

DUNMOREAN OF MONTH: Dr. Frank Padula



By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore dentist Frank Padula, DMD, has been named Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. The organization will honor Dr. Padula during its 118th annual dinner on Sunday, October 11, at Fiorelli's, Peckville.

The dinner is the highlight of the Columbus Day observance in Lackawanna County.

"It's a great honor to receive this award," said Dr. Padula. "My family background is Italian, so it means even more to them. It's a big honor for my family."

Son of Frank, Sr. and Susan Padula, Dr. Padula, 55, is married to the former Karen Oven. The couple has two sons: Andrew, 22, a first-year dental student at the University of Pittsburgh, and Christopher, 20, a sophomore at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, the oldest technical research university in the world. Both graduated from Scranton Prep after attending Dunmore public schools through eighth grade. Dr. Padula also has a brother, Richard Padula.

Dr. Padula graduated from Scranton Prep in 1990 after attending Dunmore public schools through eighth grade. He went on to receive a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Scranton in 1995 and a Doctor of Dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999.

He practices dentistry at Oven-Padula Dental Practice, 320 West Drinker St., Dunmore.

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Lions donate to Fire Department



The Dunmore Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$9,625.88 to the Dunmore Fire Department through a grant made possible by the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation. This grant provided Blade Force Nozzles, Hyrdo Force Shutoffs, and an industrial washer. Board of Director for District 14-H NEPA Lions Service Foundation Lion Barbara Taylor joined members of the Dunmore Lions Club and Dunmore Fire Department at the presentation. Pictured here are, from left: Michael Colangelo, Barbara Taylor, Sean Colangelo, Lt. Kyle Stanton, Larry Waters, Melissa Dworak, Gene DiVizio, Geno Tempesta, and Leo Wentline



Lt. Kyle Stanton and Larry Waters display a blade force nozzle which was provided to the Dunmore Fire Department through a grant from the Dunmore Lions Club.

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Frank Padula, center, is shown in Gubbio, Italy, this past May at the St. Ubaldo Festival with sons Christopher, at left, and Andrew, at right.

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His partners are family members David T. Oven and Leslie A. Tarzano.

The dental office was founded over 50 years ago by his father-in-law, David A. Oven.

"I'm in my 28th year practicing dentistry and I love it," said Dr. Padula. "I'm very fortunate to be practicing in my hometown and taking care of the local people. I feel blessed.

"I'm hoping my son will join me someday. That will be up to him, but it would be nice to have him working with me."

Dr. Padula said his grandmother, Anne Ragnacci Romanini, came to this country at age five from Perugia, Italy. She later met her future husband Dominick who was raised in the Sport Hill section of Dunmore.

The Padula part of the family came from Catania, Italy, and settled in the Bunker Hill section of Dunmore.

Dr. Padula enjoys fishing in his spare time. He is a big fan of the University of Pittsburgh and a season ticket holder. He played baseball, football, and basketball at Scranton Prep and baseball at the University of Scranton.

Dr. Padula serves on the Board of the Scranton Primary Healthcare Center. He and his wife are ushers and lectors at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.

He coached and served on Boards many years for Dunmore youth athletics.

His dad is a well-known retired

school teacher who taught 35 years in the Dunmore School District. His mom still works 20 hours a week as an office secretary for the dental practice.

"My mom likes to keep busy working," he said.

Dr. Padula said he is looking forward to the upcoming event.

"It's really going to be great," he said. "My family is proud of our Italian heritage and background. I think it's an honor for myself and

my entire family, but really more for the family. They will be sure to enjoy it."

NOTE: Interested persons can make reservations by contacting Joe Fazio at [570-241-1691](tel:570-241-1691). The cost of the dinner is \$65. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The presentation will then follow.



This family picture taken in Bruges Belgium, in July shows, from left: Andrew, Karen, Frank and Christopher Padula.

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Members of St. Anthony's Playground Association gathered to dedicate a bench in memory of association member and long-time president Donald J. Rinaldi. The bench will be located within St. Anthony's Playground, where he tended, maintained and advocated for many years. The Lions are grateful for the playground's generosity. Shown from left are: Maria Tiberry, Dave Fueshko, Denise Fueshko, Lenny Condi, Mary Vincent, Mike Coar, Myron Fedor, and Mike Angerson.



Tom DePietro, owner of DePietro's Pharmacy in Dunmore, is shown here with his godson Nick DonVito who received his white coat in September at Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy. The ceremony is a symbolic rite of passage that welcomes incoming Doctor of Pharmacy students into the profession. In his usual fashion, Nick went from the white coat ceremony straight to his football game to help lead his Wilkes team to a win.



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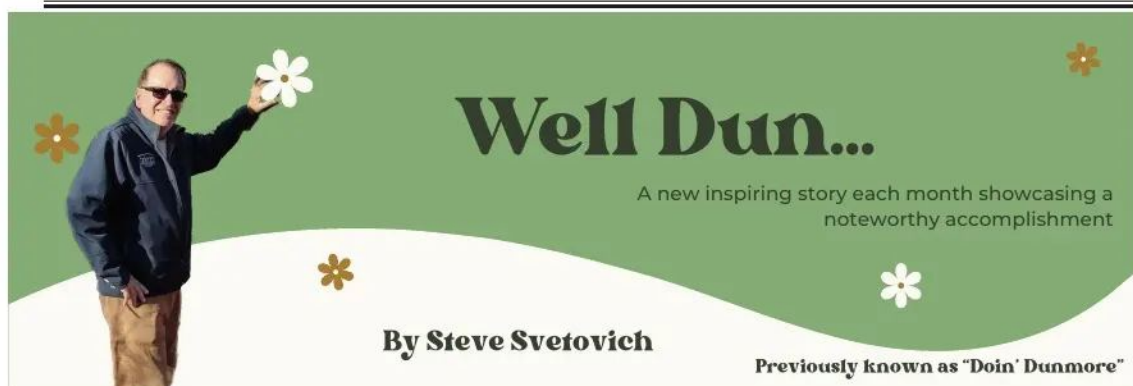
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He was a self-made man who loved his family more than anything. And told that to anyone within earshot.

He was raised in the Marvine section of Scranton as part of a group of tough, street smart teenagers who frequented Steinie's Pizza and were called "The Black Eight." He was the last surviving member of the group.

As a teenager, he once outraced a train to swoop up and save two little children he saw sitting on the tracks. He remembered the train razing his T-shirt. Another time he threw his leather jacket on a youth whose clothes caught fire. That youth later became known as Scranton's Freaky Freddy.

He attended North Scranton Junior High School and at 14 became one of the youngest members of the 109th Infantry. He was a two-year Army veteran serving during the Korean War.

He met his future wife Ellen in a downtown shoe store. He told her he loved her in Polish. He attended barber school in Philadelphia after the couple married.

She was Greek and it was called "a mixed marriage," but it lasted forever.

He was owner and operator of Stan's Barber Shop for 25 years at several Green Ridge locations and sponsored a Pony League baseball team under the same name.

He then became a driver for the NEIU until retirement.

His second love after his family was his band. He was the leader of The Fabulous Fortunes for 80 years. A self-taught bass player, he

switched to drums in 1970.

"Ace me in" was his classic line when he wanted a band job. And he was "aced in" for eight decades.

His first band job was at the current Maroni's Pizza in West Side, originally a bar-restaurant, in 1946. His last job was this past New Year's Eve at the Gino Merli Veterans Center in downtown Scranton. He was booked there for two more jobs, including this New Year's Eve, upon his passing.

He and his band performed 80 consecutive New Year's Eve jobs, including several with his grandson Ryan, also a self-taught musician. He and his grandson performed at the Bucktown Music Festival in Dunmore two years ago.

He was a proud member of the Scranton Musician Association. "Stan the Man" or "Stash" to his closest friends, he used Stan Savage as his band name.

His fellow bandmate Vince Parise always said, "Stan knows how to work the room."

His 80 years in show business, included performing at numerous resorts in the Poconos, local wedding venues, country clubs, outdoor parks, church picnics, and fairs and night clubs.

The Poconos was his prime circuit. He and The Fabulous Fortunes performed at La Festa in downtown Scranton since its inception until just a few years ago. He was very proud of that.

He had countless stories about playing on "The Strip" in downtown Scranton and at every resort in the Poconos, "The Honeymoon Capital of the World."

His playing career led him to meeting Louie Prima, The Ink Spots, The Drifters, The Four Freshman, Meadowlark Lemon, Curly Neal and Ed McMahon, who sat in with his band in the Poconos. He was close friends with Las Vegas comedian Pete Barbutti.

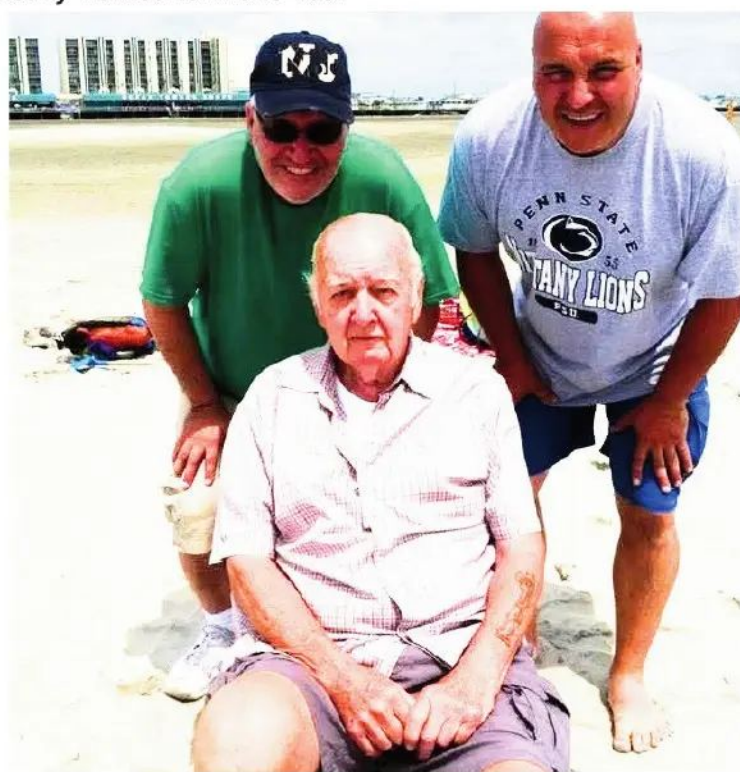
He and his band were invited to Nashville to perform and cut a record. His music was played there on numerous radio stations.

Proud of his street smarts, he was once cornered by a roughneck with a gun in Mexico and another with a

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Stan Svetovich is shown at his surprise 90th birthday party almost three years ago. The celebration with his family and musician friends was a great day in his life. He would have turned 93 in a little over three months from now, and said he really wanted to live to 105!



Stan Svetovich is shown seven years ago at the age of 86 on the beach in Wildwood, NY, flanked by his sons Steve, at left, and George, at right.



Stan Svetovich, is shown with children and grandchildren, including, from left: grandson Ryan, daughter Denise, son George, Stan, son Steve, and grandson Dylan.



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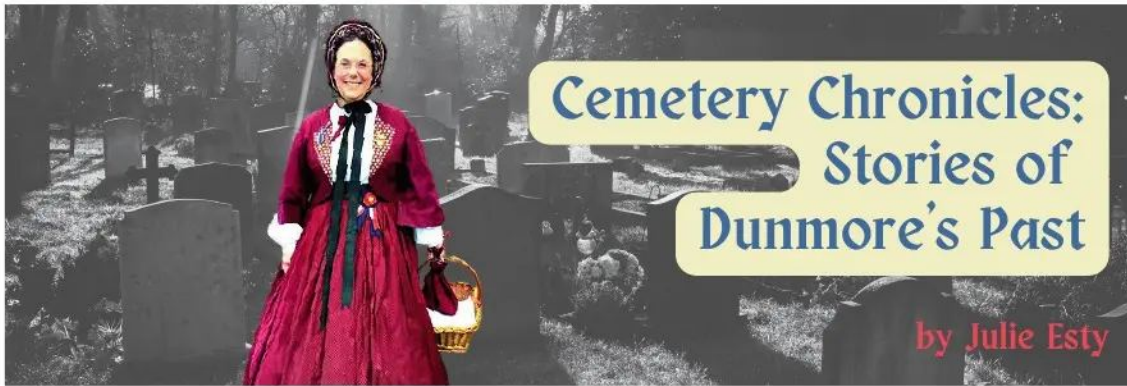
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DEC celebrates 'Give Like Dolly Parton Day'



On 9-25, the Dunmore Elementary Center, along with various businesses and organizations, participated in "Give Like Dolly Day" to support Children's Literacy in Lackawanna County with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Staff and students were encouraged to dress in pink, sparkles, and western-themed attire in honor of Dolly Parton. Students participated in Dolly-themed activities during the school day and the district collected \$9, \$2, or \$5 in honor of her "Working 9 to 5" song to donate to Dolly's Imagination Library. Pictured are students and staff from the Dunmore Elementary Center on Dolly Day.





Marjorie Gugger a pioneering surgeon

Born in 1921, Marjorie Elise Gugger was the eldest of four daughters born to A. Edward and Kathryn Gugger. Residing on West Pine Street in Dunmore, Marjorie was educated in the Dunmore school system, attending Abraham Lincoln and later Dunmore High School.

Marjorie was a brilliant student who was also active with the Girl Scouts of America and the religious community of the Dunmore Presbyterian Church. During her scouting years, Marjorie attained the rank of Golden Eaglet and eventually worked on staff at Camp Archbald.

Through her high school years, she was a frequent participant in the WGBI radio station Spelling Bee. In the 1938 competition, Marjorie was declared the winner of that scholastic event. She was a graduate of the academic course in the 1939 class of Dunmore High School.

Following graduation, Gugger attended Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. There she majored in chemistry and biology.

By 1942, Gugger had attained the highest two-year grade average at Maryville College. Quite a feat considering that, in addition to her studies, she supported herself and paid for her college education by working as a waitress in a local Maryville restaurant and as a clerk in the school offices.

She was also a member of the Maryville Student Volunteer Movement, the college "A" Capella Choir and a lab assistant in the chemistry department. Following her time at Maryville, Gugger attended the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

As in her years at Maryville,

Gugger worked to support herself and fund her education by working as a research chemist for E.I. duPont Nemours in Philadelphia.

Following completion of her education at the Women's Medical College, Gugger interned at Misericordia Hospital in Philadelphia.

She completed her surgical training at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital in Darby, PA.. She would later earn a degree in ophthalmology from the University of Pennsylvania.

In the autumn of 1954, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, Dr. Gugger went as a missionary to India. There she served as a surgeon in the Francis Newton Mission Hospital in Ferozepur, Punjab.

While information on Dr. Gugger's time in India is scant,

evidence suggests she devoted 17 years working as a surgeon, repairing severe corneal ailments that afflicted the residents in her region. These ocular disorders were the result of severe nutritional deficiencies.

Following her return from India, Dr. Gugger lectured at various Presbyterian churches throughout Pennsylvania, discussing her experiences in India.

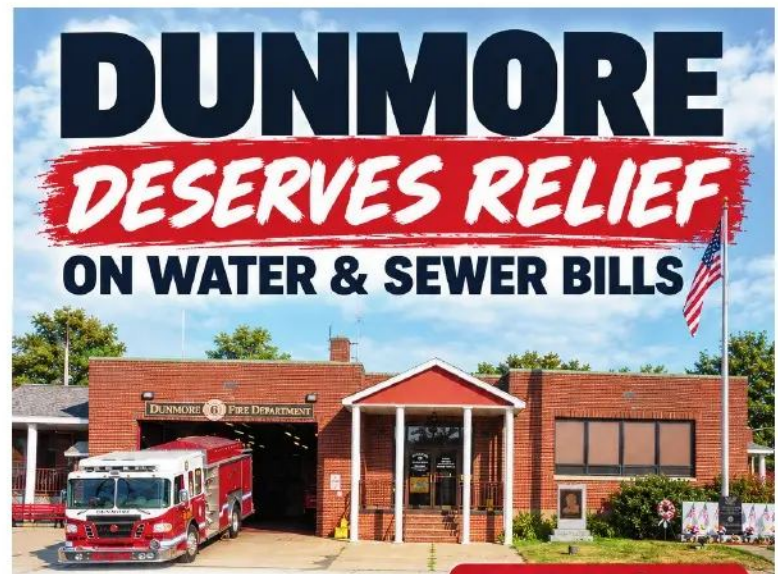
It should be noted that in December 1960, while on furlough from her ministries in India, Dr. Gugger spoke to the congregants of the Dunmore Presbyterian Church about her life in India.

Dr. Gugger died at the age of 53 from the effects of multiple sclerosis on February 7, 1974.

At the time of her death she resided in Darby, PA. She was laid to rest in Section Seventeen of the Dunmore Cemetery.



The Taylor mausoleum was decorated by Scranton Films for this weekend's Dunmore Cemetery tour by the Dearly Departed Players, celebrating America's 150th anniversary. The Lackawanna Historical Society did the same for the Catlin mausoleum. The event begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, and runs about 2 hours. Admission is free and no reservations are required. Comfortable walking shoes are suggested. Visitors should arrive early for parking and exhibits. For more information, contact Julie Esty at 570-344-3819.



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Shown in this Padula family photo taken in Edinburgh, Scotland, in July, 2025, are, from left: Andrew, Frank, Karen, and Christopher.



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James F. Swift Scholarship recipients for 2026 are shown at a Scholarship Reception held by the Scranton Area Community Foundation at the Century Club. Shown seated in the front row from left are: Sarah Wolfe, Elizabeth Cummings, Molly Banik, Kathryn Apollinario of Holy Cross High School; Claire Polishan, Maren Walsh, Grace Beckish, Jaclyn Nally and Kiley Williams.

Second row, same order: Emma Field, Grace Bennett, Emma Gregory, Reilly Sprague, Makayla Webb, Juliette DeStefano, Julia Noto, William Murphy, Denise Quindi Paguay, Julia Murphy, Sujata Ghimirey, Amanda Byron, and Holly Burke.

Third row: Gavin Zellers, Matthew Kirchner of Dunmore High School; Geanna Kirchner, Connor Simonson, Mandie Martin, Jhaven Sims, Evan Walsh, Robert Mattioli, Caden Moher, Jonah Cahn, and Sharon Parikh.

Fourth Row: Loren Spudic, Mya Harrity of Dunmore High School; Andrew Kondisko, Haydon Snyder, Gianna Vachino, Brayden Bogdon, Noah Beckish, Nicholas Parise, Jack Sheridan and Kaila Lyons.



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There was a time when seeing someone wearing a body camera meant you were probably dealing with a police officer. Today, that assumption is becoming increasingly outdated.

Technology has made recording devices smaller, cheaper, and easier to conceal in plain sight. Cameras can be mounted to eyeglasses, clipped to shirts, or incorporated into devices that look like ordinary accessories.

And while we have grown accustomed to seeing surveillance cameras in stores, restaurants, and public places, a different kind of recording is becoming part of our everyday lives.

Companies are increasingly interested in capturing not only what their employees do, but what their employees say, what their customers say, and what happens during ordinary interactions between the two.

Think about that for a moment. A salesperson knocks on your door. You invite them inside. You discuss the condition of your roof, your finances, or perhaps

your concerns about affording a necessary repair. What you believe is a private conversation in your own living room may actually be recorded, stored, and preserved for future use.

And you may not even realize it. At Hart Law, we have encountered situations that demonstrate just how troubling this intersection of technology, consumer protection, and privacy can become.

The Signature They Never Knew They Gave

Our office has received calls involving elderly homeowners who believed they were simply discussing repairs to their roofs. A salesperson visited their home, inspected the property, discussed potential work, and eventually presented an iPad for a signature. To the homeowner, it may have seemed like an acknowledgment of the visit, an estimate, or permission to proceed with an inspection.

In reality, the documents they allegedly signed included contracts for substantial roof repairs or replacement, along with financing

arrangements they did not fully understand.

It wasn't until the bills arrived that the homeowners realized the magnitude of what had happened. They contacted the company, explained that they did not have the money, and disputed what they believed they had agreed to.

Then came the lawyers.

Not the neighborhood attorney down the street, but a large law firm representing the company and seeking to enforce the agreement. And here is where the story takes an interesting turn.

We learned that the salesperson had been wearing a body camera. The interaction had been recorded, including the moment the homeowner was asked to sign the iPad.

Suddenly, what the homeowner remembered as an ordinary conversation about roof repairs had become a recorded transaction that the company could potentially use to support its position.

The existence of a recording does not necessarily establish that

a contract was validly formed, that its terms were adequately disclosed, or that the homeowner knowingly agreed to financing. Those remain separate legal questions.

But the discovery of that camera raises another question entirely.

Did the homeowner ever consent to being recorded in the first place?

Pennsylvania Is an All-Party Consent State

Pennsylvania has some of the more protective laws in the country when it comes to recording private conversations.

Under the Pennsylvania Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 5701 et seq., the general rule is that all parties to a protected conversation must consent to its interception, unless a statutory exception applies. This is commonly called a "two-party consent" law, although "all-party consent" is the more accurate description.

In other words, simply because you are participating in a conversation does not automatically give you permission to secretly record it.

Imagine sitting at your kitchen table discussing a personal matter with a friend. You decide to secretly activate the voice recorder on your phone because you want a record of what is being said.

You might assume that because you are one of the people participating in the conversation, you have every right to record it.

Not necessarily in Pennsylvania.

If the conversation is protected under the statute and no exception applies, recording it without the necessary consent may violate the law.

The same principle can apply to a salesperson who enters your home wearing a camera that captures audio.

Importantly, the law distinguishes between recording someone's image and intercepting their words. A silent video recording does not by itself violate the wiretap law. A camera that also captures a protected conversation presents a different legal issue.

Pennsylvania law protects an "oral communication" when the speaker expects that the conversation will not be intercepted and that expectation is justified under the circumstances. A conversation inside someone's private residence presents a particularly compelling privacy concern.

In fact, even the police, when one party to a conversation is cooperating with them, generally need a judge's order before recording a conversation inside the home of someone who has not consented.

That said, awareness matters. Pennsylvania courts have held that a person who knows, or should know, that a conversation may be recorded or memorialized cannot always claim a justified expectation of privacy. A company will likely argue that a camera clipped to an employee's shirt was in plain view. The strongest case for a homeowner is one where the camera went unnoticed, where nobody explained that it was capturing sound, or where the homeowner had no meaningful understanding of what was happening.

The consequences of violating the law can be significant. Intentionally intercepting a protected communication, or knowingly disclosing or using an unlawfully intercepted communication, is generally a third-degree felony.

The statute also gives the person whose conversation was unlawfully recorded the right to sue for damages of at least \$1,000, plus punitive damages and attorney's fees. And a party to a court proceeding may ask the court to exclude an unlawfully intercepted recording from evidence.

Of course, there are exceptions, and whether a particular recording violates the law depends upon the circumstances.

Nevertheless, a company cannot simply assume that outfitting its employees with recording devices gives it unlimited authority to capture private conversations inside customers' homes.

This Call May Be Recorded for Quality Assurance

We have all heard the familiar announcement when calling a bank, insurance company, utility provider, or customer service department:

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Holy Cross players rehearsing for 'Little Mermaid'

Cast members for the Holy Cross High School fall musical of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" have been announced. Performances will be November 20, 21 and 22.

Cast includes: Emma Triano as Ariel; Keegan Feenie as Pilot; Luigi Cicco as Prince Eric; Michael Fredrickson as Grimsby; Juliana Dudley as Flounder; Lily

Turnbull as Scuttle; Audrey Passanti and Adelaine Lawler as Leeward and Windward; Anna Polishan as Sebastian; Jonathan Novak as King Triton.

Also, Nina DeSantis, Mary Guzewicz, Diane Idhaw, Kiera Lalli, Natalia Matrone and Miriam Valentine as the Mersisters; Brynn Gabello and Sophjia Triano as Flotsam and Jetsam;

Evah Boock as Ursula; William Muir as Chef Louis; Karys Jazowski, Rowan McDonald, Charlotte Byron, Sadie Battenberg, Keegan Fennie, and Kathleen Donohue as Chefs;

Maddie Barlow, Olivia Byron, Nina DeSantis, Bridget Rasi-movich, Nishila Willams and Skylinn Williams as Princesses.

Members of the Ensemble are Audrey Alpert; Brooklyn

Beck, Sadie Battenberg, Charlotte Byron, Parker Dudley, Kathleen Donohue, Amelia Guigliardo, Kelcie Kochis, Max Meola, Maisy O'Malley and Reagan Sullivan.



Holy Cross High School Theatre Ensemble will present its fall musical, Disney's Little Mermaid, later this month. Shown here seated from left: Emma Triano as Ariel, and Avah Boock as Ursula. Standing, same order: Luigi Cicco, Prince Eric; Anna Polishan of Dunmore as Sebastian, and Jonathan Novak as King Triton.



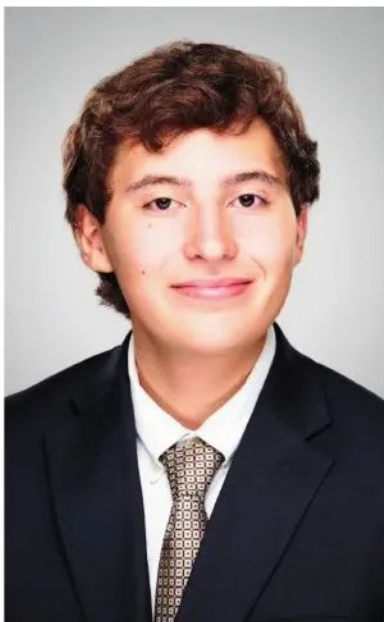
Holy Cross Theatre Ensemble will present Disney's The Little Mermaid, Sebastian; and Jonathan Novak, King Triton. The cast is shown at rehearsals learning the music to "Under The Sea" under the direction of Patrick Dalrymple.

Holy Cross Parent Club planning to sponsor craft fair, home showcase on October 18



The Holy Cross High School Parent Club Craft Fair & Home Showcase will be held on Sunday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 501 E. Drinker Street, Dunmore. The event features over 50 vendors selling candles, soaps, pastries, wreaths, ceramics, home decor, jewelry, and more. There will be a basket raffle, door prizes, and homemade food available. Admission is \$3; \$2 for seniors & students; children 12 and under are free. For more information, call Krista at 570-862-8478. Shown in the photo are, from left: Grayson Decker, Katarina Morris, Benjamin Tolerico, Holy Cross principal; Emma Kovolenus, and Patrick Donohue.

Nate Cabets earns award in Holocaust Essay Contest



Nate Cabets

Holy Cross senior Nate Cabets recently earned Third Place in the Holocaust Essay Contest through the Holocaust Education Resource Center of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Nate completed his essay as part of his English III- American Literature class in his junior year of high school. This recognition reflects the thought, research, and care Nate brought to an important topic in history and reminds us of the importance of learning from the past.

New teachers at the DEC



New faculty members at the Dunmore Elementary Center include, from left, Carly Hoover, music and instrumental teacher; Connor Manganiello, special education teacher; Sarah Mitchell, special education teacher, and Ashley Sunseri, special education teacher.



The 24th Brian Forgione Foundation Memorial Golf Tournament was held recently at Sands Springs Golf Course. The Foundation has completed its 14th year as a Suites and Sneakers Premier Sponsor for Coaches vs Cancer of NEPA with contributions to the American Cancer Society nearing \$130,000. The Foundation will have donated over \$300,000 to our local community supporting individuals affected by cancer, donating to support public charities and awarding scholarships to Dunmore High School college bound student athletes. Yellow shirts were presented to the 2025 golf champions of the tournament in honor of cancer survivors and those who have lost their battle to cancer. The foursome who received their yellow shirts were: Michael Dougherty, Sean Dempsey, Sal Marchese, and Jerry Longo.

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Needham family donates two benches honoring firemen Needham, Dougherty



The Needham family recently purchased benches in Dunmore in memory of two firemen, including Joseph Needham, whose bench is placed at the former Eclipse Fire House on East Drinker Street, and Joseph W. Loughney Jr. whose bench is placed at the Dunmore Fire Department Headquarters on Pine Street. Nancy, Catherine, and Joseph Needham recently joined members of the Dunmore Lions Club to dedicate these benches. Shown at the Joseph P. Needham bench are, from left: Gene DiVizio, Sean Colangelo, Geno Tempesta, Catherine Needham, Jim Colangelo, Joseph Needham, Nancy Needham, Leo Wentline, and Michael Colangelo.



Michael Colangelo, Geno Tempesta, Gene DiVizio, Catherine Needham, Sean Colangelo, Nancy Needham, Joseph Needham, Leo Wentline, Melissa Dworak, and Jim Colangelo are shown during the dedication of the bench in memory of Joseph W. Dougherty Jr. in front of Dunmore Fire Company headquarters on Pine Street.



Catherine, Joseph and Nancy Needham are shown with the bench dedicated to Joseph P. Needham.



Joseph Needham is pictured as a young child in front of Eclipse Fire House. Joseph's memorial bench is now placed at the former Eclipse Fire House on East Drinker Street which is one of several bus stops in the borough.



Catherine, Nancy and Joseph Needham are shown following the dedication of a bench in memory of Joseph W. Dougherty Jr.



Abington Rotarians and members of the Dearly Departed Players Roger Mattes, shown at left, and Chrissy Grunza, at far right, helped welcome the Artistic Director of the troupe, Julie Esty, second from left, to a recent meeting. Esty, who is also a columnist for *The Dunmorean*, brought a historic pair of huge Levis to the meeting, displayed here by Rotarian president Anita Nealon. Esty also presented information on the annual Dunmore Cemetery Tour planned this year for October 10 at 2 p.m. Admission to the cemetery tour is free. For information call [570-344-3819](tel:570-344-3819).

Anthracite Opera set to present autumn music concert Oct. 25



Anthracite Opera will present "Autumn, a Harvest of Music," on October 25 at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1000 Taylor Ave., Scranton, with AOC vocalists singing opera, Broadway, and popular music. Instrumentalists will include Jason Smeltzer playing the theremin; Kyle Jenkins, classical guitar, and Phil Rossi, singer/guitarist. Helene Tinsely and Patrick Marcinko will be the masters of ceremonies, Linda Houck is musical director and accompanist, and Gary Richards is coordinator and founder of Anthracite Opera. General admission is \$15, and 18 and under are free. Pay cash at the door. For more information, call [570-335-7702](tel:570-335-7702). AOC cast members include, from left; Kyle Jenkins, Leo Schott, Ben Knox, Joseph Cianiulli, Mary Schuller, Mathew Merolla, Ann Marie Dupre, Ellen Rutkowski, Jason Smeltzer, Patrick Marcinko, Linda Houck, music director and accompanist, Phill Rossi, and founder Gary Richards.

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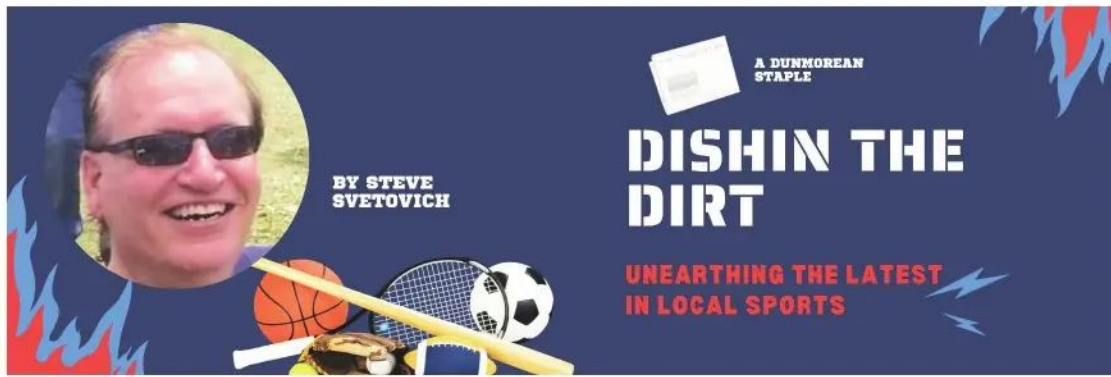
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Thirty-two students and three advisors from Dunmore High School attended the 2026 Girls in STEM Symposium at Lacawac Sanctuary on September 23. The girls' day included influential speakers, inspiring advice, various booths providing career guidance and environmental and technology knowledge, and time in the sunshine enjoying the natural beauty of the Sanctuary.



Former Holy Cross All Regional baseball player **Anthony Duchnowski** hit single and added three sacrifice flies driving in three runs and Marywood baseball product and current Dunmore Junior High baseball coach **Dylan Svetovich** had two hits and two RBIs to lead Lavelle Insurance to 11-1 win over Sunlight Bombers in second round of Wyoming Valley Adult Baseball Association playoffs to advance to semifinals last month...

Dunmore senior fullback **Xavier Burke** scored three touchdowns and added two-point conversion run and **Weston Yannone** added two more touchdowns in Bucks 35-0 win over Lake Lehman last month...Dunmore fans wore yellow at home against Lake Lehman September 18 for pediatric cancer in honor of 2026 Dunmore graduate **Reagan Kearney** who continues her fight...

Former Dunmore volleyball and basketball standout **Amanda Dempsey** started her college academic and athletic career at Hobert and William Smith College in Geneva, New York...Dunmore junior quarterback **Brady McCormick** fired three touchdown passes in Bucks 63-7 win over Holy Cross...Coach **Kevin McHale** and his Dunmore Bucks moved to 5-0 with 56-6 football win over Susquehanna...Dunmore student body president **Weston Yannone** rushed for 109 yards and three touchdowns in win over Susquehanna...

Goalie **Diego Chavez** anchored another shutout in

Dunmore 3-0 soccer win over Western Wayne...**Russell Toole**, **Ryan Clark**, and **Anthony Yerka** all scored for Dunmore ... Congratulations to Dunmore senior softball pitcher **Paige Ancherani** who committed to Alvernia University for fall of 2027... Congratulations to Dunmore's **Carter Sload** selected as one of top 50 high school basketball players in Commonwealth of PA...

Congratulations to former Dunmore football standout **Nick Donvito** who received White Coat at Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and then helped lead Wilkes to football win... Congratulations to head coach **Joe Giorgio** who led Holy Cross Crusaders to two consecutive football wins, 27-20 over Montrose and 41-16 win over Col-Mont. Vo-Tech... Holy Cross quarterback **Chase Rutkoski** threw four touchdown passes in win over Montrose. Holy Cross Lady Crusaders basketball player **Malice Blackwell** (see photo) committed to New England University for next fall .. Congratulations to Holy Cross soccer player **Adam Badryka** who scored 50th career goal... Congratulations to Holy Cross senior **Liza Froncek** who set school career soccer records for career goals and assists...Liza has 55 career goals at press time ..Liza also has 4.13 academic grade point average...She was Times-Tribune athlete of week following first week of school... Holy Cross cross country runner **Gemma Bistran** placed 13th to earn medal in PIAA Class A division race...Congratulations Holy Cross football player **Luca Berardi** named NPF's special

teams spotlight player of week last month... Congratulations to Holy Cross Lady Crusaders soccer goalkeeper **Alaina Scassellati** who set school's career shutout record against Blue Ridge. Congratulations to **Lily Turnbull** of Holy Cross who received annual Pay Forward Scholarship Award from Alu family...Congratulations Holy Cross senior **Nate Cabets** who earned third place in Holocaust Essay Contest through Holocaust Resource Center of Jewish Federation of NEPA...

Condolences to family of **Dr. Marianne Santioni**, Old Forge, former Scranton Prep softball player, who passed away last month at 66...**Lebron James** gearing up for 24th NBA season as he begins his Philadelphia 76ers tenure... New York Yankees looked strong in two-game wild card sweep over Boston Red Sox... Yankees-Rays series should be a battle...Watch out for the Brew Crew of Milwaukee... This scribe predicting a Brewers-Rays World Series, with Brew Crew winning in seven ..

Do you remember former Dunmore quarterback **Miller Holmes** completing 11-of-16 passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns in Bucks 42-28 win over Lackawanna Trail 20 years ago?...**Steph Curry** signed two-year contract extension with Golden State Warriors for \$116 million taking him through 2028-29 season...Steph averaged 26.6 points in 43 games last season . Do you remember **Jackie Moran**?...Whatever became of **Ben Ogilive**?...



The Holy Cross Crusaders arrived for their football game on Saturday, Sept. 19, still searching for its first win, while Montrose arrived at the game without a loss. But, behind a huge day from quarterback Chase Rutkoski, big plays from Luca Berardi, and a defense that forced three interceptions, the Crusaders knocked off the previously unbeaten Meteors, 27-20. The Crusaders are 2-4 for the season thus far, with the big win over Montrose and also Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech (41 to 16), and also losses to still undefeated Dunmore, and also Holy Redeemer. --Photo courtesy of SporzWire.



Holy Cross Lady Crusaders basketball standout Malice Blackwell has committed to Western New England University.

Bucks quarterback Brady McCormick a strong leader

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore junior Brady McCormick stepped into the starting quarterback role this season emerging as a strong leader.

And he is a major reason Dunmore won its first five football games, often obliterating opponents.

Son of Laurie and Shawn McCormick, Dunmore, Brady fired a 25-yard touchdown pass to prime target Jacob Costanzo in the Bucks 56-6 win over Susquehanna on Saturday, September 26.

At press time he had recorded 10 touchdown passes and thrown only one interception while totaling over 600 yards passing.

"I think the success of this team is due to our great defense led by defensive coaches Mike Barrett and Cameron Young," said Brady.

"Our defense has been incredible. Our defense keeps the opposition's offense off the field and gives us the football. They have been doing that all year, giving us plenty of opportunities to score.

"It's because of our defense that we have a big point differential in our favor."

Brady, well-spoken and polite, is a member of the Bowling Club and Spanish Club at Dunmore. He is junior class treasurer and also plays on the tennis team.

The junior scholar-athlete has a 3.6 academic average. His best academic subject is history.

Brady, humble and hard-working, said assistant coach Jack Dempsey is a big reason for his easy transition to starting quar-

terback. "He is great with play calling and putting in audibles. He has great ability in reading defenses."

The junior stalwart signal caller said he has learned a lot from Dunmore veteran head football coach Kevin McHale. "He really teaches us to be a good person. At Dunmore it's all about being a good person in life. It's all life lessons."

Brady said his parents also teach him a lot about life. "They are the best influences in my life. They tell me to be confident. Be the best leader in my life. Be humble."

Brady said he would like to play college football and study architecture when that time comes. He is thinking about attending college in the coastal Carolinas or possibly Penn State.

Intelligent and confident, Brady talked out what it takes to excel at the quarterback position.

"It's really all about your mind set," he said. "It's not just about athletic ability. You need to be smart, a hard worker, and be a leader. Leadership qualities factor in maybe the most."

Brady is very positive when he talks about the team goals. "We expect to keep winning every game and make a strong run at the state title. We want to win the state title this year.

"We are building off of last season when we lost the district title game. We worked extremely hard in the off-season and came back stronger and faster.

"We are better and even more focused. Our fans are excited for us. They can see us making a strong run. We see it too."

Well-versed and talented, Brady

enjoys music and would like to see Morgan Wallen in concert. He is a big fan of the late Michael Jackson's music.

Brady loves playing for Dunmore and is very aware of its history.

"Dunmore is amazing," he said. "It's a storied town. I have known these guys since kindergarten. We know each other well.

"Dunmore is all about tradition. It's an old school place.

"It's an honor to go to school here."



Bucks football update...

The Dunmore Bucks won last week's game with Mid Valley 56-0. The team had 430 yards on offense, including 359 on the ground. They held the Spartans to 43 rushing yards. The Bucks had eight touchdowns, eight extra points, and allowed zero points by Mid Valley. They went up 42 points in the first half of the game.

Brady McCormick was 3 for 4 with 71 yards and a touchdown, while **Jacob Costanzo** had two touchdowns rushing for 26 yards and two catches for 64 yards, resulting in one touchdown. **Josef Wolff** had three carries for 78 yards and one touchdown, and **Xavier Burke** had four carries for 59 yards and a touchdown.

Weston Yannone had five carries for 52 yards and a touchdown; **Colin Coulthard** had six carries for 43 yards and a touchdown, and **Nick Rought** had a 29-yard touchdown run. Dunmore's defense had an interception and provided a shutout in the game.

The Bucks are currently undefeated, at 6-0 for the season thus far.



Quarterback Brady McCormick is pictured at center with Bucks teammates Will Haun, at left, and Michael Dempsey Jr., at right.

Liza Froncek sets soccer records at Holy Cross

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior Liza Froncek is busy this year setting soccer records.

Daughter of Matt and Missy Froncek, Liza, 18, is as humble as can be despite her many accolades.

During a Lady Crusaders soccer win over Carbondale Area this past August 31, Liza set school records for three goals in a game and 50 career goals. She now has a record 55 goals at press time.

"I was really ecstatic when I set the career record," she said. "I was three goals away at the end of last season, so it was good to get it in the first game. It was really a great feeling."

The Holy Cross soccer team is 5-1-2 at press time.

Well-versed and extremely polite, Liza has a highly impressive 4.13 grade point average at Holy Cross. Her best academic subject is chemistry.

Liza is a member of the Mock Trial team, History Club, Language Club, Film Club, and Sign Language Club. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Her dad is her soccer coach at Holy Cross.

"My dad is very vocal to me

as a coach, but I don't take it personally. He teaches me a lot." Liza's dad has been the Holy Cross girls' soccer coach for the past 17 years.

Liza said she learned a lot from her parents. "They teach me how to work things out, especially when things get difficult. Work through the challenges."

Liza also holds the Holy Cross soccer record for most career assists with 33 at press time. The previous record was 25.

She is also a member of the Holy Cross track and field team. She has participated in the 100-meter, hurdles, high jump and 4 by 1. This year she will compete in the long jump.

As a freshman, the talented senior was a member of the Holy Cross girls basketball team that won a district title.

Liza is a member of the IHM program run by Marywood University. The program is available to the top 10 students based on grade point average at Holy Cross. Students earn college credits which can be utilized at various colleges and universities.

The soft-spoken scholar-athlete said she is not sure where she wants to attend college yet, but will probably study chemistry.

"I would like to get into lab work as an occupation," she said.

Studious and hard-working, Liza enjoys listening to music in her spare time and would like to see Panic at the Disco, a pop rock group, in concert.

Liza's mom is a language teacher at Holy Cross. She teaches French and Spanish.

"I have had her as a teacher all four years," Liza said. "I get no special treatment," she quickly added.

Liza also has a brother Matthew, 21.

A three-time first team soccer all-star, Liza is an attacking midfielder.

"To be a good soccer player," she said, "you need dedication and skill. The skill level needs to be tactical and technical. You need to work hard both in practice and on your own."

She talked about her goals. "I want to continue working hard, focus on my grades, and finish up on a strong note."

"I want to play a sport in college. Maybe it will be soccer. I want to do well in college and eventually earn a master's degree."

In the meantime, Liza is thoroughly enjoying her experience at Holy Cross.

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LIZA FONCEK





Marywood University has received a generous contribution from Peoples Security Bank & Trust as the official scoreboard sponsor of its Ignite the Light for Athletics campaign. The gift supports an improved home field experience for Marywood's more than 500 students. The new scoreboard brings an integrated game clock, shot clocks, and penalty indicators to Marywood's multipurpose turf field. It is part of a broader transformation of the complex that includes a new press box, expanded bleachers, and an upgraded sound system. The turf field is home to men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, and women's flag football, plus numerous intramural and recreation programs that benefit all students at Marywood. Pictured,



Marywood University celebrated a significant milestone as Pennsylvania State Trooper David Kuzmick became the first student to complete the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice through the Marywood-Pennsylvania State Police Academy Partnership. The ceremony took place at Noon at the Pacer Statue on Marywood's campus. Trooper Kuzmick, at left, received his degree from Marywood University President Lisa A. Lori, J.D., shown third from left. Patrick Seffrin, Ph.D., Marywood Professor and Director of its Center for Law, Justice and Policy, at right, and Trooper Clint Long, Recruitment Program Coordinator, second from left, were also on hand to commemorate this achievement.



Congratulations to Dunmore's Elena (Lanie) Piepoli on reaching her 500th dig in Dunmore's volleyball game on September 10 against North Pocono. Lanie is the first player in program history to achieve this accomplishment.

SHOWN AT LEFT: The Lackawanna County Commissioners gathered with representatives from UNICO Scranton around a collection box in the lobby of the Government Center for the annual UNICO/Friends of the Poor coat drive. New or gently used coats, to be distributed to those in need through the Friends of the Poor/Catherine McAuley Center, can be dropped off at the Government Center during normal business hour until Christmas week. Shown from left are: Commissioner Bill Gaughan, Charlie Spano, Scranton UNICO; Commissioner Thom Welby, Dino Darbenzio, President, Scranton Chapter UNICO; and Commissioner Chris Chermak.

SMILE: You are usually on somebody else's camera shot

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conversation after receiving clear notice may constitute consent.

However, consent should not be confused with having no choice. You can always respond by saying, "I do not consent to this conversation being recorded. Is there a way we can continue

without recording?"

The company may agree to disable the recording, offer another means of communication, or decline to continue the call under those conditions.

There is also an important legal distinction. Pennsylvania's statute contains a specific excep-

tion for businesses engaged in telephone marketing or telephone customer service that record calls solely for training, quality control, or monitoring, so long as one party consents.

Those recordings may be used only for training or quality control and generally must be destroyed

within one year, unless another law requires otherwise.

Consequently, telling a company on the phone that you do not consent does not automatically make the recording illegal. The circumstances and applicable statutory exceptions matter.

But notice what that exception

covers: telephone calls. It does not extend to a salesperson sitting at your kitchen table.

There is nothing wrong with asserting your preference, asking whether a recording can be disabled, or choosing not to continue a conversation. The important point is that consumers should understand what they are agreeing to rather than treating recording announcements as meaningless background noise.

Your Home Is Not a Salesroom

Returning to the roofing example, there is something particularly unsettling about a salesperson entering the home of an elderly individual, presenting electronic documents, and recording the interaction without the homeowner fully appreciating what is happening.

We live in an age where signing documents electronically has become commonplace. At Hart Law, we regularly use electronic signatures because they make legal services more accessible and convenient.

But convenience should never come at the expense of understanding.

When someone places an iPad in front of you and asks for your signature, you should know exactly what you are signing.

Is it an estimate? An authorization to inspect? A contract for repairs? A financing agreement? Does it contain an arbitration provision? Are there cancellation rights? What happens if you cannot afford the payments?

A signature is not a substitute for informed consent.

Pennsylvania's Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, 73 P.S. § 517.1 et seq., sets requirements for home improvement contracts over \$500, including that the contract be in writing, list the contractor's registration number, and give notice of the homeowner's cancellation rights.

Generally, a homeowner may rescind a covered home improvement contract without penalty within three business days of signing, no matter where the contract was signed, subject to a limited exception for genuine emergencies. These requirements have teeth. A home improvement contract that does not include the information the law requires is not enforceable against the homeowner.

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Fall in a Bowl: Butternut Squash Soup

There are certain foods that simply taste like a season.

Watermelon tastes like July. A pot of chili tastes like football season.

And the moment the leaves begin to turn, the nights get a little colder, and you find yourself reaching for a sweatshirt before heading outside, there are few things that taste more like fall than a warm bowl of butternut squash soup.

The best part? It is unbelievably simple.

In fact, despite its rich color, silky texture and seemingly sophisticated flavor, butternut squash soup might be one of the easiest soups you can make. And if you start the way I do—with a grocery-store rotisserie chicken—you can turn one inexpensive chicken into the foundation for several meals.

Start With the Chicken

Pick up a rotisserie chicken on the way home. Before you do anything else, break it down. Save the breast meat. That's lunch tomorrow. Slice it for chicken Caesar salads, make chicken salad sandwiches, toss it into quesadillas, or use it for a quick chicken pot pie.

Then pull off the dark meat. That can become chicken tacos, enchiladas, buffalo chicken dip, chicken and dumplings, or simply get reheated alongside mashed potatoes and vegetables for another dinner.

Now you're left with what most people throw away.

Don't.

The carcass is arguably the most important ingredient in tonight's dinner.

Put all of those bones, skin and scraps into a large stockpot. Add a couple carrots, a few stalks of celery and an onion. Don't overthink it. You aren't making a competition stock here. You're extracting all of that wonderful roasted chicken flavor that is still hiding in those bones.

Cover everything with water and bring it to a boil. Then turn down the heat and let it simmer. Soon, that ordinary pot of water transforms into a beautiful golden chicken broth that tastes infinitely better than anything that came out of a box.

Strain everything out. The bones and vegetables have done their job. Discard them, and return that golden broth to the pot.

Now for the Squash

Peel a butternut squash, remove the seeds and cut the flesh into cubes. Add the squash directly to your homemade broth and bring it back to a boil.

Cook until the squash is completely tender.

And here's where something almost magical happens.

Transfer the squash and broth to a blender and purée until completely smooth. You can also use an immersion blender right in the pot, which makes this already-simple recipe even easier.

That's essentially it.

You now have soup.

Of course, we can make it better.

Add salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste. A little butter adds richness. A splash of heavy cream can make it downright luxurious, although you'll be surprised how creamy the puréed squash becomes all on its own.

If you like a little sweetness, add just a touch of maple syrup or brown sugar. Not enough to make the soup sweet—just enough to bring out the natural

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Lackawanna County, schools, businesses celebrate Dolly Parton Day



Shown are students and staff from the Dunmore Elementary Center, who participated in "Give Like Dolly Day" on September 25, to support Children's Literacy in Lackawanna County with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Staff and students were encouraged to dress in pink, sparkles, and western-themed attire in honor of Dolly Parton. Students participated in Dolly-themed activities during the school day and the district collected \$9, \$2, or \$5 in honor of her "Working 9 to 5" song to donate to Dolly's Imagination Library.

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The Lackawanna County Commissioners also honored the work of the late Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which reflects a deep commitment to literacy, education, and equal opportunity. Founded in 1995, this free book-gifting program mails high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to children from birth to age five, regardless of family income. The Imagination Library has distributed over 100,000 books to children in Lackawanna County, ensuring that every child has the tools to achieve at very high levels and to experience a lifelong love of learning. Shown during the proclamation ceremony are, from left: Commissioner Bill Gaughjan, Commissioner Thom Welbyu, Nancy Sarno de los Rio, Imaginations Library chairperson; Angela Bassani, president of the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties, and Commissioner Chris Chermak.

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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 with the assistance of Dolly Michalczyk

Meet Betty Mills

October Artist of the Month

By Dolly Michalczyk

Betty Mills is a warm and charming lady who moved to Dunmore from Palmyra. The mother of 6 children and grandmother of 13 is quite active. She enjoys going to the Dunmore Senior Center, attending three times a week. She participates in Bingo and Mahjong, along with her art class at Dunmore Senior Center, and swims twice weekly at the YMCA.

She is an accomplished cross stitcher and actually owned her own store. She also and knits and crochets, donating her creations to St. Joseph's Center, the homeless, and others.

She taught herself oil painting in high school, but after starting her family, she took a hiatus. Renewing her interest, Betty joined the oil painting class at Dunmore Senior Center nine years ago.

She gets ideas for her paintings from magazines, calendars, and her children and grandchildren's travel pictures. Many of her paintings feature beautiful flowers and scenes from nature, as seen here.

Betty has great regard for the teacher, Jill Swersie's style. "She is never critical, but helps our paintings to sparkle," Betty explains. She only has positive words like 'fantastic' and 'talented' when referring to Jill, stating "She brings out the creativity in all of us."

"Friendly and just great" are terms she uses referring to her classmates. Despite the Center closing during COVID, and the lull following, she cites the above reasons for her enthusiastic return.



Artist of the Month: Betty Mills



Mobile food pantry vehicle will bring food to the people

Friends of the Poor and Catherine McAuley Center (FOTP/CMC) have announced a major expansion of its emergency assistance programs, made possible by a \$320,000 state Local Share Account (LSA) grant and generous support from CANPACK and a group of benefactors who wish to remain anonymous.

The LSA Statewide grant, awarded through the Commonwealth Financing Authority and submitted in partnership with Lackawanna County, will fund the purchase of a new 20-foot mobile food pantry vehicle.

The award was announced by State Senator Marty Flynn as part of more than \$7.6 million in LSA funding for projects across Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

The new vehicle will allow FOTP/CMC to bring fresh, nutritious food directly into neighborhoods where transportation is a barrier to accessing the agency's food pantries, expanding the reach of a mobile pantry program that already serves thousands of households across the region each year.

"Food insecurity does not wait for people to find a ride," said Meghan Loftus, DPA, President and CEO of Friends of the Poor and Catherine McAuley Center.

"This grant allows us to meet our neighbors where they are, with dignity, in the neighborhoods where the need is greatest. We are deeply grateful to our state legislators, our partners at Lackawanna County, and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for investing in this work."

The LSA program is funded through gaming revenues and supports projects that improve the quality of life in communities across Pennsylvania. FOTP/CMC also thanks the members of Lackawanna County's delegation in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives who advocated for projects throughout the region, including Representatives Kyle J. Mullins (112th Legislative District), Kyle T. Donahue (113th Legislative District), Bridget M. Kosierowski (114th Legislative District), and James Haddock (118th Legislative District).

In addition to the mobile pantry expansion, FOTP/CMC announced it is currently renovating their new location that will ultimately centralize food, furniture, and clothing programs under one roof for the first time.

The consolidated site is made possible through a generous sponsorship from CANPACK and a gift from a group of anonymous donors, will allow families to access groceries, household furnishings, and clothing in a single visit rather than traveling to multiple sites across the region. Additional details about the location and opening timeline will be announced in the coming months.

Keystone UNICO to host purse bingo



The Lackawanna County Commissioners gathered with representatives from UNICO Scranton around a collection box in the lobby of the Government Center for the annual UNICO/Friends of the Poor coat drive. New or gently used coats, to be distributed to those in need through the Friends of the Poor/Catherine McAuley Center, can be dropped off at the Government Center during normal business hours until Christmas week. Shown from left are: Commissioner Bill Gaughan, Charlie Spano, Scranton UNICO; Commissioner Thom Welby, Dino Darbenzio, President, Scranton Chapter UNICO; and Commissioner Chris Chermak.



Fall classes are now forming for Sherry's Royalties of Dunmore under the direction of Sherry Nicolais. Current students shown performing at St. Joseph's Festival this summer are, from left: Carolena Popolei, Julia Temperino, and Bella Blaire. For more information about registration, call 570-241-4118.



James F. Swift Scholarship recipients for 2026 are shown at a Scholarship Reception held by the Scranton Area Community Foundation at the Century Club. Shown seated in the front row from left are: Sarah Wolfe, Elizabeth Cummings, Molly Banik, Kathryn Apollinario of Holy Cross High School; Claire Polishan, Maren Walsh, Grace Beckish, Jaclyn Nally and Kiley Williams. Second row, same order: Emma Field, Grace Bennett, Emma Gregory, Reilly Sprague, Makayla Webb, Juliette DeStefano, Julia Noto, William Murphy, Denise Quindi Paguay, Julia Murphy, Sujata Ghimirey, Amanda Byron, and Holly Burke. Third row: Gavin Zellers, Matthew Kirchner of Dunmore High School; Geanna Kirchner, Connor Simonson, Mandie Martin, Jhaven Sims, Evan Walsh, Robert Mattioli, Caden Moher, Jonah Cahn, and Sharon Parikh. Fourth Row: Loren Spudic, Mya Harrity of Dunmore High School; Andrew Kondisko, Haydon Snyder, Gianna Vachino, Brayden Bogdon, Noah Beckish, Nicholas Parise, Jack Sheridan and Kaila Lyons.



Dunmore High School has announced that Weston Yannone has been elected as Student Body President for the 2026-2027 school year.

Dunmore High announces 2026-27 class officers



Senior Class Officers have been announced for the Class of 2027 at Dunmore High School, including Weston Yannone, Student Body president; Will Bonin, president; Ryan Clark, vice president; Eli Dougherty, treasurer; Emily McGown, financial secretary, and Tazrian Aronna, recording secretary.



Dunmore High School has announced the recently elected Junior Class officers for the Class of 2028, including: Saran Joiya, president; Colin Sciartilli, vice president; Ian Ralfalko, secretary, and Brady McCormick, treasurer.

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Depending on the circumstances, other protections may apply as well, including cancellation rights for door-to-door sales under state and federal consumer protection laws, and additional rescission rights when financing is secured by the home itself.

These protections exist for a reason.

Home improvement transactions often involve substantial sums of money, and homeowners may feel pressured to make decisions quickly, particularly when a salesperson emphasizes the urgency of a repair.

When financing is involved, the stakes become even higher.

And when the entire interaction is recorded, the homeowner may discover that a conversation they barely remember has become the centerpiece of a legal dispute.

The Camera Doesn't Always Tell the Whole Story

There is certainly a legitimate place for recording technology in business. It can protect employees from false accusations, document transactions, improve customer service, and provide valuable evidence when disputes arise.

But a recording is only as complete as the circumstances surrounding it. Did the salesperson explain the contract before asking for a sig-



Sophomore Class Officers for the Class of 2029 have been announced by Dunmore High School. They are: Justin Schuster, president; Aubrey Mizenko, vice president; Peyton Ancherani, secretary, and Will Healey, treasurer.

nature? Was the homeowner given an opportunity to read the entire agreement? Did the recording begin before the sales pitch or only when the paperwork was presented? Was the homeowner aware that audio was being captured?

And perhaps most importantly, was the recording obtained lawfully?

These are questions that deserve answers before a recording is treated as conclusive evidence of what occurred.

The Hart of the Issue

My father spent his career in the newspaper business, and I grew up

understanding the importance of documenting what happens around us. A photograph, a recording, or a written account can preserve the truth long after memories begin to fade.

But there is a fundamental difference between documenting an event and quietly collecting information about someone who has no idea they are being recorded.

As technology continues to advance, we are going to encounter more cameras, more microphones, and more companies interested in preserving every interaction we have with them.



Freshman class officers for the Class of 2030 at Dunmore High School are, from left: Michael Gentile, president; Mason Young, vice president; Will O'Malley, secretary, and Courtney Rudalavage, treasurer.

That makes understanding our rights more important than ever.

The next time a salesperson comes to your door, ask whether the interaction is being recorded. Before signing anything on an iPad, insist on seeing the entire document and receiving a copy.

If financing is involved, make certain you understand exactly how much you are borrowing, what it will cost, and what happens if you cannot pay.

And if someone tells you that a conversation is being recorded,

remember that you have a voice in that conversation, too.

You can ask questions. You can withhold consent. You can decline to sign. And you can ask the salesperson to leave.

Because while technology may have changed the way we conduct business, it has not eliminated the importance of privacy, transparency, or the right to understand what we are agreeing to.

A camera may capture your signature, but it cannot replace your understanding of what you signed.

Well Dun...

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knife in Kentucky during his army years, but intimidated the intruders by snatching the weapons and chasing them away. He was not afraid of anybody. "Just a couple squirrels I had to dance with. You gotta know how to take care of yourself."

Despite his street smarts and toughness, his favorite saying was,

A son's tribute to a father whose life was truly well done

"It's nice to be nice."

He proved that when his son's 10-speed bike was stolen by a poor kid from the Marvine Patch. Instead of pressing charges, he bought the kid a bike.

As great of a dad he was, he was an even greater grandfather. He had five grandchildren and attended every single one of their sporting, music and school events. He made himself available to them

at all times, at any cost. It was a role he cherished.

He missed his wife of 55 years, Ellen, after her passing 14 years ago. And he passed away this past August 20, the exact day of her passing. Mom was waiting for him. He loved his family deeply and fought hard to stay alive, as he didn't want to leave them, but he was a religious man who prayed every night.

He will always be remembered by the love he had for his family and his 80 years in show business.

Six days before he passed away, John Paris, his longtime friend and former bandmate from the 1970s, came in from California to see him.

Dunmore's Fran Burne, one of his closest friends and a bandmate from the 1960s, was also there.

He exchanged countless stories and old memories with his two musician friends for a couple hours. Those two hours were to be his final lucid moments.

Paris, in a kind and touching moment, spoke to him about death and dying. My dad mentioned for the first time that he thought he was dying.

Jack Mead, another close musician friend, visited the next day. The final four days brought no more lucid moments. My regret

was there were no more lucid moments left to say goodbye.

My dad looked forward to reading *The Dunmorean* every month. He read every one of my stories for the past 37 years. Last month's September issue was the first he was not here to read. It was an empty feeling.

My dad loved telling stories. There were times we would tell him it was a story we heard before. But we would give anything now to hear him tell one of those stories again.

There are tears streaming down my eyes as I finish this column. I miss him so much and wanted to say goodbye.

So this is my goodbye. Love you so much, Dad. You were the best dad in the world.

Hope you are reading this with Mom in Heaven.

CLASSIC CUISINE: Butternut Squash Soup

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sweetness of the squash. And then comes the most important part.

Don't Forget the Nutmeg

If you're a loyal reader of this column, you know that we are disciples of Alton Brown around here.

Brown famously champions keeping whole nutmeg handy, and this is precisely the kind of dish that demonstrates why. Skip the dusty container of pre-ground nutmeg that's been sitting in the spice cabinet since who knows when. Buy whole nutmeg. It lasts practically forever, and freshly grated nutmeg is an entirely different ingredient.

Take out your Microplane and grate just a little over each bowl immediately before serving.

You don't need much.

That warm, aromatic spice hits the steam rising from the soup, and suddenly the whole thing tastes unmistakably like October.

Keep the Rest Simple

This isn't a meal that needs much accompaniment. The soup is the star.

Serve it with a thick slice of crusty bread, preferably toasted with butter. A grilled cheese sandwich makes it a full-fledged comfort-food dinner. For something a little more interesting, make the grilled

cheese with sharp cheddar, Gruyère or smoked Gouda.

You could also top each bowl with roasted pumpkin seeds for crunch, a small swirl of cream, crispy bacon, croutons or a few fried sage leaves.

But don't bury it.

The beauty of butternut squash soup is its simplicity.

And since it is October, there may be no better beverage to put beside it than a good fall beer.

An Oktoberfest or Märzen brings those wonderful malty, toasted flavors that pair beautifully with the sweetness of the squash. Or go all-in on the season and grab a pumpkin ale. The cinnamon, clove, nutmeg and other baking spices found in many pumpkin beers naturally complement the soup.

Your choice.

Pour the beer into a glass, grab a piece of warm bread, and sit down with a bowl of soup that started with a rotisserie chicken and a squash.

That's really what this column is about.

Good cooking doesn't always mean expensive ingredients, complicated recipes or spending all day in the kitchen.

Sometimes it's recognizing that the bones you're about to throw away can become tomorrow's stock, that a humble squash can become something luxurious with little more than a blender, and that one freshly grated spice can make an entire dish taste like fall.

One chicken. A few vegetables. One butternut squash. Several meals—and one very good bowl of soup.

That's October cooking.



The Fabulous Fortunes are shown in the 1970s, from top left: Billy Woelkers, Stan Svetovich, Art Stanton, Pete Pusateri and Johnny Cagnetti. All have passed except for Billy Woelkers. The band performed throughout the entire Pocono Mountain area.



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