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Hazleton Area Public Library Hosts Successful Book Sale and Announces Exciting Fall Events



Hazleton, PA — The Hazleton Area Public Library celebrated a successful turnout at its Community Book Sale event held this past weekend. Community members had the opportunity to browse through a diverse collection of books available at unbeatable prices, making it a weekend to remember for local book enthusiasts. Paperbacks were sold for just \$0.25, and hardcover editions were available for only \$0.50, allowing attendees to stock up on a variety of genres, from best-selling fiction to classic literature, cookbooks, children's stories, and more.

The book sale proceeds will go towards supporting its programs and events.

Upcoming Fall Events at Hazleton Public Library

The Hazleton Public Library is excited to announce a robust lineup of fall events for com-

munity members of all ages. The library invites everyone to join in these activities, ranging from movie showings and family storytimes to hands-on learning experiences for kids and teens.

Here's a look at what's coming up this fall:

Movie Showing - Halloween (1978)

Horror enthusiasts are invited to watch John Carpenter's classic horror film Halloween on Saturday, October 19th at 1 p.m. in the library's Community Room. Due to the film's R-rating, attendees must be at least 18 years old to participate. The program is free, and refreshments will be provided.

Fall Family Storytime

Families with young children can join in for stories and songs every Wednesday from October 2nd to November 20th in the Children's Department.



Sessions run from 1 to 2 p.m., and no registration is required. This is a great way for kids to explore the joys of reading.

Teen Time: Let's Make Pasta

Teens in grades 6-12 can join a special cooking program on Monday, October 7th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to learn how to make pasta from scratch.

Registration is required and starts on September 30th.

Homeschool Hour: Circuits

On October 8th, home-school families are invited to explore different types of circuits from 1 to 2 p.m. Hands-on activities include creating a paper circuit and experimenting with Snap Circuits.

Registration begins September 30th.

October LEGO Night

Young builders in grades 1-5 can test their creativity on October 15th from 6-7 p.m. LEGO bricks are provided;

just bring your imagination!

Registration starts on October 7th.

Family Time: Hallow-Fun

Celebrate Halloween on October 23rd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with themed games, activities, and crafts for families with children of all ages.

Registration starts on October 14th.

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Help us celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th birthday with a reading challenge for kids ages 4-10. The challenge runs until November 28, 2024, and participants will receive a certificate upon completion.

The library encourages community members to stay updated on these events and more by visiting the Hazleton Public Library's website and following its social media pages.

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Letter from the Editors

Can you believe it? October is already here! What a great time of year - beautiful leaves, warm days with cool nights, apple crisp, pumpkin everything, Fall Festivals, Oktoberfest and Halloween.

It's a great time to get in your car and head out leaf peeping. The red ones are my (Shari's) favorite. Another thing I love is making that first homemade pot of soup once the weather gets cooler. I try to make a pot every weekend during the colder months. Do you have a favorite soup recipe you'd like to share? Send it to our email. I'd say my favorite is probably your classic Chicken Noodle, with those good Kluski egg noodles. You can't beat a big bowl of hot soup with some crusty bread and butter.

There is so much going on this time of year. Get out and enjoy the Fall weather before it turns cold. I am looking forward to visiting a farm market to get some pumpkin butter. I recently bought some donut pans, so I also foresee some homemade pumpkin donuts happening in the near future. They can't be so bad if they're baked, instead of fried. Right?????

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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.

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- 18 No Beard Day
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- 21 Babbling Day
International Nacho Day
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- 22 National Nut Day
Smart is Cool Day
- 23 TV Talk Show Host Day
- 24 National Bologna Day
- 25 Frankenstein Friday
Howl at the Moon Night
International Artist Day
- 26 Make a Difference Day
National Pumpkin Day
- 27 Black Cat Day
Mother-In-Law Day
National Tell a Story Day
Navy Day
- 28 Plush Animal Lover's Day
- 29 Hermit Day
National Cat Day
National Frankenstein Day
- 30 National Candy Corn Day
Mischievous Night
- 31 Carve a Pumpkin Day
Halloween
Increase Your Psychic Powers Day

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Pictured are, left to right, John Davis, Joseph Barna and Paul Thomas.

Memorial Service at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception RC Church in Freeland on Sunday Sept 20. Members of American Legion Post 473 and VFW Post 5010 honored all post veterans who passed away in the last. The names of Freeland's POW/MIAs were also read at the service.



Lucky's A Shenandoah Tradition

Today we would like to highlight a locally-owned family business in the Anthracite region. Lucky's Corner Deli & Kielbasi Shop is located on Center Street in Shenandoah, Schuylkill County. Established in 1998, Lucky's was established by David Lukashunas, where they hand make over 40 different food items using family recipes that were passed down for three generations. Lucky's has a deli counter and a butcher shop.

Lucky's also offers hungry folks ready to eat items such as hoagies, soups, and salads. You can eat-in or take-out. One of The Anthracite Post's staff favorites is a hoagie they call the Polish Torpedo. This tasty treat is made with kielbasa loaf, lettuce, cheese, onions, and horseradish sauce all packed into a fresh hoagie. They are open six days a week from 9 to 5 (closed Sunday). It's worth a trip to get some unique tasty treats.

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CRIZ: Breathing New Life into Tamaqua and Beyond?

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

Tamaqua welcomed the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's top leadership to tour both the achievements and goals of the Tamaqua City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ). We showed them many of the sites that have directly benefited from CRIZ investments, including The Perla Building, the Bischoff Inn, the Tamaqua Train Station, and Gimbel's, a soon-to-be-open restaurant on East Broad Street.

When I first drafted the "small town" amendment to the Senate's CRIZ legislation, the goal was to help breathe new life into our smaller towns, and not reserve this valuable program solely for our largest cities.

Tamaqua ultimately earned the only non-city CRIZ designation in Pennsylvania, which has allowed it to utilize state tax payments from the Tamaqua CRIZ to remain in the community for economic development. Now, many of its oldest buildings are much improved from the days when I grew up in a "half a double" on Arlington Street, thanks to the tireless work of so many throughout the Tamaqua community.

The state is now once again considering an expansion of the program. My staff and I have reached out to communities throughout the 29th Senate district in Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties to consider an application, so that they can benefit, as well.

On the tour, we discussed an especially exciting proposal: establishing a dental college downtown. A few potential locations are being considered, and the currently vacant and blighted former Scheid's Department Store has obtained state funding for new housing for the students.

There is a serious shortage of dentists in our area. The planned dental college would be the first of its kind in rural Pennsylvania and would train a new generation of dental professionals—hopefully, about 20 new dentists each cycle!

Stay tuned as we continue to pull this new effort together!



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AARP Smart Driver Refresher Course

WEATHERLY, Pa., September 18, 2024 — Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road by attending an AARP Smart Driver Refresher Course on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Heritage Hill Senior Community, located at 800 Sixth St., in Weatherly. During the course, you will learn preventative measures to reduce driver distractions, techniques for handling left turns and roundabouts, the latest technology in modernized vehicles, and more! The cost is \$20 for AARP members (with proof of membership) and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is provided courtesy of Heritage Hill.

Limited seating. RSVP by Oct. 11; please call Rachael or Matthew at 570-427-4500 or email rtimm@heritagehillsenior.com.

Heritage Hill Senior Community is a unique, award-winning personal care and memory care community located at 800 Sixth St., Weatherly, PA. Personal and memory care accommodations are available on an affordable month-to-month lease with no buy-in fees. Resident services include assistance with daily living, meals, housekeeping and laundry, medication management, social events, and transportation. In 2024, Heritage Hill was awarded Best Assisted Living and Best Memory Care by U.S. News & World Report, Best of Senior Living from A Place for Mom, and Caring Super Star by Caring.com. For more information, please call Rachael Timm, marketing director, at 570-427-4500 or visit heritagehillsenior.com.

MMI Student Selected as a Commended Scholar in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program



Pictured: Kendall Orozco, who was selected as a Commended Scholar in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Kendall was one of 34,000 students across the nation that was recognized for her academic promise.

(Freeland, PA – September 23, 2024) MMI Preparatory School Head of School Theresa Long announced that senior Kendall Orozco was selected as a Commended Scholar in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., which conducts the program, will be presented to the scholastically talented senior.

"We are incredibly proud of Kendall and all she has achieved," said Long. "Congratulations to her on being named a National Merit Scholar-

ship Commended Student. At MMI, our students' dedication and effort within our rigorous curriculum are consistently recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, and Kendall's honor is a testament to that."

About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, commended students place among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

According to an NMSC news release, "Those being named commended students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."

We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue to pursue their pursuit of academic success."

AARP Smart Driver Course

at Heritage Hill Senior Community



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Wednesday, October 16 • 9:00am-1:30pm

The course will be taught by AARP instructor Jim Fish.

Course includes lunch courtesy of Heritage Hill.

Course cost: \$20 for AARP members | \$25 for nonmembers

Must bring AARP membership card and valid driver's license.

Space is limited! Please register by October 11 by calling Rachael or Matthew at 570-427-4500.

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Upcycling With Lisa



As we get nearer to my favorite time of year—Halloween! There's a magical thrill in the air, particularly when combined with another one of my passions: thrift store shopping. I can't help but relish the opportunity to breathe new life into forgotten treasures, and this season gives me the perfect excuse to transform them into incredible decorations for my home.

I've found that making home-made Halloween decorations by repurposing thrift store finds is not only a creative outlet but also a sustainable choice. By upcycling, we not only bring joy into our homes but also help reduce landfill waste. Plus, there's nothing quite like having unique décor that reflects my personal touch!

When you're on your next thrift store adventure, keep an eye out for items you find visually appealing—things that might speak to your creative spirit. I often search for unique shapes and textures, especially items that would look magnificent in a dramatic black finish. Recently, I discovered some lovely little porcelain boots, vases and figurines. By carefully scuffing these with sandpaper and applying a coat of black spray paint, I watched them transform into eerie conversation starters. The contrast of their original lighter color adds intrigue to their new look, and you can enhance them further with embellishments like dry rub paint, dried florals, moss, or even bits of old jewelry.

One of my favorite projects involves repurposing candleholders. They're endlessly versatile! Last year, I hot-glued plastic snakes around the base, added bird nests topped with skulls, and nestled cute little frames featuring haunting sayings among the ensemble. The results were delightfully spooky and perfect for adding a haunting flair to

my décor.

And speaking of spooky, if you have any old baby dolls lying around, I've got a chilling idea! Inspired by the Red Queen's famous line "off with their heads," simply remove their heads, add a base coat of paint, then use a crackle medium over the top, once dried add a top-coat. As it dries before your eye, it creates a haunting crackle effect that can be showcased on candleholders or nestled into eerie baskets to create an unforgettable display.

One super fun project is making spell bottles. You can use glass bottles you have at home or find some delightful ones at the thrift store. Fill them with water, a splash of food coloring, glitter, and Orbeez for visual effect. Want a glow-in-the-dark twist? Break a highlighter in the mix! Finish them off with spooky fabric, string, and hot wax seals—simple yet impactful.

Books are also an easy way to create a haunting atmosphere in your home. I love staging books with decorations in threes on top for enhanced dimension. You can stack old books or line them up like in a library. Best of all? You can often find them for free at the recycling center or at your local thrift shop. You wipe them down, hot glue decorations onto their covers, decoupage or paint them to create one of a kind decorations. For an extra touch of age, I stain the pages with tea or coffee and often add a bit of leftover paint for depth.

I love diving into these projects! Each creation carries a special story, and I hope you'll join me in this festive thrill of thrift and transformation. Together, let's make this Halloween not just spooky, but also sustainable and uniquely us!

Happy Halloween and creating too!

Lisa



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State Representative Celebrates Community Engagement and Local Support Initiatives

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

Hazleton, PA — State Representative Dane Watro wishes to express gratitude for the community's continued support at several recent events. Recently Representative Watro hosted his annual Senior Expo at the Laurel Mall in Hazle Township, joined by special guests Senator David G. Argall and PA State Rep. Mike Cabell. The event saw a record 75 exhibitors, providing invaluable information on programs and services available to seniors in the region. "It was wonderful to see so many people turn out for our Senior Expo this year," Rep. Watro stated. "We appreciate the dedication of the exhibitors and the continued interest from our community in learning about the resources available to them." In addition to the Senior Expo, Rep. Watro also enjoyed connecting with seniors at Hazle Township's first Senior Day picnic, where attendees participated in bingo and enjoyed live entertainment. He recently toured the newly renovated Altamont Hotel in downtown Hazleton, where 70 new apartments will soon be available — a redevelopment project partially funded by state resources. Lastly, Rep. Watro joined Senator Argall in congratulating the MMI Prep baseball team for their victory in the District 2 Class A Championship, presenting citations to the players and coaches in honor of their success.



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Troop N Citizen's Police Academy

The Pennsylvania State Police Troop N Community Service Unit will be hosting a FREE Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) at Penn State Hazleton Campus. The program will expand citizen's knowledge and understanding of the law and explore police procedure from the perspective of the Pennsylvania State Police. The Citizen's Police Academy involves approximately 20 hours of instruction taught in two-hour segments. The program is scheduled to begin October 8th and end December 10th, 2024. Participants meet each Tuesday night for ten weeks from 6 til 8pm. Must register in advance. Class size limited.

Immanuel Christian School Announces Hiring of New Executive Director



Hazleton, PA. September 27, 2024—Immanuel Christian School (ICS) is thrilled to welcome Michael Jarrell to the ICS team as the organization's next Executive Director. In January of this year, the ICS Board of Trustees began a wide-reaching search for the next Executive Director, in response to Susan Selby, ICS CEO's notification that she would be moving on from ICS, as she and her husband will be committing to international missions

work. Mr. Jarrell's official start date was September 9th. Jarrell has experience launching and guiding organizations through periods of rapid growth.

In an email to ICS families, outgoing CEO Susan Selby shared, "There were over 300 applicants, a very lengthy interview process, and a lot of prayer. God led the search committee to a unified place in identifying Mr. Jarrell as the next person to lead Immanuel Christian School. Mr. Jarrell is entrepreneur-minded and has a sincere and genuine heart for advancing God's kingdom and investing relationally in others. His skillset is what ICS needs for its next season of growth." Jarrell will oversee a \$1.5 million budget and have 6 direct reports as he leads the school into the next phase of its vision to dramatically impact the city of Hazleton by empowering generations of diverse students, through Christ-centered education, to love God, serve others, and bless the world.

Jarrell's experience has led him to work in numerous urban environments, including a season where he worked with 7th & 8th grade students

in Philadelphia. Jarrell is the Director of Creo Collective network and also the Founder, Director, and Coach for Narrow Road Communities, a network of missional action groups and other works of compassion in the Harrisburg area and beyond. His experience also includes serving as the Director of Community Development at Tri-County Community Action where he led initiatives focused on revitalizing communities through strategic partnerships, grassroots efforts, and sustainable development projects.

Jarrell shared that ICS' investment in the youth in the city of Hazleton was one of the things that moved him toward ICS. "I thought this feels like a really great chemistry and a real, natural fit...we have an opportunity to train students to think about the future and to think about the world around them as a mission field and to see themselves as disciple-makers and missionaries and difference-makers," said Jarrell. One of the first initiatives that Jarrell is rolling out is the decision to reserve 25% of seats in each classroom for students whose family income is at or below the poverty level in Hazleton. 25.7% of people in Hazle-

ton, Pennsylvania live below the poverty line. Jarrell, similar to his predecessor, wants the school to have a healthy mix of economic diversity and to reflect the community around the school. Enrollment at ICS will close at the end of October, but new families who are interested in ICS for their children can contact admissions@icshazleton.org to take a tour and meet the ICS leadership team.

In the months ahead, the ICS leadership team plans to offer opportunities to meet Mike and hear from him about his vision for Immanuel Christian School. The ICS annual Dessert Evening of Hope is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 pm at the Pennsylvania Theater of Performing Arts (PTPA) in Hazleton. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Reservations can be made here: <http://tinyurl.com/deoh2024>

Immanuel Christian School provides K through 12th grade education. Their mission is to provide a financially accessible, grace-filled, Christ-centered education shaping students to become lifelong learners who serve their community with integrity.

Fall Membership Offer at High Mountain Archery

By: Frank Balon

As fall starts, new members can join High Mountain for the remainder 2024 and ALL of 2025. Memberships are available for a single adult for \$75 and a Family for \$100. Senior memberships (65+) are \$30. The full membership gets you access to the indoor range 24/7 and free use of the outdoor practice bag range. Members shoot the 3D Range (Open April thru October) for the reduced rate of \$5. Seasonal 3D passes are also available for members at \$25.

The indoor range and clubhouse has a canteen with soft drinks and snacks available for purchase and a 20 yard indoor bag range. The outdoor practice range has targets from 10 thru 60 yards. The 3D range features thirty life-like animal



targets that wind thru the 18 acre property. For information on memberships and the club, contact Treasurer Frank Balon at 570-436-0604. Call or text. Leave a message if there is no answer.



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The D'Amato Family of Hazleton hosts an Annual Bus Trip to San Gennaro Italian Fest in Little Italy, New York City!



LVHN participating at the Senior Expo.



MMI Prep baseball team for winning the District 2 Class A championship during a ceremony at the school on Thursday.



St. Ann's Band playing in White Haven



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State Representative Dane Watro's office recently held the Senior Expo at the Laurel Mall



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Road-Tripping in Wyoming and South Dakota (Part 2)

Submitted by: Frank Balon

In the last addition, I shared some stories and pictures from my 2024 trip to North Dakota and Eastern Montana. Now let's look back to August of 2023 when I visited the remarkable sights in the states of Wyoming and South Dakota.

Flying into Rapid City SD, I rented a car and took off south to Mammoth Site located near the town of Hot Springs SD. In 1974, a bull dozer was working a site for a new housing development. The operator unearthed an intact mammoth tusk. The area turned out to be a gold mine of mammoth remains dating 10's of thousands of years old. A museum

was built on the site and inside, along with numerous exhibitions, you can actually observe scientists on active digs.

Those of us who remember the 1970's, may recall a movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". Across the South Dakota border into Wyoming, you can find the magnificent stone mountain of "Devil's Tower". Believed to be the remnants of a volcanic core, Native American in the region believed the tower received its grooved sides from the claws of giant bears. In the Close Encounters movie, the tower was the place where a gigantic alien spacecraft visited and

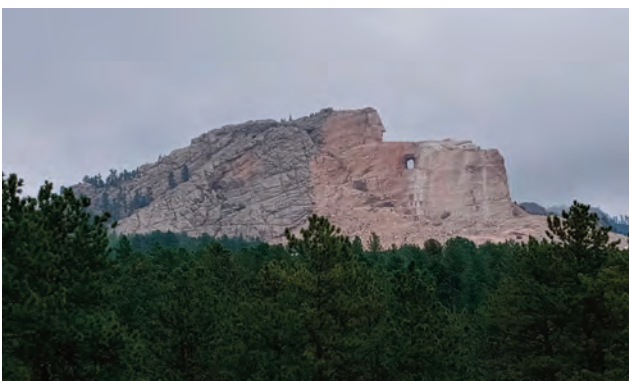
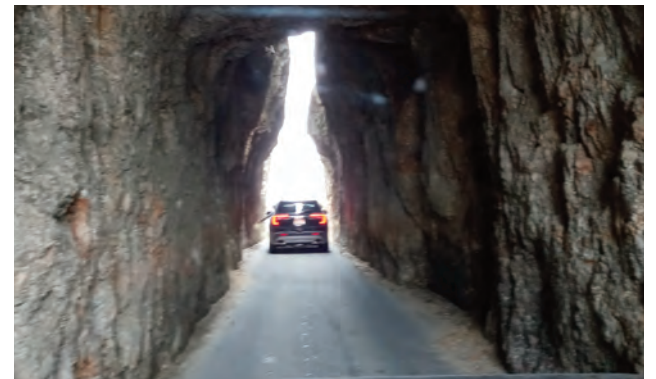
made first contact us "Earthlings."

Back in the South Dakota Black Hills, the beautiful and inspiring tribute to Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt rises above the surrounding plain at Mt. Rushmore. Finished in 1941, the sculpture popular destination and rightly so. Also in the Black Hills is the ongoing work on the Crazy Horse Monument. The Native American Museum located here is well worth the visit and celebrates the rich and diverse heritage of America's first peoples.

The gold mining town of Deadwood proved to be a great stop with

many interesting store fronts and western heritage displays. Custer State Park is truly a jewel of South Dakota. The 35 mile wild-life scenic drive brings you into close contact with a thriving bison herd of 1400 animals. When the bison move for new grazing, they think nothing of blocking the roads for long periods of time. Other wildlife in the park include pronghorn antelopes, elk, mule deer, prairie dogs and feral burros. Mountain lions also prowl the park, but are rarely seen.

Lastly, on the way back to Rapid City, a visit to the Dinosaur Museum is a must-see for dino-lovers of all ages.





Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

"The Shot Heard Round The World"

On October 4th, 1951 four words in large dark print appeared on the front of the sports section of the 'New York Times' newspaper along with a photo of Brooklyn Dodgers left fielder "Andy Pafko" leaning against the wall looking up as the ball was entering the crowd several feet above and 325 feet from home plate. Not many home runs are shorter, but that one was the biggest in New York Giants baseball history. It happened on October 4th in 51 (73 years ago) during a regular season 3-game playoff for the pennant (the first regular season major league baseball games ever televised 'live' across the country). Television sets in more than 3 million homes were tuned in to that game-3 on a weekday afternoon at the Polo Grounds in New York City. The Giants won the 1st game and the Dodgers took the second and were leading 4-1 going into the bottom of the ninth. Don Newcombe, who had the Giants eating out of his hand for eight innings, was three outs away from getting to the World Series. Ralph Branca and Carl Erskine were warming up in the bullpen. Alvin Dark led off last with a single. Then perhaps a managerial mistake? Dodgers manager 'Chuck Dressen' had 1st baseman Gil Hodges hold the runner on. Don Mueller followed with a hard hit ground ball past first into right field.

If Hodges wasn't holding the runner and playing where he would have been, it could have been a double - play. Anyway, after a popout, Whitey Lockman hit a double scoring Dark and moving Mueller to third. It was time for a pitching change. Even though Branca had allowed a homer to Thompson two days earlier, even though he pitched 8 innings two days earlier in that game and even though he warmed up 4 times during this game - 3, Branca was called in to pitch to Bobby Thompson. His second pitch made contact with Thompson's bat. The result was a hard line drive that was no more than twenty feet off the ground but it cleared the left field all above the 315 ft sign giving the Giants the 5-4 win and pennant. Radio announcer 'Russ Hodges' shouted into his microphone "the Giants win the pennant" over and over as pandemonium started. The city went wild. Old times fans might remember that on August 11th in 51 the Giants were 13 and a half games behind the Dodgers, but they won 37 of their last 44 games and if Jackie Robinson had not hit a 14th inning home run in Brooklyn's final game, there would not even have been a playoff. It was major league baseball's greatest comeback. It will always be remembered as "The shot heard round the world".



How to Sample Wine Like a Pro... or At Least Look Like One

So, you've been invited to a fancy wine tasting. You want to impress your friends and the sommelier (a wine expert who works in restaurants), but your knowledge of wine stops at 'red' and 'white.' Fear not! Here's a quick guide to sampling wine without looking like you're just there for the free booze... even if you are.

1. **Hold the Glass Right:** Grip the stem of the glass, not the bowl. This isn't just to look sophisticated; it keeps your hand from warming the wine. You don't have to extend your pinky but feel free to do so if it makes you feel better.
2. **Swirl Without Spilling:** Gently swirl the wine in the glass. This releases the 'aromas' or 'bouquet,' which is a fancy way of saying, 'I want to smell this like a detective sniffing out clues.' Just don't swirl so hard that you redecorate your outfit with splashes of red wine.
3. **Sniff Like You Mean It:** Stick your nose in the glass and take a deep sniff. You're looking for notes of berry, oak, or maybe even "a hint of something." But hey! If you just smell grapes, you're not wrong either!
4. **Sip, Don't Gulp:** Take a small sip and let it roll around your mouth. You want to taste the wine, not gargle it. Do not make a slurping sound like you're trying to suck the flavor out with a straw. Mouth noises like that are not allowed!
5. **The Spit Option:** At professional tastings, people sometimes spit out the wine. This is to avoid getting tipsy too quickly. If you chose to swallow that's fine, no one's judging. Just watch how much you drink.

There you go! You're now equipped to sample wine like you belong at a tasting. Now get out there and visit one of the many excellent wineries in our area.

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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Local Roots, Global Impact: A. Rifkin Co. Celebrates Over a Century of Manufacturing Excellence

Wilkes-Barre, PA — Nestled in the heart of Wilkes-Barre, PA, the A. Rifkin Co. stands as a testament to American resilience and ingenuity. Founded in 1892 by Abraham Rifkin, his brothers-in-law Sol Heller and Barney Friedland, and other family members, this fifth-generation, family-owned business has grown from humble beginnings into a leader in the manufacture and distribution of high-security, reusable fabric lock bag systems that are used across the globe.

The company's origin story begins over a century ago, when the Rifkin family fled Czarist Russia in 1891 to escape religious persecution. Seeking safety and opportunity, Abraham Rifkin, his wife Anna, and their six children found their way to White Haven, a small community in northeastern PA. Despite having no experience in farming, they tried to make a living from the land. When farming proved unsuccessful, the Rifkin family discovered a new opportunity in manufacturing work clothing for local laborers using sturdy denim materials.

Realizing the potential for more business, Abraham made the journey to Wilkes-Barre, where the coal mining industry was booming. He found a market that was ready for the tough, durable work clothes they were producing. This led to the family's move to the city in 1892, where they rented abuilding on South Welles and East Northampton Streets, establishing what would become A. Rifkin & Co.

Initially focused on work clothing and dry goods, the company quickly expanded and evolved, becoming a prominent name in the local business community. Over the decades, A. Rifkin Co. shifted its focus to producing innovative security solutions for the banking industry. Today, they specialize in reusable fabric security bags, including locking deposit bags, courier bags, and cash bags, as well as GPS asset tracking devices. Their products are now used by businesses and institutions worldwide, from local banks to international corporations, providing secure solutions for transporting money, sensitive documents, and valuable items.

The A. Rifkin headquarters and manufacturing facility has been able to create jobs, support the local economy, and contribute to global business security for over 130 years.

Despite its global reach, A. Rifkin Co. has remained true to its local roots. The company continues to operate in the Wilkes-Barre area, supporting the community with jobs and a commitment to high-quality American manufacturing. Its success is also a point of pride for the region, demonstrating that innovation and craftsmanship from a small Pennsylvania town can have a worldwide impact.

Looking to the future, the company remains dedicated to its core mission of producing both high-quality security and non-security reusable fabric bags, while upholding its values of accountability, respect, and teamwork. With an experienced U.S. customer service team and a European office in England, A. Rifkin Co. ensures total customer satisfaction by anticipating client needs and delivering customized solutions.

From a small clothing business catering to miners in Wilkes-Barre, A. Rifkin Co. has transformed into a leader in security bag solutions. As the company continues to expand its global footprint, it remains anchored by its deep local roots and family legacy—a legacy that will likely endure for generations to come.

For more information on A. Rifkin Co. and its products, visit A. Rifkin Co.'s website at www.arifkin.com.

American Cancer Society Telethon Is Set For Saturday November 23, 2024



Clemie Yamon, our beloved, local telethon pioneer, invites you to the 46th Annual American Cancer Society Telethon, Saturday November 23, 2024. "Please work together with us to sweep our enemy, cancer, out the door!!! Thank you, in advance for your donation!"

"Working Together in 2024, Sweeping Cancer Out the Door!" is the theme for The American Cancer Society-Greater Hazleton's 46th annual telethon, scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd, 11AM-11PM.

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

The community is welcome to come down to the PTPA for the entertainment and fashion show and to invest in some traditional tricky trays chances and buy some of those yummy baked goods and enjoy the children's art

"It's amazing what a small drawing from a local child can say to you about cancer and cancer prevention," says committee member Pat Korb. "I call it a homerun when the schools agree to encourage their young students to participate." She adds, "We are also delighted that we will, for the second year, be hearing from our local cheerleading squads."

Joe Clark, planning committee member adds, "You'll also want to stay tuned for the important cancer and cancer prevention information to be provided and listen to the inspiring stories of some of our local cancer survivors. They are the real heroes!"

The telethon will be broadcast live on WYLN TV on Service Electric Cablevision channel 7 and channel 507HD in Hazleton and Mahanoy City, Breezeline Berwick, Pocono, & Schuylkill (channel 7), Service Electric Cable TV & Communications Wilkes-Barre (channels 7 and 512HD), and Pocono Television Network (Blue Ridge Cable channel 734). The telethon can also be viewed over-the-air on VHF Channel 9.1 (Williamsport), UHF Channel 35.1 (Hazleton – HD), and UHF Channel 47.1 (Berwick). It will be livestreamed on the WYLN YouTube channel also.

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

If you are interested in becoming a Telethon sponsor, please contact Jane, dough@ptd.net, for more detailed information on the 10 levels of sponsorship available. This year, sponsorship checks will have to be in by October 15th in order to be credited as a sponsor.

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

Please also check in every so often with the American Cancer Society Greater Hazleton Telethon Facebook page for updated information, as well as your local newspaper. There will be more to tell you in upcoming weeks.

A Veterans Journal #90

By Joseph Barna • Freeland
USMC, Korea 1952-1953



How many people know what the word hero means? It's a word that many don't quite understand. Joining the military, you learn the deeper meaning of Hero. A boy never goes into the military wanting to die or to become one. Heroes are not born. They are made, sometimes within seconds. In war, I served alongside many heroes.

I entered our military when I was a 21-year-old kid. I was inducted into the Army, but ended up a Marine when a Marine Sergeant selected me and 5 other "Volunteers" to meet his month's quota. There was a war going on in a far off country called Korea. I went through 12 weeks of Marine boot camp, then four and a half months of infantry training at Camp Pendleton in California. I learned what it meant to be a Combat Marine. With over 4,000 other Marines, I sailed to Korea in June 1952. So far, there were no heroes.

After arriving in Korea, we were put on trucks and were scattered to different areas. I was sent to a unit on top of a mountain. The truck driver dropped me off and simply said "Trucks don't climb mountains." I had to hike the long trench up, to reach my unit.

I got to the top and there I saw dozens of young, tired Marines who had been in a long battle the night before. Seeing them, I got the distinct feeling that I was now among heroes.

When I joined my weapons company, I was issued a flamethrower. The flamethrower is one of the most devastating weapons ever used in modern warfare. It doesn't shoot bullets. It shoots fire, and death. This terrible weapon could change defeat into victory. The fully fueled weight of the flamethrower was 68 lbs. I weighed 157. The fuel was Gasoline mixed with Nitrogen and the range was about 100 to 125 feet. The burn time was 20 seconds, maximum. Once it was empty, I became a sitting duck, except for the .45 pistol I had at my side. I would have a team of 3 or 4 Marines with me at all times. They were my bubble, my protectors, my angels. Because the flamethrower is also a psychological weapon, the enemy would always try to target the flamethrower operator and those around him.

My sergeant asked for volunteers to form the detail that would protect me in battle. A lot of hands went up. The Sergeant chose three Canadian boys who had joined our Marine Corps. Their names were Binkley, Breen and Beauchamp. When we were in battle, one would be stationed in front of me and the other two would be one on either side. In my first days of battle, I saw another Marine flamethrower operator get hit and explode into a ball of fire.

Two weeks passed. We were attacked and were receiving heavy shelling. A shell came in, sounding like a freight train. It exploded just feet away from me. I was thrown into the air, but somehow, was not hit by any of the shrapnel. It was as though I was protected by a bubble. But the Canadian boys were all killed. These three boys died so I could live. They were truly heroes. I eventually stopped asking the question "Why not me?"

I want to move ahead in my story, about 25 years to the late 1970's. A friend and I would go fishing in Canada. After a long day in the boat, we decided to take a walk around the lake. Passing a cottage, we saw an American flag with a gold star on it in the window. It was the kind of star American families placed on their door or window during World War 2. The flag and star signified that someone from this home was killed in war. I knocked on the door and an old woman answered. I asked her about the flag and star and she told me her son was in the US Marines and was killed in Korea. I had already looked at her mailbox and I saw the name Beauchamp. One of the boys who died protecting me. I told the woman I served with her son and I was there when he was killed. We both cried unashamed.

Several weeks after the Canadian boys were killed, my life was saved by a Navy Corpsman. He found me, bleeding from a deep bayonet wound, carried me into a bunker and stopped the bleeding. Several weeks later, this Corpsman was killed while he was saving two Marines. He was only 21 years old. Another hero.

After I was in Korea 13 months, I was preparing to go home. It was July 1953. We were sent back to an area to wait for our troop ship home. The North Koreans and Chinese had other ideas. They attacked one of our important hills. Even though we were off the front lines, we were ordered to go back to help. I was strapping the flamethrower to my back when a young African-American Marine took it off my shoulders and said to me "You're going home soon Joe. I'll take your place tonight." His name was Bob Brown. He was 22 years old. He went out with the squad instead of me. None of them survived. One more hero I owe my life to.

I am not a hero, only a lucky survivor. I owe my life to the heroes. God bless them all. They are all beautiful memories.

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Saturday Oct 12, 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday Oct 13, 9 am to Noon

Info call Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720

October 12th 10am till 6pm

Bee Organic

213 West Butler Drive Drums

Chicks & Petting Zoo, Forged Fate Performance

Horse & Pony Rides, Corn Hole Tournament, Food

Vendors, craft vendors, picture wagon for photos,

face painting, mums, pumpkins

October 12th

Butler Township Fall Festival

Join us for Trunk-n-Treat, Games & Food, Crafters, Vendors, and Much More... Parade at 12 noon

Trunk-n-Treat 12 noon to 4 PM

Crafters, Vendors, Food Vendors 12 noon to 4 PM.

October 12th

Benefit for Lucas

Y.M.P.A. rear 700 Seybert Street Hazleton

Tricky Trays, Bake Sale, 50/50, raffle items, money wheel, food sale, beverage sales, DJ Rockin' Ray, children's activities, and so much more!

October 12th 12 til 6pm

1st annual "Coptoberfest"

hosted by Salem Twp P.D and Salem Twp Parks,

Events, & Rec. Board. Tommy Guns Band,

breweries, a winery, food/craft vendors, basket

raffles & activities for the kids. Tickets available online at: <https://www.salemtwppolice.com/event-details/>

Coptoberfest will be held at 38 Bomboy Ln, Berwick, PA, United States, Pennsylvania 18603, East Berwick

October 12th

Country Folk Fall Artist Market

to be held at 550 Zenith Road Nescopeck

An artist market featuring local artists and artisans

showcasing their work. The event will take place

over two weekends, October 12th & 13th and 19th &

20th, from 10am to 4pm daily. There will be a variety

of items for sale, including handmade crafts, jewelry, and home decor.

Come support local talent and find unique gifts for the upcoming holiday season!

October 12th noon to 5pm

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

at Trinity United Church of Christ Mountain Street

Rock Glen Patter cost \$11.50.

Refreshments for sale. Take out only.

October 13th 8 am til 12 noon

All You Can Eat Breakfast

at VFW Post 5010, Freeland

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

\$5 for kids up 10 12 years old

October 13th Noon to 3pm

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

Church of St. Richard 799 Barnesville

Advance Order: Eat In or Take Out- Cost \$15 platter

consists of roasted pork,sauerkraut, mashed pota-

toes, gravy, corn, applesauce, roll and choice vanilla

or chocolate cake. To purchase tickets, contact

Joann Dombowski 570-640-1034

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

Wapwallopen

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: Imontoya@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

by NEPA CraftWorks Curated Events

to be held at Carmen's Country Inn & Gardens 364

Freedom Road Drums

A magical, mystical, Halloween market featuring

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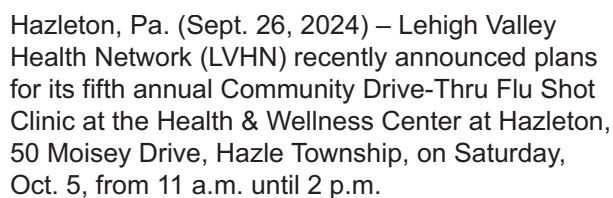
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and since we are not masking as often as before, we could see increased transmission. Therefore, we strongly encourage everyone to make it their responsibility to get vaccinated."

Everyone receiving a flu shot at either drive-thru location is asked to review the vaccine information statement and fill out a consent form by visiting LVHN.org/flushot. Please bring a completed and signed consent form for each person receiving a flu shot. There will be consent forms available at the drive-thru sessions if you do not have access to a printer.

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