

Dunmorean of the Month Susan Dempsey



By Steve Svetovich

Longtime Dunmore volleyball coach Susan Dempsey is going into the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Daughter of Edward and Joyce Schmidt, Susan is one of 10 new members to be inducted into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame during the annual induction ceremony Sunday, October 6, at Fiorelli's, Peckville.

The others to be inducted include Jordan Hoyt Calvey, Joseph Dente, Matt McGloin, Elizabeth (Beth) McGowan, Steven Pratico, James Tomcho and Gina Chieffallo Moreno. Rick Muntean will receive the annual service award. Scranton Times-Tribune sports editor Chris Imperiale is the annual media recipient.

"Honestly, I was very honored and humbled just to be considered for induction," coach Dempsey said. "I am very grateful that I was chosen and sincerely thank everyone that made this possible. My philosophy has always been if we have fun, the wins will come. We need to work hard every day to achieve our goals, but if we are not having fun doing it then we won't be successful."

Coach Dempsey started the first ever girls volleyball program in the district in 2006 with Dunmore.

"I feel fortunate to have been an integral part of starting the girls pro-

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Congratulations go out to Dunmore Buck cheerleaders to made All American at Pine Forest Cheer Camp this summer. Shown from left: Grace Hennessy, Maggie Mecca, Bella Pasko, Izzy Rought, and Elena Pieroli. – (Photo courtesy of Maura Dempsey Reilly)



It's more than just football. It's about giving back to the community! Members of the 2024 Bucks are shown helping to set up for the St. Joseph's Festival in July. The photo is taken from a post by Jeannie Kries McDonald on the Facebook page of You Know You're From Dunmore.

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The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway

Governor visits Dunmore to discuss property tax, and rent rebate program

It was my pleasure to welcome Governor of Pennsylvania Josh Shapiro to Dunmore in early July to discuss the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) program.

Governor Shapiro's property tax and rental rebate program is a testament to his dedication to ensuring that everyone, especially our seniors, those with disabilities, and those on fixed incomes, can afford to stay in their homes.

To check your eligibility for the PTRR program, head over to pa.gov/PTRR.



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gram at Dunmore. This program has given student-athletes an opportunity to learn a sport without a youth feeder program and potentially continue their athletic career in college. We've had several students play at the collegiate level and that makes me proud."

Susan was selected to the All-County volleyball team as a graduate of Cranford High School in New Jersey in 1981.

She played volleyball for Big East NCAA Division I Seton Hall University in 1982, then for Marywood College in 1983 and 1984, earning MVP honors in the later year.

She became women's volleyball coach at Marywood College in 1992. She coached there through 1996. She led the team to a PAC runner-up spot in 1992, then to the PAC championship in 1993 when she also earned Coach of the Year honors.

Susan became head girls' volleyball coach at Abington Heights in 1998, coaching there through 2001. She led Abington Heights to the first PIAA District II AAA girls' volleyball championship in school history in 2001.

She established the first ever girls' volleyball program in the district at Dunmore in 2006. At Dunmore, she has won two PIAA District 1A volleyball championships in 2013 and 2014. She has also led Dunmore to 10 Lackawanna League girls' volleyball championships and to seven PIAA District 2A Runner-up finishes.

Coach Dempsey, both dedicated and humble, reached the 200 career wins milestone in 2018. She has a remarkable 264-41 won-loss record at Dunmore. She was the Scranton Times-Tribune girls' volleyball Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2017.

Three of her players were named all-state and four were Times-Tribune Players of the Year. A total of 15 of her players were named to the All-Region team.

Susan and her husband Sean have been married 34 years and reside

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Susan Dempsey from a recent Dunmore alumni volleyball game held this past December with grandson Will and daughters Jaclyn and Kimberly. Both daughters played for her. Jaclyn was a part of the first team in 2006.



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Elementary students enjoy summer STEM camp



This summer, students in grades 3 - 6 participated in STEM camp at Dunmore Elementary Center. The 3rd and 4th graders explored Bernoulli's principle, studied lava flow, made their own whipped cream, studied bubbology, and built their very own boats. The 5th and 6th graders painted masterpieces with a pendulum, coded a micro:bit to count their steps, competed in an egg drop challenge, and made a hovercraft. It was an awesome week which made learning FUN! ---See more photos on Page Six





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SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish carries on tradition for 118th year

The tradition continues.

It's a tradition in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore since 1906. SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish will hold its annual Italian Festival August 9, 10 and 11 at 122 Kurtz Street in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore. Food, games and live entertainment once again will be featured.

The annual event is noted for delicious Italian foods and pastries and musical entertainment, but the highlight is the annual Feast Day Mass to be held this year Saturday, August 9, at noon, followed by the annual Procession with Statues of the Saints at 1 p.m. It's a tradition that is now 118-years-old.

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

the pandemic.

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

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

Rev. David Cappelloni, pastor, Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, who blesses the people with a relic of Saint Rocco at a special Mass before the procession said the event helps the parish have an identity.

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

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

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

In addition to the special Mass and procession, the Dunmore community always celebrates its annual three-day festival the same weekend. Those who walk in the procession of faith often pray for others or someone in remembrance.

The tradition also carries on with few changes each year. It's all about family, tradition, and mostly faith. Saint Rocco, the protector against deadly plagues, is considered the patron saint of Guardia dei Lombardi.

Veneration to this Saint dates back to 1656 when a deadly plague and drought swept through the Italian town, killing 1,110 of its 1,475 residents. Guardia's first procession in honor of St. Rocco took place that year when the remaining townspeople prayed to him to bring rain and to end the aggressive plague.

By the time the Guardiese immigrants arrived in Dunmore, the procession to Saint Rocco had been an integral part of life in their Italian community for more than 250 years. When Italian immigrants settled in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore, they continued many of the same traditions. The annual procession is one of them.

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

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

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

The annual festival was added to the procession in 1922. Initially,



members prepared food at the stoves of the church basement and carried it outside in bowls to sell on the grounds.

Saint Rocco is the patron saint of pestilence and contagious diseases and the patron saint of dogs. The statue of St. Rocco is considered unique because of his pose with his

left hand pointing to an open sore on his leg. Few images of saints expose any afflictions or handicaps.

His body is enclosed in a glass tomb in the church of San Rocco in Venice, Italy. The death of this great follower of Christ is commemorated on August 16 of each year.

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SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Festival set August 9, 10, 11

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As a 14th century pilgrim, Rocco was famed for healing plague victims. Indeed, he died after contracting the disease whilst nursing the sick during an epidemic in Northern Italy. San Rocco is usually depicted lifting back his garments to reveal the plague bubo on his thigh and is often accompanied by a dog.

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

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

The Dunmore High School marching band and cheerleaders will perform the first night, Friday, August 9, at 6 p.m., followed by the band, Picture Perfect, at 7. Picture Perfect has been performing for several years at the traditional event. The band, Popstar Drive, will perform Saturday, August 10, at 7 p.m.

Following the Feast Day Mass at noon and Procession of Saints at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 11, Vinsko Entertainment will provide music at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Scranton Prep cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. and the Luongo Brothers Band at 6 p.m. The always popular and entertaining Luongo Brothers of Dunmore are a constant at the annual festival. There will be fireworks at 9 p.m. or dusk. All raffle drawings will be held at 9:30 p.m.

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

Oh, the pasta fagioli! The best with Parmesan cheese and crushed red peppers.

And let's not forget the beer tent, wine, coffee, cappuccino, crispy potato pancakes, french fries, lemonade and root beer floats. A new dessert item, gelato, was added last year. Dunmore's Bill Genello will be sure to be seen serving drinks.

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



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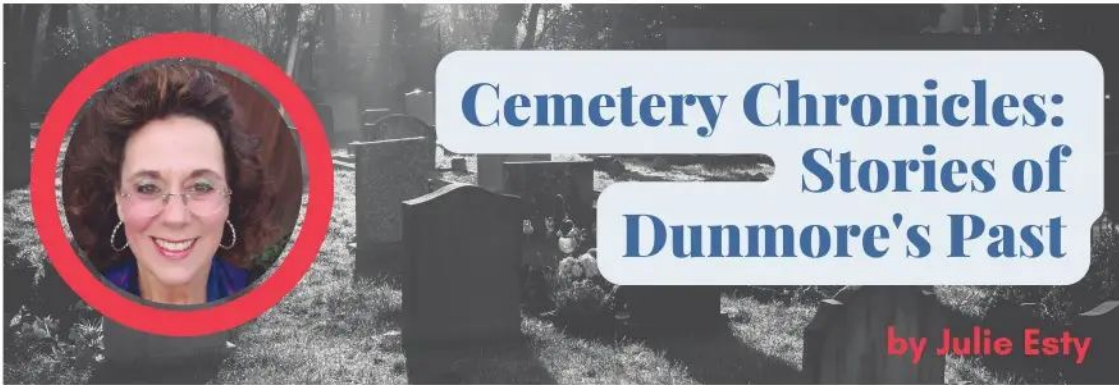
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Roy D. Hatcher kept things rolling in NEPA

From the 1880's to the 1970's public interest in roller skating has fallen in and out of popularity. Northeastern Pennsylvania was home to numerous roller rinks that were enjoyed by the public for both entertainment and competitive events.

Chronicling the history of sports in this region would be incomplete without mention of one man buried in the Dunmore Cemetery who contributed to sporting history in a unique way.

Born in Scranton in 1898, Roy D. Hatcher was the son of Phillip and Emma Kline Hatcher. Educated in local schools, Hatcher began working for the Scranton Stove Works as a teenager.

He continued to work for the Stove Works for the next thirty years but in his spare time built a career at the local roller-skating rinks in Scranton.

Hatcher began his sporting run in his youth by competing at local roller-skating rinks in 1914. By 1916, Hatcher held the Northeastern Pennsylvania roller skating



title for the best time in a one-mile skate. Over the years, Hatcher competed against and aligned with local competitive skaters in matches, vying to win purses throughout the valley.

In addition to skating competitively, over the next four decades Hatcher would referee, instruct others for skating competitions and become one of the most prominent

boxing, wrestling and roller-skating promoters in the region.

Hatcher also operated the Exeter Roller Skating Rink in Exeter, the Lew-Roy/Rollercade in Wilkes-Barre and Lew-Roy Rink on Mulberry Street in Scranton.

In 1941 Hatcher and his wife embarked on a road trip of the southern United States. This began an eight year stretch of traveling almost 10,000 miles visiting roller rinks across the United States.

Hatcher attributed this to his success, citing that observation of rinks in other parts of the country generated ideas that were implemented locally. Hatcher also noted that listening to his customers was key to a thriving business.

Continually adapting, Hatcher installed air conditioning, electric program boards, crystal balls, skate rentals, electric signs, and electric organs in his establishments.

Hatcher also participated in a local program to provide free or reduced rate admission to recreational venues to Army enlistees going through processing at the

Scranton Army recruiting center. Enlistees would often be in town overnight and numerous religious and social organizations along with local businesses stepped up to meet the spiritual and recreational needs of the future service members.

For almost two decades, Hatcher operated the South Main Street Armory in Wilkes-Barre. In addition to roller skating, boxing, wrestling, and amateur matches were highlighted regularly at

the Armory. Two evenings a week were reserved for children accompanied by a parent to participate in boxing parties. In the fall of 1950, Hatcher proudly brought regular roller derby shows to the Armory, drawing in teams from all over the United States.

Roy Hatcher, skating enthusiast and sports promoter, died at his home in Scranton on September 5, 1956, from coronary thrombosis. He was laid to rest in Section 13 of the Dunmore Cemetery.

Marywood University announces Spring 2024 Dean's List students

Marywood University recently announced area students named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List from each of its colleges, including the College of Health Sciences and the Reap College of Creative and Professional Studies.

Undergraduate students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-4.00 on 12 or more graded credits merit this academic honor. Students who believe they may have been omitted from this list in error should contact the Dean of their respective college.

Dunmore students named to the Dean's List from the College of Health Sciences as declared by Dean Shelby W. Yeager, M.Ed., LAT, ATC, CSCS, include: **Joseph Cardillo, Jonah Cogliette, Kylee Jezowski, Megha Patel, and Danyelle Tech.**

Dunmore students named to the Dean's List from the Reap College of Creative and Professional Studies as declared by Dean James J. Sullivan, M.ARCH, RA, AIA, include: **Colton Barrett, Mia Blume, Faith Bravo, Joseph Brown, Olivia Ciullo, Caroline Coar, Emma Eynon, Frank Golden, Jillian Mooney, Megan Pavlowski, Lia Schwenk, Haylee Sileo, Antonia Summa, Carissa Tallo, and Rachel Zarubski.**



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As August unfolds, our region of Northeast Pennsylvania often finds itself in the midst of intense weather patterns, including powerful storms, tornadoes, and flash flooding.

For those of us who remember the excitement of the 1996 blockbuster *Twister*, which depicted the thrilling pursuit of tornadoes, the new sequel *Twisters* currently in theaters might bring back those dramatic memories of storm chases and fierce weather.

While Hollywood captures the dramatic side of these natural events, dealing with the aftermath in real life can be far more challenging.

August's storms can lead to significant damage to homes and vehicles, making it crucial to understand how to navigate insurance claims related to storm and weather damages.

This article explores key aspects of homeowners' and auto insurance policies in Pennsylvania, discusses the importance of having an attorney review any claim denials, and provides guidance on managing storm damage—whether caused by hail, flooding, or fallen trees.

Homeowner's Insurance for

Storm Damage: Key Points

Homeowner's insurance is designed to protect your property from various types of damage, including those caused by storms. Here's what you need to know:

1. Wind Damage: Windstorms, including tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, can cause significant damage to homes. This can include:

Roof Damage: High winds can tear off shingles or even damage the entire roofing structure. Most homeowner's policies cover repair or replacement costs for wind damage.

Window and Siding Damage: Strong winds can break windows or damage siding. Homeowner's insurance generally covers repairs to these elements if wind is the cause.

2. Flooding: Flood damage is one of the most significant concerns for homeowners, especially during storm season. However, standard homeowner's insurance policies typically exclude flood damage. This means that if your home is affected by flash flooding, you will need a separate flood insurance policy to cover the damages.

Flood insurance is often available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or private insurers. And oftentimes this is

mandatory depending on where your home is situated in the valley, particularly if you're in a flood zone.

3. Hail Damage: Hailstorms can cause severe damage to your property, from denting your roof to breaking windows. Most homeowner's insurance policies provide coverage for hail damage. However, it's important to review your policy to understand the specific terms and any deductibles that may apply.

Exceptions to Coverage: Even with comprehensive coverage, there are certain exceptions and limitations:

Negligence: If the damage was due to neglect or failure to maintain the property, your insurance might not cover it. For example, if a roof was already in poor condition and a storm exacerbated the issue, coverage might be limited.

Wear and Tear: Routine wear and tear or gradual deterioration is typically not covered. Insurance is meant to address sudden and accidental damages rather than gradual issues.

Flooding: As mentioned earlier, standard policies do not cover flooding, which requires separate coverage.

Auto Insurance and Weather-Related Damage

When it comes to protecting your vehicle from storm-related damage, your auto insurance policy plays a crucial role. Understanding the types of coverage available can help you make informed decisions:

1. Comprehensive Coverage: This type of insurance covers damage to your vehicle that is not caused by a collision. This includes:

Hail Damage: Comprehensive coverage typically includes protection for hail damage, which can dent and damage your vehicle's exterior.

Falling Trees: If a tree falls on your car during a storm, comprehensive coverage would generally pay for repairs or replacement.

Vandalism: If storm conditions lead to vandalism, comprehensive coverage would also apply.

2. Collision Coverage: This insurance covers damage resulting from a collision. While it does not typically cover storm-related incidents like hail or falling trees unless they directly cause a collision, it's important to have this coverage as well to address other types of vehicle damage.

3. Liability Coverage: Liability insurance covers damages you cause to others in an accident but does not cover damage to your own vehicle or property.

Responsibility for Tree Damage Determining who is responsible for damage caused by a fallen tree during a storm can be complex:

1. On Your Property: If a tree on your property falls and causes damage, your homeowner's insurance generally covers it. However, if the tree was dead or in poor condition and you did not take action to address it, your coverage might be limited.

2. Neighbor's Tree: If a tree from a neighbor's property falls onto your property, responsibility can depend on several factors:

Negligence: If the tree was known to be hazardous and the neighbor did not address it, you might be able to seek compensation through their

homeowner's insurance.

Insurance Claims: Sometimes, handling such claims can involve negotiations with the neighbor's insurance company to determine fault and coverage.

For additional insights into property liability concerning trees, see our April 2024 article titled ["Branching Out - Springtime Concerns for PA Property Owners"].

Importance of Legal Review for Claim Denials

Insurance companies, despite their role in providing protection, have a financial incentive to minimize payouts. Sometimes, claims are unjustly denied even when the coverage should apply. This is where having an attorney review a claim denial becomes crucial:

1. Validity of Denial: An attorney can assess whether the insurance company's denial was warranted. They can review your policy, the circumstances of the damage, and the denial reasons to determine if the insurer acted in bad faith.

2. Bad Faith Claims: If an insurance company wrongfully denies a claim, it may be liable for bad faith. This occurs when an insurer fails to uphold its contractual obligations, potentially resulting in additional damages for the insured.

3. Navigating Disputes: An attorney can help navigate disputes with insurance companies, ensuring that you receive the compensation you are entitled to and that your rights are protected. Understanding your insurance coverage, knowing the types of damages covered, and having legal support in case of claim disputes are essential steps to managing storm and weather-related claims effectively.

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in Dunmore. The couple has three children: Jaclyn Dempsey Youssef (married to Cameron), Kimberly Dempsey Roberts (married to Justin) and Sean Dempsey, Jr. The couple has one grandson, William Roberts. A second grandchild is due this month.

Both Jaclyn and Kimberly played for their mom at Dunmore. Jaclyn was a part of the first team in 2006.

"I am very fortunate and humbled that I've had the opportunity to coach at Dunmore over the past 18 years," Susan said. "I thank the administration, my assistant coaches, the athletic directors, the trainers, student-athletes, the parents and my family who have given me the support to be able to pursue my passion as a volleyball coach."

"I often refer to the quote, 'If you can change one person's life you feel like you've done something. I hope I have done that with the student-athletes I've had the pleasure to coach throughout my career.'"

Coach Dempsey received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Marywood College in 1985. She is currently a senior project manager at Geisinger.



FNCB Bank recently donated \$25,000 through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Special Program Priorities initiative, to NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania for its Beautiful Blocks Program which provides matching grants of up to \$1,000 per property to groups of five or more residents in participating communities to help them make exterior improvements to their homes. Shown from left: Lisa Kinney, FNCB Bank SVP, Retail Lending Officer; Shane Powers, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania President & CEO; Jerry Champi, FNCB Bank President & CEO; Todd Pousley, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania Director of Community Development, and Stephanie Westington, FNCB Bank SVP, Chief Accounting Officer.



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Performance dates are August 15, 16, 17, and 18, with shows Thursday to Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, general, \$12, senior, \$10 for students.

On Thursday, August 15, all admissions are \$10. Pay cash at the door or visit www.actorscircle.com to buy tickets online. For reservations call 570-342-9707.

The shows are presented through a special grant from the Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture, and a special sponsorship from Joe and Karen Sadowski.

They are, as follows:

*****The First Dead Wives Club** by Marnie Dee Azzarelli. The cast includes April Holgate, Poshi Walker, Lorrie Loughney, Jordan Alexis Jabert, Marnie Dee Azzarelli and Dominick Azzarelli, with direction by Margo Crispino Azzarelli.

*****The Locked Room** by Harry Adelman. The cast includes Kandis Hill, Natasha Bogutzki, Justin O'Hearn, Jeff Ginsberg, Paul Kantor and Lara Elizabeth Zelinski with direction by Jason Narcoonis.

*****We Appear to Have Company** by Greg Frier. The cast includes Harry Powell and Poshi Walker. Linda C. Griffiths is director.

*****Fool Me Twice** by Natasha Bogutzki. The cast includes Natasha Bogutzki, Lorrie Loughney, Trisha Tomasko, Paul Kantor, Madeline Giardina, and Ryan Jay with Mark Fryer as director.

*****Really? This Is It?** by Caroline Lapinski. The cast includes Jeff Ginsberg, Brandon Michael, Rachel Bradshaw, and Marnie Azzarelli, with direction by Linda C. Griffiths.

*****Oh Penelope!** by Jeremy Adelman. The cast includes Jessica Fernbach, Lara Zelinski, Ryan Jay, Trisha Tomasko, and Justin O'Hearn. Mark Fryer is director.

*****Oh God** by Jessi Teevan, Britt Demming, Jason Narcoonis, and John Ortona. The cast includes Madeline Giardina, Tom Tomeo, Harry Powell, Rachel Bradshaw, Jordan Jabert, Brandon Michael and Dominick Azzarelli, with Jason Narcoonis as director.



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This summer's weather is HOT and it's outdoor "pot luck" picnic time. What are you making for these events?

Sometimes we get bored with the same-old potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, baked beans, etc.

So last week when I was attending my sister-in-law's family reunion, she requested I make Macaroni and Cheese. I found a new recipe (now my favorite) with a crunchy topping, which was loved by guests.

Because of the intense heat this summer, all food is served inside. Actually, many of the guests opted to eat in also.

This prompted me to do more

research on other delights with minimal effort for the buffet tables in addition to charcuterie boards, fresh fruit, and salsa and chips.

So, try some of these ideas for your next summer entertaining event:

ANTIPASTO DIP

- 1-4 oz. can ripe olives, sliced
- 1-4 oz. can chopped green chiles
- 2 ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. white wine vinegar

Mix all ingredients together. Chill for at least 1 hour. Makes over 2 cups.

New pot luck picnic ideas are delicious!

CORN SALAD DEL RANCHO

- 1 cucumber, seeds removed and diced
- 2-16 oz. cans corn, drained
- 3 tomatoes, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 envelope Ranch dressing mix
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise

Combine cucumber, corn, tomatoes and onion. Sprinkle dressing mix on vegetable mixture and stir to combine. Blend sugar and mayonnaise. Add to vegetable mixture, mixing well. Chill before serving. Makes over 6 cups.

CRUNCHY SHRIMP DIP

- 1-4 ¼ oz. can baby shrimp, rinsed and well drained
- 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 5 Tbsp. ketchup
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. chopped onion
- 4 tsp. chopped celery
- 1 dash garlic powder
- 1 dash salt

Mix all ingredients together with electric beaters. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours. Serve with Triscuits or Ritz crackers.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

- 1 lb. macaroni
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 6 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 4 cups sharp cheddar, grated
- 2 cups Gruyere cheese, shredded
- Salt and pepper
- 2 cups Panko breadcrumbs
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- Paprika

Note: for this recipe, it is best if you purchase the chunks of cheese and grate it yourself.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease baking sheet lightly. Combine Cheddar and Gruyere and set aside. Cook pasta 1 minute short of al dente. Remove from heat, drain and put in large bowl. Drizzle pasta with olive oil and stir to coat pasta. Set aside to cool.

Melt butter in deep saucepan, Dutch oven or stock pot. Whisk in flour over medium heat and continue whisking for about 1 minute until bubbly and golden. Gradually whisk in milk and heavy cream until nice and smooth. Continue whisking until bubbles on surface appear and continue cooking for another 2 minutes. Whisk in salt and pepper.

Pour half of sauce into greased

baking dish. Top with half of cooked macaroni. Top with 2 cups of the shredded cheese. Repeat procedure ending up with other half of shredded cheese. Place baking dish on top of baking sheet to prevent overflow in oven.

In small bowl combine Panko, Parmesan, melted butter and paprika. Sprinkle generously over top and bake until bubbly and golden, about 30 minutes.

Now, if you're asked to bring dessert:

THREE BERRY COBBLER

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 5 cups blueberries, raspberries and strawberries
- 1 cup flour
- 1 ½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 cup warmed milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 stick butter, melted
- Vanilla ice cream

Sprinkle ½ cup sugar over berries and let stand. Combine remaining sugar and dry ingredients, then add milk and vanilla. Stir to moisten. Melt butter and put in large oval dish. Add batter, then top with berries. Bake in 350 degree oven

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Combine ice cream, brandy and creme de cacao in blender container. Process until well blended. Pour into individual brandy snifters. Makes 4 desserts.

Cheryl's
CUISINE

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for 30 minutes. Increase heat to 400 degrees and bake an additional 15 minutes. Serve with scoop of vanilla ice cream.

ICE CREAM
LIQUEUR DESSERT



The Scranton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association announces its 2024 "Kick-Off" Pizza Party. The popular event will be held Wednesday, August 21st at Arcaro & Genell's, Main Street, Old Forge. Doors open at 6 p.m.. Refreshments will include pizza, salad and soft drinks. There will be a \$5 donation. Children under 12 are free. No reservations needed. All welcome. Penn State football tickets and a parking pass will be raffled and auctioned. Board members of the chapter include, seated from left: Dave Tasselmyer and Carl Weinschenk. Top row, same order: Deb Johnson, Ann McDonough, Mike Senyk, Jeff Mallas and Ted Zayac.



Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen celebrated the successful culmination of its 2024 HostforaDay campaign with a special event at Fiorelli's in Peckville. Contributors to the 46th annual campaign gathered for food, fellowship, and to hear how their support enables the Kitchen to feed and clothe those in need. Also two members of the Kitchen's Advisory Board were recognized for their service, and two institutions – Lackawanna College and Road Scholar Transport – were honored for providing facilities and resources that allowed the Kitchen to continue serving the daily meal for several months during the Kitchen's once-in-a-generation renovation last year. Seated from left are Stephanie Grudis-Whisner, HostforaDay campaign chair, and Rob Williams, Kitchen Executive Director; Michele Bannon, Kitchen Advisory Board President. Standing: Lackawanna College representatives Renee Mundy, Kelly Musti, and Michelle McGloin; and Road Scholar Transport representatives Matt Barrett, Jeff Walsh, and Chris Norton.

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Memories of old Scranton-Dunmore baseball stadium



Ushers and parking attendants from the Scranton-Dunmore Stadium circa 1948-1951 are pictured in this photo by Baross, shared with the Dunmorean courtesy of Julie Snell Esty, whose father in the back row on the right in the regular jacket. He was born in 1930 so he was about 18 in this photo. Julie does not know who the other men in the photo are. The stadium was located on Monroe Avenue. Here is a link to information from a baseball research organization: [Scranton-Dunmore Stadium \(Dunmore, PA\) – Society for American Baseball Research \(sabr.org\)](http://Scranton-Dunmore Stadium (Dunmore, PA) - Society for American Baseball Research (sabr.org))



A view of the Scranton-Dunmore Stadium which hosted local and celebrated baseball players.



Dunmorean columnist Julie Esty was given a photo from George Washington School, which was located on the block below Monroe Avenue, showing the 1939-1940 third grade class. Shown in the first row, first seat is Charles Conrad. Other possible students ___ Hayes, - Mary Petsko, Florence Travis, Audrey Wickham, ___ Fedor, Richard White, Donald Weller, Rita Jordan, Joan B----, Margaret Coombs, William Banick, Jr., Paul Peach, Eleanor Miller, Charles Shoe, Marilou Hawkins, Beverly Foss, Bill Day, Edward Hager, Veronica Sherba, Arthur Hint.----(If you have a historical photo to share with The Dunmorean, email a copy of the photo with IDs/information to dpi22news@gmail.com.)



Shown at the presentation of a major donation of \$45,000 from the Hawk Family Foundation to the Guardianship Program of the Family Service Association of Northeastern PA are, from left: Sean Gerow, FSA NEPA CEO; Maggie Hawk, Hawk Family Foundation Administrator; Nancy Hudack, FSA NEPA Director of Guardianship, and David Kale, FSA NEPA

Keystone UNICO installs board members, bestows service award



At the Annual Keystone UNICO Clambake, new member Wanda Andreoli was Inducted into the Chapter. Pictured From left are Inducting Officer Mark E. McDade, New Member Wanda Andreoli, Membership Director Ann Summa and Chapter President Michele McDade.



At the Annual Keystone UNICO Clambake Cathy Van Nort and Ann Summa were installed to the Board of Directors. Pictured during the Installation from left are installing Officer Mark McDade, Board Members Cathy Van Nort and Ann Summa and Chapter President Michele McDade.



At the annual Keystone UNICO July Clambake Ann Summa was presented with the Chapter's "Service Above Self" Award for her abundant contributions of time and expertise through the years as a Charter Member and Membership Director. Pictured from left are Chapter President Michele McDade, Awardee of the Chapter's Service Award Ann Summa and Board of Directors Chairman Nanine Gramigna.



Dunmore resident and native Robert "Rollo" Meehan, at left, won the Lake Wallenpaupack Summer Fest cheeseburger eating competition. Rollo downed 13 cheeseburgers in 13.4 minutes. At right is former Dunmorean Bill Ciccotti.

Marywood teach-out partner

Marywood University has been designated by the Middle State Commission on Higher Education as an official teach-out partner for the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, which announced its decision to close in early June.

Program equivalencies in art, music, and multimedia communication have been arranged under the teach-out agreement.

Marywood has a long history of strong creative programs in fine arts, music, and the humanities, in addition to renowned professional programs architecture and multimedia communication.

University of the Arts students interested in attending Marywood University under this agreement will find:

A Seamless Admissions Process: UArts students will not have any admission application fees or enrollment fees.

Academic Opportunities—and More: In addition to programs listed in the UArts/Marywood teach-out agreement, Marywood also offers a wide array of new academic programs and career opportunities for students to consider. Even if Marywood does not explicitly have an exact UArts program, the university's extensive degree offerings provide wonderful opportunities for prospective students to explore.

Easy Credit Transfer: Marywood University will accept all earned credit of UArts students in good academic standing. Details of the transfer may differ on a student-by-student basis.

Out-of-pocket Tuition Cost Match: Marywood University is offering a unique opportunity to match UArts students' out-of-pocket tuition costs.

To avail themselves of this offer, students will need to complete and submit a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with no substantial changes in their family's financial circumstances.

Any additional steps required to secure state and federal aid and maintain a similar full-time, part-time, or resident status, like they had at UArts, would also need to be fulfilled.

Housing Options: Marywood has several housing options, subject to availability. Each individual will be provided with support and flexibility to accommodate their needs. Additionally, Marywood



Dearly Departed Player Roger Mattes participates in the annual cemetery tour.

Dearly Departed Players plan annual Dunmore Cemetery tour in September, October

The Dearly Departed Players will be back in the Dunmore Cemetery with an all new tour on Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, October 6, at 2 p.m.

Tour Director Julie Esty reports that the Players have been rehearsing since mid-July. Tour 2024 will feature 11 all new "stops" on a two-hour journey through the cemetery.

Esty notes that one interesting stop will address the first burial in the cemetery and take the Players further back in time than they have gone in their many years in the cemetery.

Also featured this year will be a Dunmore hotelkeeper, vaudeville performer, and a woman who shares the secret to living to an advanced age of 106.

As in the past, the cemetery will be decorated in a harvest theme with participation by Space Time Mead and Cider, Scranton Films, Lackawanna Historical Society, the Ritz Theater and Carlucci, Golden, DeSantis Funeral Home.

This much anticipated annual event, now taking place over two decades, draws visitors to the cemetery from the tri-state area and celebrates the history and heritage of the Lackawanna Valley.

The tour was a recipient of a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture grant which helps bring this production to the public at no charge. Tour admission is free. No reservations are necessary. Comfortable walking shoes are suggested.

For more information contact Julie Esty at 570-344-3819. Follow the Dunmore Cemetery on Facebook.

University will suspend its residency requirement for UArts students transferring under the teach-out agreement, if desired.

Athletics Opportunities: UArts student-athletes are urged to reach out to Marywood coaches regarding their interest in playing the Marywood Athletic programs.

Tryouts will be held for interested students, and, while there is no guarantee of placement on a team, Marywood can guarantee an opportunity for a seamless academic transition.

"Marywood University offers excellent academic programs in

music, art, the humanities, and other creative professional fields. In addition, our small class sizes, supportive campus environment, and student life opportunities are a strong match for what University of the Arts students are seeking," said Lisa A. Lori, J.D., Marywood President.

"We are fully committed to supporting their needs and goals by making their transition to Marywood as seamless as possible."

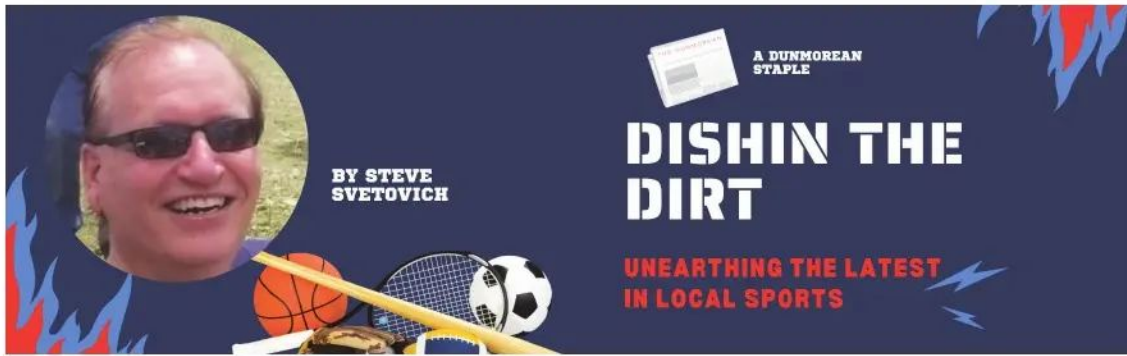
For more details, FAQs, and important information, go to marywood.edu/uarts-students.



Julie Esty is director of the Dearly Departed Players annual tour of Dunmore Cemetery.



Dunmorean Laura Doyle participates in the Dearly Departed Players tour of Dunmore Cemetery.



Congratulations to 10 new members selected into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame to be inducted Sunday, October 6, at Fiorelli's, Peckville...The new members include former Seton Hall and Marywood College volleyball player and long-time Dunmore volleyball coach **Susan Dempsey**; former West Scranton, Penn State, and Oakland Raiders quarterback **Matt McGloin**; former Valley View and Brown University softball player **Gina Chieffallo Moreno**; former Mid Valley basketball and softball player and Lackawanna Junior College and Old Dominion University basketball player **Elizabeth (Beth) McGowan**; long-time PIAA baseball/softball umpire and basketball official **Joseph Dente**; former Mid Valley and Keystone Junior College basketball player and Penn State Worthington and St. Rose of Carbondale basketball coach **James Tomcho**; former Abington Heights state champion track and field standout **Jordan Hoyt Calvey**, and former Valley View football and track and field standout **Steven Pratico**...Scranton Times-Tribune sports editor **Chris Imperiale** will receive annual Media Award...Former Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons general manager **Rick Muntean** will be recipient of annual Service Award...Dunmore's **Bob Walsh** is president of the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame...Mid Valley baseball product **Jerry Valonis** is vice president...

Congratulations to Dunmore softball players **Rachel Walsh** and **Tristan Canavan** named second team all-state...Entertainment world mourning passing of **Shannen Doherty**,

Richard Simmons, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Shelley Duvall, and legendary **Bob Newhart** at 94...Condolences to family of beloved former Scranton Mayor **Jimmy Connors**, always a strong people person and devoted enthusiast of local music scene, who died last month at 77...Happy birthday to Rolling Stones legend **Mick Jagger**, fit as ever at 81...

Congratulations to **Jim Leyland, Todd Helton, Joe Mauer**, and **Adrian Beltre** as newest members inducted into National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY last month...Leyland is 18th all-time in total wins as manager with 1,769...He won World Series with Florida Marlins, two pennants with Detroit Tigers and three consecutive divisional titles with Pittsburgh Pirates...Helton, lifetime Colorado Rockies, hit .316 with 369 homers, 592 doubles and 1,406 RBIs in 17 years...He hit NL league leading .372, with 59 doubles, 42 homers, 147 RBIs and 216 hits and .463 on base percentage in 2000...Mauer, lifetime Minnesota Twin, hit .306 in 15 years and won record three batting titles as a catcher...He hit .365 in 2009 AL MVP season...Beltre amassed 3,166 hits, including 636 doubles, 477 homers, and drove in 1,707 runs in 21-year career as standout defensive third baseman...He hit NL league leading 48 homers and drove in 121 runs for Dodgers in 2004...

Congratulations to Dunmore's **Max Forgione** named first team all-state, Division II Coaches' first team all-star and to All-Region team for baseball...Dunmore to use \$69,000 in Local Share Account funding from state to renovate exterior of its borough building...Congratulations to Holy Cross graduate **Chris**

Petrucci, all-star offensive and defensive lineman, who received Karl Pfeifferberger Community Outreach Award presented by Scranton Lions Club at 90th annual Dream Game at John Hennes/Veterans Memorial Stadium last month...Condolences to family of **Leo D'Angelo**, operator of Lasalle the Image Makers for over six decades and known for his impeccable suits and colorful haberdashery, who died last month at 96...His son **Leo** is a local baseman umpire and also works in the business...

Congratulations to Holy Cross recent graduate **Mia Scalese** named to All-Region softball team...She batted .411 with eight doubles, a triple, eight runs, eight RBIs and had 10-2 pitching record with 3.00 ERA and 59 strikeouts...Congratulations to Misericordia University baseball team who won Division III national championship and was honored at White House...

How about **Dylan Cease** tossing second no-hitter in San Diego Padres history?...**Brian Cashman** making key moves for New York Yankees picking up versatile speedster **Jazz Chisholm** from Marlins and hard-throwing veteran reliever **Pete Fairbanks** from Rays in recent trades...Condolences to family of **Jeff Kardos**, regular for breakfast at Dunmore's Bucktown Diner, local swimming pool and excavation contractor, and proud owner of Kardos Construction who died suddenly last month at 63...Condolences to family of **Emily Tropeano**, Carbondale Area 2024 graduate who was cheerleader and member of Student Council and National Honor Society, who died this past June at 18 while vacationing with classmates in Ocean City, Maryland...

Music legend **Bob Dylan**, 83, who performed with **Willie Nelson, Robert Plant** and **Allison Krause** last month at Bethel Woods, coming out with staggering 27-disc set that includes 27 of 40 shows from his 1974 concert tour with The Band...Dunmore's

Ryan Svetovich had pleasure of performing guitar with his grandfather **Stan Svetovich**, 90, on drums during The Fabulous Fortunes performance at Bucktown Musicfest at Dunmore Corners last month...The Luongo Brothers of Dunmore were on same bill...Former Dunmore Councilman **Joe Tomko** among those in attendance...

Dunmore scored eight times in second inning to beat Old Forge, 17-5, in District 17 Little League 8-9-10 baseball...**Nick Demuro** had two hits and **Cullen Hart, Gio Gianzanti** and **Brody McCarthy** each had two

RBIs for Dunmore...**Jimmer Mendola** pitched a complete game four-hitter and struck out eight while hitting two doubles, scoring twice and knocking in two runs to lead Dunmore to a 4-2 win over West Scranton in District 17 Majors baseball...**Brady Schulte** drove in another run on base hit for Dunmore...

Do you remember **John Nuttall**?...Whatever became of **Al Holland**?...Is this the year that **Brian McGurl** finally lets **Tom Hallinan** sing at the 'Shindig' during Dunmore's Bucktown Musicfest?...Bets are on...



Tristan Canavan, Molly Gatto, Sophia Summa, and Allie Dempsey all ended their senior careers with hits as they helped to propel Team White to a 16-2 win over Team Purple in the Lackawanna County Senior Field of Dreams All Star Game at the University of Scranton on Sunday, June 30.



Dunmore's Max Forgione chosen for baseball all-state as a junior

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore shortstop-pitcher Max Forgione has a lot to look forward to in his upcoming senior year.

Son of Derek and Autumn Forgione, Max set a goal to be selected all-state for baseball this season.

He more than accomplished that with his first team all-state selection. Max was also named to the All-Region baseball team and was a Lackawanna League Coaches' first team all-star selection.

"It's a great feeling being selected all-state," he said. "It was one of my goals. My good friend Tommy Clark was an all-state selection for soccer. I wanted to be a part of that select group."

"That puts me at a new level now. I can now focus on the next level. And that will be having a great senior season and ultimately playing college baseball."

Max is a commit to Saint Joseph's University in the fall of 2025. He will study business/economics.

The hard-working shortstop-pitcher batted .375 with 24 hits in his junior season. He hit three doubles, a triple, five homers, scored 26 runs and drove in 18 runs.

He had five RBIs in a win over Carbondale Area March 29. A hard thrower, he was 4-2 with a 2.45 ERA and 67 strikeouts as a pitcher. He threw six shutout

innings giving up only two hits and striking out nine in the District 2 Class 3A quarterfinal win over Wyoming Seminary.

He was a PSBCA first team all-state selection in Class 3A.

Max is currently playing travel baseball with Baseball U. "This is my third year playing with them. The experience is great. The coaches are tremendous. There is not one coach who does not know what he is talking about."

"They are all so knowledgeable. The coaching and player development is outstanding. The tournaments are really good. I played in Georgia twice. There is great competition throughout the country."

Max said he has also learned a great deal from Dunmore baseball coach Sid Hallinan.

"He's been my coach for three years now. He's like family. He taught me how to deal with failure. Baseball is a game of failure. If you can't deal with failure, you will drown."

Max also played two years of basketball at Dunmore.

He is a member of the Health Careers Club. He has an impressive 3.95 grade point average. His best academic subject is math.

Hard-driving and confident, Max said he learned a lot from his parents. "My parents always tell me to keep a positive mind set and be confident in yourself. That

goes hand in hand with baseball too.

"You need to think you are the best player on the field. If you have a negative thought, you will fail." He talked about what it takes to excel in baseball on the high school level.

"You need to go to practice everyday and grind. You need to put in the work. And you need to put in the extra work. You need to work out even harder on your own after practice."

Max said he enjoys listening to music in his spare time and is a huge fan of both Dire Straights and Pink Floyd.

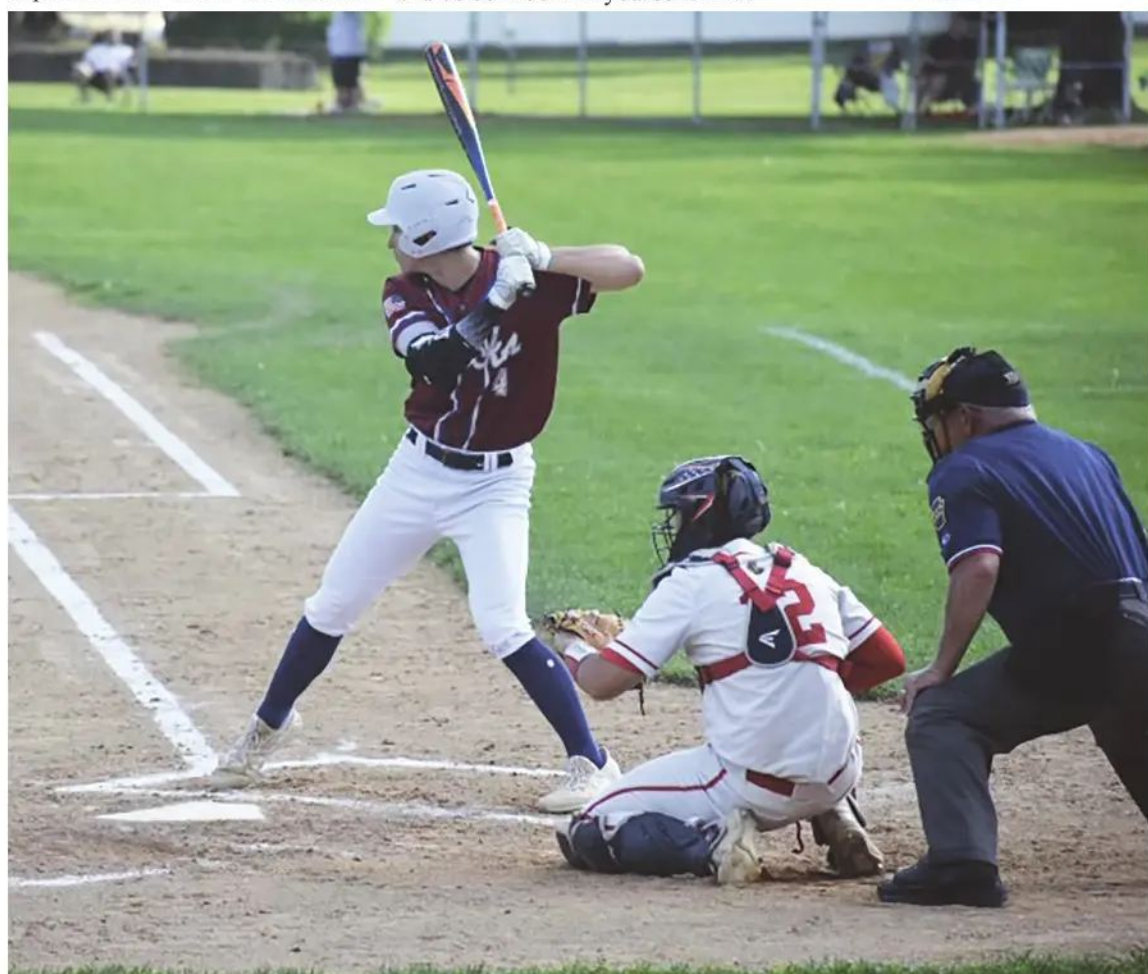
The soon-to-be senior stalwart is enjoying his time at Dunmore.

"It's a great community," he said. "Dunmore High School is awesome. I have a lot of friends here. The teachers are great. Playing baseball here under coach Hallinan and the other coaches is just a tremendous experience. I love it here. It's a great school for sports."



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

MAX FORGIONE



Holy Cross graduate Joe Lalli to hone baseball skills at King's

By Steve Svetovich

Recent Holy Cross graduate Joe Lalli is coming off an outstanding baseball season and is looking to continue his career at King's College next year.

Son of Joe and Kristine Lalli, the standout second baseman will study exercise science with a focus on strength and conditioning at King's. He also plans on playing for the King's baseball team.

Well-versed, Joe played baseball, football and three years of basketball at Holy Cross. He was a defensive tackle and tight end on the football team.

He finished his high school academic career with a 3.7 grade point average at Holy Cross. His best academic subject was history.

A scrapper on the baseball diamond, Joe led the Crusaders with a .339 batting average and was third on the club with a .423 on base percentage.

He led the team in RBIs with 12, scored 10 runs and was second in hits with 20. He hit two doubles and a triple. He was third on the team with a .407 slugging percentage.

The standout second baseman talked about what it takes to excel at his position.

"You need to keep a positive mind set," he said. "If you make a mistake, get the next one."

He talked about his improvement as a hitter. "I put in a lot of extra work in the off season. It was non-stop work and hitting. I hit with my grandfather twice a week."

His grandfather, Joe Lalli, 79, is a Dunmore legend. He was a standout basketball and baseball player at Dunmore. His basketball jersey is retired at Dunmore High School.

The soon-to-be King's freshman said he learned from his parents too. "They tell me to be responsible and work real hard for everything."

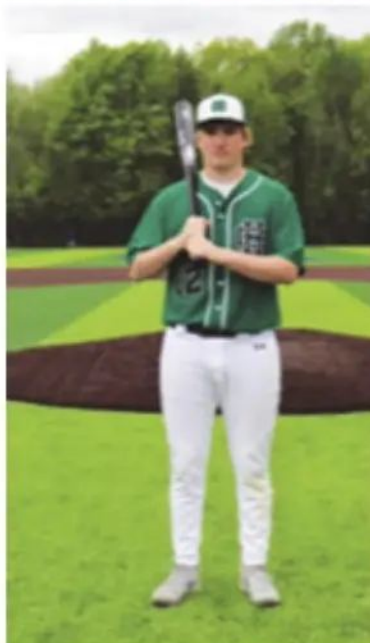
Holy Cross veteran baseball coach Sandy Menichetti has also been an inspiration to Joe. "He taught me to never give up. We won the district championship in my sophomore year, sometimes beating teams that were supposed to be better than us."

He told us we could stand up to any team no matter how good they were. He told us we could win and best anybody and we did."

Joe talked about his future goals. "I want to focus on playing college baseball, graduate college, and then get a job in strength and conditioning."

Joe said he likes listening to music in his spare time and would love to see Guns and Roses in concert.

The tough-minded scholar-athlete leaves Holy Cross for King's with great memories. "I loved Holy Cross," he said. "It's a small school and everyone is close. It was a great experience for me."



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Dunmore, Holy Cross students earn scholarships



James F. Swift scholarship recipients include, first row, from left: Barbara O'Hara, Scranton Area Community Foundation Board Governor; Allyson Stafursky; Joel Cali; Makenna Stugus; Angela Zeng; Meghan Wong; Matthew Howard; Holly Burke, Frank Caputo, Grants and Scholarships Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation. Second row, same order: Ava Decker; Antonia Piraino; Caden Brennan; Ryan Coleman; Lorna Lynch; Jayde Waibel; Sarah Wolfe. Third row: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Director of Grants and Scholarships, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Geanna Kirchner of Dunmore High School; Hunter Geise; Ethan Symuleski; David McKenney; Jayden Evans. 2024 James F. Swift Scholarship recipients missing from photo: Noah Beckish, Jocelyn Brown, Carolyn Chakiris, Elizabeth Cummings, Celia Emiliani, Kate Evans, Nikauri Fernandez of Holy Cross High School; Emma Field, Sarah Goetter, Savannah Lockwood of Dunmore High School, and Alexa Williams.

Twenty students from 13 different high schools in the area including Dunmore and Holy Cross, have each been awarded a prestigious scholarship through the James F. Swift Scholarship Fund administered by the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

This competitive scholarship provides \$5,000 per year for each recipient for up to four years to assist with continuing education expenses.

The following students are first-time recipients of a James F. Swift Scholarship: Noah Beckish (North Pocono), Caden Brennan (Carbondale), Jocelyn Brown (Carbondale), Holly Burke (Scranton Preparatory), Carolyn Chakiris (Mid Valley), Elizabeth Cummings (Old Forge), Celia Emiliani (West Scranton), Kate Evans (West Scranton), **Nikauri Fernandez (Holy Cross)**, Emma Field (Scranton), Sarah Goetter (Mid Valley), **Geanna Kirchner (Dunmore)**, **Savannah Lockwood (Dunmore)**, Antonia Piraino (Lakeland), Allyson Stafursky (Valley View), Makenna Stugus (Abington Heights), Alexa Williams (Riverside), Sarah Wolfe (Riverside), Meghan Wong (Scranton), and Angela Zeng (Abington Heights).

In addition to the 20 new recipients, there were 57 James F. Swift Scholarship renewals in 2024. The following students are recipients of a James F. Swift Scholarship Renewal in 2024: Ava Aulisio, Emma Aversa, Jacquelyn Bitter, Alexander Bond, Jillian Brennan, Cameron Butka, Joel Cali, Sofia Capozzi, Kaeden Carr, Riley Clarke, Ryan Coleman, Alyssa Cosklo, Ava Decker, Jayden Evans, Erileidi Fernandez, Sofia Flores-Weidner, Hunter Geise, Sadid Hassan, Courtney Hazelton, Matthew Howard, Emma Illian, Elina Joshi, Michael Kazmierczak, Eliana King, Kendal Johnson, Lorna Lynch, Dana Mackin, Hailey Matchak, Sara McCormack, Finley McHale, David McKenney, Thomas Milewski, Connor Monahan, Ayman Mounota, Owen Morgan, Julia Murphy, Mia Muskey, Paige Pezanowski, Ron Prislupski, Meredith Purcell, Mila Racibor, Ritu Regmi, Taralyn Reilly, Lexee Risner, Michael Rodyushkin, Kayla Rose, Chloe Rumford, Ryan Salony, Michael Sewack, Gabrielle Snee, Christian Snee, Ethan Symuleski, Alexis Tanana, Benjamin Thompson, Martin Turi, Jayde Waibel, and Molly White.

The James F. Swift Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$5 million since 2008, benefiting over 340 local students. Created in 2002 through a gift by James F. Swift to the Scranton Area Community Foundation, the James F. Swift Scholarship Fund supports higher education for students graduating from high schools in Lackawanna County.

Following Mr. Swift's death in 2006, the Scranton Area Community Foundation gratefully received a significant gift from his estate to the scholarship fund, allowing many students from Lackawanna County to pursue their academic and professional goals through higher education.

The scholarship aims to provide an ongoing matriculation stream at Lackawanna County colleges and universities. The Scranton Area Community Foundation aims to award 75% of the scholarships to students who plan to attend institutions of higher learning in the Lackawanna County region.

The Scranton Area Community Foundation partners with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) in the Partnership for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program to offer qualifying students additional financial aid. Through PHEAA, scholarship recipients may be eligible for additional dollars toward their tuition.

For information on the James F. Swift Scholarship Fund at the Scranton Area Community Foundation, contact Brittany Pagnottiat the Scranton Area Community Foundation, at 570-347-6203.

Open house set for PA program

Marywood University is hosting several physician assistant open house events, including an on-site event and a virtual event. The on-site event is set for Thursday, August 8, from 5-7 p.m. Prospective students will meet with Physician Assistant faculty and current students and learn more about the admissions process.

The open house also includes a Q & A session and tour of the program facilities, which are located in the newly-added Pascucci Family Health Sciences Pavilion. Interested students can register at https://admissions.marywood.edu/register/PA_OH.

A virtual information session is also set for Wednesday, August 28, from 5-7 p.m. During the online session, prospective physician assistant students can interact virtually with Physician Assistant faculty and current students and learn more about the admissions process. The virtual session also includes a Q & A session. To register for the August 28 session, go to <https://admissions.marywood.edu/register/Aug28PA>.



Physician Assistant students are shown in class this summer at Marywood's new Pascucci Health Sciences Pavilion. Open house events for students interested in Physician Assistant Studies at Marywood University will be held in August, both on site and virtually.



The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

Carmella's Sauces: Taste of Bunker Hill

This month on the Bucktown Business Beat, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Patrick Padula Jr., the man behind Carmella's Sauces – A Taste of Bunker Hill.

Carmella's Sauce originates from Carmella's Restaurant, located at 140 Erie St, Dunmore, with a second location, Carmella's Italian Deli, at 106 N Main Ave, Scranton. The original Carmella's has been a Dunmore staple for over 30 years!

Patrick shared the history of his beloved grandmother Carmella and how he strives to keep her name alive.

The story begins in 1984 when Patrick's family opened Padula's Ice Cream Shop at 112 W Grove St, Dunmore.

Four years later, in 1988, the original Carmella's was opened. Patrick fondly remembers spending a lot of time in the restaurant as a kid and always having an affinity for it.

"The whole family would help

out – my parents, uncles, I was always there when I was a kid," Patrick shares.

As his grandparents grew Carmella's Restaurant, his uncle expanded the name into the West Side of Scranton, opening their second location, Carmella's Italian Deli.

Patrick's family has been serving the Dunmore area for decades, but the journey of Carmella's Sauce – A Taste of Bunker Hill has only just begun in the last couple of years.

Unfortunately, in 2020, Patrick's grandmother, Carmella, passed away. It was then that Patrick knew he wanted to do something to keep her legacy growing.

"In order to keep her spirit alive and keep the family name rolling on, we started Carmella's Sauce," says Patrick.

The process of getting the sauce on shelves was not an easy task, especially with all the delays caused

by COVID in 2020, but they took it step by step. *"We started making sample bottles, we put them out at the restaurant and Carmella's Deli, and a lot of people took a liking to it. We realized this might be something that can catch on."*

Carmella's Sauce is Carmella's very own recipe that has been used at the restaurant for years.

After all the logistics were completed, a full-circle moment happened for Patrick when, on November 22, 2022, Carmella's Sauce was placed on the shelves of their very first store, Riccardo's, where Patrick worked when he was in high school.

Fast forward to today, and you can find Carmella's Sauce in over 100 grocery stores, including: Price Chopper, Gerrity's, and ShopRite. Not to mention many locations in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

Patrick does not plan on stopping here. He has a dream and plans on accomplishing it. *"My first and main goal is to keep my grandmother's name, Carmella, around forever,"* he shares. *"My second goal is to teach people that our pasta sauces are for more than just pastas."*

He reminds us that Carmella's Sauce can be used on numerous dishes, from pizza sauce to chicken cutlets. Carmella's is a restaurant-quality sauce that you can have right in your own home!

This whole endeavor is a beautiful way to memorialize an amazing woman who has been feeding people throughout NEPA for years.

You can find Carmella's picture right on the jar itself. Patrick says, *"We're shooting for the stars, hoping to be in every grocery store."*

A huge part of this journey for Patrick is the support from the community he has been receiving. *"I love when someone from the community tells me how excellent the product is. I love getting feedback or when people send us photos of what they've made. When we get stuff like that from customers, it really means a lot to us,"* he shares.

Patrick offers some advice to anyone looking to pursue their dreams: *"Don't ever hold yourself*

back. Don't overthink about chasing your dream. Put your mind to it and accomplish it."

Make sure to check out Carmella's Sauce when you get the chance and don't forget to visit their many locations.

Carmella's Restaurant is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Carmella's Ital-

ian Deli is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and while the weather is still nice, make sure to cool down with some of your favorite ice cream flavors at Padula's, open every day from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

May Carmella continue to feed the community for years to come!



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The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce professional development and community leadership division, Leadership Lackawanna, celebrated 44 high school juniors who graduated from the organization Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) program. Tomorrow's Leaders Today is sponsored by NBT Bank. Tomorrow's Leaders Today is a seven-month program that develops the leadership, interpersonal, and managerial skills of high school juniors and provides real-world experiences in financial literacy, health care, STEAM, philanthropy, crime and corrections, nonprofit organizations, and community service. Class of 2024 participants included: Dhruv Amin, Jacob Antolick, Ashley Bossick, Giada Costa, Joseph DiStasi, Chloe Dong, Gabriella Estadt, Nicholas Giumento, Abigail Harshbarger, Joseph Healey, Matthew Hill, Cole Johnston, Zachary Kovalski, Kylie Krzak, Caroline Luyster, Jordan Malar, Jack Maloney, Mandie Martin, Isabelle Maurer, Sarah McCullon, Roland McLaine, Isabella Moher, Declan Moran, Reese Morgan, Clinton Muirk, Ivy Neureuter, Sarah O'Brien, Justin Osman, Ava Page, Dante Pallazari, Margaret Pegula, Anthony John Piestrak, Abygale Plevyak, Hope Polishan, Gabriella Potis, Lily Rozzi, Elizabeth Schneider, Gia Serge, Akhilesh Velaga, Ava Wallace, Makayla Walton, Nico Warhola, Elizabeth Washine, and Faith Wormuth. Leadership Lackawanna's TLT Program accepts applications from sophomores who attend high school in Lackawanna County and its surrounding areas, as well as all charter and technical schools and homeschool students. Learn more online at www.LeadershipLackawanna.org.

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Students from Perry's Academy of Learning Centers continued with educational themed weeks for their summer programming. They recently studied Sharks, Dinosaurs and celebrated a Week of the Arts.



La Festa Italiana

La Festa Italiana, the annual celebration of food, culture and music, will be held Labor Day weekend (Friday through Monday, Aug. 30-Sept. 2) on Courthouse Square in the heart of downtown Scranton. Hours are Friday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit www.lafestaitaliana.org for details and updates.

SCC Beatles Tribute

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will present Studio Two: The Early Beatles Tribute on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. Voted as 'New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band' by "The Boston Globe," Beatles tribute band, Studio Two will return by popular demand with their iconic show in celebration of The Beatles coming to America.

The show will take place in Shopland Hall, located on the building's fourth floor, with doors opening for bar and concessions at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$33.25 in advance, and will increase to \$43.25 on the day of the show. All ticket prices include fees.

Tickets are available at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. For more information or to view a full schedule of events, visit SCCMT.org.



Drag Me to Dinner

The Rossetti Foundation for Arts and Culture presents a night of sheer fabulousness, "Drag Me to Dinner," where glamour meets a dash of naughtiness. The program takes place on Sunday, August 11, from 5-9 p.m. at The Rossetti Estate, 1005 Vine Street, Scranton. The evening includes live shows, libations, and hors d'oeuvres.

The event is organized by Frank Carey, and hosted by Chlamydia Berns, plus other dazzling divas Megan Thomas, Hussy Galore, Trixy Valentine, and BellaCentric DeFlair. The cost is \$30 and reservations are required. Visit: <https://givebutter.com/fNwfkS>.

"Drag Me to Dinner" promotes the visibility of our LGBTQ+ community. This event aims at building an anti-hate, diverse and inclusive community through love.

Tommy Davidson comedy

Prolific comedian Tommy Davidson is bringing 'A Night of Laughs' to the F.M. Kirby Center on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Performing with Davidson will be

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Two agencies to share space on Pittston Ave.

The sponsoring organization of Friends of the Poor; The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the sponsors of The Catherine McAuley Center; The Sisters of Mercy, announce that both Catholic agencies will now share administrative space located at the current Catherine McAuley Center, 430 Pittston Avenue, Scranton.

The sponsoring organizations identified that Friends of the Poor and Catherine McAuley Center are both strong with similarities in their religious-based mission, values, and complimentary services.

They recognized that a collaboration between the two can significantly increase the delivery of services to those most vulnerable in our community.

"Both Catherine McAuley Center and Friends of the Poor will retain their separate identities and missions," explained Krista S. Murray, the McAuley Executive Director and CEO. "Friends of the Poor will move their administration functions to our building on Pittston Avenue," she continued.

Meghan Loftus, President and CEO of Friends of the Poor, related, "While we will be sharing office space, both organizations will continue current collaborations to meet the needs of the marginalized in our community. We will also examine if our programs including shelter, clothing, food, furniture, and other family-sustaining services can be combined to expand outreach, while each agency retains its identity."

The mission of the Catherine McAuley Center is to serve those experiencing homelessness in NEPA through housing programs, case management and supportive services.

Their programs include Family Support, Emergency Shelter, Housing, Women's Housing, Women's Re-Entry Housing, and Food Pantry.

The mission of Friends of the Poor is to bring together in friendship those who have the desire to give with those who are in need of assistance, in order to ease the burden of living in poverty and enhance the quality of life for all.

Their programs include Food Pantries, Family to Family Food Basket, Utility Assistance, Donated Furniture, Household Assistance, Clothes Line for Men, Children and Adult Programs.



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comedians Jacob Williams, Kevin Lepka, and the Picture Perfect band. Ticket prices are \$54.50 and \$64.50 plus fees.

Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org and ticketmaster.com. Tickets can be purchased in person or by phone through the F.M. Kirby Center box office during regular business hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 570-826-1100.

Tommy Davidson's exceptional range – from stand-up comedy and acting to versatile music accomplishments – have earned him a reputation as an extraordinary performer. Best known as one of the stars of the hit television show *In Living Color*; his visibility has allowed him to become a household name known for his innovative talent.

Sam Grisman Project

The Sam Grisman Project will honor the musical legacies of David Grisman and Jerry Garcia when they play at the F.M. Kirby Center

in Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Chandelier Concert Series. Tickets are on sale to the public for \$27.50 plus fees. Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by calling 570-826-1100.

Learn more about the Sam Grisman Project at <https://www.samgrisman-project.net/>

Andrew Dice Clay

Comedy legend Andrew Dice Clay to perform live in concert at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on Saturday, November 16, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$75.50, \$59.50, \$45.50 and \$32.50 plus fees.

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

PRAYERS

PRAYER to the BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, I herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things so you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. MRP

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You Who Makes me see everything and Who shows me the way to reach my ideals. You who gives me the Divine gift to forgive and forget. From all that is done to me and you Who are the instincts of my life with me, I in this short dialogue do not want to be separated from You, no matter how great material desires may be. I want to be you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. AMEN. Thank You for your love toward me and my loved ones. Prayer this prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After the third day your wish will be granted. Promise to publish dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified in the whole world forever and ever. Amen. Say this prayer 6 times a day for 9 consecutive days and publicize it and any petition you desire God will grant it. MRP

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