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Looking back

by Phil Dente

When I was a young boy, I lived a block away from our elementary school. Right next to the school was a house occupied by the Fruchella family. The Fruchella's wisely converted the front room of the house into a candy store. They had every kind of candy imaginable in their display cases, small soda bottle shaped

waxed containers that held a delicious sweet drink inside, licorice of all colors and shapes, cigarette shaped candies with a red tip stuck together side by side in fives. "Ya broke em and smoked em" as they melted in your mouth, along with gummy candies, also of all shapes and sizes, most were two for a penny. Ah, all the kids loved this store.

My only problem was, back then, even at two for a penny, candy was not affordable for me. The word allowance was not even in my vocabulary. Before school or after school, I would sit on the stoop of the curb waiting for kids to go into the store and then I would follow them in and just browse as they purchased their sweets. On an occasion or two I would even get offered a sugary delight from one of my friends. Mrs. Fruchella, who ran the store, was an older Italian who didn't speak very good English, but she was very observant. She noticed my little act of following the other kids into the store and always leaving without buying anything. She realized that I didn't have any money.

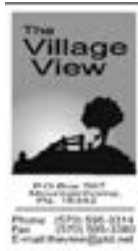
One day she called me over to the side. "Phillipo, you likea go to a market for me? I givea you somea candy." "Wow, you bet, what do you want me to get?" I inquired. The market was two blocks in the other direction, so it wasn't that far away, and if I cut through the alley it was half the distance. "I needa easter, getta me two

pounds," she said. "Huh, Easter?" I questioned. "Yessa, thatsa right, two pounds of easter." Now, I had no idea what she wanted, but I was brought up to be a very respectful child, and didn't want to keep questioning about what she needed, so off I went to the market. Although I had no idea what I was getting, I figured I would just wing it. Maybe it was a product I never heard of before. As I approached the market owner, Bill Delia, I told him I needed two pounds of Easter. After a long stare he asked me again what I wanted, I restated that I needed two pounds of Easter. Our town was very small and almost everybody knew each other. "Phillip, is this for your mother?" Bill asked. "No", I replied, "It's for Mrs Fruchella." Again, a long stare, then I saw his eyes light up. "Oh, she wants yeast!" "Yeast?" I replied quizzically. Then I realized that she actually said in her broken English, "easta," and somehow I added an r to the end. Anyway, that was the start of a great relationship between us. I go to the store for her, and she gives me candy, and sometimes even cookies or some other delicacy that she had baked. There was always a delicious aroma coming from her kitchen that wafted throughout the candy store. She seemed to always be baking. I liked Mrs. Fruchella, not because of the candy racket I had going on, but because she was just a nice person. I remember when I first became a Cub Scout, I had to pass the

candy store to go to my den meetings, I was so proud of becoming a scout, I stopped to tell Mrs. Fruchella all about it. "Whatsa thisa thing, eh, cubba scouta?" she asked. I tried to explain, but I could see she didn't understand. After a while she said to me, "Phillipo, you likea thisa cubba scouts?" "Yes", I replied. "Then itsa good thinga," was her answer. We couldn't afford a complete Cub Scout uniform, so my parents would buy me one piece at a time. First it was the yellow scarf, then the hat, then the shirt and so on. As I worked for my badges, my mother would sew them on my shirt. I stopped in the candy store every time I would go to my meeting and Mrs Fruchella would always notice when I was wearing some new scout item, even as to which new badge was newly sewn on my shirt, and always had something nice to say about them. She made me feel good even though I still think she didn't understand what a Cub Scout was. I don't remember what ever happened

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to the candy store, I remember our school burned down and we had to double up with another elementary school on the other side of town. I grew out of Cub Scouts and therefore didn't go past the store on the meeting nights, and eventually my visits just seemed to dwindle. A candy store like that wouldn't last two weeks in today's economy, but I'm glad I had the opportunity to experience it. And every time I hear the word "Easter," I get nostalgic.



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**NOOGIE: GET OUTDOORS
POCONOS HIKE SERIES****HEADLINE:** Buck Hill protects forests for the future*Editor's note: "Woods and Water" is a new occasional feature focusing on the relation between land and water quality – and the conservation easements that help preserve our environment in the Brodhead watershed.*By Carol Hillestad
For Brodhead Watershed Association

By nature conservative, Frank May considers protecting forested land to be a distinctly conservative activity. "Ginny and I were among the first members of Buck Hill Conservation Foundation," he says, even before they moved to the community full time. In the 20-plus years since, the group's work has protected 1,000 acres of forestland in Barrett Township — including one of the last stands of old-growth forest in the Poconos.

"Healthy, intact forests

provide measurable benefits," May says. "Trails and habitat are part of it." But he adds that "stands of trees, especially older, larger trees, moderate climate change naturally." The causes of climate change are complicated — but among the gases that trap dangerous levels of heat in our world, carbon dioxide is the stand-out culprit.

Throughout their lives, trees guzzle carbon dioxide from the air, trap the carbon and store it in wood and soil. The bigger the tree, the more carbon it is able to trap and store. Protecting and managing forests to remove CO₂ from the air is less costly than other methods — and, at the same time, this natural process results in cleaner water and purer air.

At Buck Hill Falls, conserving and protecting forested land is built into the community's history.

In 1901, its founders acquired an expanse of Pocono woodland to become a place that they, their families and future generations could enjoy. Residents today are beneficiaries and stewards of that legacy, now comprising 4,600 acres. Buck Hill Creek, Griscom

Creek, Spruce Run, the Middle Branch, and the Leavitt Branch — all headwaters creeks of the Brodhead — drain this land. Except for the Middle Branch, which rises in a wetland below Mount Wismer, all rise in the rich, old, peaty wetlands high on the Pocono Plateau.

These waters then plunge steeply off the highlands in rocky cascades, cold and pure, home to breeding populations of native trout, before coming together in Canadensis, forming the Brodhead.

Over the years, Buck Hill Conservation Foundation has taken on many projects, in addition to acquiring and protecting land, such as defending hemlocks from the woolly adelgid, managing the former site of the historic Inn at Buck Hill Falls, partnering with local government on public open spaces, and working with Brodhead Watershed Association to protect water quality in streams.

A crown jewel of its work is Chestnut Mountain Preserve, 478 acres of woodland which are open to the public and offer four miles

of blazed trails — and a view of Delaware Water Gap.

"This project alone was almost 20 years in the making," May says.

A little farther along the plateau, almost five miles of challenging trails have recently been opened on the adjacent Spruce Mountain, a 398-acre preserve protected by a conservation easement.

When asked about future plans, now-President Emeritus May says he expects to continue as an adviser to Buck Hill Conservation Foundation.

"We are in the early days of talking with The Nature Conservancy, for instance, about enrolling the forest here in their Working Woodlands program," he says. "It will take time. But when you're thinking about forests, you need patience. Some of the trees here are 300 years old. We humans have to take the long view."

**ABOUT BUCK HILL
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION**

The foundation was formed in 1993 and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

corporation. Foundation trustees include residents of Buck Hill Falls and three members from the wider community. See buckhillconservation.org.

**ABOUT CONSERVING FORESTED
LAND**

In addition to conservation easements (info at phlt.org and weconservepa.org), special programs exist for large tracts of forested lands. These can provide benefits to smaller landowners, including assistance in developing a forest management plan and certifying their woodlands in order to increase income by selling carbon credits.

Family Forests is a program for owners of forestland from 20 to 1,000 acres, a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and the American Forest Foundation. See forestfoundation.org/family-forest-carbon-program
Working Woodlands is intended for properties of at least 2,000 acres. It is administered by The Nature Conservancy. See nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/working-woodlands/

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February Anniversaries

Josh and Mandy Siglin
Dale and Sharon Price
Kenny and Brenda Pulse
Michael and Christine Macaluso

Obituaries

Charles "Charlie" A. Harrison, 81, of Canadensis, unexpectedly died on Friday, January 22, 2021; **Teressa I. Wicks**, 66, of Canadensis, died Monday, January 18, 2021; **Evelyn Otero**, 48, of Mount Pocono, passed away suddenly Saturday morning, January 10, 2021; **Peggy "PJ" Sue Williams**, 61, of Canadensis, died Saturday, January 16, 2021; **Hettie C. (Jones) Bixler**, 83, of Canadensis, 04/04/1937 - 01/29/2021 passed away on January 29, 2021; **Maria V. Wismer**, 66, of Canadensis passed away Monday, February 1, 2021; **Carmen Rossi**, 97, of Canadensis, passed away on Feb 2, 2021.

NOOGIE: GET OUTDOORS POCONOS

HEADLINE: Discover a new park in Paradise

Note: The COVID-19 emergency canceled the planned Get Outdoors Poconos hike this month. So BWA offers instead an exploration of Paradise Township's new Discovery Park. If you can, get out to hike the trail yourself, remembering to keep at least 6 feet away from other hikers.

By Carol Hillestad
For Brodhead Watershed Association

Opportunities for getting outside are everywhere in the Poconos. Few are easier to find than Paradise Discovery Park, a nature-play space on Route 191 in Paradise Valley.

No plastic swings or manmade climbing walls here. Instead, kids climb and explore in the natural world — boulders and rocks, a log bridge, a circle of timber stakes they can imagine into a tipi, fort, pirate hideaway or igloo. And of course, the woods.

The woods are where I'm headed on a cold afternoon in early winter.

The park is only about six acres, but it backs up on the 80-acre Van Buskirk Preserve — a place I know well. The yellow-blazed trails here take you in the "backdoor" of the preserve.

Beyond the rustic log crossing, the left-hand fork in the trail trends uphill, over the crest of the ridge. Just where the trail starts down the other side, I start looking for an unmarked spur to the left. In winter, it's fairly easy to find — a rough path over outcrops of red shale, formerly quarried here. At this elevation on red rock, I know I'll find pitch pine, scrub oaks, and lots of different lichens: pixie cup, British soldier, reindeer moss.

And there's even a view. In summer, foliage obscures it. Now, I can pick out the line of white pines where Cranberry Creek flows down below, and toward the horizon, the next ridge line of the Brodhead Creek valley.

Much of the forested land as far as the eye can see had once been intended for housing developments. Instead, thanks to townships, voters, individual landowners, the state, and a local land trust, the forest is pretty much intact.

And that's a big deal! In a year,

one single acre of forest can absorb twice the CO2 produced by a year's worth of driving ... create enough oxygen for 18 people ... intercept three million gallons of stormwater ... and remove pollution like toxic heavy metals, pesticides, solvents, and oils from soil and water.

All that, and soul-stirring, too.

Back on the trail, I pass the remains of a family farm, with its overgrown apple and pear trees and a piece of abandoned farm equipment as eloquent as a sculpture. In spring, the old quarry becomes a lively vernal pool, hopping with toads, frogs, and salamanders of every description.

With the farm at my back, I take the woods road, following a lovely old stone row. I can hear Cranberry Creek rushing down below. All this forested land protects the creek water, too — keeps it pure, cold, and safe for wildlife and native trout as it heads toward the Paradise and Brodhead creeks, on the way to the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean. It's not far to the bank of the creek, but with the light getting low, that's a hike for another day.

Sometime when you're driving through Paradise Valley, why not stop and get to know this place? And any time you head into the woods, I hope you'll heed what's going on silently around you, in trees and forest, protecting air, water, and the living natural home we all share.

Carol Hillestad is a hike leader and writer for Get Outdoors Poconos, a grant-funded series administered by Brodhead Watershed Association. IF YOU GO Paradise Township created Paradise Discovery Park using funds that citizens of the township voted to set aside for green space in the 1990s. In addition to being a resource for children and families, this space provides a second trailhead for access to Van Buskirk Preserve.

• The loop described here is about 1.75 miles. Many other

combinations are possible. To find this hike at Paradise Discovery Park, go to 5708 Paradise Valley Road; GPS 41.116608, -75.270339. A smaller trailhead is at 309 Cranberry Creek Road.

- Entrance is paved for a short way. Trails are blazed in yellow, some with black directional arrows. Trails are both single track and wide woods roads, and are a mixture of boggy, roots and rocks, and wide, smooth and grassy. Caution: Many stumps and snags in some sections of trail.
- Leashed dogs welcome. Hunting is allowed in season; always wear fluorescent orange.
- Wear sturdy footwear. Hike with a buddy, take a map and water, and let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
- No restrooms or trash containers. Pack out what you pack in.
- An unnamed intermittent tributary of Paradise Creek runs along the boundary of the property, under Route 191, into the grounds of Paradise Brook Trout Company.
- Go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos for information on this as well as other hikes in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. The series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

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The Friendly Community Center hopes that everyone stays in good health and looks forward to continuing great programs to help everyone Stay Healthy, Keep fit & Have Fun!

NEW PROGRAMS

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Food lovers unite! Want to learn a new skill, recipe or about the latest kitchen gadgets? Would you enjoy chatting amongst local chefs and fellow food aficionados?
Foodie Facilitators: Barbara Camlet and Nicole Abrams
Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 11:30AM

LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

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 via zoom
This program is free and open to the public. Register to attend by email to: info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org

GREAT DECISIONS ONLINE

Join in for Great Decisions, America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book (optional), watching a TV segment related to the topic during the meeting and engaging in a Discussion Group via the online format Zoom.
Facilitators: Drake Hooke and Leslie

Berger

Time: Beginning Thursday, February 4th from 7-8:30PM- This program occurs 8 consecutive weeks, it is not necessary to attend all but is encouraged.

CURRENT ONLINE PROGRAMS

BARRE FIT ONLINE

Tone, sculpt and strengthen your entire body with isometric movements and light weights during a low impact workout. Modifications can be made to accommodate your individual fitness needs. Barre is performed barefoot or with grip socks and a yoga mat.
Time: Thursdays from 4:30 -5:30 PM
Instructor: Ashley Meinking, IBBFA Certified
Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly

BARRETT BIRDING CLUB ONLINE

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. Meetings will be online, and link sent out via email, if interested send an email to: info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org
Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7 PM-
Outdoor locations announced via email
Facilitators: Darryl & Jackie Speicher and Tim Grover
Membership: Basic

CARDIO SCULPT ONLINE

Looking for a challenging workout? Increase strength and tone muscles using a combination of cardio and body-sculpting exercises.
Time: Wednesdays from 4:00 -5:00 PM
Instructor: Colleen LaScala, CPT RYT
Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly

CHAIR YOGA ONLINE

Enjoy all the benefits of yoga with the support of a chair. Learn common chair yoga poses and breathing techniques while increasing strength and flexibility.
Time: Mondays 2-3 PM and Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 PM
Instructor: Kimberly Matthew
Membership: Member Plus

FRENCH FOR FUN ONLINE

Parlez-vous francais? Traveling soon or just want to learn French? This is the class for you. Designed for levels from beginner to advanced.
Time: Wednesdays from 10:30- 12 Noon
Instructor: Yvonne LeBlanc
Membership: Members Plus, \$35

SEATED TO THE BEAT (Formerly CHAIR ZUMBA) 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

CREATE & CHAT ONLINE

Do you enjoy art or have projects that need to be completed? Join in and create with us using the medium of your choice. A weekly inspiration photo is provided, or you can work on an existing project while chatting in an online setting.
Time: Thursdays at 10:30 AM
Membership: Basic

LINE DANCING ONLINE

Dance to new and classic music while having fun and getting fit!
Time: Thursdays at 12:15 -1:45 PM
Instructors: Carlisle Nostrame & Barbara Camlet
Membership: Member Plus

MEN GET FIT 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 at 12:30 and Thursdays at 3:00 PM
Instructor: Bob Larsen NASM, C-PT, CES, PES, ENFA BTS
Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly

YOGA ONLINE

Learn common poses and breathing techniques in a relaxing atmosphere while increasing strength and flexibility. Yoga mat is suggested.
Time: Tuesdays from 10 – 11 AM and Fridays from 10 – 11 AM
Instructor: Colleen LaScala, CPT RYT
Membership: Unlimited or Unlimited Quarterly

DANCE TO THE BEAT (Formerly ZUMBA) 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

Scavello appointed Senate Majority Policy Chairman

Harrisburg -- [Senator Mario Scavello \(R-40\)](#) has been appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman (R-34) to the Pennsylvania Senate leadership position of Senate Majority Policy Chairman for the 2021-22 legislative session.

The committee works with Republican senators to develop legislation important to their districts and the commonwealth as a whole. The panel holds hearings to inform members and bring together stakeholders on key issues across Pennsylvania.

“I am honored to begin serving in this position and playing a key role in exploring issues important to the 40th Senatorial District and all Pennsylvanians,” Scavello said. “We are facing many challenges in the new year, and I look forward to bringing people together to examine ideas and work on solutions.”

Senator Scavello was elected to the Senate in 2014 and has been a strong voice for his district and is looking forward to using his new leadership position to be an even stronger voice for those in his community and across Pennsylvania. Scavello's prior Chairmanship positions include the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee and the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, and he is a long-standing member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He most recently chaired the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee in the 2019-20 legislative session.

4 ways to support your immune health, according to an MD

(BPT) - Amid the new normal where health and the health of loved ones is top of mind for many Americans, prioritizing wellness activities on a daily basis can be key to feeling in control and maintaining immune health. Our immune system is a critical part of our overall health and well-being - it's our body's natural defense system - which is why now is the ideal time to start implementing an immunity routine. In fact, a nationally representative survey commissioned by Emergen-C revealed that 69% of Americans care more about their immune health now than they did pre-pandemic and 71% have an established daily wellness routine.

Luckily, the key to focusing on immune health and maintaining a wellness routine lies in small, easy-to-follow daily habits that will ultimately yield a positive impact. If you're thinking of ways to kickstart a wellness routine to support your immune health, consider the following from integrative and family medicine physician, Dr. Bindiya Gandhi, M.D.

1) Hydrate!

While you may have heard the old adage to drink eight cups of water daily, you might not know that there is a strong correlation between hydration and immune health. From helping to flush waste and regulate the digestive system, to supporting skin health and cushioning the body's vital organs, drinking water has a plethora of health benefits and adequately hydrating is crucial. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to make sure you are getting your fill (and refill!). Try a water bottle with time markers to help you track your intake throughout the day. Or if you prefer a more tech-savvy approach, there are smartphone apps available that allow you to set hourly alarms as an easy-to-follow reminder to drink up.

2) Fill up on the right nutrients

In tandem with a balanced diet, supplements that contain vitamins and minerals can help fill nutritional gaps and ensure you're getting the essential nutrients your body needs to support immune function. Opt for products specifically designed to support the immune system, like Emergen-C Everyday Immune Support. Packed with 1,000 mg of vitamin C, plus zinc, manganese and 7 B vitamins to naturally enhance energy, Emergen-C products are easy to incorporate into your daily routine. From fizzy drink mixes to gummy vitamins, the wide range of products are convenient and bursting with delicious, natural fruit flavor.

3) Unplug

While technology has many benefits, too much screen time can affect immune health. Though it's nearly impossible to escape technology as we work from home and stay connected with loved ones, unplugging from devices can have a positive impact on mood, sleep and even eye health. Additionally, when we unplug, more attention can go toward things that help fuel our wellness, like reading books, cooking a well-balanced meal, exploring new hobbies or just simply being more present. A few hours before bedtime, try turning off your notifications so you are less tempted to reach for your mobile device.

4) Catch those z's

Getting enough sleep regularly is incredibly important for body and brain health. After all, sleep reduces cortisol production, which can have a negative effect on the immune system. Make the most of those seven to nine hours each night so you can recharge, repair, refresh and energize your body. To support nightly rest, keep a consistent sleep-wake schedule by waking up and going to bed at relatively the same time each day to help set your internal clock.

Focusing on small changes you can make one day at a time helps to establish and sustain a daily wellness routine. It doesn't need to be all at once, but making an effort to keep your body healthy can go a long way. With the above tips in mind, you will find that implementing healthier habits is not as unattainable as you might have thought and will help foster lasting change.

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Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

***I just tested positive for
claustrophobia.***
Internet Meme

Time for a story...

Once upon a time there was a woman living in these parts, who was feeling very closed in. A strange, deadly virus was circulating throughout the world, forcing everyone to hunker down and shelter in place. But the woman was lucky enough to be able to escape into the woods each day for a hike - until she tripped and broke her foot. (The woman, as you might suspect, was not the most coordinated creature on God's green earth.)

Then, despite her best efforts, this woman became well and truly...bored.

Bored as in cleaning out the kitchen drawers, and organizing all her pots and pans. (Not that she wouldn't have eventually done that in the normal course of life. In fact, she had penciled it into her appointment book - for some point in the year 2037.)

Bored as in having her tax papers ready to go to the accountant on January 3rd.

Bored as in watching at the kitchen window for the squirrels to climb up to the birdfeeders just so she could yell at them to go away.

Bored as in reading a low-carb magazine while baking sugar cookies.

Bored as in checking online regularly to see if toilet paper was available to order. (But not ordering any since there was still plenty in the house.)

Bored as in balancing her checkbook to the penny.

Bored as in digging through the closet to find an old puzzle to put together. Even as she reminded herself that putting together puzzles was...boring.

Bored as in spending serious time trying to remember the name of every character from *West Wing*. And *Cheers*. And *Gilligan's Island*.

Bored as in reading the full obituary online each day for everyone listed - even strangers. (Including the comments left by mourners - again, even for strangers.)

Bored as in plucking eyebrows, moisturizing skin, and flossing teeth as if primping for a meeting with the Pope.

Bored as in reading quotes about boredom such as "I am never bored anywhere: being bored is an insult to oneself." (Jules Renard), or "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." (Ellen Parr) This did not help. At all.

Then one day (version #1 of the story) in the midst of her boredom, the woman suddenly came up with a truly original idea for a book and proceeded to write *The Great American Novel!* In later years, when being interviewed by Anderson Cooper for a *60 Minutes* segment, she would recall the COVID boredom that actually sparked the concept for the book that made her famous.

Or:

Then one day (version #2 of the story) in the midst of her boredom, a vaccine was suddenly made available to the entire world and, within days, the woman was back out in the community, over-spending at stores, over-eating at restaurants, and generally going wherever she wanted, and seeing whomever she wanted.

Or:

Then one day (version #3 of the story, and unfortunately the most likely) in the midst of her boredom, the woman went stark-raving mad and was last seen lurching down the street screaming incoherently about puzzles with missing pieces and the number of carbohydrates in a sugar cookie.

Sigh...The End.



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by Charlie

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- 1/4 - 2:21pm - 7 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Spruce Cabin Rd. - no fire
- 1/6 - 1:45pm - 9 men - no trucks - auto alarm - 2944 Rt. 390 - no fire
- 1/7 - 7:20pm - 14 men - 1 truck - electrical fire - Family Dollar
- 1/9 - 2:40pm - 11men - 1 truck - smoke investigation - Hardy Rd. Ext.
- 1/14 - 12:09pm - 13 men - 1 truck - electrical fire - Upper Seese Hill Rd
- 1/19 - 4:36am - 5 men - 1 truck - auto alarm - 1 Weiler Dr. - no fire
- 1/23 - 11:20am - 9 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Crossroads Laundromat
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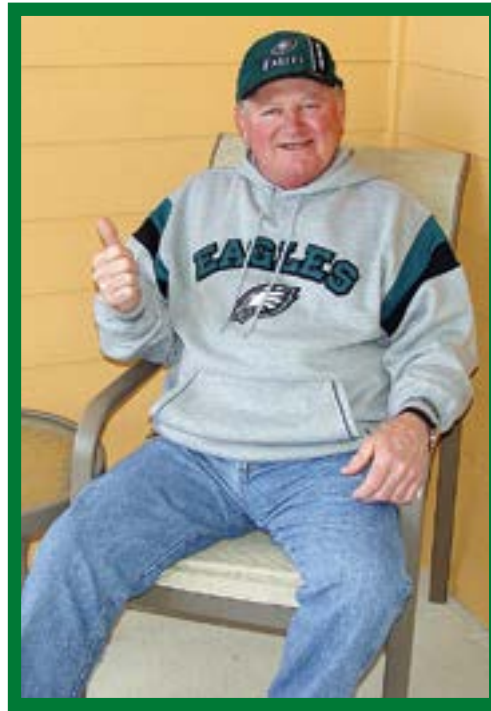
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galoshes to the public. So where did galoshes come from? The Romans adapted their boots from

the Gauls and only wore them in bad weather. Gaulish boots became known as galoshes.

1. 1862 –Saturday- To the tune of Brothers Will You Meet Me... The Battle Hymn of the Republic was first published in Atlantic Monthly. The lyric was the work of Julia Ward Howe. Howe was visiting a Union hospital and heard the wounded soldiers singing John Brown's Body. We music afficianados note that Howe's lyrics, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord", resonates a bit better than the earlier version which featured "John Brown's Body Lies a Moulderin' in the Grave".
2. Groundhog Day-The first Groundhog Day was celebrated in 1887 in Punxsutawney, PA. The tradition is derived from the Christian ceremony of Candlemas Day in which priests would distribute candles needed for winter. The candles would become indicators of how long and cold the winter would be. The Germans expanded the tradition by including a small mammal, a hedgehog, (seemed like a good idea at the time) into the mix. When they moved to Pennsylvania they brought the tradition, but not the hedgehog, with them. The groundhog would have to suffice. Of course, the groundhog, on the other 364 days of the year is called a woodchuck, but basically it's a rodent.
3. 1959-Tuesday- "The day the music died" Don MacLeanRock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were killed when their chartered plane crashed in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff on a flight from Mason City. Holly had chartered the plane for his band to fly between tour dates during the Winter Dance Party Tour. Holly was 22 years old, Valens, 17, Richardson, 25. The number of tour members who claimed they almost got on the plane grew each year with the telling. We do know that Waylon Jennings and Dion were there.
4. 1824 –Wednesday- J.W. Goodrich introduced rubber

5. 1971 –Saturday- Apollo 14, the third US manned Moon expedition, landed near Fra Mauro. Alan Shepard and Edward Mitchell romped on the Moon for four hours with a collapsible, two-wheeled cart, the modular equipment transporter (MET), for carrying tools, cameras, a portable magnetometer, and lunar samples. Included in the lunar samples were space microbes that mutated on Earth resulting the human disease Textosteronia Obnoxesia, which can be observed in people texting as the walk on the street or sitting at table in a restaurant with other Textoids.
6. 1754-Wednesday- Benjamin Banneker, African-American mathematician and inventor, built the first chiming clock in the United States. Banneker was inspired by a business associate's pocket watch and decided to build a clock. His clock was bigger than the pocket watch, and he added a bell, so the clock chimed on the hour.
7. 1812 –Friday- A violent of a series of earthquakes near New Madrid, Missouri caused a so-called fluvial tsunami in the Mississippi River. A fluvial tsunami makes the river run backward for several hours. Instead of flowing towards the Gulf of Mexico, it flowed up towards Iowa. Everyone had to take fluvial shots.
8. 1692 –Friday- Oy Vey! He could have just given them aspirin..... A doctor in Salem Village, Massachusetts Bay Colony suggested that two girls in the family of the village minister may have been suffering from bewitchment. The children were daughter Elizabeth, 9, and niece Abigail Williams, 11. They screamed, threw things, uttered peculiar sounds and contorted themselves into strange positions. Typical children but the local doctor blamed, yes, witches. This led to the Salem Witch trials. More than 200 people would be

accused of practicing witchcraft and 20 would be executed.

9. 1773-Tuesday- Happy Birthday William Henry Harrison, born in Berkeley Virginia. The 9th President of the U.S. Old "Tippicanoe" was, at 68, the oldest elected president prior to "Scranton's Own" Joe Biden. Mr. Harrison cleverly gave a 3 hr. inauguration speech on March 19, 1841 in a cold rain and promptly went kaput a month later of pneumonia making the span of his presidency, March 4, 1841 to April 4, 1841.
10. 1567 –Friday- Mary Queen of Scots informed husband Lord Darnley that she had promised to attend a masque and left the house. At about 2 a.m. an explosion destroyed the house. The explosion was so powerful that Darnley and his servant were found naked and somehow strangled in the orchard probably under the orders of James Hepburn the Earl of Bothwell who, surprise!, would become Mary's husband number three in May.
11. 1847-Thursday- Happy Birthday, Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor who, singly or jointly, held 1,093 patents. In addition, he created the world's first industrial research laboratory. Edison sort of invented the first prototype of a commercially practical incandescent electric light bulb in 1879 (Joseph Swan also claimed the invention). In the late 1880s he made motion pictures and by 1900 he had invented everything that would ever be invented
- 12 1809- Sunday- Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were both born on this day. No they weren't fraternal twins, Lincoln was born in Kentucky and Darwin was born in England.
- 13.. 1923-Tuesday- Happy Birthday, Chuck Yeager, the most famous test pilot of all time. He was also a great fighter pilot. He flew 64 combat missions in World War II. He was the test pilot who was the first to break the sound barrier in October 1947 in the fixed wing X-1 fighter plane. Of course, when he landed he was "ground Chuck." Yeager never became an astronaut. Not having a college degree made him ineligible.
14. 1876-Monday- Inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied

separately for patents for the telephone. Bell got to the patent office first. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Bell the rightful inventor. That's why you know Bell Telephone and not Gray Telephone.

15. 1564-Saturday- Happy Birthday Galileo Galilei, Italian scientist who was the first astronomer to use a telescope. Galileo was born the same year as Shakespeare. It was the same year that Michelangelo died. Galileo died in 1642, the same year that Isaac Newton was born. Got it?
16. 1968-Friday- The first telephone system in the U.S. to use 911 as the universal emergency services telephone number was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama. Why Haleyville Alabama? A gentleman from Alabama, Robert Gallagher –head of Alabama's independent AT&T, suggested Haleyville as the perfect first site. Et voila!
17. 1934- Saturday- Drivers Education started up as the first driving course was offered at State College High School in State College, Pennsylvania. The course, taught by Amos Neyhart, resembled today's courses. It did not include applying make-up, shaving, eating, reading newspapers, brushing one's teeth, talking on the cellphone or texting. Students who completed the course received State of Pennsylvania driver's licenses.
18. 1930-Tuesday- 19 year old Clyde Thombaugh discovered Pluto which was a planet for sixty six years but then demoted to Dwarf Planet, Pluto in 2006. There are currently five official dwarf planets -Pluto, Ceres, Eris, Makemake, and Haumea .
19. 1473- Wednesday His parents said to him, "Nicholas, when are you going to realize that the world does not revolve around you?" Happy Birthday, Nicholas Copernicus. Copernicus was the Polish astronomer who theorized that the sun is the center of the solar system. This was later confirmed by Galileo using his telescope.
20. 1963-Wednesday- John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth. He made 3 orbits staying in space 4 hrs.55 min. and 23 sec. That's almost the length of the Super Bowl half-time show. A four-cent U.S. stamp was put on sale the same day, making it the first U.S. stamp issued on the day of the event it

- commemorated. Glenn returned to space 36 years later at age 77, making 134 more orbits as a crew member of the space shuttle Discovery
21. 1948 –Saturday- NASCAR was incorporated. Kyle Busch was booed. The first meeting of the National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing had been held on December 12, 1947 at the Streamline Inn Motel in Daytona Beach, Florida. The organization named Bill France Sr. as its first president.
 22. 1986 –Friday- Suicides numbers spiked, divorces hit an all-time high, people ran through the streets screaming "nevermore", and people started to think that chain store pizza was real piza. All this madness was caused by the treacly song That's What Friends Are For which was recorded by Dionne Warwick, Elton John, and Gladys Knight.
 23. 1945-Friday- The U.S Marines raised the American flag over Mt. Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. A historic photograph was taken by Joe Rosenthal. There are five United States Marines and a U.S. Navy corpsman raising the flag of the United States The picture taken became a defining image of WWII.
 24. 1803-Thursday- In one of those watershed moments in American history that continues to affect us to this day, the U.S Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Marshall, issued its Marbury vs. Madison decision. This established the principle of judicial review. The decision was the first by the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional and void an act passed by Congress that the Court considered in violation of the Constitution.
 25. 1913 –Tuesday- The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to collect income taxes, was declared in effect. Thanks a lot New Mexico!!!! – It was the 36th state to ratify thus making it an amendment.
 26. 1993-Friday- Islamic terrorists set off a powerful bomb in a van parked below the World Trade Center in New York City. Six people were killed and over 1,000 people were injured and 50,000 people were evacuated from the buildings. Evidently, the plan was to cause the buildings to


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**Coming down along
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Landowners along a half-mile stretch of Mill Creek in the heart of Mountainhome can get help controlling the knotweed which clogs their banks and the creek, starting this summer.

Brodhead Watershed Association sent letters to streamside landowners in early February, describing the work, which will start in late June/early July. Participation is voluntary. The treatment is free to the landowner, thanks to a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, managed by BWA.

Knotweed may seem like nothing special, but it can make a mess of a creek.

Some of the damage is obvious. Knotweed is a fast, vigorous grower, and established stands can completely engulf a small stream like Mill Creek, interrupting water flow, eroding banks, and even changing the water's chemistry. Native plants get

completely crowded out, and all that knotweed debris ends up in the creek in the fall, smothering everything. The stretch of bank to be treated starts where the creek goes under Route 191, paralleling Brutzman Extension for 1,500 feet to Route 390, then another 1,200 feet to Wieboldt Road. The procedure recommended by Penn State will be followed: cutting in late June/early July and then treatment with herbicide by a licensed operator in late September. The herbicide is specifically chosen to be safe around water, and the licensed operator is Strauser Nature's Helpers.

On one property, a second control method called "cut and cover" will be used. The knotweed will be cut in June, and then covered with landscape fabric to prevent regrowth. This will allow comparison to determine the most effective procedure.

Knotweed is persistent, and the funding for the project includes treating the area again in 2022.

Last summer, a 500-foot "demonstration area" was treated from Route 191 to Pleasant Ridge Road. Any regrowth this year will be treated again by volunteers Trip and Matt Dilger.

"Getting rid of knotweed here in summer prevents it from setting seed," said Edie Stevens, who is managing the project for BWA. "That keeps seeds from moving downstream — so this project also protects lower reaches of Mill Creek as it heads toward the Brodhead."

HOW INVASIVE KNOTWEED SABOTAGES TROUT

Removing knotweed once it is established is painstaking, slow work. Locally, Buck Hill Falls has undertaken a large project to remove it in the upper reaches of Buck Hill Creek. The work has been successful, but it's taken three years. And vigilance will be required to treat and remove new growth. Why is it worth the effort?

In addition to the obvious damage knotweed does by clogging creeks, a lot happens below the surface. Native trout feed on a smorgasbord of macro invertebrates — the critters that live in and on the bed of a healthy, cold creek, like dragonfly and stonefly larvae, tiny snails, worms, and beetles.

Macroinvertebrates in turn feed on decomposing leaves. But not just any leaves — they feed on decomposing leaves of maple, oak, and other native species. Knotweed debris is just so much garbage for them, no more useful as food than pebbles, dirt or grass would be to a human.

So when knotweed takes over a stream, macro invertebrates suffer and decline, leaving trout reduced sources of food. And it's a one-two punch for the fish. Since knotweed leaves don't get broken down, they settle on the creek bed, fouling the clean gravel trout need to spawn.

Nature is a balancing act. When we throw a wrench in the works with an invasive like knotweed (which was intentionally introduced as an "ornamental" in the late 1800s), it's on us to try to fix it.

For information on knotweed, visit <https://brodheadwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/KNOTWEED-1.pdf> The Greening Mountainhome project is a Green Communities project funded by grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with support from The William Penn Foundation, and the Weiler Family Foundation.



: Matt Dilger of Henryville chops down knotweed in an ongoing effort to eradicate it along Mill Creek.

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“As an elected official, the service to my community and dedication to the residents of the 189th Legislative District is of the utmost importance to me,” said Brown. “It’s truly an honor to receive recognition for my work and to have esteemed female legislators across the country recognized side by side with me as well.”

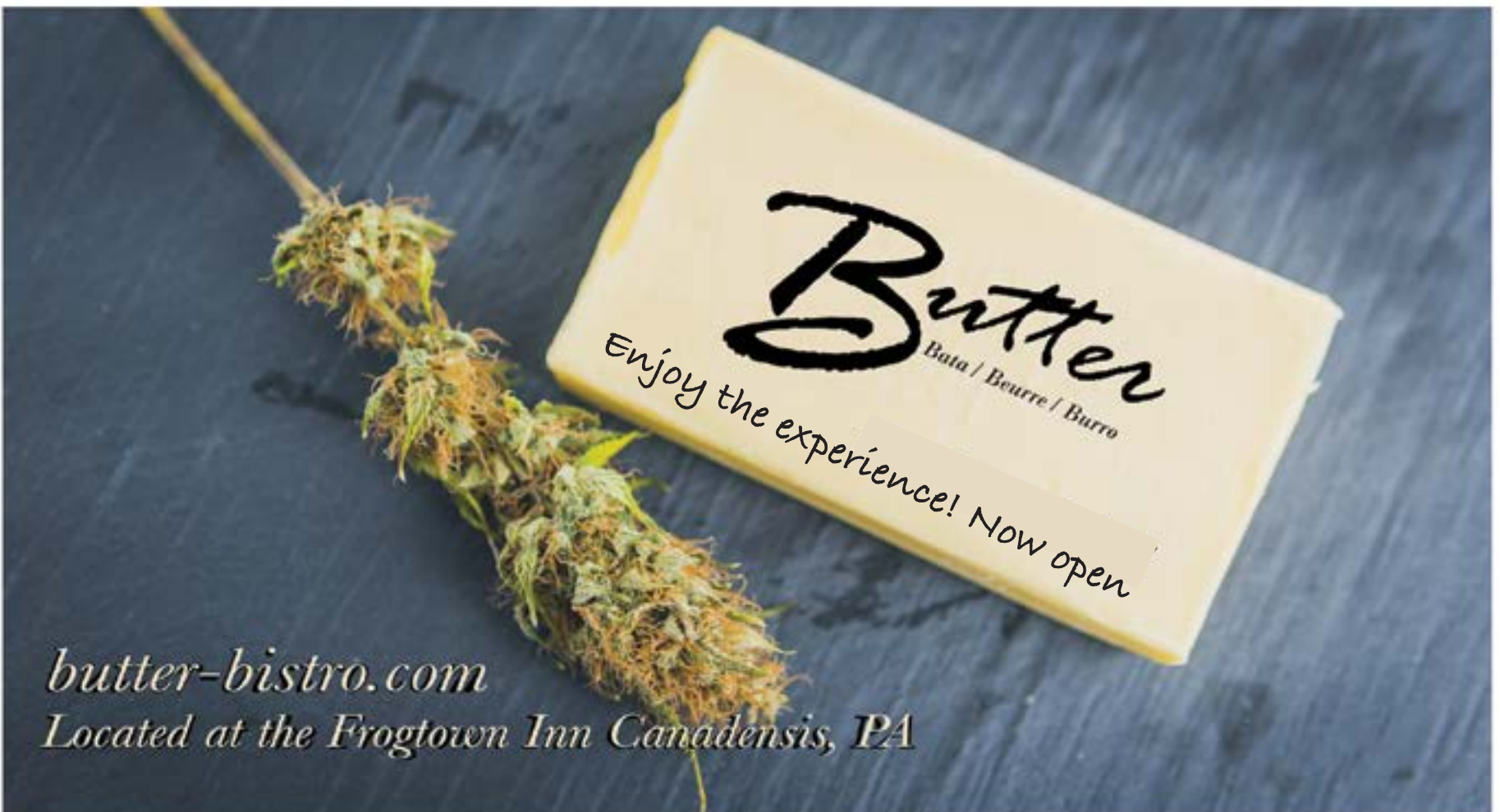


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Library Letters

By MaryAnn Lewis

Hello, everyone! Fend off the winter doldrums at the Library as we continue to focus on “Wellness through the Arts,” our theme for the grant we received from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. Virtual programs for all ages, kids through adults, offer healthy outlets for self-expression and personal improvement, including art, dance, music, cooking, and more. See below for brief program info; more details coming soon.

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Virtual & TO-GO Programs for Children

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

February S.T.E.A.M. Challenge: Valentine's Day Thaumatrope

All Ages. To-go bags available 2/8. Share a picture of your finished thaumatrope before 2/28.

Create your own optical illusion toy using paper, markers, a straw, and tape.

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Preschool Story Time Pals *To-Go*

Ages 3-5. FEB: To-go bags available on 2/1– Facebook Live programs on Thursdays, 2/4 & 2/18 at 10:30AM. MAR: To-go bags available on 3/1– Facebook Live programs on Thursdays, 3/4 & 3/18 at 10:30AM. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

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March S.T.E.A.M. Challenge - Read Across America - Book

Cover Challenge

All ages. This month we want to see your favorite books, with a twist!

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Send your picture to Ms. Chelsea at chelseabpfl@gmail.com before March 31st. Everyone who shares a picture will receive a small prize from the library!

Wellness Through the Arts Children's virtual programs exploring the connection between creativity and wellness. Funding has been provided by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. Details to be announced soon!

Dance Me A Story with Lisa Oster, TBA

Studio Tour with Lindsay Barrett George, 3/6

Creative Cooking with Katie Gallagher, RD, 3/13

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Adult Virtual & Take Home Programs

Tuesdays and Thursdays in February 7pm: Virtual Fitness with Sandra Rivera

Let's keep moving with evening virtual Pound Fitness and Zumba classes with the amazing Sandra Rivera! For more information and to request the Zoom link, please call the library.

Wednesdays 2:00 pm: Virtual Shakespeare

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

Fridays 3:00 pm: Healthy Recipes Tutorials on Facebook Every Friday afternoon we will post a new tutorial video on our Facebook page that focuses on healthy recipes that are easy to make.

February Adult Take-Home Craft: Lavender Aromatherapy Dough

This month, we will supply the materials to make lavender

aromatherapy dough. This is a natural and relaxing way to relieve stress. Contact the Library to reserve your bag. Pickup begins February 8.

Wednesday, February 10th 7:30 pm: Virtual BPFL Writing Group

We invite all writers to our virtual writing group! If you're interested, please contact the library with your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Tuesday, February 16th 1:00 pm: Virtual Afternoon Book Club

Join our virtual afternoon book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett. If you're interested in joining, please call the Library for more details.

Tuesday, February 23rd 7:00 pm: Virtual Evening Book Club

Join our virtual evening book club in Zoom! This month, we will discuss *Echoes from the Dead* by Johan Theorin. If you're interested in joining, please call the Library for details.

Friday, February 26th 7:00pm: Facebook Live Trivia

Join us for fun night of trivia on Facebook. This month's topic is Presidential History. We'll be there live to ask questions, and you can compete with others by answering in the comment section.

Thursdays in March: Virtual Music Therapy with Music Therapist, Lucy Watts

Join us on Zoom for this exciting program. Each week music therapist Lucy Watts will focus on a different area of wellness using the power of music. Time TBA. Please call the Library for more information.

Thursday, March 11th 6:30 pm: Virtual BPFL Writing Group

We invite all writers to our virtual writing group! If you're interested, please contact the library with your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Tuesday, March 16th 1:00 pm: Virtual Afternoon Book Club

Join our afternoon virtual book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss *Murder for the Books* by Victoria Gilbert. If you're interested in joining, please call the Library for more details.

Friday, March 26th 7:00pm:

Facebook Live Trivia

Join us for fun night of trivia on Facebook. This month's topic is Twenty-First Century Music. We'll be there live to ask questions, and you can compete with others by answering in the comment section.

Tuesday, March 30th 7:00 pm: Virtual Evening Book Club

Join our evening book club on Zoom! This month, we will discuss *A Murder for the Books*, by Victoria Gilbert. If you're interested in joining, please call the Library for details. On April 6, Ms. Gilbert will join us for a virtual author visit! Details coming soon.

Virtual Art Class with John James

Get ready for a fun art class series with John James! We will supply the materials for the class. Details to be announced soon.

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Mary Ann, currently reading *Echoes from the Dead*, by Johan Theorin, the February Evening Book Club selection.

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collapse. More Islamic terrorists returned on September 11, 2001. 27. 1827-Tuesday- The first Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans. Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday celebrates the last day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The first Mardi Gras parade would not be held until 1837. 28. 1844 -Wednesday- President John Tyler, his cabinet and other guests were merrily cruising the Potomac on the new cruiser, Princeton. The ship's designer, John Ericsson did not want the ship's guns test fired as he felt they were not ready. But the Secretary of War, wanted to show off. Things did not go well. The guns blew up killing two members of the cabinet, Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gilmer and Tyler's future father-in-law, David Gardiner.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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needs son (nicknamed "The GENERAL") wanted a snowman, so father and son went to work on it.

Since there are many things our son can't do right now that he'd like to do, Dad found a way to do things a bit differently — the biggest snowman they've ever made. (Our son calls him DK or Donkey Kong because he thinks that it looks like the snowman is wearing a tie like the one Donkey Kong wears in his MarioKart video game.)
Enjoying winter here on Forest Lane in Mountainhome!

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 - 19 Sit home
 - 20 Flock
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 - 62 Not a
 - 63 Whitewater
 - 67 Mascot
 - 69 Tongue-tie
 - 70 See
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 - 80 Two of
 - 81 Snow
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 - 89 For year
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 - 91 Muscle-w
 - 92 Animal
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 - 99 Wife
 - 101 Add-
 - 103 Reveal of
 - 107 Queen's
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A large passenger plane is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 35,000 feet, when suddenly an F-22 Raptor appears. The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, a boring flight isn't it? Take care and have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the plane and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The airplane pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!"

The jet pilot watches the plane, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After five minutes, the plane pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?"

The jet pilot asks confused: "What did you do?" The other laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the flight to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake."

My wife asked me to put ketchup on the shopping list... Now I can't read anything.

I used to work in an art supply store. We sold artists' canvas by the yard, and you could get it in either of two widths: 36 inches or 48 inches.

Customer: "Can you please cut some canvas for me?"
 Me: "Certainly, what width?"
 Customer (confused and slightly annoyed): "Scissors?"

After a recent college basketball game, the coach spotted a cell phone lying on the floor. He picked it up and handed it to one of the referees, saying, "Here's your phone."

"What makes you think it's mine?" the ref asked.
 "Easy," the coach replied. "It says you missed 13 calls!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	4	6	9				8
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO HOO!

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

☞ Each letter stands for another. In this example, A is used for the letter L, X for the letter G, etc. Single letters are unchanged. The length and format of the words are all the same. Each week the code letters are different.

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