

Dunmorean of the Month In Memorium John “Sonny” Crotti



By Steve Svetovich

He had a smile that lit up a room, love of life, and genuine zest for football.

His passing last month left his family, friends, teammates, coaches, teachers and the entire Dunmore community heartbroken.

John Patrick “Sonny” Crotti was only 16 when he lost his brief but hard fought battle against brain cancer this past February 15.

The spirited Dunmore sophomore was a quarterback on the Dunmore Bucks football team.

Sonny always enjoyed being around friends and family and couldn’t spend enough time around the Dunmore football program.

Son of Erin Grogan and Joseph Crotti, both of Dunmore, Sonny was a member of SS. Anthony and Rocco Church.

His dad was a standout quarterback at Bishop O’Hara and coached on the high school level. Sonny and his dad spent endless hours together and he absorbed all of his teachings. Sonny was born to play quarterback.

Sonny was a kind, humble teenager with a passion for all sports. He played flag and varsity football, basketball and golf. Generous and considerate, he was a natural leader who bonded with teammates and never missed a practice.

Always laughing and joking, Sonny was a natural charmer and enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved being a part of the Dunmore Bucks

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Holy Cross boys, girls basketball teams capture district titles



The Holy Cross Girls Basketball team recently won the District II Conference Division AA title under the coaching of Barry Fitzgerald, who is scheduled to retire at the end of this season. -- (See related story on Page 18.)



The Holy Cross Boys Basketball team recently won the District II Conference Division AA title under the coaching of Al Callejas Jr.

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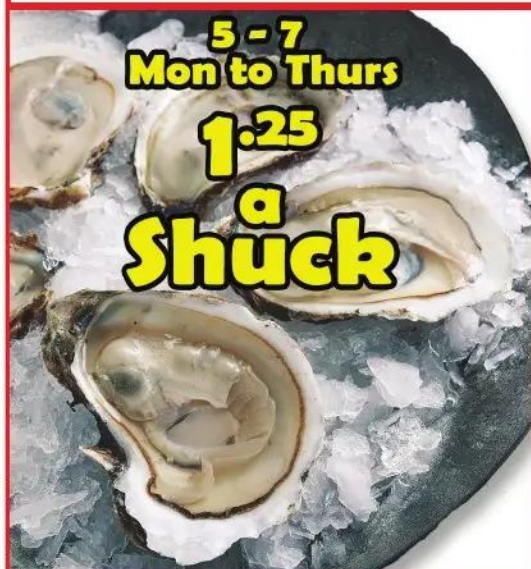
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football program and playing the quarterback position where he was a genuine up and comer.

"He was a very good student and well-liked by teachers and classmates," said Dunmore principal Tim Hopkins. "He never wanted his disease to affect his school work. Sonny was very well-liked by the entire student body. He was an inspiration to his fellow classmates."

"He was at every Dunmore football game this past season to support his teammates. Despite his illness, he wanted to be there to show his support for them. He never wanted his illness to keep him away from the team. He will be missed by the entire student body. About 70 of our students came to grief counseling at the school after he passed away. Sonny had many friends here at Dunmore. He was just a great kid."

Dunmore football coach Kevin McHale spoke of Sonny's impact on the team. "Sonny was the ultimate teammate," he said. "He was truly a team-first player. He was very selfless and totally committed to making himself and our program better. Sonny was a first class gentleman, always polite, respectable and coachable."

"Sonny was a varsity player as a freshman, where he shined as a quarterback. During the 2023 season, Sonny was very inspirational to our team as he underwent intense treatments."

"We are confident that Sonny will continue to watch over our community. His friends and teammates will continue to carry on his legacy."

Dunmore senior stalwart back Danny Pigga said Sonny had a passion to excel at the quarterback position. "He was a great kid and never had an issue with anyone. He always got along with everyone. Every day before practice, he would throw to me. I will tell you right now that his arm was not ordinary. He would be the starting quarterback next season if he did not pass away."

"He was always in the weight room. Despite being one of the younger guys, he always impressed with his arm. Before every game he would throw to me in the corner of the end zone for about 10 minutes to warm up. Everyone loved Sonny's passing."

"We wanted to make this a memorable season due to the passing of Jack Henzes and for Sonny due to his illness. We had a different type of work ethic this year. We wanted to do this for Sonny. I saw it with everyone on the team. We wanted to put the fear into the other teams because Sonny pushed us the hardest."

"Every Sunday he would be with Ryan Runco throwing in Mid Valley. He would come to practices and games all the time. It was great seeing him. He wanted to be a part of something. Even though he didn't have a lot of time left, he chose to be around us."

Dunmore back Jake Hickey said Sonny was a true Dunmore Buck. "He was everything as far as what it meant to be a Dunmore Buck. He was a great kid, funny, with a sense of humor. He was one of the most dedicated kids on the team. He would go to workouts with the varsity guys when he was only in eighth grade. He was better than a lot of the quarterbacks there. Every game we played this year was for him."

Dunmore star senior linebacker Nick Donvito spoke of Sonny's spirit. "Sonny was the type of kid that everybody wanted to be around. He just had a way of making everyone smile no matter what they were doing. He always knew how to brighten everyone's day just by being himself."

"Sonny was always trying to perfect his craft of becoming the best quarterback and leader he could be to help his team. He would always hold himself accountable for mistakes made on the field."

"I am blessed to call Sonny a teammate and friend. His name will live forever in the Dunmore football program."

An engaged student at Dunmore High School, Sonny also excelled in the classroom.

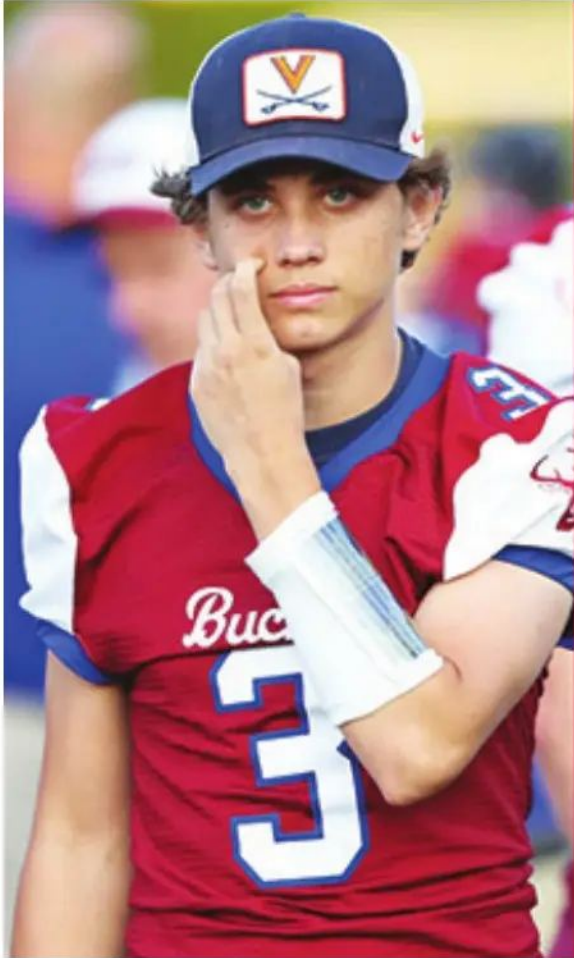
A Green Bay Packers fan, he excelled in the Dunmore Oilers football program and moved quickly to the varsity as a freshman. His work ethic was unmatched.

Sonny became ill before the start of football camp this past summer. He eventually could not attend school after starting cancer treatments, but his resilience and determination had him cheering from the sidelines at Dunmore's PIAA semifinal football game against Southern Columbia this past fall.

This past January 27, Ryan Runco, who develops quarterbacks through his Runco Elite Quarterback Academy in Jessup, held a youth football camp to raise funds for Sonny and his family at the Riverfront Sports Complex, Scranton. It was called "Camp for a Cause."

Less than three weeks later, Sonny passed away.

Dunmorean of month: John Patrick “Sonny” Crotti



In loving memory of
Sonny Crotti

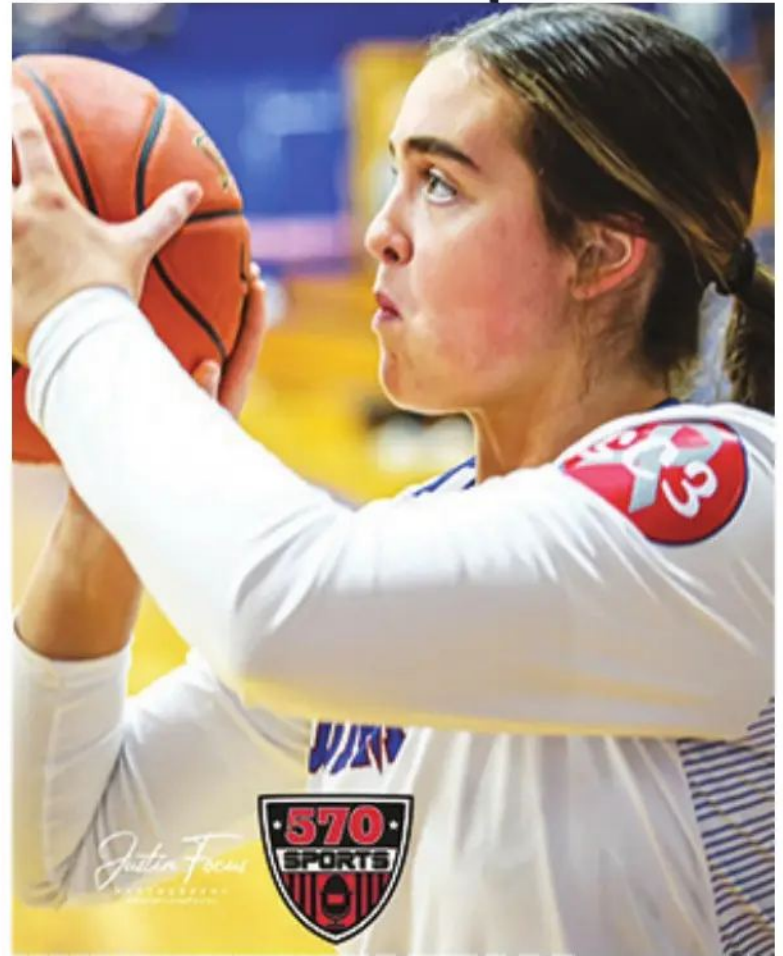
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our own. Sonny Crotti has lost his battle with cancer.

Our deepest sympathies are sent to his parents, siblings, family, friends as well as the members of the Bucks football program and the entire Dunmore school community.

Sonny, may you rest in peace. You will forever be remembered and missed.



Lady Bucks tribute



The Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball team memorialized the late Sonny Crotti by having a logo added to their warm-up shirts for the playoffs.---Justin Focus Photography



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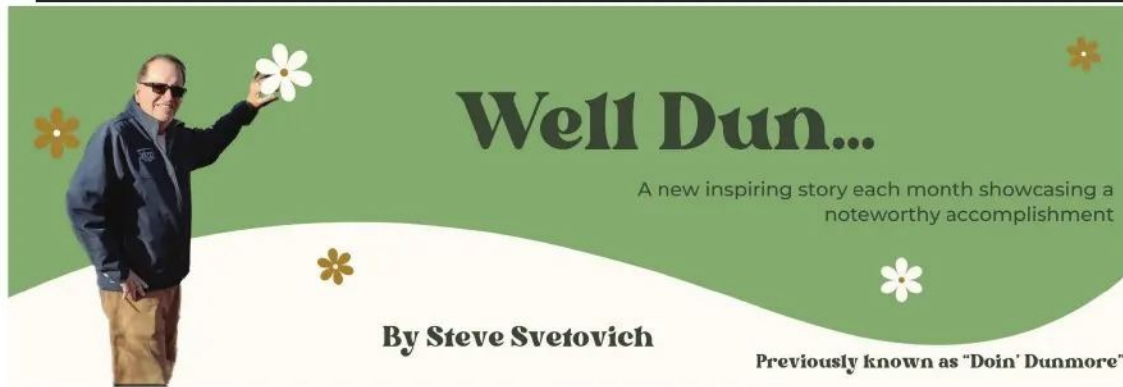
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Previously known as "Doin' Dunmore"

Ann Brunetti's life defined by work ethic, love of family

Anyone who grew up in Green Ridge or Dunmore in the past eight decades or so, knew Ann Brunetti. Dunmore's beloved Ann Brunetti died this past January 27 at 91. And she was just as beloved in Green Ridge,

Remarkably, she retired as co-owner (along with her son Mike) and operator of Brunetti's Pizza, Green Ridge section of Scranton, when she was pushing 90.

Even more remarkable was her work history. She and her late husband Patsy opened Brunetti's Pizza March 17, 1958.

After the loss of her husband in 1974, she continued to run the business with her son Mike, daughter-in-law Therese and their children.

Her late sister Mary also helped out at the front counter. She continued to operate the business she loved for close to 65 years.

After losing her dad, Ann left

school at 14 to help support her mom and siblings.

One of 10 children, she took a job at Spotless Cleaners in Dunmore. It was there where she met her future husband Pasquale Brunetti, also known as Pat or Patsy. She married him on May 2, 1953. It was also at Spotless Cleaners where she developed a strong work ethic.

When you combine Ann's years working at both Spotless Cleaners and Brunetti's Pizza, the math comes out to 75 years of hard work before she eventually retired.

But that was Ann Brunetti. She had an astounding work ethic that amounted to a staggering work history.

Even more remarkable than the work ethic was her unselfish devotion to her family. The main reason she worked as hard as she did for 75 years was for her family.

Ann was also loyal to her faithful

customers. Most of them had children and then grandchildren who also became regular customers. And she knew every single one of them by name as Brunetti's Pizza became a staple in Green Ridge on the corner of Sanderson Avenue and Deacon Street.

"I remember her working at Spotless Cleaners when she was just 14," said Mary "Mazie" Weiland, Dunmore. "She was a very hard worker back then. I can picture her working there as a young teenager. She became well-known in the Dunmore community and was very well liked."

Kevin "Gig" McGowan, now a writer in Dusen, Louisiana, grew up in the Green Ridge Plot section and was a regular customer at Brunetti's, often picking up a signature ready-made Italian or meatball hoagie.

"Brunetti's Pizza anchored the Green Ridge Corners of Scranton, serving three generations of locals from the hills of Green Ridge, the Plot and the surrounding area," McGowan said.

"Ann and her husband and son Mike and many others kept the ovens going and they made the best meatball hoagie topped with American cheese this side of North Main Avenue.

"They greeted you by name, knew your family and truly cared about their community. I even remember them sponsoring a youth baseball team. The last stretch of Sanderson Avenue isn't the same without a pit stop at Brunetti's Pizza."

Laura Nicodem Horn was raised up the street from Brunetti's and now lives in the Green Ridge Plot section. She also worked for several years at Brunetti's, so she had a first-hand view.

"Ann was like a mom to all," she said. "She was tough and full of love. She worked from the time she walked in the door until she left at night.

"She did it all for her family who she loved so much. Her brother would come and work the register in the morning, so she could get her work done. Slicing tomatoes, onions, and lunch meat for the hoagies. Same routine everyday."

"Then she would take over out



Ann Brunetti

front, Laura says. "I would ask her how she does it and she would say you have to push through."

"Ann told me she did not want to raise the counter hoagie price because she wanted the working man to have a hoagie and a drink for five dollars" Laura explains.

"She told me how she made the first six hoagies and they sold. Then she told her husband to get more buns and it started from there. If someone only had a couple dollars, she would find something for them to eat. I loved and respected her more than she probably knew."

There was always a constant flow of customers running into and out of Brunetti's for not only the variety of hoagies and pizza, but all kinds of sodas and drinks, ice cream bars, candy bars, Texas wieners, hamburgers, french fries, cold beer, cold cuts, potato chips, pretzels, and other food items.

The ready-made Italian hoagies were always made fresh and on the front counter.

There was a back room for customers to relax and have a snack, drink, or bite to eat. And Brunetti's always kept the prices down and the quality up.

For the longest time in the 70's and 80's the ready-made Italian hoagie stayed close to a dollar and a tray of pizza under five dollars. And you could buy an uncooked pizza for even less than the cooked version.

But the one constant for over six decades was Ann Brunetti at the front counter.

Daughter of the late Jacob and Anna Kolatis, Ann was also involved in Saint Anthony's Holy Name Society, Friends of the Poor, and St. Ann's Basilica. She was also active with several other organizations, including Catholic Relief Services, La Festa Italiana, and the Saint Francis Kitchen. She ran countless donation projects at Brunetti's for the benefit of others.

Ann worked countless hours throughout the week, but she lived for her time with family and friends on Sunday.

She attended church at Saint Anthony's in Dunmore. On any given Sunday, you would find her with her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Ann's grandchildren were the love of her life.

She would proudly share stories about all of them to her customers at Brunetti's.

Ann had four beloved grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Celine, and Jonathan (who preceded her in death). They were the center of her world and every milestone was celebrated. She made it her mission to attend every single dance recital, Boy Scout project and school performance of her grandchildren.

Her extended family were the loyal customers from Brunetti's Pizza who she loved so dearly. She watched generations grow and enjoyed visits for 65 years.

Truly a useful and unselfish life, led by devotion to an ideal. She will not be forgotten.



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Dunmore's Keystone UNICO hosts discussion about Columbus Day



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO recently attended a presentation on keeping Columbus Day as the National Holiday on the second Monday in October and not having it changed to Indigenous Day, as some legislators want to do. Speakers at this presentation were Andre' DiMino of the Italian American One Voice Coalition (IAOVC), and Eunice Davidson, a full-blooded Dakota Sioux Native American and member of the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota, and first president of the Native American Guardian Association. The two organizations are in concert with keeping Columbus Day as is. The Scranton Chapter of UNICO National sponsored this event that many local Italian American organizations attended. For more information go to www.iaovc.org. Pictured in the front row are, from left: Michele McDade, UNICO first vice president; Sylvia Tagert Andre' DiMino of the Italian American One Voice Coalition; Eunice Davidson, first president of the Native American Guardian Association, and Mark E. McDade, Keystone Charter president. Back row, same order: Val Riggi, David Phaneuf, youth member Katherine Barnansky, Bob Tagert, and Cathy Gerard.



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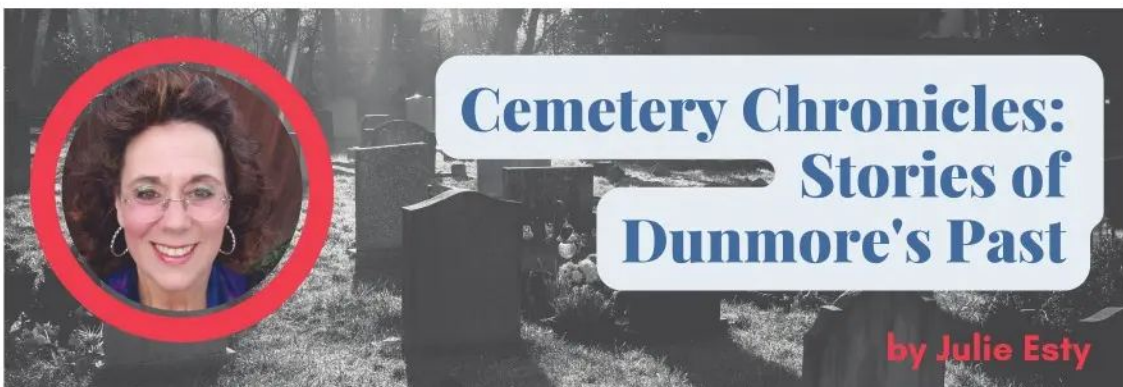
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Dunmore Elementary students mark 100 days of school



Students and teachers at Dunmore Elementary Center enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of the school year in February! They were encouraged to dress up as people reaching their centenary birthday!





Clarke, Dudley pioneer weather monitoring in this area

"Climate is what we expect. Weather is what we get." Mark Twain

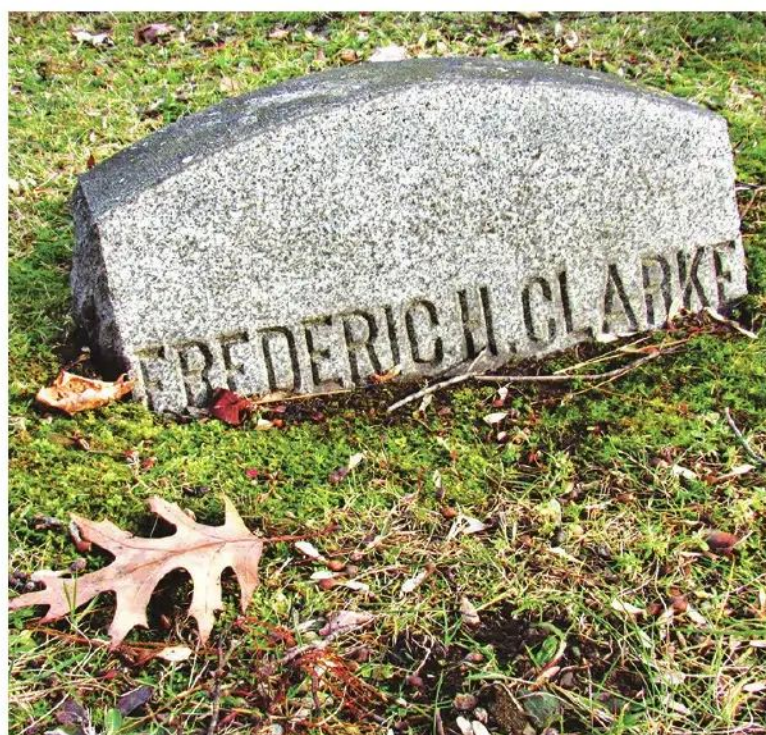
Born in 1857 Frederick H. Clarke was one of three children born to Ephraim and Mariam Clarke of Fairfax County, Virginia. Educated in the schools of

Washington D.C., by the age of 14 Clarke worked in the Washington insurance office of Taylor, Smith, and Thomas.

In 1879 at the age of 22, fair-haired, brown-eyed Clarke enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to the Signal Corp. This

assignment sent Clarke to Fort St. Michael in Sitka, Alaska, where his duties were to monitor the weather.

Since Clarke's time in Alaska was before the Klondike Gold Rush that generated an increase in population from the mainland



The final resting place of Frederick H. Clarke in Block Seven at the Dunmore Cemetery,

United States, Clarke was one of the few non-indigenous people living in the region. He remained with the Signal Corp for the next 12 years.

In 1889, Clarke assumed charge of the weather bureau office in Little Rock, Arkansas, and he remained in that position until 1898. He was then transferred to the weather office in Binghamton, New York.

During his time in Binghamton, Clarke befriended a local Domestic Science teacher, Caroline T. Brown who taught at Binghamton's Barlow Institute. Evidence suggests that the relationship between Clarke and Brown may have been romantic in nature, but for reasons known only to them, the relationship ended.

In 1901 Clarke transferred to Scranton. Once in Scranton, Clarke resided at 306 Wyoming Avenue. He observed, forecasted, and chronicled weather from his office in the Connell Building until the end of May, 1904. At that time Clarke was stricken with Bright's Disease and suffered from cardiac problems. He died in his apartment on June 8, 1904. In his will filed in Binghamton, New York, in October 1900, Clarke left all his personal effects, including a typewriter, bicycle, and a small cash sum to Caroline T. Brown.

At the time of his death *The Tribune* noted that "Clarke was simply untiring. He would work 18 out of 24 hours a day and could be seen at almost any hour of the night standing in his window watching the heavens." Clarke now rests peacefully, under the heavens, in Section Seven of the Dunmore Cemetery.

Following Clarke's death his position was filled by William McMillan Dudley. Dudley had ties to Scranton, having married Green Ridge resident Emma Burr in July 1909. At the time of his transfer from Mobile, Alabama, to Scranton, Dudley had been in the employ of the Department of Agriculture monitoring the weather for 14 years.

He remained in the position as head of the weather bureau in Scranton for 21 years. Like his predecessor, Dudley succumbed to kidney ailments on June 1, 1925. He was 53 years old. Dudley was laid to rest in the Burr mausoleum on Block Twenty in the Dunmore Cemetery.



Final resting place of William M. Dudley, in the Burr Mausoleum in Block Twenty, of the Dunmore Cemetery

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The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway



Dunmore mourning loss of John "Sonny" Crotti

By Mayor Max Conway

On behalf of the entire Borough of Dunmore, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Crotti and Grogan families on the passing of their beloved Sonny.

The sudden loss of someone so young and vibrant is difficult to comprehend.

Sonny demonstrated remarkable bravery in the face of his unimaginable diagnosis, and his strength and determination served as an inspiration to us all. His departure has deeply shaken our community, leaving a profound sense of loss that will be forever carried by all who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew Sonny as they navigate through this difficult time.



CLASS ACTS

The expressions of sympathy whether a text, email, call, social media post or visit from around the region offered to the Crotti and Grogan families, the Dunmore School District, Bucks football and the community at large as we mourn the loss of one of our own have been overwhelming.

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The Whale

Hope McKenna
5th Grade

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Visual Arts
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I am hopeful because I know we can save the ocean and its creatures. This whale represents the ocean life and its really cool features. If we litter, plastic can get in the ocean and hurt them. They need to be kept safe, so we shouldn't litter. This is why I am hopeful - because a chance to save the sea creatures and their habitat.

Why I'm Hopeful

Maggie O'Malley
5th Grade

1st Place
Literature
Intermediate

I'm Hopeful because of our solar system. It takes a very important place in our lives. Our sun keeps us warm and gives us a source of energy that we will not run out of for millions of years. Our solar system is made up of the sun and things that orbit around it. The sun is a star not a planet, and it is only a medium sized star compared to other solar systems and milky ways.

"Energy Sources"

Our solar system has a lot of important energy sources that support life on Earth. However, it is a lot of money to make solar panels to consume the sun's energy. Although it is a renewable energy resource we are only using up to two percent of the sun's energy today.

"Fossil Fuels"

Since the Sun is very hot so it the Earth's crust. So things like dinosaurs and things that have lived millions of years ago have melted and turned into fossil fuels. Fossil fuels include crude oils, gasoline, coal and more. We have to save our fossil fuels, because in 50-100 years we will run out of them. This is why I am hopeful to depend on our solar system

My Family Rocks

Cate Tripodi
4th Grade

2nd Place
Literature
Intermediate

I am hopeful because of my family. My family is always there for me and always gives me hope. Here are the words that describe my family: great, kind, nice, fierce, supportive, and funny. My family is great because they are helpful, they help me with homework. They are kind and nice because they respect everyone and they are cool to people. They tell me, do good and good will come to you. Fierce because they are strong in sports. Another way they are fierce is they push me in all that I do. My family is supportive because they are very helpful in activities and they support me and my sister in everything we do. Funny because they make everyone laugh, even me, and my grandpa is HILARIOUS! I am hopeful because of the family I have. Without them I don't know where I would be. They are always there for me.

Dunmore students shine



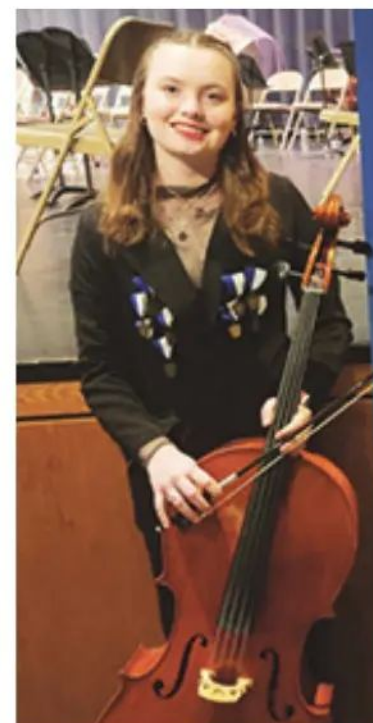
Congratulations to Emma Renard, John Silvi, Loren Spudic, and Aidan Walsh for representing DHS at PMEA Region IV Band at Honesdale High School on February 24.



For the second year in a row, John Silvi qualified for the PMEA All State Band, representing Dunmore High School. He will travel to Erie in April to participate in the All-State Concert Band.



Dunmore Students of the Month for January included 7th Grade - Landon Wilkins; 8th Grade - Egen Haikes; 9th Grade - Kelsie Bidwell; 10th Grade - Abernathy Itterly; 11th Grade - Shamus Hinton, and 12th Grade - Mia Capocci. Congratulations to all!



Congratulations are in order for Emma Renard for some huge accomplishments. Emma participated in PMEA District 9 Orchestra at Wyoming Valley West High School, where she earned second chair cello. She will advance to Northeast Regional Orchestra this month. Emma is the first Dunmore student to qualify for all three PMEA Region festivals (band, chorus and orchestra)! Emma was also awarded the prestigious William Gasbarro Scholarship, given each year to a PMEA District 9 musician who intends to major in music education.

I am Hopeful Because Love is a Bond Unbroken

Mackenzie Dolphin
6th Grade

1st Place
Literature
Middle

Love. Love is a hard thing to find. Sometimes it can be hard not to lose it. Sometimes if you don't lose it early on you can lose grasp of it later in life. So when you do find it you must cherish it and hold it close to your heart. Now love might just be a feeling to some, but to others love is not just a feeling, it is a person. And that person is YOUR person. I haven't met my person yet, but some have. If there is something you have taught me about love is that, love is not perfect. Nothing is. Love has its ups and downs. Love is like a roller coaster. I have seen in movies and TV shows people asking "how do you know if you love someone?" And all they say is "you will just know". Now, you just know a lot of things. Like two plus two equals four. But, love, love is different. It takes time. Love is special. When you find it you must keep it close to your heart and never let go. Here we are today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my Nana and Papa telling the world that they LOVE each other. Nana is Papa's person and Papa is Nana's person. You are my people.



Sheriff Mark McAndrew recently spoke to fourth grade students at the Dunmore Elementary Center about the importance of academics, showing respect for authority, and making good decisions for oneself. His underlying message was that if you have self-esteem, everything else will fall into place. The Little Bucks appreciated his words of wisdom.



The [USAF Heritage of America Band's Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble](https://bit.ly/RhythmInBlueSCC24) will perform a concert on March 18 at 7 p.m. as a **FREE** gift to our community, but tickets are required. <https://bit.ly/RhythmInBlueSCC24> For information or to claim your tickets, visit SCCMT.org or call (570) 344-1111. Convenience charges may apply online or by phone.

Free concert planned for March 18 by the United States Air Force Heritage of America Rhythm in Blue

A free concert will be presented by the United States Air Force Heritage of America Rhythm in Blue at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple on March 18 at 7 p.m.

This performance is part of a concert series the band is presenting across Pennsylvania and New York from March 15-19. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Cheryl's
CUISINE

BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ



This year we're celebrating three events in March: St. Patrick's Day, March 17, (a high holy day/week in Lackawanna County), St. Joseph's Feast Day, March 19, and a super-early Easter on Sunday, March 31.

So much to do, so much to celebrate and neither big holiday, St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's, falls on a Friday during Lent.

Let's begin with St. Patrick's Day: I have cooked corned beef for years, many different ways, boiling, slow cooking, oven, etc., however after years of not being 100% satisfied with the results,

I finally found the perfect recipe and it's is, honestly, the easiest one.

VERY BEST CORNED BEEF

1 corned beef brisket, thawed, if frozen
Water-1-inch in pan
Mustard
Brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place corned beef on rack in pan. Open seasoning packet and pour on top of roast. Pour 1" water in pan. Cover very tightly with foil. Bake for 50 minutes per pound. Check for tenderness.

Mix few tablespoons of mustard with some brown sugar together. Brush or spoon on top of roast. Turn oven to 400 degrees. Cook 15 minutes longer, uncovered. Let sit before slicing.

March has three festive holidays to celebrate

NOTE: When the corned beef roasts are on sale, I buy a few and freeze them....we enjoy them so much over the entire year.

Do you have some corned beef left over? This is a recipe I use for breakfast. It's always a hit....and don't use that canned hash!

CORNED BEEF HASH

2 Tbsp. butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 onion, diced
2 cups diced corned beef (left over)
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley

Potatoes:

1 lb. russet potatoes, diced
1 Tbsp. olive oil
½ tsp. dried thyme
½ tsp. dried oregano
½ tsp. dried basil
Salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly oil (or spray) baking sheet. Place potatoes in single layer onto sheet. Add olive oil, thyme, oregano and basil; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Gently toss to combine. Place in oven and bake for 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp; set aside.

Melt 2 Tbsp. butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and onion to skillet, and cook, stirring often, until onions have become translucent, about 4-5 minutes. Stir in corned beef cube and cook, stirring, until slightly browned, about 3-5 minutes. Stir in potatoes and Worcestershire sauce until potatoes are evenly browned, about 5 minutes; season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley.

Note: I serve eggs-over easy atop of the hash.

Moving on to St. Joseph's Feast Day:

PASTA WITH GARLIC, OIL, ANCHOVY & BREADCRUMBS

1 lb. pasta, cooked al dente (save 1 cup water for serving)

Sauce:

1 cup olive oil
1 Tbsp. chopped garlic
2 or 3 anchovy fillets (optional)
1 cup toasted bread crumbs

In frying pan, heat oil. Saute' garlic lightly. If using anchovies, add them at this time. Place pasta in warm serving bowl. Add oil mixture toss and add toasted bread-crumbs. **Note:** if pasta is dry, add some pasta water.

Note: I toast bread crumbs in small frying pan with oil.

Two more great Lenten dishes:

EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

2 Tbsp. oil
1 large onion, sliced
2 cloves minced garlic
2 eggplants
1 tsp. oregano
½ tsp. thyme
4 cups broth (vegetable or chicken)
½ cup sherry
2 slices tomatoes
1 ½ cup Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and saute'. Add seeded and cubed eggplants, oregano, and thyme and saute' 2 minutes. Blend in broth and simmer 20 minutes. Add sherry and continue simmering 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper. Pour into oven-proof bowl. Top with sliced tomatoes and cheese. Broil for 2 minutes.

CLAMS PAVAROTTI

Shrimp, chopped
Clams, chopped

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CUISINE

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Crabmeat
Onion
Celery
Garlic, finely minced
White wine
Parmesan cheese
Bread crumbs
Salt and pepper
Parsley

In large frying pan, saute' onion, garlic and celery. When tender, stir in shrimp. Before shrimp are fully cooked, add clams and white wine. Cook 2 minutes. Add crabmeat and cook another 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add cream sauce, Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and parsley. Mix to taste. Allow mixture to cool, then spoon into clam shells.

CREAM SAUCE:

Butter
Flour
Milk
Salt, pepper
Nutmeg

In saucepan, heat milk. In separate pan, melt butter. Add flour. With a whisk, mix in hot milk. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Put under broiler for just a minute or two.

For Easter, is it Ham or Lamb? Traditionally most people I know have ham. The ham recipe I use is the one handed down to me from my great aunt, Helen Madzin Chikap, who taught cooking classes during the Great Depression. It's simple, delicious, tender and easy.

EASTER HAM

1 smoked ham, bone-in (for more flavor)
2 bottles or cans beer

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place ham in roaster. Add a little water to the bottom of the pan. Pour beer

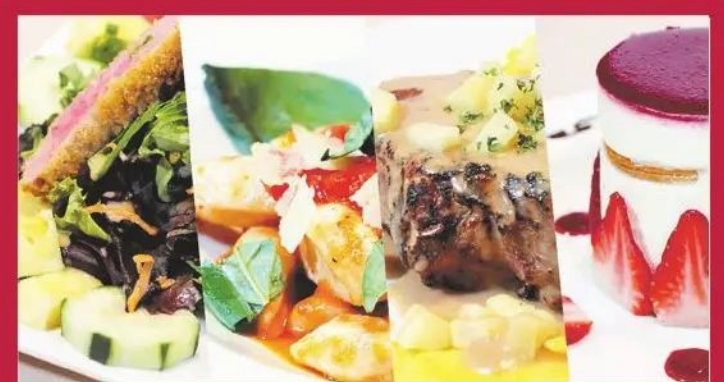
over the ham. Baste frequently. Cook about 20 minutes per pound. Keep basting.

LEG OF LAMB

6 to 8 lb. leg of lamb
3 Tbsp. chopped parsley
1 clove garlic
1 Tbsp. rosemary
½ cup olive oil
1 cup soft bread crumbs (from inside of loaf of bread)
2 Tbsp. grated Pecorino Romano cheese
Salt, pepper

Remove bone from the leg of lamb. Chop 2 Tbsp. parsley, garlic and rosemary together. Season lamb with salt and pepper. Be generous. Spread chopped mixture on lamb. Roll and tie. Mix together breadcrumbs, 1 Tbsp. parsley, cheese, salt and pepper. Rub outside of lamb with olive oil and roll in breadcrumb mixture. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 2 hours.

To all of our Dunmorean readers, Happy St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day and Easter. Christos Voskreshe!



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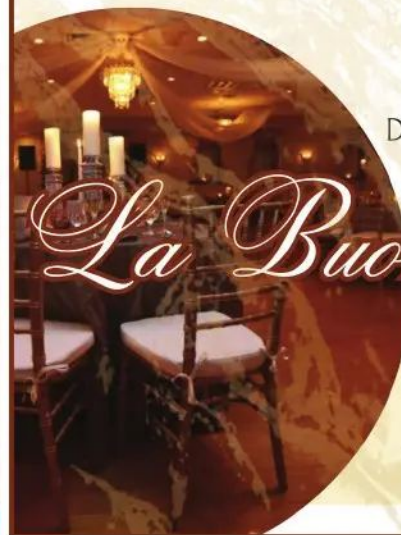
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Keystone UNICO plans pig roast with 'A Little Bit Country' theme



Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National will be conducting its 12th annual Charity Pig Roast on Saturday, April 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fiorelli's Catering. This year "Equines For Freedom" is the primary beneficiary. The theme is "A Little Bit Country" and dress is country (no spurs) or casual. There will be an open bar from 5-7 with passed hors d'oeuvres during the first hour. The dinner will be a sumptuous Italian Buffet. "EJ the DJ" will provide music. There will be chances for an extensive basket raffle, money umbrella, Wilbur the money pig, and a "Wheelbarrow of Spirits." Cost is \$70. Reservations are a must and can be made with Michele at 570-343-7009 or ask any Keystone UNICO Member. Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling Mark at 570-335-7830. Keystone UNICO is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Pig Roast committee members are, front row, from left: Mary Lou Karliak, cochairs Bob and Sylvia Tagert, and Chapter president Nanine Gramigna. Back row, same order: Diane Beckage, Mark and Michele McDade, Tina Haas, David Phaneuf, Toni DiVizio, Val Riggi, Mike Gramigna, Ed Latarewicz, Cesira Berardelli, Gloria Rizzo, Eileen Kovatch, Ann Summa, Cathy Gerard, Frank Cicci, and Lenore Latarewicz.

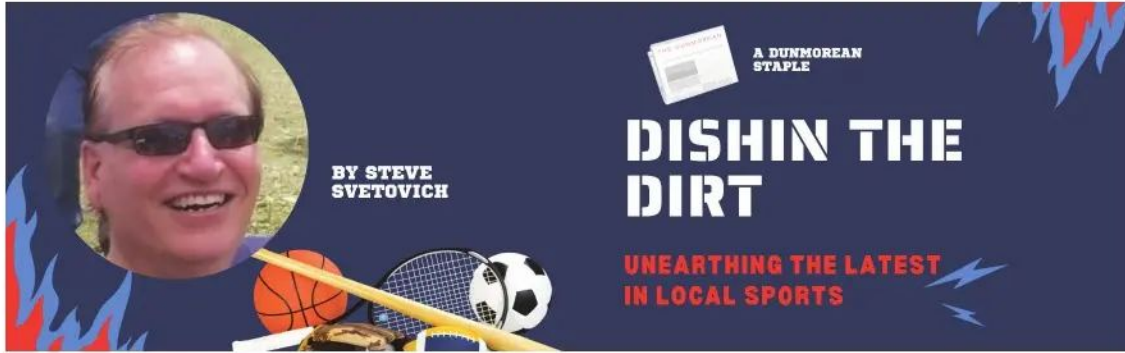
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Numerous local New York Mets fans not happy Xfinity does not carry SNY in its programming even though it is partially owned by Comcast...Mets fans mourning passing of former player, coach and manager **Bud Harrelson** at 79 following lengthy bout with Alzheimer's...Harrelson was only Met in uniform for both their World Series titles as starting shortstop for 1969 Miracle Mets and third base coach for 1986 championship team... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Vic Fangio** who left Miami Dolphins to become Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator...Dunmore's **Luke Healey**, who attends Holy Cross and swims with Bucks as part of co-sponsorship, defend-

ed his swimming title in 100 breaststroke and won event for third straight season...New York Yankees top prospect **Spencer Jones**, 22, in spring training camp, but will be treat for Scranton Wilkes-Barre fans when he plays outfield for RailRiders this season...

Sophia Talutto scored 21 points and **Jaclyn Brown** added 10 in Dunmore Lady Bucks 47-19 win over Riverside to clinch tie for Division III title last month... Congratulations to Dunmore guard **Sophia Talutto** for athlete of week honors for final week of January...Rumors abound that Scranton Times-Tribune may be ceasing printed edition in coming months if not sooner...**Cecelia Amico** and **Reagan Kearney** each won two individual events to lead Dunmore to 111-24 win over Scranton in Lackawanna League girls swim meet...

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more's **Catherine Scarantino** who died last month at 83...Her brother **Sam Zaffino**, formerly of Dunmore and now of Moscow, is known local musician...Congratulations to Baltimore Ravens quarterback **Lamar Jackson** for second NFL MVP award...**Michael Hughes** scored 20 points and **Mario Matrone** added 10, including pair of 3-pointers in first quarter, to lead Holy Cross to 63-45 win over Dunmore, clinching Lackawanna League Division III boys basketball title...**Brayden Canavan** led Dunmore with 16 points and **Cullen Smith** added 11...

Philadelphia Phillies fans thrilled with free agent signing of versatile **Witt Merrifield**, who led AL in stolen bases three times and hits twice...Congratulations to University of Scranton sophomore and former Holy Cross basketball standout **Kaci Kranson** chosen Landmark Conference women's basketball Athlete of Week for period February 12-18...It marked second time this year and fourth in career she received this honor...**Bob Walsh**, president of Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame, announced annual induction ceremony will be Sunday, October 6, at Fiorelli's, Peckville...**Jerry Valonis** is Chapter vice president...

How about Kansas City Royals shortstop **Bobby Witt** signing 11-year extension...Cincinnati Reds fans mourning passing of **Don Gullett** who had 109-50 career record and 3.11 ERA before double rotator cuff tear ended career at 27 while member of NY Yankees... Gullett and **Jack Billingham** were the two ace pitchers of Big Red Machine in 1970's...Gullett, who died at 73, pitched in 20 post season games and five different World Series, earning three rings with Reds and Yankees...Congratulations to coach **Barry Fitzgerald** and Holy Cross Lady Crusaders who beat Montrose, 22-20, Sunday, February 25, to win Class 2A girls championship at Mohegan Sun Arena... **Peyton Graboske** led Holy Cross with nine points, all on 3-pointers... Fitzgerald, in his final season as coach, now leads Holy Cross as top District 2 seed into state playoffs...

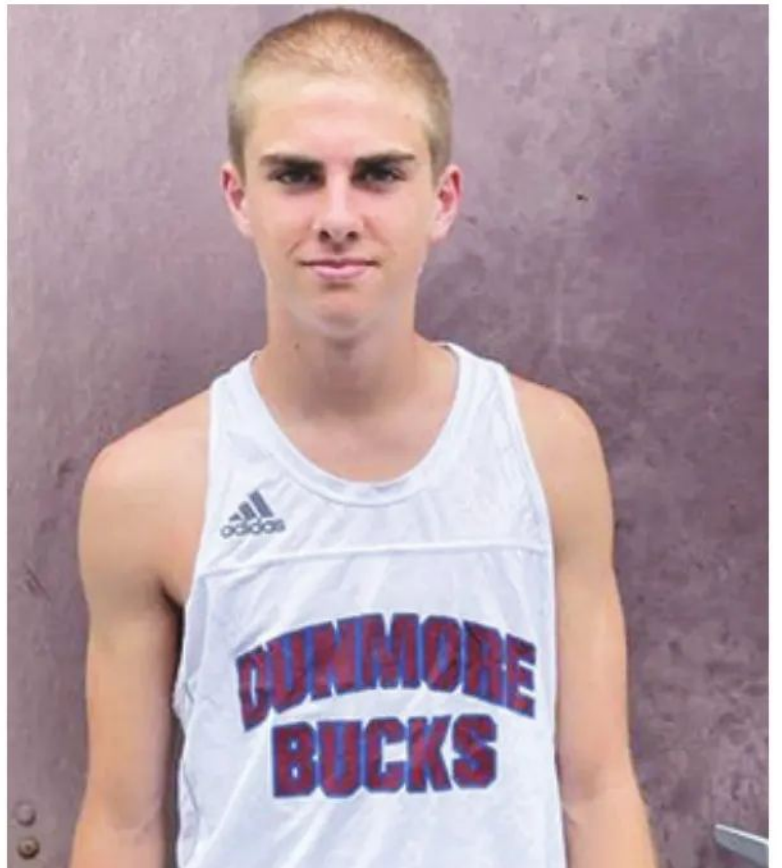
Congratulations to Dunmore Bucks senior lineman **Nathan Reuther** who committed to East Stroudsburg University for next

season...Holy Cross junior softball star **Mia Galella** landed Name Image and Likeness agreement with Athletic Republic, a national training franchise located in Moosic, as brand ambassador...Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardoizzi** once met and played one-on-one basketball game against legendary country singer **Toby Keith** who died last month at 62 due to stomach cancer (See photo below)...

Dunmore community mourning passing of **Sonny Crotti**, beloved quarterback and member of Bucks football team...Dunmore standout basketball forward **Tristan Canavan** is also key member of volleyball and softball teams... Condolences to family of Dunmore's beloved **Santa Burne** who died last month at 73...Do you remember **Pat Salvage**?...What-ever became of **Tom Hume**?...



Former Dunmore Councilman Paul Nardoizzi is shown here with country artist Toby Keith who passed away last month. Nardoizzi once played a one-on-one basketball game with Keith who met him backstage at Montage Mountain.



The Dunmore School District Athletic Department honored junior soccer superstar Tommy Clark for his selection to the 2023 Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association (PSCA) Boys Soccer All-State Team. Tommy finished third overall in Lackawanna Division 2 with 26 goals and 18 assists. He showed game awareness and presence on the field to lead the Bucks to their first District 2 championship and picked up his second All-Region selection by the Scranton Times-Tribune.



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ATHLETE

Of The Month

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore Lady Bucks senior forward Tristan Canavan only knows one way to play basketball – hustle.

The scrappy senior helped lead the Dunmore girls (21-4) to the District 2 Class 3A championship, a heartbreaking 51-46 loss to Holy Redeemer (21-5) Sunday, February 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena. Sophia Talutto led the Lady Bucks with 18 points in the loss. Leena Conte added nine points.

Tristan scored five points in the district final, but played a huge role in Dunmore's district semifinal win over Western Wayne, 62-41.

She scored 12 points in the district

semifinal. She went 100 percent from the paint, going 5-for-5. Talutto scored 25 points in the win over Western Wayne, Jaclyn Brown added 16.

The Lady Bucks defeated Riverside, 53-27, in the district quarterfinal.

The Lady Bucks won the PIAA state championship last season with a 42-30 win over River Valley in the 3A title game. It was Dunmore's first state championship.

"It was very surreal winning the state championship last year," said Tristan. "We had a lot of community support behind us. It was a once in a lifetime experience."

Lady Bucks senior Tristan Canavan knows how to hustle on hardwoods

Dunmore's loss to Holy Redeemer snapped an 18-game winning streak for the Lady Bucks. Dunmore defeated Holy Redeemer last year to win the district championship.

The Lady Bucks had won four of the last six district titles in Class 3A prior to the loss. The two prior years the Lady Bucks did not win the Class 3A title, they were forced to play in Class 4A due to their success in the state playoffs.

Daughter of Wayne and Faith Canavan, Tristan is a four-year member of the Lady Bucks basketball team. She is a two-year starter. She averaged 10.2 points and eight rebounds per game this season. Multi-talented, Tristan also excels on the Dunmore softball and volleyball teams.

She was named to the All-Region girls volleyball team this past season. Tristan led Dunmore to the District 2 Class 2A volleyball championship match. She led the team with 191 kills, which included a season-high 19 in the District 2 Class 2A semifinals, and contributed 31 digs, 77 service points and 45 aces.

In her volleyball career at Dunmore, Tristan had 308 kills, 38 digs, 139 service points and 70 aces. She is a middle hitter on the volleyball team.

She is a standout catcher on the Dunmore softball team. Tristan hit five homers last season.

The hard-working senior also excels in the classroom. She has an impressive 3.8 academic average. Her best subject is Math. Tristan is also a member of TACT, SADD and the Art Club.

She enjoys listening to music in her spare time and would like to see Bruno Mars and country singer Morgan Wallen in concert.

Tristan said her parents taught her a lot. "They teach me to always work hard and that teamwork is very important. They teach me to be respectful and never be selfish."

Tristan, who always battles on the court, said she learned similar values from Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball coach Carrie Bowen Toomey.

"She tells us to be respectful at all times and teaches teamwork and leadership skills. She tells us to always be there for our teammates."

She talked about what it takes to excel at the forward position in high school basketball. "You really need to put a lot of work in. Keep working hard. It's a tough position."

Tristan is proud of the continued success of the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball program despite the district title loss this season.

"We are successful each year because the community and school is always behind us. We just have so much support coming from everywhere."

Always boxing out, setting picks,

fighting for rebounds, or diving for loose balls, Tristan said the expectation for the Lady Bucks is always to go as far as possible. "We always work hard in practice and think we are going to get the job done."

The Dunmore Lady Bucks have an overall record of 497-63 in the last 19 seasons. Dunmore has won 19 championships in various classifications.

Tristan said she wants to play sports in college, but is not sure where yet. She thinks she will study criminology or psychology with aspirations of becoming a detective.

Humble yet confident, she has enjoyed her experience at Dunmore as she approaches her final months at the school.

"I love it at Dunmore," she said. "I love being a part of the teams. You get to know everyone in the school. Dunmore is a very close community. Everyone has your back."



TRISTAN CANAVAN

Photo by Tim Drewes



Matt Lyons helps Holy Cross to third straight district title

By Steve Svetovich

Matt Lyons is a big part of the Holy Cross Crusaders success this season.

He is the glue to a team that won its third consecutive District 2 Class

2A title, this time under first year coach Al Callejas, Jr.

The Crusaders (21-3) have won seven district titles since 2017. Callejas Jr. took over as Holy Cross basketball coach following the re-

tirement of his dad, the legendary Al Callejas Sr.

Son of Mark and Eileen Lyons, Matt, 17, scored 14 points and added 11 rebounds in the district title win, 73-42, over Blue Ridge, Monday, February 26, at Mohegan Sun Arena. Mario Matrone led Holy Cross with 20 points. Michael Hughes added 19 points for the Crusaders.

Holy Cross defeated Montrose, 77-44, on Friday, February 23, in the District 2 Class 2A semifinal contest. Lyons scored 16 points and hauled down 10 rebounds in that win. Hughes led the Crusaders with 27 points, including four 3-pointers. Adam Badyrka added 15 points, including three 3-pointers, for Holy Cross.

Holy Cross continues to add to its championship legacy. Since the program began in 2007-08 season following the closure of Bishop O'Hara and Bishop Hannan High Schools, the Crusaders have won 11 District 2 titles.

They are more dominant since the PIAA moved to six classifications, winning seven of eight. Only COVID-19 stopped them in 2021, when the team withdrew due to the pandemic.

Lyons, a 6-foot-6 center-forward, had three powerful two-handed slams in the district title win.

"It's great," he said, "I have the whole student section behind me. It gets the energy in the arena going. I love it. Keeping the energy is important."

The tough-minded and physical junior is averaging 12.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game this season.

He talked about his goals. "I want to keep it going," he said. "We want to win as much as we can. Our goal is always to win the Lynett Tournament, league title, district title and state title. I also want to be the best possible version of myself. I want to be a good person and become a fine young man."

A battler under the basket, the junior standout said he learned a lot from his parents. "They tell me to stick everything out and never give up. They tell me to face adversity and never give up. Look forward to the next game and next challenge. Make big time plays."

Lyons said Callejas Jr. has transitioned well since taking over for his dad. "He's really made a nice, easy transition. It's the same atmosphere and the same plays. He brings his 3-point expertise into our game. Overall though, it's all stayed the same."

"Coach is determined and strict with the goals to win the league,

districts and go for a state championship."

He talked about the success of the team.

"It is because of the chemistry we built as a team," he said. "We brought in some young guys and bonded over the summer. We practiced hard and hung out together as a team."

The talented scholar-athlete also has a highly impressive 3.9 grade point average at Holy Cross. His best academic subject is Spanish. He also is on the Holy Cross track and field team where he competes in the high jump.

The multi-talented junior talked about what it takes to excel in the low post. "You need to be physical and know where the ball is going for a rebound. You need to know where your teammates are on the floor, so you can pass to them after a rebound. You need to know how to play the game inside."

Lyons said he wants to play basketball in college and might major in business.

In the meantime, he is loving Holy Cross. "It's been great,"

he said. "The atmosphere is great in the classroom and on the court. The teachers are great. The younger guys in the school and on the team look up to us."

Holy Cross, a basketball program with 588 total wins, now advances to the PIAA tournament. They will open this year against the third-place team from District 11 on Saturday, March 9.

Last season, the Crusaders reached the Class 2A semifinals, losing to eventual champion, Lancaster Mennonite, 51-40.

"Our goal is to keep winning," said Lyons. "We want to win the state championship."



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Holy Cross coach going out on a high note

By Steve Svetovich

Talk about going out in style.

When Holy Cross veteran girls basketball coach Barry Fitzgerald announced he would be retiring at the end of the season, not many thought he would lead his team to a district title and a run in the state playoffs.

But his players did.

More wins give him more time with his team before retirement.

And the Lady Crusaders prevailed. Holy Cross (10-15) upset defending champion Montrose (13-10), 22-20, Sunday, February 25, at Mohegan Sun Arena, to win the District 2, Class 2A championship under the veteran coach Fitzgerald.

It was the 11th straight game Montrose limited opponents to under 40 points, but the Holy Cross defense was just a bit better.

Holy Cross entered the district playoffs as an underdog, but rallied as a team to win one final district title for coach Fitzgerald. Peyton Graboske led the Lady Crusaders with nine points, all on 3-pointers, in the district title game.

Graboske netted a pair of clutch 3-pointers in the third quarter as the Lady Crusaders rode the momentum to victory.

Coach Fitzgerald now leads Holy Cross as the District 2 No.

1 seed into the state playoffs. Holy Cross will face the No. 3 seed from District 4.

Trailing by two points with less than 10 seconds left in the district title game, Montrose coach Todd Smith called consecutive timeouts to set up a game-winning 3-point shot.

On his first timeout he called a play, but coach Fitzgerald adjusted his defense. Smith then called another timeout to change the play.

Sadie Jones of Montrose took a pass at the left corner and shot, but was off the mark as the Lady Crusaders hauled in a rebound and dribbled until the clock ran out.

Holy Cross beat Blue Ridge, 35-24, and upset top-seeded Lackawanna Trail, 42-36, in overtime to get to the district final.

The district title win was the fourth in the last six seasons and fifth overall for the Lady Crusaders under coach Fitzgerald.

It was Coach Fitzgerald's 646th career win.

The Lady Crusaders previously defeated Montrose, 48-44, this past December 16, with Graboske and Allison Ross scoring 12 points each. Trista Chickeletti added 11 points in that win for Holy Cross.

Ava Schmidt scored 14 points and Abby Thompson had 10 in the 42-36 win over Lackawanna Trail as the Lady Crusaders advanced to the district title game against Montrose.

The entire school staff and administration, students, team and fans had just honored coach Fitzgerald in the team's final regular season game.

With an 8-15 record entering the district playoffs, the team knew of coach Fitzgerald's pending retirement and played inspired basketball upsetting three opponents to capture another district championship.

Holy Cross principal Ben Tolerico acknowledged coach Fitzgerald this past February 15 at a home game against Mountain View, the top-seeded team for District 2-11 Class 1A subregion. The fired-up Lady Crusaders held the lead for much of the game before falling short, 40-36.

This marks coach Fitzgerald's 40th year of coaching. He is a member of the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame.

The Lady Crusaders had earned coach Fitzgerald one more home game, and it was memorable. Holy Cross opened the District 2 Class 2A quarterfinals with a 35-24 win over Blue Ridge. Thompson and Schmidt scored 10 points each in the big win.

In the semifinals, Holy Cross out scored Lackawanna Trail, 15-2, in the second quarter and then withstood a second half rally to win, 42-36.

Following the 22-20 upset win over Montrose in the district title

game, Fitzgerald gets to coach his team into the PIAA Class 2A first round game.

And right now the Lady Crusaders are on a roll under their retiring coach.

The Lady Crusaders are proving with a will to win anything can

happen. And coach Fitzgerald is enjoying the ride.

Besides his five District 2 championships, coach Fitzgerald led Holy Cross to two Lackawanna League titles. Coach Fitzgerald earned his 600th career win in February 2020.



HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS

*Thank you
Coach Fitzgerald!*



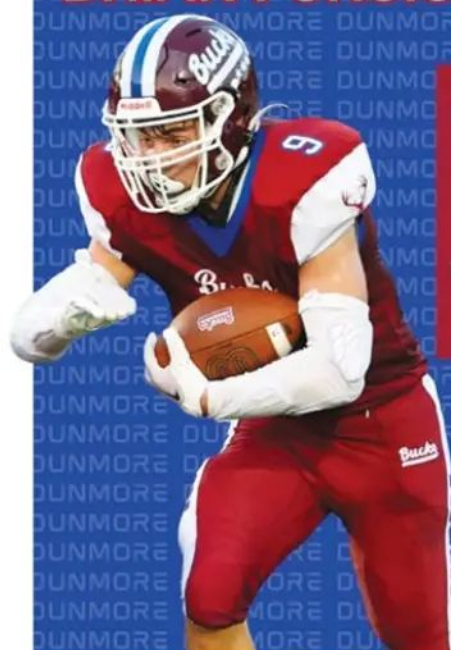
JOSEPH DIPIETRO AWARD



MR. JOSEPH DIPIETRO WAS A RETIRED PA STATE TROOPER WHO SPENT MANY DAYS WATCHING THE BUCKS PRACTICE AND PLAY. AS TIME WENT ON, HE BECAME PART OF THE FOOTBALL FAMILY AND WAS KNOWN AS THE "EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT" TO THE LATE HEAD COACH JACK HENZES. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY HENZES FAMILY TO THE ATHLETE WHO DEMONSTRATED LOYALTY AND COMMITMENT TO THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM.

2023 WINNER IS:
THOMAS BOWEN #15

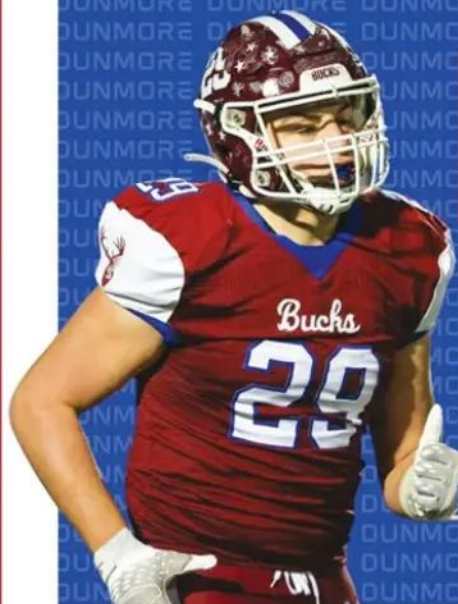
BRIAN FORGIONE AWARD



BRIAN FORGIONE WAS CO-CAPTAIN OF THE 1995 BUCKS DISTRICT II CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM. IN BRIAN'S SENIOR SEASON HE RUSHED FOR 1,504 YARDS. BRIAN ATTENDED SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE REMAINED ACTIVE AND INVOLVED IN ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND VOLUNTEERISM. AFTER A COURAGEOUS AND HEROIC BATTLE WITH CANCER, BRIAN PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 8, 2002.

2023 WINNER IS:
DOM DESANDO #9

CARMEN MAGNOTTA AWARD



THE LATE CARMEN MAGNOTTA VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME FOR MANY YEARS AS THE STATISTICIAN FOR THE BUCKS FOOTBALL PROGRAM. THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED IN HIS MEMORY BY JOE MURACCO

2023 WINNER IS:
JAKE HICKEY #29

JACK HENZES AWARD



THE JACK HENZES AWARD IS FOR THE SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYER WHO BEST DEMONSTRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND DISPLAYS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SCHOOL SPIRIT, AND COMMITMENT TO THE FOOTBALL AS A 3 YEAR MEMBER OR MORE PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF COACH JACK HENZES BY HIS FAMILY

2023 WINNER IS:
DOM DESANDO #9

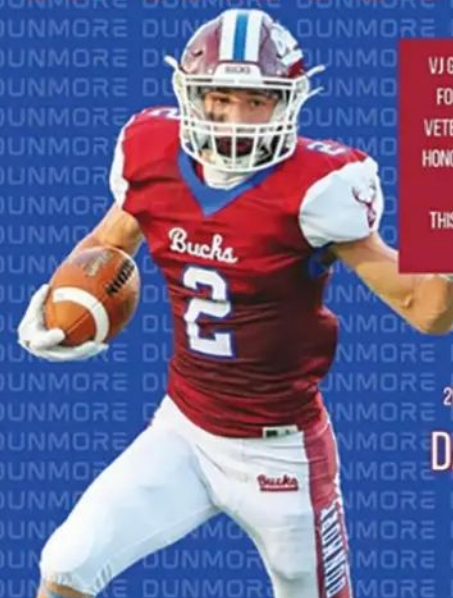
THE ANN AND MIKE DESANDO AWARD



"THIS AWARD WAS FIRST PRESENTED IN 1984 BY THE DESANDO FAMILY IN MEMORY OF ANN DESANDO, ONE OF DUNMORE'S MOST LOYAL FANS. IN 2007 THE AWARD WAS RENAMED THE ANN AND MIKE DESANDO AWARD TO INCLUDE MR. DESANDO WHO VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME TO THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM AND WAS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE BUCKS. MR. AND MRS. DESANDO WERE THE PARENTS OF CURRENT FACULTY MEMBER MICHAEL DESANDO. HIS BROTHER DAVID AND SISTER MARY ANN. THE FAMILY PRESENTS THIS HONOR IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS TO THE SENIOR PLAYER WHO DEMONSTRATES DESIRE, DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION TO THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM."

THIS YEAR'S WINNER IS:
NATHAN REUTHER #59

VJ GATTO AWARD



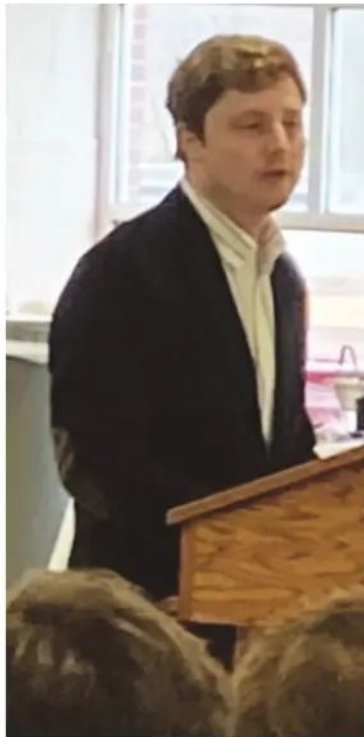
VJ GATTO WAS A TEACHER AND A BUCKS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH. THE FIELD AT DUNMORE'S VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR. THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE BEST OFFENSIVE BACK. THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED IN HIS MEMORY BY CARMEN GATTO

2023 WINNER IS:
DANNY PIGGA #2

Dunmore honors 2023 football team with banquet, awards



Former Bucks player Tim Drewes served as toastmaster at the football awards ceremony.



Mike Kolchamo was guest speaker at the event honoring the 2023 Bucks football team.



Several alumni gathered for a photo with players and coaches after the banquet sponsored by Friends of the Bucks last month. Pictured front row, from left: Coach Michael Perry, Pat Hart and Tim Drewes. Second row, same order: Dan Pigga and Mike Kolchamo. Third row: Coach Mike Barrett with Patrick and Brian, Jason Talluto, Head Coach Kevin McHale, Principal Tim Hopkins and J.J. Dempsey. Last row: Coach Mike Burke, Coach Lenny Burke and Richard Kane.

2023 POSITION AWARDS

Best Wide Receiver: Domenic DeSando

Best Linebacker: Nick Donvito

Best Defensive Lineman: Chris Conte

Best Defensive Back: Danny Pigga

Head Hunter: Nick Donvito

Special Teams: Danny Pigga

Special Teams: Xavier Burke



2023 Coach's Service Award

Noah Dougherty

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Football Awards

The following awards, honors and achievements were acknowledged at the annual football banquet sponsored by the Friends of the Bucks:

Scranton Times Lacka. League Division 2 First Team All Star

OFFENSE:

Eric Reese - Kicker
Dan Pigga - Athlete
Jake Hickey - Fullback
Nathan Reuther - Offensive tackle
Nick Tullio - Center
Rogan Dougherty - Guard
Chris Conte - Tight End

DEFENSE:

Brayden Reuther - Defensive end
Chris Conte - Defensive Tackle
Nick Donvito - Linebacker
Nathan Reuther - Defensive tackle

TIMES ALL REGIONAL:

Danny Pigga
Nathan Reuther
Chris Conte
Nick Donvito

HOOKEY REAP AWARD:

Chris Conte and Nathan Reuther

1000 YARDS CLUB:

Danny Pigga

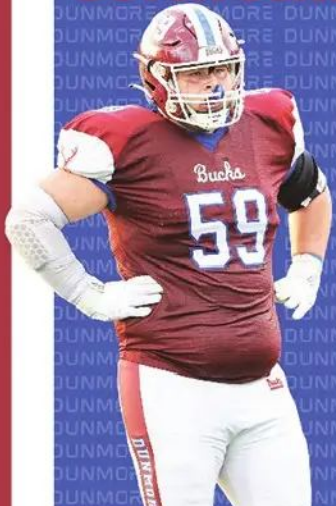
ALL STATE FIRST TEAM:

Danny Pigga
Chris Conte
Nick Donvito



A ceremony was held recently to retire the jerseys of Tommy Clark, Danny Pigga, Chris Conte, and Nick Donvito.

BUTCH CONWAY AWARD



JAMES "BUTCH" CONWAY TAUGHT MATHEMATICS AT DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS FOOTBALL COACH IN 1925 AND AGAIN IN 1944. THE BUTCH CONWAY AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE BEST OFFENSIVE LINEMAN.

2023 WINNER IS:
NATHAN REUTHER #59



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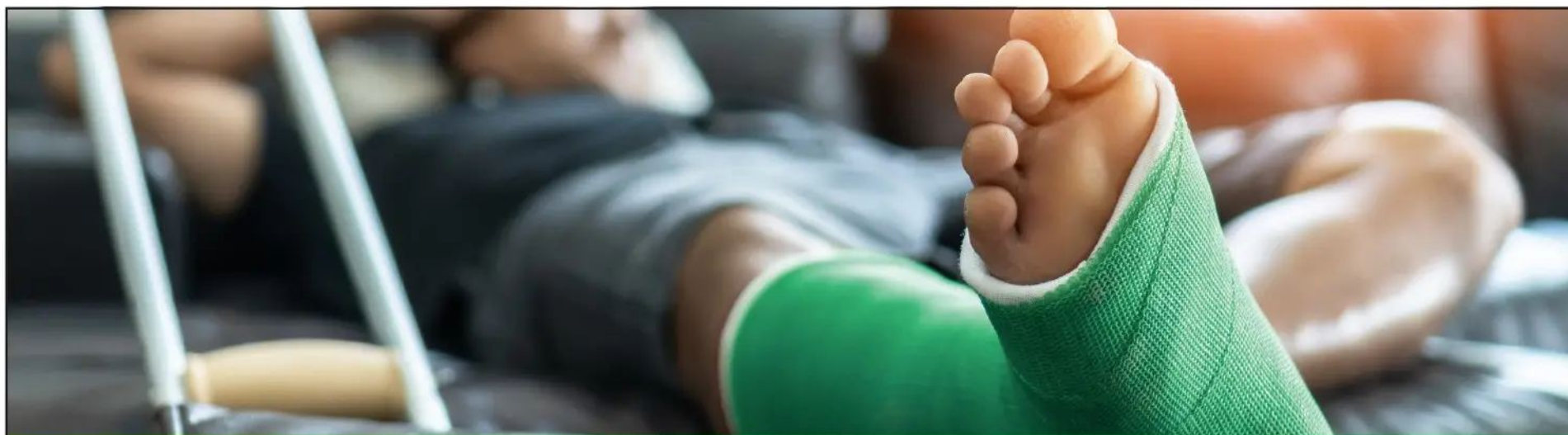
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As March arrives, our region wholeheartedly embraces the celebration of Ireland, a nation affectionately known as the Emerald Isle.

In my home, this marks the beginning of Spring. Ireland, with its undeniable charm, can only be fittingly described by one word: "green." For someone like me who relishes cool, often damp weather, accompanied by a fresh breeze carrying clean, crisp scents, this is an idyllic time.

In our area, March typically ushers in similar weather, though we occasionally brace for those last-minute snowstorms. More importantly, this change in season elevates our spirits. The monotonous chill of winter fades, giving way to emerging colors that break through the once drab and dirty ground.

Our region's affinity for celebrating the Irish heritage goes beyond mere appreciation of its lush landscapes. Ireland, much like other cultures that enrich our valley, has significantly influenced our region. Its rich tapestry of traditions contributes to our unique cultural mosaic.

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day,

a time when many in our area celebrate Irish heritage, this month's "Hart of the Issue" delves into the legal intricacies of obtaining dual citizenship, with a special focus on Ireland.

Understanding the legal framework, benefits, and obligations of holding dual citizenship is crucial for those looking to deepen their connection to their Irish roots.

Understanding Dual Citizenship

Dual citizenship, or the status of a person who is legally recognized as a citizen of two countries simultaneously, offers a range of benefits.

It allows individuals to work, reside, and study in either country, participate in elections, and access social services. However, it also comes with a set of obligations, such as tax responsibilities and adherence to the laws of both countries.

Legal Pathways to Irish Citizenship
Ireland offers several routes to citizenship, most commonly through descent, marriage, or naturalization.

Citizenship by Descent: If you have an Irish parent or grandparent, (and great grandparent with discretion) you may be eligible for

citizenship by descent. Ireland's laws on citizenship are quite generous in this regard. Even if your Irish ancestor emigrated several generations ago, you might still qualify.

Citizenship through Marriage: If you're married to an Irish citizen, you may apply for citizenship through marriage. This process typically requires proof of genuine marital relationship and a certain period of residency in Ireland.

Naturalization: For those without familial links, citizenship through naturalization is an option. This requires a number of years of legal residence in Ireland and a demonstration of good character.

Legal Benefits and Obligations

Benefits:
Travel Freedom: Dual citizens can travel more easily between the two countries, often bypassing visa requirements.

Employment Opportunities: Dual citizenship opens job opportunities in both countries without needing a work permit.

Educational Access: Citizens may have access to educational opportunities and scholarships.

Cultural Connection: Maintain-

ing citizenship strengthens cultural and familial ties.

Obligations:

Tax Liabilities: Dual citizens might be subject to taxation in both countries, depending on their laws.

National Service: Some countries have mandatory military or national service for citizens.

Legal Compliance: Dual citizens must adhere to the laws of both countries, which can sometimes lead to complex legal situations.

Navigating the Legal Process

The process of applying for dual citizenship can be complex and varies by individual circumstances. It's essential to:

Documentation: Birth certificates, marriage certificates, and other legal documents will be necessary.

Understand Residency Requirements: These vary depending on the path to citizenship.

Seek Legal Advice: A legal expert specializing in citizenship matters can provide valuable guidance. We can help with some matters and know of other attorneys that can help with complex citizenship issues.

To delve deeper into this topic, I called a colleague of mine, Attorney Katherine Kennedy, First Assistant Solicitor for the City of Scranton, who has personally experienced the journey of becoming an Irish citizen.

What motivated you to pursue legal citizenship?

Katie: During Covid, I found I had the time to explore this part of my heritage. I was drawn to the idea of being part of the EU, having options for different political platforms, and feeling a part of international politics. It's a way to keep a strong, current tie to my heritage and maintain an ongoing bond.

Have you encountered any challenges or downsides with your dual citizenship?

Katie: Yes, there have been a few.

I've noticed some natives in Ireland aren't thrilled about Americans gaining citizenship, mainly because we typically don't pay taxes there but still enjoy the benefits of being Irish citizens. It's a point of contention.

Could you tell us how your Irish citizenship impacts your professional life, especially your legal practice?

Katie: Sure. One interesting aspect is that a few states in the U.S., including New York and Pennsylvania, have reciprocity with the practice of law in Ireland. This means I could continue my legal practice there if I choose to, which is a great option to have.

How does this citizenship connect you to your family history?

Katie: My family doesn't have many relatives left in Ireland at our ancestral home, but having citizenship means I can be involved in family affairs there more directly. For instance, I could go to Ireland and have a voice in any issues that might arise. It's a comforting thought.

Have you had any memorable experiences in Ireland that connect you to your heritage?

Katie: Definitely. My husband and I went to Ireland for our honeymoon and visited our ancestral cottage in Ballymacarbry, on the Nire River, in Waterford. It truly felt like home, and it was wonderful to have that connection memorialized.

Any other aspect that supports your Irish roots, and your decision to become a dual citizen?

Katie: Of course. The Catholic roots in Ireland run deep, and this plays into the process of registering for citizenship. It helps if you're connected to your home parish in your county. Before Ireland centralized record-keeping, churches kept all important documents, so that connection can be quite significant.

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A signing ceremony was held for graduating senior Danny Pigga who will continue his academic and athletic careers at Wilkes University. Buck Pride!

Fidelity presents donations to local non-profits

Fidelity Bank recently presented several area non-profit organizations and educational institutions with Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) funds totaling \$833,000.

Among the recipients of some of Fidelity's latest donations are: Abington Community Library, Broadway Theatre League of Scranton, Inc.; Dunmore Area Educational Foundation; Outreach (formerly EOTC); Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art; Johnson College; Leadership Lackawanna; Marywood University; Northeast PA Center for Independent Living; Scranton Public Library; Skills in Scranton Business Education Partnership; University of Scranton, and Women's Resource Center.

"As a community bank, we are deeply committed to the prosperity and growth of our community," said Daniel J. Santaniello, President and CEO of Fidelity Bank. "We are proud to allocate funds through the EITC program to support educational institutions. Investing in education is the cornerstone of building a strong and vibrant community. Through these donations, we aim to empower future generations with the tools and resources they need to succeed."

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to scholarship and educational improvement organizations. In keeping with Fidelity Bank's commitment to support the communities it serves, the program benefits students in Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley. Through partnerships between local businesses, parents, and scholarship organizations, EITC funding gives local students opportunities for better educational outcomes.



Women's Resource Center recently received a \$15,000 grant from Fidelity Bank. Participating in the presentation were, from left: Dominique Clark, Marketing Operations Specialist, Fidelity Bank; Amy Everetts - Director of Development, WRC; Becky Bell; Director of Retail Lending, Fidelity Bank; Devon Breese - WRC Youth Educator; Peg Ruddy - Executive Director, WRC; Tara Smith, Marketing Communications Manager, Fidelity Bank, and Theresa Hinton, Esq., CTFA, SVP & General Counsel, Fidelity Bank.



Dunmore Area Educational Foundation recently received a \$10,000 donation from Fidelity Bank. At the presentation were, from left: Patrick Hart, DAEF Board Member; Joseph Tomko, SVP & Commercial Relationship Manager at Fidelity Bank and DAEF Board Vice President; Tiffany Valvano, DAEF Board Secretary; Michael Cordaro, DAEF Board President, and Gene Walsh, EVP & Chief Operating Officer at Fidelity Bank.



Marywood University received a recent \$25,000 donation from Fidelity Bank. At the presentation were, from left: John Ferrett, SVP, Business Relationship Manager, Fidelity Bank; Patricia Rosetti - Leadership Annual Giving Officer, Marywood University, and Daniel J. Santaniello, President & CEO, Fidelity Bank.



Scranton Public Library recently received a \$6,500 check from Fidelity Bank. At the presentation were, from left: Carmen Caputo, VP, Mortgage Sales Manager; Theresa Hinton, Esq., CTFA, SVP & General Counsel, Fidelity Bank; Scott Thomas - CEO of Scranton Public Library; Jenny Shoener, Assistant to the CEO, Scranton Public Library; Angela Warner, Digital Services Manager at Scranton Public Library, and Kelley Laird, Retail Branch Manager, Fidelity Bank.

Holy Cross announces second quarter honor roll

Holy Cross High School has announced its second quarter Honor Roll as follows:

12th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Brandon Art, Connor Art, Isabella Bagnuolo, Brooke Bilski, Hailey Bittencourt, Ryan Boyce, Lily Butler, Eva Carachilo, Liam Connor, Gracie Ealo, Abigail Ednock, Rachel Fay, Nikauri Fernandez, Luke Healey, Journey Horeis, David Huester, Gillian Idhaw, Lillie Kochis, Joseph Lalli, Rosanna Leach, Cecilia Matatics, Giavanna Matrone, Zachary Minich, Aubrey Moase, Lexi Moncinelli, Luke Mozeleski, Benjamin Mulvey, Madolyn Murphy, Julia Norella, Charles O'Malley, Alyssa Pajalich, Brooke Pawelski, Christopher Petrucci, Everly Prostka, Alyssa Resio, Jenna Robertson, Alison Ross, Anthony Salina, Alexander Stabinski, Alexander Strausser, Abigail Thompson, Brianna Walz, Paul Wildermann

Honors:

Grazia Cerminaro, Hannah D'Annunzio, Caroline Kennedy, Partik Khadka, Genavieve Luciani, Scott Ohmnacht, Brayden Sherry, Evan Stabinski

11th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Gavin Brennan, Frederick Ciccacci IV, Natalie Charles, Trista Chickeletti, Anthony Colonna, Gianna Coroniti, Kyle Cortazar, Olivia DePrato, John Elko, Conor Farrell, Mia Galella, Grace Gregorowicz, Brenley Harashinski, Morgan Hembury, Michael Hughes, David Jennings, Makenna Knight, Zachary Kovaleski, Elizabeth Lalli, Calder Lehman, Joshua Lentowski, Emma Luciani, Matthew Lyons, Connor Martin, Katie Martinez, Mario Matrone, Chloe Mendicino, Sophia Moffitt, Gavin Monahan, Kendall Morrison, Kai Mozeleski, Clinton Muir, Tyler Musso, Elizabeth Myronyuk, Sara Nealon, Rockne O'Connor, Jacob Paroby, Anthony Piestrak, Hannah Pisarcik, Jacob Pope, Roger Rossi, Christopher Rotell Tierney, Nicholas Rusinko, Richard Shelp, Olivia Strazzeri, Nicholas Tunis, Lucas Urban, Juleann Walsh, Nico Warhola, Abigail Waters, Stephen Yurkovic

Honors:

Samichha Baniya, Andrew Cleveland, Evan Juice, Mia Lochie, Lily Matthews, Elizabeth McGlone, Grace Rogers, Jacob Villano, Emma Woody

10th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Angelica Antonova, Kathryn Apolinario, Natalia Archangeli, Alexis Bilski, James Bordo, Elizabeth Coval, Chloe D'Avella, Grace Donohue, Bridget Fay, Emelia Franceski, Trystan Gilroy, Peyton Graboske, Grady Grill, Alexander Harrison, Shelby Hartland, Alyssa Hartman, Margaret Jones, Cameron Kelly, Matthew Kennedy, Savanna Killino, Madison Knight, Luke Kristyniak, Aidan Lalley, Jael Lema, Cole Lipinski, Simon Madore, Evan McCoy, Hannah Kate McFadden, Keira McGurgan, Eugene Musto, Elizabeth Myers, Avianna Natale, Gregg Novak, Jr., Grace O'Malley, Sadie Pappas, Briana Perez, Giuseppe Pilone, Claire Polishan, Madison Potter, Jamie Prislupski, Madeleine Reynolds, Jacob Roberts, Zander Schaeffer, Ava Schmidt, Kayleigh Shelp, Kevin Vincent, Robert Wallace, Alexa Waltman, Lola Wilding, Drew Wozniak, Ray Zhang

Honors:

Smriti Basnet, Benjamin Bellagamba, Ariana Cabelly, Joseph Hanley, Noelle Hunter, Noah Karzenoski, Alessandra Lynn, Anusha Thapamagar, Leland Wudarski

9th Grade

Distinguished Honors:

Jack Alpert, Adam Badyrka,

Teclo Baldoni, Isabella Benjamin, Gemma Bistran, Avah Boock, Nolan Butler, Oliva Byron, Nathaniel Cabets, Vincenzo Esposito, Colin Farrell, Aiden Firestone, Emily Fitzpatrick, Liza Froncek, Kameryn Gale, Cole Gavin, Thomas Gavin, Thomas Gilchrist, Mary Guziwicz, Claire Helring, Finnian Kennedy, James Kennedy, Lila Kolcharno, Harris Lynott, Christian Magas, Christopher Malos, Patrick McDonnell, Zoey Mears, Brandon Moran, Natalya Musto, Shalya Nacipucha, Aniya Osgood, Andrew Polansky, Anna Polishan,

Bridget Rasimovich, Colin Ritterbusch, Jasmin Rodriguez, Angelina Rumyantseva, Alaina Scassellati, Jacob Shedlauskas, Ryan Snedeker, Cartrick Thompson, Emma Triano, Ella Valentine, Vanessa Van Deusen, Maren Walsh, Domenico Zambetti, Ashley Zhagnay Mayllazhungo, Kai Zigray

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The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

"Dad, I want to open a pizzeria," said 14-year-old Izzy just about a year ago. With those seven words, Izzy's Pizza came to be. Welcome back to The Bucktown Business Beat!

This month, I had the opportunity to sit down with Izzy and Jim Warren. The Warren family came together in such a beautiful way to show Izzy that his dreams could become a reality when opening up their new Make Your Own Pizzeria located in the Greenridge Plaza.

When I asked Izzy and Jim, "What was the inspiration behind starting the business?" they walked me through a beautiful story that filled me with much motivation.

The idea of Izzy's Pizza started floating around before a trip to Utah for a conference to see Kris Krohn, a breakthrough mentor, real estate guru, and much more.

Izzy went along as he follows in his father's entrepreneurial footsteps. "I wanted to start making money & start something new," Izzy tells us.

At the conference, they just so happened to bump into a couple who were holding cups that said "Slurp" on them. They inquired about the cups and found out that there was a soda bar. Naturally, their next step was to check it out. The soda bar had various syrups for customers to mix in any way

that they would like.

Izzy loved this idea and took note of it, as he would continue to do as their trip progressed, whenever setting his eyes on even the smallest details that he would implement into the pizzeria.

"What was the journey of opening the business like?" I asked. After getting back from the trip, they immediately started on Izzy's plan. "We didn't just think about it, we took it seriously and started moving on it!" Jim exclaims.

Jim found pizza-making equipment for sale, and being the young businessman that Izzy is, he was ready to make the purchase with his own savings.

The Warren family got right to work and formed Izzy's Pizza from the ground up! The whole family stepped in to get Izzy's Pizza ready to open, from ripping up floors to painting gorgeous (& yummy) murals. A big significant moment in their journey was when Izzy's Pizza was approved for a Loan to Grant for small business by the City of Scranton.

Having just opened, Izzy's Pizza hopes to become a staple in the community. Jim expressed that he wants Izzy's Pizza to be a place you can come to, not just for the food, but for the atmosphere, and to relax, read a book, surf the web, or play some board games with a nice cold crisp soda.

What are some future plans for Izzy's Pizza? The Warren family has many plans for Izzy's Pizza! They're looking forward to hosting events like birthday parties and possibly traveling to birthday parties with an Izzy's Pizza food truck.

The Warren family also made Izzy's Pizza as franchisable as possible, hoping to open various locations. "I think it would be fun to make this work and let it be a fun experience and share it with everyone," Jim states.

Opening Izzy's Pizza was overall a great experience for the Warren family with a taste of nostalgia. Jim tells us, "When the kids were younger, every Friday I used to make up some fresh dough and have the kids roll out their own dough and put their own toppings on them. Then we used that concept here, to let people get that experience."

"What are some lessons you learned along the way?" I asked. Izzy tells us, "We messed up a lot, so we had a lot of lessons, but it was a fun journey." He also shares, "Expect it to take much longer than you think." Jim explains that with all the experience they now have, the next Izzy's Pizza will be that much easier to open!

Jim and Izzy both shared great pieces of advice for aspiring entrepreneurs in the community. "If

you have a dream and you want to do something, do it, don't hold back, don't be scared, and if you are scared, walk through the fear. Be joyful, be happy, and keep motivated. As long as you keep motivated, you will get there," expresses Jim.

Izzy's Pizza doors are open from Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

You can order online or walk right in. Choose your own toppings and have fun at the soda bar, and don't forget to document the fun by taking some great pictures in front of their murals!

Izzy's Pizza hopes to see you all soon and hopes to provide some fresh new fun for the whole family.



VNA Hospice and Home Health sponsored a "Sock in the Box" Campaign recently to collect socks which were then donated to different shelters, Veterans groups, Meals On Wheels, and Skilled Nursing facilities to name just a few. Over 4,000 pairs of socks were collected. Students from St. Mary of Mount Carmel School, Dunmore, also joined in and did a great job in collecting over 2,000 pairs.



Scranton Shakespeare Festival is highlighting programs for summer 2024, starting off with an exciting new Youth Orchestra pilot program. This new facet of the theater program will allow intermediate high school instrumentalists to receive the unique experience of playing alongside professional musicians in a pit orchestra.

After sending in an audition tape that demonstrates skills on an instrument(s), students will be selected to accompany any of three live musicals ("Into the Woods", and other main stage musicals to be announced).

In addition to rehearsing the music multiple times a week, student musicians will also experience the professional masterclasses and community-building that are an integral part of Scranton Shakespeare's youth mentorship, including games, team-building, and music pedagogy and technique training.

Program Instructors are Stephen Murphy and Julie Dzikowski. Technical rehearsal times for the first MainStage show will be June 21-27, with performance dates June 27-30 and July 27. The second MainStage show will be in technical rehearsals July 5-11, with performance dates July 11-14 and July 26. Technical rehearsals for the Youth Ensemble production of "Into the Woods" will be July 29-31, with performances Aug. 1-3.

Additional rehearsal times will be added at the discretion of the musical director and students.

Tuition is free for this inaugural orchestral program and is it open to students ages 14 (as of June 1) through 18, including graduating members of the Class of 2024.

Submit your application before March 17 at scrantonshakes.com/youthensemble. @mephensturfury @julie.dzikowski #scrantonshakes #ssf #scrantonpa #artseducation #scranton #music #orchestra #youthorchestra #musicians #musiceducation



Dunmore High Swim Team recognized with honors



Dunmore High Swim Team senior night



Congratulations to the Dunmore High School swim team on winning the Gary Mulrine Sportsmanship Award at the Les Richards Championships!



The Greater Scranton YMCA was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation which will support the expansion of the Y's Early Learning Center. At the presentation are, from left: Laura Ducceschi, President & CEO, Scranton Area Community Foundation; Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, Greater Scranton YMCA, and Cathy Fitzpatrick, Grants & Scholarship Manager, Scranton Area Community Foundation.

YMCA plans to open second early learning center April 29

In April, the Greater Scranton YMCA will open its second Early Learning Center. The 6,300 square foot center is located at 1015 Underwood Road, Olyphant, and is licensed to serve up to 125 children ages zero through five.

Enrollment in the Greater Scranton YMCA's early childhood education programs has grown from 209 in January, 2023 to 244 children in January, 2024. These children are enrolled in full and partial day early childhood education programs, as well as before and after school care.

Of the 244 children enrolled, 92 are receiving financial assistance. The department is at maximum capacity, with a waitlist full at 150 kids.

While the YMCA has begun its early childhood education expansion project to renovate the second floor of its facility in Dunmore to create three new classrooms, a need for services still exists. This year, YMCA leaders signed a lease for an additional facility located in Olyphant. The YMCA is renovating the facility, updating eight classrooms and adding outdoor play equipment.

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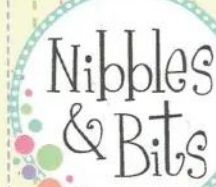
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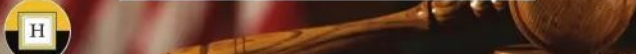
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SCC St. Patrick's party
The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple will host its annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Party on Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and live entertainment will be provided by Across the Pond. In addition, several parade performers will continue their acts at the SCC for all party-goers to enjoy, including bagpipers, step dancers and more!

A cash bar and light fare will be available for purchase. The 2024 St. Patrick's Parade Day Party is sponsored by The Society of Irish Women, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick - Lackawanna County, Comfort Suites Scranton and LI Verrastro, and is supported by Lackawanna County and the PA Council on the Arts.

Catholic Choral concert
In a 75 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present its annual Lenten concert at St. Martin of Tours Church, 8175 State Route 492, Jackson, PA, 18825, on Sunday, March 10 at 4 p.m. Pastor of the church is Rev. John C. Ruth. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a goodwill offering.

Brenda Grunza and Lois Ostrowski are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Linda Houck is accompanist. The group, marking its 75th season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org

Church breakfast
The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church, N.St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual St. Joseph Day Breakfast, Sunday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The abundant eat-in or take-out meal includes eggs, scratch pancakes, home fries, olives, honey-baked ham, breads, juice and coffee. Adults tickets are \$12 and children ages 6-10 are \$6. Take-Out is \$10/\$6 with no beverages. Fragrant St. Joseph Bread will be available in two loaf packages for \$5 until sold out. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information call 570-468-0529, or visit melkite.scranton@gmail.com, facebook or melkitescranton.org.

Classic Rock Show
The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple announces The Classic Rock Show - World Tour 2024, kicking off in Scranton on March 21 at 7:30 p.m..

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ment features all the hits from Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Queen, The Rolling Stones, The Eagles, AC/DC. The Beatles, Dire Straits, Meat Loaf, ZZ Top, Eric Clapton, Aerosmith, Lynyrd Skynyrd. The Who, Boston, Toto, Van Halen, Fleetwood Mac and more.

Tickets start at \$44.30. A VIP Sound Check Experience Pre-Show Package is available for an additional fee.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and a cash bar and concessions will be available. Tickets are available for purchase at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. For more information or to view a full schedule of events, visit SCCMT.org

Architecture Day
Marywood University will host a School of Architecture Day for prospective students on Tuesday, April 2, at the Center for Architectural Studies, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The deadline to register for this free event is Friday, March 29.

Prospective students will be able to speak with faculty, tour the facilities, hear from student groups and student council, experience the studio culture in architecture and interior architecture classes, and tour the Center for the Living City's Living Lab at Marywood. A complimentary lunch is included.

Register for the event by March 29 at: admissions.marywood.edu/register/Arch24.

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Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, slpconcerts.net, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., or by calling 570-826-1100.

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