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Letter from the Editors

Hello everyone! It's already mid-November. Where does the time go? How about this weather? I'll take it. I don't want to think about winter heating bills. Let's hope it isn't a very cold winter.

Did y'all start your Christmas shopping. I picked up a few things, but need to really set my mind to it. I've already seen a few houses with trees up and Christmas lights. It's not even Thanksgiving yet.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, it is my favorite meal of the year. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, deviled eggs, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, gravy and if you have any room left, maybe a slice of pumpkin or sweet potato pie. I am going to try something new this year - Potato Stuffing. I've heard of it, but never had it until Lee Ann and I went to the Mount Zion Lutheran Church Ham & Chicken Dinner this past Saturday. The meal was delicious and left us both intrigued with this tasty Pennsylvania Dutch side dish, covered in gravy. If you happen to have a good recipe, feel free to email us a copy.

From our families to yours - Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

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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November 2024

Some people enjoy Thanksgiving more than any other holiday. Thanksgiving is all about the "Four Fs": food, family, football, and fun. And, who doesn't like that combination!? There's little stress until Black Friday when Christmas shopping begins with a frenzy online and in brick-and-mortar stores. Of course, most of us have already begun our holiday shopping weeks ago.



MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

- International Drum Month
- Adoption Awareness Month
- Aviation History Month
- Caregivers Appreciation Month
- Child Safety Protection Month
- Diabetes Awareness Month
- Epilepsy Month
- Model Railroad Month
- Novel Writing Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- Real Jewelry Month
- Sleep Comfort Month
- World Vegan Month

WEEKLY EVENTS

Week 1 Chemistry Week
Week 3 Game and Puzzle Week

St. Ann's Band Celebrates 125th Anniversary in 2024

By: Frank Balon



The Freeland St. Ann's Band was chartered as an official organization in 1899 as the St. Ann's Parish Band. The band was originally affiliated with the Woodside St. Ann's Roman Catholic Parish. Although the band no longer holds any official affiliation with the church, the organization is proud to use the historical name.

Over the 125-year history of the band, the band has had the honor to appear at numerous United Mine Workers of America national conventions in such locations as Miami, Denver, Cincinnati and Washington D.C. Traditionally, the band performs at events in the Freeland Area including the annual St. Patrick's Day and Memorial Day Parades. In 1999, the band held a banquet and concert

celebrating its 100th anniversary. The highlight of this event included a reunion band that featured former band members from all over the United States playing alongside the membership. Recent directors have included Robert Brubaker, Ron Zuby and Mike Battley.

Under the baton of current director Joseph Rosato, the band also performs multiple concerts during the year including an annual Christmas Concert and a Summer Concert in Freeland. The band is also pleased to appear at area nursing homes during the summer and holiday seasons.

This past summer, the band performed concerts at the Historic Freeland Public Park Pavilion, the Gazebo in Conyngham, the Black Creek Methodist

Church in Sugarloaf, Railway Yard at the White Haven Community Library and Providence Place Retirement Home in Drums. The band is currently preparing for its Christmas Concert which will be Saturday December 7 at MMI Preparatory School at 1 pm.

The current band is comprised of life-long musicians from all across the Freeland-Hazleton Area who are dedicated to keeping live band music alive and flourishing.



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Last Chamber Woman's Networking Luncheon for 2024 Scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Women's Networking Committee is holding their final woman's networking luncheon program for 2024 on Tuesday, November 19th from 12 noon to 1 pm at Capriotti's in McAdoo. The event is being sponsored by MMI Preparatory School and the event is open for any woman to attend.

The program will begin promptly at 12 noon and will include a buffet lunch. The guest speaker is Marci Hosier, Director of Enrollment Management & Marketing/Dean of Students/Instructor for MMI Preparatory School. Ms. Hosier will present on AI "Artificial Intelligence" in Everyday Life. Attendees will learn about current applications for Artificial Intelligence and how it can be used in daily life from personal to business applications.

Doorprize drawings including, a free lunch for the next program and the opportunity to give an introduction of your business at the event will be drawn. Women are encouraged to bring along promotional items, such as business cards, brochures, giveaways, etc. to display on our business resource table.

The cost to attend the luncheon program is \$25.00 for Chamber members and \$30.00 for non-Chamber members and the fee will be collected at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Empowerment Grant Fund. Reservations are required by registering online, contacting the Chamber office at 455-1509, or emailing HYPERLINK <mailto:falllabel@hazletonchamber.org>





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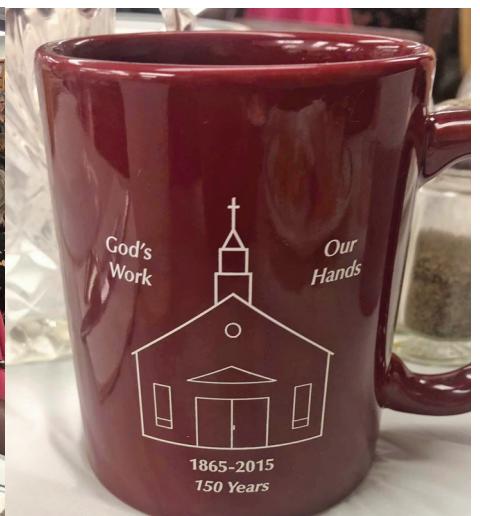
By: Lee Ann Davidovich

The Anthracite Post had the pleasure of attending the Mount Zion Lutheran Church Annual Ham & Chicken Dinner on Saturday, November 9th, and meeting Pastor Phil Smith, who shared both the delicious food and the rich history of the beautiful church with us. This event was a testament to the meaningful traditions upheld by our local churches and organizations.

The evening was filled with incredible food—especially that unforgettable potato filling and special desserts—as well as warm hospitality from volunteers and parishioners alike. It's heartwarming to see such dedication to community and tradition here in the Greater Hazleton Area. These moments and people are what inspire Shari and me in our work with The Anthracite Post. We were delighted to meet Pastor Phil, who first connected with us through an encouraging email after reading our debut edition. Since then, we've gained not just a new reader, but a new friend.

We encourage everyone to join in these cherished gatherings throughout the year. We also learned they have a Strawberry Festival in June—yet another opportunity to come together and celebrate all that makes our area special.

Thank you, Pastor Phil, his wife Beverly, and the entire congregation for making us and everyone who attended feel so welcome. #CommunityMatters #DoGood #SeeGood



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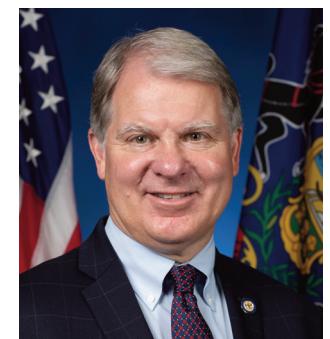
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Fighting the Spread of Blighted, Decaying, Rat-Infested Buildings

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

I recently hosted a seminar in Hometown for over 50 local government officials with state Reps. Doyle Heffley, Jamie Barton, and Tim Twardzik about how to fight the spread of blighted buildings in our neighborhoods.

Blight affects us all – it lowers our property values, it strains the real estate market, it hurts our schools, it breeds crime, and poses a serious threat to our safety and well-being. Sometimes, we can restore and reuse an old building. Other times, demolition is the only path forward.

It's a nasty and complicated problem, but we've made progress in recent years in giving communities the tools they need to fight back.

I wrote a bipartisan law that allows county governments to create demolition funding programs - 26 counties are now demolishing blighted buildings with funds raised through these programs, including Schuylkill and Carbon counties. I've worked with our local state representatives to secure additional millions of dollars in state grants for both demolitions and restorations.

There are many challenges to addressing these issues, but by ALL of us working together – local, county, state, and federal government officials; community leaders and volunteers – we can make real progress in transforming our neighborhoods, step by step.



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Submitted by: Psychic Medium Kimberly



Thanksgiving is a time that we really enjoy spending time with family and are grateful for our blessings in life. However, we should practice a gratitude every day, not just on a holiday or in the month of November. The holiday time reminds us to be grateful, but we shouldn't forget the importance of gratitude in our everyday lives.

Gratitude is the feeling of thankfulness and appreciation for the good things in our lives, or a state of mind that can be experienced. Gratitude can help us feel happier and more positive, also helping us with depression, anxiety, and stress. You can incorporate more gratitude into your life by writing down something that went well during the day and keeping a gratitude journal. When you are feeling negative or frustrated, take a few minutes to pause and be grateful for something positive, which can shift your energy and overall mood to a positive one.

Next time you are feeling down or under an immense amount of stress, try pausing for a moment and think of all the things that you are grateful for. Then, take a lot at how your energy and attitude has changed. When we are aware of how different attitudes and outlooks on life can help us, we will continue practicing them, such as gratitude.

It is nice to appreciate the small things in our lives, such as family and loved ones, or even just to be blessed enough to have a roof over our heads and clean water to drink. I'll be working on my daily gratitude, and I hope you find time during each to be grateful as well.

Love and Light - Psychic Medium Kimberly



Upcycling With Lisa



Spreading Joy Through Recycling: The Mission of Unexpected Kindness

In a world where sustainability and creativity go hand in hand, the mission of **Unexpected Kindness** stands out. This community-driven initiative not only spreads joy but also embraces the principles of recycling by placing small, handmade items in public places for people to find. The founder of this group is my lovely sister Dawn. These creations bring joy to so many people. I love what she and other creators are doing to bring joy in a small way.

At **Unexpected Kindness**, the goal is simple yet profound: to randomly spread kindness and joy within communities. This is achieved by leaving small, thoughtful items in public spaces for people to discover. These creations can be anything from crocheted pieces and jewelry to stickers and other handmade crafts. By incorporating recycled materials, the initiative gives new life to items that might otherwise be discarded, turning them into tokens of joy and kindness. All creators, crafters, and artists are welcome to join the mission.

Members of the group place their recycled creations in various locations such as parks, benches, waiting rooms, and hospitals. Each item comes with an **Unexpected Kindness** tag, which includes a positive message and a QR code. This code allows the finder to share their discovery if they choose to, creating a ripple effect of positivity. Members can either design their own tags or use the ones provided by the **Unexpected Kindness** Administrators.

Interested in joining? It's easy! Find the group on Facebook by searching for "**Unexpected Kindness**" or scan the QR code with your smartphone or iPad. Once you reach the group, click on the blue join link

beneath the logo. For more information, visit the files tab where you'll find a Frequently Asked Questions document. If you need further assistance, feel free to reach out to Dawn Anderson via messenger.

The impact of the mission is best expressed through the words of those who have found the recycled creations:

- "I can't express enough how this little act of kindness brought me such joy during one of the worst weeks of my life."
- "What a fun and unexpected find."
- "Thank you for making me smile."
- "I needed this today. I have been having some really tough days."
- "Thank you to the person that started my day with a smile."
- "Such a great idea to spread smiles."
- "Nice surprise after a tough day!"

By incorporating recycling into its mission, **Unexpected Kindness** not only spreads unexpected kindness but also contributes to a more sustainable world. Join in making the world a little brighter and greener, one small act at a time. We would love to have more creators in the area. I hope you will join us.

Lisa



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SCAMS!

Scams, unfortunately, is a re-occurring problem that is not going away. The current scam that is affecting many people in our area is called the "Loved One" scam. Scammers will contact you by phone and explain that your loved one (typically grandchild), is in trouble and currently in jail, possibly even citing specific names. The scammers will often say "Don't talk to anyone about this, I'm sure it would be embarrassing to your family". They will then explain that in exchange for cash, their loved one will be released from jail. The scammers will then ask for an address where they can pick up the money. At this point, they will send a courier to pick up the cash, leaving you as a victim.

Here are some tips to help protect you and keep you from becoming a victim of a scam:

- Don't feel pressured to provide payment for something or to someone, do research into it first, run it by a friend or family member.
- Do not give out sensitive information over the phone. Example: social security number or bank account number.
- Do not give remote access to anyone for any of your devices.
- Never make a payment to someone with gift cards – it's a scam!
- Remember, just because someone says they are from a certain "company", it doesn't mean they actually are!
- If you feel a phone call might be a scam or you are being asked for sensitive information – hang up!
- Scams can happen through e-mails also. If there are a lot of misspelled words, it might be a scam. Always look at the e-mail address it was sent from, if you don't recognize it, don't respond or open any attachments.

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Reminder: Watch for Deer when Driving

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

With deer becoming increasingly active this time of year, especially between dawn and dusk, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is reminding drivers to slow down and stay alert.

Data from around the country indicates Pennsylvania drivers face some of the highest risks of a vehicle collision with a deer or other large animal. A recent report shows the Commonwealth led the nation in animal-collision insurance claims in fiscal year 2023-24. The same report indicates Pennsylvania drivers have a 1-in-61 chance of a vehicular accident involving a big game animal, one of the highest rates nationwide.

Drivers can reduce their chances of collisions with deer by staying alert and better understanding deer behavior. Be especially alert in "Deer Crossing" areas, and remember deer tend to travel in family groups, so if you see one deer, more are likely coming.

To report a dead deer for removal from state roads, motorists can call the PennDOT 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If the deer is on a locally owned road, contact the appropriate municipality.

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Now, I'd like to ask you to do something. When you're in your car tomorrow as you drive through the Greater Hazleton area – look to your right and to your left as you stop at a traffic light or a stop sign. (Stopping is a given) but look...really look, beyond the possible traffic. What do you see? Or better yet, what don't you see? No people begging for money; no people lying on the sidewalks; Why?

The answer is not that there aren't people who are suffering and challenged in our community; Many families are one emergency away from falling into poverty - one paycheck away from disaster. Where do you turn, if through no fault of your own, you have nowhere to live, no roof over your head? Many families are one emergency away from falling into poverty - one paycheck away from disaster. Where do you turn, if through no fault of your own, you have nowhere to live, no roof over your head? Because of the strong commitment of community resources in our community, people's needs are being addressed.

The Divine Providence Shelter at the Catholic Social Services Family Center in Hazleton provides a stable and secure place to sleep, along with an evening meal, and continental breakfast.

The Hazleton Area School District has a graduation rate of 75%, largely due to absenteeism. We have heard heart-wrenching stories of students not attending school because they do not have the basic necessities – toothpaste, toothbrushes; personal care needs; basic hygiene. Serious needs being addressed.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library mails one free, age-appropriate book to children each month from birth to age five. The United Way of Greater Hazleton partners with Lehigh Valley Health Network to get books into the lives of children of every socio-economic level; intentionally hoping to foster a love of reading.

60% of students in the Hazleton Area School District are reading at a third-grade level. Many families cannot afford to provide books for their children. Once again, needs identified and being addressed. The Nurse's Pantry was created as a nonjudgmental program that provides on-site access to health and hygiene supplies for these types of items to help a child in need and reduce absenteeism.

People say they know us – your United Way – but we've changed over the years. Traditionally, we have been successful fundraisers in the workplace and community and a great allocator of those funds for those most in need. We are built on a solid foundation beginning in 1928 ... strong, insightful men and women worked tirelessly to create the structure have taken us into the future. All who know and trust us to raise money and create community programs where the impact will help the most, believe in us and our mission.

We continue those courses of our foundation, but now, additionally we have evolved into a community partner and community problem-solver; getting deep into situations faced by all in the Greater Hazleton area. We are more focused and strategic and we fight for the strength and stability of every person in our community. We work hard at connecting people and solutions. Each minute of our lives presents countless opportunities to view things from various angles and put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

How can you help? Our United Way Annual Campaign Goal is \$350,000 for 2024-25. Make a donation – as much or as little as you are able. You are helping build the safety net for you, your family, your neighbors, people you may never know or see; people who may never know your donation was the hand-up they needed. You can take great pride in knowing that you are doing so much good.

Gary J. Perna Jr.,
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Hazleton Area High School students, faculty and staff recently held their Ninth Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Reception.



Members of the Hazleton American Legion held their Installation of Officers - Front row from left: Dianna Barna, Treasurer; Gina Kyte, President; Nola Steibler, Vice President; Betty Tankalavage, Secretary. Back row from left: Chrissy Ritz, Sergeant at Arms and Ann Roslevich, Membership Chair; sworn in by Dorothy Collins, Auxiliary District President; Tara Fanjoy, Historian; Elaine Molinaro, Chaplin; and Debbie Plesh, Sergeant at Arms.



Congratulations to the winner of the United Way - Boyer's Food Markets Shopping Spree!! The shopping spree was held this morning at our Hazleton Store. Congratulations to Andy Mhley, the winner of the Shopping Spree who walked away with over \$1,500 in groceries!!



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American Cancer Society Telethon Committee

Preparing for 46th Annual Telethon



Front from left: Kelly Kostanesky, Sherri O'Donnell and Jane Dougherty. Back from left: John Beltrami, Joe Clark, Pat Korb and Mike Dougherty preparing for the 46th Annual Telethon.

The ACS planning committee invites you to the 46th Annual American Cancer Society Telethon - Greater Hazleton scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 11am-11pm, the Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts, 212 W. Broad Street, Hazleton.

We are proud to announce the Presenting Sponsors for the 2024 telethon are Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services, Komatsu America Corporation, Lehigh Valley Hazleton Topper Cancer Institute and Paul and Lisa DeAngelo and Family.

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It's donors like those listed above who make it happen. The Telethon has enjoyed 45 successful event years to date, because of the generosity of all the businesses and people who have provided financial support from Miracle Workers, Presenting Sponsors and Clock Sponsors to that person who donates the few dollars they can afford to spare each year.

Our success is also due to all those volunteers who have provided everything from serving as announcers, to entertainment and tv production to baking a cake, or sharing their personal stories as cancer survivors.

It's still so easy to do. Watch us on TV 35 and WYLN's You Tube channel or come down to the PTPA to watch the fashion show or buy a few chances on a tricky tray. Or, Simply dial 570-459-1212 or go to the local website, www.acsmove.org/hazleton in to make a pledge.

We still need volunteers to bake and work at the bake sale, just contact Jane at dough@ptd.net if you are interested.

"We know it's all the people who have been generous in so many ways that have allowed us to come back to yet another telethon, each year." explains Dougherty, Telethon Chair. "We hope you'll add your name as a donor or volunteer to make 2024 another success story. We look forward to you joining us as we are "Working Together in 2024, Sweeping Cancer Out the Door!"

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Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

"63 YARDS IN THE AIR"



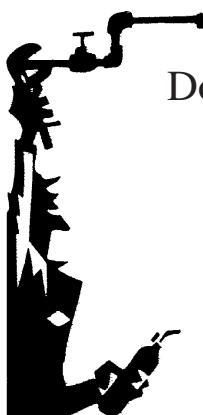
Records are made to be broken. But there is one NFL record that statistically had been tied and eventually broken, but by its

measure of determination in the face of adversity, it may never be duplicated.

Tom Dempsey was born with two birth defects - a right foot that was only a stub and a deformed right hand. But Tom loved sports and grew big enough, at 6 feet 2 inches and 255 pounds, to excel athletically. He found his calling in kicking footballs. Dempsey played ten years with The New Orleans Saints finishing with 159 field goals and 729 points, but nothing would ever surpass the achievement of the November eight day in 1970. It was his second season. With two seconds remaining, the Detroit Lions were leading the home team 17 to 16. Before a stunned crowd of over 66,000, Dempsey hit the ball perfectly. After what seemed to be like an eternity in the air, the ball passed through the uprights and over the crossbar by only inches. Tom Dempsey had kicked a 63 yard field goal which was the longest field goal in the

history of the NFL at that time. Since then, Jason Elam of the Denver Broncos tied that record and years later Justin Tucker of the Oakland Raiders broke it by setting a new record with a 66 yard field goal.

One week short of fifty four years later (this year), perhaps the longest 'Hail Mary' pass in NFL history traveled 63 yards in the air after time had run out. During the final play of the game that took 13 seconds to complete and 11 after the two seconds on the game clock ran out, Quarterback Jadon Daniels of the Washington Commanders ran East and then West behind the line of scrimmage before he heaved a Hail Mary from his own 35 yard line. The ball landed at the one yard line before four Chicago Bears defenders and one Washington receiver leaped high in the air for the ball. It was tipped into the end zone and caught by Noah Brown of the Commanders who was standing in the end zone for the touchdown that gave Washington the 18-15 victory. Many Hail Mary passes are thrown, but very few are ever caught. This one answered. One of the Bears defenders that was accused of making the wrong tip said "God made that tip". Till next time, be a good sport and 'stay loose'.



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- Beer Before Liquor, Never Been Sicker:** The amount of alcohol you drink determines your level of intoxication or hangover severity. The order in which you consume it does not.
- Coffee can sober you up quickly:** Sorry, there is no quick cure for intoxication. The only way to sober up is with time.
- Drinking reduces stress and anxiety:** Although initially you may feel happier when you drink, alcohol is actually a depressant that may make you feel even worse.
- Mixing alcohol and energy drinks is OK:** Mixing alcohol & caffeine does not change the negative effects of drinking. On the contrary, the feeling of being more alert can lead to an increase in alcohol consumption.
- Throwing up avoids a hangover:** Vomiting may temporarily eliminate the nausea associated with excessive drinking, but as most of the alcohol has already been absorbed into your bloodstream, this is not going to prevent a hangover

-Jeff & Desiree Bonomo

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Antonia's Jewelry and Repair Donates Diamond Pendant to American Cancer Society-Hazleton



Closeup of this gorgeous pendant valued at \$1850.



Co-Owners, Toni and Rob Christman, Antonia's Jewelry and Repair, have donated a diamond pear shape fashion pendant from their store to the American Cancer Society-Greater Hazleton for a pledge drawing opportunity at the 46th Annual Telethon.

Antonia's Jewelry and Repair, a family-owned jewelry sales and repair business, is donating an outstanding diamond pear shape fashion pendant on a 18" white gold chain for a pledge drawing to take place during the upcoming 46th Annual American Cancer Society-Greater Hazleton Telethon. The diamonds are set pave style totaling .50ctw and the value of this outstanding gift is \$1850.00!

- To make your pledge, call 570-459-1212, 11am-10pm Saturday, November 23rd
- Only one pledge on the necklace per person will be accepted
- Pledges must be \$100 or more
- Pledges will be placed in a goldfish bowl and the final winner's name will be drawn on Saturday at 10:00pm
- The winner will be notified regarding pickup

"The Christmans have once again, taken extra care in choosing a special piece of jewelry to donate to the ACS Telethon," says Telethon Co-Chair Jane Dougherty. "It is absolutely gorgeous!" "Consider a \$100 pledge and possibly win this for yourself or wouldn't it make a wonderful Christmas gift for someone you love?" asks Pat Korb, ACS Publicity Chair.

"It means a lot to us to be able to make this donation to the American Cancer Society-Hazleton because Rob's father and my mother passed away from cancer," explains Toni. "We know how very difficult it is to fight this disease and we want to do what we can to help others engaged in this battle."

Rob adds, "It really makes us feel great to be able to do something to help an organization that helps people who have to deal with cancer on a daily basis."

Antonia's is located at 289 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA and they are open Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 am-6:00 pm. After Thanksgiving, for the holidays, they will also be open Saturdays and Sundays. Antonia's sells fine diamond jewelry including, but not limited to engagement rings, pendants and earrings etc. Watches and clocks can also be found there. It is a full-service jeweler repair store and Antonia also designs jewelry. The business was started in 2015, but Toni has over 40 years' experience in the jewelry business.

Other pledges for the telethon can be made by calling 570-459-1212 or donating on the website, acsmove.org/hazletonteleton.



6th Annual Greater Hazleton Area Toys for Tots Fundraiser: Growing the Spirit of Giving in Luzerne County

The Greater Hazleton Area Toys for Tots fundraiser is celebrating its sixth year as one of Luzerne County's most cherished holiday traditions. What began as a simple gathering among friends and family to bring joy to local children has blossomed into a large-scale community effort, raising thousands of dollars and collecting toys to benefit those in need each Christmas.

This event first found its home at the Hazleton Owls Rod and Gun Club but soon outgrew the space. Now, the fundraiser takes place at VFW Post 5010, where attendees enjoy a vibrant atmosphere featuring live music from multiple bands, an assortment of raffles, tricky trays, and delicious complimentary food. VFW members and officers generously support this annual gathering, which has become a beloved night of holiday cheer, charity, and community spirit.

Chris Bayzick, the event's coordinator, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the many volunteers, sponsors, and community members who have helped the fundraiser thrive. "This event is truly a team effort," said Chris. "I'm so grateful for the dedicated friends and family who bring this night to life. Although I'm named the coordinator, it's the entire Greater Hazleton community that makes this possible."

Reflecting on his own memories of joyful Christmases surrounded by family, Chris shared why Toys for Tots has a special place in his heart. "Christmas Eve has always been my favorite day of the year. Growing up,

I had the joy of gathering with family and receiving gifts—but I've come to realize that for many children, this experience is far from guaranteed. Toys for Tots gives us a chance to bring that joy to as many children as possible."

The fundraiser has grown each year, raising over \$6,000 in its first year and an impressive \$13,568 last year alone. Every dollar raised goes directly toward purchasing toys that are delivered to the Toys for Tots warehouse in Valmont Industrial Park, where they are sorted and distributed to families in need. Now the second-largest Toys for Tots fundraiser in Luzerne County, Chris is setting his sights on even bigger goals. "We have the potential to become the largest fundraiser in the county," he said. "Our community is incredibly generous and community-oriented, and I know we can do it!"

This year's event will be held on November 23rd at the Freeland VFW. Donations of toys, tricky trays, and cash are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the VFW anytime up until the event. Attendees can look forward to an evening filled with music, food, and holiday festivities, all for an important cause.

For those interested in attending, donating, or learning more, please contact the Freeland VFW at 570-636-0160. Join us for a memorable night that celebrates the holiday spirit and helps ensure every child in our community wakes up with a smile on Christmas morning.

Heritage Hill Upcoming Events:

Annual Hill's Angels Tree Trimming Contest and Open House

Enjoy the most wonderful time of the year with Heritage Hill Senior Community! Check out our annual Hill's Angels Tree Trimming Contest and Open House on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, vote for your favorite tree, and shop for holiday gifts from crafters and other vendors. For more info, call Rachael or Matthew at 570-427-4500 or email rtimm@heritagehillsenior.com.

Caribbean Jeff's Christmas Show

Beach-loving Caribbean Jeff returns to Heritage Hill Senior Community, chasing those winter blues away with a performance of your favorite Christmas tunes to warm and uplift your spirits. Enjoy his Christmas show with us on Monday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m., at 800 Sixth St. RSVP by Dec. 13 to Rachael or Matthew by calling 570-427-4500 or emailing rtimm@heritagehillsenior.com.

Hill's Angels Helping and Healing Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for an aging loved one at home? You are not alone. Join us at Heritage Hill Senior Community, 800 Sixth St., for a free and confidential support group and light refreshments on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Bring your caregiving questions for an informative, open discussion with our senior care experts; learn more about senior health and managing caregiver stress; or share your experiences with the group. RSVP by Nov. 19 by calling Rachael or Matthew at 570-427-4500 or rtimm@heritagehillsenior.com.

New Year's Eve Gala

Can you believe it? 2025 is almost here! Get a head start on the celebration when you join Heritage Hill Senior Community for its annual New Year's Gala on Monday, Dec. 30, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at 800 Sixth St. Dress in your best attire because this distinguished event features musical entertainment, balloon drop, and champagne toast. Seating is limited; RSVP by Dec. 23. Make your reservation to Rachael or Matthew at 570-427-4500 or email rtimm@heritagehillsenior.com.

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A Veterans Journal #93

By Joseph Barna • Freeland
USMC, Korea 1952-1953



One of my earliest memories is when my grandfather died. The year was 1936 and I was only six years old. In those days, a dead person was laid out in his home. My family went over to my grandparent's house and took me in. I looked at my grandfather laying in the casket, surrounded by displays of flowers and I became a little scared. I asked myself "Why isn't Grandpop smiling at me?" I ran upstairs and hid under a bed. It wasn't long before my two uncles came up and pulled me out from under the bed and took me down to the casket. Now I was really afraid. One of my uncles took my hand and put it on my grandfather's hand. I remember how strange it was to feel a hand with no warmth. My other uncle made me bend over and kiss my grandfather. I didn't understand. Why I was made to do these things? Something happened inside me. I would fight this feeling for years to come. I grew up with this fear of dead people. If someone I knew died, I had to stay away. I could not go to a wake or funeral.

Eventually, I was drafted by the army, but ended up being one of six boys picked by a Marine Sargent to fill his month's quota. I became a Marine. Never could I have imagined the life that was heading towards me. I went through boot camp, training at Camp Pendleton and finally, the twenty-three-day troop ship ride to Korea. On board, the only question I asked myself was "Could I kill another human being?"

In Korea, I was in a country where death was everywhere you looked. Assigned to Weapons Company, the first weapon given to me was a M2 flamethrower. The flamethrower is one of the most terrible and feared weapons of modern warfare. Fully fueled it weighs sixty-eight pounds. Once fired, you have about twenty seconds of flame before you are empty, and practically defenseless. It wasn't long before my first battle. The North Korean soldiers attacked, coming up the mountain side toward our Marine positions. I waited and waited until they got within the range of the flamethrower. I must have been shaking. I pulled the 1st trigger to "light the match", then squeezed the 2nd trigger to ignite the mixture of gasoline and pressurized nitrogen. The flame exploded out more than 100 feet in front of me. I swept it from side to side, engulfing the enemy soldiers. Their battle cries turned to screams. Question answered.

It is not a good feeling to end another's life. But I realized that if I wanted to live, I had to follow my training. I had to kill. Did each of the North Korean soldiers have a mother, father or family who would never see them again? After a battle, we would walk among the dead of both sides. Sometimes we would go through the pockets of the fallen enemy. Sometimes we would find pictures of their families. Another question answered.

Each time one of my buddies was wounded or killed, I asked the questions: "Why was it him and not me?" Was there a reason? Maybe the answer was always, so I would remember and someday share these stories of war.

Joseph Barna is a USMC Korean War Veteran and author of "God Makes Angels and Navy Corpsmen: A Korean War Veteran's Memories of the War and Life". The book is available from Amazon.com or you can get a signed copy by contacting Barna directly at 570-636-2816.

Upcoming Community Events

November 16th - 4 til 7 pm

Drums Lions Club All You Can Eat Pasta and Meatball Dinner

at the Butler Township Firehall

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\$15. Get tickets from any Drums Lion Member by

emailing drumslions@gmail.com or call 570-209-5977.

November 16th and 17th - 10am til 4pm

Pepper Jacks Gift Shop Annual Winter on the Farm

held at 17 Coopers Lane in Drums. Annual Winter

Craft, Vendor and Food Truck Show. Toys for Tots Drop

off. Tricky Tray Benefit Reilly

Children's Center at LVH Allentown.

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 17th

The Link at The Rink

The Link for Suicide Prevention and Awareness in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties Fundraising and Awareness Event

at The Strand Roller Rink 110 West Blaine Street in McAdoo. All Ages Welcome!

November 20th - 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

Annual Holiday Home and Gift Show at Smith Floral Company

555 N. Broad Street West Hazleton

Enjoy the magic of Mrs. Smith's Christmas Workshop where children can create their own holiday arrangements. Visit with Santa's Reindeer from noon til 3pm

Bring your camera and catch the holiday spirit.

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 23rd

The EyeBall 2024 at the Valley Country Club in Conyngham.

The Eyeball is a fundraising event to benefit the Community Services for Sight.

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

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November 29th and 30th

Winterfest at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds

November 30th - 5:30 pm

White Haven Borough Annual Tree Lighting

300 Buffalo Street White Haven

December 4th - 5 til 9pm

Mayor's City Hall Tree Lighting & CANDO Community Christmas

December 5th Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Holiday Mixer

December 6th - 4:30 til 8pm.

Cando Community Park Tree Lighting

December 6 - 4:30 til 8pm.

Wassailfest & Downtown Hazleton's Holiday Night Market

at Cando Community Park, Broad Street in Hazleton. Get ready for an evening filled with winter magic, festive fun and community spirit. For more information check out the event listing on facebook.

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MMI Holds Poetry Out Loud Competition

(Freeland, PA – October 25, 2024) – MMI Preparatory School held its Poetry Out Loud competition on Friday, October 25. Six students throughout the freshmen and senior classes competed, including sophomore Christina Chrin, senior Diane Kim, senior Kendall Orozco, junior Ava Genetti, sophomore Arham Mehran, and freshman Evan Polanco. Christina Chrin was announced as the winner on Monday, October 28. She is the daughter of Mr. Jeffrey Chrin and Dr. Tammy Chrin of Barnesville.



Pictured: Winner, Christina Chrin with advisors Dr. Jeremy Davidheiser and Mrs. Jennifer Novotney.

Christina Chrin will represent MMI at the regional competition, where she'll compete against students throughout Luzerne, Lackawanna, Northwestern Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Eastern Wyoming counties. The advisors for the Poetry Out Loud competition at MMI are Dr. Jeremy Davidheiser and Mrs. Jennifer Novotney.

Poetry Out Loud is an annual event where students across the country as well as American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are tested in dynamic poetry recitation. The program is designed to improve public speaking skills, build confidence, and teach students about literary history and contemporary life. Since 2005, more than 4 million students, 81,000 teachers, and 20,000 schools have participated in Poetry Out Loud.



Pictured: First row, left to right: Ava Genetti and Diane Kim. Second row, left to right: Dr. Jeremy Davidheiser, Arham Mehran, Christina Chrin, Kendall Orozco, Mrs Jennifer Novotney. Not pictured: Evan Polanco.

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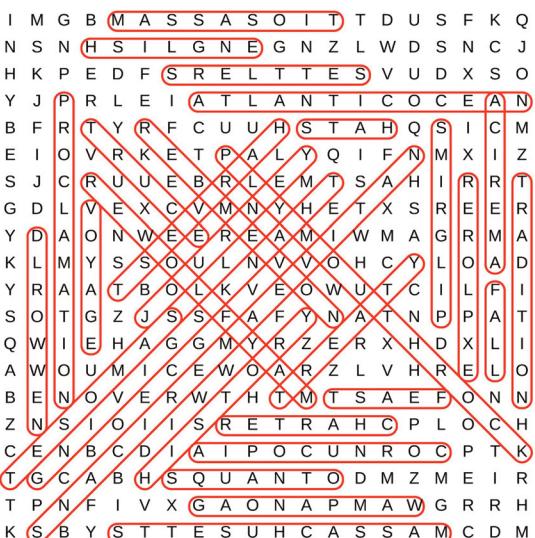
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Ecotec 1.5L Turbo I4
160hp
6-Speed Shiftable
Automatic
FWD

\$9,195

2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA



130,252 miles
1.8L I4 148hp
6-Speed Shiftable
Automatic
FWD

\$6,395

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