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Dress for Success Expands to Hazleton Empowering Women for Career Success



Hazleton, PA — Dress for Success has officially opened its new location in downtown Hazleton, providing critical resources to women aiming to enter or return to the workforce. This grand opening marks a major milestone in the local organization's mission to uplift and support women by offering professional attire, accessories and shoes to make them interview and work ready! With this expansion, women in Hazleton now have local access to the tools needed to transform their careers and achieve their goals. Located in the mezzanine of the historic Markle Building at 8 W. Broad St., the new Dress for Success boutique offers much more than just

clothing. Visitors to the Hazleton site will find computers for job searching, resume writing, and to support interview preparation. This well-rounded approach helps boost both the appearance and confidence of the women seeking assistance, preparing them to succeed in the workplace.

The Hazleton chapter is actively collaborating with local organizations, such as CareerLink, to reach women who are entering the job market for the first time, transitioning from shelters, or seeking to advance their careers after unemployment. By connecting women to job placement and training opportunities, Dress for Success is helping to build confidence and self-

sufficiency for women in need.

This new Hazleton location was made possible through a grant from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, which supports programs that strengthen communities and enhance workforce development. Additionally, Dress for Success is seeking volunteers to assist with fundraising, event planning, and mentoring efforts.

Dress for Success is accepting donations of new or gently used professional clothing and accessories. Dress for Success empowers women to achieve their career aspirations with confidence.

For more information or to get involved, email

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Letter from the Editors

Hello Everyone!!!! Time sure goes fast. It's already our 4th issue and we couldn't be happier with all of the great feedback we've been getting about The Anthracite Post. This is only the beginning. Stay tuned as we continue this great community wide adventure.

It's almost mid October, you know what that means??? My favorite holiday is right around the corner - Halloween!!!! I have spend the past couple months working with a great committee planning the first "Camp Louise Witches Ball" and am so excited that it is right around the corner. We've accomplished a lot of work for a small committee. Special thanks to Lisa Makara, Susan Eichhorst and Sarah Fountain for the awesome job you all did with this event. Photos will be in our next edition.

Besides Halloween, this is such a beautiful time of year with all of the fall colors - the leaves, pumpkins, Indian corn, decorated houses. I like the cool nights and warm days. It feels nice to throw on a soft hoodie or blanket when there's a chill in the air.

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.

Blessed Samhain and Happy Halloween.

Lee Ann & Shari

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October 2024

October arrives with a crispness in the air. The days continue to get shorter. Jack Frost will pay many of us a visit, and we just might see the first snowflakes of the season.

As we head towards the end of the month, things start to become eerie and more than a little scary and spooky. We enjoy the lead-up to one of the biggest and spookiest holidays of the year... Halloween!

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- American Cheese Month
- American Pharmacist Month
- Apple Jack Month
- Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Clergy Appreciation Month
- Computer Learning Month
- Cookie Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Eat Country Ham Month
- International Drum Month
- National Pizza Month
- National Popcorn Poppin' Month
- National Vegetarian Month
- National Popcorn Popping Month
- Sarcastic Month
- Seafood Month

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Week 1 Get Organized Week
- Week 1 Customer Service Week
- Week 2 Fire Prevention Week
- Week 2 Pet Peeve Week
- 14 – 20 Earth Sciences Week
- Week 3 Pastoral Care Week

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Centiole's Pizza A Girardville Tradition

Written by: Lee Ann Davidovich

Today we would like to highlight another locally-owned business nestled in the heart of the Anthracite region: Centiole's Pizza on Main Street in Girardville. While the Schuylkill County Pizzeria officially opened its doors in 1968, Centiole's roots stretch back even further - to 1949, when Rose Centiole first crafted pizzas in her basement on Ogden Street. Over time, the family business expanded, serving hungry patrons from their bar. In the early 70's the bar portion of their business closed, but the pizza ovens continued to churn out delicious pies.

In 2018, Todd and Sandy Selgrade took the reins, preserving the cherished Centiole family recipe. Today's pizzas at Centiole's are crafted with the same care, using fresh dough and a homemade sweet sauce that has stood the test of time.

At Centiole's, simplicity reigns supreme. Their menu focuses exclusively on their signature pizza, allowing them to perfect every slice. When you step up to the counter, you'll find just two options: a small or large pie. Toppings are equally straightforward—choose from pepperoni, mushrooms, or extra cheese. This no-frills approach ensures that every pizza emerges from the oven with mouthwatering flavor.

The Anthracite Post's staff recommendation is to order a large pepperoni and mushroom pizza. It is a heavy square, thick crust-style pizza. Centiole's is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and is cash only. Swing by and experience a slice of history - you won't be disappointed!

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Ending the Waste of Taxpayer Dollars at the White Haven Center

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

Due to concerns about decades of bureaucratic inactivity and the waste of millions of taxpayer dollars at the White Haven Center and other closed, former state hospitals, the state Senate passed my bill to move this issue forward by a strongly bipartisan vote of 47-3.

The White Haven Center was shut down in 2023 by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services without community or legislative input. Since then, it has sat unused and empty, leaving taxpayers on the hook for millions every year to maintain its empty buildings.

To call this a waste of taxpayer dollars is an understatement - it is a bureaucratic nightmare of epic proportions. It needs to stop now.

I have tried to work with the department in the past - it was just one delay after another. I finally lost my patience. That's why I introduced this bill.

The former Allentown State Hospital was the worst-case scenario of what can happen when these properties are not reused in a timely manner. Closed in 2010, the state spent approximately \$2.2 million each year for 10 years for upkeep and security until ultimately razing it in 2020 for an additional \$12.7 million - a total of about \$34.7 million. Through inaction, the state nearly tripled the amount of taxpayer dollars wasted. We cannot repeat these mistakes EVER AGAIN.

I have already met with several people who may be interested in purchasing this valuable property. Anyone interested should not hesitate to contact us if you would like to learn more.



Happy Birthday Judy!

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Resident Spotlight

Audrey Eshleman

Audrey grew up and took residence in the Lancaster area. She married Dennis in 1960 and remained happily married for 57 years. Audrey and Dennis has four children - all boys.

Audrey worked for Dr. Diehl as a receptionist for approx. 10 years.

Audrey and Dennis enjoyed taking three day weekend road trips and also visited California twice, once by bus and once by airplane.

Audrey is a breast cancer survivor and enjoys playing bingo.

Audrey is a big Penn State Football fan and doesn't miss a game on tv.



Halloween/Samhain Origin

Submitted by: Psychic Medium Kimberly



I would like to introduce myself – I am a generational psychic medium, which means I have ancestors who possessed the psychic or mediumship gene, which were passed through the generations to myself. I feel blessed to have received such wonderful gifts, in which I hope to help others.

Now that I have given a short introduction about myself, I would now like to tell you about Samhain, or Halloween. Samhain (pronounced saw-win) is a Gaelic festival to celebrate the dead, honor our ancestors, and invite them home. This festival, which is thousands of years old, is about celebrating the time of the year when the summer goes to rest. It was a time to celebrate after a great harvest and to welcome the "dark time of the year", the winter season.

To celebrate this holiday, people would have bonfires to ward off ghosts and spirits, as the veil between the spirit realm and our world thins. Costumes were worn to disguise themselves from dark, or unwelcomed, spirits and food was prepared for the living, and also for the dead. Irish immigrants are said to have brought the idea of Halloween/ Samhain to the United States, in which Americans have adopted the Celtic holiday. Over time, the holiday changed to include horror movies, orange pumpkins, and trick-or-treating.

The month of October, and the fall season, is such a magical time of the year. The leaves change to beautiful, vibrant colors and then they fall, showing us how wonderful it truly is to let go of the old and rest for winter. This time is a wonderful reminder for us to retreat, or rest, so we can welcome the new in the future. Know that your ancestors or loved ones are always with you, and this is the best time to honor them, and to pray to them.

Love and Light - Psychic Medium Kimberly



Upcycling With Lisa



Welcome to my favorite time of the year. October 31 is known as Halloween to most, as a fun day of costumes and candy. October 31 is also Samhain a time to honor and reflect on one's ancestors.

One way you can celebrate your ancestors is to upcycle heirlooms they have gifted to you. Crocheted or tatted doilies or snowflakes can be repurposed into spooky spiderweb decor. It is a quick and easy project.

- 1) Pick a piece you would like to display.
- 2) Get a decorative picture frame that holds the doily. I like mine off center.
- 3) Place the doily on craft paper or a material backer.
- 4) Add a spider.
- 5) Attach the back of the picture frame.
- 6) For a special touch, attach a photo of who you want to remember on the back.

Add frame to a small grouping of mementos and items that remind you

of your loved ones who have passed on. Items can be anything you love. I add to my display's jewelry, depression glassware, acorns, brass candleholder, old bottles, and family photos as a tribute.

Arrange your items in levels using different textures, shapes, and sizes to create a pleasing display. To create levels, stage on antique silver trays, old books, depression glass, or decorative boxes.

Enjoy reminiscing as you create and admire your unique spiderweb decor, take time to reflect on the memories and lessons your ancestors have left for you.

You can create the above project with items found at thrift stores, flea markets, and yard sales, just make sure you cleanse your items. Wash them thoroughly and smoke cleanse them.

Blessed Samhain and Happy Halloween

Lisa



(DVSC) is a private, non-profit organization serving Luzerne and Carbon counties, whose mission is to work toward the elimination of domestic violence. The following services are provided by donations made to the DVSC.

Hotlines - 24 hour counseling, referral and information

Shelter - a safe place for victims and their children

Advocacy - help with legal and court systems, housing referrals

Transportation - help victims with transportation needs

Children's Program - counseling, child care, school transfers and services to make children less afraid about what is happening.

Community Education - speakers to provide information and training about

domestic violence to members of the community The Domestic Violence Service Center is looking for businesses to participate in 10 days of Holiday Giving supporting DVSC. They would like to ask for your support by picking a day between December 9th and 20th (Monday - Friday) and donate a percentage of your sales to the Domestic Violence Service Center. They will promote your giving event on various platforms such as, social media, print and email. The proceeds of the 10 Days of Holiday Giving will help support their mission and to continue to provide free and confidential services in Luzerne and Carbon Counties. If interested in participating please contact Sarina Drevenak at 570-823-6799 ext 221 or by email at sdrevenak@dvsclc.org. Dvsc appreciates your support and donations and wishes to thank you in advance for your generosity.

Friday Evening Summer Concerts at the Freeland Public Park Pavilion finished a successful season on August 30 with the Swing Dance

Submitted by: Frank Balon



July 12. Freeland trumpeter Frank Balon played to an enthusiastic audience on July 19. August started off with Country Music singer-guitarist Tony Merker on August 2 and the Hazleton Liberty Band on August 9. New-comers to the pavilion stage, Richard John Lutz - Maria Louise

Nevius vocal duo, thrilled concert goers with beautiful harmonies of both original Contemporary Christian Songs and pop covers on August 23. The season concluded on Labor Day weekend Friday with the annual 1940's Style Swing Dance featuring the Hazleton Philharmonic Big Band on August 30. Under Bob Lagana, the big band played to a crowd estimated at over 200. Dancers came from as far away as Bloomsburg, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Stroudsburg. The Freeland Recreation Board had the concession open for the concerts featuring ethnic foods, hot dogs, sloppy-joes, pizza, snacks and soft drinks.

The popular Freeland Public Park Pavilion concerts kicked off on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend with the renowned Swing Masters. The Swing Masters played a variety of music including Polkas, Swing and Pop. The concerts continued with the Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, under Maestro Bob Lagana, on June 7. The orchestra played to a large and appreciative crowd. The concerts continued on June 21 with the ever popular Just Us Polka Band. Vocalist Jack James filled the pavilion with his 50's and 60's renditions on June 28. The Freeland St. Ann's Band under new director Joseph Rosato played on



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Watro, Argall Announce State Grant for CEBA Project in Shenandoah

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

HARRISBURG – Downtown Shenandoah Inc. (DSI) today was awarded a state grant of over \$1.76 million to fund the second phase of a major redevelopment project in the borough's business district, announced Rep. Dane Watro (R-Luzerne/Schuylkill) and Sen. Dave Argall (R-29). The two lawmakers worked together to secure the funding.

Specifically, the grant will go toward finishing the second floor of the Center for Education, Business and the Arts (CEBA) on North Main Street. Phase II of the project includes a health clinic, event center and co-working spaces. Construction of the community facility began this summer on a large vacant lot.

"The excitement is building in Shenandoah now that the project is underway," said Watro. "I am a strong supporter of DSI and was happy to advocate for state funding to help complete Phase II of the work. CEBA is going to be much more than just bricks and mortar. It represents a collective commitment to creating a brighter future for the community."

"The dedicated volunteers at DSI have worked for many years to breathe new life into their downtown and CEBA is the key to their plans," said Argall. "This highly competitive funding will assist them with constructing a health center, event space, and additional business incubator space – just one piece of their plans for a property that was a vacant and blighted eyesore just a few years ago."

The project has been in the works for several years and has received other state funding support with the help of Rep. Tim Twardzik (R-Schuylkill) and former Rep. Neal Goodman (D-Schuylkill).

"CEBA will be transformational," said Karen Kenderdine, DSI president and treasurer. "It will give people the opportunity to create jobs, not just look for them, while giving them the tools they need to be the best they can be and move our community forward."

"CEBA is already strengthening our community," said Susan Williams, DSI executive director. "New businesses are opening, blighted buildings are being removed and an increasing positive energy is happening. We are looking forward to this momentum continuing and are very thankful for this grant."

The funding was awarded through the Pennsylvania Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program administered by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority. The program offers competitive grants to community anchor institutions and local governments for projects to construct, acquire or improve public facilities, and will directly enable work, education and health monitoring.

MMI Students Honored by the National First-Generation Recognition Program



Corey Buchman, Isabelle Wells, Diane Kim, and Winni Zheng (pictured left to right) were selected for the College Board's National First-Generation Recognition Program.

(Freeland, PA) – Four students from MMI have been acknowledged by The College Board's National First-Generation Recognition Program. Seniors Corey Buchman, Diane Kim, Isabelle Wells, and Winni Zheng received the honor, which highlights high-performing, underrepresented students who are the first in their families expected to attend college. These students have taken eligible PSAT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and/or met the following criteria: Taken the Fall 2023 PSAT (10th or 11th) or Spring PSAT 10 (10th) and scored in the top 10% of test takers from their award program in their state; Or earned a 3+ on two or more distinct AP exams in the 9th and/or 10th grade; And earned a cumulative GPA of B+ or higher.

The National First-Generation Recognition Program is one of five national recognition programs The College Board runs, with the National African American Recognition Program, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, the National Indigenous Recognition Program, and the National Rural and Small Town

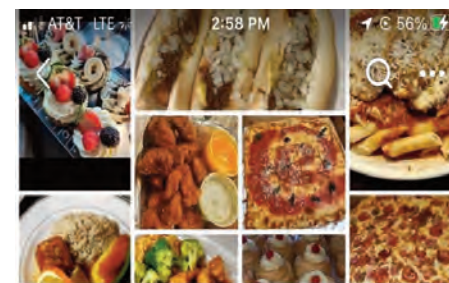
Recognition Program being the four others. Diane Kim and Winni Zheng were also recognized in the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program.

"MMI has a long-standing tradition of supporting students on their path to higher education, especially those who are first in their families to attend college," said Theresa Long, Head of School. "The honoring of Corey, Diane, Isabelle, and Winni by The College Board's National First-Generation Recognition Program is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to academic excellence. They represent the core values of MMI, continuing the legacy that our founder, Eckley B. Coxe, envisioned — providing educational opportunities for those who may not otherwise have had them. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments."

More information about MMI's history can be found on their website at <https://www.mmiprep.org/about/history/>.

The Greater Hazleton Area Foodie Page!

By: Lee Ann Davidovich



Greater Hazleton Area Foodie Page ! >

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The Greater Hazleton Area Foodie Page! on Facebook was originally the idea of Leslie Moyer. The Page was started as a way to help small business owners and restaurants sustain and thrive during the Covid-19 pandemic. As we are aware, Covid hit everyone hard in many ways. It was necessary to adapt and find a way to survive. The Greater Hazleton Area Foodie Page! has over 12,000 members and has been in existence for 4 years. It promotes local eateries and gives fellow foodies ideas on where to find delicious food from the area's diverse eating opportunities from restaurants, food trucks, and lunch counters. Businesses can share their daily specials on the page as well.

The Anthracite Post had an opportunity to speak to Sabrina Reimold, who volunteers as a moderator for the page. When asked about the page, Sabrina shared the following thoughts. "As moderator, I did a lot of research myself. I know a lot of people in the area, as does Leslie. We try our hardest to do a positive thing. I'm meat manager at Giant and my family, and I own Big Dogs Bar and Grille as well. So, I've seen the effects of Covid on many angles. After we got through Covid, the Page continues to grow and is a good tool for people on Facebook looking for a good place to check out."

Sabrina has been working at

Giant Food Stores in Hazleton for almost 27 years and has lived in the greater Hazleton area her entire life. She currently resides in Weatherly. Sabrina is a self-proclaimed "foodie" and contributes specials at Big Dogs when she finds spare time. Her love of great food started when she was a little girl, and is founded in childhood memories of her parents taking her out to eat and relishing the culinary delights from places such as Gabriel's, Carmen's, Rossi's and Fedullo's. Sabrina also passed on her love of great food to her family, which consists of her husband, three children, and two granddaughters.

Sabrina is not the only person administering the site who has food industry experience. Foodie page creator Leslie has been involved in the restaurant industry since she was 16, and then started working as quality control at Cargill Cocoa locally in Hazle Township and continues her career remotely with Cargill Animal Nutrition. Leslie is also a long-time Weatherly resident, is married, and has two children.

This is just another example of coal-region ingenuity at work lifting up the local community. The staff at The Anthracite Post recommends that you check out the foodie page and support your local food purveyors. And don't forget to take a picture of a meal or snack you enjoy from the area's local restaurants - and share it with the group!



M&T Bank Ribbon Cutting and Grand Reopening at the Laurel Mall in Hazle Township.



St. Lukes Pavilion Hot Rods and Hot Dogs to benefit the resident activity fund .



State Representative Dane Watro presented a flag Danielle Manganelli, Assistant Director Hazleton Active Adult Center.



Providence Place in Drums held their Annual Trunk -or-Treat on Sunday, October 13th.



Rev. Philip & Beverly Smith took a picture of these blooming autumn flowers.

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Pat Korb inducted into Perry Ohio Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



Pat Korb inducted into Perry Ohio Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.



Pat was a 1961 graduate of Perry High School and active in school activities such as cheerleading.

On Saturday October 6, Pat Trubisky Korb of Drums was inducted into the Perry (Lake County Ohio) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in a ceremony in the Goodwin Theater, Perry High School in Perry. She had been introduced with four other inductees and several Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and teams before Friday night's football game at Perry Alumni Stadium. The Perry Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame now has 41 honorees, including Pat's brother Leonard, of Phoenix Arizona.

In the spring of 2001, the Perry Board of Education established The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame to honor former students at Perry High School whose lives are exemplary for both their career accomplishments and their contributions to the wellbeing of others. They have been selected because they have distinguished themselves in their field of study, career or community service. In addition, these individuals will serve as an inspiration to the students at Perry Local Schools, encouraging them to live their dreams and to pursue personal excellence in all future endeavors.

Pat, Class of 1961 at PHS, was nominated by two classmates for her contributions to the communities where she has lived since graduation, mostly in the Hazleton area. The biography in the induction booklet reads:

"Pat Trubisky Korb, Class of 1961, Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

"Pat was taught to 'keep herself busy,' before starting first grade and that has been part of her character her whole life, particularly when it comes to community service.

"Her work career has included mostly non-profit work, and her favorite "labor of love" was being Executive Director of Leadership Hazleton for fifteen years. Under her guidance, over three hundred Leadership members completed more than two dozen community service projects for the Greater Hazleton Community. She also started Junior Leadership Hazleton, a leadership training and development program for high school students, started in 1988, that is still in operation today.

"Service to her community has been paramount in her life and she has served on the following boards: Chair-Serento Gardens Drug & Alcohol Services; Hazleton Area American Cancer Society for over 30 years; Hazleton United Way-Secretary and Chair, Budget and Allocations Panel; Hazleton Rotary Club; Hazleton Rotary Foundation; Hazleton Avenues Rehabilitation Partners; Kiwanis Club; Hazleton YWCA Advisory Board; Hazleton Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and Brentwood, CA Delta Community Service Center Secretary and Chair-Memorial Book Project.

She co-founded, along with friend Jane Dougherty, an English as Second Language Program for the Hazleton Community Center and ran the program for six years as a volunteer.

"Today, she "keeps busy" as Publicity Director for Junior Leadership Hazleton, ACS Greater Hazleton, and Hazleton Rotary; and is a Board Member of the Hazleton United Way.

"Pat has been recognized and awarded for her leadership and service, receiving: Soroptimist International Hazleton Woman of the Year, Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Women, Hazleton YWCA PEARL Award, Penn's Woods Outstanding Girl Scouts Leader Award, Concerned Parents of Hazleton Area Humanitarian Award, Hazleton Rotary Ballard Society Award, National Association of Leadership Distinguished Leader Award, and Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year.

Pat and her husband, Mike, reside in Sand Springs and were joined at the festivities by daughter Kathleen, Palmyra and son Matthew and wife, Jessie from Los Angeles.

Pat was introduced at the ceremony by her husband Mike, also Perry Class of 1961, and "shared" the award with him and her late parents Rose and George.



Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

"When Baseball Was Fun"

Remember when baseball was the National Pastime. Of course baseball has progressed so much over the past eight decades and naturally has been unbelievably improved in every phase of the sport. Uniform, stadiums, equipment, salaries, coverage and everything else you could possibly think of. However, old timers like myself, might remember the way it was. I certainly do and I appreciate those thoughts as I grow older. One of my fondest fun moments as a kid was playing off the wall with a rubber ball which I did daily especially when I was alone. When we didn't have enough neighborhood kids to play a game, we would play scrub or just shag fly balls. Kids today have never heard of 'off the wall or scrub'. Baseball at any level from the big leagues, minor leagues to little-bigger league (now Babe Ruth), little league, city league and even sandlot was much more fun and exciting to play and watch. I remember when major league baseball games were mostly played under the sun (not the moon), when starting pitchers threw complete games, when pitch count was never mentioned, when doubleheaders were played every Sunday and occasionally Twi-night twin bills during weeknight evenings, when pitchers bunted to move a runner to scoring position (even if there was one out), when Ted Williams was the highest paid athlete on the planet at \$125,000, when Yogi Berra never missed a game behind the home plate, when Willie Mays

caught routine balls with his famous two-hand basket catch (both hands in front of his belt buckle), when collecting baseball cards was a national hobby, when base runners slid into a base feet first (not hands first), when hitters batted without gloves, five o'clock thunder in the Bronx and the Sunday 6:59 curfew in Philadelphia. I was always fascinated by the old ballparks like Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds, Crosley and Forbes Fields, Griffith & Briggs Stadiums and of course Connie Mack Stadium (alias Shibe Park). I remember the moon shots over the 50 foot high left field screen 250 feet away from home plate at the Coliseum in LA before Dodger Stadium opened in 1959), when people could walk on the playing field after games on the way out of Yankee Stadium. Those were the days when the Yankees had one of their worst players. His name was "Marvelous Maud" Thornberry, who had a batting stance like Mickey Mantle, but he played like Gomer Pyle. He had one triple in his short career, but it turned out to be an out because he failed to touch first and second on his way to third. Locally I remember when 500 people would show up at Northeast field (now Pagnotti) to watch an adult softball game on a weeknight and Cranberry ballpark in Harwood was active in the fifties. Those were the days my friends

Till Next

Time, Stay Loose!



From Witches' Cauldrons to Craft Breweries

Humans have been drinking beer for thousands of years, and in the beginning, women were the primary brewers of beer, as it was considered a "domestic task". Women could be found in marketplaces in England, Ireland and the rest of Europe, wearing pointy hats so that they could easily be seen by potential customers and transporting their brew in cauldrons. Around 1500 AD, some men accused some of the brewers of being witches so that they could reduce their competition and send women back into the home to raise the children.

Are you getting a visual here?

The images we associate with witches today may have emerged from this connection to female brewers and the smear campaign that lead to women being exiled from the industry. Unfortunately, these accusations also lead to women being imprisoned and killed.

Fast Forward in time to present day, of the nearly 10,000 breweries currently operating in the United States only 23 percent of breweries in the US are co-owned by women and only 2 percent are fully women-owned. It's a small number but it's a start. In Pennsylvania you can find several breweries founded or run by women, including one in NEPA, The Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, founded in 2017 by Rebecca Ryman.

Jeff & Desiree Bonomo

Watch Jeff & Desiree talk about all things in the craft beverage world on Wine Hops and Road Stops on Service Electric Cable and Blue Ridge Cable or online at www.youtube.com/@winehopsroadstops and facebook.com/winehopsandroadstops



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By: Lee Ann Davidovich

BLOOMSBURG

WOVEN IN THE USA

Spotlight on Local Craftsmanship: A Legacy of American-Made Carpets

In 1976, Raymond P. Habib founded a small carpet weaving company in Central Pennsylvania, gathering a team of 12 skilled craftsmen to launch what would become a proud local enterprise. Starting with just 13 workers, the company has since grown into a thriving operation with more than 150 employees, many of whom are second- or third-generation artisans. Today, under the leadership of Raymond's son, Thomas Habib, and grandsons Thomas Habib Jr. and Daniel Habib, the family-run business continues its legacy in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Bloomsburg Carpet is dedicated to creating premium, sustainable carpets crafted exclusively in the United States. With its state-of-the-art facility and a nationwide sales network, the company serves a diverse range of clients in residential, commercial, and hospitality markets.

Maintaining its commitment to American manufacturing, Bloomsburg Carpet takes pride in producing all of its textiles domestically. At its advanced, solar-powered facility in the scenic Susquehanna Valley, the company operates unique machinery, being the only mill in the U.S. equipped with Axminster, Velvet, Wilton, and Loc-Weave looms under one

roof. This exclusive setup allows Bloomsburg Carpet to produce high-quality, intricate designs with unparalleled attention to detail.

The company's workforce is a key asset, with many employees passing down their weaving expertise through generations. Each artisan views weaving as an art form, and their passion is reflected in every product. Bloomsburg Carpet's dedication to quality control is unmatched, ensuring that every flooring product is crafted with precision and care using the finest materials available.

With a fully domestic operation, Bloomsburg Carpet ensures efficient service for clients across the continental U.S., shipping carpets within just 3-5 business days. This quick turnaround time eliminates the delays and high shipping costs often associated with overseas manufacturers.

Visitors are encouraged to tour the Bloomsburg facility, where the company fosters open communication throughout the design and production process, ensuring each project meets client expectations. As the only remaining Axminster mill in the U.S., Bloomsburg Carpet offers a product that is truly unique in the market.

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While the challenges facing American manufacturing are real, Bloomsburg Carpet remains committed to its mission of showcasing the enduring beauty and craftsmanship of U.S.-made carpets. The company expertly weaves luxurious carpets using top-quality wool and nylon fibers, producing stunning textures and timeless designs.

Bloomsburg Carpet's weaving methods, rooted in a tradition that spans thousands of years, continue to set the gold standard in high-end residential and commercial carpeting. With its wide range of looms, including Axminster for intricate patterns, Wilton for flexible pile options, and Velvet for dynamic textures, the company creates some of the most opulent floor coverings in the world.

In addition to its dedication to craftsmanship, Bloomsburg Carpet also places a strong emphasis on sustainability. By utilizing eco-friendly, renewable fibers, the company is committed to preserving both the environment and the heritage of American weaving. As the business continues to grow, it remains focused on keeping this time-honored tradition alive for future generations.

Bloomsburg Carpet Industries stands as a beacon of American manufacturing, blending artistry, tradition, and innovation to produce carpets that are not only beautiful but also built to last. The company's unwavering commitment to excellence ensures that its legacy will continue to thrive for years to come.

Communities Coming Together for Donations for Hurricane Victims



Sophomore, Cameron Zubrisa, a student at Mahanoy Area Jr./Sr. High School contacted the Hazleton City Police Department to see if they would be able to help collect donations for the hurricane victims. They came through big time! Officer Jess Surkin of HPD arrived with a van full of supplies to help the cause.

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Reflections

I wake up every morning, look in the mirror and ask the same question: Why doesn't God want me yet? 72 years ago, during a battle in Korea, he spared me, sending an Angel, a Navy Corpsman, to save me. So far, I have not heard from him. God must have shed a few tears over my name in his big book, blurring out the lettering.

There are so many of his angels in heaven waiting for me: All my Marine buddies, who I fought alongside in Korea, are probably asking "Where is that skinny guy who carried that heavy flamethrower?" All the boys I played baseball with are saying "When is Joe coming in to pitch, the bases are loaded and we need that last out." Down at the bowling alley, they're waiting for me to throw three strikes in the 10th frame. Our team will win by one pin. Maybe My Angel told the big guy "Let the Corporal stay on Earth a little bit longer so he can play with his two great-great grandsons.

Sometimes I feel so lonely. I miss that little blue-eyed blonde with the ponytail that I spent 68 years with. I remember the time I met her: At the movies, she was giggling and tossing peanuts at me from a few rows back. Outside the theater, we talked for the first time. From our two seeds, we created an orchard together, but now a daughter and a son are gone before me. Thank God for the grandkids. When I fire my rifle at a military funeral, I am saying farewell to another comrade. The list grows every year. My fishing buddy for fifty years, has taken his boat to one of the lakes in the clouds. I hope the fish are biting for him. I always left him catch the big one.

Years ago, I heard a song with these words: "Where have all the flowers gone?" Now, I can put my own words in the line. "Where have all my buddies gone?" It's a very lonely life without them. I sometimes wish I did not outlive most of them. Those friendships have turned into beautiful memories. Gone are the laughing, crying, the good and bad times. Gone, but not forgotten.

Maybe I have to wait a little bit longer while my country gets straightened out and people learn how to get along instead of hating each other? Maybe I have lived so long because I always believed in friendship? The more true friends you have, the more strength you possess. It's all about the people you share your life with. Never try to keep to yourself. I always wanted to be part of something. If I have a gift I want to share it with others.

I have lived one hell of a life. I tried to do so many things. Many I was good at. A few, almost good. During my years growing up, through my military and wartime, through all my jobs and through my marriage with my wonderful wife, I learned many lessons, the most important is that we all need each other to be strong. Alone, all you find is weakness.

Looking in the mirror, I hope I earned the 94 years God has given me so far.

Did You Know?

There are more than 45 different types of pumpkin, with fun names like Baby Bear, Spooktacular, Ghost Rider, Tricky Jack, and Sweetie Pie.

Upcoming Community Events

October 19th

1st Annual Harvest Street Party

presented by the West Hazleton Fire Company
12 South 4th Street West Hazleton
There will be Touch A Truck! Come see various service vehicles! Tricky Trays, Delicious Food and More! See you there! If you'd like to Donate a Tricky Tray, send a message via facebook to the West Hazleton Fire Company!

October 19th and 20th

Heller Orchards 36th Annual Apple Festival

10am til 5pm each day at 99 Orchard Street
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October 19th 1 til 5pm

Drive-thru Sausage and Pancake Supper

at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 772 St. Johns Road, St. Johns.
Takeout only. \$13 - Sausage, pancakes, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw and dessert. For tickets contact Jim 570-582-7193, Donna 570-788-2168, Betty & Don 570-788-3938 or the church office at 570-788-2685.

October 19th 1 til 3pm

Annual Applefest

at Christ Lutheran Church 467 Main Street in Conyngham. Indoor/outdoor flea market, better items, tricky trays, quilt and lottery tree raffles. Apple pies, dumplings, bread pudding, applesauce, bake sale, breakfast sandwiches, barbecue, soups, halushki, pulled beef, chicken tenders, french fries, sausage and peppers and beverages.
For information call 570-788-1572

October 20th

Greater Hazleton Polonaise Society's Polish American Heritage Month Dinner

RSVP by Thursday October 10th
Four Blooms in Drums. Family - Style Dinner, tricky trays, and 50/50 Raffle

October 22nd 4 til 6pm

4th Annual Trunk or Treat

at Panther Valley Intermediate School Lansford

October 26th - 9 am till 2 pm

Indoor Community Yard Sale

St. Michael's Recreation Center
300 Fern Street - Freeland
Numerous Vendors with New and Old items and Crafters will be selling their goods. A Bake Sale will be featured along with Tricky-Tray Chances and much more. Delicious Homemade Foods will be available for Eat-In or Take-Out.
This is a Rain or Shine Event. No Early Birds

October 26th 1 p.m.

Freeland Rec Board Walk-by Safe Trick or Treat

Located on Centre Street, Freeland

October 26th

Fraternal Order of Police Softball Tournament

Valley East Little League Complex
\$200 per Team. First Place wins a medal proceeds benefit: Fraternal Order Of Police Christina Lodge #84 All Entry Fees Must be received by October 19th to register email: lmontoya@butlertownship.org

October 26th 4 til 6pm

Valley Chiefs First Annual Trunk or Treat

at Joe Larock Field Sugarloaf

October 26th 7 pm til 10 pm

Immaculate Conception Church & Good Shepherd Church Halloween Dance

at Good Shepherd Church, Drums
Purchase tickets after all masses.

October 27th 1 til 3pm

Trail of Treats

at City View Park Hazleton

October 27th 11am til 5pm

Spellbound Garden Faire Art & Craft Market

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