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## Looking back

by Phil Dente

I like to consider myself somewhat intelligent. I like to think

that if situations arose, I would handle them in a safe and sane manner, and do the right thing for the moment. This probably comes with age, because it wasn't always like that.

As an old friend and I were reminiscing about past times, he reminded me about an incident that happened to me that I had totally put out of my mind. I put it out of my mind because it bordered on the edge of "stupid, and/or just plain dumb."

Let me explain.

When I first moved to the Poconos, I wanted to "get back to my roots, and be a live off the land kind of guy." I was going to build a windmill for electric, grow my own garden, hunt and fish for my food, and cut plenty of wood for heat for the house.

Hey, I was young. I had a lot of energy then.

That first summer I had a great little garden going. After digging up probably 15 tons of rocks and stones out of the area I wanted to plant, and adding a tandem load of topsoil to fill in the hole left from the removal of the rocks, I finally started producing tomatoes, beans, lettuce, squash and numerous other table vegetables.

Every thing was growing great until mid June. That was when the local animals decided to enjoy some of my harvest. Actually I was sitting on my deck overlooking the garden when a deer first appeared. He headed toward my tomatoes, but when I yelled from the deck, he ran off I knew then that I needed a fence... No, I didn't have one... and no, I don't know why.

I went to the lumberyard and bought a 200-foot roll of 5-foot high chicken wire. I made the fence one continuous piece, so there were no breaks in it. After a full day of driving stakes and wrapping wire I knew my garden was going to be safe now.

Until a week later. As I was looking out my window, my eye caught something big and black making its way out of the woods and heading towards my vegetables. It was a very large black bear!

He went towards my fence and continued to plow right over it, poles and all, as if it wasn't even there. I ran outside screaming and clapping my hands and he turned and ran back over the knocked down section of fencing.

I fixed the fence and several days later, it was knocked down again. This time he got some of my veggies.

This went on for a while, I would fix the fence, and he would knock it down.

Right around the Fourth of July I saw him coming out of the woods in broad daylight and he looked like he was making his usual rounds. This time I was ready for him. I had some firecrackers left over from a family celebration. As he trod right over the fence, I

lit one and tossed it at him. He must have jumped 2 feet into the air, and took off running full steam. The one little problem was this time he didn't go out the way he came in. He ran head first into a standing section of fence, which didn't stop him in the least, and continued running and pulling the fence with him. I watched in horror as the 200-foot fence and the poles holding the fence yanked out of the ground and followed him as he headed towards the woods.

As the fencing and poles from the far section of the garden came across my plants, the vegetables that didn't get sheared completely off were pulled out by their roots and were flying around in the air as if there was a juggler performing his act in my yard.

This out of control bear, now taking my whole fence with him through the woods, got the fence snagged on something, which actually knocked him head over heels backwards.

Did you ever see an angry bear? No, I mean a real angry one!

This lunatic bear looked for a moment like a black blurry buzz saw. He was thrashing and swinging so wildly at everything around him that I saw pieces of my fence flying through the air.

Even though he was a good hundred feet away, I quickly slipped inside my door and watched from the window.

He was out of control, and darn scary, and I certainly didn't want to be the recipient of his anger.

He finally was able to clear himself from the fence and head off towards the woods. I waited a good hour before I peeked my head out from the door and another hour before I ventured to where my shattered fence was laying.

The carnage was incredible. There wasn't one plant standing in its original bed of dirt. My fence was in 20 or 30 pieces and the poles were strewn about as if they were just thrown off the truck.

Needless to say, that was my first and last garden.

I learned a lesson that day... nah, on second thought, I really didn't. But that's another story to tell some other time.

Reprint from July 2015

## How to use yoga to sleep better during the pandemic

(BPT) - Whether due to illness, altered work schedules, homeschooling or social distancing, COVID-19 has impacted us all personally. Stress levels are high, and the resulting anxiety makes it much harder to get a good night's rest. Despite the efforts of the \$70 billion sleep-aid industry, many exhausted people are still searching for ways to get the sleep they need to keep their immune systems strong.

Unfortunately, sleeping pills are the dominant treatment strategy for insomnia. Sleeping pills don't work for everyone, have side effects and do not address the underlying stress that is keeping you awake. That's why medical experts are increasingly advising those struggling with poor sleep to first try more natural solutions. Kundalini Yoga is one viable option. Through the practice of kriyas, specific breath control techniques and exercises, anyone can find the fulfilling rest they need.

These Kundalini Yoga techniques can help if you have recently begun to suffer from poor sleep or you struggle with an ongoing sleep disorder. According to "Yoga Can Help With Insomnia" by Psychology Today, "Researchers at Harvard Medical School investigated how a daily yoga practice might affect sleep for people with insomnia and found broad improvements to measurements of sleep quality and quantity."

The importance of sleep hygiene

First, it's critical to maintain good sleep hygiene. These are the habits that put you in the best position to have a full night of quality sleep. Signs your sleep could use improvement include taking too long to fall asleep, waking multiple times with difficulty falling back asleep, overall light and restless sleep, and drowsiness during the day.

While each person must adopt consistent sleep hygiene practices that work for them, here are some guidelines that you can follow to sleep better.

- \* Avoid bright screens and stimulants like caffeine, alcohol or nicotine close to bedtime.
- \* Exercise during the day so the body is ready to rest later. Be mindful of timing; exercising too late in the day can disrupt sleep.
- \* A light snack is OK, but avoid heavy meals or spicy food before bed.

\* Drink a glass of water before sleep since dehydration can disturb the sleeping mind. Waking up to use the bathroom is less disruptive to a whole night's sleep than dehydration.

\* Practice a restful activity before getting into bed. For example, do gentle yoga and slow breathing exercises, read a book, pray or meditate.

\* If your nighttime sleep is poor, avoid napping during the daytime.

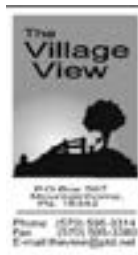
Yogic recommendations: Steps to deep, dreamless sleep  
The 3HO Foundation recommends using these Kundalini Yoga techniques to quickly achieve deep sleep in just a few minutes:

Step 1: A busy mind has difficulty sleeping. Quiet your thoughts by first visualizing all your worries, ideas and problems, wrapping them up in a package, then placing that package on a shelf in your mind. You'll be amazed at how many are gone, solved or improved by the time you wake up.

Step 2: Lie on your stomach, turn your head so your right cheek is on the pillow. This automatically opens your left nostril to bring in cooling, calming energy. Practice long, deep breathing in this position. Then block your right nostril completely with your hand and continue long, deep breathing through the left nostril.

Step 3: Once you feel drowsy, turn to your preferred sleeping position on your back or side. Continue long, deep breathing until asleep.

Sleep is always an important component to health and wellness. During stressful times, quality sleep is difficult to achieve. These steps will help you refine your sleep routine and discover better rest. To learn more, visit [kundaliniresearchinstitute.org](http://kundaliniresearchinstitute.org).



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Cub Scouts participate in Scouting for Food.

Bryce Gross picking up a box of food.

Bear Cub Garrett Nauman and his family, and Webelos Quinten Niering and his mom

Nicholas Trindade delivering a Scouting for Food bag.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts dropping food at CAME



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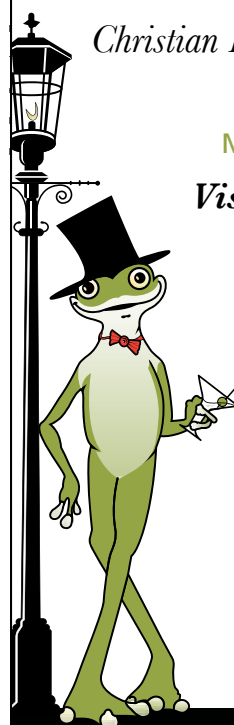
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## The Village Scene

*December Birthdays*

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 Russell Kice  
 Priscilla Kice  
 Dean Kice  
 Paul Briglia  
 Betsy Goll  
 Alexis Vulcano  
 Wendy Talbot  
 Ronda Conti  
 Ron Vogt  
 Kassi Miller  
 Alexis Gehmam  
 Brandon Daryl Arnold  
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 Kenny Pulse  
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*December Anniversaries*

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 David and Cindy Cook  
 Drew and Nancy Price  
 Ian and Christina Sopko  
 Clark and Marge Smith

**Obituaries**

**Ann Marie Toloczko**, PhD, 67, of Pocono Township, passed away on November 7, 2020; **Dominick Lorusso**, 66, of Henryville passed away Friday, November 6, 2020; **Jennifer L. Seamon**, 37, of Scotrun, died Monday, October 26, 2020; **Martin Zacher**, age 87, of Mt. Pocono passed away on October 30, 2020; **Andrea N. Ballesteros**, 34, of Henryville, passed away on Monday, November 30; **Scott D. Hall**, 63, of Tannersville, passed away Monday, November 30, 2020; **Matthew A. Mastruzzo**, 81, of Pittston, passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020; **George Kirms**, 86, of Mountainhome, died Sunday, November 22, 2020; **Cheri Jean (Oppelt) Jones**, 68, of Cresco, died Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2020; **Robert "Bob" Stevens**, 96 of Bartonsville, died Friday, December 4, 2020; **Wayne J. Daubert**, 74, of Tannersville, passed away Friday morning, December 4, 2020; **George L. Strausbough Jr.**, 58, of Mountainhome, passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020;

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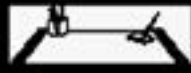
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## Your Village Voice

### Letters to the Editor



The High Acres Park Committee would like to honor the memory of our dear friend and committee member, Cheri Oppelt Jones. We will forever be grateful for her endless commitment to our Veterans, the Memorial Garden, High Acres Park and our community. Her dedication, smile and stories will be deeply missed."

Thank you,  
Susan Seese



## The Grapevine

### Juicy tidbits for Barrett Residents

Please enjoy our column for Barrett residents sharing helpful facts, news you can use and general info.

**Helpful Hint...** Christmas trees can be recycled by dropping them off at the Maintenance Yard located on Sandspring Rd. Deadline for dropping of trees is Jan. 15.

**Reminder:** Stay on top of all that's happening in Barrett Township – attend the Supervisors Meetings and Workshop! The Reorganization meeting will be held on **January 4, 2021 at 9am**. The first monthly meeting will be held directly afterwards. The schedule for 2021 is as follows:

- Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 8am.
- Workshop – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8am.

The Board of Auditors meeting will be January 5 at 7pm.

***Wishing you all a Happy  
and Safe Holiday Season!***

## Rotary Happenings

Congratulations to the 2020 Barrett Township Citizens of the Year - Shawn and Jeanne Wescott



Annie Messina, President of Rotary of the Pocono Mountains presents \$1,000 donation to Grover Cleveland, Fire Chief of Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Company



Annie Messina, President of Rotary of the Pocono Mountains presents \$1,000 donation to Denise Doremus, Executive Director of Pocono Mountain Regional EMS





### Trivia at large

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### Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia???

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia (hlp-o-pOt-o-mOn-strO-sEs-qulp-i-dEli-o-phObiA). That's a long word. It's an ironic word as well.

Especially when you learn the meaning of it. The word Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia means: the fear of long words. Ain't that a kick in the pants?

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## Pack 89 held their November Pack Meeting on November 22 at High Acres Park.

Submitted by Wayne Gross

The pack held a uniform inspection. Gabriel Petroff received the top score and received a prize from Cubmaster Wayne Gross.

Pack 89 would like to thank everyone in the community who participated in Scouting for Food.

The Pack collected 2,438 items within the community for the CAME Food Pantry. We wish to thank everyone for being so generous at this time of need.



Connor Hartmann acts out a charade during the Pack Meeting



Gabriel Petroff receives a prize from Cubmaster Wayne Gross for getting the top uniform inspection score



Bear Den Leader Amy Pallone presents awards to Joshua Pallone and Brent Baker



Quinten Niering received awards from Webelos and Assistant Webelos Leaders Wayne Gross and Nick Petroff



Finn O'Keefe received awards from Webelos and Assistant Webelos Leaders Wayne Gross and Nick Petroff



Arrow of Light Den Leader Harris Zeiler presents awards to Connor Hartmann and Jayden Snyder

## The Annual Village View Christmas Quiz. 2020



John Cafarella

1. What Roman holiday held from December 17th to the 23rd had a large influence on how Christmas was celebrated?  
A. National Toga Day  
B. Kalends  
C. Julius Caesar's Birthday  
D. Saturnalia

2. What political cartoonist is largely responsible for defining what the modern Santa Claus looks like?  
A. Herblock  
B. Thomas Nast  
C. Gary Larson  
D. Stan Lee

3. The song Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas was first performed by Whom and in What Movie?  
A. Frank Sinatra in White Christmas  
B. Bing Crosby in Holiday Inn  
C. Judy Garland in Meet Me in St. Louis  
D. Fred Astaire in Easter Parade

4. In what decade did Coca-Cola start using Santa Claus in advertisements?  
A. 1920's  
B. 1910's  
C. 1890's  
D. 1990s

5. In what country did the beloved hymn Silent Night originate?  
A. Germany  
B. Austria  
C. Myanmar  
D. United States

6. In what country did the custom of putting up a Christmas tree originate?  
A. Norway  
B. Papua New Guinea  
C. Germany  
D. France

7. Who created the first electric light Christmas display?  
A. Nicholas Tesla  
B. Werner von Braun  
C. Alexander Graham Bell  
D. Thomas Edison

8. What country is the Poinsettia, with its red and green foliage, native to?  
A. Mexico  
B. England  
C. Canada  
D. Zimbabwe

9. In the song Frosty the Snowman, what made Frosty come to life?  
A. A picture of a naked Snow woman  
B. An old silk hat  
C. A carrot for his nose  
D. A positive Covid Test

10. In the movie, A Christmas Story, what was the name of the next door neighbors whose dogs ate the Christmas turkey?  
A. The Ralphies  
B. The Andersons  
C. The Bumphuses  
D. The Flicks

11. In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?  
A. Egypt  
B. Turkey  
C. Lichtenstein  
D. Azerbaijan

12. Twas the Night Before Christmas was originally published under what title?  
A. Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
B. Not a Creature was Stirring  
C. A Visit from St. Nicholas  
D. A Burglar's Guide to Chimneys

13. Which colorful and much sung-about Christmas character was invented by American ad writer Robert L. May in 1939?  
A. Frosty the Snowman  
B. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer  
C. Santa Claus  
D. Dominick the Donkey

14. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's dead business partner?  
A. Bram Stoker  
B. Millard Fillmore  
C. Jacob Marley  
D. Bob Cratchet

15. Which song was originally written for Thanksgiving but then became one of the most popular Christmas songs?  
A. Let it Snow  
B. Baby It's Cold Outside  
C. The Macarena  
D. Jingle Bells

Answers: 1. D 2. B 3. C 4. A 5. B 6. C 7. D 8. A 9. B 10. C 11. B 12. C 13. B 14. C 15. D





## Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

***But the prettiest sight to see is the holly  
that will be on your own front door.***

Meredith Willson

I am a law-abiding citizen. I would never think of hurting someone or damaging their property. I stop at red lights and always use my turn signals. I file my taxes and declare everything I can think of. (My husband finds this particularly irritating.) My point is that I walk the "straight and narrow" so well that I annoy even myself.

Except this time of the year.

The fact of the matter is that for several weeks each year I trespass and pilfer shamelessly and that's just the sad, sorry truth.

Here's what happens: Outside our house we have buckets and barrels and all sorts of odd containers that absolutely demand to be filled with greens for the holidays. And we do have greens, I promise you, all over our property. Each year I pull out my trusty garden wagon and spend a happy afternoon or two filling it with a variety of pine branches and whatever other natural material catches my attention. Then I spend another satisfying bundle of time arranging everything in the buckets and barrels and odd containers. And then I step back and say to myself, "We need some color here." That's where the trespassing and pilfering begin.

"Color" means berries. Lots and lots of berries. And, sad to say, our property is a berry-less wasteland. This requires – work with me here – what one might call "The Importation of Berries" which sounds slightly better than "Absconding with Berries from Wherever You Can Find Them."

To this end, from Thanksgiving onward, I travel with a pair of garden snippers in my car's glove box (as one does when planning to commit a crime) and I start traveling the countryside in search of the very best berry bushes. I do have my standards, by the way, so you can rest assure that I would never sneak onto your front lawn and snip away at your shrubbery (though I've been tempted, I admit) but if you happen to have a nice selection of berry bushes growing alongside a quiet country road, I will most definitely stop to investigate.

You may not realize this, but berry bushes are tricky things. Some are covered with sharp, nasty thorns. (I prefer my pilfering to be pain-free whenever possible.) Some berry bushes have very little "staying power." I learned this the hard way after arriving home once with a trunkful of naked branches - not a single berry still attached. (I was still unearthing them from odd corners of my car well into April.) The highest quality berry bushes I've found - the ones that have no thorns and that stay hale and hearty for weeks - grow best, unfortunately, in swampy, wet areas. More than once I have literally balanced on thin ice around a stand of bushes, only to hear that dreaded crack, then found myself ankle-deep in muddy water. The bad news is hypothermia. The good news is how fast and efficient I become at berry harvesting under such conditions.

I try to be mindful that I'm not the only one who desperately wants these berries, by the way. Untold legions of birds count on them to get through the long winter and, since I don't want hungry-bird-guilt to weigh on my conscience (I've got enough paraphernalia lingering in that department already) I try to take only a few branches from any one area. This means that it takes countless trips afar to get the "color" all those buckets, barrels, and odd containers demand, but it's a burden I'm willing to bear.

When at last I feel that I've achieved the optimal berry-to-pine ratio in my containers, I remove the garden snippers from my glovebox, sweep the evidence (I mean berries) from my trunk, and pat myself on the back for once again avoiding the Long Arm of the Law.

Then return again to my boring, law-abiding self. Until next year...



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by Charlie

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 11/2 - 6:05pm - 10 men - 1 truck - wires & pole fire - Spring Lake Dr.  
 11/7 - 4:36 - 11 men - 2 trucks - brush fire - Paradise Twp. - assist station #32  
 11/9 - 11:57am - 15 men - 2 trucks - brush fire - Devils Hole Rd.  
 11/11 - 7:50pm - 4 men - no trucks - gas alarm - Oak Lane.  
 11/14 - 6:52pm - 7 men - 1 truck - odor investigation - propane leak - Tom's Country Kitchen.  
 11/16 - 2:04am - 6 men - 1 truck - carbon monoxide alarm - Rt. 390.  
 11/20 - 7:56pm - 9 men - 1 truck - brush fire - Oak Lane.  
 11/26 - 10:58pm - 8 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Sky Village Rd. - no fire.  
 11/28 - 9:33pm - 5 men - 1 truck - vehicle accident - Rt. 390.  
 11/30 - 7:26am - 5 men - no trucks - controlled burn - Beartown Rd.

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Some of the items we accept:

- Furniture: Dressers, Nightstands, Tables and Chairs, etc
- Small Appliances: Toasters, Irons, Coffee Pots, Lamps
- Linens: Sheets, Blankets, Pillows and Towels
- Pots and Pans, Kitchen Utensils, Dishes etc.

*Please ensure all donations are in good condition and working order. We will not accept torn or damaged furniture. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any item.*

Donations & Pick-Ups: The Community Shed is located at the Municipal Building (993 Route 390, Cresco) and is available for Donations or Pick-ups between 8am to 4pm Monday-Friday, call Pam Gardsy - 570-595-2602 ext 3 for an appointment. Gently-used items will be inspected and placed into inventory. The inventory list will be posted on Barrett Township's website: [www.BarrettTownship.com](http://www.BarrettTownship.com). We ask that items be in good condition; we have the right to refuse any item.





Photos from the Rotary sponsored annual Christmas Tree Lighting held at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church grounds.  
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1. 1878 – Sunday - An amazing invention – but who would ever want to use one?.....Rutherford B. Hayes..... Yet he had Alexander Graham Bell install the first telephone in the White House. Lost amidst the clutter on his desk, it was like finding a needle in a Hayes stack.
2. 1823 – Tuesday President James Monroe proclaimed the “Monroe Doctrine.” He stated that Marilyn Monroe should only star in comedies and not dramas like The Misfits or Clash By Night . The Doctrine forbade European interference in the American hemisphere.
3. 1999 - Friday Lost, One Mars Polar Lander. The craft was in the final minutes of slowing itself down, ready to make a self-controlled touch down and then like Paul Hogan, Shelley Long, or Ralph Macchio, was never heard from again.
4. 1858 – Friday, Happy Birthday, Chester Greenwood, inventor of earmuffs.
5. 1933 – Tuesday The 21st Amendment to the Constitution repealed the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, aka Prohibition. This was the first time that an amendment repealed an amendment.
6. 1921 –Tuesday.... The Irish Free State was declared ending a centuries long struggle for independence. Now known as the Republic of Ireland, the new country – 4/5 of the island- had been under British control since the rule of King Henry II in the 12th century.
7. 1941- Sunday - At 7:55 a.m, Japanese armed forces launched a surprise attack on the U.S Naval base at Pearl Harbor, resulting in major damage to the American Pacific fleet. Over 2,400 killed Americans were killed
8. 1542 – Tuesday - Happy Birthday, over romanticized royal dim bulb, Mary, Queen of Scots. Mary was not the sharpest knife in

cousin Queen Elizabeth.

9. 1884 – Tuesday - The first U.S. patent for ball-bearing roller skates was issued to Levant M. Richardson. Roller skates had first appeared in 1760 when London inventor, Joseph Merlin, attended a masquerade party wearing one of his new inventions. Mr. Merlin decided to make a grand entrance by rolling in while playing the violin. Lining the huge ballroom was a very expensive wall-length mirror. Unfortunately, Merlin had not invented brakes nor figured out how to stop and so the fiddling skater crashed directly into the mirrored wall.
10. 1927 – Saturday - The Grand Old Opry made its first radio broadcast from Nashville, Tennessee. It had begun broadcasting in November of 1925 and the show was known as the WSM Barndance
11. 1972 – Monday - Apollo 17 astronauts Gene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt, a geologist, landed on the moon for a three-day exploration. This would be the final Apollo mission to the moon.
12. 1787 – Wednesday - Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution. Which was the second? Did you say Pennsylvania?
13. 1936 – Sunday - The Redskins ....Washington Football Team.....played their last football game in Boston. The next season the Redskins began playing in Washington, DC. You didn't know the Redskins played in Boston? Neither did anyone else. That's why they moved
14. 1799 – Saturday - George Washington died of acute laryngitis - inflammation of his epiglottis, the small flap at the top of the larynx- at his estate in Virginia. Rendered speechless, he was 67 years old.
15. 1836 –

Thursday - A fire destroyed the U.S. Patent Office located at Blodgett's Hotel in Washington, D.C.... It is believed that the great great grandfather of John Cafarella lost several patents including the electric light, the telephone, the automobile, the airplane (including the jet), the television, the computer, and the iPhone.

16. 1773 – Thursday - The Boston Tea Party at and subsequently in Boston Harbor, as a group of colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded three British tea ships and dumped 342 chests of tea into the harbor to protest the British tax on tea.

17. 1843 – Tuesday - Charles Dickens' classic story A Christmas Carol was first published. Of course in our stridently politically correct world, the Thought Police would insist that it be published as The Holiday Season Carol.

18. 1892 – Sunday - The first performance ....and certainly not the last!.....of Tchaikovsky's ballet The Nutcracker was held at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia.

19. 1999 – Sunday - The launch of the shuttle Discovery, STS 103. The primary objective of was the servicing of the Hubble Space Telescope. The Hubble telescope had been on the fritz since November and had only taken astronaut selfies.

20. 1938 - Tuesday, Vladimir Zworkin obtained the first patent for electronic television.

21. 1913 – Sunday - Let's see, a three letter word for wildebeest....aha!..... gnu! The first crossword puzzle, invented by journalist Arthur Wynne, was published, in the New York World.

Wynne's puzzle differed from today's crosswords in that it was diamond shaped and contained no internal black squares.

22. 1882 - Friday - The first string of electric Christmas tree lights was created by Thomas Edison's associate, Edward H. Johnson. He decorated the Christmas tree in his home.

23. 1750 – Wednesday - Benjamin Franklin received an electrical shock while electrocuting a turkey. He believed electrocuting the turkey made it uncommonly tender as a meal and with Christmas just two days later.... well wouldn't you?

24. 1822 – Tuesday - Clement Clark Moore wrote his poem about The Night Before Christmas, entitled, A Visit, from St. Nicholas. It would be published, anonymously in 1823 in the New York Sentinel. It was not until 1844 that Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.

25. Merry Christmas

26. 336 – Friday - The oldest existing record of a Christmas celebration was found in a Roman almanac that told of a Christ's Nativity festival led by the Church of Rome. In 325 the Emperor Constantine declared December 25th to be an Immovable Feast for the whole Roman Empire.

27. 1865-Tuesday The first coffee percolator was patented. The inventor, James Nason was accused of being a drip.

28. 1932 – Tuesday- Radio City Music Hall opened. In case you were wondering, the Rockettes who had made their debut in Missouri in 1925 as the Missouri Rockets, were there on opening

night and have been there ever since.

29. 1845-Saturday - Ether as an anesthetic was first used in childbirth by Dr. Crawford W. Long in Jefferson, Ga. Dr. Long administered it to his wife and she successfully gave birth to a baby girl, their second child, Sleepy. Actually, she was named Fanny – perhaps after the area where the anesthetic was administered?

30. 1848 – Friday - President James Polk turned on the first gas light at the White House. The gas was piped into the chandeliers in the East Room. Everyone then gathered in a circle and sang Kumbaya.

31. 1916 – Saturday - Grigory Rasputin, the Russian monk, was murdered by Russian nobles. Here's what they did. First they poisoned him. That didn't work. Then they shot him. He jumped up and beat up the shooter. He was shot again. That didn't work. Finally, they tied him up and threw him in the river. He was still alive when he drowned.

32. 1938 - Saturday, Just in time for New Years, The “drunkometer,” a breath test for drivers, was introduced in Indianapolis. It was the first machine for testing human blood alcohol content by breath analysis.

And A Scottish Hogmonay (New Year's Eve) Toast to al. – “A guid New Year to ane an' a' and mony may ye see” For the non-Scots out there – A good New Year to one and all and many may you see.

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### The following individuals waived their right to a preliminary hearing:

- **Gregory H. Gordon**, 35, of Landing No, charged with aggravated assault, use of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, simple assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and harassment.
- **Samuel Torres Daniels**, 22, of Gastonia NC., charged with strangulation, reckless endangerment, 2 counts of simple assault, and harassment.
- **Sean Ray Luis Morre**, 21, of Tobyhanna, charged with terroristic threats, simple assault, resisting arrest, possessing instrument of crime, disorderly conduct, and harassment.
- **Linda M. Wade**, 60, of Laurelton, NY, charged with retail theft.

### The following individuals entered a guilty plea:

- **Tishown Dominick Ragland**, 25, of Cresco, charged with false identification.
- **Danielle Marie Metz**, 44, of Summit Hill, charged with 2 counts of theft.

### Charges against the following individuals were held for court:

- **Kwesi Azikiwe Skerritt**, 39, of Bronx NY, charged with criminal trespass, simple assault, and criminal mischief.

### Non-Traffic

- **Richard C. Nations**, 42, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of retail theft.

## 2021 Dog Licenses Available at County Treasurers' Offices;

Dog License Sales Begin December 1, 2020 - All Dogs Must be Licensed by Jan. 1, 2021

Pennsylvanians can purchase 2021 dog licenses starting December 1st from their county treasurers. State law requires all dogs three months and older to be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year.

An annual dog license is \$8.50, or \$6.50 if the animal is spayed or neutered. Lifetime licenses are available for dogs that have permanent identification (microchip or tattoo). Older adults and people with disabilities may be eligible for discounts.

The dog license application is simple and only requests owner contact information and details about the dog being licensed, including name, age, breed and color.

Yearly Dog Licenses can be purchased by coming in person to our office, by mail, or online (convenience fees apply) [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com) -- Lifetime Dog Licenses can be purchased in our office or by mail only with application and microchip/tattoo verification form signed by vet, vet tech or shelter.

Be aware that there are fake online PA dog license sites. The only Monroe County, PA website to purchase your dog license is: [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com)

Monroe County Treasurer, Theresa Johnson, offered these reasons for dog licensing:

□ If a dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him/her back. A license helps animal control and shelters identify a dog and its rightful owners.

□ It's the law. All dogs three months and older must have a current license.

□ The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one. Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.

□ License fees support animal control. The annual fee to license a dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which provides a number of vital services to protect dogs and the public. Last year, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement: 0,,

o Enforced health and safety regulations in kennels by licensing 2,428 such operations and conducting more than 5,200 inspections.

o Helped to secure more than 4,500 stray dogs, placing them in shelters until those that were licensed could be reunited with their owners.

o Issued more than 3,000 citations and filed 115 misdemeanor complaints for violations of the Dog Law, including failing to license dogs, abandoning dogs, and allowing them to run at large.

o Investigated nearly 1,500 dog bites, and they investigated and monitored 587 dogs that were deemed dangerous by magisterial judges.

For more information, contact Monroe County Treasurer Theresa Johnson at 570-517-3180 or by email:

[tjohnson@monroecountypa.gov](mailto:tjohnson@monroecountypa.gov)

For a list of all county treasurers, or more information on dog licenses and dog laws go directly to the PA Department of Agriculture at [www.licenseyourdogPA.com](http://www.licenseyourdogPA.com) or call the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement Office at 717-787-3062.

MEDIA CONTACT: Monroe County Treasurer's Office, One Quaker Plaza, Room 103, Stroudsburg, PA 18360



## Price Township man making a gift to the future

Editor's note: "Woods and Water" is a new occasional feature focusing on the relation between land and water quality – and the conservation easements that help preserve our environment in the Brodhead watershed.  
By Carol Hillestad  
For Brodhead Watershed Association

With his chocolate lab, Annie, gallivanting in the lead, Bart Bartolacci is showing me around his 40-acre private preserve along Stony Run in Price Township.

He's already explained the backstory. It was the dearest wish of his wife, Vivian, to keep this land protected. She loved fly fishing here and at a nearby fishing club, and wanted to be sure this wild woodland would never become lawns and McMansions. Together, she and Bart made plans with a land trust to conserve the land permanently.

But conservation easements take time; fate intervened, and Vivian didn't live quite long enough to see her wish fulfilled.

"She knew it was in the works. That gave her peace," Bart says.

The woods are managed mostly by nature. Most storm-toppled trees lie where they fall, eventually becoming "nurse logs"

that host lichens, ferns, saplings, and countless small creatures. Dry, brown curlicues are all that's left of summer's hay-scented fern, and wintergreen grows in the leaf litter beneath red stems of blueberries.

A long stretch of crystal-clear Stony Run meanders in and out of view. Its many braided strands come together as the water runs downstream into Brodhead Creek. From a wetland high on the Pocono Plateau, through this preserved land, it makes its way to the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Nature is in charge here, but humans have left traces, too. Old stone walls mark boundary lines, and Bart points out a less common marker: a white oak, intentionally bent as a sapling, now grown into a conspicuous, L-shaped sentinel tree, about 130 years old — its purpose a mystery.

We circle around the perimeter, which abuts another 400-acre property that has also been protected by a land trust. In fact, several landowners in the area have conserved their property with conservation easements.

"Every conservation easement is different," commented Louise Troutman, director of Pocono Heritage Land Trust, a local non-profit. "Some owners want to carve out an area in case children, grandchildren or a future owner wants to build a home one day. Others want to ensure there will be no future development at all."

Each easement is tailored to the property and the property owner's wishes.

What conservation easements have in common is protecting land permanently. "You still own the land — you can sell it, for instance, or bequeath it to anyone you choose. The restrictions on development become part of the deed, so you, your heirs, or any other future owner will be bound by them," Troutman says. As holder of the easement, part of a land trust's job is to monitor the property and ensure it is protected "basically forever," she adds.

The land remains private, but we all benefit when someone conserves land.


Natural forest land keeps drinking water from creeks and private wells safe and pure. It protects against floods and erosion. Neighboring property values tend to increase. Beautiful views remain undisturbed. Air quality stays high. Wildlife thrives on pure water, natural habitat, and room to roam.

We're nearly back to where we started when Bart stops at an upright, head-high boulder. "When her illness got hard to bear," Bart said, "this is where Vivian would come, to rest against this rock in the stillness."

It's good to know that thanks to two special people, this land will support healthy forest and pristine waters, as far as the future flows.

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***During these trying times that sentiment has never been more heartfelt. This year has seen many changes in the way we do business and our community has supported us throughout all the ups and downs- or lets say dine in and take outs.***

***During the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. We are blessed to do business in our small town and consider our customers more than just that, you are all friends to us.***

***It is in this spirit that we say thank you and***

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*Submitted by Susan Seese*



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## Library Letters

By MaryAnn Lewis

Hello,  
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down and what a year it's been! We knew it would be a different kind of year for the Library with Cindy retiring, but nobody could have anticipated what was to come thanks to the global pandemic that has turned not just our own community, but the entire world, on its head. Running the Library in these times has been an adventure, to say the least—fortunately, I love adventure! As a new director I was expecting challenges, just not the unique ones we face due to the public health crisis. What makes all of this manageable, and gratifying, is how everyone comes together to make things work. Library Staff has stepped up to take on additional tasks (we miss our volunteers and can't wait till it's safe for everyone to return!) and creatively adapt to COVID-inspired services like virtual programming & curbside delivery. We have wise and wonderful Trustees who have been supportive throughout all of our challenges. The broader library community has been an amazing resource for information, ideas, and comradery. And last (and far from least), our local community has been inspiring in its unwavering support (in so many ways), understanding, and encouragement. Thank you to all!

So as 2020 winds down, instead of viewing this past year as life being unfair, I'm grateful for all the positives, like finding myself in a wonderful place where it feels like I'm meant to be. Look out 2021—I'm ready for whatever challenges you throw my way! (Within reason, of course...) As always, the Library is here for everyone, virtually and otherwise. Please take the time to explore what we have to offer and discover your own reasons to love Barrett Paradise Friendly Library. **Stop by and browse!** The building is open during the following times: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am – 4:30pm  
Wed: 10am – 6:30pm  
Sat: 10am – 1:30pm  
Staff are available for an additional ½ hour at the end of each day to answer phones and provide

curbside delivery service.

It's been wonderful seeing more people in the building! We also appreciate that everyone has been following our COVID safety protocols.

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**\*\*Please note that we CANNOT accept used book or DVD donations until further notice\*\***

The Shakespeare group is reviving their weekly meeting on Zoom! Celebrate the season with take home kits for kids and adults. Get your game on with a Facebook Live Trivia Night! Programs & descriptions below. Check our Facebook page for additional programs, posts, and opportunities: [www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary). Virtual & TO-GO Programs for Children

All programs take place on Facebook unless otherwise noted. Our live videos can be seen at [www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary/live/](https://www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary/live/). You don't need a Facebook account to view. Call the Library to reserve take-home bags: 570-595-7171.

### December S.T.E.A.M. Challenge: Igloo Fun

Take-home bags available beginning 12/1. Submit your picture before December 30th. All Ages.

Build an igloo using marshmallows and toothpicks. Gather materials on your own or pick up supplies from the library.

**Holiday Lights-Winter Celebrations Around the World** Mondays in December: 7th – Hanukkah; 14th – St. Lucia Day; 21st- Christmas; 28th – Kwanzaa. All Ages. Check our Facebook page every Monday in December. We'll share stories, crafts, and songs that explore Winter holidays around the world. Craft supplies available for pickup at the library each Monday.

### Baby & Toddler Story Time

**To-Go.** Take-home bags available beginning 12/1 – Facebook Live events on 12/8 & 12/22 at 10AM.

Ages 0-3. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

**Saturday Night Library:** Episode 4 "Cocoa & Canvas"

Saturday, December 19th 7pm on Facebook Live. Take-home kits available 12/14. Ages 6-12.

Join us on Facebook Live for a fun painting project of a lighted winter scene.

January S.T.E.A.M. Challenge:

### Winter Photography

All Ages. A winter-themed list of photography challenges will be posted to our Facebook page on January 1st. Submit your pictures to our Facebook page or [chelseabpfl@gmail.com](mailto:chelseabpfl@gmail.com) before January 31st.

### Preschool Story Time Pals To-Go

Ages 3-5. To-go bags available on ¼ – Facebook Live programs on Thursdays, 1/7 & 1/21, at 10:30AM. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home! Baby & Toddler Story Time To-Go Ages 0-3. Take-home bags available beginning ¼ – Facebook Live events on Tuesdays, 1/12 & 1/26 at 10:30AM. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

### Adult Virtual & Take Home Programs

Adult Take-Home Crafts: Peppermint Candy Dishes, Cinnamon Rudolph Ornaments, & Book Scroll Wreaths  
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Wednesdays @2:00pm

The Bard Group is back on Zoom with the brilliant and hilarious Pat Williams. If you'd like to join, please call or email the library with your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

December 14th Cookie Recipe Exchange

Share your favorite cookie recipes on our Facebook cookie exchange! We'll post a prompt in the morning, and we'd love for you to add your recipe and a picture, if you have one.

December 19th @ 7:00 pm

### Facebook Live Trivia: Holiday Movies

Test your knowledge on holiday movies during our Facebook Live trivia challenge! We'll be there to ask the questions, and you can give us your answers in the comment section.

Monday, January 4th January

### Trivia

Test your trivia skills by answering questions about events throughout history that have taken place in January. We will post the link to the trivia game on our Facebook page.

Monday, January 11th Adult Take-Home Craft: Stress Relief

This month, our adult take-home craft bags will contain the supplies to make a stress ball. Call the library to reserve yours today!

Thursday, January 14th @6:30pm  
Virtual Writing Group

We invite all writers to our virtual

writing group! If you're interested, please contact the library with your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Below are a few of the online resources available through the library. Take advantage of technology! Visit our website to browse more online resources and get details on using them.

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Brainfuse provides support for learners of all ages, with an emphasis on assisting students in grades K-12. The Homework HelpNow service is staffed by professional tutors with expertise in all K-12 subjects. Online tutoring is available from 2 pm to 10 pm, seven days a week, to anyone with a library card.

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Carol Hillestad is a hike leader and writer for Get Outdoors Poconos, a grant-funded series administered by Brodhead Watershed Association. Go to [brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos](http://brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos) for information on this as well as other preserved lands and hiking areas in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. The series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

### Super Crossword

Answers

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**Trivia at Large****The Three Stooges Ballroom Dancer**

The Three Stooges were a famous vaudeville and comedy act team that began performing in 1922. Throughout its history, the trio of stooges consisted of Moe, Larry, curly, Shemp, and curly Joe. Of these, curly was the ballroom dancer. Jerome "Curly" Howard, younger brother to both Moe and Shemp, was a skilled basketball player in addition to being an accomplished dancer.

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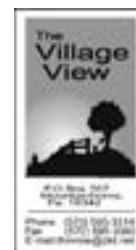
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The Friendly Community Center hopes that everyone stays in good health and looks forward to continuing great programs to help everyone Stay Healthy, Keep fit & Have Fun! Wishing a Merry Christmas, Joyful Holidays and Happy Healthy New Year!

Currently The FCC building is closed for the remainder of 2020, but we have added more online classes and are also offering classes at outdoor venues. The FCC offers something for everyone at all member levels. For more information on how to participate in programs at The FCC, call Nicole Abrams at 570-481-4330 or email [info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org). For a full listing of programs, visit The FCC's website [www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org](http://www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org).

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#### NEARLY NEW NEWS!

The Nearly New Shop is so grateful for all the wonderful volunteers and loyal customers who make their non-profit store so successful. Thanks to all of you who donate items to us and to those of you who consign items with us. We'd especially like to thank the following volunteers, who come to us from Greentown, Newfoundland, Saylorsburg, East Stroudsburg, Bartonsville, Mountainhome, Cresco and Canadensis: Amy Barrett, Sylvia Benson, Jane Brush, Susan Cavaleri, Madeline Celentano, Frances Ciampoli, Jane Cleveland, Pat Deberadinis, Marie Englert, Kristal Gavidia, Lorraine Grecco, Kathy Hollowell, Betty Heckman, Elizabeth Hering, Judy McCoy, Lorrie McCoy, Monika McDonnall, Judy McGuire, Ann Marie Mannino, Faith Moore, Mary Morris, Betty Oppelt, Helene Pohl, Hildegard Pohl, Donna Price, Sheila Pugliese, Sue Rolando, Pam Sheloski, Brenda Sherwood, Tana Thorn, Donna Townsend, Linda Van Why, Terri Wetherill, Linda Whidden, PJ Williams and Judy Young.

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Due to the current health crisis, the shop hours will remain 10-2 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Consignments are accepted on Tuesdays from 10-12. Donations are accepted any day the store is open. Please remember that we do not accept televisions, computers or any other electronic devices. Stop in and see all the wonderful clothing, jewelry, shoes, toys, housewares and holiday items we have on sale.

In observance of the upcoming holidays, our store will be closed December 24th thru January 2nd. We will re-open Tuesday, January 5th.

We wish everyone have a safe, healthy and wonderful holiday!



# Super Crossword

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### ACROSS

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6 Very moving  
14 "I, Albin"  
20 Fast forward  
21 Industry of  
22 Not as fully  
23 1987 Steven  
24 Spelling  
25 Hubs  
26 Hang on to  
27 Start to  
28 Here that  
29 Part of a  
30 1930s  
31 Suffix with  
38 Major  
40 Called off the  
41 Quicker with  
42 Neophyte

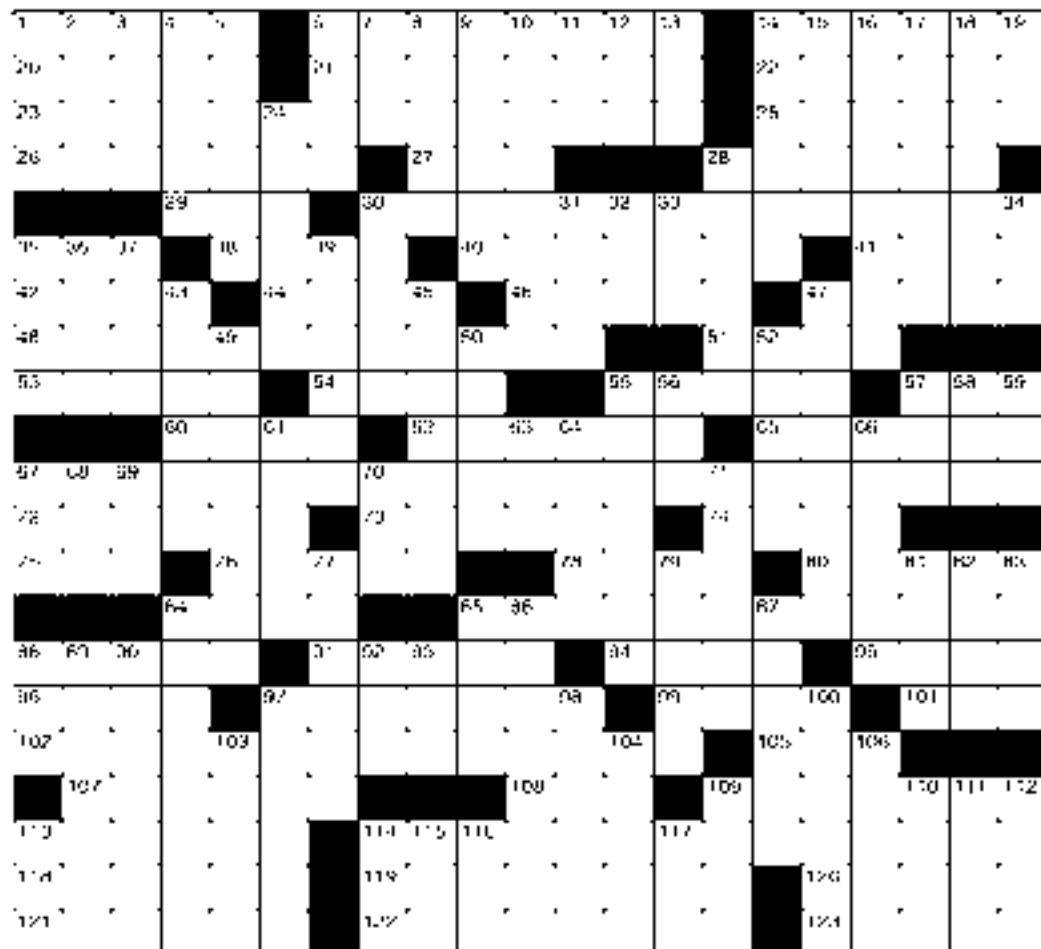
- 43 Rubber  
45 Longtime  
47 Mocha  
48 Haze  
51 Has been  
53 Suite with  
54 Online to  
55 Put on one's  
57 Dances  
60 Spontaneous  
62 Jazzy  
65 Speechless  
67 What you do  
72 Two questions  
73 That's not  
74 Blame  
75 I'm not  
76 More  
78 The element  
80 Hub

- 84 Venice  
85 Festival  
88 Japanese  
91 Half of a 45  
94 Axes  
95 Van Dyke  
96 Hair do  
97 Message  
99 Line  
101 Doves  
102 Greeting  
105 Round of  
107 Page  
108 Aussie  
109 Fair play  
113 Dances  
114 Composer of  
118 Famous  
119 Live taken  
120 Maltese  
121 Longtime  
122 It's not  
123 The comment  
DOWN  
1 Bower

- 2 Verbs  
3 30-day  
4 24-hour  
5 After  
6 Grief  
7 Aisha  
8 Jack  
9 In the  
10 Legless  
11 Mops  
12 The  
13 With  
14 Even though  
15 Big Deal  
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26 Feline  
30 Liss  
31 Time to  
32 Blame  
33 Nation  
34 Vancouver

- 35 Facts  
36 Inner  
37 Magic  
38 Comedy  
43 Gail  
45 Lord  
47 Do some  
49 Mail  
55 Phone  
56 Kid  
57 12  
58 Two  
59 Navy  
61 Give  
63 Bitter  
64 Cyst  
66 Nails  
67 Hates  
68 Talker  
69 "Huh"  
70 Yacht  
71 Republic  
72 Tissue

- 79 Lined up  
81 Verbs  
82 Bar  
83 Fleet  
84 De  
85 The  
86 Not  
87 Library  
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89 Fuel  
90 Star  
92 Star  
93 The  
97 Fuel  
98 Play  
100 Bed  
103 More  
104 Pro  
106 10-day  
109 Construction  
110 V  
111 Learning  
112 Shot  
113 So  
114 Boys  
115 One  
116 Tech  
117 Sea



Answers on Page 19

Old man walks up and says, "For sixty years I've been trying to figure out why we vote in November. Finally found the answer this year."

"Why's that?"

"Better selection of turkeys!"

Doctors at a hospital in Brooklyn, New York have gone on strike!

Hospital officials say they will find out what the doctors' demands are as soon as they can get a pharmacist over there to read the picket signs.

My friend seemed really down as we were having an after work visit to the local bar. After a few beers he finally shared his story. "I finally snapped. Last night while I was going over the bills, I discovered how much money my wife squanders and I hit the roof."

I stormed into the bedroom and gave her a lecture on economy and thrift."

"Did it help?"

"I'll say."

Tomorrow we're selling my boat and sailing equipment."

What do you call a dog that won't come when you call it, refuses to sleep in it's bed, and seldom wants to play?  
A cat.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## CryptoQuip

This is a word substitution puzzle in which each letter used stands for another. If you know that X represents Q, then you can figure out the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Squares T

MFUO XBY MOPGJ SMFS SMO

UFKJFGH JOHSDBXOJ DBFJ HQTKH.

NYGGQKT BYS FGC SMO HSBNH?



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