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Looking back

by Phil Dente

It's very quiet in my house this Saturday morning as

I sit on the floor putting together a "some assembly required" end table. It's quiet because every one of my family members has left the premises under the guise of "having somewhere else to go!" I'm wise to them. I know why they all left. There have been undertones of "Oh No," and "Here we go again, ever since I came home with this new purchase." They seem to have a problem with my temperament when I am involved with this kind of project, and I don't understand why.

But, let me explain.

Once before, when I brought home a drawing table I purchased, it had to be "assembled".

I had a few problems with the way the manufacturer packed the materials in the box. I took out all the parts and placed them on the floor. Then I proceeded to start assembling. As I went along I just used whatever nut or bolt looked like it fit where I needed it. Makes sense, right?

However, and I feel that this is a very common problem with the quality of products we purchase anymore, the manufacturer obviously uses unskilled labor to package the whole thing because many of the nuts and bolts didn't fit. I had it almost all together when I reached for a bolt and found it didn't fit where I needed it to. As I looked around for the right one I realized it wasn't there.

Yes, it's true, I did get a little annoyed, and I probably did mutter a cuss word or two, but after two hours of assembling and reassembling the @#\$\$% thing my wife really pushed me over the edge when she uttered the words that would drive any red blooded husband to the breaking point.

"DID YOU READ THE DIRECTIONS?" was her query.

I mumbled under my breath, "Of course I read the directions, what do you think I am, stupid?" As she reached into the discarded box and pulled out an unopened cellophane bag, she scolded "these directions look like they were never opened.

"Oh, those directions," I muttered. "I read the other ones."

"What other ones? She demanded.

"LOOK!" I responded in a slightly raised tone of voice. "I have this under control, and I would appreciate it if I could just be left alone to figure it out myself.?"

As she *stormed* out of the room, I returned to the project at hand. *Read the directions? I don't have to read any stinking directions. I know how these things are supposed to work. It's a thing that guys are born with.*

So, I went back to my project, but, because of the distraction my wife created, my concentration wasn't as keen as it should have been. So, there were a few cuss words along with an angrily flung part or two, a sliced finger from using a knife as a screwdriver, (I'm sure the blood will come off the veneer) but I eventually got it all together, sort of.

There was this seven inch metal tube that was kind of left over along with a few nuts and bolts. I could only assume the manufacturer mistakenly packed these items.

As I proudly accessed my prowess at finishing the project, I again chided the manufacturer because the top door didn't shut and the chair didn't adjust up and down.

How can they produce such junk?

Oh well, on to the new project.



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2020 was a year full of challenge and change. Together, we rode the highs and lows from Corona Virus confusion- wear masks or not, stay home or eat out, mail-in or stand-in-line to vote, go back to school or work remotely from home. As of this writing the travel/cruise industry shut down should have forced our business to close its doors, but for the grace of good people, including a very understanding land lord and very loyal clientele, after 31 years we are still hoping to eventually resume some normal office hours. There have been surprising positives working from home and rediscovering life. Who knew that cleaning house, cooking meals, baking banana bread, watching Hallmark movies and hanging out with Koa, our German-Shepherd, would be such a treat. Rest and respite not only helps reassess and reorganize priorities, but more importantly restores health and happiness. Balancing life, mental, physical and spiritual makes for a peaceful spirit. My wish for all during this holiday season is to remember: Thankful living is Thanksgiving.

May God bless us all.

Melanie Samoy-Lutz
One Stop Travel



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The Village Scene

November Birthdays

Heather Schrott
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Obituaries

Jean S. Acker, 88, of Pocono Twp. passed away Tuesday afternoon, October 20, 2020; **Helmut N. Luehrs** - 94 of Henryville, passed on Wednesday, October 21; **Robert Tuttle**, 84, passed away on Sunday, 10/18; **Ingeborg C. Mignat**, 88 of Canadensis, passed away on October 15, 2020; **Bradford S. Parady**, 52, of Henryville, died Saturday, October 10, 2020; **Duane E. Green Sr.** 57 of Tannersville, Pa. died on Thursday Oct. 8, 2020; **William Richard Helbig**, 87, of Newfoundland Pennsylvania, passed away on Tuesday, September 29th; **Maurice "Ky" Jackson**, 92, of Cresco, died Tuesday, October 20, 2020; **Martin Zacher**, age 87, of Mt. Pocono, PA passed away on October 30, 2020; **R. Kevin Noon**, 65, of Cresco, died Sunday, October 25, 2020; **John Wesley McCoy**, 70, of Tannersville, died peacefully on Saturday evening, October 24, 2020,

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Greening Mountainhome, Knocking Out Knotweed

Brodhead Watershed Association

Knotweed clogs creeks almost everywhere in the Brodhead Watershed, and Mountainhome's Mill Creek is no exception.

This invasive weed crowds out native plants and fills the creek with debris, harms our own native fish and plant life, and spreads like crazy. It can completely alter life and water conditions in our natural creeks.

But it's not indestructible.

How to Control Knotweed

In early July, John Styk, Trip Dilger, and Matt Dilger started a three-year

demonstration project for how to control this pest. In one week, they worked both banks along a 500-foot stretch of Mill Creek, starting at the Forest Fire Crew Station on route 191 and then upstream to Monomonock Road. They cut all the knotweed down to knee height, NOT shorter.

Over the summer, the knotweed drew huge amounts of energy from its roots to regrow. In late September, a licensed applicator from Strauser Nature's Helpers treated the regrowth with an herbicide licensed to use near water. Within three weeks, most of the regrowth had died (while other stands downstream were still green and healthy).

A Three-Year Project

This is the first year of a 3-year demonstration project. This stretch will be examined for regrowth next June. If there is any, it will be cut, again knee high, and the regrowth will be treated in the fall. The same process will be followed the third year.

This cycle of forcing the plant to use all its energy regrowing again and again finally exhausts it.

Once the knotweed has stopped regrowing, streamside plantings of native plants can be done to replace it.

This technique of cutting to knee height, then treating regrowth in late September is endorsed by Penn State University after years of research. It was used by Certified forester Barry Rose on Buck Hill Creek, with 98% success. However, to be effective, control must start at the furthestmost upstream "seed bed" of knotweed, or the upstream patches will continue to bring seeds and stalks downstream.

We'll report on the project next season. For more information: <https://emswcd.org/on-your-land/weeds/weeds-to-know/knotweed/>



A patch of knotweed has regrown after being cut.



Knotweed regrowth after treatment.

Giving the Burn to Burning Bush Brodhead Watershed Association

Like so many non-native, invasive plants, burning bush started life in the United States when people intentionally introduced it from Asia as a landscape shrub in the 1860s.

With its cork-like bark and brilliant fall

color, it's not hard to see why that seemed like a good idea. But burning bush (*euonymus alata*) is incredibly prolific. Hundreds of seedlings can be found in the "seed shadow" below a single parent plant. Birds feast on the seeds and disperse them far and wide. It germinates easily. It tolerates full shade and all kinds of soil, including our acid woodland soils. It easily out-competes native plants and creates large thickets, crowding out and shading out natives.

That's why, as you drive many local roads at this time of year, the understory of our native woodlands is ablaze with enormous infestations of burning bush — as far as the eye can see.

Because it is such a pest, many garden centers have voluntarily stopped selling it. Careful gardeners won't plant it. But if you have some, take heart. It can be controlled.

Seedlings and first- and second-year plants can be pulled up by the roots, bagged, and put in the trash. Be sure you pull the entire root system, as any bits left in the ground can regrow. It's best to do this early in spring, before the plant sets seeds. Even one seed left behind can sprout and start the cycle all over again.

If you have a large, established shrub — burning bush can reach well over 12 feet high and 12 feet wide — eradicating it will take a little more attention. The best time is July, August and up to mid-September. That's when carbohydrates and other plant compounds are being manufactured in the leaves and drawn from the leaves down to the roots for storage. This natural downward flow helps pull weed killer to the roots. Mechanical control by cutting is also very effective during these months for the same reason. For example, when you cut the top off any plant, the roots naturally respond by sprouting — pushing up more top growth, which reduces the root's reserves and stresses the plant. Every time you cut the top off, you force the plant to sprout — reducing the root reserves and weakening the plant.

How to Proceed

During July, August, and up to mid-September, cut your target plant(s) down to one inch from the ground. Immediately apply straight glyphosate herbicide such as Roundup "poison ivy killer." If you want to start earlier, in March, April, May, and June, you can cut the stump six to twelve inches from the ground, and let it sprout. Then cut the sprouted plant in July, August, or early September to one inch from the ground and apply herbicide as above.

Always work very carefully with herbicide, and keep well away from creeks, wetlands, and other sensitive ecosystems. Infestations in these areas require the skill of a licensed technician. For more information: <https://extension.psu.edu/burning-bush>



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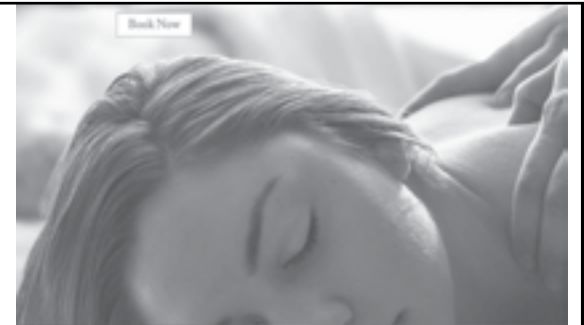
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Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

Ever wonder where you'd end up if you took your dog for a walk and never once pulled back on the leash?

Robert Brault

Just about every afternoon, our dog Norman and I head out for a hike. It gives me a chance to get some exercise, and it gives Norm a chance to pee on as many things as possible. All in all, it's a win-win for us both.

While most days are fairly predictable - the same fields, the same forest, the same streams - once in a while, Mother Natures shakes things up a bit for us. Last year, for example, two coyotes crossed our path when we were walking deep in the woods. They seemed as surprised as we were and slinked off quickly, but I was still scared silly. Norm charged after them for a yard or two, presumably to let them know he was in control of the situation, but even he didn't seem inclined to mess with those guys.

We had a similar encounter earlier this year. We were walking through a field when I spotted something up ahead. I stopped and called Norm over because it seemed clear that whatever was over there had its eye on us, staring intently. It was blondish in color and as it took a step our way, I was sure it was a coyote. When I backed up, it started to creep our way. As I picked up the pace, it started trotting faster and faster toward us. I finally pulled out my mace, ready to spray it, when I realized it was the neighbor's German Shepherd, a friendly, let's-hang-out-together kind of guy. I could see the thought bubble floating above Norm's head that said, "Why are we running from THIS?" It took a few minutes for my blood pressure to ease down into a medically acceptable range as I continued my walk with two dogs now instead of one.

Aside from that goofy event, this year has been a banner one for actual wildlife encounters, unlike any I can remember in the past 30-some years of poking around this countryside.

Late one afternoon, for example, I was standing beside a stream relaxing for a minute, while Norm nosed around a few yards ahead of me. Suddenly, something near him shot off the stream bank and into the water. He didn't seem to notice, which was good because it gave me a chance to see a beautiful black mink crouched in the water watching Norm. After a bit, I reached into my pocket to pull out my phone for a photo, but that was enough movement to alert the mink that I was there, and it dove out of sight.

Another time as we were hiking near our house, Norm trotted off the path and began sniffing at the base of a tree. I stopped to see what had gotten his attention when all of a sudden, a bear cub tumbled out of the tree right next to him, then scurried off. I quickly looked in all directions trying to locate the mother bear, because it's never a good idea to be between her and her cub, then turned back just in time to see her crashing down to the ground out of the very same tree. I assume she hustled off after her young one, but I can't say for sure because I was busy running for my life, calling frantically for Norman to follow. I was terrified. Norm was annoyed. ("Why do we always leave when things are getting interesting?") Since then, I have seen a bear on almost every walk in that area, so I've taken to making round-about detours to avoid areas where they might free-fall out of trees. It seems like a good strategy.

Then there was this: A few weeks back we were walking on a dirt road when we noticed something ahead. I thought it was a pile of leaves, but as Norm trotted over to investigate, I saw it slowly move and immediately called him back to me. The "pile of leaves" was a thick, black rattlesnake, coiled up tight, ready to strike. I was really shaken by how close Norman had been to it. As we stood waiting for it to finally slide off the road and into the nearby field, I considered, not for the first time, the advantages of becoming a couch potato.

Not all of my wildlife adventures have been with Norman. My trusty sidekick (a.k.a. my husband) and I have seen some cool things this year as we've kayaked lakes and streams and boggy ponds in our area. We've seen more eagles and herons than ever before, which never gets old, and once I got to see a beaver swim right in front of me, then flip his tail and dive out of sight. Hoping to see another one, I later spent a good half hour floating quietly by a large beaver dam, listening to little whimpers and cries that emanated from the kits inside.

One interesting encounter came late one afternoon as we were making our way across a lake, back to shore. Up ahead of us, we saw something swimming in the water. At first, I figured it was a turtle or a snake, which, to me, always look the same from a distance since you can only see the head sticking above the water line. As we got closer, though, we were surprised to see that it was a small chipmunk. It wasn't paddling as if it had fallen in the lake, though. Instead it was moving calmly as if it were just part of a regular chipmunk day. (Get up, feed the kids, go for a swim across the lake...) As we watched, it finally reached the shoreline then climbed nonchalantly up a tree. I couldn't stop thinking, "Wow! How cool was THAT?" I later read an article online by a gentleman who watched a similar thing unfold. As an added twist, though, the chipmunk he saw swimming was grabbed by a fish and dragged under water, before splashing to the surface again. I imagine that little guy was the very opposite of "nonchalant" as he high-tailed it to shore.

My most recent animal sighting was a beautiful red fox that stood along side the road right by our driveway. I pulled up in my car and got out for a better look, but it darted away. The next day my husband watched it trot through our back yard, stopping to sniff and playfully poke at one of Norm's balls. Sadly, there is now a dead red fox on the road right up from our house, which I'm fairly certain is the same one. It breaks my heart and reminds me that in people versus animal encounters, when things go bad, it's usually the animal that bears the brunt of the experience.

Meanwhile, Norm and I just got back from another hike and saw nothing more exciting than a couple of squirrels and a few turkey vultures. And I'm ok with that...



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 10/6 - 4:10pm - 7 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Weiler Corp. - no fire
 10/6 - 5:05pm - 10 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Skytop Dr. - no fire
 10/6 - 11:10pm - 9 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Dutch Hill Rd. - no fire
 10/9 - 11:40am - 8 men - 1 truck - vehicle accident - Rt. 390 & Rt. 940
 10/14 - 5:46pm - 13 men - no trucks - smoke investigation - Canadensis Post Office - no fire
 10/17 - 2:02pm - 7 men - 1 truck - vehicle accident - Rt. 390, Mountainhome
 10/17 - 5:25pm - 5 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Falls Drive - no fire
 10/24 - 9:45pm - 8 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Ledge Drive - no fire
 10/26 - 9:53am - 5 men - 1 truck - pole & wire fire - Preacher Hill Rd.
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Many in our community are living without basic things most of us take for granted every day. This program was developed to help those in need in our community.

If you are moving, downsizing, settling an estate or buying new furniture and need to get rid of your old items, please contact us to donate. If you are in need of any items, please contact us for pick-up.

Some of the items we accept:

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

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

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



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7. 1867-Thursdays- Happy Birthday Marie

Curie, Polish-born French chemist and physicist. The only person to win a Nobel Prize in both Chemistry and Physics, she died of radiation poisoning. A strand of her hair, when examined in the 1980's was found to be still dangerously radioactive and readers of her lab papers and even her cookbook have to wear hazmat suits.

8. 1892 -Tuesday Grover Cleveland, after a four year hiatus -having lost the 1888 U.S. election to Benjamin Harrison, was re-elected president, in a rematch with Harrison. Grover became the only president to win non-consecutive terms in the White House, making him the 22nd and 24th Presidents of the United States. VP #1 was Thomas Hendricks. VP #2 was Adlai Stevenson 1.

9. 1731-Friday- Happy Birthday, Benjamin Banneker, a black scientist, compiler of almanacs and writer who taught himself mathematics and astronomy by reading borrowed textbooks. His grandfather was a slave from Africa and his grandmother, an indentured servant from England.

10. 1983 -Tuesday- From the Department of Irony, on the same day as Bill Gates introduced Windows 1.0.....Student Fred Cohen presented to a security seminar the results of his test - the first documented virus, created as an experiment in computer security.

11. 1834 - and 1858 - A presidential social note as on this day, the future President Franklin Pierce married Jane Appleton. And on this day in 1858, future President James Garfield married, Lucretia Rudolph. Surprisingly, both brides wore Vera Wang and the grooms, Tommy Hilfiger tuxedos (Pierce's was rented). Both weddings were catered by Izzy Lipschitz "Weddings and Bar Mitzvahs for Democrats and Whigs". Music was provided by the Manifest Destiny Orchestra.

12. 1970 -Thursday The Oregon Highway Division attempted to destroy a rotting beached sperm whale with explosives. Things went awry. The deceased 8-ton, 45-foot-long whale, washed up on the Pacific Ocean beach south of Florence, Ore. The beached behemoth became an olfactory

disaster as the foul smell of rotting whale wafted through the town. Assigned the task of cleaning up the mess, the State Highway commission cleverly decided to blast the blubber to smithereens using a half-ton of dynamite. It didn't go well. The detonation pulverized only part of the whale, sending pieces soaring - not toward the ocean, as planned, but toward people watching from the dunes.

13. 1789 -Friday- Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

14. 1889- Nelly Bly, reporter for the New York World, set off on a Tuesday to outdo Phineas Hogg, Jules Verne's hero of Around the World in 80 Days by circling the globe in less time. She did it in 72. Bly's travel experiences were published daily in her newspaper, World. Her theme song was, obviously, "As Time Goes Bly".

15. 1960 -Tuesday- Marsal Kordes and Lewis Urry patented the alkaline dry-cell. They assigned the patent to the Union Carbide Corporation, the manufacturer of Eveready batteries. In 1798, Italian physicist Alessandro Volta had created the first battery called a voltaic pile, (possibly referring to his hemorrhoidal condition)

16. 1965 - Tuesday The Soviet Union launched the Venera 3 space probe toward Venus, the first spacecraft to reach the surface of another planet. The mission of this spacecraft was to land on the Venusian surface and bring back to Earth actress, Zsa Zsa Gabor, who was working for Ylanni, the Queen of the Amazons according to the 1958 documentary movie, Queen of Outer Space.

17. 1970 -Tuesday- A U.S. patent was issued for the computer mouse - an "X-Y Position Indicator for a Display System" The inventor was Doug Engelbart. In the lab, he and his colleagues had called it a "mouse," after its tail-like cable. The original mouse looked a bit different from those of today. It was a wooden shell with two metal wheels and, of course, the tail.

18. 1307 -Friday- According to legend, William Tell, who may or may not have existed, may or may not have shot an apple off of his son's (who also may or may not have existed) head (which may or may not have existed depending on whether there was a son depending on whether there was a William Tell).

19. 1863 -Monday In just 272 words, President Lincoln gave one of the most famous speeches in history at the dedication of the military cemetery at Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania. The crowd had just listened to a two hour speech by actor Edwin Booth - older brother of soon to be presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln's address lasted just two minutes...

....."Four score and seven years ago...."

20.. 1889- Wednesday Happy Birthday, Edwin P. Hubble, American astronomer. He is now famous as the namesake of the Hubble Space Telescope. Hubble is considered the founder of extragalactic astronomy and he provided the first evidence of the expansion of the universe.

21. 164 BC -Wednesday Judas Maccabaeus restored the Temple in Jerusalem, capturing it from Syrian forces of Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The events are commemorated each year by the festival of Hanukkah during which people debate the correct spelling of the word. Judas was killed two years later, his younger brothers took over the fight, finally securing the independence of Judaea.

22. 1963 -Thursday- , John Kennedy, 35th president of the United States, was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald and/or gunmen shooting from the 5th floor of the Texas Book Conservatory and/or the "Grassy Knoll" while traveling through Dallas, Texas in a motorcade.

23. 1992 - Monday The first Smartphone, the IBM Simon was introduced at COMDEX in Las Vegas, Nevada. Good news - had a plethora of features including a calendar, address book, calculator, email service, and even a touch screen. All yours for \$899.00.... with a 2 year contract.

24. 1542 -Tuesday Continuing a history of battlefield performances as the historical equivalent of the 1962 Mets, at the Battle of Solway Moss, a much larger Scottish force snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, 18,000 Scots led by Oliver Sinclair lost to the English forces. Three weeks later King James V died leaving his two week old daughter Mary as Queen. History would know her as Mary Queen

of Scots.

25. 1948 Thursday- -Cable television was invented by Ed Parsons of Astoria, Oregon. In trying to capture a broadcast from 150 miles away, he discovered that an antenna on the roof of a hotel connected to his set by a coaxial cable would get the job done.

26. 1941 -Wednesday- Declared a holiday in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

27. 1924 - Thursday In New York City, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held. Actually, they billed this as the Macy's Christmas Parade. More than 250,000 people attended this first parade. And in answer to your question, in 1927, Felix the Cat became the first giant balloon to ever take part in the Parade.

28. 2005 Monday A new marketing strategy called "Cyber Monday" entered the global lexicon. Who can we thank? The National Retail Federation (NRF) coined Cyber Monday. NRF then launched a CyberMonday.com website dedicated to relaying online sale information for the day.

29. 1890 - Saturday Played at West Point, the United States Naval Academy defeated the United States Military Academy 24-0 in the first Army-Navy football game. The game was not completed as both teams ran out of players since this was the only game to feature guns and live ammunition..

30. 2004 - Saturday Answer - Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only 4 months a year. Question: Nancy "What is H&R Block? Ken "What is FedEx?"...Nancy was correct and longtime Jeopardy! champion Ken Jennings finally lost. There were gasps in the audience as he blew a relatively easy "Final Jeopardy" question leaving him with a mere \$2,520,700, television's all-time biggest game show haul.

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Charges against the following individuals were waived for court:

- **Joseph Kiziukiewicz III**, 52, of Marshalls Creek, charged with retail theft.
- **Robin M. Scout**, 56, of Reading, charged with intent to possess a controlled substance, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Cynthia Mary Roman**, 44, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of retail theft.
- **Tamier Fulton**, 44, of Tobyhanna, charged with retail theft.
- **Danielle Terri Caesar**, 21, of Long Pond, charged with 2 counts of retail theft.
- **Ryan Lee Mully**, 35, of Dunmore, charged with theft of a moti vehicle, criminal conspiracy, and criminal attempt.
- **Brian Thomas Zalesky**, 33, of East Stroudsburg, charged with 2 counts of DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Jelena Suissa Sagiva**, 38, of Albrightsville, charged with retail theft, and 2 counts of corruption of minors.
- **Jacob P. Morales**, 24, of Bethlehem, charged with 2 counts of DUI, and disregarding traffic lanes.
- **Pawel Drozdewski**, 36, of Mount Pocono, charged with criminal trespassing.
- **Jose L. Lugo Jr.**, 21, of Hudson, charged with possession of firearm with manufactured number, possession of prohibited firearm, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Tiffany Michelle Surdak**, 32, of Albrightsville, charged with DUI, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.
- **Raymond J. Scarnaty**, 53, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of retail theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Anissa J. Parenting**, 47, of Pocono Summit, charged with 3 counts of retail theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Terri Keyon Sparks**, 25, of Tobyhanna, charged with possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 counts of DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Heather M. Colossi**, 32, of Gilbert, charged with accessing a device w/o permission, receiving stolen property, and possessing instrument of crime.
- **Gabriel Michael Hines**, 18, of Weatherly, charged with 2 counts of theft, criminal trespass, and 2 counts of loitering.
- **Lisa Marie Sanjurjo**, 23, of East Stroudsburg, charged with manufacturing-delivery-or possession with intent, drug delivery, criminal use of communication facility, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and involuntary manslaughter.

Charges against the following individuals were held for court:

- **Tiffany Nicole Morant**, 32, of Central Islip, Ny, charged with retail theft.
- **Robert A. Mosley**, 29, of Greentown, charged with theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Philip A. Brunetti**, 56, of Cresco Pa, charged with receiving payment for services not performed, theft by deception, and theft.
- **Eric C. Funk**, 30, charged with multiple counts of arson, 2 counts of reckless burning or exploding, 2 counts of criminal mischief, 3 counts of possessing an instrument of crime, 2 counts of making terroristic threats, and 5 counts of reckless endangerment.
- **Ricky Alan Hess Jr.**, 30, of Catasquaqua, charged with intent to possess or controlled substance, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following individuals entered a guilty plea:

- **Christopher Charles Webster**, 37, of Bethlehem, charged with 2 counts of theft.
- **Samantha Joann McMickle**, 22, charged with propelling missiles into vehicles, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct.
- **Edwin Reyes**, of Hartford Ct., charged with endangering the welfare of children, and disorderly conduct.
- **Jose Macao**, 45, of Mount Pocono, charged with endangering the welfare of children, simple assault, harassment, and disorderly conduct.

Non-Traffic:

- **Tyrique Hagood**, 26, of Schenectady, NY, charged with use of marijuana, and disorderly conduct.
- **Keyanna Loren Leonard**, 40, of Tobyhanna, charged with simple assault, harassment, and disorderly conduct.
- **John R. Daeschler**, 68, of Canadensis, charged with simple assault, and harassment.

Friendly Community Center



The Friendly Community Center is a great place to stay connected to friends while Staying Healthy, Keeping Fit, and Having Fun. Located at 6683 Route 191 in the heart of Mountainhome. Visit www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org – New programs and events are added quarterly! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram

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!

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

Join our mailing list to get a weekly email sent directly to your inbox chock full of information about The FCC's programs and helpful links to our many community partners.

CURRENT CLASSES BEING OFFERED ONLINE

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

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, \$40

SEATED TO THE BEAT

ONLINE (Formerly CHAIR ZUMBA) 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 3:00PM
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 ONLINE (Formerly ZUMBA)

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

MORE ONLINE PROGRAMS COMING IN 2021

More Good News for Both Pack 89 and Troop 89



At the September 28, 2020 Pocono District Awards Court of Honor Steve Mazza, Scoutmaster Troop 89 receive the Pocono District Outstanding Leader of the Year Award in memory of Clint Franz and Megan Dunlap, Committee Co-Chair (Recent Cubmaster), Pack 89 received the Unit Fellowship Award for her outstanding service to Pack 89.

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Happy 100th Birthday Mrs Lolly Tupper

Submitted by
Diane Edwards

Once upon a time there was a charming country inn, in the heart of Canadensis. The inn was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Tupper in 1976. The Tupper's decided to keep the original name of the Overlook Inn. Now, every charming Inn needs a special personality to make it work. So, while Bob Tupper maintained a business in New York, Mrs. Laura Gilbert Tupper, or Lolly, as everyone knew her, tended to the daily working of the Inn. Lolly began each day overseeing breakfast for her guests. Then she would share her hand drawn maps and discuss the best point of interest, and off they would go to explore the Poconos. Lolly greased them all by name, got to know their family history, and even their pets! She found common ground with everyone. She was gracious and caring, and made every guest feel at home and welcome. Because of this, the repeat business at the Inn was extraordinary!

The Overlook Inn was also well acclaimed in the Country Inn world, was featured in several publications, and won many awards through the years of the Tupper ownership.

Working at the Overlook Inn was a rare and memorable treat. Everyone that worked there remembers it as the absolute best work environment ever. Mrs. Tupper, as we called her, would greet us at the door with a bow, ask how we were, and listen to a story or two from our day. As we got the dining room ready, she would be getting her homemade scones and cookies together for the 4:00 High Tea Time by the fireplace for her guests. She always served tea from her antique silver tea set handed down from her great Aunt Jesse. Then she would switch gears and finish up her homemade dessert for dinner guests. If anyone shared a meal at the Overlook Inn, you would agree the food was scrumptious and the experience always first class, with Mrs. Tupper visiting table to table and engaging her guests.

Lolly filled all the gaps at the Inn from chambermaiding, laundry, kitchen prep work, to checking in the guests, and doing "turn downs" as the guests enjoyed

their dinner - turn downs were always done when the guest was out of the room, straightening up the rooms, turning down the top of the bed covers, and adding a special chocolate treat on the pillows. She would end the day with the last load of dishes in the dishwashers and a glass of wine with the staff, regaling us with stories. We could always count on her for some great life stories. She did all of this with remarkable energy served up with a side of humor and graciousness.

Mrs. Tupper was also a huge part of the Barrett Township community. She could be seen frequently driving her small yellow Chevy pickup truck through town with her beloved St. Bernard in the back. She befriended everyone and always shopped local. Her favorite spots were MaryAnn and Mickey Miller's Price's Lumber and Hardware Store, Callie's Candy Kitchen, Lewis' Supermarket, and Forsell's Nature Nook for her flower needs. She hosted tea parties for the Barrett Friendly Library at her home, and had Barrett Township's planning meetings at the Inn. She also submitted her prize jams, jellies, and Lemon Curd at the annual Fall Festival at High Acres Park. She loved the small town flavor of our community, and we loved her back!

Just to
give you
an idea
of just
how

special our dear friend is, her "roots" are in the halls of Hamilton College, Clinton NY. Her mother's family name is Root. The college is full of memorabilia and appreciation of the Root family. We visited the college with Lolly when she lived in Poland NY. Her grandparents' home is now one of the administration buildings. She played there as a child. Many family pictures are framed in the hallways. The college dedicated walking gardens to the Root family. Also, she had 2 great uncles, Elihu and Oren Root, both mathematicians at the college. There are building named after them, each with a plaque, one to "Cube" Root, and one to "Square" Root. Elihu Root also has a huge history as a US Statesman, holding positions of Secretary of State, and Secretary of War under President Theodore Roosevelt. The Tupper's were married in the beautiful



college chapel.

The reason for this article is not only to share her history, but to wish her a Happy and Wonderful 100th Birthday. While the pandemic has put a damper on all of our lives, Mrs. Lolly Tupper continues to thrive in her new environment in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. She is close to her son Rick and daughter in law Didi Tupper. You may

also remember that her son Rick is a well recognized artist. His paintings graced the walls of the Overlook Inn, and many patrons have a private collection of his works. He recently retired and sold his gallery, Greenleaf Gallery in Duck, North Carolina. Her other two sons, Bob, married to Ellie, is a history professor, and beer aficionado, having traveled abroad to sample beers from around the world and write a book about them. They live in Bethesda Md. Tom Tupper, the youngest, Retired Navy and is living in Great Mills, Md.

SO, HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU, MRS. LAURA
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Top Row is Molly Martin, Laurie Malabre-Speicher, Diane Edwards, Jenny Galunic
Bottom is Madeleine Forssell, Lolly Tupper, and Kitty Martin



Library Letters

By MaryAnn Lewis

Hello, everyone! Our big news this month is our annual Basket Raffle, which is changing with the times. Given the current public health crisis, we have to forgo our traditional "Gathering" this year. Instead of a one-day event, the gift baskets will be on display in the Library from Nov. 23-Dec. 11; raffle tickets can be purchased and entered throughout that time. You will also be able to view the baskets and enter online! The drawing will be held on Dec. 12. Details are available at the library and on our website (www.barrettlibrary.org). The "Basketeers" are doing an amazing job creating beautiful gift baskets! Try your luck at winning some awesome prizes and support the Library at the same time! Congratulations to Jacob Glavich whose grandparents, Laura and Richard Spinner, honored him through the Library's Name a Shelf program to acknowledge his recently attained rank of Eagle Scout. Jacob chose a shelf in the Juvenile section with World War II books, one of his favorite topics. If you would like to honor or memorialize someone through the Name a Shelf program, call or stop by the Library for information. Stop by and browse! The building is open during the following times: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am – 4:30pm
Wed: 10am – 6:30pm
Sat: 10am – 1:30pm
Staff are available for an additional ½ hour at the end of each day to answer phones and provide curbside delivery service. It's been wonderful seeing more people in the building! We also appreciate that everyone has been following our COVID safety protocols.

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Get crafty for the holidays with take home projects and activities for kids and adults. Enjoy a Zoom presentation by PT Reptiles on November 21! Programs & descriptions below. Check our Facebook page for additional programs, posts, and opportunities: www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary. Virtual & TO-GO Programs for Children
All programs take place on Facebook unless otherwise noted. Our live videos can be seen at www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary/live/

November S.T.E.A.M.

Challenge: Turkey Hideout
Take-home bags available from 11/1-11/30. Submit your picture before November 30th. Ages 6-12. Create a hideout to help a turkey escape from the Farmer on Thanksgiving Day.

Preschool Pals Story Time *To-Go*

Take-home bags available starting on 11/1– Facebook Live events 11/12 & 11/26 at 10:30AM. Ages 3-5. Our popular story time program has gone virtual! Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

Baby & Toddler Story Time *To-Go*

Take-home bags available beginning 11/1 – Facebook Live events 11/3 & 11/17 at 10AM. Ages 0-3. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

Songs and Stories on Zoom
Friday, November 13th 4:00pm
Ages 0-6. Join Ms. Chelsea and Ms. Jennifer on Zoom for 30 minutes of singing, dancing, and stories. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and something to use as a shaker. Call the library or email chelseabpfl@gmail.com to register.

Saturday Night Library:

Episode 3 "PT Reptiles"
Live Zoom event on Saturday, November 21st at 7pm. All Ages. Mr. Peter will be zooming right into your home with his reptile friends. See snakes, lizards, and more! You can't touch them, but you'll be able to see them up-close! Call the library or email chelseabpfl@gmail.com to register.

"A Turkey for Thanksgiving"
Reader's Theater on Zoom

Friday, November 27th 2:30pm. Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Chelsea on Zoom for an interactive reader's theater experience. Once you sign up, you will receive the script for the play and will be assigned a role. We will perform the play together on Zoom on November 27th. Call the library or email chelseabpfl@gmail.com to register.

December S.T.E.A.M.

Challenge: Igloo Fun
Take-home bags available beginning 12/1. Submit your picture before December 30th. All Ages.
Build an igloo using marshmallows and toothpicks. Gather materials on your own or pick up supplies from the library.

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

Preschool Pals Story Time

To-Go
Take-home bags available starting on 12/1– Facebook Live event on 12/10 at 10:30AM. Ages 3-5. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

Baby & Toddler Story Time *To-Go*

Take-home bags available beginning 12/1 – Facebook Live events on 12/8 & 12/22 at 10AM. Ages 0-3. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, rhymes, fingerplays and more from your own home!

Saturday Night Library:

Episode 4 "Cocoa & Canvas"
Saturday, December 19th 7pm on Facebook Live. Take-home kits available 12/14. Ages 6-12. Join us on Facebook Live for a fun painting project of a lighted winter scene.

Adult Virtual & Take Home Programs

November 11th Veteran's Day
Celebrate and honor the vets in your life with a picture and a special note about them on our Facebook post.
November 11th – 13th Try a New Recipe: Thanksgiving Side Dishes
Each day from Wednesday to Friday we will make something new with common Thanksgiving staples and post it to our Facebook page at 3:00 pm.

November 12th Writing Group
We invite all writers to our virtual

writing group! To join, please contact us via Facebook messenger or call to give your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Monday, November 16th Take-Home Craft: Book Leaves and Harvest Candle
Two crafts to add to your Thanksgiving décor in one bag!
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Tuesday, November 17th @ 1:00 pm Virtual Afternoon Book Club

Our book clubs are now on Zoom! This month we will discuss The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty. Call the library for more information if you'd like to join.

Wednesday, November 19th Photography Challenge: What I'm Thankful For
For this photography challenge, we want you to post as many pictures as you'd like of what you're thankful for. We'll post the prompt on our Facebook page, and you share your photos in the comment section. Let's spread some light across our community!

Tuesday, November 24th @ 7:00 pm Virtual Evening Book Club

Our book clubs are now on Zoom! This month, we will discuss The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. Call the library for more information if you'd like to join.

Saturday, November 21st @ 7:00 pm Facebook Live Trivia

This month we will be doing trivia on Facebook Live. Come join the fun and show off your trivia skills!
Monday, December 7th Adult Take-Home Crafts: Peppermint Candy Dishes, Cinnamon Rudolph Ornaments, & Book Scroll Wreaths

Stay busy crafting with three projects in the Adult Take-Home bags. Bags will be ready Monday, December 7th. Call the library to reserve yours today!

Thursday, December 10th Writing Group

We invite all writers to our virtual writing group! If you're interested,

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December 14th Cookie Recipe Exchange

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

December 19th @ 7:00 pm Facebook Live Trivia: Holiday Movies

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

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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Abraham Lincoln, HoF Wrestler

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Trivia at Large

What happens when you cut a starfish up into pieces? Depending on where it has been cut, the starfish will regenerate itself into a whole new starfish. This applies as long as the cut piece is still attached to part of the original central region. A piece cut off the edge will not be able to regenerate itself.

If you want to keep a kangaroo from hopping, lift its tail. By lifting its tail you cause it to lose balance and more than likely fall over.

What is the Halo Effect? It is the phenomenon in which your mind can't stop your heart from seeing what it wants to see in another person. More or less. Being attracted to someone or thinking they are smart and/or good looking can and will influence how you rate their abilities or skills in other areas.



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Cub Scout Pack 89 receives awards

Nicholas Petroff presenting award to Nathan Dunlap



Cub Scout Pack 89 remains active during the pandemic to provide opportunities for boys in the community to be active and continue to earn awards toward rank advancement.



Cubmaster Wayne Gross presenting the plaque to Megan Dunlap

Congratulations to the Pack for receiving first place at the Barrett Reverse Parade.

On Saturday October 31, 2020 Pack 89 held its Pack Meeting at High Acres Park. The theme was Loyal. Volunteer fireman Rick Scrudato visited the meeting to speak to the Cub Scouts about loyalty and service in the community.

The following awards were presented to the following Cub Scouts:

Wolves:

Call of the Wild Belt Loop:

Brayden Glukhoy, Jackson Ardizoni, Owen Melbert, and Peyton Valderama

Webelos:

Adventure Pin: Welbelos Walkabout,:

Aldrick Noboa, Anthony DeDomenico, Bryce Gross, Chase Crawford, Finn O'Keefe, Gabriel Petroff, Nathan Dunlap, Nicholas Trindade, Quinten Neiring, and Riley Dyson

Arrow of Lights:

Adventure Pins: Fix it, Welbelos Walkabout, Cast Iron Chef, Castaway, and Outdoor Adventure:

Connor Hartmann and Jayden Snyder

Megan Dunlap received a plaque from the Pack for her outstanding Service as both Cubmaster and Committee Chair for six years. She remains the Co-Committee Chair with Julie Neiring.

Getting to know Stony Run

Note: The COVID-19 emergency canceled the planned Get Outdoors Poconos hike this month. So BWA offers instead a jaunt along Stony Run. 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

Stony Run rises in a wetland at about 1,600 feet, high on the Pocono Plateau, close to the county line. It runs about 12 miles, as the crow flies — though no creek runs like that — to rush under Route 447 in Price Township, tumbling over boulders into the Brodhead. Like every drop of water in the Brodhead watershed, these pure waters ultimately flow to the Delaware River, becoming drinking water for millions of people downstream. The creek's final destination: the Atlantic Ocean.

Long stretches of Stony Run are far from human haunts. It gets dammed a few times, held up in shallow manmade lakes and ponds, but mostly it runs free and unseen.

From a trailhead off Snow Hill Road in Price Township, a friend and I step into an unblazed maze of trails in Delaware State Forest headed toward Stony Run. Autumn is in full swing, with colors so vivid and various that it's hard to name them. We pass maples like burning flames, witch hazels covered in pale spidery flowers, swaths of understory blueberries the color of a cranberry bog. Hay-scented fern is bleached nearly white against dark spruce Christmas ferns.

Our route seems rambling, but our heading is consistently down the ridge, toward the south. The trail alternates between an open, grassy woods road and steep rocky downhill stretches. Mixed hardwood trees arch overhead, and the air is full of a rich humus scent.

We descend between two huge hunks of rock, identical wedges for all the world like slabs of pie. And then the creek is there.

With all their similarities, every creek has its own personality. There can't be any question where this creek gets its name — Stony Run's banks are littered with rocks of all sizes, from ankle-busting rubble to flat, tilted boulders that seem to be sliding into the water in glacially slow motion. In this rain-deprived year, the creek flows flat and quiet; still pools are latticed with fallen leaves. Upstream, a surprise — a natural waterslide formed in the bedrock.

Across the creek we see what looks like the stone wall of a barn foundation. Stumbling along the rock-strewn bank we come to a wide, well-maintained wooden bridge — so wet feet won't be required to investigate.

The mystery isn't solved, though. On the far side of the bridge, we make our way through tussocks of grass, burr sedges, sphagnum moss and unexpected seeps to reach the structure. It seems to be just a wall, taller than head height and 30 feet long, neatly and painstakingly built, without even a trace of what its purpose might have been.

Back across the bridge, we take a different route toward the trailhead. Without blazes, the branching trails can start to all look alike. But at many intersections, trees are marked in yellow paint with arrows and the letters SH. My friend says that this land was once owned by a hunting club, and the yellow marks were "road signs" pointing to Snow Hill Road. The paint is worn, but still visible — and helpful.

Until now, my acquaintance with Stony Run was based on its confluence with Brodhead Creek, where in springtime it is a crashing, roiling firehose of a creek, brash and loud. Today I've glimpsed a different side of this creek's personality — one I can't wait to get to know better.

Carol Hillestad is a hike leader and writer for Get Outdoors Poconos, a grant-funded series administered by Brodhead Watershed Association.

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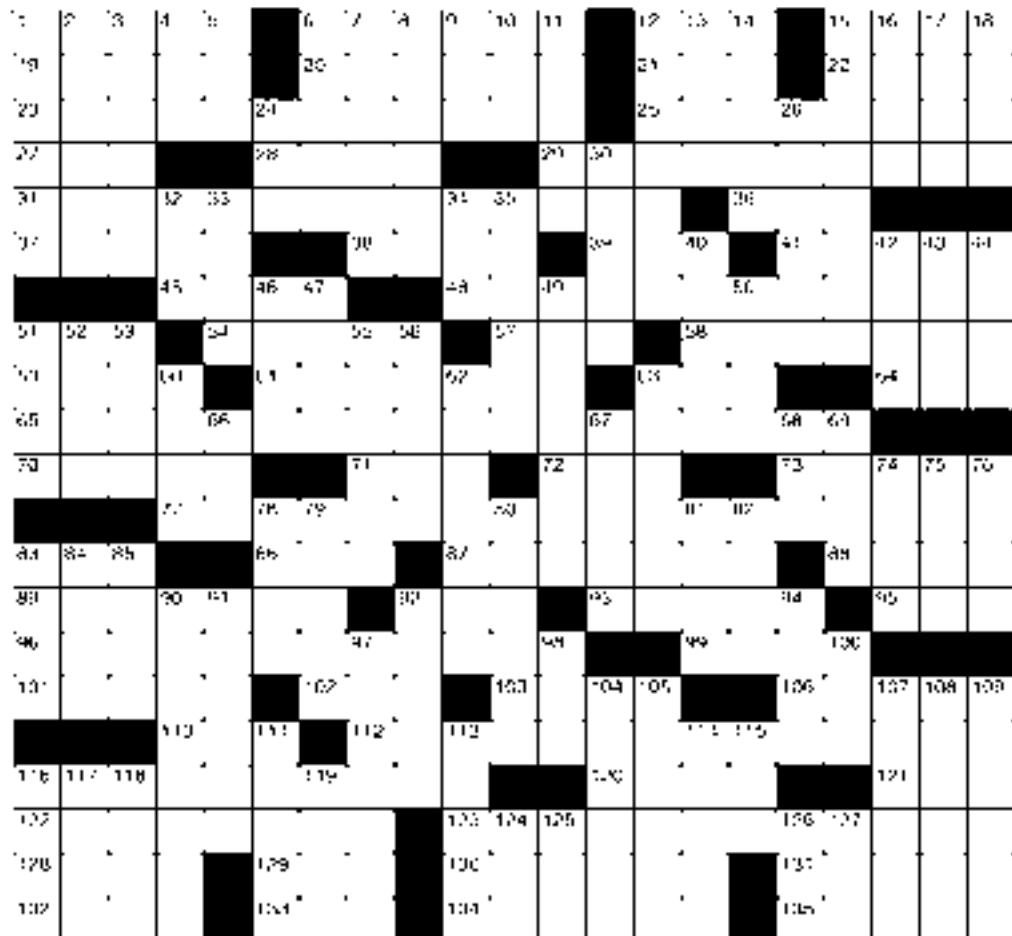
Directions: From Route 447 in Price Township, take Snow Hill Road for eight-tenths of a mile. The gravel parking area ringed with boulders is on your right. No signage. *GPS 41.150676, -75.218824*

- No facilities or trash cans. Pack out what you pack in.
- Trails vary from wide, grassy and flat to steep and rocky. Trails are not blazed. Respect private property owners whose land abuts the public areas.
- Hunting is allowed in state forests. Hunters are especially active in November and December, but something is always in season. Always wear orange.
- Hike safely! Go with a buddy and tell someone where you will be and when you will return.
- 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.

Super Crossword

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Two diners at a very swanky eatery were shocked to see on the menu a dish of "hickory-smoked possum jowls in pancake syrup."

They summoned a waiter to complain.

Their waiters looked at the menu. Then he threw it down and yelled to the owner in the kitchen, "Hey, the printers forgot to translate the menu into French again!"

"For heaven's sake, Chris, why can't you talk to me once in a while?" Julie whined.

"What?" Chris replied.

"Look around!" Julie yelled, as she pointed around the room. "Look at all these books! You always have your head buried in a book! You don't even seem to know I'm alive!"

"I'm sorry, honey," Chris said.

"Sometimes I wish I were a book. Maybe then you'd at least look at me!" Julie exclaimed.

"Hmmm," Chris mumbled, "that's not such a bad idea. Then I could take you to the library every few days and change you for something more interesting."

On a busy Friday night at the restaurant where I'd recently started waiting tables, the owner suddenly emerged from the kitchen and handed me money. "We're in trouble!" he said. "We're out of quarters, and customers are waiting. Go next door and get me \$40 worth."

I ran to the supermarket next door, but a cashier said she wasn't allowed to give out that many quarters. Determined, I sprinted to a convenience store two blocks away, but it was closed. At a gas station farther down the road, the clerk took pity and gave me the four rolls of quarters. Twenty minutes after I'd left, I handed the coin rolls to my boss.

"Where are the quarters?" he asked.

"Right here," I said breathlessly.

His face sank, "I meant chicken quarters."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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