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Fall Fun Brings Community Together at Butler Township Festival

By: Lee Ann Davidovich



Sunshine, smiles, and plenty of fall fun, filled Freedom Park on Saturday, October 10, as families gathered for the Butler Township Fall Festival. The afternoon brought the community together for a celebration featuring craft and community vendors, nine food vendors, music, games, and activities for all ages. Children enjoyed bounce

houses, pumpkin decorating, face painting, a petting area, and trunk-or-treat festivities. A costume contest and parade added to the excitement, while basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing offered even more fun. Colorful fall displays, pumpkins, and beautiful mums helped set the scene as local vendors, families, and neighbors enjoyed the

afternoon together. With free admission and something for everyone, the festival was a wonderful reminder of what makes communities special.

A special thank-you to Butler Township, the organizers, volunteers, vendors, and everyone who helped make this community celebration possible!*

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Letter from the Editors

Hello everyone. Happy Fall! I sure love this time of year. Comfortable days and cool nights. It makes for good sleeping. The trees look beautiful with the leaves changing colors, and mums and pumpkins are plentiful.

There is still plenty of outdoor fun to be had by attending a local pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay ride, trunk or treat and of course trick-or-treating on Halloween. I look forward to participating in Freeland's Safe Trick-or-Treat event every year - so many kids and a lot of really cool costumes.

Are y'all watching football? What's up with Penn State and the Eagles? We have a lot of fans or both teams at Kadima Nursing Home where I work as the Activities Director. Good thing I am a Saints fan!

Speaking of football, have you see the great football specials offered at Nonno Ciccio's Pizza & Pasta in Freeland? What a deal! I actually got one last night. You can check out the specials on their facebook page.

As always, if you have any ideas, stories, recipes, photos, etc., that you would like to submit for **The Anthracite Post**, send us an email, text or give us a call.

Lee Ann & Shari

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Chris Kimmel '08 Appointed MMI Preparatory School's Next Head of School

(Freeland, PA – September 29, 2026) – The Board of Directors of MMI Preparatory School has appointed Mr. Chris Kimmel '08, of Freeland, as the School's next Head of School, effective July 1, 2027. Mr. Kimmel will become only the 14th Head of School in MMI's nearly 150-year history. Beginning January 4, 2027, Mr. Kimmel will work alongside current Head of School Mrs. Theresa Long, who is set to retire on June 30, 2027, after serving as MMI's Head of School for five years.

As Mrs. Long notes, this overlap will help ensure a smooth shift in leadership: "I am delighted that Mr. Kimmel will join us this January. Working side by side for six months will let us make the Head of School transition thoughtful and seamless for our students, families, and faculty. It means a great deal to know that when I retire, MMI will be in such capable and caring hands. Chris has the experience, the energy, and the heart for this School, and I look forward to working with him."



*Mr. Chris Kimmel '08,
MMI's Incoming Head of School*

With experience spanning multiple states and school districts, Mr. Kimmel is a proven educational leader. His ability to engage with and motivate others, his strong interpersonal communication skills, and his deep commitment to MMI stood out to the Board. His appointment is the culmination of a comprehensive national search conducted by the Board's Search Committee, comprised of Board Chair Tyler J. Breznitsky, Esq., '09, Mrs. Anne Frey, Mr. Jeff Mason, Dr. Jennifer Moisey, and Mr. John Schwear. Prior to making its final recommendation to the Board, the Committee provided various members of the MMI community with an opportunity to meet and interview Mr. Kimmel. The feedback the Committee received from those conversations was invaluable in helping guide the Board's final decision.

"After a comprehensive national search and

many conversations with our faculty, parents, and students, the Board is confident that Mr. Chris Kimmel is the right leader for MMI's next chapter," noted Tyler J. Breznitsky, Esq., '09, Chair of the Board of Directors. "He brings a proven record of educational leadership, and as an MMI graduate, he already understands and loves this School. Chris is also woven into the fabric of the Freeland community, and he has spent years giving back to the town that shaped him. We are proud to welcome him and his family home."

After graduating from MMI in 2008, Mr. Kimmel earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Kutztown University in 2012. He began his teaching career at Spessard L. Holland Elementary School in Bartow, FL, where he taught fifth grade mathematics. He returned to the area and accumulated a broad range of educational experience through his positions as an elementary school teacher at Behavioral Health Associates in Lehigh, PA, and as a third-grade reading and language arts teacher in the Palmerton Area School District.

A firm believer in the value of education, Mr. Kimmel earned his Master of Science in Educational Leadership (K-12 Certification) from Wilkes University in 2020. From 2021 through 2024, he served as the K-12 Assistant Principal in the Weatherly Area School District before becoming Elementary Principal in 2024. Throughout his time in the Weatherly Area School District, Mr. Kimmel served as the District Title IX Coordinator and the Safety and Security Coordinator.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Kimmel has a long and distinguished history of community involvement throughout the Freeland area. His service has included the Freeland Borough Sons of Erin, Freeland Borough Council, the Freeland YMCA Board of Directors, the MMI Academic Committee of the Board of Directors, and the Greater Wyoming Valley YMCA Board.

Mr. Kimmel, his wife Shelby, and his two daughters Gracie (age 5) and Lainey (age 2) will reside at the Head of School's Home on Ridge Street in Freeland.

"It is an honor to return to the School that helped lay the foundation for my career. I am grateful to the Board and the Search Committee for their trust, and to Mrs. Long for her leadership and her generosity in guiding me through this transition," Mr. Kimmel said. "I look forward to listening, learning, and getting to know the current students, faculty, and families who make MMI special. My wife, Shelby, and our daughters, Gracie and Lainey, are excited to make our home on campus and reconnect with the MMI family."

Hazleton Rotary Enjoys A Summer Evening Social

Submitted by Pat Korb

Hazleton Rotarians spent quality together at the monthly Social at The Valley Country Club on September 16, 2026. These special moments are planned and carried out by the Club's current Vice President, Anne Frey.

Its always a challenge and an opportunity, for a Club Vice President, to facilitate the monthly social. Hazleton Rotary spends a lot of time working on projects and community challenges and it means a lot to have some "time out" where the club can "chill out" and get to know each other better. Looking forward to whatever is introduced as "time out" for the club in October!



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Argall Attends Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association Legislative Roundtable

By State Sen. Dave Argall (R-Schuylkill/Carbon/Luzerne)

I was recently invited to attend the bipartisan Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association Legislative Roundtable at Mountain Valley.

During the event, we discussed several issues impacting businesses and families across our region, including energy costs. I highlighted the recent Senate Majority Policy Committee hearing I chaired in Downtown Shenandoah, which focused on increasing energy production and lowering utility costs, as well as the successful elimination of the Governor's proposed "RGGI" carbon tax last year.

We also discussed workforce development and ways to cut government red tape. This included local efforts such as the Temple Dental Education Center & Clinic, which will help train and retain dentists right here in our region; my bipartisan package of bills focused on growing the long-term care workforce; efforts to secure competitive economic development grants for our local technical and career centers; and permitting reform.

We also discussed the need for improved infrastructure and greater housing availability across Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill counties.

I was joined by Rep. JoAnne Stehr, Rep. Dane Watro, Rep. Tim Twardzik, Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Rep. Robert Leadbeter, and Rep. Brenda Pugh.



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Hazleton Art League Presents

The Nature of Siblings and Art in Bloom

The Hazleton Art League is proud to present *The Nature of Siblings*, featuring the work of brother and sister artists Katherine and Paul Rosenberger. Both artists incorporate nature into their artwork, but from distinctly different perspectives. Complementing the exhibition will be the Hazleton Area Garden Club (HAGC), which will participate in this year's *Art in Bloom*, a special collaboration combining visual arts and floral design.

Seven members of the HAGC have selected a work of art from the exhibition to create a floral arrangement inspired by their chosen piece. The arrangements will be displayed as part of the gallery opening and will remain on view "as long as nature will allow."

The gallery opening will be held Friday, October 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hayden Family Center for the Arts, 31 W. Broad St., Hazleton. An artists' talk will be held Sunday, October 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibition will remain on view through Sunday, October 25.

The exhibition and gallery opening are free and open to the public.

For more information about exhibition hours, membership, and upcoming programs, contact the Hazleton Art League at 570-455-3333, visit www.hazletonartleague.org, or stop by the Hayden Family Center for the Arts at 31 W. Broad St., Hazleton, PA 18201.



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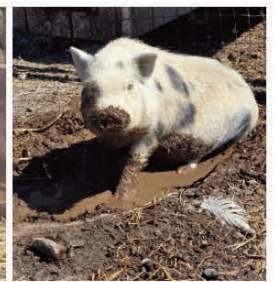
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Legislative Update: Skill Games, Data Centers

By State Rep. Jamie Walsh (R-Luzerne)

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in June that the state's roughly 70,000 skill games are considered slot machines that fall under our Crime Codes and Gaming Act. With that decision, the General Assembly was given 120 days to pass legislation licensing the games. If no legislation is signed into law by Oct. 13, then on Oct. 14 the Pennsylvania State Police will begin enforcement.

Of course, the majority of these machines reside in small businesses and fraternal clubs that will be impacted either way – from losing them altogether if a new law is not passed or by taxing them through licensing legislation. As of the writing of this column, there are only three session days left before the deadline to pass legislation.

There are currently two bills that have been introduced to address this issue, House Bill 2213 and Senate Bill 1079. They are companion bills that create a framework for the regulation and licensing of skill games.

Like everyone else, I am waiting to see if either of these bills are approved by their respective committees and brought up for a vote, or if we are able to possibly get an extension from the courts.

The expansion of data centers is another troubling issue that I continue to get questioned about. I have authored House Bills 2515 and 2516, the Commercial Data Center Transparency Act, to require data center developers to pay for and submit studies on resource usage and utility impacts to local municipalities, the state and the public with automatic revocation triggers for any developer who misleads the public. These bills would also allow municipalities to reject data center proposals to protect their land and residents.

I also authored House Bill 2532 and 2533, companion bills to legislation drafted by Sen. Jarrett Coleman. House Bill 2532 would repeal the data center Sales and Use Tax exemption and require revenue generated be used to lower Pennsylvania's gas tax. House Bill 2533 would empower local governments to enact a moratorium on data center projects.

I believe our local municipalities should have the best possible information and time to determine what is best for their area.

I will keep you updated as new developments take place.

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September Session of Junior Leadership Hazleton Focuses on the History of Hazleton

By Pat Korb



JLH 2026-27 Class Toured the Hazleton Art League at The Hayden Center for the Arts during their "History of Hazleton" session on September 15th

"The History of Hazleton" was the JLH topic at their second session on Tuesday, September 15th at The First Presbyterian Church, Hazleton. The session continued at the Hazleton Art League-The Hayden Family Center for the Arts, the Hazleton Launchbox and closed at the Greater Hazleton Historical Society and Museum.

Joe Clark, a former high school teacher, provided the students with a detailed look at the people and events which have shaped the future of Hazleton.

Local history focuses on a geographically defined area, such as a town, city, neighborhood, or county, rather than a nation or region, and examines how historical events, social practices, and cultural traditions

shaped the lives of people in that locality. It is not simply national history on a smaller scale; instead, it explores the distinctive experiences of a community, often highlighting individuals and events that may not appear in broader historical narratives.

"Hazleton has been enriched with a very interesting history and it's so important for all area residents, especially our young people, to be aware of that," said presenter Clark.

Jane Dougherty added some information on the historical importance and impact of the growth of CAN DO, Inc. on the Greater Hazleton Area.

The students then broke up into three teams and engaged in a classic game of Hazleton Jeopardy. The

teams were challenged by thirty questions about the people, places, and events of Hazleton's past. Questions ranged from "Who was the Academy Award Winner from Hazleton who did one-armed pushups during a 1991 Oscar Ceremony?" -to - "During his campaign for the White House this young senator delivered a speech to thousands of Hazletonians from a platform in front of the Altamont Hotel-who was this person?"

Who out there knows the answers?

The race was close, but Team #2 was victorious!

Students proceeded to the Hazleton Art League at the Hayden Family Center for the Arts where they admired the current "Pastel Visions: A Mark-Making Journey" A Solo Exhibition by Barbara Jones and were given a tour by Executive Director Mark Peterson.

Students then took a short downtown walk to The Hazleton Launchbox where Kristin McCollum provided them with a brief tour and overview of the facility.

The day was closed at the Greater Hazleton Historical Society and Museum, hosted by President Tom Gabos. Team member Pat Korb says, "The museum is really a "downtown treasure! It has so many things for everyone to see and we have always felt it is really an important part of any session dealing with our past." Barbara Conway adds, "We strongly urge people living in the Greater

Hazleton Area to take the time to visit the Museum. It will surely bring back many warm memories to area residents who have lived here for years and give some insight to those who are new to the area."

Student helpers for the day were Kim Ramirez and Raffy Hernandez, graduates of the JLH Class of 2025-26.

The next JLH session, "Community Service" is on Monday, October 12th.

Junior Leadership Hazleton is dedicated to Dr. L. Edgar Dessen, founder of CAN DO. It is a program administered by Leadership Hazleton, an affiliate of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. Funding for the program is provided, in part, by the CAN DO Community Foundation.



Winning Jeopardy Team – Row 1 L-R Iris Culley, AJ Miller, Ava Badamo, Derek Gaydos Row 2 L-R Jadie Tejada, Alize Koester, Addy Marek, Lizzy Reyes Salvador, Arianny Nieves, Joey Esposito.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By State Rep. Dane Watro (R-Luzerne/Schuylkill)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the month serving as an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made regarding breast cancer and the work that still lies ahead.

Cancer is the #2 cause of death among women with heart disease being the first; breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer. Last year in Pennsylvania, an estimated 13,650 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; one in eight women are projected to get breast cancer in their lifetime.

That's why early detection is critical. The American Cancer Society says women have a better than 99% five-year survival rate when breast cancer is detected at its earliest, localized stage, when treatment is typically more effective and less extensive. Screening mammograms can detect breast cancer before you can feel it or before it causes symptoms, leading to earlier treatment and better outcomes; mammograms have been shown to reduce breast cancer death by 22%.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a great reminder to take action and talk to your health care provider about breast cancer screening and figure out what's best for you.

Ways to Protect Yourself Online

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Online safety is about more than just your computer. It helps safeguard personal information, finances, workplaces and more. Here are steps you can take to stay safe online:

Keep Software Updated: Updates protect your devices from the newest threats. Turn on automatic updates in your phone, computer and apps so you don't forget.

Use Strong Passwords: A strong password is long (16 characters or more) and includes a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Never reuse the same password on different accounts.

Use a Password Manager: A password manager creates and stores strong passwords for you, so you can use a unique one for every account without having to remember them all. It also helps protect against fake login pages by only filling in your password when the website address is correct, giving you a warning if something looks suspicious.

Turn on Multifactor Authentication (MFA): MFA adds a second step when signing in, like entering a code from your phone or tapping a fingerprint. Turn it on for your email, bank, social media and shopping accounts.

Watch Out for Phishing: Be alert for fake emails or texts that try to trick you into clicking links or sharing personal information. Signs include urgent messages ("Your account will be closed!"), misspelled addresses (like "Amaz0n.com"), or requests for personal info. When in doubt, delete the message and contact the company directly.

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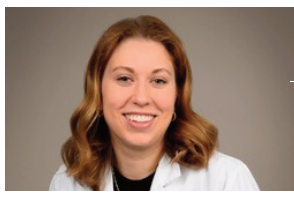
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Free Programs Give Local Families More Reasons to Visit the Hazleton Area Public Library

The Hazleton Area Public Library offers much more for children and families than books alone.

Throughout the year, the Youth Services Department provides free programs for young children, elementary-age kids, teens, homeschool families, and families who simply want something fun to do together.

For younger children, Family Storytime combines books with songs, movement, and a simple craft. Children of all ages are welcome, although the program is especially geared toward ages 2–5. Parents and caregivers stay and participate with their children.

Elementary-age children can take part in LEGO Night, where kids work on a building challenge before having time to create freely with the library's LEGO collection.

Family Board Game Night gives families of all ages a chance to spend time together away from screens. The library provides a variety of games, and families can choose an old favorite or try something new.

Homeschool families also have their own regular program. Homeschool Hangout brings families together for educational activities that combine science, art, history, communication, and hands-on learning. Upcoming topics include the water cycle, astronomy, and improv and public speaking.

Students in grades 6–12 can attend monthly teen programs featuring games, creative projects, seasonal activities, and other events designed specifically for older kids.

The library will also be part of Hazleton for the Holidays on December 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event takes place alongside the City Hall tree lighting across the street from the library.

Families who stop by the library that evening can take photos with Frosty the Snowman and receive a holiday gift while supplies last. It gives families another place to visit while they are downtown enjoying the evening's festivities.

The Youth Services Department also works with teachers, homeschool educators, daycares, scout groups, and other community organizations. Staff can help families find books, support school assignments, plan library visits, and connect children with materials that fit their age and interests.

The goal of the department is to give local children and families a place where they can learn, create, play, and spend time together without having to spend money.

The Hazleton Area Public Library is located at 55 N. Church Street in Hazleton.

For current program dates and registration information, visit hazletonlibrary.org or contact the Youth Services Department at 570-454-2961.



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By: Shari Roberts with Beverly Brobst and Lisa Makara

Tuscarora State Park

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From left: Lisa, Shari and Bev.

Well, we finally got out camping. I was unable to get out camping all summer due to work obligations, but a part-time aid has been hired to work the opposite weekends of my full-time aid, so I am good to go! In fact, I have a weekend booked at Ricketts Glen State Park for my birthday weekend in November and am looking forward to getting away again.

My good friends, and fellow (past/current) Girl Scout leaders, Lisa and Beverly, also love to go camping.

When I was looking for places to go, I really wanted to rent a yurt at Tuscarora for the weekend. Well, since covid, it is hard to rent a yurt or cabin because so many people have discovered camping. You have to book your site early. The state park system also requires a minimum of 7 days to rent a yurt during the peak season, which is the second Friday in June until the third Friday in August. The cabins are available all season for a minimum of two nights. There is a maximum of 14 nights straight.

The cabins at Tuscarora are fairly basic. There are two sets of bunk beds inside. One is two singles and the other is a double on the bottom with a single on top. The cabins have power, lights and an electric fan heater. The picnic table is out front and the fire ring is on the side for cooking and relaxing by the fire.



Lisa and I shared cabin #6.

Tuscarora doesn't have many camp sites, which is nice if you don't like crowds. There are 4 yurts and 6 cabins. Everyone shares the bathroom/shower area, which I have to say, were kept up with and clean and in close walking distance to the yurts and cabins.

Besides the camping area, there is also a playground, pavilions, lake, fishing pier, boat launch and a public mooring area nearby. There is also a Lake View Trail and beach for use during the warmer weather.

The only plan we had for the weekend was to relax, cook and sit by the fire. That's exactly what we did. I sure felt recharged when I came home on

Sunday. I also put in a PT day for Monday to clean up and put my camping gear away til next time.

Although the wood I brought was on the damp side, Bev had some nice dry wood that we were able to use when it came to cooking. Otherwise, it was a constant battle trying to get the damp wood to stay burning.

Speaking of cooking, have you ever had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich made in the pie irons over a campfire? Well, let me tell you, it is delicious. I even brought along a pint jar of the homemade cherry jam that I made. It was so good.



Of course, we made s'mores. No Girl Scout camps without eating s'mores. Saturday night we made foil packets over the fire with chicken, onions, cauliflower, carrots, peppers and mushrooms with a drizzle of Italian dressing. We also threw a few sweet potatoes in the fire. Campfire cooking is the best.

Tuscarora is just one of many beautiful state parks in Pennsylvania. There are 125 state parks and more than 2.2 million acres of forest land. Every state forest and park has a facebook page. You can follow your favorites to stay up to date on the latest information and upcoming events. Nearly all of the state parks and forests are open every day, even in winter.

If you enjoy the outdoors, gather up a few friends and make some memories - Happy Camping!

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Emma Boehmer, Connor Kofluck and Pandora Teter were awarded the Nathan Fetterman Scholarship Award in Mt. Zion. Congratulations Emma, Connor, and Pandora!

Junior Leadership Hazleton 2026-27 Holds Orientation Session

By Pat Korb

JLH Program Coordinator Michael Dougherty welcomed the JLH class of 2026-27 to the Orientation Session held at the Culinary Arts Building, Keystone Job Corps Center on August 18th and reviewed the day's agenda with them. Dougherty says "I really do welcome and enjoy the opportunity to meet our new class members each year. It is always an awesome adventure to see the class grow and change throughout the JLH year. It's a valuable experience to watch these teens' abilities and knowledge grow as they learn and experience more about this area that we all now call home."

Dr. Barbara Conway, adjunct faculty at Kings College and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, started the day with "Getting to Know You" that gave the class practice in meeting and introducing each other, assisted by Dr. Keith "Jake" Boyer, retired school superintendent. Following a consensus building/decision making/teamwork activity, Conway provided students with team building strategies that she explained "As essential to our participants who are arriving together from different schools and different backgrounds to learn and use in team building. To accomplish goals, they must learn to work together."

The Keystone Job Corps Story, an overview of the history and role of the Center, was offered by Kelly King, Center Director who encouraged the class to always do their best as they plan for the future. Gary Perna, WIOA Manager, Job Corps provided technical assistance for the program.

A very delicious lunch was prepared and served by the KJCC Culinary Students and Staff

A new topic on, "Emotional Intelligence" was offered by Dr. James Caggiano who encouraged the class to "Always notice what is happening inside and around you and evaluate how to deal with those experiences."

"Seeking Success: A Guide for College and Beyond" was discussed by Sabrina Tomaskovic, Associate Director, Admissions, Penn State Hazleton Campus. She provided the class with a great



HJL students learning teamwork as an important step to developing leadership skills

deal of useful information to utilize as they begin to prepare for the trip from high school to college or

other destinations. She advised them to "start preparing now and keep on through your senior year" giving them a variety of ways to do just that.

Members of the 2026-27 class of JLH are: Hazleton Area Academy of Science: Ava Badamo, Wildalys Castro de la Cruz, Jacob Heidecker, Giana Howe, Anastasiia Hradil, A J Miller, Max Palmieri, Lizzy Reyes Salvador and Brielle Uricheck; Hazleton Area Career Center: Alexis Cara, McKenzie Kistulentz, Alize Koester, Adrian Peralta and Jordyn Vargas; Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy: Isabella Collado, Iris Culley and Kailyn MacCollum; Hazleton Area High School: Frank Fallabel III, Derek Gaydos, Alexander Marcus, Jadielyn Tejada and Brianna Xic Castro; Marian Catholic High School: Breanne Hopeck and Adalyn Marek; Weatherly Area High School: Joshua Almanzar, Joseph Esposito and Maddie Heister; Charis Academy: Eliana Tritt; MMI Preparatory School: Gabriella Carsia and Arianny Nieves.

Assisting the Program Coordinator were students from the JLH class of 2025-26, Christina Chrin, Elyse Barletta, Santino DeLorenzo, and Greg Kupsho. Additional support is also given by Leadership Hazleton team members Jim Caggiano, Joe Clark, Barbara Conway, Jane Dougherty, Pat Korb and Ted Sherrock.

The next session is slated for Tuesday, September 15th and focuses on "The History of Hazleton".

Junior Leadership Hazleton is dedicated to Dr. L. Edgar Dessen, founder of CAN DO. It is a program administered by Leadership Hazleton an affiliate of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. Funding for the program is provided, in part, by the CAN DO Community Foundation.

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American Cancer Society Telethon Is Set For Saturday November 21, 2026

By Pat Korb



ACS Committee Members Prepare for 48th Annual Telethon. Row 1 L-R Jane Dougherty, Kelly Kostanesky, Sherri O'Donnell, Lisa Hoey. Row 2 L-R Mike Dougherty, Pat Korb, Joe Clark, Mike Sosar, John Beltrami

"Year 48! Let's Make It Great" is the theme for The American Cancer Society-Greater Hazleton's 48th annual telethon, scheduled for Saturday, November 21st, 11AM-10PM.

The telecast will be broadcast at the PTPA (Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts) 212 West Broad Street, Hazleton.

The community is encouraged to come down to the PTPA for the entertainment and fashion show and to invest in some traditional tricky trays chances and enjoy the Youth Art.

"It's amazing what a small drawing from a local child or teen can say to you about cancer and cancer prevention," says committee chair Jane Dougherty. "I call it a homerun when the schools

agree to encourage their students to participate." She adds, "It is also very encouraging to us to learn some of our cheerleading squads will be returning for the third year in a row."

Joe Clark, planning committee member adds, "I really want to stress that you'll also want to stay tuned for the important cancer and cancer prevention information to be provided throughout the day. Also, take some time to listen to our local cancer survivors, who will be sharing their inspirational, as well as educational, stories with you. They are, in all reality, our true heroes."

The telethon will be broadcast live on WYLN TV on Service Electric Cablevision channel 7 and channel 507HD in Hazleton and Mahanoy City,

Breezeline Berwick, Pocono, & Schuylkill (channel 7), Service Electric Cable TV & Communications Wilkes-Barre (channels 7 and 512HD), and Pocono Television Network (Blue Ridge Cable channel 734). The telethon can also be viewed over-the-air on VHF Channel 9.1 (Williamsport), UHF Channel 35.1 (Hazleton – HD), and UHF Channel 47.1 (Berwick). It will be livestreamed on multiple streaming platforms also!!!!

"The Greater Hazleton Telethon Committee is excited about our plans and grateful to all who are willing to help us with this venture, especially WYLN TV 35, PTN and the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts". Committee member Kelly Kostanesky adds.

If you are interested in becoming a Telethon sponsor, please contact Jane, dough@ptd.net, for more detailed information on the 10 levels of sponsorship available. This year, sponsorship checks will have to be in by October 16th in order to be credited as a sponsor.

As always, the magic number is 570-459-1212 to make your pledge, but just a reminder that there is also a local website, www.acsmove.org/hazleton-telethon. Please note that this will be an especially helpful tool as you can now donate directly to the American Cancer Society by going to the website in addition to mailing or phoning in your donation. You can do so now or at any time of your choosing and you can certainly also continue to make donations "in memory of" or "in honor of," as in the past.

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Anthracite Heritage Museum Hosts Labor Program



The Anthracite Heritage Museum will commemorate John Mitchell Day at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, with Working Memory: A Conversation on Labor Journalism, Art & Music. Three speakers will explore how labor issues are recorded in print, visual art, and song.

The program will bring together journalist and author Kim Kelly, artist Zach Horn, and musician Brian Reese to discuss the challenges and urgency of telling working-class stories. Visitors can view Horn's Paradise, a temporary exhibition currently on display at the museum; hear Reese perform traditional labor songs; and learn about Kelly's coverage of United Mine Workers actions and the black lung crisis in Southern Appalachia.

The program honors John Mitchell Day, a regional observance marking the conclusion of the 1902 anthracite strike, a turning point in the history of the American labor movement. Named for the United Mine Workers leader who organized the strike, John Mitchell Day will also be observed by a memorial service at Mitchell's gravesite in Scranton's Cathedral Cemetery on Tuesday, October 29.

The museum program will be included with regular admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for youth. Admission is free with museum membership, which may be purchased in person or online. Advance registration is not required.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum interprets, collects, and presents the story of hard coal mining and its related industries. Located in Scranton's McDade Park, the museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, the Commonwealth's official heritage agency. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

For more information, visit the Anthracite Heritage Museum online or follow the museum on Facebook and Instagram.



DID BEER CREATE THE MODERN WITCH?

When you picture a witch, what comes to mind? A pointy hat, bubbling cauldron, broomstick and black cat? Believe it or not, there's a popular theory that this familiar image originated with medieval women who brewed beer.

For centuries, women played a major role in brewing. Known as alewives, many produced and sold beer from their homes or at markets. According to the legend, alewives wore tall hats to attract customers, brewed in large cauldrons, kept cats to control rodents and displayed broomsticks to advertise their beer.

Unfortunately, historians aren't convinced. While women certainly brewed and sold ale, there's little historical evidence to support the pointy hats and advertising broomsticks.

However, the connection isn't entirely imaginary. As brewing became increasingly commercialized and male-dominated, female alcohol sellers sometimes faced suspicion and negative stereotypes. European folklore and religious fears also shaped the image of witches. Some of those symbols and stereotypes may have overlapped.

So, did beer invent the classic Halloween witch? We can't say for sure, but brewing culture probably contributed to the folklore surrounding this iconic character.

Happy Halloween!

-Jeff & Desiree Bonomo

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A Thousand Times a Day (Part 14)

Submitted by Kenny Wenner. If you have any information about people in this article, please call Ken at 570-401-4564 or email kenwenners@gmail.com.

S/Sgt Stephen Gabuzda Jr: from Ingham St, MMI graduate, and an orchestra musician. Entered the army in 1941 and trained as a radio operator and instructor. He went overseas in 1944 with the 78th "Lightning" Inf Div which saw heavy combat in early December 1944. He served with a Headquarters (HQ) Unit of the 3rd Battalion, 310th Inf Reg, 78th Div from Feb 20, 1945 to April 16, 1945. His brother, **Edward Gabuzda**, is serving as a male nurse at a Pacific hospital. His Sister, **Ens Martha Gabuzda**, is in the Navy Nurses Corp stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital.

S/Sgt Edward Fedorshak: of 1020 North Centre St, FHS class of 1942, entered the Army on April 29, 1943. His first station was Langley Air Field, Virginia. He then served a year and a half in combat duty with the 455th Bomb Group of the 15th A.F. in Italy where his duty was Section Chief of the Operations Dept of his squadron. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Lt. Col Emanuel Kline: age 20, of Center St, FHS and PSU graduate. Emanuel was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his part in the preparation work in England for the invasion of Normandy from March 17th to June 6,

1944. After entering the Army he ran CCC camps in N.J. and N.Y. near West Point. He was trained in Dock Loading Facilities. He went overseas in 1944. His brother, **Irving Kline**, is a Silver Star recipient, and was wounded for the second time last December in France where he was a forward observer for the 45th Inf Div Artillery Unit.

Pfc Eugene L. Corazza: of Front St, FHS grad of 1940, received his aerial gunners wings after graduating gunnery school at Harlington Texas AFB. He entered service on August 11th, 1943 and first trained at a radio school at Scott Field, Illinois. He was then transferred to Italy where he works at an Army postal unit.

Pfc Nicholas L. Viogetti: of 719 Walnut St, while serving as an M.P. with the 553rd Escort Co., Nicholas moved 100 German prisoners after the enclosure was threatened by the "Bulge" offensive on Dec 18, and 19, 1944. While under enemy fire and blocked by German patrols in Belgium, he managed to move all prisoners safely to American lines. He received the Bronze Star. Nicholas entered service July 19th, 1943 and went overseas on April 11th, 1944

where he served in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Luxem, and Germany. His brother in law, **Pvt Amos Natalie**, was served with the 106th Inf Div and was a POW and released on Easter 1945.

Pfc Joseph Corazza: age 23, Walnut St, FHS, received the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds of the leg while in action in France, last December, 1944. He fought at Oran, North Africa, and on Aug 11th, 1944 fought in Southern France with the 7th Army as they fought up the Rhine River to the Moisselle River, to Alsace-Lorraine where he was wounded.

Pfc Charles Boyle, T Sgt Frank A, Sorhosky ?, I have no information on these soldiers other than name and rank.

Sgt Raymond Shelly: 37 Main St, UL, received the Bronze Star for action against the enemy in France on Dec 12th, 1944. He entered the service March 29th, 1944 and went overseas in September with the 26th "Yankee" Inf Div. Raymond was promoted to Sgt after the 2nd Battalion was to be relieved at the front line. Shelly led the relief units within 500 yards of enemy tank positions, "along a safe route" all the

while under mortar, artillery, and tank fire without taking any casualties.

Cpl George Gaydos: 410 Green St, Foster Class of 1941, entered the Army after graduation and was assigned to the 7th AAF in Nov, 1942, where he became a mechanic for the 11th Liberator Group "Star Eyes". The 11th B 24's bombed, strafed and harassed the Japanese enemy from points within 600 miles of the Japanese mainland. His group was all but destroyed at Pearl Harbor. Later they would bomb Guadalcanal, Wake, The Gilbert Islands, the Marshalls, Carolinas, Marianas, Truk, Tarawa, and Guam.

T 3rd Grade John J McGarey: 1017 Washington st, was inducted in 1941, and became a Medical Corpsman with the 79th "Lorraine Cross" Div, 314 Inf Reg. He was awarded the Silver Star after he worked his way through intense shelling to aid a wounded surgeon in France, Nov 11th, 1944. The 314th was fighting near Ste. Pole, south of Metz, 42 miles from Strasbourg. John's brother James McGarey is in the European Theatre, and Eugene McGarey is in New Guinea.

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By Frank Balon



I started with an early morning flight out of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Airport, arriving in Chicago mid-morning. I purposely booked a hotel in downtown Chicago, close to Lake Michigan and Millennium Park. I dropped off my single bag, and set off exploring on foot for 6 hours. I walked along Lake Michigan, the Chicago Riverwalk, the Art Museum and ventured to the top of the Willis Tower. I was told by Chicago Natives that you refer to the tower by the long-time "Sear's Tower" name. The views from the glass-floored observation decks were both breathtaking and spectacular as the weather was clear and beautiful. I resisted the urge to try a famous Chicago Deep Dish Pizza and instead ate dinner at an interesting looking Thai Restaurant. The chicken, veggie and noodle dish I had was a little spicy, but excellent.

The next morning, I taxied to Chicago's magnificent Union Train Station. In years past, I have taken Amtrak's western train routes out of Chicago. I have taken the northwest route "Empire Builder", de-training at Glacier National Park in Montana, and twice, on the Southern-most "Southwest Chief" route, exiting in Flagstaff Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon. The final west-bound route is the California Zephyr. Starting in Chicago, thru the midwest states of Iowa, Nebraska to the beauty of Colorado, the high deserts of Utah and Nevada,

then thru the Sierra Nevada mountains into Northern California. Two nights and 2438 miles brings the train to the city of Emeryville, across the bay from San Francisco. As I tell anyone who listens, a train trip may not be for everyone, but if you look at your time on the train as part of the vacation, give yourself the chance to enjoy the scenery, chat with fellow travelers and embrace the journey, you may get hooked.

I taxied from Emeryville, across the San Francisco Bay to downtown. While crossing the Bay Bridge, I took a photo capturing the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. I immediately sent the picture to my brother Danny back in PA. He replied with a reminder that this was the multi-deck bridge that collapsed during the 1996 earthquake. So helpful. That evening, I explored the downtown area a bit and settled on a welcoming looking bar/restaurant for a really wonderful fillet of sole dinner.

The next day, I flew from San Francisco to Tucson Arizona. After a layover in Phoenix, I arrived in the Southeast desert city of Tucson. There, I grabbed my rental car and set off for the old town of Tombstone. I visited Tombstone back in the mid 1980s and early 1990s and wanted to explore the area 30 years later. I used Tombstone as my home base, staying in the "Lookout Lodge" for 3 nights. I visited the copper mining town of Bisbee, the border town of Douglas, hiked in the Chiricahua National Monument and drove to Sierra Vista, site of many work-related duty assignments at the Army's Fort Huachuca. (Pronounced Wa-Chu-Ka). But the highlight of my stay in Tombstone was a sunset horseback ride in the town of St. David. The guides were great and my horse, Ollie, was a wonderful ride. The guides' instructions were helpful and to the point, stressed safety, enjoy the horse, the ride and



especially the spectacular desert scenery.

Prior to my flight home from Tucson, I visited the sprawling Pima Air and Space Museum. It is always exciting to get up close to a SR-71 Blackbird. As you stand below the sleek, dark airframe, you can almost feel the power that sent this plane to 90,000 feet elevation and better than Mach 3.4 speed.

I also visited the newly opened Pima Military Vehicle Museum. It was special to find the type of tank my Pop, Stanley served in during WW2. It was also pretty cool to see many of the newer vehicles that I worked with during my engineering career at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. After a traditional steakhouse dinner of a ribeye steak, baked potato and cowboy beans, I spread out my bed roll for a night under the open stars. Okay... I actually stayed in a very nice hotel (with a roof) near the Tucson airport. I flew thru Chicago, where I sampled a deep dish pizza and then home to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Time to start planning my next trip.



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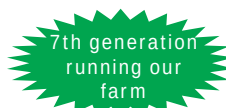
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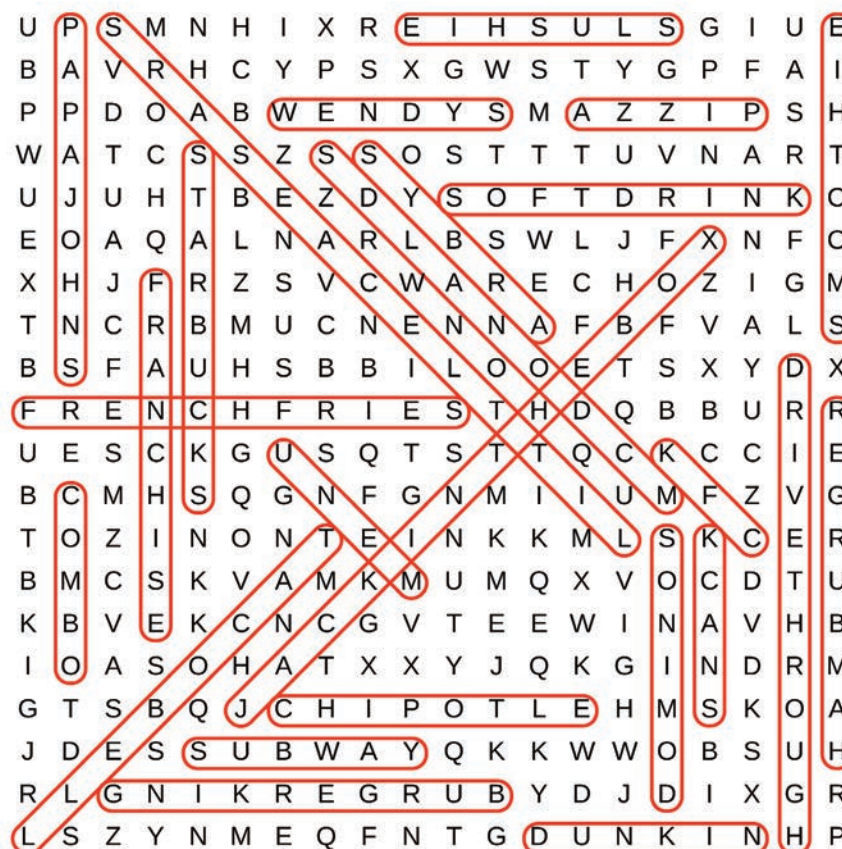
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Family-friendly event will celebrate community, local businesses and support the Hazleton Area Recreation Program



Hazleton Area Recreation Program (HARP) Board Members planning the event include: standing from the left Neal DeAngelo, III, Whitaker & DeAngelo, Board Vice Chair; John; Eric Wagner, The Carver's Reserve; Joe Provanzo, Provanzo Painting; Yankory Pimentel, Pitching University, Lisa Grohol, Lewith & Freeman Real Estate; Lauren Sacco, Vito's Lawn Care and Sacco Chiropractic, Angel Zola, Zola Law Firm, Board Secretary; Pat Knelly, Sugarloaf Golf Course. Sitting from the left: Kim Crawford, Board Treasurer; Jarrod DeAngelo, DeAngelo Contracting Services, Board Chair; Eileen Perchak, Collaborative Autism Movement and Christie Provanzo, HARP Executive Director.

HAZLETON, PA — Get ready for a spooktacular afternoon of family fun, costumes, community spirit and friendly competition! The Hazleton Area Recreation Program (HARP) is excited to announce its upcoming inaugural Boo's, Brews & Running Shoes Family Fun Run on Saturday, October 17, 2026, beginning at 11 am. The event will begin at *HARP, located at 600 South Poplar Street <<https://www.google.com/maps/search/600+South+Poplar+Street?entry=gmail&source=g>> in Hazleton, and take participants along the Poplar Street corridor, highlighting and supporting several local businesses including Bunkers Sports Bar & Restaurant, Heights Rod & Gun Club, Alta Pizzeria, Whipped Sweet Shoppe and All Hours Notary and The Carver's Reserve. This is a family fun event, not a timed race. Participants are encouraged to walk, jog, run, dance,

skip, or simply enjoy the afternoon with family and friends. The goal is to get outside, have fun and celebrate the community together. And, of course, costumes are highly encouraged. Participants can come as individuals, couples, families, groups or teams and are encouraged to get creative. Costume prizes will be awarded in several categories, giving participants another reason to bring their best and most entertaining Halloween ideas.

"We wanted to create an event that was fun for everyone while also showcasing the wonderful businesses and community that make Hazleton special," said Christie Provanzo, Executive Director of HARP. "Boo's, Brews & Running Shoes is about getting people together, enjoying the outdoors, supporting local businesses and having a great time, all while raising funds to support HARP and its

programs."

In addition to featuring the participating businesses, Party on Us Rentals will offer photobooth fun, and the talented Sue Huff of Balloons by Sue is providing a beautiful balloon arch at the starting line. There will also be additional details and special surprises to be announced as the event approaches.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hazleton Area Recreation Program, helping support HARP's ongoing recreational programming and activities for children, families and the community.

Participants are encouraged to grab their family, gather their friends, put together a team and start planning those costumes now.

Early registration is encouraged and is \$20 per person or \$70 for a family of four, with each additional family member of \$15 per person.

For updates and registration

information, follow the Hazleton Area Recreation Program – HARP on Facebook or contact Christie at HARP at (570) 233-4402 or christiepro.harp@gmail.com.

****About the Hazleton Area Recreation Program****

Established in 2016 as the Hazleton Boxing Club, the Hazleton Area Recreation Program (H.A.R.P.) has evolved into a multifaceted, all-inclusive organization committed to serving the Greater Hazleton Area. Over time, H.A.R.P. has expanded its memberships, programming, and physical infrastructure. The organization is dedicated to enhancing the lives of local children by fostering exercise, character development, self-discipline, confidence, structure, work ethic, and enduring friendships.