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Winter Wonders Await at Nescopeck State Park

The winter season is in full swing, and Nescopeck State Park is the perfect destination to embrace the frosty charm of the Greater Hazleton Area. With a lineup of engaging events designed to connect the community with nature, there's something for everyone to enjoy this season. Mark your calendars and bundle up for these exciting activities happening this January and February.



dress warmly for this full-day outing. Registration is required for this free event — visit the park's website to secure your spot.

WinterFest 2025
Saturday, February 1, 2025
All Day

Save the date for Nescopeck State Park's annual WinterFest! This family-friendly celebration offers a variety of outdoor activities and seasonal fun for all ages. From guided

Birds and Beans
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9 AM to 11 AM

Start your weekend with a warm beverage in hand and a pair of binoculars at the ready during the Birds and Beans event. Swing by any time during this two-hour window to hone your bird identification skills by observing the park's bird feeders. Sip on tea, hot cocoa, or bird-friendly coffee while learning about our feathered friends. Park-staff will be available to answer questions about winter bird feeding, selecting a field guide, and more. Whether you're an experienced birder or a curious beginner, this cozy gathering is sure to delight.

Women in the Wilds: Eagle Watch
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
9 AM to 4 PM

Calling all women nature enthusiasts! Join the Women in the Wilds: Eagle Watch adventure as you search for wintering bald eagles along the scenic Lackawaxen and Upper Delaware Rivers.

Participants will travel in the park's comfortable van to various hotspots for eagle viewing, with opportunities to stretch, explore, and take photos. While sightings aren't guaranteed, the journey promises breathtaking views and a sense of camaraderie. Pack a drink, snack, and

nature walks to interactive displays, there's "snow" much to enjoy. Be sure to dress for the weather, as the festivities will go on regardless of conditions. No registration is required, so just show up and join the fun!

Whether you're looking to spot eagles in flight, learn about local birds, or simply soak in the winter magic, Nescopeck State Park's winter events are a perfect way to connect with nature and community.

Don't let the chill keep you indoors — discover the wonders waiting just beyond your doorstep!

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Letter from the Editors

Happy 2025 Everyone! Let's hope it is a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Can you believe it? Another year has gone by. I swear the older you get, the faster it goes. I remember being in school and those three months off for the summer seemed so long. Now three months go by in the blink of an eye. And summer vacation? You're lucky to be able to get a week off to go away or have a relaxing stay-cation. I haven't gone away for a weeks vacation since I was in my early 20's and that was to Daytona Beach, FL. If I'm lucky, I may get to Wildwood for a day this summer.

Are you enjoying this cold weather? I'm tired of being cold already. I don't mind the 30s, but when it gets down in the teens, forget it. I just want to get under my electric blanket and stay there. It's too cold and it looks like no end in sight for at least another week.

Just an FYI - You can also see the digital version of **The Anthracite Post** on our website - theanthracitepost.com

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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January 2025

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HOLIDAYS**

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New Year's Day
- 2 World Introvert Day
- 3 Festival of Sleep Day
- 4 National Spaghetti Day
Trivia Day
- 5 Feast of the Epiphany
National Bird Day
- 6 Cuddle Up Day
- 7 Old Rock Day
- 8 Bubble Bath Day
Male Watcher's Day
- 9 National Apricot Day
Play God Day
- 10 Bittersweet Chocolate Day
Houseplant Appreciation Day
- 11 Step in a Puddle and Splash Your
Friend's Day
- 12 National Hot Tea Day
National Pharmacist Day
- 13 International Skeptics Day
National Rubber Duckie Day
- 14 Dress Up Your Pet Day
- 15 National Bagel Day
National Hat Day
- 16 Appreciate a Dragon Day
National Nothing Day
- 17 Ditch New Years Resolutions Day
Kid Inventors Day
- 18 Thesaurus Day
Winnie the Pooh Day
- 19 National Popcorn Day
National Tin Can Day
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
National Cheese Lover Day
- 21 National Hugging Day
Squirrel Appreciation Day
- 22 National Blonde Brownie Day
- 23 National Pie Day
National Handwriting Day
- 24 Beer Can Appreciation Day
Compliment Day
- 25 Opposite Day
- 26 Spouse's Day
- 27 Chocolate Cake Day
Punch the Clock Day
- 28 Fun at Work Day
National Kazoo Day
- 29 Chinese New Year
National Puzzle Day
- 31 Backward Day
National Hot Chocolate Day

WINTER SEASON

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Good Luck!



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Solving 9000+ Problems for the People of Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne Counties in 2024

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

2024 was a busy year for my staff and me. In addition to crisscrossing the district for meetings, greeting new employers, and celebrations of outstanding citizens and state grants, we assisted our constituents with more than 9,000 state-government related issues.

Our more common requests include providing help with property tax/rent rebate forms, driver's license applications, and filing for unemployment. We also worked to recover more than \$400,000 in unclaimed property and secured more than \$50 million in state grants for key projects throughout Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne counties. We even connected someone from Tennessee with her late mother's unclaimed property from when she lived in Minersville.

If you ever have a state government related question or problem, we're here to help!

Rep. Dane Watro and I share two offices – on Broad Street in downtown Hazleton, which can be reached at 570-521-9441, and on Centre Street in Mahanoy City, which can be reached at 570-773-0891. Rep. Tim Twardzik and I share an office in Pottsville, which can be reached at 570-621-3400. Rep. Doyle Heffley generously has shared his office in Weissport with me as well.

Here's to wishing for a happy, safe, and prosperous new year!

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Chamber Seeking Businesses to Participate in Annual Job Fair

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce is seeking businesses to participate in the 2025 Greater Hazleton Job Fair set for Thursday, March 20th. The job fair will be held at the Laurel Mall Route 93 in Hazleton from 10 am to 3:30 pm.

This one-day event, will provide participating businesses with an informal, yet confidential forum to discuss career opportunities and options with hundreds of individuals from throughout the entire Greater Hazleton Area. Participating employers may accept resumes, offer information about career fields and employment opportunities, conduct interviews, promote your business and also seek for interns, summer employment, full and part time positions.

The cost for businesses to participate is \$350.00 for Chamber members and \$500.00 for non-Chamber members. The price includes an 8' x 8' booth space with side and back drops, a 6' skirted table, two chairs, wastebasket, company identification sign and electric service (if requested). Lunch tickets may be purchased for \$15.00 each. Lunch will be catered.

Any business interested in registering for space can register online [HYPERLINK "http://www.hazletonchamber.org"](http://www.hazletonchamber.org) www.hazletonchamber.org, events & news or contact Leann at Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce via email, [HYPERLINK "mailto:lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org"](mailto:lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org) lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org or phone, 570.455.1509.

Cats on Creches



Years ago, dear friends adopted a kitten from a barn by our parsonage at Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg. They named her "Lulu." She was a Lulu! She batted his pen while he was writing, lay down on the keyboard when they were online, and demanded attention in many and various ways. One day they could not find her. During a frantic search someone glanced at their creche. There she was! She had pushed all the figures out and lay down inside. She did that every year after that. They told us that she smiled when they unpacked their creche. She lay down inside, even when she didn't fit anymore.

After Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship we took the baby Jesus to our outdoor creche at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Nuremberg. There was one of our neighborhood cats! We took some quick photos. Here they are! She looked just like our dear Abby!



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ACS Has a Reminder for Area Cancer Patients

Greater Hazleton Area cancer patients are reminded that the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program in our area is in operation.

The American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program provides transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer who do not have a ride or who are unable to drive themselves. How does the program work?

Priority one, if you are a cancer patient looking for a ride to a cancer treatment appointment you must first register at cancer.org or call 570-459-1212.

Patients must be traveling to a cancer-related medical appointment. Other eligibility requirements may apply. For example, a caregiver may need to accompany a patient who cannot walk without help or is under the age of 18. It can take several business days to coordinate your ride, so please call 570-459-1212 well in advance of your appointment date.

Driving hours are flexible, and rides are typically provided Monday through Friday, between 7 AM to 6 PM. Drivers can restrict availability to only a certain day(s) of the week or every day or whatever amount of time they wish to provide.

The general geographic area covered by volunteer drivers is the Greater Hazleton Area. Drivers do not have to drive outside of Greater Hazleton if they don't want to. However, there are usually a few drivers who volunteer to drive the extra miles sometimes needed for treatment, such as Wilkes-Barre, Danville, Philadelphia and outlying areas, like into Carbon or Schuylkill Counties, too.

We can't say thank you enough to those volunteers who have stepped up to help our area cancer patients by taking the training program and agreeing to drive our patients to appointments. Can you imagine how devastating it would be for a patient to have an appointment and for a variety of reasons not being able to get there? Volunteer drivers can literally help to save a life!

More available drivers are needed. Volunteering as a Road to Recovery driver will put you at the heart of the American Cancer Society's mission and fulfill a critical need for cancer patients. If you own or have regular access to a safe, reliable vehicle, then you're already on the road to volunteering. Volunteer drivers must be between the ages of 18 and 84, have a valid driver's license, pass a background check, show proof of COVID-19 vaccination, and have access to a safe, reliable car. To learn more about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer, please visit our Road to Recovery volunteer page at cancer.org or call 570-459-1212.

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Emergency Programs Can Save Lives

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

PennDOT is reminding residents of two voluntary programs aimed at saving lives in emergency situations. Participation in both programs is free of charge.

Under PennDOT's Yellow Dot Program participants fill out a form with emergency contact, medical contact and medical information, insert it in a special folder and then place it in their vehicle's glove compartment. A yellow dot sticker affixed to the rear window alerts emergency responders to the availability of information to help them provide better care to crash victims.

The Emergency Contact Information Program offers Pennsylvania driver's license and PennDOT-issued ID holders the opportunity to log into a secure database and list two emergency contacts. Participants can update their records as needed, but only law enforcement officials can view the information in the system. In the event of an emergency, law enforcement can use a participant's ID to find his or her emergency contact information.

The Yellow Dot program is used only in vehicle crashes, but the Emergency Contact Information program can be used in other emergencies as well as crashes. More information on both programs is available at www.pa.gov.



Trooper Anthony Petroski III
Public Information Officer
Community Service Officer
Pennsylvania State Police
Troop N - Hazleton



Happy New Year from all of us here at Troop N. Let's talk about seatbelts. In Pennsylvania, seatbelts shall be worn not only the driver, but all passengers within the vehicle. In Pennsylvania, anyone under the age of 18 not wearing their seatbelt can be pulled over by Police as a primary violation. Anyone over 18 not wearing their seatbelt can still receive a citation, but only as a secondary violation, meaning they would need to be pulled over for a primary violation first. It is Pennsylvania Law for everyone to wear their seatbelts while operating a motor vehicle, and remember, it's for your own safety! Safe travels and buckle up!



Sports Trivia Treats

By Ron Marchetti

Military Might

Army VS Navy, December 2, 1950

Army vs. Navy! If there truly was a rivalry in college football where the records are thrown out the window before the game played, Army and Navy is it! Navy had won just two of eight games in 1950 while Army entered the game on roll-undefeated, ranked No. 2 in the nation, and on a 28-game unbeaten streak. Nobody expected the Navy to put up any kind of fight in 1950. If Army did what is expected to do against its archrival, the cadets knew they could be eating dinner ranked No. 1 and well on their way to their third consecutive undefeated season and perched on the brink of a national championship. Harry Truman and his wife Bess were part of the crowd of 101,000 while attending the game sitting on the Navy side of the field only because the Middies were the home team. Army turned over the ball twice in the first half that Navy converted two touchdowns. The score was 14-0 at half.

Navy's defense was marvelous while holding mighty Army to just one first down and three yards of total offense which could have been attributed to a special 6-2 , 2-1

defense that Navy threw at Army.

The cadets could not find any suitable countermeasure from its straight T-formation, but they did cut the lead of the third quarter when they sacked Navy quarterback "Bob Zastroe" in the end zone. Zastroe scored all 16 points in the game with two rushing touchdowns and an end zone sack for a safety. That set the stage for a crazed final period. Navy intercepted three passes in the fourth stanza making it five for the game. Navy began to look like a boxer dead on his feet in the final round of a prize fight. Army could not land the knock-out punch. The cadets reached Navy's 21, 15, 5, and 3 yard lines during the fourth quarter, but could not score.

The game ended with Army trying to score from the 3, but they then threw their fifth interception and seventh turnover of the game. Final score Navy 14, Army 2. After the final gun had sounded 3700. Midshipmen dashed onto the field to celebrate one of the biggest upsets in college football history!

Till next time, be a good sport and Happy New Year!!

A Veterans Journal #96

By Joseph Barna • Freeland

USMC, Korea 1952-1953



Happy New Year. If I had to make one resolution it would be to bring back all those veterans who God took too soon. I would trade myself for any of them, any day. If you were in a war and stood feet away from a bullet hitting a young Marine or a shrapnel tearing into another soldier, I know what my New Year's resolution would be. Trade my life for either of them. I have lived through enough years. Let them see their grandkids I've seen and held mine in my arms. I'm feeling at times that I'm running out of tomorrows.

Your life is what's behind you. It's what's ahead of you, and it all lies within you. How have you lived your life? There is a tradition that says: I'm going to make a New Year's resolution. Was there something in the past year that you wish you had done differently? I have always believed what I was doing was the right thing to do. If I was wrong, I was to blame, no one else. It all comes down to believing in yourself.

All my life I found out the greatest thing you can possess are strong friendships, friends that will help you make the right decisions in life. Resolutions, to me, are a way of saying, I could or should have done something a little different, but now it's too late. Never worry to much about what lies ahead of you. What you have done to that point will get you through whatever comes your way. You will never know if a resolution you make will become true. Most of the

things I remember doing during my life, I believed they were the right things to do. If you live with friendship, love, faith, hope, courage and think of others, you don't have to say "Wait till next year, I'll do things differently." Are Resolutions the hope of what may happen?

I believe when I was born, God left a message on the bed lying next to my mother. The message read "When this boy is growing up, teach him to think with his head but act with his heart." I spent two years in the military. Here you don't think for yourself. Others tell you right from wrong, when to sit and when to stand. When to run and when to walk. You may find yourself in combat where there are no times for resolutions. Each day you lived, you had one supreme goal, to stay alive. Many parents prayed that their sons who come home and live a long life. Other parents had to bury a young boy who never got to be a father, who never got to be a grandfather, and who never got to be an old man. What would have been their last resolution?

You are the only one who could decide what kind of life you want to live. It's only one day at a time. When I sat in a trench for many nights, I only asked God for one thing: To see the sunrise the next morning. There are many things one asks for, but never receives. One of these things may be a long life. Be who you are and what you are and only you can decide. No One controls your life but you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025

Joe is the author of "God Makes Angels and Navy Corpsmen: A Korean War Veteran's Memories of the War and Life". The book can be purchased on Amazon.com or directly from the author.



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Saturday, January 18

Schuylkill Winterfest (Pottsville)

See ice sculpture demonstrations, local craft vendors, food, and informational booths. There will also be live entertainment, a pierogy eating contest, boilo contest, and a snowball throwing contest for the kids! For more information <https://www.schuylkillchamber.com/schuylkillwinterfest/>

Monday, January 20

Hazleton Area Public Library (Hazleton)

Book reading and signing by local author Lori Floyd featuring her first children's book *The Adventures of the Explorers' Club in New York City*. Registration is required. Sign up at (570) 454- 2961.

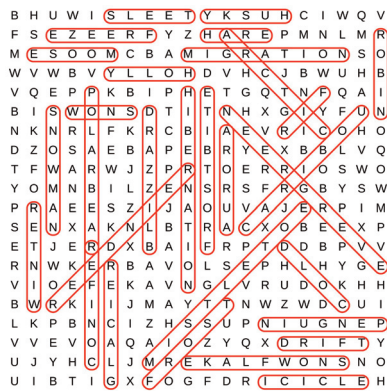
Saturday and Sunday January 25 & 26

Blue Mountain Winterfest (Palmerston)

Meet the USA Luge Team, on-the-snow games, vendors, fireworks, live music and more!

For more information <https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-fest-2/>

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Friday through Sunday

January 24 to 26

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For more information <https://www.facebook.com/clarkssummitfestivities/>

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025

Wine HOPS & Road Stops



SIPPING SKINNY: THE LIGHTER SIDE OF COCKTAILS

Cocktails, the delightful concoctions that turn our evenings into stories and our dance moves into legends. But alas, they also have a sneaky way of turning our calorie counts into something we would rather not believe. Since the new year is here and I am sure many have made certain resolutions concerning weight loss here are some tips to save your waistline and still enjoy a good drink.

• Choose Wisely

Spirits like vodka, gin, or tequila are lower in calories. Remember, moderation is key unless you're dancing to something akin to the Macarena (or whatever the "kids" are doing nowadays), in which case, all bets are off.

• Mix Smart

Use soda water, diet mixers including diet tonic, or fresh juices instead of sugary sodas. Your waistline will thank you, and so will your dentist.

• Garnish Generously

Fresh herbs and citrus slices add flavor without calories. Plus, they make your drink look like it belongs on a fancy Instagram feed.

Enjoying a cocktail doesn't have to mean sacrificing your weight loss goals. With these low-calorie options, you can keep the party going without the caloric worry. Cheers to sipping smart in 2025!

-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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