

Dunmorean of the Month Rev. David Cappelloni



By Steve Svetovich

Father David Cappelloni—pastor of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, both in Dunmore—was raised by devout Italian parents.

Going to Mass for the early 8 a.m. service was always a part of his family's weekly Sunday tradition. There were six children, five of them boys, in the family.

Their local pastor at the time, Msgr. Anthony Marra, would often ask Father Cappelloni's mom if her sons could help in the parish. The annual pasta dinner would serve over 5,000 people. Homemade pasta, meatballs, bread, cannoli and drinks were served. Most of the women in the parish did the cooking.

And Msgr. Marra, who came often to the family home to play cards at night, inspired Father Cappelloni to enter the priesthood.

Msgr. Marra took him to visit St. Pius X Seminary in the diocese one day. Young David was captivated by it and later made the decision to enter the priesthood. But he first took a job in New York City working in a department store after his senior year in college.

Then his calling came as he decided to go back to the seminary and become a priest.

Father Cappelloni has been pastor of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, 303 Smith St., Dunmore, since 2007. He has been pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 322 Chestnut St., Dunmore, since June 2023. He is also in charge of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery.

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Boy Scout Troop 66 of Dunmore recently released its newest cover photo of its members. Shown in the front row, from left: Liam Cieciorcka, Collen McDonough, William Muir, Ryan McMynne, Michael McKenna, Elliot McDonough, Rhys Otto, Ty Dougher, and CJ Muir. Second row, same order: Asher Jones, Nick Germano, Tom Pyeron, Larry Durkin, Chuck Gambo, Dom Pace, and Liam Subba. Back row: Joseph Ramos, Louis Hess, Peter Durkin, Ben Kessler, Luke Kalinowski, Coen Holland, Martin Smith, Allen Hess, Arthur Christiano, and Patrick McDonnell.

YMCA set to sponsor Healthy Kids Day

The Greater Scranton YMCA, 706 N. Blakely St., Dummore, is hosting its annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m.

This free, annual event features a variety of family-friendly activities to encourage healthy kids, healthy families and a healthy start to the summer season.

Sponsored nationally by Peanuts, Healthy Kids Day's mission is to turn fun and play into lifelong memories.

Some featured activities include a Kids Fun Run, vendor fair, bounce houses, face painting, entertainment, refreshments and more.

The event is open to the community and registration is not required.

Locally, Healthy Kids Day is sponsored by Community Bank, Rainey & Rainey, NET Credit Union, Topp Business Solutions, Matrix, Cal Mal Vending Services and Brucelli Advertising.

Kids Fun Run schedule (free and registration is not required!):
10:30-10:40 a.m. - Ages 3-5;
10:45-10:55 a.m. - Ages 6-9,
and 11-11:10 a.m. - Ages 10-14.
*Located outside in the back of the facility.

For more information about Healthy Kids Day, including reserving a table at the vendor fair or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Brandon Whipple, Senior Program Director, at (570) 828-3116 or bwhipple@gsymca.org.

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Dunmore lists Bucks Scholars



Bucks Scholars from Dunmore Junior-Senior High School who are in the top ten percent of their class have been announced for the third quarter:

Grade 12:

Juliana Argust, Mia Capocci, Sienna Delfino, Allison Dempsey, Megan Gilhooley, Geanna Kirchner, Savannah Lockwood, Maura Michalczyk, Cailey Waters, and Mackenzie Witkowski.

Grade 11:

Cole Fangio, Max Forgione, Lauren Henry, Margaret Jimmie, Abigail Kocher-Vinton, Tyara Mislán, Isabelle Rought, Loren Spudic, Sophia Talutto, Anna Trauger, and Aiden Walsh.

Grade 10:

Ella Brier, Jaclyn Brown, Mia Catanzaro, Amanda Dempsey, Mya Harritty, Santino Nicastro, Julia Noto, Mason Stets, Michael Schuster, and Taryn Walsh.

Grade 9:

Paige Ancherani, Tazrian Aronno, Kelsie Bidwell, Brenna Burrell, Ryan Clark, Colin Coulthard, Milagros Crespo, Jason Genovese, Pruthvi Patel, and Bridget Walsh.

Grade 8:

Meredith Baker, Katelyn Henry, Amelia Hinton, Saran Jolya, Ryder Lewis, Michael McKenna, William Muir, Sara Naro, Smera Shrestha, and Caden Whetsel.

Grade 7:

Ryan Amendolaro, Peyton Ancherani, William Healey, Aidan McDonnell, Joel Michalczyk, Raulgavi Mislán, Juliet Renard, Justin Schuster, Soleil Shrestha, and Ava Walsh.

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Father Cappelloni is Dean to the Deanery covering many parishes in the area. It covers parishes from Olyphant to Moscow. Father Cappelloni said he feels his best accomplishment is celebrating the Mass and Eucharist and experiencing the Body of Christ.

He is also responsible for many of the buildings owned by the three parishes. He is also chairman of many of the parishes' societies and committees. He serves as the religious representative for the Dunmore Bucks football team. He has led the team in prayer before every game for the past 17 years.

Father Cappelloni received a bachelor of science degree in Human Services from the University of Scranton in 1981 and he also earned a master of science in Psychology from Marywood University. He was ordained into the priesthood in 1986 after receiving a Master in Divinity from Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, PA.

"My ongoing goal is to bring both of these Dunmore parishes together into the community," he said. "I want to bring them together and work together as one community of parishes in Dunmore. I want to see them come together as a church. It's a great way to build and unify the community. We have a great spirit between the two churches and it's very positive."

Known for his love of Italian cooking, he is the pastor for the annual SS. Anthony and Rocco Festival held each August in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore. The festival features a wide variety of ethnic foods dating back to over a century.

Father Cappelloni said the annual SS. Anthony and Rocco Festival will be held on the parish grounds August 9-10-11.

"It really brings the people together," he said. "It's a great way to build and unify the community."

"It's a festival where we all come together in a different way. We have over 100 volunteers helping each night. It is truly a community event."



Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen has launched its 2024 HostforaDay campaign, which is the primary means of financial support for the Kitchen's mission to provide a free daily meal and other services to area needy. Pictured from left are Advisory Board member Stephanie Grudis-Whisner, campaign chair; Kitchen Executive Director Rob Williams, and Advisory Board president Michele Bannon. For a donation of \$100 or more, an individual, family, business, community organization or faith-based group can help to fund the day's meal. Major sponsorship levels are also available starting at \$500. To make a gift visit www.stfranciskitchen.org, facebook.com/stfranciskitchen, text SFAK to 26989, call the Kitchen at 570-3425556, or send a check to Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton PA 18509.



FNCB Bank presented an \$85,000 Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donation to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation to help provide tuition assistance to students enrolled in pre-school, elementary, and high school programs in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Since 2010, FNCB has contributed more than \$3,000,000 to local educational and scholarship organizations through the EITC initiative. From left: Gerard Champi, FNCB Bank President & CEO, and Kristen Donohue, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Scranton.



FNCB Bank (FNCB) recently recognized 22 employees with 10 or more years of service during an employee appreciation event at Glenmaura Country Club, Moosic. The group combined for 370 years of service. Shown from left are: Mary Cummings, Esq, EVP, General Counsel; Mary Ann Gardner; SVP, Compliance Officer; Jerry Champi, President & CEO; Donna Yanuzzi, EVP, Equipment Sales Officer; Theresa Verdine (15 years), Michele Thomas (10 years); Lisa Wincek (10 years); Lori Sabia (15 years); Christina Evans (15 years); Katiemae Goryl (15 years); James Bone, Chief Operating Officer; Kelley Zionce (10 years); Dawn Gronski (25 years); James Burke, Chief Banking Officer; Nadine Limongelli (25 years); Katie King (20 years); Midge MacArthur (35 years), Louise Balbach (10 years); Lisa Kriso (10 years); Cheryl Carter (20 years); Bridget Connor (10 years); Maria Lombardi (25 years); Cathy Loomis, SVP, Credit Administration Officer; Richard Drust, SVP, Retail Banking Officer; Heather Schramm, (15 years); Joseph Moffitt (15 years); Lori Quinn (20 years); Stephanie Westington, SVP, Chief Accounting Officer; Brian Mahlstedt (10 years); Aaron Cunningham, EVP, Chief Credit Officer; Lisa Kinney, SVP, Retail Lending Officer; and Jack Costanzi, (15 years). Absent from photo: Walt Jurgiewicz (25 years).

Catholic Choral Society marking 75th jubilee

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the choral group will be presented on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton and on Sunday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston.

On May 17 in Scranton, the Choral Society will host The Forest City Regional High School Chamber Singers directed by District 9 PMEA President Alison Yuravich. On Sunday, May 21, in Kingston, the Choral Society will host the Good Shepherd Academy Junior High Choir of Kingston under the direction of Thomas Hanlon.

The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 75th season, is comprised of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties.

Director of the Catholic Choral Society is Ann Manganiello and the accompanist is Linda Houck. Brenda Grunza, Nicholson, and Lois Ostrowski, Pittston, are

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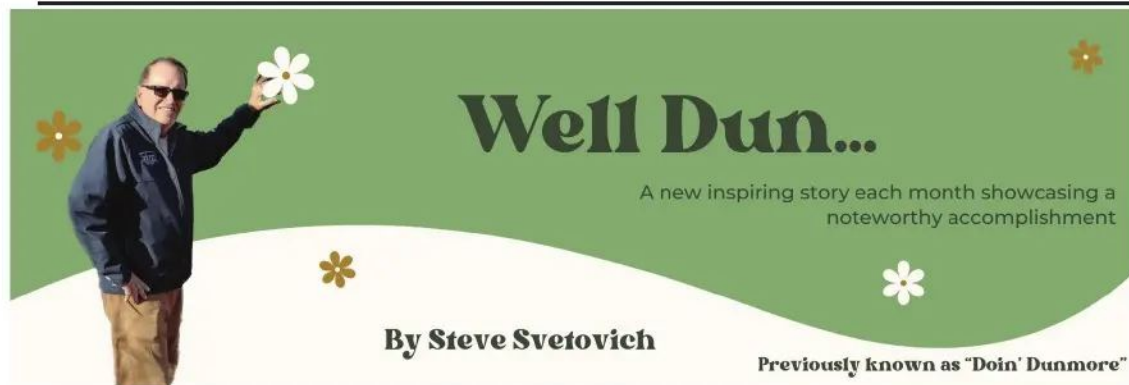
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Connor Pensack helps raise funds for medical research

Connor Pensack is one of the sweetest six-year-olds you would want to meet.

And despite his very young age and zest for normal child play, Connor has endured quite a lot of health issues and hospital stays.

He was diagnosed at age three with Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease (VEOIBD) Ulcerative Colitis.

Over the course of the past two years, his disease has progressed, and it has been a struggle to find the right course of treatment for him.

Son of Jason and Danielle Pensack, Connor's parents often found themselves feeling helpless. After one challenging hospital stay, they decided to create a foundation in Connor's name that allowed the family to spread awareness about VEOIBD and put forth fundraising efforts to raise money for needed research at the Children's Hospital

of Philadelphia. It is there where Connor is fortunate enough to receive excellent care from doctors who are second to none in their field. Connor's mom is the curriculum coordinator for the Dunmore School District. Born and raised in Dunmore, she is a former fourth and fifth grade teacher at the Dunmore Elementary Center.

The second annual Connor Cup will be held Saturday, July 13, at Pine Hills Country Club. Last year the Connor Pensack Foundation raised \$15,839 through this fundraiser. The hope is that this year's tournament will be even bigger and better as more funds are raised for continued research.

Inflammatory bowel disease is the fastest growing autoimmune disorder for children younger than age five.

Each year, the Center for Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease at Chil-



dren's Hospital of Philadelphia treats more than 1,800 young patients who suffer from abdominal pain, intestinal inflammation and other symptoms of this often-debilitating disease.

The past few years produced an explosion of knowledge about the genetics of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and expanded treatment options. Today, expert gastroenterologists, geneticists and researchers work together to evaluate each child's DNA and microbiome with the goal of developing truly personalized medicine, Walk for

Hope funds these discoveries taking us one step closer to a cure.

Connor's mom said he was originally diagnosed at the Geisinger Danville Children's Hospital and then again at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "He was having loose stools 12 to 15 times a day," she said. "There was blood and mucus in his stools daily."

"It all happened in the blink of an eye on a Monday night. He woke up out of a dead sleep with a high fever shaking and mumbling. After a long and uncomfortable night, we

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Connor Pensack is shown with his parents (Jason and Danielle), and his siblings, from left: Connor, Cole, 10, and Cooper, 7, and Sadie, 12. The goal of the Connor Pensack Foundation is to raise awareness of Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease (VEO-IBD) and funds to donate to the research in hopes that other children/families don't have to go through what the Pensack family does.

"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Ballet Theatre to present 'Midsummer Night's Dream'



Ballet Theatre of Scranton, under the Artistic Direction of Joanne D. Arduino, will present the charming, mystical ballet "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Friday, May 3, at 7:30 pm at the Theater at North. The ballet is based on Shakespeare's play and features lighting design by Emmy award-winning Scranton native Dennis M. Size. Lead roles will be performed by guest professional dancers (shown above) Giovanni Ravelo of Philadelphia and Jennifer Cadden La France, a BTOS alumna, who will reprise her role of Titania originally performed in 2006. Also featured will be NEPA residents John Roman Vachino, Laura Durkin, Elizabeth Schneider, Nicola Pugliese, Brennan Connor, and Michael Brown. Tickets are available at tututix.com. For information phone 570-347-2867 or visit www.balletscranton.org.

Featured Ballet Theatre of Scranton dancers in the upcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" include, from left: Brennan Connor, Laura Durkin and Nicola Pugliese (kneeling).

Ballet tickets:

Tickets are available at tututix.com.

For information phone 570-347-2867 or visit www.balletscranton.org.

Catholic Choral Society....

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co-presidents of the choral group.

Concert tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and students, and singers and ages 12 and under free.

Board members assisting president Brenda Grunza in arranging the concert include Nancy Flannery, Edwardsville; Sheila O'Brien, Dunmore; Lois Ostrowski, Pittston; Kate Conaboy, Archbald; Chris Koster, White Haven; Connie Schulte, Clifford Township; Barbara Barrett, Dunmore, and Rich Gibbons, Hunlock Creek.



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Dunmore Elementary Center celebrates Earth Day



Dunmore Elementary Center PTA volunteers were asked to assist again this year with the school's Earth Day celebrations. In honor of Earth Day each student went home with EARTH BREEZE eco-friendly laundry detergent sheets for their household and a reusable straw for the student.. Thank you [#EarthBreeze](#) for your generous donation and to [#walmartdicksoncity](#) who donated the Earth Day planting supplies and our school carts .



'Help' fundraiser for ScrantonShakes features music tribute to The Beatles

Two Dunmoreans will be among the featured performers in a tribute to The Beatles to be held on Saturday, May 18, at 3 and 6 p.m. at the ShakesSpace at the Marketplace at Steamtown.

Entitled "Help," the event will benefit the 13th season of the Scranton Shakespeare Festival and feature both local and New York talent.

Among the Dunmoreans appearing will be Brian McGurl and Joe McGurl. Spencer Shotto of Dunmore is technical director.

Other area talent includes Erin Malloy, Kelly Jean Graham, Madelyn Casey, LaToya Martin, Sarah

Pugliese, and Molly Cerep, and others to be announced.

New York talent includes Michael Bradshaw Flynn, Burke Michael Hutchinson, Karla Joan Rivera, Sammi Rios, and Nadja Tomaszewski.

This concert follows last year's successful tribute "Sunday with Sondheim."

General admission tickets are \$40, and patron tickets are \$60 including a cocktail hour with special hors d'oeuvres, and priority seating. Tickets are available at scrantonshakes.com/tickets



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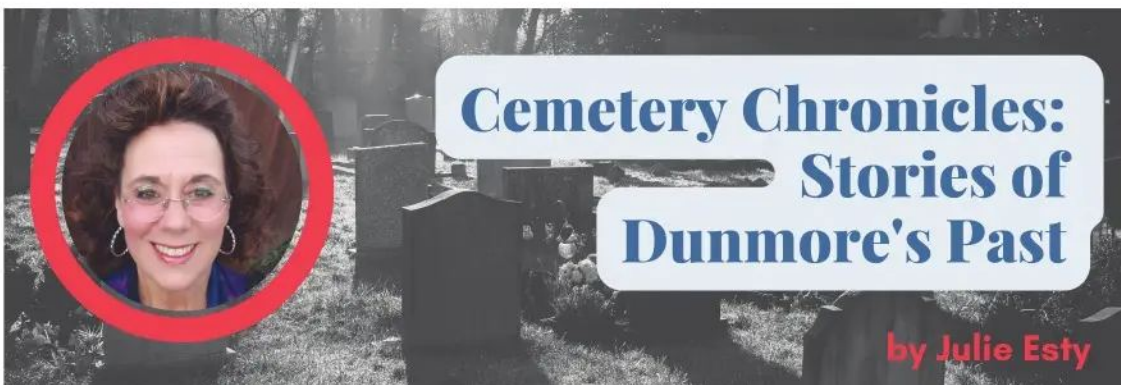
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Colonel Ezra Ripple a 'much-loved citizen' of area



The front-page news of November 17, 1909, reported that Colonel Ezra Ripple suffered a severe stroke the previous day while at his postmaster's desk and his condition was critical.

Considered to be "Scranton's Best Loved Citizen" the news of Ripple's condition touched many in the area.

The son of Silas and Elizabeth Ripple, Ezra was born on February 14, 1842, in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. The Ripple family moved to Scranton in 1857. Ezra was educated in local public schools and later at Wyoming Seminary. He then worked in his father's tavern until the outbreak of the Civil War

in 1861.

Ripple served with three units during the Civil War, including Company I, 13th Infantry Militia, Company H, 30th Infantry Militia and Company K, 52nd PA Infantry.

It was during his term with the 52nd that he was captured by Confederate forces and became a prisoner at the Confederacy's most notorious prison, Andersonville Prison in Georgia. Following his time at Andersonville, Ripple was sent to Florence Prison in South Carolina.

After the Civil War Ezra Ripple

returned home to recover from the debilitating effects of life as a prisoner of war.

He then worked in the crockery business of Colonel Frederick Hitchcock and later as a bookkeeper for Congressman William Connell. Ripple remained with Connell for over 40 years.

In April 1874 Ripple wed local school teacher Sarah Hackett. The couple enjoyed 35 years of marriage, and five children were born to their union.

During his lifetime, Ripple held the positions of County Treasurer, Mayor of Scranton, and Postmaster.

As a proud veteran, he also lectured extensively in the late 1890's about his time in Confederate Prisoner of War camps. It was during these lectures that Ripple recalled memories of his capture and incarceration – memories that haunted him for the rest of his life.

When death came to Ezra Ripple on November 19, 1909, the flags in Scranton were lowered to half-

staff. A special meeting of the Ezra Griffin Grand Army of the Republic Post was held that evening at its Linden Street meeting hall.

According to *The Scranton Times*, "Every veteran of the Civil War, no matter how old or disabled by age and affliction that could hobble along climbed the long flight of stairs to attend the meeting with his fellows and mourn the death of their comrade. Tears rolled down their cheeks as they spoke of the Grim Reapers harvest."

Ripple's body lay in state at his home on Vine Street, Scranton.

The Scranton Times reported "an endless stream of sorrow-stricken people viewed the remains. There were old Grand Army veterans, poor people and wealthy ones, and black and white folks, for in life, race, creed, or position held no niche in the Colonel's temperament."

On November 22, 1909, Ezra Ripple was laid to rest in Section 19 of the Dunmore Cemetery.



The Rev. Rebecca Tanner, pastor of the Dunmore Presbyterian Church recently presented Easter bags with activity books and toys to Summer of the Dunmore Head Start for the children.

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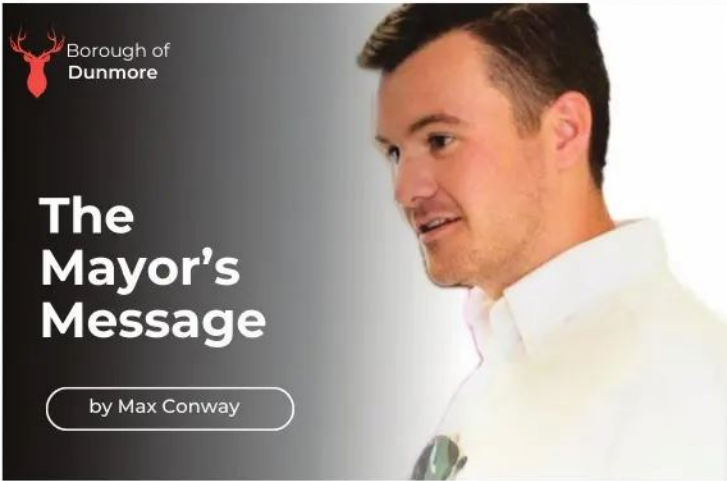
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The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway

Mayor salutes community for rallying around annual Jog for Jude fundraiser

I'm convinced that if you traveled the country, you wouldn't find a community as tight-knit as Dunmore. If you were at the Dunmore Community Center on Saturday, April 20th, you'd see why.

For the past 10 years, the annual Jog for Jude event has brought many people together to raise awareness and funds for S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) research.

The event honors Jude Zayac, who tragically passed away in July 2014. The Jog for Jude event is a shining example of the Dunmore community rallying around one of our own and turning an unimaginable tragedy into an opportunity to inspire hope in all of us.



The founders of the Jog for Jude Foundation, Theo and Greg Zayac, are shown with their family. Front row: Matilda and Gus Zayac. Back row: Theo, son Greg, and Greg Zayac. ---Photo by Liza Gillette



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Elementary Center PTA observes Autism Awareness

For National Autism Awareness Month in April, the Dunmore Elementary Center PTA had requested a donation from Harkla, which specializes in products for special needs children in order to help create the ideal environment for them children to thrive. The PTA spoke with the Autistic Support Teachers and Paras on what they wanted most, and the entire request was fulfilled by Harkla, including a compression swing, pod swing, and Weighted Animal lap blankets. DEC was also gifted with prepacked disposable toothbrushes that will be used to aid those students in learning proper oral care. Thank you to the teachers and all of the staff who support our students, and thank you, students, for showing us the world through your eyes!



Dunmore students shine



Congratulations to Dunmore School District's Students of the Month for March who include: Andrew Haun, 7th grade; Ty Dougher, 8th grade; Colin Coulthard, 9th Grade ; Malina Sottile, 10th grade; Loren Spudick, 11th grade, and Julianna Argust, 12th grade.



The Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball Team at Dunmore Junior-Senior High School won the Pennsylvania Middle School Basketball Championship last month.

WELL DUN: Connor Pensack

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knew he needed immediate medical attention. Since then, there have been many stays at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"He has good and bad days now. Some days are better than others. We try to make the best of the situation."

Connor, 6, is in kindergarten at South Abington Elementary School.

"His school is very accommodating. His teachers are in constant communication with us."

Connor's mom credited Dr. Judith Kelsen for her research work of VEO-IBD at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Connor was recently chosen as an ambassador for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The Walk for Hope fundraiser will take place Sunday, June 9, at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

Those wishing to donate to the Connor Pensack Foundation can mail checks to: Connor Pensack Foundation, 503 Hickory Lane, South Abington Township 18411 or directly to First National Community Bank, 269 E. Grove St., Clarks Green, PA 18411.

Proceeds from Connor Pensack Foundation fundraisers will be donated to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia VEO-IBD research.



Keystone UNICO members volunteered and donated to Saint Francis Kitchen as part of their Service Day activities. Chapter Members helped to prepare food for one of the many dinners served to those in need of a "Hand Up." Afterwards they were given the opportunity to help in the serving of that day's meal. The kitchen is a full-service venue that has been recently upgraded and serves a full-course meal every day at noon and a second meal is served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Donations are welcome throughout the year and can be made payable to and mailed to Saint Francis Kitchen at 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509. From left are Keystone UNICO Volunteers Diane Beckage, Mary Lou Karliak, Cathy Gerard, Tina Haas, and Michele McDade.



William O'Malley's AP Psychology class at Dunmore High School recently attended the Psychology Fair at Marywood University.

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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ



Did you ever think about preparing a special brunch for your family? Restaurants offering brunch seem to focus their menu around scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, cereal and danish.

There are so many other choices using the same ingredients, but prepared with a flair.

Let's take a look at some new ways of offering breakfast foods for upcoming special events such as Mother's Day, graduations, birthdays, or "just because".

FRANGELICO NUTELLA FRENCH TOAST

8 large eggs
½ cup half & half

1 shot (1/4 cup) Frangelico or other hazelnut liqueur
2 loaves Italian bread, sliced 1/2-to 1" thick
Nutella, to taste (chocolate hazelnut spread)
Powdered sugar, for garnish
Sliced fresh strawberries, for garnish
Maple syrup, for serving

Whisk together half and half and Frangelico until well blended. Dip bread in egg mixture, turning to coat. Cook on a lightly greased, preheated griddle or skillet until browned on both sides.

Spread Nutella on 1 side of each piece of French toast (thickly or thinly, to your taste). Sprinkle very lightly with powdered sugar.

Try delicious brunch ideas for Mother's Day

Garnish with sliced strawberries and serve with warm maple syrup, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

ORANGE FRENCH TOAST WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

1 loaf French bread, cut into 1" slices
4 eggs
¾ cup heavy cream
¼ cup orange juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
½ tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
Powdered sugar

Arrange bread slices in shallow pan. Combine eggs, cream, orange juice and rind, vanilla and nutmeg, blending well. Pour over bread slices. Turn slices over to absorb mixture. Place slices on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated 500 degree oven for 5 minutes on each side or until golden brown. While warm, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

RASPBERRY SAUCE

½ cup sugar
1 ½ tsp. cornstarch
2 Tbsp. orange juice
12 oz. bag frozen raspberries, thawed

In heavy saucepan, stir together sugar and cornstarch. Add orange juice, stir until smooth. Add thawed raspberries and cook over medium heat. Stir constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Serve over French toast.

HOT DEVILED EGGS WITH SOUR CREAM

18 eggs, hard boiled
12 Tbsp. butter, softened
3 tsp. grated onion
8 tsp. minced parsley
2 ½ tsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
Worcestershire sauce, to taste (a few sprinkles)
Mayonnaise
2 cups sour cream
1 cup dry bread crumbs
Parmesan cheese

Cut eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and mix with 6 tablespoons of butter, onion, parsley, mustard, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and enough mayonnaise to bind ingredients. Fill egg whites and place cut-side-down in a shallow baking dish. Cover with sour cream and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Dot with remaining butter and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. 6 servings.

SUNSHINE EGGS

4 hard-cooked eggs
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
Salt and black pepper, to taste
1 cup milk
4 slices Canadian bacon, broiled
4 slices toast

Separate yolks and egg whites. Crumble each and set aside separately. Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly until smooth. Add chopped egg white to cream sauce. Place 1 slice Canadian bacon on each toast slice, top with ¼ cup cream sauce and sprinkle with crumbled egg yolk. Serves 4.

BAKED CANADIAN BACON

2 lbs. Canadian bacon slices
½ cup brown sugar
½ tsp. dry mustard
½ cup unsweetened pineapple juice

Place bacon in shallow roasting pan. Combine sugar, mustard and pineapple juice. Spread mixture over bacon. Bake, uncovered, in 325 degree oven for 1 hour, basting with pan juices every 15 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

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Cheryl's CUISINE

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JAMAICAN BAKED BANANAS

2 bananas, peeled and halved lengthwise
1 Tbsp. brown sugar
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
Pinch of allspice
1/4 orange, peeled and sliced
1 1/2 tsp. dark rum
3 Tbsp. orange juice

Arrange banana halves in baking pan prepared with cooking spray (Pam). Sprinkle brown sugar, cinnamon and allspice on bananas. Top with orange slices. Combine rum and orange juice. Pour over fruit. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes. Serves 4.

I just found this recipe and couldn't wait to share it with our readers...It's from South Philadelphia.

CAPPUCCINO

2 qt. chocolate ice cream
4 cups regular coffee
1 pt. half and half or light cream
6 oz. brandy
6 oz. creme de cacao
6 oz. rum

Heat coffee in large pot. Add liquor, ice cream and cream. Heat until very hot and serve topped with whipped cream.

Note: You may use less liquor, if desired.



The Dunmore Elementary Center PTA would like to thank those who are sending in donations to its food pantry. Thank you so very much it means the world to our students. Please note that Fridays are the busiest days for our pantry because some students rely on food provided by the school. They currently go home with the Weekender bags and are welcome to take extra bags or items home.



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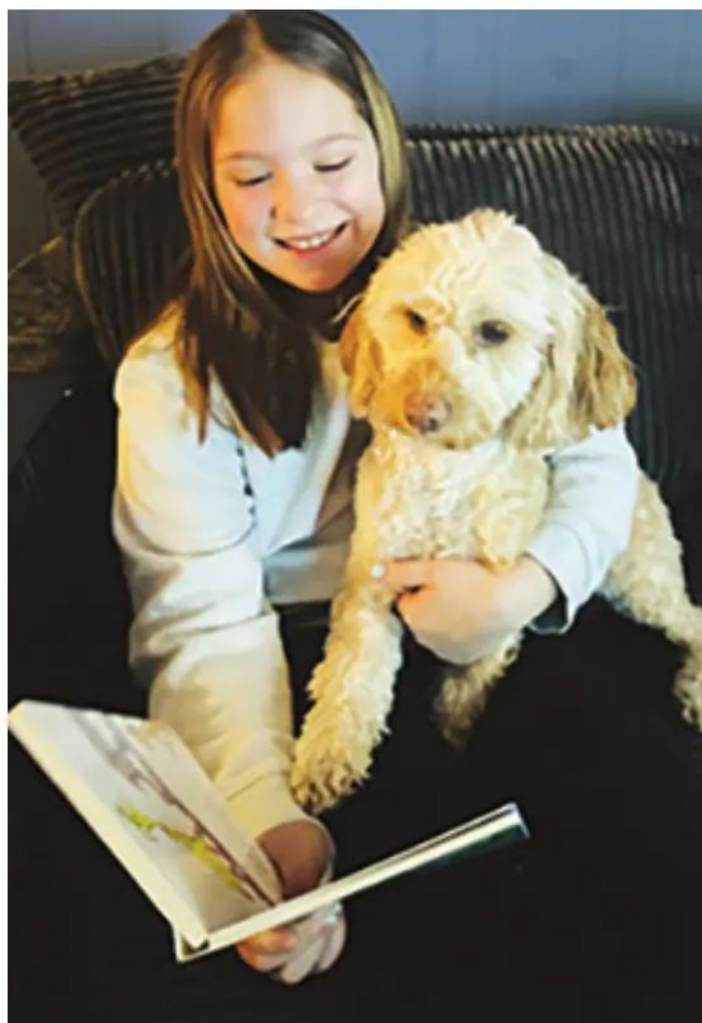
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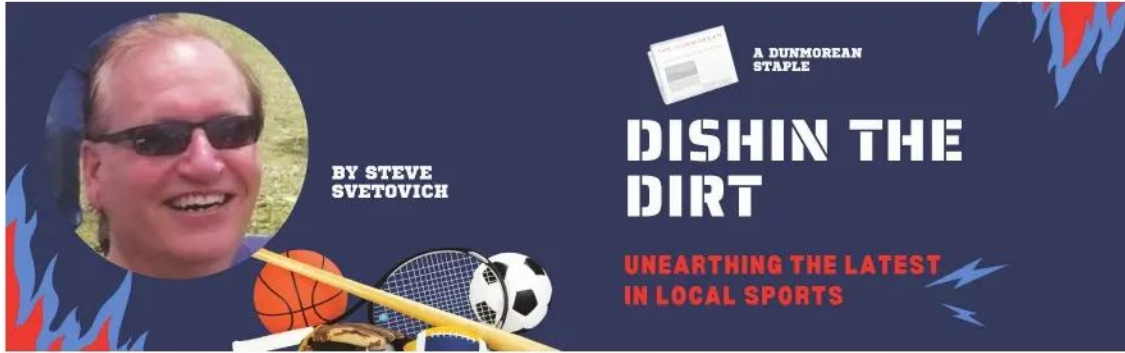
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DEC students participate in PAWS to Read fundraiser



The Dunmore Elementary Service Club raised funds for local animal shelters through their participation in PAWS to Read. Students contributed \$2 by submitting photos of themselves reading to their pets. Service club members also took up a collection throughout the DEC. and donated money and pet related items to local shelters.





Alex Harrison, Ray Zhang and David Huester were all winners in Holy Cross 3-2 tennis win over Delaware Valley...Do you remember Tony Donato catching touchdown passes of 66 and 82 yards from Joe Marciano in Dunmore's 19-7 win over Tunkhannock in Jack Henzes' debut as Dunmore coach in 1971?...

Condolences to family of Atty. Jim Gregorowicz, Scranton Prep and University of Scranton graduate, huge Philadelphia Phillies, Eagles, 76ers fan and noted sports enthusiast, who died last month at 62...Beloved by family and friends, he organized and ran local softball teams in younger years and was star shortstop under his late dad Ed Gregorowicz in his Little League years in Dickson City...

Do you remember Erika Mackie of Holy Cross throwing fourth straight one-hitter as Lady Crusaders defeated Dunmore, 2-0, 10 years ago?...JZ Tours running Frank and Dean Tribute Dinner Show Saturday, May 18, at Hilton Scranton and Conference Center in Main Ballroom...Doors open at 5 p.m. with cocktail hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and show at 7:45 p.m....Frankie Gervasi is opening act at 6 p.m....VIP tickets include Meet and Greet and three plated options include chicken piccata, basa fish, or hickory smoked prime rib of beef...Joe Scalissi and Brian Duprey will perform music of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra...Tickets can be ordered on line at greattrips@jztours.com...

Congratulations to Wilkes College graduate Bo Ryan selected as Class of 2024 for enshrinement into Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame...The class includes Vince Carter, Michael Cooper, Walter Davis, Dick Barnett, Chauncey Billups, Seimone Augustus, Michele Timms, Jerry West for front office work, Doug Collins, Harley Redin, Herb Simon and Charles Smith...Do you remember Dunmore American Legion baseball

players Danny Carter, Bob Stine and Paul Sheehan?...Dunmore Atty. Terry "Weezer" Dempsey, former baseball player, among those present at Scranton Prep High School 45th Reunion at the school last month...Former Scranton Prep and Quinnipiac University basketball standout point guard Pat Comerford in from California for reunion...Senator Bob Casey, former Scranton Prep basketball standout, also present...Former Scranton Prep basketball standout center Dr. Ward Fitzpatrick, now retired dentist, present...Green Ridge native Fred Nuttall, former Scranton Prep football standout, present at reunion...Other notables present included Atty. Steve Besack, retired PA state trooper Bob Scott, Jimmy Calvey, Lisa Rodrigues Calvey, Jean Marie McGlynn, Tammy Kranick Morano, Gina Frattali Sherman, Tom Noto, Atty. Mike Cosgrove, Mary Joyce McCarthy, Chris Roe, Dunmore native Joanie Gardier Roe, Andy and Kim Gregorowicz, Joe Lushinski, Anne Dunstone, Tom Lavelle, Anne Holmes Brier, Bobby Brier, Bob Ryder, Brian Swift, Erin Browning, Albie Clark, Charlie "Chas" Minella, Joanne Moran Lewis, Allan Cheskiewicz, Kathy Bisignani and retired Scranton Prep history teacher Bob Bergman...

Maura Michalczyk won four individual events to lead Dunmore to 74-67 win over Mountain View in Lackawanna Track Conference Division III-IV girls track and field meet...Congratulations to Scranton Prep's Tessa Mangan, Rebecca Oakes, Eva Kaszuba, Sophia Galko and Ella Schofield selected to All-Region Swimming and Diving team...Congratulations to Scranton Prep two-time All-Region lacrosse performer Jayne McIntyre on her acceptance into United States Merchant Marine Academy in King's Port, New York...

Dunmore's Matt Iezzi homered and drove in five runs in Dunmore's 10-6 win over Holy Cross...Congratulations to Michael Hughes of Holy Cross, who averaged 17.9

points per game, named to Boys Basketball All-Region Team...He was also named Lackawanna League Division III Coaches Player of Year...

Congratulations to Dunmore guard Sophia Talutto, who averaged 18.1 points per game, selected to Girls Basketball All-Region Team...She was also named Lackawanna League Division III Coaches Player of Year...Congratulations to

Scranton Prep's Jenna Hillebrand named to Girls Basketball All-Region Team...Freshman Zya Small of Scranton named Player of Year...Bronny James, son of NBA's all-time leading scorer LeBron James, will enter NBA draft at 19...

Happy retirement to New York Yankees legendary broadcaster John Sterling, 85, who called it a career last month after 36 years and 5,631 games...Yankees honored him within week after his retirement...West Scranton Teener League baseball standout Brennan Snyder, 14, grandson of retired Scranton School District Paraeducator Judy Lowry Vitris, named captain of his Delaware Valley Middle School baseball team...He has 4.01 academic average in gifted program and volunteers for various charities and fundraisers...

Congratulations to Dunmore sophomore softball pitcher Rachel Walsh for 200th career strikeout against Riverside...Congratulations to Holy Cross senior Alison Ross for receiving William J. Gerrity sportsmanship award...Passing of O.J. Simpson does not deserve much publicity other than to remember Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman who were brutally murdered 30 years ago...And most believe Simpson committed the double murder...

Nominations still being received for candidates into Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...Contact Dunmore's Bob Walsh (570-346-2228), Northeastern Chapter president, with nominations...Do you remember Jonathon Searfoss?...Whatever became of Scott Hatteberg?...



Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team at Schantz Stadium after their win against Marion Catholic. First row, from left: Rachel Walsh and Jackie Brown. Second row, same order: Madison Day, Emily McGowan, Quinn King, Molly Gatto, Taryn Walsh, Allie Dempsey, Tristan Canavan, Sophia Summa, Paige Ancherani, and Liz Deprimo. Jackie Brown hit a homerun in this game, and Rachel Walsh struck out 14 batters. Ryan Ferguson is the team coach.



The Dunmore Junior High Softball team coached by Colleen Ross includes, kneeling, from left: Maura Sexton, Kylie Farr, Brenna Burrell, Ava Walsh, Nancy Mecca, Milania Brown, and Ali Steeves. Standing, same order: Emma Golosky, Aubrey Mizenko, Allie Tullio, Peyton Ancherani, Caroline Dougher, Angelita Cantarella, Hayley Chapman, and Maddie Dempsey.

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DHS sophomore Rachel Walsh excels both on mound and plate

By Steve Svetovich

Rachel Walsh is not only excelling this season for the Lady Bucks on the mound, but also at the plate. Daughter of Kevin and Michele Walsh, Rachel has a 7-2 record on the mound and sparkling 1.75 ERA at press time.

Last month she recorded her 200th career strikeout against Riverside. She has 236 career strikeouts at press time.

A total of 144 of those strikeouts came in her freshman year when she won nine games and had a 3.59 ERA.

The sophomore standout batted .405 with three homers last season. She also plays first base.

Rachel at press time is batting .520, with a .625 on base percentage, one homer, five doubles, 13 hits, 13 runs scored, 17 RBIs and an .840 slugging percentage.

The highly-talented sophomore attributes her strong improvement on the mound this season to a lot of hard work.

"I really put a lot of work into my pitching in the fall and winter months," she said. "I did my job as a freshman, but knew there was room for improvement. I set some goals to get better. The hard work is paying off for me."

She talked about what it takes to

excel on the mound. "You need to put in long hours and put the time and effort in. You need motivation and determination to be one of the best."

Rachel said veteran Dunmore softball coach Ryan Ferguson taught her a lot. "He always tells me to never get down on myself. Everything will be okay in the end. One bad game won't hurt you. You can bounce back."

Well-versed and multi-talented, Rachel is also a two-year member of the Dunmore Lady Bucks basketball team where she was part of a state championship as a freshman. She is also a member of the bowling club, French Club and Art Club. Rachel has an impressive 4.0 academic average. Her favorite subject is math.

The Dunmore softball team finished 9-12 last season, but this year is 7-2 at press time.

Rachel talked about the team's improvement. "We all stay positive. Everyone has high hopes. We practice longer and harder. We've become more consistent with our hitting and it is showing."

"We also have two freshmen on the team, Emily McGowan and Paige Ancherani, who are contributing a lot to our success. Both are great outfielders and can really hit. Emily also plays first base."

Well-spoken and enthusiastic, Rachel said she would like to play softball and study engineering in college. She would like to become an architectural or mechanical engineer and is considering Penn State among others.

The sophomore student-athlete enjoys listening to music in her spare time. She would like to see country singer Morgan Wallen in concert.

Determined and focused, Rachel said she is making the most of her experience at Dunmore.

"I love Dunmore," she said. "It's a small and close-knit town. Everyone is so supportive both in the town and at school. I am very fortunate to grow up in a small town. I love playing for the Dunmore Lady Bucks softball team. We have a really good team. I love our coaching staff and teammates."

"We had some tough times in my freshman year, but our softball team is really improved now. We hope it continues and are working hard as a group so that it does. We expect great years ahead."

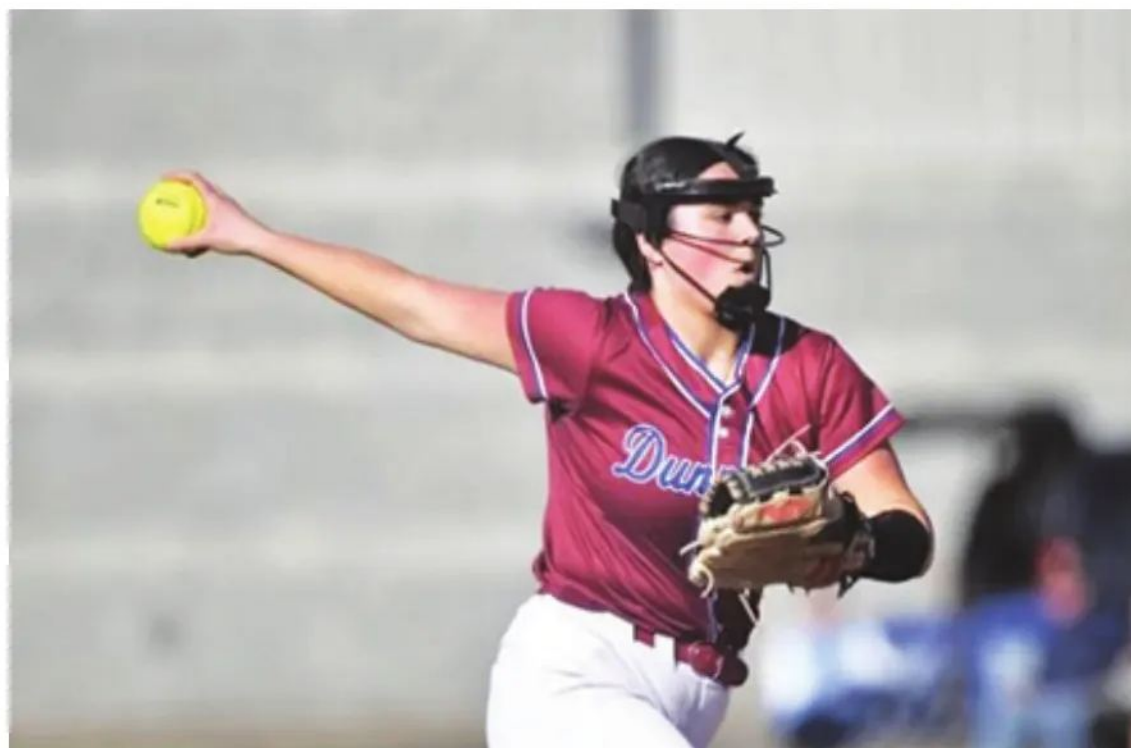
Rachel also praised her parents. "They tell me I can do anything I set my mind to. And no matter what, they will always be by my side. I have their never ending support."

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

RACHEL WALSH



Rachel Walsh of the Lady Bucks softball team is shown with her homerun and 200 strikeout balls. Rachel is 6-0 with a 1.69 ERA and 56 strikeouts. She is also batting .600 and 16 RBIs and has 200 career strikeouts as a freshman.



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Lady Crusader Alison Ross recipient of Wm. Gerrity Award

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior Alison Ross is the sixth annual female recipient of the William J. Gerrity Team Award.

Daughter of Joe and Mari Ross, Alison was cited by the Lackawanna League for her achievements and leadership during the 2023-24 basketball season.

Ryan Nealon, a four-year starter for the Abington Heights basketball team, is the male recipient of the William J. Gerrity Award. His brother Jack was the first male recipient of the award in 2019.

Alison is also a four-year standout on the Holy Cross softball team. She was a four-year member of the Lady Crusaders basketball team and part of a district championship this year under now retired coach Barry Fitzgerald.

The honor, which was presented from 1958 to 2001 and started again in the 2018-19 season, is named in memory of the late William Gerrity, highly respected longtime Scranton School District educator, administrator, coach, football and basketball official, public servant and mentor in Northeast PA who dedicated his life to high school athletics, youth programs, Special Olympics and sports officials.

Alison was a starting guard at Holy Cross scoring 65 points and hitting on 14 3-pointers in her senior year before suffering an injury, which limited her playing time. While sidelined, she was a source of encouragement and support to her teammates as the Lady Crusaders made a run to the District 2 Class 1A championship and second round of the PIAA playoffs.

To qualify for the William J. Gerrity Award, scholar-athletes must have an academic standing in the top 50 percent of their class, display a positive attitude on and off the court, help teammates become better athletes and people, contribute to the cohesiveness of the team and perform community service.

"I was so surprised," Alison, 18, said. "This is such an honor. Only one girl and one boy in the league gets this, so that makes it even more special. It means a lot to me to be a good teammate and a leader as a senior. I am really honored."

The senior scholar-athlete has an impressive 3.9 academic average. Her favorite academic subject is science. Alison will major in pre-pharmacy at Wilkes University in the fall. She hopes to play softball there. She credits Holy Cross retired basketball coach Barry Fitzgerald for much of her success.

"Coach Fitzgerald has always meant a lot to me," she said. "I knew him from when he coached my sister Amanda. He's always been there for me. He encouraged me through my injuries and taught me to be a leader for the team. I am honored to have played for him."

The team-oriented senior said it was a thrill to be a part of a district championship team in her final year under coach Fitzgerald despite the team's losing regular season record.

"It was unexpected, so it was just a great feeling to win the title," she said. "We were ready as the playoffs started. It was great to see the team come together and get another banner for the school."

A four-year member of the basketball team, she suffered multiple concussions limiting her time on

the court this past year. Still, Alison relished her leadership role as a senior and cheered her team on from the sidelines.

Healthy for her fourth softball season, Alison has helped lead her team to a 5-2 record at press time. She batted .486 with a .548 on base percentage, 13 runs scored, and seven stolen bases last season. She was named second-team all-state as a second baseman.

She is currently second on the team with five runs scored and has a 1.000 fielding percentage at press time.

Alison played shortstop in her team's 6-0 win over Dunmore, Saturday, April 20. She went 2-for-4, with two runs and an RBI in the win.

"We have a good softball team this year," she said. "We have a lot of freshmen and a nice group of returning players."

Her dad is the softball coach at Holy Cross. "It's really great playing for my dad," she said. "He's always been a coach for me. He's been a coach to me ever since I learned how to play the game. He taught me so much and has always been a big support to me."

"Playing for my dad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The hard-working senior also plays third base for the Lady Crusaders. She has not made an error this season.

"It takes a lot of dedication to be a good defensive infielder," she said. "It takes a lot of hard work and practice. You need to grind it out."

The senior stalwart is a member of the National Honor Society at Holy Cross. She is also a member of the Foreign Languages Club and TRU Club.

She enjoys listening to music in her spare time and recently saw Drake in concert. She would love to see him again.

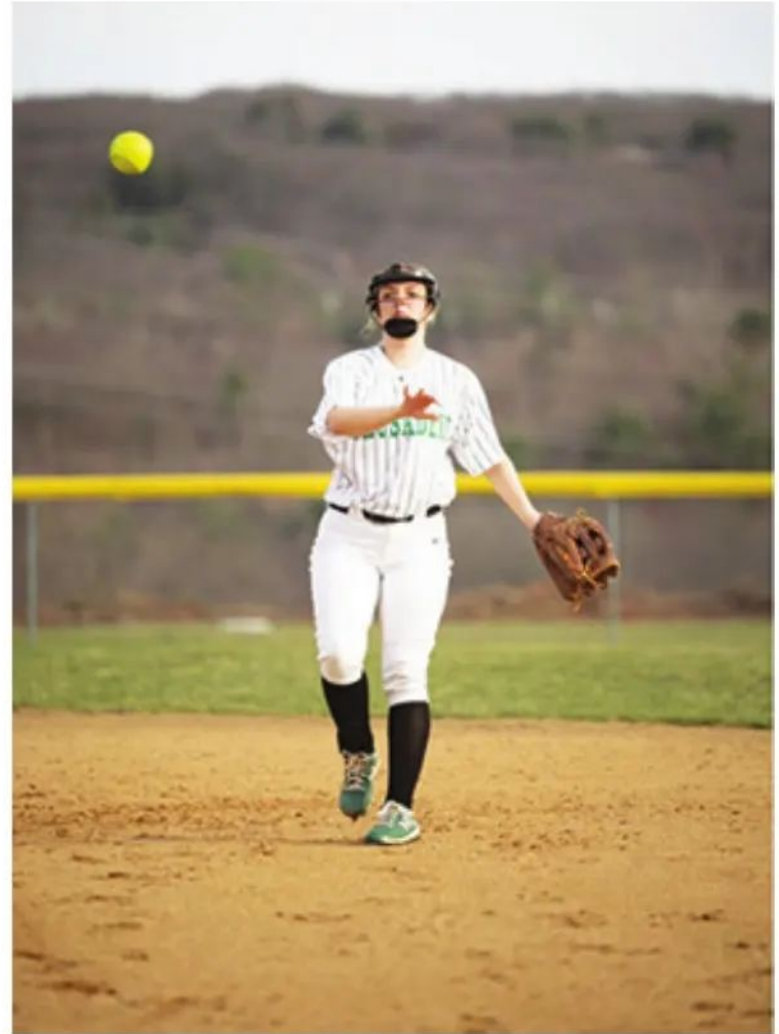
Her mom has also been a strong support. "My mom always tells me to be a bigger and better person. Always be strong and keep your head up no matter what happens."

Humble in nature, Alison talked about her future goals. "I want to get to college, graduate and eventually have a successful career in pharmacy. I might play softball in college, I am looking forward to college and becoming a pharmacist."

Alison's dad and uncles Paul and Frank were outstanding baseball players at Scranton Central. Her late grandfather Paul Ross was a fast-pitch standout softball performer who pitched for three state championship teams and is a member of the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. He later got into coaching.

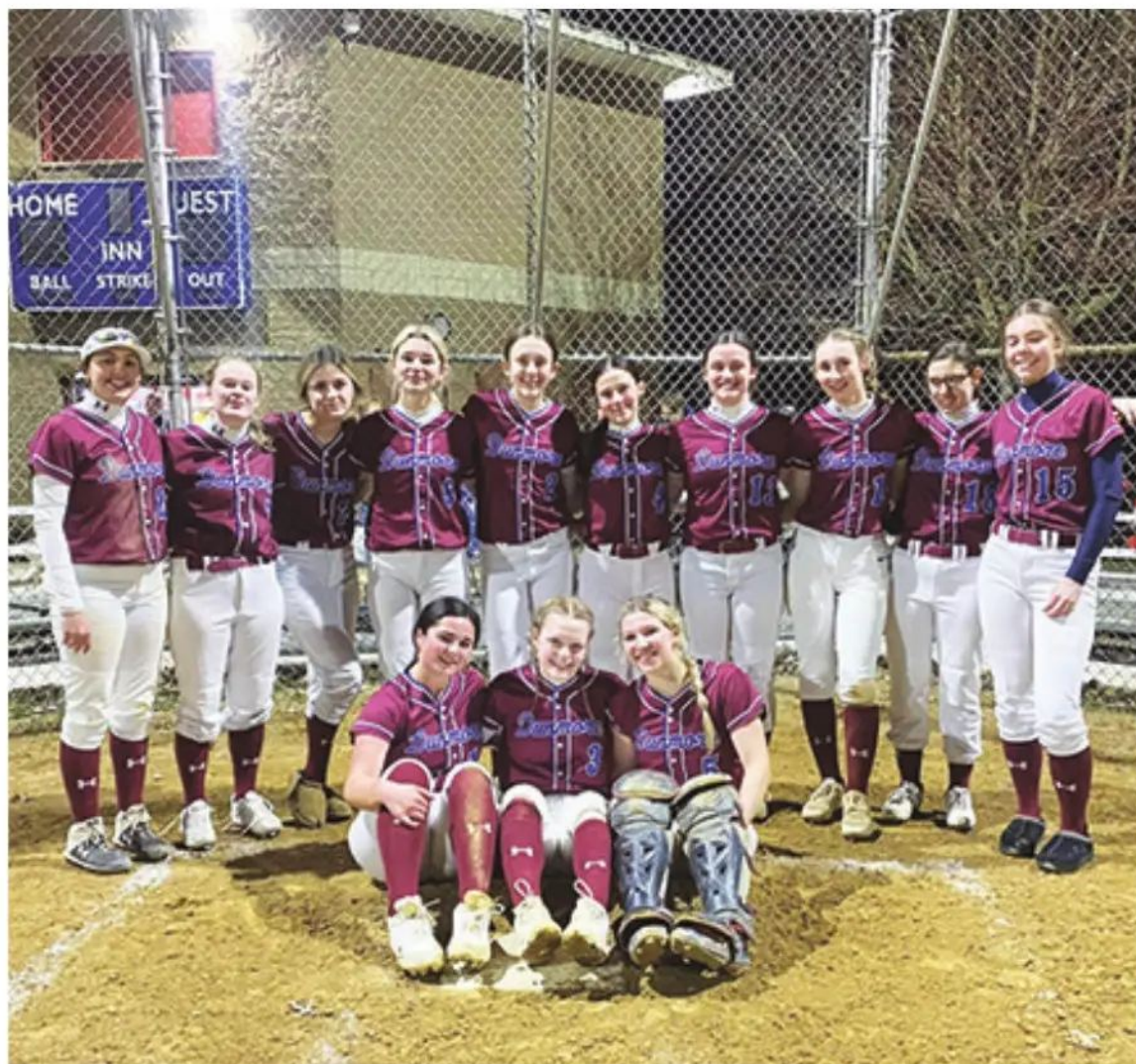
Alison reflected on her Holy Cross years as she nears graduation.

"It's been a great experience," she said. "The atmosphere is so great. Everyone welcomes you here. The teachers, staff, coaches and students are so supportive. It's been like that right from the start through my senior year."

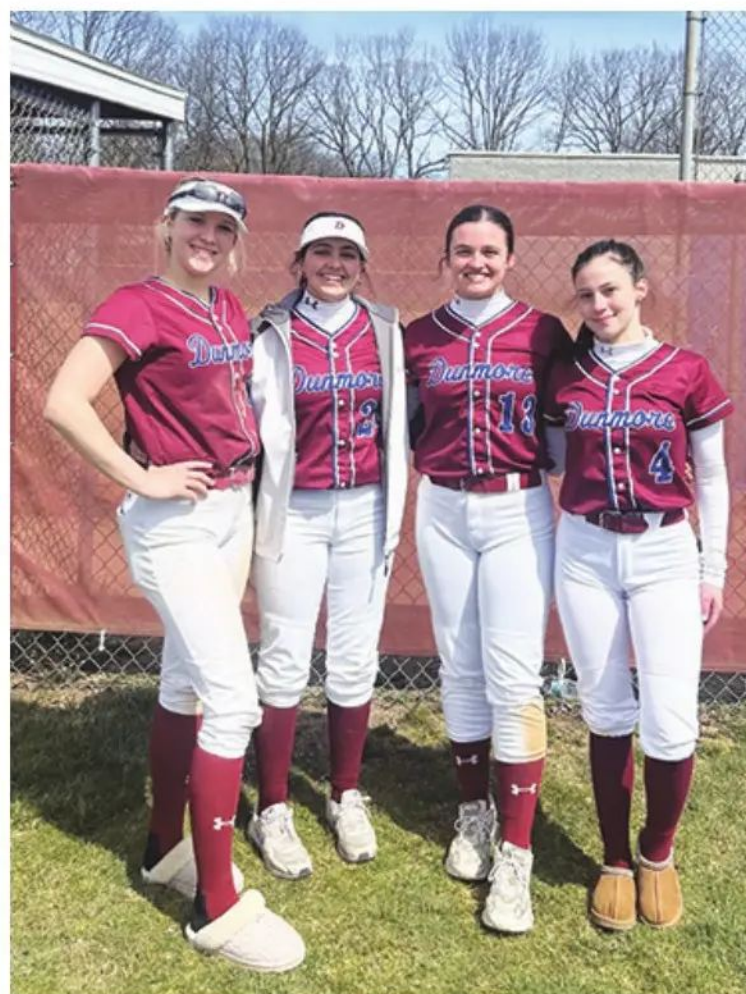


Congratulations to Alison Ross

Lady Bucks softball team enjoying a great season



Lady Bucks softball teammates are shown at Sherwood Park after a win against Lakeland. Seated from left: Rachel Walsh, Jackie Brown, and Tristan Canavan. Standing, same order: Sophia Summa, Quinn King, Kylee Myers, Madison Day, Paige Ancherani, Molly Gatto, Allie Dempsey, Emily McGowan, Liz Deprimo, and Taryn Walsh.



Senior members of the Dunmore High School softball team are, from left: Tristan Canavan, Sophia Summa, Allie Dempsey, and Molly Gatto.

(See more photos on Page 15)



Shown at the recent game with Riverside are members of the Lady Bucks softball team, including, front row, from left: Sophia Summa, Allie Dempsey, Tristan Canavan, and Molly Gatto. Second row, same order: Emily McGowan, Quinn King, Rachel Walsh, Jackie Brown, Taryn Walsh, Paige Ancherani, Kaylee Myers, Mia Reilly, Liz DePrimo, and Madison Day. Dunmore won 5-3.

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Members of the Double "R" Twirlettes recently performed at the Viewmont Mall during the group's annual twirl-a-thon to benefit Saint Joseph's Center. The Twirlettes are currently celebrating their 75th anniversary and this was their 45th annual twirl-a-thon. The group is under the direction of Kathleen Y. Mercatili.

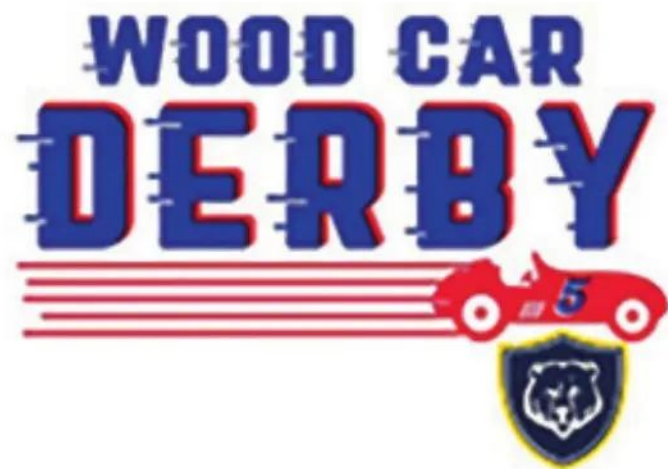
Julia Tempterino new Miss Buck at Dunmore



CORRECTION: Julia Temperino, above, was recently selected as the new Miss Buck for the 2024-2025 school year during tryouts before the student body at Dunmore High School. Our apologies for running the wrong photo in the April issue.



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DEC girls build confidence and friendships through running



Members of the "Girls on the Run" team at Dunmore Elementary Center are shown in the photo by Emily Coleman.

"Girls on the Run" is a national nonprofit with the goal of inspiring young girls to be healthy, joyful and confident. Dunmorean Online Editor Emily Gerchman recently spoke with Emily Coleman, a coach for the Dunmore Elementary Center's "Girls on the Run" team to learn how the program is impacting girls in our community.

Emily Gerchman: Tell me about the DEC chapter of "Girls on the Run." How long has it been going on and who's involved?

Emily Coleman: "Girls on the Run" has been offered at the Dunmore Elementary Center several times over the past couple of years. Jaime Coleman, Linda Valvano, Bridget Robinson and I wanted to keep it going this year, so we reached out to district officials and became certified Girls on the Run coaches. Along with the four of us, we have several other moms and teachers who help us run the program: Sara Amendolaro, Jen Dempsey, Caroline Gentile, Bobbi Hughes, Melissa Loughney, Katie McKenna, Kristina Petrauskas, Kathy Scanlon, and Laura Shultz.

EG: What made you want to get involved in this program and become a coach?

EC: I had heard so many wonderful stories about "Girls on the Run" and the curriculum that goes along with it. I knew that I wanted to share my love of running while incorporating mind and body positivity activities with my daughter Maddy and the other girls at the DEC. GotR is so much more than just running.

EG: The girls have been working towards running a 5K, right?. How has that been going?

EC: The girls have come so far in their running since we first started meeting on March 7. They stay after school two times a week for an hour and a half. Our end goal is to complete a non-competitive 5k by running, jogging, walking, and even skipping across the finish line. [That] is going to give the girls a sense of accomplishment and confidence because they have set this goal and will achieve it on May 18.

EG: What does "Girls on the Run" offer young girls in the borough? What do you hope the kids involved get out of it?

EC: Dunmore's Girls on the Run offers girls in grades 3-5 the opportunity to participate in a 10 week program that culminates with a celebratory 5K. Each girl gets to choose a running buddy who is over the age of 16 to run with them during the 5K.

The girls also create a community impact project in which they come together as a group and think about how best they can help in the community. My biggest hope for all of the girls who participate in Girls on the Run is that they realize being active whether it is running or just playing outside makes you feel so much better.

EG: What's your favorite part about being involved in Girls on the Run?

EC: My favorite part of Girls on the Run is seeing 43 girls laughing and having fun while being active. I hope that they take as much as they can from the lessons and realize how strong they are and how confident they can be.

EG: What would you say to a student who might want to join the program and become "a girl on the run?"

EC: I would tell them that this program is so much more than just running! As "Girls on the Run" says: The 5K is "Your K, do it your way!" There is no pressure to run the 3.1 miles – the goal is to finish it however feels best for you. We help them find their "happy pace" and encourage them to stick with it and to just be proud of what they can do.

You can learn more about the program and what it means to be a "girl on the run" by visiting <https://www.gotrlehighpocono.org/>.

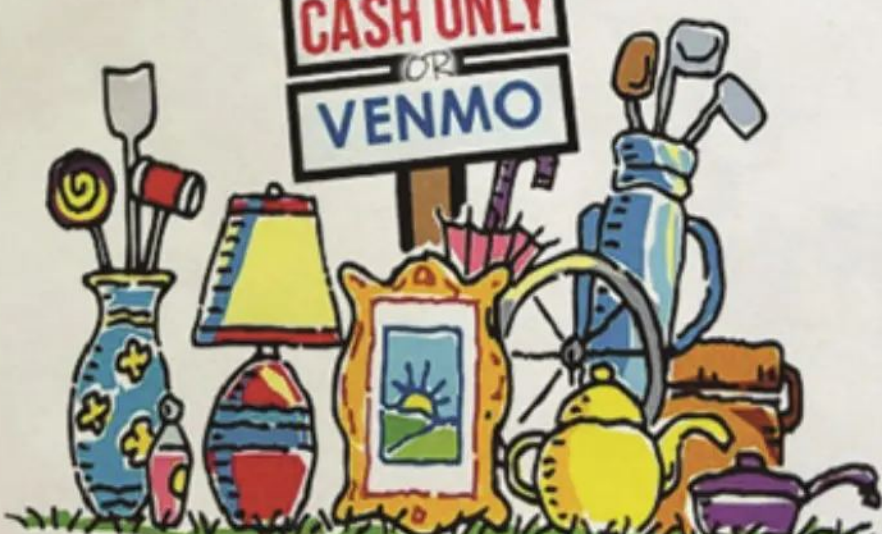
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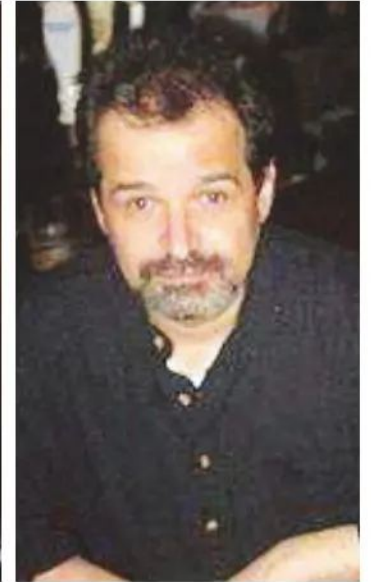


Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO conducted its annual Italian Heritage and Culture meeting at Arcaro and Genell Restaurant. President Nanine Gramigna introduced the evening's presenters, which included wine tasting with Sal Maiolatesi of Maiolatesi Wine Cellars and an olive oil/balsamic vinegar presentation by Thirteen Olives with Gene Litz. The presentations were followed by the yearly election of Officers and Board Members conducted by Nominations Chairman Peter Noto. Pictured in the front row, from left: Sal Maiolatesi of Maiolatesi Wine Cellars, Chapter President Nan Gramigna, and Gene Litz of Thirteen Olives. Back row, same order: Mike Gramigna, treasurer; Michaelene Merrill, guest; Mark McDade, past National Membership Director; Terri Pettinato, immediate past PA II District Governor; Glenn Pettinato, past National President; and Melanie Biederman, guest.

Actors Circle sets satirical comedy by Ted LoRusso at Providence Playhouse



Casey Thomas



Ted LoRusso

Actors Circle will present the satirical comedy, "A Man, A Woman, a Head of Lettuce" by local playwright Ted LoRusso at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Road, Scranton.

This production features three of his works: "Roquefort," "Hallelujah Breakdown," and "Vichyssoise."

Directed by Casey Thomas, the show will be presented May 30, 31, June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.. Admission is \$15 general, \$12 senior, and \$10 student. On Thursday, May 30, all admission is \$10. Pay cash at the door or visit www.actorscircle.com to buy tickets online. For reservations call 570-342-9707.

Members of the cast include Celine Carlier, Chris Eibach, Sam Falbo, Kayla Kay, Richard C. Krause, Terry Thompson, Kelly Ann Walsh, and a special guest artist.

Casey Thomas, a multi-award winning actor and director, originally from the Scranton area, is so excited and proud to be back in his hometown, teaming up with the gifted Ted LoRusso to bring Ted's published works together in an effort to create an unforgettable theatrical experience for all ages.

As does all of Ted's work, these three pieces of theater are a delightfully satirical look at life and all its absurdities. "A Man, a Woman, a Head of Lettuce," is essentially a play in three pieces. A metamorphosis so to speak, in my opinion," states the director. "It's a show that must be seen, not explained."

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**MAY'S FINANCIAL FORECAST:
WHY YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS
AN LLC NOW**

BY: JOHN M. HART, III, ESQ.



May marks a significant period for small business owners to address not only their immediate tax obligations but also broader financial strategies that could influence their growth and sustainability. This month, as business owners file their quarterly taxes, it's an ideal time to conduct mid-year financial reviews and reassess business structures.

Particularly, forming a Limited Liability Company (LLC) emerges as a compelling option for those looking to enhance liability protection and financial flexibility.

Quarterly Tax Filings and Mid-Year Reviews

Quarterly tax filings, due in mid-May for the second quarter, are crucial for maintaining compliance and managing cash flows effectively. These periodic filings allow businesses to adjust their estimated tax payments based on actual earnings, thereby avoiding underpayments and potential penalties.

Moreover, mid-year financial reviews provide an opportunity to evaluate performance against the year's goals, reassess budgets, and

implement necessary adjustments.

These reviews should encompass a thorough analysis of profit and loss statements, cash flow management, and a review of capital expenditures. They offer a strategic platform to forecast future revenue and align business practices with fiscal realities.

For many, this process highlights the need for a more protective and flexible business structure, which often prompts the consideration of forming an LLC.

The Benefits of Forming an LLC

An LLC offers numerous advantages for small businesses, particularly in terms of liability protection and tax flexibility.

Unlike sole proprietorships or partnerships, where owners' personal assets are at risk from business liabilities, an LLC legally separates personal assets from those of the business.

This structure limits owners' liability to their investments in the company, protecting personal property and finances from business debts, losses, and lawsuits.

From a tax perspective, LLCs

enjoy pass-through taxation by default, meaning profits and losses are reported on the personal tax returns of owners (members), and the company itself is not taxed separately.

This avoids the double taxation commonly associated with corporations, where earnings are taxed at both the corporate level and again as dividends to shareholders.

LLC vs. Corporation: Which is Right for You?

While both LLCs and corporations provide limited liability protection, they differ significantly in their management structure, tax implications, and regulatory requirements.

Corporations are ideal for businesses that plan to raise significant outside investment or eventually go public. They allow for easy transfer of ownership through the sale of stock and are governed by a board of directors.

However, corporations are subject to more stringent regulatory and reporting requirements than LLCs. They must adhere to formalities such as holding regular board meetings and keeping detailed records. In terms of taxation, corporations

face double taxation unless they opt for S-corporation status, which allows them to pass income directly to shareholders but comes with restrictions on the number and type of shareholders.

LLC vs. Sole Proprietorship and Partnership

For small business owners, sole proprietorships and partnerships might seem attractive due to their simplicity and ease of formation. However, both these forms expose owners to personal liability for business obligations, which can be catastrophic in case of business failure or lawsuits.

While forming an LLC involves some initial setup costs, these are not prohibitive, especially with the assistance of a competent law firm like Hart Law.

The investment in setting up an LLC correctly with professional help is a strategic expenditure. As Benjamin Franklin famously said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This wisdom underscores the value of investing upfront in the proper business structure.

Not only does an LLC provide essential liability protection and increase credibility with customers, suppliers, and potential investors, it also offers flexibility in management and the distribution of profits and losses. The initial costs are minimal compared to the potential legal and financial liabilities that can be avoided.

As May encourages a natural breakpoint for tax assessments and financial planning, small business

owners should take this opportunity to consider whether their current business structure optimally supports their goals. The formation of an LLC could offer significant advantages in terms of liability protection, tax efficiency, and operational flexibility, making it a superior choice for many businesses over sole proprietorships, partnerships, or even corporations.

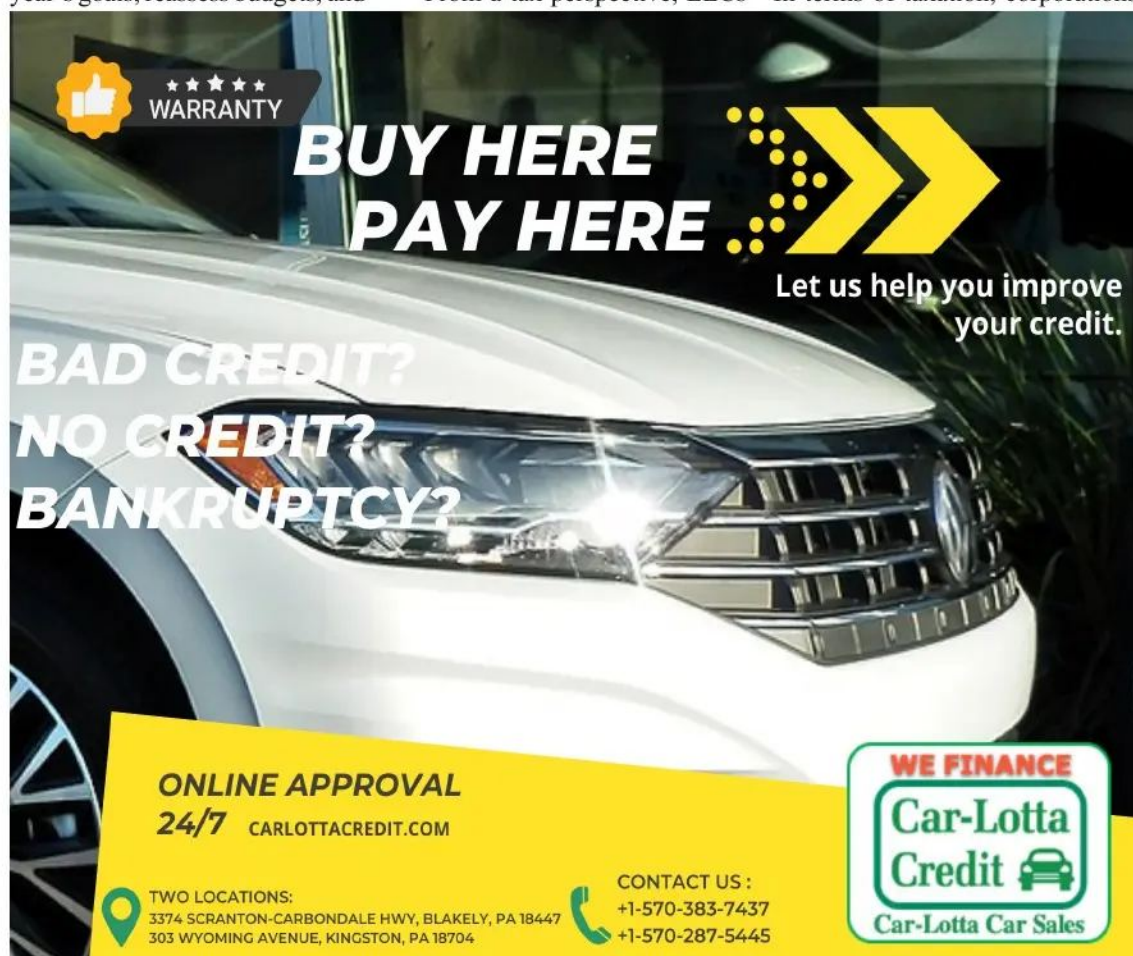
Moreover, the laws are constantly changing with regards to business requirements, such as the new Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) registration requirements through the U.S. Dept of the Treasury and its implications on LLCs.

This is one of many reasons to reach out to a competent law firm to help when creating a business.

Through strategic planning and careful consideration of business forms, entrepreneurs can not only comply with their tax obligations but also position their enterprises for sustainable growth and success. Taking proactive steps during May's financial reviews can pave the way for a more structured and secure business environment.

Please note, this article is intended to provide a general overview of different business structures and is not legal advice.

Each individual's business needs are unique, and the choice of a business structure requires a personalized discussion with a qualified attorney to ensure that all legal, financial, and operational considerations are properly addressed.



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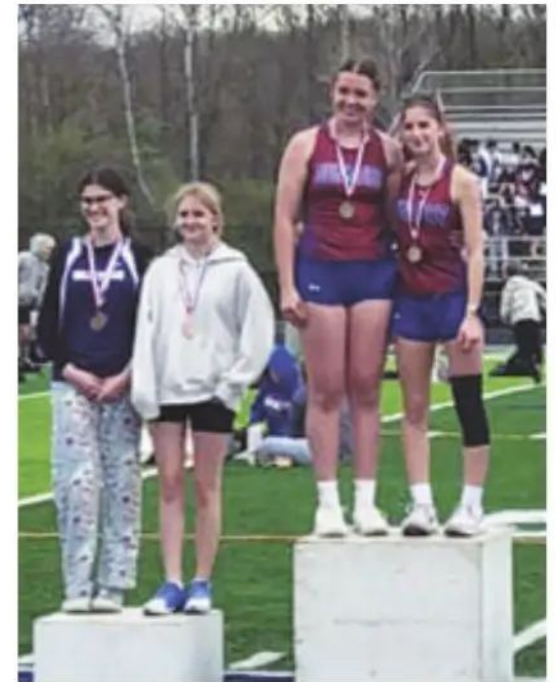
Congratulations to the Dunmore boys and girls junior high track teams on a great performance at the 2024 Relay Rally on April 20 at Mid Valley. Teams from all over the area competed for the top 10 placing spots.

The following boys placed in the top 10:

4th Place Distance Medley:
Jack Henry, Noah Rought , Buddy LaRoche, & Rhett Garvey
4th Place Sprint Medley:
Matt Lapinski, Noah Rought, Chris Fortese, & Buddy LaRoche
6th Place Shot Put:
Rhett Garvey & Matt Lapinski
6th Place, Mid Distance Medley :
Matt Lapinski, Noah Rought, Rhett Garvy, & Jack Henry
8th Place Javelin:
Matt Lapinski & Carson Jones

The following girls placed in the top 10:

1st Place High Jump
Michelle Nidoh & Lanie Piepoli
3rd Place Triple Jump
Lanie Piepoli & Katelyn Henry
4th Place Mid Distance Medley:
Madison Morgan, Michelle Nidoh, Lizzie Mendola, & Megan O'Donnell



4th Place Sprint Relay:
Amelia Joseph, Lizzie Mendola, Amelia Hinton, & Katelyn Henry
5th Place Long Jump
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For the second year in a row, Dunmore High School student John Silvi qualified for All-State Band after competing at the district and regional levels. John just participated in PMEA's All-State Band Festival in Erie.

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Preschoolers at Perry's Academy of Learning Centers in Dunmore celebrated the solar eclipse in April. Heather Evans is executive director of the academy,

Marywood sets Transfer events

Marywood University has set several dates in late spring and throughout the summer for its Transfer Tuesdays program.

Transfer Tuesday events are for current or former college students, at all stages of their college journey, who are considering transferring to Marywood University. Transfer Tuesdays opportunities will occur at Marywood University on the following Tuesdays: May 21, 1-6 p.m.; June 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; July 16, 1-6 p.m., and August 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Those interested in the spring/summer Transfer Tuesdays events can schedule an appointment every half hour during the time frame indicated for specific dates.

Registered visitors can discuss financial aid and scholarship options, transfer credits, take a tour of campus, review credits for transfer eligibility, and complete an application for admission. Marywood's fall semester begins on Monday, August 26.

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The Bucktown Business Beat

by Yeraldi Pacheco-Miguel

Msgr. Anthony Marra Memorial Fund

In this month's edition of the Bucktown Business Beat, I would like to shine a light on the community that makes it all possible.

The amount of support that the Dunmoreans provide, not only to each other but also to our neighbors, is undeniable.

I sat down with Toni Divizio to learn all about the late Monsignor Anthony C. Marra, whom many Dunmoreans can recall for his services to SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish, and the beautiful story of how his beloved community came together to keep his light shining and just how far it has shone.

Monsignor Anthony C. Marra served the Dunmore Community at SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish specifically from 1994 to 2006; however, his career spanned an incredible 60 years, still serving even after his retirement.

His light spanned far and wide, serving communities from Hazleton and Scranton. Everywhere Monsignor Anthony C. Marra would go, he was loved and left his imprint.

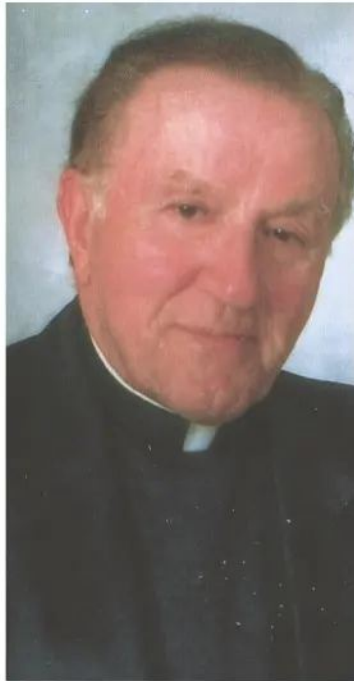
If you visit SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish today, you will be able to see the physical legacy that Msgr. Anthony C. Marra has left behind. During his time there, he renovated the church interior, commissioned paintings of modern-day saints before they were even canonized, including Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Msgr. Marra made it his mission to make the church more handicap accessible by building a ramp.

He also brought life into St. Anthony's through a growing music ministry.

After Msgr. Marra's passing in 2009, friends and family, along with Friends of The Poor, immediately rallied together.

"When he left, people were very, very sad to see him go, but he left a legacy, and we wanted to keep that legacy going. So, family and friends got together and said, how can we keep his generosity going, his compassion, his caring. And so, we established the Monsignor Anthony C. Marra Memorial Fund," Toni explains.

The memorial fund was launched



Msgr. Anthony Marra

with a pasta dinner, just as Msgr. Marra used to host, in 2010 that was held in the most fitting of all places, the Monsignor Marra Auditorium at St. Francis of Assisi Church, where he served for almost 20 years.

His people showed up for the cause from all over, and the pasta dinner raised a generous \$15,000. For reference, tickets for the pasta dinner were \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

Toni reminds us, "He was noted for his homemade pasta dinners and meatballs. Thousands of people would come."

Other events planned for the memorial fund included an Applebee's Flapjack breakfast and basket raffles. You can tell how many people's lives he had touched just by observing the overwhelming outpour of support.

"Dunmore was very fortunate to have him," exclaimed Toni.

The Msgr. Anthony C. Marra Memorial Fund has been years in the making, accumulating \$60,000.

Things were finally aligning when on the other end of this story, the city of Scranton received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, a \$1.9 trillion federal economic stimulus bill. With this fund, the city was able to make improvements to Novembrino Park, located at 200 10th Ave., Scranton.

Many kids were already enjoying a splash pad at Novembrino Park, but little did anyone know just how grand the improvements would be.

"We were holding onto that money for a while, and we designated it to do something for children," explains Toni. "He wanted to see them (children) have a better life."

When the founders of the memorial fund heard about the plans for the park behind St. Lucy's, located at 949 Scranton St., where Msgr. Marra also served, they knew it was time.

"To give this grant, tells you that that's a lot of people who demonstrated their generosity and tribute to him. It shows the footprint that he left on this earth."

So, the Msgr. Anthony C. Marra Memorial Fund of Friends of the Poor donated \$60,000 to benefit the improvements at Novembrino Park.

Improvements included a towering new playground structure, swings, climbing features, safe play surfacing, and more, totaling approximately \$375,000.

The family of Msgr. Marra and directors from Friends of the Poor offered helpful input into the design and selection of park equipment through this true community park project and made sure it was as accessible as possible for all children of the community.

"He loved giving; he made everyone in the room feel special," says Toni.

I took a trip to check out the park myself and was filled with joy by it all, but one particular mo-



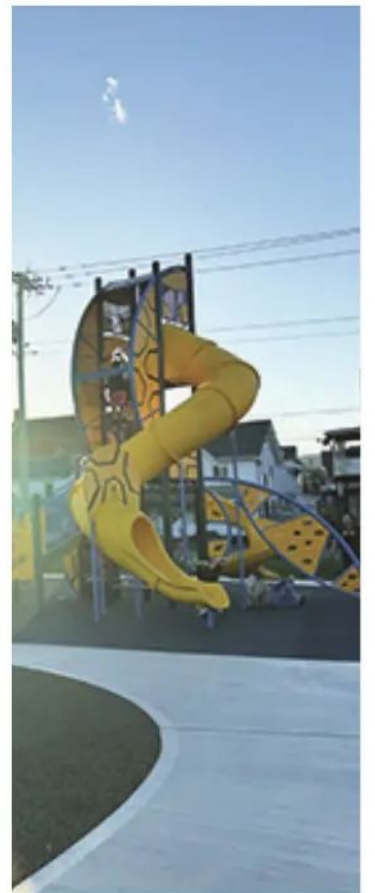
ment touched my heart. As I was walking in, I observed just how happy a child was playing with the outdoor musical instruments, filling the playground with music just as Msgr. Marra had done at St. Anthony's.

As kids ran around, playing on the swings and slides, I couldn't help but think about the impact that our community of Dunmore truly has. Msgr. Marra would be humbled to know that his beloved community's support has spanned beyond our town bounds.

Whether it is a local business or a local cause, the people of Dunmore always come together as a family to support as much as possible. Thanks to donations from the community, children now have a beautiful park that will stand for years to come.

The memorial fund is still ongoing, contributing to programs for children such as STEM programs, after-school programs, and summer camp.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Marra Fund through memorial cards should call Friends of The Poor at (570) 340-6086.



Dunmore Lions, Rotary, Police and Firemen host egg hunt



An Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by Dunmore Lions Club, Dunmore Rotary, Dunmore Police Department, and Dunmore Fire Department on Saturday, March 30, at St. Anthony's Playground, Dunmore.



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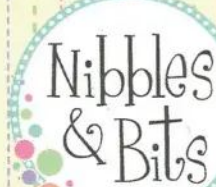
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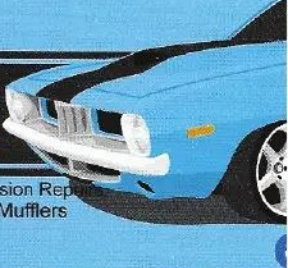
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YMCA ribbon-cutting

The Greater Scranton YMCA, along with the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at the Y's new 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.

The waitlist for services at the Greater Scranton YMCA is full at 150 children. The Y has completed renovations at the new center in Olyphant, updating eight classrooms. Additionally, thanks in part to grant funding from the Scranton Area Community Foundation, the Y will also add an outdoor playground.

For families interested in enrolling their child(ren) and for more information, contact Tressa Parker, Education Director at the Greater Scranton YMCA, at tparker@gsym-ca.org.

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day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The exhibit and related events are free and open to the public.

In conjunction with the Art Department's courses in Color Photography, Black and White Photography, and History of Photography, this exhibition examines various subjects, forms, and methods used by photographers from the 1970s through the 1990s.

Featured artists include: Harry Callahan, Robert Cumming, David Haxton, David Hockney, Barbara Kasten, Joel Meyerowitz, Denny Moers, Walter Winings Nelson, Ellen Phelan, Sandy Skoglund, Todd Watts, and William Wegman.

For more information on Marywood art galleries, visit marywood.edu/galleries.

Price is Right show

The F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts will play host to The Price is Right Live™ interactive stage show on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are online at ticketmaster.com, kirbycenter.org and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office in downtown Wilkes-Barre, A.F.M.

Alongside a celebrity host, randomly selected contestants play everyone's favorite games like Plinko, Cliffhangers, The Big Wheel, and the fabulous Showcase. The show features an array of fantastic prizes, from appliances and electronics to dream vacations and even a brand-new car.

Swan Lake Ballet

The World Ballet Company will bring its production of *Swan Lake* to the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$49, \$59, \$79 and \$99 plus fees. Tickets can be purchased online at kirbycenter.org, ticketmaster.com, and at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or by calling 570-826-1100.

The production will feature richly detailed, with hand-painted sets and over 150 radiant costumes that bring fresh representation to this timeless classic.

To date, World Ballet Company has traveled to more than 280 cities, reaching an audience of more than 250,000. Learn more about the World Ballet Company at <https://worldballetseries.com/>

Golf Tournament

The Lackawanna College Athletics Department announces the return of the Lackawanna College annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, June 3, at Elmhurst Country Club.

Attendees are invited to a day of camaraderie and competition featuring activities like hole sponsors, closest-to-the-pin contests, longest drive competitions, door prizes and raffles.

The tournament starts with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the club house, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. At 5:30 p.m., dinner will be in the club house, with prizes awarded and raffle items drawn.

The tournament is open to teams of four and individual golfers, starting at \$200 for single golfer registration, and \$800 for a team. Proceeds from this event will support the needs of student-athletes through various athletic department programming.

Golfers and their teams interested in participating are encouraged to go to register.earlyonline. Parties interested in sponsoring the event can also find additional information on sponsorship packages and ways to get involved.

Marywood art exhibit

The Maslow Study Gallery for Contemporary Art at Marywood University is featuring the exhibit, *Illuminated: Color Photography in the Maslow Collection*, though June 28. The Gallery is open Monday-Fri-

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