

## Dunmorean of the Month Marguerite Bradley



By Steve Svetovich

When you love your work, it's not easy to retire.

Take Marguerite Garbolino Bradley of Dunmore, for example.

Marguerite, who turned 65 last month, has been the librarian at the Dunmore Elementary Center for the past 34 years. Her last day working on the job was the final school day before the Christmas break last month, but she will officially be employed by the Dunmore School District until June.

Daughter of Theresa and the late Jake Garbolino, Marguerite was born and raised in Dunmore. She graduated from Dunmore High School in 1977 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Library Science from Marywood College in 1982.

She taught sixth grade at Saint Rose of Lima Elementary School in Carbondale for one year before teaching second grade for three years in South San Francisco, California.

She then took on the position as the Dunmore Elementary School librarian, a position she has held for over three decades.

"It was my dream job," she said. "I always wanted to go into education and teach. "Early childhood education was a big thing and I had other family members doing that, so I went a different route, eventually becoming a librarian.

"It is the most fulfilling job ever. I love telling the kids stories and reading to them. I like making reading important to the students. With modern technology, kids are not reading as many books anymore. We went from encyclopedia to Wikipedia. Technology has changed things

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## Dunmore Elementary Center Pajama Day event raises \$3,200 for children's hospital



**Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Dunmore School District staff, students, and community members, Dunmore Elementary Center raised a grand total of \$3,200 during its CHOP Pajama Day. The monies will be donated to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in honor of the Connor Pensack Foundation. Words cannot express how grateful we are to each and every one of you for supporting our mission! CHOP's reach of top notch pediatric care stretches far and wide. Every dollar raised goes toward improving patient care and developing innovative treatments for kids.--More Photos on Page 19**

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## Dunmorean of the Month



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a lot over the years.”

Marguerite’s final day in the library was Friday, December 20. “I didn’t want to make a big thing out of it. I just told the kids I wouldn’t be back for the New Year. I decided to work until the end of the Christmas break, but will officially retire in June.

The dedicated long-time librarian has two sons of her own, Jake and John, both Scranton Prep graduates. Jake, 34, graduated from the University of Colorado. John, 31, is a Temple University graduate.

“My goal as a librarian,” she said, “was to see the students enjoy reading. I absolutely loved being with the kids.

“I especially liked Halloween. I loved decorating the library for Halloween and telling scary stories to the kids. They loved it.

“It’s very rewarding when the high school students came over to the Dunmore Elementary School building just to say hello.

“I will miss the kids and the faculty at the Dunmore Elementary Center. Many of the current teachers were my students. Now I have their kids. I taught two different generations.”

Marguerite, beloved at Dunmore, acknowledges school libraries are becoming a thing of the past.

“There is no longer a library in the high school,” she said. “With new technology, many school districts do not have libraries anymore. The Dunmore Elementary School library is one of the few left.”

The lifelong educator is going to enjoy her retirement. “I’m going to start a new chapter and see where it goes,” she said. “I plan on traveling and seeing different places and meeting new people. I never had the time before.

“It gives me some me time. It’s a gift to me. I look forward to it.”



*Some of Marguerite Bradley’s favorite memories as Dunmore Elementary Center’s librarian have been decorating the library for Halloween and reading scary stories to the students.*



*Members of the Dunmore High School Service Club volunteered recently at United Neighborhood Center’s Feed-a-Friend.*



**AT LEFT:** Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the annual Dunmore School District Career Fair in December. Students had a great experience learning about the many careers available. A special thank you is extended to the school



**The Greater Scranton YMCA has announced it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation. Grant funding will support financial assistance for families with children enrolled in early childhood education programs. Shown from left at the presentation are: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Director of Grants & Scholarships, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Rich Surridge, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA; Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Laura Ducceschi, President & CEO, Scranton Area Community Foundation**

## YMCA earns Spitz grant for child care

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Grant funding will support financial assistance for families with children enrolled in early childhood education programs.

The availability of quality, safe child care programs is crucial to our economy and the workforce.

Early Childhood Education Programs at the Greater Scranton YMCA, and the availability of financial assistance, allow families from across the region to send their children to an early learning program while they work.

As the need for child care programs in our community has grown, so too has the need for financial assistance.

"We are so grateful to the Robert H. Spitz Foundation for their generosity," said Rich Surridge, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. "Here at the Y, we turn no one away for an inability to pay. Thanks in part to this grant award, more families in need will be provided with the resources needed to send their child(ren) to our



**Congratulations to Students of the Month for November at Dunmore Junior-Senior High School, including: Elena Piepoli, ninth grade; Beau Golden, eighth grade; and Michael Gentile, seventh grade. Top Row: Sascha Novak, tenth grade; Miles Stephenson, eleventh grade, and Aidan Walsh, twelfth grade.**

early childhood education programs, providing them with the opportunity to work and their children with the tools and resources needed to thrive in kindergarten and beyond."

The Greater Scranton YMCA's Early Childhood Education Department offers programs for children of all

ages through daycare, pre-school, school age care and summer day camp. For more information about Early Childhood Education Programs and the availability of financial assistance, contact Tressa Capoccia, Senior Education Director, at [tcapoccia@gsymca.org](mailto:tcapoccia@gsymca.org).



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## Steve's 35th annual new year's wish list

It's that time of year already. This marks the 35th consecutive year of the New Year's wish list in The Dunmorean. So here this scribe goes again with the 2025 wish list:

Less political talk...less angry political talk...no sexual abusers in politics...less potholes...**Ichiro, Billy Wagner, Jimmy Rollins** and **C.C. Sabathia** in the National Baseball Hall of Fame...**Dick Van Dyke** celebrating his 100th birthday...**Jimmy Carter** celebrating his 101st birthday...**Barbara Eden** in a "Jeannie" bottle...**Barbara Eden** back at the Scranton Cultural Center...a peanut butter frosty at Wendy's...

A Dunkin' in Forest City...hot coffee and a toasted everything bagel with butter from my friends **Liz** and **Angie** at the Retro Cafe in the Pinebrook section of Scranton...my picture a bit closer to **Cher** and **Taylor Swift** in the celebrity bath-

room at the Retro Cafe...a smooth transition to whatever awaits **Senator Bob Casey**, one of the most honest, moral, ethical men I know...

**Joey Votto** back with the Cincinnati Reds as a coach or broadcaster...Dunmore's **Joe Tomko** back in politics...a nice playoff run for Tomko's Minnesota Vikings...a night at The Roosey in Dunmore...a Guinness draft at The Bog...a glazed donut from Krispy Kreme...a trip to Cooperstown with my sons...more of **Christopher "Mad Dog" Russo**...another **Bob Dylan** concert...a **Robert Plant** and **Jimmy Page** reunion...Gomer Pyle reruns...my dad's chili...

Hazleton's **Joe Maddon** back in baseball...a Hank's hoagie from **Tommy Owens** in Green Ridge...Owens firing his wicked curve with a wiffle ball...another AL MVP for **Aaron Judge**...a **Brett Gardner** Day at Yankee Stadium...The Yan-

kees back in the World Series and winning it...Taco Bell...Nardozi's Pizza in Dunmore...an Italian hoagie from Roseanna's in West Side or Dickson City...**Carly Simon**...breakfast at the Bucktown Diner...**Eva Longoria**...

No rainouts this coming summer for **Brian McGurl** and **Tom Hallinan** at the Bucktown Music Fest...a stop to American Water Company's unjust and skyrocketing bills to Dunmore and Scranton consumers...a Pappas Pizza grinder...more Howard Stern interviews...pasta at Carmella's in Dunmore's Bunker Hill...**Shania Twain** anywhere...Strangers Rock...QBall...the return of Saint Patrick's picnic in West Side...**Marie Osmond** continuing to turn the clock back with Nutrisystem...less drones...**Jackie the Jokeman** back at the Dunmore Holiday Inn...wings at Honeychild's in Dunmore...Cara Mia's hoagies in Dunmore...**Stuttering John** back on the Howard Stern Show...David Letterman back on TV...**Johnny Carson** reruns...**Mick Jagger** and **Keith Richards** rocking at 81...another Rolling Stones tour...**Springsteen** at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park...

**Kenny Anderson, Isaac Curtis, O.J. Anderson** and **Torry Holt** in the Pro Football Hall of Fame...**Warren Zevon, Jim Croce** and **The Guess Who** in the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame...wings at Haggerty's in West Side...a night at Legends in Dickson City...burgers and sausage at the Clarks Summit VFW...**Alysa Milano**...dinner at Ragnacci's in Dunmore...crumb cake from Cwikla's in Avoca...a square tray of pizza with onions from McAlpine Pub in Avoca...a West Side Flava's hoagie...

Dunmore's **Anthony Duchowski** back for another season in the Tri-Valley Baseball League...a healthy year for former Dunmore councilwoman **Atty. Melanie Naro** who is kicking cancer in the butt...Mickey Gannon's wings...a **Lady Gaga** concert...a decrease in real estate taxes...peace in the Ukraine...**Olena** pouring fresh drafts at The Patch...a visit with **Tim Wagner** at his sporting goods store in Green Ridge...a **Rod Stewart** concert...a

German brownie from Minooka Bake Shop...the return of peanut sticks in donut shops...**Susanna Hoffs**...Rolling Rock bottles...**Joe Snedeker** weather reports...**Vince Sweeney** back as a weatherman---Vince said it would be like this...Maroni's Pizza in West Side...Gold Crown Pizza in Dunmore...Local music talent **Alyssa Lazar** back at Crotti's on Ash...The Wannabes...less haters...less division in our country...less divorce...good health to our departing **President Joe Biden**...Miller Genuine Draft...

**Jimmy Connors** singing "Johnny B Goode" in heaven...Nicholas Pizza in Green Ridge...a new **Neil Young** CD...the return of Bartels beer...the return of cassettes...the return of the Throop Cow Flop...more of **Bernie Sanders**...Dunmore's **Brian McGurl** on keyboards with QBall...another Sperazza Band reunion...a Popeye's chicken sandwich...an Arby's gyro...Saint Ubaldo's in Jessup...

**Paul McCartney** in concert...**Willie Nelson** at 92 at Bethel Woods again...another Lynyrd Skynyrd concert...more band jobs for my dad, the leader of The Fabulous Fortunes as he begins his 78th year of performing...**Valerie Bertinelli** back on a TV sitcom...a Happy Days reunion...no road rage...no school shootings...Thunder Road...a night with **Bugeye McGuire**...

**Richie Kossuth** and **Sugar Ray Nemetz** with **Flaxy Morgan**...**Martina McBride** back at the Kirby Center...continue success for **Kevin McHale** and the Dunmore football program...Success to all of the Dunmore and Holy Cross sports programs...a successful New York Mets and flea market season for my friend **Steve Gall**...**Lori Loughlin** back on the Hallmark channel...

Dunmore's **Shannon Miele** back dancing with her sister **Michelle** at the Waldorf Tike Bar...Dunmore's **Paul Nardozi** back in politics with his New York Giants on the winning side...

Continued success for former Dunmore basketball standout for **Moriah Murray** as a starter for Penn State...a successful basketball season for Dunmore's **Ciera Toomey** at the University of North Carolina...a return to good health for my great friend and Dunmore community activist **Gary Duncan**...my son **Ryan** singing "Yesterday" in any music venue...success to my son Ryan in the music industry...success to my son **Dylan** in the medical sales industry...my son Dylan out in centerfield chasing fly balls in the Tri-Valley Baseball League...my

dad on drums...**Jimmy Tigue** on keyboards...**Vince Parise** singing and on guitar...**Jack Mead** on sax...

The Fabulous Fortunes back at the annual Bucktown Music Fest at Dunmore corners...good health to my great friend **Tom Duggan** who continues his great work counseling prisoners...Everybody Loves Raymond reruns...**Ray Romano** back on a TV sitcom...a beer with my buddy **Brian Bosley** at his Moscow country home...my talented musical friend **Diane Luke** singing "White Rabbit" with her great voice...The Sperazza Duo at Ernie G's in Avoca...more Carolina Panthers wins for my dear friend **Miranda**...Cooper's Maryland Crab Bisque soup...three great summer nights of St. Rocco's and Saint Anthony's picnic at Dunmore's Bunker Hill...another trip with my sons to the Montrose and Hawley Winterfests...a special place in heaven for my lifelong friend **Jim Gregorowicz**, family friend **Santa Burne** and my cousin **Jeff Kardos** who all passed away in 2024...

King of Queens reruns...a successful year for Dunmore's **Bob Walsh**, president of the Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...success to my nephew **George** as he pursues a political science degree at West Chester University, my niece **Livy** as she pursues a master's degree in Special Education at West Chester University and my niece **Mia** as she pursues her career in the restaurant management field in Orlando, Florida...

A special place in heaven for Dunmore's **Guy Valvano**, a legend in local sports journalism...Sirius-XM...a special place in heaven for late Dunmore community activists **Addie Michalik, Blanche Shaw, Carmel Arnone, Leonsrd Verrastro, Fritz Voytek, Tom Cali, Sam Cali, James McHale, Sr.; Al Frioni, Sr.; Philomena Errico, Lou Perrella, Mike Mashurak** and **Billy Weller**...

A special place in heaven to my friend **Bill Hoppel** who taught me to always look at the bottle as half full...good health to my great friend **Jeannie Hoppel**...good health to my ex wife **Beth**, a cancer survivor...a special place in heaven for recently departed **Sandra Buzas**, my eighth grade English teacher who inspired me to be a writer...a special place in heaven for my aunts **Stella** and **Annette, Uncles Gus and Wally** and my two wonderful grandmothers...a most special place in heaven to my wonderful mom, a strong believer in education, who always told me

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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# Dunmore students take top prizes in poster competition



**AT LEFT:** Dunmore High School was well represented at the Lackawanna /Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs Annual Holiday Poster Contest Recognition Reception at the Scranton Cultural Center. DHS had four of the five high school finalists in the competition, and Millie Crespo (10th grade) won first place! Her poster is on billboards around Lackawanna County this month, and the pins distributed around the schools and community. Prince DeNucci (12th grade) won second place, John Juarez (12th grade) won fourth, and Leah Mezick (12th grade) won fifth. Each student received a plaque, a billboard trophy, and a certificate.



**AT LEFT:** Tenth grade student Millie Crespo won first place in the recent poster contest! Her poster is on billboards around Lackawanna County this month, and the pins distributed around the schools and community.



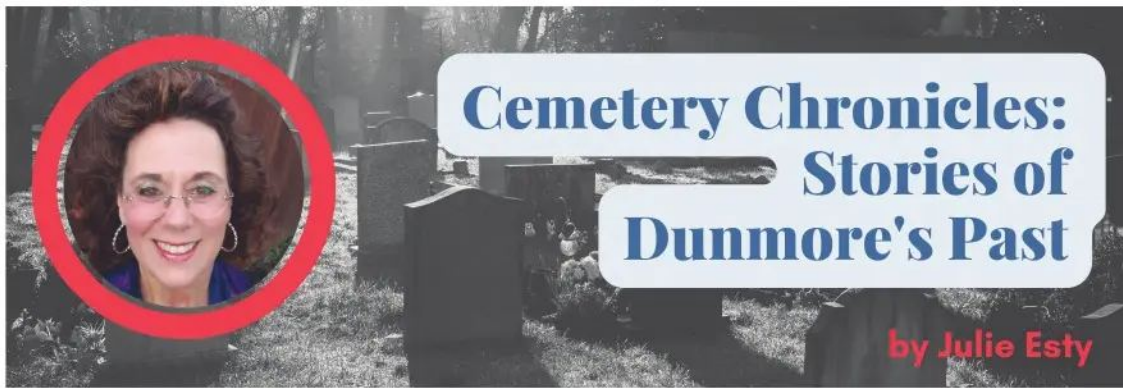
**Dunmore High School senior John Juarez won the fourth place award in the holiday poster contest.**



**AT RIGHT:** Prince DeNucci, a senior at Dunmore High School won second place in the Drug and Alcohol Programs holiday poster contest.



**Dunmore High School senior Leah Mezick won fifth place in the recent Holiday Poster Contest.**



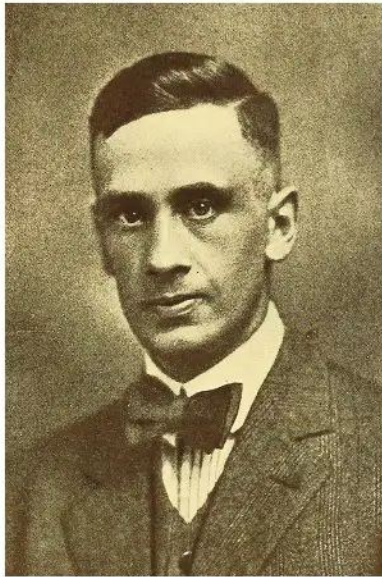
## Frederick Hannah served valiantly in WWI

The Dunmore Cemetery is the final resting place of many who served their country in our nation's conflicts in all branches of service. Block One is the final resting place of one who served in a unique manner.

Frederick Hannah, son of Attorney Hugh and Elizabeth Hindman Hannah was born April 9, 1885. Educated in Scranton schools, Hannah also attended the elite Mercersburg Academy from which he graduated in 1907.

After working locally in real estate, Hannah became General Superintendent with Unity Coal and Coke in Berwindsdale, Clearfield County, PA.

Prior to the United States entering World War I, an ambulance corps of American civilian volunteers was formed in France.



Many of its members were college students or those who did not meet the requirements of the United States Military.

With the onset of World War I, Hannah, like many others, wanted to join France in its fight against Germany and did so before the United States officially entered the conflict.

From June 1917 to September 1918, three draft registrations were held. Due to age restrictions Frederick Hannah was ineligible for all of them.

By the time of the third draft, through a local Presbyterian church offering to pay for travel expenses, Hannah had already found his way to France. Using his own funds for travel, he joined the American Field Service in July 1917.

Known to his comrades as "Shorty," Hannah was a member of Section Seventeen of the Field Service. Reports from his com-



rades and sister who received regular letters from him, revealed him to be a man who never discussed his personal matters, never felt he was doing anything more than his duty, and no matter what conditions were, would never leave a soldier on the field.

For his service with the Ambulance Corps, Hannah was recommended for and received the Croix de Guerre, a French military honor bestowed for bravery.

On the evening of September 20, 1918, Frederick Hannah was killed during the German bombing at Deuxnouds-aux-Bois north of St. Mihiel in France. Following his death, his body was interred at Souilly, Meuse. In July 1921, his remains were repatriated to the Hannah family plot in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Three memorial plaques honoring Frederick Hannah's service can be found in Scranton noting his service. His name appears on the World War I Memorial at the Memorial Grove at Nay Aug Park, on a plaque commemorating World War I veterans in the Bell Tower of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and in the lobby of Lackawanna College, formerly Scranton Central High School where Hannah attended high school.

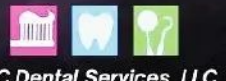
In addition to the local memorials, Hannah's mother participated in the National Honor Roll Memorial Trees program sponsored by the American Forestry Association. A tree was registered in Frederick Hannah's name commemorating his wartime service, but the location and status of that today are unknown.

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*Dunmore High School Art I students decorated windows at the school to provide some festive cheer during the holidays season under the direction of Cristin Hogan.*



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**FROM AULD LANG SYNE TO NEW  
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THE INTERSECTION OF AI AND  
THE LAW IN 2025**

BY: JOHN M. HART, III, ESQ.

January marks the beginning of a new year, and with it, the opportunity to reflect on the advances of the previous year and look ahead to the future.

As we begin 2025, one thing is clear: technology is growing exponentially, and with it, the legal profession must evolve to meet the challenges and opportunities that new technology presents.

One of the most significant technological developments of our time is artificial intelligence (AI), which is already making its presence felt in many industries, including law.

In fact, nearly half of the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits I received last year were devoted to educating attorneys about the implications and applications of AI in legal practice.

Before diving into the specifics of how AI is changing the legal landscape, it's important to take a step back and reflect on how quickly human civilization has advanced technologically.

For thousands of years, humans relied on horses for transportation, a system that remained essentially unchanged for millennia. Then, the internal combustion engine was introduced, fundamentally altering how we moved from one place to another—and it only took about a century to go from horse-drawn carriages to self-driving cars.

Consider other milestone inventions: electricity, which revolutionized industry and daily life, became widely

available in the late 19th century. The telephone, invented by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, allowed people to communicate instantly across vast distances—something that had been impossible just a few decades before.

Fast forward to the late 20th century, and the internet emerged, connecting the world in ways previously unimaginable. The smartphone followed soon after, putting an entire world of information in our pockets and transforming how we work, communicate, and live.

Now, we are on the cusp of another revolutionary shift: artificial intelligence. The distance between each of these monumental inventions is shrinking rapidly, and we are experiencing the most dramatic changes in the shortest time span in human history.

As AI rapidly advances, it's becoming an integral part of many industries, including law. But while many people may think of AI as something out of a science fiction movie, the truth is, it is already integrated into our daily lives, often without us even realizing it. Whether it's the virtual assistants on our smartphones, predictive text in emails, or even the personalized recommendations we get when shopping online, AI is silently at work, making our lives more efficient. But as legal professionals, we need to understand how AI is reshaping the legal landscape, from intellectual property to estate planning, and beyond.

## The Role of AI in Various Legal Practices

### 1. Intellectual Property

AI is revolutionizing the way intellectual property (IP) law is practiced. As businesses continue to innovate, the need for IP protection has never been greater. AI tools can potentially be used to search databases for existing patents, trademarks, and copyrights, making it easier for lawyers to conduct thorough research and protect their clients' intellectual assets. Machine learning algorithms can sift through vast amounts of data in a fraction of the time it would take a human, ensuring that clients' innovations are safeguarded from infringement.

For example, an AI-powered tool might quickly analyze millions of patent applications and identify potential conflicts or similarities with a new invention. This streamlines the process of patent application and reduces the risk of costly legal disputes.

However, it's important to note that while AI can assist with research, it is still essential for attorneys to review and interpret the results to ensure that all nuances and specific legal requirements are met.

### 2. New Business Startups

In the world of new business startups, AI is helping entrepreneurs navigate the complex legal requirements they face. From business formation to contract drafting, AI tools can help generate

templates for standard contracts, such as non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), employment contracts, and partnership agreements.

These tools can save time by automating routine tasks, but it is still vital for attorneys to review these documents carefully. Lawyers ensure that the contracts are tailored to the specific needs of their clients and comply with all relevant laws.

For instance, AI-driven contract generation tools can help a startup founder quickly draft and review a set of contracts tailored to their business needs, but an attorney's expertise is necessary to ensure that the agreements reflect the client's intentions, minimize risks, and comply with applicable laws.

### 3. Estate Planning

In estate planning, AI tools can assist in guiding individuals through the process of creating a will or trust by generating questions and helping them consider important decisions.

While AI can simplify the process by identifying key issues and generating drafts, it is essential for an attorney to review and finalize the documents to ensure compliance with legal requirements and that the client's wishes are carried out properly. The complexities of estate law, including tax considerations, asset distribution, and guardianship, require an attorney's expertise to ensure that the final documents are valid and fully reflective of the client's intentions.

For example, AI might help a client by organizing information about assets and beneficiaries and suggesting provisions for distribution. However, a lawyer must carefully review the information and ensure that the estate plan meets all legal criteria and aligns with the client's goals, especially in complex family situations or with large estates.

## The Benefits of AI in Legal Practice

AI offers several benefits to legal professionals and their clients, including:

- **Efficiency:** AI can perform tasks in a fraction of the time it would take a human, allowing lawyers to handle more cases and clients with greater efficiency.
- **Cost Savings:** By automating repetitive tasks, AI reduces the need for manual labor, which can lead to significant cost savings for clients and law firms alike.
- **Improved Accuracy:** AI algorithms, particularly in research and data analysis, can help reduce human error and increase the accuracy of legal work.
- **Accessibility:** With AI-powered legal tools, more individuals can access legal services without the need for costly consultations. This democratizes legal services and makes them available to a broader population.

However, while AI offers many advantages, it is essential for legal professionals to remain cautious in its use.

## The Importance of Caution in Using AI

Despite its many benefits, AI also presents potential risks and challenges. One of the most significant concerns is the potential for bias in AI systems. AI algorithms are trained on data, and if that data is biased, the outcomes generated by AI can be as well.

This is especially important in legal

practices such as criminal law, where biased data could lead to unjust outcomes.

Additionally, AI is not foolproof. While it can assist in research, document drafting, and predictive analysis, it cannot replace the nuanced judgment that an experienced attorney brings to a case. Legal professionals must remain vigilant in reviewing AI-generated work and ensure that their human expertise and ethical obligations guide their decision-making.

## Consulting with an Attorney on AI Issues

Given the legal implications of AI in various areas of law, it is crucial for individuals and businesses to consult with an attorney when issues arise that may have legal consequences.

An attorney can provide guidance on issues such as data privacy, intellectual property rights, or even disputes arising from AI-driven contracts. Consulting with a legal professional ensures that the use of AI remains compliant with the law and ethical standards.

## A Fun Fact: reCAPTCHA and AI's Advancement

On a lighter note, I recently learned something interesting about the online "reCAPTCHA" system—those little prompts asking us to prove we're not a robot by identifying images of traffic lights, street signs, or storefronts. What I found fascinating is that this seemingly simple tool actually plays a critical role in the advancement of AI. At its core, reCAPTCHA works by collecting human feedback to help AI systems learn to recognize images more accurately.

The example provided to me was that AI might be able to distinguish between a dog and a cat, but if the dog in the image resembles a cat—like a Jack Russell Terrier with pointy ears—AI could get confused. reCAPTCHA helps to create a massive database of human responses to images, which is then used to improve AI's ability to differentiate between subtle details. This system serves two purposes: protecting against online scams and contributing to the ongoing development of AI technologies. Fascinating, isn't it?

## Looking Ahead to 2025

As we begin 2025, the future of AI in law is undoubtedly bright. With advancements happening every day, we can expect to see more integration of AI tools in various legal practices, providing both efficiency and accessibility. However, it's crucial that legal professionals and individuals remain cautious and informed about the ethical, legal, and practical implications of using AI.

Reflecting on the rapid pace of technological advancements throughout history—from the internal combustion engine to smartphones and now AI—it will be interesting to see how quickly AI grows in 2025. As we've witnessed with every major invention, the distance between breakthroughs seems to be shrinking. The impact of AI on the legal profession will likely accelerate, and it will be exciting to see how AI continues to shape the future of law and society.

*Happy New Year to all, and here's to a productive & innovative 2025!*



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## AARP CHAPTER KEEPING BUSY



**ABOVE LEFT:** AARP of Northeast Pa Chapter #3731 recently donated a \$500 check to St Patrick's Food Pantry. The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) funds are directed to assist in providing nutritional help to individuals and families seeking food assistance. Shown seated left: Sandy Father Richard Fox, pastor; Mari Carr, office manager, and Bob Kovatch, AARP Board Member

**ABOVE RIGHT:** AARP of Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter #3731 recently held its 2025 election of officers and directors at the Asbury United Methodist Hall, Scranton. AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) focuses on community service, consumer protection, health and wellness issues as well as legislative advocacy. Shown, seated from left: Regina Hertzog, Barbara Strait, Mary Ventre, Marie Merkel, president; Eileen Kovatch, and Marie Krauss, treasurer. Standing, same order: Ross Ventre, secretary, Ron Stewart, vice president; Carol Soemer, David Phaneuf Sr., and Bob Kovatch. Absent from the photo was Marlene Price.



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# DUNMORE DINING: A TASTE OF HOME

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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ



Holidays are over for the most part, however, some of our celebrations spill over into the new year. But why not continue to cook some new dishes during our LONG winter weather.

There's nothing cozier than serving homemade soup or warm snacks snuggled in our woolen socks and jammies.

So, we're welcoming 2025 with some tried and true winter meals.

## CHILL CHASER CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP

- 1-14 1/2 oz. can stewed tomatoes
- 4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 1 medium white onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 cans (10 3/4 oz. each) condensed tomato soup, undiluted
- 4 cans (5 1/2 oz. each) V8 juice
- 3 Tbsp. tomato paste

- 1 cup half and half
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil

In food processor combine stewed tomatoes and cream cheese, cover and process until smooth. Set aside. In large saucepan, saute' onion in butter until crisp-tender. Add garlic, cook 1 minute longer. Whisk in tomato soup, V8 and tomato paste until blended. Gradually stir in cream cheese mixture, half and half and basil. Cook and stir until heated through but DO NOT BOIL. Serve with Oyster Crackers.

## SEASONED OYSTER CRACKERS

- 3 cups oyster crackers
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable or canola oil
- 1 Tbsp. Ranch salad dressing mix
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- Shredded mozzarella cheese

## Christmas morning calls for delicious bre

In large bowl, combine oyster crackers, oil, dressing mix, garlic powder and dill weed; toss to coat. Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle with crackers and cheese.

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## SLOW COOKER TACO SOUP

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 2 cups onion, diced
- 1-15 oz. can pinto beans
- 1-15 oz. can kidney beans
- 1-15 oz. can corn niblets, drained
- 1-15 oz. can Mexican stewed tomatoes
- 1-14 1/2 oz. can diced tomatoes with green chiles (Rotel)
- 2-4 oz. cans diced green chiles
- 2 small cans sliced black olives, drained
- 1-1/4 oz. pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 1-1/4 oz. pkg. ranch salad dressing mix
- Garnish: shredded Cheddar cheese, sour cream and corn chips

In large skillet, brown ground beef with onion over medium heat. Drain; transfer to 6-quart slow cooker. Add remaining ingredients except garnish. Drain only corn niblets and olives. Stir well. Cover and cook on Low setting for 6-8 hours. Garnish servings as desired.

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## BRIE KISSES

- 1 lb. Brie cheese, cut into half-inch cubes (about 32 squares)
- 17 oz. pkg. frozen puff pastry
- Red and /or green hot pepper jelly

Cut Brie into 1/2" cubes; arrange on a plate and place in freezer. Let pastry thaw at room temperature 30 minutes, then unfold each pastry sheet and roll with rolling pin to remove creases. Slice each sheet into quarters;

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slice each quarter in half. Cut each piece in half one more time for a total of 32 squares.

Place squares into greased mini muffin cups; arrange so corners of dough point upward. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 5 minutes. Place one Brie cube in center of each pastry. Bake 10 minutes or until edges are golden. Remove from pan.

Immediately top with colorful pepper jelly.

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## HEAVENLY HOT CHOCOLATE SAUCE

**1 cup butter**  
**6-1 oz. squares unsweetened chocolate**  
**1 1/2 cups sugar (I use less)**  
**1 cup firmly packed brown sugar**  
**2 cups heavy whipping cream**  
**1 tsp. vanilla extract**

In large saucepan, combine butter and chocolate. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently until butter and chocolate are melted. Add sugar and brown sugar, stirring to combine. Increase heat to medium-low; stir in cream and cook for 5

minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract. Let cool; spoon sauce into airtight containers and store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. Serve over vanilla ice cream. Makes over 4 cups.

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The following is a delicious, super-easy recipe I have made for many years and was a big hit at my brother's parish's recent bake sale:

## CAN'T LEAVE ALONE BARS

**1 box white cake mix**  
**2 eggs**  
**1 can sweetened condensed milk**  
**1/4 cup butter**  
**1/3 cup vegetable oil**  
**1 cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet)**

Mix eggs, oil and cake mix in bowl. Mixture will be stiff. Press 2/3 mixture in 13x9x2" baking dish which has been buttered and floured or sprayed with Pam. Use wet hands to form bottom crust. Microwave sweetened condensed milk, chocolate chips and butter until melted. (20 seconds at a time) Stir until combined. Pour over bottom crust. Dab the remainder 1/3 crust mixture atop the chocolate mixture. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned.

SPOTLIGHT  
ON FLAVOR



**ABOVE & RIGHT:** The Dunmore Elementary Center recently celebrated Polar Express Day. Neil Hochreiter depicted the conductor from The Polar Express and read the story aloud to kindergarten and first grade students. Each student received a train ticket and a bell and had a special visit from the conductor in their classroom.

## Well Dun...

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to take a chance...continued success to Atty. John Hart III who continues to honor his late dad's wish to keep The Dunmorean alive as its current publisher...and a big cigar in heaven for his dad, John Hart, former publisher and local legend... great health to Maureen Hart as she continues her role as dedicated editor of The Dunmorean...great health and lots of hiking and kayaking for my dear friend Janet Fargo...good health to my brother George and his wife Maria...great health and happiness to my sister Denise...great health, happiness and lots of family gatherings for my dad who is always there for me...continued health and happiness to my son Dylan, the best center fielder and base runner I ever saw...continued success and happiness to my son Ryan, the best guitarist, drummer, pianist, harmonica player and singer I ever heard...little baby ducks, old pickup trucks, tomatoes on the vine...peace, love and tranquility...just the simple things in life...nothing ventured, nothing gained...life is short...and finally a wish for 35 more years of the New Year's wish list...Happy New Year, everyone...



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# Christmas at the Corners brings people together



*Dunmore's mayor Max Conway is shown with his wife Ally and daughter Mollie having lots of fun at Christmas at the Corners in December!*



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*Christmas at the Corners featured the group QBall and keyboardist Brian McGurl, pictured here.*

# Christmas at the Corners attracts large crowds



**Attorney John Hart, publisher of The Dunmorean, is shown enjoying Christmas at the Corners with his family including wife, Hannah, and sons Jack and Jameson.**

**ABOVE: Hart Law and The Dunmorean set up this tent with a special place for children of Dunmore to write letters to Santa Claus.**



**John Hart is shown with his sister, Elizabeth McDonald at the festive event.**



Shown at a check presentation by Stella-Corbin McDonalds to Allied Services are, from left: Chelsea Strub, Journalist, WNEP TV; Hunter Benson, pediatric patient, Allied Services; Patricia Stella, Owner/Operator, Stella-Corbin McDonalds; Jim Brogna, Vice President, Allied Services, and Bob Cole, Sr. Vice President, Allied Services.

## Marywood sets registration for summer

Marywood University is opening registration for its summer courses in January, to give both Marywood students and visiting students an opportunity to review courses and plan ahead for summer during the holiday season.

Registration for Marywood

students begins during the week of January 6. Enrollment opens for all students, including visiting students, on January 9.

Registration for each session is open up until the start date of that particular session.

Marywood University currently

offers three summer sessions for students at all levels of study, consisting of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral courses and featuring online, hybrid, and on-site formats.

Session dates include:

- \*Summer I (May 19 - June 28)
- \*Summer II (July 7 - August 17)
- \* Summer III (May 19 - August 16); this is an extended, primarily cohort-based term.

"Summer courses are an important part of each student's educational experience, providing options to get ahead, as well as to take, or even to retake, courses that they need to stay on track and improve their grade point average," said Leslie Christianson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs & Strategic Initiatives. "In the summer, students can focus exclusively on one or two classes at a time and mitigate the stress that can sometimes accompany the full course load of a regular semester."

Visiting students are welcome to enroll in summer classes at Marywood, whether for enrichment or for transfer to their home institution. Students who are planning to transfer from another institution to Marywood University in the fall can speak with their advisor about getting a head start on classes in the summer.

To get more information on course subjects/listings, session dates, pricing, and more, visit: [marywood.edu/summer](http://marywood.edu/summer).

## Stella-Corbin Family McDonald's new partner with Allied pediatricics

Allied Services is delighted to welcome the Stella-Corbin Family McDonald's as a new partner in its mission to provide life-changing pediatric rehabilitation services.

Through a recent fundraiser, the Stella-Corbin Family McDonald's generously raised \$7,500 to support Allied Services' pediatric programs, making a meaningful contribution to children and families across Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.

The fundraiser, held at Stella-Corbin McDonald's locations, including Dunmore, Luzerne County (Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, Plains, Pittston, Edwinstown, Kidder Street), Wayne County (Hamlin), and Carbon County (Lake Harmony), received enthusiastic support from the local community.

Customers came together to purchase large fries at participating locations, directly supporting essential rehabilitation programs at Allied Services' John P. Moses, Esq. Pediatric Rehab Centers.

"We are thrilled to welcome the Stella-Corbin Family McDonald's as a new supporter of Allied Services," said Jim Brogna, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at Allied Services.

"Their generosity and commitment are already making an impact, and we are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm for our cause from both their staff and the community. With the funds raised, we can continue providing specialized therapy and care that help children reach their full potential."

The \$7,500 raised will directly fund Allied Services' pediatric programs, providing much-needed resources for physical, occupational, and speech therapy, as well as specialized treatment for children with developmental delays, autism spectrum disorders, and other complex conditions.

"The success of this campaign exemplifies the strength of community partnerships and the positive impact that local businesses, employees, and customers can have when working together for a common goal," Brogna continued. "Allied Services is excited about this new relationship with the Stella-Corbin Family McDonald's and looks forward to future collaborations to support the health and well-being of local children."

## Marywood professor to give free virtual talk about vegetarianism

Dr. Adam Shprintzen, a historian of 19th century America and Associate Professor of History at Marywood University, is presenting a free, virtual talk for the Maine Historical Society about the history of vegetarianism in 19th-century America on Monday, January 13, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Shprintzen will look at the lively history of early American vegetarianism and social reform. Vegetarianism, practiced in the United States since the country's founding, has been misunderstood and understudied, especially with regard to the early years of the movement.

Through the Civil War, the vegetarian movement focused on social and political reform, but, by the late nineteenth century, it became a path for personal strength and success in a newly individualistic, consumption-driven economy. This development led to greater expansion and acceptance of vegetarianism in mainstream society.

Featured in national publications ranging from the New York Times to Slate, Dr. Shprintzen is a frequent guest on podcasts and radio shows. He is the author of *The Vegetarian Crusade: The Rise of an American Reform Movement, 1817-1921*.

Presently, he is researching the history of the Automat and its place in popular memory.

While the Zoom presentation is free and open to the public, registration is required. This program is offered as a companion to the organization's exhibit, *Maine's Untold Vegetarian History*, which is on view through May 17, 2025.

To register for this virtual event, visit the Maine Historical Society's event website: [mainehistory.org/events/food-of-the-future](http://mainehistory.org/events/food-of-the-future) and follow the registration link.

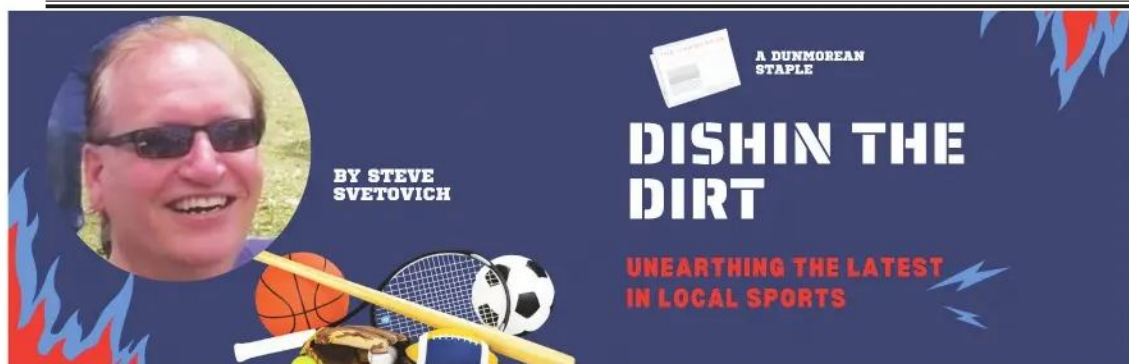
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Congratulations and best of luck to **Marguerite Garbolino Bradley** who is retiring this June after 34 years as Dunmore Elementary School librarian...Dunmore basketball coach **Mark Finan** has his Bucks off to fast start in turnaround season...Dunmore junior power forward **Brayden Canavan** scored between 12 and 16 points in Bucks first five games, all wins...His sister **Tristan Canavan**, former all-state softball player and member of Dunmore Lady Bucks state champion basketball team, is now freshman at Cecil College in Maryland...

Holy Cross sophomore forward-center **Adam Badyrka** averaging 17 points and eight rebounds per game in early going for Crusaders...Fan favorite **Nasty Nestor Cortes** and infield prospect **Caleb Durbin** gone from New York Yankees to Milwaukee Brewers in trade for all-star relief closer **Devin Williams**...**Nate Schimelfenig** scored 33 points in West Scranton's 59-58 win over Nanticoke Area...NFL Hall of Fame receiver **Randy Moss**, second all-time with 156 touchdown

catches and record 23 TD receptions with New England Patriots in 2007, battling cancer found outside of bile duct between pancreas and liver...**Mollie Urban** led Lady Crusaders with eight points in Holy Cross girls' basketball loss to Holy Redeemer, 55-26...

Dunmore School District students of the month this past November for grades seven through 12 include **Michael Gentile**, **Beau Golden**, **Elena Piepoli**, **Sascha Novak**, **Miles Stephenson** and **Aidan Walsh**...It was 20 years ago when Dunmore graduate **Brett Trichilo** was named to Associated Press Little All-American Team for second straight year...Playing football for Wilkes University, he was named to third team in annual list of top Division II, Division III and NAIA football players in nation after rushing for 1,685 yards and 21 touchdowns...

Do you remember Dunmore VFW winning 1992 Little League City-County championship?...Dunmore VFW 1992 team members included **John Joseph**, **P.J. Sacco**, **Chris Gilhooley**, **Jim O'Malley**, **A.J. Thompson**,

**Frank Olechna**, **Justin Amendolario**, **Thomas Murphy**, **Richard Dempsey**, **Joe Bonewicz**, **Jeff Bonewicz**, **Tim Connors**, **Kevin Moylan** and **Thomas Kelly**...Dunmore VFW coaches in 1992 were **Joe Sacco** and **Donald Moore, Jr.**...

Holy Cross boys' basketball, No. 1 team in Times-Tribune Top 10 Poll, earned 84-81 road win over Abraham Lincoln High from Brooklyn, New York on opening weekend...**Matt Lyons** led Crusaders with 19 points...**Michael Hughes** scored 18 points and **Adam Badyrka** added 17 for Holy Cross...**Mario Matrone** scored 12 and **C.J. Thompson** added 11 in balanced scoring for Holy Cross...**Michael Hughes** scored 18 points to lead Holy Cross to non league win over Holy Ghost Prep, 67-55...**Matt Lyons** added 16 points while sophomore **Adam Badyrka** finished with 15 for Holy Cross...

**Jimmy Clark** scored 28 points and **Nate Aviles** added 22 to lead Dunmore over Montrose, 73-45, in non league basketball contest...**Bill Belichick** taking his Super Bowl rings and going back to school at age 72 to coach University of North Carolina football team on five-year, \$50-million contract...Belichick, despite his accolades, was 29-39 in final four years at New England without **Tom Brady** as his quarterback...

**Beyon McLean** scored 15 points and **Aiden Smola** added 14 as No. 5 Valley View handed top-ranked Holy Cross its first loss of basketball season, 52-49...**Adam Badyrka** scored game-high 20 points for Crusaders...Women's flag football will become 23rd varsity sport at Marywood University, beginning in 2025...The Pacers will play as club team in spring of 2025 before competing in Atlantic East Conference, which last year became first NCAA conference to offer varsity women's flag football...**Jimmy Clark** and **Bobby Hoban** scored 11 points each as Dunmore beat Carbondale Area, 55-19, in non league basketball game...Two-time world champion and four-time gold glove shortstop **Brandon Crawford** announced his retirement from baseball after 14 seasons, first 13 with San Fran-

cisco Giants...

Congratulations to **Dave "The Cobra" Parker** and family of late **Dick Allen** for election by Veteran's Committee into National Baseball Hall of Fame...Allen hit .292 with 351 homers in 15-year career with Phillies, Cardinals, Dodgers, White Sox and A's and was former NL Rookie of Year and AL MVP...He had .378 career on base percentage, leading AL twice...He led AL in homers twice and was league leader in OPS four times...

Parker, known as "The Cobra" and currently afflicted with Parkinson's, was long overdue as five-tool player with rifle arm and 2,712 career hits...The Cobra played with Pittsburgh Pirates, Cincinnati Reds, Oakland A's, Milwaukee Brewers, California Angels and Toronto Blue Jays hitting .290 with 339 homers, 526 doubles, 75 triples and 1,493 RBIs...He earned an NL MVP, three silver sluggers, three gold gloves, two consecutive batting titles and was two-time world champion...Both Allen and Parker were seven-time all-stars...But what about **Tommy John** and late **Luis Tiant** not being elected?...John, 83, who Tommy John surgery is named after, won 288 games, totaled 162 complete games and 46 shutouts, had 3.34 career ERA and won 20 games three times after his historic surgery by **Dr. Frank Jobe**...El Tiant, who recently passed away

at 83, won 229 games, completed 187 games with 49 shutouts, had 3.30 ERA with two AL ERA titles at 1.60 and 1.91 and won 20 games four times...Its a huge slight these two legendary pitchers are not in National Baseball Hall of Fame...No pitcher in today's game is compiling these numbers...Both pitched to go the distance and win...

Look for baseball writers to elect Ichiro, southpaw reliever **Billy Wagner** and possibly former Yankees lefty **C.C. Sabathia** into National Baseball Hall of Fame this month...It's time former Phillies shortstop **Jimmy Rollins** gets more support...

Times-Tribune sports writer **Scott Walsh** called late Scrantonian-Tribune sports editor **Guy Valvano** a great resource on local sports history who will be missed tremendously...Dunmore's Valvano died two months ago at 96...Dunmore's **Brian McGurl**, **John Quinn** and rest of QBall put on quite a show at Dunmore Corners for Dunmore's highly successful Christmas on the Corners event attended by hundreds last month...

So **Juan Soto** signs with Mets for \$765-million and private suit for his family...Yankees offered \$760-million, but no suite...Good way to get out of shelling out \$765-million...Do you remember **John Lory**?...Whatever became of **Dennis Leonard**?...Happy New Year, everyone...



Dunmorean writer and sports editor Steve Svetovich, right, is shown enjoying Christmas at the Corners with his son Dylan.

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# Adam Badyrka helps lead Holy Cross to strong start

By Steve Svetovich

The Holy Cross Crusaders won four of its first five basketball games this season and one of the big reasons is sophomore center/forward Adam Badyrka.

Poised and confident, Adam scored 20 points in each of the first two games this season and has been consistently in double figures in scoring. He also averages about eight rebounds per contest.

Son of Daniel and Johanna Badyrka, Adam last season averaged over 10 points per game for the Crusaders. This season he is averaging over 17 points per contest.

His brother Peyton Badyrka, now 21 and a senior at Penn State, was an All Region kicker at Dunmore.

Adam, always a hard worker, attributes his and the team's strong improvement to the coaching staff.

"The coaching staff as well as teammates push us in practice. We have come together as a team. We bought into it. My coaches and teammates make me better."

Adam talked about what it takes to excel at the forward and center positions.

"It really depends on how the game is going," he said. "You get rebounds, post, and transition. Some games you need to score more. You drive to the basket, kick and find your open teammates. You score when you have the right shot."

The sophomore scholar-athlete has a highly impressive 4.1 grade point average at Holy Cross. He is a member of the chess club. His best academic subject is math.

Adam also is an excellent soccer player. He was a second team all-star as a striker for the Holy Cross soccer team.

Multi-talented, he is also a member of the Holy Cross golf team and plans to be on the track and field team this season.

Adam said he is not sure where he will attend college yet, but would like to study radiology. He would also like to play college basketball. His dream college is the University of Tennessee.

"My goal right now," he said, "is to help this team get back to the state title game. Only this time we want to win it. We have a solid team and can win it all. That's the goal."

Adam has high praise for Holy Cross basketball coach Al Callejas Jr., and his assistant Corey Joyce.

"Coach Callejas has made a big impact on me," he said. "He is a phenomenal coach. He built up my game. He has a high basketball IQ. He is very hard on us when he needs to be. He tells us we need to realize our mistakes."

"He also teaches us discipline and the human side of things. It's kind of like learning life lessons."

"Corey Joyce has a lot of energy. I learn a lot from him too. He's a really cool guy too."

Personable and outgoing, Adam gives a lot of credit to his parents.

"My parents taught me discipline," he said. "They told me to hold my emotions. They tell me not to worry about being better than everyone else. Just be kind to people."

The sophomore stalwart said he loves listening to music in his spare time and saw John Fogerty in concert at Bethel Woods last summer. "He was great. I definitely want to go see him again. He was amazing."

Adam said he is thoroughly



enjoying his experience at Holy Cross.

"It has been nothing but perfection," he said. "The school has shown nothing but kindness and love to me. I especially appreciate it coming from a public school. I have

made lots of friends here.

The teachers and faculty are great. The education is great. It's just been a great experience and good choice for me so far."



# Brayden Canavan big reason for Bucks turnaround season

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore High School junior forward Brayden Canavan has picked up his game and it's showing with the Bucks off to a fast start this season.

And it's a huge turnaround from last season. The Bucks won their first five games under coach Mark Finan.

Son of Wayne and Faith Canavan, the 6-2 junior power forward scored 16, 13, 12, 12, and 16 points in the first five games. He has been a model of consistency,

"We have a team that's going to make a really good run this season and next year, too," he said. "We have the right players on this team to make it work. We are going to be very strong for a couple years with this group. We think we can win a district title and go far into the state playoffs."

The Bucks were 8-14 last season, but are already getting close to exceeding last season's wins total.

Brayden's sister, Tristan

Canavan, was a standout all-state softball player and key member of the Lady Bucks basketball state championship team at Dunmore. She is currently a freshman at Cecil College in Maryland.

Brayden's parents play a big role in his life, "They say to respect the people above me. Work hard in school. Always work very hard on and off the court."

The scholar-athlete has a 3.5 academic average at Dunmore. He was a cornerback on the freshman football team. He is a member of TACT as well as the Earth and French Clubs.

Multi-versed, Brayden said his best academic subject is math. He is undecided on a future college, but would like to study engineering and play basketball in college.

He talked about what it takes to excel at the power forward position in high school basketball. "You need to play physical, box out, and crash the boards," he said.

"You need to play big in the

point and be able to distribute the ball."

The tough-minded forward said he has learned a lot from Coach Finan. "He teaches us to always be on time and respect others. Be kind to others. Always work hard in life."

Brayden talked about his future goals.

"Well, first I want to help Dunmore win a district title or two. Then I want to play basketball at a Division I or II college and eventually become an engineer."

He talked about the vast improvement of this year's team. "We have a lot of character," he said. "We have great team chemistry on and off the court. It shows with our performance,"

Brayden enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Creed in concert. He plans on seeing them at Montage Mountain this summer. "I can't wait."

A three-year member of Dunmore's basketball team, Brayden was a member of the All-Lynett Tournament basketball team last season. He was also the recipient of the Joseph McDonald Award as the Dunmore basketball team MVP.

"Dunmore has been a very good school for me," he said. "The sports here are very well organized. I like it here a lot."



## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

### BRAYDEN CANAVAN



# Dunmore High School Division II All-Stars

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Mountain View  
Defender



**HECTOR FERNANDEZ**  
West Scranton  
Defender



**RYAN BIANCHI**  
Lakeland  
Goalkeeper

**COACH OF THE YEAR:** Jerry Borosky, Lakeland. **SECOND TEAM:** Johnley Jean, Dunmore, forward; Jesse Kovaleski, Lakeland, forward; Mikey Durso, Western Wayne, forward; Ryan Clark, Dunmore, midfielder; Adam Polovitch, Mountain View, midfielder; Constance Jules, West Scranton, midfielder; Caleb Kane, West Scranton, midfielder; Mason Bennett, West Scranton, defender; Jordan Malar, Lakeland, defender; Logan Pauler, Western Wayne, defender; Tanner Holtsmaster, Mountain View, defender; Michael D'Augustine, West Scranton, goalkeeper.

**Congratulations to Dunmore High School's Lackawanna League All-Stars for boys soccer. First team players named were Tommy Clark, who was also named MVP; Conor Toole, and Pat Kopacz. Named to the second team were Johnley Jean and Ryan Clark.**

## DIVISION II FIRST TEAM



**KYLEE KOZLOSKI**  
Mountain View  
Forward, MVP



**ELIZABETH MEAGHER**  
Honesdale  
Forward



**KHLOE MISTISHIN**  
Western Wayne  
Forward



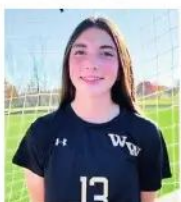
**SOPHIA TALUTTO**  
Dunmore  
Midfielder



**KIERRA SLISH**  
Honesdale  
Midfielder



**PAIGE BARNES**  
Mountain View  
Midfielder



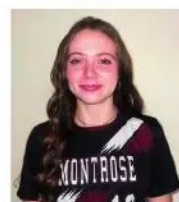
**MACKENZIE CHEARNEY**  
Western Wayne  
Midfielder



**RACHELE CHAE**  
Honesdale  
Defender



**CARLY FREY**  
Montrose  
Defender



**HAILEY AUKEA**  
Montrose  
Defender



**RHYS EVANS**  
Mountain View  
Defender



**NATALIE GOLDSTEIN**  
Honesdale  
Goalkeeper

**Division II Girls Soccer All-Stars included Dunmore High School midfielder Sophia Talutto, named to first team. Her teammate Ella Brier received honorable mention.**

## BOYS DIVISION II FIRST TEAM



**JAMIE CHAPMAN**  
Western Wayne



**KYLE CONNOR**  
Riverside



**BRAYDEN JONES**  
Lackawanna Trail



**CONNOR MULANEY**  
Dunmore



**MASON RICKERT**  
Riverside



**CHASE ROSENKRANS**  
Lakeland

**Congratulations to Dunmore High School student Connor Mullaney who was named a Lackawanna League Division II First Team All-Star for golf!**

**TOMMY Clark**

FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024  
 FIRST TEAM ALL-REGION: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024  
 DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CAPTAIN: 2023, 2024  
 CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 2023 AND 2024  
 PSCA PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STATE: 2023 AND 2024  
 UNITED SOCCER COACHES (USC) REGIONAL ALL-AMERICAN: 2023  
 ODP - ALL REGION SELECTION: 2023  
 MAX PREPS PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: 2023 AND 2024  
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**Dunmore students qualify for District band, chorus, orchestra**

*Congratulations to the following Dunmore students for qualifying for PMEA District 9 Band, Chorus and Orchestra*

### BAND

Krithika Krishnan - Clarinet  
 John Silvi - Baritone Saxophone  
 Loren Spudic - Trombone  
 Aidan Walsh - Clarinet

### CHORUS

Savanna Sherman - Soprano 2  
 John Silvi - Bass 1

### ORCHESTRA

Aidan Walsh - Clarinet

# Keystone UNICO hosts annual Christmas party



At the Keystone UNICO Christmas Party held recently at Fiorelli's, Jean Muracco was inducted as a new member. Participating in the ceremony are from left Cesira Berardelli and Toni DiVizio, sponsors; Ann Summa, membership director; Jean Muracco, new member; Past National President UNICO National Dr. Peter Pettinato, induction officer; and Keystone Chapter President Michele McDade. New members are always welcome. If interested in joining Keystone UNICO, call Ann Summa at 570-842-9336 or Mark McDade at 570-343-7009.



At the Keystone UNICO Christmas Party the Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA) was singled out as an environmental leader in its ongoing work at restoring the Lackawanna River to its current pristine condition. At the \$1,000 check presentation, are from left: Bernie McGurl, Founding Member, Past Executive Director, and Project Director of the LRCA; Tara Jones, current Executive Director of the LRCA; Michele McDade, Keystone UNICO President, and Nanine Gramigna, Immediate Past Chapter President.



At the Keystone UNICO Christmas Party, representatives of the U.S. Marines were present to receive the plethora of donations the Keystone UNICO Members collected and donated to the Annual «Toys for Tots» Drive. From left are U.S. Marine Sergeants Nicholas Leatherwood and Allison Fritch; Sallie and Peter Noto, Keystone UNICO «Toys for Tots» Cochairmen, and Keystone UNICO President Michele McDade.



AT LEFT: Dunmore's Keystone UNICO Christmas Party at Fiorelli's was highlighted with a dinner buffet; the annual Christmas lottery stockings drawing, and the entire evening's entertainment by local vocalist Jimmy Cerninaro, at left, singing an impromptu duet of Christmas songs with Toni DiVizio.

# Little Bucks honored at Dunmore Elementary Center

Congratulations to Little Bucks of November at Dunmore Elementary Center!



## DEC Pajama Day event benefits CHOP programs



*Sophia Shrive, a second grade student at Dunmore Elementary Center, pictured here with Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Pensack, & Mrs. Kokindo, is one of the many children who benefit from the outstanding care provided by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Sophia is a patient of CHOP's Cleft Lip and Palate Program and her family is a longtime donor of the hospital. A recent Pajama Day was held at the school to raise monies for CHOP.---See more photos on Page 1*



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# DEC kindergarteners present festive holiday program



*Kindergarten students at the Dunmore Elementary Center put on a Holiday Show for their family and friends on December 17. Pictured are students before the big performance.*



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Minooka Subaru recently presented the Scranton Area Community Foundation with a check in the amount of \$47,647 which comes from its latest Share the Love® event where the Scranton Area Community Foundation was selected as the hometown charity for Minooka Subaru's customers to support during the event. This is the sixth year that Minooka Subaru has partnered with the Scranton Area Community Foundation as the hometown charity to support. To date, Minooka Subaru has donated over \$200,000 to support the Minooka Subaru Fund of the Scranton Area Community Foundation which provides charitable support to the community. Shown from left are: Pat Corbett, Minooka Subaru; Laura Ducceschi, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Joe Corbett and Mike Shields, Minooka Subaru.



United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) was the designated Lackawanna County agency for the WNEP Feed A Friend campaign's 40th Annual drive. UNC committed to helping make the holidays brighter for more than 1,500 families in Lackawanna County through non-perishable food donations and monetary contributions. Topp Business Solutions donated \$250 to support the Feed A Friend program. This contribution directly assisted in providing holiday meals to local families in need. Pictured from left are: Chrissy Manuel, UNC; Karen Prokarym, Sue Lasota, Kimberly McDonnell, and Ron Kulick, all from Topp Business Solutions.

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