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In Memorium John M. Hart Jr.

John M. Hart Jr., who founded and served as the publisher of The Dunmorean and Dunmoreannews.com, for the past 35 years, passed away unexpectedly on August 23 in Scranton. He was the son of the late John and Berniece Gilmartin Hart of Carbondale.

He was a longtime resident of Scranton, but was born and raised in the city of Carbondale. A product of Carbondale's public school system, he graduated in 1971 from Benjamin Franklin High School and pursued further studies at the University of Scranton, earning degrees in history and English from the institution in 1975-76.

While in college in 1973, he accepted a position as a neighborhood reporter with the former Scrantonian-Tribune. Hart remained with the newspaper for 13 years, serving in nearly every editorial role, including the position of night city editor.

In early 1983, Hart became deeply involved in a community effort to establish the world's largest steam railroading museum in Scranton – Steamtown.

After successfully leading a \$2 million public fund-raising campaign, he joined the museum's board of trustees and later rose to the positions of executive director and chief operating officer. During this period, in 1986, Hart initiated contact with elected officials in Washington and Harrisburg to develop the museum into a national park.

In late 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed the Steamtown National Historic Park Act into law, allocating \$88 million to establish Steamtown as the nation's newest historic site.

The National Park Service honored Hart as the linchpin in the establishment of the historic site. Concurrently, he was appointed by the Lackawanna County Commissioners to a task force aimed at preserving freight railroad service in the county. Later, he played a pivotal role in founding and served as the inaugural chairman of the Lackawanna County Railroad Authority, which oversees freight service in Lackawanna, Wayne, and Monroe Counties, safeguarding numerous local jobs to this day.

After his tenure at Steamtown, Hart ventured into the private sector, establishing a commercial printing business in the city. Following the acquisition of one of his competitors, he rekindled his involvement in journalism, creating several community newspapers, including The Dunmorean, which continues to serve the borough of Dunmore today.

His first wife of 26 years, the former Mary Margaret ("Meg") Holland, passed away in 2005 and they had two children: Elizabeth Mary McDonald, a clinical dietitian with Geisinger Community Medical Center, and John M. Hart III, Esq., the owner of Hart Law and a solicitor for the City of Scranton. His second wife of 16 years, the former Maureen Garcia-Pons, currently serves as the editor of The Dunmorean.

Beyond his business pursuits, Hart founded and commanded GAR Post II, Camp 299, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in the Union League of Philadelphia. He also held the position of past commander at Griffin Camp 8 in Scranton and was the founder and former commander of the Delaney DeLacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve, also located in Scranton. He received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Dunmorean publisher John Hart passes away



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Letter from the Editor

It is with both sorrow and pride that the staff and I have worked to produce this memorial edition in honor of my late husband, John M. Hart Jr., founder and publisher of The Dunmorean for the past 35 years.

We will miss John and his leadership immensely, but we are proud and determined to continue his legacy at The Dunmorean, which, ironically, became the last locally-owned newspaper in Lackawanna County on the day of his funeral when the century-old Scranton Times was sold to a conglomerate.

People mentioned to me on that day that John would have been pleased to have survived as the last local paper, because he had worked as a tough competitor against the Times during his reporting days at the old Scrantonian-Tribune.

But, actually, John would have been deeply saddened by such a major loss to Northeastern Pennsylvania. On his behalf, I offer my sympathy to the entire Lynett family and their employees. I've been there—when the Tribune closed in 1990 it was exactly like losing family, much less your career and your own professional identity.

John believed in community journalism wholeheartedly, and although The Dunmorean switched to upbeat, positive coverage of Bucktown and its citizens when it became a monthly, it was originally a weekly publication that covered the police and fire departments, school board, and council.

John and I both owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to those who have helped in this labor of love, including Steve Svetovich, our writer, columnist, and sports editor who started with us in the newspaper business 40 years ago at the Tribune and has been with John every step of the way in multiple journalistic endeavors.

Cheryl Sempa Radkiewicz is our very popular food columnist, and her association with John and me also dates back to the Tribune where her late father, Frank Sempa, was city editor. Cheryl has also followed John through his various ventures including The Scranton Weekly, The Mid Valley News, and The Dunmorean.

A newer colleague, and such a valuable one, is Emily Fedor Gerchman, who came aboard right out of college to be our on-line editor as The Dunmorean entered the digital age. Emily is a native Dunmorean who brings valuable insight to this publication. Dunmorean Tim Drewes is our official photographer, but fellow Dunmorean Rich Banick has always contributed greatly to the publication and continues to do so. Dunmoreans Nibs Loughney assisted John with ad sales and Sarah Masucci serves as our art director.

Bill Healey and Bob Sulger handle distribution of the paper on the first Wednesday of every month, and they often describe how people are eagerly taking copies of the Dunmorean out of their hands when they deliver at the many outlets where the paper is available.

Last, but not least, is our legal columnist John Hart III, John's son, who is an attorney with law offices on Grove Street in Dunmore.

On a personal level I want to share with our readers that John and I were colleagues, friends, and finally husband and wife over a period of 50 years. We met at the Tribune in 1973, shortly after I married my first husband, Jorge Garcia-Pons. In 1979, John married his beloved Meg Holland.

In 2005, both families were hit with unimaginable tragedy when Jorge died on St. Patrick's Day after a long illness and Meg died very suddenly that August.

And so here we are again, our combined families sharing grief and trying to find positive ways to move forward. We believe The Dunmorean is one way to do so, and we hope the ever-generous and loyal people of the borough will support that dream.

We have always been grateful to our wonderful advertisers. During the pandemic, when business was at a stand-still, our advertisers stayed with us. I don't know how they did it when their restaurants, offices, and showrooms were shut down, but the majority of them stayed.

I will never forget that support, but I also know that for many of them, their loyalty was based on their friendships with John Hart. I hope all of John's friends will stay with us now, even though he is gone. This really was his dream, his pride and joy, and we hope to continue bringing good news to Dunmore for a long time.

Sincerely, Maureen Hart

John Martin Hart Jr.

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twice, along with a Unit Citation Medal for his community service. He was a two-time recipient of the SUVCW Benjamin Stephenson Award.

Hart was a past president of The Scranton Club and member of the Union League of Philadelphia.

During his tenure as president of the Scranton Club, he was credited with preserving the club's future during a period of uncertainty. He held a genuine fondness for youth and progress, attributing the club's survival to increased involvement from younger generations.

He also contributed to the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) finance committee, aiding in the development of the national antique automobile museum, which opened in 2003 in Hershey, PA. Additionally, he served as the president of the Scranton Region of the Antique Automobile Club.

Alongside his membership in the SUVCW, national and local AACA, he belonged to The Confederation of Union Generals, a living history organization, and sat on its Board of Directors. He was also affiliated with The Newspaper Guild, The International Federation of Journalists, and the Columbia Hose Co. of his hometown, Carbondale.

In addition to his extensive involvement in various clubs and organizations, John M. Hart Jr. was acclaimed for his diverse collections. Many visitors to his home

found delight in his expansive miniature toy soldier dioramas, diecast cars, and model trains. He also had a penchant for collecting unique hats, pipes, canes, bow ties, and various other curiosities.

Drawing from his historical background, he held a deep admiration for historical figures and even took on the roles of General Winfield Scott and Winston Churchill. He was also the co-founder of the local Diogenes Society, a small organization that paid tribute to Sherlock Holmes.

Hart's life was guided by his father's final words to "leave the world better than you found it," a principle he successfully and enthusiastically embraced. He took up the cause of erecting several monuments in Scranton and Gettysburg, PA, firmly believing that a thorough understanding of history served as a cornerstone for the successful future of the community.

Among his many accomplishments, Hart was most renowned for his captivating stories, earning him widespread appreciation throughout the community as a skilled and beloved storyteller.

Survived by his wife, children, and three grandchildren—Padraig Liam McDonald, John Martin Hart IV, and Jameson Maxim Hart—John M. Hart Jr. also leaves behind a son-in-law, Marcus McDonald, a daughter-in-law, Hannah Theberge Hart, a stepdaughter Rebecca Garcia Pons, her partner B.J. Wallace,



and an "adopted" son Michael Masucci. He is also survived by numerous McGraw cousins in Carbondale, whom he cherished as his brothers and sisters.

For those who would like to honor Hart's memory in a lasting



Publisher John M. Hart Jr., is shown at left at his beloved Elkview County Club, and above at the ribbon-cutting of the Hart Free Library 10 years ago. Friends can honor his memory with donations which will be used to refurbish the library on Morel Street. (See info below)

way, the family has decided that a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy is to support a cause he was truly passionate about. In recognition of his significant charitable contributions to the community, donations can be made to the

Hart Free Library Fund, c/o 1175 Morel Str., Scranton, PA 18509.

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Larger than Life.

Solid words to describe this scribe's friend, confidante and fellow newsman for the past nearly four decades.

He is none other than John Hart, the owner/publisher of The Dunmorean newspaper and other sister newspapers for the past 34 years.

The veteran newsman, who had a big appetite for almost anything, died late last month at 70.

He was a local Barnum and Bailey, a man with big ideas who was not afraid to pursue them in full force.

He was a great family man,

newsman, businessman, collector of pipes, toy soldiers, die-cast cars, and model trains, history buff and storyteller.

At one time, I believe he owned 14 antique cars.

Being an active part of Civil War living history in Gettysburg became his forte and he dressed the part.

He was often referred to as "King John" or "The General" and he played the part well.

John's passion for food was well noted. I remember sitting in the Mid Valley News office in Olyphant once with him and late Scranton Mayor James Barrett McNulty.

Both said they were hungry and ordered pizza. They left the office and came back later with not one or two, but four large trays of pizza just for the two of them. And the broad smile on their faces will never be forgotten by this scribe.

He commanded respect. This was easily witnessed when he entered a store. He would get immediate attention from sales persons, checkers, and cashiers. It was not uncommon for John to be granted easy access to the front of the line.

He was proud of his Hart Free Library situated near his home and where books were freely shared.

This scribe came to know John Hart in the mid 1980's as a young reporter entering The Scrantonian Tribune while he John was exiting to become deeply involved in a community effort to establish the world's largest steam railroading museum in Scranton - Steamtown. He joined the museum's board of trustees and later rose to the position of chief operating officer.

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And that is when this scribe reconnected with John Hart, the newsman.

After serving as a general assignment reporter and later Dunmore correspondent for the Scrantonian Tribune until the newspaper folded in 1989, this scribe went on to cover general news features, sports and the Dunmore beat for The Sunday Sun.

When The Sunday Sun folded, it was only natural to join John Hart and his late partner Bob Mc-



Carthy at The Dunmorean covering meetings, feature stories, sports and writing a human interest column.

Soon this scribe was covering just about everything and writing the Doin' Dunmore human interest column, Dunmorean of the Month, Athlete of the Month, Police Blotter and sports column, Dishin' Dirt. This is all thanks to the freedom allotted to me by John Hart.

He was soon to name this scribe sports editor, allowing for more freedom to write about the student-athletes at Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools.

John Hart was always thinking though. His mind worked that way. He always looked for a new venture or business opportunity. Eventually his partner McCarthy left, but John ventured on.

There were other newspapers he started or took over such as Active Senior, The Paper, The Mid Valley News, and The Scranton Weekly. This scribe wrote for all of them. If John had an idea, he always ended up with me as his reporter.

His first wife of 26 years, the former Mary Margaret (Meg) Holland, a former Scranton School District teacher, died in 2005. The couple had two children: Elizabeth Mary McDonald, a clinical dietician, and Atty. John M. Hart III, the owner of Hart Law and solicitor for the City of Scranton. John was very proud of them. He was most proud of his three grandchildren: Pdraig Liam McDonald, John Martin Hart IV and Jameson Maxim Hart.

His second wife of 16 years, the former Maureen Garcia-Pons, is the faithful editor of The Dunmorean, the one newspaper creation of John that has withstood 34 years and still counting.

As the years working together mounted, this scribe and John also developed a personal friendship and kinship beyond the journalistic world we both knew so well.

John often invited me for a beer or two to his guest room or front porch and he would share stories of his various life adventures, traveling and countless comical stories about his fellow newsroom employees at the defunct Scrantonian Tribune and political friends and foes. He was a tremendous story teller.

We often spoke that there were few surviving members left of the old Scrantonian Tribune. At last count, there were about 15 left. Now there is one less and a big one at that.

John wrote his own obituary and planned part of his own funeral which was filled with dignitaries and many of his friends dressed in Civil War garb. His funeral ended with his son and daughter playing a taped recording of John telling a story about how he met and had breakfast with Frank Sinatra. Only John Hart could do that.

Then they played a tape of their dad singing his trademark song, "Baby Face."

Bagpipers playing Irish music (Please turn to Page 10)

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The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway



As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to drop, it's a bittersweet reminder that summer is coming to an end. For many of you, this marks the return to the familiar routine of "back-to-school", as students, teachers, and parents gear up for another school year filled with promise and opportunity.

To our dedicated teachers, I extend my gratitude for the tireless efforts you invest in shaping our young students. We are thankful and grateful for the inspiration you provide to our community's youth.

To the parents, your unwavering support and encouragement are invaluable. As you send your children off to school, remember that you play an essential role in their educational journey.

I wish all of our students, teachers, and parents a great school year filled with love, laughter, and learning!

On a more somber note, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of John Hart, Jr., the respected publisher of our beloved newspaper, the Dunmorean.

John's dedication and passion for journalism have been instrumental in keeping our community informed and connected. Whether it be with a famous "lunch meeting" or a quick phone call to check-in, John was a great resource for me personally, and I will miss him dearly. Our thoughts are with him and his family during this challenging time.

Congratulations from the Dunmorean staff to Online Editor Emily Fedor Gersman and her husband Alec on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Violet Elizabeth, on Aug. 26 at 2:54 a.m., weighing 8 lbs.10 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches long.



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO sponsored the Sunday Bake Sale Stand at Saint Joseph's Festival. This year they raised over \$2,000 with their fresh baked goods prepared by Keystone UNICO members and friends. Shown from left are Cesira Berardelli, cochairman; Mary Alice Jacquinet, Sister Servants IHM and CEO of Saint Joseph's Center; Mary Lou Karliak, cochairman; and Valerie Riggi. Back row, same order: Lenore Latarewicz, Mary Ann Coviello, Sharon Gombita, Nancy Angeloni, Toni DiVizio, Nancy Malone, Nanine Gramigna, Chapter president; and JoAnn Martarano.



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO members are shown at the Sunday Bake Sale Stand at Saint Joseph's Festival. Shown front row, from left: Diane Beckage, Ann Berardelli, co-chairmen Cesira Berardelli and Mary Lou Karliak; Tina Haas, JoAnn Martarano and Karen Sadowski. Back row, same order: Frank Cicci, Shirley Swinick, Tom Carlucci, Cathy Gerard, Cathy Bianchi, Kevin Cicci, and Denise Hawk.

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A DEDICATION TO A LEGEND

IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF JOHN M. HART, JR., OUR BELOVED FATHER, HUSBAND, GRANDFATHER, STEPDAD, FATHER-IN-LAW, GENERAL, MODERN DAY CHURCHILL, ERECTOR OF MONUMENTS, CAR ENTHUSIAST, SELF PROCLAIMED MARKSMAN (FROM 3 FEET AWAY), COLLECTOR OF ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING, AND THE GREATEST STORYTELLER OF OUR TIME. HIS RADIANT SPIRIT WAS A BEACON TO OUR COMMUNITY, TOUCHING THE LIVES OF EVERYONE HE MET —FROM LIFELONG FRIENDS TO CHANCE CONVERSATIONS WITH TELEMARKETERS. HIS APPRECIATION OF LIFE WAS UNPARALLELED, ACHIEVING MILESTONES IN ONE LIFETIME THAT MOST WOULD ONLY DREAM OF IN A CENTURY. WITHOUT HESITATION OR DOUBT, HE CHASED HIS VISIONS, NOT CONCERNING HIMSELF WITH THE HOW, BUT ALWAYS THE WHY. HIS MYRIAD HOBBIES WERE NOT JUST PASSIONS BUT BRIDGES TO MEET AND EMBRACE NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. AS WE MOURN THE PHYSICAL LOSS, WE FIND SOLACE IN THE COUNTLESS TALES HE SPUN AND THE CHERISHED STORIES OTHERS HAVE SHARED ABOUT HIM. HIS LEGACY WILL FOREVER RESONATE IN OUR HEARTS. WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME.



THREE GENERATIONS John Martin Hart Jr., at left, is shown with his son, John Martin Hart III, at the christening of John's grandson, John Martin Hart IV, at St. Paul's Church, Green Ridge.



THE COLLECTOR

From toy soldiers, diecast cars and trains
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His family on the other hand, was usually overwhelmed.
But the General did it his way, never surrendering the helm.
When objects ceased to accrue in his wake,
He sought audiences, friendships to make.

And so he made friends, each and every day,
For all loved to hear what he had to say.

But with the Collector gone, his stories remain,
And a plethora of collections will continue in his vein.

-John M. Hart, III, Esq.



Publisher John M. Hart Jr., seated at right, is shown with his children and grandchildren. Seated at left is Padraig Liam McDonald. Standing from left are Elizabeth McDonald holding Jameson Maxim Hart and John M. Hart III holding John Martin Hart IV.

Carly Borchardt opens Hive Salon on Burke

Carly Borchardt of Dunmore, recently opened The Hive Salon on Burke, located in the newly remodeled lower level of her home at 542 Burke St. in Dunmore. The beauty salon officially opened its doors last month.

Carly, who was born and raised in Dunmore, attended Dunmore El-

ementary, Dunmore High School, and upon graduation in 1997, began her secondary education at Kutztown University.

She transferred to Florida Atlantic University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2003.

Since she was a little girl, she

loved playing with makeup and hair, and although her degree served her well for many years, she couldn't ignore the tug of getting involved in the beauty industry.

In 2008, Carly attended The Salon Professional Academy by Redken in South Florida. Fresh out of that program, she cut her teeth at Wild Hare Salon in Boca Raton, Fl, where she worked for two years before moving back to Dunmore.

For the last decade, Carly has worked for and alongside Carmella Griguts at Lox Unlimited in Dunmore. Through the years, she has stayed up to date on current trends, styles, and methods by taking continuing education in the hair field, and is now the owner of her own salon.

Carly was adamant that her business remain in the town that built her. Interested persons are invited to stop in and say hello; check out the retail shelves where she carries top of the line hair care products, or call 570-866-2421 for an appointment. You can find and follow her on Facebook at The Hive Salon On Burke.



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Dunmore's Keystone UNICO recently presented a donation to the "Cookies for Courage" fundraiser at their stand during the Sherwood Park Summer Festival. This ongoing fundraiser was started by young Avery Shivock with support from her family. All money raised is donated to the "Beads for Courage" program for children being treated for cancer at CHOPS in Philadelphia. Pictured at the presentation are front row from left are Avery's father Chris Shivock, her brother Mason, Avery, and her mother Stephanie. Back row, same order: Keystone UNICO Treasurer Mike Gramigna, President Nanine Gramigna, and Board Member Toni DiVizio.



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Dunmore Keystone UNICO conducted its August picnic at the Bocce Courts at Arcaro & Genell Restaurant, Old Forge. Frankie Gervasi provided the entertainment and Arcaro & Genell Restaurant provided the menu. Another highlight was the induction of Marie Merkel as a new member. Shown from left are: Inducting Officer Mark McDade; Membership Director Ann Summa; new member Marie Merkel and sponsor Gloria Rizzo, and first vice president, Michele McDade.



Dunmore Senior Center Fundraising Committee Members Atty. Brenda Colbert, Jeanne Phillips and Dr. Alice McDonnell, prepare for the 5th Designer Purse BINGO to be held at the Dunmore Community Center, 1414 Monroe Ave., on Sunday Oct. 1. Doors open at 11 a.m. with the bingo beginning promptly at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets to the event should contact Program Director, Alison Boga at 570-207-2662.

DOIN DUNMORE:

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and funeral goers filled the streets as they marched from Saint Clare's Church to the Hart home on North Washington Avenue home after the funeral concluded. They played "Going Home." It was only fitting for the man with the huge appetite who enjoyed life to the fullest.

"Only John could pull off a grand funeral like that," said his close friend Thomas Jordan, retired principal at Robert Morris Elementary School. "It was most definitely fitting to go off in grand style like that."

John Hart provided this scribe with the forum to write hundreds of columns over the past 34 years and I am forever grateful.

There will be a void felt by many with his passing. Rest in peace, my friend. Along with your family, I will keep my promise to you to help keep The Dunmorean alive in your memory.

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Classmates from Dunmore Central Catholic HS/Bishop O'Hara Class of '73, held an August meeting at VFW Post 6082, Peckville, to discuss the current data base on fellow classmates for the 50th class reunion planned for November. Verification of addresses were updated and less than 25 students still need to be found, and others just verified of current address. Discussion included, menu, price/ticket, and music. Text Lauren Telep at 646-241-9443 with classmates addresses. Shown from left are: Lauren Telep, Mary Rose Novorosky O'Neal, and Marie Scrimalli Nicholoff.

Corrections

In the August issue of The Dunmorean, several errors were made in the Dunmorean of the Month story.

Steve Lavelle was employed by Thompson Consumer Electronics until it closed, and then he worked for Marywood University. His wife, Donna, was employed by The Dunmorean and then by Target. Their granddaughter's name, which was spelled incorrectly, is Isabelle.

PSU Scranton Athletics hosting golf tourney

Penn State Scranton Athletics will be hosting a fundraising golf tournament on Sept. 15, at the Golf Course at Paupack Hills, Greentown.

The tournament, named for former Penn State Scranton CEO, James D. Gallagher, will be captain and crew format and begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the 13 Varsity Athletic teams at Penn State Scranton including Men's and Women's Golf, Cross Country, Track & Field, Soccer, Basketball, Women's Volleyball, Baseball & Softball.

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By Cheryl Radkiewicz



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RICE CHILE VERDE

- 1 pint sour cream**
- 1 cup chopped green chile**
- Pinch of salt**
- 3 cups cooked rice (1 microwave mine)**
- ½ lb. Monterey Jack cheese, grated**
- Parmesan cheese**

Combine sour cream, chile and salt. In 13x9" casserole dish, layer rice, sour cream mixture and Monterey Jack cheese. Add another layer, ending with rice.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Makes 6 servings.

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PASTA LA SCALA

- 6 Tbsp. unsalted butter**
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed**
- 1 lb. mushrooms, sliced (1 use more and vary the varieties)**
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice**
- 4 small unpeeled zucchini (about 1 lb. total), cut into 1/4" julienne strips**
- 4 Tbsp. minced parsley**
- 1 ½ tsp. dried basil**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- Freshly ground black pepper**
- 1 lb. freshly cooked linguine or spaghetti**

Melt 2 tablespoons. butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add 1 garlic clove and cook 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and lemon juice and toss until well combined. Add zucchini, 2 Tbsp. parsley and seasonings and blend well. Cover, increase heat to medium-high and cook until vegetables are steamed thoroughly, about 3-5 minutes, shaking pan frequently.

Place remaining butter and garlic in large serving bowl. Add hot pasta and remaining parsley and toss again. Top with vegetables and toss again. Serves 6.

FETTUCINE WITH FRESH CORN

- 1 cup heavy cream**
- 1 cup fresh corn kernels, cut from**

- 2 ears of corn (NOTE: do not use frozen or canned corn)**
- 12 oz. fresh or 8 oz. dried fettucine**
- ½ cup slivered, fully cooked ham, fat trimmed**
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese**
- 1 Tbsp. each minced red and green bell pepper**

Heat cream in small saucepan until boiling. Stir in the corn and keep warm. Cook fettucine until al dente, about 5-7 minutes for dried; drain. Toss fettucine with cream and corn mixture, ham and cheese. Sprinkle with red and green bell pepper. Serve with additional grated cheese. Serves 4.

MARINATED MUSHROOM SAUCE FOR PASTA

- 8 oz. small white mushrooms, wiped clean and coarsely chopped**
- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion**
- ¼ cup finely chopped red bell pepper**
- ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley**
- 1 Tbsp. fresh oregano or 1 tsp. dried**
- 1 tsp. fresh thyme or 1/4 tsp. dried**
- 1/3 cup olive oil**
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- 8 oz. large pasta like rigatoni or shells, cooked al dente**

Combine mushrooms, onion, red pepper, parsley, oregano and thyme in small bowl. Whisk the oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in separate bowl; fold together. Cover and marinate, refrigerated, 1-2 hours. Toss sauce with hot pasta and serve at once. Serves 2-3.

ROASTED RED PEPPER, OLIVE AND ROSEMARY SAUCE

- 1-7 oz. jar roasted red peppers, rinsed, well drained and finely chopped**
- ¼ cup olive oil**
- ¼ cup pitted and chopped imported black olives**
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary or ½ tsp. dried**
- 1 garlic clove crushed**
- Pasta, cooked al dente**

Combine peppers, oil, olives, rosemary and garlic; stir to blend. Toss hot pasta with sauce and serve at once. Makes 2 servings.

FRESH TOMATO SAUCE WITH CREAM

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1-2 garlic cloves, crushed**
- 2 cups chopped fresh ripe tomatoes**
- ½ cup heavy cream**

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Members of the Scranton UNICO porketta committee cooked and served over 4000 pounds of porketta for this year's La Festa Italiana which was held at the Courthouse Square over Labor Day Weekend. Shown from left: James LaBelle, Jim Sagona, Peter Cognetti, chapter president, Gail Cicerini, Bill Buckley, and Mike Linko.

Cheryl's Cuisine

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1 Tbsp. chopped Italian parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper
12 oz. linguine, spaghetti or fettucine, cooked al dente

Heat oil in medium skillet; stir in garlic; saute' 1 minute. Add tomatoes; heat to boiling; simmer,

stirring, until sauce begins to thicken, about 10 minutes.

Stir in cream, simmer gently until sauce cooks down slightly, about 5 minutes.

Salt and pepper to taste. Toss hot pasta with the sauce and serve. Makes 2 cups.



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Dunmore Bucks pick up first win over Old Forge

By Steve Svetovich

Scintillating was the word for Dunmore's Domenic DeSando.

The 6-foot, 165-pound Dunmore senior stalwart scored a touchdown on a 49-yard punt return, rushed 15 times for 90 yards and another score and caught four passes for 63 yards leading the Bucks to a 35-12 opening night win over Old Forge at Gatto Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium Friday, August 25.

"Dom DeSando played extremely well and made some explosive plays for us," Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale said. "He is a great leader for us."

"It was a nice win to start our season. We did a lot of good things, but need to correct some mistakes."

Dunmore totaled 379 yards offense in the opening night win.

DeSando grabbed a punt with four and a half minutes left in the first quarter, started to the right side, was spun around by a face mask and then reversed to the left sideline, breaking several tackles and hurdling opponents around the 20 before scoring the game's first touchdown.

The extra point kick by Eric Reese gave Dunmore a 7-0 lead.

With 11:25 left in the second quarter, the shifty DeSando took a pitch out and scampered 31 yards for another touchdown. Reese booted the extra point and Dunmore had a 14-0 lead.

The Dunmore strong defense shined when senior star linebacker Nick Donvito raced to the pigskin after a shotgun formation snap hit Old Forge's man in motion. Donvito, the leader of the Dunmore defense, snagged the football and raced 19 yards for another Dunmore touchdown. Reese's extra point kick gave Dunmore a 21-0 lead.

"We preach squat, scoop and score," Donvito said. "I've been working with Tommy Drewes on ripping the ball, forcing a fumble and scoring in the end zone. That was my mind set when I saw the ball."

"I'm obviously happy with the win, but our team needs to play a lot better."

"I was really happy with the way our defense played. We played with energy which resulted in many big plays."

The tough Dunmore defense limited the Blue Devils to only 24 yards total offense.

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Domenic DeSando, above, a veteran senior, scored two touchdowns and made explosive plays that resulted in 90 yards rushing and catching four passes for 63 yards to lead the Bucks to a 35-12 win over Old Forge in their opening game. Dunmore totaled 379 yards, and limited the Blue Devils to only 24 yards in total offense. --Photo by Tim Drewes

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Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Heartfelt condolences to family and legions of friends of Dunmorean owner/publisher **John Hart** who died last month at 70... New York Mets to retire numbers of **Dwight Gooden** and **Darryl Strawberry** next season...Dunmore graduate **Ann Lacertos-Berardelli** reports Dunmore Class of 1976 had nice reunion at Waldorf Tiki Bar this past May...

Former Green Ridge Little and Teener League all-star **Kevin "Gig" McGowan** in town from current Louisiana homestead to attend Scranton Central-Tech Classes of 78 Reunion at Waldorf Tiki Bar Labor Day weekend...Gig attended reunion with Plot pal **John O'Connor**, another former Green Ridge and Teener League all-star... Other notables in attendance at Scranton Central-Tech Reunion included **Joe and Ann Berardelli**, **Bill Ferkile**, **John Ruby**, **Jackie Moran**, **Mary Ann Honey**, **Ellen St. Ledger**, **Deanne Price Rasmussen**, **Dave and Rosann (Blau)**

Schreiber, Jeff White, Steve Eshelman, Frank and Patti (Rempe) Mazzie, Luanne Tunis-Kelly, Lisa Becker Padula, Lori Lucke Dainty, Barry Semon, Nancy Sue Waldman-Chaney, Kevin Laske, Dave and Karen Gervasi, Mike Harrity, Chrissy Lavelle, and Donna (Sacoolidge) Vanfleet who was one of the outstanding organizers...**Jim Granahan** was also in attendance spinning discs...

Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame inducting 11 new members Sunday, October 1, at Fiorelli's, Peckville...Inductees include Dunmore graduate **Lauren Carra**, Holy Cross graduates **Gabby Giordano** and **Al Callejas, Jr.**; **Joe Baciotti**, **Mike Zanghi**, **Joe Runco**, **George Howanitz**, **Mike Cerra**, **Dr. Michael Ciccotti**, Carbondale's **Larry Gabriel** for the Media Award and **Paul "Red" Brower** for the Service Award...Dunmore's **Bob Walsh** is Chapter president...Mid Valley product **Jermy Valonis** is vice president...Music

world mourning passing of legendary concert performer **Jimmy Buffett** at 76 due to skin cancer... **Bruce Springsteen** performed at full energy during two epic concert performances at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey last month... Former Dunmore councilman **Paul Nardozi** among those in attendance...

Congratulations to coach **Kevin McHale** and his Dunmore Bucks for winning opening night football contest over Old Forge, 35-12, last month...Dunmore senior **Domenic DeSando** scored on 49-yard punt return, rushed 15 times for 90 yards and a touchdown and caught four passes for 63 yards as Bucks totaled 379 yards in offense...Dunmore senior quarterback **Tommy Bowen** completed 8-of-16 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown...Dunmore senior linebacker **Nick Donvito** scored on 19-yard fumble return...Dunmore back **Jake Hickey** rushed 12 times for 76 yards...Dunmore

senior **Danny Pigga** rushed five more, Labor Day weekend...Do times for 46 yards and caught two you remember **Cory Boynton** passes for 36 yards, including 21- scoring two touchdowns in Bishop yard TD toss from Bowen... O'Hara's 28-13 win over Bishop

Scranton Prep players scored 10 touchdowns as coach **Terry Gal-Jasson Dominguez**, 20, hitting **lagher** and his Cavaliers defeated homer in first MLB at bat for New Lakeland, 70-0, in team opener last York Yankees...The Martian, as he month...Prep quarterback **Louis** is affectionately known, hit homer **Paris** threw for three touchdown on first big league swing with passes and ran for a fourth as Cava-family in attendance in the Bronx... liers totaled 472 yards on offense... Happy 92nd birthday last month to

Conor Toole had hat trick to eternally young "I Dream of Jean-lift Dunmore to 8-2 win over nie" actress **Barbara Eden** who Honesdale in non-league soccer appeared at Scranton Cultural Center four years ago...Entertainment goals and assist for Bucks...Do you world mourning passing of "Price remember **Noah Granet** throwing is Right" legendary game show host two-hitter with 13 strikeouts for **Bob Barker** less than four months short of 100th birthday...Get well Scranton 10 years ago in City wishes to former Scranton Central final?...Holy Cross back **Aiden** baseball standout and Cincinnati **Wudarski** rushed for 230 yards Reds fan **Teddy Mathews** who and two touchdowns in Crusaders suffered recent stroke...Do you re-28-12 win over Holy Redeemer member **Alan LaRose**?...Whatever at Monsignor Crotti Field, Dun- became of **Von Hayes**?...

McGrath golf tournament set

Registration is open for the fourth annual Harry P. McGrath Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner Celebration which will take place on Friday, Sept. 15 at Glen Oak Country Club. Event proceeds will benefit Summer Scholars, one of the Greater Scranton YMCA's two Summer Learning Loss Prevention Programs. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., with golf at 1 p.m., cocktails at 6 p.m. and the dinner/program at 7:30 p.m.

The Y's Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program is a six-week program serving rising first and second grade students who are struggling with reading and are attending the Dunmore and Mid Valley School Districts.

For more information about the tournament, including sponsorship opportunities and registration, visit the Greater Scranton YMCA online or contact Betsy at (570) 768-6118 or Meghan Carnevale, at mcarnevale@gsymca.org.

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Dunmore 8U all-star girls team capture two tournament titles

By Steve Svetovich

The Dunmore 8U (ages 8 and under) all-star team captured tournament titles in both Dickson City and Dunmore this past summer.

The girls finished the season 13-3 and won both the Dickson City and Dunmore city tournaments.

Tom Richardson is the coach of the Dunmore champion 8U team. Assistant coaches are Chris Rinaldi, Cassie Rinaldi, Ed O'Malley and Ryan McGowen.

Team players include Claire Ehnnot, Kelly Ehnnot, Mia Davis, Frankie Nails, Skylar Rinaldi, Abby Richardson, Molly O'Malley, Lucy Gallagher, Rachel McKenna, Tilly Zayac, Maddie McGowen, and Maddie Coleman.

The 8U girls team won the Dunmore Miss E League championship. Skylar Rinaldi had three consecutive walk off singles in games. Her final walk off single led Dunmore to a 16-15 championship win against Tripps Park.

Frankie Nails was the team MVP. She led the Dunmore 8U team with five doubles.

The defensive of the team contributed to many wins. Lucy Gallagher, Mia Davis, Maddie Coleman, and Molly O'Malley were among a group of young kids who demonstrated strong defensive skills.

The Dunmore 8U team finished 3-0 in capturing the Dickson City tournament.

Kelly and Claire Ehnnot led Dunmore on offense and defense.

Rachel McKenna was the winning pitcher in those games. She was excellent all season as the team's top pitcher.

The final game came right down to the wire with Abby Richardson hitting a walk off single to win the championship contest for Dunmore over Abington, 13-12.

"For me, this season brought so much joy not only to me but my entire family," said assistant coach Chris Rinaldi. "All of the kids and their families enjoyed it so much,

"It was the tremendous way we played as a team.

"It showed and we all became one.

"Coach Tom Richardson and coaches Cassie Rinaldi, Ed O'Malley and Ryan McGowen did a wonderful job with these young girls.

"The whole team came together as one unit and we had a lot of fun. They deserve the recognition."



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Hall of Fame elects three athletes with Dunmore ties

By Steve Svetovich

Lauren Carra, Gabrielle (Gabby) Giordano and Al Callejas, Jr. are those with Dunmore connections among 11 to be inducted into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame, Oct. 1 at Fiorelli's in Peckville. The dinner and induction ceremony will take place at 5 p.m.

Dunmore's Bob Walsh is Chapter president. Mid Valley product Jerry Valonis is vice president.

Carra scored more than 2,000 points at Dunmore, was a three-time all-state selection, Times-Tribune Player of Year, All Regional four times and Female Athlete of Year and All Regional Player of the Year in 2009.

She was a three-time Athlete of the Week as a member of the Lady Bucks. She was twice named to the Chic Feldman All-Tournament team. She was Lynett Tournament MVP in 2008 and three times on the Lynett All Tournament team.

Lauren was a four-year starter at the University of Delaware and scored 1,275 career points. She was named to All-Tournament teams in 2009 and 2010 in her collegiate career.

Giordano scored more than 1,000 points for the Holy Cross Lady Crusaders. She was All Regional for basketball, broke the school record for homers and named All Regional Player of the Year for softball.

She received the Female Athlete Award and Jamie Kotula Leadership Award at Holy Cross. She was selected a softball all-star all four years at Holy Cross and named all-state first team. She went on to play basketball and softball for both Marywood and Wilkes Universities.

Gabby was a second team CSAC all-star as a freshman at Marywood. She was MVP in her sophomore year scoring her 1,000th point. She was a first-team MAC Freedom Conference all-star in her senior softball year at Wilkes. She was also third team NFCA Division III All Region.

Callejas, Jr. was Times-Tribune Player of the Year in 1996 playing basketball for Bishop O'Hara in Dunmore. He was a two-time all-state leading scorer and led Bishop O'Hara to the state title game in Class A.

Callejas, Jr. led the nation in 3-point shooting in 1999 while playing for the University of Scranton. He was first-team Freedom Conference player in 2001. He was the John "Les" Dickman co-recipient as University of Scranton senior MVP in 2001. He scored 1,372 career points with a .483 3-point



Gabrielle Giordano...Holy Cross honoree

field goal percentage and .895 free throw percentage at the University of Scranton.

Other inductees include Mike Zanghi, George Howanitz, Joey Runco, Joe Baciotti, Mike Cerra and Dr. Michael Ciccotti.

Carbondale's Larry Gabriel is the Media Award recipient. Paul "Red" Brower is the Service Award honoree.

Zanghi, a former PIAA football and basketball official, lettered in four sports at Scranton Tech. He earned a full scholarship to attend Temple University, where he set a record for most receptions as a freshman.

He earned four Athlete of the Week awards, two All Region berths and was honorable mention all-state during his high school career. He was a two-time All Regional football player at Tech.

He received the Daniel Costello Award which exemplifies the combined attributes of a student and athlete. At Temple University, he had the most catches by a freshman receiver in one game with 19. He was a PIAA and ASA umpire for 35 years.

Howanitz was an all-state first team defensive back with seven interceptions in his senior season and recorded a combined 3,340 yards and 50 touchdowns rushing

and throwing for Valley View and was the winner of the Fiore Cesare Award, presented to the area's top student-athlete. As football coach, he won four District 2 titles and five league titles.

Runco was an All-Region shortstop at North Pocono, but it was his career at Fordham University where he became record holder for hits with 242 and games started with 218. He is second with 91 stolen bases. He was a three-time All-Academic team member. He is in the Fordham Athletics Hall of Fame. He is a three-time Atlantic 10 All-American team member.

Baciotti was a baseball and football standout at Valley View where he won league batting and fielding titles. He was a three-time starter on the football team, leading the league with 10 interceptions in 1972 while playing for a team that had a 30-2-1 record.

He led West Chester with a .426 batting average in 1977. After playing baseball at West Chester, he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and named a Carolina League all-star in 1977.

Cerra was a football official for 42 years, basketball referee for 38 years and umpired baseball for 35 seasons. He worked more than 1,400 Division I college baseball games, including 15 Division



Laura Carra...Dunmore Bucks Hall of Famer

I regionals and 25 conference championships. He was a founding member of the Carbondale Junior Sports Association and coached junior football 34 years, winning 13 championships.

Dr. Ciccotti was a standout wrestler at Scranton Prep and wrestler of the year in 1978. He was a three-time all-star and two-time District 2 runner-up. He served for 26 years as head team physician and medical director for the Philadelphia Phillies and St. Joseph's University.

He received the Dick Vermeil Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to sports medicine.

Gabriel is the former sports editor of the Carbondale Miner and Carbondale News, with over 40 years experience in sports journalism. His "Behind the Bench" column and photography earned him awards for both at the state level. The awards at the state level for both writing and photography are a rarity. He also produced stories for the Scranton Times and the defunct Scranton Tribune and Scrantonian.

Brower was equipment manager of the 1972 Scranton Prep championship baseball team and then served for 27 years as the longest tenured minor league baseball clubhouse manager for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons. He served as clubhouse manager for both home and visiting teams.

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Bucks shine in season debut against Blue Devils

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Old Forge scored its first touchdown when Joe Granko stripped Dunmore senior quarterback Tommy Bowen, grabbed the ball mid air, and sauntered into the end zone for a 45-yard recovery.

Dunmore's Xavier Burke blocked the first of two Old Forge extra

point kicks and the Bucks held a 21-6 lead.

The Bucks marched 69 yards on a final first half drive with Bowen firing a 21-yard touchdown strike to senior Danny Pigga. Reese boot the extra point and Dunmore had a 28-6 lead with 28 seconds left in the first half.

A second half 14-play, 55-yard drive ended with a Bowen one-yard plunge into the end zone for Dunmore. Reese's fifth PAT gave the Bucks a commanding, 35-6 lead.

The Blue Devils final score came on T.J. DiMattia's two-yard quarterback keeper after a bad snap in punt formation on Dunmore's end. Old Forge missed on the extra point attempt on another Dunmore block.

Despite the lopsided win, Dunmore committed 10 penalties in the contest.

Bowen completed 8-of-16 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown in the Dunmore win.

Pigga rushed five times for 46 yards and caught two passes for 36 yards and a touchdown.

Dunmore senior back Jake Hickey helped the Bucks ball control offense with 76 yards on 12 carries.

UPDATE: Dunmore lost in its second game of the season, 34-7, to Mount Carmel at home, Friday, Sept. 1.



Domenic DeSando on the run --Photo by Tim Drewes



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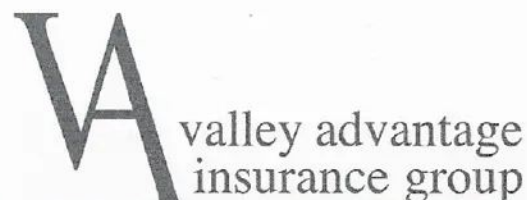
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