

Dunmorean of the Month: Ryan Kovich



By Steve Svetovich

Ryan Kozich, Dunmore, is one of over 300 band directors who were selected to march, perform and participate in the 2026 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

Kozich, band director of Wallenpaupack High School, and Elaine Ort, band director of Western Wayne High School were the two selected from this area to participate.

Kozich and Ort participated in the Rose Bowl Parade on Thursday, January 1.

The Saluting America’s Band Directors parade entry, which also included a colorful, animated float over the 5.5 mile parade, conveyed the theme: “America’s Band Directors: We Teach Music. We Teach Life,” to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators everywhere.

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Marywood’s School of Architecture receives Social Impact Award



The Marywood University School of Architecture (MUSOA) received the 2025 Social Impact Award from the American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania (AIA Pennsylvania) on December 4. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to advance the built environment and the architectural profession across the Commonwealth. MUSOA faculty members include, from left: LiYang Ding, Elizabeth Andrzejewski, Christopher Loofs, Jodi La Coe (MUSOA Director, holding award), Jim Sullivan, and Blake Nickel.

Marywood University is proud to announce that its School of Architecture (MUSOA) has been selected for the 2025 Social Impact Award from the American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania (AIA Pennsylvania).

This honor is part of the AIA Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Special Awards program, which recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals, organizations, and institutions that advance the built environment and the architectural profession across the Commonwealth.

The Social Impact Award celebrates design work that advances positive social, environmental, and economic change. The recognition highlights efforts that are innovative, scalable, and measurable –

underscoring the belief that design is a powerful tool for improving lives, strengthening communities, and shaping a better world.

“The School of Architecture at Marywood University has a deeply rooted commitment to teaching the value of impacting community through design,” said Catherine Broh, AIA, Secretary, Executive Committee, AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors, who presented the award.

“For years, their faculty, staff, and students have actively partnered with local and regional communities to provide meaningful design assistance that addresses real world challenges in the northeast region of the state.”

Broh cited projects that encompass designing and constructing

a range of community-focused solutions, including much needed bus stops for a nearby town, community gardens that demonstrate how design can be both pragmatic and beautiful, and teaching local elementary students how design impacts their lives.

Recent MUSOA initiatives include:

- *Observe Scranton festivals in partnership with the Center for the Living City (2021, 2023, 2025)
- * Garden Structures for Camp Create (2025)
- *Virtual Reconstruction of a Railcar at Steamtown National Historic Site (2025)
- *LightUP Everhart for the Everhart Museum (2024)
- *Architecture in Schools K–12

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Kozich is married to the former Rachel Kuester, his high school sweetheart. The couple married in 2019. His wife was unable to make the trip to Pasadena as she stayed home to take care of the couple's two-year-old twin boys, Barry and Ollie

Kozich is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School where he participated in the marching band

Kozich received a bachelor of science degree in Music Education from Marywood University in 2016. An eighth grade Middle School band teacher, he has been band director at Wallenpaupack High School for the past eight years.

He and his wife moved to Dunmore after getting married seven years ago.

Kozich said he wanted to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade for several years. "I saw that a group of band directors participated in the Rose Bowl Parade in 2020," Kozich said "Then a group of band directors participated in the Macy's Day Parade in 2023. When I heard about the band directors being chosen for the 2026 Rose Bowl Parade, I said to myself that I had to do it. I applied and got it. I was thrilled and excited to go and participate."

The Dunmore resident left for Pasadena on Sunday, December 28. He was put up in a motel with close to 350 band directors from the country. "I was just so excited and pumped up to be able to perform and participate in the Rose Bowl Parade. It was a dream come true. Plus, I got to see Indiana play Alabama. It was just great to be there and be involved in it.

"This is something I wanted to do for a while, And to actually finally get to do it was a huge thrill. Getting to hang out and perform with 350 other band directors was truly amazing. It was just so great and I was able to see the game too. That was an added plus. It was like re-living my high school glory days."

Throughout their careers, all of the music educators in this Rose Bowl band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands of students. These professionals not only teach and conduct music, they teach about life itself.

The band was directed by nationally-known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters, who also lead rehearsals and other performances of the band when in Pasadena.

The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.



Ryan Kozich, a Dunmore resident who is band director at Wallenpaupack Area High School, is shown wearing his red Rose Bowl jacket. He participated in the 2026 Rose Bowl Parade with 300 other music educators on January 1 in Pasadena and saw the Rose Bowl football game as well.

YMCA receives PPL Foundation Scholar's grant

The Greater Scranton YMCA is pleased to announce it has received a \$5,000 grant from the PPL Foundation. These funds will support the Y's Summer Scholars Program, a free six-week summer learning program.

The goal of Summer Scholars is to prevent summer learning through a combination of literacy instruction, enrichment activities aligned to literacy instruction, and positive youth development opportunities. The program targets struggling readers and serves rising first, second, and third grade students attending the Dunmore and Mid Valley School Districts.

"The Greater Scranton YMCA is so grateful to the PPL Foundation for their generosity," said Rich Surridge, President & CEO of the Greater Scranton YMCA. "By investing in literacy for rising first, second, and third grade students, the PPL Foundation is investing in the future of our community. Together, we're helping children build the skills and confidence that set them up for lifelong success."

For more information about the Summer Scholars Program, contact Helen Cruser, Education Director, at hcruser@gsymca.org.

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to health, happiness and feeling your best in 2026!



The Dunmore Business Association wishes to thank Dave Perry Sr., Nick Perry, and family for generously donating and delivering (in the snow!) this beautiful Christmas tree for the 2025 Christmas in the Corners. We're so grateful for your support and for helping bring the holiday magic to our community.



Congratulations to Dunmore High School's Quiz Bowl team members who represented Dunmore at this year's Scholastic Scrimmage!

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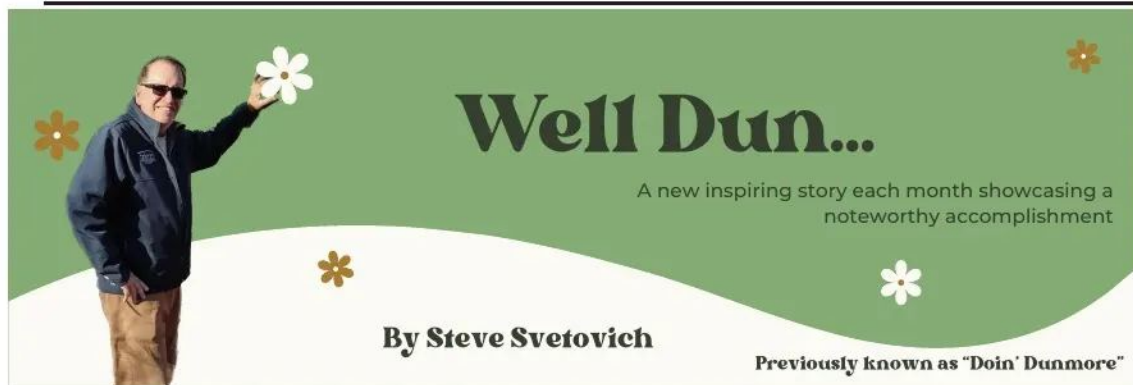
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Steve's 36th annual New Year's wish list

This marks the 36th consecutive year of the New Year's wish list in The Dunmorean. So here this scribe goes again with the 2026 wish list:

A return to good health for my dad, the drummer and band leader of The Fabulous Fortunes for the past 79 years, who returned home following two recent hospitalizations...**Jimmy "J Roll" Rollins** in the National Baseball Hall of Fame...**Torry Holt**, **Reggie Wayne**, **Eli Manning** and former Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **Kenny Anderson** in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. less angry political talk...unity and less division in our country...no racism...no hate...no sexual abusers in politics or any realm for that matter...full release and transparency with the Epstein Files...

Dick Van Dyke celebrating a 101st birthday..**Carol Burnett**

hosting SNL...**Barbara Eden** in a "Jeannie" bottle.. a Dunkin in Forest City. the peanut stick back at Krispy Kreme...Dunmore's **Joe Tomko** back in politics. a hot coffee and toasted bagel from my friends **Liz** and **Angie** at Retro Cafe in Pinebrook...this scribe's picture a bit closer to **Cher** and **Taylor Swift** in the celebrity bathroom at Retro Cafe.

Bob Casey back in politics... More honest and ethical politicians like **Bob Casey**...a **Robert Plant** and **Jimmy Page** reunion...a peanut butter frosty at Wendy's...an Arby's gyro...**Joey Votto** back in baseball in some capacity with the Cincinnati Reds...a night at The Roosevelt in Dunmore. a Guinness draft at The Bog...a trip to Cooperstown with my sons...another **Bob Dylan** concert.. more of the Mad Dog on Sirius-XM...Gomer Pyle reruns... Hazleton's **Joe Maddon** back in

baseball...a Hank's hoagie from **Tommy Owens** in Green Ridge. a **Tommy Owens** curve on a wiffle ball. .Taco Bell...

Nicholas Pizza in Green Ridge...**Shania Twain** anywhere...breakfast at the Bucktown Diner in Dunmore...**Carly Simon**...no rainouts and another successful Bucktown Music Fest for Dunmore's **Brian McGurl** and **Tom Hallinan** ..a **Lady Gaga** concert. a stop to America. Water Company's unjust, skyrocketing and unaffordable bills to Scranton and Dunmore residents . **Eva Longoria**...a **Diana Ross** concert. more **Howard Stern** interviews...pasta at Carmella's in Dunmore's Bunker Hill section... dinner at Ragnacci's in Dunmore .. Nardoizzi's pepperoni pizza in Dunmore...more of **Adam Sandler**...

Paul McCartney and **Ringo** touring together...**Keith Richards** in good health sizzling on guitar...another Rolling Stones tour with **Mick Jagger** strutting on stage at 82...QBall...**Marie Osmond** turning the clock back with Nutrisystem...**Cher** continuing to Turn Back Time ..Strangers Rock...wings from Honeychild's in Dunmore . a Cara Mia's hoagie in Dunmore...the continued transformation and openness of **Marjorie Taylor Greene** as she transitions to new endeavors...Maroni's Pizza in West Side...

Dunmore's **Anthony Duchsnowski** back for another season in the Tri-Valley Baseball League. decrease in real estate taxes... less pot holes in Scranton .lower wage tax in Scranton ..an end to the Russia-Ukraine war.. peace in Ukraine...**Olena** pouring fresh drafts at The Patch...**Rod Stewart** kicking soccer balls and wooing women in concert at 81... Dunmore's **Shannon Miele** and her sister **Michelle** back dancing at the WaldorfTiki Bar...continued health for Dunmore community activist and politician **Gary Duncan**...good times for Dunmore friends **Anita Leone** and **Debbie Pettinato**...a West Side Flava's hoagie...a visit talking sports with **Tim Wagner** at his sporting goods store in Green Ridge...a visit talking sports with **Phil Ferranti** at his sports memo-

rabilia shop in Pinebrook.

Lori Loughlin back on the Hallmark channel...continued success for former Dunmore standout **Sophia Talutto** and former Holy Cross stalwart **Kaci Kranson** in the Universe of Scranton Lady Royals basketball program under **Ben O'Brien**, former Dunmore Lady Bucks coach...wings at Haggerty's in West Side. **Jim Croce** and the Guess Who in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame...**Johnny Carson** reruns...my dad's chili... **Springsteen** at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park...

Dunmore's **Paul Nardoizzi** back in politics and his New York Yankees back in the World Series. a Brett Gardner Day at Yankee Stadium...more **Bernie Sanders**... an ACDC concert...J-Lo...a Phish concert. another Phish concert for Dunmore **Councilman Trip O'Malley**...Everybody Loves Raymond reruns...**Martina McBride** back at the Kirby Center. Susanna Hoffs...Pizza Perfect. continued success for former Dunmore basketball star **Ciera Toomey** at the University of North Carolina...a great senior season for Dunmore softball standout **Rachel Walsh**...a **Taylor Swift** concert...a Texas hamburger from Carawanna Lunch in Carbondale... Rosanna's Italian hoagies in West Side and Dickson City...crumb cake from Cwikla's Bakery in Avoca...

Mickey Gannon's wings...a gym membership...one more pass from **Philip Rivers** at 44...Jackie the Jokeman and Stuttering John back on **Howard Stern** ..**David Letterman** back as a talk show host...a night at Legends in Dickson City...a tray of square pizza with onions from McAlpine Pub in Avoca...the Dunkin \$6 meal deal. **Willie Nelson** back at 93 with his Outlaw Festival...**Richie Kossuth** and **Sugar Ray Nemetz** with **Flaxy Morgan**...The New York Knicks in the NBA finals. **Alyssa Milano**... **Alyssa Lazar** back at Crotti's on Ash...a German brownie from Minooka Bake Shop... Starbucks coffee...**Vince Sweeney** back as a weatherman . Vince said it would be like this...**Joe Snedeker** weather reports. The Wannabes...Miller Genuine Draft...a **Neil Young** concert. the return of cassettes...the return of the Throop Cow Flop...

Saint Ubaldo's in Jessup. Green Ridge pizza...another Sperazza Band reunion...Rolling Rock beer... We the Living with Dunmore guitarist **Pat Salvage** at the Honkey Tonk in Dunmore ..a Popeye's chicken sandwich...lamb gyro platter at Crown Chicken in South Side . Maryland crab bisque soup at Cooper's...Saint Patrick's Day in front of Whiskey Dick's...Thunder

Road. **Valerie Bertinelli** back on TV . no school shootings...no road rage. Happy Days reruns ..**Sheryl Crowe**...a **Bugeye McGuire** reunion with **Ray McGarry** and friends...another successful Dunmore football season for coach **Kevin McHale**...continued success this season for coach **Mark Finan** and his Dunmore Bucks basketball team and **Carrie Bowen** and her Dunmore Lady Bucks... success to all of Dunmore and Holy Cross sports programs. a successful auction and flea market season for my lifetime friend **Steve Gall**...good health and happy retirement to my lifetime friend **Janet Fargo**...continued success to Dunmore's **Sherry Rubino Nicolais**, owner and operator if Sherry's Royalettes...great success to Dunmore's **Jeannie Kriess McDonald** with her annual flea market to benefit Saint Joseph's Center ..great success to my son **Ryan** in the music industry...great success to my son **Dylan** in his job as medical sales rep and new role as Dunmore baseball seventh and eighth grade coach...my son Dylan chasing fly balls in center field in the Tri-Valley Baseball League...my son Ryan on stage on drums or guitar. my dad back on drums. Jimmy Tigie back on keyboards. **Vince Parise** singing and on guitar. **Jack Mead** on sax... **Roger Finnerty** back on guitar... **Firp Edmonds** on guitar. good health to my lifelong friend **Tom Duggan** who continues his work counseling prisoners.

Ray Romano back on TV... Laverne and Shirley reruns...continued success to Dunmore's **Vic Fangio** as Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator... **Madonna**... my talented musical friend **Diane Luke** singing "White Rabbit" with her great voice...the Sperazza Duo at Ernie G's in Avoca... help for millions losing health insurance...health insurance for all...kielbasa from Bozack's in Olyphant...a beer with my lifelong buddy **Brian Bosley** at his Moscow country home. the return of Bartels Beer...another trip with my boys to the Hawley and Montrose Winterfests ..less conspiracy theories... kindness and empathy in this country ..pasta fagioli at the Saint Rocco's and Anthony's picnic in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore...another successful year for Dunmore's **Bob Walsh**, president of Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...return to health for Dunmore coaching legend **Tom "Doc" Doherty**, treasurer of Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...**Chuck Gudaitis** on drums...**P.J. Stoko** (Please turn to Page 5)



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"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Minooka Subaru donates \$46,470 check to Scranton Area Community Foundation

Minooka Subaru recently presented the Scranton Area Community Foundation with a \$46,470 check from its most recent Subaru Share the Love® event, continuing a six-year partnership that is making a meaningful impact throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This year's contribution brings Minooka Subaru's total giving to the Foundation to more than \$250,000, raised through Share the Love® since first selecting the Scranton Area Community Foundation as their hometown charity partner six years ago.

Funds contribute to the Minooka Subaru Fund of the Scranton Area Community Foundation, which provides charitable support to strengthen community programs and non-profit organizations throughout the region.

"We are incredibly grateful for Minooka Subaru's long-standing partnership and generosity," said Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO of the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

"Their commitment allows us to continue supporting initiatives that help build a vibrant, thriving community here in Northeastern Pennsylvania."

As Minooka Subaru launches this year's Subaru Share the Love® Event, customers once



Minooka Subaru recently presented a check to the Scranton Area Community Foundation as part of the Subaru Share the Love® event, bringing its total contributions to more than \$250,000 over six years. Shown from left are: Pat Corbett and Joe Corbett of Minooka Subaru; Brittany Pagnotti, Director of Donor Relations & Communications and Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO, both of the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

again have the opportunity to direct a portion of vehicle purchases to support the Foundation and local impact.

For more information about the Minooka Subaru Fund

of the Scranton Area Community Foundation, contact Mary Joyce, Communications Manager at the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

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and Bob Taylor jamming together on guitar. success to my niece Livy in her new job as special ed teacher and coach in suburb of Philadelphia... continued success to my niece and godchild Mia in restaurant management field in Orlando, Florida. continued success to my nephew George as sophomore Political Science major at West Chester University... Sirius-XM radio ..the return of the Ford Pinto ..a special place in Heaven for Dunmore community activist Atty. Melanie Naro who passed away late last year after courageous battle with cancer...a special place in Heaven for late Dunmore community activists Addie Michalek, Blanche Shaw, Carmel Arnone, Leonard Verrastro, Fritz Voytek, Tom and Sam Cali, James McHale, Sr.; Al Frioni, Sr.; Philomena Errico, Lou Perrella, Mike Mashurak and Billy Weller. good health to my great Dunmore friend Mary Weiland, 85, who worked in bar industry into her 70s...dinner at LaCucina in Dunmore. a hot coffee and bagel from Main Street Bagel in Peckville. Honeymooner's reruns ..Jimmy Fallon skits...a happy retirement this June to my great lifelong friend Mike Booth...a special place in Heaven to my friend Bill Hoppel who always told me to look at the bottle as half full...good health to my great friend Jeannie Hoppel...good health to my ex-wife Beth who continues to kick cancer in the butt. a special place in Heaven for my late aunts Stella and Annette, late uncles Gus and Wally, late cousin Jeff and Jim Gregorowicz, one of my greatest friends in life . a most special place in Heaven for my two grandmothers...a most special place in Heaven to my wonderful mom who always told me to take a chance...good health to my brother George and his wife Maria and much happiness and health to my sister Denise...a recovery to good health and many more family gatherings for my dad who is always there for us.. continued success to John Hart, III who continues to honor his dad's wish to keep The Dunmorean alive as its current publisher...a big cigar in Heaven for his dad and my friend John Hart, former publisher who was honored last month with John Hart Way as the entrance into Steamtown... great health to my lifelong friend Maureen Hart as she continues her role as dedicated editor of The Dunmorean...a healthy year for my cat Lola, who will turn 16 at the end of this summer... success and happiness to my son Dylan, the best center fielder, shortstop and base runner I ever saw...success and happiness to my son Ryan, the best guitarist, drummer, harmonica player, piano player, bongo player and singer I ever saw...little baby ducks, old pickup trucks, tomatoes on the vine...8-tracks, cassettes and stereos...peace and love. tranquility ..the simple things in life. nothing ventured, nothing gained...life is a continuous series of changes...life is short...create memories, not stuff.. live life to the fullest...and finally a wish for 36 more years of the Dunmore wish list.. Happy New Year, everyone...



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Fourteen Friends gathered for social events

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."*

(Ring Out Wild Bells, Alfred Lord Tennyson)

Holiday celebrations and ringing in the New Year are anticipated social events. In years gone by, holiday festivities were also looked forward to with eagerness. One social group from Scranton's South Side took the art of making merry to the highest level of gaiety.

In the late 1800's, Scranton's South Side was heavily populated by German immigrants and those of German

descent. These hard-working families operated funeral homes, butcher shops, bakeries, and taverns. Those who did not own businesses worked for the mines, mills, and railroads.

When their daily work was finished, these industrious Scranton residents enthusiastically looked forward to socializing, enjoying bountiful meals, and imbibing in brews and other alcoholic beverages.

In 1897, a group of gentlemen from this area of Scranton met regularly for dinner and drinks at the Roaring Brook Hotel, also known as Best's, which was located on Cedar Avenue.

At one of the dinners the gentlemen decided to form a club, invite members, and celebrate everything they

could. Their sole intention was to "make things sociable in this carking world." And that is exactly what this group – the Fourteen Friends— did.

Many events sponsored by the Fourteen Friends were held at Natter's Hall, located on Alder Street. The *soirees* featured light refreshments and generous banquets.

Local bands provided music for dancing away the magical evenings. The events were held at no charge as the expenses were covered by the Fourteen Friends.

Throughout the year, grand gatherings were held for holidays. Excursions to local parks and picnic sites were held during the summer months.

In addition to their social activities, the Fourteen



ALBERT KOLB, M. D.



ALBERT F. WESTPFAHL

Albert Kolb and Albert Westpfahl, members of the Fourteen Friends buried in the Dunmore Cemetery

Friends were also politically active.

The galas held by Fourteen Friends continued for over a decade. By 1910, many of the members of the group had married, moved, lost interest, or died. The culinary supplies amassed by the group were absorbed by the Junger Maennerchor in trade for lifetime membership in the Maennerchor for the remaining members of the Fourteen Friends.

Regarding exactly who the original Fourteen Friends were, is unknown, but a drive through the Dunmore Cemetery reveals the names of

members and partygoers alike. Etched in stone are the revelers - Kolb, Miller, Burschel, Weisenfluh, and Westpfahl – to name a few.

Those who attended the magnificent celebrations organized by the Fourteen Friends are buried in the Dunmore Cemetery and other cemeteries throughout the Lackawanna Valley such as the Pittston Avenue Cemetery and St. Mary's #5 Cemetery. One would like to think that when holidays approach, the camaraderie of the Fourteen Friends goes on, and that they gather still in spirit in the beautiful



United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) is one of the recipients of the annual BK5K 5-kilometer road race and walk presented by Fastenal Company. A check for \$3,000 was recently presented to UNC and will directly support renovations the Progressive Child Care Center to purchase new classroom equipment. Shown are Chrissy Manuel, UNC Director of Development and Communications; Kelly Langan, UNC Director of Children & Teens; Donna Veater, UNC Progressive Child Care Center Director; Lisa Durkin, UNC President and Chief Operating Officer; Whitney McDonald, Fastenal SHUB Help Desk Manager; Marcelo Desousa, Fastenal Regional Operations Manager, and Geyshelle Brown, UNC Progressive Child Care Center Assistant Group Supervisor.

Fastenal Company donates to UNC child care center

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The BK5K was created to honor Bob Kierlin, founder of Fastenal Company and lifelong supporter of youth initiatives. The event, which includes multiple races around the world, raises hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to benefit local youth programs.

UNC operates three licensed child care centers in Lackawanna County, offering affordable, high-quality early education and after-school programs that foster growth, learning, and social development.

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assessing and meeting the needs of low-income families, youth, senior citizens, and new immigrants in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

For the past 100 years, the agency has embraced its mission to work together with neighbors to provide services and create opportunities which empower individuals and build strong interdependent communities.

The agency accomplishes this mission through five programmatic departments (Community Services, Community Health and Aging, Children and Teens, Community Education, and Community Revitalization) and a Housing/Community Development Corporation.

Through this diverse programming, UNC uses an innovative wrap-around approach to address the emerging needs of the community it serves.



Marywood University's 2025 nursing graduates, pictured here, have achieved a 100 percent pass rate for first-time test takers on the NCLEX licensure exam. This is the third consecutive year that Marywood nursing graduates have attained this outstanding achievement, exceeding the national average.



Marywood's 2025 graduating Physician Assistant class is pictured following the program's annual white coat ceremony. Marywood University's Physician Assistant Program was recently notified that it has achieved an overall perfect pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), the national certifying examination given to graduating physician assistants. This exam must be passed to be eligible for licensure in all 50 states. The program's overall pass rate of 100 percent, which it has held for five consecutive years, includes a first-time pass rate of 98 percent for its most recent graduating class. The national mean pass rate is 92 percent. The overall PANCE pass rate includes all exam attempts, while the first-time pass rate only counts the successful attempts by candidates who took the exam for the first time. The overall pass rate is typically higher than the first-time pass rate, because this statistic accounts for all testing attempts, including retakes. Marywood University further expanded its deep commitment to health sciences, including physician assistants, when it opened the Pascucci Family Health Sciences Pavilion last year.



Dunmore Elementary has opened a new Calming Corner to help students manage their emotions, thanks to the generous support of the Gino LaRusso Foundation for Suicide Awareness. This sensory-friendly space offers a peaceful environment for children to practice self-regulation and emotional well-being. The Dunmore PTA extends heartfelt gratitude to the foundation for its invaluable contribution and also thanks everyone involved, including the school counselor, vice principal, principal, and volunteers, for creating a supportive atmosphere for the students.

Marywood University's 2025 nursing program graduates achieve perfect passing rate

Marywood University's nursing program has been notified that its 2025 graduating class achieved a perfect 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), well exceeding the year-to-date national average of 87 percent for first-time U.S.-educated nursing candidates.

The NCLEX is the world's premier licensure exam and uses computerized adaptive testing (CAT) technology to deliver the exam, ensuring a valid and reliable measurement of nursing competence.

This is the third consecutive year that Marywood nursing graduates have achieved a perfect pass rate within one year of graduation.

"Our nursing graduates' achievement of a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX nursing exam for the third consecutive year is a testament to their dedication, resilience, and exceptional preparation," said Dr. Theresa Tulaney, chair of Marywood University's nursing program. "We are committed to empowering our students to excel in their nursing careers while making a meaningful difference and providing their patients with an exceptional standard of care."

Marywood University further expanded its deep commitment to health sciences, including nursing, when it opened the Pascucci Family Health Sciences Pavilion last year.

"This perfect pass rate for our nurses, coupled with the 100 percent overall pass rate for our physician assistants, demonstrates that Marywood University consistently produces top graduates in health sciences, who score well above the national average," said Shelby Yeager, Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

"We're tremendously proud of our graduates and continuously strive to maintain that standard of excellence through the academic and clinical rigor of our health sciences programs."

For additional information about Marywood University's nursing degree programs, visit marywood.edu/health.

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It's no secret—we've been getting a lot more snow this season than we have in recent years. And surprisingly, I'm beginning to not mind it. That's not something I would have said even a few winters ago.

Snow used to feel like an interruption. An obstacle. Something that slowed everything down and made the morning routine just a little more frustrating.

But this winter has been different. The snow has been consistent, predictable, and oddly familiar. Almost comforting.

Now, most mornings, I wake up to a fresh coat of snow waiting patiently on the walkway. I grab a shovel, clear a path, and move on with my day.

What used to feel like a burden has become routine. The same goes for brushing off the cars after an overnight snowfall. It's no longer a groan-inducing chore—it's just part of the rhythm of winter.

And while we're on that subject, let me offer a quick public service announcement: Don't use a traditional snow brush. Use a snow broom. If you know, you know. It's a game changer. Kudos to my

car dealership clients who passed that trade secret along—once you use one, there's no going back.

A few months ago, I wrote about my weight loss journey, and one thing I took for granted my entire life was natural body insulation. I'll admit it—I miss that aspect of the weight a little. Cold hits differently now.

What I've learned, though, is that the key isn't bulk—it's layers.

These days, my winter wardrobe looks a lot different than it used to. Base layers are essential. Henley shirts have become a staple. Fleece-lined khakis, wool socks, and multiple tops depending on the day.

It was a quick learning curve with some trial and error, but now I've got it dialed in. Instead of dreading the cold, I'm prepared for it—and handling winter with ease.

That mindset has carried over into how I move through Northeastern Pennsylvania during the winter months. Living and working in the Scranton area means snow doesn't just affect

our sidewalks—it affects how we drive, how we commute, and how we plan our day.

One habit I've picked up is making a point to check traffic updates before heading out, especially during or after a storm. If Interstate 81 has an accident, lane restrictions, or speed reductions, it can back traffic up for miles in both directions. Knowing that ahead of time can save you stress—and sometimes keep you out of harm's way.

I'll also reroute drives when conditions are rough. I tend to stick to the main arteries—roads like the Scranton Expressway, Green Ridge Street, Main Avenue, and other primary routes. These roads are usually plowed more frequently and treated sooner than side streets. It's not always the fastest route on a clear day, but in winter, consistency and safety matter more than shaving off a few minutes.

Another important reminder: give plow trucks plenty of space. They're doing critical work, often in poor visibility, and they need room to operate. Passing a plow

or following too closely is a recipe for trouble. Slow down, hang back, and let them do their job.

At Hart Law, winter driving issues come up often—especially after snowstorms.

One common misconception is that sliding on ice automatically excuses responsibility in a crash. That's not always true. In Pennsylvania, drivers are still expected to operate their vehicles safely given the conditions. Weather is a factor, but it doesn't eliminate legal responsibility.

The same principle applies to property owners. Snow and ice bring increased risk of slip-and-fall incidents, particularly on sidewalks, entryways, and parking areas.

Property owners—whether homeowners, landlords, or business operators—have a duty to take reasonable steps to address hazardous conditions. The law doesn't require perfection, but it does expect effort and awareness.

Frozen pipes, power outages, and water damage are also more common this time of year. Many insurance disputes arise not from the weather itself, but from delayed responses or lack of preventative measures. Winter has a way of exposing weak points—both in buildings and in planning.

That's why education is such a big part of what we do. We'd much rather help people avoid problems than deal with the aftermath.

If you're interested in learning more about winter driving safety, car crashes, and how Pennsylvania law looks at these situations, you'll find helpful resources on our website as well.

We're also doing our best to embrace winter instead of hiding from it. Hart Law is involved in several outdoor and community events throughout the colder months, and we'd love for you to be part of them. You can learn more about what we're up to by checking out our newsletter on our website at www.thehartlawofscranton.com, under the "Get Involved" tab.

Winter has a way of forcing perspective. It slows things down. It demands preparation. It rewards people who plan ahead and punishes those who ignore the conditions. In many ways, it's not all that different from the legal world.

Whether it's shoveling your walkway, layering up properly, brushing off your car the right way, planning safer routes through Scranton, or understanding your legal responsibilities, winter reminds us that small, consistent actions matter.

As for me, I'll keep embracing the routine—shovel in hand, snow broom at the ready, layers dialed in, and a little more appreciation for that fresh coat of snow waiting outside each morning. Stay warm. Stay safe. And as always—be smart.

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Marywood basketball players read book to Dunmore Elementary School students

Hunter Robertson, a Dunmore resident and assistant coach of Marywood's men's basketball team, who is student teaching at the Dunmore Elementary Center, brought the team in to read "Andrew Conquers the Court" to the first, second, and third grade students.



Scranton Area foundation urges citizens to participate in PA Giving Pledge initiative

The Scranton Area Community Foundation is renewing its call for residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania to consider a lasting act of generosity by pledging to leave just 5% of their estate to strengthen their local community for generations to come.

The Scranton Area Community Foundation is one of more than 40 community foundations across the Commonwealth participating in the PA Giving Pledge, a statewide initiative of the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association (PACFA) designed to inspire Pennsylvanians to give back where they live, create sustainable funding for local nonprofits, and address community needs.

"The PA Giving Pledge is a powerful reminder that every one of us can leave a lasting legacy," said Laura Ducceschi, President and CEO of the Scranton Area Community Foundation. "By committing even a small percentage of what we leave behind, we can create permanent, local resources that make life better for our neighbors—today and for generations to come."

According to data from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, more than \$418 billion is expected to transfer between generations across the Commonwealth by 2030. If just 5% of that wealth were dedicated to charitable causes through the PA Giving Pledge, it could generate \$21 billion in permanent community endowments to support critical needs—such as education, healthcare, workforce development, and the environment—across Pennsylvania.

Locally, that potential impact is equally remarkable.

"Here in Lackawanna County, a 5% legacy commitment from residents could generate more than \$12.6 million every year to support nonprofits and causes that make our region stronger," Ducceschi noted. "It's a simple but transformative way to give back to the place you call home."

The Scranton Area Community Foundation and its statewide partners also engage professional advisors, business leaders, and philanthropists to spread awareness of the opportunity and help clients plan charitable gifts that reflect their values and vision for the future.

"We're honored to have the Scranton Area Community Foundation as a leading voice in this effort," said Michael L. Batchelor, President of the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association. "Together, we have the opportunity to leave a shared legacy that will benefit Pennsylvanians forever."

Residents can learn more, calculate their potential impact, and take the PA Giving Pledge by visiting PAGivingPledge.org.

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DUNMORE DINING: A TASTE OF HOME

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Patience is the key to this special winter menu with pork tenderloin

January is the month where cooking slows down — and that's not a bad thing. The holidays are behind us, the calendar has breathing room again, and the kitchen becomes less about speed and more about intention. This is when patience becomes an ingredient.

This meal came together over days, not hours, and it shows. Nothing flashy. Nothing rushed. Just classic ideas, modern tools, and a little trust in the process.

The Pork: Salt, Time, and Trust

The foundation of this dish was a **pork tenderloin** that took the long way to the ta-

ble. It began with a simple dry brine — seasoning salt — and then went uncovered onto a wire rack in the refrigerator for two full days.

That wire rack matters. Air circulates around the meat, gently drying the surface while the salt works inward. You're not just seasoning the outside; you're building flavor throughout. This is old-schoôae.

After two days, the pork was coated in a finely ground blend of **dried rosemary and dehydrated oranges**. Not zest. Not juice. Dehydrated orange brings aroma without acidity, and rosemary anchors it with a wintery, pine-like warmth.

From there, into the **sous vide bath** it went. How long? Somewhere between an hour and a half and three hours. I honestly don't remember — and that's the beauty of sous vide. Precision without panic.

Pork tenderloin doesn't overcook when held at temperature. Instead of watching the clock, you let consistency do the work.

The Finish: Letting Maillard Do Its Job

When the pork came out of the bath, it wasn't finished — it was *ready*.

A cast iron skillet was heated until it meant business. No elaborate sear. No extended

cooking. Just pressing the tenderloin gently against the hot pan for about 30 seconds per side.

That's all it takes for the **Maillard reaction** to do what it does best — developing that deep color and savory aroma that only comes from direct heat. Sous vide gives you perfection inside. Cast iron gives you character outside.

The Potatoes:

Comfort With Purpose

The mashed potatoes were built for January. **Russet potatoes**, peeled and boiled — but with a whole **on-ion cooked right alongside them**.

As the potatoes soften, the onion breaks down and blends seamlessly into the mash. You don't taste "on-ion" so much as depth. It's a small move that makes a big difference.

Mash while hot, season early, and stop once they're creamy. Mashed potatoes don't need to be whipped into submission. They need restraint.

The Broccolini:

High Heat, Low Fuss

Broccolini thrives under aggressive heat. A **convection oven** — essentially an air fryer — was set hot. The stalks were lightly coated with olive oil, salt, and pepper and roasted until tender with just a hint of char.

Only in the final five minutes did **crumbled feta** go on. Feta doesn't melt like mozzarella; it softens, browns slightly, and keeps its salty edge. Adding it late preserves that texture and prevents it from drying out.

The Cranberry Sauce: From Side to Centerpiece

The cranberry sauce pulled more weight than expected. Some of it was ladled directly over the mashed potatoes, almost like a gravy. Sweet, tart, and bright — exactly what you want cutting through pork and butter.

The rest went back on the stove with a splash of water, a couple pads of butter, and a pinch of that same rosemary-orange blend used on the pork. Then came the immersion blender. Not to pulverize, but to **aerate**. The sauce became light, silky, and almost fluffy.

That finished sauce was gently poured over the sliced pork tenderloin, tying the entire plate together.

The Sidekick:

Cranberry in a Glass

And this is where thoughtful cooking pays dividends.

Let the remaining cranberry sauce cool completely, then puree it again until smooth. What you've created is essentially a **cranberry syrup** — flavorful enough to replace simple syrup outright.

The Cocktail Route

Use that cranberry puree in place of simple syrup and pair it with your favorite spirit. Gin plays beautifully with the rosemary and citrus notes. Bourbon leans warm and wintery. Vodka lets the cranberry shine on its own. Shake with ice, strain, and taste. This isn't sweet for sweetness' sake — it's balanced, aromatic, and built to sit comfortably alongside the meal.

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Pork, potatoes, broccolini and cranberry star in this meal

The Dry January Detour

If you're doing Dry January, this is where creativity shines.

Add a spoonful of the pureed cranberry sauce to a glass, pour in **apple cider**, and finish with a splash of **club soda**. The carbonation adds lift and keeps the drink from feeling flat or juvenile. Stir gently.

Garnish with an orange slice or a sprig of rosemary. Garnish isn't decoration here — it's aroma. You smell the drink before you sip it, and that matters.

Why This Meal Works

This is classic winter cooking, executed with modern tools:

- ***Dry brining for depth and juiciness
- ***Sous vide for precision and flexibility
- ***Cast iron for real flavor development
- ***Convection heat for efficient roasting
- ***Immersion blending for texture, not just smoothness

Nothing about this meal is complicated. It's about patience, sequencing, and understanding *why* each step matters. January doesn't need novelty. It needs meals that feel earned. And this one was.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

1 ½ tablespoons butter
 ½ onion, sliced
 2 cloves garlic
 2 sprigs fresh thyme
 ½ butternut squash - peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
 4 cups chicken broth
 ½ cube chicken bouillon
 1 pinch ground cumin
 1 pinch ground allspice
 Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, and thyme and sauté until onion has softened, about 5 minutes. Add squash and chicken broth; bring to a simmer, then cook until squash is tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Crumble bouillon into the soup. Season with cumin, allspice, salt, and pepper, then remove from heat.

Working in batches, pour soup into a blender, filling no more than halfway. Hold the lid in place with a kitchen towel, then carefully start the blender using a few quick pulses to get the soup moving before leaving it on to purée. Pour soup into a serving bowl. Alternately, you can use a stick blender and purée the soup in the pot. Yields 4 servings. You can easily adjust this soup to suit your taste. Add a pinch of chili powder or ground ginger for a warming kick and serve with a swirl of sour cream or coconut milk.



This delicious plate features pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes with cranberry sauce, and broccolini.

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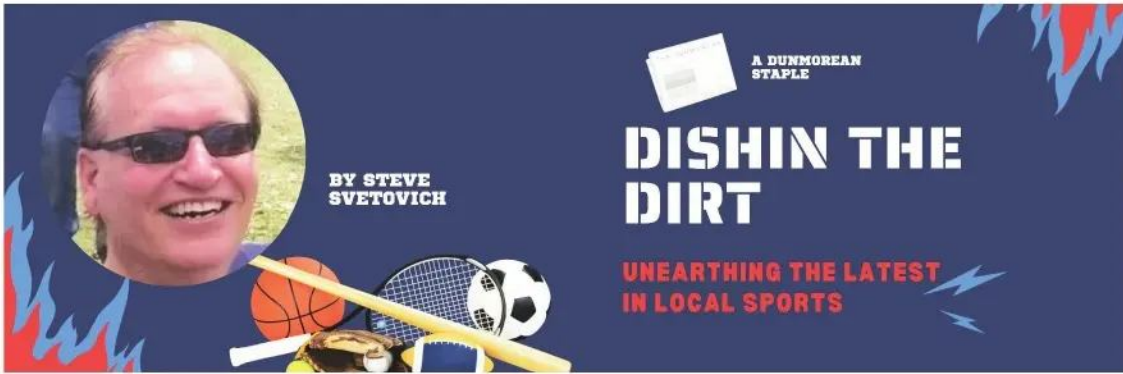
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Through hands-on experimentation, students learned how structure, balance, and air resistance affect the way a balloon float moves. To bring their creations to life, classes also used a green screen to film their own miniature parade, discovering how chroma-key technology can transport their floats into any setting from city streets to imaginative holiday scenes.

The project blended engineering, creativity, and technology, giving students a memorable opportunity to problem-solve and innovate just like real-world designers.





Dunmore's **Anne Lacertoso-Berardelli** announced Dunmore Class of 1976 will hold its 50th reunion May 24 at Holiday Inn, Dunmore...

Scranton School District honored Scranton Central basketball legends **Tim and Mike Wagner** by presenting them with framed jerseys from their playing days at Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament last month...The Wagner brothers, from Green Ridge, led Scranton Central to Lynett Tournament basketball title in 1976 over Nanticoke, 66-63, which had won three championships in a row...**Tim Wagner** scored 33 points in 91-53 semifinal win over Riverside that season...His brother added 10...Scranton Central won Lynett Tournament again in 1977 with 72-59 win over Pittston Area...**Mike Wagner** scored 28 points and added 23 rebounds in title win...**Tim Wagner** scored 1,532 points for an average of 20.9 points per game in his high school career...**Mike Wagner** scored 1,755 points for an average of 21.9 points per game in his high school career...

Scranton Prep quarterback/defensive back **Will McPartland** was among six District 2 high school football players honored among 55 across state as winners of Maxwell Football Club 2025 Mini Max High School Award... Music world mourning passing of Nanticoke Polka legend **John "Stanky" Stankovic** at 79 Christmas Day... Condolences to family of Scranton Central graduate **Dave Bainbridge**, former Green Ridge Little League and Teener League baseball player and one of greatest bowlers in Northeast PA who died last week at 65...An avid outdoorsman, family man and fan of race car driving, he bowled numerous 300 games throughout years...

Congratulations to Dunmore junior linebacker **Xavier Burke**

for All-Region football selection on defense...He totaled 101 tackles, nine for losses, two forced fumbles and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown... He was Lackawanna Football Conference Division II defensive player of year...

Congratulations to Dunmore junior defensive back **Weston Yannone** named to All-Region football defensive team...He had 30 tackles and two interceptions, returning two for touchdowns... He had two sacks, a forced fumble and a tackle for a loss... Congratulations to Scranton Prep senior defensive tackle **Anthony De Los Santos** named to All-Region defensive team and Scranton Prep senior quarterback **Will McPartland** named to All-Region offensive team. McPartland was named Lackawanna Football Conference Division I offensive player of year...Congratulations to former NL MVP **Jeff Kent** for election into National Baseball Hall of Fame...With 377 career homers, he is all-time MLB leader for homers by second baseman, drove in over 1,500 runs and had career .290 batting average...But what about **Don Mattingly**, **Carlos Delgado** and **Gary Sheffield** not elected by special Veterans Committee to Hall of Fame?...Donnie Baseball is former AL MVP with nine gold gloves and career .307 batting average... **Carlos Beltran** is leading candidate to get in on writer's ballot this month...Let's hope former Philadelphia Phillies all-star shortstop **Jimmy "J-Roll" Rollins**, another former NL MVP, gets huge spike in votes on Hall of Fame writers' ballot...

Do you remember **Maddie Martin** 10 years ago scoring 15 points to lead Dunmore to 53-39 win over West Scranton?... **Maria Coyne** led West Scranton with 15 points... **Brayden**

Canavan led Dunmore with 35 points in Bucks 96-54 win over Holy Cross in Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament semifinal...Dunmore's **Jimmy Clark** scored 22 points. Dunmore guard **Carter Sload** added 15 points...**Nate Aviles** scored 11 and **Jacob Costanzo** added 10 for Dunmore...**C.J. Thompson** led Holy Cross with 19 points... Dunmore junior guard **Carter Sload** is averaging 20.3 points, 13.6 points and 11 assists per game as Dunmore won its first eight games this season leading to the Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament title game under coach **Mark Finan**...

Congratulations to Dunmore seventh grade Middle School student **Brady Schulte** who was recipient of Freach-Keen Memorial Award for sportsmanship, dedication and performance...He hit .647 and struck out 66 batters in 28 and one-third innings in his final Dunmore Little League season.

Do you remember **Abby Anderson** 10 years ago scoring 32 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and adding five assists in Holy Cross Lady Crusaders 64-29 win over Elk Lake in Lackawanna League?...Do you remember Dunmore winning fourth straight Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament 30 years ago with 45-35 win over Scranton Prep?... **Brian Costanzo** led Bucks with 15 points and was Tournament MVP...

Congratulations to Dunmore's **Ryan Kozich**, Wallenpaupack band director, who was one of 350 band directors in country who participated in Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena New Year's Day. Do you remember Scranton Prep's **Jimmy Calvey**?...Whatever became of **Mike Norris**?...Happy New Year, everyone...

Dunmore boys and girls teams lose Lynett tourney despite strong efforts

By Steve Svetovich

Both the Dunmore Bucks and Lady Bucks played in the Lynett Memorial Basketball Tournament title games, but came up short despite strong efforts.

The Lady Bucks (6-2) lost, 50-49, to the Scranton Lady Nights on Monday, December 29, at Lackawanna College Student Union.

Jaelyn Alers hit a 3-point shot to put Scranton ahead, 50-49, and win the 22nd annual Lynett Memorial Girls Tournament championship. Scranton came back from a 15-point deficit in the second quarter. Chrissy Jacklinski led Scranton with 24 points and was Tournament MVP.

Leena Conte led Dunmore with 17 points. Michelle Nidoh added 11 points. Amanda Dempsey played a great all-around game for the Lady Bucks scoring nine points and adding 12 rebounds and nine assists.

The Lady Bucks were hurt in the contest by a few missed free throws. "It was a great game and atmosphere to be a part of," said Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball coach Carrie Bowen. "My players did so many things right tonight. Unfortunately, in a close game like that every mistake is costly."

The Lady Bucks defeated Holy Cross, 50-36, in the Lynett Memorial Girls Tournament semifinal game. Michelle Nidoh led Dunmore with 12 points and added six rebounds.

Amanda Dempsey played a great all-around game with 11 points, nine rebounds, five steals and eight assists.

Dunmore's Jackie Brown contributed six points, nine rebounds and seven steals.

The Lady Bucks scored the first nine points and led 14-5 after one quarter.

Late in the third quarter, a 3-pointer by Ava Schmidt of Holy Cross trimmed Dunmore's lead to 36-30, but Nidoh scored on an assist by Janessa Martin and Brown hit two free throws to send Dunmore into the fourth quarter with a 41-30 lead. The Lady Crusaders did not get close again.

The Dunmore Bucks (8-1) lost to Scranton Prep, 72-63, in the 74th annual Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament at Lackawanna College Student Union, on Monday, December 29.

Max McGrath led Scranton Prep with 20 points. Packy Doherty, the Tournament MVP, added 15 points for Prep.

Jimmy Clark, named to the All-Tournament team, led Dunmore with 18 points. Carter Sload added 16 points for the Bucks. Brayden Canavan scored 15 points for Dunmore. Nate Aviles added 12 in the loss.

There were five Scranton Prep players in double figures. Canavan hit a 3-pointer for Dunmore to tie the game, 40-40, with 3:34 left in the third quarter.

However, Prep pulled ahead, 49-44, after three quarters. Freshman Jimmy Doherty then hit three consecutive 3-pointers for Prep as the Cavaliers pulled ahead for good.

"We fought hard as a team," said Dunmore junior guard Carter Sload who is an All-Region selection for track and field and Robert Spagna high jump and 4 by 400 champion with a record setting time.

"Our shots didn't fall, but we will bounce back together as a team. We are still looking at making a strong run towards our goal of a state title."

Dunmore basketball coach Mark Finan was proud of his team's effort. "Our team fought hard and battled," he said.

Dunmore defeated Holy Cross, 96-54, in the Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament semifinal game.

Brayden Canavan led the Bucks with 35 points, including 21 in the first half. Jimmy Clark added 22 points.

Carter Sload scored 15 points for Dunmore in the semifinal win. Nate Aviles scored 11 and Jacob Costanzo added 10 for the Bucks. C.J. Thompson led Holy Cross with 19 points.



Dunmore's Brady Schulte earns Freach-Keen award

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore Little League graduate Brady Schulte was recently honored with the annual Freach-Keen Award.

The annual award named after the late P.J. Freach and Buddy Keen honors a graduating Little League player each year who demonstrates exceptional sportsmanship, dedication, and performance on and off the field.

The Freach and Keen youngsters died tragically in Moosic at age 12 in 1973.

Son of Mike and Jill Schulte, Dunmore, Brady, 12, is a seventh grade student in the Dunmore Middle School where he plays baseball and basketball.

He also participates as a forward in the Dunmore Buddy Basketball League and played travel baseball with The Sandlot for several years. He will play with a new travel ball baseball team this year.

Brady played five years in the Dunmore Little League starting a year early at age eight. He was a five-time all-star.

He played for Stirna's Restaurant in the Dunmore Little League, batting a robust .647 last season. He had 16 hits, including three doubles, a triple, and his first Little League homer.

"That was a big thrill," he said. "It made me so happy to finally hit one over the fence. I finally got one after I came close a few times before."

Multi-talented, Brady played first base, shortstop, catcher and

pitcher last season.

He was practically untouchable on the mound. He had a 4-2 pitching record, 2.71 ERA, with a remarkable 66 strikeouts in 28 and one-third innings pitched.

"I love to get out there and pitch," the polite youngster said. "I like throwing a curve to take them off balance. Two fastballs and an off speed pitch is all you need."

"You need to have the right mentality to be a good pitcher. You can't worry about what others do or what happens behind you. You can't get mad at your teammates for errors. You just go after the next hitter."

Brady's dad was his Little League coach.

Well-spoken, Brady said he learned a lot from his parents. "They tell me not to blame others for mistakes on the field or in life."

Well-versed, Brady has an impressive 96.2 academic average at Dunmore. His best academic subject is science where his average is 100.

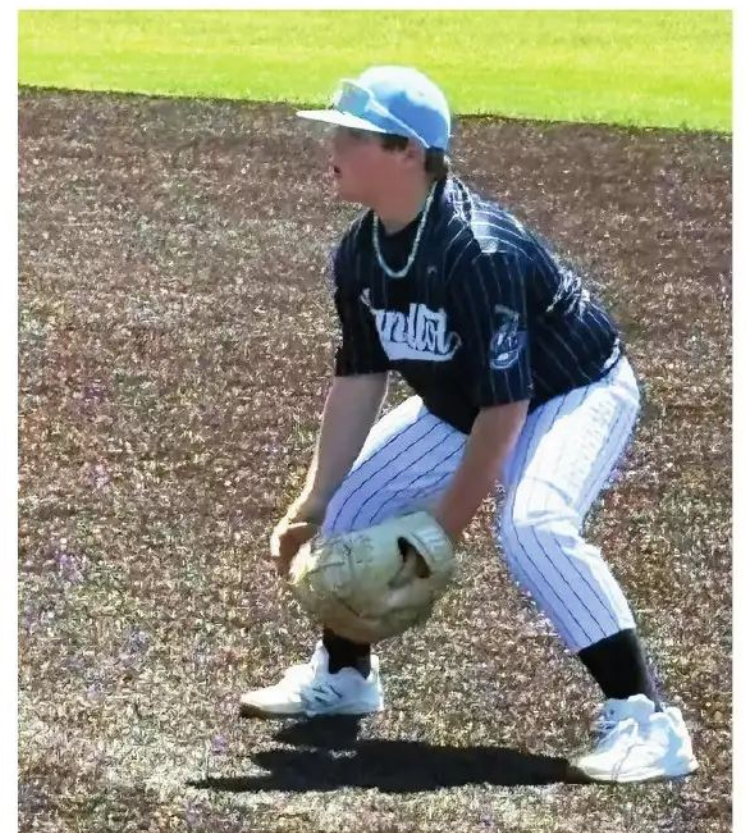
He talked about his future goals. "I want to play varsity baseball and then college ball. I would love to play professional baseball. If not, then I want to be a baseball announcer or coach."

Brady was excited to hear he was the recipient of the Freach-Keen Award.

"I was excited for days," he said. "I couldn't wait to tell my grandparents (Susan and Bill Gilday) about it. They are big supporters for me. They come to all of my games. They were very happy about it."



BRADY SCHULTE



DHS junior Carter Sload excels in four varsity sports

By Steve Svetovich

The Dunmore Bucks basketball team at press time is undefeated heading into the Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament title game and junior Carter Sload is helping to lead the charge.

Son of Patti and Chris Sload, Carter, 16, is multi-talented, excelling in four varsity sports at Dunmore High School.

He is a starting combo guard on the basketball team and member of the golf, soccer, and track and field teams.

He and standout teammate Brayden Canavan scored 23 points each to lead the Bucks to its seventh consecutive win to open the season, 86-57, over Mount Carmel. Carter added 11 assists and six rebounds in that contest.

Dunmore easily won the semifinal game of the Lynett Memorial Boys Basketball Tournament over Holy Cross, 96-54, Saturday, December 27.

Canavan led the way with 35 points, including 21 in the first half. Dunmore's Jimmy Clark added 22 points. Carter, a stalwart floor general on the court, played a steady

game with pinpoint passing and 15 points.

Dunmore's Nate Aviles added 11 points. Jacob Costanzo added 10 more for Dunmore. C.J. Thompson led Holy Cross with 19 points.

Carter is well-rounded and is a member of the Chess, French, and Bowling Clubs at Dunmore. He has a 3.43 academic average.

Intelligent and hard-working, he talked about the success of the team this season and the reason for the 8-0 start at press time.

"We've been playing together for a long time, really since the third grade," he said. "It's just knowing where everybody is on the court that leads to scoring with ease. We've been together a long time and know each other on the court."

Carter said he has learned a lot from his parents.

"They always tell me hard work beats talent. And when talent fails, work hard." He said Dunmore basketball coach Mark Finan has also taught him a lot.

"He says playing together wins games, not playing individually."

Carter is known for his all-around game. At press

time, he is averaging 20.3 points, 13.6 rebounds and 11 assists per game.

He enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would like to see Drake in concert.

A self-confident young man, he talked about his future.

"I am undecided where I want to go to college for my academic and athletic career as of now," he said "I do know I want to play college basketball. My future goal is to be successful in anything that I do."



"My team goal this season is to make a long state title run. We have the team to do it." The standout guard talked about what it takes to excel at his position. "It takes a lot of hard work to excel at the guard position in high school basketball," he said. "It takes strong ball handling, ball control and good vision on

the floor. It takes speed and a high basketball IQ."

Carter, with a slew of accolades as a member of the track and field team, is loving his experience at Dunmore High. "Dunmore has been a very unique experience for me," he said. "I am able to be a part of many great memories here."



Dunmore Elementary students celebrate holidays



Holiday celebrations held at DEC last month





Winter skills camp

The 14th annual Sandlot Skills Camp will begin January 24/25 for six weeks for ages 5-12. Baseball camp will be held on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 to 1 p.m. or Sundays from 1:30 to 3. Softball camp will be held on Saturdays from 11:30 to 1 p.m. or Sundays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This camp costs \$150 and will include all aspects of the game. Contact CDD027@aol.com or call 570-445-1155 to sign-up.

Winter fielding camp

A winter fielding camp hosted by Abington Heights Coach Ben Kubic and Dunmore High School Coach Mike Vescovi will be held for four weeks starting January 5 on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$150. Very limited space is available. Contact CDD027@aol.com or call 570-445-1155 to sign-up.

Actors Circle play

Actors Circle will presents "Love, Sex, and the I.R.S." direct-

ed by Mark Fryer, on January 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25, 2026, Thursdays-Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton.

Buy tickets online via www.ActorsCircleScranton.com, or pay cash or check at the door. Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 senior, and \$10 student. On Thursday, January 15, all tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 570-342-9707.

Members of the cast are: Jessi Teevan, Justin O'Hearn, Jeff Ginsberg, Jonmichael Brennan, Tony Ranieli, Marcie Herman Riebe, Kylie Pimental, and Harry Powell.

Scranton Cultural Center:
ABBA Tribute Concert: Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple and Magic City Productions will present *The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA* on February 3 at 7 p.m. Produced by 215 Century Artists, it has been presenting the ultimate tribute show throughout North America for over 20 years. Doors open for bar and concessions at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$58.05 (includes fees).

Be Like Bippi Tour: Round Room Live and Moonbug Entertainment announce the launch of the *Be Like Bippi Tour*, a brand-new live experience with a stop at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple on May 31 at 2 p.m..

Designed for children ages 2-7, this all-new show brings Blippi and his best friend Meekah to life on stage for an unforgettable, high-energy adventure filled with music, dancing, and curiosity. Doors open at 1 p.m. for bar and concessions.

Tickets start at \$41.65 including fees, and are required for all patrons 2-years-old and up. A post-show photo opportunity is available for an additional fee. Groups of 10 or more will receive a \$5 discount on each ticket. Prices are subject to change.

Tickets for concerts are available for purchase at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. Unless noted, events take place in the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Theatre on the building's first floor. For more information or to view a full schedule of events, visit SCCMT.org.

F.M. Kirby Center:

Oh! What a Night: Jay and the Americans, The Brooklyn Bridge, The Duprees, and E'Stefano DiSanto take the stage during Joe Nardone Presents: Oh! What A Night of Music & Memories on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Ticket prices start at \$49.50 plus fees.

Collective Soul's rock 'n' roll radio hits take center stage on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 8 p.m. Collective Soul is presented by the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts and SLP Concerts. Ticket prices start at \$44.50 plus fees. Hailing from Atlanta, GA, Collective Soul celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2024 with the release of their highly anticipated and critically acclaimed 12th studio album, *Here To Eternity*.

Trisha Yearwood reflects on her storied career and brand-new album, "The Mirror," during an acoustic evening of stories and songs at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 7 p.m. Prices start at \$40 plus fees. The country superstar and three-time Grammy winner will be joined by fellow songwriters Leslie Satcher and Bridgette Tatum.

NEPA's Got Talent returns to the F.M. Kirby Center Performing Arts on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. The event is presented by Northeast Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association. Tickets are \$25 plus fees. Student and senior offer is \$20 plus fees. The region's best singers, dancers, and performers will compete live for cash prizes. To compete, the journey begins with a video audition! For more information, visit NEPMTA.org. The audition deadline is January 31, 2026.

New York Bees Gees and a special tribute to Donna Summer bring disco back on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 8 p.m.. presented by Friendly Hart Productions. Ticket prices start at \$34.50 plus fees. Enjoy favorite Bee Gees hits like "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever."

TICKETS for all shows are available for purchase online at kirbycenter.org and ticketmaster.com, in person at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.), and by phone at 570-826-1100.

AARP Bus Trip

Looking for the perfect Holiday gift? AARP NEPA Chapter 3731 will be hosting a bus trip to the premiere showing of "Joshua" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster County on May 29, 2026.

Front Center seats allow patrons to experience one of the most redemptive biblical stories of the bible.

After Moses's passing, God selected Joshua to lead his followers as they navigate the many hardships of the unforgiving wilderness on their journey to the Promised Land. Dinner afterwards at the Bird-in-Hand Smorgasbord is included.

This trip is open to the public. For reservations, call David @ (570)-892-1619 or Eileen @ (570)-328-3359.



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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.

Meet Bill Graziano: January 2026

Artist of the Month

By Dolly Michalczyk

Bill Graziano's visit to our local senior art show was his impetus to join The Dunmore Senior Center's painting class. He was very impressed with the beautiful creations and was invited to join the class. Somewhat reluctant, he explained that he had no experience, but he was encouraged to give paintin—and the group—a try.

Now, with eight years of experience, he explains that each student selects his or her own subject, based on interests, often finding subjects in magazines, on greeting cards, or in photos. Bill's original paintings often incorporate the techniques and guidelines learned in previous classes. He cites our "super talented art teacher, Jill Swersie," for the individual attention given to each student, as well as her suggestions and assistance with any corrections.

Bill finds that large paintings are often easier to paint than smaller ones, because of the need for finer detailing in the smaller ones. He advises the importance of selecting the correct size canvas, also, in order to enhance the subject.

Bill relishes painting at home, in the art corner of his large office, which provides him with good natural light. He then takes his work to class for Jill's suggestions. His subjects vary, although he has only painted one portrait, a copy of Johannes Vermeer's, "Girl with the Pearl Earring," a formidable task! His interests are varied, including still lifes, winter scenes, landscapes, folk art, and modern or abstract works.

Our art class is diverse with both men and women, beginners and "masters." Bill encourages others to sign up for class, especially men, because according to him, "There are more famous men artists in the world than famous women artists."

Bill's talent, humor, and encouragement are a welcome addition to our class.



Bill Graziano, our January Artist of the Month, is shown with his rendition of the famous painting "The Girl With the Pearl Earring."



Keystone UNICO supports Toys for Tots Drop Off



At the 15th Annual Keystone UNICO Christmas Party/Toys for Tots Drop Off a plethora of toys were readied for a visit from the U.S. Marines. At the event, Veterans and Keystone donations cochairs joined U.S. Marine Representative Corporal Gilbert Smith with some of the presentation of donated toys from the attending guests. From left are: Song Stylist/Entertainer Jim Cermiaro; Chapter Members Vince Martino, Joe Sadowski and Bob Tagert; U.S. Marine Corporal Gilbert Smith, Cochair Sallie Noto; Keystone Chairman Emeritus Frank Coviello; Cochair Peter Noto; Chapter President Jim Mack Jr.; and Chapter Members Joe Michalczyk and Phil Marrara.



Among the Twelve Days of Christmas Prize winners at Keystone UNICO's Christmas dinner was Carole Dougherty, winning one of three Christmas Stockings with cash and untold PA Lottery winnings. She is happy because she actually won 3 prizes! From left are: Raffle Sellers Mary Lou Karliak and Diane Beckage with Carole Dougherty. Other prizes included several Christmas-themed floral arrangements created by Chapter member Mary Marrara.



At this table, clockwise from left, are: PA II District Governor Nan Gramigna holding Annie Churilla, Michaelene Merrill, Tara and Tom Churilla holding Eliza Churilla, Mike Gramigna, Sean Brennan, Stephanie Longo, Annie Longo and Eddie Churilla.



The party-goers enjoyed a delicious Christmas Buffet at Fiorelli's. At this table, clockwise from left, are Frank and Mary Ann Coviello, Nancy and Jim Malone, Joe and Joany Bonczek, Dot Mariani, Mary Rinaldi and Toni and Gene DiVizio.



Past UNICO National President Dr. Peter Pettinato and his First Lady Maggie were also in attendance at the annual Christmas dinner. Shown from left are Pettinato as the inducting officer, with new member Stephanie Longo; sponsor Sallie Noto, grandmother of new member Emily Rocco; new member Emily Rocco, and Emily's sponsor and mother, Adeline Rocco; Membership Director Ann Summa, President James Mack Jr., and sponsors Louise Ligi and Charter President Mark McDade.

DEC second grade boys raise funds to create care packages



A group of second grade boys from Dunmore Elementary School raised about \$1,000 to create care packages during the holiday season. The care packages, which included gloves, hats, toiletry items, blankets, and coats, were donated to the Community Intervention Center and the NEPA Youth Shelter. The boys also donated about \$400 to Christmas with the Cops. Pictured with the boys is Eileen Wilson from the Community Intervention Center.



The Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania (FSA NEPA) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from Moses Taylor Foundation to support its Warm Line Program, a growing resource for individuals seeking peer-to-peer support for mental health concerns. The Warm Line provides a safe, non-crisis space for callers to talk with trained Peer Responders. Shown standing at left is Aimie Voelker, Help Line and Warm Line Director, and seated at right, Claire Holly, Warm Line Certified Peer Specialist.--

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Dunmore Lions Club presents Damian the Magician at DEC



The Dunmore Lions Club held its annual benefit show featuring "The Magic of Damian" on December 11 at Dunmore Elementary Center. This marks the 32nd year the Lions have sponsored Damian's magic show to elementary students in Dunmore. The shows alternate each year between Dunmore Elementary Center and St. Mary's School. All proceeds from the program book will be utilized for scholarships to help defray college expenses for Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools.



YMCA offers zero dollar join fee for new year

As the new year begins, the Greater Scranton YMCA invites individuals and families to discover the power of belonging. The Y is a place where people come together to grow stronger in body, mind, and spirit.

From group fitness classes to youth programs, swim lessons to volunteer opportunities, the Y offers something for everyone. But what makes it truly special is the sense of connection that forms when people from all walks of life share space and purpose.

"At the Greater Scranton YMCA, we witness daily how connections spark, confidence builds, and communities flourish," said Rich Surridge, President & CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA. "The Y isn't only about the activities you take part in; it's about the people you share them with."

Membership at the Y means joining a movement that's been strengthening our community for more than 165 years. Join the Y now and pay a \$0 join fee! Start your year strong with connection, community, and wellness. Visit <https://www.greater-scrantonymca.org/> or stop by the Greater Scranton YMCA, 706 North Blakely Street, Dunmore.



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Family Service Asso. gets \$150,000 grant for Warm Line space

The Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania (FSA NEPA) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from Moses Taylor Foundation to support its Warm Line Program, a growing resource for individuals seeking peer-to-peer support for mental health concerns.

The Warm Line provides a safe, non-crisis space for callers to talk with trained Peer Responders—individuals who use their own lived experiences to listen, encourage, and connect callers with community resources.

Callers often reach out for support in managing stress, navigating mild or moderate mental health challenges, or learning about services such as counseling, transportation, or housing.

Since beginning in February 2009, the Warm Line has become an essential part of the region's human services network. Demand has grown rapidly in recent years with 301 calls in 2021–2022; 1,320 calls in 2022–2023; 2,031 calls in 2023–2024, and 2,541 calls in 2024–2025. This dramatic rise in call volume highlights the need for accessible, compassionate support.

"Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania is deeply grateful to Moses Taylor Foundation for its generous grant support of our Warmline program. This peer-run mental health support line provides a compassionate and understanding voice for individuals who may be struggling, helping them feel less alone and more connected to care," says Jessica Ives FSA NEPA Chief Executive Officer. "Thanks to the Foundation's partnership, we are able to continue building a community where hope, healing, and support are always just a phone call away."

Aimie Voelker, PA 211 NE/Help Line and Warm Line Director, says "We are beyond grateful for the very generous grant we have received to help expand our Warm Line program. This unique, peer driven approach to helping those in our community has proven to be a very successful way to avoid further more intensive interventions." Founded in 1895, FSA NEPA has served the community for over 130 years with programs that promote stability, safety, and well-being across 20 counties. Moses Taylor Foundation, dedicated to improving health and wellness in Northeastern Pennsylvania, continues its mission by investing in initiatives like Warm Line that expand access to care. For more information about the Warm Line, contact FSA NEPA at (570) 823-5144 or families@fsanepa.org.

(See related photo on Page 21)

Marywood's Architecture Department honored

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Education Initiative (2021–2024)

*Hosting the International & Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Bridge Building Competitions (2022, 2025)

* Glacier Jane: zero-energy renovation of the Mariner's Unit at Girl Scouts' Camp Archbald (2022–2024), awarded Second Prize in the Retrofit Housing Division of the 2023 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Design Challenge

*Adaptive Reuse of the Gravity Slope Colliery for the Borough of Archbald (2021–2024)

* Barn Renovation for Arthur's Acres Animal Sanctuary (2023)

* Public Space Design for the Garden of Cedar (2021–2025)

*Recreational Infrastructure for the Lackawanna River Conservation Association (2022)

* Adaptive Reuse of the Former PNC Bank for the Black Scranton Project Center for Arts & Culture (2021)

*Bus Shelters for Valley in Motion (2021)

*Electric Jane: net-zero townhouses for Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity (2020–2021), awarded First Prize in the Attached Housing Division of the 2021 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Design Challenge

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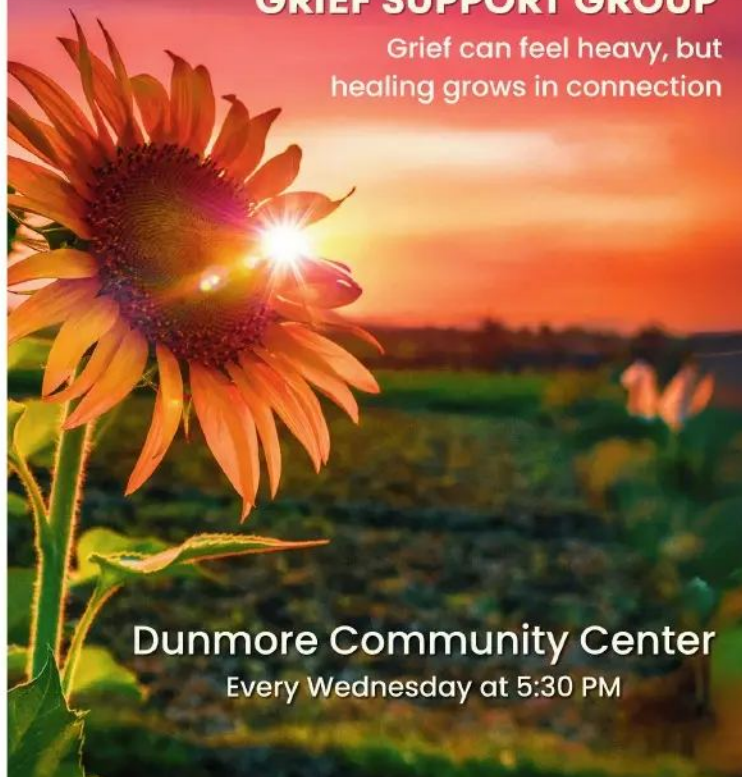
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