1950. She was laid to rest in Section 23 of the Dunmore Cemetery. Shortly after her death, the 20-room

house that was the Ellison Chiropractic Hospital was purchased by the Jewish Federation.

The house was eventually razed and is currently the site of Scranton's Jewish Community Center.



The Rossetti Foundation will host a silent and live auction featuring original artwork by the talented artist Sunday Olaniyi on July 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Rossetti Estate, 1005 Vine St., Scranton. This event is a unique opportunity to meet the artist himself. Other than the purchase of Sunday's works, this event is free. Raised in the historic town of Osogbo, fondly referred to as the "land of indigo" in Osun State, Nigeria, Olaniyi's upbringing deeply influences his artistic vision. Renowned for his mastery of glass bead portraiture and abstract storytelling, Olaniyi brings a uniquely African perspective to his craft. A reception will feature live music, libations, and an immersive experience that celebrates the transformative power of art.

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Mayor updates progress on revitalization plan

With summer rolling along, I wanted to provide a quick update on the real progress we've made on our downtown Dunmore revitalization plan. This plan has been years in the making, and I am excited to unveil it fully in the coming weeks.

We've been working tirelessly with engineers, architects, and consultants to make Dunmore the vibrant small town we all know it can be, starting with our downtown area.

Our goals include adding greenspaces and trees, making the area walkable, and boosting our downtown businesses.

Follow me on Facebook at Mayor Max Conway to stay up-to-date on our plan's unveiling meeting.

YMCA awarded \$7,000 Youth Sports Access grant

In June, the Greater Scranton YMCA was awarded a \$7,000 Youth Sports Access Grant from YMCA of the USA. Grant funding will be utilized to provide 125 children with one free session (one month) of youth sports programming.

Funding will also support the purchase of much-needed youth sports equipment, including equipment for youth basketball, youth soccer and youth pickleball.

Through this project, the Greater Scranton YMCA's goal is to increase access and equity in youth sports. Thus, scholarships for low-income and/or underserved youth 14 and under will be prioritized.

"Here at the Y, we believe all children should have equal access to youth sports," said Rich Surridge, Interim CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. "For many families, though, the financial resources are not available. Thanks to grant funding from YMCA of the USA, we are so proud to provide children in our community with the resources needed to participate in youth sports programming at our YMCA."

The Greater Scranton YMCA has created a form that families who are interested in participating in youth sports can complete. After 125 responses have been received, the YMCA will close the form.

For more information about this scholarship opportunity and youth sports at the Greater Scranton YMCA, contact Brandon Whipple, Senior Program Director, at bwhipple@gsymca.org.



NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks) recently accepted a contribution from FNCB Bank, in the amount of \$25,000 through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). Shown at the presentation are, from left: Lisa Kinney, Senior Vice President and Retail Lending Officer, FNCB Bank; Shane Powers, President and CEO, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania; Jerry A. Champi, President and CEO, FNCB Bank; Todd Pousley, Director of Community Development, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania; and Stephanie Westington, Senior Vice President and Controller, FNCB Bank.

Marywood sets July open house

Marywood University will hold a summer undergraduate open house for high school students and their parents on Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Lounge at the Nazareth Student Center on the University's campus, and the last campus tour departs at 1:45 p.m. A complementary continental breakfast and lunch are included in the event.

During the open house, prospective students can walk through the student services & organizations fair. Students will be able to explore various majors at an academic fair, learn more about the admissions process, visit an academic department of their choice and spend some time with faculty, as well as chat with varsity coaches and tour Marywood's campus.

For information and to register, visit marywood.edu/openhouse, email YourFuture@marywood.edu, or call Marywood's admissions office at (570) 348-6234.

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Scranton Jazz Festival announces stellar line-up of music

Tickets are on sale now for two performances at the 19th annual Scranton Jazz Festival that are sure to make summer swing in the Electric City!

The festival will be held Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4, in Downtown Scranton.

On Saturday, August 3, at 7:30 p.m., multi award-winning swing group Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will perform as the Main Stage Act at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. Co-founded by singer Scotty Morris and drummer Kurt Sodergren in Ventura, California, 31 years ago, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was at the forefront of the swing revival in the 1990s.

Their unique style blends classic American jazz, swing, and dixieland with the energy and spirit of contemporary culture.

Their music has been featured in numerous films and television shows, including *The Wild*, *Despicable Me*, *Phineas & Ferb*, *Friends*, and *So You Think You Can Dance*. They appeared on *Dancing With The Stars*, *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*, *NBC's Christmas in Rockefeller Center*, and the *Super Bowl XXXIII Half-time Show*, just to name a few.

On Sunday, August 4, at 6 p.m., the Emmy-nominated Scranton Jazz Festival Big Band featuring Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Joe Lovano will perform at The Ritz Theater and Performing Arts Center, 22 Wyoming Avenue.

An accomplished saxophonist, composer and producer, Lovano is the Gary Burton Chair in Jazz Performance at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and a founding faculty member of the college's Global Jazz Institute. He released 25 records as a leader for the historic Blue Note Records.

In 2019, Lovano released his debut album as a bandleader on ECM Records, *Trio Tapestry*, with Marilyn Crispell and Carmen Castaldi.

The Scranton Jazz Festival Big Band is a 16-piece band comprised of world class jazz musicians who live in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe Counties and surrounding areas.

Under the direction of drummer/arranger Marko Marcinko, the ensemble performs classic big band arrangements and modern selections. The band has performed with jazz greats,



The 19th annual Scranton Jazz Festival will present the award-winning band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy on Saturday, August 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple, 420 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton. For tickets, visit www.scrantonjazzfestival.org. —Photo by Andy Rowley.



The 19th annual Scranton Jazz Festival is proud to present the legendary Grammy award-winning saxophonist Joe Lovano with the Scranton Jazz Festival Big Band Sunday, August 4, at 6 p.m. at The Ritz Theater and Performing Arts Center, 222 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.



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including Phil Woods, Jon Faddis, Jimmy Heath, John Pizzarelli, Ilona Knopfler, Randy Brecker, and Dave Liebman, to name a few.

Tickets for Big Bad Voodoo Daddy at the Scranton Jazz Festival are \$30 to \$60 per person. Tickets for the Scranton Jazz Festival Big Band featuring Joe Lovano are \$15 to \$25 per person. For tickets and more information, visit scrantonjazzfestival.org.

In addition to these incredible performances, the festival lineup includes performances by more than 80 national, regional and local swing, jazz, blues and world beat musicians. Reminiscent of a New Orleans style festival, the event takes place in more than 20 venues throughout the Downtown Scranton Business District.

In partnership with Lackawanna Market, festival goers will enjoy a new feature on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. — an interactive marketplace on Courthouse Square with live music and family-friendly activities.

In celebration of the festival's commitment to the arts, there is no admission fee to attend the Jazz Walk on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission is also free to the marketplace on Courthouse Square on Saturday. The Scranton Jazz Festival is made possible through partnerships with Blu Elefante Events, PA Jazz Alliance Inc., Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau, First Friday Scranton, Lackawanna County, and Scranton Tomorrow, and with the generous support of sponsors and media partners.

SCRANTON JAZZ FESTIVAL AUGUST 2-4. For tickets and more information, visit www.scrantonjazzfestival.org and follow Scranton Jazz Festival on Facebook and Instagram.

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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ



One of the highlights of our summer in Northeastern Pennsylvania is the Annual Novena to St. Ann.

St. Ann's has been a large part of our local history, and this month the parish is celebrating 100 years of the novena.

Many of us have memories of our mothers taking us for the nine-day event, sitting on the grass in sweltering heat and standing in long lines for the final blessing.

On a personal note, my parents, the late Frank and Minerva Sempa, actually had their first date at the Novena. Following their marriage, they attended the Monday Novena to pray for a family--thus, my middle name is Ann.

St. Ann didn't quit then. Many

years later when I was dating my husband, he suggested we go to the Novena. Of course, I was pleasantly impressed.

Later that evening I wound up taking him to the emergency room, where he was diagnosed with a blocked coronary artery. St. Ann, in my opinion, doesn't quit!

So recently when I learned it was the 100th Anniversary of the Novena and the committee had published a 100th Anniversary St. Ann's Solemn Novena Cookbook with 350 recipes, I knew I had to feature it for this momentous event.

By the way, books and embroidered aprons are available at the gift shop. Orders may be placed by calling 570-840-9378. Cost is \$20 each.

St. Ann's Novena cookbook has great recipes

Here are a few of the recipes I've marked to try at home:

ROASTED RED PEPPER DIP

2-8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
 2 (12-15 oz.) jars roasted red peppers, drained
 2 pkgs. dry Ranch dip mix

Mix all ingredients in food processor. Great for pita chips or veggies. Also, tri-color cheese tortellini that have been boiled and drained. Can be made ahead and kept in refrigerator. ----Lori Summa, Dunmore ***

WHITE PASTA FAGIOLI

¼ c. good quality olive oil
 1 medium onion, diced
 4 cloves minced garlic
 1 lb. acini de pepe pasta
 4 c. cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
 1 c. plum tomatoes, well drained, diced or torn
 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
 10 c. chicken stock
 Salt and pepper to taste
 4 Tbsp. butter, softened and then combined with 4 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
 Grated Pecorino Romano cheese
 Additional olive oil for drizzle

In a heavy bottomed saucepan, saute' onions in olive oil. Add garlic and saute' lightly. Add pasta and toast briefly. Add Italian seasoning and stock. Bring mixture to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for about 20 minutes. Add beans; return to boil. Add tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Return to simmer for about 10 minutes. Add the flour and butter mixture and continue to simmer until the soup has thickened. Serve with grated Pecorino cheese and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil. Serves 8-10. ----Joseph Caputo ***

MARY SMIRNE'S CAVATELLI & BROCCOLI

1 lb. frozen cavatelli (you also can make your own)
 1 large head broccoli, cut into florets
 4 cloves garlic, crushed
 Handful grated cheese or to taste (Mrs. Smirne uses Locatelli Pecorino Romano)
 1 can chicken broth
 ¼ cup olive oil
 In a pan, saute' garlic in oil until done, but not brown. Add broccoli and heat until the broccoli soaks up the oil. Add chicken broth and simmer. Cook pasta according to directions. Drain pasta and add grated cheese. Mix all ingredients. Serve. ---- Mary Smirne

UNCLE JOE'S BEST BAKED BEANS

½ lb. ground beef
 10 slices bacon, chopped
 ½ cup chopped onion
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1/3 cup white sugar
 ¼ cup ketchup
 ¼ cup barbecue sauce
 2 Tbsp. mustard
 2 Tbsp. molasses
 ½ tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. chili powder
 ½ tsp. pepper
 1 lb. kidney beans, drained
 1 lb. butter beans, drained
 1 lb. pork and beans

Brown ground beef and bacon. Drain. Add onion and cook until tender. Add all other ingredients except baked beans. Drain kidney and butter beans. Add all beans to mixture. Pour into crockpot or 3-quart casserole dish. To prepare crockpot: Cook on High for 1 hour. Reduce heat to Low and cook for 4 more hours. To prepare in oven: ***

ALMOST CANDY BARS

1 chocolate devil's food cake mix
 1 stick margarine or butter
 6 oz. chocolate chips
 6 oz. butterscotch chips

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1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup flaked coconut
1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk

On a 15x10x1" baking sheet, place cake mix and margarine or butter. Layer with chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, chopped nuts and coconut. Top with sweetened condensed milk. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes. --Kathleen Ferrett

MARIE'S STRAWBERRY PUNCH

1 liter ginger ale
1 bottle Asti Spumante
1 quart softened raspberry sherbet
1 pint vanilla ice cream
Whole strawberries, cleaned

Mix together ginger ale, asti

Dunmore cidery award

Space Time® Mead & Cider Works' "Leap Year" Cider was awarded Platinum by CiderCraft Magazine in the Natural Cider Category. Space Time® Mead & Cider Works has received several national and international awards for its meads (honey wines) but this is the first major award for their ciders.

"I am just overjoyed for the recognition of this wonderful cider made using apples sourced from our local orchard, Miller's Orchards Farm Market, and made in our 'shoe box size' of an urban winery in Dunmore," said cider maker Dan Schreffler.

In 2022 Dan traveled to France to learn from world-class cider makers in Normandy and Brittany. "We took their cider-making skills and philosophy home," said Dan. "We were very hopeful that we could create world-class cider from locally sourced fruit given the care and passion of our local growers and the cider-making skills we cultivated."

Leap Year is available for pick up or shipping from the winery at 419 S. Blakely St. in Dunmore (spacetimecideworks.com) and a future special release at Sabatini's Bottle Shop and Bar in Exeter.

Space Time® Mead & Cider Works, Inc., opened in June 2018 in Dunmore. Its mission is to produce high-quality and innovative craft wine in a manner that respects the past and works for a better future while having a good time in the present. Making mead, cider, and maple wines from local ingredients and real fruit.

The winery has won many national awards. The winery is a PA Preferred winery because it sources mostly PA ingredients. It is the only winery in NEPA to receive that designation to date.



The St. Ann's 100th Anniversary Cookbook is shown in front of my statue of St. Ann, which was a gift from my Baba, on my birth 72 years ago.

spumante, sherbet and vanilla ice cream. Add strawberries last.--Memory of Marie Genell

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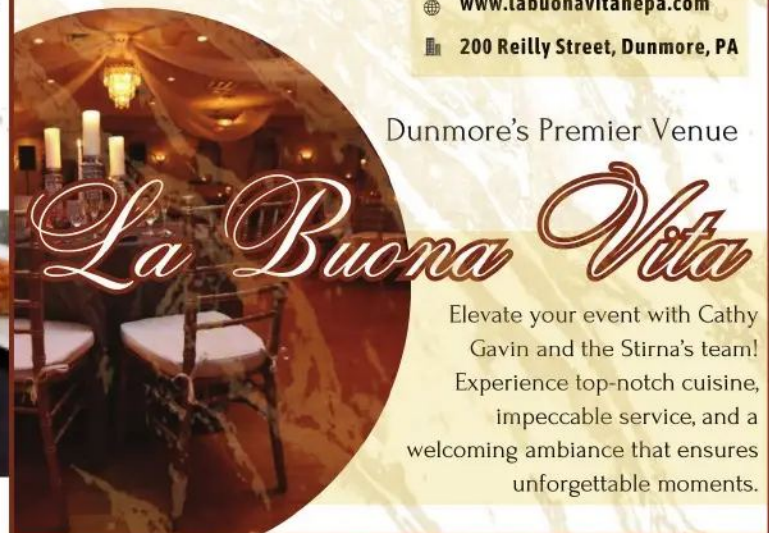
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72-year-old Dunmorean still lives out his childhood dream

Dunmore native Bill Ciccotti turned 72 this past April and somehow, he's still acting like a cowboy. Traveling horseback through the high country of Wyoming, punching cattle and riding bulls?

Bill says, "When I was a little boy, all I ever wanted to be was a cowboy. I think it was when my grandfather took me to see the movie 'The Magnificent Seven.' After that all I wanted to do was ride."

Bill's son lives in Wilson, Wyoming, a town just outside of Jackson Hole. Every year when Bill visits his son, he gets to play cowboy once again. He doesn't gallop quite as much as he used to, but he's still pretty spry for a 72-year-old cowman.

Bill laughed, "Getting up in the saddle isn't as easy as it once was. But what's still easy at 72?"

Bill said that he'll be riding horses till he can't climb himself up into the saddle anymore. Then he declared he'll be feeding the horses in the corral. And Bill added, "That's good enough for me. You have to enjoy the good stuff while you can. Or it's your own fault that you never did."

Somebody forgot to tell him he's not a kid anymore. Or maybe he just ignores them when they try to tell him that he's old. That mischievous twinkle in his eyes and his Cheshire cat smile match the well-earned lines that etch his chuckling face.

You can tell Bill's had his share of ups and downs traveling along that windy road he's been living. And Bill agrees, "In life you fall at times. We all do. It's too darn easy to fall. But the getting back up part, that's the important thing." He said, "I fell off Rusty Saddle a few years back, but that didn't hurt me none."

Bill added, "If you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on. That is, unless you land on a cactus. Then you roll around and scream."

He might have lost a step or two over the years but none of his swagger. Bull rider or bull thrower? Bill shook his head, "Yeah, I climbed up on the back of a 1,900-pound brahma bull at the Jackson Hole Rodeo last year. But I wouldn't let them open the gate." Bill nodded, "I might be crazy. But I'm not nuts." Well not everyone would agree with that statement. Especially the nuns who taught him in grade school.

But Bill's sure having a lot of fun and still laughing like a silly kid after 72 years on this earth. Cowboys and Rodeo Buckle Bunnies? Bill explained what had happened at that rodeo last year.

"Well, I walked myself confidently into the backstage contestant's area. I had the boots, the wranglers, a big sterling silver belt buckle, and wide brimmed Stetson on. It's always good to look the part. Walk confidently and act like you are supposed to be there." Bill shrugged, "Nobody figured I didn't belong there, so I ambled myself right on in. Casually I watched the bronco busters and the bull riding while standing behind the chutes."

He laughed, "I also joked around and even made a few friends with some of the riders. One of the bulldoggers asked me if I'd like to sit on one of the bulls. Wrong question to the right guy. Be careful what you wish for in life. You might just get it. After all, life is just a leap of faith full of danger galore. Spread your arms and hold your breath."

"But remember, everything will kill you. So, pick something you like doing. And remember, if you don't try, you'll never experience life."

"Plus, if you're lucky, you might just get to fly." Bill added, "Of course I climbed on that brown-horned monster. But I told them, 'Don't let anyone open that chute with me on this demon. The real cowboys told me, 'Don't raise your right hand up, which signals the officials you're ready.'"

Bill continued his story. "Truth be told, I almost raised my hand a bit too high in my excitement. I really did." Shaking his head he laughed, "If they ever opened that chute, I would have been glued tightly onto those upper side bars of that swinging gate and Bushwhacker would have been churning up dust without any rider sitting on him." Bill added, "We've all got some crazy tucked away inside of us. Some people just have bigger pieces of that crazy than others."

"It's a crazy world. But no matter what, always be aboveboard and don't forget to be kind. Oh yeah, and when you wake up every morning, be glad your boots are on." Bill happily added, "The days you can keep your appreciation higher than your expectation are truly beautiful days indeed."

He admits, "I'm not the man I used to be. I have a limp in my walk now. But riding horses takes all the aches and pains, both physically and mentally, away in a flash of nature's magnificent glory."

"Vistas of grandeur glide below you as your horse canters you higher along winding mountain trails. Beauty unspoiled by man surrounds you



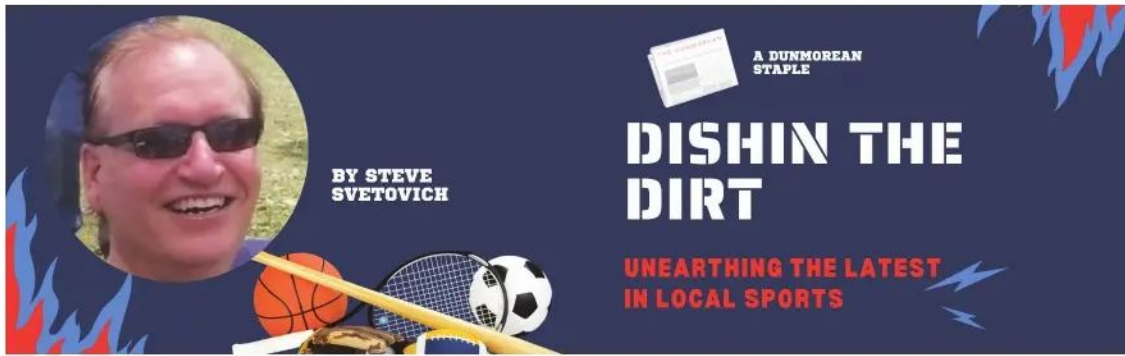
as you travel along happily. Sadly, that unspoiled land will all be gone one day with condos right up to the waterfalls. But for now, I can still ride it and smile like that silly little kid I used to be."

"I've been lucky enough to ride high into the mountains of both the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks." Smiling, he added. "You can't always see heaven from the back of a horse. But when you ride that horse high up into the mountains, you can catch a glimpse of it indeed."

"It's all a tradeoff. You can't ride the high country every day. You have to work first in order to get the funds to pay for that pleasure. And believe me, everything you do has a price that must be paid." Bill laughed, "I'm not rich. No, not by a long shot. But if I was rich, I'd be riding the high country. So, you see, maybe I am rich in the things that really count."

Well, no matter what life seems to throw at Bill, it

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BY STEVE SVETOVICH

UNEARTHING THE LATEST
IN LOCAL SPORTS

Congratulations to Dunmore Lady Bucks softball coach **Ryan Ferguson** and Holy Cross Lady Crusaders softball coach **Joe Ross** who faced each other in annual Field of Dreams game at PNC Field in Moosic...Congratulations to dynamic duo of **Jayson Tatum** and **Jaylen Brown** for earning their first rings leading Boston Celtics to record 18th NBA title, breaking tie with LA Lakers franchise...Brown was finals MVP... And how about veteran Celtics forward **Al Horford** winning his first NBA title in 17th season...

Baseball world saddened by passing of **Say Hey Kid Willie Mays** at 93...Mays was oldest living member of National Baseball Hall of Fame and widely known as game's greatest five-tool player ever...Known for his natural charismatic style, basket catches and spectacular defensive play in center field, Mays hit .302 with 660 homers, stole 339 bases, totaled 3293 hits, drew 1,468 walks, scored 2.068 runs, hit 525 doubles and 141 triples, drove in 1,909 runs while playing in 24 all-star games as member of New York-San Francisco Giants and New York Mets... Mays also lost over one and a half years MLB playing time due to his stint in military and surely would have hit over 700 homers and totaled over 3,500 hits...His over the head running catch with his back to the ball off bat of Cleveland Indians slugger Vic Wertz in game one of 1954 World Series is simply know as "The Catch" and was followed by outstanding throw... It is still recognized decades later as greatest catch ever...Mays was still making acrobatic catches in his 40's in early 1970's...

Local youth sports leagues across several counties mourning passing of beloved basketball referee/baseball umpire **Teddy Loftus**, Bishop O'Hara graduate, born and raised in Dunmore...He died at 60 last month in tragic motor vehicle accident...**Tristan Canavan**, **Sophia Summa**, **Allie Dempsey** and **Mollie Gatto** represented Dun-

more Lady Bucks in annual Field of Dream Game at PNC Field in Moosic...Congratulations to West Scranton Teener League baseball player **Brennan Snyder**, grandson of recently retired Scranton School District paraeducator **Judy Lowry Vitris**, who received Presidential Scholar Award for maintaining 3.67 average and higher for past three years and placing in advanced on all his State Assessment Tests at Delaware Valley Middle School... Captain of his baseball team and also a wrestler, he will continue his bright sports and academic careers at Delaware Valley High School in the fall...

Philadelphia Phillies honored retired pitching standout **Cole Hamels** at Citizens Bank Park last month...Phillies star **Bryce Harper** is leading NL candidate for his third MVP this season... Yankees **Aaron Judge**, on hitting tear, in line for his second AL MVP...Condolences to family of Pennsylvania American Legion Department Commander **Stephen Lavelle**, Dunmore, who died last month at 74, and was married 53 years to former Dunmorean staffer **Donna Lavelle**...He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving off coast of Vietnam before taking top spot with Veteran's Association...He was member of American Legion for over 35 years and served as Dunmore Victory Post 13, Commander for over 30 years...His Commander Project for 2024 membership year is PA American Legion Scholarship Fund that issues \$1,000 per year scholarship grant to college students of PA American Legion members who enroll and maintain good grades in four-year higher education program...Commander Lavelle helped raise over \$72,000 for this fund...Holy Cross boys basketball program moving from Class 2A to Class 3A for 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons...

Winning pitcher **Jack Pierson** was one of four players who doubled as Moosic beat Dunmore, 6-2, in District 17 8-9-10 Little League All-Star tournament...**Mason Link**,

Brady Lavelle and **S.J. Genell** also hit doubles for Moosic...**Cullen Hart** tripled and **Luciano Cintron** doubled for Dunmore...Congratulations to Misericordia University baseball coach **Pete Egbert** named Division III National Coach of Year...

Congratulations to Holy Cross record-setting jumping duo **Kevin Vincent** and **Matt Lyons** for competing in high jump posting 1-2 finish in Robert Spagna Championships...PIAA Board of Directors approved first reading of motion sanctioning sport of girls flag football by unanimous vote, 30-0, last month...Not only did Dunmore Lady Bucks senior catcher **Tristan Canavan** hit .452 with five homers

this season, but also stole 25 bases and scored 31 runs...Sophomore **Rachel Walsh** hit .500 and led Lady Bucks with 31 RBIs...**Roger Daltry**, 80, of The Who put on amazing concert at Bethel Woods last month and shows no signs of slowing down...Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardozi** will attend his 50th Rolling Stones concert with his son **Chris** at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, CA this July 13...Do you remember **Kenny Olsen**?

Lackawanna County seeking state funding on behalf of Dunmore Missy League for softball field lighting project at Sherwood Park in borough...County Commissioners ratified grant application last month seeking more than \$190,000 through state's Greenways, Trails and Recreation program for project...Dunmore Neighborhood Watch head and Planning Commission member **Gary Duncan** and wife **Lynne** observed enjoying first night of Bucktown Music Fest...Former Dunmore Councilman **Joe Tomko** also seen in the big crowd...How

about the new in-door facility at Dunmore's Schantz Stadium?...

Former Green Ridge Little League and Teener League pitching standout **Billy Walker**, Scranton Central graduate, in town from Florida last month visiting his sister **Susan**...Former Scranton Central wrestler and Green Ridge Little and Teener League baseball standout **Kevin "Gig" McGowan** retired in Louisiana recently and is concentrating on his writing and poetry...

Scranton Central graduate **Danny Lavelle**, 20-year military man, recovering well from recent heart attack in Florida where he resides...It would be fitting if Dunmore borough renamed street leading into Veterans Memorial (Gatto) Stadium Jack HENZES Way...And how about naming the equipment room after HENZES?... Holy Cross senior shortstop Nic Borgia set personal goal to hit .300 this season and he more than reached it at .323...Do you remember **Brian "Fudge" Fidatti**?... Whatever became of Downtown **Ollie Brown**?



The Greater Scranton YMCA was awarded a \$15,000 Community Needs Grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation. The grant will support the purchase of outdoor playground equipment at the Y's new Early Learning Center in Olyphant which opened in April. Through the opening of the new center, the Greater Scranton YMCA's goal is to offer our community much-needed child care services, allowing parents to work knowing their child(ren) are in a safe and nurturing environment. The center will provide children with the tools and resources needed for success in kindergarten and beyond, and the outdoor playground equipment will provide children with daily opportunities for outdoor play.. org. Shown from left are: Frank Caputo, Grants & Communications Coordinator; Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Rich Surridge, Interim CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA; Barbara O'Hara, Scranton Area Community Foundation Board of Governors; Laura Ducceschi, President & CEO.



Dunmore's Jamie McMynne shows strong improvement this season

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore outfielder-pitcher Jamie McMynne credits experience, repetitions, and his hitting coach Eric Lenz for his strong improvement at the plate this past season.

Son of Paul and Beth McMynne, Jamie, as a sophomore, was among the Dunmore Bucks leaders in most hitting categories this past baseball season.

The sophomore stalwart also credited pitching coach John Kranick for his development as a pitcher.

He credited Dunmore veteran baseball coach Mike "Sid" Hallinan for helping him to develop more confidence.

"Coach Hallinan teaches us a lot about the mental aspects of the game," said Jamie.

"He tells us not to let the little things get in the way. Don't let the little things bother us."

Jamie, who shows great respect for the game and his coaches, has played travel baseball for the past six years for Baseball U.

"They have played a great role in my development as a baseball player," he said.

The talented outfielder-pitcher was second in batting average on the Dunmore Bucks team at .476. He was third in on base percentage at .625.

He tied Matt Iezzi and Max Forgione for the team lead in

home runs with two and was second in stolen bases with six. He led the team in RBIs with 12 and was second on the team in slugging percentage at .761.

Dunmore finished the season with an overall record of 9-10.

A right-hander, Jamie started a few games on the mound showing improvement as the season progressed.

"I was a little shaky in the beginning," he said. "But I got better. I hope to show more improvement as a pitcher next season."

He talked about his vast improvement as a hitter.

"Getting a really good hitting coach helped a lot," he said, "Eric Lenz was my hitting coach and he worked a lot with me on my hitting. I also had to get used to the pitchers and velocity changes. It took a lot of at bats. Lots of repetitions always help the most."

Hard-working and consistent, Jamie said his parents are always huge supporters.

"My parents teach me to always be respectful. They teach me about hard work and dedication. My parents always tell me good things take time."

Jamie is an honor student at Dunmore. He said his best academic subject is science.

The swift sophomore talked about what it takes to excel in the outfield.

"Number one, you need to be fast," he said. "That sets you apart.

You need to be able to reach in and keep in front of the ball."

Jamie said Dunmore has been a positive experience for him. "It's been pretty good," he said. "I've lived here my whole life. This is what I know."

Jamie said he likes listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Drake in concert.

He is already looking forward to next baseball season. "I think we are going to have a very good team," he said. "Most of the team will be back. We will have mostly returning starters."

He talked about his future aspirations. "I am thinking about studying engineering in college. I definitely want to play college baseball."

"I want to earn a college degree while continuing to play baseball. I want to have a successful life and family."

"In the meantime, I want to help this Dunmore baseball team win a district title."



CO-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

JAMIE McMYNNE



Holy Cross baseball grad Nic Borgia's next goal is to become state trooper

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross graduate Nic Borgia put on quite a display as a short-stop as well as reaching a personal goal to hit over .300 in his senior year.

But now he has even bigger aspirations to become a state policeman.

Son of John and Shawn Borgia, Nic will study business at Marywood University in the fall. He also hopes to continue his baseball career there.

"But eventually, I want to become a state policeman," he said. "It's a dream I've had since I was a little kid. I come from a family of state policemen. I have cousins in the state police. My late grandfather, John Atapovitch was a state policeman. He died at 44, so I never knew him. He was my mom's dad. I heard a lot of good stories about him."

Nic finished second on the Holy Cross team with a .323 batting average and .429 on base percentage. He led the team in hits with 21, runs with 15 and stolen bases with 10.

The Crusaders finished the season with a 7-13 record, but Nic's performance was one of several

bright spots for veteran coach Sandy Menichetti.

The talented infielder had a 3.0 academic average at Holy Cross. His best academic subject is Math.

Nic was a four-year member of the Holy Cross baseball team. He was a second baseman his first three years on the team, but switched to shortstop his senior year.

"It was an easy transition for me," he said. "It's not too far from second base. You just need to make a longer, harder throw."

"My coaches were there for me, hitting a lot of ground balls and watching my throws to first base. And when I wasn't practicing with them, my dad was hitting ground balls to me."

Well-spoken and confident, Nic said he set a goal to hit over .300 this season. He more than accomplished that by hitting .323.

"I kept practicing with my dad and friends. I practiced as much as possible. And we practice hitting here with the best coaches five days a week at Holy Cross. My goal was to hit over .300 and with all that practice I did it."

The hard-working infielder said his parents are always a positive influence.

"They always teach me to be respectful. That kind of goes along with attending a Catholic school. They are always behind me, but tell me to show respect. Be nice to everyone. Treat people like you want to be treated."

Nic said he enjoyed Holy Cross right from the start. "I loved it from day one," he said.

"I had a great time there. I met great people and made great friends. The teachers are all very good people."

"It was a great experience every step of the way. My siblings set me up for success there. My brother John and sister Allie went there before me."

A hustler on the diamond, Nic praised veteran baseball coach Menichetti.

"He always told us there are two things we can control—effort and attitude. If you have that, you are ahead in the game. He's a great coach."

Nic was also a member of the Holy Cross golf team for two years.

He enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would love to see country artist Morgan Wallen in concert.

CO-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

NIC BORGIA



DUNMORE FOOTBALL



ALUMNI DAY AND YOUTH FUNDAMENTALS CAMP

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Friends of the Bucks offer thanks to those who helped with summer youth fundamentals camp, alumni day

On behalf of Coach McHale and the Dunmore football program, the Friends of the Bucks members want to say thank you to everyone who made the 3 events on Alumni Day and Youth Fundamentals Camp huge successes. In no particular order...

- Thank you to the **Dunmore School District** for allowing Alumni Day and Youth Fundamentals Camp to be held on Saturday morning. The District always goes above and beyond for our student-athletes and the community in general.
- Thank you to all the **Dunmore athletes** who participated in camp. Your enthusiasm on such a hot day demonstrates why the Dunmore football program is successful year after year.
- Thank you to the **parents and guardians of the athletes** for allowing your child to attend camp. There were heat related concerns and you believed in us enough to know we would take measures to keep your child safe.
- Thank you to the **alumni** who braved the heat and came out to enjoy Alumni Day and Youth Fundamentals Camp. A special shout out to **Mr. Earl Davis**, age 89, who was our eldest alumnus in attendance. Once a Buck Always a Buck!
- Thank you to "Team Sonny" lead by **Brody McCarthy** for making the formal presentation of the funds collected from the lemonade stand held at the Bucktown Musicfest in memory of Sonny Crotti. You are our future leaders on and off the field. Dunmore Proud!
- Thank you to the members of the **Dunmore School District maintenance staff**. You are always there to meet our needs. You worked in the heat for two days to get everything ready for camp and then take it all down when it was over. You are the best!
- Thank you to **Ms. Maureen Burke-Maluso** for being the athletic trainer for camp. Safety for all those involved was a top priority.
- Thank you to all who answered our request for portable tents/canopies. It was definitely the hottest camp day we've had.
- Thank you to all the people who volunteered

as coaches for camp. You are why camp was a great event.

- Thank you to **Kurt Buaman** for being this year's distinguished alumnus and speaking to our camp participants.
- Thank you to **Tim Drewes Photography** for designing our great shirts. You allowed us to honor the memories of three individuals- **Coach Henzes, Sonny Crotti and Mr. Montaro**- who held special places in the football program. **Nunzis Advertising** did a wonderful job putting your vision on the shirts.
- Thank you to **Mr. Tony "Ingy" Ingargiola** for being our photographer/videographer for camp. Check out his work in the separate posts capturing the camp festivities.
- Thank you to **Jim and his staff from The Fireside Martini Grill** for catering our lunch. It wasn't an easy task cooking at hot grills during a heat wave.
- Thank you to **The Bistro at the Holiday Inn East** for allowing alumni and fans (21+) to gather on Friday night. The hospitality shown by Corey and his staff was exceptional. The alumni and fans who came helped to convert some Bistro patrons to Bucks fans!
- Thank you to **Mike and the entire staff at Buddy Clarke's** for allowing alumni and fans (21+) to reconnect on Saturday night. After a hot morning at camp, the alumni and fans in attendance truly enjoyed having a cold beverage in the evening and Buddy Clarke's was a great location to end our events weekend.
- Thank you to **The Dunmorean** for helping us promote our events. There's nothing better than a hometown paper.

If there were people missed, we apologize and thank you too. As we always say, we couldn't do what we do without you. You are the TRUE members of the Friends of the Bucks!

Thank You!

Tony, Mary Ann, Timmy, Pat, J.J. and Robert

*NOTE: The events at The Bistro and Buddy Clarke's were not associated with or sponsored by the Dunmore School District

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Scranton YMCA to sponsor Family 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk for annual support campaign

Join the Greater Scranton YMCA on Saturday, September 28, for a family friendly 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk. Event proceeds will support the Y's Annual Support Campaign, which provides scholarship funding to low-income individuals and families, allowing them to benefit from all the Y has to offer.

Registration is open. The cost for participants ages 10 & up who register by September 26 is \$25. Participants under the age of 10 are free. Race day registration is available for \$35. Participants who register by September 13 will receive a T-shirt.

Day of race check-in and packet pick-up will be open from 7:30-8:45 a.m. and an awards ceremony will take place at approximately 9:45 a.m.

"Here at the Y, we are proud to turn no one away for an inability to pay," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. "Our financial assistance program helps children attend daycare and preschool, families join the Y, youth participate in swim lessons and programming and more. We are so excited to provide our community with an opportunity to come together to support those in need."

Thus far, the race is generously sponsored by Precor. For more information and to register, visit <https://runsignup.com/scrantonymca>.

For questions about the 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk, contact Brandon Whipple, Senior Program Director, at bwhipple@gsymca.org.

For questions about the Greater Scranton YMCA's 2024 Annual Support Campaign and for businesses interested in sponsoring the race, contact Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, at mcarnevale@gsymca.org.



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The Fourth of July is a time for celebration, but it's also a period when legal issues can arise, as many of us put our guards down when enjoying the nice summer weather.

Whether you're hosting a barbecue, setting off fireworks, or enjoying a day on the water, it's important to be aware of the legal responsibilities and potential liabilities.

This article covers key safety and liability considerations to ensure your Independence Day celebrations, as well as the rest of your summer here in Pennsylvania, are both enjoyable and legally sound.

1. Hosting a Party: Legal Responsibilities and Liability

Social Host Liability: In Pennsylvania, as a party host, you can be held liable for injuries or damages caused by guests who consume alcohol at your event. Under Pennsylvania's social host liability laws, you may be responsible if a guest leaves your party intoxicated and causes an accident. Ensure that alcohol is served responsibly, consider of-

fering non-alcoholic beverages, and arrange transportation for guests who may be impaired.

Noise Complaints: Be mindful of local noise ordinances to avoid fines or other penalties. Check with your municipality to understand the acceptable noise levels and quiet hours.

2. Fireworks: Safety and Legal Requirements

Pennsylvania Fireworks Laws: In Pennsylvania, consumers can legally purchase and use certain types of fireworks, but there are restrictions. For example, aerial fireworks are only legal if you meet specific requirements. Always check local ordinances, as some municipalities may have stricter regulations or outright bans on certain fireworks. Also, check social media and other local sources to find nearby events and leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. You'll avoid the dangers of lighting them off and save a ton of money. Those things are expensive!

Safety Precautions: Follow all safety guidelines when handling fireworks. This includes keeping a safe distance, using them in open

areas away from buildings and flammable materials, and keeping water or a fire extinguisher nearby. Ensure that only adults handle fireworks and that children are supervised.

3. Boating and Water Safety: Legal Requirements

Boating Licenses and Regulations: If you plan to enjoy Pennsylvania's lakes and rivers, ensure you have the proper boating licenses and adhere to state regulations. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission mandates boating safety education for certain operators.

Life Jackets and Equipment: All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person on board. Children under 12 must wear life jackets at all times on boats shorter than 20 feet. Ensure your boat is equipped with necessary safety gear, such as fire extinguishers, navigation lights, and sound-producing devices.

4. Barbecue and Grill Safety: Preventing Accidents

Grill Safety: Position your grill in

a safe, open area away from buildings, deck railings, and overhanging branches. Never leave a lit grill unattended and keep children and pets away. Use long-handled tools to avoid burns and ensure the grill is completely cool before moving or storing it. Never underestimate the heat that comes from your grill. It's important to know your equipment as they're all different. I had a natural gas grill that had a max temperature of 500-600 degrees. I kept it 3 feet from a vinyl fence and the fence warped. Now I have a ceramic egg-style grill that can get close to 1000 degrees, and I keep it less than 3 feet from siding and the siding is fine. I was surprised at first but then realized how incredible ceramic is for keeping heat within.

Food Safety: Prevent foodborne illnesses by keeping raw and cooked foods separate, cooking meats to the appropriate temperatures, and keeping perishable items refrigerated until ready to cook or serve.

5. Pool Safety: Preventing Drownings and Injuries

Supervision and Barriers: If you have a pool, ensure constant adult supervision when children are swimming. Install barriers such as fences with self-closing gates to prevent unsupervised access.

Diving and Safety Equipment: Prohibit diving in shallow areas and ensure your pool has the necessary safety equipment, such as life rings and a first aid kit. **Alcohol:** Public pools aren't the only places to be sticklers with glass bottles near the water. It's just a practical tip.

Nobody wants to step on a shard of glass while running around barefoot.

6. Insurance Considerations: Protecting Yourself and Your Property

Homeowner's Insurance: Review your homeowner's insurance policy to understand your coverage in case of accidents or injuries during your celebrations. This can include liability coverage for guests injured on your property or damage caused by fireworks. Also, be sure to update your coverage if this is the year you finally added the pool of your dreams.

Auto Insurance: If you're traveling, make sure your auto insurance policy is up-to-date and covers potential accidents or damages. Check if your policy includes roadside assistance in case of vehicle breakdowns. Also, check out your credit card benefits to see if some of your rental car insurance is covered when traveling.

Conclusion:

By being aware of the legal responsibilities and taking appropriate safety measures, you can ensure a fun and safe July 4th celebration and enjoy the rest of the beautiful summer months ahead.

Stay informed about Pennsylvania laws and local ordinances to avoid legal issues and protect yourself from liability. If you have any specific legal concerns, be smart, call HART.

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Academy of Learning students study bugs, summer solstice



Students from Perry's Academy of Learning Center celebrated "It's a Bugs Life" week and "Summer Solstice" week to start off summer programming. The students will continue to enjoy and learn with fun, educational theme weeks all summer.

Camp Kelly still has some spaces available

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) still has available space at its Camp Kelly Traditional Girls Overnight. The camp is in the countryside of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, just 30 minutes from Scranton.

UNC's Camp Kelly provides a week-long, authentic, great outdoors version of cabin camping for girls. It is an environment where every girl can learn to feel confident in her abilities and where campers are committed to building upon their sense of self with each activity. It is sometimes the first time many young girls stay overnight away from home, starting a memorable personal growth and unique experience.

They are encouraged to act like children but empower themselves to become self-sufficient and independent. Girls also are given the tools they need to become responsible adults.

For many girls, it is not only their first time sleeping away from home, but in a cabin near the wilderness or without the amenities they are used to. Campers are invited to register for week one, July 7 -12, or week two, July 14-19. The cost is \$405 per camper.



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Holy Cross announces fourth quarter honor roll

Holy Cross High School has announced its fourth quarter honor roll:

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Honors:

Hailey Bittencourt, Liam Connor, Hannah D'Annunzio, Caroline Kennedy, Partik Khadka, Scott Ohm-nacht, Brooke Pawelski, Stephanie Richter, Emma Scalese, Alexander Stabinski, Evan Stabinski, Albita Thapamagar

11th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Gavin Brennan, Natalie Charles, Trista Chiccheletti, Anthony Colonna, Gianna Coroniti, Kyle Cortazar, Olivia DePrato, John Elko, Conor Farrell, Mia Galella, Bren-ley Harashinski, Morgan Hembury, Michael Hughes, Makenna Knight, Zachary Kovalski, Elizabeth Lalli, Calder Lehman, Joshua Lentowski, Emma Luciani, Mat-thew Lyons, Connor Martin, Katie Martinez, Mario Matrone, Chloe Mendicino, Sophia Moffitt, Gavin Monahan, Kai Mozeleski, Clinton Muir, Tyler Musso, Elizabeth My-ronyuk, Rockne O'Connor, Jacob Paroby, Anthony Piestrak, Hannah Pisarcik, Jacob Pope, Roger Rossi, Christopher Rotell Tierney, Nicho-las Rusinko, Richard Shelp, Olivia Strazzeri, Lucas Urban, Juleann Walsh, Nico Warhola, Abigail Waters, Stephen Yurkovic

Honors:

Frederick Ceccacci IV, David Jennings, Kate Kobierecki, Mia Lochie, Ashley Lopez, James Mancini, Elizabeth McGlone, Kendall Morrison, Sara Nealon, Grace Rogers, Nicholas Tunis, Jacob Villano, Emma Woody

10th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Angelica Antonova, Kathryn Apolinario, Natalia Archange-li, Alexis Bilski, James Bordo, Elizabeth Coval, Grace Donohue, Bridget Fay, Emelia Franceski, Trystan Gilroy, Peyton Graboske, Grady Grill, Alexander Harrison, Shelby Hartland, Alyssa Hartman, Margaret Jones, Cameron Kel-ly, Matthew Kennedy, Savanna Killino, Madison Knight, Luke Kristyniak, Cole Lipinski, Simon Madore, Evan McCoy, Hannah Kate McFadden, Keira McGurgan, Eugene Musto, Elizabeth Myers, Grace O'Malley, Sadie Pappas, Briana Perez, Giuseppe Pilone, Claire Polishan, Jamie Prislup-ski, Madeleine Reynolds, Jacob Roberts, Zander Schaeffer, Ava Schmidt, Kayleigh Shelp, Kevin Vincent, Robert Wallace, Alexa Waltman, Lola Wilding, Drew Wozniak, Ray Zhang

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Honors:

Thomas Gilchrist, Natalya Musto, Vasvika Panday, Jasmin Rodri-guez, Alaina Scassellati, Elias Stabinski, Olivia Wasp

Ciccotti always a would-be cowboy!

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just can't kick that little boy, who's still playing cowboy every chance he gets.

Most people as they get older stop acting like a kid. But a choice few, well; somehow, they perfect it. Here's to the cowboys and the little kids still inside us. Long may they ride.



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The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

Visit Spacetime Mead & Cider Works

"What the heck is that place?!" Some people may have asked while driving by Spacetime Mead & Cider Works. I myself was not sure what I was walking towards when I saw a Spacetime stand at a Christmas event about two years ago. I just knew the astronaut intrigued me.

I had the opportunity to sit down with Dan Schreffler, the owner of Spacetime Mead & Cider Works, to learn not only what mead is, but also the story of how this unique shop came to be.

Dan graduated from Penn State in 1986 and then worked for MetLife Insurance Company as a Director of IT for many years.

About 13 years ago, Dan was diagnosed and successfully treated for colon cancer. MetLife was very supportive during this time, allowing him to come back to work slowly.

However, Dan knew retirement was coming. "Do I really want to retire from corporate America? Is that how I want to spend the rest of my life?"

Dan came to the conclusion that he was not ready to leave corporate America and was now faced with a new question, "Well, what do I want to be when I grow up?"

In 2017, Dan left MetLife and took a year off to figure out what he wanted to do.

"Originally, I thought I was going to open up a brewery. I was making my own beer at home; I was making wine and mead," said Dan.

During his year off, he took the time to visit many different wineries and breweries. Then he said, "You know what? We have enough fine winemakers and breweries are coming up."

Mead was still one of Dan's personal favorites, and he knew it would be unique, so he took the chance to see if he could make it work.

A place at 419 S Blakley Street was available for rent before Dan even knew what it was going to be; he just knew he needed to grab the location.

"It was the right time in my life; this was the right place, so we

rolled the dice and said, we're going to open up a meadery in Dunmore!" he decided.

And open up a meadery they did, choosing the name "Spacetime." Our very own Dunmorean astronaut Paul Richards served as inspiration for the name.

Dan also explained, "When people come in to buy a bottle of wine, it's always about a time and place. We wanted to make sure we had a product for any of those moments and any of those places."

Being that Dan is now retired, and given his business background which allows him to run the financial aspects of the business smoothly, he's able to focus on the important things: the quality of the mead. But what is mead? To my surprise, it's fairly simple—all you need is water and honey!

Spacetime Mead & Cider Works uses locally grown ingredients for their mead exclusively. They even have a Harvest Mead that is made using fruits that grow in Dan's backyard.

One of their main ingredients is, of



course, honey. Their honey comes directly from the hives of NEPA, collaborating with companies such as Murphy's Bee Farm and The Beekeeper's Daughter.

Not only are the ingredients local, but their art is too. Spacetime gives local artists a platform by using their art on bottle labels. All of them are amazing!

Another big part of their mission is to improve the quality of life in the area.

"Whatever we do, we want to make sure it's as sustainable as possible because we are getting our products locally. So we're worried about clean air, clean soil, clean water; otherwise, we poison the very things we use to make our wine," said Dan.

One percent of all Spacetime sales go to the Lackawanna River Corridor Association. The LRCA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to restore and conserve the Lackawanna River and its watershed.

Dan, along with Spacetime, are at a place where they're able to do everything they would like to do at their current location. Now, they would like to shift their focus to showcasing Pennsylvania's local ingredients coupled with their wine-making skills.

Recently, Spacetime Mead & Cider received a Platinum Award for their "Leap Year" cider in Cider Craft Magazine! This was a big moment for Dan, similar to when couples come into his shop to buy wine for their weddings.

Dan's advice to anyone looking to open a business is to "Go in with eyes wide open and make sure you have the right financial knowledge." He reminds us not to ruin a

good hobby—if you love to bake, perhaps work for a bakery before opening your own, just to test the waters.

So next time you are driving down Blakeley Street and see the astronaut logo, "Stop on in, sample what we got, and check us out. What we're doing here is fairly unique, not just for Dunmore, but for Pennsylvania. Mead-making and the quality of stuff we're doing with all local ingredients, it's a special story and it's right in our backyard, so you should come say hello to us!" says Dan.

Spacetime Mead & Cider Works is open Thursday from 11-7, Friday from 11-6, and Saturday from 11-5. You can find them on Facebook or Instagram, and they have a website: spacetimemeadworks.com.

Throop soups opens with healthy menus

Throop Soups, a new plant-based food business, celebrated its grand opening on June 20, coinciding with the summer solstice.

The business, founded by Lynn Dzielak, owner of Now and Zen Wellness, 737 Dunmore Street, Throop, welcomed the community to enjoy a variety of healthy and delicious plant-based offerings.

Throop Soups is dedicated to providing a range of nutritious options, including soups, salads, smoothies, and baked goods. The cafe aims to cater to health-conscious individuals seeking fresh and wholesome meals in a welcoming environment.

Initially, Throop Soups will be open from Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Customers are encouraged to visit during these hours to experience the flavorful menu.

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YMCA receives grant from AllOne Charities for STEM equipment

The Greater Scranton YMCA has been awarded a \$16,244 grant from AllOne Charities. Grant funding will support the inclusion of STEM equipment and educational materials in the YMCA's Early Childhood Education Department.

The addition of STEM equipment and activities into the Greater Scranton YMCA's Early Childhood Education curriculum will allow staff to make a greater educational impact on the growing number of children we serve.

Through exposing young children to STEM activities and initiatives early in life, the groundwork will begin being laid, helping children enter kindergarten with a broader knowledge base and the tools and

resources needed for success.

"We are so grateful to AllOne Charities for this generous grant award," said Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA.

"Enrollment in early learning programs continues to grow. We are so proud to provide the children in our care with access to daily opportunities to engage in STEM activities, as exposure to STEM initiatives is a critical component to academic success."

For more information about the Greater Scranton YMCA's Early Childhood Education Department, contact Tressa Parker, Education Director, at tparker@gsymca.org or visit the YMCA online at www.greater-scrantonyymca.org.



Ranger Larry and Ranger Alan came to visit Dunmore Elementary Center fourth graders to kickoff the "Heritage Express" program presented by The Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area. This program is in conjunction with the NEIU and includes a field trip on the Heritage Express train to Carbondale in May.



AARP Scranton Chapter recently installed new board members for the 2024 calendar year at ceremonies held at the United Methodist Hall, Scranton. Shown front row from left are: Barbara Strait, Ruth Soltis, and Marlene Stranko. Back row, same order: David Phaneuf, Sr., president; Marlene Price, Ron Stewart, Marie Merkel, and Bob Kovatch. Absent when the picture was taken: Betty Wood, Marie Krauss, Arthur Hendrick, Regina Hertzog, Elaine Ruchak, and Bernice Sink.



At the presentation ceremony by AllOne Foundation to the Greater Scranton YMCA were, in front row from left: Lucas Atsus, Matthew Kaczmarek, Jayson Gautam, Lainie Moss and Micky Carnevale. Back row: Tressa Parker, Education Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Frank Apostolico, Board Member, AllOne Foundation & Charities; Trish Fisher, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA; John Cosgrove, Chief Executive Officer, AllOne Foundation & Charities, and Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, Greater Scranton YMCA.



AARP Chapter #3731 recently hosted guest speaker Anthony DeSantis, CEO of Carlucci, Golden and DeSantis Funeral Homes at the Asbury United Methodist Hall, Scranton. DeSantis eloquently spoke on dealing with grief and healing at a time of a personal loss and the difficult decisions that need to be made by remaining family when such loss occurs. Desantis touched on a wide array of important topics such as preplanning for funeral services; cremation versus burial; veteran services and funeral arrangements. Shown from left are: Anthony Desantis, CEO Carlucci, Golden and DeSantis Funeral Homes, and Dave Phaneuf, President AARP.

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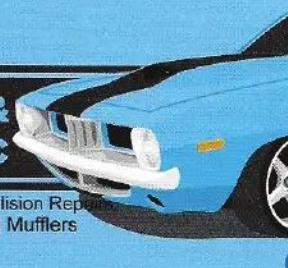
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Summer programs

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) Pine Brook Revitalization Neighborhood Revitalization Plan has scheduled free summer programming for the community. The programs include a yoga class, a walking club, and a book club for children.

Yoga will be held every Monday during July and August at the Capouse Corner Green Space, 1371 Capouse Street at New York Avenue. The free class for all levels of ability is at 5:30 p.m. The dates are July 8, 15, 22, and 29, and August 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Get your steps with Walking Club every Tuesday during July and August. The free group will meet at John Adams Elementary School at 5:30 pm. Walks will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes at all paces. The dates are July 9, 16, 23, and 30, and August 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Feed your mind at Reading in the Park, a children's book club, every Wednesday during July and August at 11 am. Children will be provided with a book and snack. The dates are July 10, 17, 24, and 31, and August 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Home Fair

NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks) will host its inaugural Home Fair on July 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Courthouse Square in downtown Scranton.

This community-centered event aims to provide valuable information on housing health and safety, homeownership and affordability resources to residents of Lackawanna County.

The Home Fair will feature a diverse array of community resources. Attendees will have access to several homeownership resources, from lenders and realtors to home inspectors and insurance providers.

This event is designed for all residents of Lackawanna County. Attendees will find valuable information, whether they are renters, prospective homebuyers, current homeowners, or those interested in learning more about home health and safety.

Church picnic

St. Eulalia's Parish will host its annual Summer Festival on Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, from 5-10 p.m., on the picnic grounds of its parish campus, 214 Blue Shutters Road in Roaring Brook Township.

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The summer festival also features the 14th Annual Jerry Mahon 5K Walk/Run on Saturday at 9 a.m.

The festival includes an array of homemade ethnic foods, such as pizza frita, potato pancakes, haluski, pierogi, porchetta, and sausage and peppers, as well as traditional picnic fare like wimpies, burgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders, and a beer pavilion.

Features include the parish flea market, known as Grandma's Attic; Tricky Tray basket raffles; a bake sale; and an arts & crafts boutique. New this year is a candy shop in the Parish Hall, known as "Sweet Taste of Heaven." The festival also includes kids' games, face painting, a Summer Cash Raffle, and small games of chance.

Entertainment begins on Friday, July 19, with the **Electric City Steel Drum Project**, performing from 6-7 p.m., followed by **Alex Nebraska**, known as "**Alex the Crooner**," from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, July 20, **Between the Velvet Lies**, a classic rock band, will perform from 7-10 p.m.

Comic show

Comedian Charlie Berens will perform at the F.M. Kirby Center on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Ticket Prices are \$29.50, \$39.50, \$49.50 and \$59.50 plus fees

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BEAT concert

BEAT, the supergroup featuring Adrian Belew, Tony Levin, Steve Vai, and Danny Carey, will perform 80's King Crimson songs at

the F.M. Kirby Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

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April Holgate

Actors Circle will present "The EverAfter Ball" by K.A. Holgate at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Rd. in Scranton.

This is an original play based on Grimm's fairy tales, directed by April Holgate, featuring actors ages 10-17. The play features princesses, fairy godmothers, princes, a fabulous dance, and plenty of mix-ups.

Performance dates are July 11, 12, 13, and 14. Performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 senior, \$10 for students. On Thursday, July 11, all admission is \$10. Pay cash at the door or visit www.actorscircle.com to buy tickets online. For reservations call 570-342-9707.

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