

Dunmorean of the Month

ROCCO RICCARDO



By Steve Svetovich

All good things come to an end.

Such is the case with Riccardo's Market, 1219 Wheeler Avenue, in Dunmore. Riccardo's Market has been a staple in the Dunmore community for close to 100 years.

However, Riccardo's final day of business was Wednesday, October 30, as store owner Rocco Riccardo retired after selling to Schiel's Market, a Shursave supermarket chain that owns stores in Wilkes-Barre and Plains. Riccardo, 61, Dunmore, is used to working 70 to 80 hours seven days a week and is ready for a rest.

"They know me very well at McDonald's on the O'Neill Highway," he said. "I am the first one there every morning for a coffee at 5:01 a.m. Then I head to the store to start my day. It's a daily ritual seven days a week.

"I do a lot of different things at the store, including the maintenance. It's all hands on. This is going to be a long-awaited vacation."

There will be some renovations to the building this month as Schiel's is slated to begin business December 1.

"My customers and employees mean a lot to me," he said. "I had offers to sell before, but the deal had to include that all of my employees would be retained by the new company. Schiel's agreed to that. We made that deal. So it's good for me, good for the Schiel's family and good for my employees and customers."

Riccardo, the final owner and operator of the family business, has been a major part of the operation for the past 48 years.

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Good Deeds in Dunmore!

ABOVE: Dunmore firefighters attended various Trunk and Treat events in October, including this one sponsored by Hart Law and The Dunmorean.--See more photos on Pages 12, 13, 14.

Dunmore Elementary Center hosted "Literacy Under the Lights" at the football stadium on October 17. This event, which promoted literacy, included members of the Dunmore Bucks football team who read to students.--See more photos on Page 22.



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There have been three locations in 100 years. The business has been owned by four generations of Riccardos.

Originally owned by his great-grandfather Salvatore Riccardi, the family-owned business originated in the early 1920's.

"Our family dealt in produce back then," said Riccardi, who will turn 62 in February. "Those were the horse-and-buggy days. We were hucksters."

Riccardi's original location was where DePietro's Pharmacy stands today at 617 Third St., Dunmore. In 1993, Rocco took over the family-owned business and bought the old Giant Market building on Blakely Street near the Dunmore police station and borough building. In 2008, Riccardi's moved to its current location at 1219 Wheeler Ave., Dunmore.

Son of Betty and Salvatore Riccardi, Rocco has been working in the family business since

he was 14.

"I used to go there right after school and on weekends. I worked there 40 hours a week when I was in high school."

Rocco's grandfather, also Rocco, took over the family business in the 1930's. Eventually, Rocco's dad Salvatore took over Riccardi's Market. Rocco has been running the family business since 1993.

Rocco is married to the former Nancy Jennings. Their children have all been involved in the family business at one time or another. Those five children are Anna, 42; Sal, 41; Lexxus, 26; Elizabeth, 23; and Michael, 18. Michael was still working in the business up to its final day of operation. The couple also has two grandchildren: Annalea, 8, and Aribella, 5.

Riccardi's Market was open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rocco said the Riccardi and DePietro families go back over 100

years. The two families used to be neighbors in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore.

Rocco is a 1981 graduate of Bishop O'Hara in Dunmore. He also has a pilot's license and studied welding at Johnson School of Technology. He once owned a plane.

"I loved working in this business everyday. I loved the customers and my great employees. I've seen three generations of customers. Some of my employees were with me 20 to 30 years. It's going to be hard without my customers and employees. They are all like family to me. It's tough to leave, but Schiel's is going to be a nice fit for Dunmore," Rocco says.

"My wife and I are going on a well-deserved vacation and then I want to spend more time with the family. My wife worked in the business, too. She did a lot in the greenhouse and with cooking. We want to spend a lot of time with our two grandchildren in Dover, PA.

"My dad and grandfather both died at 65. I thought it was time to retire now. I want to live to be 100. I want to enjoy my retirement."



Peoples Security Bank & Trust recently presented the Greater Scranton YMCA with a \$500 donation, awarded through their #PSBTGives Campaign. Shown from left are: Danithza Farrell, Peoples Security Bank & Trust, Branch Manager, Dickson City Office, and Meghan Carnevale, Greater Scranton YMCA, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director.

Marywood transfer program

Marywood University has set several dates during fall and winter for its Transfer Tuesdays program. These events are for current or former college students, at all stages of their college journey, who are considering transferring to Marywood University.

There are three in-person and one virtual option available, with appointments occurring every half hour during the designated time frames, including: In-Person Dates are: November 12, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; December 17, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and January 7, 1-5:30 p.m. The Virtual Date is December 3, 4-5:30 p.m.

At Marywood's Transfer Tuesdays, students can meet with an admissions counselor, discuss financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and review credits for transfer eligibility. Optional tours are offered at select times. Marywood University's spring semester begins on Monday, January 13.

For information about transferring to Marywood, or to register for the Transfer Tuesdays program, visit marywood.edu/transfer or call Marywood University's Office of University Admissions, at (570) 348-6234 or email YourFuture@marywood.edu.

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Mackenzie Dolphin wins National Reflections Award of Merit

By Kathleen Feeney

Mackenzie (ZZ) Dolphin, a young and talented filmmaker from Dunmore, has brought pride to her community by winning the prestigious Award of Merit, Bronze Medal, in the National PTA Reflections contest.

Her poignant film on the pressing issue of bullying has earned her national recognition in the highly competitive film category.

Mackenzie, the daughter of Jennifer and Billy Dolphin, has always had a passion for storytelling and visual arts. Her award-winning film, which delves into the emotional and social impacts of bullying, stood out among numerous entries from across the country.

The National PTA Reflections contest, known for encouraging students to explore their creativity and express themselves through various artistic mediums, received over 300,000 submissions this year, making Mackenzie's achievement particularly noteworthy.

The Dunmore Elementary Center PTA, which ran the contest at the local level, played a crucial role in Mackenzie's journey. The top five winners in each category from Dunmore advanced to the regional level. From there, the best entries moved on to the State and National levels.

This year, Dunmore had an

impressive seven regional winners with a total of 10 winning entries, showcasing the town's rich talent pool.

Among these, two advanced to win state awards, including Hope McKenna, who won an award of merit for her drawing titled "The Whale."

Mackenzie came in first in the State and advanced to Nationals where she took home the bronze! Beth Dale, Pennsylvania State PTA President stated that, to the best of her knowledge, Dunmore has never had a national winner.

In her film, Mackenzie not only captures the harsh realities faced by victims of bullying but also offers a message of hope and resilience. The judges praised her for her compelling narrative, exceptional cinematography, and the powerful way she conveyed the importance of empathy and kindness.

Jennifer and Billy Dolphin expressed immense pride in their daughter's accomplishment. "Mackenzie has always been a thoughtful and creative individual. Her dedication to raising awareness about bullying through her film is truly inspiring," said Jennifer.

Billy added, "We are thrilled to see her hard work and passion recognized on a national level."

Mackenzie's achievement has not only brought joy to her family but has also inspired her peers and

the local community.

The PTA plans to showcase her film to further promote discussions around the topic of bullying and encourage other students to engage in creative expression.

The National PTA Reflections program has been celebrating student achievements in the arts for over 50 years. It aims to help students explore their artistic talents and find their voice in a safe and supportive environment.

Mackenzie's success in this esteemed competition underscores the importance of arts education in fostering young talents and addressing critical social issues.

As Mackenzie looks ahead, she hopes to continue using her filmmaking skills to tell stories that matter and make a difference in the world. Her journey is a testament to the power of creativity and the impact that young voices can have on society.

The community eagerly awaits what this promising young filmmaker will create next, confident that her future endeavors will continue to inspire and bring about positive change.

For more information on the National PTA Reflections contest, and to view Mackenzie Dolphin's award-winning film, visit the Dunmore PTA Facebook Page or go to this video link:

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Dunmore mourns legendary sportswriter Guy Valvano

He was the dean of local sports writers.

Old school family values and old school sports journalism were a part of his many positive traits.

It can easily be stated that no one knew more about the history of the local sports scene than Dunmore's Guy Valvano who died last month at 96.

The legendary sports reporter wrote 12 books on the local sports scene after retiring from a lengthy career as Sunday Scrantonian Sports Editor at the defunct Scrantonian Tribune and his later position as sports information director at Lackawanna College. And he was a wealth of sports information.

Guy is the last of a dying breed of old school reporters and editors who cranked out stories until the wee hours of the morning on old typewriters on creaky old floors at the old Scrantonian Tribune in

downtown Scranton. It was a day and age when there were two newspapers in town.

Following the demise of the Scrantonian Tribune, Guy wrote sports for the Sunday Sun for a year until that newspaper folded.

He then became a major contributor to the sports pages of The Dunmorean. He especially enjoyed writing stories for the annual pigskin issue of The Dunmorean.

He was the last surviving sports writer of the Scrantonian Tribune, a group that filled a small area in back of the old newsroom with the likes of Chic Feldman, Jimmy Calpin, Jack Seitzinger, Paul Krupski, and Dave Williams.

"He always arrived ready and early for his shift," said former Scrantonian Tribune printer/reporter Jimmy Maloney. "I would arrive a half hour after him everyday. He was dedicated to his work and a great person."

There are only about 10 living reporters left from the old Scrantonian Tribune.

"Guy grew up in a sports world dominated by Chic Feldman," said former Scrantonian Tribune reporter Lew Marcus. "Chic was the sports guru who seemed to have a personal connection to every major sports organization. To read Feldman was an insight into what was happening in pro ball.

"Guy Valvano had the opposite interest. He was all about finding that developing talent and celebrating it. He wasn't as interested in the Mickey Mantles. He was interested in that young emerging athlete who could become the next Mickey Mantle."

Marty Myers, recently retired from the Times-Tribune, covered sports for the competing newspaper but had great admiration for Valvano.

"I always had the utmost respect for Guy," he said. "In addition to admiring him personally, I marveled at the quality and volume of work that he produced, the hours he committed to honing his craft, and the memories and scrapbook clippings he created for generations of area athletes.

"I hope he understood just how many families' lives he touched in a positive way, including my own. He was a mentor and I tried to fashion my own Sunday column after his example - an impossible task.

"Always encouraging, quick to praise when he felt I wrote something of value, and until my retirement, a font of information and story ideas. How blessed I was that he touched my life."

Tim Wagner, owner and operator of Wagner's Sporting Goods, Green Ridge, was the subject of Valvano's many stories as a standout basketball player for Scranton Central and William and Mary College. Valvano stayed in touch with him over the years, often visiting his store.

"Guy was a walking encyclopedia on local sports information," Wagner said. "Guy was the best in the area at promoting local athletes. This will never be matched again in our area. He was the go-to guy, the guru of local sports.

"What was even more impressive to me, was how he lived his life every single day and who he was

as a person.

"When God said, 'I created man in my image and likeness,' Mr. Valvano was the measuring stick. There was no one better."

Former Scrantonian Tribune staffer Mike McLane simply stated, "He was a legend. Everyone knew Guy Valvano. What a great life."

A diligent newsman from a bygone era, Guy had a tireless work ethic. He wrote for the Scrantonian Tribune for 40 years, starting as a copy boy.

Prior to his passing, Guy wrote his final book, "Covering a Lifetime in Sports," his biography.

Guy was a basketball standout at Dunmore High School. As a member of the Dunmore baseball team, he became the scorekeeper, calling in the results and box scores to the two local newspapers.

A legendary sports historian, Guy saved local sports clippings, statistics and box scores. His basement was filled with a wealth of well organized sports information dating back to close to a century.

A tireless writer, his column, "Guylines," at the old Scrantonian Tribune covered the lives of graduated athletes and was a must-read.

Following the close of The Scrantonian Tribune, Guy spent 13 years as sports information director at Lackawanna College. Following his retirement there, Guy never stopped writing or promoting local sports.

He wrote a dozen books, contributed sports stories to The Dunmorean and spent countless hours promoting and organizing the annual Scranton Lions Club Dream Game. One of his books focused on the history of the Dream Game.

Guy had great attention to detail and precise writing with a focus on the local athlete, particularly high school athletics covering every sport. His many honors include the PIAA District 2 Service Award, the District II American Legion Baseball Service Award, the PIAA District 12 Media Award and inaugural winner of Northeast Athletic Conference Sports Media Award in 1988.

He was inducted into the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 and the University of Scranton Wall of Fame in 1996. He received the James A. Calpin Media Award presented by the Chic Feldman Foundation in 1995. He received the Joseph M. Butler Award by the Scranton Times in 2007 and was honored by the Scranton Chapter of PIAA Football Officials in 1991. Dunmore Borough Council presented Guy with the Appreciation Award for his service to the borough, and he received the Key to the City of Binghamton from the Boxing Old-Timers Club.

Guy was so legendary that even



the late Brooks Robinson visited his Dunmore home once.

A devoted family man, Guy was married to his wife Marie for 71 years. The couple raised four children and took great pride in numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A proponent of old-fashioned values, Guy always attended weekly church services and enjoyed weekly Sunday dinners with his family. During his retirement years, he was always in the stands rooting for the athletic achievements of his grandchildren. He remained an astute follower and supporter of the local athletic scene.

(Columnist note: This scribe had the pleasure of starting a four decade friendship with Guy Valvano as a rookie reporter for the Scrantonian Tribune in 1985. Guy knew of my love for sports writing and quickly became one of my mentors.

He was a stickler on spelling, punctuation, precise writing, and getting accurate sources for correct facts. He constantly corrected me on the apostrophe in King's College every single time until I got it right. He believed in short, precise, accurate stories.

He continued to serve as a mentor to me during the past 35 years as I continued to write for The Dunmorean and assisted with the annual pigskin issue for many years. Always supportive, I was sure to get a call from him if he spotted any type of slight inaccuracy in a story I wrote. It would be a simple call, with positive reinforcement. It made me a better writer and the calls would become more infrequent the more accurate I became. He often called or mailed me a note on story ideas on Dunmore athletes. It was a badge of honor if Guy told you you were doing a good job or liked a story you wrote. It is with great pleasure and honor, I was able to call Guy Valvano a colleague, mentor and friend over the past 40 years. He was a true legend in the world of local sports journalism.)



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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Congratulations to the Dunmore High School Students of the Month for September, including Vivienne Archer, Grade 7; Amelia Joseph, Grade 8; Ian Fong, Grade 9; Shy-Anne Hulse, Grade 10; Nolan Orr, Grade 11, and Anthony Anelli, Grade 12.



Dunmore High School seniors again participated in PennDot's Paint the Plow contest. Mrs. Cristin Hogan organized this project with seniors Dhruvi Ray, Hailey Mofitt, Prince DeNucci, and Holly Tosto.

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CASA Red Shoe Gala benefits abused, neglected children

By Steve Svetovich

The Casa Red Shoe Gala was held at La Buona Vita, Dunmore, this past October 10.

Stacy Lange, an Emmy-nominated anchor and investigative reporter for WNEP News, served as mistress of ceremonies for the event.

A delicious buffet dinner and dessert was served. There was dancing with EJ the DJ and a wide assortment of basket raffles at the Red Shoe affair. William Brown II was honored as CASA Volunteer of the Year.

And all the ladies at the Dunmore event wore red shoes!

Mary Pidich, a CASA volunteer who attended the affair in Dunmore explained, "These shoes represent the ruby slippers the orphan Dorothy wore in *The Wizard of Oz* which helped her find her way. This is an analogy to the children who are served by CASA who need help in finding their way home."

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Lackawanna County has a mission to be an unwavering advocate for abused and/or neglected children. The mission is to provide these children with hope, unwavering support and genuine encouragement.

The mission is also to empower these children to cultivate resiliency while ensuring their voices resound loudly within the juvenile court system, guiding them towards safe, permanent and

nurturing homes.

Studies show that a CASA volunteer is more likely to secure needed services for a child in a timely manner and to ensure they are moved from placement to placement less frequently. A child is more likely to have their case reviewed regularly by the court and has a better chance of living in a safe, permanent home.

"Our kids, fosters, and orphans are all from Lackawanna County and are in the system," said Mary Pidich, "A handful of us, primarily retirees, take the worst cases on in order to guard and help these kids."

"We are all educated and court-appointed. It takes a bit of overhead to maintain the CASA organization. The Red Shoe Gala is about finding organizational funds to help volunteers work with these children to find a permanent home."

"Children mistreated and dispirited can recover with the help of CASA and excel to become valuable members and leaders in society."

As a CASA volunteer, an individual will speak up for the best interest of a child in court. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to recommend the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child's future.

Whether this means helping to make a connection with adoptive parents or safely reuniting the child with the parents or relatives, the ultimate goal of the CASA is to help ensure that every one of these kids



Volunteers and Directors are shown at the CASA Red Shoe Gala held last month at La Buona Vita in Dunmore.

can live in a safe, permanent home.

Once assigned to a case, the CASA volunteer reviews the child's records and talks with everyone involved, including the child. The CASA then provides the judge with a factual, written report to help the court make a well informed decision about that child's future.

During the life of a case, a CASA volunteer monitors the child's situation to make sure he or she remains safe. CASA volunteers may be the only constant the child

knows as she or he moves through the labyrinth of the child welfare system.

Joan W. Peterson, BSW, MPA, is director of CASA of Lackawanna County. She provided remarks at the event. Lisa Murphy and Elizabeth Warrick were the Red Shoe Gala co-chairs.

CASA is located at 846 Jefferson Ave., Scranton.

William Ridgeway Brown II is the CASA of Lackawanna County Volunteer of the Year. He was unanimously nominated by

his fellow volunteers and a case-worker. He has been with CASA for two years and advocated for 11 children.

Over the past year, he visited two other states and took a small plane to Pittsburgh to visit his CASA children. He also volunteers at Outreach.

He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve and retired from the United States Air Force as a Major in 1994. He has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and (Please turn to Page 23)

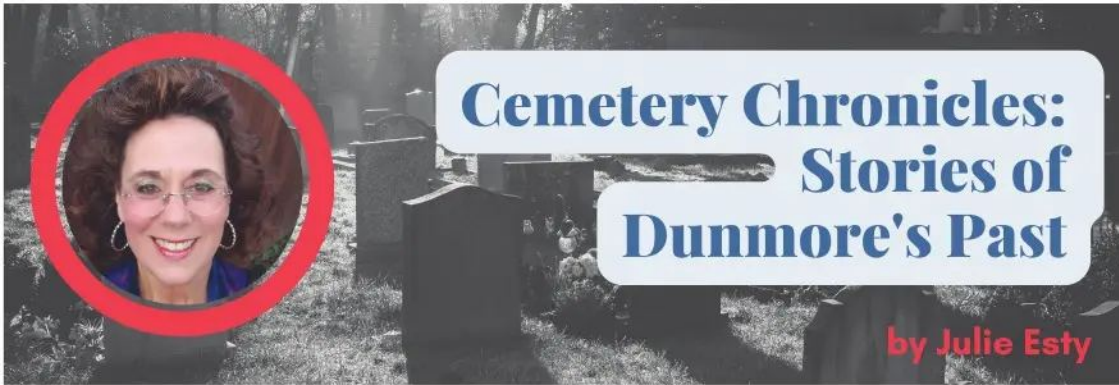
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Pinnell family established iron foundries

"Family is not an important thing, it's everything." (Michael J. Fox)

Northeastern Pennsylvania has always been a hub of industrial activity.

In its early years, coal was not the only manufacturing resource in this area. Iron foundries also dotted the region.

The production of everything from train rails and wheels to automotive parts took place in all corners of this valley.

Touhill Iron, Scranton Pump Company, I.A. Finch, Dickson Manufacturing, and Lackawanna Iron and Steel provided the country with vital products that were used nationwide.

One of those foundries, operated locally, was owned by John

Wesley Pinnell.

Born in New York state and raised in Dunmore, John Wesley Pinnell began his career in Jersey City, NJ, as a partner with Edward Gibson in the Gibson and Pinnell Iron Works. This joint venture was short-lived. Following the dissolution of this partnership, Pinnell returned to Dunmore and partnered with his brother, Jones T., in Pinnell Brothers Foundry which was located on Apple Street.

John Wesley eventually went into the metalworks business for himself, establishing his business on Green Ridge Street.

He finally relocated the foundry to 1200 Capouse Avenue and conducted business there until his death.

Although Pinnell was a successful businessman, he is not noted here

today for his manufacturing career. Pinnell and his family share an interesting trait that makes them unique in the Dunmore Cemetery for a *numerical* reason.

John Wesley Pinnell was born in July 1852. His future wife, Dunmorean Junia Dilley, was born in 1856. John Wesley Pinnell and Junia Dilley were united in marriage in 1876.

Following their marriage the couple were blessed with the birth of three daughters: Lydia born in 1880; Hope, born in 1884, and Lucinda, born in 1892.

The birth and marriage years of John Wesley and Junia, combined with the birth years of their children, might not seem remarkable but they make the family distinctive in the Dunmore Cemetery.



This waste water cover located on Scranton's South Side was produced by the Pinnell Foundry.

The family is a bisextile family. Special dates in the Pinnell family, birth years and marriage, occur in intercalary years or - leap years.

Junia Pinnell died from pernicious anemia at the age of 61 in July 1917. John Wesley died from coronary related health problems at the age of 74 in 1927.

Along with their children, Lydia Pinnell Shaffer, and Lucinda Pinnell Osterhout the bisextile Pinnell family now rest peacefully in Section Nine of the Dunmore Cemetery.

The building that housed Pinnell's

Iron Foundry on Capouse Avenue remained for decades and served in a variety of manufacturing capacities.

It was plagued by multiple fires and passed out of Pinnell family ownership in 1970.

Despite the passing of John Wesley Pinnell and his iron works in the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania, evidence of his foundry remains and can still be found in wastewater covers and storm drains throughout the area.



John Wesley and Junia Pinnell, along with their daughters Lydia and Lucinda, rest peacefully in Section Nine of the Dunmore Cemetery.



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Off-roading has long been a cherished pastime for residents of Dunmore, but in recent years, both off-roading and ‘overlanding’ have surged in popularity among outdoor enthusiasts across Pennsylvania.

This growing demand hasn’t just caught my attention; it has also caught the attention of our state government, prompting the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to implement new initiatives aimed at enhancing experiences for all-terrain vehicle users.

Recent developments have been introduced statewide to accommodate not only off-roaders but also campers.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure of taking my family to Lackawanna State Park, where we camped overnight in a newly established loop designed specifically for RVs with full hookups.

These enhancements to our state parks reflect the government’s commitment to improving outdoor recreation. However, as with any recreational activity, prioritizing safety and legal compliance is essential.

This article offers crucial tips for safe off-roading and overlanding in Pennsylvania, ensuring that participants adhere to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

Understanding Pennsylvania Off-Road Laws

Before hitting the trails, it’s crucial to understand the legal framework governing off-roading in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code outlines specific regulations regarding the operation of off-road vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes, and other similar vehicles. Key points include:

1. Registration: All off-road vehicles must be registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) if they are used on public lands. This registration is necessary for law enforcement and helps promote safety.

2. Licensing: Operators of ATVs must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid driver’s license or a learner’s permit. If you are under 16, you may operate an ATV only if you have completed an approved safety course.

3. Designated Trails: Off-road

vehicles are only permitted on designated trails and areas. It is illegal to ride on private property without permission, and riding on public roads is generally prohibited unless specifically allowed.

4. Insurance: While not mandated for all off-road vehicles, having insurance can be beneficial in case of accidents or damages. Check with your insurance provider about coverage for off-road vehicles.

Safety Tips for Off-Roaders in Pennsylvania

To ensure a safe and enjoyable off-roading experience, consider the following safety tips:

1. Wear Proper Safety Gear. Always wear a helmet and appropriate protective gear, including gloves, goggles, long pants, and sturdy boots. This gear can significantly reduce the risk of injury in case of an accident.

2. Conduct a Pre-Ride Inspection. Before heading out, inspect your vehicle for mechanical issues. Check the brakes, tires, lights, and other essential components to ensure everything is in working order.

3. Stay on Designated Trails. Adhering to designated trails helps preserve the environment and pro-



tect wildlife. Straying off marked paths can cause damage to ecosystems and lead to fines or legal repercussions.

4. Travel in Groups. Whenever possible, go off-roading with friends or fellow enthusiasts. Traveling in groups enhances safety, as you can assist one another in case of mechanical issues or emergencies. You do not want to find yourself stranded in the woods alone!

5. Be Aware of Your Surroundings. Stay alert for potential hazards, including other riders, pedestrians, wildlife, and changing weather conditions. Always be prepared to adjust your speed and path accordingly.

6. Follow Speed Limits. Many trails have posted speed limits. Respect these limits, as they are in place to ensure the safety of all users on the trails.

7. Stay Hydrated and Take Breaks. Off-roading can be physically demanding, especially in the heat. Bring plenty of water and take breaks as needed to prevent fatigue.

8. Know Emergency Procedures. Familiarize yourself with the nearest hospitals and emergency contacts in the area. Carry a basic first aid kit and know how to use it. A quick Google search or even Pinterest search will give you a great list of essential items. For example: if you own a vehicle and live in NEPA, always always always have an emergency blanket in the glovebox. When I was a teenager, I ran out of gas during the winter, and really wish I had one then.

9. Avoid Alcohol and Drugs. Never operate an off-road vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This is not only illegal but also significantly increases the risk of accidents. Many people often don’t realize that driving an ATV while under the influence is just as deadly as a motor vehicle and just as illegal. Our firm has represented several individuals who were charged with DUI while operating

an ATV and even those charged with homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence.

10. Take a Safety Course. Consider enrolling in an off-road safety course. These courses provide valuable information on safe riding practices and vehicle maintenance.

Overlanding: A Growing Hobby What is Overlanding?

Overlanding is an adventurous form of travel that involves camping and exploring remote areas with a self-sufficient vehicle. Unlike traditional camping, which might focus on a specific campsite, overlanding emphasizes the journey and the exploration of nature and off-the-beaten-path locations. Participants often modify their vehicles for off-road capability and comfort, allowing for extended trips in various terrains.

Legal Implications of Sleeping in Your Vehicle

While overlanding can be an exciting way to experience the outdoors, there are legal considerations to keep in mind, especially regarding sleeping in your vehicle overnight:

1. Local Ordinances: Many municipalities have ordinances that prohibit sleeping in vehicles parked on public streets or in certain areas. It’s important to check local laws to ensure compliance.

2. Private Property: If you plan to sleep in your vehicle on private property, always obtain permission from the property owner. Unauthorized parking can lead to trespassing charges.

3. State Parks and Forests: In Pennsylvania, state parks and forests often have designated camping areas where sleeping in your vehicle is allowed. Always check for specific regulations and obtain any necessary permits.

Tips for Safe Camping

1. Choose Safe Locations: Opt (Please turn to Page 29)

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Rich Surridge appointed president, CEO of Greater Scranton YMCA

The Greater Scranton YMCA's Board of Directors recently appointed Rich Surridge as the organization's next President & CEO.

Surridge has worked at the Greater Scranton YMCA for 17 years, beginning his YMCA career

in July of 2007. During his time with the YMCA, Rich served in various roles at the Greater Scranton YMCA and Greater Wyoming Valley YMCA.

Previous to being appointed President & CEO in September

and Interim CEO in June, Rich served as the Greater

Scranton YMCA's CFO from 2007-2015; the CFO for both the Greater Scranton YMCA and the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA from 2015-2021; and, most recently,

the CFO and COO at the Greater Scranton YMCA from 2021 through June of this year.

"On behalf of the board of directors, we are thrilled to name Rich as President and CEO of the Greater Scranton YMCA," said

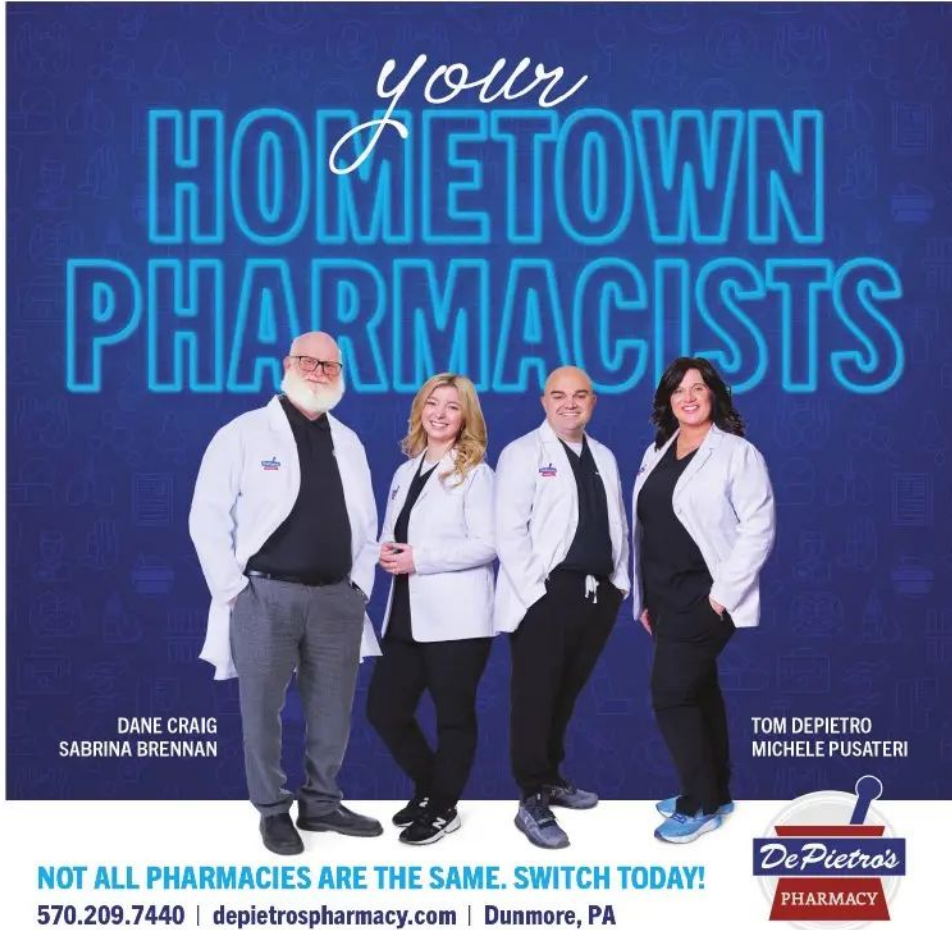
Megan Wolff Galko, Chief Volunteer Officer, Greater Scranton YMCA.

"His passion and dedication to the Y makes him the perfect person to continue our legacy of serving a critical need within the

Northeast PA community by offering healthy meals for children and seniors, training in water safety, encouraging healthy habits, and offering a safe place for residents of all ages to spend time with their friends."

As President & CEO, Rich's primary focus will be ensuring the Greater Scranton YMCA's successful operation, including membership, program development, volunteer recruitment, staff supervision, community relations, collaborations, budgeting, and financial results.

"I am honored to serve as the next President & CEO of the Greater Scranton YMCA," said Surridge. "I will work diligently to not only continue the important work of our YMCA, but also to grow our programs to meet the changing needs of our community. Working alongside our dedicated staff team, I am so excited to be a part of the impact the Greater Scranton YMCA will continue to make on the lives of children, adults and families from across our community."



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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ

Well, holidays are near and gift shopping and entertaining are on the agenda....I don't know about you, but every year I try and add some new side dishes to my menus. Any of these recipes will enhance your main course, whether it be turkey, beef roast, chicken, lamb, pork or seafood.

This past week I tried a quick, easy and delicious soup when my brother-in-law cleaned out his garden and gave me some beautiful Roma tomatoes. This soup was the easiest, most delicious homemade soup and I

just had to share it with you.

ROASTED TOMATO SOUP

3 lb. or more Roma (plum) tomatoes, quartered (not peeled)
1 onion, quartered
1-2 red bell peppers, chopped
3 Tbsp. olive oil
Salt, pepper, to taste
Italian seasoning
4 cloves garlic, halved (I used one head cut in half)
6 cups chicken broth
3 Tbsp. fresh basil, chopped

Try new side dishes for your holiday dinners

3 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 cup heavy cream, optional

before serving.

HOLIDAY YAM CASSEROLE

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup regular oats, uncooked
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 cup butter
2-17 oz. cans yams
2 cups fresh cranberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line 2 large 10x15" baking pans (cookie sheets) with parchment paper.

Arrange tomatoes, onion, bell pepper and garlic in single layer. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt, pepper and Italian seasoning.

Roast 30 minutes. Stir with large spoon. Continue roasting 15 minutes more. Note: at this point, I squeezed the roasted garlic out of its cloves.

Meanwhile, bring broth in large pot over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered.

Put half of tomato mixture in blender. Cover and pulse, then blend until smooth, adding broth from pot as needed. Pour into pot with broth. Repeat with tomato mixture.

Simmer to heat through, about 5 minutes. Stir in basil and parsley. If desired, add 1/2 cup heavy cream

Combine flour, brown sugar, oats, cinnamon and butter, mixing to crumb consistency. Mix 1 cup crumbs with yams and cranberries. Pour mixture into 1 1/2 quart casserole. Top with remaining crumbs. Bake, uncovered, in 350 degree oven for 35 minutes.

GINGER ROASTED PARSNIPS

2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 1/4 lb. small parsnips, peeled and quartered
1 1/2 Tbsp. minced fresh ginger
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Pour olive oil into 13x9" baking dish. Add parsnips and ginger; season with salt and pepper and toss to coat. Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes, until parsnips are tender. Serve immediately.

Note: Parsnips may be roasted up to 4 hours ahead of time. Reheat, covered, in a 350 degree oven.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH RAISIN SAUCE

1 lb. Brussels sprouts
1 Tbsp. butter
1 Tbsp. flour
1 1/2 cups chicken broth or stock
1/4 cup raisins
2 Tbsp. slivered almonds (optional)

Steam Brussels sprouts until tender. Melt butter; blend in flour. Add stock slowly, cooking and stirring until smooth. Add raisins and simmer about 8 minutes. Pour sauce over sprouts and top with almonds just before serving, if using.

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stantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Pour over carrots. Garnish with mandarin orange sections. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes.

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CUISINE

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GLAZED CARROTS WITH ORANGES

6-8 carrots
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup sugar
1 Tbsp. flour
2/3 cup orange juice
1-11 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel carrots; slice into strips. Cook, covered in salted boiling water until tender. Drain, then place in 11x7" casserole dish. Melt butter in frying pan over low heat; stir in sugar and flour.

Gradually add orange juice; cook, stirring con-

TOMATOES ROCKEFELLER

3 large tomatoes, halved
2 Tbsp. minced onion
2 Tbsp. minced parsley
1 Tbsp. butter, softened
¾ cup chopped, cooked spinach (1 ½ cups fresh)
Salt and pepper
Paprika
4 Tbsp. Italian-seasoned bread crumbs
Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place tomatoes, cut side up, in a lightly oiled 11x7" casserole dish. Combine onion, parsley, butter, spinach, and seasonings; spread evenly over tomatoes. Top with crumbs and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 15 minutes.

Happy Thanksgiving from our house to yours!

Sacred Heart Hospice volunteers to deliver Thanksgiving dinners to their patients and families

On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28, Hospice of the Sacred Heart will deliver meals to patients and their families. This is the 19th year the hospice will provide this service project.

Over 700 meal-complete with roasted turkey, all traditional Thanksgiving sides and pumpkin pi-will be prepared by Mansour's Market Café in Scranton, packaged, and delivered by hospice staff members and volunteers. Deacon Patrick J. Massino will bless the meals at 8 am and deliveries will begin immediately afterwards.

"We so look forward to this day. Many of our hospice staff and volunteers enjoy this beautiful tradition of blessing the meals, the friendship of our colleagues and the delivery of over 700 Thanksgiving meals to our patients and their families. This project demonstrates our gratitude for the blessings in our lives," said Diane Baldi, CEO, Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Happy Thanksgiving

Anthracite Museum sets Kaffeeklatsch

Anthracite Heritage Museum is pleased to announce the Anthracite Holiday Klatsch will take place on Saturday, December 14, from noon to 4 p.m. The museum opens at 10 a.m.

A kaffeeklatsch is a social gathering with good conversation and good coffee.

Join in an old-fashioned kaffeeklatsch with a holiday twist. During the program, visitors will enjoy holiday crafts, live musical performances, a presentation on German christkindlmarkte, and more.

Special performances will be presented by Valley View High School Choir and Wally Gordon Community Singers.

Admission includes the holiday programming, museum exhibition hall, and 10% discounts in the museum store and on museum membership and gift memberships. The museum opens at 10am.

"This year's holiday programming will be a blast, says Site Administrator Bode Morin.

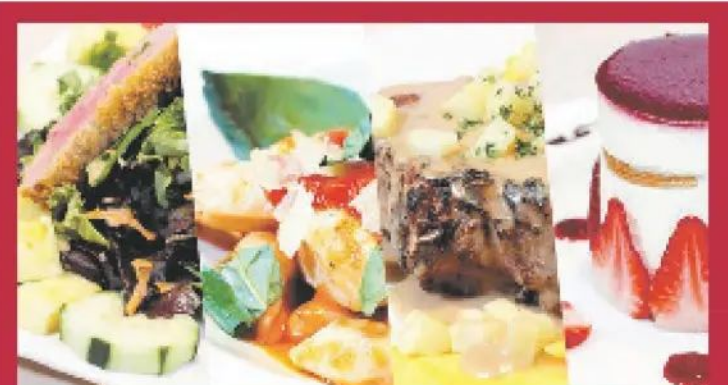
"We will have activities for the whole family throughout the afternoon. Come by for music, arts, crafts, to go through the museum, and enjoy great deals on special gifts from our store.

"If you join the museum that day, kaffeeklatsch admission will be free. Or pick up a gift membership for someone who will enjoy free admission to the museum and Eckley Miners' Village throughout the year and discounts in the museum store."

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth (ages 3-11), and \$6 for Seniors. Free for members of the Anthracite Heritage Museum.

For more information, visit <http://www.anthracitemuseum.org/event/anthracite-holiday-klatsch/>, call (570) 963-4804, or visit our Facebook page.

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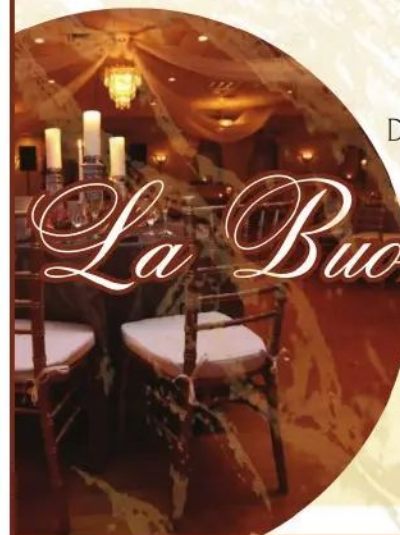
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Hart Law & The Dunmorean host Trunk-or-Treat



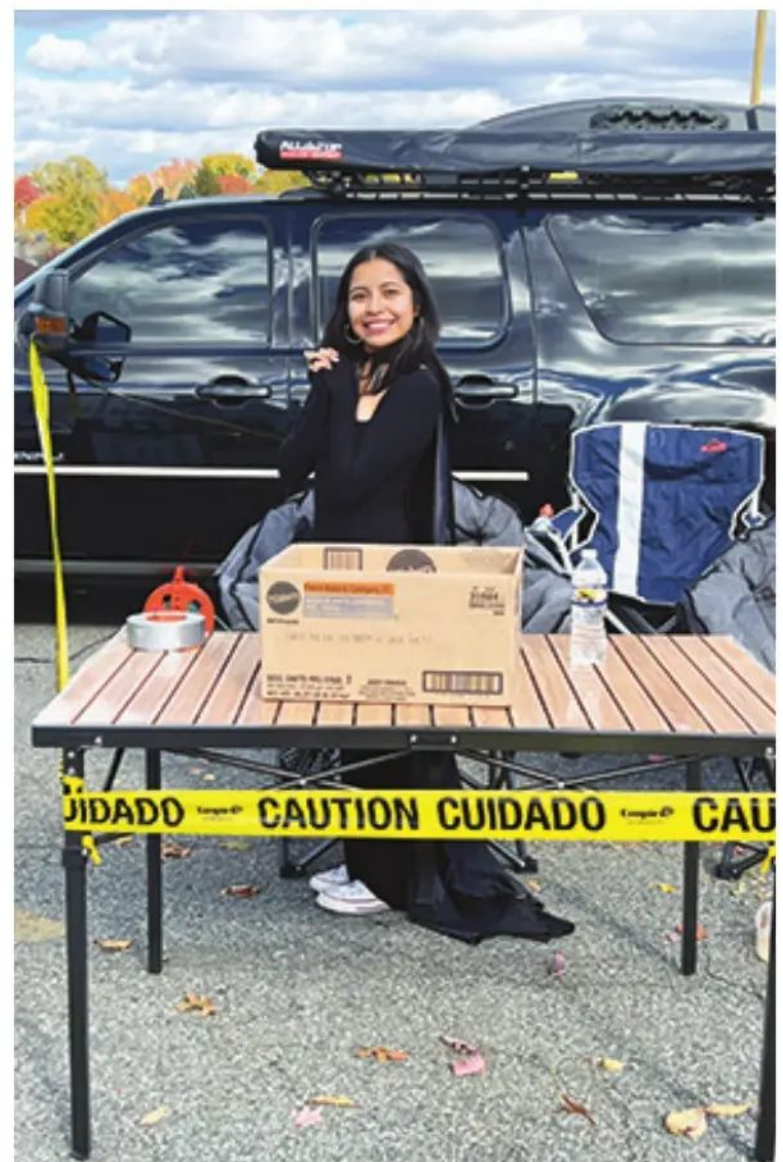
Members of the Schiels family were on hand for the recent Truck-or-Treat event hosted by Hart Law and The Dunmorean. Schiel's Family Market will open on December 1 in the former Riccardo's Market Building. In the meantime, members of all ages showed up to provide candy treats and get to know new friends in Dunmore.



DiPietro's Pharmacy was represented at the Trunk-or-Treat event to celebrate Halloween, and showed up with a full trunk of candy for the kiddies!



Charles Pompey and his family were on hand representing their company, Northeastern Exterior Design, Landscaping, and Excavation Services (NEEDLES), to participate in the Dunmore Trunk-or-Treat event. From left are: Charles, his wife Beth, their daughter Edith, and Max Gillow.



Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel, office manager/receptionist for Hart Law was present to hand out goodies to the many children in attendance at the afternoon event.

**SEE MORE TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS
ON PAGES 1, 13, 14!**



Hannah Hart, ASL interpreter at the Scranton School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children was on hand at the recent Trunk-or-Treat Event to hand out goodies and teach youngsters how to spell their own names in sign language.



John M. Hart III, Esq., organizer of the Trunk-and-Treat event is shown with his family, Hannah Hart and John M. Hart IV (Jack), during the festivities. Attorney Hart is owner of Hart Law and publisher of The Dunmorean.



The Schiels family, whose Dunmore market will open on December 1, took time out from their very busy schedules to distribute lots and lots of goodies to the kids!



Patti McDonald, a retired teacher and volunteer for the Scranton Shakespeare Festival/ScrantonShakes, was on hand with a trunkful of candy and posters announcing the upcoming Panto production of "Cinderella" scheduled for December at the ShakesSpace at the Marketplace at Steamtown.

MORE TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS ON PAGES 1, 12 & 13!



Dunmore firefighters showed up with two fire trucks and candy treats for the Trunk-or-Treat event, providing awe and delight to the kids in attendance!

SEE MORE TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS
ON PAGES 1, 12 and 13,!



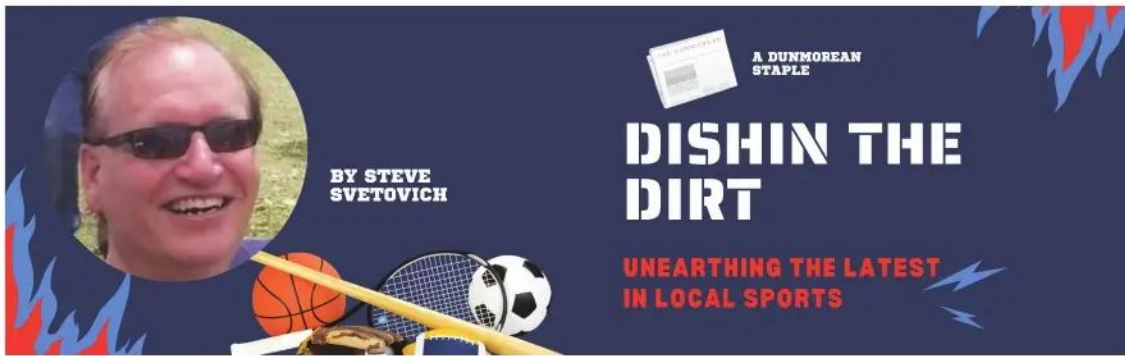
Even Harry Potter and his friend Hermione Granger showed up for some of the fun!



Also providing awe during the day for little Jack Hart and children was this visiting T-Rex!



At left, Attorney Kyle Franceski was on hand from Hart Law. Above: A cute clown!!!



Condolences to family of Dunmore legendary former Sunday Scrantonian Tribune sports editor **Guy Valvano** who passed away last month at 96...Valvano, noted sports historian, was author of 12 books on local sports scene...

Legendary local hardwood standout **Dave Popson** inducted into Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, November 2, at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill... Popson was first-team basketball All-American at Bishop O'Reilly and played with **Michael Jordan** at University of North Carolina... He was four-year starter in high school and was teammate of Dunmore's **Bob Bamford** with NEPA Pace Setters...Drafted by Detroit Pistons, he played three years in NBA with Los Angeles Clippers, Miami Heat, Boston Celtics and Milwaukee Bucks...

Baseball world mourning passing of **Pete Rose**, MLB all-time hits leader with 4,256...Banned from baseball and not eligible for National Baseball Hall of Fame due to gambling on the game, Rose,

who was 83, died in Las Vegas one day after attending Nashville convention and reuniting with former Big Red Machine teammates **Tony Perez**, **Dave Concepcion**, **George Foster** and **Ken Griffey, Sr.**... **Johnny Bench** was at Nashville convention day before, but he and Rose did not connect...Rose, three-time world champion, played with Cincinnati Reds, Montreal Expos and Philadelphia Phillies, accumulating 746 doubles (second all-time), 135 triples and 160 homers while driving in 1,314 runs and scoring 2,165 times (sixth all-time)...A three-time batting champion and former National League (NL) MVP, he led NL in doubles five times...Rose hit .321 with 30 runs, 13 doubles, two triples, five homers and 22 RBIs in 268 career post season at bats...Rose, career .303 hitter and 17-time all-star at five different positions, was most proud of his record playing in more winning games than any player in MLB history...

MLB also mourning passing of legendary Cuban pitcher **Luis**

Tiant, polarizing opponent to Rose and Cincinnati Reds as member of Boston Red Sox in classic 1976 World Series...El Tiente, who was 83, also is not in National Baseball Hall of Fame despite 229 career wins, 187 complete games, 49 shutouts, four 20-win seasons, 3.30 career ERA, including two ERA titles at 1.60 with Cleveland Indians in 1968 and 1.91 in 1972 with Boston...

It's shame and injustice Hall of Fame voters and Veterans Committee never recognized Tiant's achievements which far outshine pitcher's in today's era...Its also shame Hall of Fame writers were never allowed to vote on Rose's iconic achievements as a player since he was banned from baseball for betting as a manager after playing career ended...Tiant died last month one week after Rose passed away...

Congratulations to Dunmore football coach **Kevin McHale** and his Dunmore Bucks who defeated Susquehanna, 47-34, in first round of District 2 playoffs...Dunmore's **Gabe Franek** rushed for 103 yards and three touchdowns and caught a pass for a touchdown...Dunmore's **Izaiah Parker** rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns...The Bucks (5-6) will defend their title against top-seeded Riverside (10-1) Friday, November 8, at Riverside Veterans Memorial Stadium...

Congratulations to Dunmore long time volleyball coach **Susan Dempsey**, inducted into Northeastern Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame during 40th annual Induction Ceremony at Fiorelli's, Peckville, last month...Dempsey started volleyball program at Dunmore in 2006 and guided Lady Bucks to 10 Lackawanna League titles, two District 2 Class 1A championships and seven District 2 Class 2A runner-up finishes... Other inductees included **Jordan Hoyt Calvey**, **Joseph Dente**, **Matt McGloin**, **Elizabeth McGowan**, **Gina Chieffallo Moreno**, **Steven Pratico**, **James Tomcho**, **Rick Muntean** for Service Award and Scranton Times-Tribune sports editor **Chris Imperiale** for Media Award...**Bob Walsh**, Dunmore, is Chapter president,...Mid Valley baseball product **Jerry Valonis** is vice president...**Judy Igoe Carr**



Local basketball legend Dave Popson was inducted in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 2.

is secretary...Former Dunmore standout basketball player and coach **Tom "Doc" Dougherty** is treasurer...

Condolences to family of former Scranton Central and Millersville University baseball standout **Bob Rossi** who died last month at 69... He and twin brother **Phil** played for Scranton Red Sox in ACBL under both Valonis and **Gary Ruby** at Dunmore's Schautz Stadium in mid 1970's...Both among ACBL's leading hitters, Bob batted right and threw left as center fielder and Phil batted left and threw right as shortstop...Both rarely struck out... Both played for Millersville from 1974 through 1977, with Bob completing four-year collegiate career with .401 career batting average earning All-PSAC East First-Team recognition three times...He hit .435 as sophomore, school record at the time, and is one of only three Millersville players with career batting average of .400 or better... He was MLB scout for 26 years and once named Pittsburgh Pirates Scout of Year...He was selected to Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame in 1999...

Condolences to family of noted local musician **Jack Skosko** who died last month at 89...Skosko, accordion and keyboard player, performed with numerous bands

and was original member of Fabulous Fortunes in 1950's...

Tony Nguyen netted eventual game-winner in 63rd minute to lead top-ranked Scranton Prep over No. 2 Dunmore, 2-1, to win District 2 Class 2A title Thursday, October 31...**Johnley Jean** scored Dunmore's only goal in the loss... Former New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies star outfielder **Lenny "Nails" Dykstra** living in West Scranton while attempting to battle back from legal issues and personal demons...Do you remember former Scranton Prep standout wrestler and football lineman **Dave Chrobak**?... **Dylan Svetovich**, Dunmore, and **Robert Sarafinko**, teammates in summer Tri-Valley Baseball League, attended Los Angeles Dodgers game five clinching World Series win over Yankees at Yankee Stadium and met **Austin Capobianco**, the fan ejected for attempting to pry foul ball off Dodgers right fielder **Mookie Betts** in Game 4...Capobianco, 38, and his friend **Jon Peter** were banned for rest of game and Game 5 at Yankee Stadium, but was seen outside of stadium across street at Stan's Sports Bar mingling with fans, taking pictures and signing

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autographs prior to Game Five...**Austin Bicking** of Holy Cross had couple of explosive kick returns for Crusaders in loss to Old Forge... Dunmore senior quarterback **Jack McNeff** completed eight of 12 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns in Bucks win over West Scranton...

Jamie Prislupski had two goals to lead Holy Cross to 2-1 Division III soccer win over Blue Ridge...North Pocono and Dunmore expanded wrestling agreement to varsity level...PIAA approved the agreement stretching from seventh to 12th grade...**Alisha Davis** scored two goals and **Irelyn Gilhooley** added another as Dunmore defeated Holy Cross, 3-0, in soccer...Dunmore standout soccer player **Tommy Clark** is senior class vice president...

Valley View baseball product **Max Kranick**, member of New York Mets organization who previously pitched for Pittsburgh Pirates, marrying high school sweetheart **Emma Hayley HENZES**, granddaughter of late legendary Dunmore football coach **Jack HENZES**, Saturday, November 9...

Congratulations to Dunmore senior **Lucy Selbert** elected as senior class recording secretary...She is also president of service club, Aevium club ambassador, Health Careers Club treasurer and member of Yearbook Staff...

Grateful Dead fans mourning passing of founding member and influential bassist **Phil Lesh** who passed away last month at 84...Do you remember Scranton Knights back **Mike LaTorre** rushing for 171 yards and touchdown in team's 21-0 win over West Scranton in Battle of Bell 10 years ago?...Do you remember **Wade Ollendyke**?...Whatever became of **Jon Matlack**?

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Athlete of the Month Jack McNeff



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On October 1, senior members of the Dunmore High School Cross Country Team were celebrated on Senior Day along with their parents.



DHS quarterback Jack McNeff transitioned well into new role

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore senior Jack McNeff spent his first three football seasons as a wide receiver-safety for the Bucks, but this year made a smooth transition as the starting quarterback.

A standout at his free safety spot on defense, Jack showed continued improvement as the starting quarterback in learning a new position as the season rolled along. The Bucks started slow, but finished the season with a 4-6 record and spot in the district playoffs.

Son of John and Jennifer McNeff, Dunmore, Jack passed for close to 700 yards and nine touchdowns during the regular season. He rushed for one touchdown.

On the defensive side, he had one interception. Last year he had two interceptions as a defensive safety. Jack talked about making the transition from receiver to quarterback this season. "You need to play yourself into the role to make it a success. You just step into the role. In some aspects, it could be difficult. I love it though. I love being in charge and the leadership role that comes with it."

"Having previously played wide receiver, there are some aspects that help. One of those aspects is finding the open spots on defense."

One of the Dunmore captains, he talked about what it takes to excel at the free safety position.

"It takes a lot of hustle and studying film. You need leadership skills. You see the whole field and line your teammates up on defense."

Bright and well-spoken, Jack has a 3.8 grade point average at Dunmore. His best subject is English.

He is a three-year member of the Dunmore basketball team as a center and a member of the yearbook staff.

Jack said he learned a lot from Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale. "He tells us we can accomplish anything with hard work. He tells us anyone can come back with hard work when your back is against the wall."

The senior scholar-athlete said his parents taught him a lot.

"They tell me to always respect people and have good manners. Never act like you are above or better than anybody."

Jack said he is not sure where he

will attend college yet, but wants to major in finance. He wants to become a financial advisor.

"I want to go to college, get my degree and work in finance. My goal is to get a good job in the financial field."

The talented and versatile senior signal caller said his team is ready for the district playoffs. "I think we have a great shot to win the districts."

The confident captain said he enjoys listening to music in his spare time. He would like to see Drake in concert.

He talked about the turn-around of the team after the slow start.

"It came at the right time after a players' only meeting with the team captains. We held the meeting to figure things out and we did. It all worked out and we started playing better football as a team."

Jack said he is enjoying his high school years at Dunmore as his senior year continues.

"I've made so many friends through sports and also in school classes. I've made friends from other sports. I've just made a variety of really good friends here. It's been a great experience."

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

JACK MCNEFF



November Athlete of the Month Jack McNeff is pictured with Coach Lenny Burke.



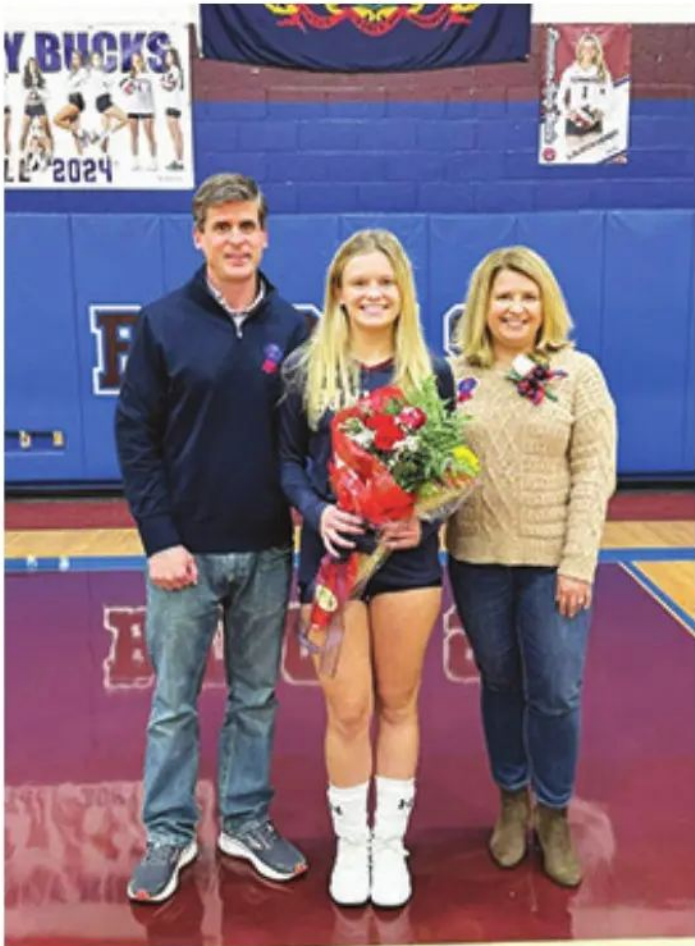
Dunmore quarterback Jack McNeff, at left, is shown with Bucks teammates Xavier Burke, Gabe Franek, and Coach Kevin McHale.



Dunmore High School athletes receive honors



Senior Day was celebrated on October 15 for senior members of the Dunmore High School Girls Soccer team along with their parents.



On October 17, Dunmore High School celebrated Senior Night with the girl's volleyball team by honoring Lauren Henry and her parents.



On October 9, Dunmore High School celebrated Senior Night with the Varsity Boys Soccer Team and their parents.



Two players for the Dunmore High School girls varsity soccer team were named to Lackawanna League All-Star Teams for the 202 season as announced by head coach Noah Barton. Named to the Second Team was Ella Brier, shown at left, and for First Team was Sophia Talutto, at right.



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Coach Sue Dempsey and others elected to NEPA Hall of Fame

By Steve Svetovich

Longtime Dunmore volleyball coach Susan Dempsey and former Penn State and Oakland Raiders quarterback Matt McGloin headed the 40th annual induction ceremony for the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter Sports Hall of Fame last month at Fiorelli's, Peckville.

Other inductees included Jordan Hoyt Calvey for track and field; Joseph Dente as a baseball/softball official; Elizabeth McGowan for basketball; Gina Chieffallo Moreno for softball; Steven Pratico for football and track and field; James Tomcho for basketball/coach; Rick Muntean for the service award, and Chris Imperiale for the media award.

Former WBRE Eyewitness News sports director/sportscaster Phil Schoener served as toastmaster. The affable Schoener currently works as a broadcaster for the SportsFever TV Network, a syndicator of NCAA college sports to ESPN.

Bob Walsh, Dunmore, is president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Mid Valley sports product Jerry Valonis is vice president. Judy Igoe Carr is secretary, and Tom "Doc" Dougherty is treasurer.

Other committee members include John Davies, Jerry Dempsey, Terry Greene, Rich Revta, and Chris Thomas.

The U.S. Marine Corps provided the Presentation of Colors. Msgr. Patrick J. Pratico, Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, provided Invocation and Benediction. The Fiorelli's staff provided a cocktail hour and superb dinner buffet.

Sue Dempsey, Dunmore, was a volleyball standout at Cranford (NJ) High School. She earned All-County honors in 1981 and then played at Seton Hall for one year before attending Marywood University and earning MVP honors for the Pacers in 1984.

She then became volleyball coach for Marywood and in four years (1992-96) won a PA Athletic Conference title and finished runner-up in 1992. She then headed to Abington Heights (1998-2001) and led the Lady Comets to their first District 2, Class 3A volleyball title in 2001.

She started the volleyball program at Dunmore in 2006 and guided the Lady Bucks to 10 Lackawanna League titles, two District 2 Class 1A championships and seven District 2 Class 2A runner-up finishes. The volleyball pioneer reached the 200 career-win milestone in 2018.

In her speech, she mentioned her late dad who passed away three weeks after she learned the news of her induction. She spoke of his constant words of encouragement throughout her life

"He taught me that if they say no, then you work harder until they say yes."

Matt McGloin was a standout quarterback for West Scranton High School, where he threw for 5,485 yards and 58 touchdowns in his four years. He was a four-year starter in basketball, scoring 1,398 points. He was a three-year starter in baseball. He was named Times-Tribune Athlete of the Year in 2008.

McGloin attended Penn State as a walk-on, making the team and eventually earning the starting quarterback job. He threw for 6,390 career yards and a school-record 48 touchdown passes.

He went on to the NFL, playing four years with the Oakland Raiders (2013-16). He played quarterback in 13 games, including seven starts in 2013. He completed 161-of-277 passes for a 58.1 completion percentage, 1,868 yards and 11 touchdown passes. He threw 11 interceptions. He passed for 1,587 yards and eight touchdown passes in only seven games in 2013.

He was also on the rosters of the Philadelphia Eagles, Houston Texans and Kansas City Chiefs.

Jordan Hoyt Calvey is a former track and field standout at Abington Heights, where she won three District 2 titles in the 200 meters, and two district crowns in the 100 meters in 2010. She was Times-Tribune co-Athlete of the Year after winning the PIAA Class 3A championship in the 200 meters and finishing as state runner-up Class 3A in the 100 meters. She went on to the University of Pittsburgh, where she ran on the 800-meter relay team that set a school record in 2011 at the Texas Relays.

Joseph Dente has been a baseball and softball umpire for 49 years. He is a high school boys and girls basketball official for 43 years. He initiated a referee mentoring program to help new officials reach the varsity level. He umpired/officiated 25 Lackawanna League District II championship games and worked 25 PIAA tournament contests.

Elizabeth McGowan finished with 1,582 points as a girls' basketball player at Mid Valley High School. She won the Lackawanna Northern Division scoring title and was tournament MVP in the Jaycees-Falcons Cage Classic. She was a junior college All-American at Lackawanna Junior College and played two years at Old Dominion University, where she was a part of two Colonial Athletic Association titles and made two NCAA tournaments.

Gina Chieffallo Moreno had a highly impressive career pitching record of 59-2 as a softball player for Valley View. She was a perfect 41-0 in the Lackawanna League, with two perfect games, two no-hitters, 37 shutouts, 494 strikeouts and a 0.49 ERA. She helped the Cougars win the PIAA title in 2013. She was Times-Tribune Player

of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

She was on the Times-Tribune All Regional Team in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In 2013, she was the MaxPreps Softball Medium schools All-American. At Brown University, she was a four-year varsity softball player where she had an 8-5 record and 2.73 ERA. A team captain twice, she was a two-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Scholar Athlete.

Steven Pratico was a center and defensive end on the Valley View Cougars 1992 PIAA Class 2A title team. He was captain on the state title team. He was named by Coaches' Magazine to the All-American Team in 1992. He was a member of the track team, winning the Lackawanna Track Conference title in the shot put and discus. He played football at Rutgers University (1993-95) and Bucknell University (1995-97). He helped Bucknell to their lone 10-0 season in 1997.

James Tomcho was a first Team All-Scholastic basketball player at Mid-Valley High School. At Keystone College, he ranks ninth with 537 career rebounds and third with 103 career blocked shots. He was team captain for an 18-4 team at Keystone. He then became a basketball coach leading Penn Stats Scranton to a team record 21 wins and its first conference title. In 1992-93. He led Carbondale Sacred Heart to the Northeast Athletic Conference Division II and District 12 Class 1A titles.

Rick Muntean has over 35 years of professional baseball management experience, including 26 years as general manager at every minor league level. He was the first general manager for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons. He received the Best Minor League Baseball Yearbook Award in 1990 and was Minor League Baseball 100th anniversary Promotion third place winner in 2001. He was Executive of the Year in the Northern League in 2004. He was voted Executive of the Year in the Future Collegiate Baseball League in 2014.

Chris Imperiale is sports editor of the Scranton Times-Tribune. He began his journalism career there in 1994 as a correspondent and was hired as a full-time sports reporter in 1997. In 2002, he was promoted to assistant sports editor and led a redesign of the sports section. In 2004, he became assistant metro editor. He became sports editor in 2009.

He led the Times-Tribune sports department to state and national acclaim, twice earning the prestigious AP Sports Editors Triple Crown as a top 10 newspaper in circulation in 2018 and 2020.

He served on multiple state and national committees for sports editors and writers and was AP Sports Editors Mid-Athletic Regional Chairman from 2014 through 2016.



Dunmorean reporter and sports editor Steve Svetovich is shown with newly-inducted member of the Northeast Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame Sue Dempsey, longtime Dunmore Volleyball coach, at her recent induction. Svetovich is also a member of the Hall of Fame.



Former Penn State and Oakland Raiders quarterback Matt McGloin is a recent inductee into the Northeast Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. Now a Lackawanna County Commissioner, he is shown with Dunmorean sports editor Steve Svetovich at the ceremony.



Brandon Michael



Christ Eibach



Lou Bisignani

Actors Circle to present 'Dracula' at Providence Playhouse in November

Actors Circle will present *Dracula*, adapted from Bram Stoker's classic Gothic tale by Lou Bisignani, at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton. Also directed by Lou Bisignani, show dates are November 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general; \$12, seniors, and students are \$10. On Thursday, Nov. 14, all tickets are \$10. Purchase tickets online at www.actorscircle.com, or pay cash at the door. Call 570-342-9707 for reservations.

Major cast members are Brandon Michael as Dracula, with Chris Eibach, Jordan Joulbert, Kayla Kay, Mel Uchic, Mark Fryer, George Conrad, Paul Kantor, Dominick Azzarelli, Warren Cox, and members of the ensemble cast: Liosa Benedict, Jessica Fernbach, Harry Nealon, Kilbur Rubio, Holly Tornvall, and Christian Wheeland. Linda C. Griffiths is assistant director.

This is presented by a special grant from the Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture. Director Bisignani has been active in theater for over 50 years, with well over 100 shows in his theatrical career. He is known on various stages throughout NEPA, and is especially for being among the founders of Actors Circle.

Though he is now most content to work behind the scenes as director and has been a set designer/master builder for many of AC's shows, Lou's many appearances on stage included a special reading of *Love Letters* with Janet Loewe. His directing for Actors includes various Sherlock Holmes plays, which he also adapted for the stage; *Busy Body*, *The 39 Steps*, some original works of his own, and many more.



Cast and staff members of "Dracula," to be presented this month by Actors Circle include, seated, from left: Cathy Rist Strauch, Mark Fryer, Jessica Fernbach, Paul Kantor, and Christian Wheeland. Standing, same order:: Harry Nealon, Amanda VanBuskirk, Kilbur Rubio, Jordan Joulbert, Lou Bisignani, Brandon Michael, Kayla Kay, George Conrad, and Jeff Ginsberg.



Mya Harrity

Ballet Theatre of Scranton, under the artistic direction of Joanne Arduino, will kick off the holiday season with its 49th annual performances of *The Nutcracker* at the Theater at North over Thanksgiving weekend on Friday, November 29, Saturday November 30, and Sunday December 1. Please note the new performance times each day at 12 noon and 5:30 pm.

This traditional gift to the community has offered free public performances since 1976. Free tickets can be picked up at the box office at the Theater at North on the day of the specific performance, two hours prior to curtain.

This year, an inaugural pilot, sensory friendly performance is being offered to an invited audience as well as the traditional educational performances for area school children.

Over 100 local dancers from ages 9- adult will perform and will feature Elizabeth Schneider and Laura Durkin as Sugarplum Fairy (each in three performances); Gianna Vachino as Clara; John Roman Vachino as the Nutcracker Prince; Brennan Connor as Snow King; Gabrielle Snyder as Snow Queen, and Valentina Ruiz Giraldo as Dewdrop.

Professional guest artists George Sanders of Twyla Tharp Company NYC, and Sanford Placide, previously of Dance Theater of Harlem, NYC, will perform as Cavalier in three performances each. Dunmorean Mya Harrity is pictured above.

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Friends of Poor Thanksgiving programs set

Friends of the Poor will continue its community-based programs and collaborations to help those in need this Thanksgiving: the Interfaith Prayer Service, a University of Scranton Center for Service and Social Justice (CSSJ) food basket distribution, the Thanksgiving Dinner for Adults and Elderly, and the Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program. Across all three food-based events, over 17,000 individuals in our area will be served.

Forty-eight years ago, the Friends of the Poor foundress, Sr. Adrian Barrett, IHM, returned to her hometown of Scranton after years of ministry in other states.

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Her first ministry, then, predating the actual founding of Friends of the Poor by 10 years, was the Thanks-

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Keystone Chapter UNICO recently conducted its annual Winter Coat Drive in support of the Elm Park Church Winter Coat Giveaway. This annual gift of winter clothing for those in need will take place at Elm Park Church, 712 Linden Street, Scranton, on Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8 from 9 am to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome and nobody is turned away. Shown in the front row from left are: Keystone Chapter Members Tina Haas, Winter Coat Drive Co-Chairs Karen and Joe Sadowski; Keystone President. Back row: Chapter Members Valerie Riggi, Frank Cicci, Diane Beckage, Cathy Gerard, Mary Lou Karliak, Sandy Collins, Bob Collins, Guest Carol Hemphill, Kevin Cicci, Paul Ware Esq., and Anne Martino.

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The Dunmore Elementary Center hosted "Literacy Under the Lights" at the football stadium on October 17. This event, which promoted literacy, was organized by curriculum coordinator Danielle Pensack. The event included a book swap, make your own bookmark table, parent resources, and a table from the Scranton Public Library. Students were able to read to Wally the therapy dog and members of the Dunmore Bucks football team, marching units, cheerleaders, and Crimsonettes were on hand to read to students under the lights on the football field.



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Red Shoe Gala hosted in Dunmore

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substance abuse counseling and an MPA.

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CASA of Lackawanna County continues to advocate every day for Lackawanna County's most vulnerable children. This year, 82 children had an advocate with someone's support.

The event proceeds from the event in Dunmore helped to ensure that each abused and neglected child in Lackawanna County has the opportunity to have their own volunteer advocate.

To make a difference or become a volunteer, you can reach out to CASA at 570-903-5249.



Shown with William Brown, center, honored as CASA Volunteer of the Year, at the recent CASA Red Shoes Gala are Lisa Murphy, CASA board chairman, at left, and Joan Peterson, at right, executive director of CASA of Lackawanna County.



Attendees at the CASA Red Shoe Gala in Dunmore included, from left: Joan Peterson, executive director of CASA of Lackawanna County with CASA volunteer Maritza Acevado.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

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Organization presenters at the 13th Annual Italian Flag Raising in honor of Christopher Columbus held during October include, from left: Lackawanna County Commissioner Chris Chermak; Keystone UNICO Flag Raising Event Coordinator Mark McDade; Mena Verdeti Gaylets representing the San Mango D'Aquino Society (celebrating 100 years); UNICO National Representative and Past National President Glenn Pettinato; Keystone UNICO President Michele McDade; President of the Lackawanna County Columbus Day Association T.J. Savero; Gloria Lodge of Sons and Daughters of Italy Representative John Romano; Felittese Association Representative Jeff Casella; Dr. Peter Cognettik, representing the Italian American One Voice Coalition; President of the Victor Alfieri Society Joe Macciocco, and Mike Cappellini (holding his son Angelo), representing the San Ubaldo Society and this year's Columbus Day Association MRepresenting the Italian American One Voice Coalition of the Year.-- (See more photos on Page 26)

Bucktown Memories



Thomas "Bocker" Hunt and Robert "Beechie" Kelleher of the 1960s garage rock band The KREALS are shown outside the Fieldstone Tavern before one of their many concerts. The band was a Dunmore favorite in the late 60s and early 70s. They performed at Tippers A Go Go in Olyphant and the What's Happening A Go Go in Scranton during their heyday.

One of their more memorable performances was a three-night concert held at the Erdman, known as the gateway to the Poconos. It was there that Bocker thrilled the girls with his amazing guitar riffs. And Donny Loftus first sang his one hit wonder, "Devil Girl."

The band was also featured on WARM Land Radio a few times. And several members of the band were interviewed on the Harry West Show.

One thing that was agreed upon was Beechie's four-minute drum solo during "Woolly Bully", accompanied by the howling sounds of Jeremiah, which generated the crowd into a raging frenzy. The 60s will never return. But once we had the KREALS and that was a great Bucktown memory.---Contributed by Bill Ciccoti



Dunmore natives and members of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Grade School classes of 1965 and 1966 get together every fall at Jimmy McCormick's Moosic Lake house to discuss old times and to laugh. For one glorious weekend every fall, the men of winter become the boys of summer once again. They travel from out-of-town, as well as out-of-state just to laugh with their friends and tell tall tales that somehow grow with every telling. Brian McAndrew, who drove in from Maryland, said, "Being up here in the fall with these clowns is like being a Hallmark movie." Peter Loftus added, "Norman Rockwell should have painted a picture of these guys." Rob Meehan thought, "These are the best cheeseburgers I have ever had." Good friends, lifelong pals, best friends forever. Dunmore rabble-rousers one and all. You don't see relationships that defy the ages to match those wild rovers. But then again, maybe it's a Dunmore thing.---Contributed by Bill Ciccotti.

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DEC kindergartners enjoy Play-Doh Day activities

National Play-Doh Day was celebrated recently by Kindergarten students from the Dunmore Elementary Center. During their daily learning activities, children used Play-Doh to create letters, shapes, rainbows, and more. They also made homemade play-dough.



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Over the almost five decades since, we have grown to serve 4,000 meals for that same dinner, as well as incorporating several other significant events over the week leading up to the holiday of gratitude.

On Sunday, November 24, University of Scranton students will take a peek into the inner workings of the Family to Family program as Friends of the Poor join the University's Center for Service and Social Justice to provide Thanksgiving groceries to 150 families in the Hilltop and Valley View Housing Developments within the Scranton Housing Authority.

Anyone in need of a cooked Thanksgiving meal can drive-through or walk-up for a meal. No pre-registration or proof of income is required. Note that the 400 & 500 of N. Washington Avenue and Vine Street closed for traffic control.

The Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, directed by the Robeson family for the 10th year, will pick up where the dinner leaves off the next morning on November 27, beginning at 9 a.m. We will provide 4,000 baskets with all grocery items needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal to families in need in front of the Scranton Cultural Center. We will be there until 4 p.m. or our supplies run out. This event will also be a drive-through, but we will have a dedicated tent with supplies and volunteers for those that need to walk up.

While our budgets cover less and less

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The 13th annual Italian Flag Raising in honor of navigator and explorer Christopher Columbus was held during Italian Heritage and Culture Month in October at the Lackawanna County Courthouse Square. This Columbus expedition produced the beginning of the colonization and great migrations of people from the countries of Western Europe. Many Italian organizations of Lackawanna County were present, and a representative from each group was given the opportunity to present about their organization, customs and what this Federal holiday means to them. Keystone Chapter UNICO National organized this event. Members of Keystone Chapter UNICO shown from left are: Louise Ligi, Sylvia and Bob Tagert, Ann Summa, Mark McDade, Marilyn Vitali, Holly Cappellini, Keystone Chapter President Michele McDade, Mary Rinaldi, Cathy Gerard, and Cathy Bianchi.----See other photo on Page 23

Dunmore firefighters, State Farm team up for Fire Prevention Week



State Farm recently partnered with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) and the Dunmore Fire Station to promote Home Fire Escape Safety Tips in our community. As part of NFPA Fire Prevention Week in October, Agent Courtney Link donated fire prevention kits and partnered with Dunmore firefighters to teach students of the Fricchione Early Learning Center at Marywood University. Shown from left are: Firefighters Private Walter Howells, Lieutenant Eric Shigo, Courtney Link, State Farm, firefighters Robert Brock, and Private Larry Waters.

The Dunmore Fire Department teamed up with State Farm and the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to promote Fire Prevention Week in October, and this year's theme was "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you," which aims to better educate the public about the critical importance of working smoke alarms. According to NFPA, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a fire by

54 percent.

"Smoke alarms alert people in time to escape a home fire safely, but they have to be working in order to protect people," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign highlights simple but critical steps people can take to ensure that the smoke alarms in their homes are installed, tested, and maintained properly."

The majority of U.S. home fire deaths occurs in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Courtney Link of State Farm recently donated a toolkit of Fire Prevention resources to the Dunmore Fire Department which includes activities and information for children and adults, providing age-appropriate messages about smoke alarms and other home fire safety and prevention resources.

In addition, Courtney and The Dunmore Fire Department visited students of the Fricchione Early Learning Center at Marywood University to help teach everyone how to stay safe. "Helping people manage the risks of everyday life is a fundamental part of our mission," shares Courtney. "Through our collaboration with NFPA and local fire departments, we are actively working towards increasing awareness about fire prevention." The fire company shared key messages:

- *Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.

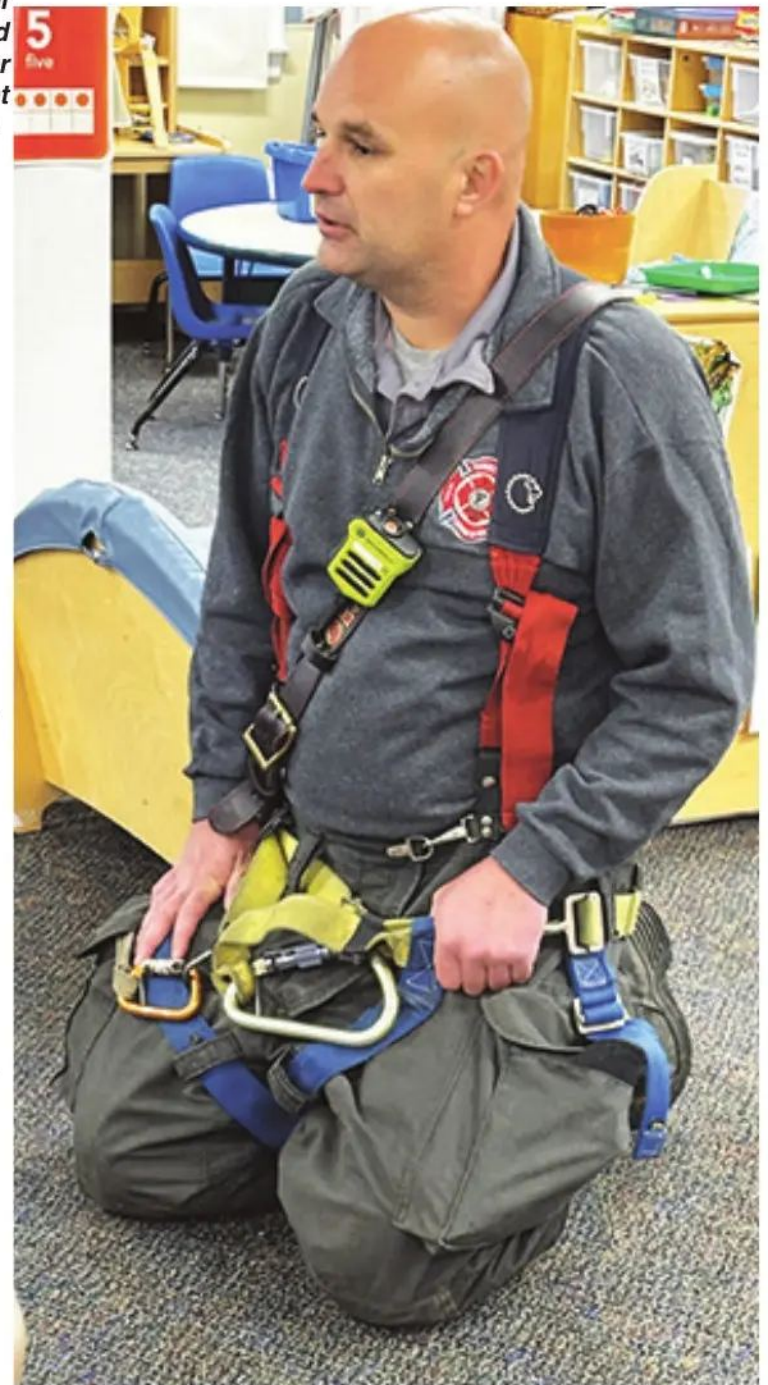
- *Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

- *Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

- *Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.



Lieutenant Eric Shigo of the Dunmore Fire Department is shown demonstrating fire safety to children at the Fricchione Center at Marywood University.





DEC second graders enjoy Bee-Bot projects

Second grade Dunmore Elementary Center students created costumes for their Bee-Bots then coded a path for trick-or-treating. The goal was to get from the start to the finish without running into a ghost, a bat, a spider, a haunted house, a black cat, or a skeleton. Bee-Bots are designed specifically for young children to learn sequencing, estimation, problem-solving, and to just have fun!





Modern art exhibit

Marywood University's Mahady Gallery and the Maslow Study Gallery for Contemporary Art will kick off a special art exhibit, "Highlights from the Maslow Collection," from Friday, November 8 through Friday, January 24. The galleries will feature the largest and most comprehensive collection of Contemporary art in Northeastern Pennsylvania, with over 700 works by more than 150 artists.

Collected by Marilyn and Richard Maslow and originally housed at InterMetro Industries, it is now on long-term loan to Marywood University. The largest part of the Maslow Collection is devoted to paintings by newly established or emerging artists working or exhibiting in New York during the late 1970s through the early 1990s.

The Collection also includes major prints and important photographs spanning the 1930s to the 1990s.

Featured artists include Berenice Abbott, Bernd and Hilla Becher, Francesco Clemente, Chuck Close, Jim Dine, Jack Goldstein, Valerie Jaudon, Jasper Johns, Ellsworth Kelly, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Motherwell, Robert Rauschenberg, Susan Rothenberg, Ed Ruscha, Ju-

lian Schnabel, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud, Andy Warhol, Thornton Willis, and others.

ScrantonShakes events

Audiences are used to see Scranton Shakespeare in the summer, but ScrantonShakes has a lot more going on year-round at the ShakesSpace at the Marketplace at Steamtown.

There is something for everyone, including the third year of Holiday Panto featuring this year's presentation of "Cinderella" for children and adults alike. It is a perfect festive night out for the whole family on December 6-9 and 12-14.

Other special events include an Enchanted Dress Paint 'n Sip on November 21 at 6 p.m. Join in to let your imagination flow and sip on your favorite beverages.

For tickets to all events, visit ScrantonShakes.com. For tickets, visit ScrantonShakes.com.

Beatles vs. Stones

"Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown" comes to The F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on

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Follow advice on off-roading

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for established campgrounds or designated overlanding sites where overnight parking is allowed.

There are a lot of different GPS-based apps out there now that are great in helping you know where you are, including who owns the land (we'll touch base on that below) and even provides sections for users to leave reviews and comments on spots they've been to before.

2. Follow Leave-No-Trace Principles: Respect the environment by minimizing your impact. Pack out what you pack in and avoid disturbing wildlife.

3. Secure Your Vehicle: Always lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight to deter theft.

4. Researching Land Use Regulations: When planning to off-road or overland in Pennsylvania, it's essential to research the land you will be using. Depending on the district and title of the land, you might have to adhere to different rules and regulations.

For instance, I recently attended an overlander meet and greet at a state forest hosted by some gentlemen administering a Facebook group. (*Highly recommend checking out Pennsylvania Overland & Offroad Facebook group*)

It was a great event that allowed fellow hobbyists to check out each other's rigs and have conversations over coffee.

All was well until representatives from the DCNR and Game Commission arrived to disperse our gathering, citing that the parking lot had too many cars

and constituted an unsanctioned "group," which would require a permit.

The hosts were unaware of this requirement because it was not readily available online or through other sources; it was buried within Pennsylvania hunting guidelines. As it turned out, the parking lot was situated on state game lands, not state forest lands as everyone had thought.

This experience highlights the importance of conducting thorough research regarding applicable rules and regulations.

If you're planning an event, it's wise to contact your local DCNR office to ensure you are compliant with all necessary requirements. These regulations may not always be obvious or easily accessible but understanding them is crucial for a safe and enjoyable experience.

Safety Checks for Adding Gear to Your Vehicle

If you're modifying your vehicle for overlanding or adding gear such as roof racks, it's important to conduct safety checks:

1. Weight Distribution. Ensure that any added gear does not exceed your vehicle's weight limit. Uneven weight distribution can affect handling and stability.

2. Secure Attachments. Check that all equipment is securely fastened to prevent it from becoming a hazard while driving. Loose items can cause accidents or injuries. When bolting accessories to your vehicle, remember thread lock is your friend.

3. Brake and Suspension System. After adding gear, inspect your

vehicle's brakes and suspension system to ensure they can handle the additional weight.

4. Test Drive. Take your vehicle for a short test drive after modifications. Pay attention to handling, braking, and any unusual noises that may indicate a problem.

5. Regular Maintenance. Regularly maintain your vehicle, especially if you frequently go off-roading or overlanding. This includes checking tire pressure, oil levels, and other critical components.

Off-roading and overlanding in Pennsylvania can be thrilling and rewarding experiences, offering a chance to explore the state's natural beauty.

However, prioritizing safety and legal compliance is essential. By following the tips outlined in this article and adhering to Pennsylvania's vehicle laws, you can ensure a safe and enjoyable adventure.

Disclaimer

This article is intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice. For specific legal inquiries or concerns regarding off-roading and overlanding regulations, it is advisable to consult with a qualified attorney or local authorities.

If you have questions about your rights and responsibilities while engaging in these activities, please contact our office for assistance. And as always, be smart... call Hart.



The John Hart family—including Hannah, Jack and Jameson—enjoy camping.



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Friends of Poor

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each year, this is especially poignant to the families Friends of the Poor serves year-round. We are seeing a 30% increase in the number of families we are serving across our daily programming, and for the last several years, our Family to Family Program and our dinners for adults and elderly have run out of food well before our designated end time.

We are increasing the numbers we are preparing for in 2024; however, that comes with a cost. We work diligently with our suppliers and donors beginning in the early months of summer to ensure we get the best deals. Still, the Thanksgiving Community Program this year will cost around \$250,000.

We are asking the community for a \$40 donation to subsidize our cost of Thanksgiving baskets for a family of four. Donations of any amount help us towards our goal, and can be mailed to Family to Family, PO Box 13, Scranton, PA 18503 or given online at friendsofthepoorscranton.com.

Finally, for the first time in quite a while we are turning to local businesses and community groups to actively solicit Thanksgiving sponsorships to cover all remaining costs. We have several sponsorship levels with varying benefits, but we again stress that any donation, from \$1 on up, helps make sure our friends, neighbors, and our children's classmates do not go hungry on the holiday. If you have any questions about supporting the annual Thanksgiving Community Program, contact the development office at (570) 892-8038 or development@fotp-ihm.org.



Retired Colonel Carol Martini Hemphill recently received the prestigious Antonio Rizzuto Award from UNICO National at its 101st Annual Convention in Princeton, NJ. The Keystone Chapter of UNICO National nominated Carol for her "Service Above Self" volunteerism here and abroad. She is also a past District Rotarian. The Rizzuto Award is the highest award presented to a non-member of UNICO National. During the convention, Keystone Chapter UNICO was recognized for its Chapter Achievement with a Certificate and Banner Patch. Pictured at the presentation of the Rizzuto Award at the UNICO National 101st Convention are awardee Carol Martini Hemphill and UNICO National President Anthony Bengivenga.

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COMING EVENTS

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Wednesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are: \$39, \$49, \$59, and \$69 plus fees. Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by calling 570-826-1100.

These two legendary bands will engage in an on-stage, throw down - a musical 'showdown' if you will courtesy of tribute bands *Abbey Road* and *Satisfaction - The International Rolling Stones Show*. During the two-hour show, the bands perform two sets each, trading places in quick set changes and ending the night with an all-out encore involving both bands. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Catholic Choral concert

The Catholic Choral Society will present The Generations Sing Concert on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William Street, Scranton.

As in past years, this celebration strives to celebrate both ecumenical diversity and multigenerational singers. The Catholic Choral Society is composed members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties.

This year The Catholic Choral Society will both sing with and host the following groups: All Saints Academy Choir-grades 3-8, directed by Tony Wozinski; Riverside Elementary East Viking Voices-grades 5-6, directed by Mrs. Melissa Lingle; Wyoming Valley West HS Concert Choir, directed by Justin Davis; Kings College Cantores Christi Regis, directed by Rob Yenkowski, The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton, Ann Manganiello - Director.

Board members assisting co-presidents Brenda Grunza, Nicholson and Lois Ostrowski, Pittston, arranging the concert include: Nancy Flannery, Kingston; Sheila O'Brien, Dunmore; Rich Gibbons, Hunlock Creek; Chris Koster, White Haven; Connie Schulte, Clifford Township, and Kate Conaboy, Archbald.

Ann Manganiello is the music director of the Catholic Choral Society; Linda Houck is the accompanist. All are invited to attend. There is no admission charge, however, the opportunity for supporting the concert through a freewill offering will be available.

For information about concerts and membership please call 570-575-1040 and see www.catholicchoralsoociety.org.

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