

Dunmorean of the Month Charles Arnone



100-year-old veteran Charles Arnone is shown receiving a boough citation from Mayor Max Conway.

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore's Charles Arnone is a true American hero. Arnone served 5-1/2 years of active war duty and then spent 38 years in the Army Reserves.

And so Dunmore Borough presented the World War II and Korean Conflict army veteran last month with a proclamation in celebration of his 100th birthday which fell on April 28.

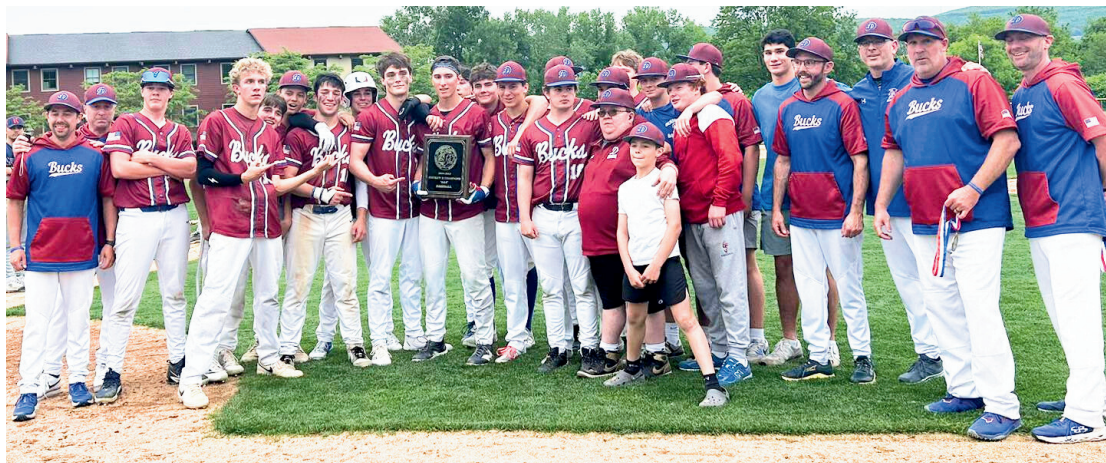
Dunmore Mayor Max Conway presented Arnone with the proclamation. He also received a proclamation and citation from state representatives Kyle Mullins and Kyle Donahue. In addition, Charles received a plaque from the Veterans Administration.

Charles has cognitive and short and long term memory skills as strong as a person half his age. "I never thought I would get to 100, but I'm happy I did," said Charles who still resides in his Dunmore home.

He married his late wife Carmel in 1954. The couple was married for 57 years until Carmel passed away in 2011. The Arnones raised two children: Charles, now 70, and Charlene, now 69. The couple also had four granddaughters and nine great grandchildren. Arnone now has a great-great-grandson, Charles, who is named after him.

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BUCKS WIN DISTRICTS!



Evan Mizenko walk off hit clinches title By Steve Svetovich

In a season for the ages, Dunmore sophomore catcher Evan Mizenko hit a walk off two-run single to lead the Bucks to its first district title in nearly three decades, 4-3, over Riverside on Tuesday, May 27, at Marywood University.

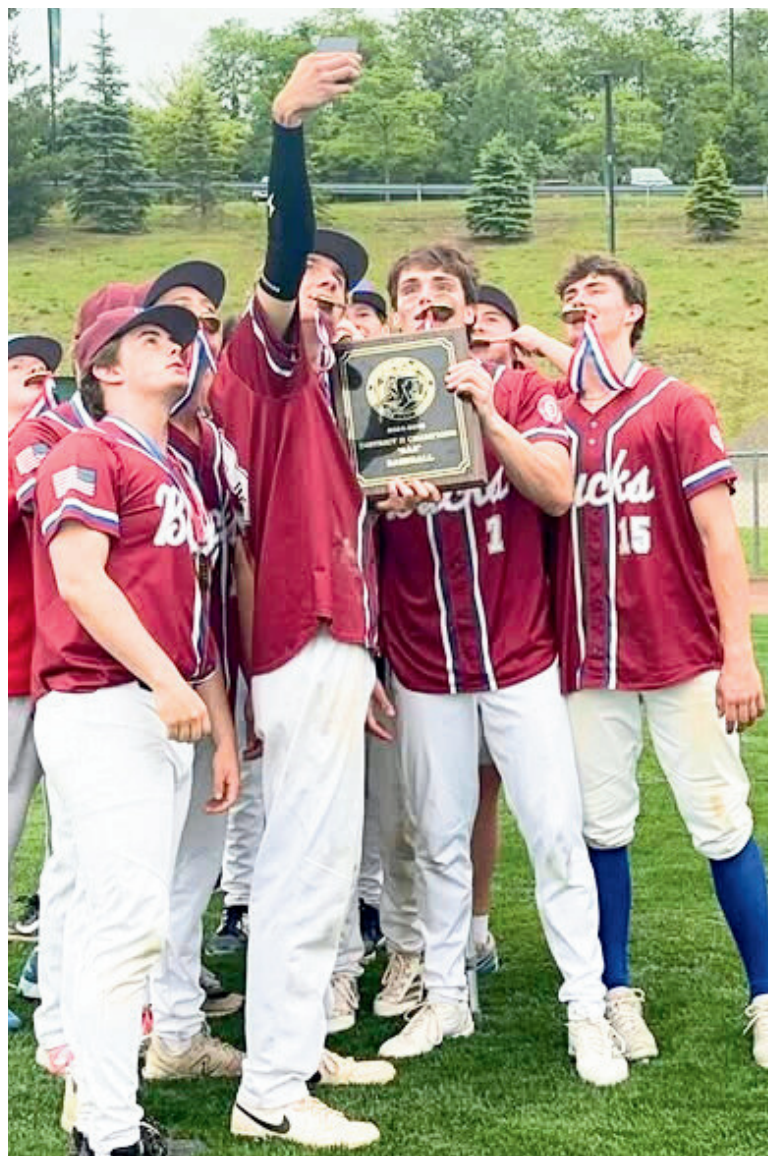
The walk-off game winner capped a 4-run seventh inning for the Bucks, who were losing, 3-0, going into the bottom of the final inning.

Veteran Dunmore baseball coach Mike "Sid" Hallinan's team has been resilient all season, coming back often to win close games.

The exciting 4-3 win over Riverside to win the District 2 Class 3A baseball championship gave Dunmore its first district title since 1996 and sent the team to the PIAA tournament.

(The Bucks will face District 4 champion Mount Carmel in the first round on Monday, June 2.)

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Dunmorean of Month...

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"I'm very close to him," he said. "I get to spend a lot of time with him," Arnone says.

Corporal Charles Arnone received a citation for the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 18, 1950, to August 19, 1951 in Korea. As chief messenger dispatcher, Corporal Arnone performed his duties in a conscientious and outstanding manner.

Responsible for assigning messengers to vehicles and planning routes of dispatches, he worked long hours to accomplish his tasks with maximum efficiency. As a result of his devotion to duty, a dependable messenger service was established.

His meritorious achievement reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Besides the Bronze Star Medal, his other military honors and awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one silver service star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge First Award, United Nations Service Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button World War II Expert Badge with Rifle Bar and

Marksman Badge with Pistol Bar.

In September, 1943, Charles, 18, of Dunmore, was drafted into the U.S. Army, joining the 90th Infantry Division, L Company, 357th Infantry Regiment. He had no way of knowing that his service in World War II would forever intertwine his life with history through his unit's role in the liberation of Flossenburg and their discovery of Nazi gold, later immortalized in the film, "The Monuments Men."

But that was only the beginning of his journey. His most vivid memories are of the days when his unit discovered at least 100 pallets loaded with Hitler's gold hidden deep in the salt mines beneath Flossenburg. As part of the 90th Infantry, Charles helped liberate the town and was among those who uncovered the gold. It was a discovery that would be recorded on film and preserved in the National Archives.

Charles recalls the awe and disbelief in finding the gold, but his reflections are always tempered by the weight of the war's human toll.

"I remember very well when we found Hitler's gold," said Charles, still sharp as ever. "I remember two ladies walking by and pointing to it. We found all the gold in a salt mine. There were lots of gold bars and pallets. Each pallet had four bags of gold. There were two gold bars in each bag. I had a buddy working with me. Our job was to drop the bags of gold into the gondolas."

After returning home in 1946, Charles continued his military ser-



Charles Arnone is pictured at the proclamation ceremony with his beloved family members.

vice in the Pennsylvania National Guard, rising to the rank of Sergeant by 1950. On March 1, 1950, just a few months before the outbreak of the Korean War, Charles rejoined the U.S. Army and was sent to Camp Drake in Japan. From there, he was deployed to Korea as a Corporal in the 1st Cavalry Division. His new mission was ensuring that mail and supplies reached the front lines during some of the fiercest battles of the Korean War.

Despite constant danger, he remained steadfast in his duties. His efforts did not go unnoticed as he was awarded the Bronze Star in 1951. Charles retired as Master Sergeant after an impressive 38-year military career.

His sense of duty extended beyond his military assignments. His love of family is just as deep and enduring as his love for his country. After marrying Carmel in 1954,

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Charles Arnone is pictured in Flossenburg, Germany, where he served with the U.S. Army to liberate the concentration camp there and to recover Hitler's hidden gold.



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Dunmore native Jonathan Eboli named PennDOT chief

Dunmore native Jonathan Eboli was appointed recently as chief executive for highway administration for PennDOT. Eboli will now oversee all of the PennDOT districts across the state.

Son of Stephen and Janice Eboli, Dunmore, Eboli has been married to the former Jessica Wargo of Olyphant since 2013. The couple has three children: Grace, 9; Nathan, 6, and Nico, 2. The family resides in Olyphant.

Eboli was raised in Dunmore and attended St. Mary's for elementary school. He is a 2005 graduate of Dunmore High School.

He went on to receive bachelor of science degrees in both civil and architectural engineering from Drexel University in 2010.

Ebola began his career in PennDOT's Engineering District 4-0 in 2010 as a civil engineer trainee. He progressed in various positions and managed multiple assignments of increased responsibility and complexity within the design, construction and maintenance divisions.

These positions included civil engineer for bridges, senior civil engineer supervisor, assistant construction engineer and acting

senior civil engineer manager.

Eboli previously served as the acting district executive in District 6-0, and most recently as acting chief executive in the Central Office.

He has been serving as District 4-0's assistant district executive for maintenance since 2020.

His dad is a lifelong Dunmore resident, whose East Pine Street residence is the original Eboli family homestead.

"The education I received in the Dunmore schools was incredible," Eboli said.

"I was well prepared for college and life because of my parents and the amazing teachers and administrators along the way from Saint Mary's to Dunmore High School.

"I also received a lot of support from my sister Maria Eboli Cillo. We are still very close. She now lives in North Carolina with her husband Josh and daughter Natalia.

He is now based in Harrisburg with his new position, but made sure he still has an office in Dunmore. He has been working for PennDOT for the past 15 years.

"I started working for them right out of college," he said. "I've had a great support group there. Christine Norris supervises me. There are 12

districts.

"I have been acting in the new position since August of 2024, but was officially appointed March 1. I am very excited and grateful to take the new position. I am very grateful to my family and parents for the support they invested in me.

"And of course, my wife is always very supportive. I am blessed with a great family. It started in Dunmore with the help of my teachers in school. And my first position with PennDOT as assistant district engineer for maintenance in a District 4 was based out of Dunmore."

Hard-working and family-oriented, Eboli said he learned from his parents.

"They gave all they had to me and my sister," he said. "They did everything they could for us to be successful in life. They were very giving people.

"My parents taught me to be kind and treat people the right way.

"If you work hard and treat people right, you will have a good life. That's what they taught me.

"I took this position because I want to be close to my family and community. It's important to me to still maintain an office in Dunmore. I want to be close to my roots."



The Eboli family includes, from left: Jonathan's father and mother, Stephen Eboli, Janice Krisanda Eboli; his children, Nathan Stephen, Grace Anna, and Nico Joseph; Jonathan and wife Jessica.



Jonathan Eboli, at right, is pictured with his wife, Jessica Wargo Eboli, daughter Grace Anna, 9; Nico Joseph, 2 and Nathan Stephen, 6.



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By Steve Svetovich

Previously known as "Doin' Dunmore"

Baseball feeder program makes for bright future

With the great success of the Dunmore Bucks varsity baseball team this season under veteran coach Sid Hallinan, it would be easy to overlook the Junior High team's success.

But Dunmore Junior High baseball coach Frank Spager also had his seventh and eighth graders playing at a high level.

The Dunmore Junior High team finished the season with a 13-5 record capturing the 2025 Mountain View Junior High Championship.

It's a feeder program that makes for a bright future for Dunmore varsity baseball who fielded its best team in three decades.

A big first inning led the Dunmore Junior High team

to a 16-1 win over Livingston, N.Y., on Saturday, May 17, at Mountain View High School.

Jimmer Mendola, a seventh grader for Dunmore, earned the win. He gave up no hits and one run over three innings of work. He struck out three and walked five.

Dunmore scored nine runs in the first inning and six runs in the bottom of the third.

The Dunmore Junior High team had 14 hits. Jude Stefanski led the team with three hits. Ralph Steeves had two hits.

Spager had his team running as Dunmore stole 15 bases in the championship win.

The young Bucks did not commit an error in the win.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to coach,"

Spager said. "These kids worked hard and made my job much easier.

To end the season on a seven game win streak really was a tribute to the hard work put in by the team and coaching staff.

"At a much higher level I want to thank coach Sid (Hallinan) and coach Val (assistant Nick Valvano) for giving me

the opportunity. We are an elite program."

Jimmer Mendola led the team's offense with a .528 batting average, .653 on base percentage, 19 hits, three doubles, 14 runs and 14 RBIs.

Aidan McDonnell batted .513 with a .655 on base percentage, two triples, three doubles, a homer and 26 runs.

Ralph Steeves batted .432 with a .580 on base percentage, 16 hits, 11 RBIs and 17 runs.

Anthony Cordaro batted .421 with a .532 on base percentage, 16 hits, four doubles, a triple, 11 RBIs and 17 runs.

Jude Stefanski batted .388 with a .423 on base percentage, 19 hits, a double and a triple and 17 RBIs.

Noah Spager batted .297 with a .490 on base percentage, 11 hits,

a triple, 11 RBIs and 18 runs.

Aidan McDonnell pitched 27.1 innings with 33 strikeouts and 3.07 ERA.

Jimmer Mendola pitched 17 innings with 14 strikeouts and 4.11 ERA.

Ralph Steeves pitched 16.2 innings with 30 strikeouts and 2.52 ERA.

Noah Spager pitched 10.1 innings with four strikeouts and 3.38 ERA.

Noah also did not have an error defensively all' season. He had 32 putouts for a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage.

It was a season to remember for Dunmore baseball at all levels.

George Stefanski and Dylan Svetovich were Junior High assistants under Spager. Robert Grady was team statistician.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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126th SUVCW Memorial Day Observance held by Camp 8 at Dunmore Cemetery



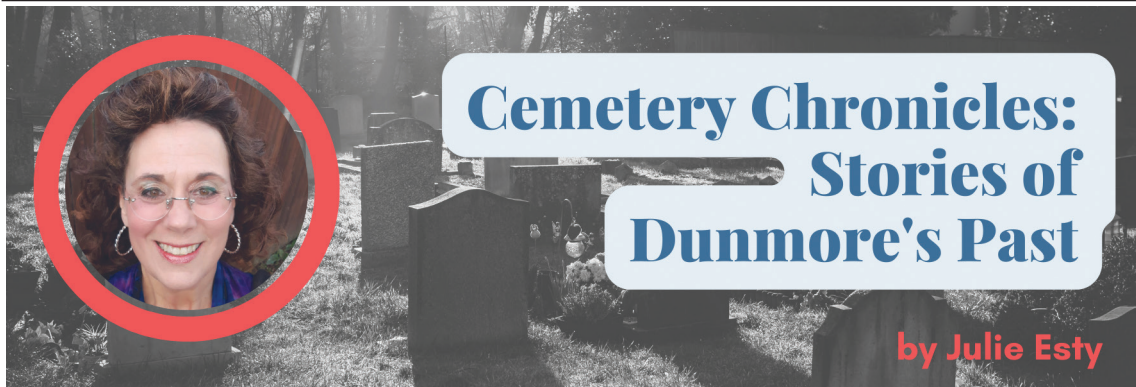
Tim Chase, Commander, Camp 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was master of ceremonies and gave remarks at the Memorial Day event. Millie Ryczak of the SUVCW Auxiliary, offered greetings, and Mark Myers provided musical selections. Rich Ryczak, junior vice commander, delivered the Gettysburg Address, and Paul Rogan, Chaplain gave the opening prayer and benediction and Jack Partyka played Taps.

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Beloved wife memorialized with poem reference

Perhaps the most beautiful monuments in any cemetery are not the largest or most expensive, but those that share the most heartfelt sentiments.

One memorial in Section 10 of the Dunmore Cemetery stands as a loving tribute to a beloved wife.

Born in 1848 in Yorkshire, England, Harriet Marriott was the daughter of Yorkshire Mayor John Marriott and Letitia Jube.

Following her education, Harriet came to the United States and resided in Connecticut. A gifted musician, vocalist, and composer, she taught music until her return to England after a five year stay in the United States.

In 1877, at the age of 29, Harriet wed John Affleck Robertson. Robertson was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but was educated in Kilmarnock, Scotland.

At the age of 14, Robertson a successful coffee plantation manager, Robertson's managerial and accounting skills were quite prized. In his later years he oversaw significant financial

affairs for many companies internationally. This profession enabled Harriet and John to travel and live worldwide.

The decade following their marriage was spent in Ceylon. The couple then returned to London for three years which was followed by a period of 12 years in Australia.

In 1902, John Robertson was appointed to the position of General Manager for International Textbook/International Correspondence School. This required the Robertsons to spend the next 10 years in South Africa. The couple then returned to the United States and resided in Scranton for the next decade.

On June 22, 1922, at the age of 73, Harriet Marriott Robertson died from a cerebral hemorrhage. She had devoted over five decades of her life as a citizen of the world living in places that many of her day only dreamed of or read about in books. She was laid to final rest in Section 10 of the Dunmore Cemetery.

With her passing her beloved

husband memorialized her with a gravestone that is engraved - *Harriet Marriott, Wife, Helpmate & Companion for 45 years of John Affleck Robertson. Born in August 1848 in Batley, Yorkshire, England. "Crossed the Bar" at Scranton, PA, 22nd June 1922.*

With this inscription, John Affleck Robertson not only left a beautiful tribute to his wife, but he also noted the well-known Tennyson poem about death - *Crossing the Bar*.

Following the death of his lifelong companion, John Affleck Robertson returned to Scotland and was reunited with Harriet in death in 1934.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

*And may there be no moaning of
the bar,*

When I put out to sea,

*But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,*

Too full for sound and foam,

*When that which drew from out
the boundless deep*

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

*And may there be no sadness of
farewell,*

When I embark;

*For tho' from out our bourne of
Time and Place*

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crost the bar.

Crossing the Bar,

Alfred Lord Tennyson



Attorneys from Hart Law of Dunmore recently had the honor of speaking with fourth and fifth graders at Carbondale Area Elementary School as part of the annual Lawyers in the Classroom program! This program, offered by the Young Lawyers Division of the Lackawanna Bar Association, aims to educate young students about the U.S. Constitution and the legal profession. Attorney John M. Hart, III, president of the YLD, and Attorney Kyle Franceski, board member of the YLD, were excited to share their knowledge and answer the students' questions about law and justice. It was a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation and foster an appreciation for the rule of law!

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Dunmore Jr./Sr High Students of the Month

APRIL



Congratulations to Dunmore Junior/Senior High School Students of the Month for April, including Ezekiel Echevarria, seventh grade; Oliver Soriano, eighth grade; Russell Toole, ninth grade; Jackson Harding, tenth grade; Julia Noto, eleventh grade, and Jack DiCindio, twelfth grade.

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May Students of the Month at Dunmore Junior/Senior High School include Bella Hayes, seventh grade; Noah Townsend, eighth grade; Timothy Higgins, ninth grade; Ryan Clark, tenth grade; John Napolitano, eleventh grade, and Lucy Seibert, twelfth grade.

Offer scholarships for Step Into Swim lessons at YMCA

The Greater Scranton YMCA has been awarded a grant from Step Into Swim to support scholarships for swim lessons. Step Into Swim is the nationwide drowning prevention initiative of the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) dedicated to creating safe swimmers.

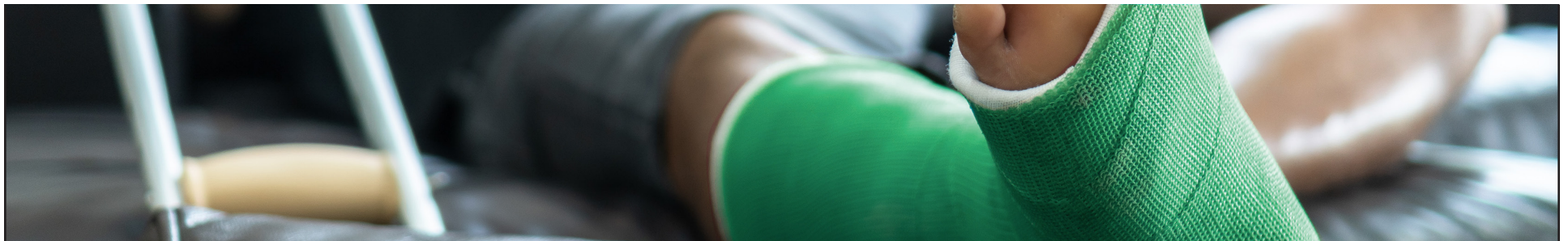
Through this grant award, the Y's goal is to offer a session of swim lessons, which consists of eight lessons, to families who otherwise may not be able to participate due to cost.

Grant funding will provide the YMCA with the capacity to offer participating families a 75 percent subsidy, making them responsible to pay only 25 percent of the swim lesson session fee.

To award the lessons, the Greater Scranton YMCA has created a Google Form that interested families can complete. In addition to collecting parent and child information, the form also includes questions about household income and family size to ensure the lessons are being awarded to families in need.

The form can be accessed [here](https://forms.gle/Gt3Er3EG87s-jH8nF6): <https://forms.gle/Gt3Er3EG87s-jH8nF6>. The four-week swim lesson session will consist of two lessons weekly. The session will begin the week of June 23.

For more information, contact Leslie Kopa, Aquatics Director, at lkopa@gsymca.org.



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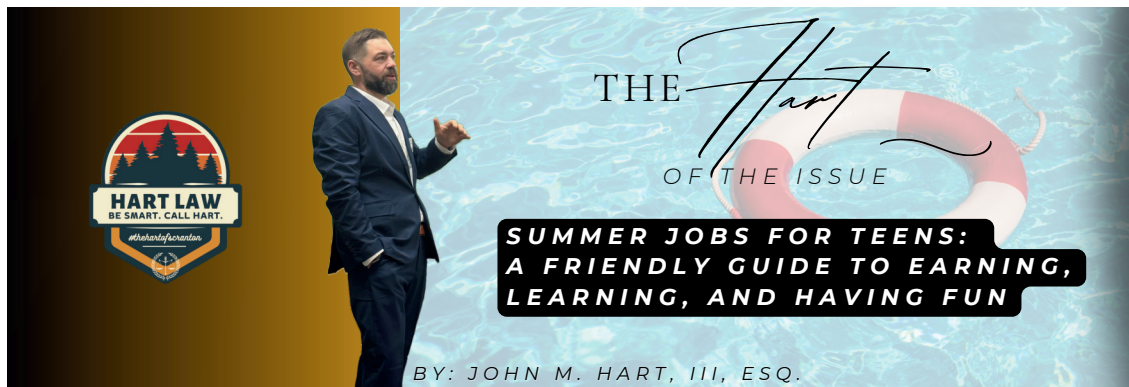
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When June rolls around in Lackawanna County, teens are eager to trade textbooks for paychecks—and summertime work can be a fantastic way to build responsibility, make extra cash, and (believe it or not) have a little fun.

But before you dive in, it helps to know the basics: What the law allows, how to handle transportation and meals, and why some jobs can teach you more than you ever learned in school.

In this lighter touch column, we'll cover the essentials and share a bit of my own experience as a Scranton teen trying—and sometimes failing—to find the perfect summer gig.

1. Keeping It Legal: Basic Rules for 14–17 Year Olds

Do you need a work permit? In Pennsylvania, any teen under 18 must have an “employment certificate” (often called a Child Work Permit) on file with their high school before starting certain jobs. If you're 14 or 15, that permit is mandatory. Teens age 16–17 don't always need it, but it never hurts to check with your school's guidance office just to be sure. Bottom line: don't show up on day one without the right paperwork, or your first day could turn into paperwork day.

How many hours can you work?

Ages 14–15 (summer break)
Up to **40 hours per week** (maximum)

8 hours per day).
Work is allowed between **6 a.m. and 9 p.m.**

Ages 16–17 (summer break)
Up to **48 hours per week** (maximum **10 hours per day**).
Work is allowed until **10 p.m.**

These limits shift once school starts back up—so if you get a job that extends into September, double-check the fall rules.

What about prohibited jobs?

You won't be flipping burgers or stocking shelves that involve heavy machinery or chemicals, and you can't mow lawns with a powered mower until you're 16.

In general, stick to safe, “teenfriendly” roles: camp counselor, grocery bagger, lifeguard, babysitter, or retail clerk. Your employer should help you figure out if the job is appropriate for your age.

Minimum Wage Reminder

Pennsylvania follows the federal minimum wage of **\$7.25 per hour**. If someone tries to pay you less than that (unless a special training wage applies), ask questions—and if you still don't get the proper pay, reach out to the state's Labor & Industry department.

Real World Tips:

Transportation, Lunches, and Scheduling

Budgeting for gas and meals

One of my earliest summer jobs (more on this below) was at the local Housing Authority. My dad “lined it up” thinking I'd work close to home, but turns out, I spent half my summer driving from one development to another across the county.

Those long drives meant draining money on gas (large SUVs weren't kind to my wallet) and grabbing lunch at a new diner every day.

Tip: If you need to drive, figure out your approximate gas cost before committing. Sometimes a slightly lower pay at a closer spot—or a bus ride—could save more money in the end. And packing a sandwich can cut lunch costs dramatically.

Carpools and bike racks

If your best friend also has a summer job nearby, consider sharing rides (and gas). Many pools, parks, and small shops in Scranton and Dunmore are within biking distance of neighborhoods—invest in a sturdy lock and helmet, and you might get some exercise along with your job.

Tracking hours with a calendar or app

It's easy to lose track when you're juggling shifts, school activities, and family plans. Use your phone's calendar

or a simple paper chart to mark start and end times. Employers must adhere to those hour limits, but they tell you “just one more hour” sometimes. Stay on top of it. I know I wish I had a smart phone back then. We were still texting with “t-9”. (look it up if you don't know what that is) and when the walkie talkie feature came out for Nextels (look this up too), we were all “chirping.”

Finding a Job That Fits: Where to Look and What to Ask

Local community centers and pools

Many teens find work at pools—lifeguard, pool attendant, or concessions worker. If you love swimming (and hate getting wrinkly fingers like I did as a kid), this could be the perfect fit. Check out the City of Scranton's Parks & Rec department, or your nearest Y location. Even if they're not hiring right away, ask about lifeguard training courses early: slots fill up fast.

Retail, restaurants, and ice-cream stands

Convenience stores, local diners, and ice-cream shops tend to hire teens for summer help. When you apply, ask: “What are the starting hours?” (so you know if they'll fit your schedule)

“Do you work late nights?” (especially important if you're under 16)

“Is there a uniform or nametag fee?” (some places deduct a small amount from your paycheck to cover polos or aprons—illegal if it cuts you below minimum wage). Some of my friends worked at Cinemark when we were kids and they got to watch as many movies as they wanted to for free!

Camp counselor and day camps

If working with younger kids sounds appealing, check out local day camps. Some require you to be 16 or older, but they often pair you with an older counselor. You'll learn how to plan games, supervise outdoor activities, and maybe even teach a craft or two.

Online gig options

Babysitting, pet sitting, lawn mowing, and yard work are all flexible gigs that let you set your own rates. Websites and neighborhood Facebook groups can connect you with clients. Just remember: if you earn more than a certain threshold, you might need to report it on your taxes—another good reason to keep good records.

My Summer Switch: From County Drives to Guarding the Pool

Let me share the highlights (and lowlights) of my own teen-work saga! When I was a teenager, my dad told me he'd gotten me a job with the Scranton Housing Authority. I pictured a honey of a gig, doing yardwork and managing a convenient local housing development, but it turned out to be for the County Housing Authority.

Every morning, I hopped in a my big SUV and bounced between developments across the county. It wasn't all bad as I got to sample dozens of local restaurants from Old Forge to Carbondale—but those daily lunches

and weekly gas fill-ups meant my paycheck evaporated quickly. Moral of that chapter: always confirm which “Housing Authority” you're working for, and whether you need to budget a small fortune for gas.

That following summer, I heard that Weston Park Pool was hiring lifeguards up in North Scranton. Growing up, I was that kid who refused to leave the water until my skin was so wrinkled it looked like a prune. Lifeguarding felt like a dream.

After signing up for a quick Red Cross course, I landed the job—and suddenly, my summer paychecks actually covered my expenses, save the costs of fueling my developed bad habit of eating lunch out every day.

But I got to spend my days hanging out with other teen guards, going for a swim whenever I wanted and learning new card games etc. when I wasn't “on duty” in the chair. More than the money, lifeguarding taught me discipline: I learned to watch dozens of strangers at once, rescue someone if needed, and gain confidence in a leadership role far beyond what my Housing Authority drive-around could ever offer.

Wrapping Up: Making the Most of Your Summer Work

A summer job isn't just about earning cash; it's about discovering what you enjoy—and what you don't. Maybe you'll realize you hate driving a county-wide commute each way for a minimum wage gig, or maybe you'll discover you truly love lifeguarding, waiting tables, or running a lemonade stand. Whatever you choose, keep these takeaways in mind:

Ask lots of questions up front.

Where is the job? What are the exact hours? Are there costs for uniforms or training? If anything sounds unclear, get clarification before saying “yes.”

Budget for hidden costs.

Gas, lunches, and perhaps uniforms or special shoes can shrink your take-home pay. Estimate these expenses to see whether the job makes sense.

Stay within legal limits.

Use a planner or phone app to log your hours and ensure you're not working past your allowed time. Legal limits protect you—and your employer—from fines.

Enjoy the experience.

Summer jobs build communication skills, time management, and—especially—memories. You might even make lifetime friends or find a passion you didn't know you had.

Learn from each gig.

If a job doesn't work out, that's okay. My time at the County Housing Authority taught me more about local geography (and sample diners) than I ever knew. And when I switched to lifeguarding, I learned confidence and leadership that followed me into college and beyond.

So as June approaches, polish your résumé, ask neighbors if they need lawn help, or head to your local pool for lifeguard applications.

Dive into the process, stay safe, and remember: a summer job is one of the best ways to grow up a little, earn a little, and create a summer you'll never forget. Good luck—and see you at the pool!

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Dunmore High Booster Club presents awards at Sports Breakfast

The Dunmore High School Booster Club held its 2025 Sports Breakfast in May. Awards winners were:

Boys Varsity Basketball: Jack McNeff, Jack Kelly Leadership Award, and Brayden Canavan, Most Valuable Player Award.

Girls Varsity Basketball: Amanda Dempsey, Ben O'Brien Leadership Award, and Sophia Talutto, Ciera Toomey Most Valuable Player Award.

Boys Varsity Tennis: Nate Aviles and Oum Patel, Co-Winners, Most Valuable Player Award.

Girls Varsity Tennis: Krithika Krishnan, Most Valuable Player Award.

Girls Varsity Softball: Amanda Dempsey, Most Valuable Player Award.

Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country: Maddie Mislinski, Most Valuable Player Award and Dunmore High School Alumni Award.

Boys Varsity Soccer: Conor Toole, Leader-

ship Award, and Tommy Clark, Most Valuable Player Award. **Note:** The MVP Award has now been renamed after Tommy Clark who goes down as the greatest soccer player in DHS Athletics history.

Girls Varsity Soccer: Sophia Talutto, Most Valuable Player Award; Alisha Davis, Offensive Player of the Year Award; Ella Brier, Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Boys Varsity Golf: Connor Mullaney, Most Valuable Player Award.

Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming: Anthony Bonavoglia, Most Valuable Player Award; Sydney Harding, Diane Dempsey Leadership Award.

Unified Bocce: Savanna Sherman, Most Valuable Player Award.

Cheerleading: Julia Temperino, Miss Buck 2025; Bella Paska, Top Banana Most Valuable Player Award.

Girls Varsity Track and Field: Maddie

Mislinski, Vince Fedor Leadership Award; Sophia Talutto, Most Outstanding Athlete Award.

Boys Varsity Track and Field: Tommy Clark, Cole Fangio and Gabe Franek, **Most Valuable Performers Awards.**

Girls Varsity Baseball: Elizabeth DePrimo and Isabella Pasko, Senior Leadership Awards.

Boys Varsity Baseball: Max Forgione, Most Valuable Player Award; Jamie McMynne, Most Outstanding Pitcher Award; Bobby Hoban, Silver Slugger Award as best hitter.

Special Awards and Presentations included: **LIAA Scholar Athlete Awards:** Sophia Talutto, female, and Jack McNeff, male.

Dunmore Lions Club Outstanding Athlete Awards for Dunmore High School: Sophia Talutto, female, and Tommy Clark, male.

Dunmore Booster Club Sportsmanship Award: Sydney Harding, female, and Jack McNeff, male.

Lehigh Valley Health Network Scholar-Athlete Awards: Izzy Rought, female, and Gabe Franek, male.

PIAA Scholar-Athlete Awards: Maggie Jimmie, female, and Conor Toole, male.



A sold-out roster of golfers and guests enjoyed the Scranton Chapter of UNICO's charity golf tournament on May 19 at Elmhurst Country Club, Moscow. Dunmore native Vic Fangio, defensive coordinator of the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles, was the tournament honoree and was made an honorary member of the Chapter, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Among the highlights of the event was an auction of Eagles memorabilia. Proceeds will benefit Outreach Center for Community Resources, which helps more than 4,000 adults and children each year to thrive by offering resources for life skills, literacy, employment training, parenting, early childhood education, youth mentoring, behavioral health, wrap-around case management, and more. Pictured with Coach Fangio and his "special guest," the Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy, are from left: Jim Brogna, golf cochairman; Dr. Peter Cognetti, chapter president Mike Linko; Dino Darbenzio, golf chairman; Coach Vic Fangio, Golf Co-Chair PNP Chris DiMattio, golf cochairman; PNP Outreach president and CEO Lori Chaffers, and Dave Bieri.



Among the volunteers and contributors to the Scranton UNICO Golf Tournament, and members of Coach Fangio's family, are from left: Linda Stefursky, Corey Fangio, Lori Chaffers, Chapter President Mike Linko, Ann Genett, Karen

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Father's Day a perfect excuse for grilling

Father's Day is the perfect excuse to fire up the grill, gather the family, and celebrate Dad with smoky, flavorful classics. But before you toss burgers or hot dogs onto the grate, let's cover the essentials of outdoor cooking—what “barbecue” really means, the tools at your disposal, and why lump charcoal should be your secret weapon.

Barbecue vs. Grilling vs. Griddling

First, a quick clarification: when we talk about “barbecue,” we're not just referring to that sweet rib sauce you buy in bottles. Barbecue is simply the act of cooking food—usually meat—outdoors over an open flame or hot coals. Here are three common methods and what you can expect from each:

Gas and Propane Grills

Pros: Heats up quickly, easy temperature control, minimal cleanup.
Cons: Lacks the deep, smoky complexity you get from real charcoal.
Best for: Burgers, hot dogs, kebabs, and quick-cook items when convenience is king.

Griddles and Blackstones

Pros: Even heat distribution, ideal for toasting buns, searing thin cuts, and cooking vegetables. Delivers a consistent, restaurant-quality sear.
Cons: Does not produce that classic “flame-broiled” flavor you get when dripping fat hits real coals.
Best for: Toasting buns with mayo (more on that shortly), cooking

eggs or hash browns alongside your meats, and searing smaller cuts of steak or veggies.

Charcoal Grills (Lump vs. Briquettes)

Pros: When you want authentic, smoky, flame-broiled flavor, lump charcoal is unbeatable. It's pure hardwood carbon with no binders or fillers. As fats drip onto hot coals, the resulting smoke infuses meats with incredible depth.

Cons: Requires a bit more practice to manage temperature, and you need a charcoal chimney (or similar) to get coals hot without lighter fluid.

Best for: Steaks, whole chickens, ribs, and any meat that benefits from that crackling flare-up and bold, smoky aroma.

Many home cooks hesitate at the thought of lighting lump charcoal. But you don't need starter fluid—just a simple charcoal chimney:

1. **Load** the chimney with lump charcoal.

2. **Prepare** a few sheets of newspaper or paper towels, mist them lightly with cooking spray (PAM or any neutral oil), and place them under the chimney.

3. **Light** the paper through the holes at the base. The paper will ignite, drawing air upward to ignite the coals.

4. **Wait** about 15 minutes, until coals on top glow red with a thin layer of ash.

5. **Dump** the hot coals onto your grill's firebox using heat-resistant gloves or tongs. Arrange for direct or indirect heat as needed, replace the cooking grate, and you're ready to grill.

The magic of lump charcoal is that, as oils and fats from your meats hit the glowing coals, small explosions of smoke envelop each bite—producing that authentic barbecue character you can't find with gas or on a griddle alone.

Toast Your Buns with Mayo (Not Butter)

Now that your grill is roaring, don't overlook one of the simplest upgrades: the bun. Instead of butter, slather a thin layer of mayonnaise on the cut sides of your hot dog or hamburger buns. Mayo's emulsified fats and higher smoke point deliver a perfect Maillard reaction—golden-brown, slightly crisp edges—without burning. Press the mayo-coated side of each bun onto the hot grate (or Blackstone) for about 30–45 seconds, and you'll instantly taste the difference: a subtle crunch that complements the juicy meat beneath.

Meat Fundamentals: Two-Zone Cooking, Meat Probes, and Resting

Whether you're grilling burgers, hot dogs, or chicken, the fundamentals remain the same: know your heat zones, use a reliable meat probe, and let meats rest off-heat.

Burgers and Hot Dogs:

Temperature: Aim for medium-high heat (around 350–400°F on a gas grill or coals glowing with ash).

Burgers: Choose an 80/20 beef blend for the right fat content. Form patties slightly larger than your buns (they'll shrink). Season with salt and pepper just before grilling. For medium-rare to medium, pull at about 130–135°F internal—carryover cooking will raise it a few degrees.

Hot Dogs: Cook over direct heat, turning occasionally. Pull just before the “snap” becomes squeaky-dry; they'll continue cooking off-heat.

Chicken (Thighs, Breasts, or Drumsticks):

Two-Zone Setup: Build a hot zone (for searing) and a cool zone (for finishing).

Sear: Place chicken directly over hot coals or high flame. Sear just long enough to develop brown, crispy edges (2–3 minutes per side). Remember, searing doesn't “seal in” juices—it enhances flavor via Maillard browning.

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Follow simple directions for perfect grilled dinner

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Finish: Move chicken to the cooler zone to cook through until about 155–158°F. Remove and let rest; carryover cooking will push it to 165°F.

Meat Probe: There's no substitute for a good digital probe. Insert into the thickest part (avoiding bone), and pull meats 3–5°F below target to account for resting.

Resting:

Always let grilled meats rest 5–10 minutes before slicing. This allows muscle fibers to reabsorb juices rather than letting them spill onto the cutting board.

Sides That Complement the Grill

No barbecue is complete without refreshing sides:

Cold Pasta Salad with Italian Vinaigrette

Cook short pasta (rotini, shells, or bow ties) until al dente. Rinse under cold water to stop cooking.

Toss with diced red peppers, halved cherry tomatoes, chopped cucumber, shredded carrots, and your favorite Italian dressing (homemade or bottled). Chill until serving. The acidity and crunch balance out rich grilled meats beautifully.

Fresh Fruit Salsa

Dice ripe mango and pineapple

into ¼-inch cubes.

Finely chop red onion and (optional) jalapeño (seeds removed for mild heat).

Combine fruits, onion, and a handful of chopped cilantro. Squeeze in fresh lime juice, season with salt, and mix gently.

Spoon over grilled chicken or serve on the side as a bright, tropical accent. The sweet-tart salsa complements smoky meats and keeps things light.

Local Brew Pairings

Celebrate Dad with a cold local beer. Pennsylvania's craft scene is booming: **New Trail Brewing** in Williamsport has been earning awards, and right here at home, new taprooms are sprouting up all the time.

A crisp lager or light IPA pairs perfectly with charred meats and cool pasta salad. Encourage guests to sample a flight of local offerings—supporting local brewers is a win for the community and your taste buds.

Putting It All Together

Prep & Heat: Light lump charcoal in a chimney; set up two heat zones. Preheat gas burners or Blackstone if using those.

Buns: Spread mayo on buns, toast on the hot grate for 30–45

seconds until golden.

Burger Station: Season beef patties and grill over medium-high heat, flipping once. Pull at 130–135°F for perfect doneness.

Chicken Station: Sear chicken over direct heat (2–3 minutes per side), then move to indirect heat until a probe reads 155–158°F. Rest to 165°F.

Hot Dogs & Kabobs: Grill hot dogs until just before they're "over-snap" (they'll finish off-heat). Thread skewers of veggies or marinated meats and cook over medium heat, turning occasionally.

Sides: While meats cook or rest, toss pasta salad and prepare fruit salsa.

Serve & Sip: Arrange meats on a platter (with fruit salsa or traditional condiments). Serve pasta salad on the side. Pour local beers into chilled glasses and raise a toast to Dad.

By mastering these grilling methods—understanding heat zones, leveraging lump charcoal's smoky magic, toasting buns with mayo, and respecting carryover cooking—you'll transform a simple Father's Day BBQ into an unforgettable feast. Here's to smoky flavors, juicy meats, and celebrating Dad the right way.



Ethnic Food fundraiser

All Saints Orthodox Church, 211 Willow Street, Olyphant, will host 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. Please 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.

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 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.

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

Tickets can be purchased at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster.

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The Keystone Chapter UNICO donated and volunteered at Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen for its April Service Day. After instructions and prepping for the dinner, they had the opportunity to serve the clients of Saint Francis Kitchen. Kitchen donations are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to and mailed to St. Francis Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509. UNICO volunteers pictured with St. Francis Kitchen's Executive Chef Selena Gonzalez are Keystone's Director Tina Haas, President Michele McDade, Chef Selena, and Secretary Cathy Gerard.

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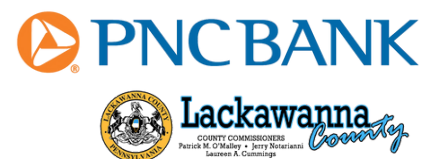
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Arc Angels on Stage set to present 'Willy Wonka Flavored' on June 19

The Arc Angels on Stage enters its eighth year with a heavy Dunmore flavor. The Adults with Disabilities show—which this year is titled *Willy Wonka Flavored*—will showcase over 38 “Stars” with physical and intellectual disabilities onstage at Lackawanna College on Thursday, June 19, at 7 p.m.

The project is written and directed by Geri Featherby and made possible through a partial grant from the Lackawanna Culture and Arts program.

The show lasts approximately 45 minutes and admission is free. The family-friendly experience is designed to reveal the dignity of the human person and their abilities.

This year, four “Theater Buddies” from Dunmore High School are volunteering to assist the performers. Tina Sohns Williams and her sister Jennifer, choreographers for the past eight years, are natives of Dunmore.

In addition, Aiden Kearney, a participating star, will narrate and play piano while the other stars sing *Imagination* and *Candy Man*. Aiden, a special needs young man who resides in Dunmore, is the grandson of well-known Dunmorean Tish Kearney. Notably, this is the first year singing is being incorporated into the show.

Aiden says, “I am enjoying this opportunity to do something I’ve never experienced before. I always enjoy playing piano, and now keyboard, and love doing it in a public setting. I am also enjoying being the narrator and meeting with new people and learning something new.”

According to artistic director Geri Featherby, the project began with an initial meeting eight years ago during which former educator and ARC Auxiliary member Betty Moreken approached her with the idea of putting on an evening of skits and dance for the “Stars,” as they were quickly dubbed.

At the time, Geri was teaching Theater Arts at North Pocono, where she also was director of high school plays and musicals for over 20 years. But she also has a Dunmore connection.

She explains, “Although I am not a Dunmore native, I always felt like one, especially because I was married to the late Patrick Bewick of Bewick’s Service Station for 15 years before he was tragically killed at the family business on December

23, 1999.”

“I immediately said yes to the project,” Geri recalls. “By the end of that brainstorming session, we had created the name—The Arc Angels on Stage—and had also decided we would have a red carpet before the show. We also decided we would engage volunteer “theater buddies” to help us, and ask Tina Sohns Williams and her sister, Jennifer, to choreograph. In addition, we decided to apply for a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture grant.”

All of this led to what Geri describes as “A life-changing event that year in 2016 for the adults and students, and we have building upon that experience ever since.

“We were extremely blessed that first year when Mark Migliore of ECTB was part of our team and created a documentary, “The Arc Angels on Stage,” which has been viewed by over 2.8 people!”

In a nutshell, the eight-week theater program joins together adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (Stars) who perform alongside students from local high schools (Theater Buddies) to bring a unique performance to the stage.

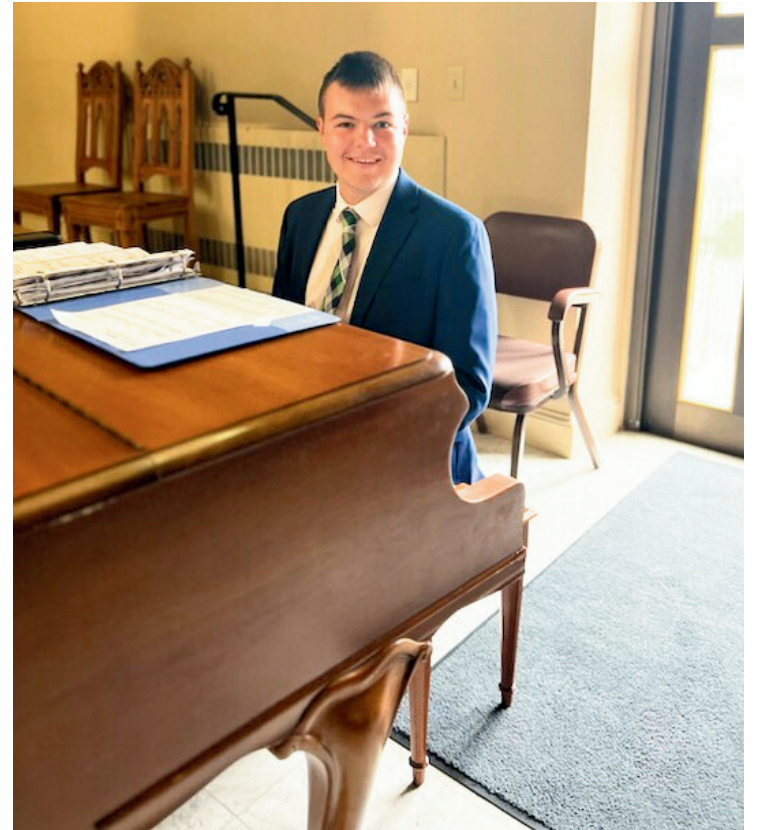
The production is based on a popular movie or musical re-written by Featherby, and includes acting, singing, and dancing, as well as props, costumes, and a red carpet walk. The script focuses on each person’s talents and abilities, and the event is always free and one-night-only. Xavier Burke, a sophomore from Dunmore High School, is volunteering as a theater buddy for the first time.

He says, “It is amazing how much the theater program impacts their lives and gives them so much excitement and happiness. I learned that no matter what you are going through, it is always important to smile and be positive!”

Carter Davis, also a first time theater buddy and sophomore from Dunmore High, adds, “I can’t get over how happy the ARC Angels are for each other. Every time one person was given a role, the others would be there to congratulate them, giving them high fives and cheering for them.”



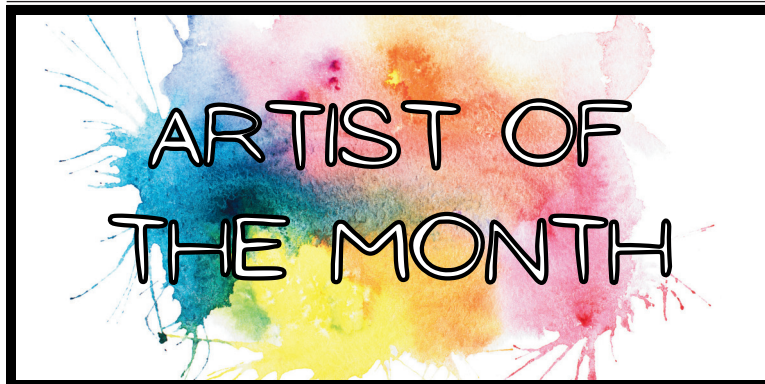
Students from the Dunmore Elementary Center Fit Club participated in the recent Jog for Jude. Coaches for the Fit Club are third grade teacher Allison Mendola, and Jillian Paulus, DEC school counselor.



Aiden Kearney, above, a resident of Dunmore, will be pianist and narrator for the Arc Angels on Stage performance.



Principals involved with the upcoming Willy Wonka production presented by ARC of NEPA are, from left: Lindsay Cocker, production assistant; Geri Featherby, director, and Betty Moreken, co-chair Education Auxiliary Committee, ARC of NEPA.



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.

Joe Bartos June Artist of the Month

By Dolly Michalczyk

Dunmore artist Joe Bartos is the inspiration for this feature in the Dunmorean. He joined the Dunmore Senior Center painting class in 2004 and has faithfully attended ever since.

One day he looked around, admiring everyone's artistic efforts. He lamented that unless people came to our infrequent art shows, folks did not get a chance to see all our wonderful paintings and experience our talent.

He said we should call the paper, and since I did a bit of PR when I was working, I gave Dunmorean editor Maureen Hart a call. She enthusiastically welcomed us—and as they say—the rest is history.

Like many of us at the Center, Joe is a late bloomer as a painter, beginning in the early 2000's, after retiring from Schott Glass and traveling the world with the government.

Joe's charming wife Marie often joins us in class, serving as a cheerleader for our efforts. When his great-granddaughter, Isabella, was a child, she often accompanied Joe, creating her own masterpieces.

Joe's love for "warmth," "reality," and "bright colors" is evident in the pieces shown here. He gets his ideas from art magazines—especially sunshine, sunsets, and ocean sunrises.

Joe's work is on display on a rotating basis in his home, and he often gifts his pieces, as well as selling them. Six or seven of his pieces have been purchased by the county and are on display on the sixth floor of the Lackawanna County Administration Building.

Enjoying the comradery of the art class—especially everyone's sense of humor and helpfulness—Joe says painting class is the fastest three hours of the week!

He wishes he started lessons sooner, but "traveling the world for Uncle Sam" got in the way. Joe also values the input of our teacher, Jill Swersie, as well as the coffee and goodies supplied by Ruth Boyles. Joe's philosophy is: "The richer and brighter the painting the better."

Joe sums up his story:

*Through the fastest hours of the week,
We gather – brushes poised, hearts open.
Laughter dances between strokes and sketches,
Fueled by coffee, goodies, and friendship.*

*Each one with a spark, a sense of humor,
A palette of kindness, endlessly helpful.
Jill with her guidance, gentle and wise,
Coloring our path with ideas and inspiration.*

*I wish I'd started sooner –
But Uncle Sam once led me far.
Now I've found a new journey –
In pigments, people, and shared joy.*

*The richer, the brighter, the better
every canvas a celebration,
Every class a masterpiece of moments*



Joe Bartos displays his paintings---shown clockwise, they include: Sleepy Senorita; Florals and Vases, and A "Wonder"ful Place.

Two Dunmore High seniors win Paint the Cone contest



Congratulations to Dunmore High School seniors Holly Tosto and Prince DeNucci whose cone won the Paint the Traffic Cone Contest held by PennDot to help raise awareness about work zone safety.

World Refugee Day set Sunday at Nay Aug Park

The community is invited to join together for an afternoon of unity, culture, and belonging at the ninth annual World Refugee Day Celebration, on Sunday, June 8, at Nay Aug Park near the Mulberry Street entrance.

Due to the popularity of the event over the last several years – the 2025 World Refugee Day Celebration is expanding by an extra hour – and will be celebrated this year from 2-5 p.m.

The free, family-friendly event is open to all and offers a number of festivities, including a lively mix of cultural music, dance performances, international food, refreshments, games, giveaways, and engaging activities for children.

World Refugee Day is an annual commemoration established by the United Nations to honor the strength and resilience of refugees and displaced persons who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, and violence.

The theme of the 2025 World Refugee Day Celebration in Scranton is, "A World Where Refugees Are Always Welcomed."

More than 20 community agencies are coordinating the 2025 World Refugee Day Celebration, including Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton; The University of Scranton; City of Scranton; Scranton Area Multi-faith Ministerium; Temple Hessed; Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Muslim Association of Wyoming Valley; United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania; S.T.A.R.S. Program at Marywood University; Islamic Center of Scranton; Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit; Congolese Community of Scranton, Bhutanese Cultural Foundation Scranton Association; and Pennsylvania Department of Education – Migrant Education Program.

Additional partners and sponsors include: Friends of the Poor; Ignatian Volunteer Corps; Saigon Corner Vietnamese Restaurant; Church of Saint Gregory, Clarks Green; Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit; Maternal & Family Health Services; Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Lackawanna County Department of Arts & Culture; and NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Congratulations to Dunmore veteran baseball coach **Mike "Sid" Hallinan** for leading Bucks to first district title since 1996 with dramatic 4-3 walk off win over Riverside Vikings...Dunmore sophomore **Evan Mizenko** hit walk off two-run single to cap four-run bottom of seventh as Bucks came back from 3-0 deficit to stun Riverside...Dunmore junior **Mason Stets** hit prior two-run single to close deficit to 3-2...Dunmore senior **Max Forgione** pitched final four innings to pick up District 2 Class 3A title win for Bucks...Dunmore defeated Montrose, 15-0 in district semifinal, with Forgione hurling three-hit four-inning complete game shutout striking out seven and walking only one...

Former Dunmore and Penn State basketball standout **Kayleigh Semion** among those nominated for election into Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...Kayleigh led Dunmore Lady Bucks to three straight District 2 Class A titles and is former Lackawanna Conference Female Student Athlete of Year, Lackawanna Conference Player of Year, Times Tribune NEPA Player of Year and All-State second team selection...

Induction dinner/ceremony for Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame scheduled Sunday, October 5, at Fiorelli's, Peckville... Cost is \$70 per ticket...Dunmore's **Bob Walsh** is president...Mid Valley baseball product **Jerry Valonis** is vice president...**Steve Lloyd** will receive annual media award at Induction Dinner...**Mike Nich** will receive service award...There will be eight additional inductees following election process...Former Scranton Prep and William and Mary baseball standout **Stephen Arcure**, two-time Lackawanna League MVP with career high school 423 batting average and .523 on base percentage, among those being considered for induction...

Ava Hazelton fired four-inning perfect game with nine strikeouts as Mid Valley beat Riverside, 15-0, in District 2 Class 3A softball semifinal...Holy Cross junior softball pitcher **Ava Schmidt** finished regular season tied for fourth in state in wins with 19-1 record...Ava finished regular season with 156 strikeouts in 116 innings, walking only 15 with 1.38 ERA...Ava also has 4.37 academic average...Ava earned her 20th win of season and lowered ERA to 1.31 as Holy Cross Lady Cru-

saders defeated Old Forge, 8-1, to earn district title...Ava allowed only three hits while striking out eight and walking none...She also had two hits, including a triple...**Peyton Graboske** had two hits, including a triple for Lady Crusaders...**Lila Kolcharno** had two hits for Holy Cross in the win...Congratulations to Holy Cross Lady Crusaders veteran softball coach **Joe Ross** for leading team to PIAA District 2 Class 1A title...

Congratulations to Dunmore quarterback **Jack McNeff** and running back **Gabe Franek** selected to represent Bucks in 91st annual Scranton Lions Club Dream Game scheduled Wednesday, July 23, at Valley View John Henzes Memorial Stadium, Peckville...Congratulations to Dunmore's **Cole Fangio**, **Jacob Costanzo**, **Carter Sload** and **Tommy Clark** for fifth place finish with time of 3:26.93 in season's final track and field event at Shippensburg University...Congratulations to **Eric Reese** and **Michaela Guardia**, member of Dunmore boys and girls soccer teams, and **Tuan Doan**, member of Dunmore High School marching and concert band, who were recipients of three educational scholarships from Tyler Sitar Memorial Fund...

The fifth annual Bucktown Musicfest begins at Dunmore corners Sunday, June 8, with East Coast Trio and Daddy-O and the Sax Maniacs... We the Living and Black Tie Stereo will perform next at Dunmore Corners Sunday, June 22...Sam Hannah and Flatland Ruckus will close out month Sunday, June 29, at Dunmore corners...All shows start at 5 p.m.... **Tom Hallinan** and **Brian McGurl** are co-chairpersons...

Congratulations to Holy Cross seniors **Joshua Lentowski** and **Hannah Pisarcik** named as recipients of school's scholar athlete awards...Congratulations to former Holy Cross basketball standout **Abbey Lentowski**, who was 1,000 point scorer both in high school and college, named Women's Flag Football defensive player of year and first team offense as Immaculata University senior...Abbey graduated cum laude from Immaculata and will now study law at Widener University...

Remember the Bucktown Twilight Baseball League in the 1940's and 1950's?...**Chic Feldman**, late legendary sports editor of defunct



Dunmore High School 4x400 Relay Team members include, from left: Gabe Franek, Tommy Clark, Cole Fangio, and Jacob Costanzo. (Photo courtesy by Maura Dempsey Reilly)



Last week members of the Tyler Sitar Memorial Fund presented three educational scholarships. These students were chosen for displaying a spirit of positivity, camaraderie and collaboration with their fellow members, on and off the field. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the DHS Boy's and Girl's Soccer teams: Eric Reese and Michaela Guardia, and Tuan Doan, member of the DHS Marching and Concert Band. To help continue the scholarship fund, join us on August 2 for the 5th Annual Tyler Sitar Memorial Soccer Game.

Scranton Tribune and Scrantonian, was toastmaster at its Oct. 30, 1950 banquet held at Spencer's Sun Parlors, Dunmore...Yankees pitching great **Lefty Gomez** provided principal address...**Steve Lawrence** was league president...**Michael J. Germano** was vice president...Dunmore's **Guy Valvano**, who passed away last year at 96, former sports editor of the Sunday Scrantonian, was secretary...

Congratulations to Dunmore senior point guard **Sophia Talutto** named All State, All Regional and Player of Year...Sophia will take her basketball talents to the University of Scranton next year where she will play under former Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball coach **Ben O'Brien**... Congratulations to former Holy Cross basketball standout **Kaci Kranson** (see photo) named Female Athlete of Year as member of University of Scranton Lady Royals basketball team...Get well wishes to Dunmore's **Chris Burne Riggi**, recovering from fall...Heartfelt condolences to family of Bishop Hannan graduate **Joe Granville** who died last month at 65 following motorcycle accident...Do you remember **Dave Schreiber**?... Whatever became of **El Sid Fernandez**?...

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Kaci Kranson

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Max Forgione leads Dunmore Bucks in huge season

**CO-ATHLETE
OF THE
MONTH**

MAX FORGIONE



Dunmore's Max Forgione has been selected to play in the inaugural 2025 Pennsylvania State Baseball Coaches Association PA East vs. West All-Star Baseball Game on Sunday, June 22. This prestigious game will take place at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park on the campus of Pennsylvania State University in State College.

By Steve Svetovich

The Dunmore Bucks fielded its best baseball team in three decades this season and one of the big reasons is senior Max Forgione.

Son of Derek and Autumn Forgione, Dunmore, Max led his team to a 19-3 record en route to the district championship game.

He batted .412 with a .506 on base percentage while leading the team in homers with seven, stolen bases with 14, triples with two and slugging percentage at .853.

He was second on the team with 28 runs scored and 28 hits. He was third on the team with 25 RBIs and five doubles.

The senior standout also led the Bucks with a 1.21 pitching ERA while posting a 5-2 record, with 41 strikeouts in 34 and two-thirds innings.

The shortstop-pitcher talked about what it takes to be a strong hitter in high school baseball. "You need to spend countless hours on your swing," he said. "You need to put the work in while hitting in the cages. If you put in the work, you will put it all together. My family, especially my parents, are super supportive in my progress as a player."

The senior standout talked about the great success of the team.

"We just had non-stop practices" he said. "It was very different this year. We showed up daily as a team. We had a plan. We started to plan this in the off-season. We wanted to get better to win it all. We put in the work. We ran a lot of captains' practices."

"The coaches right from the start thought we would do something special this year. They knew we were about to do something great. We all had that feeling."

A team captain, Max has a 3.77 grade point academic average at Dunmore. His best academic subject is calculus. He is a member of the yearbook committee, and Health Careers Club.

He was a member of the basketball team in his freshman and sophomore years. He has been a leading member of the baseball team for four years.

The well-spoken, polite scholar-athlete will attend St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia next year on a baseball scholarship. He will study business.

"I'm very excited about it," he said. "I can't wait. These are going to be some of the best years of my life."

The hard-working senior gives a lot of credit to his parents. "They say to keep working hard doing what you love. They push me to be my best. They are on me to do good things."

Max said Dunmore veteran baseball coach Sid Hallinan is a positive influence. "He tells us to focus on the mental side of the game. He instills confidence. Losing is not okay. Winning is a by-product of hard work."

"He taught me a lot of baseball skills. He is great with the skills of the game. He taught me to become a good shortstop."

"He also taught me to have fun and enjoy the game. He taught me to take a second or two to joke around and laugh during a game. Enjoy it and take it all in. He loosens me up. I can joke with him."

Max was first-team all-state as a shortstop last season.

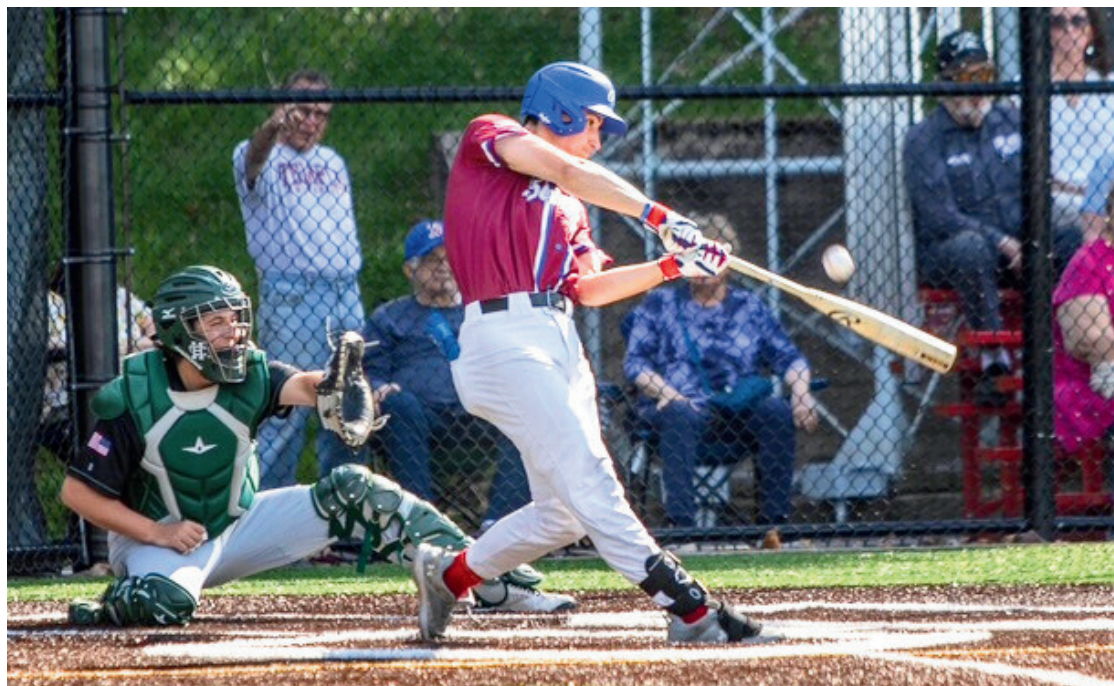
He enjoys listening to music in his spare time and would love to see Pink Floyd in concert.

As graduation looms, Max looks back at his Dunmore High School years. "It's been great," he said. All of the teachers have been supportive. I've had great times and made a lot of friendships. The coaches have all been great. This is a supportive community. They root for us to be the best we can possibly be as student-athletes."

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Max is shown with his grandfather, Phil Forgione, following the District championship game which Dunmore won in dramatic fashion over Riverside.



Dunmore Bucks come back in spectacular title showdown

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Mason Stets hit a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh prior to Mizenko's two-run base hit to win the district title. Mizenko's clutch hit set off a wild celebration by the team and its fans.

"Our coaches are so lucky to work with such a tough, resilient, and great group of kids," Coach Hallinan said. "They worked for everything and took no shortcuts. They play together and for each other. That is what is so special about this team."

The district title win also snapped a seven-game winning streak that ended Riverside's (17-6) season.

Dunmore (20-3) was held in check by Riverside ace pitcher Nicholas Bohenek for six innings. The Bucks were down to their final out, with Riverside still up 3-0.

Matt Iezzi led off the bottom of the seventh for Dunmore with a walk. Jamie McMynne, a junior, followed with another walk. Following a strikeout by Bohenek, his eighth of the game, Anthony Yerka walked to load the bases.

Bohenek then recorded his ninth strikeout as Riverside clung to a 3-0 lead needing just one more out to win.

Stets fell behind on the count, 1-2, but then lined a single up the middle to cut the Riverside lead to 3-2 with runners on first and second. The big hit ended Bohenek's outing at 108 pitches.

"I got a lot of off speed pitches in earlier at-bats that I struggled with," said Stets.

"I couldn't fold over. Once it got to 1-2, I knew he would try to blow it by me. I got that pitch right down the middle."

Stets, a junior, has a .406 batting average and leads the Bucks with 33 runs, 31 hits, and seven doubles.

Riverside brought in Connor McNally to face Dunmore standout

senior Max Forgione. His second pitch to Forgione was wild, advancing the runners to second and third. Forgione was then intentionally walked to load the bases.

Mizenko then smacked the second pitch down the right field line to score Yerka and Stets and capture the district title.

"I knew they were going to walk Max after the wild pitch opened up first base" said Mizenko. "I just went up there with confidence. I had all the confidence in the world in myself. I knew I was going to do something to get the job done."

"I got a curveball that hung right over the middle and pulled it down the line. Our team is a bunch of warriors. I knew they had my back. "Its been our goal the entire year to win the district title. It feels awesome to win one, especially on a walk-off."

Mizenko is batting .412 with a .500 on base percentage, three homers, 28 hits, 27 RBIs, five doubles and a .647 slugging percentage.

Bobby Hoban, a senior, leads Dunmore in hitting with a .419 batting average and in RBIs with 28.

McMynne pitched the first three innings for Dunmore. Forgione hurled the final four and picked up the win.

"Our guys never give up even though we were low on energy going into the last inning," Forgione said. "It was an unbelievable win. We were truly meant to be district champs."

Forgione leads the team with seven homers and .817 slugging percentage.

Coach Hallinan praised his team for the comeback title win.

"Going into the bottom of the seventh our guys came off the field as if they were up 3-0," said Hallinan. "I saw it and we felt it."

"We drew two tough walks and the whole place got energized. After a strikeout, another walk and

a strikeout it was down to Mason Stets 1-2 count. We looked at each other and smiled as if we are okay. He drove a two-run single up the middle to make it 3-2 and the place was electric.

"Their pitcher reached maximum pitches and then Max came up. A pitch sailed to the backstop advancing the runners, so they intentionally walked him. That brought up Evan Mizenko. He hit the one pitch hard foul. Then he drove another pitch for a base hit and the game winner."

"The emotion that was let out by our players and fans is something I will never forget. It was like the whole town of Dunmore, with family and friends, was on the field celebrating with our team. It was a euphoric moment for our program and the community."

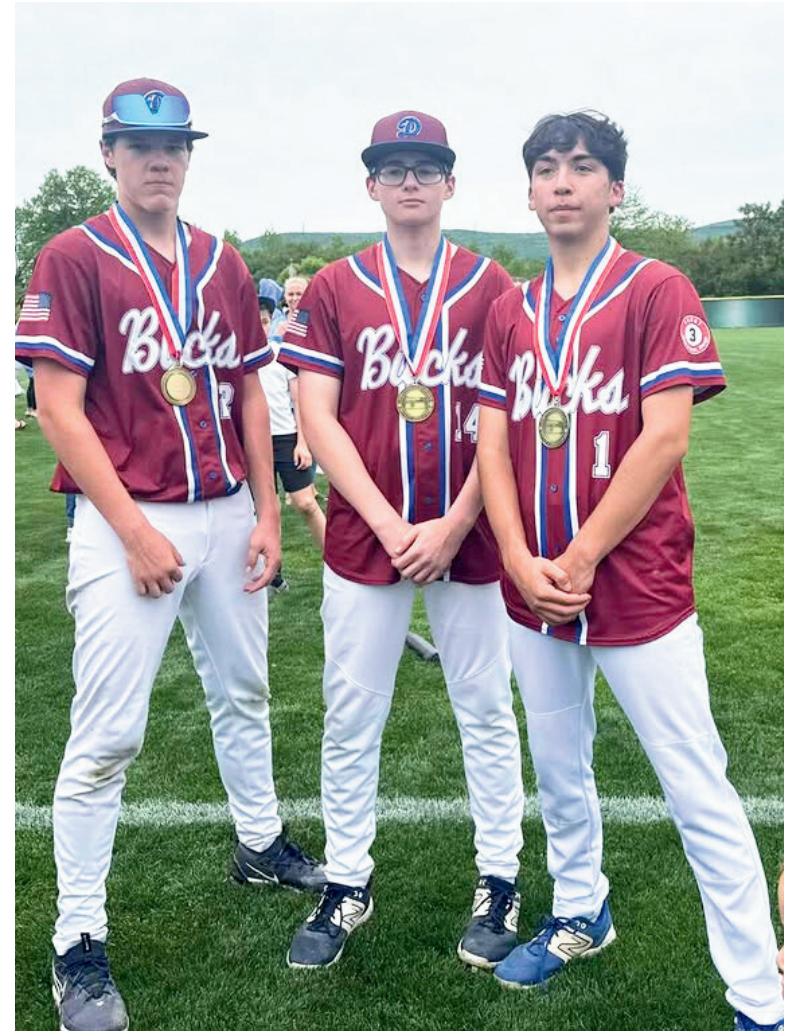
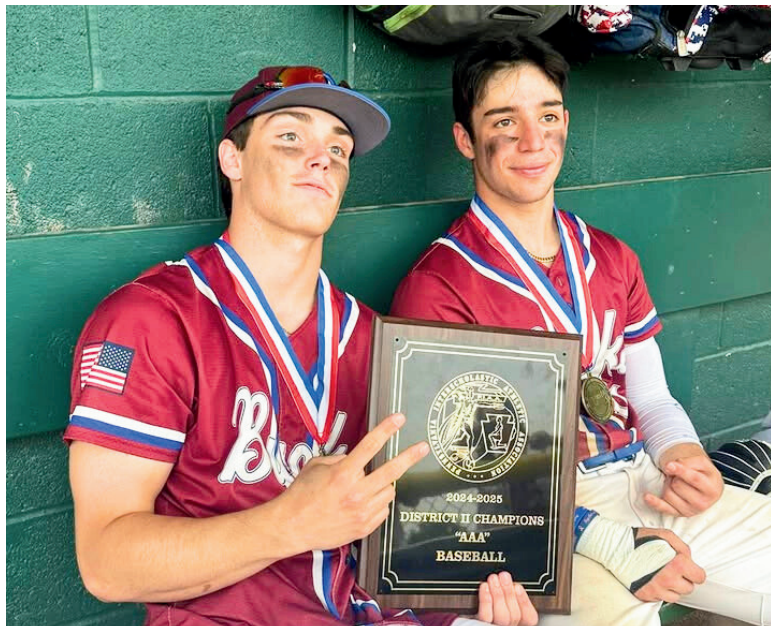
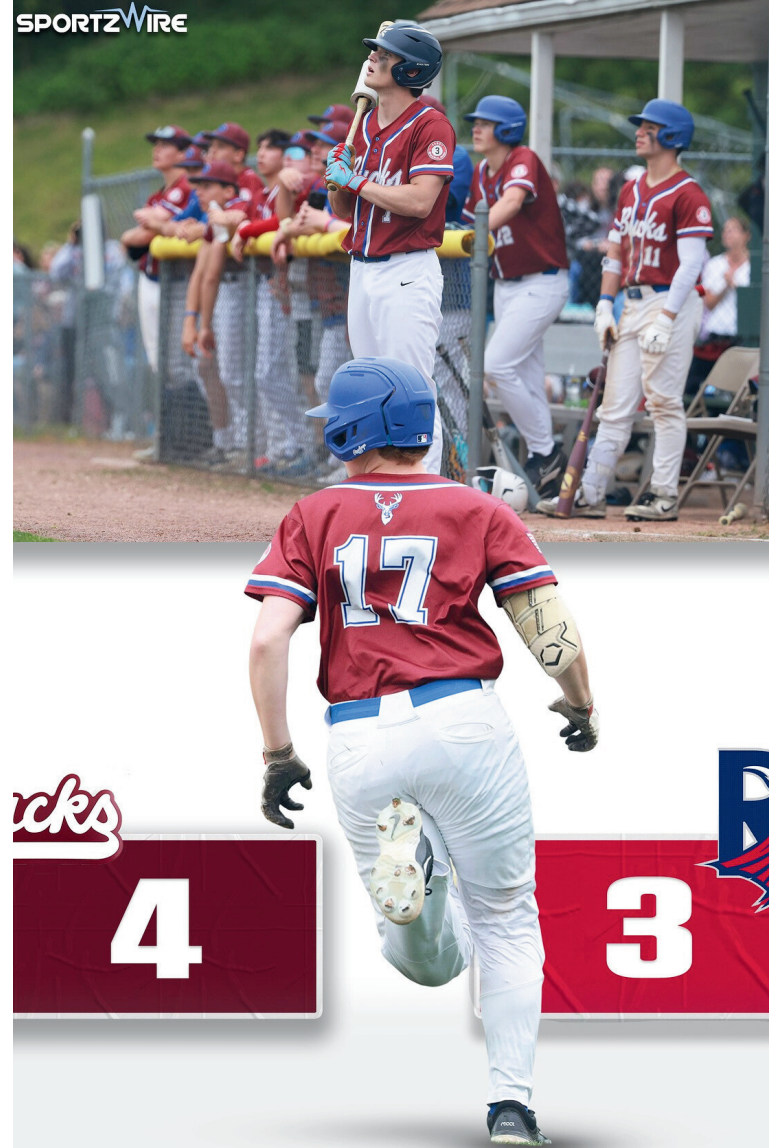
The Bucks easily defeated Montrose, 15-0, in the District 2 Class 3A semifinal contest.

Stets went 3-for-4 with two doubles, three runs and two RBIs in the district semifinal win. Mizenko was 3-for-3 with a double and five RBIs.

Senior Matt Iezzi, who has four homers and .536 slugging percentage, hit a two-run homer and knocked in three runs for Dunmore.

Forgione pitched a complete game four-inning shutout giving up three hits, walking only one and striking out seven.

JUNE 2 UPDATE: On Monday, the Dunmore Bucks lost its playoff game against Mount Carmel 5-0, ending an eight-game winning streak. Their record is 20-4.



Ava Schmidt pitching leads Lady Crusaders to divisional title

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross Lady Crusaders softball pitcher Ava Schmidt was dominant on the mound this season leading her team to the Lackawanna League Division 3 title.

Ava, a junior, pitched in all of the Lady Crusaders games. She finished the regular season with a 19-1 pitching record, minuscule 1.39 ERA and 156 strikeouts in 116 innings while yielding only 15 walks.

She was 15-7 as a sophomore

with a 1.90 ERA and 84 strikeouts. Daughter of Rob and Andrea Schmidt, Ava also played in the infield and excelled both defensively and as a hitter.

She batted 365, with 27 hits, 23 runs, 22 RBIs, 10 doubles, a triple and four homers. Her .975 fielding percentage was second on the team.

Ava's 19 pitching wins were tied for fourth in the state. The Lady Crusaders were scheduled to begin in the district playoffs at press time.

"Our team was successful this

year because we had a very close bond," she said. "We fed off each other. We picked each other up."

She talked about what it takes to be a success as a softball pitcher in high school. "It takes a lot of dedication and practice outside of the team."

The junior standout also played two years on the Holy Cross girls' basketball team. She is a member of the History Club and Foreign Languages Club at Holy Cross.

The scholar-athlete has a highly impressive 4.37 grade point average. Her best academic subject is math.

Ava said she is not sure where she will attend college yet, but knows she wants to continue playing softball and study something in the medical field.

The hard-working, well-spoken junior said Holy Cross veteran softball coach Joe Ross taught her a lot.

"He teaches me to be mentally tough and always work on my next pitch. Don't be afraid to make a mistake or an error."

The highly-talented pitcher said her parents are strong supporters. "They always taught me to push through adversity," Ava said. "Never give up or back down from a challenge."

Ava talked about her present and future goals. "Right now, I want to help this team win districts and go as far as possible in the state playoffs. I want to play softball in college. In the future, I want to be successful and be a good person who works hard."

Intelligent and humble, Ava said she enjoys music and would like to someday see Taylor Swift in concert.

Ava was a first-team all-star at the utility position as a sophomore. She also earned honorable mention for basketball.

She is enjoying her experience at Holy Cross. "It's a very positive atmosphere," she said. "It's a lot of fun. I have made a lot of friends. I'm very thankful to the entire Holy Cross community."

CO-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

AVA SCHMIDT



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Holy Cross Lady Crusaders win Districts

MONDAY UPDATE: The Lady Crusaders followed up this District title win with another at the PIAA Class 1A softball tournament on Monday, June 2, when Ava Schmidt hit a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure a 3-2 victory over District 11 champ Tri-Valley.

By Steve Svetovich

Ava Schmidt won her 20th game of the year as the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders won the District 2 Class 1A softball title Thursday, May 29, 8-1, over Old Forge, at University of Scranton's Magis Field.

The Lady Crusaders were powered by a five-run explosion in the fifth inning. Ava, a junior, earned her 20th win of the season and lowered her ERA to 1.31 with the complete game performance. She allowed only three hits, no walks and one unearned run while striking out eight.

"I'm very proud of my teammates and their performance today," Ava said. "Everyone stepped up and contributed to the win. It felt so great to go out there and throw as well as I did. I was in good rhythm and happy to help lead us to the district title."

She contributed on the offensive end going 2-for-3 with a triple, three runs scored and added three stolen bases.

"Our team stayed focused on the main thing," said Holy Cross Lady Crusaders veteran softball coach Joe Ross. "The resiliency and focus of our players proved to be a major factor in us winning the league and district championship.

"Ava has been phenomenal on the mound. She competes on every pitch and has been consistent all year. Her command of the strike zone and concentration on location has allowed her to have a historic season."

Peyton Graboske, a junior, tripled in the bottom of the fourth and scored on a force out to push the Holy Cross lead to 4-1.

The Lady Crusaders broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth with a series of clutch hits.

Ava was hit by a pitch. Then sophomore Lila Kolcharno and Mia Galella both walked. An error brought Ava in to score. A double by Graboske scored Kolcharno and Galella.

Jules Galella then doubled to score Graboske. Claire Helring then hit a sacrifice fly to score the fifth run of the inning and give Holy Cross an 8-1 lead.

The Lady Crusaders were down 1-0 in the first, but senior Mia Galella's groundout scored Ava to tie the contest in the bottom half. Ava had stolen second and advanced to third base on a force out before scoring on another force out.

Holy Cross took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning on a single up the middle by Kolcharno who went 2-for-3 with a double and stolen base. Lila's base hit scored Ava who had hit a triple into centerfield.

Coach Ross had his team running aggressively. The Lady Crusaders stole five bases in the district title win. The team's 13th consecutive win gave Holy Cross a 20-1 record.

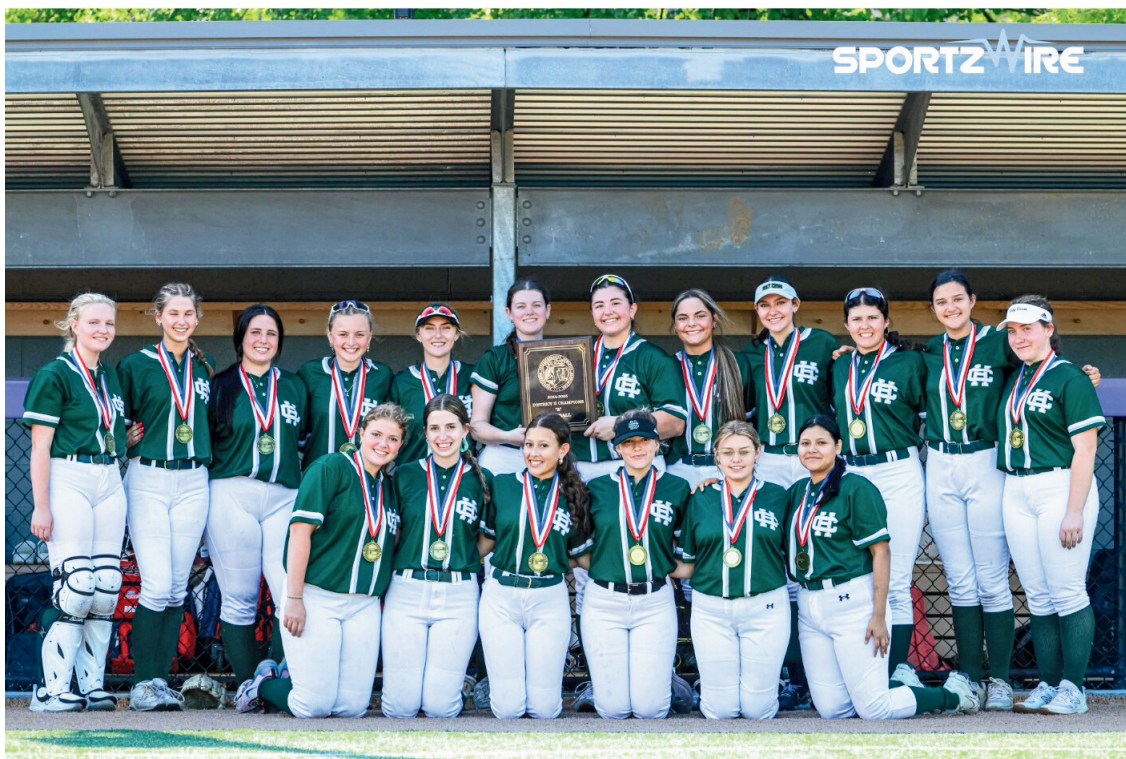
Senior Mia Galella led the team in batting average at .623, on base percentage at .716, homers with 10, triples with five, hits with 38, runs with 41 and slugging percentage at 1.344.

"It was so awesome to win the district title my senior year," said Mia. "My team has worked extremely hard all season to accomplish that goal. I am so proud of all of my teammates and so thankful to all of my coaches, especially coach Ross who tells us to go compete and have fun. We've been doing this and will continue to do so throughout the state tournament."

Graboske is second on the team with a .556 batting average, .833 slugging average, 28 RBIs and .585 on base percentage.

Kolcharno is third on the team with a .441 batting averages, second in runs with 28 and 30 hits and first in stolen bases with nine.

Jules Galella leads the team in RBIs with 32 and tied for second in homers with Helring with four.



Looking back at centenarian Charlie Arnone's life

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he began a partnership that would define his personal life for decades.

"She made me," he said. "She held our family together. I give all the credit to her. When I had to be away, she took care of everything. She took on a lot of the family responsibility due to my time in the Army Reserves. She was very good to me and supportive of my time in the service. Her plaque is in the Dunmore Senior Center due to her volunteer work there."

His wife was a woman of compassion and strength who devoted much of her life assisting senior citizens in Dunmore. A fierce Dunmore community activist, she played a huge role in the Dunmore Senior Center.

Charles spent part of his working years as a Lackawanna County sheriff and Dunmore police officer. In his "retired years," he worked security for Golo Shoe Factory in Dunmore. "I used to work 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.," he said.

Charles said he remembers crossing the Rhine River in Germany. "I also helped liberate the Flossenburg Concentration Camp for the Jewish and some Polish people. I remember all of that very well."

Charles has a legacy not only for military service, but also one of love, resilience and compassion. He served his country with honor and dedication for nearly four decades, earning medals and accolades along the way.

However, it's the moments and family gatherings, long years of partnership with wife Carmel, and steadfast love to his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandson Charles, that truly define his legacy.

"He's not just an American hero," said his granddaughter Kristi, "but he is our hero in so many ways. He is his grandchildren's greatest hero. "His greatest legacy is giving his family the greatest life and always taking care of his grandchildren."



Charles Arnone with namesake great-grandson Charlie



Charles Arnone shown as a young boy circa 1927 or 1928



Carmel and Charles Arnone on their wedding day April 24, 1954



Charles and Carmel celebrating their 50th anniversary



Charles Arnone in uniform



Charles with his young son Charles and daughter Charlene



Charles with his beloved great-grandchildren

Dunmore Businesswomen lead wealth workshops

When people picture wealth, they often focus on bank accounts and 401(k) plans. While financial resources are crucial, they represent just one aspect of a fulfilling life.

Megan Alpert, principal and founder of Scranton's Joy World Wealth Partners, will offer women access to empowering tools and vital information this summer to help them strengthen five essential pillars of wealth for a more secure and abundant life.

Alpert is offering area women the opportunity to experience a four-week workshop series entitled "The Abundance Life Series: Women, Wealth, Well-being, and Wisdom," thoughtfully designed to empower women in the five pillars of wealth—financial, time, social, physical and spiritual—to achieve greater personal and collective strength.

Workshops, which will take place inside Joy World Wealth Partners at 125 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, begin at 12:30 p.m. on four consecutive Fridays beginning on June 6 and ending on June 27.

Financial wealth presenter Trish Dickert-Nieves of Dunmore who is a certified holistic practitioner and certified trauma informed somatic guide, believes this series can benefit women in their personal as well as professional lives.

She says, "In my workshop 'Somatic Money,' I will share how financial confidence is linked with our self-confidence, self-love and self-worth. This is an absolute mindset shift around financial wealth and abundance.

"Women are not taught this perspective, and it has radically changed my life. I take a body-based or somatic approach which allows women to feel confidence in their body."

Alpert says, "Abundance isn't something we chase—it's something we remember. When women reclaim their voice around money, self-worth, and well-being, we don't just transform our bank accounts—we transform our families, our communities, and the world."

Each week of the series, a presenter will focus on a different pillar of abundance—financial clarity, physical vitality, time freedom, meaningful connection, and spiritual depth—so that women can rise in every part of their lives, Alpert said.

Dunmore resident Rose Nogan, a certified recovery specialist and owner of White Tail Sober Coaching will present the workshop on



Area women are planning an Abundance Life Workshop Series to inform and empower women on pillars of wealth. Shown from left are: Rose Nogan of Dunmore, Jeannine Luby and Megan Alpert of Scranton.

time wealth, helping women to reclaim time in their lives. Nogan said,

"Carving out time for yourself and setting healthy boundaries with others is an act of self-love that nurtures inner peace—an essential practice for the busy woman striving to stay grounded, balanced, and whole"

The Abundance Series will include the following workshops:

On June 6, the series kicks off with the topic of financial wealth as Dickert-Nieves presents "Somatic Money," providing tools for financial confidence and long-term planning.

On June 13, time and social wealth will be addressed with Certified Recovery Specialist Rose Nogan, owner of White Tail Sober Coaching, who will provide women with tools to build time wealth by creating boundaries that allow more space for personal peace, joy and happiness.

Jeannine Luby, certified laughter yoga leader, comedian, and owner of Laugh to Live, will offer strategies using playful and empowering humor and laughter yoga for social wealth through meaningful connection and stress-reduction.

On June 20, physical wealth will be addressed with a focus on vitality, movement and wellbeing with Rigau offering information on health topics such as improved sleep, nutrition and stress management.

ACE Certified Personal Trainer Pat Barnes will share her expertise of more than 25 years in the fitness

industry catering to women over 50.

On June 27, the series closes with the topic of spiritual wealth. Alison Skoff, an ontological coach and soul-centric guide, will focus on reclaiming wholeness, cultivating peace, purpose and alignment



Trish Dickert-Nieves of Dunmore will present a workshop on financial wealth.

to support the journey of inner reclamation, soul truth, and life aligned leadership.

While there is no cost to attend the Abundance Life series, participants are invited to donate to We Respect and Care (formerly the Women's Resource Center). Con-

tributions support women in crisis and empower them to find safety, support, and strength. Space for the workshops is limited. To secure a spot, email Joanna@planwithjoyworld.com. Women can register for one session or all four workshops.



Dunmore's Keystone UNICO recently donated \$500 at the "Help Eddie Kaufman Fight Leukemia Event" conducted at the Throop Civic Center. This event included swab testing to identify individuals who could qualify to give a "peripheral blood cell donation." Members of the Keystone UNICO Random Act of Kindness Committee at the presentation are pictured with a cardboard replication of Eddie Kaufman. Front row from left are Chapter President Michele McDade and donation presenter Sandy Collins. Back row, same order: Mark McDade, Sylvia and Bob Tagert, committee cochairs Mary Ann and Frank Coviello, Toni DiVizio and Bob Collins.

Keystone UNICO donates to St. Francis Commons



As part of Keystone UNICO's National Service Day, Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO was pleased to donate \$1,500 in Gift Cards to the residents of Saint Francis Commons and took the opportunity to socialize with them. The \$50 gift cards were distributed to the residents attending the social in the first picture. The Commons hosts transitional housing for up to 30 Veterans who would otherwise be homeless. As part of their mission, the Commons also provides counseling, resume writing courses and job fair information that enhances the veteran's transition. Donations are welcome and can be made payable and sent to "Saint Francis Commons" at 504 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.



Participating in the presentation by Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO of \$1,500 in Gift Cards to the residents of Saint Francis Commons were, from left: Corresponding Secretary Mark McDade; President Michele McDade; St. Francis Commons' Program Supervisor Ken Matalavy; Keystone Second Vice President R. Sylvia Tagert, and Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Tagert.



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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO, through its Random Act of Kindness Program, donated \$500 to Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to be used for the Ukrainian Relief Fund. At the check presentation from left are Keystone UNICO Members Sylvia Tagert, Toni DiVizio, Mark McDade, Nan Gramigna, Saint Vladimir Church Pastor Myron Myronyuk, Keystone UNICO President Michele McDade, Bob Tagert, and Sandy and Bob Collins.

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Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO donated to the 15th annual Karley Rose Heart Walk Team at the 2025 Heart Walk at PNC Field. Principal members of Keystone Chapter and Team Karley Rose at the presentation are, from left: Tom Burke, Kristy Hill, Karalyn Hill, Kayleigh Hill, Marie Burke, Sylvia Tagert, Mark McDade, Keystone President Michele McDade, Bob Tagert, Karley Hill, and Tanner Corkins.

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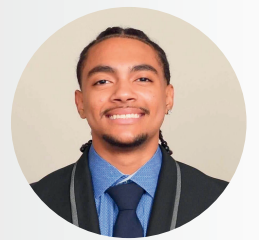
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