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## Cougar Pride is Back and the Community is Ready to Fill the Stands This Season



Photo Submitted by: Hazleton Quarterback Club

If you were at Meet the Cougars last week, you could feel it. That special buzz in the air means football season has arrived. The Hazleton Area Cougars are ready to take the field, and our community is ready to cheer them on.

Here in the Hazleton area, high school football is more than just a sport. It is the sound of the marching band echoing through Harman Geist Stadium, the sight of cheerleaders lifting the crowd's energy, the proud parents in the stands, and the

neighbors who come to see the students they know giving their all.

We are fortunate to have such a hard-working coaching staff leading these young athletes. Their work is not only about calling plays on the field, it is also about teaching life lessons, building discipline, and helping these students grow in confidence. Dedicated volunteers, security teams, and maintenance crews all play a big role in making each game possible. The Hazleton Area Quarterback Club works tirelessly to

support Cougar football, and the Band Boosters make sure our talented musicians have everything they need while also serving up delicious treats and warm drinks for fans to enjoy during the game.

If you have not been to a game in a while, this is the year to come back. Bring your friends, grab a seat, and be part of the excitement. These students give everything they have each week, and they deserve to see the stands filled with hometown pride.

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## Letter from the Editors

Hello All! I can't believe it's already August. Where does the time go? I know where it goes. For me - its spent working. I work full-time at Kadima Nursing Home in Drums as the Activities Director, I have my printing business (*KnightTime Media*) on the side and *The Anthracite Post* that Lee Ann and I work on together. Lee Ann also works a full-time job. Speaking of *The Anthracite Post*, we have some exciting news coming in the near future. I can't wait to tell you, but we need to confirm everything first. I hope it happens soon. I'm not very patient.

I hope you are all having a great summer. It sure has been hot. It's funny how 90° and low humidity is so different than 90° and high humidity. I can do without those high humidity days. My natural curly hair also dislikes the humidity. The higher the humidity, the bigger my hair. Lol!

Summer may be coming to an end shortly, but there are still plenty of outside events, festivals to attend, and road trips to make. I still need to make my yearly trip to Big Mike's Cheesesteaks in Forksville, PA.

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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August 2025

## BIZARRE & UNIQUE HOLIDAYS

- 1 International Beer Day  
National Girlfriends Day
- 2 Campfire Day  
Sandcastle Day
- 3 Friendship Day  
Sisters Day
- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 5 Underwear Day
- 6 National Root Beer Float Day
- 7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8 National Kool-Aid Day  
Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day
- 9 Book Lover's Day  
Smokey Bear Day
- 10 Lazy Day  
National S'mores Day
- 11 Son and Daughter Day
- 12 National Vinyl Record Day
- 13 Left Handers' Day
- 14 National Creamsicle Day  
Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 15 Relaxation Day
- 16 Roller Coaster Day  
Tell a Joke Day
- 17 National Thriftshop Day
- 18 Bad Poetry Day  
National Fajita Day
- 19 Aviation Day  
National Potato Day
- 20 National Bacon Lovers Day  
National Radio Day
- 21 National Poets Day  
Senior Citizen's Day
- 22 National Tooth Fairy Day
- 23 Ride the Wind Day
- 24 National Waffle Day
- 25 Kiss and Make-Up Day  
National Banana Split Day  
National Park Service Day
- 26 National Dog Day  
Women's Equality Day
- 27 International Lottery Day  
Just Because Day
- 28 National Cherry Turnover Day  
Stuffed Green Bell Peppers Day
- 29 International Bat Night  
More Herbs, Less Salt Day
- 30 Frankenstein Day  
National Beach Day  
Toasted Marshmallow Day
- 31 National Eat Outside Day  
National Trail Mix Day



## Cougar Pride (continued)



### 2025 Hazleton Area Cougars Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 22	Nazareth Area	A	7:00 PM
Aug. 29	Williamsport	A	7:00 PM
Sept. 5	West Scranton	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 12	Berwick	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 19	Wyoming Valley West*	A	7:00 PM
Sept. 26	Wilkes Barre*	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 3	Crestwood*	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 10	Pittston*	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 17	Dallas*	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 24	Abington Heights	H	7:00 PM

(\*Denotes conference game)

Let us fill the stands, make some noise, and show these players, coaches, musicians, and volunteers just how proud Hazleton is of them. Friday nights are for football, friends, music, community, and maybe even a sweet treat from the Band Boosters.

And while we cheer for the Cougars, let us also get out and support all of our local teams in the region — the Crestwood Comets, Marian Catholic Colts, Berwick Bulldogs, Shenandoah Blue Devils, Mahanoy Area Golden Bears, Tamaqua Blue Raiders, and Panther Valley Panthers. Every team represents the pride and hard work of their school and community.

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# United Way of Greater Hazleton 2025-2026 Board of Directors

At their campaign celebration breakfast on July 22nd at Four Blooms restaurant in Drums, the United Way of Greater Hazleton announced its Board of Directors for 2025-2026.

The United Way of Greater Hazleton is a non-profit organization, committed to serving the Greater Hazleton Community. They support early childhood education for underprivileged children, and early literacy through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. They provide two back-to-school readiness programs and host a nurse's pantry throughout the Hazleton Area School District. The Nurse's Pantry provides necessary hygiene items to children in need. In addition to their own work, they support 10 non-profit agencies in the Greater Hazleton area. If you would like to learn more about the United Way of Greater Hazleton or support their work, please contact Interim CEO, Jennifer Sordoni, [jennifer.sordoni@unitedway-hazleton.org](mailto:jennifer.sordoni@unitedway-hazleton.org).



Seated (L to R): Theresa Long, Rosanna Gabriel, Leann Fallabel, Donna Dougherty, Jace Whitaker, Jessica Spare. Standing (L to R): Megan Kennedy, Rosann Gabos, Maryanne Petrilla, Michael Screenock, Joe Baranko, Jillian Lowery, Robert Collado, Candice Pop, Denise Corcoran. Missing from photo: Melissa Curto, Allison Antolick, Alex van Hoekelen, Ray Merrill & Vianney Castro.

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## The Pros and Cons of Data Center Development

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

As the development of new data center accelerates across Pennsylvania, Sen. Rosemary Brown and I hosted a public hearing of the Senate Majority Policy Committee to review the potential impacts for communities and the economy. Nine possible sites are now under review in the district I represent in Carbon, Schuylkill, and southern Luzerne counties, with many more under consideration throughout Pennsylvania.

Nineteen panelists from several different perspectives – local government, education, environmental agencies, and business and labor – joined us to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of establishing these centers.

One key focus of our discussion was the impact on watersheds – a top concern of local residents. We heard promising news on this front. It may be possible to recycle water from abandoned coal mines, rather than drawing on other water sources. Merle Madrid from AWS also shared information about new dry cooling technology that utilizes the surrounding air instead of water.

Andrew D. Dehoff from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission discussed how the impacts on the water supply could be harmful, but he also documented proven strategies to reduce concerns. The commission previously offered incentives to power plants to explore dry cooling technology which successfully reduced water usage.

We also discussed the economic benefits. In addition to creating many family-sustaining, permanent jobs – and thousands more during construction – the local tax implications could be massive.

Esch McCombie, co-chair of McNees Wallace & Nurick's Real Estate Group, noted that the low-traffic, high-value nature of data centers could generate significant tax revenue without increased commuter or truck traffic or new student enrollments at nearby schools. One local township recently received a real estate transfer tax payment for a possible data center site which is equal to 50 percent of its budget for the entire year!

Our biggest takeaway from the hearing: data centers could be an economic driver for our region, but the sites must be chosen very carefully and IF built, their development MUST be done correctly to minimize any consequences.

This is just the beginning of this important conversation. To learn more, visit the committee's website: [policy.pasenategop.com/policy-081125](http://policy.pasenategop.com/policy-081125)

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### Updates for Military Families, Veterans

By State Rep. Jamie Walsh (R-Luzerne)

Keeping residents of Luzerne County up to date on legislation and state-related resources is among my top priorities as representative of the 117th District. To that end, I'd like to share the following information with our local military families and veterans.

Recognizing the sacrifices made by National Guard members and their families, I recently joined in the unanimous support of legislation to allow family of Pennsylvania National Guard members to claim additional education benefits each time the Guard member reenlists or renews their service commitment.

Act 32 of 2025 (formerly House Bill 865) amends the state's Military Family Education Program to clarify that the program's education assistance is a renewable benefit each time a Guard member reenlists or renews their service obligation for an additional six-year term.

The bill also allows funds to be used for a wider range of educational programs, including remedial programs and advanced degrees, and provides for debt forgiveness when a member separates from the Guard for reasons beyond the member's control. The law takes effect in early September.

To support veterans and their dependents facing financial hardship, the state's Veterans Temporary Assistance Program is accepting applications. Veterans can apply for up to \$1,600 per year to help cover the cost of necessities like food, shelter, fuel and clothing.

To be eligible, a veteran must have served a period of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. A veteran who suffered a service-connected disability, regardless the length or status of their service is also eligible, as well as the surviving dependents of an eligible veteran or those of a service member who died in line of duty or was killed in action.

Since its inception, the program, operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, has awarded more than \$7.4 million to assist over 6,800 service members, veterans, and their families with emergent financial needs.

Applications should be submitted to the County Veterans Affairs Department in the veteran's county of residence.

Thank you to those who are serving or who have served. We owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude, and programs like these are just one small way we can express our thanks for the sacrifices you've made.

If you need assistance with veterans services, please don't hesitate to call my Dallas office at 570-675-6000 or my Sugarloaf office at 570-359-2138.



### Trooper Anthony Petroski III

Public Information Officer

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Deadline for application submission will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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# Drums Lioness Club Donated to Valley Pantry



Pictured are (L to R): Jen Gerhard, Drums Lioness Lions Vice-President; Billie Shaffer, Valley Food Pantry; Kathy Koch, Drums Lioness Lions Lion Tamer. and Rosie Campbell, Valley Food Pantry.

The Drums Lioness Lions Club presented a monetary donation to the Valley Food Pantry. The check presentation and donation collection was in conjunction with the recent food drive at Valley Hometown Market. #WeServe

## August Entertainment at the Freeland Public Park Pavillion

- Aug 22 Hazleton Philharmonic  
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- Aug 29 Jack James Vocalist.....6 p.m.

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### PA House Approves Watro’s Cursive Bill

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

### Sunday Hunting Ban Repealed

Pennsylvania’s prohibition on Sunday hunting has been completely repealed with the signing into law of House Bill 1431, now Act 36 of 2025.

Our Commonwealth had been one of a handful of states that limit Sunday hunting in some fashion. Most states consider Sunday no different than any other day of the week regarding hunting.

For many years, Pennsylvania prohibited most types of hunting on Sunday. A few years ago, state law was changed to allow hunting on three Sundays a year, as chosen by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC).

The new law changes all that, empowering the PGC to make new regulations to allow any Sunday of the year to be used for hunting. The law also includes a requirement that a person who hunts on private land on a Sunday must have written permission to use the property from the landowner, agent of the landowner or a lessee; failure to do so will be treated as trespassing and subject to graded penalties depending on the number of trespassing offenses committed by the individual.

Pursuant to the new law, the PGC has approved 10 additional Sundays for hunting in 2025 on top of the three days previously allowed under state law, with the dates falling between Sept. 14 and Dec. 7. The commission noted the final number of Sundays may change based on wildlife impact assessments. The 13 Sundays are: Sept. 14, 21 and 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; and Dec. 7.

### Reducing Food Waste, Helping People in Need

A new state law aims to boost food donation and reduce waste by limiting liability for donated food that is past its “best by” date.

Date labels on food generally are established by the manufacturer to indicate the best use-by date for purposes of freshness; however, many potential food donors misinterpret these labels as “expiration dates” or indicators of food safety. The law aims to encourage the donation of surplus food to help the more than 1.2 million people in Pennsylvania who are food insecure, including more than 325,000 children.

Act 13 of 2025 amends the free-standing Donated Food Limited Liability Act to limit criminal and civil liability for persons who donate food that is fit for human consumption but is past a date code on the food item. The donor must make a good faith evaluation that the food is fit for human consumption and a donor has immunity unless damages result from the negligent, reckless or intentional misconduct of the donor.

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## Keystone Job Corps Announces Program Director



Center Executive Director Kelly King announced that Abigail (Abby) Bachman has accepted the position of Programs Director for the Keystone Job Corps Campus. Since joining Job Corps Ms. Bachman has demonstrated strong dedication and leadership in serving our students and staff. Previously Ms. Bachman served as an Academic Instructor and most recently as Career Technical Training Manager (CTT). “Abby has a strong understanding of the Job Corps program and the teamwork required for the success of our students. Ms. King went on to say, “Most importantly

Abby brings a passion of engagement and empowerment to serve our students and staff.”

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Bachman on this exciting step of her career. We look forward to her continued positive impact and leadership as we support students success. Ms. Bachman steps into the roll following the departure of Programs Director, Mr. Seth Trough. The Programs Director oversees the CTT, Counseling, Career Preparation and Academic programs on center and serves as the number two administrator on center.

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Our Lady of Peace Parish Procession Honoring Madonna del Monte and the Saints of Cilento in Hazleton.



A steady crowd of people showed up to support the Benefit for Kevin McNamara at St. Michael's Hall in Freeland on Saturday, August 9th. There were 146 Tricky Trays, a bake sale and a variety of homemade foods.

"This basket is mine now". This cute kitten belongs to Reverend Phil & Beverly Smith.



Photos from the Pardeesville Car Show held on Saturday, August 16th.



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# A Thousand Times a Day

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

In part 2, we told first hand stories from soldiers. Some stories came from Sgt Stanley Balon with the 14 Armored Division, Patton's 7th Army. Let's keep it in the family as many families gave up more than one son or daughter to fight WW2.

**PFC Joe Balon**, age 35, graduated MMI class of 1927 and served as a medical corpsman with the 83rd Division. While wearing his armband and red cross helmet he was wounded by a sniper who hit his hand while carrying a wounded soldier. He was evacuated to Aachen, Germany to a field hospital. **John Balon** was also wounded but returned to the 7th armored Division in Holland.

As WW2 was coming to closure in May of 1945, all the American forces were subduing Germany. Balon's unit liberated Moosburg Stalag 7 on April 29th, and whether Stan knew it or not, they liberated north siders **POW Pfc Mike Dinovic, Pfc Mike Rowland,**

and **Lt Robert L. Seitzinger Jr.**

**Pfc Mike Dinovic**, age 29, Ridge St, was taken POW Sept. 26th, 1944. He was in an armored unit that fought across France after landing at Normandy. Captured and sent to Stalag 7 in Moosburg, he was liberated April 29th. Brother **Seaman John Dinovic** was a Seabee in the Alaskan Aleutians. **Sgt Dominick Dinovic** was stationed Camp Lee, Virginia, and **Pvt Louis (DeNoia) Dinovic**, age 25, of 625 Ridge St, was wounded in action on Feb 7th, 1945 while assigned to the 11th Armored Division attached to Patton's 3rd Army. He enlisted July 26th, 1944 and arrived in France in early January of 45.

**Pfc Lindsay Rowland**, age 32, (626 Front St) Rowland had landed on D-Day June 6th, and was WIA several days later. He recuperated and rejoined his unit in mid August. He was listed as MIA over Germany since October 4th. Lindsay was captured in

October 1944 while in action with the 29th Infantry Division fighting in the Siegfried Line. ( Germany's defensive line along the border with France, Belgium, and the Netherlands). He was incarcerated in Stalag 7-A in Moosburg and liberated April 29th. His story is unusual for an infantry man to be missing over Germany. Because of his radio training he was probably working as a forward artillery observer in a light plane. His close friend **Pfc Louis Bott** of Nuremburg was KIA in France September 17th of 1944. The two were together since joining April 27th, 1942. Louis Bott was an MMI and Lehigh University graduate. They had arrived in England in August 1942.

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to the 15 th Air Force in Italy when he was shot down during the raid on German air fields over Memmingen. He was placed in Stalag Luft 3 at Sagan, Silesia until January of 1945 when he was marched thru winter weather to Nurnberg and Stalag 7-A in Moosburg, Bavaria. He was also liberated April 29th, 1945.

**SGT J Dvorshak: POW** (Alvin st) Shot down over Germany August 17, 1943. Not known where he was held as prisoner. His Sister **Lt. Marion Dvorshak** was featured in the Women of WWII served in Europe and the Pacific in the US Army Nursing Corps. Brother **Stephen Dvorshak** was a Hospital Apprentice in the Navy within a Marine unit in the Pacific.

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Sgt. George Znachko

Sgt. George Znachko, of Montclair, N. J., formerly of Freeland, German prisoner-of-war, was rescued by the Russians and is now under American military control. He informed his sister, Mrs. George Znachko, of 430 Washington street, Freeland.

In a V-mail letter, the first news received from him since December, he wrote that he was freed on April 22nd, when "Uncle Joe" and his boys cleared the Germans out of the town where he was imprisoned. He got back into American hands on May 5th at Wittenberg, Germany, and at the time he sent his letter, May 7th, was at Elisabeth. He expected to take a ship. He expects to be in the United States before the end of May.

He added that there was much to tell after 1 1/2 years on the European continent. "God was good to me. He certainly had me by the hand all the time," he wrote. He was wounded when he was captured, getting shrapnel in the leg.

Sgt. Znachko, former M. M. I. and St. Mary's grid star, is a Regular Army veteran, having enlisted in 1926, and having 2 1/2 years of duty in Hawaii and at many Army posts in this country. He went overseas in February, 1944, with the 88th Infantry Division, and was captured in Italy in May, at the start of the all-out drive on Rome.



Pfc. Michael Dinovic

Pfc. Michael Dinovic, aged 29, who has been a German prisoner since last September 26th, when he was captured in France, has been liberated and returned to Allied military control, the War Department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dinovic, of 636 Ridge street, Freeland. A telegram received from him yesterday indicates that he is in this country and will be home soon.

The official telegram said he was freed April 26th, the day Third Army columns reached Stalag 7-A, at Moosburg, Bavaria. He was sent to Stalag 7-A when captured and when last heard from was still at that camp.

He was in an armored division and fought across France after landing in Normandy last summer. He entered the Army November 4, 1942 and trained at Camp Campbell, Ky., and in Tennessee, before going to England in January, 1944. He has three brothers in service. They are S. L. John, a Seabee, who has had tours of duty in the Aleutians and Hawaii and who is now at Norfolk, Va.; S. Sgt. Dominick, at Camp Lee, Va., and Pvt. Louis, with the Army in Germany.

## FREED AFTER BEING PRISONER 26 MONTHS



Pvt. Gordon E. Fisher

Pvt. Gordon E. Fisher, of Freeland, the North Side's longest German prisoner-of-war, has been liberated from a German camp, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fisher, of 1184 Birkbeck St., that town.

The telegram said he had been returned to Allied military control, but no date was given. The day after receipt of the official notice, his parents received a letter from him, in which he said he was in good health and hoped to be home very soon.

A prisoner for more than 26 months, he was captured on Feb. 14, 1943, when the first artillery unit to which he was attached, was encircled by the Germans in the Faid Pass area of Tunisia in North Africa, at the height of the German offensive which pushed the Allies back in that sector. His last mailing address had him located at Stalag 3-B.

He has one brother in service, Harry, who is in the Navy and is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

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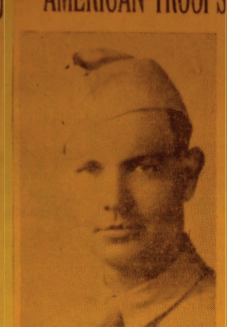
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The official notification is the first news received about Lt. Seitzinger since mid - February when two cards dated November 29th, were received from him.

Lt. Seitzinger enlisted as an air cadet in August, 1942, and was sent to England in February, called for training in February, and received his wings and commission on January 7th, 1944, at the Columbus, Miss., air base, after phase training at several air fields, went to Italy in May of last year. He was with the 15th Air Force when shot down.





## Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

### Take Me Out To the Ball Game at Wrigley

This past July 4th Joey Chestnut ate 70 hotdogs in 10 minutes at Nathan's annual July 4th hot dog championship (with the buns). That is simply mind-boggling. Something else happened on that same day in my swimming pool that I thought was also mind-boggling. My youngest daughter has a tradition that she does every July 4th in my pool. She treads water for four consecutive hours (9 AM to 1 PM). I struggle to tread water for 3 minutes. Try it sometime. You might have a better chance eating 70 hotdogs without the buns.

Nineteen years ago a statue of the late great tennis player 'Arthur Ashe' was dedicated on monument Avenue in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Ashe died in 1993 at the age of 49. It was the sixth statue placed on that Avenue. The previous five included Robert Lee, J E B Stewart, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson and Matthew Fontaine Maury. (All had connections to the confederacy). At that time, the statue was erected many argued that Ashe's statue was inappropriate. But today, Ashe's statue is the only one still standing the other five were removed in 2020 and 2021.

At this time in 1976 (49 years ago) a tradition started that his continued at every Chicago Cubs baseball game during the seventh inning stretch at Wrigley Field. The Chicago tradition began during the White Sox games at Comiskey Park in 76. Team announcer, 'Harry Caray' liked to belt out "Take me out to the ball game with gusto". As a practical joke, Sox owner, Bill Veeck secretly hid a live microphone in the radio booth so that Caray's raspy voice was carried over the public address system. The fans loved it. Caray moved across town to the Cubs in 1982 and the 'sing-along' continued at Wrigley Field. Following Caray's death in 1989 the Cubs preserved his memory by having local, national and global celebrities lead the crowd to the baseball anthem. Thanks for reading. Till next time, be a good sport and "Stay Loose".

## Wine Hops & Road Stops



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### How To Make A Classic Kalimotxo

- Fill a glass halfway with ice
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- Stir gently
- Garnish with a lemon wedge
- Enjoy!

-Jeff & Desiree Bonomo

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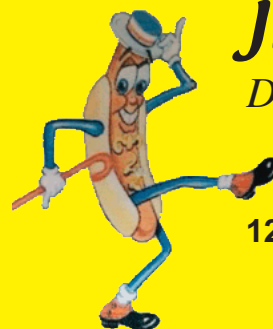


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# Escape to the Outdoors

## A Perfect Double-Header Hike Close to Home: Buzzard's Point and Tank Hollow

By: William M. Dempsey



Looking north from Buzzard's Point, the Lehigh River winds through the gorge below as the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway hugs its edge—a perfect meeting of natural beauty and local heritage. William M. Dempsey/Photographer

On a clear, low-humidity Saturday in early August, I set out on a hike that reminds us just how lucky we are to live in northeastern Pennsylvania. Starting from the parking lot at Behrens Road, just outside Jim Thorpe, I followed the trail to Buzzard's Point. I continued to Tank Hollow Vista—two of the best views in the region, all packed into a manageable out and back hike that local hikers from Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill counties, as well as people visiting the area, can easily enjoy in a half-day outing.

The entire hike totaled just over 8 miles, with more than 900 feet of elevation gain, and took around four hours to complete, including time I spent on photo stops and taking in the scenery. While the distance may sound intimidating, there are no significant hills to climb during the hike; the elevation gains are gradual and steady. The trail is well-marked, making it the perfect option for both beginners and experienced hikers.

I used the AllTrails app on my phone to help me navigate.

Getting out on this trail is easy since it is easily accessible. The trailhead is only a short drive from towns like Weatherly, Hazleton, and Tamaqua. Yet, once you exit your car and are about 5 minutes from the parking area, the surrounding forest has a remote feel. The trail winds gently through a mix of hardwoods and pine, and on this particular day, just the right amount of light filtered through the canopy. I had an oppor-

tunity to catch a glimpse of two broad-winged hawks that called out from the treetops. Green ferns and ripe huckleberries lined the forest floor, providing a real sense of nature.

Buzzard's Point offers a panoramic view that looks out across the Lehigh Gorge—one of the most underrated scenic spots in the area. Many never discover what this first stop has to offer and typically opt to visit only Tank Hollow instead. Only a short distance farther, Buzzard's Point allows you to partake in a hiking double header when paired with the well-known Tank Hollow. Many are familiar with the expansive overlook of Tank Hollow, perched high above a dramatic bend in the Lehigh River. On a day with clear skies like this one, you can see for miles.

If you're local and seeking an outdoor adventure, close to home, these vistas are ideal—they're right in our backyard. And if you're visiting the area, consider adding this hike to your itinerary. It's not overly strenuous, and we'll be happy to welcome you with some of the finest vistas in the Poconos.

### Directions to the Trailhead:

To access the trail to Buzzard's Point and Tank Hollow, park at the State Game Lands 141 parking area on Behrens Road in Penn Forest Township.

From Jim Thorpe, take Route 903 North for about 6.5 miles. Turn right onto Behrens Road (just past the Shell gas station) and continue for approximately 1.6 miles. The gravel parking area will be on your right. Look for the yellow State Game Lands sign and gated access road—this is your starting point.

GPS Coordinates: 40.95044, -75.67713

There are no restroom facilities available at or near this trail. Make sure to wear sturdy footwear, bring plenty of water, and carry out anything you bring in.

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# The Past Comes Alive in Freeland

Submitted by: Bobby Maso



The Freeland 150th Celebration Committee is excited to announce that we will be hosting a History Walk & Tour in Freeland on Saturday, August 30th. The tour will offer crowds of all ages the chance to learn about and explore Freeland like never before. A touring van will transport groups to approximately 20 historic sites all throughout town. At select locations, tour members will get to walk to specific sites and see them up close, learning about the unique history and people behind them. Following the History Walk, the Cemetery Tour will



begin at Freeland Cemetery, where tour-takers will visit the grave sides of several of Freeland's founding fathers. Here, they will learn the amazing stories of the individuals who helped develop Freeland from a forested wilderness into a thriving, bustling town over 150 years ago. Afterward, everyone is invited to attend a special display of the Freeland Historical Society, inside the borough building, where light refreshments will be offered.

To register for your preferred tour package, please visit the Freeland PA 150th Celebration page on Facebook.

## A Veterans Journal #102

By Joseph Barna • Freeland  
USMC, Korea 1952-1953



Joe Barna, 95 year-old Korean War Veteran and Freeland resident was invited to ceremonies honoring Medal of Honor Recipient John (Jackie) Kilmer in San Antonio TX. Barna, who served with Kilmer in 1952, was invited by Navy personnel at Joint Base Sam Houston and Marine Corps first Sargent John Rodriguez to be the main speaker at the Navy Corpsman School on August 15 and San Jose Burial Park on August 16. Joe was accompanied by Retired Army Veteran Erik Olson, Easton MD, and friend Frank Balon, Freeland. At the Corpsman School, Joe recounted how he met Jackie Kilmer outside of a mountain- top bunker in Korea. Kilmer was the first person who greeted him, extending his hand and saying "Welcome to Hell. I'm your Corpsman. If you get wounded, call out 'Doc'. I'll find you and patch you up". Joe went on with the story of how Kilmer saved his life, after finding him in a trench, pinned down by his flame thrower. He was bayoneted by a North Korean soldier and bleeding profusely. Joe dodged the full bayonett thrust to his heart, but took it to his upper arm. He managed to turn and shoot the enemy soldier with the double-barreled shotgun he had taped to the arm of his flame thrower. Joe said "I think I made twins out of him." Joe concluded by telling the corpsmen class how important they are to Marines. He finished by saying "God Bless all

Navy Corpsmen and God Bless Jackie Kilmer. A surprise attendee of the ceremony was Stephen Barna, Joe's Nephew. Stephen is an Army Veteran and long time resident of San Antonio. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Navy presented Joe with an engraved bronze statue of a Navy Corpsman.

The next day, Joe spoke at the grave of Kilmer. The ceremony was attended by Navy personnel including base officers, active corpsmen, sailors and the base chorus, who sang the National Anthem. A local San Antonio VFW post served as Rifle Squad. Others in attendance were a local group of motorcycle riders who provide honor services for veterans, a surviving nephew of Kilmer and various family and friends of the ceremony attendees. Frank Balon, bugler for the Freeland American Legion and VFW Honor Guard was privileged to provide Taps after the Rifle Salute. Author and War Historian Ryan Walkowski of Wisconsin attended the grave side ceremony and filmed the proceedings. Walkowski intends to release a film documentary of the story and event.

Barna is author of the book "God Makes Angels and Navy Corpsmen: A Korean War Veteran's Memories of the War and Life." The book is available from Amazon or by contacting him directly for a signed copy.



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## New Live-Video podcast Ignites Community Spirit Around Hazleton Area Football

A new local Live-Video podcast is quickly becoming the heart and voice of Hazleton Area High School Football, thanks to the passionate efforts of long-time sports advocate Mike Sosar and Cougars head football coach Scott Sacco.

Launched in August at Hazleton Area "Meet the Cougars", the weekly show is more than just game talk it's a rallying call to the community.

"Our high school, student-athletes, students alike, and school programs both athletic and academic deserve to be supported and recognized," Sosar said in a message that gained attention on social media. "Our football program is a great representative of all of that and sometimes seems to be forgotten."

The Live-Video podcast aims to give players, coaches, and fans a platform to connect and celebrate Hazleton Area Football, while also offering behind-the-scenes insights, interviews, and commentary throughout the 2025 season.

Sosar credits Coach Sacco and his family for helping "kick off" the initiative and build its early momentum online. The two hosts bring not only knowledge of the game, but also a deep commitment to building school spirit and community pride.

"Win or lose, please continue to support these kids by staying with this brand-new platform," Sosar added. "We're just getting started."

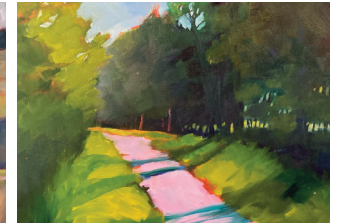
With weekly episodes starting August 18 and running live via YouTube (@TheLocalSportsPod), immediately posted to Facebook/Instagram (The LocalSortsPod), every Monday during the season, fan engagement online, and a growing base of viewers, the live -video podcast is helping unite Hazleton residents behind a simple message: "Let's go, Cougars!"

Follow, share, and tune in weekly to hear directly from the voices shaping Cougar football, which is an intricate piece of the future of Hazleton's athletic community.

Again the platforms are as follows:

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## Hazleton Art League News

The Hazleton Art League (HAL) will present Beyond the Horizon (En Plein Air Collection), an exhibition of outdoor landscape paintings by regional artists, on view from August 1–31 at the Hayden Family Center for the Arts, 31 W. Broad Street in Hazleton. A free opening reception will be held on Friday, August 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., and the public is warmly invited to attend. During the event, Theresa Evans of the Hazleton Area Garden Club will raffle a floral arrangement, and exhibition organizer Jo Adang will offer raffle chances for one of her original oil paintings featuring horses. An artists' talk will take place on Sunday, August 3, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In addition, HAL will host a still life painting workshop with Philadelphia-based artist Catherine "Cat" Haverkamp on August 9–10. Titled Narrative Objects, the workshop is open to all experience levels. The cost is \$399, with a 15% discount available to HAL members.

HAL's Summer Art Camp for children ages 6–14 concludes on Friday, August 15 with a student art exhibition from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring work created during the summer sessions.

Looking ahead, HAL's third annual Color the Course Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Country Club in Sugarloaf. The Art League is looking for sponsors and golfers. Proceeds will support HAL's arts education and community programming.

For more information about exhibitions, workshops, and our events, visit [www.hazletonartleague.org](http://www.hazletonartleague.org).



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# - 2025 SEASON - LOCAL TEAMS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



## Hazleton Area

8/22 @ Nazareth Area  
8/29 @ Williamsport  
9/5 vs. West Scranton  
9/12 vs. Berwick  
9/19 @ WWV  
9/26 @ Wilkes Barre  
10/3 vs. Crestwood  
10/10 @Pittston  
10/17 vs. Dallas  
10/24 vs. Abington Heights



## Berwick

8/22 @ Lake Lehman  
8/29 vs. Mid Valley  
9/5 vs. Lackawanna Trail  
9/12 @ Hazleton Area  
9/19 @ Hanover Area  
9/26 vs. Wyoming Area  
10/3 @Greater Nanticoke Area  
10/10 vs. Williamsport  
10/17 vs. vs. Selinsgrove  
10/24 @Tunkhannock



## Crestwood

8/22 @Wyoming Area  
8/29 vs. Valley View  
9/5 vs. Tunkhannock  
9/12 @Western Wayne  
9/19 vs. Greater Nanticoke  
9/26 vs. Pittston  
10/3 @ Hazleton Area  
10/10 @Dallas  
10/17 vs. Wilkes Barre Area  
10/24 vs. WWV



## Tamaqua

8/22 vs. Pen Argyl  
8/29 @ North Schuylkill  
9/5 vs. Pottsville  
9/11 @Jim Thorpe  
9/19 vs. Salisbury Township  
9/26 @ Bangor  
10/3 vs. Southern Lehigh  
10/10 vs. Lehigh  
10/17 @ NW Lehigh  
10/24 @Blue Mountain



## Shenandoah Valley

8/22 vs. Columbia Montour VT  
8/29 vs. Minersville  
9/5 @Schuylkill Haven  
9/12 vs. Marian  
9/19 @Pine Grove  
9/26 @ Nativity BVM  
10/3 vs. Tri-Valley  
10/10 Panther Valley  
10/17 @Williams Valley  
10/24@Mahanoy Area



## Marian Catholic

8/22 @Hanover Area  
8/29 @ Tri-Valley  
9/5 vs. Panther Valley  
9/12 @Shenandoah Valley  
9/19 Vs. Mahanoy Area  
9/27 @ Minersville  
10/3 vs. Schuylkill Haven  
10/10 @ Williams Valley  
10/17 vs. Pine Grove  
10/23 @Nativity BVM



## Mahanoy Area

8/22 vs. Catasauqua  
8/29 @Williams Valley  
9/5 @Minersville  
9/12 vs. Schuylkill Haven  
9/19 @Marian Catholic  
9/26 vs. Pine Grove  
10/3 vs. Nativity BVM  
10/10 vs. Tri-Valley  
10/17 @Panther Valley  
10/24 vs. Shenandoah Valley



## Panther Valley

8/22 vs. Salisbury Township  
8/29 @Schuylkill Haven  
9/5 @Marian Catholic  
9/13 vs. Pine Grove  
9/19 vs. Nativity BVM  
9/26 @Tri-Valley  
10/3 @Williams Valley  
10/10 @ Shenandoah Valley  
10/17 vs. Mahanoy Area  
10/24 vs. Minersville

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