

# Dunmorean of the Month Paul Capoccia



By Steve Svetovich

Imagine creating and marketing your own video game. Dunmore native Paul Capoccia, 31, is doing just that. Capoccia, who still lives in the same Franklin Street home he grew up in, was the salutatorian in the Holy Cross High School class of 2012. He took his smarts with him to receive bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Marywood University and worked on the staff of The Wood Word, Marywood’s school newspaper for three of his college years. He also worked for a summer as an intern for The Times-Tribune.

“Now I am creating a video game,” he said. “The game is called ‘Esports Team.’ I’m incredibly proud that’s it’s out in the world for wish listing. It’s a great developmental journey for me to get it in stock and on sale.

“I quit my full time job in 2023. Since then I’ve been dedicated to this venture. I saved up about \$40,000 to get into this. Now I just have enough left over for rent, food, and an engagement ring.

“I’m lucky and privileged to be doing this. I don’t come from much. I slept on a bunk bed until age 24. I had a Nokia phone until 2015. I saved for this big idea.

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Dunmore High School recently announced the seniors who were the top ten percent of the Class of 2025! Congratulations to, front row, from left: Maggie Jimmie, Anna Trauger, Loren Spudic, Sophia Talutto, Tyara Mislán, and Izzy Rought. Back row: Max Forgione, Lauren Henry, Savanna Sherman, Lucy Seibert, Abby Kocher-Vinton, Conor Toole, and Cole Fangio. These Seniors have maintained the highest averages over their high school career.



Team Sonny’s Lemonade Sale raised \$2600 with the amazing support of the community, friends and family! Brody McCarthy, the young founder, will split the funds with \$1300 donated to Sonny Crotti Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$1300 to Friends of the Bucks - DHS Football in memory of Sonny. The McCarthy family extends a very special thank you to Katie Feeney & Family, DePietro’s Pharmacy, Tom DePietro, The Loading Dock, SkyGrace Creations & More, Judge a Craft, Authentically Alexa, Gino’s, Montage Water Park, Greater Scranton YMCA, Emily Pinto, Jennifer McMurty, Fly Stephanie, Kaley Chulvick, Rita’s in Dunmore, and to the Hart, Leo, Lepri, DeMuro, Leo, Cintron, and O’Malley families; Thomas Hallinan, Erin Grogan and Joe Crotti. Sonny made an impact on even the youngest kids with his kindness, which has led Brody and Team Sonny to continue to do great things!

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# Dunmorean of Month...

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"I got here by participating in local esports events, doing the bridge BPC in college, and then pivoting into esports at Lackawanna College as a coach and curriculum writer.

"During COVID, I worked remotely across four continents as a commentator, analyst, coach, producer, tournament organizer, content creator, streamer, and more.

"I founded Marywood University's Esports Program. Now I have shifted all that experience into creating an authentic realistic game about the esports industry. We have a very small budget, but we are seeking success."

Son of Vincent and Donna Capoccia, the enthusiastic Dunmore resident served as director of esports at Marywood where he received his undergraduate degree

in English and master's in media management. He essentially built the program there.

He is engaged to Bella Ceccoli, a 2018 Dunmore graduate and 2022 University of Scranton graduate.

"I've had a lot of great mentors at both Holy Cross and Marywood to begin this journey," Capoccia said.

"Esports really took off in the early 2000's. There were about 20 students at Marywood involved when I was there. It's based on video games and online sports. I coached the team and planned matches and conferences at Marywood."

Capoccia said he has a staff of five people across the United States and London for his project.

"I'm really grateful to my parents for what I have. We never had



**Paul Capoccia of Dunmore has designed this new video game named Esports Team.**

a lot, but we had enough. You don't need a lot of stuff to be happy.

"I'm grateful for the small blessings. My dad worked for PennDOT. My mother was a stay-at-home mom."

Capoccia previously worked at Marywood, was employed remotely for a company in Utah doing data administration, and had a small stint as a marketer for a company in Scranton.

Capoccia said he received a \$10,000 grant from Lackawanna County for his project.

"I interviewed a lot of people in the industry. I took a 10-week

course at Jessup's Industrial Park. I started developing the video game in September 2023. I filed for an LLC at the end of 2023. The game will be coming out this fall

"My goal is to eventually build a full development game studio in Dunmore.

I love making a game and running a business. I want to eventually hire more people to work remotely.

"I took the leap, saved my money for this and want it to be a success"

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## YMCA announces additional activities for summer season

Get ready for an unforgettable summer at the Greater Scranton YMCA. With a diverse range of exciting programs and activities, the Y is the ultimate destination for families seeking fun, fitness and connection this summer.

Whether you're searching for activities to keep your children active and engaged during the summer months or looking for a place to enjoy the warm weather together, the Y has you covered.

Click <https://www.greaterscrantonymca.org/> to learn about additional program opportunities available at the Y this season:

**Summer Day Camp** – The 2025 Summer Day Camp season is officially underway. Click to review the parent handbook and more camp information.

**Pool Time** – The Y features two pools within its facility. Click to review the pool schedules, as well as additional aquatics programming.

**Employment Opportunities** – Full-time and part-time employment opportunities are available across various departments.

**Special Events** – This summer, the Greater Scranton YMCA is hosting a Summer Clothing Drive, Hawaiian Hula Hustle 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk, and a Fall Craft Fair. Additionally, the Y is the beneficiary of the sixth annual Harry P. McGrath Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner Celebration, which is being held on Friday, September 19, at Glen Oak County Club.

**Youth Programs** – The Greater Scranton YMCA offers various youth programs that rotate each month. Programs are free for family members. "Join us at the Greater Scranton YMCA this summer as we embark on a season of laughter, learning and cherished memories," said Rich Surridge, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. We welcome everyone in our community to come and discover what the Y has to offer!"

# Hart Little Free Library reopens

It was in September, 2013, that the late John M. Hart Jr., founder and publisher of The Dunmorean, took an idea suggested by his wife, Maureen, and ran with it.

She had requested a birdfeeder size Little Free Library for the front of their home on Morel Street in Scranton.

Maureen had read an article about the spreading popularity of Little Free Libraries throughout

the world. They come in all shapes and sizes and with the motto: "Take a Book, Leave a Book."

Of course, her husband John, with his legendary vision, did not provide a little box. Instead, he commissioned his friend Don Holdridge to build a library in the shape and size of a traditional red London phone book.

Hart thought this idea appropriate since it is believed that the little

library idea began when the British began transforming their outmoded booths into neighborhood libraries after pay phones became obsolete.

When it was finished, the Hart family hosted a small ribbon-cutting ceremony with then Mayor Chris Doherty and served snacks to the neighbors who attended the opening. The little library instantly became a cherished part of the neighborhood—frequented by students, senior citizens, parents and children, and anyone with a love of books and reading.

Some enthusiasts came just to take photos of the phone booth. Cabbies have been known to drive Scranton visitors over to see the little library and take photos. It not only became a neighborhood landmark—its popularity has extended far beyond Green Ridge.

However, over the years, the wooden and glass structure suffered wear and tear, mostly from the weather. The Hart family was forced to board it up for fear the wooden floor would give way.

But last September, while John Hart Jr.'s widow was away on a long-dreamed-of trip to Greece, her stepchildren focused on a surprise plan to replace and move the library one block to the corner of Morel Street and North Washington Avenue, making it even more accessible.

The planners included John's namesake son, John M. Hart III, Esq., and his daughter, Elizabeth McDonald, and her husband, Marcus. They were determined to main-

tain the legacy of the elder Hart, who always strove to improve his community.

Indeed, Hart Jr. was recently honored by Scranton City Council for his efforts to bring Steamtown to Scranton through a huge fundraising effort, and then to lobby personally in Washington, D.C. for it to become a National Park.

This plan effectively put John out of work as Steamtown's General Manager when the federal government took over, but he was

overjoyed to ensure its long-term future.

Attorney Hart had long been searching for a more authentic phone booth and finally found one in Texas. Though not an actual London model, it is one of several built to advertise the Harry Potter movie series at various premieres. John had it shipped to Scranton and it arrived very shortly after an unsuspecting Maureen departed for her trip.

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*The new version of the Hart Little Free Library.*



*The late John Hart Jr. is shown at the original library.*



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Previously known as "Doin' Dunmore"

## Gino Tempesta remembers Bucktown Twilight League

There was a time about three-quarters of a century ago when hard hit baseballs were driven from the location of where Holy Cross High School stands now out onto the 500 block of East Drinker Street.

Dunmore's Gino Tempesta, a baseball icon in this neck of the woods, is old enough to remember.

Tempesta has 58 years of baseball coaching experience and counting, but one of his fondest memories is of his late dad taking him to see games in the Bucktown Twilight Baseball League.

Tempesta, 74, is currently a varsity baseball assistant coach at North Pocono High School. A retired Dunmore physical education teacher, he previously served as a varsity baseball assistant for a decade and then as head baseball coach for another 10 years at Dunmore.

He has numerous years of ex-

perience as an American Legion baseball coach and in numerous summer and fall baseball leagues.

He is a member of the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame and American Legion Hall of Fame. He remains active with the Tempesta Driving School.

He led Dunmore varsity baseball to a district title during his tenure there.

So, when Gino Tempesta talks baseball, you listen.

"The Bucktown Twilight Baseball League was highly competitive in the 1940s and 1950s," he says

"I vividly remember my dad (Pompey Tempesta) taking me to games as a young child in the 1950s. It was a Dunmore baseball league consisting of about six teams. The games were played at the location of where Holy Cross High School is today.

"The players batted towards

Drinker Street. The batters hit from where the upper corner of the high school is today. It was called Washington Field

"The teams were sponsored by Dunmore businesses. My dad sponsored a team. My dad was from Italy. He grew up in South Philadelphia and was a United States Marine during World War II. He fought in two invasions.

"But my dad took me to all of these games in the Bucktown Twilight League in the 1950s. I have great memories of it. My dad was a big part of it

"The league drew the best players around. There were over 90 players in the league. Well-known major leaguers would speak at the annual banquets.

"It was all baseball players from Dunmore in the league. Each team has about 20 games each followed by playoffs in the summer. The players were between 18 and 45, but most in their 20s and 30s. It was great, competitive baseball."

Tempesta provided The Dunmorean with a souvenir program from the Bucktown Twilight Baseball League's annual banquet from Oct. 30, 1950, which was held at Spencer's Sun Parlors, Dunmore. His late dad saved the program

"That was from before I was even born," Tempesta said. "The program really shows what a big deal it was to be a part of that league. New York Yankees pitching great Lefty Gomez provided the principal address for the banquet. And there were many other baseball notables in attendance."

Guests included Bill Howerton of the St. Louis Cardinals, Jimmy Walsh of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Al Widmar of the St. Louis Browns.

Other guests were Atty Daniel L. Penetar, Pat Gaetano, Jerry Janowski and Dave Griffiths.

Members of the teams enrolled in the league, their managers, coaches and players were guests of Pompey Tempesta who was co-owner of the Hy-Life Restaurant, Dunmore.

Honored guests were players and coaches from Trotta's Mud Hens, the season champion, and Gridiron

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Souvenir program from the Bucktown Twilight Baseball League annual banquet, Oct., 30, 1950.

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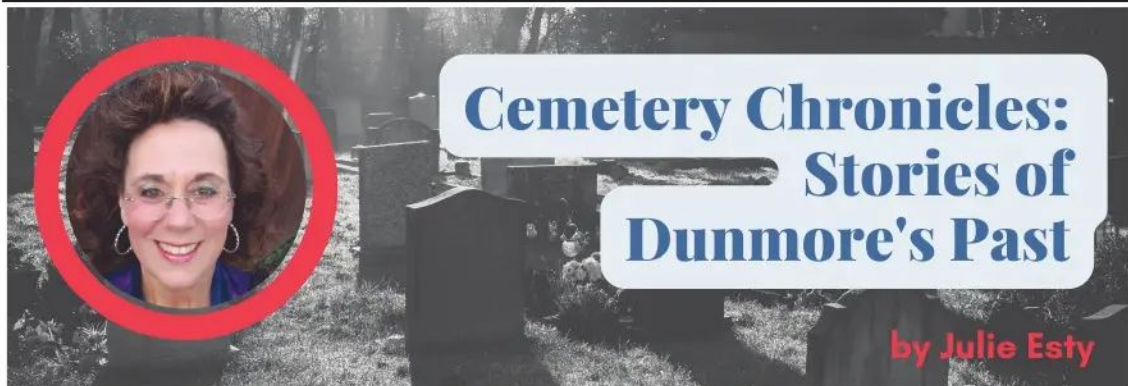
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## Railroader William Keeley victim of gun accident

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Many today are fascinated by trains and travel by rail. Northeastern Pennsylvania has a proud legacy of rail past crisscrossing its landscape. But, travel and working on the railroads were not without danger.

For one Delaware, Lackawanna & Western employee death was met in a railroad car on the tracks at Hackettstown, New Jersey, on October 30, 1893.

Born in Scranton in 1856, the son of John and Catherine Keeley, William Keeley was educated in Scranton schools. By the age of 24, he

was working as a brakeman for the railroad. In February 1884, Keeley wed Isadore Borst in Scranton's Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. One year later they were blessed with the birth of a son, Howard G. Keeley.

By 1890 the Keeley family resided in Binghamton, New York. William Keeley was still employed with the railroad in the capacity of baggage master.

In the early 1890's train robberies had increased and were reported in the newspapers nationally as an "epidemic of crime" with a "remarkable and alarming increase" in its occurrence.

The Railroad Trainmen's Journal even promoted the sale of the Hopkins and Allen automatic ejecting revolver. This advertising campaign suggested that this weapon, which could be acquired for

\$5.50, could be purchased so that "every trainman should go armed" to their jobs. Perhaps it was this model of firearm that resulted in the death of William Keeley.

News accounts of the day report that on the evening of Tuesday, October 30, 1893, William Keeley was working as a Baggage Master on a Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad train going through New Jersey.

Evidence suggests that Keeley and Mail Messenger G.W. Allwood of New Jersey were speaking of the recent rash of train robberies.

During the conversation Allwood stated that he was prepared if a robbery took place by having armed himself. When Allwood attempted to show the firearm he was carrying to William Keeley and others in the train car, the weapon was discharged. William Keeley was shot in the chest and died instantly.

News accounts also reported that when Allwood realized what had happened, he placed the gun to his head but was prevented from killing himself by other railroad employees who had witnessed the event.

Following Keeley's death, a brief investigation into the conditions surrounding the incident on that train determined that Allwood had not intentionally meant to kill Keeley and the death was a case of unfortunate, accidental circumstances.

William Keeley's funeral was held under the direction of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He was laid to rest in Section 11 of the Dunmore Cemetery on November 2, 1893.

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Three Dunmore High School juniors graduated from Leadership Lackawanna's Tomorrow's Leaders Today Class of 2025 program on May 1. Congratulations to Matthew Kirchner, Krithika Krishnan, and Julia Noto.

# Dunmore High School students assist with DEC Earth Day events



*Earth Day activities were held at Dunmore Elementary School on May 15.*

*Renee Iezzi, Lou Febbo and Lauren Tur organize this event each year for DEC Students.*



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Every July 4th, families across Pennsylvania gather to celebrate the birth of our nation—grills are fired up, flags are waving, and the night ends with booms and bursts of color in the sky. Fireworks are a staple of the summer holiday, but while the sights and sounds may bring joy and nostalgia, they also come with important legal restrictions.

So before you light that fuse, here's what you need to know about fireworks laws in Pennsylvania—and a little story that reminds us why safety (and laughter) go hand in hand.

#### A Spark of Nostalgia

When I think of fireworks, I can't help but smile—and wince—at one particular memory from my teenage years. We were up at a lake that had a beachfront area, in Northern Lackawanna County in the Pennsylvania woods, surrounded by family and laughter. Like many teenage boys, we thought we were invincible and had all the pyrotechnic expertise of a professional fireworks technician (we didn't).

We had just finished grilling, the sky was dark, and my Dad handed me a lighter and said, "Go light that cake." For those unfamiliar, a "cake" is one of those big, rectangular fireworks that shoots off a sequence of colorful blasts. I lit it, backed up like I was taught, and we all waited in awe

for the show.

Then, it tipped, since it was conveniently placed in uneven, unstable sand.

Suddenly, this million-shot cake (or so it seemed) was blasting missiles sideways, lighting up the lawn like a war zone. Kids were ducking behind coolers, someone yelled "take cover," and I—unfortunately—caught a direct hit *right in the rear end*.

My dad laughed so hard he was in tears. My brother-in-law still brings it up *every* year, like clockwork. If you hear someone say, "Remember when Johnnie took a firework to the butt?"—yeah, that's me.

But that little moment of chaos also reminds me: fireworks are serious business. A small mistake can quickly turn a celebration into a trip to the ER—or at the very least, a long-running family joke.

#### A (Loud) Tradition Since 1777

Fireworks on the Fourth aren't just for fun—they're part of a long, loud tradition.

The very first official Independence Day celebration took place on **July 4, 1777**, in Philadelphia, one year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That night, the city held a massive public celebration featuring bonfires, parades, and—yes—**cannon fire and artillery salutes**. The Continental Congress

had resolved to mark the occasion with a show of military might, and they didn't disappoint.

According to one historic account: *"The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks... The whole city was beautifully illuminated."*

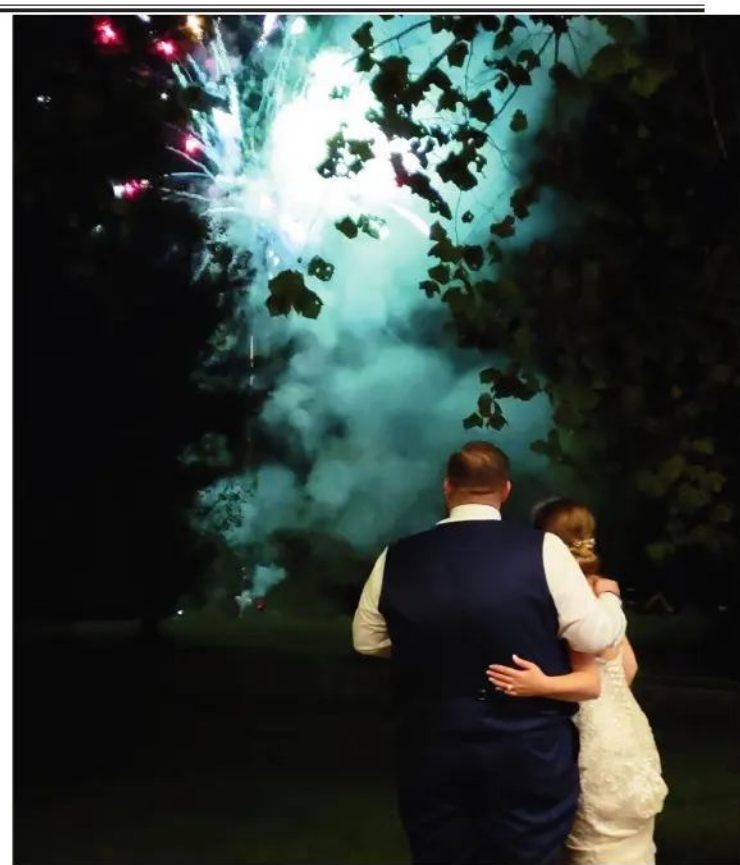
Over time, actual **military artillery** gave way to more decorative displays, but the symbolism remained: a nation born in battle, now celebrating with explosions of color in the sky. It's a way of honoring not just our freedom, but the fight it took to get there.

So every time we hear that "boom," we're participating in a tradition that dates back to America's earliest days—a reminder that freedom, like fireworks, often comes with a bang.

I'll be the first to admit, as a kid, I was amazed—almost obsessed—with things that go boom. I *had* to be the one lighting the fuse, the one running back while the anticipation built. But as I've gotten older, I've come to appreciate letting the professionals take the reins.

There's something magical about a well-coordinated aerial show—no stress, no burns, no running for cover. That's why I always look for the best public displays around.

This year, Hart Law is throwing



a **birthday bash for America** at the **RailRiders game**, where we reserved a private area to celebrate in style. Their postgame fireworks display is second to none, and I'm thrilled to share that experience with our team, clients, and community.

And truth be told, between my dad and me, our love for fireworks never really extinguished as we got older. In fact, on the night of my wedding reception to the most amazing woman I've ever met, my dad pulled off a surprise I'll never forget. Toward the end of the festivities, he lit up the sky with what felt like an **hour-long grand finale**.

It was a wedding gift I didn't see coming—and one that's etched in every guest's memory. We still talk about it today, mostly trying to guess how much it set him back. He never told us the price, and unfortunately, he took that secret with him to the grave.

But whenever I asked him, he'd just smile and say that the daughter-in-law I gave him was worth whatever price any pyrotechnics company could dream up.

#### What's Legal in Pennsylvania?

Fireworks laws in Pennsylvania were relaxed in recent years, but they're still far from a free-for-all. Before you recreate that backyard light show, here's what to keep in mind:

##### What You Can Use (If You're 18+):

"Consumer-grade" fireworks are allowed. These include Roman candles, bottle rockets, cakes, and fountains.

Fireworks must be used **on private property**, with the owner's permission.

##### What You Can't Do:

You can't use fireworks within **150 feet of any occupied structure**.

**No fireworks on public property**—this includes parks, roads, and sidewalks.

You can't use fireworks while **under the influence** of drugs or alcohol.

Municipalities can impose **strict-local bans or curfews**, so always check with your local borough or city office. For instance, the City of Scranton imposes date and time restrictions: You may Use "consumer fireworks" only around Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve. Even on those days, fireworks are only allowed from **10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**, or extended to **1 a.m.** the next day on major holidays.

#### Why It Matters

These laws aren't there to spoil the fun—they're about safety. Each year, thousands of people end up in emergency rooms due to firework injuries, and property damage is a real concern. Even the so-called "safe and sane" fireworks can cause serious harm when misused.

And remember: if your backyard show goes sideways—literally—and someone gets hurt or property is damaged, **you can be held legally responsible**. From civil lawsuits to criminal charges, the legal fireworks can last far longer than the ones in the sky.

#### Final Thoughts: Celebrate Smart

So this July 4th, celebrate big—whether it's a sparkler in your driveway or a stadium show that lights up the night. Just do it legally, and do it safely. Secure your launch site, stay within the law, and if your firework display involves more chaos than coordination, maybe it's time to leave it to the pros.

And if you find yourself in a legal jam after the grand finale, you know what to do:

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# Family honors late John M. Hart Jr. with new library

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Then the children--with the assistance of good friend Ryan Barletta, who volunteered to build the concrete slab on which the new library stands--got to work.

Marcus added pavers in front so users would not get muddy, and Elizabeth planted flowers in two concrete urns. Finally, John and Marcus added shelves to the phone booth for a reopening the weekend of Hart's birthday on May 31.

Although the Hart family is delighted to have the library up and running again, they do worry that users will not abide by the "Take a Book, Leave a Book" motto.

"Eventually, some users decided to use the original model to dump off unwanted books," Attorney Hart explains. "People would leave big boxes and bags of books on the floor of the library, or even outside. This created a lot of work for us because many of the books were not usable, and we did not have that kind of shelf space to begin with. So, we would have to

load them up and take them to recycling or Goodwill."

Also, because there was a slight incline behind the original library, water began to seep in and books left on the floor got wet and moldy.

"We are asking people to use and enjoy this little library, but to follow the rules and not make a lot of heavy work for Maureen, who resides in the property where the library has been moved," notes John.

This home, which originally belonged their aunt, Betty Barrett, is part of what the family jokingly refers to as "The Hart Compound."

Elizabeth, a dietician at Geisinger, and her family live directly across the street on North Washington Avenue with their son Pdraig (Podge), while John and his family live directly behind the corner white house with their sons John Martin Hart IV (Jack) and Jameson Maxim (Jamie). Their house was built by John Hart Jr. and his late wife, Meg, and is where the couple raised Liz and John.

The McDonald and Hart families have made the

library a project which includes their children, so that they can learn and carry on lives of service to their community, just like their parents and grandparents.

Attorney Hart invites Dunmoreans especially to visit the library which is across the street from Marywood University and literally a few blocks from Dunmore where John maintains his law office and serves as publisher of The Dunmorean which he views as continuing another legacy of his late father.



*Padraig (Podge) McDonald, eldest grandson of the late John Hart Jr., contributes a book in honor of his beloved Pop Pop.*



*The younger two grandsons, Jameson, 2, and John Hart IV (Jack), 4, also get in on the free library project.*





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## Ribs, cornbread, and watermelon dreams

Nothing says *July* quite like the smoky perfume of ribs on the grill, the creamy pull of mac and cheese, and watermelon juice dripping down your arm. It's a meal that's simple in essence, but becomes something special when you pay attention to the details.

### Ribs: Pork vs. Beef- and Why It Matters

Let's start with the star of the show—ribs. If you're going *big* and bold, beef ribs are your go-to. They're often meatier, richer, and stand up well to strong rubs and sauces. Think of Texas-style bar-

becue—dry rubbed, smoked low and slow, with minimal sauce. That's beef's happy place.

Pork ribs, on the other hand, are more versatile. They take on flavors beautifully and cook a bit faster. Among pork ribs, you'll often find two popular cuts:

### Baby Back Ribs:

Leaner, curved, and more tender. These come from the top of the ribcage and are ideal for quicker grilling or oven roasting when time is short but flavor is still top priority.

### St. Louis Ribs:

Meatier, flatter, and with more connective tissue. These benefit from longer, slower cooking, and when cooked properly, the payoff is that fall-off-the-bone magic we all crave.

For backyard BBQs, if you're smoking or baking low-and-slow, reach for St. Louis. If you want to finish something on a grill after a quicker cook, baby backs are your pal.

### Sauce Wars:

#### Sweet vs. Tangy

BBQ sauce divides regions—and families. Sweet sauces, like Kansas City-style, are thick with molasses, brown sugar, and ketchup bases. They're crowd-pleasers and coat ribs

in that sticky-sweet lacquer everyone loves.

Vinegar-based sauces hail from North Carolina and are thinner, tangier, and punchier. They cut through fatty meats with a sharp twang, making them perfect for pulled pork and spicier palates.

For ribs, sweet sauces caramelize beautifully over heat. But don't sleep on the zing of vinegar-based options—they brighten up the entire plate.

### Mac & Cheese Gets Saucy

Sure, everyone loves mac and cheese. But have you tried it with BBQ sauce right in the cheese? After you've melted your cheeses—sharp cheddar and a touch of fontina or gruyère are lovely—add a few spoonfuls of sweet BBQ sauce right into the cheese sauce before mixing in the pasta. The result? Smoky, creamy, tangy bliss. It's comfort food with a little wink of rebellion.

### Cornbread with a Secret

Traditional cornbread is a must, especially for sopping up extra sauce. Here's a basic version:

### Classic Cornbread

1 cup cornmeal  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
¼ cup sugar  
1 tbsp baking powder  
½ tsp salt  
1 cup milk  
2 eggs  
¼ cup melted butter

Preheat your oven to 400°F. Mix dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, whisk wet ingredients. Combine and pour into a greased pan or muffin tins. Bake for 20–25 minutes. Serve warm.

Growing up, my mom made cornbread muffins and snuck a dollop of peanut butter into the center of each before baking. They'd melt into the crumb and somehow turn a muffin into a breakfast worth waking up for. If you're feeling bold, give that a shot—especially with leftover muffins the next morning.

### The Fruit of Summer: Watermelon Know-How

Watermelon is more than a side—it's the punctuation.

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## Plan for a refreshing summer cocktail, ---and not just a token side dish!

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tion mark at the end of a summer sentence. When picking one:

Look for a **creamy yellow field spot** (that's where it sat on the ground—white means it's under-ripe).

The stripes should be distinct, and the skin a dull matte (shiny can mean under-ripe). Give it a knock—it should sound hollow.

### Cocktail Time: Watermelon Tequila Bliss

For something refreshing,

try this easy summer cocktail:

#### Watermelon Margarita

2 parts **tequila**

1 part **triple sec**

2 parts **fresh watermelon juice**

Optional: a few dashes of **agave syrup**

To make watermelon juice: cube the watermelon, blend, then strain through a mesh strainer lined with a **coffee filter** into a bowl. Let it drip. It's slow, but it's smooth.

Use **blanco tequila** for a clean, crisp flavor, **reposado** for a mellow oakiness, or

**añejo** if you're feeling fancy. Triple sec brings in citrus depth and helps balance the tequila's strength.

If your watermelon is sweet and ripe, skip the sweetener. Pour over ice and garnish with a mint sprig or lime wedge.

### A Veggie Side That's Not Just a Token

Try grilled zucchini and red onions tossed with olive oil, salt, cracked pepper, and a little balsamic glaze.

Slice zucchini length-



wise and the onions into thick rings. Grill until lightly charred.

That smokiness pairs wonderfully with the richness of ribs and the brightness of your watermelon cocktail.

Get messy with ribs, get bold with your mac and cheese, get nostalgic with your cornbread, and get refreshed with fruit and good company. That's classic cuisine by modern means.

—Bernie G.

Summer isn't about perfection—it's about experience.



Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen celebrated the successful culmination of its 2025 Hostfora-Day campaign with a special event at Fiorelli's in Peckville. Contributors to the 47<sup>th</sup> annual campaign gathered for food, fellowship and to hear how their support enables the Kitchen to feed and clothe those in need. Also two members of the Kitchen's Advisory Board were recognized for their service, and three institutions – Empower Financial Services Company, The University of Scranton and Scranton Running Company – were honored for continued support of the Kitchen's mission. Shown seated from left: Dr. Dan Cossachi, University of Scranton Vice President for Mission and Ministry; Pat Vaccaro, Director, University of Scranton Center for Service and Social Justice; Ellen Farrell, Empower Financial, same order: Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton; Maria McCool, Kitchen Advisory Board President; Michael Colarusso, HostforaDay Campaign Chair, and Rob Williams, Kitchen Executive Director. Donations of \$100 or more to the HostforaDay campaign can still be made by calling the Kitchen at 570-3425556, sending a check to Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton PA 18509, online at: [www.stfranciskitchen.org](http://www.stfranciskitchen.org) or text SFAK to 26989.

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# Dunmore Lions host student awards dinner

The Dunmore Lions Club Annual Awards Dinner for Dunmore High School and Holy Cross High School students was held on Sunday, June 8, at La Buona Vita, Dunmore. Lion Gino Tempesta was chairperson.

Awards were presented to outstanding Male and Female Athletes of both high schools. Penn State Scholarships were presented to students attending Penn State, Scranton.

The 2025 Dunmore High School Student Athlete Awards recipients are: Sophia Talutto and Tommy Clark. Dunmore Penn State Scholarship recipient is Daniel Malos. Mark Finan made presentations.

The 2025 Holy Cross High School Student Athlete Awards recipients are: Chloe Mendicino and Lucas Urban. Holy Cross Penn State Scholarship recipient is Natalie Charles. Alex Higley made presentations.

Lion Michael Colangelo gave the invocation and introductions. Lion Sam Sebastianelli was chairperson of program and arrangements. Lion Renee Iezzi and Melissa Dworak were toastmistresses.

Lions President James Colangelo offered remarks and had a moment of silence for James Aita who served the Dunmore Lions for 50 years and passed away this winter.



The Dunmore Lions Club Annual Awards Dinner for Dunmore High School and Holy Cross High School was held on Sunday, June 8, at La Buona Vita, Dunmore. Lion Gino Tempesta was Chairperson. Shown seated from left: Lucas Urban, Natalie Charles, Chloe Mendicino, Sophia Talutto, Tommy Clark, and Daniel Malos. Standing, same order: James Colangelo, Sam Sebastianelli, Alex Higley, Renee Iezzi, Mark Finan, Gino Tempesta, Melissa Dworak, and Michael Colangelo.



Daniel Malos, Dunmore HS  
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Recipient



Natalie Charles, Holy Cross HS  
Penn State Scholarship  
Recipient



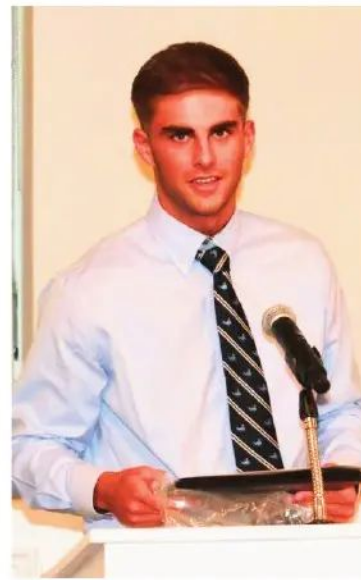
Lucas Urban, Holy Cross  
Male Athlete



Chloe Mendicino Holy Cross  
Female Athlete



Sophia Talutto, Dunmore HS  
Female Athlete



Tommy Clark, Dunmore HS  
Male Athlete



James Colangelo,  
Dunmore Lions  
President



Students, school representatives and Lions Club members are shown at the awards dinner, seated from left: Natalie Charles, Chloe Mendicino, Lucas Urban, Tommy Clark, Sophia Talutto, and Daniel Malos. Standing, same order: Lion Sean Colangelo, Lion Melissa Dworak, Lion Sam Sebastianelli Sr., Lion Gino Tempesta, Alex Higley, Lion Leo Wentline, Mark Finan, Lion Tom Cola, Lion James Colangelo, Lion Renee Iezzi, Lion Joseph Luciano, Lion Angelo Martarano, and Lion Michael Colangelo.



**Note:** Dunmore Activity Hub, or Dunmore Senior Center, has seen a resurgence in interest in its painting class. Each month, *The Dunmorean* will introduce you to these talented artists and their artwork.

## July 2025 Artist of the Month

By Beverly Petrini

Thanks to my dear friend, Dolly Michalczyk, I'm celebrating my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of the painting group at the Dunmore Community Center. Dolly's invitation sent me on a colorful journey into the world of Art.

I was reticent at first, but after picking up my brush, dipping into my paint palate and laying the first strokes on a blank canvas, I was hooked.

Oil painting is my favorite medium, and I have chosen a diverse variety of subjects to paint. I've found there is a wonderful sense of curiosity when choosing, mixing, and applying oil paints to a canvas. It's fascinating to me to apply oil paint to canvas and see the beginning of the subject matter I chose begin to take form.

The paintings I chose to showcase represent three categories: portrait, still life, and sea scape. I'm inspired by many factors such as: color, form, complexity, technique, and challenge to learn new skills.

Our painting class is comprised of artists who use different media, have varied skill levels, and show a deep respect for their fellow artists. It's a pleasure to share time and space each Monday with my group. We paint, talk, snack, walk around to look at each painting, offer positive advice, and share paints when needed.

Our teacher, Jill Swersie, is very talented, encouraging, patient, kind, thoughtful, and has a masters grasp of color mixing. She never fails to amaze me on so many levels. I am so lucky to have Jill as an instructor and my fellow artists on this journey.

Also, I'm truly amazed that I can create art for my family: Three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, that will live on when someday I pass away. I am truly blessed.



## Marywood Dean's List

Marywood University has announced the students named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List from each of its colleges, including the College of Health Sciences and the Reap College of Creative and Professional Studies. Undergraduate students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-4.00 on 12 or more graded credits merit this academic honor.

Students from Dunmore named to the Dean's List from the College of Health Sciences as declared by Dean Shelby W. Yeager, M.Ed., LAT, ATC, CSCS, include: Joseph Cardillo, Gregory Hunt, and Kylee Jezorwski,

Dunmore students named to the Dean's List from the Reap College of Creative and Professional Studies as declared by Dean James Eckler, M.A.R.C.H., M.S.A.S., include: Mia Blume, Michael Bonavoglia, Faith Bravo, Joseph Brown, Olivia Ciullo, John Costanzi, Emma Eynon, Serenity Fox, Jacob Grande, Nicholas Mecca, Jillian Mooney, Maive Pawelski, Emma Renard, Hunter Robertson, Brian Santarsiero, Lia Schwenk, Taylor Simpson, Antonia Summa, Carissa Tallo, and Rachel Zarubski

## Well Dun...

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Cafe, the post season champion.

The late Guy Valvano, former sports editor of the Sunday Scrantonian, provided opening remarks as chairman of the event. The legendary Dunmore writer died last year at 96.

Valvano, also known as Tony at the time, was only 22 in 1950.

The legendary Chic Feldman, who at the time was sports editor of The Scrantonian and The Scranton Tribune, was toastmaster for the event.

Charles A. Rosse, assistant sports editor of the Scranton Times at the time, and Joe Paparella, a local sports legend and American League umpire at the time, provided remarks.

Steve Lawrence, president of the Bucktown Twilight League, provided the presentation of awards. Al Nozzi received the MVP award at the annual banquet.

Canio Rubino received the Leading Pitcher award. Dave Delmore received the Manager of Year award. Danny Shea, Cyril "Babe" Kepic and Pete Maruschak also received awards.

Nozzi received a trophy for leading the league in hitting and earned five additional medals for leading the league in hits, runs, RBIs, triples and homers.

Miniature gold baseballs were given to each member of the season champions.

## IHM Sisters set celebration

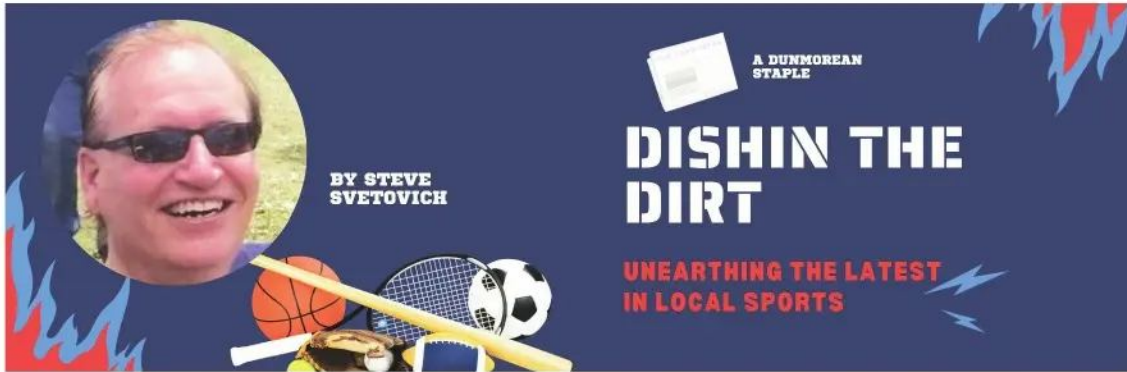
The Sisters of IHM (Immaculate Heart of Mary) invite the community to their 2025 Sisters Celebration on Saturday, August 2 at 6 p.m. at Upper Main, Nazareth Hall, Marywood University, Dunmore.

The Celebration, returning to an in-person event for the first time in several years, will honor the IHM spirit and support the retired IHM Sisters. This year's gathering holds special significance as it commemorates the 180th anniversary of the founding of the IHM Congregation.

The evening will feature the presentation of the Spirit of IHM Awards to two exceptional individuals: Dr. Kathleen Munley, retired Marywood University professor and community advocate, and Monsignor John Jordan, nationally recognized leader in Catholic education.

For information and costs of attending the event, honoring a Sister or loved one, or becoming an event sponsor, please visit [www.sistersofihm.org](http://www.sistersofihm.org) and scroll to the event link.

The event is hosted by the Sisters of IHM Foundation, established in 2013 to support retired IHM Sisters who require varying levels of care.



Congratulations to Holy Cross senior **Natalie Charles** honored at Dunmore Lion's Club dinner as Penn State scholarship award recipient.. Congratulations to Holy Cross seniors **Chloe Mendicino** and **Lucas Urban** honored with Dunmore Lion's Club scholarship awards... Congratulations to Holy Cross All Regional track and field selections **Kevin Vincent** and **Jacob Paroby**... Congratulations to Dunmore All Regional track and field selections **Cole Fangio**, **Tommy Clark**, **Josh Dudick**, **Carter Sload** and 1600 relay team of **Fangio**, **Sload**, **Clark** and **Jake Costanzo**... **Tyler Musso**, **Freddie Ceccaci** and **Kyle Cortazar** all represented Holy Cross last month in Field of Dreams baseball

game... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Max Forgione**, **Bobby Hoban** and **Mason Stets** named second team all-state for baseball... Forgione went 1-for-3 for East team in its 9-2 win over West squad in inaugural Pennsylvania High School East vs. West all-star game last month at State College...

Dunmore junior softball player **Rachel Walsh** finished season on hot streak and final .537 batting average... How about **Cooper Flagg** being selected NBA No. 1 draft pick by Dallas Mavericks... And how about NBA league and finals MVP **Shane Gilgus Alexander** leading Oklahoma City Thunder to NBA title in 7-games against tough Indiana Pacers team... Thunder is second youngest NBA

team to win title... Recent Dunmore graduate **Sophia Talutto**, Player of Year in her final basketball season, was second in Lackawanna League with 18.7 points per game, hit 58 3-pointers, had an .853 free throw percentage, 91 assists and 99 steals... Named second-team all-state in Class 3A, she finished her Dunmore career with 1,520 career points and 181 3-pointers... She will join the University of Scranton Lady Royals this fall...

Cincinnati Reds manager **Tito Francona** closing in on 2,000 career wins... He will become 14th manager

to reach the milestone... LA Dodgers veteran pitcher **Clayton Kershaw** closing in on 3,000 career strikeouts...

Congratulations to Holy Cross softball pitcher **Ava Schmidt** for her 20-win pitching season in leading Lady Crusaders to district title .. Congratulations to Dunmore veteran baseball coach **Mike "Sid" Hallinan** for leading Bucks baseball team to first district title in 29 years and school record 19 wins... **Joe Tomko**, **Tony and Valerie Amico**, **Donna Arnold**, **William "Trip" O'Malley**, **Pat Salvage**, **Bo Boland**, **Jeannie Kreis McDonald**, **Anita Leone**, **Atty. Brian Cali**, **Ron Cordaro**,

**Joi Seibecker Cordaro** and professional boxer **Rocco Cordaro** among who's who list of notables spotted at Bucktown Fest at Dunmore corners .. **Rocco Cordaro** will be boxing in main event in Dunmore's first professional boxing match Saturday, July 26, at Dunmore's Holiday Inn... Condolences to family of beloved long time Green Ridge resident **Ann Reap**, a wife, mother and grandmother in every sense of the words, who died last month one day shy of 89th birthday... Do you remember **Joe Zezeski**?... Whatever became of **Bill "Mad Dog" Madlock**?...

#### CORRECTION

*In the June issue of The Dunmorean, a news article about the LIAA Scholar Athlete award recipients from Dunmore were incorrectly listed and should have read Max Forgione and Sophia Talutto. Our apologies for the error.*



**Cheerleaders from Dunmore tried out and were named All American by the UCA Staff and Trail's End Cheerleading Camp. They include Julia Temperino, Maggie Mecca, Emma Costanzo, Amanda Dempsey, Madison Stavisky, Milania Brown, Madison Morgan, Alana Ruddy, Lanie Piepoli, Amelia Hinton, Jazlene Berrios, and Kate Kennedy.**



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By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore graduate Rocco Cordaro, 29, will headline the borough's first ever professional boxing match on Saturday, July 26, at the Holiday Inn, 200 Tigue St., Dunmore.

Doors open 6 p.m., with the first bout scheduled at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 general admission to \$100 for ring side. Call 570-866-2365 or 570-344-1271 for ticket information.

Cordaro, who played basketball, football and track and field at Dunmore, will be featured in the main event, a four round match against Joseph "Blessed Hands" Adorno.

Cordaro, a hard-worker, goes into the match with a perfect 5-0 record as a super welterweight boxer at 154 pounds.

Local boxers Anthony Muta, Nelson Morales and Mark Misiura will also be on the boxing card for the evening.

Son of Ron and Karen Cordaro of Dunmore, Rocco said he began boxing at ages 13-14.

"I wasn't doing it real seriously then because I was involved with other sports," he said. "But I liked sparring in the backyard with my buddies and worked out at the Irish Boxing Club in Scranton.

"I got more serious about it after high school, around the age of 20. I began training under Mike Addesa, a former professional boxer from Old Forge. He helped me a lot."

Rocco, tough yet humble, had his first professional boxing match last May in Colombia when he beat Johnny Linero. Since then he has won four additional fights in Colombia.

This will be his first professional boxing match in the United States, ironically in his hometown of Dunmore and the first ever in the borough. It is also the first boxing event in the past seven years in this area.

"I'm enjoying this," he said. "It's a big thrill to come home and do this in front of family and friends. All of my previous fights were overseas, so coming to my hometown in Dunmore is a big thrill."

The Dunmore native credited Andre Hemphil, Scranton, for training him for this upcoming bout.

Cordaro, who played as a wide receiver representing Dunmore in the Dream Game 11 years ago, has lived in West Palm Beach, Florida for the past four years, but is enjoying his time training and visiting with family and friends in Dunmore over the past few weeks.

"I always liked the competition with boxing," he said. "I just liked it. It's in my heart. It comes natu-

## ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

### ROCCO CORDARO



rally to me."

The 2014 Dunmore graduate said he admires professional boxer Terrence Crawford, who has a 41-0 record.

"He recently moved up two weight classes to 168 pounds. He is a very underrated boxer and should be more known."

Now seeking his sixth win in as many bouts, Cordaro is making Dunmore proud as he builds his boxing career.

"I'm really enjoying it," he said. "I want to make a career out of it. It's going good right now. It's what I love to do."



Shown at a check presentation from NBT Bank to Lacawac Sanctuary are, from left: Matt Colgan, NBT Bank Regional Commercial Banking Manager; Craig Lukatch, Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation President, and Shelly McAllister, NBT Bank Assistant Vice President Multi-Site Branch.

# DHS leading hitter Bobby Hoban earns second team all-state honors

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore senior outfielder Bobby Hoban, the team's leading hitter, was one of three Bucks named second team all-state.

The other second team all-state selections representing Dunmore are Max Forgione and Mason Stets.

Son of Tim Hoban and Ellen and Matt Foley, Bobby led the Bucks with a .406 batting average and 28 RBIs. He was second on the team with a .500 on base percentage and .656 slugging average.

The well-spoken, articulate senior was instrumental in helping the team to a school record 19 wins (19-4) and its first District 2 championship in 29 years.

He will attend West Chester University in the fall as a finance major.

Multi-talented, Bobby was a four-year member of both the basketball and baseball teams and two-year member of both the golf and football teams at Dunmore.

He played wide receiver on the football team and was a power forward on the basketball team.

A member of the National Honor Society, he had a 3.4 academic average at Dunmore. His best academic subject was English.

He talked about what it takes to excel as an outfielder in high school baseball

"You need to be able to cover a lot of ground, especially at Schautz Stadium in Dunmore," he said. "You also need to communicate with your center fielder."

The stalwart outfielder talked about hitting. "You need to concentrate on hitting the ball up the middle or even stay to the opposite field. You need to just make contact."

Bobby said his parents taught him a lot. "They tell me to keep my head up all the time. Work hard in the season. Stay positive. They are always there to support me."

Dunmore veteran baseball coach Mike "Sid" Hallinan has been a constant influence throughout his high school years.

"He taught me to be a leader. My first couple years I was kind of quiet. Coach Hallinan had a conversation with me. He told me to be a leader and be more vocal. He wanted my teammates to look up to me that way. I took his advice."

Leading the team in hitting with such a talented roster is something Bobby is proud of. "I feel it's a big accomplishment, but it would not be possible without all the great teammates around me. They were all getting on base for me."

Bobby likes listening to music in his spare time. He would like to see country artist Sam Barber in concert.

He talked about his future. "I



want to study hard in college and enjoy the experience. I just want to do well and eventually get a good job and have a family."

His four years at Dunmore High School, which were capped by being a big part of the district title baseball team is something he will never forget.

"Dunmore is all family," he said. "Everyone knows each other. There is no bad blood in this town."

"I made memories to last a lifetime here. The district title was a great feeling, but it's not just about winning. It's about building relationships."

"Someday in the future we will all sit around and talk about all of this. And it will seem like it was yesterday. It will always be special to us. They are my brothers. My teammates are brothers for life."



# DHS 2025 graduation, end of school honors



## LTC BOYS DIVISIONS III-IV COACHES' ALL-STARS



**TRACK PERFORMERS OF THE YEAR:**  
Kendal Jones, Elk Lake, Cole Fangio, Dunmore  
**FIELD PERFORMER OF THE YEAR:**  
Josh Dudick, Dunmore  
**Sprints:** Daniel Gonzalez, Carbondale Area; Jacob Paroby, Holy Cross; Mason Vinansky, Mid Valley;  
**Hurdles:** Cole Fangio, Dunmore; Gabe Franeck, Dunmore;  
**Xavier Burke, Dunmore; Cael Krushnowski, Riverside;**  
**Mid-Distance:** Tommy Clark, Dunmore;  
**Distance:** Kendal Jones, Elk Lake; Avery Ronchi, Lackawanna Trail; Cody Adams, Elk Lake;  
**Throws:** Nicholas Jackson, Mid Valley; Rocco Spataro, Lakeland.  
**Jumps:** Brayden Rose, Riverside; Josh Dudick, Dunmore; Keun Vincent, Holy Cross; Jakob Leshner, Mid Valley;  
**Carter Sload, Dunmore;**  
**Pole Vault:** Wyatt Youngblood, Mid Valley  
**400 Relay:** Montross  
**1600 Relay:** Dunmore  
**3200 Relay:** Elk Lake



**Congratulations to our Dunmore High School boys track and field All-Stars! Performers of the Year were Cole Fangio and Josh Dudick, mAll-Stars were Cole Fangio, Josh Dudick, Gabe Franeck, Xavier Burke, Tommy Clark, Carter Sload, and the 1600 Relay Team.**

Dunmore High School celebrated Senior Day on May 10 with the Lady Bucks softball team. Congratulations to seniors Bella Pasko and Liz DePrimo and their parents!

# DEC holds Exploring NEPA summer camp



## Courthouse Square



## Scranton Cultural Center

Dunmore Elementary Center held the Exploring the History of NEPA Camp for its 5th year. Campers in grades 3-5 had the opportunity to explore various sites that make this region historically important. Campers traveled to the Lackawanna Coal Mine tour to explore why the region is called the coal region. They got a private tour of the Scranton Cultural Center and learned about why Masons are important to the area. To discover more about architecture and monuments, campers participated in a scavenger hunt of Courthouse Square. Furthermore, they spent a day at the Steamtown National Historic Site for some sightseeing of the steam engines. On the last day, they enjoyed a day of fun with bowling at Idle Hours South. This opportunity was available through a grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association.



## Steamtown



## Coal Mine Tour



## Bowling Party



# The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

## The story behind the Bucktown Market

When I first met Joseph Fernandes in my boss's office back in 2021, I had no idea how much of an impact he would go on to have, not just on our lives, but on an entire community.

Always a hands-on guy, Fernandes has a knack for building things up, whether that's spaces, businesses, or people. So, when he noticed a decline in local retail spaces, he got to work with the resources he had and a vision to match.

In this edition of Bucktown Business Beat, we sat down with Mr. Fernandes to learn more about the inspiration behind the Bucktown Market—a year-round indoor space designed to uplift small businesses and bring neighbors together.

**What inspired you to open an indoor year-round market, and how did the idea come together?**

**Fernandes:** The idea came from a desire to create a space that blends business with community. We wanted to build something more than just a market—a place where local entrepreneurs could grow, where families could gather, and where people from all walks of life could connect. There aren't many indoor, year-round markets in our area, so we saw a real opportunity to offer something different: a welcoming, modern space that supports small businesses and fosters connection.

**What kinds of vendors or products can people expect to find at Bucktown Market?**

You'll find an incredibly diverse mix, from fresh-baked sourdough bread and handmade desserts to refinished furniture, collectible trains, children's toys, tools, home goods, and even motorcycle parts. Whether you're on the hunt for everyday items or browsing for something unique, there's always something new to discover.

**Are the vendors mostly local?**

Yes — every one of our vendors

is a local small business. Supporting them is one of our top priorities. The market has become a platform to showcase the creativity, hard work, and entrepreneurial spirit of our local community.

**How did you go about curating the vendors?**

It started with simply listening. We asked the community if there was a need for a space like this, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. From there, things grew organically through word of mouth. Many vendors approached us looking for a supportive, consistent place to do business. What's grown from that is a strong, collaborative vendor family.

**What role do you hope the market plays in Dunmore?**

We hope it becomes more than just a shopping destination. Our goal is for Bucktown Market to serve as a true community hub — a place where families can spend quality time, neighbors can connect, and small businesses can flourish. It's about relationships, empowerment, and giving back to a town we care deeply about.

**Is the market held weekly or monthly?**

We're open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — all year round.

**Any future plans for expansion, events, or collaborations?**

Definitely. We're already planning to bring in food trucks, host themed weekends, and organize community fundraisers. Collaborations with local businesses are also in the works, as well as special exhibits and seasonal events. There's always something new on the horizon, and we love keeping things fresh for visitors and vendors alike.

**Mr. Fernandes closes the interview with a heartfelt message:**

"Our mission is simple: to build a space where the community feels

welcome and where local businesses have a real shot at success. We're incredibly proud of how far we've come, and even more excited for what's ahead. Whether you're a first-time visitor, a loyal shopper, or a vendor hoping to grow, there's a place for you here."

In a world of rising costs and disconnected communities, the Bucktown Market offers something refreshingly different: affordable goods and genuine connection. If you haven't already, grab the whole family and head over to the market for a day filled with fantastic finds, good food and maybe even a chance to see some goats!"

Mr. Fernandes reminds us that no vision is too big to become a reality. We thank him for bringing such a collaborative space to life, and we wish him continued success in all his future endeavors. Something tells us he's only just getting started!





Awardees at the Keystone UNICO Scholarship/Piccolo dinner were, front row from left: Emma Woody, Holy Cross to Misericordia University; Annika von Ahnen, Mid Valley to Penn West Edinboro University; Keystone UNICO Family Scholarship to Allison Rocco of North Pocono to Penn State University Park; Kovatch/Perna Trades Scholarship to Ella Wilson of Career Technology Center for Print Production; Piccolo Awardee Dominic Peters, Abington Heights to Notre Dame University; Keystone Chapter Scholarship to Lucy Seibert of Dunmore to Kutztown University; Angeline Mancini RN Nursing Scholarship to Anna Trauger of Dunmore to Bloomsburg University; Frank and Mary Ann Coviello Military Scholarship to Isabelle Rought of Dunmore to Penn State University Park; Gene Dempsey Passarella Music Scholarship to Ava Wallace of West Scranton to Cortland SUNY University. Back row, same order: Keystone UNICO Scholarship Director Sandy Collins; Keystone UNICO Chapter President Michele McDade, and Keystone UNICO Piccolo Award Chair Marilyn Vitali.

## Dunmore Keystone UNICO dinner honors local high school students with scholarships and awards



At the Keystone UNICO induction ceremony held recently were, front row from left: Inductees Rocco and Donna Bernardi, Josephine Pricci, Andrea Keith, and Mary and Phil Marrara. Second row, same order: Sponsors Mary Ann and Frank Coviello; Vince and Anne Martino; Membership Director Anne Summa; President and Sponsor Michele McDade, and Inducting Officer Mark McDade. Missing from this picture are Sponsors Elvira Grasso, Linda Ferrari and Mary Ann Stoppini.



Keystone UNICO added a new scholarship this year. The Gene Dempsey Passarella Scholarship is now being offered by Gene's daughter Cathy Van Nort in his honor for all he has contributed to our local music scene for close to 80 years as the leader of the Gene Dempsey Orchestra. Ava Wallace, as the first recipient and center, is shown receiving her award with Keystone Scholarship Director Sandy Collins, left and Cathy Van Nort, right.



Scranton Chapter of UNICO National, which is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, conducted its annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner June 10 at Fiorelli's, Peckville. The event celebrated outstanding young people who received various awards and scholarships, including Matthew Iezzi of Dunmore High School who received a Piccolo Award. In addition, Mike Rescigno received the Al Dante Memorial Distinguished Service Award; Mike Linko, Chapter President, was honored for his first term; new members were welcomed, and the Chapter was honored to have as its special guest Colonel Christopher L. Paris, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. Pictured, from left, are scholarship winners with chapter officials: Cindy Farino and Ann Genett, Piccolo Award Committee CoChairs; Amaya Monacelli, North Pocono High School, Platinum Scholarship; Louis Paris, Scranton Preparatory School, Minicozzi Scholarship; Juliana Grier, Lakeland High School, Piccolo Award; Dominic Peters, Abington Heights High School, Piccolo Award; Alyssa Freda, Abington Heights High School, Platinum Scholarship; Lisa Bieri, Piccolo Award Committee CoChair; Chapter President Mike Linko. Other awardees not pictured are Iezzi, and Ryan Bianchi, Lakeland Piccolo Award; Antonio Ingargiola, Scranton Prep, Torracco Seminarian; Rich Padula, Penn State University, DiMattio-Celli Study Abroad honorable mention; Mason Bennett and Grace Griffiths, West Scranton, and Etta Thomas, Valley View, Minicozzi Scholarship.



Tomorrow Leaders Today grant recipients chosen by local high school juniors are pictured front row, from left: Rachel Santoro, Director of Development & Communications, CHOP Out Hunger; Samantha Christ, Chief Operating Officer, Founder, Imagine Performing Arts Center, and Mac McCrory, Director of At Ease Veteran Program, Lacawac Sanctuary Environmental Education Center. Back row, same order: Frank Caputo, Grants & Scholarships Manager; Rebecca Farrell, Grants & Scholarships Associate; Cathy Fitzpatrick, Director of Grants & Scholarships; Jennifer Strzelec, Program Coordinator, Leadership Lackawanna, and Nicole Moristell, Executive Director, Leadership Lackawanna.

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**AARP bus trip**  
AARP Scranton Chapter will be hosting a bus trip to Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA. on Saturday, August 23. Participants can experience more than 40 unique shops in a quaint, walkable village in Lancaster County. Dinner will be a smorgasbord at Hershey Farms. Cost is \$99. For reservations, call Carol 570 468-9672 or David at 570 892-1619.

### Ethnic Food fundraiser

All Saints Orthodox Church, 211 Willow Street, Olyphant, (the Church with the Blue Domes), is having an Ethnic Homemade food fundraiser on Friday, June 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is best to "Pre-Order" by calling Ann at 570-383-0785 or Linda at 570-650-1427. Limited quantities will be available on the day of the sale. Place orders by June 6. After that, call the Church Hall at 570-489-5591

The Ethnic Homemade Food will consist of pigs-in-the-blanket/piggies; halupki, and cabbage and noodles/haluski; frozen pierogies, and also butter and onion pierogi. Potato pancakes will be sold outside in the church parking lot. Limited baked goods will be available. The event is takeout only. There is plenty of free parking between Willow Street and Susquehanna Avenue.

### Elmo & Friends show

Round Room Live and Sesame Workshop will present a new live show, *Elmo and Friends Say Hello* featuring the beloved characters from the iconic *Sesame Street* to life in a brand-new interactive production that will tour multiple cities in the US, with a stop at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple on November 20 at 6 p.m. Tickets and additional information for *Elmo*



and *Friends Say Hello* are available by visiting SCCMT.org or calling (570) 344-1111.

### Beatles, Stones showdown

Beatles vs. Stones - A Musical Showdown will be presented on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Weinberg Theatre of the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. Ticket prices are \$58.55-\$81.05 including fees. Prices are subject to change.

Tribute bands Abbey Road and Satisfaction - The International Rolling Stones Show will face off in the two-hour show. The production includes some of the more popular songs from the two rock pioneers and covers the scope of their musical careers.

The bands perform two sets each, trading places in quick set changes and ending the night with an all-out encore involving both bands. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster.

### Amy Grant concert

Singer-Songwriter Amy Grant will perform an evening of songs, stories, and memories at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$69 and \$79 plus fees and are on sale online at: [kirbycenter.org](http://kirbycenter.org), and [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and in-person at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM), and also by phoning the box office at 570-826-1100.

### Cinderella ballet

Experience the magic of family-friendly fairy tale "Cinderella," adapted for the stage by World Ballet Company, on Wednesday, September 24, at 6 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre. Tickets are \$49, \$50, \$79 and \$99 plus fees and are on sale online at: [kirbycenter.org](http://kirbycenter.org), and [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and in-person at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office.

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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO has made a \$7,000 donation to the Scranton Counseling Center from the proceeds of this year's "Sensational Sixties" Pig Roast at Fiorelli's. Pictured at the presentation are, from left: Doug Hein, SCC Director of Development; Terese Pellegrino, Keystone UNICO Pig Roast Co-Chair; Michele McDade, Keystone UNICO President; Sarah Wodder, Psy.D., SCC President & CEO; Marie Merkel, Keystone UNICO Pig Roast Co-Chair, and Bill Citino, SCC Executive Vice President Clinical Services, Quality & Compliance.

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