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Photo: Rick Koval (left)  
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**Photo from the Troop 89 Court of honor and the Pack 89 Meeting.** Submitted by Wayne Gross. More photos on Page 9





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## Looking Back

by Phil Dente

Years ago I did time working at an advertising agency in Newark, N.J. I say "did time" because it was anything but a job; lots of pressure, a zillion hours, and no life to call your own. So, I do somewhat understand the folks who work at these jobs are stressed at times. But, for the life of me I cannot comprehend where they are getting some of their ideas for ads I have seen on TV. For instance; there is an ad that shows people leaving an

eating establishment soaking wet and smiling.

The next scene shows customers sitting at tables inside when all of a sudden one fellow peels back a sticker on a soda container and with a loud "yahoo" proceeds to fling his soda in the air thereby soaking his fellow diners who, get this, are so happy this fellow apparently has won something they are smiling and cheering along with the "soda flinger."

I'm not sure, but I think he won a free meal or something.

Then another fellow on the other side of the room does the

same. Now, I'm not usually a violent person, but if I was dining in this establishment at that time and received a soaking of sticky soda, I do believe that fellow would from that point on be walking around with a salt shaker in one ear and a pepper shaker in the other.

What are these admen thinking? Here's even a better one.

It was a paper towel commercial. A boy (maybe nine or ten years old, I'm guessing) walks into the kitchen where his mother is working at the sink.

The lad takes a large soda bottle from the refrigerator and for whatever reason decides to shake it up.

The lid is not on tight and, soda being what it is, the pressure from the fizzies is too much and the pressure blows off the lid, shoots out toward his mother and sprays her from head to toe.

Folks, if that was my mother, rest her dear soul, my ears would be twice as large as they now are from her dragging me by them up two flights of stairs to be flung in my room with the promise of never seeing the kitchen or any other part of the house for that matter for the next five years.

But, what does this mother do? Now get this...she takes the hose from the kitchen sink, admonishes the boy that he shouldn't do that... *he should do this*, then proceeds to spray him, the table, the walls, and the floor with water.

He in turn, shakes the bottle even more and they are having an all-out spray-a-thon. Then, here's the best part. The mother removes a single paper towel from the roll and proceeds to wipe up the mess.

Man, what a product that must be. When I first saw this commercial I sat stunned in disbelief.

I looked over at my wife Patti and I swear I saw her jaw touching the floor.

Then we both started sputtering to each other about what a stupid, stupid, stupid, stupid, (OK, one more) stupid commercial that was and vowed to never buy

whatever product it was they were advertising.

I don't even want to know what kind of mind wrote the one about the little kid who finds himself in the pure white living room with pure white drapes, rugs, furniture, etc, and an open container of chocolate syrup which he gleefully keeps jumping on as the chocolate squirts everywhere. But the mother is not too upset because she is brain dead, oops, I mean she has a product that will clean that mess right up. So what's the problem!

Folks, If the advertisers want my business, I need to be amused, not flabbergasted.

Case inpoint...did anybody see the window cleaner commercial with the two crows sitting on a tree near a house?

A fellow is lying in his lounge chair on the patio.

One crow flies around the front of the house and rings the doorbell then returns to his perch.

The fellow gets up, goes through the patio door to answer the front doorbell leaving the patio door ajar.

One of the crows flies over and shuts the door, then goes back to his perch and says to the other, "Ok! Watch this! Here he comes." Now here comes the man from inside the house apparently thinking the door is still open because it's so clean.

I guess I got my sense of humor from growing up in the "Three Stooges Era," because when that fellow slammed into the door, crumbling like a piece of stale cake and landing on the floor looking like Beetle Bailey does after tangling with "Sarge," I myself landed on the floor from laughing so hard.

My granddaughter Savannah was at our house watching also, and I knew she thought the commercial was funny, but I think her seeing me in a roaring fit of laughter was even funnier.

So now, whenever the commercial comes on at her house she is compelled to call me on the phone to tell me so.

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They were good commercials."

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## A Legacy of Stitches

Monroe County residents, Marianne Bridges and Marie Guidry, will present a Barrett Township Historical Society program about the ongoing efforts to identify the quilt makers and preserve the history of old and new quilts. There is concern that many quilt makers have about not being credited with the making of their quilts or identifying the makers of quilts in their possession. Examples of quilts will be shown and their unique characteristics pointed out.

This public program will be presented at 7 pm on May 20, 2022 at the Friendly Community Center, 6683 Route 191, Cresco, PA 18342. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program.

For more information, please call 570-481-4622  
or email [stationmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:stationmuseum@gmail.com).



Our program for April was “50 Things to Know About Birds in Pennsylvania” by Darryl and Jackie Speicher. Their book is part of a series about birds in all 50 states written by different authors and is presented from the regional view of the state. Why is PA one of the best places to see fall migration of hawks and eagles? Where can I see sandhill cranes in PA. What is the state bird in PA?

Darryl spoke about the “Yucatan Express” which is the spring migration from South America across the Gulf of Mexico. It is amazing how far and how fast migrating birds can fly. Everyone learned some fascinating facts. For example, did you know that hummingbirds collect spider webs for their nests; birds of prey can be identified by their tail feathers; you can see woodcock at Gravel Family Nature Preserve and enjoy a great hike? We were entertained with some hilarious stories of Darryl’s birding experiences and he has MANY!! He also can do some mighty good bird calls. So, get out there and enjoy the birds!



# 2022 Township Clean-up

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May 7, 2022 • June 4, 2022 • July 9, 2022  
August 6, 2022 • September 10, 2022 • October 1, 2022

Items accepted ONLY on these dates/times. Please no calls during the week.

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**Clean-Up takes place at the Barrett Township Maintenance Facility, 194 Sandspring Rd, Cresco, PA.  
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 Clark Smith  
 Kayla Powell  
 Brooke Hardy  
 Trevor Sekula  
 Tina Fornwald  
 Dawn Cello  
 Joseph Callopy  
 Katherine Callopy  
 Jason LaBar  
 Cathryn McKinney

*May Anniversaries*

Rick & Katie Hamlet  
 Ken & Ailsa Tessier  
 Rick & Debby Franzo  
 Mark & Tina Fornwald  
 Joseph & Tiana Gering

## Obituary for William C. Warner



On March 25, 2022, William C. Warner of Canadensis, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully at the age of 69. Born in Los Angeles, California, he was the son of the late William and

Gladys Warner. William was the loving and devoted husband of Ricki Warner with whom he shared 30 years of happy marriage. Recently he attended his 50th high school reunion from Village Christian School where he graduated as class valedictorian. He began his career as a teacher before becoming a professional baker. As an avid chess player with a master rating, William participated in chess tournaments and chess clubs throughout his life. Because he was so passionate about the game, he found immense joy in tutoring his chess students. Music was an important part of William's life as well. He served as president of the Pocono Mountain Harmonica Club since 2013. He shared his songs in nursing homes, hospitals and churches. William also completed the New York City Marathon twice, the San Francisco Marathon, and numerous other races around the country. Above all, William served the Lord by being kind to everyone. He was a gentle man with a great smile and a heart of gold. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Ricki and all his friends and family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of William C. Warner may be made to Spruce Lake Retreat Center, 5389 Route 447, Canadensis, PA 18325.

## Obituaries

Gary Carlton, of Canadensis, passed away on April 23; Carol Lynn (Van Why) Counterman, 77, of Bartonsville, PA, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2022; H. Sumner Shumway, 98, of Cresco passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022; Alan K. Strand, 79, of Bartonsville, died Monday morning, April 11, 2022, Sharon Ann Tallada, 59, of Tannersville, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2022;; Marlene V. Marks, 84, formerly of Henryville, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2022;; Harry W. Franks, 84, of Bartonsville, died Monday evening March 21, 2022; Gail M. (Young) Luddeni-Tutrone, 88, of Cresco, passed away Friday April 29, 2022; Robert Dippre, Jr., 79, of Tannersville, died Friday evening, April 29, 2022; Ronald Williams, 65, of Canadensis, passed away on May 2, 2022; Lawrence "Larry" A. Esposito, 69, of Cresco, PA, passed away on Wednesday, April 27

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## Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

*A positive attitude may not solve all your problems,  
but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.*

Herm Albright

*Note: I came across this article I wrote 9 years ago and, although some things have changed, my sentiment of hopefulness remains the same. I hope you'll indulge me as I repeat it, since I think we all need assurance that, generally, everything is going to be ok.*

In junior and senior high school, I was a cheerleader. It wasn't because I was particularly cute, athletic, or popular – none of those words could ever really apply to me – but probably more a matter of my attitude. I was so damn SURE our boys could get a “first and ten and DO IT AGAIN!” We could “reverse the action,” “r-e-b-o-u-n-d,” or “pin that man!” Our group of girls cheered for football, basketball, wrestling, swimming, and even cross country meets. (“Run Forrest, RUN!”) We didn't always win, of course, but I was usually pretty confident that we would pull it off next time.

I don't know whether it's in my DNA, in chemicals that float around my brain, or what the reason might be, but I've generally been an upbeat person. I pretty much expect that things are good, or will get better soon, and I'm rarely disappointed. So, although I may not be sporting a set of pom-poms or wearing a skimpy cheerleading uniform (thank the dear Lord for that) I am once again going to do a little cheerleading because I'm thinking that a bunch of us really need it right about now.

This has been a horrible past month in our world. Bombs, carefully constructed and designed for maximum impact, have killed and maimed our people. A warehouse full of explosive fertilizer has ignited and wiped out homes, businesses, and more importantly, folks just like you and me. Poison-laced letters have been mailed to our leaders. Missiles, perhaps nuclear, have been positioned in readiness, awaiting the whim of those who yearn to kill us for reasons no one has quite nailed down. Historic flooding has ravaged wide areas of our homeland while avalanches have tumbled down mountains and buried those in the way. As we watch the evening news or follow the stories we see online that detail these horrific situations, we are tempted to let these moments overwhelm and define us. And we just can't afford to let that happen.

The truth is this: We live in a world where just about everyone you come across is simply doing the best they can. For every person who gives you indigestion, there are hundreds who wish you well and would never hurt you.

If your house goes up in flames, a whole cadre of brave souls will be there to put it out. If you are sick or injured, other dedicated first responders will quickly come to your aid just because that's the kind of world we live in and that's just what they do.

While all the craziness has been going on, local food pantries have continued to distribute groceries. It's been business as usual at our schools and senior centers. Hungry people have been fed, children have been taught, and people have gathered together for fellowship.

The sweet UPS guy has brought dog biscuits along with packages, the pharmacist has helped folks figure out their medications, and the road crews have been out patching potholes left from winter storms.

We continue to live in cities and towns and villages where we are absolutely free to voice our opinions without the fear of middle-of-the-night consequences. We get to decide who will make up our government and if we don't like things, we can make different choices next time. We have rights and privileges that are not only backed up by words on paper, but by the strength of the greater community that vigilantly guards them.

We have parks and open space land where we can hike and explore. We have libraries that encourage us to never stop learning, where - free of charge - we can borrow books, and materials, attend programs, or use their computers.

As a society, we have committed to an education system that welcomes all of our children, not just those whose parents might be able to afford such a luxury.

We worship as we wish and who we wish – or not at all – as we see fit, and don't get thrown into prison for these choices.

The sun comes up every morning, bad weather eventually clears out, trees that looked dead all winter bud and then blossom, and life goes on. That's what I'm cheering about. That's what I want to remind everyone. Yes, there are God-awful things that happen but for the most part – and the “most part” is what counts – life is just plain good.

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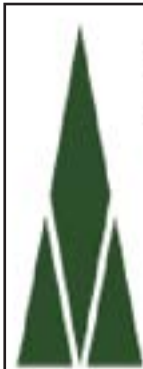
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## April 2022 alarms

4/2 - 2:33pm - 13 men - 1 truck - chimney fire - Spruce Cabin Rd.  
 4/6 - 2:08pm - 12 men - 2 trucks - reported structure fire - cancelled - no fire - Snow Hill Rd.  
 4/7 - 9:12am - 8 men - 1 truck - assist EMS - Batzel Dr.  
 4/14 - 4:10pm - 6 men - no trucks - pole fire - Dutch Hill Rd.  
 4/15 - 11:48am - 10 men - no trucks - brush fire - Glenmere Rd.  
 5/16 - 4:52am - 4 men - 1 truck - tree down on roadway - Rt. 390.  
 4/20 - 4:41pm - 3 men - 1 truck - assist station #25 - 1 tanker - structure fire.  
 4/21 - 9:50am - 7 men - 1 truck - assist EMS - Logger Rd.  
 4/22 - 5:50am - 6 men - 2 trucks - assist station #29 - structure fire - Lenape Crt.  
 4/23 - 3:58pm - 7 men - 2 trucks - brush fire - 7 Pines Park.  
 4/24 - 2:24pm - 10 men - 2 trucks - brush fire - assist station #25.  
 4/26 - 11:18pm - 8 men - 1 truck - assist EMS - Monomonock Rd.  
 4/27 - 8:58pm - 11 men - 1 truck - structure fire - Porcupine Dr.  
 4/28 - 5:35pm - 13 men - 2 trucks - structure fire - Rich's Rd.  
 4/30 - 6:17am - 11 men - 2 trucks - vehicle fire - Rt. 447 & Upper Seese Hill Rd.  
 4/30 - 11:23pm - 8 men - 1 truck - Brush Fire - Dutch Hill Rd.



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### Dedication of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

The Dedication of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church is Sunday, May 15th @2 PM. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera of the Diocese of Scranton. Weekend mass schedule for Saturday, May 14 will be at 4 PM and on Sunday, May 15th @ 8 AM. The church is located in the former Monsignor McHugh School. The address is 212 Rte. 390, Cresco, PA 18326. All are welcome. .



570-460-0115 for more info



## Cresco Station Museum Celebration

Theme: The Cresco Station Through the Years  
When: Sunday May 29, from 1 to 4 pm  
Where: The Cresco Train

Station on Sand Spring Road in Cresco, PA  
What to expect:  
There will be live music all day provided by the Lexington Band that specializes in the Dixieland Jazz style of the early 20th century.  
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At 3 pm there will be a brief rededication cer-

emony and recognition of the Weiler Family Foundation for all of their effort in restoring the train station to a place of cultural prominence in the community.  
How much does it cost – nothing the entire event is free  
For more information visit

the Barrett Township Historical Society website: barretthistorical.org. To contact us email stationmuseum@gmail.com or call (570)481-4622.

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**Joan Lippi, treasurer of the Pocono Garden Club, demonstrates how to create a small floral arrangement to club members at the April meeting, held at the Monroe County Conservation District in Bartonsville.**

A horizontal floral design was among those created at design stations at the April meeting.

Pocono Garden Club members and guests listen to Joan Lippi explain the various designs members learned to create during the meeting.



## The Grapevine

Juicy Tidbits for Barrett Residents

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

**Don't Forget...** to get out and VOTE! State Primary - May 17, 2022, polls are open from 7 am-8 pm. Every vote counts so please exercise your right to vote!

## Memorial Day Ceremony

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be on May 30, 2022 at 2:30 pm. The event will be held at the Memorial Garden at High Acres Park in Canadensis. Stay tuned for more details.

## Reminder...

The Supervisors Meeting and Workshop schedule is as follows:

- Meeting - 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.

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The Pensive Bride

CRESCO-What is most remembered about a wedding, besides the bride and the groom, are two things: one is the date and the other the GOWN. **“Bridal Time Travel; Gowns Through the Ages”** will showcase Twentieth Century wedding gowns sponsored by the Barrett Township Historical Society. This event co-chaired by Jacqueline Magann and Madeleine Forssell have gathered together gowns and veils and associated memorabilia from the past century in the Library/Research building across the parking lot from Cresco RR Station. Sunday, June 5th the doors open at 1 PM for the Society's bride's gown revue displaying the world's changing fashions and views, decade by decade, as the Twentieth Century is reflected in the choice of each bride's gown.

Since marriage has been around for as long as humankind, just about any custom can be identified and adapted to any ceremony. One thing that hasn't changed all that much while gown styles stole the show was the garb of the bridegroom.

A morning suit with black and white striped trousers, a claw-tailed black frock coat with a choice of black or white bow tie (and with possibly a dandy's daring a colorful vest) but always for the formal bridegroom, his shiny black top hat provided the perfect foil for his bride's appearance. Bridegrooms continue to wear that type of formal attire, a tuxedo or a navy or dark gray business suit; it's the bride's choice.

White cloth has, for centuries in Western Culture, represented purity and faith. When Britain's 20-year-old Queen Victoria married her cousin Albert in 1840 she wore white and started the trend quite common today in Western Cultures, specifically here in the States and Britain.

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 July 14, 1934



# Level; Gowns Through the Ages"

by Patricia McCain Williams

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back which had developed in the previous century, women were trending into the new century focused on simplicity.

This white silk satin 1902 creation has re-embroidered Alencon lace panels on the bodice and circles the train of this 1902 gown.

America's entry into World War I in 1914 made female fashions much more practical and gowns followed suit. Bridegrooms going, as everyone called it, "Over There," just like the patriotic song, had no trouble wearing their new uniforms.

Bridal couples early in the century went on a honeymoon by train or sometimes by car. Destination favorite was Niagara Falls, NY. Those marrying in the war years often only had an overnight stay in a local hotel before the soldier and married man got on the train to go to war. Later decades, a couple take a driving tour nearer home, staying at travel lodges or visit Niagara Falls or the Poconos. Some might fly to a honeymoon destination and finally, in the Nineties, the whole event was the destination for everybody.

But Prohibition in 1920, set Americans forth on a trend that was, entre nous, quite popular if a gentleman could easily speak softly to gain entrance to a private, secret "speakeasy" which eventually became called a "nightclub." The Twenties began to roar. Women's clothing style was

following right along with unreconstructed columnar dresses/gowns that were worn falling from shoulders straight to the mid calf or the floor.

Wedding gowns made up for the lack of the frou-frou ruffles and trimming by providing lengthy trains instead. Intricate beading

was favored and the "Roaring Twenties" came into its own. Rather than a cloud of netting, the signature look for a bride in the Twenties was a wide band around the brow of beading and iridescents.

The angle length gown with beading intricacy falls to the ankles of the trendy bride.

She could carry flowers, one flower or a cascading bouquet to flow right into the train behind her.

What had been "walking out" in the Belle Epoque of the previous century had become "courting" until practicality took hold and couples began "dating." Finally a period of mutual exclusivity prior to a couple's wedding was the "engagement," and romance was back.

With the shock of the stock market's collapse, America plunged into the Thirties: The Depression.

This bride's formal drapery gown and a cowl effect at her forehead marked the fashion for which she had planned, and crosses over into the next decade: The Thirties.

Everything matched the title history gave to this decade, reduced, curtailed or done-without. Wedding gowns were borrowed or redone or ordinary daywear but with special trimming for a day the couple would remember.

Setting up housekeeping in the Thirties was certainly homebound and couples looked forward to radio programs for an evening's entertainment as well as playing cards with another couple on a Saturday night or special night would be going to a movie theater to a "talkie" since cinema had found a voice with color to arrive by the end of the decade.

Come and view more Gowns of the Ages at the Library Research Center across from the Cresco Train Station.



Madeleine Forssell  
Oct 23, 1976



Dawn Metzgar  
Sept 9, 1991



Elizabeth Magann Hawley  
Dec 8 1987



## Reaching out for a fun local story idea!!

Local Tannersville author JoAnn Roslyn Aragona's story "Looks Can Be Deceiving" is included in the new book Chicken Soup for the Soul: Too Funny!

JoAnn Roslan Aragona retires to the beautiful Pocono Mountains. She enjoys spending time with grand-twins and her two Budgies, Pip and Jedi. She loves birds, entering caption contests and writing stories. Previously published elsewhere, this is her first contribution to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series.

## Nature in Our Backyard

### Spring May be Late, But Its Signs Are Everywhere

Carol Hillestad

Spring seems late this year, have you noticed? It's the end of April as I write, and even the redbud trees haven't bloomed yet, though they look more than ready. The feathery buds on the serviceberry trees behind the house haven't opened, either.

Meanwhile, serviceberries are just covered with flowers a little downstream along the Brodhead Creek. That's a few hundred feet lower in elevation than our place. Naturalist John Serrao used to say that a thousand feet higher in elevation was the same as going 300 miles further north. (So in weather terms, I guess we must be about 100 miles north of Henryville.)



One plant is showing off all along the Brodhead and its tributaries — skunk cabbage fills the banks and wetlands with their glowing, green, stinky leaves. Take a walk at Ice Lake off route 191/390, and you'll see lovely swaths of it where Hardytown Run enters the lake, at the log crossing.

If you look closely, you might find the remains of the skunk cabbage flower at the base of the plants. The flower appears before the leaves, a dark purple hood that can create its own heat, as much as 70 degrees, melting snow around it and attracting the earliest pollinators to its rotting-meat smell. Bears are known to eat the leaves when they leave hibernation. I've heard that the reason is to unplug their innards after months in the den — whether it's true or not, that's a thought that is unforgettable.

Mixed in with the skunk cabbage at Ice Lake you'll see lots of false hellebore. It's easy to mistake for just another skunk cabbage plant, but look carefully: the leaves are pleated instead of heavily veined. False hellebore goes by many names — corn lily, bear corn, devil's bite, itchweed, poor Annie, and tickle weed, among others. It's extremely toxic, a problem for farm livestock. But in May, it's worth a special visit just to study the amazing flower spike. It can rise two feet or more, densely spiraled with delicate green star-like blooms.

Late or not, spring along our creeks and wetlands can fill your heart to bursting. Stop by Ice Lake preserve soon and see for yourself.

False hellebore along Hardytown Run at Ice Lake. Note that the pleated green leaves are different from skunk cabbage, also found nearby.

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## Clean Water Is Up to You: Become a Water-Miser Gardener

It's a hot afternoon in early summer. You're standing with the hose angled to cover as much of the garden as you can, spraying back and forth, back and forth. The plants are dripping, and chances are you are, too. You're bored to tears and wondering whether it's worth the trouble. News flash — It's definitely not worth the trouble!

Most of the water you're using is evaporating before it even hits the ground. Even if you stand there sweating for an hour or more, it's a complete waste of time — you need the water to get to the roots of those little seedlings, instead of weighing down the foliage, leading to rot.

Successful vegetable and flower gardeners have six strategies that save you time, energy and water.

*One.* Invest in a rain gauge. It's the least expensive garden tool, and one of the most important. Your garden needs one to two inches of water a week in summer — and the gauge tells you how much, if any, you need to supplement what falls naturally.

*Two.* When you lay out your garden in spring, lay out a soaker hose, too. When watering is needed, connect to a water source and set a timer for 30 minutes. Check to make sure the water has penetrated deeply. And you're done. You'll get much more water to the root zone, with almost no evaporation or waste. And you'll have hours of free time, too. If you must hand-water with a hose, do your watering early or late in the day when it's cooler, and don't just sprinkle: always water deep.

*Three, four, and five.* Mulch, mulch, mulch. Every year add to your garden an inch of compost. It can be just about anything organic, from your homemade compost, to chopped up leaves or straw or newspapers, grass clippings, and composted manure. Mulch keeps the soil cool and slows evaporation. Over the growing season the mulch will settle into the soil and give you a head start on richer soil for next season.

*Six.* Turn off the sprinkler system. They waste enormous amounts of water through evaporation. They also encourage shallow roots, weakening lawns and other

plantings.

Now that you're on a roll, consider setting up a rain barrel to collect the run-off from your roof. It's free, untreated, pure water.

Connect that to your soaker hose, and you are officially a water-miser gardener!

*Bonus tip: consider mixing vegetable crops in with your annual flowers. Lettuce, romaine, spinach, parsley, basil, even climbing beans are pretty plants as well as delicious food.*

Check out Brodhead Watershed Association's native plant sale: <https://shop.brodheadwatershed.org/>

Find lots of info on water-wise gardening here: <https://ansp.org/get-involved/small-actions-spark-big-changes/>

For tips on building healthy soil go to: <https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/building-healthy-soil/5060.html>

Clean Water Is Up to You is a series published by Brodhead Watershed Association.

See: [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org)

## Nature at Risk: A Fishy Name for a Fruitful Tree

Shadbush is one common name for *Amelanchier canadensis*, that graceful small tree you see blooming in April and May along the roadside. Its delicate, five-petaled flowers open as the shad fish leave the sea and swim up freshwater rivers to spawn, hence the name. It has many others. But whether you call it shadbush, serviceberry, Juneberry, bilberry, shad-blow, chuckle-berry or currant tree, this harbinger of warm, sunny days is a sight to gladden the heart. The flowers open all at once, and since it blooms so early, it's a vital source of nectar for pollinators like butterflies and bees when nothing much else is flowering. This kind of blooming is called "synchronous," meaning "happening at the same time."

The fruit, on the other hand, ripens asynchronously, over a few months; so from June into August, berries that are green, red, and

dark purple may all be found on the same tree. That makes for a long-lasting smorgasbord for cedar waxwings, cardinals, bluebirds, many other birds, and fruit-eating mammals.

Including humans! Today people make pies, pastries, and jelly from the fruit. Native Americans used the berries in pemmican. (Though they're not actually berries. Shadbush is a member of the same family as apples and pears. So the "berries" are really "pomes," with a core surrounded by multiple seeds.) The wood is heavy and hard, and has been used for small turned objects, arrow shafts and fishing rods.

Shadbush is not considered threatened or endangered. Yet habitat loss can be locally severe enough to make them hard to find. They're happiest at the edges of the forest, when they get at least four hours of sunlight in moist, well-drained humusy soil. But they're adaptable and thrive in

full sun to part shade.

In the garden, shadbush tends to form a multi-stemmed shrub up to about 20 feet tall, and supports more than 100 species of butterflies and moths, such as the beautiful green Luna moth and red-spotted admiral butterflies. In fall, the brilliant red-purple leaves are striking. People who study these things say that the more common names a plant has, the more important it is to the culture of an area. For more information about adding this important shrub to your garden go to <https://extension.psu.edu/serviceberry-in-the-garden-and-in-the-kitchen>

Nature at Risk is a series published by Brodhead Watershed Association. See [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org)

Photo from the Troop 89 Court of honor and the Pack 89 Meeting.  
Submitted by Wayne Gross







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**7. 1915- Friday-** They almost made it from New York to England, but the British ocean liner *Lusitania* was torpedoed without warning by the German submarine *U-20* off the south coast of Ireland. Within 20 minutes, the vessel sank and 1,959 passengers and crew, 1,198 people were drowned.

**8. 1790-Saturday-** Setting off hundreds of years of confusion over measurement systems, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand convinced the French National Assembly decided to create a simple, stable, decimal system of measurement units. The earliest meter unit chosen was the length of a pendulum with a half-period of a second.

**9. 1914-Saturday-** The first official "Mother's Day" as President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that officially established the holiday. The idea for a "Mother's Day" is credited by some to Julia Ward Howe, author of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

**10. 1877-Thursdays-** President Rutherford B. Hayes had the White House's first telephone installed. President Hayes rarely received phone calls....mainly due to the fact the telephone had just been invented by Bell the year before. Although he was informed that the Warrantee on his wagon had run out.

**11. 1997 -Sunday-** The Deep Blue IBM computer defeated Garry Kasparov to win a six-game chess match between man and machine in New York. A highlight of the match occurred when Deep Blue IBM said "hey look at that babe in the bikini." When Kasparov turned to look, Deep Blue switched rooks. Kasparov later said "ooh, a naked iPad". When Deep Blue turned to look, Kasparov pulled the plug.

**12. 1820 -Friday-** Happy Birthday, Florence Nightingale, born in Italy and named Florence after the city where she was born (good thing she wasn't born in Perugia). British founder of modern nursing.

**13. 1718- Friday-** Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit invented the mercury thermometer. He also invented the alcohol thermometer in 1709. And, thanks to him for developing the Fahrenheit temperature scale; this scale is still commonly used in the United States. So when we go to the beach it is 85 and not 29.4 Celsius. In case you want to switch from Celsius to Fahrenheit it's  $F = (9/5 C) + 32$ .

**14. 1948- Friday** The independent state of Israel was proclaimed by David Ben Gurion as British rule in Palestine came to an end. This so delighted the Muslims that they promptly attacked and have been trying to wipe Israel off the map ever since

**15. 1928 -Tuesday-** Mickey Mouse premiered in his first cartoon, the six minute, *Plane Crazy* inspired by Lindbergh's flight of 1927. Disney had trouble with the distribution and so began on the second Mickey Mouse cartoon; *Gallop'n' Gaucho*, Disney produced the third Mickey Mouse cartoon, *Steamboat Willie*, (generally considered to be Mickey's debut....go figure) which made its debut before the *Gallop'n' Gaucho* on November 18 1928 now considered to be Mickey's birthday.

**16. 1881-Monday-** Dick Fellows, became a free man after spending five years in prison. It was supposed to be for a few months but in 1875 as he was being taken to prison he escaped and stole a horse with no saddle. He found a farm and stole a saddle, but when he tried to place it on the horse, the horse ran back home. Dick's original crime involved robbing the LA stagecoach. He didn't have an ax to open the strongbox and decided to place the box on the waiting horse. The horse ran away. Dick then had to escape on foot but it was dark so naturally he fell off an 18 foot drop, breaking his leg and crushing the instep of the same foot with the box. He dragged himself, box and all, to a work camp to steal an ax and break open the box. He removed the \$1800 he found and bought food from the workers. After making some crutches, he staggered to another farm house and stole yet another horse. The sheriff and his men, tracking the desperado, not surprisingly found his trail easy to follow.

**17. 1682 -Sunday-** Happy Birthday, Bartholomew Roberts, AKA Black Bart, Welsh pirate. He

was so proud of his piratic work that he designed his own flag. It was the skull and cross bones - and the flag became known as the Jolly Roger.

**18. 1953-Monday-** Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound as she piloted an *F-86 Sabre* jet over California. During World War II she was the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic Ocean.

**19. 1992 -Tuesday-** The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect.

The amendment prohibits Congress from giving itself midterm pay raises. Acting with typical Congressional efficiency, the amendment had first been proposed in 1789, yes that's 1789, making it a mere 74,003 days from proposal to passage.

**20. 1916 -Saturday-** The small town of Codell, Kansas (in Osborne County) was struck by a tornado. Incredibly, the same town was also hit by tornadoes in 1917 and 1918 on the exact same date. Even more astounding, the storms hit around the same time on each day, between 6 and 9 pm. Neither Dorothy nor Toto was injured.

**21. 1799-Sunday** Happy Birthday Mary Anning, English fossil collector who made her first significant discovery at the age of 11 when she found a complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaurus. She is the subject of the famous tongue twister "She sells sea shells by the sea shore."

**22. 1859-Sunday-** "Elementary my dear Watson", Happy Birthday Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, novelist and physician born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes appeared in six short story collections, four Holmes novels, and 27 movies/TV series.

**23. 1934 -Wednesday-** Bank robbers, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in slow motion (we saw the movie so we know that) by Texas and Louisiana state police officers in an ambush as they drove a stolen 1934 Ford near Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

**24. 1935-Friday** *It's a beautiful day for a night game*.... Frankie Frisch. The first major-league baseball game played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1.

**25. 1738 -Sunday-** The Conojucular War between Pennsylvania and Maryland ...yes,

there was a war between Maryland and Pennsylvania!....ended with settlement of a boundary dispute and exchange of prisoners. It led to the creation of the Mason Dixon Line

**26. 1954-Wednesday-** The funeral ship of the Egyptian Pharaoh Cheops was unearthed in a limestone chamber near the Great Pyramid at Giza. This was celebrated with a dinner of pork "cheops" and lamb "cheops". We guess the oars were "cheops sticks".....

**27. 1819 -Thursday-** Happy Birthday, Julia Ward Howe, American composer and author born in New York City. Howe wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic. In 1861, she watched troops marching off to war singing "John Brown's Body". The tune was originally a camp-meeting hymn "Oh brothers, will you meet us on Canaan's happy shore? A friend suggested that she write some "decent words for that tune". The poem was published and Mrs. Howe received \$5 for her work.

**28. 1738- Wednesday,** Attention, King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, Girondins, Louis Philippe II, Duke of Orleans, Georges Danton, Maximilien Robespierre, Antoine Lavoiser and thousands of others.... Happy Birthday, Joseph Guillotin, French physician who proposed a "machine that beheads painlessly".....it would be called the *guillotine*.

**29. 1453 - Sunday -** After hundreds of years of Muslim attacks, Constantinople fell to Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II, ending the Byzantine Empire. Constantinople (aka Byzantium) was dedicated by Constantine the Great as his capital in 330 AD.

**30. 1868 -Saturday-** Memorial Day (originally called Decoration Day) was observed for the first time. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I.

**31. 1889-Friday-** The Johnstown Flood occurred as heavy rains collapsed the South Fork Dam, sending a wall of water at Johnstown, PA.

May's full moon is the "Flower Moon".

"As it fell upon a day in the merry month of May....."

Richard Barnfield, .....Address to the Nightingale

**1. 1753-Tuesday-** Carolus Linnaeus published the first edition of his "*Species Plantarum*" which he gave systematic names to plants that are still in use today. These replaced his original names such as; "the one that tastes like a stale taco, the green one that ate my pet hamster" and the one that looks like a TV Reality Show participant, only smarter".

**2. 1863 -Saturday- On** the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Battle of Chancellorsville Thomas Stonewall Jackson, was shot by his own men. His arm was amputated but he went kaput eight days later. The amputated arm was buried separately near the field hospital where mourners, naturally, gave him a hand. The rest of him is interred at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery.

**3. 1982-Monday** The Weather Channel went on the air as the only 24 hr. all weather, cable network. Now we thrill to the site of people in parkas standing in snow storms and braving the winds of hurricanes as they tell us it is snowing and/or windy.

**4. 1626 -Monday** Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on what is now Manhattan. Minuit is famous for buying the island of Manhattan from native Lenape with trinkets valued at 60 guilders or about \$24. Minuet really wanted tickets to "Hamilton" for the same trinkets but an error in translation resulted in the purchase of Manhattan instead.

**5. 1961-Friday-** "Do it in the suit!" - that's what Alan Shepherd heard back from the ground control center after inquiring how he could relieve himself during the mission. *Mercury 3* carried American astronaut Alan Shepard to space during a suborbital flight of 115 miles.

**6. 1856-Tuesday-** - Born on the same day department --Happy Birthday, Sigmund Freud, (who



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Time: Thursdays from 4:30 -5:30 PM

Instructor: Ashley Meinking, IBBFA Certified

Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly \$195 Annually or \$55 Quarterly

### **BARRETT BIRDING CLUB - IN PERSON**

If you enjoy birds, join Darryl & Jackie Speicher of Pocono Avian Research Center for monthly meetings of the BBC at The FCC. Meetings will include informational programs, discussion of birds, and seasonal birding opportunities including walks and other birding activities throughout the year.

Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7 PM-Outdoor locations announced via email

Facilitators: Darryl & Jackie Speicher and Tim Grover

Membership: Basic \$30 Annually **CARDIO TONE - IN PERSON & ONLINE**

Looking for a challenging workout? Increase strength and tone muscles using a combination of cardio and body-sculpting exercises.

Time: Mondays from 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Instructor: Ashley Meinking, IBBFA Certified

Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly \$195 Annually or \$55 Quarterly

### **CHAIR YOGA - IN PERSON & ONLINE**

Enjoy all the benefits of yoga

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Learn common chair yoga poses and breathing techniques while increasing strength and flexibility. Time: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 PM

Instructor: Kimberly Matthew  
Membership: Member Plus \$50 Annually

### **DANCE & MOVEMENT -IN PERSON**

A seated, exercise class using dance movements to benefit anyone with chronic diseases including Parkinson's, arthritis, fibromyalgia, trouble with balance, and other movement issues. Gentle dance, rhythm, and stretching movements improve flexibility and focus attention on eyes, ears, and touch as tools to assist in movement, increase muscle memory and balance.

Time: Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

Instructor: Natalie M. Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

Please call 570-481-4330

or send an email to: info@

thefriendlycommunitycenter.org to register for this class. This program is free and open to the public

### **FCC FOODIES IN THE FCC KITCHEN**

Food lovers unite! Want to learn a new skill, recipe or about the latest kitchen gadgets? Would you like to chat with local chefs and food aficionados? Enjoy food savory and sweet? Then join Barbara and Nicole along with fellow foodies on the 2nd Friday of every month in The FCC Kitchen.

If you plan to attend there is a \$10 Food Fee, and you must register in advance via email or with Nicole at The FCC. Payment may be made by check or here via Pay Pal Limited space for each class. Menu will be announced in advance.

When: 2nd Friday of every Month Kitchen Host: Barbara Camlet

Cost: \$10 per session payment can be made on our website. You may pay by cash or check the day of this event with advance reservation

Membership: Basic

### **"IN STITCHES" KNITTING & MORE- AT THE FCC**

People of all abilities in knitting, crochet, and other needlework are welcome to join this weekly stitchery group. Learn to knit, revive an old project, or start a new one. Sit and stitch, get help with your work or share your own expertise.

Time: Thursdays from 1 – 2:30 PM

Membership-Basic \$30 Annually

Instructor: Carol Hillestad

### **LINE DANCING AT THE FCC**

Join in for fun and exercise! In our line dancing lessons you will learn different line dances to many genres of music. Dance increases muscle memory, balance, and coordination. No partner or dance experience necessary.

Time: Every Wednesday (Except the 2nd Wed of the month) at 4 PM  
Membership: \$30 Annual Basic  
Instructor: Barbara Camlet

**LOSS SUPPORT GROUP – AT THE FCC**  
Whether you lost a loved one, a job, a friend, a pet, or loss of "normalcy" due to COVID, this group is designed to help you cope and understand.

Facilitator: Marilyn Schultz

Time: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 3:30PM

This program is free and open to the public. Please call 570-481-4330 to register to attend.

### **MAH JONGG- AT THE FCC**

Discover this game of skill, strategy, and chance. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Please register to attend to ensure there are enough players. Send an email to info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org or call 570-481-4330

Time: Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Membership: Basic \$30

### **SEATED TO THE BEAT - IN PERSON & ONLINE**

An aerobic form of exercise based on different forms of dance in a seated position. This seated exercise is ideal for people with balance, hip, and knee issues, but all levels are welcome to attend.

Time: Tuesdays from 2 - 3 PM

Instructor: Natalie Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

Membership: Member Plus \$50 Annually

### **MEN GET FIT IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

Men, this class is just for you! Workout to timed interval training.

This program for men of all fitness levels incorporates balance, flexibility, and strength to interval timing.

Time: Mondays and Thursdays at 3:00 PM

Instructor: Bob Larsen NASM, C-PT, CES, PES, ENFA BTS

Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly \$195 Annually or \$55 Quarterly

### **DANCE TO THE BEAT IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

An aerobic form of exercise based on different forms of dance. Have fun while working out to various genres of music and dance. Exercise can be modified to suit

your fitness level.

Time: Tuesdays from 3:15 -4:15 PM NO CLASS 5/17

Instructor: Natalie Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly \$195 Annually or \$55 Quarterly

### **QI GONG AT SKYWOOD PARK**

This Chinese-based moving meditation improves balance and mental focus while gently lubricating your joints. Each movement simulates beautiful elements in nature and can be modified for those who need to be seated. Class is canceled if rain.

Time: Thursdays at 9:30 AM

Instructor: Kimberly Matthew  
Membership: Member Plus \$50 Annually

### **YOGA TWICE A WEEK-AT THE FCC & ONLINE**

Relax and stretch with common poses and breathing techniques in a calming atmosphere. Movements can be adapted with chair support secure with on the floor or chair supported movements. while increasing strength and flexibility. Bring a yoga mat.

Time: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM At the FCC & Online via Zoom NO CLASS 5/17

Instructor: Ann Merli, LMT, RMT, RYT500, AYS

Time: Saturdays at 10 AM AT the FCC & Online via Zoom

Instructor: Colleen LaScala

Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly \$195 Annually or \$55 Quarterly

### **CREATE & CHAT ONLINE ART CLASS**

Join in and paint or draw along, while enjoying conversation among fellow inspiring artists.

ALL levels welcome, some instruction is provided. Any medium welcome from crayons to watercolor.

Time: Thursdays at 11:00 AM

Instructor: Nicole

Membership: Member Plus \$50 Annually

### **WEEKLY WALKERS**

Join The FCC Weekly Walkers for a weekly hike to one of the many beautiful destinations in Monroe County. Hikes are moderate to easy level. Meet at The United Methodist Church Parking lot, park facing the grass area.

Email to register: info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org

Time: Tuesdays at 9:30AM,

weather permitting

Hike Guides: Kathleen Lauer and Ernie Camlet

Membership: Basic

### **2022 MEMBERSHIP**

**INFORMATION-** You can join anytime!

Membership Levels & Fees- Membership period January -December

Choose the Membership level that is the right fit for you! Open to adults in Monroe County and surrounding areas.

Member Basic – \$30 Annually

Member Plus – \$50 Annually

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1:00 PM- Must submit ticket by

7PM to be entered in the end of the

road drawing.

Please visit our website to

purchase advance tickets or for

more information.

### **Legacy Brick Fundraiser Help us PAVE the way for future programs!**

Purchase an engraved brick in

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someone special, or to display your

favorite saying. The cost of each

4" x 8" brick is \$100. Bricks will

be prominently displayed along

our ramp walkway, or you may

choose to display at your home.

Visit our website <https://www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org/legacy-brick-fundraiser/> or call

570-481-4330 for information on

purchasing a brick.

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member or to sign up for the

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Abrams at 570-481-4330 and leave

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New programs and events are

added quarterly! Follow us on

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## Library Letters

By MaryAnn Lewis

Greetings, everyone! Did you know that the Library is now a Ballot Drop Box location for elections? Thanks to a grant from the R. Dale & Frances M. Hughes Foundation last year, we were able to install security cameras at the Library which now makes it possible for us to host a drop box.

### The Library is open during the following times:

- Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am – 5pm
- Wed: 10am – 7pm
- Sat: 10am – 3pm

We're hiring! We have positions open for Library Clerks. If you have excellent customer service and computer skills, enjoy a friendly work environment, and love libraries, consider joining our crew! Visit our website for info: [www.barrettlibrary.org](http://www.barrettlibrary.org).

Congrats to Nancy Hooke, who had the closest guess in our How Many Hershey's Kisses in the Jar contest. There are 321 candies for Nancy to enjoy!

Thanks to SPARK, our new library software and online catalog, you can now use your Barrett Paradise Friendly Library card at any of the other libraries in Monroe County! You must have a 14-digit barcode on your card; if yours begins with a "P," call or stop by the Library so we can update your account. We will soon begin "resource sharing" with Clymer Library, Eastern Monroe Public Library, Pocono Mountain Public Library, and Western Pocono Community Library, meaning we can easily request materials from these locations and receive them within a day or two. More details coming soon!

Have you checked out our Book Sale Corner lately? We have an abundance of items that have been trimmed from the collection and we will continue adding more as we work our way through the Library! At

the moment, we have a lot of Large Print, as well as Juvenile and Adult Fiction. Bag Sale: All items (books, audiobooks, DVDs) \$5 a bag. **What a bargain!** \*\*Please note that we CANNOT accept used book or DVD donations until further notice\*\* Computer use: We recommend that you call ahead of time to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Curbside Pickup Service is still available! Call and tell us which books, audiobooks, magazines, and DVDs you want. Come to the Library and we'll deliver them right to your car.

**PROGRAMS:** Current programs & descriptions below. Check our Facebook page for additional programs, posts, and opportunities: [www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary). Our live videos can be seen at [www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary/live/](http://www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary/live/). You don't need a Facebook account to view. Programs for Children Contact Chelsea or Jen with questions: 570-595-7171 or email Ms. Chelsea at [chelseabpfl@gmail.com](mailto:chelseabpfl@gmail.com).

**Take & Make Projects:** Pick up supplies at the Library and complete the project on your own at home. Activities are available in the Children's Area on a first-come, first-served basis. Supplies are limited! Pick Up Begins May 2: Coffee Filter Flowers--Ages 0-5; Magazine Flowers--Ages 6-11.

### Cruise into Kindergarten- TO GO!

This program is on a waitlist. Call 570-595-7171 to be added to the list.

Cruise into Kindergarten is an interactive story time which features stories, music, creative play and exploration. The activities support school readiness and the PA Pre-K Standards for literacy, math, science, and many other skills. This is an ongoing series that will run through July 2022.

Each month you will receive a to-go bag of activities that support school readiness. A special virtual children's area is available with links to games, videos, and other websites for further exploration. Some of the activities will be featured in story time.

**"Shapes and Patterns"--** Pick Up begins May 2. We will explore mathematical concepts. "Mirrors and Light"—Pick up begins June 1. We will focus on skills of observation & imagination.

**Story Time at High Acres Park:** Tuesdays in May 10:30-11am.

Ages 0-5. All children are welcome to join us under the pavilion at High Acres Park for stories, songs, and games! Registration is not required. If it is raining on story time day, please check our Facebook page or call the Library for updates.

**Story Time at Ice Lake:** Tuesdays in June 10:30-11am. Ages 0-5. All children are welcome to join us under the pavilion at The Barrett Township Community Park at Ice Lake for stories, songs, and games! Registration is not required. If it is raining on story time day, please check our Facebook page or call the Library for updates.

**Story Time at the Library:** Mondays, June 6th, 13th, & 20th 10:30am.

Ages 0-5. The Library is pleased to announce the return of story time in the building! Please join Ms. Chelsea for stories and songs in the Weiler Family Community Room. Space is limited and sign ups are required for this three-week session. Please call the Library to register for this program.

### Saturday Night Library: Summer Jams

Saturday, June 25, 7pm on Zoom. Ages 6-11. Let's jam together! Join Miss Chelsea on Zoom as we concoct our own homemade strawberry jam while listening to some uplifting summer tunes. A great way to kick off the sweet summer season! Please email

[chelseabpfl@gmail.com](mailto:chelseabpfl@gmail.com) to register.

### Summer Reading Program

**2022:** Oceans of Possibilities Kickoff Day: Wednesday, June 22. Children ages 0-5, 6-11, and 12+. Dive deep into the world of storytelling and creativity in this year's Summer Reading Program.

Kick off the Summer by adopting your own Sea Monkey reading buddies! Stop by the Library on Wednesday, June 22, to pick up your starter kit. You will receive a Bingo card with reading, S.T.E.M, and Art activities for you to complete at your own pace. Complete these activities for chances to win prizes at the end of the Summer. Some of these activities will be available for you to pick up at the Library. Please email [ChelseaBPFL@gmail.com](mailto:ChelseaBPFL@gmail.com) to register.

### Adult Programs

Registration is required for each program. For more information or to register, please call: 570-595-7171 or email Lynn at [l.vromanbpfl@gmail.com](mailto:l.vromanbpfl@gmail.com).

### Adult Take-Home Craft: Adult Coloring Kit

Take a moment to relax and unwind by coloring beautiful adult coloring sheets. Register to reserve your supplies. Pickup begins Monday, May 9. Note: You MUST call or email to reserve a kit.

### Thursday, May 12: Virtual Writing Group 6:30pm

Join our virtual writing group! We discuss the art of writing and work on fun writing exercises every meeting. Register to receive the Zoom link.

### Tuesday, May 17: Virtual Afternoon Book Club 1:00pm

Join our virtual afternoon book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Richard Osman. If you're interested in joining, please call the Library for more details.

### Tuesday, May 31: Virtual Evening Book Club 7:00 pm

Join our virtual evening book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. If you're interested in joining, please call

the Library for more details.

### Thursday, June 9: Virtual Writing Group 6:30pm

Join our virtual writing group! We discuss the art of writing and work on fun writing exercises every meeting. Register to receive the Zoom link.

### Adult Take-Home Craft: Yarn Birds

Add some wildlife to your décor. We'll provide the supplies to make adorable yarn birds. Register to reserve your kit. Pickup begins Monday, June 13. Note: You MUST call or email to reserve a kit.

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.

### HeritageQuest

Explore your family history through census records, books, obituaries, and more!

### Newspapers World Collection:

The largest online newspaper archive consisting of 179 million+ pages of historical newspapers from 20,000+ newspapers from around the United States and beyond. Newspapers provide a unique view of the past and can help us understand and connect with the people, events and attitudes of an earlier time.

### Hoopla!

Borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV!

**OverDrive:** Download and enjoy e-books, audio books, and magazines on your computer, phone, or portable device. The collection includes fiction and nonfiction materials for all ages.

Read often and stay safe & healthy!

Mary Ann, currently reading *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*, by Fiona Davis, the Evening Book Club pick for May.

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# Super Crossword

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23 Road trip  
between  
apparent?  
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27 Baby's name  
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30 About a  
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31 Unrelated  
32 Phone  
conversation  
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40 Summer mo  
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42 "The Wire"  
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43 Organic  
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a team  
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110 Tara of  
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Driving to a new restaurant, a woman took several wrong turns. When she finally found the right road, she asked her husband, "Why didn't you tell me I was lost?"

"I thought you knew where you were going," he replied. "You always know where you're going when I'm driving."

I think there's something wrong with my girlfriend. She's hallucinating. She keeps telling me she's seeing other people.

A dentist was about to leave his office with his golf bag on his shoulder, when the phone rang.

"Doctor," the caller said, "I have a terrible toothache. Can I stop by your office in a few minutes?"

"Sorry," replied the dentist, "but I have a previous appointment to fill eighteen cavities this afternoon."

Passenger: What good is your timetable, the trains are never on time! Conductor: And how would you know they were late if it wasn't for the timetable?

Wouldn't exercise be more fun if calories screamed while you burned them?

Although we were being married in New Hampshire, I wanted to add a touch of my home state, Kansas, to the wedding. My fiancée, explaining this to a friend, said that we were planning to have wheat rather than rice thrown after the ceremony. Our friend thought for a moment. Then he said solemnly, "It's a good thing she's not from Idaho."

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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8			5			1

Place numbers in the empty squares so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains all the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution puzzle in which each letter and symbol has another. If you know that A equals D, how would C be represented in the puzzle? So much is accomplished by not and using.

Clue: MEXQUAT

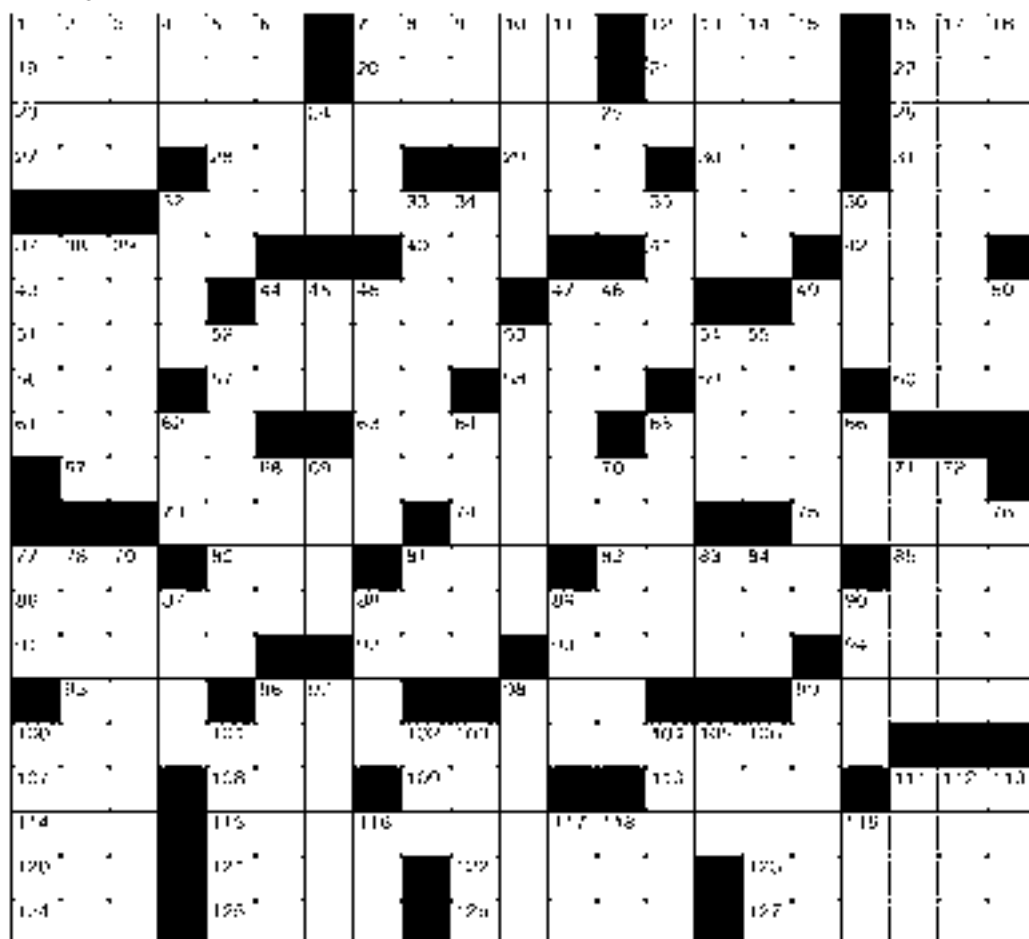
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YNFOO UJMUMOFHOY, GM LMA

HJDTG JO BFY IADQHI ME

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Answers on page 20



## Introducing... POE AND RAVEN GALLERY

4731 Rt. 447  
Canadensis, PA 18325

The Poe and Raven Gallery, formerly of Milford, PA, is now located near the crossroads, in the heart of the bucolic town of Canadensis, Pennsylvania. This unusual, Victorian-inspired gallery features the work of award-winning Edgar Allan Poe artist June Ponte, winner of *The Saturday Visiter Edgar Allan Poe Award*, presented by the Poe Museum in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ponte's oil paintings of Poe, Victorian era poets, authors, artists and others, and works of magical realism with a mystical twist, seem quite at home exhibited in an 1800s-themed gallery setting. June also creates unusual painted stained glass



lamps, and stained glass painted windows. The artist's candle holders and painted stained glass windows are one of a kind pieces, made

from found objects, and antique glass salvaged from old windows. Much of June's unique costume jewelry is made with intriguing vintage findings. A fascinating selection of unusual, antique sterling jewelry is also available.

Pennsylvania raises the hair on one's arms and brings the observer into another realm once the door shuts. Her numerous oil paintings of geniuses past snag the eye with uncanny ability, and whisper something beautiful if one steps close enough with an open heart. Oscar Wilde, Yeats, John Lennon, and Frida Kahlo live, peering out from antique frames equally as breathtaking as their likenesses painted on canvas. Edgar Allan Poe—the guest of honor at Poe and Raven Gallery—peers out of his reverie in various poses, each riveting as the man and the legacy.

“June Ponte—painter, writer, illustrator, and authentic gifted sensitive—bridges the chasm between centuries in her living, breathing portraits of the inspired ones. Walking into her enchanted art gallery and shop in Canadensis,

Ponte's genius is not only her artistic gift, but her spiritual ability to paint a visceral biography in brushstrokes; her portraiture tells more than most reliable accounts of these greats, and her re-telling is dipped into the light and shadow of unspoken fires—fires endured by both subject and painter alike. And it is in this duet that we not only see the person presented, but hear the song of their souls.” - *From an interview with author Marlaina Donato.*

In addition to the work at the Canadensis gallery, you can see and shop Ponte's work at:

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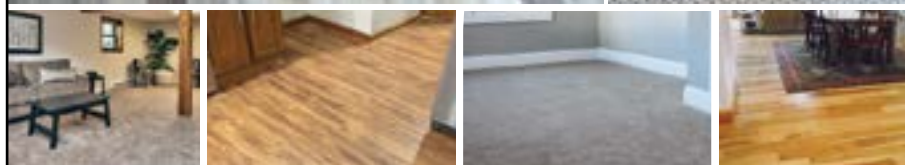
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