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**Orien Reish/11th grade**  
Honorable mention  
Acrylic self portrait.

**Mia Martinez/ 12th grade-**  
Fur seasons >  
acrylic paint-4 canvas panels  
depicting 4 beloved pets that  
have crossed the rainbow  
bridge...

5 Accomplished Evergreen  
Charter School art students were  
chosen to show their work at  
the Pocono Arts Council this  
February.

Even against over 70 other  
entries, Evergreen managed to  
return home with 4 ribbons.



**Ana Antzoulis/Senior -BEST OF SHOW**  
Whale,Whale Whale, What have we here?



**Thomas  
Bozzanca/8th grade**  
1st place Tree of  
Hope 3-d sculpture/  
Wire,beads,  
suminagashi print on  
wood

**Levi  
Milenkovic/9th grade** >  
Honorable mention  
graphite portrait/  
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## Looking back

by Phil Dente

Occasionally, with nothing dire clouding our minds our memories take us back to more pleasant times. Just recently mine brought me back to my school days, a carefree time of youthful exuberance. I remember coming home from school on Tuesdays to the wonderful aroma of spaghetti sauce simmering on the stove and my mother cooking her homemade noodles

(yes, she really did make her own pasta), while the steam from the boiling water filled the room with a damp, yet warm wonderful smell.

I also remember Thursdays after school. My mother would be cooking pasta for dinner and the smell would make my mouth water, so much so that I would grab a slice of bread and quickly dab at the sauce before she had a chance to cuff me behind the head, playfully telling me to wait for dinner.

Also, I remember quite vividly coming home from church on Sunday mornings to a huge pot of spaghetti sauce on the stove permeating the whole house with a pleasant tomato and spice odor, while the smell of the boiling raviolis (also homemade) would absolutely drive me insane, because dinner wasn't for an hour yet, and I needed to eat right now! What's that, you say?... All right, all right! I should have known better. Our readers aren't stupid. I know I wasn't fooling anybody. I knew you really knew that this article wasn't about childhood memories. I know you knew it was about my favorite dish of pasta and spaghetti sauce.

My apologies. I was just trying to masquerade my weakness (my wife calls it my obsession) for pasta. You see, somewhere along the line, I have become very addicted to this tasty dish. Most people, if they grew up eating something three or four times a week, would probably not want to include it in their regular menu. Me, I'm just the opposite. I could eat it every day.

Pasta is an amazing food. Made simply from wheat, there are probably over a dozen different shapes and they all taste different. As I mentioned before, my wife thinks it's an obses-

sion with me. I'll give you an example of conversations we had a few weeks ago.

*Monday-* Her; "Hon, what would you like for supper?" Me; "Pasta!"

**She made meatloaf.**

*Tuesday-* Her; "Hon, what would you like for supper?" Me; "Pasta!"

**She made steak and salad.** *Wednesday-* Her; "Hon, what do you think you want for supper today?"

Me; "Pasta!"

**She made Chili.**

*Thursday-* Her; "Don't tell me, you want pasta for dinner."

Me; "Of course!"

**She made pork chops.**

*Friday-* Her; "Hon, what do you want for dinner tonight?" Me; "Aflack!" She looks at me and says, "Huh?"

I repeat myself, "Aflack!" I say.

Her; What on earth are you talking about? What the heck is Aflack?

"Aflack is the duck on the commercial that nobody pays attention to, and that's what I feel like. I tell you I want pasta and you don't pay attention," I say as I walk around from room to room quacking, "Aflack! Aflack!"

"Will you please stop that?" she says in a demanding voice. "You're obsessed with pasta! I've never seen anybody who could eat pasta seven days a week. Don't you ever want anything else to eat?"

"When did I eat pasta seven days a week?" I question. "Every time I ask you what you want, all you say is pasta!" She retorted.

"Yeah, and every time you make something else!" I came back with.

"Ooooh," was her parting word as she left the room. Last week, I made the pasta. I made my favorite, rigatoni. My wife is on a low carb diet, so she just ate meatballs and sauce. When the water started

boiling I was about to put in the whole pound. "Why are you cooking the whole pound?"

She asked.

"What?" I countered.

"You're not going to eat a whole pound by yourself so why are you cooking it all?" She repeated.

"Uh, I'm NOT going to eat the whole pound?" I asked. "NO! That's way too much!" She argued.

"I'll use the left-overs for another meal during the week." I said with a smile.

After supper, Patti was cleaning up, and as she got to the stove, she asked, "What

Happened to all the rigatoni?"

"What?" I answered, "there's some left in the pot."

"Six noodles," She said.

"You ate almost the whole pound!" "Uh, I did? I didn't realize that."

Then, to my horror, she took the pot of six leftover noodles and was about to dump them in the garbage. "Noooooooo!" I screamed.

"What?" she said with a startled look on her face.

"Why are you throwing them away?" I demanded.

"Philip," she said looking at me pitifully, while rolling her eyes, "you're pathetic. There are only six noodles left."

"I'll finish them," I quipped as I took the pot from her. "As I said, you're pathetic!" It was the last thing I heard as she left the kitchen. As I was sitting at the table finishing the noodles, I had

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this small inkling flitting around in my mind that maybe she is right. Maybe I am too obsessed with pasta. Maybe my mother making pasta four times a week has made me the pathetic soul that my wife says I am. Then, out of the blue, I had a great revelation...why, it's really not my fault at all... it's my mothers', and in Italian culture, you never say anything bad about your sainted mother. So, the way I look at it, my mother made me the way I am, and that's my story and I'm sticking to it.



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A Peek into the BTHS Archives  
The history of items that are not on public display  
from the archives of Barrett Township Historical Society will be shown and described. These selected collectables and their history will be presented by Jackie Magann and Joanne Seese.

The program is open to the public and will be held at the The Friendly Community Center, 6683 PA 191, Mountainhome, PA 18342 on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 2 pm. For more information, please call 570-481-4622 or email stationmuseum@gmail.com.

Barrett Township Historical Society program for February was a panel discussion on "Stories from the Past" with additional stories from those in attendance. Our guest speakers were Sharon Rose, George Traugh and Mickey Miller. Sharon has written down many of Dale's stories and picked out some to share with our members. Terrific stories from Dale's "younger" years! I can't wait to hear more of them. Hopefully someday they can be published. George told some stories from his days working at Buck Hill but also stories from working for Theo B. Price Lumber Company. If you have the opportunity ask him to tell you the story about Mickey and the straw pile or the story about Maryann Miller's piano if you have not heard these stories. For those of us who didn't know how Mickey came to this area from Waverly, his father had met Mrs. Williams of William's Drug Store and she mentioned she was looking for summer help. His dad thought it would be a good job for Mickey who then worked two summers at the Drug Store before graduating from high school and going off to college in Syracuse. Mickey was introduced to Maryann by Mrs. Williams since Maryann was going to college there also, and we all know where that story went. Everyone had a great time (with lots of laughter) and were reluctant to leave. Many thanks to our storytellers. They did a fantastic job!

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## The Village Scene

## March Birthdays

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Emily Keelen  
Carolyn Giordano  
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Camille Holovacko  
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Kylee Herring  
Scott Edinger  
Brenda Pulse  
Robert Butch  
Arlene Kalimo  
Adam Sopko  
Barbara Megliola  
Angie Parker  
Denise Hay  
Michael Stirr  
Janice Diorio  
Gail Dunkelberger  
Wayne Gross  
Michelle Macaluso  
Dan Hill  
Bret Claridge  
Travis Chase Yerkes  
Danielle Kinsley  
Frank Whitmore  
Troy DeWitt

## Stakeholder Notification/Public Notice

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation believes that becoming an Accredited Land Trust will enhance its ability to achieve its mission: "To preserve and protect land in and around Buck Hill Falls, to promote the health of the local forest and watershed, and to foster appreciation of the area's natural beauty".

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications.

Comments must relate to how The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org) or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation's application will be most useful by March 15, 2022.

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Interested individuals may obtain scholarship applications by contacting their school's guidance counselor or by emailing the association at [GDAA scholarship@yahoo.com](mailto:GDAA scholarship@yahoo.com). Completed applications must be received by April 23. Proof of Township residency is required as well as financial need for some awards.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at a date and time to be determined.



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## Obituaries

Millie Sebjanits, 92 formerly of Greentown passed away Feb. 6, 2022 in Ben Lomond, Ca.; William "Bill" George Barry, 64, of Cresco, passed away in his home on Tuesday, February 8, 2022; Peter F. Catalanotto, 90, formerly of Mt. Pocono, died Thursday morning, February 17, 2022; Daniel Hoehne, 60, of Cresco, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, February 16, 2022; Dawn Marie Ross, 87, of Paradise Valley, died February 9, 2022; Danton "Danny" Robert Wickline, 75, of Tannersville, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, February 1, 2022; Maxine E. Turbolski 80 of Swiftwater, Pa. passed away on Thursday March 3, 2022; Alice Elaine Fitzpatrick age 86 of Bartonsville passed away Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>; Sandra Flynn Bowen (Sandi) of Reeders passed away on February 18th, 2022; Ronald Heilimann, 83, of Mount Pocono, passed away on February 24, 2022



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## Retaining walls provide beautiful outdoor seating



(BPT) - Humpty Dumpty had the right idea when he sat on a wall, as segmental retaining wall (SRW) systems can be used to create beautiful, versatile outdoor seating solutions. Many businesses expanded outdoor seating out of necessity over the past two years, and retaining walls were up for the challenge.

Homeowners also prefer retaining walls for landscaping projects such as seat walls around a fire pit or to create a raised patio to replace a deck. Renowned for the ability to retain earth to prevent erosion and tame slopes to create buildable sites, SRWs, including the VERSA-LOK Retaining Wall System, are beautiful, durable and low-maintenance open-air seating solutions.

### Dining al fresco

A beautiful outdoor living space is a wise home investment, and it's also become a necessity for hospitality businesses. Many facilities lacking patios built temporary or permanent outdoor spaces for guests during the pandemic. According to the National Restaurant Association, outdoor dining is vital to the industry's post-pandemic survival and expanding outdoor dining remains a critical need in replenishment of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund federal grant program.

After purchasing a tavern in Wisconsin, Darryl Holley hired Ziegler's Landscapes by Design to build an outdoor entertainment area just a few weeks before the pandemic required temporary closure of the business. Landscaping was deemed an essential business and work continued. Ziegler's created a low freestanding retaining wall that serves as seating for lawn game spectators and concert-goers. "The only regret we have is that we didn't make the patio bigger," said Holley. "Live music outside draws a lot of people."

Homeowners in Stillwater, Minnesota, wanted to replace an aging wooden deck while preserving the view of their woods. "With a raised patio design, you have many more design options," said Andrew Lofboom, a landscape designer with Villa Landscapes. "We used VERSA-LOK to build the support for a paver patio on top. The cost of a raised patio can be less than replacing a deck, and it affords homeowners the option to expand in the future, such as adding an outdoor kitchen or seat walls."

Lofboom chose the VERSA-LOK Standard retaining wall system because it makes both design and installation easier. With a mechanical pinning system and no hollow cores to fill, VERSA-LOK is renowned for versatility, durability and flexibility for creating curves, columns, multi-angled corners and tiers needed for stunning outdoor designs.

### Sporting views

SRWs are surprisingly economical for stadium, stage and outdoor classroom seating at schools, parks and sporting venues. An amphitheater at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls was renovated with a VERSA-LOK Mosaic retaining wall system chosen to replace crumbling limestone seating on the slope across from the bandshell. The elements had taken a toll on the amphitheater, built in 1972 of local limestone. "Natural stone was out of our budget, so we went with VERSA-LOK," said Joe McIntosh, a grounds supervisor.

When Lawrence, Kansas, school officials learned that aluminum bleachers could not be manufactured in time for football season at their new stadium and that they would run about \$400 a seat, they searched for a faster and more economical solution. Landplan Engineering and Capitol Concrete Products of Lawrence showed the district that it could save \$100-200 per seat by using VERSA-LOK Standard retaining wall units and finish the job in time for the fall season.

### Retaining walls for the win

While SRWs are best known for site development, erosion control and transitioning slopes in a landscape, they also are a solid solution for outdoor seating. From sitting walls and raised patios to stadiums and tiered, bermed seating, retaining walls get the job done beautifully and on budget.



## Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

***Growing up is hard.  
Otherwise, everyone would do it.***  
Kim Harrison

Remember those cartoons when we were kids that showed a character with a little devil sitting on one shoulder and a little angel on the other? One would whisper something like “Go ahead and steal that apple pie on the windowsill,” while the other countered with “No, don’t touch that pie. You know better! You aren’t that kind of person.” And so on. Well, I have something similar going on, but unfortunately, I only have the annoying, haranguing angel murmuring in my ear from sun-up to sun-down.

What I’d give for a wee devil to step in occasionally and provide a bit of balance.

Case in point: I was in a crowded shopping center parking lot recently, carefully maneuvering between my car and the one next to me. The space was tight, yes, but the real issue was that my car was filthy, and I was doing everything in my power to avoid brushing up against it. As I finally slid inside and fastened my seatbelt, Angel (that annoying little cherub) started in on me big time. “Grown-ups, you may be surprised to learn, actually get their cars washed when they get dirty. Let’s stop to count how many carwashes you passed this week, shall we?” I tried to push back with the whole “I’ve been too busy.” and “It’ll just get dirty again.” and “Who invited you along anyway?” excuses, but Angel was having none of that. And Angel has a colleague who always shows up at times like this. His name is Guilt. (I hate that guy.)

So, I went to the carwash and spent \$10 for a clean car – which was splashed on the way home as a passing truck barreled through a patch of muddy water. (Are angels supposed to cackle with glee? I don’t think so.)

What “grown-ups” do or don’t – and that I fail to do or don’t – is a constant theme for Angel.

Grown-ups don’t wait to see a ghastly segment on the evening news about heart disease or colon cancer or leprosy before finally making an appointment for an annual checkup at the doctor’s office.

Grown-ups don’t have “junk” drawers.

Grown-ups don’t walk around saying, “Does anyone have a pen I can borrow?”

Grown-ups don’t wait until February to take care of their car inspection that ran out in December.

Grown-ups don’t have to undergo a “search and rescue” in order to find change for the parking meter.

Grown-ups don’t need to keep their jackets on in a hot store because the shirt underneath is covered with cat hair.

Grown-ups don’t notice a scrap of food under the kitchen table and hope the dog will take care of it. Or worse yet, call the dog over to take care of it. (Angel’s comment: *You need to get out the vacuum and take care of this grubby floor immediately.* Guilt’s comment: *What? You’re too lazy to bend over and pick it up yourself?*)

Grown-ups know how to do their own taxes and change their own oil and sew on a button so that it actually stays on.

Grown-ups can make witty conversation with strangers at a cocktail party while balancing their wine glass and plate of hors d’oeuvres – all without splattering anything on their best clothes. What’s more, grown-ups can wear their best clothes with ease without being tempted to tug anything down or hitch anything up. (Grown-ups have best clothes that actually fit and don’t have to be inspected for damage or stains before them putting on.)

If I was lucky enough to have a little devil sitting on one of my shoulders, I wouldn’t be a better human, but I sure would lead a less stressful existence. Imagine telling Angel to take a hike once in a while – and take your compatriot Guilt along with you!

What would it be like to look at that dirty kitchen floor and think, “What I really need to do is get a couple more dogs.”?

Wouldn’t it be refreshing to interrupt the guy yammering on at the cocktail party and tell him, “Frankly, you are boring me to death and I’m going home to put on my sweatpants.”?

How about giving up on the search for change for the meter and living life dangerously? What are the chances you’ll get a ticket? 50/50? 40/60? We can live with those odds, right?

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I guess upon reflection I actually do have two little beings sitting on my shoulders: Angel and Guilt. And to be honest, I’m not sure which one pisses me off more. Wait...that sounded a bit devilish, didn’t it? Hmmm. I like that!

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2/3 - 2:08pm - 7 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Falls Rd. - cancelled.

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2/6 - 7:08am - 6 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Weiler Corp. - cancelled.

2/6 - 8:23am - 7 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Weiler Corp. - cancelled.

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2/10 - 8:46am - 8 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Sunshine Flooring - cancelled.

2/13 - 8:53am - 7 men - 1 truck - auto alarm - Rt. 191 North - cancelled.

2/13 - 5:22pm - 11 men - 1 truck - vehicle accident - Rt.191 & 390

2/18 - 7:20am - 6 men - 1 truck - tree on wires - Dutch Hill Rd.

2/18 - 6:44pm - 5 men - 1 truck - carbon monoxide alarm - Mohegan Rd.

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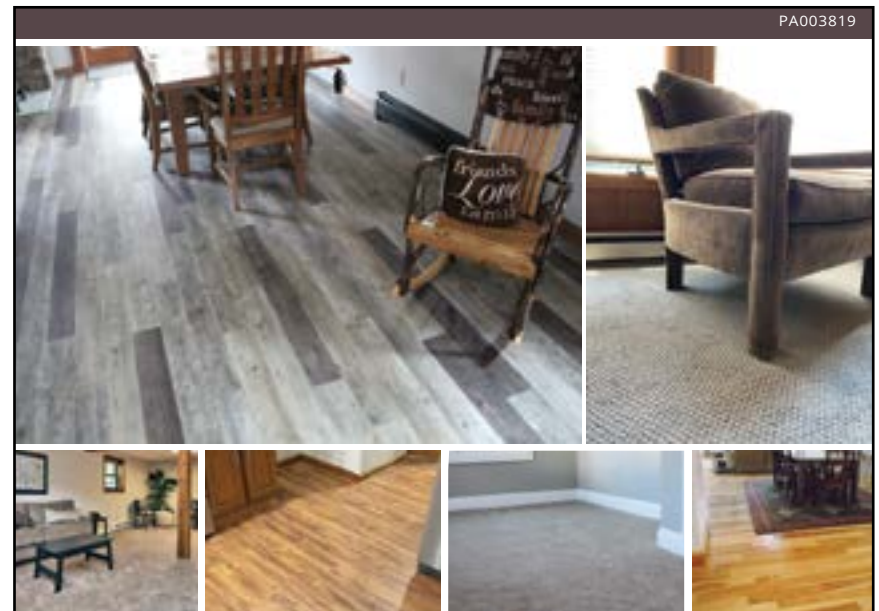
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**Time:** Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

**Instructor:** Natalie M. Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD  
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### GREAT DECISIONS/GLOBAL ISSUES

Discussion group Join in this group discussion and exercise in civil discourse focused on global foreign policy issues and its impact on U.S Foreign Policy. We will be discussing 9 different topics, following The FPA program, as a group you will be emailed the topics and Zoom link, during each online program, we will watch a 20-minute video pertaining to topic, with discussion to follow.

The FPA,(Foreign Policy Association) is a private, non-profit organization and is the oldest and largest grassroots, educational program on world affairs.

The "GREAT DECISIONS 2022" book is not mandatory to participate but recommended at a cost of \$35 plus shipping and handling. You may download the ebook via Amazon.

**Date:** Group meets via Zoom on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month

**Time:** 7-8:30 PM

**Facilitator:** Leslie Berger

### "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

### 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

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### 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.

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### 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

**Instructor:** Natalie Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

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

### QI GONG ONLINE

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.

**Time:** Thursdays at 2 PM

**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

**Instructor:** Ann Merli, LMT,

RMT, RYT500, AYS

**Time:** Fridays at 10 AM via Zoom only

**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.

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For a full listing of programs, visit The FCC's website [www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org](http://www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org). New programs and events are added quarterly! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram.



## State Redistricting Process: Where are the Advocates?

By State Rep. Rosemary M. Brown (R-Monroe/Pike)

As Pennsylvania's state redistricting process crescendos, the lack of uproar by previous redistricting advocates has been alarming to me. After years of highly active statewide and local advocacy to amend this constitutional process, this is an opportune time for these advocates to bring attention to the flaws of this process based on what they have been speaking on for quite some time. Despite this momentous decennial occasion, there is silence, and I question why?

For those who may not be overly familiar with the redistricting process, the Pennsylvania State Constitution requires the legislative districts for the state House and Senate to be redrawn each decade following a federal census. This process draws the boundary lines for elective districts to maintain equal populations for each elected official. This is to ensure that each citizen's vote for their respective representative carries the same weight.

Article 2, Section 17, of the Pennsylvania Constitution tasks a "legislative reapportionment commission" with this responsibility. The commission consists of five members: the House majority leader, the House minority leader, the Senate majority leader, the Senate minority leader, and a chairman selected by those members. If those original four members cannot reach an agreement, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court appoints the chairman.

The 2021 Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC) consists of Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Rep. Joanna McClinton, Sen. Kim Ward, Sen. Jay Costa, and Chairman Mark Nordenberg. The chairman for this commission was appointed by the state Supreme Court.

The redistricting process has been termed highly political by advocates, stating boundary lines can be manipulated to favor a political party or incumbent politicians, rather than focusing on best representation for the people and their lives. Needless to say, our current process now places immense authority to the tie-breaking vote, the LRC chairman.

Redistricting activists, who asserted no political affiliation, have spent years lobbying and claim to be well-versed on promoting "fairness" in the process. They have strongly advocated for legislation such as House Bill 22 (2019-20), House Bill 722 (2017-18), and House Bill 1835 (2015-16), which all proposed a constitutional amendment to establish an eleven-member independent redistricting commission – replacing the current redistricting process. I can speak on this frankly because I have co-sponsored and publicly endorsed these bills for several years, because I wanted to ensure political influence was reduced as much as possible on either side of the aisle. The proposal strived to institute a committee of randomly selected voters from both major political parties, including independents and third-party members.

In Pennsylvania, there is very recent judicial precedent on this exact topic in the case, "League of Women Voters v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," which was ruled on by the state Supreme Court in 2018. The plaintiff's argued the 2011 congressional map discriminated against Democratic voters in violation of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The court, in its ruling opinion, directs the General Assembly on a remedial redistricting plan. The court states legislative districts must be compact and contiguous territory and equal in population. Additionally, they direct municipal lines should not be divided unless necessary to ensure equality of population. This is in clear relation to Article 2, Section 16, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Are the preliminary maps proposed by the LRC in alignment with the state Supreme Court's 2018 opinion? Under the current map, the 189<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which I represent, consists of 10 municipalities. Of those municipalities, the district splits one township with the 115<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Under the preliminary map presented by the commission, the 189<sup>th</sup> Legislative District consists of eight townships with three township splits.

Where are these non-partisan activists who have been so vocal and claimed "fairness?" Are they not concerned? I have not heard these coalitions define or advocate for the current House and Senate preliminary maps. How can individuals advocate for policies to remove political advantage, but then be silent when a map blatantly shows municipal splits and leaning partisan efforts? I am now questioning the silence. Is it because the full map advantage goes more one way politically? Wait, I thought the advocacy was non-partisan and about "fairness?" Where are these advocates and what were they really advocating for?

\* Reminder: Individuals with good morals strongly uphold their beliefs and principals, even when it becomes inconvenient or difficult or may not meet up to their political goals. They do it because it is right and truly fair and it protects our constitution, our freedoms, and our people. Something to think about....

## Would you like to be a Streamwatcher?

Become a steward of your local stream! Brodhead Watershed Association is seeking new "water warriors" for its popular Streamwatch program.

Streamwatchers are vital volunteers who spend one to two hours per month collecting water quality data from streams near their homes. Their findings help generate graphic, long-term snapshots of stream health.

Volunteer training sessions for Brodhead Watershed residents will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at Northampton Community College Monroe Campus and on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. This year's events will feature a new, simplified program approximately one hour in length. Light refreshments will be served.

To register, visit <https://brodheadwatershed.org/calendar/> and select the Streamwatch training date of your choice; or email RSVP to [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org). Remote learning options will be available. For details, contact Brodhead Watershed Association at 570-839-1120.

For more than 30 years, Streamwatch volunteers have been the "eyes and ears" of Monroe County's local streams on a monthly basis. Now, with more than 70 volunteers in seven sub-watershed regions of the Brodhead Watershed, almost 100 sites are monitored. New volunteers are always welcome to join the efforts to ensure clean and abundant water.

For more about the Streamwatch program, see <https://brodheadwatershed.org/stream-watch/>

### A letter to the community

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The Board of Supervisors would like to clarify information regarding the former Barrett Elementary School property.

Early last year the Board had interest in acquiring the property to expand programs for the community, offer office space for rent and utilize the outside area for additional events. Over the course of roughly 8 months, extensive research was done to determine the condition of the building and the cost to create a fully functioning facility. This cost was determined to be in excess of \$1 million. Several weeks ago, with that information in mind and a plan on how the improvements would be funded, the Board approached the sellers, Presbyterian Senior Living, to begin negotiations. We were very upset to find out, just recently, another offer had come in and a contract is currently being drawn up. We have no information on the other buyer. We are deeply disappointed as the property had endless possibilities for our community but as with any purchase of this size utilizing tax payer money, due diligence is absolutely critical.



## Cub Scout Pack 89's Annual



Cub Scout Pack 89 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 26 at Skytop Lodge.

The Pack has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountain for 65 years.

The following advancements and Awards were presented at the banquet:

Lion Den:

Aaron Eby: Protect Yourself Belt Loop

Grayson Turner: Animal Kingdom, Fun on the Run, Protect Yourself, King of the Jungle, and Mountain Lion Belt loops, and Lion Badge

Tiger Den:

Jackson Woodrow: Team Tiger, Tiger Circles, and Tigers in the Wild belt loops and Tiger Badge

Wolf Den:

Nicholas Brunelle: Collections and Hobbies, Protect Yourself Rules, and Duty to God Footsteps Belt Loops

Ryker Jackson: Collections and Hobbies, Protect Yourself Rules, Duty to God Footsteps, and Yo-Yo Belt Loops and Wolf Badge

Odin Kier: Collections and Hobbies, Protect Yourself Rules, Duty to God Footsteps, and Yo-Yo Belt Loops

Bear Den:

Braden Glukoy: Marble Madness, Roaring Laughter, Baloo the Builder, Fellowship and Duty to God, and Bear Necessities Belt Loops, Whittling Chip Award, Cyber Chip Award, and Bear Badge

Owen Melbert: Marble Madness, Roaring Laughter, Baloo the Builder, Fellowship and Duty to God Belt Loops, Cyber Chip Award, and Bear Badge

Webelos Den:

Brent Baker: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Looking Back-Looking Forward, Protect Yourself Rules, and Art Explosion Pin, Cyber Chip Emblem and Webelos Badge

Salvatore Cubeta: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Looking Back-Looking Forward, Protect Yourself Rules, and Stronger, Faster, Higher Pin, Cyber Chip Emblem and Webelos Badge

Harrison DePaoli: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Looking Back-Looking Forward, Protect Yourself Rules, and Art Explosion Pin, Cyber Chip Emblem and Webelos Badge

Garrett Nauman: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Looking Back, Looking Forward, and Protect Yourself Rules Pin, Cyber Chip Emblem and Webelos Badge

Joshua Pallone: Duty to God and You, First Responder, Looking Back, Looking Forward, and Protect Yourself Rules Pin, Cyber Chip Emblem and Webelos Badge

Arrow Of Light Den:

Chase Crawford: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, Yo-Yo, Scouting Adventure, and Protect Yourself Rules Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Anthony DeDomenico: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, and Outdoor Adventurer Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Nathan Dunlap: Duty to God in Action, and Build My Own Hero Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Bryce Gross: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, Art Explosion, Modular Design, Adventures in Science, Maestro!, Into the Wild, Build It, Earth Rocks!, Fix It, Looking Back-Looking Forward, Project Family, and Protect Yourself Rules Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Quinten Niering: Duty to God in Action, and Build My Own Hero Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Aldrick Noboa: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, Building a Better World, Yo-Yo, Protect Yourself Rules, Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Riley O'Conner: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, and Maestro! Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Finn O'Keefe: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, Adventures in Science, Into the Wild, Build It, and Fix It Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

Gabriel Petroff: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, Yo-Yo, Art Explosion, Modular Design, Adventures in

Science, Maestro!, Into the Wild, Build It, Fix It, Looking Back-Looking Forward, and Protect Yourself Rules Pins, and the World Conservation Award and the Arrow of Light Award

Nicholas Trindade: Duty to God in Action, Build My Own Hero, Aware and Care, and Looking Back-Looking Forward Pins and the Arrow of Light Award

The Arrow of Light Cub Scouts earned the Cub Scouts Cyber Chip Emblem:





## Submitted by Wayne Gross

Anthony DeDomenico, Chase Crawford, Nathan Dunlap, Quinten Niering, Bryce Gross, Finn O'Keefe, Gabriel Petroff, Riley O'Conner, and Nicholas Trindade and the Arrow of Light Award Cubmaster Wayne Gross recognized the Cubs with the following awards:

The following Cubs earned the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award:

Quinten Niering, Nathan Dunlap, Gabriel Petroff, Finn O'Keefe, Chase Crawford, and Bryce Gross The Messengers of Peace Ring Emblem for participating in special conservation projects was presented to the following Cubs and Leaders:

Ryker Jackson, Odin Kier, Owen Melbert, Aldrick Noboa, Bryce Gross, Chase Crawford, Finn O'Keefe, Gabriel Petroff, Nathan Dunlap, and Quinten Niering Leaders: Julie Niering, Greg Melbert, Megan Dunlap, Wayne Gross, and Erin Melbert The Scouting for Food Patch for helping collect 2,500 food items with the Pack was

presented to the following Cubs and Leaders:

Jackson Woodrow, Nicholas Brunelle, Ryker Jackson, Odin Kier, Braden Glukoy, Owen Melbert, Brent Baker, Salvatore Cubeta, Harrison DePaoli, Garrett Nauman, Joshua Pallone. Nathan Dunlap, Finn O'Keefe, Quinten Niering, Chase Crawford, Bryce Gross, Gabriel Petroff, and Aldrick Noboa

Leaders: Julie Niering, Greg Melbert, Megan Dunlap, Wayne Gross, Erin Melbert, Amy Pallone, Rebecca Ryker, Maria Kier, Brian O'Keefe, Iris Santos, Kim Letizi, and Nicholas Petroff The Monroe District Webelos Heavy Shoulder Award was presented to Bryce Gross and Gabriel Petroff for completing all 30 Webelos/ Arrow of Light

Achievements.

BSA's Dr. Charles Townes Super Nova award medals were presented to Bryce Gross, Finn O'Keefe, and Gabriel Petroff for completing all the STEM achievements learning about 6 scientists, mathematicians, and technology innovators, and completing numerous projects and scientific experiments. These are the first medals being presented in Pack 89.

The following Arrow of Light Cubs graduated into Scouts and were Welcomed by Troop 89: Chase Crawford, Anthony DeDomenico, Nathan Dunlap, Bryce Gross, Aldrick Noboa, Finn O'Keefe, and Gabriel Petroff Megan Dunlap was recognized with the Cubmaster Key for her outstanding service at Cubmaster.





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## Pocono Garden Club Members Got an Early Start on Their Summer Gardens During the February Program

Co-Vice President Dolores Ragin showed videos and explained ways to start seedlings indoors in egg cartons and how to make miniature greenhouses that could be put outside now to start seedlings through winter sowing. The year's kickoff meeting also featured the club's traditional covered dish luncheon.



An egg carton holds vegetable seedlings started by Joan Lippi of Blakeslee.



Peg Zukawski discusses February floral arrangements done in a vertical design titled My Funny Valentine

Dolores Ragin shows how to cut a plastic jug to fill it with the proper potting mixture and seeds, then place the mini-greenhouse outside where the seeds will germinate. The plastic will keep the temperature inside warm. The plants later can be removed through the opening Ragin demonstrated pre-cutting.





## How to decide what kind of garden you want this year



(BPT) - Gardening has become a very popular pastime over the past two years, and that trend shows no sign of slowing down. According to last year's Axiom Gardening Insights Survey, 62% of their respondents said they will plant even more in 2022. Whether you're one of the many who plan to expand your garden or it's your first attempt, there are plenty of tools and resources available to help you succeed.

Winter is the perfect time to dream of warmer days - and gardening. Developing a concrete plan can help you focus on how to make your dream become a reality.

Here are steps to help determine what you want from your garden before the planting season is underway.

### Figure out your gardening goals

You could have more than one motivation for gardening, ranging from just enjoying being outdoors to specific results. Your reasons might include:

- \* Growing veggies, fruits and/or herbs you can eat or use in cooking
- \* Boosting your home's curb appeal with beautiful flowers
- \* Attracting butterflies and/or bees with a pollinator garden
- \* Creating a pretty backyard sanctuary

Determining which goal is most important to you can help you make choices about what and where to plant.

### Utilize help getting started

Enlist family members or friends to share tasks like planting, watering, weeding and fertilizing. Gardening is a great hobby for all ages, and children can have fun learning about nature from planting things and watching them grow.

One easy way to get started is with Ferry-Morse Plantlings: live healthy baby plants delivered from the Ferry-Morse nursery directly to your door. With over 100 varieties

of herb, vegetable, shrub, tree and flower Plantlings available, ready-to-plant seedlings are an easy way to get the summer growing season started. Plantlings are a popular option to begin your gardening early, with established root systems that will yield a healthier garden - and leave you with a shorter to-do list come time for spring planting.

### Know your space and time limitations

It's easy to be overwhelmed by all the amazing available choices, especially when you're new to gardening. But even homes with limited space can benefit from the beauty of plants or flowers in a planter, window box or raised garden bed. Choose low-maintenance plants and flowers to save on time.

Consider using what you already have to maximize your efforts - are there flowers and plants you already love in your yard? You could space them out if they are spreading varieties, moving some to other areas of your yard. Look up which plants need more sun or shade, so you know they'll thrive where you transplant them.

Yearning to start growing indoors before the season begins? Jiffy Peat Pellets can help you get your seeds off to a healthy start and establish root systems so your seedlings are ready to be planted directly into the ground at the start of the season.

Know your zone

Learn what plants are native to your geographical zone and hardest where you live before purchasing seeds or Plantlings. Learning the best times to plant specific species will also help your gardening efforts succeed. Your local agricultural extension office is a wonderful source of information on what plants grow best in your area.

### Know your level of expertise

Gardening rookie? You'll enjoy your efforts even more if you limit the number of varieties you plant. Focus on just a few at a time, then expand what you plant later in the year, or next year.

Even if you're an experienced gardener, it still helps to have a list of goals. Don't feel you have to do it all at once. To enjoy watching your garden transform its beauty throughout the growing season, plan for some early blooming plants, then arrange for different areas of your garden to feature mid-summer or late blooming flowers.

"Gardening is something anyone can enjoy, at any level of expertise, no matter how much space you have," said Rebecca Sears, chief gardening guru for Ferry-Morse. "Start with a few plants or flowers you love, and learn what you can about them. There's nothing more satisfying than watching your garden grow and thrive."

Visit [FerryMorse.com](http://FerryMorse.com) for everything you need to get started, plus tips and resources to help you enjoy your garden more than ever this year.

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Americans were killed as the 13 day siege of the Alamo ended when it was overrun by General Santa Ana's Mexican Army troops.

**7. 1938 – Monday-** Happy Birthday, Janet Guthrie, American race car driver. She was the first woman to drive in the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500 auto races, both in 1977. We also note that on this day in 1908 Cincinnati mayor, Mark Breith announced to the city council that, "Women are not physically fit to operate automobiles."

**8. 1887 –Tuesday-** The first telescopic fishing rod was patented by Everett Horton, who wanted to sneak off and fish on a Sunday in the Puritanical village of Bristol Connecticut. Telescopic fishing rods are designed to collapse down to a short distance and open to a long rod. This makes the rods very easy to conceal should you live in a Puritanical village and wish to go fishing on a Sunday.

**9. 1454-Thursday** –Happy Birthday, Amerigo Vespucci, Italian explorer and navigator. Yes, the Americas were named after him.

**10. 1849-Saturday-** Abraham Lincoln applied for a patent, the first president to do so. While Thomas Jefferson had several inventions, he never applied for a patent. Lincoln's patent, which would be granted on May 22 of the same year was for a device to lift boats over shoals, sort of a dry dock.

**11. 1818-Wednesday-** *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* was published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, wife of poet Percy Bysshe Shelley is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel as well as the first monster novel – no check that, we'll go with *Beowulf* for first monster novel.

**12. 1832 -Monday** Happy Birthday, Charles Boycott, real estate agent who refused to lower rents and served eviction notices

instead. Tenants refused to deal with him; in other words, they "boycotted" Boycott making his name a part of the English language.

**13. 1877-Tuesday-** Fifteen year-old, Chester Greenwood invented ear muffs. While testing a new pair of ice skates, he grew frustrated at trying to protect his ears from the bitter cold so he made two ear-shaped loops from wire and asked his grandmother to sew fur on them.

**14. 1833-Thursday** – Pi day, as well as Albert Einstein's birthday. Pi is a number, starting with 3.1415926535. It's the number you get when you divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter, and it can't be expressed as a fraction. It goes on forever. **1879-Friday-** Happy Birthday, Physicist, Albert Einstein. The Jewish Nobel Prize winner who escaped to America where he continued to be the world's pre-eminent physicist. Thanks to his Theory of Relativity, and his Special Theory of Relativity we have, GPS, Lasers, atomic power, and an overused stereotype of what a scientist looks like.

**15. 44 B.C. – Tuesday** Roman Dictator, Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Roman Forum by a group of senators led by Cassius, Decimus, and Brutus. He was stabbed in the forum.....Also, in the back, side and chest

**16. 1926-Tuesday-** Robert Goddard launched the first liquid fuel rocket. The rocket traveled 47 ft. high and 184 ft. in distance in 2.5 seconds. The camera recording the event ran out of film so there is no movie of this historic first rocket flight. .

**17.460 or 461-Tuesday-** St. Patrick's Day honors the patron saint of Ireland on the anniversary of his death. Born in Dunbarton, Scotland circa 387 as Patricius Magonus Sucatus, he was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland as a teen. He left but would return to Ireland as a missionary after a prophetic dream. Patrick began his mission to Ireland in 432.

**18. 1837-Saturday-** Happy Birthday, Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th president of the U.S. He was the only president to serve 2 nonconsecutive terms and the only president to be married in White House and the

1st to have a child born there. Who was the 23rd president?

Did you say Benjamin Harrison?

**19. 1831-Saturday-** The first bank robbery in the United States as Edward Smith robbed The City Bank in New York 's Wall Street of \$245,000, a huge amount at any time let alone 1831. Mr. Smith was quickly caught (it may have been the Ronald MacDonald mask that he used). He entered the bank after it closed, using a duplicate set of keys.

**20. 1852 –Saturday-** Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, was published. The cabin, as seen on HGTV's House Hunters, featured granite counter tops, cathedral ceilings, wainscoting, a two car garage, a walk-in closet, finished basement and a "man cave". Over 10,000 copies of the two-volume work were sold in the first week

**21. 1925-Saturday-** The Butler Act became state law in Tennessee. The law prohibited "the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all public schools of Tennessee. Famously, teacher, John Scopes went ape over this as he considered it to be monkeying around with the curriculum.

**22. 1895-Friday-** The first motion picture shown on a screen was presented by Auguste and Louis Lumière to an invited audience in Paris, France. Titled *La Sortie des ouvriers de l'usine Lumière*, the film, shows workers leaving the Lumières' own factory in Lyon

**23. 1839 –Friday-** So it's O.K. to say okay, okay? In the *Boston Morning Post*, editor Charles Gordon Greene was making fun of the *Providence Journal* by inserting the abbreviation "o.k" at the end of a paragraph. Intended as a joke (which has lost its humor over many years), the intention was to be a shortening of "oll korrekt," a humorous (then) misspelling of the words "all correct."

**24. 1765-Sunday-** *Mit a guten gast frait men zich ven er kumt arein; mit a shlechten gast, ven er gait avek.* (Yiddish - With a good guest, you are happy when he arrives; with a bad one, when he leaves.) Continuing to build good will in the colonies Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to

provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

**25. 1925-Wednesday-** The first public demonstration of his television system was held by Scotsman, John Logie Baird at the Selfridges department store on Oxford Street, London.

**26. 1845-Wednesday** A patent was awarded for an adhesive made of medicated plaster, the precursor of the band-aid. It would be marketed by Dr. Thomas Allcock as Allcock's Porous Plaster.

**27. 1860 Tuesday-** Attention oenophiles, The corkscrew, was patented this day by M. L. Byrn of New York City. The device was officially, described as a "covered gimlet screw with a 'T' handle".

**28. 1797-Tuesday-** Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire received a patent for a washing machine. Fire destroyed the patent office in 1836 and no description of the device exists. The earliest washing machine was a female, Uggette, a Cro-Magnon who was ordered to wash the bear skin undies by her husband Ugg around 23,000 B.C (a Friday). Ugg was later found kaput with bear skin undies lodged in his throat.

**29. 1897- Sunday-** You don't know him but you know what he did. Happy Birthday, Victor Mills, American chemical engineer who invented Pampers disposable diapers.

**30. 1964 –Monday-** And the answer is, which game show is designed for viewers with atleast a modicum of education and has contestants that don't make fools of themselves. The question is What is *Jeopardy*? ..... "This ... is ... 'Jeopardy'!" with host Art Fleming premiered.

**31. 1889-Sunday-** The Eiffel Tower, built for the Paris Exhibition of 1889, was completed. Writer, Alexandre Dumas was not impressed. He called it a "horrid nightmare." .....obviously he was on the long line waiting to get on the elevator to the 3rd level..

March is the month of expectation," ..... Emily Dickinson, XLVIII

**1. 1611 –Tuesday-** Happy Birthday, John Pell, English mathematician who introduced the division sign (obelus, ÷) into England. The sign was honored by the Beatles in their song "Obelus dee Obelus da, life goes on, yeah....."

**2. 1730 –Thursday**, English scientist, Stephen Gray dressed a boy in heavy garments until his body was thoroughly insulated. He left the boy's hands, feet, and head bare. Using non-conductive silk strings he hung the boy in the air, and then touched an electrified glass tube to his naked foot, "thus causing a spark to rocket from his nose". We thought you'd get a charge out of this item.

**3. 1847 - Wednesday-** Happy Birthday, Alexander Graham Bell American inventor born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1876, at the age of 29, Alexander Graham Bell invented his telephone, just barely beating out competitor Elisha Gray for the patent, the credit for the invention, and ultimately millions of dollars.

**4. 1908 –Wednesday-** The Collinwood's Lake View Elementary School became the site of the country's worst school tragedy. Shortly after 9:00 a.m., overheated steam pipes ignited nearby wood joists. The fire spread quickly, and 172 children, 2 teachers and 1 rescuer perished.

**5. 1749-Monday** Seeking to prove that lightening was electricity, Benjamin Franklin installed a lightning rod on his home in Philadelphia. Even then he couldn't get cable TV.

**6. 1836-Sunday-** Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, Colonel William Travis, John Wayne, Fess Parker, Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton, Richard Widmark, James Arness,



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## District Court 43-4-02

District Justice  
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The following individuals waived their rights to a preliminary hearing:

- **Deanah Leigh Thames**, 20, of Mount Pocono, charged with 4 counts of manufacturing, delivery, or possession with intent, endangering the welfare of children, possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana.
- **Dwayne E. Lewin**, 22, of Mount Pocono, charged with 4 counts of manufacturing, delivery, or possession with intent, 5 counts of endangering the welfare of children, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Shania Gilles**, 19, of Tobyhanna, charged with retail theft.
- **Alejandro A. Santana**, 67, of Tannersville, charged with theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Rafael Roberto Cruzado**, 27, of Scranton, charged with 2 counts of theft.
- **Deniz Erbas**, 36, of East Brunswick, NJ., charged with DUI, and having multiple valid drivers licenses.
- **John Hughes Trainor**, 62, of Tobyhanna, charged with DUI, and 3 counts of traffic violations.
- **Raheem Kerwyn**, 20, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Mireya Caridad Martinez**, 22, of Tobyhanna, charged with making terroristic threats, 2 counts of stalking, **2 counts of harassment, and 3 counts of disorderly conduct.**
- **John Walter Brooks**, 43, of Saylorburg, charged with making false written statements, unsworn falsification to authorities, and statement under penalty.
- **Angel Janeen Jenkins**, 52, of Norwalk CT., charged with theft, receiving stolen property, 3 counts of accessing a device not authorized, and conspiracy.
- **Tony Michael Kristiansen**, 30, of Jim Thorpe, charged with receiving stolen property, criminal conspiracy engaging - receiving stolen property, and conspiracy - receiving stolen property.
- **Robert Lee Davis Jr.**, 19, of Pocono Summit, charged with 3 counts of DUI, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Juthier A. Perez Santiago**, 70, of Tobyhanna, charged with unsworn falsification to authorities, statement under penalty, and making false statements.
- **Bradley M. Satin**, 35, of Cresco, charged with 2 counts of DUI, 5 counts of traffic violations, 6 counts of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while BAC .02 or greater with suspended license, and fraud.
- **Barron Fernando Sanchez**, 38, of Stroudsburg, charged with DUI.

Charges against the following individuals were held for court:

- **Dashawn R. Powell**, 33, of Plainfield, NJ., charged with possession of a controlled substance, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Deborah Ann Griffin**, 63, of Newark, NJ., charged with theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Raymond J. Scarnaty Jr.**, 55, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of retail theft, and driving with a suspended license.

The following individual entered a guilty plea:

- **Jan Carlos Negron Seda**, 27, of Mount Pocono, charged with flight to avoid apprehension, false identification, driving while BAC .02 or higher with suspended license, and 2 counts of traffic violations.

Move to Traffic:

- **William David Lee**, 47, of Duryea, charged with accident involving damage, 6 counts of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and 9 counts of traffic violations.

Move to non-traffic:

- **Henry Howell**, 58, of Stroudsburg, charged with criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct.

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## Library Letters

By MaryAnn Lewis

Greetings,  
everyone!

Spring is near (hopefully!) and National Library Week is just around the corner. Celebrate with us April 3-9 and "Connect with Your Library!" Libraries are places to get connected with technology using internet, computers, and digital resources. We also connect people with ideas, information, experiences, and each other. Stop in for some special treats during National Library Week and enjoy our abundant resources all year long! Speaking of technology... we hope you've had a chance to explore our new online catalog! In addition to easy-to-use "Search" tools, SPARK showcases newly catalogued items and offers convenient options for managing your library account. If you've checked out any items recently, you may have already received email notifications about due dates, overdues, or auto-renewals. SPARK now makes it possible to use your BPFL 14-digit library card at Clymer, Eastern Monroe, Pocono Mountain Public, and Western Pocono Community libraries! For now, it requires a visit to these libraries. By summer, we hope to have "resource sharing" in place so you can request materials from those libraries and pick them up here at BPFL within a day or two. SPARK has brought many changes to our library routines—please be patient with us as we navigate the new system and get used to all of its features! Links to the catalog and tips on using it are on our web site.

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

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am – 5pm**

**Wed: 10am – 7pm**

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as needed. Please call or check the website for the most current info: 570-595-7171; [www.barrettlibrary.org](http://www.barrettlibrary.org).

**The Barrett Township Historical Society invites you to step back into Victorian England with a "Tea Time" display at the Library.** Tea

Time items include a 1830's luster ware cup & saucer, a proper silver service, a variety of tea containers & tea brewing tools, a common Brown Betty tea pot, a child's toy tea pot, a reproduction Blue Willow tea pot, & assorted tea pots from England and elsewhere. This beautiful display (near the copier and public computers) will continue through March. 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!

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**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 March 1:

**Recycled Art Challenge—**Ages 0-5; Post-it Note Art Show—Ages 6-11.

Pick Up Begins Apr 1: Mosaic Butterfly Craft—Ages 0-5; Rain Hat Challenge—Ages 6-11. Cruise into Kindergarten- TO GO!

Supplies are limited. Call 570-595-7171 to register.

**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 June 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.

**"Numbers and Counting"—**

Pick Up begins March 1. We will focus on math skills.

**"Ice and Water"—**Pick up begins April 1. We will focus on skills of curiosity and inquiry.

**Saturday Night Library: Fairy Tale Trouble**

Saturday, March 26th, 7pm. Ages 6-11. It is Dragon vs. Unicorn in this epic battle to rule Fairytale Forest. Complete S.T.E.M. Challenges using supplies from the Library to settle this friendly feud. Pickup supplies (beginning March 23rd) from the Library, then follow along with the interactive fairy tale on Zoom on 3/26. A link will be sent to registrants via email. Contact Chelsea to register.

**Story Time at High Acres**

**Park:** Tuesdays in April 10:30am (tentative)

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.

**Saturday Night Library: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

Saturday, April 23rd, 7pm. Ages 6-11. Celebrate Earth Day with us! This interactive reader's theater program puts you in the spotlight! Each participant will be assigned a role for the short play, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," which will teach us about the importance of caring for our planet! Design your set and costume on your own, practice your lines, and then we will all meet together on Zoom to present our show. There are lots of different parts to choose from, from large speaking parts to a sound effects specialist! There is something for everyone, and you will have a chance to choose your part on a first-come, first-choice basis. 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). March: Women's History Month Come into the Library and enjoy the display for Women's History Month. There will be interesting facts to read and book recommendations.

**Adult Take-Home Craft: Fabric St. Patrick's Day Wreaths**

Make this fun, easy St. Patrick's Day wreath to add to your holiday décor! We'll supply the materials and instructions. Pickup begins Monday, March 14.

**Tuesday, March 15: Virtual Afternoon Book Club 1:00pm**

Join our virtual afternoon book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman. If you're interested in joining,

please call the Library for more details.

**Tuesday, March 29: Virtual Evening Book Club 7:00 pm**

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

**Adult Take-Home Craft: Beaded Safety Pin Bracelet**

Make your own bracelet with the Library's colors! We will supply all the materials. Pickup begins Monday, April 11th.

**Thursday, April 14: 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.

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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