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Watro Updates Local Business Leaders on Funding and Local Impact Initiatives at Hazleton Chamber Breakfast



On October 29th, 2024, State Representative Dane Watro, who serves the 116th Legislative District, was the guest speaker at the Greater Hazleton Chamber's Red Carpet Breakfast. Watro updated the local business community on recent developments in Harrisburg and their impact on the Greater Hazleton area. His participation in this event is part of the Chamber's series featuring elected officials. In his remarks, Watro emphasized the importance of making information readily accessible to his constituents. He highlighted various ways he communicates, including through his website, social media pages, weekly newsletter, and by working closely with media partners such as local TV stations

and newspapers. Watro believes these channels are crucial in keeping the public informed about state initiatives and local impacts. Recently, Watro, alongside Senator Argall, helped secure funding for community projects, including funding for multiple municipalities in the 116th district for equipment and upgrades and improving the playground at Heights Terrace Elementary. Watro, a U.S. Army veteran, also sponsored House Resolution 544, recognizing Veterans Day in Pennsylvania. Some of the projects are highlighted on page 7 of this edition. Watro has secured over 22 million dollars to date for the 116th district.

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Letter from the Editors

Hello Everyone!!!! It's November already. My 2nd favorite month that includes my favorite meal - turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, etc. You just can't go wrong. I hope my brother is making another smoked turkey. Hint! Hint! He will probably see this article. Oh and did I mention, its also my birthday month! Presents can be dropped off at my house. Lol! Just kidding!!!!

Actually I am sad that October (my 1st favorite month) flew by. There was so much going on, especially the Witches Ball fundraiser. It turned out better than we even imagined. Photos on page 12.

How about this weather? It's been quite mild. Temperatures still hitting 70°. I'll take it. I do love a good snowstorm but I dread thinking about heating costs. The weather man says its going to be a mild winter. Let's hope it doesn't get real cold.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Be sure to honor and remember the Veterans who fought for this great county.

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.

Exercise your right to vote, Tuesday, November 5th!!!

Lee Ann & Shari

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National Author's Day
- 2 Plan Your Epitaph Day
Deviled Egg Day
- 3 Daylight Savings Time ends
Housewife's Day
- 4 King Tut Day
- 5 Election Day
Gunpowder Day
- 6 National Nacho Day
Saxophone Day
- 7 Men Make Dinner Day
International Merlot Day
- 8 Dunce Day
- 9 World Freedom Day
Chaos Never Dies Day
- 10 USMC Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 National French Dip Day
Young Readers Day
- 13 World Kindness Day
Caregiver Appreciation Day
- 14 Loosen Up Day
Operating Room Nurse Day
- 15 America Recycles Day
Clean Your Refrigerator Day
- 16 National Fast Food Day
- 17 Take A Hike Day
World Peace Day
- 18 Occult Day
- 19 Play Monopoly Day
- 20 Beautiful Day
Universal Children's Day
- 21 False Confession Day
Great American Smokeout
- 22 Go For a Ride Day
Love Your Freckles Day
- 23 Adoption Day
National Cashew Day
- 24 Evolution Day
- 25 National Parfait Day
- 26 Shopping Reminder Day
- 27 National Jukebox Day
National Tie One On Day
Pins and Needles Day
- 28 French Toast Day
Thanksgiving
- 29 Black Friday
Chia Pet Day
Square Dance Day
- 30 National Mason Jar Day
Small Business Saturday

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Our Mission:

Volunteers in Medicine is a non-profit, community based organization developed to help meet the primary health care needs of the working uninsured and the underinsured populations in Schuylkill and Carbon Counties, Pennsylvania. The program is designed to provide free primary and preventative health services for those individuals who are employed but have no access to or cannot afford health insurance.

Our Story:

In 1994, Dr. Jack McConnell brought a group of medical professionals together to create the first Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Hilton Head, South Carolina. There are currently over 90 Volunteers in Medicine Clinics located throughout the United States. The Volunteers in Medicine Clinic model relies on retired and practicing medical professionals to serve individuals and families who have no access to ongoing healthcare, typically the working low income.

Mission Statement:

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Vision Statement:

May we have eyes to see those rendered invisible and excluded; open arms and hearts to reach out and include them; healing hands to touch their lives with love; and, in the process, heal ourselves.

Volunteers in Medicine is now welcoming volunteers to come through the clinic's doors, giving their time and expertise to care for our patients. We are always in need of additional volunteers...WE NEED YOU!

NEW!!!!!!

Volunteers in Medicine of Schuylkill and Carbon Counties is proud to announce our partnership with Valley Primary Care and VPC Healthcare specialist David Kasprzak, CRNP, Family Physician located at 229 W Broad St Tamaqua, PA.

David Kasprzak, CRNP, has been practicing medicine for 40 years. VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE is the pioneer in providing free medical care with almost 100 clinics nationwide and as a member clinic. VIM is also a member of PCHC (Pennsylvania Charitable Healthcare Coalition).

VIM will share Valley Primary Care's office and offer our Free medical and social services. Our office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am till 1 pm and by appointment. VIM volunteer medical providers will work with VPC to help individuals with and without health insurance, like:

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- Male Androdynamics testing
- Diagnostic Ultrasound to diagnose problems
- Work Related Injuries
- Physical Examination/Clearances
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Anal Dysplasia
- Urodynamics
- Diagnostic Ultrasound

- Covid Test and Treat Center
- High Resolution Anoscopy for Anal Cancer Detection
- Skin Lesion Biopsy and Removal
- Family Practice General Medicine/Diagnostic Urology

OUR LOCATIONS

OUR POTTSVILLE, PA Office is open from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. It is located at 1 S. 2nd Street on the 4th floor in the Gaudenzia Office...NEW DAYS AND HOURS . We are pleased to welcome our new Nurse Practitioner, Sandy Cooper. She will be available to

see patients for walk in service on Mondays and Wednesdays & Thursday and by appointment the on Friday. She is also licensed to do CDL physicals. VIM will share Valley Primary Care's office and offer our Free medical and social services. Our projected office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am till 1 pm and by appointment. 229 W Broad St Tamaqua, PA.

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by Paulette J. DeBella



Christina spreads her wings just like all the other angels in heaven...but she still has a big problem. It's almost time for the King's birth, and she's the only one without a gift! As she watches Mary and Joseph settle in the stable, little Christina comes up with the brightest idea to show her love.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paulette DeBella is a wife, mother and educator with nearly two decades of experience teaching in private and public schools. She lives in scenic Northeast Pennsylvania where she enjoys playing a variety of instruments. When she's not writing or creating music, you'll likely find Paulette thrifting—and specifically searching for vintage children's books to add to her collection.

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Good Luck! —



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Creating New Trails in Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne Counties

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

We're fortunate to live in an area with incredible access to the great outdoors. The Appalachian Trail and the D+L Trail are just two examples of the great options we have to enjoy a hike or bike ride.

We announced exciting news this week – state grants were awarded to construct a new section of the Schuylkill River Trail near Frackville, bringing the goal of an unbroken trail from Philadelphia to Frackville closer to completion, and begin creating a brand-new, 5-mile trail connecting Weatherly to the Delaware and Lehigh Trail and Lehigh Gorge State Park.

I'm also working with the 911 memorial trail team to further expand this memorial to all who lost their lives by creating a trail from Pottsville to Tamaqua to Jim Thorpe, connecting the D+L Trail to the Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail and beyond.

We've seen in communities like White Haven and Jim Thorpe how access to outdoor recreation can breathe new life into an area by attracting more visitors. As a frequent biker of the MANY great trails here in Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne counties, I'm excited to help bring these ideas to life!

If you have a favorite trail, nominations for Pennsylvania's 2025 Trail of the Year are open now!

The winning trail will be recognized through a commemorative poster for statewide distribution, a trailhead marker along the trail, and a grant for educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection on the trail. The deadline to submit your favorite is Friday, Nov. 1.

Visit the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's website to make your nomination today: www.dcnr.pa.gov/communities/TrailDevelopment/TrailOfTheYear/



Happy Birthday!
**Susan
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 November 27th

From Shari



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Cabell's 'Digital Assets Authorization Act' Bill Gains House Approval

By State Rep. Mike Cabell (R-Luzerne)

HARRISBURG – Legislation that would protect the rights of Pennsylvanians to control and spend digital assets, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cabell (R-Luzerne), was passed by the House of Representatives with bipartisan support on Wednesday. House Bill 2481, also known as the Digital Assets Authorization Act, now moves to the Senate for consideration.

“More than 1.5 million Pennsylvania residents own some form of digital asset. My bill would create clear rules for using blockchain and digital assets, ensuring security and encouraging innovation. This approach will make it easier for our citizens and businesses to use and benefit from this growing form of technology,” said Cabell.

House Bill 2481 would ensure that individuals and businesses can accept digital assets, such as Bitcoin and Stablecoins, as payment for goods and services, exempt these transactions from new taxes, and keep their digital assets secure.

“By enacting this legislation, we can make the Commonwealth a friendly place for blockchain innovation and provide our citizens with the tools to engage in the digital economy safely,” Cabell added.

To view or download a broadcast-quality video of Cabell's remarks in support of the bill, visit <https://pagopvideo.s3.us-east2.amazonaws.com/304867664.mp4>.



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Upcycling With Lisa



As Veterans Day comes near, let us remember and honor the veterans that fought for our country.

One up cycle project for Veterans Day is the Star project. There are several organizations that collect retired American flags, which have been determined to be no longer serviceable due to being torn and tattered.

The flags collected have embroidered stars on them to create a tactile piece of history that is given to veterans, current military, and firefighters. The blue canter with the stars is cut from the stripes and washed. The stars are lovingly cut and placed in a tiny plastic bag with a card that reads: : “I am part of our American flag. I have flown proudly here in the USA. I can no longer fly because the wind and rain have

caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgot.”

Recipients carry them in their pocket in remembrance of what they mean to our country.

All pieces not used for the project, unusable stars, canter and stripes our properly retired in a flag burning ceremony.

If you know a veteran, please reach out to them and make sure they're OK and offer thanks for their service.

According to the organization Stop Soldier Suicide, Veterans are at 72% higher risk of suicide than those who haven't served. <https://stopsoldiersuicide.org>

Lisa



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Bringing State Funding Home

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

I am pleased to announce more than \$3.8 million in state funding that was awarded this week for projects and purchases in the 116th Legislative District.

The grants are as follows:

- East Union Township – \$86,528 to purchase and retrofit a new police vehicle.
- Hazleton Area School District – \$600,000 for a new roof and HVAC upgrades at Arthur Street Elementary School.
- Hazleton City – \$250,000 for Phase IV of renovations at the Hazleton LaunchBox building at 13 W. Broad St. Hazleton City – \$424,000 for the demolition of a blighted commercial property at 625 W. Sixth St.
- Hazleton City – \$533,138 for window improvements at the Hazleton One Community Center at 225 E. Fourth St.
- Hazle Township – \$34,005 to purchase a new vehicle for the Hazleton Blind Association.
- Kline Township – \$150,000 to purchase a wheel loader.
- Mahanoy Area School District – \$600,000 to improve the HVAC system at Mahanoy Area Elementary School.
- Mahanoy Township – \$106,222 to purchase a patrol/command vehicle for the Mahanoy Township Police Department.
- McAdoo Borough – \$193,154 to purchase a new municipal dump truck and police cruiser.
- Shenandoah Borough – \$77,996 to install a well and pavilion at the Pumping Station Dam, a well-known recreation area.
- Shenandoah Valley School District – \$800,000 to improve the HVAC system and install energy-saving lighting at the Shenandoah Valley School District K-12 facility.



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I worked with Sen. Dave Argall (R-29) to advocate for the funding, which was awarded through the Statewide Local Share Account and Public School Facility Improvement Grant programs.

House Passes My Veterans Day Resolution

A resolution recognizing Nov. 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in Pennsylvania, that I had the honor of sponsoring, passed unanimously in the House of Representatives this week.

Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the service of the brave men and women who have answered our country's call; those who have not returned from the battlefield; those who have returned with the scars of war; and all who have worn the uniform and protected our freedoms and our way of life as Americans," said Watro. "As a U.S. Army veteran, I am proud to be the prime sponsor House Resolution 544."

Veterans Day is a federal holiday and was originally known as Armistice Day to mark the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day by Congress in 1954.


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Headlight Use During Inclement Weather

As the winter weather approaches, it is important to stay up to date with Laws that we may or may not be aware of. In Pennsylvania, the Vehicle Code states that any time the when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist, the vehicle's headlights shall be illuminated. This allows you to see and be seen. We all know in Northeast Pennsylvania, our winters include snow, sleet and ice and the summers consist of rain which can be heavy at times. Having your vehicle's headlights on during the inclement weather can make your drive easier and more importantly, safer! Safe Travels!

Dane Watro fought for our freedoms in the U.S. Army and is using his proven experience to fight for us in Harrisburg.

The Clear Choice on Tuesday, November 5th

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Fought to eliminate wasteful government spending so our hardworking families and seniors on fixed incomes can keep more of their hard-earned money.

Secured over \$22 million in state funding for vital community projects within the district during his first term in office.

**Elect
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State Representative



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Citizens' Fire Company #1 of Weatherly PA had the honor to transport the Great Pumpkin in the annual Community Chest Parade. Pictured is the fire companies 1945 Seagrave pumper.



Hazleton Rotarians Anna Kosko Gharghoury, Rossanna Gabriel, Danielle Matarella, Deb Archut, Joanie Buffington and Michelle Genetti had a great time passing out treats to all the ghosts and goblins who showed up for the Trail of Treats at City View Park on Sunday, October 27th. Rotary's theme was "Welcome to the Hazleton Rotary Circus-the Greatest Club on Earth" highlighted by a circus tent. Special thanks to the MMI Interact students who packed 800 bags of candy to be given to all the kids who showed up at the park.



Pennsylvania State Police Troop N Trunk or Treat



Barbara and Jimmy Yachera from McAdoo take advantage of Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton's free drive-thru flu clinic recently held at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton. Over 300 doses were given to community members at the 5th annual event.



West Hazleton Fire Company Harvest Street Party. Photos by Frank Barr.



The McAdoo Lions Club recently honored those who purchased flags for the annual Adopt-a-Flag Program. The club hosted a dinner to recognize the community donors and volunteers.

Front row: Jim Smith; Mary Labert, Chairwoman of the flag program, Arlene Burgess; Shirley Mislitski; Bette Smith; Jacki Elko.

Second row: Diane Kelley, Alberta Bumbulsky, Darlyne Hinkle.

Back row: Dan Borchick, McAdoo Lions President; Bruce Yourechko; Pat Yourechko; John Shigo; Anne Berlitz; Dementri Forte; Jerry Notaro; Pastor Rodney Murphy; Chris Scatton.



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Adopt-a-Flag Program Sponsored by the McAdoo Lions Club

Submitted by: Mary Labert



The following list of people purchased a flag "in honor of" or "in memory of" their loved one. The flags flew throughout McAdoo and Kline Township from May 30th until Sept. 11.

A special thank goes out to John Shigo and Joe Madochick who installed the flags and also to these volunteers who helped to assemble the flags - Danny Borchick, President of Club; Cece Borchick; Frannie Borchick; Stephanie Kaye; John Shigo; Vince Damiano; Bev Ogradnick; Rafael Alvelo and to Mary Labert, Chairman of this program.

In Honor of James "Skip" Ford
In Memory of Pensock Family
In Memory of V. Jim & Tommy Labert
In Memory of Vince Labert
In Memory of Kenneth Joseph Cara
In Memory of Mary & Patrick McFadden
In Memory of Chappelle & Romaniscon Families
In Memory of Peter Bumbulsky
In Memory of Eddie & Dottie Bumbulsky
In Memory of Santa & Joseph Notaro
In Memory of Mitt, Emil, Joseph, Jacob, Harry Postupack
In Memory of August Rouse
In Memory of Husband Edward T. Burgess
In Memory of Uncle Joseph Yurechko
In Memory of Bonnie Shigo
In Memory of Robert Hinkle
In Memory of Bobby Scatton
In Memory of Cor vanHoekelen
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In Memory of George Pennington
In Memory of Past members of SilverBrook Gun Club
In Memory of Alfred Mazulla
In Memory of Sandy Rizzo
In Memory of John R. Wesner
In Memory of Paul "Ace" Mislitski
In Memory of David Ogradnick
In Memory of Postupack & Borchick Families
In Memory of Jm Murphy
In Memory of Technical Sergeant George Hooper, Jr USAF
In Memory of Joseph Lulla World War II Veteran
In Memory of Joseph E. Kelley Jr.
In Memory of Joseph J. Muscavitch
In Memory of Joseph Kollesar
In Memory of Bruno Sposato
In Memory of Salvatore J. Sposato
In Memory of John Ford
In Memory of John J. Gallagher
In Memory of Yagodzinski, Gorski & Tutko Families
In Memory of Robert J. Bobeck



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Requested by Mildred & Carmen Cara
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Requested by Wife Berdie Bumbulsky
Requested by Mother Berdie Bumbulsky
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Requested by Rouse Family
Requested by Wife Arlene Burgess
Requested by Niece Arlene Burgess
Requested by Brother John Shigo & Family
Requested by Wife Darlyne Hinkle
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Requested by his Wife Nancy and Family
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Requested by Mother Patricia Bobeck





Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

"The Longest World Series of All-Time"

The longest World Series and one of the most memorable happened 35 years ago. It started on October 14th and ended on October 29th, two days before Halloween, in 1989. No other fall classic ever lasted 15 days. The San Francisco Giants were down to two games to none against the Oakland A's hoping to avoid the brink of elimination however, before that first pitch was thrown, the insular world of baseball was ripped apart by the harsh and terrifying sound of reality. At 5:04 pm, 31 minutes before the scheduled start of game -3 in Candlestick Park, a major earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale hit Northern California about 40 miles South of Candlestick. It rattled the Bay area. The ballpark shook and ripples ran across the playing field. The temer was over quickly. The players bolted out to the field, with some bringing their families down from the stands to join them in the safety of the open space. The game was promptly postponed and the fans left the venue to learn that parts of the Bay Bridge

and the Nimitz freeway in Oakland had collapsed. 67 people died in the Bay area quake with the total damage estimated at seven billion. Ten days passed before game -3 was played. Picking up where they left off, the Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants 13-7 and the following day they they took game - 4 (3- 0) to sweep their neighbors in four straight. With the city in a panic outside of the ballpark, the damage was mild inside Candlestick. Parts of the upper deck crumbled and the power died, but no people did, so it could have been much worse. Two people did have heart attacks and the majority of them were merely scared but they were all concerned about their homes and anxious to find out hopefully no damage. Those two weeks in late October will always be thought of as anxious to find out hopefully no damage. Those two weeks in late October will always be thought of as "The Bay Area Quake that rocked the 1989 World Series' . Till next time, be a good sport and 'stay loose'.

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KINDNESS TO BARTENDERS: A GUIDE FOR PATRONS

The next time you are out at a bar and trying to get your bartender's attention, please remember that being polite can make a big difference in your experience.

Instead of waving money around or yelling for them, try these tips instead:

1. Stand where they can see you without being in the way of other servers.
2. Make eye contact and smile. This shows you're waiting for their attention.
3. Once you have their attention, use a friendly greeting.
4. Be patient and give them a moment to respond once they have noticed you.
5. Know what you want to order so that you do not waste their time, especially if the place is busy.
6. Thank them and tip them well. Tipping well shows that you appreciate their time, and they are more likely to respond to you faster in the future.

Remember: These folks may be your friends and neighbors, so please treat them respectfully!

-Jeff & Desiree Bonomo

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Witches Ball Benefit Raises Money for Camp Louise

By Shari Roberts

The Inaugural Witches Ball benefit was held on October 19th at Four Blooms Restaurant in Drums. It was a spooktacular event!!!!

Witches came from local and surrounding areas to attend this unique event. A good time was had by all.

There were 15 tables, each themed after a different Witch, such as The Evil Queen; Marie Laveau, the Voo-Doo Queen of New Orleans; Glenda the Good Witch and so on. Each tables centerpiece was specifically designed to match the theme. Lisa Makara spent endless hours thrifting and crafting to make each centerpiece a work of art. Many thanks to Lisa for the fantastic job she did.

Special Thanks to DJ Richie Green for donating his time and resources. We really appreciate it!

Thanks to Lisa Borchick for

putting together the balloon arch for the photo booth. Witches were taking photos during the entire event.

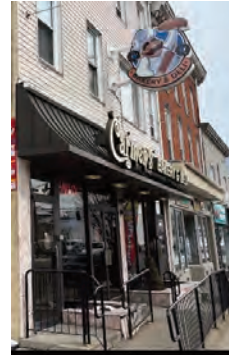
Witches took their chances on the Basket Raffle, 50/50 and Casket of Cheer. And let me tell you, Witches like Candy. Everyone received a bag to fill at the Candy Bar.

Thanks to Four Blooms Restaurant for working with us. The food was fabulous and the spooky themed drinks were tasty.

Thanks to the vendors who provided their services - Psychic Medium Kimberly who did readings, David who read Tarot Cards and Dawn who read Tea Leaves.

There are not enough thanks for the team who made it happen - Lisa Makara, Susan Eichorst, Sarah Fountain, Tina Michael and myself.

We are already starting to brainstorm for next years event.



Carmen's Bakery & Deli Continues to be a Delicious Part of Hazleton History

Written by: Lee Ann Davidovich

Carmen's Bakery and Deli in Hazleton, still family-owned by the Delese family, has long been a local treasure, capturing hearts—and taste buds—with its timeless Italian treats. Step inside, and you're welcomed by the smell of home cooked warm lunch specials such as meatloaf and chick francaise, their extensive variety of sandwiches and salad, freshly baked bread, Italian sweet treats of all kinds, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, THE PIZZA and always friendly greetings from AnnMarie and Cathy (Carmen's daughters) and the entire staff which adds to the warmth that echoes Carmen's journey from a small luncheonette to a celebrated local institution.

Carmen Delese's story truly embodies the American dream. In 1957, after marrying Marie Allegretto, he worked the lunch counter at Ace's Pharmacy before trying his hand at his own spots—eventually creating Carmen's Continental Room, a lively place for weddings and celebrations, then Carmen's Country Inn and

Gardens, a beautiful catering space still beloved today.

But if you ask anyone in Hazleton, the real gem is the bakery and deli. Just across from the original restaurant, Carmen's Bakery is known for amazing food and bakery and, above all, its famous pizza. The square slices, topped with a special sauce and secret cheese blend that makes it extra good, have been bringing in crowds for decades. People come from miles around just to grab a box or two or ten! And if you are lucky enough to get there when they open in the morning it may still be warm from the oven. There is nothing better than eating a slice or two fresh from the box in your car with a coffee right in the parking lot before you leave.

Today, the Delese family keeps Carmen's vision alive, blending tradition with a personal touch. Whether it's a quick stop for pizza, lunch or a visit to grab pastries for a Sunday dinner, Carmen's Bakery and Deli continues to be a delicious part of Hazleton's history.



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Young Rotarians Group - Hazleton Rotary Completes Beautification Project for City



Young Rotarians - Hazleton Rotary Doug Genetti, Marty Joines, Jace Whitaker, Claudia Stroia and Tim Solarek, with a lot of help from the Department of Public Works - City of Hazleton, planted eight new trees on Broad Street - absent from photo - Dr. Billy Spear.

There is a popular poem by Joyce Kilmer called "Trees" where the first line reads as follows: "I think I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree----" Multiply that by eight and you can see the future beauty of the new trees gracing Hazleton's downtown!

The Young Rotarians-Hazleton Rotary Club have initiated and completed a beautification project for downtown Hazleton as one of their top service initiatives. The project was done in cooperation with the Tree Shade Commission and City Parks & Recreation Department. Hazleton Rotary provided the funding.

Research shows that "Urban forests" are critical to cities, serving as city infrastructure that lower temperatures and associated energy costs to cool our houses and buildings, reduce air and water pollution, and improve human physical and mental health.

A tree canopy can be one of the most effective tools in addressing a wide range of urban challenges. Trees are the only infrastructure that grows stronger and more effective with age!

According to the City Parks & Recreation department at least 60 trees are needed in downtown Hazleton and this Rotary project will initiate fulfilling that need.

"It's a great feeling to know there are people that care about the community. This is a wonderful project to beautify the downtown."

Commented Mayor Jeff Cusat

"Hazleton Rotary is proud to continue our long tradition of helping the community when and where it can. We are very pleased to see our younger Rotarians taking the lead on this project and seeing it through to completion." says Hazleton Rotary President Alan Whitaker.

A Veterans Journal #92

By Joseph Barna • Freeland
USMC, Korea 1952-1953



I am not a Democrat, nor am I a Republican. I am an American. An American Veteran. I began writing years ago because I never wanted any veteran to be forgotten and to lose the honor that he or she have earned. I believe veterans are the only hope to make our country as great as it was when I was growing up. I was born in Freeland, but grew up in Korea. It took 13 months, but with God at my side, I came home to my family again.

When I entered the military, I was a scared young boy, but in war you age fast. I still remember the day I said goodbye to my parents, 4 brothers and 3 sisters. As I walked out the door, everyone was holding back tears. I was about to jump into a dark hole not knowing how deep it was. Little did I know that in the coming months, I would be listening to the cries of the wounded and the silence of the dead. There is a verse in the Bible that says "As I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil. Your rod and staff will comfort Me." He must have been beside me because I'm here today. There was a night in Korea when I almost met God, but somehow, one of his angels came to me and gave me almost 70 more years of life. This was Navy corpsman Jackie Kilmer, who saved my life.

I wasn't a special kid growing up, but I was taught love, respect, sacrifice and friendship. All of these things were reinforced when I was fighting with so many brave Marines in Korea. I saw the horrors of war and the courage of these 20-year-old boys and I will never forget what I saw and felt. Many came home with the scars of war. Some scars are on the outside, but others are on the inside.

We have to try to understand all veterans. We must never forget what so few of these Americans did for so many who never had to wear combat boots, use a weapon or kill an enemy. Be patient with a veteran and try to understand what they went through. I write and I speak not as a hero, but as a survivor. My words don't come from my mouth but from my heart. We may have to help the surviving veteran dealing with the bad memories. This process will not go quickly and we must have hope and patience. We hope that he can overcome and get these demons out of his mind. A long time ago I was included in this group of survivors. But I found the strength to become who and what I was meant to be. I found friendship, pride, love of a brother, respect, courage and faith while wearing a military uniform. I also used a weapon to kill another human being. But for this, I had no choice. I wanted to live.

Many veterans are still running the race they began many years before. Many have crossed over the finish line, but others have not. I've finished that race, but will wait for those who are still running. I will shake their hands as they cross over the finish line. I began to write about all these Heroes years ago because there was one thing I never lost. It was remembering. I don't intend to put my pen down. I still see the faces, but may forget the names. Someday we'll all meet again. I can't wait to hear about all the barracks, the beaches, the mountains, rice paddies, jungles, oceans, clouds, and deserts. All of these are places where my heroes were part of. When I stand with the honor guard and fire a rifle towards the heavens, my pride grows stronger. God does not care if veterans are tall, short, thin or heavy. He doesn't care what color or religion they are. We will all end up in the same Army in Heaven.

On Memorial Day, I have the honor of placing new Flags over my buddies. I can almost hear them saying "Thanks Corporal for not forgetting us. But don't join us too soon. You have to live a little bit longer because your job on Earth isn't finished." God bless all veterans and their families. And to my brother Marines Semper Fi - Always Faithful.

November 11 is Veteran's Day. Please attend a Veteran's Day Ceremony wherever you live. Ours in Freeland is a 11 AM at the War Memorial Area in the Freeland Public Park.



A veteran is defined by federal law as any person who served for any length of time in any military service branch.

According to most recent statistics from the U.S. Census, there are just over 18 million veterans in the United States.

Upcoming Community Events

**November 3rd - Doors Open at Noon
Games start at 1pm**

Holy Family Academy Purse Bingo

Holy Family Academy, 601 North Laurel Street
Hazleton. Tickets are \$30 email hfapto@gmail.com or
call 570-455-9431

**November 5th - Take-out begins at 3 pm;
Dine-in 4-7 pm**

**Saint John Bosco Church Election Day Pasta &
Meatball Dinner**

Route 93 in Conyngham
Adults \$13 - Children 10 and under \$6

November 5th - 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. John's Reformed Church Election Day Social

(Corner of Chestnut & Washington Street)
Menu - Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
BBQ, Hotdogs, Dessert, Beverage - \$10.

Take-Outs available without beverage.
Tricky Trays, Dollar Tree, Bake Sale
Handicap Accessible.

November 8th - 9 am til 11 am

Veterans Day Ceremony and Reception

at Hazleton Area High School Hazle Township
Veterans are invited to attend. RSVP by November 1st
to Janince Sotack at 570-459-3221 ext 81500

November 9th - 8 am til 2 pm

Christmas and Winter Decor Rummage Sale

Good Shepherd Church Hall Route 309 in Drums.
Free coffee and hot cocoa.
Breakfast sandwiches for purchase.

November 9th - 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Spooky Lou's 3-Year Anniversary Celebration

at Jeddo Stars (73 Jeddo Stars Lane, Freeland)
Vendors, Crafters, Food, Bake Sale
Tricky Trays, Raffles
Come out and support your local cat rescue!

November 9th - 4 pm til 7 pm

Ham & Chicken Dinner Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

in Zion Grove. Ham, chicken, potato filling, gravy,
green beans, coleslaw, bread, dessert. Adults \$15,
children 12 and under \$7

November 10th - Eary Birds 12:30 p.m.

Regular Bingo 1:00 p.m.

Early Birds and Specials

Immaculate Conception's Thanksgiving

All Cash Bingo

Admission \$10. Kitchen opens at noon.
\$1.00 each. \$35 cash payout per game.
4 specials at \$50 each. Last Special \$100.
Tricky Trays will be available.

November 10th

All You Can Eat Breakfast! American Legion Post 76

305 E. Diamond Ave (Rear) Hazleton, PA
In honor of those who have served and currently
serving; Veterans, Active Military Personnel and First
Responders Eat For Free! Thank you for your service!
\$10 for adults \$5 for children under 12 This event is
open to the public and smoke free.

November 10th - 2:00 p.m.

**Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra Hollywood
Milestone Concert**

at Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton.
The concert is free of charge, although donations
would be greatly appreciated.

November 16th - 4 til 7 pm

**Drums Lions Club All You Can Eat Pasta
and Meatball Dinner**

at the Butler Township Firehall
Rear 14 West Butler Drive Drums.
Eat In or Take Out. Reserved tickets \$12 at the door
\$15. Get tickets from any Drums Lion Member by
emailing drumsions@gmail.com or call 570-209-5977.

November 17th - 12 - 5 pm

Give-Back Benefit Bash

at the Harwood Fire Company.
Smart Start Cares nonprofit, will be hosting its first-
ever event to support one of their daycare families,
who is currently facing a challenging battle with cancer.
Join us for a fun-filled day of raffles, food, and music
as we come together for this important cause! The
tricky tray raffle will be drawn at 4 PM. Please RSVP
and share this event to help spread the word.

Follow them on social media at A Smart Start Cares.
570-535-6030.

November 20th from 5:30 - 7pm

**80's Party To celebrate the Luzerne County Library
System's 40th anniversary (1984)**

the Hazleton Area Public Library will be hosting an 80's
themed party for all ages. There will be games, trivia,
button-making, refreshments, music, and more! It will
take place in the Community Room and no registration
is required. Participants are encouraged to dress and
style their hair in 80's fashion for a chance to win
prizes. We hope to see you there!

**November 23rd Toys for Tots Fundraiser at the
Freeland VFW**

341 Centre Street Freeland, PA
We Kindly Request a \$5 Cover charge or a new
unwrapped toy to attend the event - Tricky Trays,
50/50 raffles, Giveaways, entertainment from 4 til 7 pm
by The Legends Oldies Band, 8 pm til Midnight
Kartune! Lots of Fun, prizes and surprises!

November 25th

Freeland YMCA Annual Gift Card Sale

order forms due by Monday November 25th. Forms
available at the YMCA from 10 am til 7 pm daily.
Estimated Delivery December 11th. For information
contact 570-636-3640 or freelandymca@outlook.com

November 29th - Noon til 6pm

McAdoo Fire Company Food Sale

51 North Hancock Street
Grilled Steak & Cheese, Grilled Fried Bologna
Sandwich, Chili Dog, Plain Hot Dog, Corn and Bacon
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Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra to hold Hollywood Milestones Concert Sunday November 10 at Most Precious Blood Church in Hazleton.



Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra is proud present fall concert of "Hollywood Milestones": Themes from the cinema through out the years. The concert will be at Most Precious Blood Church Sunday November 10 at 2 PM. Most Precious Blood is located at 131 E. 4th Street, Hazleton.

The concert program will include the Themes from Around the World in Eighty Days, Exodus, Pocahontas, Titanic, Out of Africa, Bohemian Rhapsody, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Back to the Future, Jurassic Park, Apollo 13, Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Jaws, Love Story, Forest Gump, Chariots of Fire and more

The concert is free of charge, although donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Philharmonic Orchestra celebrated its 70th anniversary in October of 2023.

Still Pouring at 90: Frank Shelby Celebrates 46 Years as Bartender at Hazleton's Owls Club



Frank Shelby has been bartending at the Hazleton Owls Rod and Gun Club since 1978 (46 years). The Owls club was established in 1933, and he has been bartending a little over half the time of the owls club existence.

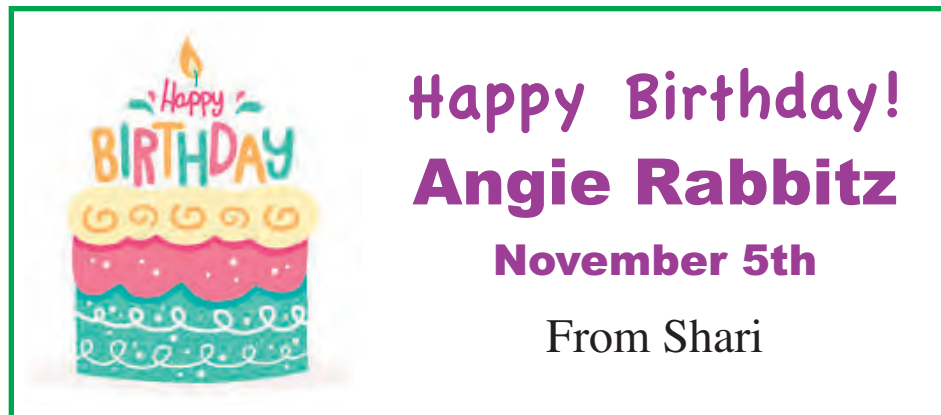
Frank said when he left his military service he tried to purchase a bar on the East side of Hazleton, due to circumstances out of his control he was unable to and went to work.

He loves bartending because, "you are around the people and get to meet and talk with so many people, I enjoy being around people and keeping in touch with the things going on." He went on to say "occasionally you have a bad

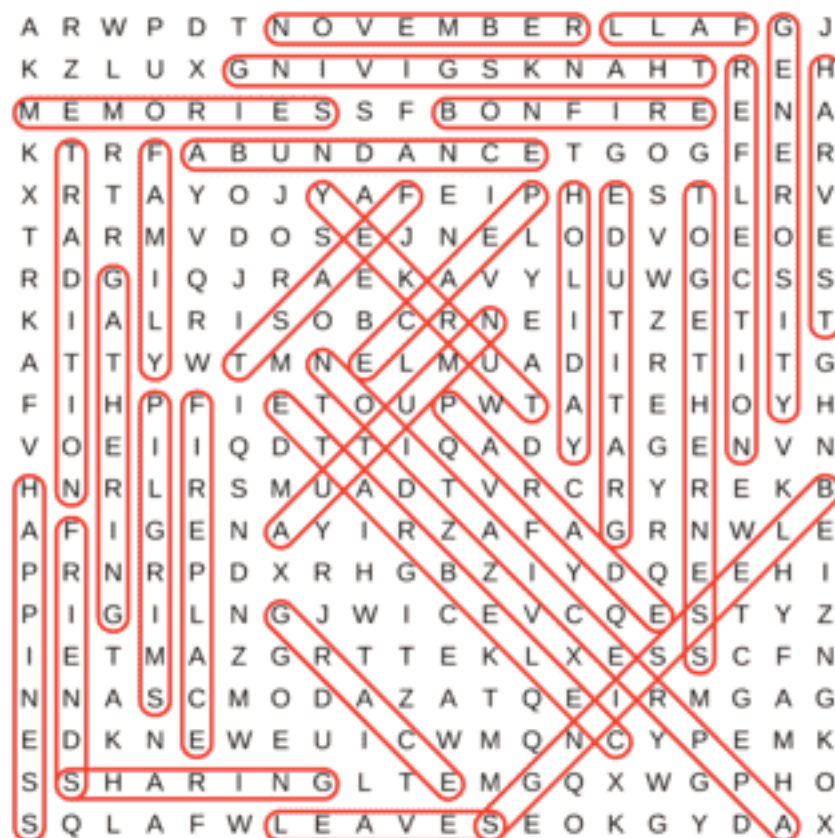
apple, but I got to meet so many nice people over the years and the many nice people keep him coming back to bartending". When asked how much longer he plans to bartend he stated "As long as they will have me and I can still do the job right. I don't want to be screwing things up".

He and his beloved wife Elaine also served the Owls club as the cleaning personnel. On a weekly basis Frank and Elaine would "deep clean" the entire building from floor to ceiling and corner to corner. Frank still performs this duty flawlessly every Saturday morning starting around 5:30 am.

The Owls Club Vice President said, "Frank is a staple of the Hazleton Owls



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Rod and Gun Club, He always has a smile and a kind word for everyone who comes into the club." "I enjoy sitting and talking with Frank about everything, whether it is the game on TV, Old cars, Our children or grandchildren, The Owls club years gone by, or any other topic that may come up. He is a true gentleman and a tremendous asset to our club and its members and guests" "I hope he chooses to stay and bartend at the club for a very long time, The place would never be the same without Frank".

Frank Shelby and his wife of 56 years Elaine have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Sadly his best friend and wife Elaine passed away in 2020.



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