

Dunmorean of the Month Abbey Phillips



Abbey Phillips, left with her late mother, Bernadette Halpin Phillips

By Steve Svetovich

Abbey Elizabeth Phillips of Dunmore, wanted to do something in her mom's memory when she suddenly passed away last year at the age of 57, so she started a Grief Share Group at the Dunmore Community Center.

Abbey, 27, is a 2016 Holy Cross graduate. She was a member of the softball and girls' basketball teams for the Lady Crusaders. She received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Lackawanna College in 2021.

She is currently pursuing an MBA from Peirce at Lackawanna College in Philadelphia.

She has been a probation and parole officer for the past four years in Lackawanna County.

Daughter of George and the late Bernadette (Halpin) Phillips, Abbey's beloved mom died in May of 2024.

Her mom was a Dunmore resident for about 25 years and was very involved in the community. She coached biddy basketball at the Dunmore Community Center. She died of sudden cardiac arrest.

"Grief is a hard thing to go through," Abbey said. "My grandmother died due



Faculty and staff from Dunmore School District met with Senator Marty Flynn, Representative Kyle Mullins, United Healthcare, and Hazel Health on September 16 to officially launch the partnership between the Dunmore School District and Hazel Health. Hazel provides students flexible, convenient appointments to free online therapy at home and at school. It's easy to sign up: getstarted.hazel.co

Dunmore woman honors her mom by founding grief support group

to pancreatic cancer in 2019. That was hard to go through.

"But my mom's passing was sudden and unexpected. She was only 57. She was my biggest supporter. She was my mom and my coach. She coached me in basketball for many years at the Dunmore Community Center. She was one of 12 children.

"We were so close. I took it very hard. That's why I started the grief support group. I started it to help others going through the same thing.

"I'm learning myself just by doing this. She was truly a great mother. Things will never be the same without her, but I need to

continue for my mom. I need to continue in her memory."

Abbey started the Grief Support Group with the help of Dunmore Councilman William Trip O'Malley, a teacher in the Dunmore School District.

"I reached out to him and he was all for it," said Abbey. "There are not many bereavement services available in this area, so I decided to start one right here in Dunmore."

The Grief Share Group meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Dunmore Community Center, 1414 Monroe Ave., Dunmore. Those who wish to attend can

call Abbey at 570-903-5468.

Abbey said her dad, George, 59, an electrician, and brothers Andrew, 30, and Anthony, 21, and mom's best friend Nicole Griffiths attend the weekly sessions.

The group had its first meeting this past September 3. There is no cost. "My mom was always proud of me, so I want to learn and keep learning in her memory," Abbey said.

"Trip got me going on this. I hope the group keeps growing. I want to help others who are grieving. We had someone in the group

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the very first session who had lost a loved one just a week before.” Abbey, who played volleyball at Lackawanna College, said her cousin Kaylee Dailey has been helping out writing flyers for the grief support group. Abbey’s best friend Erin Simrell also helps out and comes each week to the group. The group is posted on social media.

“This Grief Share Group is designed for anyone going through any type of grief. It could even be grief from the loss of a pet or a divorce. “Any kind of grief is difficult, so any support is going to help.

“I’m learning as I go. It’s a good thing to do in memory of my great mom. She would like that. Anyone who needs help with any type of grief, please call and come to a meeting.”



Abbey Phillips is shown at left with her younger brother Anthony in the middle, and older brother Andrew, right, at the first Grief Share Group at the Dunmore Community center



Grief support flyer for the new group designed by Abbey’s cousin Kaylee Dailey, reflecting Bernadette’s love for sunflowers..



A photo of young Abbey shows her with her mother Bernadette Halpin Phillips



A final Phillips family photo taken on vacation in Virginia Beach in June 2023. From left: George and Bernadette with children Andrew, Abbey, and Anthony.



Bernadette and Abbey



This is the photo George Phillips kept on his phone for whenever Bernadette called him.

Keystone UNICO hosts PA District II meeting



At the PA II District Meeting hosted by Keystone Unico at Colarusso's Coal Fire Pizza, Past District Governors join with PA II District Governor Nanine Gramigna and Chapter President Jim Mack. From left are Past D.G. Tom Gatto, Past National President Dr. Peter Pettinato, Past D.G. Cathy Bianchi, Keystone President Jim Mack, current PA II D.G. Nanine Gramigna, Past D.G. Terri Pettinato, Past National President Glenn Pettinato and Past D.G. Mark McDade.---See related photo on Page 20



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Dunmore Teener League returns to Schautz Stadium

It's been a while since there was Teener League baseball in Dunmore. But with the state-of-the-art renovations at Dunmore's historic Schautz Stadium, Teener League summer and fall baseball are alive and well once again in the borough.

After many years of dormancy, the Dunmore Schautz Teener League was re-launched this past summer and it was a wonderful success.

Schautz Stadium Teener League started in 1951 and went through years of success before it was temporarily stopped about a decade and a half ago.

But with the recent renovations at Schautz Stadium, including three modernized batting cages, a group of Dunmoreans decided to give it a go once again.

Pat Clark, a board member and coach, is one of those guys. "We decided to re-start the Teener League," he said. "We signed up

about 80 kids from 16 different schools for the summer. We opened it up to all boundaries for kids 13 through 15. We drafted five teams who all had 12-game schedules.

Fidelity Bank went 11-1, winning both the first and second half and the championship. There was no need for playoffs since they won both halves."

The summer season was so successful that 60 players signed up for the fall league.

"We were able to fill four teams all with a 12-game schedule this fall. We just focused on team distribution and having fun.

"The renovations completed at Schautz over the past two years made this the nicest baseball facility in the area. It paints the borough in a positive light. It's a win-win for everybody.

"We have a batting facility with two cages indoors and another with a cage outdoors. We are looking forward to next season and many years to come."

Clark gave a lot of credit to Tom Kelly and Nick Valvano, Dunmore High School assistant baseball coach, and Frank Spager, Dunmore Junior High baseball coach, for helping to revamp the league as coaches and board members.

Dunmore Councilman Mike Dempsey is the stadium manager. "Investing in Schautz Stadium was about more than just turf and upgrades," he said. "It was about breathing new life into a community landmark and creating a place where the next generation can build memories.

"When Pat Clark and Tommy Kelly approached me about re-starting the Schautz Teener League, I knew it was the perfect way to bring even more energy back to this field. That league was once one of the premier baseball leagues in the region, and to see it thriving again is incredibly rewarding. "The response to the Schautz Teener League has been tremendous. The players, coaches, and families have all embraced it, and it's only going to get bigger and better from here.

"This is what we envisioned when we rebuilt Schautz. It's not just a new baseball field, but a resurgence of tradition, community, and opportunity for our kids."

Dunmore Junior High baseball coach Frank Spager is also on the board and a coach in the Teener League. "The goal of myself, Pat Clark, Tom Kelly and Nick Valvano was to bring back Schautz Teener League the way it was when we grew up playing against each other, competitive and balanced," he said. "It was a dream come true recreat-

ing a league with these guys, as well as the addition of Kevin Clarke."

Mike "Sid" Hallinan, Dunmore High school baseball coach, is excited to see the turnout of youth and quality of play.

"I was so happy when I was contacted by Pat Clark, Tommy Kelly and Frank Spager about starting the new Schautz Teener League," he said.

"I was looking for advice on how to start it up again, so I attended some games this summer and was impressed by the quality of play displayed by these youngsters.

"I hope it continues to grow and gives a lot more kids a chance to play baseball. At one time, our Teener League was the best in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. I was so proud to be a part of its history, and these three gentlemen did a fantastic job in its revival."

Kelly, who knows a lot about the history of the league, said he was happy to see Teener League once again at Schautz Stadium which in the 1970s and early 1980s served as home field for the Scranton Red Sox of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL).



Pictured here in their gray uniforms are members of the Rise Construction team of the Dunmore Teener League.



Shown here are members of the Rise Construction team in gray and the Fidelity Bank team in orange. Fidelity was the Teener League champion.



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UNICO coat drive aids Friends of the Poor

Regina Magnotta Peters is serving as honorary chair of the annual Scranton UNICO Coat Drive aiding Friends of the Poor in collecting monetary donations or lightly used or new winter coats for needy recipients.

Mrs. Peters has a long and distinguished record of service activity and nonprofit leadership.

Now retired from her most recent position as Senior Advisor to the President of Keystone College, She says, "The need for warm coats is urgent and is vital to aid the children this winter."

Regina also served as Chief of Staff for the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education and created the Department of Education and Culture for Lackawanna County, serving as its first Executive Director.

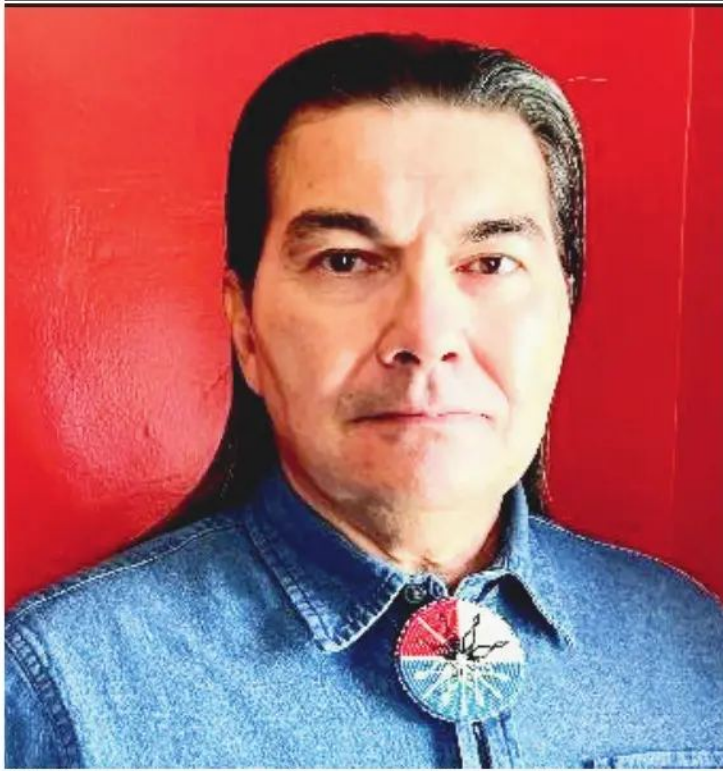
A summa cum laude graduate of Marywood

University, Regina has been married to Jim Peters for over 50 years. The couple have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

The Scranton Chapter of UNICO coat drive committee, chaired by Diana Giovannini, have placed boxes for coat collections from Clarks Summit to Dunmore to Scranton and sites include Armettas, Mansours, Rosarios, Shop-Rite, Moosic; Glenmaura Country Club, Nibbles and Bits, Brown's Gym, Eagle Cleaners, Caravia, Small Frye's, Jaya Yoga, Dunmore YMCA; Jerry's for All Seasons, Sack's Tailoring, and Elmhurst Country Club.

Coats may also be dropped at the Friends of Poor Donation Center, 240 E. Elm Street, during business hours, daily 9-3.

Ann Montoro Williams is Stewardship Chairman and Sr. Ann Walsh, IHM, volunteer at Friends of the Poor.



Curtis Zunigha (Lenape/Delaware) will present "Remembrance & Continuance: The Spirit of Lenapehoking" on Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the Latour Room, Nazareth Student Center, on the campus of Marywood University. The program is free and open to the public and is being co-sponsored by Marywood University and the University of Scranton.

Zunigha is an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He will discuss the return of the Lenape descendants to their original homeland, where he and other contemporary Lenape leaders from Delaware Tribal Nations are forming community partnerships that bring Indigenous knowledge to the area's history and environmental advocacy.

Zunigha is Co-Founder and Co-Director of Lenape Center based in Manhattan, N.Y. The Lenape Center's mission is continuing Lenapehoking, the original homeland, in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, through community, culture, and the arts. As Director of Agriculture for Lenape Center, Zunigha has initiated a Lenape Seed Garden Project in his home community in Oklahoma. The project will grow ancestral varieties of corn, beans, squash, sunflowers, gourds, and tobacco.

A specialist in Delaware/Lenape culture, language, and traditional practices, Zunigha has 35 years of experience in tribal government & administration, community development, telecommunications, and cultural preservation. He also has presented locally at the University of Scranton and at The Greenhouse Project in Nay Aug Park.



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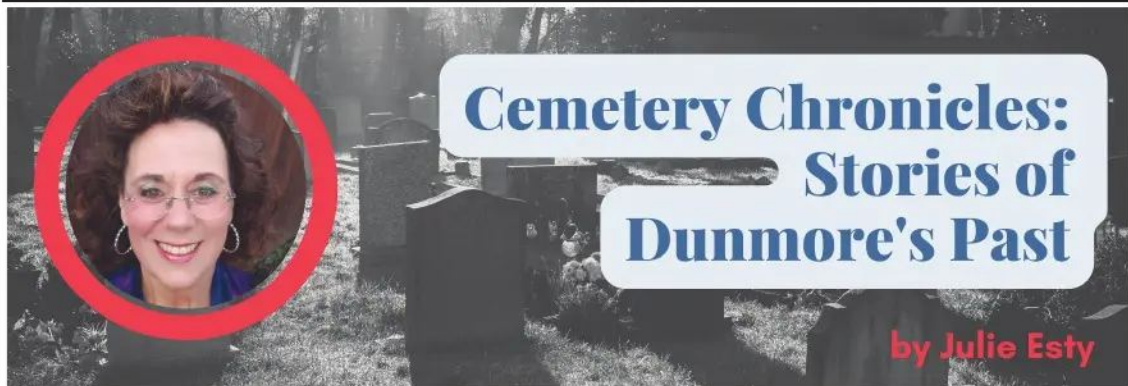
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Finley home may be visited by family ghosts

This author is often asked if the Dunmore Cemetery is haunted. In years of cemetery visits, there have been no ghostly encounters.

Perhaps the reason for absence of a meeting is if spirits of the past exist, they return to places that were significant during their lifetime. Could this be the case with a Scranton merchant from years gone by?

Born in Ireland in 1837, Pierce Butler Finley came to the United States at 10 years of age, and in 1860 he married Jane Leach of Susquehanna County. A daughter, Maggie, was born to the couple in 1863.

At that time, Finley was employed as a clerk in the downtown Scranton mercantile of Thomas Moore. Eventually Moore and Finley became partners in this business.

When Thomas Moore retired in 1885, Finley became the successful sole proprietor of Finley's which was located at 510-512 Lackawanna Avenue.

Years ago, a friend stated she grew

up in a “haunted house” in Elmhurst. Investigation revealed that the original owners of the property were Pierce and Jane Finley.

Investigation also revealed that at a time when Scranton's successful businessmen were active with their wives in social circles, the Finleys kept what could be considered today as a "low profile." Little is known about their private life.

In May 1898 Jane Finley died of chronic nephritis. Two years later, 62-year-old Pierce Finley married 33-year-old Mary O'Malley. This marriage ended with Mary's death from heart disease and chronic rheumatism in 1906.

Finley retired from the mercantile business that same year citing poor health. He died in 1918 at the age of 81. Jane, Mary, and Pierce Finley are buried in Section 10 of the Dunmore Cemetery.

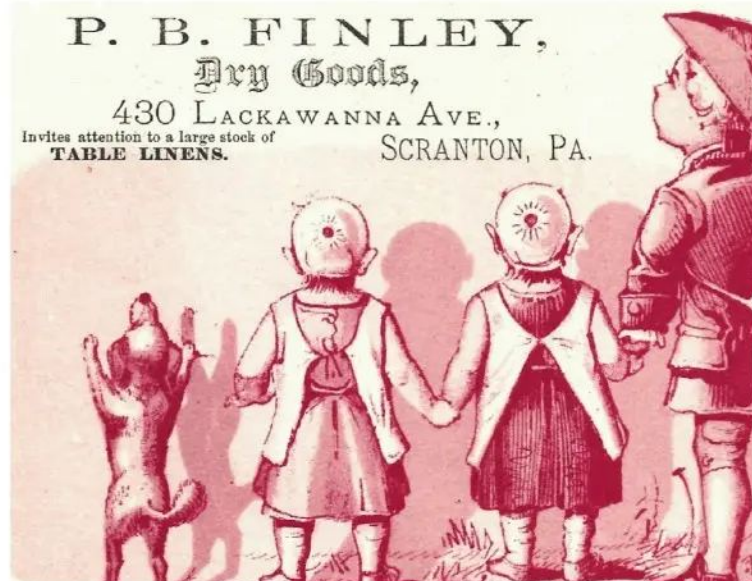
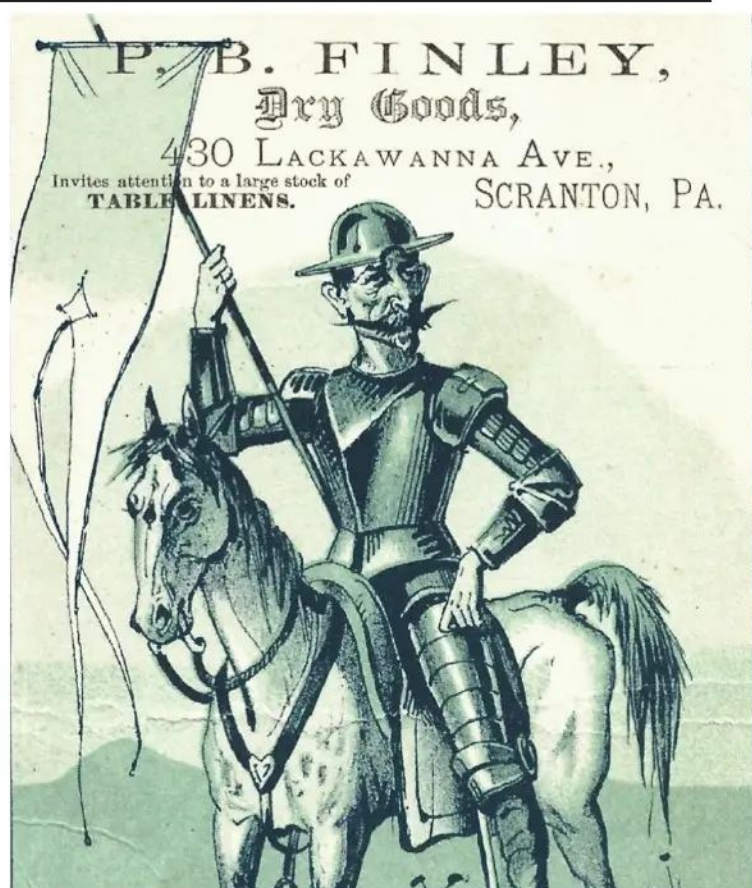
As for the Finley residence in Elmhurst, one can clearly see that in its day it was a grand Victorian home. It still is. In July, 2004, this author, along with friends, received an invitation to visit the

Finley home. In the summer heat, the attic rooms of the house were sweltering. Clearly seen were the remains of linoleum, well over 100 years old, that had the design of children's games and nursery rhymes.

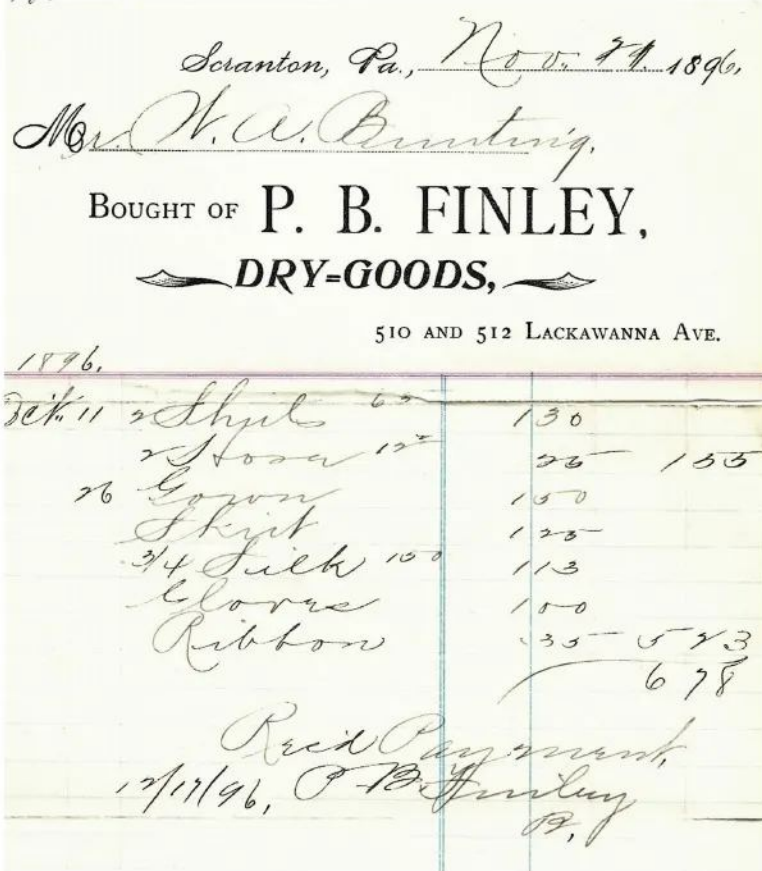
This artwork from an era long past suggested that the room was Maggie's bedroom or playroom. On exiting the attic that hot July day, visitors were met by a wall of coldness that appeared to have passed through each of us as if someone had just walked by.

Former residents of the home have reported the spectral image of a woman in Victorian clothing. Photographs from the Finley home attic have been viewed by this author and reveal the spectral likeness of Pierce Finley.

As to what or who the residents of the Finley home, both past and present have experienced, remains a mystery. Do the Finley's revisit their Victorian manse? Was the ghostly figure of a woman Jane Finley or Mary O'Malley Finley. Was the cold experienced on the stairs that July day 21 years ago Pierce Finley passing visitors to his residence or Maggie Finley revisiting her childhood playroom?



***Victorian Trading Cards from P.B. Finley Dry Goods
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Handwritten receipt by P.B. Finley, circa 1896 for goods purchased in P.B. Finley Dry Goods (Collection of Julie Esty)



Finley family gravestone at Dunmore Cemetery

Nativity/Miguel School will host 2025 tribute on Oct. 29 to celebrate 10 years

The NativityMiguel School of Scranton will host its 2025 Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, October 29, at the DeNaples Center at the University of Scranton.

An annual celebration recognizes those whose leadership and generosity have advanced the school's mission of providing a faith-based, tuition-free education to students from underserved communities.

This year's event will honor Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, a lifelong advocate for faith, education, and service. Msgr. Quinn's unwavering support of the NativityMiguel School, as well as his exemplary service to the Scranton community and beyond, embodies the values of justice, compassion, and academic excellence that the school seeks to instill in every student.

In a special celebration of the school's 10th anniversary, the 2025 Tribute Dinner will also recognize the Founders Council with the Friends of NativityMiguel Award.

The Founders Council, composed of visionary leaders who helped establish the school in 2015, played a critical role in launching a bold educational model rooted in equity, faith, and community.

Their commitment laid the foundation for a decade of transformative impact on the lives of students and families throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"Our Tribute Dinner is a chance to honor those whose belief in our mission has created lasting opportunities for our stu-

dents," said Ron Prislupski, President of NativityMiguel School of Scranton.

"This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 10 years of faith, learning, and hope. We are thrilled to recognize Msgr. Quinn for his extraordinary leadership and to celebrate the Founders Council, whose vision made our work possible."

All proceeds will support

the school's programs and scholarship fund. The evening will include dinner, student performances, and a heartfelt tribute to the 10 years.

For sponsorship information or to reserve tickets, visit www.nmscranton.org or contact

Ron Prislupski at ron@nmscranton.org or by phone at 570-955-5176.



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Santino Nicaastro is voted new Student Council president at Dunmore High



Dunmore Junior-Senior High School students participated in elections for Student Body President and the other class office positions for Student Council on September 19. Congratulations to Santino Nicaastro, our new Student Body President, and all the newly elected class officers



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There are few things I enjoy more than taking my bike out on the [Lackawanna River Heritage Trail \(LRHT\)](#). On a crisp morning, when the fog lifts off the river and the first light hits the valley, it's easy to forget about the pressures of the day and just enjoy the ride.

The 70-mile LRHT is one of our community's greatest assets — a ribbon of trail that connects Scranton to beyond Carbondale, winding through Archbald, Blakeley, Dickson City, Jermy, Jessup, Mayfield, Olyphant, Throop, and some of our most historic neighborhoods.

But I'll be honest — every time I ride, I'm reminded that cycling in our area isn't without risks. The trail doesn't run uninterrupted. There are sections, especially in **Archbald, Carbondale, and the Plot section of Scranton**, where you have to leave the path and merge onto roadways.

In **South Scranton**, you cross busy streets like Olive, Vine, and Elm. In **Green Ridge** you have to pass Market Street, and Green Ridge Street. These transitions bring you directly into traffic, and

they're the moments I find myself most alert — because it only takes one distracted driver to change everything.

Excitement and Hesitation

Some of you may have read an article recently about how the **City of Scranton was seeking grants to create a six-mile bicycle loop** connecting the LRHT to the Iron Furnaces and Nay Aug Park.

At first, I thought this was wonderful news — the idea of connecting some of our city's most iconic landmarks through a dedicated cycling route is inspiring.

But I'll admit, I also felt hesitant. The truth is, outside of our trails, our city isn't always what you'd call "bike friendly." Then I read further and saw mention of "sharrows" — lanes specifically marked for bicycles. That gave me hope. Still, I couldn't shake the fear many of us feel, because we've all read the articles or seen the news: stories of bicyclists being struck by cars right here in our region. And that reality weighs heavily on anyone who rides.

Remembering Our Rights and Responsibilities

One thing I've learned, both as

a cyclist and as an attorney, is that **many drivers don't realize bicycles have the same legal right to the road as cars.**

Under [Pennsylvania law](#), cyclists are recognized as vehicles, and motorists must leave at least **four feet of clearance** when passing.

That means when I'm on my bike on my way to work in Dunmore (yes, you can find me riding to work some days and parking right in front of my office at the convenient bike rack I placed in front of Hart Law), or crossing an intersection in Scranton, I'm not just "allowed" to be there — the law says I belong there.

Of course, with that right comes responsibility: signaling turns, obeying traffic lights, riding predictably, and making myself visible. It's a shared responsibility, and when either side forgets it, accidents happen.

For more, see [PennDOT's Bicycle Safety & Pennsylvania Laws](#).

If an Accident Happens

I hope none of us ever witness it, but if you see someone hit while walking or riding, the first step is always to **call 911**. Don't move the

injured person unless absolutely necessary. Get details — the car's license plate, the driver's description, witnesses. Stay with them until help arrives.

And if you're the one hit, your first job is your health. **Get medical attention.** Then, make sure a police report is filed, gather information if you're able, and document the scene with photos. Most importantly, talk to someone who knows how to navigate the legal and insurance side before giving any statements.

I've seen too many people injured twice — once on the road, and again by an insurance process that undervalues their claim.

If you're curious about the reporting process, visit PennDOT's **Crash Information System**.

Tackling the Hills with E-Bikes

Now, I know what some of you might be thinking: "I'd love to ride, but we live in a valley — the hills are brutal." Believe me, I get it. That's where **electric bicycles (e-bikes)** come in.

The beauty of an e-bike is that it doesn't have to be electric all the time. If you want the workout, keep the power off and pedal like normal. But when you hit that incline in Archbald or face a climb out of South Scranton, flip on the motor and let it carry you.

It's the best of both worlds — the exercise and the freedom. More importantly, it gets people outdoors and moving who might otherwise

stay home.

Why This Matters to Me

I write about this not only as an attorney but as someone who values our trails, our neighborhoods, and our community's health. The outdoors is part of Hart Law's DNA. Just as we show up in the courtroom, we show up on the trail, at the river, and in the places that make Lackawanna County such a special place to live.

When someone is injured while walking or biking, it hits home for me — because I've been in those same intersections, on those same roads, on that same trail. And I know how quickly a moment of inattention can change a life.

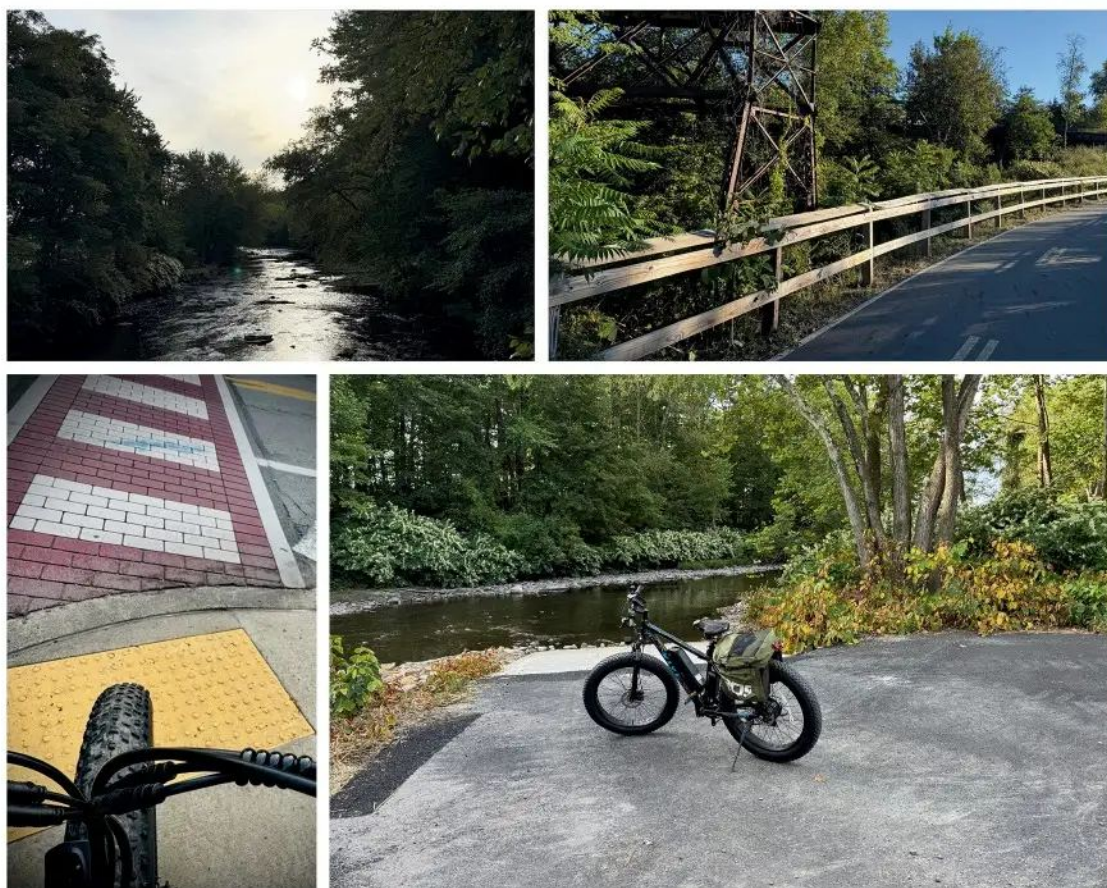
A Call to All of Us

So here's my ask: if you're a driver, slow down near trail crossings and give cyclists the space the law requires.

If you're a rider, follow the rules, stay visible, and ride with care. And if you've been thinking about giving biking a try, maybe this is your sign — grab a helmet, consider an e-bike, and enjoy the LRHT for yourself.

Our community is healthier and stronger when we share the road safely. Let's protect one another, whether we're behind the wheel, on two wheels, or on foot.

And if you or someone you know is involved in a crash while out and about on two wheels, remember to Be smart. Call Hart.



Scenes from the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail



An updated PBIS program to enhance student behavior has been redesigned specifically for the Dunmore Elementary Center. The slogan, "Little Bucks are S.T.A.R.S." has been voted on by DEC staff and will become the motto for the school community. S.T.A.R.S. is an acronym and stands for Safe, Thoughtful, Accountable, Resilient, and Successful - all qualities we want our students to embody here at school and the community at large.

Actors Circle is heading into spooky season with 'Subtle Bodies'

This fall, Actors Circle is heading into spooky season with the Pennsylvania premiere of Clive Barker's "Subtle Bodies," directed by Justin John Costello.

This will be presented October 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12, at Providence Playhouse, 1256 Providence Rd., Scranton. Show times are Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, general; \$12, seniors; and \$10, students. On October 2, all tickets are \$10. Pay cash at the door or buy online at actorscircle.com. For reservations, call 570-342-9707.

This show is for mature audiences only and is presented in part through a grant from Lackawanna County for the Arts and Culture.

Clive Barker is best known for his array of fantastique novels and the horror films "Hellraiser" and "Candyman."

"Subtle Bodies" begins with the engaged couple, Dexter and Carys, who on the eve of their wedding, escape to the Atlantic Hotel, on the northwestern coast of England. The next day their wedding guests arrive, and they all meet up with Mr. Foss, a member of the secretive and exclusive Dream Bureau; an organization which shapes and orchestrates humanity's dreams. He takes them on a mysterious, seafaring dream.

"Subtle Bodies" combines comedy, fantasy and horror in a theatrical epic that only Barker could conjure.



Members of the Cast of "Subtle Bodies," to be presented by Actors Circle include, front row, from left: Marcie Herman Riebe, Lisa Benedict, Natasha Bogutski, and Director Justin John Costello. Middle row: Leba Lanton, Paul Miscavage, Kandis Hill, Kevin Costley, and Colleen Capponi. Back row: Mad-die Giardina, Liz Stanton, Chris Eibach, Jason Belack, Mark Fryer, Brandon Michael, and Jeff Ginsberg. Not shown: Jenn Cantonese, Maggie Conway, Lou LaLonde, Darrius Pantophlet, and Darren Moore.



Mark Fryer and Natasha Bogutski are shown rehearsing as scene from the upcoming Actors Circle production.



Director Justin Costello, at left, is shown with cast members Leba Lanton, Jeff Ginsberg, and Kandis Hill.

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Apples, Autumn, and an Odd Tradition

October brings with it two things I love most: cool nights that beg for simmering pots, and apples stacked high at the market.

In our part of the world, a trip to Ritter's, or your favorite orchard, is practically mandatory this time of year. Bags of apples come home in the back seat, the smell of cider clings to your coat, and if you're lucky, a dozen still-warm donuts don't survive the car ride.

Apples are one of the oldest ingredients in the cook's pantry, yet they continue to surprise. Bite into a Honeycrisp and you'll get a snap so loud it could startle the dog. Bake a Granny Smith and its sour bite mellows into pure richness. From sauces

to salads, pies to pork roasts, the apple adapts to whatever you ask of it. That's why cooks from my grandmother's kitchen to today's restaurants have always had a basket at the ready.

A Splash of History: Bobbing for Apples

Now, about that odd October pastime. Bobbing for apples wasn't invented to amuse children at Halloween parties—it was originally a matchmaking ritual.

In 18th-century Britain, young folks would try to bite an apple floating in a basin of water. Success on the first try meant the player would find true love; after several tries, maybe less so. By the time it reached American

harvest festivals, the romance faded, and it became a game of skill (and soggy clothes). It's a reminder that even food traditions can evolve from superstition to simple fun.

Technique Spotlight: Mise en Place with Apples

Whenever I'm working with apples, I set up the cutting board with a bowl of water and a squeeze of lemon juice. Every slice goes in as I cut, which keeps the fruit from browning while I prep the rest.

From there, the key is choosing the right variety: tart for baking, crisp for salads, sweet for snacking.

Here are four apple dishes to make your October table shine:

1. Classic Apple Crisp Serves 6

Ingredients:

6 apples (3 Granny Smith, 3 Honeycrisp), peeled & sliced
1 Tbsp cornstarch
½ cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg
Juice of ½ lemon

Topping:

1 cup old-fashioned oats
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup flour
½ cup butter, cubed
½ cup chopped walnuts

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Toss apples with cornstarch, sugar, spices, and lemon juice. Spread in a buttered 9x13 dish.
3. Mix topping until crumbly, scatter over apples.
4. Bake 40–45 minutes until bubbly and golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

2. Pork Chops with Caramelized Apples Serves 4

Ingredients:

4 bone-in pork chops
Salt & pepper
2 Tbsp olive oil
2 apples, sliced (Cortland or Gala)
2 Tbsp butter
1 tsp fresh thyme
½ cup chicken stock

Instructions:

1. Season chops with salt & pepper. Sear in oil 3–4 minutes per side, remove.
2. Add butter to pan, sauté apples until golden.
3. Deglaze with stock, stir in thyme. Return chops, cover, and cook 8–10 minutes until done.

3. Apple & Cheddar Grilled Cheese Serves 2

Ingredients:

4 slices hearty bread
2 Tbsp butter
4 slices sharp cheddar
1 small apple, thinly sliced

Instructions:

1. Butter bread and layer cheddar with apple slices inside.
2. Grill on medium until bread is golden and cheese melts.
3. Slice and serve with tomato soup or cider.

4. Mulled Cider Makes 6 cups

Ingredients:

6 cups Ritter's fresh apple cider
2 cinnamon sticks
4 cloves
1 star anise
Peel of 1 orange

Instructions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a saucepan.
2. Simmer gently 20–30 minutes (do not boil).
3. Strain and serve warm, with an optional splash of bourbon.

October is a gift to cooks: local apples at their peak, cool weather that favors the oven, and traditions—quirky as they may be—that remind us food is about more than fuel.

It's about history, community, and the small joys of eating seasonally. Whether it's a crisp, a pork chop, or just a warm donut from Ritter's, let the apple be your companion this month.

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CINNAMON BAKED APPLES

Ingredients:

5–6 medium apples, peeled and cut into chunks
2 tbsp butter or coconut oil, melted
1 tsp cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Toss the apple chunks with the melted butter and cinnamon until well-coated.
3. Pour the mixture into a baking dish and bake for 20–30 minutes, or until the apples are soft. Stir once during baking.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

Ingredients:

1 (16 ounce) can refrigerated flaky biscuit dough
4 apples - peeled, cored and halved
1 cup white sugar
1 cup water
½ cup butter, melted
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Butter a 7x11 inch baking pan. Separate biscuit dough into 8 pieces. Flatten each piece of dough into a circle. Wrap one biscuit around each apple half and place, seam side down, in pan.
3. In small bowl, combine sugar, water, melted butter and vanilla. Pour mixture over dumplings in pan. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, until golden. Serve hot.



Dunmore's Keystone UNICO recently held its Annual Clam Bake/Dinner Meeting. At Villa Maria, members enjoyed clams, a half chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, Italian pasta salad and potato salad, all topped off with summertime. Two new chapter members were inducted. Shown at the induction ceremony are, from left: Inducting Officer Mark McDade; new members Paul and Ann Marie Lameo; Membership Director Ann Summa; and sponsors Michele McDade and Marci Barnansky. New members are always welcome. If interested, contact Membership Director Ann Summa at 570-842-9336; Chapter President Jim Mack at 570-575-3852, or any of our Keystone Members.

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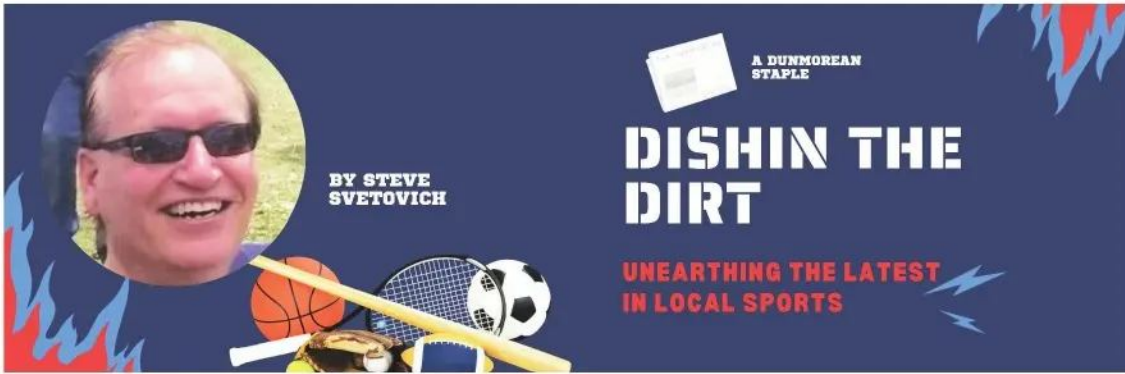
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Scranton Prep senior **Ben Boyanoski**, Dunmore, won annual Bob Simon's Classic Golf Tournament for second consecutive year kicking off fall season...He helped Prep win PIAA state golf title last year...

Condolences to family of beloved retired Robert Morris Elementary School principal **Tom Jordan**, Green Ridge, who passed away last month...Dunmore junior linebacker **Xavier Burke** totaled eight tackles, five for losses, in Bucks 45-7 win over Old Forge...At Scott Greens, **Jackson Bohanski** was golf medalist with a 37 as Holy Cross beat Blue Ridge in Division II...**Grady Grill** had birdie on No. 7 for Crusaders...**Joseph Yusinski** added one on No. 9...

Do you remember Dunmore football player **Frank Jason**...

Do you remember **Lexi Walsh** of Holy Cross and **Matt Murray** of Dunmore both finishing second in Cliff Robbins Invitational 10 years ago?...Congratulations to Seattle Mariners all-star catcher **Cal Raleigh**, with 60 homers at press time, who broke legendary **Mickey Mantle's** long standing MLB record of 54 homers by switch hitter and Kansas City Royals catcher **Salvatore Perez** MLB record of 48 homers by catcher...Raleigh also broke **Ken Griffey, Jr.'s** Seattle team record of 56 homers...

All Rise for New York Yankees star **Aaron Judge** for his fourth season of over 50 homers which ties MLB record...Judge is battling Raleigh for AL MVP honors...Raleigh at press time threatening Judge's AL record of 62 homers...How about **Kyle Schwarber** of first place Philadelphia Phillies for NL MVP?...Schwarber has 56 homers and 132 RBIs at press time...

Kudos to **Pat Clark**, **Tom Kelly**, **Mike Dempsey**, **Nick Valvano** and **Frank Spager** who revitalized and brought back Dunmore Teener League baseball at Schautz

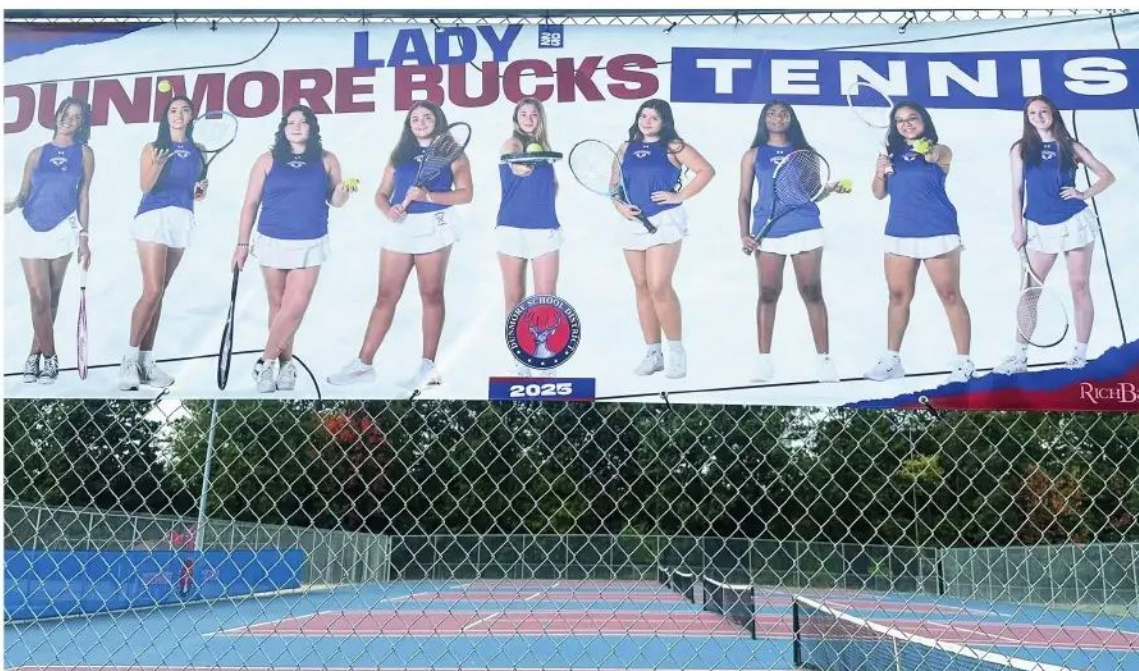
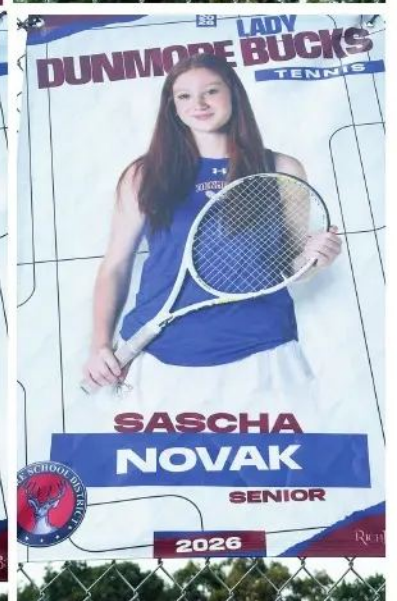
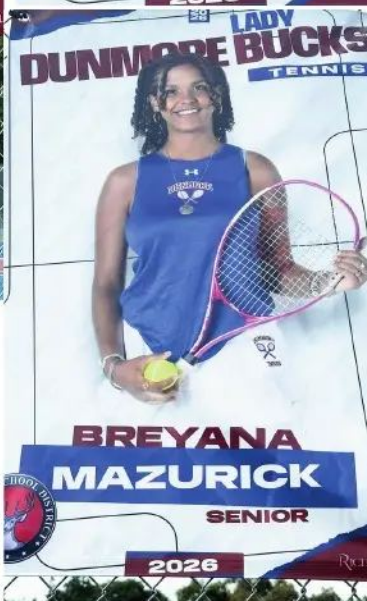
Stadium...Congratulations to Holy Cross senior **Kevin Vincent**, also a track and field standout, who rushed for 219 yards, including five touchdowns, in Crusaders 54-22 win over Columbia Montour Vo-Tech...

Condolences to family of former Bishop O'Hara, Scranton Tech and Scranton High football coach **Joe Arcuri**, also a PIAA official for 46 years, who died last month at 79...He was a decorated athlete in football, baseball, basketball and track at West Scranton...

Congratulations to Dunmore back **Brandon Mecca** who scored three touchdowns in Bucks 43-14 win over Carbondale...Dunmore's **Ryan Mecca** had an 84-yard kick-off return for touchdown in Bucks win...Dunmore soccer team beat Mid Valley 4-1, with **Owen Joseph** and **Nate Grochowski** each with goal and assist...**Ryan Clark** and **Anthony Yerka** added the other goals for Dunmore...

Former Dunmore Councilman **Paul Nardoizzi** hoping to make playoff game in Bronx now that his Yankees clinched playoff spot...Do you remember **J.B. Brombacher**?...Whatever became of **Charlie Hough**...

Lady Bucks Senior Day for Tennis



Lady Bucks Tennis Team --See additional photo on Page 16



Holy Cross senior Kevin Vincent rushes for 219 yards

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior back Kevin Vincent, a noted track and field standout, utilized his speed to rush for 219 yards and five touchdowns in the Crusaders 54-22 win over Columbia Montour Vo-Tech on Saturday, September 20, at St. Anthony's Field, Dunmore.

He scored touchdowns on runs of 71, 42, 14, 4 and 1-yard. He also caught one pass for 18 yards in the win which elevated Holy Cross to a 2-3 record at press time.

He rushed for the 219 yards on only 11 carries and now has seven touchdowns at press time.

A multi-purpose football talent, Kevin, 17, plays line-backer on defense and also is a receiver on offense. He was moved to the tailback position due to injuries to Leland and Aiden Wudarski, twin brothers who normally start at tailback and fullback for the Crusaders.

Holy Cross piled up 432 yards on the ground in the win. Chris Transue rushed for 98 yards on 11 carries, including a 52-yard touchdown run. Dean Mushow added a 62-yard touchdown run on his only carry. Luca Berardi scored on a 62-yard touchdown pass from Holy Cross quarterback Chase Rutkowski.

Defensively, the Crusaders held Columbia Montour Vo-Tech to minus 13 rushing yards.

Son of Kevin, Sr., and Mary Vincent, Kevin said he wasn't thinking about his 200-plus yards rushing until the game ended with a win.

"I was playing in the moment," he said. "I was playing to win the game. Things got close at the half, so I only wanted a win. In the middle of the game, I was only worried about the score."

"It wasn't until the end of the game that I was able to enjoy it. It was then that I realized how many yards and touchdowns I had. Then it felt great, especially with a win."

The multi-talented senior said he has learned a lot from his parents.

"Number one, they teach me accountability," he said. "They teach me about a hard working mentality. They teach me about confidence and believing in yourself and about leadership."

The senior back-receiver-line-backer said Holy Cross veteran football coach Joe Giorgio has also taught him a lot.

"He teaches me how to have fun playing the game. He also teaches me how to excel at all the different positions he lets me play. He also allows player input."

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CO-ATHLETE
OF THE
MONTH

KEVIN VINCENT



Photos by Chris Dolan



Photo by Rich Banick



Xavier Burke a defensive leader for the Dunmore Bucks

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore junior inside linebacker Xavier Burke is a fierce defensive leader for the Dunmore Bucks.

In Dunmore's first win this season, 45-7 over Old Forge, on Friday, August 29, the 6-2, 210-pound linebacker had eight tackles—five for a loss—while playing just 24 snaps. He led a tough Dunmore defense that held the Blue Devils to minus 24 yards rushing.

Humble and hard-working by nature, Xavier gave credit to the Dunmore defensive line after the win.

"Just like always, my line was making me look good," he said. "With a line that good, any athlete behind them can make the plays."

Son of Michael Burke and Angela Cianci, Xavier also plays fullback on offense.

He has helped lead the Bucks to a 3-2 record at press time under veteran coach Kevin McHale. Dunmore earned its third win of the season over Carbondale, 42-14, Friday, September 19.

He is also an important three-year member of the Dunmore track and field team where he runs hurdles and throws the javelin and shot put. He received track and field all-star recognition last year and as a freshman finished sec-

ond in districts in the 110 hurdles.

The multi-talented junior is also a member of the French Club, TACT Club, and National Honor Society at Dunmore.

He has an impressive 3.8 academic average. His best academic subject is math. Xavier is not sure where he will attend college yet, but knows he wants to continue playing football.

The tough-minded scholar-athlete said he learned a lot from his parents.

"They teach me to be accountable for myself. Don't rely on anyone else to get things done."

The linebacker-fullback said Coach McHale teaches him similar values.

"He is the best at instilling discipline," Xavier said. "He teaches us to never give up and go after what you want. Be a good person. The discipline you learn as a football player will help you later in life. He teaches us life lessons."

Xavier was a first-team selection to the Lackawanna Football Conference Division II Coaches' All-Star team at fullback and linebacker as a sophomore last season.

He rushed for 529 yards and three touchdowns for the Bucks last season. A tough and physical player on offense and defense, Xavier helped Dunmore to a solid post season despite a 5-7 record during the regular

season. The Bucks finished one win short of a state Class 2A final. He is now the leader on a more experienced Dunmore defense this season.

"Our goal is simply to win the state championship," he said. "And that's my personal goal too. To lead this team to a state championship. That's the only goal."

Xavier, who would like to see country artist Jason Aldean in concert, talked about what it takes to excel at the linebacker position in high school football.

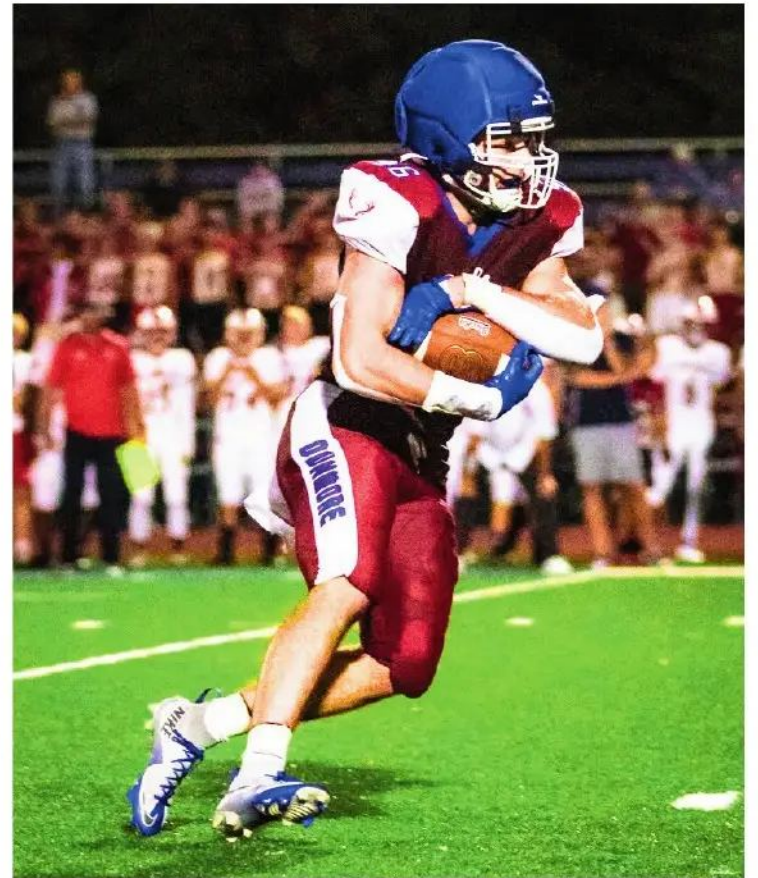
"You need a lot of discipline," he said, "There is a lot you need to do behind the scenes. You need to focus a lot on moving plays and opponents in motion. The idea is to get moving and focus on getting the job done. Be a playmaker."

The standout team leader said he is enjoying his experience at Dunmore High. "Dunmore is just so rich in tradition," he said. "And it's not just football. It is everything. Dunmore is also just a great community. Everyone knows each other. We have each other's backs. It's the best."



CO-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Xavier Burke



Co-Athlete of Month: Crusader Kevin Vincent

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The standout scholar-athlete has a highly impressive 4.01 grade point average at Holy Cross. He is president of Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, member of the TRUE club, history club and foreign languages club. He has been on Student Council all four years.

Kevin said if he could see anyone in concert he would pick Drake or Kendrick Lamar.

He was honorable mention as a running back and linebacker as a junior and at linebacker as a sophomore. He started this season as a receiver, but moved over to running back due to injuries to the Wudarski twins.

As a track and field standout, he was a Lackawanna League all-star and All Regional in both his sophomore and junior years. He earned the triple jump district title in his sophomore and junior years. He received a seventh place state medal in the triple jump. He has earned two high jump district medals.

The track and field state medal winner rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns and caught 10 passes for 195 yards and four more touchdowns last season.

He talked about what it takes to perform well at the tailback position. "It all starts with a good line," he said. "You need good vision and need to read off the blocks and make a move. You need to be very impulsive in making the right moves."

Well-spoken and intelligent, Kevin said he is not sure where he will attend college, but wants to continue his track and field career at the collegiate level. He wants to study business management and possibly go into sales.

The four-year member of both the Holy Cross football and track and field teams is a team player all the way and said he will be ready for any role Coach Giorgio has for him. "Whether it's running back or receiver on offense," he said, "I will be ready to step into either role. We are a small school with a small roster and we have injuries, so I will be ready."

The speedy senior said he has enjoyed his years at Holy Cross thus far as he goes through his senior year. "I came from a public school not really knowing what to expect, but it's been great," he said. "Looking back at my years here, I realize that it's a small community here. The smaller learning experience has benefitted me. The one-on-one learning you get from the teachers and coaches prepares you for college. And preparing for the future is really what it's all about."



Members of the Lady Bucks Tennis Team recently celebrated Senior Day with family and friends. --See additional photos on Page 13

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Top left and above: Members of the Dunmore High School Lady Bucks Golf Team recently celebrated Senior Day with family and friends.



The 23rd Memorial Brian Forgione Foundation Golf Tournament was recently held at Sand Springs Golf Course. A check in the amount of \$8,500 was presented to the American Cancer Society by the Board of Directors of the Brian Forgione Foundation. The Foundation has completed its 13th year as a Suites and Sneakers Premier Sponsor for Coaches vs Cancer of NEPA with contributions to the American Cancer Society nearing \$120,000. By the end of 2025, the Foundation will have donated over \$300,000 to our local community; supporting individuals and families affected by cancer, making donations to support public charities and awarding scholarships to Dunmore High School college bound student athletes. Participating in the check presentation were Michael Coleman, James Brian Forgione, Jim Forgione, Brian Costanzo, Brian Coe, representing the American Cancer Society; Jeff Cantafio, Todd Forgione, and Christian Brian Forgione.



At the 23rd Brian Forgione Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament, yellow shirts were presented to the 2024 champions of the tournament, in honor of cancer survivors and those who did not survive this disease. The foursome who received their yellow shirts were Tommy O'Brien, Gerard Rosato, Charlie Raymond, and Kyle Reap.



YMCA Trunk or Treat

The Greater Scranton YMCA is excited to announce its Inaugural Trunk or Treat, offering families a safe, fun, and festive way to celebrate Halloween. The event will take place on Wednesday, October 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Greater Scranton YMCA, 706 North Blakely Street, Dunmore.

The event is free and open to the community. Community members and local businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate by decorating a trunk and handing out candy.

Interested partners can contact Tressa Capoccia, Senior Education Director, at tcapoccia@gsymca.org. Trunks can begin being set-up at 3 p.m. on the day of the event.

Dunmore Cemetery Tour

The Dearly Departed Players will return to the Dunmore Cemetery on Sunday, October 5, and Sunday, October 12, at 2 p.m. for their annual historical walking tours.

Tour Director Julie Esty notes that the cast has been rehearsing since mid-July in preparation for the Tour

2025. The tour, which changes annually, will feature a dozen new costumed vignettes throughout the cemetery.

This year the Players will be joined by members of Union, Peter Williamson, Hyde Park, Schiller and Aurora Masonic Lodges. In conjunction with the Dearly Departed Players, members of those Lodges will portray people who are significant to their history who are buried in the cemetery. In one case, they will also tell "the rest of the story." Prior to the tours, the artists of Scranton Rocks will visit the cemetery and hide their creations so tour visitors can find and enjoy their beautiful artwork.

Scranton Films, Dunmore Senior Center, and the Lackawanna Historical Society will decorate mausoleums in a harvest theme.

The tour is a recipient of a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant which helps bring this production to the public at no charge. Tour admission is free. No reservations are necessary. Comfortable walking shoes are suggested. Each tour takes approximately two hours. It is suggested that tour attendees arrive early to obtain parking and see exhibits.

For more information, or if your organization or business would like to decorate a mausoleum, please contact Julie Esty at 570-344-3819. Follow the Dunmore Cemetery Tour on Facebook.

YMCA Costume Drive

The Greater Scranton YMCA's 2025 Halloween Costume Drive is underway, providing families in our community with the opportunity to donate and receive costumes for the upcoming holiday.

The Y is accepting new and gently used costumes of all sizes and for all ages. Donated costumes can be dropped off at the Y's Welcome Center, located at 706 North Blakely Street in Dunmore, through Monday, October 6.

Costume pick-up days will be held from October 7-9, giving families in need the chance to find fun, festive costumes free of charge.

The Greater Scranton YMCA is encouraging our community to participate by donating costumes in good condition. Every contribution ensures that more children will have the opportunity to experience Halloween with confidence and excitement.

For more information about the Halloween Costume Drive, contact Tressa Capoccia, Senior Education Director, at tcapoccia@gsymca.org.

Barktober Fest

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter will host Barktober Fest from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, at Maiolatesi Wine Cellar, 3Scott Township. This family and pet-friendly event will include vendors, activities, food trucks, and Griffin Pond Animal Shelter,-

adoptable pets.

Admission is \$25 per person; \$10 designated driver, and under the age of 21 (kids under 5 and pets free). Admission provides access to 45 vendors, two glasses of wine or beer and a souvenir cup, music provided by DJ Donna Diva, and an assortment of food trucks.

Sponsors are: Vanity Lounge Medical Aesthetics, Maiolatesi Wine Cellar, Marilu's Catering, Ian's Speed Shop, Wake in the Woods, and Delta HVAC.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at: <https://www.griffinpondanimalshelter.com/event-details/barktober-fest-25> or on the event day.

For more information, contact Sherry Crolly, Development Director, at 570-586-3700 ext. 522 or sherry@griffinpondanimalshelter.com. Complete details at www.griffinpondanimalshelter.com.

All proceeds will benefit the shelter's new veterinary clinic and pet medical fund.

Holy Cross Craft Fair

Holy Cross High School Parent Club will host a Craft Fair on Sunday, October 19, from 10 am to 4 pm held at Holy Cross High School, 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore. General admission is \$3; senior citizens and students, \$2; children 12 and under are free. Featured will be over 50 vendors, homemade food, basket raffles and door prizes.

Kirby Center events

TV Funniest Mom Rubi Nicolas will be presented by King's College and the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m.

All seats are general admission. Tickets are on sale now.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens will bring the classic tale of Christmas spirit on Monday, December 15. Tickets are \$25, \$35, and \$45 plus fees.

The 2025 tour is written and directed by award-winning theatre artist Scott H. Severance, who has traveled the country for over 10 years spreading Holiday joy as Uncle Scrooge.

Jerry Seinfeld will perform two shows on January 30, 2026, at 7 pm & 9:30 pm. Tickets go on sale Friday, September 12, 2025, at 10 am! Seinfeld has been hailed for his uncanny ability to joke about the little things in life that relate to audiences everywhere. Tickets start at \$69.50.

The Goonies 40th anniversary movie screening, conversation and Q&A featuring Corey Feldman and Kerri Green are coming on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Tickets are \$39.50, \$49.50, and \$59.50 plus fees. A Pre-Show VIP Meet & Greet add-on is \$100.00 plus fees (must purchase tickets to the main event).

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Note: Dunmore Activity Hub, or Dunmore Senior Center, has seen a resurgence in interest in its painting class. Each month, *The Dunmorean* will introduce you to these talented artists and their artwork.

Meet Janet Coleman:

October 2025 Artist of the Month

By Dolly Michalczyk

Janet Coleman, Taylor, is relatively new to the painting program at the Dunmore Senior Center, starting only a year and a half ago. Her cousin, Maria, and good friend, Pat, encouraged her to join for several years, and now that she is coming and enjoying herself, she regrets not joining sooner. She is described as “active,” “fun,” “talented,” and “crafty.”

Janet has been painting since February, 2024 and her interests are varied. Janet’s son, Edward, is retired from the Air Force, and he requested she paint the very poignant “Going Home” picture seen here.

Her daughter, Christine, like many of our friends and family members, asked for a painting of her dog that, unfortunately, passed away shortly after the painting was completed. It appears he took a can of Bud Lite with him over the “Rainbow Bridge.” Her other son, Kevin, resides in Texas.

A woman of many talents, Janet is also an accomplished quilter. She is a skilled seamstress and works part-time at a local sewing machine store.

She has always had an interest in ceramics, even having had a ceramics studio in her home. Using her creativity and painting skills, she has plans to replace some Nativity figures for her daughter. Janet has even served as an active community volunteer with a local softball team.





Schantz Teener League pix

ABOVE LEFT Coach Lalli, shown with many of the players, ran a summer clinic for the Dunmore Teener League.

LOWER LEFT: This image is of a wide cross section of players who came to some of the pre-season group practices at Schantz Stadium.

BELOW: Eli Dougherty, Dunmore Teener League Scoring Manager, was a great help in keeping the league on track and was lead scorekeeper.

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Keystone UNICO hosted the First Quarter PA II District Meeting at Colarusso's Coal Fire Pizza. Reports were given for all four PA II Chapters. Dunmorean Jim Mack is President of Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO National and Nan Gramigna is serving a second term as District Governor of District PA II UNICO National. Shown from left at the new member induction ceremony are: Membership Director Ann Summa, sponsor Mary Marrara, new member Joyce Lomma, cosponsor Michele McDade, Chapter President Jim Mack, and Inducting Officer Mark McDade.

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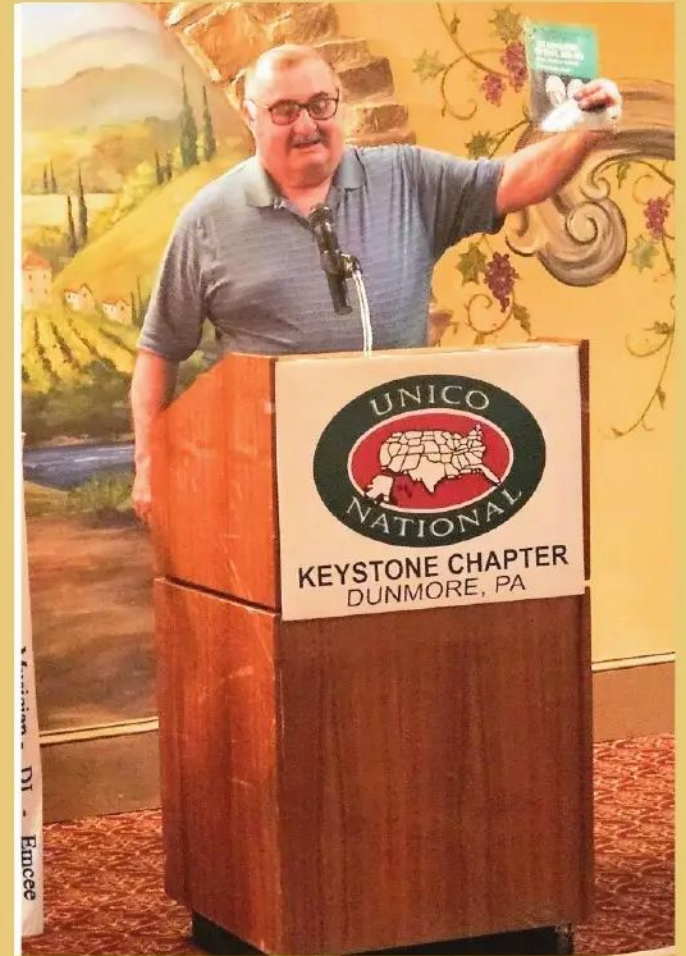
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LOOKING BACK: UNICO Heritage Night



Dunmore's Keystone UNICO conducted its annual Italian Heritage Night. President Michele McDade navigated through an ambitious evening. Dinner guests arrived to the music of Frank Gervasi and the aroma of freshly baked pizza and stromboli. The Map of Italy was posted, and all had the opportunity to pin their ancestral region. This year Calabria came in First! Shown in front from left are: Terese Pellegrino, Dot Mariani, Terry Macciocco, President Michele McDade, Mary Lou Karliak, and Anne Martino. Back row, same order: Mark McDade, Greg Betti of Capra Collina, Mike Gramigna, Marge Ruggiero, Cathy Gerard, Joany Bonczek, Ann Summa, and Lou Palazzi.



The very enthusiastic Luigi Palazzi is shown giving a presentation on military hero General Giuseppe Garibaldi, one of the "Fathers of Italy" instrumental in unifying Italy as a country.



One of the fun events at UNICO Heritage Night was the Parole di Giorno (phrase of the day) with Marge Ruggiero and lots of laughs.



The election for next year's UNICO Leadership was conducted by Chairman Peter Noto and his assistant Sylvia Tagert.

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The last presentation of the evening was a fun wine/chocolate pairing with Keystone Member Greg Betti of Capra Collina Winery. The winning combo was dark chocolate with Greg's Tuscan Red. During the evening, guests were treated to a delicious Italian dinner prepared by Angelo and Mark Genell.

Keystone UNICO hosts Italian Heritage Night



A \$200 Lottery "Bonus Ticket" drawing was held, with potential member Rocco Bernardi, at left, assisting Mark McDade by pulling the winner.

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division Four held a memorial service on September 11 to remember those who lost their lives, including firefighters, police, and EMTs who ran into the towers when everybody else ran out, and also the heroes of flight 93 who brought down the plane before the terrorists could strike Washington DC. During the service there was a reading of the names of AOH. brothers and sister that lost their lives that day. Shown from left are: Gene Barrett, Rob Sherry, Rob Fletcher, Father Richard Fox of St. Patrick's Parish Scranton, Patrick O'Malley, Bob McAndrew, Joe Holland, Mark McDade, and John Fletcher.

United Bocce League seeking high school students in Dunmore

Dunmore School District is looking for high school students to join the Unified Bocce league a programs that brings together people with and without intellectual disabilities to train together and compete on sports teams. The program is approximately six weeks in length.

The school is putting together a team, and will need all participants to be signed up by November 24.

Not interested in playing the game, but still want to be involved? We are looking for student volunteers to help at practices and matches throughout our season.

Unified sports/volunteering looks great on college applications. Letters of recommendation will also be provided by request of the student. Any student in grades 9-12 are invited to participate!

For more information please contact: Mia Castellano- castellanom@dunmo-reschooldistrict.net or Kristen Cipriano- ciprianok@dunmo-reschooldistrict.net.

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