

Dunmorean of the Month: Julia Temperino



By Steve Svetovich

Julia Temperino is making history in Dunmore. Daughter of Jane and Jack Miles, Julia, 16, is the first junior to be selected as Miss Buck at Dunmore High School.

"I am very happy and proud to be selected as Miss Buck as a junior," Julia said.

"It feels kind of magical. I wanted this for a very long time, so I feel like I'm living out my childhood dream.

"I dreamed about this ever since I was a little girl. I always looked up to Miss Buck."

Well-spoken and humble, Julia said her parents were happy too.

"Yes, they were very proud," she said. "I feel like I learned a lot of personality traits from them. They taught me about kindness and loyalty and are always supportive to me and my siblings."

Julia is a member of the French Club and is a basketball cheerleader at Dunmore.

She is a twirler and member of Sherry's Royalties for the past 13 years under the direction of Sherry Rubino Nicolais.

"Sherry has been my biggest influence," she said. "She pushes me to work my hardest and got me to where I am today.

"I am very grateful."

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Keystone Chapter made a donation to young Avery Shivoock who is running a "Cookies for Courage" fundraiser for the "Beads for Courage" program for children being treated for cancer at CHOPS in Philadelphia. She and her family bake an amazing assortment of cookies and sell them all year. This occasion shown is at the Sherwood Park Summer Festival, Dunmore. Pictured at the presentation, from left, are Avery's parents Chris and Stephanie Shivoock, brother Mason, Avery receiving the check from Toni DiVizio, Keystone Chapter President Michele McDade, and Mark McDade. Back row, same order: Keystone Chapter members Mary Lou Karliak, Nancy Malone, Frank and Mary Ann Coviello, Sylvia Tagert, Louise Ligi, Ann Summa, and Bob Taggart.



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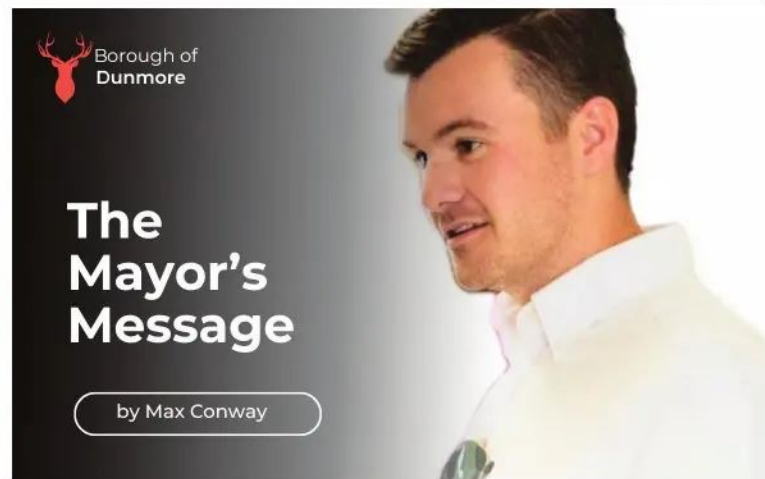
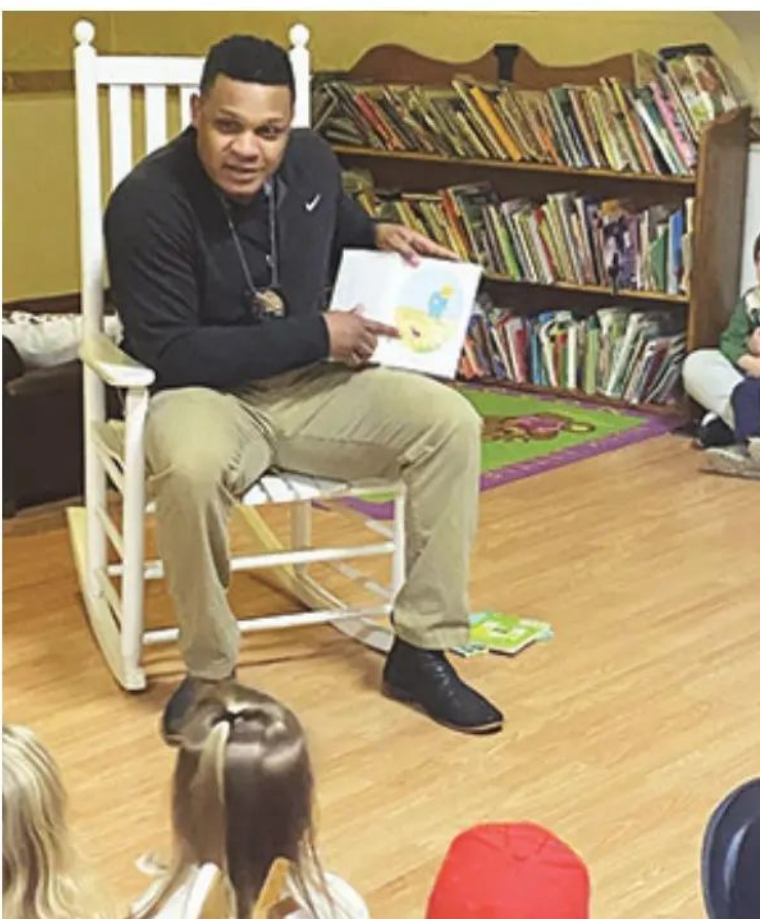
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Dunmore Police Promotions



Mayor announces police promotions

I had the distinct pleasure, along with our Borough Council, of promoting three of our police officers to the rank of Sergeant.

Sgt. Stephon Burgette, Sgt. Thomas Richardson, and Sgt. Michael Igoe are not only dedicated to keeping Dunmore safe, but they are also actively involved in our community. I couldn't be prouder to see them receive this well-deserved promotion. Congratulations!

Also it's been a long time coming, but I am happy to report our Dunmore Police Body Cameras will soon be operational! We have the County's best Police Department, and our brave men and women who serve Dunmore deserve top-of-the-line equipment to protect themselves and the community. --See More News from Mayor Conway on Page 23

Police Night Out 2024



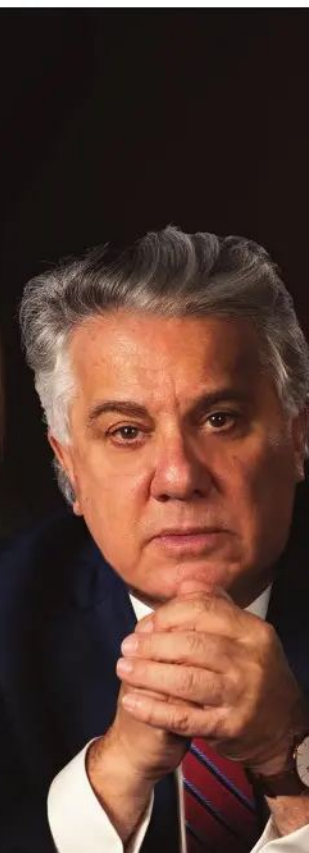
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Police Night Out 2024 was one to remember!



Dunmore Police's National Night Out 2024 had something for everyone!

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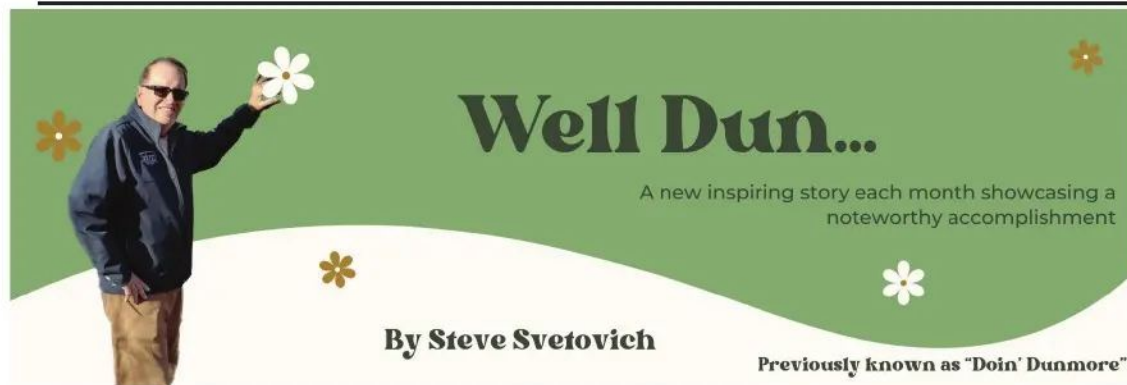
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Previously known as "Doin' Dunmore"

Remembering legend Jack Henzes at Dream Game

Late legendary Dunmore coach Jack Henzes coached his first Dream Game in 1976 with three objectives.

Former Sunday Scrantonian Tribune sports editor Guy Valvano, Dunmore, in his book, "The Dream Lives On," wrote about these objectives in Coach Henzes' Dream Game debut:

"The first objective, "Henzes said in 1976, "is to beat the County. The second is to try to develop some special relationships between the players that they can keep for the rest of their lives. And the third is to try to get them in the best physical and mental condition for the game."

Henzes described the philosophy as the same one used by late USC legend John McKay when he coached the College All-Stars.

A participant in the 1953 Dream Game, coach Henzes was always a stickler for detail and game preparation.

According to Valvano's book, Henzes called a meeting for his City team in advance of the 1976 game for the purpose of setting up a schedule for the two weeks of practice.

Valvano, who will be 96 next month, wrote in his book that Henzes planned on using his players in companionship.

He would try to put players from the same school together. He would place players from the same school, for example, side by side at offensive guard and tackle at the same time in the contest.

Coach Henzes and his staff planned to use players on either offense or defense, but the coaches prepared a number of them for

two-way assignments in case help might be needed due to an injury to a key player.

According to Valvano's book, Henzes said, "The players are very enthused about playing and I'm very enthused about coaching. The kids have come well-prepared, which is a credit to their coaches."

Riverside coach Bernie Lazevnick, who was directing the opposing County team, followed the same general practice pattern he used for his own team.

According to Valvano, Lazevnick did emphasize that the basic difference from normal pre-season workouts is that there is more teaching involved when preparing players for an all-star game.

In what would be Lazevnick's only appearance coaching a Dream Game, the County rallied in the fourth quarter, scoring a pair of touchdowns to earn a 14-12 win over Henzes' City team.

Riverside's Paul Jesuit, normally a split end under Lazevnick, was pressed into duty as the County's quarterback and threw key passes in both fourth quarter touchdown drives. He completed six of 15 passes for 58 yards.

Paul Papi of Old Forge ran for both County touchdowns, the second on a seven-yard run with 37 seconds left in the game. Ray O'Kon booted the two extra points for the County.

Henzes, who played in the Dream Game as a player for the Blakely Bears, won three of his next four Dream Games as City coach.

The 1976 Dream Game had been under scrutiny due to declining attendance, a battle with rain, and a couple postponed.

The 14-12 County win over the City drew 7,067 to Scranton's Memorial Stadium. The County's dramatic finish kept the lore of the game alive for years to come.

A pair of Dunmore players scored the touchdowns for the City.

Dunmore's Bob Mesko scored the first touchdown for the City on a 10-yard run and Dunmore teammate Cory Meade added a two-yard tally in the third quarter.



Old Forge's Papi scored a touchdown on a four-yard run in the fourth quarter. O'Kon then kicked the extra point.

With less than three minutes left in the game, Paul Kern recovered a fumble for the County.

Papi then scored his second touchdown on a seven-yard burst and O'Kon made his second extra point kick.

The County defeated the City, 12-0, in the inaugural Dream Game Dec. 7, 1935 at Athletic Park.

The City earned its first Dream Game win over the County, 6-0, Dec. 5, 1936 on a frigid afternoon before only 2,000 fans at Athletic Park. Dunmore's Jim Gatto coached the City to the win over the County's Fiore Cesare of Scranton Tech.

Scranton Tech's Bill Bradshaw scored the game's only touchdown on a pass from teammate Paul Amato who had snared a lateral from Saint Paul's Gene Moran.



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Residents and staff from Dunmore Health Care Center recently attended Dunmore Police Night Out to honor our local Police Department. All residents had a great time! Pictured is Sgt. Michael Igoe with resident Maria Digiosa.--(See additional photos on Page 3.)



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Marywood SOUL students from the left Zach Houston, Gabriella Nowak, Victoria Schultz, and Michael Romano are pictured next to one of the cars during last year's inaugural Cruisin' for a Cause event. The second annual Cruisin' for a Cause will be held on campus on September 22, with all proceeds benefiting St. Joseph's Center. (Rain date for the event is September 29.)

Cruisin' for a Cause Car Show on Sept. 22

Marywood University will host its second annual Cruisin' for a Cause Car Show on Sunday, September 22, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Nazareth Student Center parking lot on Adams Avenue on the university's campus. If needed, a rain date has been set for Sunday, September 29, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Various student and alumni groups, spearheaded by Marywood's SOUL (Students Organized to Uphold Life), are collaborating with both the Pharos Car Club and the Coal Crackers Car

Club, two of the largest in NEPA, for the event.

All proceeds from the car show will benefit St. Joseph's Center. Last year's inaugural event successfully raised \$1,050 for St. Joseph's.

More than 75 cars and unique hot rods from all different generations will be featured at the family-friendly event, which also will feature a bake sale, music, raffles, and more.

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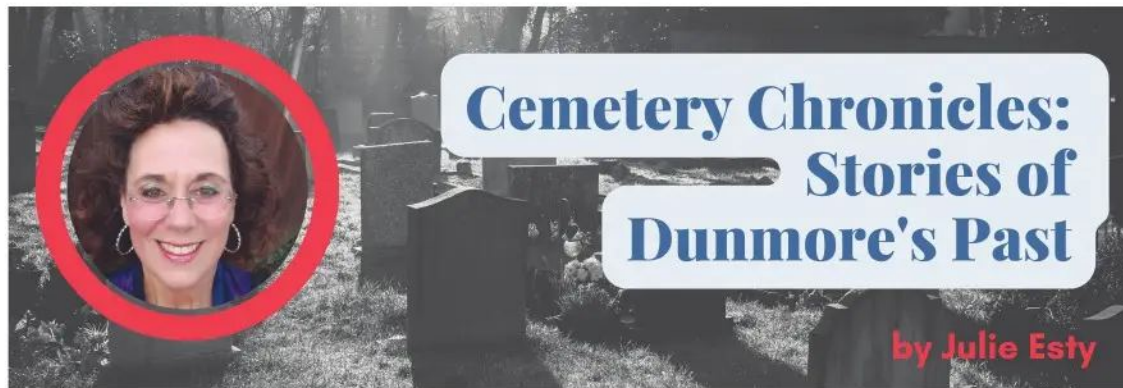
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George P. Friant: Scranton's renowned taxidermist

Visitors to Scranton's Everhart Museum can view hundreds of wildlife specimens ranging from forest animals to birds.

In many cases, examples in this menagerie of fauna have been in the possession of the museum for over 100 years. One man, buried in the Dunmore Cemetery, had a hand in their creation and care which may also have contributed to his death.

Little is known about the early years of George P. Friant. What is known is that he was born in 1859 in Scranton, the son of David and Catherine Shoemaker Friant.

The Friant family men were avid hunters and through this hobby George Friant became interested in the field of taxidermy. He then studied under the tutelage of Dr. Isaiah Everhart.

The earliest account of Friant's work appears in 1883 when he

stuffed and mounted a wildcat that was exhibited at a local Hyde Park hotel. Following this, Friant regularly advertised his trade in local newspapers stating that preserving birds was his specialty.

In 1892 Friant assisted the state ornithologist at Harrisburg in the preparation of the Pennsylvania display for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and the 1895 Cotton States and International Exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia. The exhibit highlighted forest animals that inhabited the woodlands of Pennsylvania and Friant earned a Gold Medal for his efforts from both events.

Also in 1893, Friant worked extensively on the restoration and remounting of a preserved mountain lion that was donated to Penn State University.

For former students and followers of that school, the preservation of

that specimen in the history of the university certainly holds a special significance.

In addition to his work in taxidermy, Friant also reported to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Department regularly.

As a taxidermist, Friant could relay information such as population count and diseases on birds and other wildlife in the region to this department.

In 1908 Friant worked with numerous wildlife specimens from the personal collection of Dr. Everhart and those purchased by Everhart from the collection of Williamsport brewer August Koch. Koch, like Dr. Everhart, traveled extensively and collected a vast number of museum worthy pieces.

Friant played a significant role in cataloging and preparing the vast array of wildlife for display in the Everhart Museum. Over the next few years, Friant worked diligently to prepare hundreds of specimens and exhibits for the Everhart Museum. In 1912, he was appointed taxidermist for the institution, but his tenure would be short-lived.



Gravesite of George Friant and family at Dunmore Cemetery

George Friant died at the age of 56 on January 25, 1916. His death certificate reports that his death was due to chronic kidney disease. Newspapers of the day reported that Friant died as a result of arsenic poisoning. In his work as a taxidermist Friant used substantial

amounts of arsenic and sulfuric acid. Both substances are toxic and continued exposure to the chemicals required for his work could have been contributing factors in Friant's death. George Friant was laid to rest in Section 10 of the Dunmore Cemetery.

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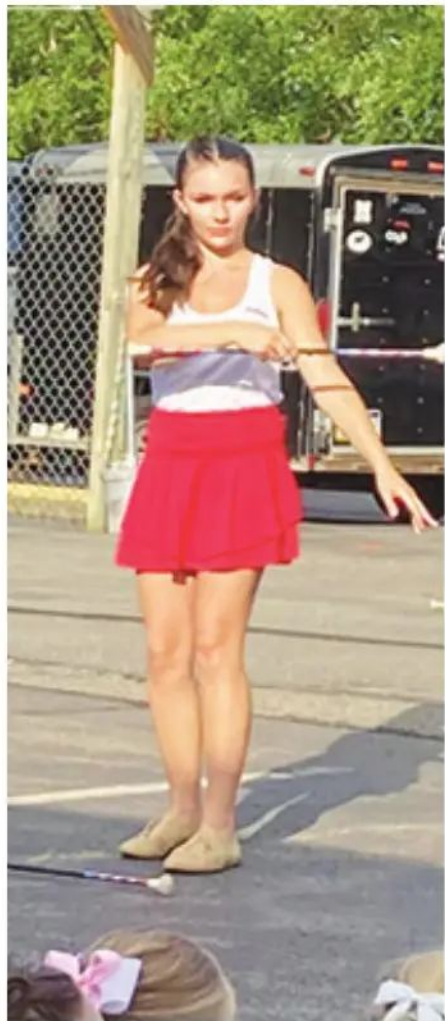
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DHS Cheerleaders, Crimsonettes and Miss Buck perform at annual SS. Rocco & Anthony festival



New teachers are ready for school at Dunmore Elementary Center



At Left: New teachers at Dunmore Elementary Center include, from left: Mia Castellano, Autistic Support Teacher; Valerie Alfaro, Autistic Support Teacher; Kierstyn Breig, Learning Support Teacher; Patrick Cowley, School Psychologist, and Mackenzie Senatore, Fifth Grade Science Teacher. Not pictured: Emily Tansley, Fourth Grade Teacher.



At right: Maura Cosim is a new Emotional Support teacher at Dunmore Elementary Center

Students and parents attend PTA's annual Back-to-School event



Dunmore Elementary Center PTA hosted a Back-to-School Night in August for all students to get ready for the 2024-25 school year.





Well, students have returned to school for the new year, the hot summer sun is going down earlier and earlier and it's almost time to turn the air conditioning off until next year.

So instead of thinking about outdoor entertaining, it's time to bring dinners inside. September is National Chicken Month. This month I'm sharing some luscious, easy chicken meals, which have been favorites for generations in our family.

CHICKEN PARISIENNE

6 medium chicken breasts, boned
1 can cream of mushroom soup
¼ cup dry sherry

1-3 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained (or you can use fresh)
1 cup sour cream
1-6 oz. pkg. long grain and white rice mix

Place chicken breasts, skin side up, in an ungreased 11"x7"x1" baking dish. Blend together mushroom soup and sherry; add mushrooms and pour over chicken. Bake, uncovered, for 1 ¼ hours. Meanwhile, cook rice to package directions. (I use microwave). Once cooked, arrange on a serving plate. Remove chicken and place on top of rice. Keep warm. Stir in 1 cup sour cream into reserved soup mixture, heat, pour over chicken.

Ideas for September as National Chicken Month

ANNE BOGNAR'S CHICKEN

Bone-in chicken pieces
Flour
Salt, pepper, paprika
Oil
Butter
1 onion, chopped fine
2 stalks celery, chopped fine
2 carrots, chopped fine
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 cups chicken broth
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 cup white wine (Chablis, Chardonnay or Vermouth)

Season flour with salt, pepper and paprika. Dip chicken pieces in this mixture and brown until golden in mixture of oil and butter.

Fry onion, celery and carrots until limp. Add cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and wine. Cook until smooth consistency. Season with salt and pepper. Pour sauce over chicken and bake in tightly covered casserole at 350 degrees for 60-90 minutes. Serve over rice or pasta.

CREAMED CHICKEN OVER PUFF PASTRY SHELLS

2 Tbsp. flour
2 Tbsp. butter
1 cup milk
1 Italian pepper, diced
1 onion, diced

2 whole chicken breasts, simmered until cooked (sometimes I use breasts from rotisserie chicken in store)
1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 Tbsp. sour cream
Tabasco or hot sauce
Paprika
Salt and pepper, to taste
Package of frozen puff pastry shells

Cook flour and butter together until blended well and flour fully dissolved. Add milk. Saute' onion and pepper in butter until limp. Boil chicken breasts, skin, and save broth. Cook 1 lb. mushrooms separately. Combine pepper, onion, mushrooms, chopped chicken, sour cream, Tabasco and paprika. Serve over puff pastry shells, which have been baked according to package directions. Delicious for a special luncheon dish!

HUNGARIAN CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

2 Tbsp. pork lard, bacon grease or butter (I use bacon grease)
3 lbs. chicken pieces, bone-in and skin-on
2 medium yellow onions, very finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, finely minced
3 Roma tomatoes, very finely diced

3-4 Tbsp. sweet Hungarian paprika
2 cups chicken broth
1 ½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
¾ cup full-fat sour cream
¼ cup heavy whipping cream

Heat lard or bacon grease in heavy pot and brown chicken on all sides. Transfer chicken to a plate. In same grease, add onions and fry until golden brown. Add garlic and tomatoes and fry another 2-3 minutes. Remove pot from heat and stir in paprika, salt and pepper. Note: Paprika will become bitter if scorched.

Return chicken to pot and place back over heat. Pour in chicken broth. Chicken should be mostly covered. Bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 40 minutes. Remove chicken and transfer to plate.

In small bowl, stir flour into sour cream/cream mixture to form a smooth paste. Stir cream mixture into sauce, whisking constantly to prevent lumps. Bring to simmer for a couple of minutes until sauce is thickened. Add salt and pepper to taste. Return chicken to sauce and simmer to heat through. Serve chicken and sauce over wide noodle or German Spaetzle---- Worth every calorie!!!

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Bake, uncovered, in 375 degree oven for 15 minutes. Pour cream over chicken and bake 20 minutes more. Served over freshly cooked linguine.

Helpful hint: You can perk up any plain chicken, baked or broiled, by brushing it with a mixture of melted butter and paprika. Thanks to my great Aunt Helen Chipak for this tip!

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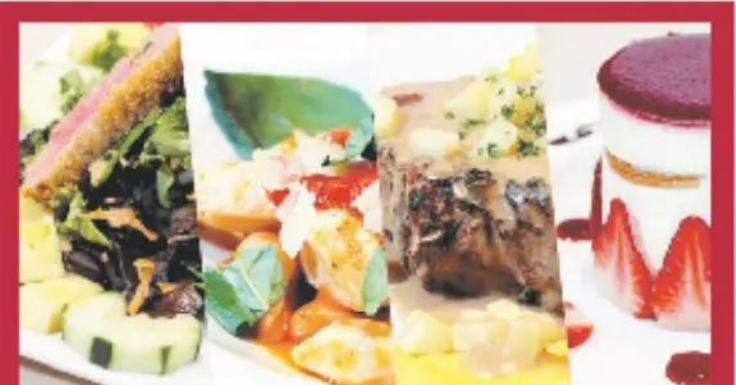
COMPANY CHICKEN

4 whole chicken breasts, split, skinned and boned

1/2 cup chili sauce
1 tsp. curry powder
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup heavy cream
Freshly cooked linguine



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As I write this month's article, I was inspired by the delightful brisk mornings we've recently experienced with temperatures dropping to the 50s. And I know many of you may not like that, but for me, it's a sign that Autumn is approaching.

And when you're my size, you welcome the "sweater weather". But I do know that summer isn't over yet, as the forecast shows 80s in the upcoming weekend.

While the summer weather may not be over, the summer break is over for students and teachers alike.

And as summer fades and students head back to school, it's essential to understand the various legal considerations that come into play.

From ensuring student safety to understanding liability in sports and the nuances of student privacy, parents and school administrators must navigate a complex legal landscape.

This article touches on key legal issues including back-to-school legal considerations, sports injury liability, premises liability

at sporting events, and student privacy rights.

Back-to-School Legal Considerations

The beginning of the school year brings a host of legal considerations for parents and schools. Key issues include:

1. **Safety Policies and Procedures:** Schools are responsible for implementing and enforcing safety policies to protect students. This includes emergency preparedness plans, bullying prevention measures, and protocols for handling medical emergencies.

2. **Compliance with Educational Laws:** Schools must comply with federal and state educational laws such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which ensures that students with disabilities receive appropriate education and services.

3. **Parental Rights:** Parents have the right to be informed about school policies, their child's progress, and any incidents that occur. Schools must communicate effectively with parents and involve them in decision-making processes regarding their child's education.

Sports Injury Liability

With school sports in full swing, understanding liability in case of sports injuries is crucial. Key points include:

1. **Duty of Care:** Schools and coaches have a duty of care to ensure the safety of student-athletes. This includes proper training, safe equipment, and appropriate supervision during practices and games.

2. **Informed Consent:** Parents should be informed of the risks associated with sports participation and must consent to their child's involvement. This often involves signing waivers that outline potential risks.

3. **Negligence:** If an injury occurs due to negligence—such as inadequate supervision, faulty equipment, or failure to enforce safety rules—schools and coaches can be held liable. Proper documentation and adherence to safety protocols are essential in defending against negligence claims.

Premises Liability at Sporting Events

We all know Dunmore loves football. If memory serves me, it's the third most important value

according to those yard signs! So as we attend our favorite team's games this season, it's helpful to understand how Premises Liability plays a role in these outings.

Premises liability is a significant concern at school sporting events, involving the responsibility of the school to maintain a safe environment for spectators and participants. Key aspects include:

1. **Maintenance of Facilities:** Schools must ensure that sporting facilities, including fields, bleachers, and walkways, are well-maintained and free of hazards. Regular inspections and prompt repairs are necessary to prevent accidents.

2. **Adequate Security:** Providing adequate security and crowd control during events is vital to prevent incidents such as fights or unauthorized access to restricted areas.

3. **Emergency Response Plans:** Having clear emergency response plans in place, including access to medical personnel and emergency exits, can mitigate liability in case of an incident.

Student Privacy Rights

Student privacy is a critical concern in the digital age, with various laws in place to protect student information. Important considerations include:

1. **FERPA Compliance:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of student education records. Schools must obtain written consent from parents or eligible students before disclosing personally identifiable information.

2. **Digital Privacy:** With the

increased use of technology in education, protecting student data online is paramount.

Schools must ensure that digital platforms comply with privacy laws and that data is securely stored and transmitted.

3. **Search and Seizure:** Students have a right to privacy regarding their personal belongings. However, schools can conduct searches if there is reasonable suspicion of rule violations or illegal activities. Clear policies must be in place to balance student privacy with school safety. I was recently informed that some schools are actually doing away with locks on lockers.

This is interesting as it eliminates the idea of private space for the students, but I can imagine that this "open door" policy could *open the door* to legal issues not necessarily unwanted intrusions.

Conclusion

As students return to school, understanding and addressing these legal considerations is crucial for ensuring a safe and productive educational environment.

From implementing robust safety policies and understanding sports injury liability to maintaining safe premises and protecting student privacy, schools and parents must work together to navigate these legal challenges.

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Members of the Dunmore High School Varsity team include, first row, from left: Patrick Kopacz (9), Aiden Hart (56), Trevon Bess (32), Bobby Hoban (6), Gabe Franek (8), Anthony Anelli (75), Jack McNeff (17), Izaiah Parker (24), Bren Novorosky (27), and Eric Reese (28). Second row, same order: Aiden Mulholland (68), Cayden Reynolds (10), Chris Kornetka (4), Bobby Santarsiero (60), Thomas Fazio (51), Ryan Mecca (23), Kaylon Purdy (20), Zekhi Haynes (50), Noah Kineg (47), Joseph Tur (64), and Cayden Fritz (99). Third row: Jake Costanzo (15), Jack McHale (88), Eli Dougherty (36), Logan Miller (85), Matthew Misilinski (92), Carter Davies (77), Josh Dudick (41), Luke Franek (80), Jackson Harding (5), Xavier Burke (46), Brayden Shigo (63), Lorenzo Leo (73), Ethyn Durst (78), and Christian Mills (42). Fourth row: Jake Donahoe (35), Will Bonin (34), Brandon Mecca (29), Will Haun (52), Josef Wolff (48), Brady McCormick (49), Michael Dempsey Jr., (76), Patrick Dickel (58), and Aiden Zilaitis (82). Back row, coaches from left: Assistant Coach Michael Barrett with sons Patrick and Ryan; Volunteer Coach Cory Frick, Volunteer Coach Rocco LaCapra, Assistant Coach/Junior High Head Football Coach Mark Finan Jr., Volunteer Coach Josh Sawka, Head Football Coach Kevin McHale with his son Colin; Administrative Assistant Robert Grady, Strength and Conditioning Coach Al Miller, and Assistant Coach Damon Bowen. Not pictured: Zaeem Rosario (90) and Strength and Conditioning Coach Tommy Drewes. -- (Photo by Rich Banick)



Members of the Holy Cross High School varsity football team include, kneeling, from left: Christian Novak, Kevin Vincent, Calder Lehman, Noah Davis, David Jennings, Matt Dickand Gavin Jones. Middle row, same order: Head Coach Joe Giorgio, Rockne O'Connor, Freddy Ceccacci, Austin Bicking, Leland Wudarski, Henry Chlewski, Jonathon Mills, Noah Karzenoski, Branden Fadl, Gregg Novak, and Assistant Coach Mike Giorgio. Standing: Dean Mushow, Aiden Wudarski, John Elko, Simon Madore, Conor Farrell, Josh Lentowski, Matthew Liuzzo, Noah Propes, Vincent Sansone, and Tyler Kohut.--Photo by Rich Banick.



Dunmore High School's coaching team includes, from left: Head Football Coach Kevin McHale, Volunteer Coach Rocco LaCapra, Assistant Coach/Junior High Head Coach Mark Finan Jr., Strength and Conditioning Coach Al Miller, Administrative Assistant Robert Grady (In front), Assistant Coach Michael Burke (In back; not in the team picture), Assistant Coach Michael Barrett with his son Patrick, Volunteer Coach Josh Sawka with Coach Barrett's son Ryan in front of him, and Volunteer Coach Cory Frick.---(Photo by Rich Banick)



Dunmore freshman team (Junior High) are pictured, first row, from left: Carter Coyle, Jack Henry, Conner Sample, Kodi Jordan, Drew Haun, Logan Neal, Joe Manger, Landen White, Aaron Mecca and Jacob Ortiz. Second row, same order: Anthony Cordaro, Nick Rought, Noah Rought, Jack Roswell, Ian Fong, Kaiden Jefferson, Beau Golden, Janiel Rivera, Kevin Batzel and Gabriel Vullo. Third row: Assistant Coach Josh Sawka and Head Coach Mark Finan Jr. Not shown: Assistant coaches Michael Muracco and Nick Shoemaker. (Photo by Rich Banick)

Dunmore Bucks look toward rebuilding year

By Steve Svetovich

The Dunmore Bucks football team finished with a 12-3 record en route to the PIAA Class 2A semifinal last season, but this looks like a rebuilding year with most of those starters lost to graduation.

Dunmore won the District 2 Class 2A championship for the 13th time last season.

Dunmore also had a District 2 Class 1A title in 2012 and an Eastern Conference A championship in 1985. Dunmore won the PIAA Class A title in 1989 and earned eight Big 11 titles.

Anthony Anelli, a 5-11, 200-pound offensive lineman, and Gabe Francek, a back who rushed for 246 yards and four touchdowns, are the only returning offensive starters for veteran coach Kevin McHale.

Anelli, the only starter back on a dominant offensive line, will anchor a group that includes Carter Davies, Ethyn Durst, Lorenzo Leo, and Bobby Santarsiero. The Bucks will miss graduate Nathan Reuther who received the Hookey Reap Award as the best offensive lineman in Lackawanna County.

The Bucks are also replacing several starters on defense.

Francek had 29 tackles and an interception last year. Jack McNeff had 37 tackles, two interceptions and five broken up passes. Bobby Hoban had 12 tackles in the secondary.

The highly talented Trevon Bass totaled 35 tackles, five for a loss, from his defensive end position last season. Xavier Burke had 32 tackles and two sacks from his linebacker position last year. Both are expected to play big roles defensively this season.

Lackawanna Football Conference Division II all-star kicker Eric Reese returns this season. He made 41 of 45 extra points last season.

"Our expectations are to get a little better every day," said coach McHale.

"We are young and we are going to make mistakes, but if we can get a little better each day, we can be a very good team by the end of the year.

"Jack McNeff will be the starting quarterback. Jack has been a great leader for us in the off season and through summer practices. He can play at a high level

on both sides of the ball and worked very hard to put himself in that position.

"We are excited for our running game. We lost some playmakers from last year, but have kids looking forward to stepping into those roles. We have some nice speed in the backfield.

"We will replace the majority of our defense, but have a determined group that are fighting for positions."

McNeff, a senior, replaces four-year starter Tommy Bowen, as the starting Dunmore quarterback. He will also start at defensive back.

Other key returning players include senior offensive and defensive lineman Anelli, senior running back/defensive back Francek who replaces all-state Danny Pigga as the primary back, senior running back/defensive back Izaiah Parker who rushed for 104 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown, senior kicker Reese, senior defensive end Bess who is the only returning starter on the defensive line, junior running back Ryan Mecca who rushed for 209 yards on 24 carries and sophomore fullback/linebacker Xavier Burke who is expected to be the primary linebacker in place of all-state selection Nick Donvito.

Coach McHale said Brayden Shigo is expected to play a key role on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Reese and Patrick Kopacz were competing for the starting punter job in preseason workouts.

Dunmore assistant coaches are Michael Barrett, Damon Bowen, Leonard Burke, Michael Burke, Cory Frick, Rocco LaCapra, Jack Miles, Al Miller, Michael Muracco, Josh Sawka, Nick Shoemaker and Mark Finan, Jr.

McHale is in his sixth season as Dunmore Bucks head football coach after serving as an assistant under the legendary late Jack HENZES. McHale has a 35-23 career record entering this season.

Dunmore lost to Riverside, 16-3, in this season's first game played on Friday, August 23, at Riverside.



HEAD COACH Kevin McHale is looking to rebuild the Dunmore Bucks varsity football team with new talent after losing most of the starters after winning the District 2 Class 2A Championship last season.



Dan and Tim Drewes, Dunmore football all-state linemen, class of 2015, spoke to the 2024 team during an opening morning practice. Once a Buck ALWAYS a Buck



Senior members of the Dunmore Bucks varsity team are, first row, from left; Aiden Hart, Bren Novorosky, Gabe Franek, and Patrick Kopacz. Second row, same order: Eric Reese, Izaiah Parker, Jack McNeff, Anthony Anelli, Bobby Hoban, and Trevon Bess. –(Photo by Rich Banick)



Ryan Mecca, #23, of the Dunmore Bucks is shown running the ball versus Riverside on August 23. –(Photo by Tim Drewes)



Dunmore Bucks quarterback Jack McNeff, #17, throws the ball under pressure during game against Riverside Vikings. – (Photo by Tim Drewes)

Holy Cross gets opening win with seasoned players

By Steve Svetovich

The Holy Cross Crusaders football team brings back most of its starters, giving the team plenty of hope for a solid season.

Holy Cross football coach Joe Giorgio returns for his fifth season.

And if the team's opening day home win over Montrose, 48-12, on Saturday, August 24, is any indication, then this could be a very successful season for the Crusaders.

A pair of brothers, backs Leland and Aiden Wudarski, combined to score four touchdowns in the opening day win over Montrose. Fullback Leland Wudarski totaled 97 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns in the win over Montrose. His brother Aiden rushed for 83 yards, added 33 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns.

Holy Cross quarterback Josh Lentowski completed 3 of 5 passes for 102 yards and one touchdown.

"It was a nice win," said coach Giorgio. "We are going to try to keep it going."

Returning starters this season for Holy Cross include 5-11, 180-pound senior quarterback/safety **Josh Lentowski**; 5-10, 185-pound junior running back/linebacker **Aiden Wudarski**; 5-10, 185-pound junior fullback/linebacker **Leland Wudarski**; 5-10, 185-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back **Freddy Ceccacci**; 5-10, 170-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back **Austin Bicking**; 6-2, 290-pound junior offensive and defensive lineman **Branden Fadl**; 6-2, 225-pound junior offensive and defensive lineman **Gregg Novak**; 5-10, 245-pound senior offensive and defensive lineman **Calder Lehman**; 6-1, 190-pound junior offensive and defensive lineman **Simon Madore**; 5-9, 170-pound senior tight end/linebacker **David Jennings**; 6-0, 175-pound junior linebacker **Kevin Vincent**, and 5-10, 185-pound junior defensive back **Henry Chilewski**.

Vincent was a District 2 champion in track and

field and honorable mention all-star in football.

The assistant coaches are Chris Coviello, Jake Gatto, Duncan Coolican, Mike Giorgio, Jim Talarico, Gene Pane and Vince Coviello.

Coach Giorgio feels the team's experience should lead to positive outcomes this season. The Crusaders were 3-7 last year.

"After playing all underclassmen last year," he said, "we believe the experience the kids gained is going to make us more competitive and hopefully lead to some additional wins. We need to stay healthy and take each game one at a time."

"Josh Lentowski returns for his second season as our starting quarterback. Last year was his first season playing the position and he improved each week. We are expecting big things from him this year."

"Our running game should be the strength of our offense as we return Aiden Wudarski who rushed for over 800 yards and scored seven touchdowns last year. We also return four of our five linemen who now have a year of experience under their belt."

"Defensively, the leader of the defense is Leland Wudarski who returns as middle linebacker. With the return of John Elko, who missed the 2023 season due to injury, we expect to be a much improved unit."

Elko, a senior, is returning from a concussion he suffered two years ago. He sat out his junior year. He is excited about his return after overcoming several obstacles and receiving medical clearance to play.

Ceccacci returns as the team's leading receiver with seven catches for 114 yards last season. Lentowski threw for 272 yards and three touchdowns last season. He was an honorable mention all-star in the secondary last season.

"I think we are going to continue showing improvement this season," said coach Giorgio. "These kids have experience now. We will try."



Holy Cross head football coach Joe Giorgio



RUNNING BACK/LINEBACKER AIDEN WUDARSKI



Senior members of the Holy Cross High School football team include, from left: Calder Lehman, Rockne O'Connor, Austin Bicking, John Elko, Freddy Ceccacci, Conor Farrell, Josh Lentowski and David Jennings. -Photo by Rich Banick



FULLBACK/LINEBACKER LELAND WUDARSKI

Dunmorean of Month: Miss Buck Julia Temperino

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Julia said she has been primarily a twirler for Sherry's Royalties. "I hope to twirl in college and hopefully start my own studio someday."

"Performing as a twirler is really fun. You get to show your audience what you can do. Hearing the crowd cheering for you is an amazing feeling. It gives you a sense of confidence."

Julia talked about her goals as Miss Buck.

"I want to be a good role model who everyone looks up to," she said.

"I hope people look up to me just as I did with previous Miss Bucks. I want to be a role model to others just like them. I remember talking to Miss Buck as a little girl. I was always impressed. I always liked the way Miss Buck represented Dunmore. I want to be like that."

The junior Miss Buck has a 3.7 academic average at Dunmore. Her best academic subject is English.

She is not sure where she wants to attend college yet. "It depends on where I can continue twirling," she said. "I will probably go to a local college in the state--not at home yet not too far away from home. I am thinking about becoming a veterinarian."

Julia said she enjoys listening to music in her spare time and is going to see her favorite singer Taylor Swift in Miami, Florida, this October.

"My aunt Judy Garrick got me the concert tickets for my birthday, I can't wait to go. I love Taylor Swift."

The young scholar is looking forward to representing Dunmore as Miss Buck in her junior year. "Dunmore is a great community," she said. "Everyone is so close at Dunmore High School. You know everyone in town. We are just a really close community."

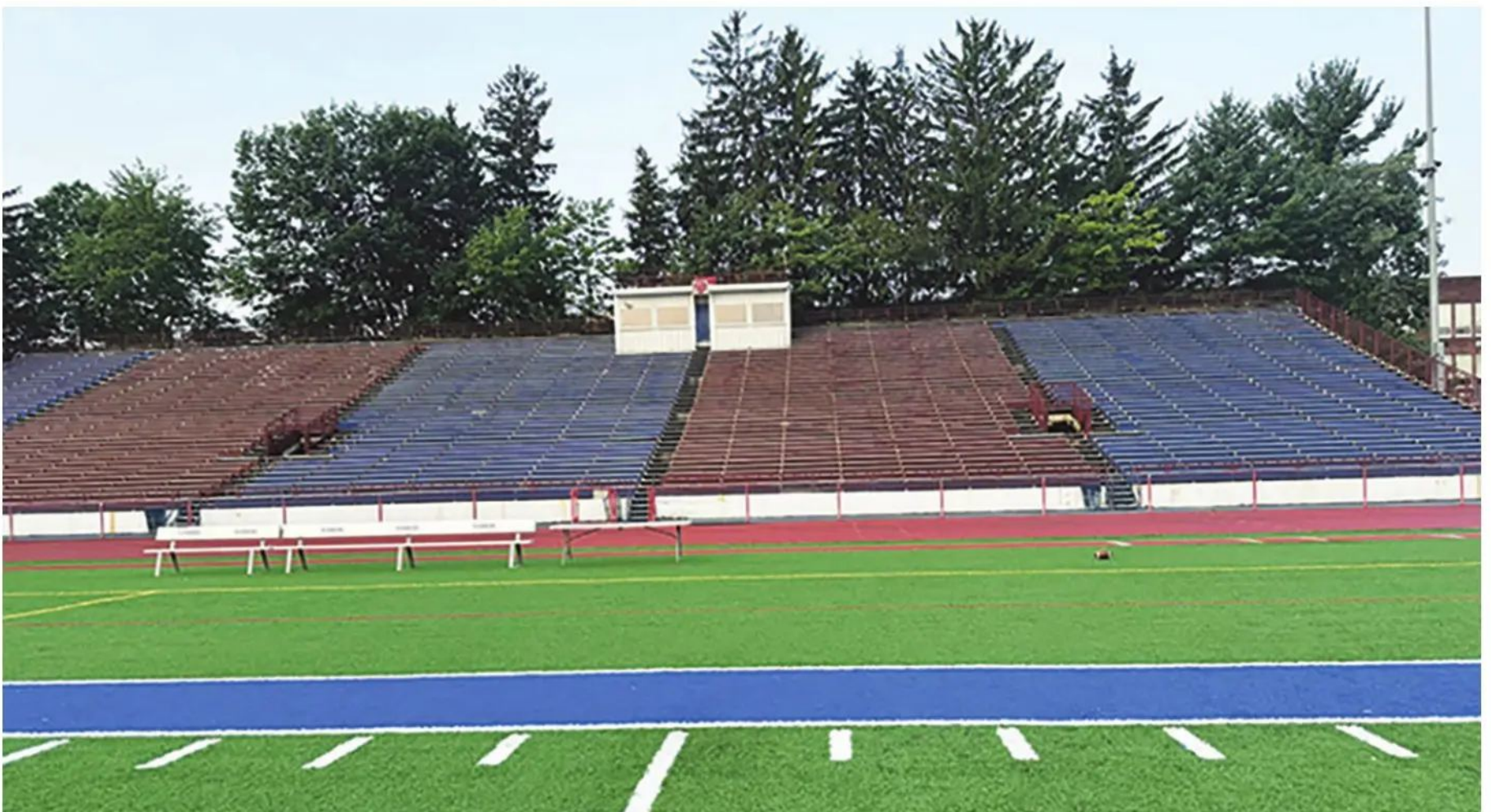
"I want to do a great job representing Dunmore High School."



Dunmore High School 2024 Marching Band



Members of the Dunmore High School Marching Band include, front row, from left; Drum majors Aidan Walsh and Loren Spudic. Second row: Emilia Gabello, Juan Doan and Savanna Sherman. Third row: Matthew Kirchnerk, Corey Condon, Danielle DiPietro, Izzy Rought, John Silvia and Adam Jones. Fourth row: Rhys Otto, Krithika Krishnan, Evan McDonnell, Ally Polster, Ashlynn Blackwell, Grace Heil, James McCrea and Egan Haikes. Fifth row: Madi-lyn Keating, Miles Stevenson, Ryan McMynne, Jordan Braathen, Ryan Amendalaro, Nathan McDonnell, Will Healey, Zoey Schlitter, Gabby Spillar, Sascha Novak, Kellie Bidwell, Luke Kalinowski--- (Photo by Rich Banick)





Scranton Prep looks to be a powerhouse again

By Steve Svetovich

Scranton Prep should be a major force once again after coming off a season where the football team won a third consecutive District 2 Class 3A title and advanced to the PIAA quarterfinals.

The standards are always to strive for excellence at Scranton Prep. And that goes for both academics and athletics.

Prep won its first game this season, 33-0, over Valley View, on Friday, August 23, at home.

Scranton Prep head football coach Terry Gallagher is in his ninth season at the helm. He has now compiled an impressive 84-16 record, including the opening day win this season.

Scranton Prep has won seven District 2 Class 3A titles since 2015.

Key returning players include Louis Paris, Treyvon Dickey, Reese Tanner, Ambrose Rossi, Will McPartland, Brady Holmes, Travis Sharples, Byron Axtell, Anthony De Los Santos, and Jack Doughton.

"We have high expectations," said coach Gallagher. "We wanted to schedule more challenging out-of-conference games to help us properly prepare for the post-season."

"Our passing game led by quar-

terback Louis Paris will consist of several wide receivers playing multiple positions.

"We hope to continue to be a physical football team up front. Running the football will be extremely important to our success."

"The defense will be led by Reese Tanner, a three-year starter at linebacker. Treyvon Dickey, Travis Sharples, Will McPartland, Jack Doughton, and Ambrose Rossi will also be guys to lean on defensively. They have experience for us."

The veteran coach said Paris can be explosive from his quarterback position.

"Louis is a dual threat at quarterback. He has gotten bigger, faster and stronger each year. We have high expectations for him this season. His competitive nature is contagious to the rest of the team. That makes us better."

Assistant coaches under Gallagher are Brian Groom, Dan McShaffery, Bill Pasqualichio, Ryan Jones, Jason Tallo, Brett Stage, Marc DeAntona, Evan Prall, Owen Perih, A.J. Kohut, Riley Nealon, Sam Dickson, Tyler Mackrell, and Brady Rutkowski.

Sharples, who is highly touted, started at guard last season. He earned All-Region honors for a team that rushed for 3,199 yards.

Paris, who has a high-powered arm, started at quarterback as a sophomore and threw for 1,235 yards and 18 touchdowns. A dual threat, he also ran for 519 yards and 11 touchdowns. That earned him honorable mention all-star status in Lackawanna Football Conference Division I.

Dickey rushed for 377 yards and added 246 yards receiving last season.

Tanner, a tough runner and lead blocker, had 134 yards and three touchdowns on the ground last season.

McPartland rushed for 225 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Tanner enters his third season at linebacker. Rossi returns at defensive end and McPartland at free safety.

Tanner, Rossi and McPartland

were also honorable mention Lackawanna Football Conference Division I all-stars.

Axtell started on the defensive line and Dickey started in the secondary last season, so the defense has plenty of experience.

Prep recorded three shutout wins last season, so the opening day shutout could be a prelude of things to come.



Scranton Prep cheerleading squad



Former Holy Cross All-Regional baseball standout **Anthony "Dutch" Duchnowski** hit double and two run homer for Lavelle Insurance against the Clark Bombers in an extra inning loss in Wyoming Valley Baseball League last month...

Congratulations to coach **Tom Richardson** and his undefeated all-star season with 8 and under Dunmore girls softball team... Team members include **Mad-die Richardson, Annie Judge, Abby Richardson, Aurora Tuft, Skylar Rinaldi, Matilda Zayac, Molly O'Malley, Mad-die McGowan, Azzy Perry, Kelly Ehnnot and Claire Ehnnot...**

Congratulations to veteran Scranton Prep football coach **Terry Gallagher** for leading Cavaliers to opening night win over Valley View, 33-0... Congratulations to Holy Cross football coach **Joe Giorgio** for leading Crusaders to 48-12 opening day win over Montrose... **Aiden Wudaraki** rushed for 83 yards, totaled 33 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns in the win... His brother **Leland Wudarski** rushed for 97 yards and two touchdowns in the win... Holy Cross quarterback **Josh Lentowski** completed three of five passes for 102 yards and a touchdown...

Dunmore Elementary School basketball and baseball player **Liam Harrington** is an up and comer to watch out for... His uncle **Mike Harrington** was standout basketball player for Scranton Central and Penn State Worthington and played baseball in Tri-Valley Baseball League through age 64... Do you remember **Kenny Harris**?

Condolences to family of **Joe Vassil** who passed away at 80 last month... Vassil in 1970's led Robert Morris Elementary

School to numerous basketball, softball, football, track and field and swimming city championships and later was a guidance counselor in Scranton School District...

Congratulations to Holy Cross graduate **Mia Scalese** named to All-Region softball team as outfielder in senior season... Mia was 23 for 56 at the plate, with eight doubles, eight runs, eight RBIs and a triple and recorded 10-2 pitching record and 3.00 ERA...

Jazz Chisholm made immediate impact with New York Yankees who, acquired him from Miami Marlins last month... Yankees outfielder **Aaron Judge** on track to threaten his own American League record of 62 homers and earn second AL MVP award... Cincinnati Reds legend **Joey Votto** retired after his comeback stint ended with Buffalo Bisons in attempt to be called up by his hometown Toronto Blue Jays... Votto's final professional base hit came at PNC Field in Moosic against Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders... Fan friendly Votto finishes MLB career with .294 batting average, .409 on base percentage, 459 doubles, 356 homers, seven NL on base titles, 2,135 hits, 1,171 runs, 1,144 RBIs and 2010 NL MVP in 17 seasons, all with Reds... Cooperstown could be next in five years...

Why are there no MLB box scores or batting averages in Scranton Times-Tribune anymore?... Baseball fans and purists are asking... What's next?... No sports section to read?...

Connor Mullaney had birdie on hole No. 12 at Golden Oak Golf Course and shot 40 to share medalist honors and help Dunmore edge Blue Ridge, 176-178, in Lackawanna Golf League Division II boys match

last month... Do you remember **Jack Miles** hitting home run for Dunmore in District 2 Class AAA championship game against Coughlin in 1979?... Do you remember former Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball player **Mariah Maciejewski** as a third-team all-state selection in Class AA 10 years ago?... Congratulations and best of luck to talented Scranton Times-Tribune staff artist/columnist **Kevin O'Neill** who retired after 31 years at the newspaper... Former Seton Hall and NBA basketball coach and analyst **P.J. Carlesimo** honored last month at Scranton Prep Hall of Fame ceremony at Xavier Center... **Raegan Sample** shot a 49 to earn medalist honors and lead Elk Lake past Dunmore, 170-185, in Lackawanna League golf match last month at Marjon Golf Course... Dunmore's **Vic Fangio** looking forward to start of NFL season this month with new job as Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator... Former Scranton Prep baseball standout **Denny Pryle** will be at Oakland A's final home stand this month as his beloved favorite team finishes off its long tenure in Bay Area... A's will play in Sacramento for next three years before planned move to Las Vegas...

Jack McNeff takes over as Dunmore Bucks starting quarterback this season following graduation of four-year starter **Thomas Bowen**... **Brett Gardner** not among those present at New York Yankees celebration of 2009 championship team during old-timers day festivities last month at Yankee Stadium... Rumor had it Gardy was attending his son's first high school football game previous night in Holly Hill, South Carolina... No Gardy Party in the Bronx with family first this time around... Condolences to family of former Green Ridge Little League player and Scranton Tech graduate **Jerry Schiappa** who died last month at 66... Do you remember **Joe Yanish**?... Whatever became of **Rick Schu**?



Holy Cross Running Back/Linebacker Aiden Wudarski



Holy Cross Fullback/Linebacker Leland Wudarski

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Dunmore's Andrew Hauser taking soccer goalie skills to Penn State

By Steve Svetovich

Andrew Hauser is taking his soccer goalie skills with him to Penn State.

Son of Gary and Renee Hauser, Dunmore, Andrew is the all-time saves leader as a goalie for the Dunmore soccer team.

A recent Dunmore graduate and member of the National Honor Society, he recorded close to 500 career saves in his four years as a soccer goalie at Dunmore.

He will now take his goalkeeping skills just a few miles away to Penn State Scranton where he will study Information Technology, a four-year program at the local Dunmore campus.

"One of the reasons I chose the local Penn State," he said, "is because it gives me an opportunity to play four years of soccer while pursuing a degree of my choice without needing to go to the main campus. It's a

perfect fit."

Well-spoken and articulate, Andrew graduated from Dunmore this past June with a 3.8 academic average. His best academic subject was Math.

His soccer coach at Dunmore was Tom Clark. "Coach Clark taught us how to work together as a team," he said. "He preached working together as a team."

The soccer stalwart said John Joseph, the assistant goalkeeper coach at Dunmore, played a big role in his training.

"He was very instrumental in my development."

Andrew, 18, said his parents have always been an inspiration.

"They are always there for me. My mom always tells me to do my best with everything. My dad always helps me to get better with every sport. He helped me a lot with soccer."

The scholar-athlete talked about what it takes to excel as a goalie.

"You need to be mentally up for the challenge," he said. "It can be very strenuous both mentally and physically. You just need to be up for the challenge. "Just one mistake can make or break a game."

"You need to be alert physically and mentally at all times. You need to be able to see and read the activity all around you every single second."

Robert Denney will be Andrew's soccer coach at Penn State. Christian Pane is the assistant coach.

"I want to continue playing soccer for four more years," said Andrew. "That's why I chose Penn State locally. I know they have a four year degree in my major where I could play soccer right here at home for all of my college years."

He talked about his future goals.

"I want to compete and have success as a soccer goalie on the

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

ANDREW HAUSER



Andrew Hauser, a graduate of Dunmore High School, is shown signing to play soccer as goalkeeper at Penn State University Scranton where he will be an Honors student studying for a Bachelors Degree in Information Technology.

collegiate level. I might want to continue on the amateur level after college. I want to do well in college and graduate with a good paying job. I want to work with computers."

The standout goalkeeper recorded over 100 saves in each of his soccer seasons at Dunmore. He received two academic scholarships to Penn State Scranton. The Dunmore soccer team lost only four games this past season, losing in the district quarterfinal game to Scranton Prep.

"We were very strong up the middle and up front," Andrew said. "We were successful this year because we all put in the work and worked well as a team."

The hard-working goalie said

he enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see the pop group, One Republic, in concert.

He is enthused to begin his college career at Penn State Scranton this month.

"I'm really looking forward to it," he said. "It's going to be a good feeling playing soccer. I never expected to be playing soccer in college."

Andrew said he enjoyed his four years at Dunmore.

"Dunmore is like being with family. It's a small school and you get to know everyone," Andrew explains.

"Going to school and playing soccer at Dunmore is one of the best feelings there is in this world."



Dunmore graduate Andrew Hauser, center, is shown with his parents after signing to play soccer as goalkeeper at Penn State University where he will be an Honors student. At left: his father Gary Hauser, and at right, his mother Renee Hauser.

Revitalization plan for Downtown Dunmore

BEFORE AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



Over the past two years, Mayor Max Conway has been collaborating with the Dunmore business community to develop a plan for revitalizing Downtown Dunmore. After countless meetings, hours of hard work, and navigating the ups and downs of grant writing, that plan is finally complete. This is just Phase 1, and the mayor and the business community will be seeking community input as they move forward, but here are photos of the progress made so far. The mayor has expressed his appreciation to [DxDempsey](#) and Tom Reilly for their dedication to this project. These before and after renderings give a glimpse of what is envisioned for the future of Downtown Dunmore.

Marywood athletes recognized for academic excellence

Several Marywood University Pacers athletics teams were recognized recently by their respective coaches' associations for their academic excellence.

Women's Volleyball: The women's volleyball team is the recipient of the 2024 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award. This marks the seventh overall AVCA Team Academic Award in program history. The Pacers have won the award in each of the past four years. The benchmark is an average 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the entire team in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Men's and Women's Track and Field: The Marywood University men's and women's track and field teams were selected to the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic

Teams. To become an All-Academic Team, the cumulative team GPA of all student-athletes who used a season of eligibility must be at least a 3.1 on a 4.0 scale through the most recent semester/quarter. Men's track and field finished with a 3.30 GPA, and the women finished with a 3.49 GPA.

Women's Lacrosse: Three Marywood University women's lacrosse student-athletes were named to the 2024 Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Division III Academic Honor Roll. **Kate Kollar-Dye, Tori Wilson and Kortney Harry** were each selected to the honor roll for the first time in their careers. To be eligible for this honor, student-athletes must be a junior, senior, or graduate student and have earned a cumulative academic GPA of 3.50 or greater. There have been 53 IWLCA Division III Academic Honor Roll

honorees in Marywood women's lacrosse history.

Men's Basketball: The Marywood University men's basketball team won its seventh all-time National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Excellence Award, representing outstanding achievement in the classroom by collegiate men's basketball teams and student-athletes. The Association also announced its NABC Honors Court.

The Marywood University men's basketball team earned the Team Academic Excellence Award for the third time in the past four years. Six student-athletes — **Brandon Reed, Brendan Franko, Mason Mendygral, Robert Van Brunt, Trevor Seitz, Zach Hoffman** — each were named to the Honors Court for the first time in their careers.

The NABC Team Academic Excellence Awards recognize men's

basketball programs that completed the 2023-24 academic year with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The NABC Honors Court, meanwhile, includes junior, senior and graduate student men's basketball players who finished the 2023-24 year with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Men's and Women's Soccer: The men's and women's soccer teams earned the 2023-24 United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award. United Soccer Coaches annually celebrates the academic achievements of teams whose student-athletes collectively demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their studies over the course of a full academic year.

The Pacers were one of two Atlantic East Conference programs to receive the award in both sports.

The women's soccer team earned its 21st overall and 20th consecu-

tive honor with a 3.62 GPA. The women's soccer team had the 24th highest GPA in NCAA Division III. The men's soccer team received the Team Academic Award for the 13th time. The men's team earned a 3.32 GPA last season.

Softball: Twelve Marywood University softball student-athletes received Easton/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Scholar-Athlete Awards. The NFCA recognizes student-athletes who achieve a 3.5 or better GPA. Individually, **Katelyn Eisely, Sam Ferrara, Caroline Flynn, Priscilla Grill, Jessica Hanley, Emma Kim, Renee McDonald, Emma McNally, Lauryn Notari, Tori Para, Morgan Sakulich, and Abbey Stalter** were all named 2024 Easton/NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes. The softball team ranked 88th in NCAA Division III with a 3.47 GPA.



Keystone Chapter UNICO National is conducting a Garage/Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, September 21 at 123 West Swinick Drive, Dunmore, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. A variety of "Next to New/Gently Used" items will be available, and a limited variety of fresh baked goods for the early shoppers to purchase will also be on hand. Cash payments only will be accepted. Keystone UNICO is a 501c3 Non Profit which provides donations to numerous local 501c3 Agencies as well as a variety of scholarships to local high school seniors pursuing a higher education. Pictured from left are committee members Sylvia Tagert, Keystone President Michele McDade, Louise Ligi, Ann Summa, Bob Tagert, Fundraiser Chairman Mary Lou Karliak, Nancy Malone and Frank Coviello.

Wright Center in Cardiovascular Hall of Fame

The Wright Center for Community Health was named a 2024 Cardiovascular Health Hall of Fame Champion for making significant contributions to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Cardiovascular Health Program for 2023-24.

The Wright Center worked with Quality Insights, a group dedicated to improving health and care through data-driven solutions, to contribute to the CDC program.

As part of its involvement in the CDC program, Colleen Dougherty, vice president and chief clinical operating officer and director of certified registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant services at The Wright Center for Community Health; Kari Machelli, RN, associate vice president of Integrated Primary Health Services; and Nicole Sekelsky, outreach and enrollment coordinator, shared information during a "Lunch and Learn" session hosted by Quality Insights about the unique strategies The Wright Center utilized to improve the overall health and well-being of patients.

"Our team was honored to participate in this Q&A initiative to share our experience in managing high cholesterol and highlighting the importance of patient-centered care. We incorporated real stories where clinicians helped empower patients to take an active role in their health," Dougherty said.

"By adopting a team-based approach to primary care, we can identify and manage patients with high cholesterol and those at risk for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, which is commonly called ASCVD. Early intervention is crucial in preventing devastating health events and improving our patients' overall well-being."

During the 30-minute open panel discussion, The Wright Center's presenters discussed how community health workers (CHWs) and nurses work together to support patients identified with high cholesterol and other chronic conditions. CHWs at The Wright Center connect patients to a variety of social services and community resources, including local food pantries, medication discount programs, transportation to and from doctor appointments, and more to help patients focus on improving their health.

"At The Wright Center, our community health workers serve as a link for the patient, clinician, and outside resources," said Sekelsky, who has worked as a CHW for The Wright Center since 2022. "We have the ability to assist and educate patients to help them take control of their own health, no matter the diagnosis."

The Wright Center, headquartered in Scranton, operates nine primary and preventive care health centers in Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wayne counties, with two more scheduled to open in early September – in



Colleen Dougherty, vice president and chief clinical operating officer and director of certified registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant services at The Wright Center for Community Health, holds the certificate The Wright Center received for being named a 2024 Cardiovascular Health Hall of Fame Champion by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Cardiovascular Health Program.

Dickson City, Lackawanna County on Sept. 3, and in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, on Sept. 9.

It also operates a mobile medical and dental unit called Driving Better Health. The Wright Center's locations offer responsive and

inclusive whole-person primary health services.

Patients typically have the convenience of going to a single location to access integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health care, as well as community-based

addiction treatment and recovery services.

For more information, go to TheWrightCenter.org or call 570-230-0019.

Marywood communication students earn Emmy nod

A group of students in Marywood University's Multimedia Communication program have been nominated for a student Emmy Award in the Mid-Atlantic Region's College/University Student Production Live Sporting Event/Game category.

The student awards program is conducted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

The students were nominated for their work in sports media production, and the entry being considered is "Marywood University Pacers Basketball."

The team of students involved includes: Vincent Goldschmidt, Announcer; Felix Lettini, Technical Director; Soren Svanson, Camera; Corey Iyoob, Reporter; Cameron Gorman, Audio; Bernard Roedel, Videographer/Editor; Benjamin Galko, Camera, and John Downey, Sports caster.

The students are advised by Jim Donnelly, Assistant Coordinator of Broadcast Operations. Winners will be announced on September 21 at the Wyndham Grand in Pittsburgh.



A team of students from Marywood University has been nominated for a Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy for their work in sports media production for Marywood Basketball games. Winners will be announced on September 21.

Catholic Choral Society will open 76th season with rehearsal and meeting

The Catholic Choral Society will open its 76th season with a Rehearsal--Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:15 p.m. at the IHM Center on the Marywood Campus. New members are welcome. No auditions are necessary. The performance and rehearsal calendar will be distributed at the opening meeting.

The director of the Catholic Choral Society is Ann Manganiello, Exeter, and the accompanist is Linda Houck, Kingston. Brenda Grunza, Nicholson, and Lois Ostrowski, Pittston, are co-presidents of the choral group. Board members assisting the co-presidents in arranging the group's activities include: Nancy Flannery, Kingston; Sheila O'Brien, Dunmore; Rich Gibbons, Hunlock Creek, Chris Koster, White Haven; Connie Schulte, Clifford Township; and Kate Conaboy, Archbald.

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Preschoolers celebrate Farm Week with gardens



Perry's Academy of Learning Centers concluded the summer educational series by celebrating Farm Week. Students heightened their awareness and appreciation for animals and the important resources they provide. Students were also able to harvest their own cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes and herbs.

Hospice plans Remembrance Walk Sept. 28

More than 1,200 walkers are expected to pause and remember their loved ones in a unique and special way at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart Remembrance Walk Saturday, on September 28 at McDade Park, Scranton. The Wright Center is the presenting sponsor. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the walk will kick off at 10 am. The pet-friendly one-mile walk around scenic McDade Park is appropriate for all levels of physical fitness.

The \$25 registration fee (\$30 after September 6) includes lunch and a long-sleeve t-shirt with a customizable pin-on bib, so participants can walk in memory of a loved one.

Teams of five or more are \$20 each and children 12 and under are free. There will be a DJ, basket raffle, children's activities, a ceremonial bell ringing and ice cream. Proceeds from the walk will help support Hospice of the Sacred Heart programs and services.

The event will begin with an opening prayer by Msgr. Thomas M. Muldowney, Pastor, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, and WNEP-TV anchor and reporter Stacy Lange will start the walk. Hospice of the Sacred Heart CEO, Diane Baldi, will offer brief remarks.

Those wishing to participate individually or as a team can register online at www.Hospice-SacredHeart.org, by calling 570-706-2400.

'Hopes for Nation' event at Library

As part of the "Scranton Stories: Our Nation's Story" oral history initiative, Scranton Public Library will host an event called "What Are Your Hopes for the Nation? A Scranton Conversation" on Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Albright Memorial Library.

"This community conversation will continue the work that we started with Scranton Stories," says Julie Schumacher Cohen, project director for the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded initiative. "We think that is an especially important question to engage the Scranton public in as we look ahead to the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution in 2026 and as we approach the Presidential Election."

Light refreshments will be served. Attendees may register by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HopesfortheNation>

Giveaways to mark September as Hunger Action Month



The Wright Center for Patient & Community Engagement staffs food pantries in the communities it serves in Northeast Pennsylvania. Staffing a recent food pantry at the Mid Valley health center, from left, are Marianne Linko, deputy chief operating officer; Gerri McAndrew, co-director of The Wright Center for Patient & Community Engagement; Jenna Dunn, certified medical assistant; and Nicole Munley, medical assistant manager.



The Wright Center for Patient & Community Engagement holds numerous food pantries in Northeast Pennsylvania. Staffing a recent food pantry at The Wright Center for Community Health - Mid Valley location, from left, are Gerri McAndrew, co-director of The Wright Center for Patient & Community Engagement, and Internal Medicine residents Drs. Archana Sridhar, Preya Patel, and Shreyas Patil.

A pallet of food sat near the storage shed at The Wright Center for Community Health - Mid Valley location, delivered that morning by a friendly driver from the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank.

In two hours, vehicles would begin lining up in the parking lot next door – the drivers and passengers waiting for much-needed help to fill their pantries and fridges.

Before distributing the nutritious food, however, volunteers from The Wright Center had to unload the delivery and pack hundreds of bright blue cloth bags with fresh produce, milk, juice, meat, and other items.

Gerri McAndrew, director of development and relations for community outreach and co-director of The Wright Center for Patient & Community Engagement (PCE), clapped her hands once to get the attention of a group of volunteers. “OK! Let’s start lining up the produce in the front here, but put the cold stuff back in the shade,” she said. “Then we can start filling the bags assembly-line style.”

Soon, deep purple eggplants and round, shiny spaghetti squash made their way into each bag, followed by bags of yellow potatoes, grapefruits, and much more. Volunteers were careful not to crush the delicate items, including the cartons of eggs. Bags were then lined up on two distribution tables, and McAndrew, who oversees the monthly food pantries organized by PCE, began approaching vehicles to greet the people waiting to pick up the bounty.

September is Hunger Action Month, a time to raise awareness about hunger in communities across America. McAndrew is familiar with the need locally. She oversees regular food pantries at The Wright Center’s community health centers in Mid Valley, North Pocono, and Hawley. Additional pantries, including two recent pop-up events at Scranton’s Weston Field, are held as needed. The Wright Center began hosting food giveaways about a decade ago, McAndrew said, thanks to some help from Volunteers of America and, later, Friends of the Poor.

The need increased exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and leaders at The Wright Center recognized an opportunity to help patients and others in the community they serve. In addition to the Weinberg Food Bank, The Wright Center partners with a variety of community groups to help distribute food, including the Wayne County Food Pantry and the City of Scranton.

“It was a small program that grew to address the needs of our communities,” McAndrew said. “There are a lot of people in need who don’t drive. The more places you can offer for people to come and get food, the better for the community.”

As the pandemic eased, the need for nutritious food did not disappear. Neither did PCE’s mission to improve the health of our communities through education, advocacy, and patient-centered services that help individuals overcome food insecurity, homelessness, transportation issues, and other factors known as the social determinants of health. In 2023, food distributions organized by The Wright Center helped nearly 900 families. PCE also donated more than 300 turkeys, turkey breasts, and hams to families for their Thanksgiving meal that same year.

“A lot of families are being squeezed by rising prices. Gas, utilities, and rent are all getting more expensive,” McAndrew said. “People are facing tough choices – pay their light and water bills or pay for food. And some months, it may be a choice between buying their kid cleats for soccer or putting food on the table.”

Channel Kears, an outreach coordinator for the city of Scranton, said many in the Electric City are familiar with those difficult choices. The city began hosting pop-up events in 2022 to increase access to food for Scranton residents and is happy to partner with The Wright Center. “We know there’s a great need, based on what we’re seeing and what our community partners are seeing,” Kears said. “Why not bring the resources right to the neighborhoods? We’re going to take every opportunity we can to help people access services.”

Back at the Mid Valley health center, the number of bags dwindled as people arrived to pick up food. McAndrew’s smile grew as she greeted each person individually, jotting down some basic information to report back to the Weinberg Regional Food Bank. “No one will be turned away,” she said, glancing at the volunteers placing bags in each vehicle. “If we run out, we have resources to make sure no one leaves empty-handed.”

Peckville resident Margaret Esagro, a regular at the Mid Valley food distribution location, appreciates the assurance. “I’ve been coming to this food bank for years,” she said. “What I can’t use, I’ll pass out to my neighbors in need. It’s a great variety of veggies and meats. And it really helps when you need to stretch your money. I’m very grateful.”



SCC to present Irish Tenors in Christmas show

The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple and Magic City Productions will present "The Irish Tenors: A Family Christmas" on November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the SCC's Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre.

Comprised of Anthony Kearns, Ronan Tynan and Declan Kelly, The Irish Tenors have been the acknowledged Celtic music kings since they burst upon the scene during a 1998 special.

With 10 best-selling CD's to their credit, they share company with the likes of The Three Tenors and Andrea Bocelli as the biggest money makers PBS has presented.

The Irish Tenors have performed all over the world, including the best venues in America including Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Gardens, Carnegie Hall in New York and The Hollywood Bowl in California.

"The Irish Tenors: A Family Christmas" will take place in the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre, located on the building's first floor, with doors opening for bar and concessions at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets start at \$46.65.



Kandis Hill

Actors Circle plans to present 'The Miss Firecracker Contest'

Actors Circle is presenting "The Miss Firecracker Contest" by Beth Henley, at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton. Directed by Kandis Hill, show dates are September 26, 27, 28, 29, and October 4, 5, 6, 2024. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 General, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students. On Thursday, September 26, all tickets are \$10. Pay cash at the door or buy online at www.actorscircle.com. Call 570-342-9707 for reservations.

This boisterous and bold comedy takes place as the summer air is beginning to heat up in Brookhaven, a rural town in Mississippi. Residents prepare with excitement for their annual Miss Firecracker Contest, a beauty and talent pageant held every summer on the Fourth of July.

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. Actors Circle is supported in part by a grant from The Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture.

Falin McCann is Stage Manager. Cast members are: Jordan Joubert as Carnelle Scott; Madeline Giardina as Popeye Jackson; Britt Demming as Elain Rutledge; Kilbur Rubio as Delmount Williams; Paul Kantor as Mac Sam, and Poshi Walker as Tessy Mahoney. Understudies are Jessica Fernbach and Falin McCann.

Marywood plans two autumn undergraduate open houses

Marywood University will hold two undergraduate open house events this fall for high school students and their parents.

The October Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, and the November Open House is set for Saturday, November 16. Both events will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Registration for each open house 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 complimentary continental breakfast and lunch are included in the fall open houses.

The open houses will give prospective students the opportunity to walk through a student services & organizations fair to find out how Marywood students fit in and have fun on campus.

In addition, 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 more information and to register for Marywood University's fall open houses, visit marywood.edu/openhouse, email YourFuture@marywood.edu, or call Marywood's admissions office at (570) 348-6234.

Casino bus trip

Division #5 LAOH is running a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, on Saturday, September 28.

The bus departs St. Patrick's Church, 1403 Jackson Street, at 10 a.m. and departs from the Casino at 5 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per person and includes a \$25 slot rebate and the driver's tip. The Casino offers several dining venues and shops on the premises. For Reservations call Michele at 570-343-7009.

TayTay Dance Party

The TayTay Dance Party featuring The DJ Swiftie is coming to the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 P.M. as part of the M&T Family Series.

Ticket prices are: General Admission, \$32.50; VIP Ticket:

\$50 plus fees includes: one ticket, 30-minute early entry, signed poster, and glowstick.

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.

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The festival is on Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. featuring Pork BBQ with music by QBall; and Sunday from Noon to 6 p.m. featuring a Chicken BBQ, with music by The Quietmen. There is free parking and no admission.

Enjoy other delicious food, pizza, homemade baked goods, bountiful baskets, silent auction, white elephant, antique cars by Car Cruisers, and more. For information, call 570-335-8135.

Rob Schneider show

Comedian Rob Schneider will perform at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre on Friday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$45, \$55, and \$150 plus fees. This show is for mature audiences only, ages 18+.

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, 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., or by calling 570-826-1100. This show is presented by Martin Media.

Rob Schneider is an accomplished actor, comedian, screenwriter and director. A stand-up comic and veteran of the award-winning NBC sketch comedy series Saturday Night Live, Schneider has gone on to a successful career in films

and television and continues his world-wide standup tour.

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