

# Meet The Makers

## Edition 3: The Muncys



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### **The Makers Market: A Family Affair**

The Muncy Family has turned their collective creativity into a vibrant presence at the Makers Market in Knightstown. This multi-generational family business showcases an array of handmade goods, each piece a testament to their shared passion and dedication to craftsmanship.

The Muncy corner cabin at the Makers Market is a bustling hive of activity, with each family member contributing their unique talents. "We're a very close family with all of us featuring something here in our little Muncy corner cabin," says Sandra Muncy. "My step-son JB creates the 3D art, I make the freeze-dried candy,

my nieces Mary Beth and Mickey both sell items through here, and JB's mom Sharon sells hats through here as well. McKenna and Jaycie Cole manage running the shop as well. This place is open to anyone in the family looking to showcase and sell their handmade items or talents. It's a family business through and through."

The decision to join the Makers Market was driven by the Muncy family's desire to have their own storefront while keeping it manageable and affordable. "We thought it would be fun to try our own storefront, and the Makers Market gave us the option of opening one that was cheaper

and smaller than a brick and mortar, making it very manageable for us starting out," Sandra explains. "We're also allowed to stay year-round and operate if we would like, which is very nice."

### **The Muncy Tree's Deep Roots**

The Muncy family has deep ties to Knightstown, with each member contributing to the community in various ways. "We were all born and raised in this community," Sandra shares. "My husband, Dennis, worked construction here in Knightstown for 50 years. JB's got Pinnacle Woodworking here in town, and I've had my barbershop for 42 years as well".



### **Sandra's Advice for Aspiring Entrepreneurs**

Between cutting hair, selling essential oils, and making freeze-dried delights, Sandra Muncy has done it all when it comes to being a self-made woman. Her journey in entrepreneurship has taught her many valuable lessons, which she is eager to share with the next generation. "Never be afraid to get started. It's an uphill battle at times, but see it through to the end because it's rewarding. Don't give up after the first six months, keep working hard. It takes work, but nothing beats it. I can cut hair, or make candy, and nobody can tell me no." Her advice underscores the importance of perseverance and passion in achieving success.

## **Celebrating The Makers Market**

Sandra is enthusiastic about the opportunities the Makers Market provides. “We think it’s fantastic...I’m glad the Makers Market is here. We needed little places like these cabins. I didn’t want a huge building to fill in one of my first shops, I wanted something easy to operate, and the Makers Market operates very easily.” The market’s emphasis on handmade goods resonates with Sandra’s values. “You also don’t find many handmade vendors anymore, and everybody here puts love into everything they do, and you can’t find much of that anywhere else.”

## **Crafting Community and Connection**

The Muncy Family’s involvement in the Makers Market exemplifies how local businesses can thrive through community support and collaboration. Their diverse offerings—from JB’s intricate 3D art to Sandra’s sweet freeze-dried candies—reflect the eclectic nature of their talents and their commitment to quality. As they continue to innovate and expand, the Muncy Family remains a cornerstone of Knightstown’s creative community, inspiring others with their dedication and entrepreneurial spirit.

Through their hard work and family unity, the Muncys are not just crafting beautiful items; they are building a legacy of creativity and community spirit that enriches Knightstown and its residents.

