

Dunmorean of the Month

Myron Fedor



By Steve Svetovich

Myron Fedor, 69, has always had a strong work ethic. He spent about 25 years working for RCA at Keystone Industrial Park until the company folded, and then put in 14 years as a Dunmore DPW worker.

When he retired, he wanted to keep busy. So, he became a volunteer worker. He has a loyal commitment and passion when it comes to volunteer work.

The lifelong Dunmore resident is a paragon of what represents a volunteer.

He is a longtime active member of Sherwood Park and Saint Anthony's Park Associations in Dunmore. He volunteers for both.

Over the years, the retired Dunmore DPW worker has put in countless hours cutting the grass at Sherwood Park. He always makes sure the grass is not too high and nice and trim.

For the past 20 plus years, the humble Dunmore native has been a key cog and planner for the annual Sherwood Park Festival held each summer in the borough. And you will find him selling the potato pancakes all three days of the event.

At Saint Anthony's Park, you will find the hard-working Fedor at the concession stand providing service for the Holy Cross high school football games, plus an assortment of other activities.

This past summer he volunteered to work at Saint Joseph's Festival at Marywood. He signed up to volunteer his time there when he went to

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Cemetery tours continue October 6



The Receiving Vault at Dunmore Cemetery is shown above decorated for the annual Fall Cemetery Tour by the Dearly Departed Plays. The final tour of the season is scheduled for October 6.

The Dearly Departed Players will be at Dunmore Cemetery for one final tour of the year on Sunday, October 6, at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 570-344-3819. At right, Dearly Departed Player David Byers is shown rehearsing for his role as taxidermist George P. Friant.



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Elder housing applications due October 7

NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania (NeighborWorks) and the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging are collaborating to bring the Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO) program to Lackawanna County to assist older adults in being able to live safely and independently, near caregivers, in their community.

Through a grant awarded to Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) and Pennsylvania for Aging (P4A) through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) NeighborWorks and Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging have been given the opportunity provide a new unit to Lackawanna County older adults.

Three units have currently been placed in the Northeastern Pennsylvania region through the ECHO program.

ECHO units are small, separate, manufactured residences that are temporarily placed on the property of an older adult's friend or family member, maintaining independence for the older adult while the property owner is still able to provide care giving to ensure the safety of the older adult is maintained.

Applications will be accepted until October 7. Interested parties can access the application and Frequently Asked Questions on NeighborWorks website at www.nwnepa.org or at the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging office located at 123 Wyoming Avenue, 4th Floor, Scranton PA 18509.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria: host property located in Lackawanna County; older adult income at or below 80% area median income; older adult must be able to live independently but require occasional caregiver assistance; older adult must be agreeable to paying affordable rent.

For more information and a schedule of events please contact Mary Endrusick, Director of Aging in Place at 570-558-2490.

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purchase his "Go Joe (Snedeker)" 2024 t-shirt and cap.

These are just a few of the senior citizen's volunteer activities. He always makes himself available when family and friends call.

"Anything for the kids," is one of his famous lines.

The 1973 Bishop O'Hara graduate said he enjoyed his 25 years working at RCA, but when the plant closed he welcomed the opportunity to work outdoors with the Dunmore DPW department.

"I spent all of those years working indoors with RCA," he said, "so it was nice to finally get an outdoor job. I really liked being outdoors."

Fedor said his hobbies are reading and fishing. "You know," he said, "I used to fish all the time when I was working. However, I don't fish too much since retiring."

Fedor, who retired from the DPW department in 2021, said he has been volunteering at Saint Anthony's Playground for the past decade. He ran the pancake stand at the Sherwood Park Summer Festival this past August.

He works the concession stand at Saint Anthony's Playground for both the Holy Cross practices and football games.

"I also cut the grass and take the garbage out at Sherwood Park," he said.

"I grew up in Dunmore and never left. A friend asked me to join these organizations as a volunteer and I'm happy I did. I love it.

"I love Dunmore. I've lived here my whole life. I used to play pickup basketball every night at Sherwood Park. In the old days, kids were out there playing every night.

"Now they have a soccer program with 580 kids involved at Sherwood Park. It's quite a program.

"I always liked living in Dunmore and love volunteering. It keeps me busy and I like helping out."



Dunmore Firefighters IAFF Local 860 has announced that on September 16 Dunmore Fire Departments 2006 Crimson rescue/pumper, shown above, was loaded onto a trailer to be taken to Alabama to begin refurbishment. While its Rescue is gone, Scranton Fire Department Local 60 has lent a reserve engine from the Scranton Fire Department.



The Mayor's Message

by Max Conway



Mayor thanks all those who made summer program such a massive success

A big thank you to everyone who made this year's summer program such a massive success! Our student workers, amazing teachers, and Chris Kearney, our fantastic DCC supervisor, put in an incredible effort to ensure the kids had a blast.

From fun activities to learning opportunities, every day was filled with smiles, and it was all thanks to this team's hard work and dedication.

The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive—they loved seeing their kids engaged, active, and having fun all summer long. We're truly grateful for the time and energy everyone put in to make this program a highlight of the summer for so many families in the borough. Thank you again!



While Dunmore's Rescue is gone, Scranton Fire Department Local 60 has lent a reserve engine, above, from the Scranton Fire Department. The Dunmore firefighters would like to thank their brothers and sisters from Scranton for loaning an engine for a few months while the Dunmore engine is being refurbished.

Holy Cross HS announces cast members for 'The Music Man'

Holy Cross High School will present "The Music Man" on November 22, 23 and 24.

Cast members include Chris-

topher Rotell-Tierney as Professor Harold Hill; Avah Boock as Marian Paroo; Gavin Brennan as Marcellus Washburn;

Liz Myers as Mrs. Paroo; Lila Tallo as Winthrop Paroo; Natalia Matrone as Mrs. Eulalia Schinn; C.J. Muir as Mayor

Schinn; Michael Frederickson as Olinn Britt; Jonathan Novak as Ewart Dunlop and Thomas Gilchrist as Oliver Hix.

Also, Madison Barlow as

Jacey Squires; Cameron Kelly as Zanetta Schinn; James Kennedy as Tommy Dijlas; Emma Triano as Alma Hix; Lily Turnbull as Maud Dunlop; Ally Bilski as Ethel Toffelmier; Neveah Harrington as Mrs. Squires; Juliana Dudley as Amaryllis; Sarah Sumski as Gracie Schinn; Gracie Gregorowicz as Constable Lock, and William Muir as Charlie Cowell.

Dance captains for the show are Cameron Kelly, Olivia Strazzeri and Lily Turnbull.

The High School Ensemble includes Olivia Byron, Elizabeth Coval, Grace Donahue, Mary Guiziewicz, Alyssa Hartman, Keira Lalli, Libby Lalli, Cole Lipinski, Grace O'Malley, Anna Polishan, Bridget Rasimovich, Allie Romanchick, Olivia Strazzeri, Sophia Triano, Miriam Valentine and Julie Walsh.

The River City Band includes Audrey Albert, Sadie Battenberg, Nina DeSantis, Diana Idhaw, Cameron Jezorowski, Jarys Jezorowski, Rowan McDonald, Max Meola, Sarah O'Brien, Andi Roman-chick and Skylynn Williams.



Members of the cast and crew for "The Music Man" at Holy Cross High School include, first row, from left: Sarah Sumski, Katie Apolinario, and Lila Tallo. Second row, same order: Sophia Triano, Elizabeth Coval, Christopher Rotell Tierney, who portrays Harold Hill, and Avah Boock, who plays Marian Paroo; Emma Triano, and Allison Romanchick. Third row: William Muir, Alexis Bilski, Madison Barlow, Michael Fredrickson, Thomas Gilchrist, Gavin Brennan, Clinton Muir, Jonathan Novak, and Alyssa Hartman.



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Retired fireman Vince Sardo writes best-selling book

Dunmore's Vince Sardo, 58, is living proof anyone can overcome hardships and hard times.

And he's used those life experiences to write an international best selling book.

He will promote that best-seller during a book launch Friday, October 4, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Scranton Art Haus, 301 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton.

Son of the late John "Beansey" Sardo and Nancy Alunni Bevan, the best-selling author is a retired Dunmore fireman.

He worked for the Dunmore Fire Department for 19 years, retiring in 2019. He took after his late dad, who was a Dunmore firefighter from 1966 through 1995. His dad died in 2022.

Sardo's book, entitled "Legs on a Table," is about overcoming adversity. He interviewed 18 people who overcame adversity to

become successful in life. Noted local business owner and entrepreneur John Basalyga is one of his subjects.

"It's about the four core pillars that turn dreams into reality," Sardo said. "You need to be determined, resilient, persistent, and love yourself."

"This book is about people who experienced fear and failure and came out of it," Sardo explains. "I've been part of a religious cult and came out of it. I was clinically dead years ago from drugs and came out of that alive."

"This is a love story about overcoming adversity in life. It's my story and that of 18 others."

The book was released August 21 and soon hit number one in three categories on Amazon in America.

A motivational speaker, Sardo enjoys writing and became very goal-oriented following his retirement

from the Dunmore Fire Department. He held various leadership positions in the fire department such as secretary, treasurer, vice president and lobbyist/legislative liaison.

"Those leadership roles most definitely helped me in life," he said. "Those roles helped to inspire this book."

Sardo's debut book, "Legs on a Table: The Four Pillars to Transform Dreams into Reality," reached number one in the Inspirational Personal Testimonies category on Amazon USA and Testimonies category on Amazon Canada, highlighting its powerful message of resilience and transformation.

The book launch signing at the Scranton Art Haus will provide attendees the opportunity to meet Sardo, hear about his inspirations for the book, and get copies signed.

The book features his personal story of overcoming near-death experience and rebuilding his life, along with the other 18 everyday champions who faced and triumphed over significant challenges.

From Basalyga, who built a successful real estate career from humble beginnings, to Joseph Barna, a World War II veteran who became a published author at 93, and Dr. Jill Murray, who rose from driving a UPS truck to becoming President of Lackawanna College, the book offers practical insights on resilience, determination and the power of self-belief.

"I'm overwhelmed by the support the book has received," said Sardo. "These stories are meant to inspire people, no matter where they are in life. I'm thrilled to celebrate this journey with the community."

Sardo's best-selling book, available on Amazon, features a 30-day action plan to help readers implement practical lessons from the book in their own lives. The book is also a best-seller on Amazon Canada.

"There was a time when I thought my story had already ended," said Sardo. "That came January 1, 1990. I was lying on a hospital bed after a drug overdose. My heart had stopped. I was only 23 years old."



"I had lost everything. I lost my business, marriage, and nearly my life. I was clinically dead."

"In that dark, suspended moment, I faced the truth. I had become everything I never wanted to be. I had become a quitter, filled with failure and disappointment."

"But against all odds, I survived," Sardo explains. "And in that moment, I made a vow that if I ever got a second chance, I would not waste it."

"That's why I wrote this book."

I wrote it to share the tools that helped me rebuild my life and to show that no matter how many times you fail, that you can also rise. This book isn't about perfection. It's about perseverance. It's about reclaiming your dreams, potential and life.

"With the right mindset and actions, you can turn even the darkest moments into stepping stones."

The Dunmore native is the proud father of three children: Angel, 32; Shala, 30, and Vincent Rocco, 28.



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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Congratulations to Sophia Talutto on being elected Dunmore High School's Student Body President!



The Dunmore Junior Bucks Football and Cheerleading teams held a pizza and wing party recently at Dunmore Fire Headquarters for providing EMS standby's at the football games. Dunmore Firefighters Local 1AFF is honored to help the youth organizations of the community and appreciate the kind gesture.



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Stories celebrate 96 years in life of writer Guy Valvano

By Jenna Macciocco-Urban

What would it be like to reach 96? That's the question we posed to our grandfather, Guy Valvano, who reflected, "It went by so quickly."

This month, we are deeply grateful to celebrate both his 96th birthday and the release of his autobiography—a project we worked on as a family.

Over the years, my grandfather would often encourage my cousins, our children, and me to write down stories. It was something he wished he had done throughout his life, almost like keeping a journal. However, he never fully embraced the practice.

Ironically, despite this wish, he authored 12 books and countless articles during his illustrious 40-year career as a sports writer. His stories about the people he met and the experiences he had were captivating to all of us.

But what intrigued us even more were the stories of his childhood and how he met our grandmother.

One evening at dinner, I decided to ask him about those early days for my own memory. It turned into a heartwarming conversation about his journey into sports writing. I couldn't help but ask if he felt fulfilled by his career choice.

Reflecting on this, my grandfather revealed that the joy he experienced as a 10-year-old creating his first paper collage mirrored the fulfillment he felt every day as a sports writer.

That sense of purpose stayed



with him throughout his remarkable career.

This conversation sparked an idea—why not capture his stories for future generations? We knew time was of the essence, so we enlisted the help of writer Tom Robinson to help us bring the project to life.

Each family member played a role: we crafted questions, recorded Pop's answers, and transcribed them for Tom.

Even during Pop's hospital stays this summer, we worked on the book, determined to complete it. The project became a labor of love for our entire family.

Through this journey, we revisited familiar characters and learned new things about our grandfather.

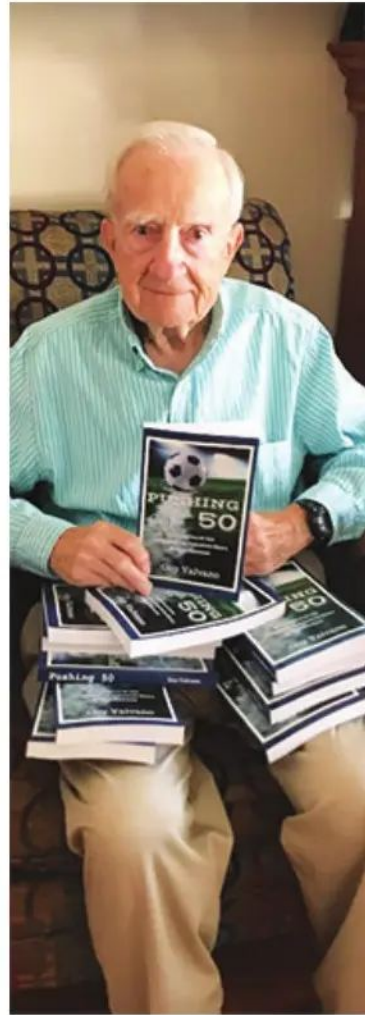
Why is our family so close-knit? I believe this project brought us even closer, giving Pop the opportunity to share his wisdom while allowing us to understand him in a deeper way.

We're excited to share his story with you and encourage others to do the same with their loved ones.

Even if it's not in the form of a book, recording conversations or keeping journals can create priceless memories for future generations. There are even apps that make it easier to document stories.

For our family, this book will always be a treasured keepsake, something we can pass down to our children and their children. Everyone has a story worth sharing, and we're honored to share Pop's with the world.

For more information on his book visit www.guyvalvano.com



Guy Valvano is shown with of his 12 books, "Pushing 50," a chronicle of the University of Scranton's men's soccer program. Other books include "The Lynett Legacy," "The Dream Lives On," "State Champions," "A Love of Football," "Hail Cesare," "Royals of Renown," "Cougar Pride: A History of Valley View High School Football," "Like Father, Like Son," "No Ordinary Joe," "Winning Ways," and "Thanksgiving Memories."



Guy Valvano, a retired sportswriter from Dunmore, who has written 12 books, worked with his family to provide information and memories for his upcoming autobiography.



Guy Valvano is shown during his early days as a sportswriter and editor. During his long journalism career, the Dunmorean covered many sporting events in the area and he met and/or interviewed many sports legends, including Joe Paterno, Brooks Robinson, Willie Mays, and Yogi Berra.

Guy Valvano's Career:

Guy Valvano became fascinated with high school athletics while an elementary student in the Dunmore School District. When he moved on to high school he became a member of the Dunmore High School basketball team and kept close to other sports by keeping score for the baseball teams and serving as the statistician of the football team.

Valvano started his newspaper career late in the summer of 1946, a few months after his graduation from high school. He was hired as a copy boy by The Scranton Tribune, a morning daily, and its sister newspaper, The Scrantonian, a Sunday publication.

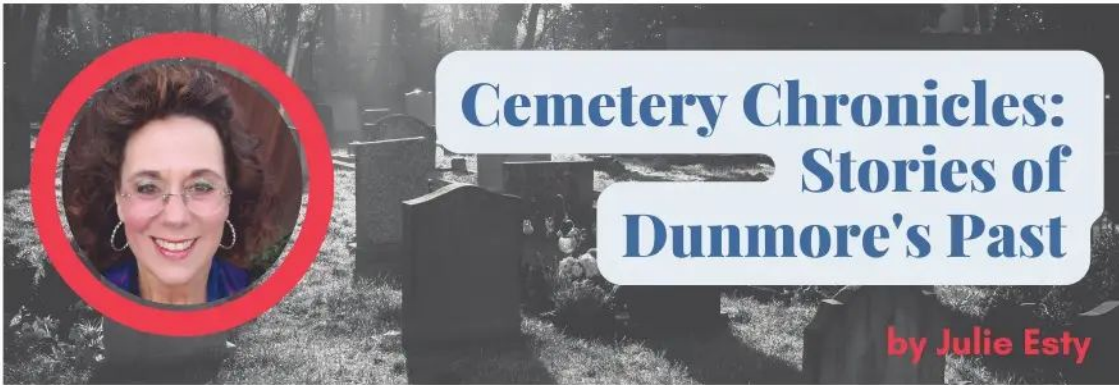
After six months, he was promoted to correspondent, a position he held for 2 1/2 years, before his appointment to the general news staff of the two newspapers.

Valvano covered high school, college, and amateur athletics during his 43 years as an employee of the newspapers. At the time of his retirement in 1990, he was sports editor of The Scrantonian and assistant sports editor of The Scranton Tribune.

Two years after his retirement, he resurfaced as sports information director at Lackawanna Junior College, retiring after 11 years to follow the athletic pursuits of his grandchildren.

Books written by Guy Valvano are "The Dream Lives On," a history of the football Dream Game; "State Champions," which chronicles the Scranton area teams that won state basketball titles, and "Royals of Renown," a tribute to the men's and women's basketball teams at the University of Scranton that captured national championships.

He lives in Dunmore with his wife of 71 years, Marie. He has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grand children.



Fahrenheit couple provided costumes to many

"A person should always choose a costume that is in direct contrast to her own personality." (Lucy Van Pelt, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown)

From the mid-1800s to early 1900s costumed dances, parties, theatricals, and of course, Halloween events, were frequent, well-attended events in the Lackawanna Valley.

One Scranton couple, now buried in the Dunmore Cemetery, provided costuming to countless

merrymakers and performers for almost four decades.

Katherine Horn, born in Germany in 1839, came to the United States in 1859. John Fahrenheit, born in Germany in 1844, came to the United States in 1866. The two were married in St. Luke's Church in Scranton in August 1871.

During their marriage, the couple had 11 children, but only three - Violet, Theodore, and Henry - survived to adulthood.

Earliest accounts of the Fahrenheit's show that, following their

marriage, the couple assisted Katherine's father, John, in the daily operation of his hotel located on Penn Avenue in Scranton.

By the 1880s, John and Katherine Fahrenheit were in business for themselves as suppliers of costumes. Fahrenheit's, a full-fledged costume shop on Penn Avenue, carried a complete line of masks, wigs and makeup.

Katherine designed and constructed costumes. John traveled throughout the Lackawanna Valley with portions of the store inventory



for rental to those residing outside of Scranton. One regular town on the sales route was Carbondale where Fahrenheit's supplied costumes for numerous parades and balls.

In addition to providing costumes for valley residents, over their years in business, John and Katherine branched out in their financial endeavors.

Visitors to Fahrenheit's Penn Avenue establishment could also purchase an array of confections and ice cream.

Over the years, the store was also stocked with a line of men's clothing, a barber shop and John Fahrenheit was also a real estate and steamship ticket agent.

One reason for the varied offerings was that despite the success of the costume store, possibly it was not enough to consistently sustain the family. Damage and loss of costuming was an expected part of the enterprise.

One example of this was the

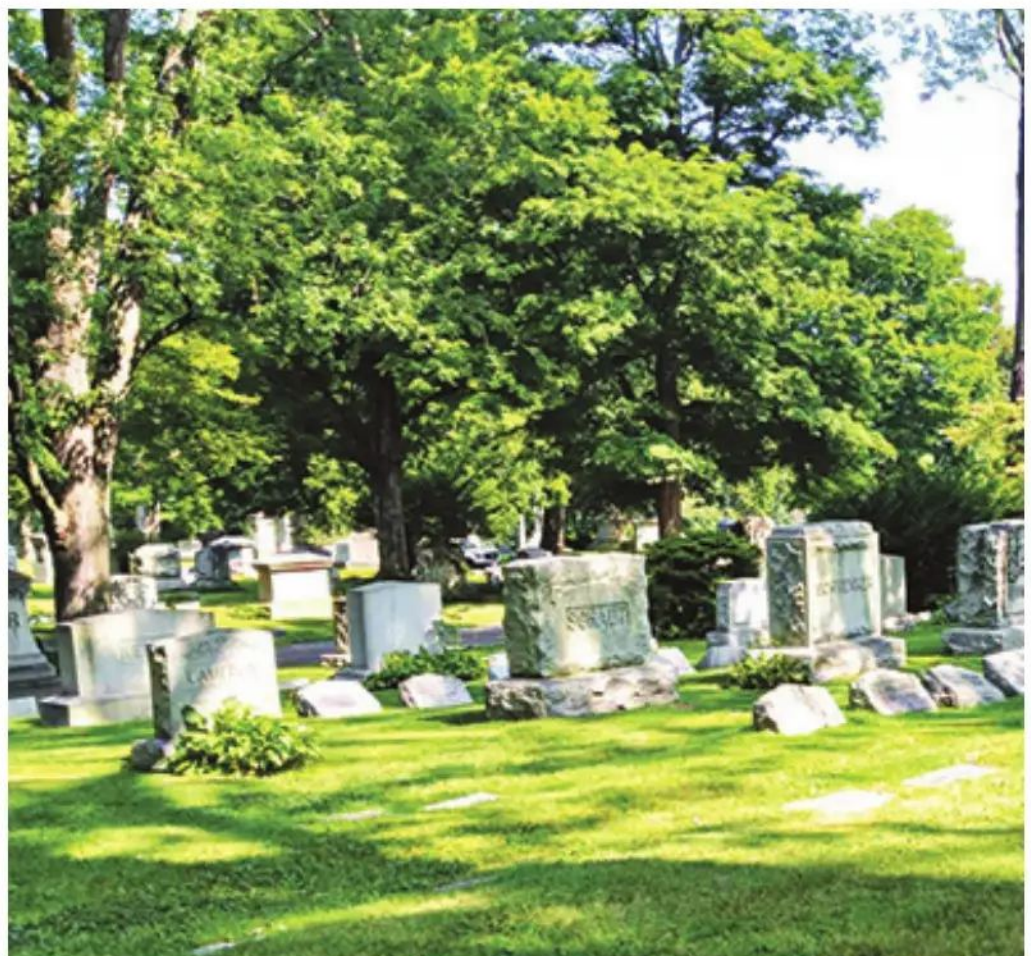
1896 Carbondale Fourth of July parade. Torrential rains caused considerable damage to a substantial number of costumes.

In his discouragement on this occasion, John Fahrenheit stated that the costumes were reduced to being only usable for linings, and that despite not having any competition for 150 miles, the costume business did not pay. Regardless of this setback, Fahrenheit's continued to dress partygoers and theatricals for another two decades.

Katherine Fahrenheit died at the age of 78 on July 28, 1917 of a gastric ulcer. John followed her in death on December 23, 1918 at the age of 74 from acute gastritis.

The couple who provided beautiful disguises to Northeastern Pennsylvania revelers for decades now rest peacefully together in Section Twenty-two of the Dunmore Cemetery.

Happy Halloween



The Fahreholts now rest in unmarked graves in Section 22 of the Dunmore Cemetery.



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"MAXIMIZING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR NEW BUSINESS: A PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL PERSPECTIVE"

BY: JOHN M. HART, III, ESQ.

Starting a business in Pennsylvania can be both exciting and challenging. Fortunately, the state offers various grants and financial assistance programs designed to help entrepreneurs.

Whether you're located in Lackawanna County or elsewhere in the state, understanding available grant programs is essential. In this article, we will explore several key grant opportunities, including the Local Share Account (LSA) grants, the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) through local municipalities. We'll also explain how working with an attorney can help you maximize these resources to build your business.

Local Share Account (LSA) Grants:

Statewide and Monroe County The Local Share Account (LSA) program, established under the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, allocates gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority

(CFA) to support projects that benefit the public. These grants are available statewide, with specific programs tailored to regions like Monroe County and its neighboring areas, which include Lackawanna County.

LSA – Statewide: This program provides funding for projects of public interest across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grants focus on infrastructure, economic development, job creation, and public safety projects.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, and economic development organizations, but businesses can benefit indirectly by partnering with these entities on projects that spur economic growth.

LSA – Monroe County: Under the Act, Monroe County and its five contiguous counties—Carbon, Lackawanna, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne—are eligible for LSA funding. The grants can be used to support a variety of public interest projects, including community improvement, economic development, and roadway enhancements.

For businesses in Lackawanna County, this means you can access funding for projects that directly improve infrastructure and economic opportunities in your local area.

Benefits for New Businesses:

Although LSA grants are typically awarded to government and non-profit entities, new businesses can partner with these organizations to benefit from infrastructure improvements or community projects that enhance the local economy. These grants provide opportunities for indirect funding or access to enhanced services that will help your business thrive in a well-supported environment.

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program that provides financial support for large-scale projects with substantial economic impact.

These projects often include real estate development, infrastructure improvements, and job creation. New businesses looking

to establish facilities, develop commercial properties, or create large numbers of jobs can apply for RACP grants through a competitive process.

Benefits for New Businesses:

RACP funding is ideal for businesses involved in real estate or infrastructure development. The capital provided can cover significant costs that would otherwise require private funding. Additionally, businesses that contribute to community revitalization or job creation have a higher chance of securing RACP funding, making it a powerful tool for businesses aiming to make a substantial local impact.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Local Programs

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funded by the federal government and administered locally, supports economic development in low- and moderate-income communities. Businesses opening in these areas may qualify for grants that fund infrastructure improvements or help create jobs.

City of Scranton Micro-Grants:

The City of Scranton offers micro-grants to small businesses for startup expenses. These grants are often used for equipment purchases, marketing, or other essential early-stage costs.

Loan-to-Grant Programs:

Some local municipalities, including Scranton, offer loan-to-grant conversion programs. These programs provide businesses with initial loans that can convert into grants after meeting specific conditions, such as maintaining business operations or creating jobs for a certain period.

Benefits for New Businesses:

CDBG and local municipal programs are particularly useful for startups in underserved communities. Micro-grants help cover initial costs, and loan-to-grant programs reduce the long-term financial burden by converting loans into non-repayable grants. These programs provide flexible, accessible funding for businesses looking to establish themselves in areas that need economic stimulation.

How a Lawyer Can Help You Leverage These Grants

Navigating the grant application process, understanding eligibility requirements, and forming your business can be complex. This is where working with an attorney can be invaluable. Here's how legal counsel can assist you:

1. Business Formation: An attorney will help you choose the

right legal structure for your business, whether that's a sole proprietorship, LLC, or corporation. Each entity type has implications for taxes, liability, and eligibility for certain grants.

2. Grant Application and Documentation:

Many grant programs require detailed documentation, including business plans, financial projections, and proof of economic impact. An attorney can help ensure your grant application is complete, accurate, and competitive.

3. Compliance and Contracts:

Grant funding often comes with conditions—such as creating jobs, staying operational for a certain period, or reporting financials. A lawyer can help you navigate these obligations and ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.

4. Partnership and Contract Negotiation:

In programs like LSA, where grants are often awarded to municipalities or non-profit organizations, businesses can benefit by partnering with these entities. An attorney can assist in structuring partnership agreements or contracts to ensure your business secures a share of the benefits.

5. Long-Term Strategy: Beyond immediate funding, an attorney can help develop a long-term legal and financial strategy that maximizes growth while leveraging available grants and other financial resources.

In Pennsylvania, there are numerous grant opportunities available to new businesses, ranging from statewide programs like LSA and RACP to local funding through CDBG and micro-grant programs. Understanding how to access and leverage these resources can provide the financial foundation you need to start and grow your business.

However, navigating the complexities of grant applications, business formation, and legal compliance requires expert guidance.

Partnering with an attorney ensures your business is well-positioned to take advantage of these opportunities while minimizing risk.

Whether you need help forming your business, applying for grants, or ensuring compliance, a lawyer can provide essential support at every stage of the process.

If you're ready to get your business started with the help of Pennsylvania's grant programs, consider consulting an attorney at Hart Law to guide you through the process and set you on the path to success.



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Dunmore High School Homecoming Queen, King and Court



Congratulations to Dunmore High School's 2024 Homecoming Queen Maggie Jimmie and Homecoming King Cole Fangio.



Members of the 2024 Homecoming Court at Dunmore High School are pictured above.



Dunmore High School's golf team recently celebrated its Senior Day. Congratulations to the senior team members and their parents.

DHS students successful in AP exams

Dunmore School District has announced that 73 students had a score of three or higher on the AP exams from May, 2024. Most colleges will grant credit in the academic areas of their exams to these students who have met the rigor of challenging course.

Dunmore High School's Advanced Placement programs position its students to enter college with credits, serving them both financially and academically.

The District calls attention to the following AP teachers: Mr. Alan Roche, U.S. Government and Politics, with 18 AP students; Mrs. Dana Shields, U.S. History, 7 students; Mr. John Bennett, Chemistry, 7 students; Mr. Brian

Olivieri, Biology, 7 students; Ms. Kaitlyn Bevans, Statistics, 6 students; Mrs. Michelle Summers, English Literature and Composition, 7 students; Mr. William O'Malley, Psychology, 6 students; Mrs. Patricia Mataloni, English Language and Composition, 7 students; Mr. Jeffrey Mills, Calculus, 4 students; Mr. Anthony Rennekamp, Physics, 2 students; Mrs. Linda Muraco, Environmental Science, 1 student, and Mrs. Tara Cooper, Spanish Language and Culture, 1 student.

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BY CHERYL RADKIEWICZ

During one of my many trips to the Scranton Farmers' Market this season, I was introduced to Mountain View Mushrooms. What a find!!!

The young man who started the business is Hunter Vargo, a handsome, delightful gentleman, whose hobby became a passion during Covid..

A 2021 graduate of Wallenpaupack Area, Vargo grows a variety of mushrooms including Lions Mane, Blue Oyster, King Pearl, Pearl Oyster, Enoki, Shitake, and Pink Oyster.

I thoroughly enjoyed touring his website: mountainvmushrooms.com, where one can view the process from start to finish, including some of his trial-and-error exper-

iments. Being a retired teacher, I admired his scientific process.

Arriving home after the market, I prepared ribeye steak with his oyster mushrooms for dinner. I prepared them simply with butter and salt, so I might have the best tasting experience.

Honestly, they were meaty and dense....what a difference from the white button sold in every grocery store! This has spoiled my tastebuds forever....

Vargo not only sells to the public at the market and near his growing building in Hawley, but also to numerous high-end restaurants. Mountain View Mushrooms are sure to perk up any meal you prepare.

Here are some recipes I'm

Young entrepreneur grows and sells mushrooms

HEAVENLY MUSHROOM SOUP

¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup flour
2 cups chicken broth
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1-2 bay leaves
2/3 cup finely chopped celery
¼ cup finely chopped onion
3 Tbsp. cooking oil
4-5 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
2 Tbsp. dry sherry or Madeira
2/3 cup half and half or heavy cream

In a 2 quart saucepan melt butter and stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in broth until smooth. Add salt, pepper and bay leaves. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in another saucepan, saute' celery and onion in oil until tender. Add mushrooms and cook and stir until tender. Add veggies to broth mixture and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add sherry. Then add cream and heat through. Discard bay leaves and serve. Serves 4.

MUSHROOM RISOTTO

1 lb. fresh mushrooms, chopped
3 oz. butter

½ onion, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup arborio rice
½ cup white wine
3-4 cups chicken stock
3 Tbsp. butter
¼ cup Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper, to taste
Chopped Italian parsley

Start by lightly frying mushrooms in butter until tender. In another pan, saute' onions and garlic in olive oil until soft. Add rice and toss to coat. Add wine, reduce until dry. Start adding chicken broth, 2 ounces at a time, until rice is tender. Add mushrooms. Finish with butter and Parmesan off the heat. Season with salt, pepper and parsley. Serves 4.

MUSHROOM SAUTE' OVER PUFF PASTRY SHELLS

3 Tbsp. butter
½ cup chopped onion
8 oz. sliced mushrooms
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. sugar
1 tsp. soy sauce
Puff Pastry shells, baked according to package directions

Melt butter in skillet and add

onions. Saute' over medium heat for about one minute. Add mushrooms and continue to saute' over medium heat for another minute. Turn down heat and let cook, uncovered, until mushrooms begin to draw water. Continue to cook until almost all water has evaporated, and add salt, sugar and soy sauce. Serve atop a pastry shell.

BAKED LUMP CRABMEAT WITH MUSHROOMS

½ cup chopped onion
3 Tbsp. melted butter
2 cups sliced mushrooms
Soy sauce to taste
2 Tbsp. cornstarch mixed with 1/3 cup water
1 egg
1 Tbsp. chopped green pepper
1 Tbsp. prepared Dijon mustard
1 cup mayonnaise
1 lb. fresh or pasteurized jumbo lump crabmeat
¾ cup fresh breadcrumbs
2 tsp. paprika
4 Tbsp. white wine or sherry

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Saute' onions in butter until transparent. Add mushrooms and saute' over medium heat. Allow mushrooms to release their water, but do not evaporate it. Add soy sauce,

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Cheryl's CUISINE

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stir, and thicken with cornstarch-water mixture until mushrooms are very thick. Remove from heat and set aside.

Blend together egg, green pepper and mustard in blender or food processor. Add mayonnaise to this mixture blending with a wire whisk. Do NOT use food processor. Add mushrooms to mayonnaise mixture, blend, then fold in crabmeat very carefully into that mixture. Place in large ovenproof casserole. Sprinkle bread crumbs over top evenly until completely covered. Dust with paprika, then sprinkle with wine or sherry. This keeps the bread crumbs from burning during the baking. Place crabmeat in oven, and bake for 15 minutes if casserole is shallow. If deep, add a few more minutes until heated through. Serves 4.



Hunter Vargo, founder of Mountain View Mushrooms, is shown with a selection of his product recently at the Scranton Farmers' Market this season. A graduate of Wallenpaupack Area High School, Vargo's hobby has turned into a business.



Two long-time Catholic educators in the Diocese of Scranton were presented with the Saint John Paul II Award for 25 years of dedicated service to Catholic education in the Diocese of Scranton on Sept. 16, at Saint Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre. Participating in the presentation are, from left: Charlene Haggerty, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools; James Renfer, Wyoming Area Catholic School, Exeter; Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton; Heather Feher, Saint Nicholas/Saint Mary School, Wilkes-Barre; and Kristen Donohue, Diocesan Secretary for Catholic Education/Superintendent of Catholic Schools.



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Keystone Chapter UNICO is conducting a Designer Purse & Cash Prize Bingo Fundraiser on Sunday, October 27 at Saint Mary's Center, Mifflin Avenue, Scranton with Griffin Pond Animal Shelter as the featured beneficiary. Guests bringing donations of animal items will receive one Special's Game Card. Doors open at 1 p.m. and games start at 2 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available at \$25 by calling Nan at 570-954-0117, Michele at 570-343-7009, or any Chapter Member. At the door tickets are \$30. There will be 20 games, each with three faces, plus four Specials Games, along with food for purchase, a 50/50, and a basket raffle. A Loser's Table with lightly-used designer bags will be available, selling at \$25 each. There are only 300 \$20 chances for a Louis Vuitton Designer Purse valued at \$1,760. If unable to attend, these tickets are available by calling Gloria at 570-357-6385 and you need not be present to win. Committee members include, front row from left: Terese Pellegrino and Mary Lou Karliak. Back row: Lenore Latarewicz, Tina Haas, Frank Cicci, Chapter President, Michele and Mark McDade, Cesira Berardelli, Gene and Toni DiVizio, Cathy Bianchi, Cathy Gerard, Bingo Co-chair Gloria Rizzo, Ann Summa and Louise Ligi. Missing from picture is Bingo Co-chair Nan Gramigna.

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The UNICO Foundation's Ralph Torracco Food/Shelter Fund recently donated \$500 to the Saint Patrick Food Pantry. The UNICO Foundation is pleased to support such a worthy cause, especially in these challenging times. Pictured in the Food Pantry at the presentation are, from left: Mark McDade, UNICO Foundation Member; Father Richard Fox, Saint Patrick Parish Pastor; Michael Rescigno, UNICO Foundation Torracco Food/Shelter Fund Committee Chairman, and Frank Blasi, Esq., UNICO Foundation Trustee.



The Greater Scranton YMCA received a grant award on September 19 of \$6,500 from the BK5K Youth Fund of the Winona Community Foundation. Funds will support the YMCA's Year-Round Food Program, which provides daily nutritious meals and snacks to the children at the YMCA. Shown from left: Kelena Gonzalez, Food Program Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Rich Surridge, Interim CEO, Greater Scranton YMCA; Meghan Carnevale, Mission Advancement & Marketing Director, Greater Scranton YMCA; Whitney McDonald, SHUB Help Desk Manager, Fastenal, and Marcelo DeSousa, Regional Operations Manager, Fastenal.



Marywood offers 'Best Value' in 2025 rankings

Marywood University continues to offer the "Best Value" among Northeast Pennsylvania universities, according to the 2025 *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges* ranking.

Moving up four places to #18 on the regional universities (North) ranked for "Best Value," Marywood continues to demonstrate its affordability as the only local four-year private university included in this category.

According to *U.S. News*, the "Best Value" ranking considers a school's academic quality—the higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal. Only schools ranked in or near the top half of their categories are included, because *U.S. News* considers the most significant values to be among colleges that are above average academically.

Marywood, which was the only local university on the "Best Colleges for Veterans" (Regional Universities North), is ranked at #18 (tie), advancing a full 28 placements from last year's ranking. According to *U.S. News*, this designation includes the top-ranked schools in the 2025 Best Colleges rankings that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees.

Marywood University moved ahead six rankings, tying at #44, to strengthen its overall position on the "Best Regional Universities North" list, which includes institutions from seven states. Marywood is one of only four local universities to attain placement on this list, and the second highest ranked of those four, demonstrating its enduring quality as a higher education provider in the region.

Additionally, Marywood maintained its strong placement from last year in the Top Performers on Social Mobility, ranking #64 overall. This includes institutions that are more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants. The social mobility ranking also includes borrower debt and college graduates earning more than high school graduates.

For additional information about Marywood University, visit marywood.edu. For additional information about Marywood's rankings in *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges*, visit usnews.com/best-colleges/marywood-university-3296/overall-rankings.



The McDonald Foundation presented the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute with a \$5,000 donation to support its Community-Based Cancer Screening Navigation Program. Shown from left are: Karen M. Saunders, president, NRCI; Nevin Gerber, a representative of the McDonald Foundation and Spirit of Hope Ambassador, and Leo Vergnetti, Chairman of the Spirit of Hope Board of Ambassadors. The Spirit of Hope Board of Ambassadors is a group of community volunteers that hosts an annual Spirit of Hope Celebration in November at Mohegan Pennsylvania. Proceeds from the event benefit the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's Community-Based Cancer Screening Navigation Program. This program helps low income and un/underinsured individuals in northeast Pennsylvania get their recommended colorectal, breast, cervical, and lung cancer screenings. For more information about the Spirit of Hope Celebration, visit, www.spiritofhopecelebration.org.



Dunmore native Bill Ciccotti, left, and Rick Sabato of Sacks Tailors on Blakely Street recently enjoyed another fabulous Sunday Bucktown Musicfest. Rick's wife, Sandy, said, "I love these shindigs and especially the Dunmore's Got Talent part." Rick added, "I love the meatballs and all that great food at the festival." Rick's son, Ricky, was just finishing 36 holes of golf, but he showed up in time for the evening festivities. Good food, good friends and Dunmore Corners. It doesn't get any better than this. (Submitted by Bill Ciccotti)

NativityMiguel School leads way in science education



NativityMiguel School is leading the way in science education emphasizing hands-on learning, critical thinking, and real world application. A comprehensive STEM curriculum that challenges its students to explore and apply scientific principles through hands-on learning. The program is a cornerstone of the school's academic offerings. Science is part of the classroom learning as well as after-school programs, workshops, and clubs.



The Marywood University Music, Theatre, and Dance department will present "Mad Forest" by Caryl Churchill as its major fall theatre production. Performances will run from Thursday, October 3, through Sunday, October 6. "Mad Forest" is an exciting and compelling play about the events prior to, during, and after the Romanian revolution in 1989 that overthrew the Communist regime of Nicolae Ceausescu. Please note that Mad Forest contains mature content and adult language and is not suitable for all audiences. Performances, which will be held at the Munley Theater in the Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts, have showtimes at 7:30 p.m. each evening and a matinee-only performance on October 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for non-Marywood students. Marywood students, faculty, staff, and IHM sisters are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance by credit card online at <https://marywood.universitytickets.com> or with cash at the door.

NativityMiguel School of Scranton continues to lead the way in science education, reflecting a deep and ongoing commitment to providing students with a rigorous and innovative learning experience.

The school's robust science program is a cornerstone of its academic offerings, emphasizing hands-on learning, critical thinking, and real-world application.

At NativityMiguel School of Scranton, which is located in the Marywood University campus, science is woven into both curriculum and after-school programs as an integral part of its educational model.

Offerings include a comprehensive STEM curriculum that challenges students to explore and apply scientific principles through hands-on learning and engages students in exploring natural phenomena.

Beyond the classroom, students can participate in the LEGO Robotics Club, where they use coding to develop problem-solving and teamwork skills while engaging in fun, technology-driven projects.

The school's science program also integrates workshops on environmental studies and sustainability practices, reflecting a dedication to teaching students the importance of stewardship and responsible citizenship. Sixth grader Pragyan Rai beautifully illustrated the concept of growth with a simple yet powerful analogy.

"We measured bean sprouts. Each day we saw it grow a little bit. We learned how something small can grow to something big."

Just as bean sprouts slowly evolve into thriving plants, students develop and mature daily, making small strides that culminate in significant achievements. Pragyan's analogy serves as a reminder of the incredible potential within each student, nurtured day by day.

Additionally, architecture classes provide opportunities for students to delve into the world of design and construction, fostering creativity and critical thinking. Together, these programs ensure that our students are not only well-versed in science but are also prepared to innovate and lead in their future endeavors.

"At NativityMiguel, we prioritize a science curriculum that goes beyond the basics," said Sister Regina Bathalon SCC, Principal of NativityMiguel School of Scranton. "Our students benefit from a learning environment that fosters curiosity and innovation, preparing them to be the thinkers and problem-solvers of tomorrow."

This commitment extends beyond the classroom. Through partnerships and workshops with local colleges and organizations, NativityMiguel students have access to advanced research facilities, education, and mentorship opportunities that enrich their learning experience and exposes students to possible higher education degrees and careers. These collaborations have provided students with unique insights into the world of science, enabling them to explore their interests in a supportive and resource-rich environment.

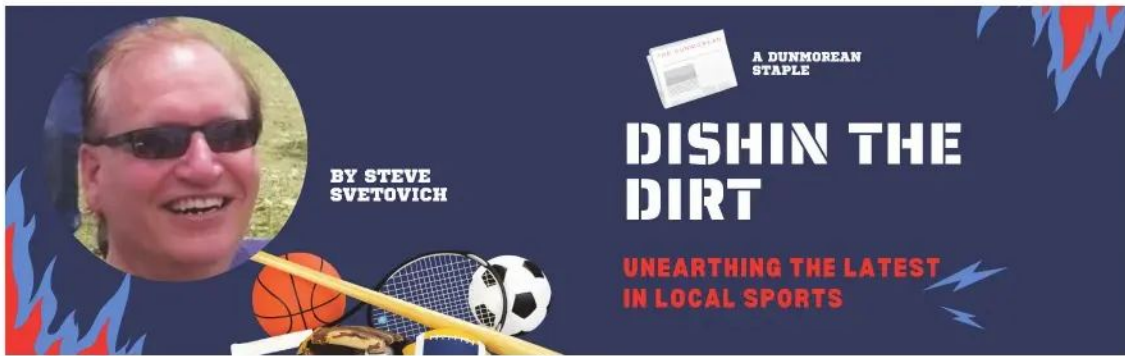
"Our approach to science education goes beyond just textbooks," said Ron Prislupski, President of NativityMiguel School of Scranton. "We are committed to providing our students with real-world experiences that make science come alive and inspire them to pursue their passions. This is all made possible through the dedication of our faculty and staff, along with the support of our wonderful partners, including Geisinger, Johnson College, and Marywood University. Together, as part of our NativityMiguel family, we work to ensure that our students are well-prepared for success in high school and beyond."

At NativityMiguel School of Scranton, the science program is designed to be inclusive and challenging, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. By emphasizing collaboration, inquiry-based learning, and practical application, the school prepares its students not only to understand scientific concepts but to apply them in ways that make a difference.

For more information about NativityMiguel School of Scranton and its science program, contact info@nmscranton.org or call 570-955-5176.

NativityMiguel School of Scranton is a private, Catholic, tuition-free middle school that provides a faith-based, rigorous academic education to underserved students in the Scranton area.

The school's mission is to nurture the potential of each student through a holistic approach that includes strong academic programs, individualized support, and a focus on moral and spiritual development.



Retired Dunmore fireman and best selling author **Vince Sardo** and former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardoizzi** among close to 110,000 in attendance at Beaver Stadium for Penn State's 21-7 over Illinois Saturday, September 28... Dunmore basketball program has bright future with its fifth grade team winning championship last year under coach **Bob Dempsey** and assistant **Mike Timlin**... Team members include **Liam Harrington**, **Colin McHale**, **Gavin Masters**, **Harrison Timlin**, **Ben Dempsey**, **Brayden McCarthy**, **Luke Dempsey** and **Brady Shulte**... **Liam Harrington**, who also plays soccer and baseball, is grandson of former Scranton Central and Penn State Worthington basketball standout **Mike Harrington**...

Dunmore girls' volleyball coach **Sue Dempsey** is among group of 10 being inducted into Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame Sunday, October 6, during annual induction dinner at Fiorelli's, Peckville... Dunmore's **Bob Walsh** is Chapter president... Mid Valley baseball product **Jerry Valonis** is vice president... Former Scranton Prep standout baseball shortstop and football player **Denny Pryle** among sellout crowd at Oakland A's final home game ever... Owners have team moving to Sacramento for next three years before scheduled move to Las Vegas in 2028... A's and majority of baseball fans not happy about move of iconic franchise with host of legendary players that include **Rickey Henderson**, **Reggie Jackson**, **Joe Rudi**, **Catfish Hunter**, **Vida Blue**, **Campy Campaneris**, **Kenny Holtzman**, **Rollie Fingers**, **Blue Moon Odom**, **Gene Tenace**, **Sal Bando**, **Ray Fosse**, **Bill North**, **Jose Canseco**, **Mark McGwire**, **Miguel Tejada**, **Dave "Smoke" Stewart**, **Bob Welch**, **Barry Zito**, **Dave "Hendu" Henderson**, **Paul Linblad**, **Darrell Knowles**, **Claudell Washington**, **Mike Epstein**, **Dick Green**, **Carney Lansford**, **Walt Weiss**, **Dave Parker**, **Terry Steinbach**, **Dwayne Murphy**, **Mike Norris**, **Steve McCatty**, **Josh Donaldson**, **Brent Rooker**, **Matt Olsen**, **Eric Chavez**, **Dennis "The Eck" Eckersley**, **Rick Honeycutt**, **Jason**

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Vince Fedor is first official assistant for Dunmore cross country program after being head coach for 53 years... **William Trip O'Malley** is current Dunmore cross country coach... He ran for him during his high school cross country career and was part of Lackawanna League championship team in 1991... Congratulations to coach **Joe Giorgio** and Holy Cross Crusaders football team who won third football game of season, 34-10, over Holy Redeemer, Saturday, September 28... Holy Cross senior quarterback/safety **Josh Lentowski** has been impressive leading Crusaders on both offense and defense...

Congratulations to Dunmore senior soccer standout **Tommy Clark** for 100th career goal, a first in school history... Congratulations to coach **Kevin McHale** and Dunmore Bucks for 20-14 win over Lakeland... Dunmore's **Izaiah Parker** scored on 63-yard touchdown run, his only carry of game... Dunmore quarterback **Jeff McNeff** hit **Xavier Burke** for an 18-yard touchdown toss in win... Do you remember Scranton Central football player **Mike McCabe**?... Do you remember Dunmore graduate and Wilkes University running back **Brett**

Trichilo running for 81 yards in 21-13 loss to Lycoming to become Middle Atlantic Conference career rushing leader with 4,422 yards 20 years ago?...

Connor Toole scored game winning goal on direct kick in second half to lead Dunmore to 3-2 Division II soccer win over Mountain View... **Tommy Clark** added two more goals for Bucks... Arena Football returning to Wilkes-Barre in 2025... **Amanda Demosey** had 11 kills and **Katelyn Henry** had 24 assists to lead Dunmore to 3-0 volleyball win over Forest City... Dunmore's **Leena Conte** added seven kills and 11 service points... **Emma Costanzo** had seven kills for the Bucks...

Holy Cross senior quarterback **Josh Lentowski** passed for a touchdown and ran for two in Crusaders 24-20 win over Hanover Area... At Pine Hills, **Steve Yurkovic** had two birdies and shot a 35 to lead Holy Cross to golf win over Scranton Knights, 167, 172... How about 58 homers for New York Yankees captain **Aaron Judge**... Yankees legendary broadcaster **John Sterling** came out of retirement to do radio for final six regular season and playoff contests... **Liza Froncek** set school record with five assists and tied single-game scoring record with four goals as Holy Cross soccer girls' soccer team beat Scranton, 12-0... **Trista Chickaletti** added hat trick and **Alaina Scassellati** added two of her own for Lady Crusaders... **Megan Hassaj**, **Natalya Musto** and **Olivia Wasp** scored one goal each...

Liam Sullivan scored off assist from **Jamie Prislupski** to lead Holy Cross to 1-0 soccer win over Mid Valley... Dunmore's **Gabe Francek** rushed for 96 yards in Bucks 7-6 win over Carbondale Area... **Xavier Burke** scored game-tying touchdown while Dunmore kicker **Eric Reese** kicked extra point to seal win...

How about Detroit Tigers coming back from 11 games out of wild card spot in late August to secure AL wild card spot... **Ohtani** 50-50 season huge accomplishment, but tainted by easier stolen base rules implemented by MLB commissioner **Rob Manfred**... Do you remember **Bobby Brier**?... Whatever became of **Shoody Babbit**?...



The Dunmore Bucks have dedicated their season to the late Sonny Crotti, and keep his locker in his memory. Sonny would have turned 17 years old last month.



Dunmore High School's Girls Tennis Team recently celebrated its Senior Day. Congratulations to the senior team members and their parents.

DHS soccer star Tommy Clark first to score 100th career goal

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore High School senior soccer player Tommy Clark was All-Regional for a third time and All-State last season.

So what does he do for an encore this year?

He scores his 100th career goal, a first in the Dunmore soccer program.

Son of Tom and Molly Clark, the Dunmore senior standout scored four goals, including the 100th of his career, as Dunmore defeated Mid Valley, 2-0, in a Lackawanna League boys soccer match on Saturday, September 7.

His milestone goal came unassisted at the 7:55 mark of the first half. He also had two assists.

The Dunmore soccer stalwart led Dunmore to nine wins in its first 10 soccer matches this season.

Besides his All-Regional and All-State honors last season, Tommy was named Player of the Year in his division.

"Scoring the 100th goal was pretty special," Tommy said. "It was a nice feeling and very satisfying. I did it with the help

of all the guys on the team. They helped make the plays. It was special sharing it with them."

Tommy's dad is the coach of Dunmore's soccer team.

"My dad teaches me to always be disciplined and focused," he said.

Tommy will attend college at Lafayette University where he will play soccer next year. He said he will probably study business and finance at Lafayette.

The scholar-athlete has a 3.8 academic average at Dunmore. His best academic subject is math.

"Dunmore is a great school," he said. "I love the environment and the teachers. I have a lot of friends here."

"You walk the hallways and know everyone in the school. You get to know all of the teachers. After awhile, you get almost every one of the teachers in class. It's a close knit school."

Tommy commented on the soccer team's quick start. "We have a bunch of talent on this team that just keeps on getting

better and better," he said. "We play very well as a team."

He talked about the team goals. "Our goals are to win the district title, get to the states and win that."

Dunmore made it to the district final, losing to Scranton Prep, last year.

Multi-talented, Tommy is a member of the Dunmore cross country and track and field teams.

Tommy, who plays center mid-field on the team, talked about what it takes to excel as a high school soccer player.

"You need to love it and practice very hard. You need to want to be out there working to get better and better."



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Holy Cross senior quarterback Josh Lentowski leads his team

By Steve Svetovich

The Holy Cross Crusaders football team looks impressive early on with senior quarterback Josh Lentowski leading the team to two wins in the first three games.

The Crusaders easily defeated Montrose, 48-12, in the team opening game, Saturday, August 24.

Holy Cross earned its second win of the season over Hanover Area, 24-20, Saturday, September 7.

Son of Andrew and Tricia Lentowski, the Holy Cross senior signal caller scored two touchdowns and passed for another as the Crusaders converted on two-point conversions on each en route to the 24-20 win over Hanover Area.

The senior standout scampered into the end zone on a 10-yard touchdown run with four minutes left in the first half as the Crusaders took an 8-7 lead.

He then fired a 7-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Vincent in the third quarter. The two-point conversion gave Holy Cross a 16-7 lead.

Hanover Area cut the lead to 16-14 when running back Dewayne Downey picked up his second rushing touchdown of the game.

Josh's 37-yard pass to Leland Wudarski highlighted the final Holy Cross drive. The drive ended with Josh scoring his second rushing touchdown of the contest.

Josh also plays free safety on defense where he excels with three interceptions at press time. He said his parents taught him a lot. "My parents always tell me to stay calm. Life goes so fast, so be calm.

"And they always tell me to strive to get the most out of everything. They tell me to do what God wants us to do,"

He talked about his improvement as a quarterback this season.

"Well, I put in a lot of work in the off-season. My head coach Joe Giorgio and assistant coaches Ryan Runco and Dunkin Cooligan helped me so much to improve my game. They helped me with quarterback mechanics and safety and installing that into the offense."

Josh totaled five rushing touchdowns and two passes for scores in the team's first five games this season.

He talked about what it takes to excel at the quarterback position. "You need poise and a calm demeanor. You need to trust your line and find your open receivers."

He praised Holy Cross head football coach Joe Giorgio. "He communicates extremely well with the team. He has helped me the most and taught me a lot."

Josh also plays outfield on the Holy Cross baseball team. He hit his first homer last season.

He played golf as a freshman and

was on the basketball team for three years.

He has a highly impressive 3.89 grade point average taking honors classes where he received several academic awards.

The scholar-athlete hopes to attend either Rowan University in New Jersey or Penn State. He will study engineering in college.

He enjoys listening to music and attending concerts in his spare time. He saw ACDC, Metallica, and Guns N' Roses, all with his dad. He enjoyed ACDC the best.

Josh is proud of the team's first two wins. "Against Montrose, we worked very hard to beat them. We played our game and proved we can do this. We lost to Lakeland, but came back very strong to beat Hanover Area. We took our lumps against Lakeland, but we learned from that and continued to work hard. We are proving this team can win."

He talked about playing free safety. "You need to be deceptive. Stay back, especially on teams that run where you have a tendency to move up."

Mature, hard-working and well-spoken, Josh is enjoying his years at Holy Cross.

"It's a great experience," he said, "The teachers are the best. I've been playing sports here since my freshman year and all of those experiences have been great. I've been a part of two district title teams for basketball and one for baseball. Just tremendous experiences."



Holy Cross results:

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 August 31 Lakeland 21-3 L
 Sept. 6 Hanover Area 24-20 W
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The Bucktown Business Beat

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Duke's serves wide variety of pizzas

Happy Spooktober, Dunmore! October brings more than just the crisp fall air—Halloween is around the corner and 3 football season is here! And let's be honest, what's a game night without some great pizza and wings?

This month, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Peno, the owner of Dukes Pizza, located at 620 S Blakely St, Dunmore.

In our exclusive interview, Peno shared his extensive experience in pizza-making and opened up about how food delivery apps are impacting small businesses like his. And, of course, Peno was kind enough to whip up a couple of pizzas for me to try. I can't wait to share my favorite with all of you!

Peno's pizza journey began when he was just 12 years old, helping out at his uncles' bar. After their time in the bar business, they went on to open the first Dukes in Peckville.

While the Peckville location was still operating, Peno connected with some friends over at Dunmore Lumber, who had a space available. That's when Dukes first opened in Dunmore—eight years ago.

A fun tidbit about Duke's Pizza is the story behind its logo. It's a heartfelt tribute to Peno's late uncle, who originally founded Duke's. His nickname was "The Dog." And to add a personal touch, Peno's favorite breed is the bulldog! So every time you see that logo, it's not just a cool design—it's a nod to family, legacy, and Peno's love for his favorite four-legged friend.

The first pizza Peno had me try was his Tomato Basil Garlic Pizza, and coming from someone who doesn't even like tomatoes, I confidently gave it a 9/10. This is just one of his many delicious non-meat options. Another popular choice is his award-winning Pagash! While I didn't get to try that one, it's a best-seller year-round, so I think it's safe to say it's definitely worth the hype!

Peno made me three other pizzas to try: his original red, the Dukes FAMOUS Steak and Cheese Pizza (which is honestly to die for), and his brand-new Garlic Parm Chicken Wing Pizza. They were all spectacular, but my favorite had to be the Garlic Parm Chicken Wing Pizza—I could never pass up on some spice! What really stood out to me in all the pizzas was the cheese.

Yeraldi: I really like the way that your cheese melts.

Peno: Let me tell you something—during the pandemic I couldn't get my cheese for the longest time, man.

Yeraldi: Are you serious?

Peno: Oh yeah, I used different cheese, and that's happened over the years. Throughout the years I've used different brands, you know, but the one that we're using now has been solid for a very long time. I think our customers love it."

Duke's menu is filled with gems—another pizza that has been selling like crazy is his Hot Honey Clucker Pizza which is drizzled with the delicious hot honey sauce. Perfect if you enjoy the mix of sweet and hot together!

You can't deny that Dukes has some of the greatest specialty pizzas, but what makes this place even better is all the deals they offer. Remember that famous steak and cheese pizza I was talking about before? That is one hefty pizza that will certainly feed a household with leftovers.

"I tell everyone, each slice is like eating half a cheesesteak." Says Peno.

The regular price for the steak and cheese pizza is \$27.50. However, if you head down to Dukes on a Wednesday you can get an entire tray of the steak and cheese—plus a red tray—all for just \$35.50!

On Tuesday, Peno offers @ red trays for \$24.00 and my new personal favorite deal is the \$5 App. Friday, where all appetizers are just \$5!

Peno does his best to keep deals alive and prices low, even in a time when the cost of everything is rising. However, one challenge he faces is the use of food delivery apps. Peno explains how he has to raise his prices on these platforms to get a fair share back.

Peno: If I showed you the math, you'd be like, "Oh my God, are you kidding me?" You do \$800 in business with them, you get like \$450, \$500 if you're lucky. So now, you have to raise your prices.

Beyond making delicious pizzas, Peno also uses his position to give back to the community in any way he can.

Whether it's helping with school fundraisers or feeding local football teams, Peno is always ready to lend a hand.

Duke's will even be participating in the Hart Law & *The Dunmorean's* first annual Trunk or Treat event at the end of this month! For more information about that event, you can visit the Hart Law and *The Dunmorean's* Facebook page. No business would be anywhere without its clients and community, and Peno understands this best.

Peno: That's the thing. Family and friends have kept Dukes going all these years. The customers become like your family. Jimmy John—if you could put his name in there, that would be great.

Yeraldi: Yes, of course!

Peno: Jimmy John, that's what I call him. Customers like him are the reason we're still here, the reason we got through the pandemic and the road closure out front. We wouldn't have survived without a guy like him. He's been coming here since we opened, very loyal. In fact, his son just developed lactose intolerance, and I got some cheese for him. I made him a pizza last week.

Yeraldi: Oh, that's so sweet.

Peno has been in the pizza business for so long, and what fuels his success is the love he has for it. I asked him what advice he would give to someone looking to open a pizzeria, and here's what he had to say:

Peno: The best thing I can tell anyone is, you know, stick with it. If you really love the food, if you really love feeding people and seeing the

joy it brings them, it'll probably work out for you. Because there are definitely highs and lows in this business. The summer is not fun. July and August are rough months, but then once you get to the fall, it's open water—we're busy.

I would suggest that if you really want to get into the food business, you have to have the passion. You have to really want to feed people. Otherwise, it's a lot of work. I mean, I just enjoy it, I really do. And always remember to treat your customers well.

Dukes Pizza is open Tuesday through Sunday, with hours vary-

ing, but they're always ready just in time for lunch! If you haven't already, I highly recommend ordering some of Dukes' Garlic Parm Pizza for your next game night!

A huge thank you to Peno for his time and for making me some delicious pizzas to try.

If you've read this far and are now craving some Duke's, don't forget to let him know Yeraldi from *The Dunmorean* sent you!

Peno is an amazing guy and a staple in our community—may his steak and cheese pizzas go down in history as the best!



Duke's Pizza





Cathy Rist Strauch



Mark Fryer

Rosetti Estate set to host Halloween murder mystery

The Rosetti Foundation for the Arts and Culture (RFAC) will host a Halloween murder mystery at the Rosetti Estate, 1005 Vine Street, Scranton, on Saturday, October 12, from 6 – 9 p.m.

The “Haunted Mansion Open House Murder” will be presented by members of Actors Circle, directed by Mark Fryer. Cast members include: Cathy Strauch, a native of Dunmore; Mark Fryer, Tony Ranieli, and Madeline Giardina of Dunmore.

Come dressed in costume, or Halloween masked, for this event, as you become part of the crime scene, and may be chosen to participate!

Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and soft drinks as the event unfolds. Cash bar is also available. For adults only, please.

Cost is \$25 if purchased online, otherwise make a reservation and pay at the door for \$30. Space is limited. Make your reservations by October 4. For more information or to make reservations, call 570-998-3201. Visit www.RosettiArts.org.

NEPA cancer report released

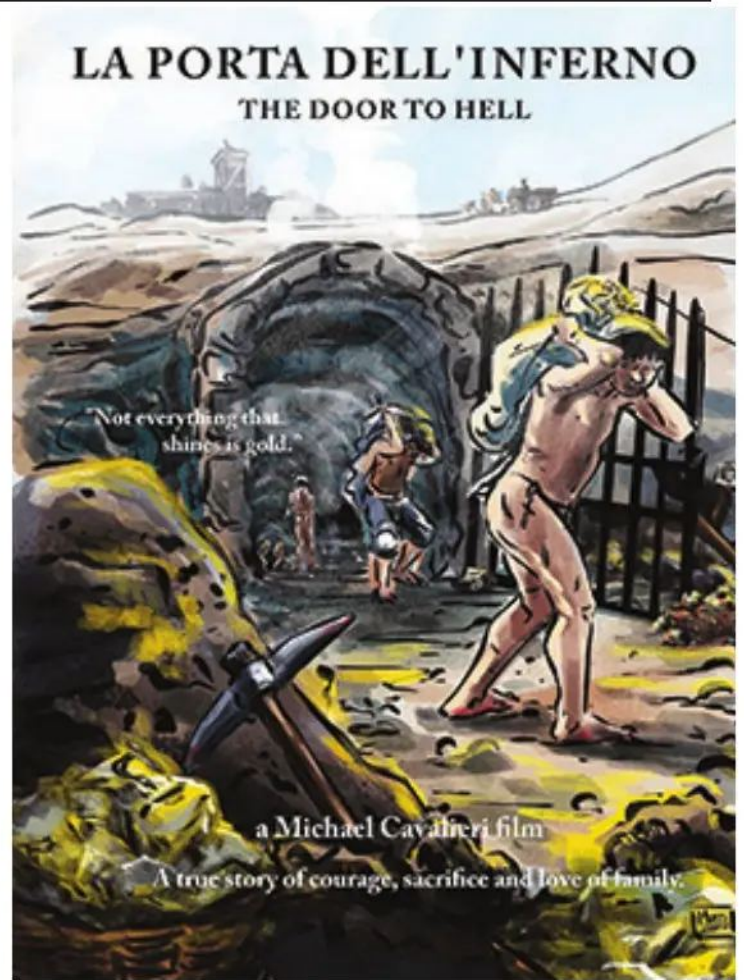
The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, a local community-based nonprofit organization, has released the latest report on cancer, “Cancer in Northeastern Pennsylvania: Incidence and Mortality for Common Cancers”. The report is available at: <http://cancernepa.org/>

This unique, locally focused report was compiled by Cancer Institute Vice President of Cancer Surveillance, Karen Ryczak, RN and Medical Director, Samuel Lesko, MD, MPH.

The report documents that both incidence and mortality rates for cancer remain significantly higher in NEPA than the U.S. It also identifies those specific cancer sites for which there is a disparity in either incidence or mortality.

In NEPA, we have statistically significantly higher incidence rates for cancer of the lung, larynx, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, colon and rectum, urinary bladder, pancreas, thyroid, uterus and Hodgkin’s Lymphoma compared to the U.S.

For additional information or a hard copy of the full report, contact the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at (570) 904-8808 or karen.ryczak@cancernepa.org.



Documentary screening set focusing on Sicilian sulfur miners who came to NEPA

In celebration of Italian Heritage month, at the Scranton Art Haus Cinema, Michael Cavalieri, screen and TV actor/writer/director will present his documentary called, “La Porta Dell’Inferno” (The Door to Hell) on October 17.

This screening is being sponsored by the Dunmore family of Benfante Picogna; Dunmore businessman Anthony Montaro of Montaro Masonry and Snowplowing, and the Scranton Chapter of UNICO.

The documentary tells of the conditions of sulfur miners in Central Sicily during the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. To escape the harsh conditions of the sulfur mines and the poverty of the area, many Italians made their way to NEPA, bringing their families to settle in Dunmore, the Mid Valley area, Scranton, and Pittston while they, again, toiled underground in the anthracite coal mines. The evening will be a dedication to their sacrifice and perseverance in striving for a better life for their families.

Beginning with a cash bar and refreshments from 6-7 p.m., the screening of the hour-long film will start at 7 p.m. After the screening, Mr. Cavalieri will participate in a question/answer session.

Come learn about this little known fact of the Sicilian experience and honor the memory of our ancestors.

Cost is \$12, payable in cash at the door. Ticket reservation is required. Contact Scranton Chapter UNICO President, Mike Linko at mikelinko2010@gmail.com.

For more information about Michael Cavalieri and his film, go to <https://www.neverforgetyourroots.com/la-porta-dellinferno-2/>



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Doherty, Assistant District Attorney of Lackawanna County Tuesday, October 8: **Ben Josielewski**, Staff Attorney at Domestic Violence Service Center Tuesday, October 22: **Michael Dempsey**, Associate Attorney at Lenahan & Dempsey, P.C.

Thursday, October 24: **Corinne Taylor**, Special Counsel at Coughlin and Gerhart, LLP

Michael McGrath, Assistant District Attorney of Lackawanna County, spoke on Tuesday, October 1.

All events are free and open to the public, and each talk will take place on its respective date from 6-7 p.m. in The Cloud Room at the Center for Architectural Studies at Marywood University.

For more information about

the Center for Law, Justice, and Policy at Marywood University, visit: marywood.edu/academics/center-for-law-justice-policy, email legalcenter@marywood.edu, or connect via social media on Facebook (Marywood Center for Law, Justice and Policy) and X (@MU_LEGAL_CENTER).

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Billy Joel bus trip

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The bus will board at Viewmont Drive (Staples) at 8:30 a.m. returning to Scranton at 7 p.m. Cost is \$115 with gratuity, tax, and driver's tip included. The public is invited.

For reservations, call Bernice (570) 689-2887 or David at (570) 892-1619.

Construction Mgt. program

Marywood University is planning to celebrate the first anniversary of its distinctive Construction Management program with a special event and announcement in October.

The event, which will be held on Wednesday, October 9, at 3 p.m., in the Center for Architectural Studies on Marywood's campus, will provide attendees the opportunity to meet industry leaders, review student work, and take a "hard hat" tour.

The event will also recognize the Sordoni Family by naming the Sordoni Construction Management Program in honor of their generosity in support of the first and only four-year construction management program in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Cruisin' Favorites show

Joe Nardone presents "An Evening of Cruisin' Favorites" featuring Jay and the Americans, The Lovin' Spoonful, and Terry Sylvester of



The Hollies at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$49.50, \$59.50, and \$69.50 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 P.M., or by calling 570-826-1100.

Marywood art show

The Maslow Study Gallery for Contemporary Art is currently featuring an art exhibit, "Expand Concepts of Space in the Maslow Collection," which will run through October 18. In partnership with the School of Architecture's Foundation Design course, this exhibition invites the viewer to explore the question, "What is space in artmaking?"

Featured artists include: Jurgen Albrecht, Alice Aycock, Robert Cumming, Aaron Fink, Peter Halley, Clint Jukkala, Denny Moers, Ad Reinhardt, Joel Shapiro, Anthony Sorce, Frank Stella, Ryan Ward, and Terry Winters.

For more information on Mary-

wood art galleries, visit marywood.edu/galleries.

Postmodern Jukebox

Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox will perform for the first time at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday, December 14, at 8 p.m. as part of The '10 Tour. Ticket prices are \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$69.50 and \$79.50 plus fees. VIP tickets are \$154.50 and \$144.50 plus fees, and are available online only.

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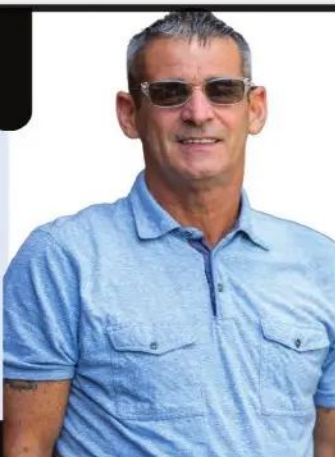


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