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Dunmoreans of the Month: Sherry's Royalettes



Sherry's Royalettes will conduct their spring recital on Friday, May 21, at Sherwood Park, Dunmore, following CDC guidelines for safety. The theme is "Forty wONEderful years" which is the group's 41st anniversary. The group is under the direction of Sherry Nicolais, assisted by Nicole Pizzola. Senior group members include, first row from left: Mia Irving, and Miss Buck, Isabella Zeller. Second row, same order: Haylie Keating, Kylie Jezorwski, Danielle Decker and Julia Temperino.

By Steve Svetovich

Sherry's Royalettes will celebrate "40 wonderful years" with its spring recital scheduled Friday, May 21, at Sherwood Park, Dunmore.

"This year's recital will be held outdoors," said Sherry Rubino Nicolais, founder and director of Sherry's Royalettes, Dunmore.

"It has certainly been a trying year and to remain safe and within CDC guidelines the park is the per-

fect setting for the recital"

Nicolais is assisted by Nicole Pizzola.

There are 35 members of Sherry's Royalettes ranging from age three to 18.

Senior members include Isabella Zeller, a graduating senior who is currently Miss Buck; Mia Irving, Haylie Keating, Kylie Jezorwski, Danielle Decker and Julia Temperino.

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Dunmore's Jane Jacobs being honored this week

Marywood University and The Center for The Living City are sponsoring, *Observe Scranton*, a weeklong program of events honoring renowned architect Jane Butzner Jacobs, a native of Dunmore, from May 4-8.

The community festival celebrates Scranton through the eyes of Jane Jacobs, an iconic city activist, on what would be her 105th birthday.

Free community exhibits located throughout the city, in collaboration with the Lackawanna County Library, Marywood University, the City of Scranton, other local colleges and universities, and many private community-minded developers, organizations, and businesses.

The celebration kicked off Tuesday with Jane Jacobs Day & Flag Raising at Scranton City Hall, with Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D., president of Marywood University, Scranton Mayor Paige Cagnetti, and the Center for the Living City for the inaugural Jane Jacobs Day Proclamation, a day of community conversations and gatherings.

A book launch was held in the theater at Lackawanna College with author Glenna Lang giving a slide presentation to celebrate the publication of her book, *Jane Jacob's First City: Learning from Scranton, Pennsylvania*.

Today (May 5), the Jane Jacobs Walk will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery, 1830 Jefferson Ave., Dunmore, at 2 p.m. Join the cemetery's caretaker and archivist, Norma Reese, for a fascinating tour of Scranton's first landscaped cemetery, founded in 1870.

Later today, the architecture and history of Lackawanna Avenue will be explored during the Jane Jacobs Walk, at 5:15 p.m., at The Marketplace at Steamtown. Architect and local historian, Richard Leonori, will lead a walk along Scranton's main downtown street, laid out as part of the original plan for the city in the 1850s.

A book signing at Library Express Bookstore at the Steamtown Mall will follow at 6:15 p.m., with author Glenna Lang, who will read passages from *Jane Jacob's First City*.

"A Community Conversation: A Scranton City Dialogue" will

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This is actually the 41st year of the organization, but last year's 40th celebration was curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"By holding this outdoors," said Nicolais, "we will still be following CDC guidelines but members can invite parents and grandparents. Seating will be six feet apart, of course."

"The girls can showcase their twirling skills outside. There will even be fire baton twirlers."

Nicolais said it was a tough year due to COVID. Sherry's Royalties went virtual for a time before meeting in person again.

"Doing it virtually is not an easy thing," said Nicolais. "It is just like being in school. Being in class with a teacher is much easier for

learning."

Initially at the onset of COVID, Sherry's Royalties went virtual with some classes, started back up last September and were shut down this past December due to the pandemic. The group started meeting in person again this past February.

"We planned a big party and celebration last year, but it was cancelled due to COVID," said Nicolais.

"We did have a short drive by with trophies last June outside of the Dunmore Community Center. We had cupcakes and balloons. That is about all we could do due to COVID. We followed the guidelines."

The group had always met at the Dunmore Community Center. However, the group was forced

to stop meeting there due to the pandemic. "We were able to secure the Church of Good Shepherd on North Washington Avenue in Green Ridge," said Nicolais. "We will stay and meet there as long as we have to."

"We are very happy to celebrate 40 years. I actually started this 41 years ago. Many of our members have become Miss Buck. Some have gone on to become national champions."

"Many of our students have gone on to be very successful. One of my former male students, Derrek Lederer, is a men's national champion and currently featured twirler at East Stroudsburg University."

Nicolais was twirling instructor at Dunmore High School for 34 years, but resigned after the last twirling season to spend time

with her two grandchildren, one a female toddler and the other a three-month-old baby girl, at State College. Her daughter Meredith Freeman, 28, resides at State College. She was once a twirler at Penn State.

Another daughter, Brittany Semion, 32, who twirled at Penn State, is an emergency room doctor in New York City and has been a front line health care worker throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Her youngest daughter Kayleigh Semion, 24, recently received her master's degree from Penn State where she played on the varsity basketball team. She is a former Dunmore basketball All State and All Regional player.

All three of Sherry's daughters were a part of Sherry's Royalties.

Beware of scams regarding vaccines, stimulus checks

Lackawanna County older adults, should beware that scams pertaining to two important subjects – vaccine shots and stimulus checks – are running rampant.

Here are the facts as provided by the County's Area Agency on Aging:

***Vaccine Scam** – Any calls stating that if you pay, provide credit card information, or personal information, you can get a vaccine shot is false. All vaccines are free; covered by insurance.

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Gavins to be honored by Marywood for community leadership

Marywood University's eighth annual Community Leadership Celebration, *Inspiring Social Justice*, will honor Jim and Cathy Gavin.

The celebration will take place on the University's campus in the Motherhouse and Seminary Morgan Memorial Garden on Thursday, June 10, where they will be awarded the *2021 Lead On Award*.

Inspiring social justice is a theme that unites Jim and Cathy, the Gavin and Walsh families, and the IHM Congregation in common purpose.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gavin have a lifelong relationship with the Sisters

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Mr. Gavin graduated from the University of Scranton in 1971, following three years of active military service.

He earned graduate degrees in Social Work and Management from Marywood in 1973 and 1985.

A professional social worker, Mr. Gavin worked in the behavioral health field for 47 years in clinical as well as management positions. He recently retired after 21 years as President/CEO of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, a UPMC insurance company, and is currently a Senior Advisor to executive leadership.

Elected to the Marywood Uni-

versity Board of Trustees in 2014, Mr. Gavin is a member of various committees serving as Treasurer and Chair of Finance since 2016.

Mrs. Gavin began a lifelong career in the restaurant business at Stirna's Restaurant in 1967.

After a short stay at The Scranton/Lackawanna Human Development Agency, she returned to her true passion, Stirna's Restaurant. In 1980, with the support and assistance of a friend and attorney, she purchased the business and remains its sole proprietor today.

During the next 40 years, Mrs. Gavin began and managed what is today a thriving catering business. She also negotiated and managed the food service contract for Lackawanna College. In 2008, on the 100th anniversary of Stirna's



Honorees Cathy and Jim Gavin

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The bottle is half full

man's senior. Even older than his dad.

But he never told his age. That was part of his persona. He was an enigma. He liked to keep everyone guessing.

The young man first met him two years earlier while working in Central Supply as part of a college work study program. Now he was his co-worker working with him on a full time basis.

The old wise man quickly became a mentor to the young adult, a bit wayward and unsure of himself. He became not only a working comrade, but a life teacher.

He taught the young man a lot about life and how to cope in the working world.

He was full of cliches: Life is a continuous series of changes; The name of the game is protect yourself (and this applies in all areas of life); Nothing ventured, nothing gained; Some mature and others grow old; There are those who love to tell everyone they work hard and there are those who say nothing and actually work hard;

There are enough workaholics in a work place to do most of the work; When you are single, enjoy being

single. And when you are married, enjoy being married; Sometimes you just need to shrug your shoulders and let it slide; You need to develop a tough skin in life;

Some people just have a major maladjustment; The definition of education is to bring the potential of the individual into actuality; There are grey areas in life. Not everything is black and white; Two plus two does not always equal four; Some look at the bottle as half full and others look at it as half empty; Did you ever go on a blind date and become blinded?

The older wise man had a mysterious aura. He told many stories and many tales, but revealed little about himself. "It is good to keep a certain mystery about yourself," he would say.

He told many stories of his days in the Air Force and spending time in Greenland and Iceland and getting to learn the culture of Eskimos. He talked about traveling in the south, visiting Mexico and living in Washington, D.C..

He was a dance instructor at Arthur Murray Dance Studio and

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Life is a continuous series of changes.

An old friend used to tell me that. There was a young man, only 21, who was trying to find his niche in life in the early 1980's.

Life was confusing. He was like a chameleon trying to turn from a young man into an adult.

It didn't look easy out there in the real world and there were a lot of anxieties. The transformation into the working world and learning how to fit in was something new.

The young man latched onto a job working in Central Supply at Mercy Hospital, Scranton.

Fitting in and learning something new was a bit scary.

And then an old wise man came along. He was 34 years the young

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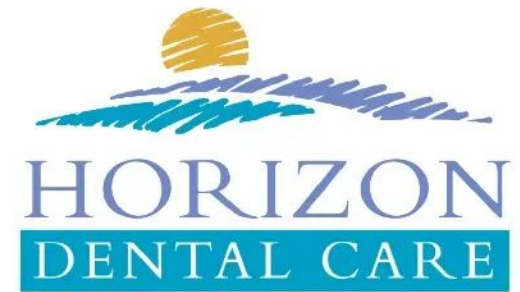
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Restaurant, with the help of her son Michael, she totally renovated the West Market Street facility.

During Jim and Cathy's 50 years of marriage, their focus has been on family, church, and community. They have two children, Kate and Michael, and two grandchildren, Gavin and Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Gavin are active on numerous boards dedicated to the health and welfare of the citizens in Lackawanna and Allegheny counties.

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basketball star at Scranton Central, but rarely spoke of his heroics. With a calm and dry wit, nothing seemed to faze him.

He often spoke of an opportunity to become league scoring leader in high school basketball. It was halftime and his team led by a huge margin. He only needed two points to become the scoring leader, but the coach took him and the rest of the starters out instead.

When asked if he was disappointed or angry in not having the chance to score two more points, he shrugged and said, "No, the coach wanted to get the reserves in the game. Instead of breaking the scoring record, I learned a lesson about the value of team work and being a good teammate." His eyes would swell up when he told the story.

He married later in life and raised two boys and a girl. They were his biggest accomplishments in life and his eyes glowed when he spoke of them. He cherished nothing more than his wife Jean and three children: Bill, Jr.; Chris and Jeannie.

He often told a story about walking into Far-

ley's in downtown Scranton. He asked for an egg, but was quickly told by the waitress one egg was not on the menu. "You mean you don't know how to make an egg?" he asked before walking out. An example of his point that not everything is black and white. There are grey areas.

He often took college classes for self fulfillment. Once asked by a college instructor if he wanted to become anything, he quickly responded, "I am something."

He took up Spanish and often greeted the young co-worker in Spanish. "Que tal, senior trabajador. Chico Rico."

The young man at the time was afraid to take chances, try new things. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," he would say. It made more sense as the young man began to take chances.

On dating and being single, he would say to the young man, "When you are single, enjoy being single. And when you are married, enjoy being married." Such sound advice, maybe easier understood as life experiences start to add up.

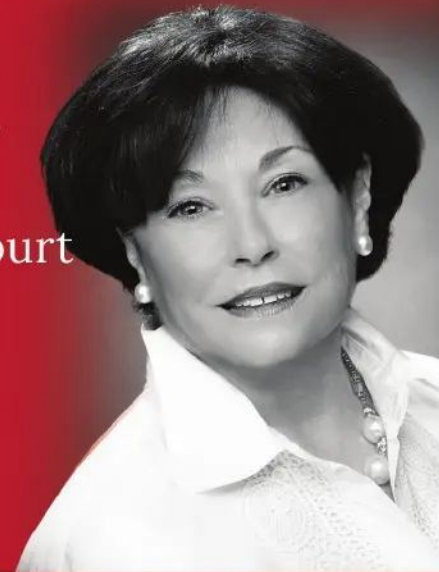
When entangled with a smart aleck, he would simply shrug his shoulders and say, "Some

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Jill Swersie is May Artist of the Month at Dunmore Activity Hub

We are proud to announce that oil painter and teacher Jill Swersie of Scotrun, is our May Artist of the Month at the Dunmore Activity Hub.

We sat down with Jill and asked her to tell us a little about her background in the world of art:

How long have you been painting?

I loved art as a child in New Jersey and, long before I ever took the craft seriously, I was drawing and coloring. As I recall, art class was always my favorite and one in which I did very well.

Did you study art after your high school years?

No. Unfortunately, I was never able to go to art school. Most of what I have learned came from workshops I took over the years. I also watched other artists and studied those whose work I admired.

Do you have a favorite artist, one who may have influenced you?

If I was to name an artist whom I really admired, I would have to say it was John Singer Sargent. Every once in a while someone tells me that one of my pieces reminds them of his work. That's a huge compliment.

Did you ever think you'd be teaching an art class?

No, it was never something on my radar. But about 28 years ago, a friend of mine who taught at Dunmore was quitting and I was asked if I'd like to take over the class. I was in my early 40's at the time and the director of the center said that if I was comfortable with senior citizen students, I could have the job. I thought, what the heck, why not give it a try.

You must have been nervous. Was it hard to teach in those early years?

Oh, yes, I was nervous at first. But after a few classes I became more comfortable. All my students were so kind to me and so appre-

ciative that I started to love going to class every Monday. But the love was not just for teaching. It was for my students as well. They all became friends, many of whom still are. Right now I have over 30 students and some of them have been in the class since day one. And what is funny...now I am as old as many of my newer students.

How have your students grown as artists?

Over the years, my students have grown tremendously, with many going on to participate in various art shows on their own. I am so proud of them.

This past year, with the pan-

demic, must have had an effect on your class. How have you dealt with that?

Sadly, we had to cancel our class this past year. But now, as more and more of us have been vaccinated, we are very close to starting back up and I can't wait. Of course, we will all observe social distancing and mask wearing when we do resume the class. Staying safe and healthy is very important to all of us.

When classes do resume, what should those interested in participating know?

Our class has always been,
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"Cousins"
by Jill Swersie

and will always be, on Mondays between 1 and 3:30 pm. There is a \$5 fee per class. When we start back up we will get the word out to everyone and new students will always be welcome. Hopefully, we will get back to normal very soon."



Ballet Theatre of Scranton, in partnership with the NEPA Philharmonic and Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture, will present "Ballet by the Beach" on Saturday, May 8 at 5 p.m. at Covington Park. Rain date is May 9 at 5 pm. Admission is free. For information, call 570-347-2867 or visit ballet.scranton.org Pictured are Dunmoreans Kelley Dougherty, at left, in "Danse Espanol" and Celia Eagen, right, in "Les Syphides". Joanne Arduino, Artistic Director, is also a Dunmorean.

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1/2 cup fresh sliced strawberries

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20 large fresh mushrooms

2 Tbsp. butter

1/4 cup finely chopped red pepper

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/3 cup crumbled bleu cheese

1 1/2 cups cooked rice

1 Tbsp. minced fresh basil

1/8 tsp. ground white pepper

Clean mushrooms with damp paper towel. Remove stems, finely chop stems and set aside. Saute' mushroom caps in butter in skillet. Add cream; bring to boil. Reduce heat and add cheese; cook until melted. Stir in rice, basil and pepper; cook until thoroughly heated. spoon rice mixture into mushroom caps. Place mushroom caps in greased shallow baking pan. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain on paper towels. Makes 20 appetizers.

FAJITA RICE SALAD

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

2 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 tsp. onion powder

1/2 tsp. cumin

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

1 lb. beef skirt steak, top round or flank steak

2 cups cooked rice, cooled to room temperature

3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1- 2 1/4 oz. can sliced ripe olives, drained

1/4 cup sliced green onions

Cheryl's Cuisine



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

4 flour tortillas, cut into wedges and fried until crisp

1/2 head lettuce, shredded

3/4 cup picante sauce

1/2 cup sour cream

Combine lime juice, oil, garlic, onion powder, cumin, salt and pepper in shallow baking dish; add beef. Cover and marinate in refrigerator, stirring occasionally, 4 hours or overnight. Remove beef from marinade; grill or broil beef as desired, basting with remaining marinade, 10-12 minutes or to desired doneness. Slice meat diagonally into bite-size pieces or strips. Combine rice, tomatoes, cheese, olives, and onions in large bowl. Arrange mixture on shredded lettuce. Place beef on top. Serve with crisp tortilla wedges, picante sauce and sour cream. Serves 4.

CHICKEN WITH RICE

4 Tbsp. olive oil

1-3 lb. frying chicken, cut into 8 pieces and skin removed

1 large onion, chopped

1 green bell pepper, ribs and seeds removed, and chopped

2 Tbsp. capers

1/4 cup small pimiento-stuffed olives

1 cup prepared tomato sauce

1 Tbsp. dried oregano

1 tsp. red pepper flakes

3 cloves garlic, minced

3 cups rice, uncooked

4 1/2 cups chicken broth

In stockpot or Dutch oven large enough to hold all ingredients, heat oil and brown chicken on all sides. Cover, lower heat, and simmer for about 15 minutes. Add onion and green pepper and cook for 5 minutes. Add capers, olives, tomato sauce, oregano, pepper flakes and garlic and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the 3 cups of rice and stir mixture well. Add chicken broth and stir. Cover pot, reduce heat, and simmer for approximately 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Serves 6.

WALNUT RISOTTO WITH ROASTED ASPARAGUS

5 cups low-salt chicken broth

3 tsp. olive oil, divided

1/3 cup onions, chopped

1 1/4 cups Arborio rice

1/2 cup dry white wine

1 lb. asparagus, tough ends trimmed

1 large garlic clove, thinly sliced

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Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup toasted walnuts, finely chopped
2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Bring broth to simmer in medium saucepan. Cover and remove from heat. Heat 1 1/2 tsp. olive oil in heavy medium saucepan over medium-high heat, add onion and saute' until light golden, about

4 minutes. Add rice and stir 1 minute. Add wine and stir until wine evaporates, about 2 minutes. Add 1/2 cup hot broth and cook until liquid is absorbed, stirring frequently. Continue adding more broth, 1/2 cupful at a time, until rice is tender and creamy, stirring frequently and allowing most of broth to be absorbed before adding more, about 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, place asparagus and garlic in shallow baking dish and drizzle with remaining 1 1/2 tsp. oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Roast until tender, turning occasionally, about 15 minutes.

Mix walnuts and grated Parmesan into risotto. Season again with salt and pepper. Arrange roasted asparagus on plate and top with

risotto. Serves 4.

MARSHMALLOW CLOUD

2 cups cooked rice
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 cup whipping cream, whipped
1 prepared (6 oz.) chocolate crumb crust
1/4 cup fudge sauce

Combine rice, marshmallows, and milk in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thick and creamy, 6-8 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla; cool. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon into crust. Chill at least 3 hours. Drizzle with warm fudge sauce before serving. Serves 6.

CREAMY RICE PUDDING

1/2 cup raw rice (River white rice)
1 qt. milk
1 egg
1 cup sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
Cinnamon, sprinkled

Soak rice in a little water until water is absorbed. Add milk, egg, sugar and salt; cook on low flame, stirring constantly until mixture becomes fairly thick and creamy and rice is cooked. Remove from heat. Add vanilla. Stir. Sprinkle with cinnamon. It will thicken as it cools in refrigerator.

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Pat O'Malley announces run for Registrar of Wills

Patrick O'Malley is running for Register of Wills of Lackawanna County. A former two term Commissioner of Lackawanna County and a former Scranton School Director, his life has been about giving back to the community.

O'Malley began playing Santa Claus at the age of 13, and has long been a speaker on behalf of women's rights and on behalf of the Women's Resource Center. His sister/godmother was a victim of domestic violence when he was 11 years old.

O'Malley is also the co-director of the "Hook" O'Malley Race Against Cancer", which is celebrating it's 29th year, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

He's also the cochairman of the O'Malley Free Holiday events which include Easter, Halloween, and Christmas, and is active in numerous other organizations and charities.

O'Malley promises that he will working on behalf of the 214,000 citizens as a full time Register of Wills.



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Junior Carly Wywoda key player for Holy Cross Lady Crusaders

By Steve Svetovich

Carly goes Yardy.

That was the case when Holy Cross junior shortstop Carly Wywoda came to bat in the bottom of the eighth of a 7-7 game against the Dunmore Lady Bucks.

The junior stalwart fouled off the first two pitches and then slugged a deep walk off homer to left center to beat the rival Lady Bucks, 8-7, on Thursday, April 22, in a Lackawanna League Division III contest at a cold, windy Saint Anthony's Playground, Dunmore. It was her second homer of the season.

With two strikes on her, Carly said she was not looking to hit a homer but made good contact and the ball traveled.

"I felt really happy to help my team out," she said. "But I have to admit, it felt really good inside."

Daughter of Georgann and Pete Wywoda, Carly at press time has three homers and is hitting a robust .520.

She has been a key member of the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders softball team since her freshman year when she hit .368 with five homers.

Carly, 17, has an impressive 3.89 academic average at Holy Cross. Her favorite subject is Spanish.

Carly said she would like to have a dual major in Education and Spanish in college and "definitely" wants to continue her softball career.

Carly is unsure where she will attend college.

Joe Ross is her softball coach at Holy Cross. "He teaches me to always keep my head up and keep fighting. Never give up. Even when you make an error or an out, keep your head up."

The slick fielding, hard hitting shortstop said her parents are a big influence. "My parents teach me to respect everything I have, including the game, people, coaches, teammates. They tell me to never give up on anything."

Carly is a member of the Foreign Languages Club and Service Club at Holy Cross. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a huge fan of Kenny Chesney who she saw in concert and would like to see again.

At press time her team only had two losses. "We do not let up," she said. "We just keep fighting."

She talked about what it takes to be a good shortstop in high school softball.

"You need to have a good attitude and show leadership. You can't get down or hang your head after a missed play."

She talked about her future

goals. "I want to keep and maintain my academic strengths. I want to do well all around, both on and off the field and outside of school too. I want to learn about different cultures and never stop learning. I want to learn about all different people. I want to become a teacher and continue playing softball in college."

Soft spoken and articulate, Carly beamed when asked about her Holy Cross experience.

"It has been absolutely amazing," she said. "The faculty, staff and coaches always put the student first."

"They really care about the students and it shows. I love it here."



DHS shortstop Emma Conte on a hitting streak

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore shortstop Emma Conte Sometimes you just get in a groove and it doesn't stop.

Take Dunmore Lady Bucks junior shortstop Emma Conte, for instance.

Daughter of Rich and Kim Conte, Emma credits her off-season work with former minor league shortstop and Scranton Central and Millersville product Phil Rossi for the great strides she has made with her hitting stroke.

"I worked with Phil Rossi a lot in the off-season months," she said. "He is just a tremendous private instructor and taught me a lot about hitting in order to improve my game. I have to give him a lot of credit for my improvement."

Emma is so hot that she went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a double in a 7-5 win over Lakeland on Friday, April 30; 3-for-4 with two RBIs in a 4-3 loss to Carbondale on Monday, April 26; 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs in an

8-7 loss to Holy Cross on Thursday, April 22; and 4-for-4 with two runs, two doubles and four RBIs in a 7-2 win over Riverside on Monday, April 19.

At press time, Emma is hitting a scintillating .581, with six doubles and a homer. She has simply been on a hitting tear all season.

The junior stalwart also plays a fabulous shortstop. "To be a good shortstop in high school softball," she said, "you need to connect with your team and be a leader. You need to be able to bring a teammate up when they are down. You need to lead the cheering. Make your teammates cheer."

A vocal leader on the team, Emma said she wants to continue her softball career in college. Not sure yet about a college, Emma said she does want to major in Early Childhood Education and eventually teach young children.

Her hobbies include fishing, hanging with friends, and going to her family beach house in Florida. She also gives a lot of credit to Dunmore softball coach Ryan Ferguson and his assistant Colleen Ross. "They are both great coaches and taught me a lot."

Emma's parents also have been strong mentors. "They teach me how to play with my teammates. Be a leader. Be a team player and good teammate."

This is Emma's first year on the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team. She hit a strong .400 as a freshman at Riverside. Her sophomore softball season was lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic and then she transferred to Dunmore.

She has a 94 academic average and said her best subject is English. She is a member of the Spanish Club. She also plays volleyball.

At press time her team had a

4-5 record, but she sees a lot of improvement with the team. "We are really playing well together now," she said. "We are doing well lately and hitting now. This team is going to bring it up a lot. We are going to light it up."

A confident leader on the team, Emma said her future goals are to continue playing softball and become a teacher. She would like to see Post Malone in concert.

She continued with her praise of Rossi who once led the Atlantic



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Emma Coar with off-season coach Phil Rossi

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Dunmore Lady Bucks softball shortstop **Emma Conte** hitting .581 at press time with several recent games of three or more hits...She credits Scranton Central and Millersville product **Phil Rossi**, who once led ACBL with .448 batting average playing for Scranton Red Sox at Dunmore's Schautz Stadium, for much of her hitting success after taking private hitting lessons from the former minor league shortstop...

Taylor High School graduate **George Fricovsky**, 95, huge NY Yankees and NY Giants fan, who played softball in local leagues until he was 60, was hit in right leg with piece of shrapnel coming from German hand grenade in Battle of the Bulge in 1945...He has the piece of shrapnel enclosed in glass case along with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, American Campaign Medal,

European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and Legion of Honor from France...

Former Scranton Prep softball player and recent University of Scranton graduate **Aubrey Savage**, 22, off to Florida for her job as computer engineer for Lockheed Martin...Former NY Yankees reserve outfielder **Mike Tauchman** made immediate impact with three hits in first game with San Francisco Giants following Yanks trade for veteran reliever **Wandy Peralta**...Tauchman then hit his first homer in two years in following game...**Olena**, energetic and personable bartender at The Roosey in Dunmore, celebrated Russian Orthodox Easter with her family earlier this month...**Sherry Nicolais** celebrating 40 years with her Sherry's Royalties with recital Friday, May 21, at Sher-

Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



wood Park, Dunmore...Holy Cross junior shortstop **Carly Wywoda**, hitting .520 at press time, smacked huge walk off homer in bottom of eighth to give Lady Crusaders 8-7 win over Dunmore Thursday, April 22...She hit .368 with five homers in her freshman season...Do you remember Green Ridge's **Teddy Jordan**?...Condolences to family of **David Lee Haring**, Scranton, who died tragically at 27 last month from injuries in tree trimming accident...An arborist who loved nature and the outdoors, he is survived by his fiancé and seven children...

Sam Hannah had two hits and three RBIs, **Dom Temperino** tripled and **Kieran Reyes** had two hits, including a double, to lead Dunmore to 6-1 win over Carbondale Area...Reyes was winning pitcher yielding five hits in complete game...**Carly Wywoda** had two hits, including homer and drove in three runs, **Malaney Brady** hit home run and drove in two and winning pitcher **Erin McGee** fired complete game and drove in two in Holy Cross Lady Crusaders 14-4 softball win over Riverside...**Emma Conte** had three hits, including double and RBI and winning pitcher **Moriah Murray** had two hits with homer and two RBIs to lead Dunmore Lady Bucks to 7-5 softball win over Lakeland...**Alexis Santarsiero** added double and RBI for Dunmore...**Abby Springer** won the 100 and 200-meter dashes and ran winning 400 relay to lead Dunmore to 74-57 win over Holy Cross in Lackawanna Track Conference Division III girls meet...Springer committed to continue academic and athletic careers at King's College...**Gemma Longo** added wins in the shot and discus

for Lady Bucks...**Mia Schimelfenig** won long and triple jumps for Holy Cross...**Emma Conte** went 4-for-4 with two doubles, two runs and four RBIs and winning pitcher **Moriah Murray**, who struck out 10, had two hits and scored three runs in Dunmore's 7-2 softball win over Riverside...**Cristian Buckley** won 100-meter dash, long jump and ran on the winning 400-relay to lead Dunmore over Blue Ridge, 72-68, in Lackawanna Division III-IV crossover track and field meet...**Giancarlo Escobar** won the 1,600 and 800 and **Joe Cardillo** added win in the 3,200 and was member in winning 3,200 relay for Dunmore...Congratulations to Scranton Prep seniors **Rachael Rose** and **Cecelia Collins**, Dunmore junior **Moriah Murray** and sophomore **Ciera Toomey**, Holy Cross junior **Kaci Kranson**, Riverside junior **Kylie Lavelle** and Old Forge senior **Olivia Ciullo** for first-team all-state basketball honors...Murray and Lavelle, who are friends, committed to Drexel University...Toomey already has 11 Division I offers as a sophomore...MLB's odd new baseball rule of seven-innings games during double headers already has Arizona's **Madison Bumgarner** throwing seven-inning no-hitter...Nice feat for Mad Bum, but no comparison to **Nolan Ryan's** record seven no-hitters...Ryan Express had an additional 16 games in which he had no-hitter after seven innings but later gave up hit...NY Yankees injured first baseman **Luke Voit** rehabbing at Moosic's PNC Field...Washington quarterback **Alex Smith** retired at 37 from NFL after making improbable and successful comeback last season from broken leg...The

Joker or **Steph Curry** for NBA MVP?...How about **Russell Westbrook** with 21 rebounds and career high 24 assists in recent NBA contest...New York Knicks fans chanting "MVP" for **Julius Randle** after team reeled off nine straight wins...Cincinnati Bengals No. 1 draft pick **Ja'Marr Chase**, shifty and quick receiver, reunited with former LSU quarterback and teammate **Joe Burrow**...Condolences to family of 58-year Scranton Times veteran **Harold Marion** who died last month at 81...How about **Jayson Tatum** scoring 60 points in Boston Celtics 32-point comeback win over San Antonio...Northeastern chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame president **Bob Walsh**, Dunmore, held meetings last month at Friendly's Restaurant, Dunmore, to finalize plans for this year's annual induction dinner...Condolences to family of **Joe Sabo**, Elvis tribute artist, who died last month at 63 after battle with cancer...Dutchie's eatery has begun new era at site of former Brunetti's Pizza and Deli, 1924 Sanderson Ave., Green Ridge section of Scranton...Brunetti's closed the door in July after 62 years of business...Former owner **Anne Brunetti** resides in Dunmore...**Nico Ruggiero**, who went 4-for-4 with double, three runs and three RBIs, scored game winning run on throwing error as Dunmore scored twice in bottom of seventh to beat Mid Valley, 14-13...**Frank Ruggiero** added two hits, including double, two runs and two RBIs for Dunmore...Dunmore's **Gino Tempesta**, who still runs Tempesta Driving School, enjoying his varsity assistant baseball coaching

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Oven running for borough council

Katherine Mackrell Oven, a founding member of the Friends of Lackawanna, has announced her candidacy for Dunmore Borough Council.

Oven has spent countless hours speaking to local elected officials about why a 50-year expansion is not in the best interest of this area, and she realized the importance of the individuals who serve on local boards, pointing out that the decisions of Dunmore's Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Borough Council have a direct impact on the daily lives of residents.

As a mother, Oven's concern is not only for the health and safety of her children, but for all the children in the Borough.

Oven realizes that as a private citizen, she can only do so much, which prompted her to run for Council.

She wants to do everything in her power to make sure residents are afforded clean air, clean water and a safe place to raise their families. She believes the members of the Borough Council should have one mission, and that is to represent the best interests of all residents in the Borough.

In addition to her concerns about the health of residents, she is also concerned about the finances of the Borough.

According to Oven, the 18 million dollars the Borough received from the Scranton Sewer sale in 2017 has only 4.6 million dollars

remaining. In four short years, the borough spent 13.4 million dollars.

"It's important to have people on Council who are fiscally responsible with our tax dollars," she points out.

"If elected, I will work hard to make sure our tax dollars are being spent reasonably and with transparency.

"As someone who works in the financial industry, I know how important it is to manage the borough's taxes and spend those dollars in a responsible way" Oven says.

"I humbly ask for your vote on May 18, so I may continue to fight for the wonderful Borough of Dunmore."



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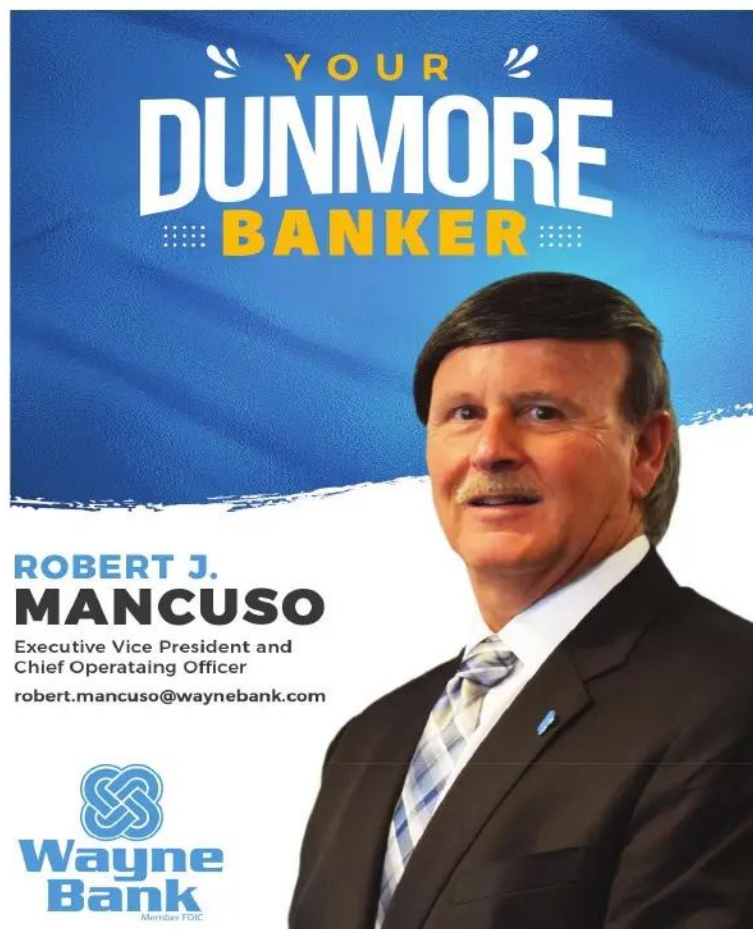
Collegiate Baseball League with a .448 average while playing at Dunmore's Schautz Stadium in the summer of 1975. "He just knows so much about the game."

Well spoken and talkative, Emma said she is enjoying her experience at Dunmore. "I love it," she said. "Everyone is so friendly. The softball team is so close."

Dishin' ...

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gig at North Pocono High School... Marywood baseball product **Dylan Svetovich**, 25, began 21st consecutive year of playing summer baseball this season in Wyoming Valley Baseball League...Former Scranton Central basketball and baseball player **Mike Harrington** returned once again to play in the league...Do you remember **Fran Sempa**?...Whatever became of **Willie Wilson**?...




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Dunmore architect Jane Jacobs being honored

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take place from 6 – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Those interested can register at surveymonkey.com/r/ObserveScranton.

An inspired community conversation focusing on questions and themes Jane Jacobs raised in a seminal 1987 letter to the city about "what Scranton is, has been, and can be." This event is hosted by The University of Scranton and city partners.

On Thursday, May, 6, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. a virtual event, "Blue Zone + the Built Environment",

will be provided. Those interested can register by emailing Margaret.Brown@sharecare.com with the session the participants plan to attend including:

*10 – 11:15 a.m., *Built Environment – Government*. Discussions targeted to government and planning leaders for public works, economic development, walking and bike infrastructure, public safety, and more.

*11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: *Built Environment – Policy Advocates*: Discussion targeted to walk and bike advocates, neighborhood associations, chamber of commerce

reps, and more.

*1 – 2 p.m.: *Blue Zones for Elected Officials*: Discussions targeted to mayors, city councils, county commissioners, and state and federal representatives, as well as the public.

A book reading with Glenna Lang and community members will take place at 5:30 p.m., at the Lackawanna County Courthouse, across from the iconic Electric City sign. Accompanied by special guests, author Glenn Lang will provide an outdoor book reading of *Jane Jacob's First City*, followed by an audience Q&A and book signing.

On First Friday, May 7, Scranton will feature a wide variety of cultural events found in some of the city's best restaurants and cafes, as well as galleries, boutiques, and other small businesses from 5 to 9 p.m..

There will be an Interactive Exhibit, from 5 -7 p.m., at the Observe Scranton headquarters, 546 Spruce St., in the Scranton Life Building.

During the First Friday event, attendees are encouraged to share their thoughts about the past, present, and future of Scranton.

The Inaugural Community Night Light Ride will take place at 8:30 p.m., with registration at 7:30 p.m. Those interested will meet at the corner of Adams Avenue and Spruce Street.

A fun evening bicycle ride through the city of Scranton will take place. Attendees are encouraged to decorate their bicycles with lights. Registration can also be made prior to the event, at northeastartproject.com/lightthenighride.

On Saturday, May 8, a Jane Jacobs Walk will take place from 10 – 11 a.m., at 1712 Monroe Ave., Dunmore, the childhood home of

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mature. Others grow old."

His simple words, "protect yourself" applied to a world where not all was good. In other words, not everyone is good and righteous, or as you want them to be. You must be prepared when life throws you a curve. You need to "protect yourself."

He provided the young man with a poem entitled, Desiderata. "Go placidly amidst the noise and hate and remember what peace there may be in silence." Those were the first few words of the poem and that was the way he lived himself.

The young man worked with this older gentleman for close to five years before moving on to a new career and raising a family himself. After all, "Life is a continuous series of changes." And of course, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Despite the 34 years in age difference, the two became friends for life and met for breakfast and lunch over the next four decades.

Eventually the young man became the age his mentor once was. The young man never fully understood all of the cliches when he was in his early 20's, but every single one of them made complete sense as he went through the various stages of life. You learn through experience.

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Jacobs....

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Jane Jacobs. Architect and long-time Dunmorean, John Cowder, will retrace Jane's routes to her neighborhood school, the potato chip factory in the alley, and other mom-and-pop stores she and her family and friends frequented.

That evening, Scranton StorySlam with Scranton Fringe will take place at the Scranton Cultural Center, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Scranton StorySlam is a celebration of diverse voices, welcoming all to share their stories of triumph, disappointment, humor, and heart-break with supportive audiences.

Featured storytellers include Amber Viola, Chris Kelly, Glynis M. Johns, Gerard Hetman, Lauren M. O'Handley, Terry Thompson, and Jessica Rothchild, Ph.D., as well as many others.

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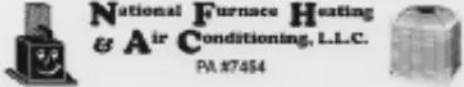
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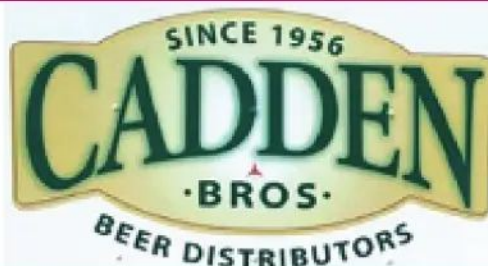
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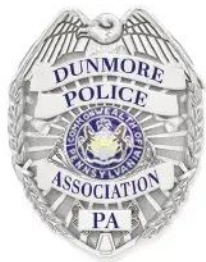
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