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## Looking Back

by Phil Dente

### The Possessed Counter

For whatever reason, I was musing about something that happened a while ago.

It was an obsession I had with, of all things, our kitchen counter.

I'll explain!

When you entered our house you came up a set of stairs and into the kitchen. Right near the doorway is the kitchen counter.

It's a rather large counter, and the part near the door is ideal for placing items you have in hand, which has been a habit

in this family for quite a while. It is never totally clear. There is always something there, newspaper, magazine, salt and pepper shakers, or a cup or two.

You would think it's an ideal catchall, but, and this took many years for me to come to this conclusion, I believe it's an evil spot that is possessed.

If you place an item on the counter you might as well kiss it goodbye, because it will always end up somewhere else or it will just disappear forever.

I know you're probably thinking to yourself that I am overly paranoid, but, hear me out.

In the beginning I would put stuff on the counter, go to retrieve it later, and it would be gone. I've lost keys, pens, coins, books, papers, etc.

"Gone where?" you ask.

"I don't know."

It all started inconspicuously. First, several items of mail went missing.

The conversation went like this..."Honey, did you see the mail I put on the counter when I came in?" I inquired.

"Nope," was her reply.

"Hmmm, I swear I put it right there," I pondered.

"I didn't touch anything, you probably misplaced it," she ventured.

Then, I started losing important things.

"Honey, where did you put the tax return I put on the counter

yesterday?" I questioned.

"Tax return? Never saw it!"

she answered. "Well it's missing, and I know I put it here." I said.

"You probably put it somewhere else," she replied, "and just don't remember where."

"I KNOW I PUT IT RIGHT HERE," I said, a little louder than I probably should have.

"I...DIDN'T... TOUCH... IT!" she answered, letting me know that I was right, I was a little too loud.

The tax return had to be found and after searching everywhere for the next few days, I had a thought. I'll check the dumpster.

After wading knee deep in garbage for an hour and a half, I did find it. How it ended up in the garbage, I have no idea. This is all part of the ongoing mystery.

Then there was an ad that was to go in this newspaper. I created the ad, printed it, and put it on the counter telling Patti to proofread it, making sure there weren't any mistakes.

I went about doing other things and an hour later I asked Patti if she had a chance to look at the ad.

"You never gave it to me," she replied.

"I put it right there on the counter," I argued.

"Nope, never saw it!" was her response.

After looking everywhere, I gave up, realized it was gone and made a new one.

Another time, I came in from the grocery store, put the bags on the counter and proceeded to put away the contents. After I was finished, I realized the ketchup was missing.

"Honey, did you put the ketchup away, I don't see it," I asked.

"I didn't put anything away, you were doing it," she answered.

Now, I'm starting to get a little suspicious of what exactly was happening to the missing items. I'm starting to believe it's some sort of conspiracy just to play a joke on me.

So, using a tone of voice that I knew was not going to make me husband of the year, I bellowed, **"That's it, enough is enough! I know exactly what's going on here, and I'm really getting tired of it."**

"Oh, so tell me Mr. Dente, just what exactly do you think is going on here?" she said in a menacing tone of voice.

**"I Know that you..."** I started saying when the phone rang. I quit ranting and picked up the phone.

*"Hello Mr. Dente, this is the cashier at Lewis' Market. Just to let you know you left a bottle of ketchup at the checkout. You can pick it up any time,"* was a voice informing me of my "missing" ketchup.

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We miss you & hope to see you soon!

As I hung up the phone Patti's face was inches from my nose, "and you were saying?" was her question.

"Uh, oh, er, never mind. " I said sheepishly.

Now, maybe an incident or two could be explained, but I still had my suspicions about this counter. Things *were* disappearing!

The final straw was when our daughter brought our cute little granddaughter to our house, came in the kitchen and seated her on the counter.

"NO!!!" I roared as I jumped up off the chair.

"Do not ever put her on the counter!" I continued as I picked her up in my arms.

I could only envision this sweet little thing disappearing, never to be seen again.

"Mom, what's going on here?" our daughter asked.

"That's the million dollar question, Heather, the million dollar question." Patti mused.



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

Currently The FCC building remains closed, patiently waiting to safely welcome everyone back to enjoy programs in person. In the meantime, thanks to our flexible instructors, The FCC is able to offer many of our classes online from fitness to art! Many of our regularly scheduled programs are Zooming each week. Also, if you have a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia, you can join Music Therapy via Zoom with Cheryl Mozdian of Summit Music Therapy. For more information about how you can join in the fun, please send an email or call and leave a message at The FCC. Qi Gong Trips, Men Get Fit, Line Dancing, Community Projects, and FUNdraisers. Just a sample of the "Fun" at The FCC.

#### AT THE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CENTER FRIDAY.

There is an urgent need for blood donations in Monroe County..As part of our members weekly newsletter please find Here are some phone numbers and websites below that offer assistance to you or your family:, or may add something new to your day, or give you the opportunity to learn something new.

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If you need to connect with community resources, contact Pocono Mountains United Way in your community at

[poconounitedway.org](http://poconounitedway.org), OR call 211 on your phone to speak with someone that will connect you with the resources to assist you or your family.

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Below you will find some of the classes offered at The FCC- We hope you will join us online and visit us at the Center when the quarantine is over!!

#### BARRE FITNESS CLASS

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 5:30 – 6:30 PM Membership-Unlimited \$180 Annually

Instructor: Ashley Meinking, IBBFA Certified

#### BARRETT BIRDING CLUB

If you enjoy birds, join in for monthly meetings of the BBC at

The FCC. Meetings will include informational programs, discussion of birds and seasonal birding opportunities, including walks and other birding activities throughout the year.

Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7 PM- Membership-Basic \$25 Annually

Facilitators: Darryl & Jackie Speicher and Tim Grover

#### CARDIO SCULPT

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

Time: Wednesdays from 4:30 -5:30 PM Membership-Unlimited \$180 Annually

Instructor: Colleen LaScala, CPT RYT

#### CANASTA

Enjoy Enjoy a friendly game of canasta. Sometimes the group mixes it up and plays Pinochle, Hearts or other card games too. Time: Wednesdays from 1-3 PM Membership-Basic \$25 Annually

#### CHAIR YOGA

Enjoy all of 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 & Wednesdays from 3 – 4 PM Membership-Member Plus \$40 Annually Instructor: Kimberly Matthew

#### CHAIR ZUMBA

Work out to upbeat and Latin style music 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 3 – 4 PM Membership-Member Plus \$40 Annually

Instructor: Natalie Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

#### CRYSTAL BOWL SOUND BATH AND HEALING SOUNDS GONG BATH

Stretch out on a mat or sit in a chair and allow the sound to flow energetically through you.

Time: Monthly Membership not required Instructor: Kimberly Matthew Fee: \$10 per session, registration required

#### FITNESS PARK

The FCC is home to The Dottie Hughes Fitness Park – a unique place that allows you to strength train outdoors. Feel free to come work out when it fits YOUR schedule! Park may not be available on certain days due to

other fitness group usage.

#### “IN STITCHES” – KNITTING & MORE

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

Time: Thursdays from 1 – 2:30 PM Membership-Basic \$25 Annually Instructor: Carol Hillestad

#### MAHJONG, CARDS AND MORE

Discover Mahjong a game of skill, strategy, and chance. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Join in for a game of Scrabble, Mexican Train or Chess. Not feeling like a game? Work on a puzzle and engage in conversation over coffee or tea.

Time: Mondays from 1 – 3 PM & Thursdays from 12 – 3 PM Membership-Basic \$25 Annually

#### MEN GET FIT\*

Men, this class is just for you! Workout to timed interval training inside, and during nice weather utilize the outdoor fit park equipment. This program is for men of all fitness levels, which incorporates balance, flexibility and strength to interval timing. Time: Mondays from 4:15- 5:15 PM & Thurs. from 3-4 PM Membership-Unlimited \$180 Annually Instructor: Bob Larsen NASM, C-PT, CES, PES, ENFA BTS

#### MINDFUL MEDITATION

Mindfulness, the practice of purposely paying attention in the moment, is a form of meditation that helps us befriend our minds and attain peace within our lives. Learn to practice mindfulness through sitting and walking meditation

Time: Tuesdays from 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Membership-Member Plus \$40 Annually Instructor: Sue Ruskin-Mayher, PhD

#### QI GONG\*

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

Time: Thursdays from 9 – 9:45 AM Membership-Member Plus \$40 Annually Instructor: Kimberly Matthew

#### TAI CHI\*

An internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and overall health. The benefits of practicing Tai chi are increased flexibility, balance, and relaxation.

Time: Saturdays from 9 – 10:15 AM Membership-Member Plus \$40 Annually Instructor: Mario Arvelo, ATCQA

#### WEEKLY WALKERS

Meet every Tuesday for easy hikes to beautiful areas of the community. Participants exercise while enjoying time with others and our wonderful natural resources. A list of scheduled hikes will be available at the first walk.

Time: (June thru October, weather permitting) Membership-Basic \$25 Annually Location: Meets in Mountainhome U.M.C. parking lot

#### YOGA\*

Learn common poses and breathing techniques in a relaxing atmosphere while increasing strength and flexibility. Bring a yoga mat.

Time: Tues at 10:00 AM & Sat.at 10:30AM Membership-Unlimited \$180 Annually Instructor: Colleen LaScala, CPT RYT

#### ZUMBA ®

Have fun while working out to various genres of music and dance. Exercise can be modified to suit your exercise level.

Time: Tuesdays from 4:15 -5:15 PM Membership-Unlimited \$180 Annually Instructor: Natalie Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

For more information or registration, call Nicole Abrams at 570-481-4330 or email [info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org). For a full listing of programs visit The FCC's website [www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org](http://www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org). Join our mailing list to get a weekly email sent directly to your inbox.

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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 Gardis - 570-595-2602 ext 3 for an appointment. Gently-used items will be inspected and placed into inventory. The inventory list will be posted on Barrett Township's website: [www.BarrettTownship.com](http://www.BarrettTownship.com). We ask that items be in good condition; we have the right to refuse any item.

## From State Representative Rosemary Brown's Office

### Scam Alert: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claimants will now be receiving their PUA and federal pandemic unemployment compensation payments via paper checks for the foreseeable future as an added precaution.

The Notice of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Filed was mailed to all PUA claimants due to the Department of Labor and Industry's recent discovery of attempts by scammers to apply for PUA using others' personal information.

It is important to note that no UC data was breached – the scam involves stolen identities from other sources. Visit the department's website for more information.



## The Grapevine

Juicy Tidbits for Barrett Residents

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

**Update...** We'd like to remind all residents to follow the governor's guidelines as we move into the yellow phase in reopening the state. Masks are still required when going out in public. Also, please be patient as businesses begin to reopen. They have strict guidelines as well and are doing their best to serve the public while keeping everyone safe.

**Reminder...** The Supervisors Meeting and Workshop schedule is as follows:

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

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*June Anniversaries*

Chuck and Kathy Yerkes  
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 Robert and Gertrude Butch  
 Sally and Pieter Holland  
 John and Carol Hayes  
 Larry and Ruth Cramer  
 James and Elizabeth Trombetta

## Obituaries

**Jerome "Jerry" Larkin**, 70, of Mount Pocono, died Thursday, May 14, 2020 at home; **Kelly M. Van Winkle**, 52, of Henryville, PA, passed away, Wednesday, May 13, 2020; **Timothy V. Antonucci**, 27, of Henryville died Thursday, May 7, 2020; **Bruce H. Bayer**, 69, of Cresco, died Wednesday, May 6, 2020; **Mary Jean Pfaff**, 61, of Tannersville, died Friday, May 8, 2020; **Raymond Possinger**, 61, of Henryville died May 24, 2020; **AnnMarie Grant**, 66, of Pocono Township, passed away on Monday May 25, 2020; **Frank Moriarty**, 77, of Cresco passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020; **Francis "Frank" Chabala**, of Mt Pocono, died June 7, 2020; **Vivian V. Miller**, 84, of Canadensis, died Friday, June 5, 2020; **Elaine Krummell Jamison** passed away on June 2, 2020

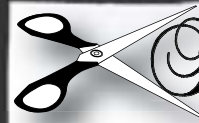
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*In Loving Memory*

Our hearts were broken that night when the angels came to take you to heaven. No good byes were spoken, no everlasting hugs were given. Everything was silent except for the flutter of the angels wings. It has been 20 years and the emptiness still lingers on. Our lives have never been the same. You are not here with your words of wisdom about what kind of oil to use, what kind & size tires to buy, or what is the right mixture of gas & oil for the weed eater. You pushing my buttons to make me mad and then laughing at me. Those special times are long gone but will never be forgotten. Now you are in a different place filled with family and friends. The day will come when we will be together again.

Sending you our love,  
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## A Thorny Problem -- Invasive Multiflora Rose Brodhead Watershed Association



In June, if you drive local roads with the windows open, you're likely to notice a sticky-sweet fragrance as you pass overgrown banks of greenery. That is multiflora rose — a hyper-prickly rambling rose with tiny, fleeting white flowers.

For years, it was promoted as a "living fence," a way to keep livestock from roaming. Some highway departments planted multiflora rose in highway medians with the idea of reducing headlight glare from on-coming traffic and also as a fast-growing, dense crash barrier.

This non-native, invasive plant can quickly kill desirable native shrubs, small trees and fruit trees. It leafs out early in spring and uses other plants as a living trellis, climbing up and over and blocking sunlight from the canopies of shadbush, crab apples, dogwoods, and other desirable plants.

Unfortunately, multiflora rose is prevalent in our area — along stone rows, in abandoned fields and crowding the edges of woodlands. If you have this pest in your garden, eradicating it takes time, but can be done.

Here's how to beat back Multiflora Rose

The best time to control multiflora rose is before the plant flowers. Cut back the messy growth, protecting your face and eyes and wearing long heavy gloves. Then cut the stump six to 12 inches above the ground. The plant will sprout, spending a lot of energy re-growing. Then in August cut the sprouted stem back to one-inch above ground and paint it with straight glyphosate herbicide. This gets the plant to waste a lot of its stores of carbohydrates in sprouting, making it a very effective method.

It's a little late for that this year, however. If the plants are too difficult to pull out or dig out, you can cut them down to a one-inch stump any time this summer before the plant's bright red berries (hips) start to appear. Paint the stump with straight glyphosate herbicide. The plant will try to reappear next year, but if you keep after the new growth, you'll succeed.

A good alternative to plant in place of multiflora rose is witch hazel — a large native shrub which has bright yellow flowers in fall and provides cover for birds in winter. Other possibilities are winterberry holly, arrowwood viburnum and American hazelnut.

For more ideas about native plants for your garden, go to [www.brodheadwatershed.org](http://www.brodheadwatershed.org)



## THE VILLAGE VIEW

Community Newspaper

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## Human Resources Foundation Provides COVID19 Relief Funds for NEPA

Understanding that financial hardship and strained resources brought many unparalleled challenges to the NEPA community amidst the Coronavirus pandemic, the Human Resources Foundation focused its giving initiatives on COVID-19 relief for the 2020 year.

"I speak on behalf of our President and Board of Directors when I say that the Human Resources Foundation felt a deep responsibility to address the needs of the communities and counties we serve and support," said Stephanie Uhranowsky, Director of the Human Resources Foundation. "Our hope was to offer

financial relief to those who provide essential services to individuals and families throughout NEPA as they themselves faced abrupt and overwhelming challenges to meet those needs."

Community relief provided by HRF included: \$25,000 to the Wayne County Food Relief Fund, \$20,000 to the Pike County Human Development Office for food relief and supply initiatives, \$15,000 to Monroe County Meals

on Wheels to ensure ongoing meal deliveries, and \$10,000 to The Arc of NEPA to assist with protective equipment provisions and enhanced DSP compensation within The Arc's residential homes.

Founded in 2015, the Human Resources Foundation has a mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being of individuals with disabilities throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, providing long-term financial support to the programs and services of the Human Resources

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## Simple ways to beautify your outdoor space and enjoy time at home



(BPT) - Whether it's a quaint patio, a simple garden, a rolling expanse of land or the many possibilities in between, the backyard is the perfect place to unwind. As people spend more time at home, creating a personal outdoor sanctuary is more important than ever before.

Fortunately you don't need a lot of time or space to create an outdoor escape you'll enjoy for months to come. Here are some simple, affordable ideas for transforming any space into an outdoor oasis where you can release stress and reconnect to Mother Nature:

### Step 1: Pull up a chair

A place to sit and relax is essential so you can fully enjoy your outdoor space. This doesn't mean you have to order a whole new set of patio furniture though. Just one or two chairs along with a table for your favorite beverage can be an inviting start. You could even update a worn outdoor chair with a fresh coat of outdoor paint and new cushions and you'll get a brand new look for less. Add a few outdoor accent pillows for a splash of personality and to make the space reflect the same level of comfort found indoors.

### Step 2: Define the space

You can create an outdoor room by defining the space strategically. Adding a rug is a great way to give the space a more intimate feel, just make sure it's made for outdoor use specifically to stand up to the elements. You can also create a sense of enclosure with potted plants lined in the corners or along the sides to create the visual illusion of a wall. Try your hand at container gardening and you'll enhance your space and provide fresh vegetables and herbs for home cooking.

### Step 3: Add decorative accents

To make an outdoor space feel like your own, add a few thoughtful decorations. Outdoor mirrors are trending and an affordable, upscale addition to your outdoor areas. Decor such as signs, statues and mosaics can add style to any space. To add elements of relaxation, consider a rock garden, fountain or wind chimes, which will help you escape stress while stimulating the senses.

### Step 4: Enjoy daily

Create a routine to enjoy your outdoor space daily. Schedule a morning meditation, afternoon escape or evening happy hour. Raise a glass of your favorite Flat Top Hills wine and toast to living life to the fullest, even from the comfort of your backyard. Whether it's a crisp sauvignon blanc, supple rosé, lush chardonnay, mouth-watering red blend or rich cabernet sauvignon, it's the perfect way to enjoy your outdoor oasis.

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## Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

***Who can hope to be safe? Who sufficiently cautious?  
Guard himself as he may, every moment's an ambush.***

**Horace**

The grass is growing, the flowers are blooming, the days are warming up, and – one by one – the fireflies are starting to emerge. I love seeing them in the dusky evening for they are a sure sign that the long, sweet days of summer are finally here.

When we were kids, the first sign of fireflies, or lightening bugs as we always called them, sent us hustling to the kitchen to dig through the cabinets for empty pickle jars. With these, we created the perfect lightening bug houses.

We always started by lining the bottom of the jars with grass. Although we weren't actually sure if those little guys ate grass, we had been raised in an Eat-What's-Served-You-Or-Go-Hungry sort of a household and we didn't see why bugs should get any better treatment than we did. Once the grass was in place, we dug through the utensil drawer until we found the old icepick, screwed the lids on our jars, and proceeded to cheerfully stab holes in them so our tiny inmates would have plenty of air.

I was thinking about this recently, the whole lightening bug/pickle jar/icepick thing, when it suddenly occurred to me that there is no good reason on God's green earth why I – or most of my childhood companions – should still be alive today. What I mean is this: While we were heaving that icepick up and down, those many summers of our youth, we were doing it all without adult supervision of any kind. (Although I'm pretty sure some grown-up yelled from the living room to remind us to "clean up the damn kitchen when you are done in there!") That was just the way childhood used to be.

In the summers, we spent hours playing deep in the woods or catching tadpoles in ponds or sneaking up on cows in nearby pastures. (We were experts at dodging cow patties but the mosquitoes got us every time.) We did somersaults and rolled in the hayloft in the big barn down the road. We shimmied down the steep slopes of the stream and kicked off our sneakers to wade in the cool water. And every single minute of these childhood adventures was spent alone or with our buddies, with no adult in sight.

In winter, we sledded in sloping farm fields that bottomed out to fierce lines of barbed wire fencing which we used like nets to bring ourselves to a halt. We loaded up toboggans with as many squirming bodies as possible and always forgot - until half way down the tree-filled slope - that we had no way of steering. We threw snowballs and tackled each other onto the icy ground, and although there were those who would threaten to "go tell mom" we ignored them because we knew full well that no mom in the neighborhood was going to come out and try to find us.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we ran around like lunatics clutching sparklers, jousting with them like knights, waving them in the air, and gripping them like cattle-prods as we chased innocent cats and (less innocent) siblings. And when the sparklers burned out, we picked up fresh ones, lit them ourselves with our dad's lighters, and set forth again to terrorize the neighborhood. While we might have been told to "keep it down out there!" I'm pretty sure we weren't told to stop running around with hot burning objects.

Most of our parents had, at one time or another, station wagons, those big, long, steel boxes of Americana that have gone the way of – well – icepicks. Although our older brothers and sisters might have jockeyed for "shotgun" position, the rest of us spent our road trips in the "way back," sprawled among the jumper cables and cans of motor oil. I'm not sure we even knew what seatbelts were, to be honest. While the vehicle hummed along briskly (Dad driving) or a bit more sedately (Mom), we laid in a pile in our back-of-the-car territory singing songs or waving our feet at motorists behind us and, as the car banked left or right around a bend, we all sloshed on top of each other until the road straightened out again, then disentangled our limbs and yelled at each other to "get off me, stupid!"

Things were pretty laid back at school, too. The playground had a slide that was WAY high, WAY steep, and WAY metal, the kind that you could fry bacon on when the sun was out. We lined up day after day for the opportunity to scream our way down that hot, slippery surface. There was a merry-go-round of epically dangerous spokes and cross beams, which had the added value of being able to catapult riders off when it got spinning fast enough. The swings had thick, serious chains that pinched fingers and rubbed blisters into little hands. The monkey bars were high and slippery and built, conveniently, on hard, unforgiving concrete. The entire school population was decorated in bandages and scabs. And for us, it was bliss.

In science class when a thermometer broke, we chased the little beads of mercury around our desktops with our pencils and sliced them in half with rulers. It was too cool for words. At lunchtime, we ate our peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at long, low tables in the basement cafeteria, a dark, cavernous space that had "firetrap" written all over it.

It was a whole era of...not innocence, to be sure, but less focus on worrying about "what-ifs." Our folks had grown up with a reality that included the Great Depression and World War II. As adults they dealt with things like the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Korea, and Vietnam. They knew what bad looked like. So maybe they just didn't choose to waste energy imagining more bad things happening. Whatever the reason, their relaxed attitude and the freedom it allowed, certainly worked to our benefit.

But I guess all good things, as the saying goes, must come to an end. Little by little the world's access to information improved. The morning paper was supplemented by the evening edition. Cable television brought more channels with more news. There were more and more stories about children being abducted or automobile wrecks killing people or harmful chemicals making folks sick. Magazines started talking about faulty toys and dangerous tools and kid-safe houses. And before we knew it, all those children outside playing in the woods and fields were called indoors and plunked down safely by the television or enrolled in "supervised" activities during most of their waking hours. And it makes me sad in a big way.

I get it. Honestly I do. I, too, worried about my children and rarely let them wander out of sight to explore the countryside around us. I signed them up for dance class and scouts and summer camp activities. At the same time, though, I wondered about what they missed because of my worries. Yes, I kept them safe because they mean the world to me and no one was going to hurt them if I could help it. But what great adventures did they miss as a result?

I'm hoping there is some middle ground somewhere, a balance of some sort. Or at the very least, I hope that as I write these words, some child is scavenging in a kitchen somewhere, unearthing a pickle jar and, maybe with the help of an adult, punching those all-important air holes in the lid so the lightening bugs will be able to breathe. If so, my advice to that child is this: Don't forget the grass.



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## Ways to Make Hearty Meals at Home with Pantry Staples

(Family Features) Stocking up on pantry essentials is a productive practice, especially as people across the country spend more time at home. However, having all those ingredients on-hand doesn't do as much good if you aren't sure how to use them or feel as if you're constantly whipping up the same dishes.

For example, canned protein is a popular pantry item as it cuts down on prep time and holds a long shelf life while adding important nutrients to family meals. Canned seafood, in particular, is a versatile choice that can be used in a variety of easy recipes or simply eaten on its own.

An option like Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, which is 99% fat free and a good source of protein and heart-healthy omega-3s, makes for an easy and versatile addition to dishes like pasta. A 5-ounce can contains 24 grams of high-quality protein, making it a nourishing source of energy while helping to easily satisfy hunger.

Try adding some modern flair to the table with this Mediterranean Tuna Pasta, perfect for a family of four and ready in just 20 minutes. Virtually any canned seafood can be used from salmon to tuna in place of more traditional proteins used in this pasta and many other dishes.

If your family prefers to stick to tradition, Mom's Favorite Tuna Noodle Casserole provides a warm, hearty meal with a hint of nostalgia while gathering loved ones around the dinner table.

Ingredients in these recipes can be easily substituted for similar options you may already have on hand, such as another dried pasta in place of penne or carrots in lieu of peas.

Find more filling family recipes at [chickenofthesea.com](http://chickenofthesea.com).

### Mediterranean Tuna Pasta

Total time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

1 package (16 ounces) penne pasta

1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, drained

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano

1 medium zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch thick

2 tablespoons sliced ripe olives

1 can (5 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, drained

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions.

In large skillet, bring chickpeas, tomatoes, zucchini, olives and tuna to boil; stir constantly.

Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes.

Spoon mixture over cooked pasta. Top with Parmesan cheese.

**Substitution:** Use any canned seafood such as salmon in place of canned tuna.

### Mom's Favorite Tuna Noodle Casserole

Total time: 40 minutes

Servings: 6-7

2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) cream of mushroom soup

1 cup milk

2 cups frozen peas

2 cans (12 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, drained

4 cups medium egg noodles, cooked

4 tablespoons dry breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons butter, melted

Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, stir soup and milk until smooth.

In 3-quart casserole dish, combine peas, tuna and noodles with soup mixture.

Bake 30 minutes, or until warm and bubbling; remove from oven and stir.

In bowl, mix breadcrumbs with melted butter; sprinkle over tuna mixture.

Bake 5 minutes, or until golden brown.



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**The Village View is celebrating 20 years with this June 2020 issue.**

**Below is our introductory letter to our readers and some old photos we dug up from 2005 and 2006. (that's as far back as we had our photos saved). We thank you, our readers, for your great support.**

### **The New Paper in Town!!**

Welcome to the pages of *The Village View*. We are the new kids on the block and hope that our community and surrounding areas will be receptive to our new publication. Our goal is to be entertaining, as well as informative to the residents and visitors of our community. Our plan is to portray the beauty of the area and convey the history and charm that makes our village area a very unique place to live, work, and play.

We would like to be a forum that will honor the many service organizations, volunteers, and just plain good people who reside in our community. We would also like to be a format to advertise the varied dining and leisure activities, specialty shops and services available in our area. We believe there is a need to provide more information to the local residents and tourists in a timely manner and to respect the needs of the advertisers who might choose to advertise with us. Our paper will circulate on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Who are we? We are Philip and Patricia Dente and we have lived and worked in the area for the past 30 years.

Many of you in the community know Philip, as he has been the "Sign Guy" (as in Dente Signs) for all the years he has lived here. He has created logos and designs for many of businesses advertised in our community, so his expertise is respected throughout the area. Philip is also a cartoon illustrator and has created illustrations for several books and his cartoons are also published locally and nationally.

Patricia has been working in several shops in the community and her creativity with floral design, decorating and arrangement will be reflected in the pages of *The Village View*. She also brings a spontaneous sense of humor, sensitivity and awareness of local interest to the format of our community newspaper. Philip is a native of Exeter, Pa, and Patricia hails from Scranton. Both have been coming to the Poconos ever since childhood, and have come to love the area, thus making it their permanent home.

We are very excited by our new venture and hope that you will enjoy

the pages that we have created for you. We will always be open to suggestions and hope that we will inspire you to become active in our publication by offering editorials, comments and news. Any input as to how we can better serve you will be appreciated. WE would also like to thank all the family and friends, who by their support, made *The Village View* possible.

Sincerely,  
Philip and Patricia Dente











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## Memorial Weekend Tradition Moves to a New 2020 View

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(September 6, 2020) – COVID-19 continues to mold new outlooks on traditions young and old with familiar Memorial Weekend favorite, Mt. Pocono Rotary Club's annual Fly-in Drive-In Community Aviation Day, moving to a new holiday celebration September 6, 2020 Labor Day weekend.

Event Chair, Mark Turner stated, "Given the uncertainty of whether we could hold our event on Memorial Day Weekend, we have chosen to reschedule this long-standing community fundraiser to Labor Day Weekend. As in years past, the day's events will include a pancake breakfast, airplane and helicopter rides, children's activities, civilian and military aircraft displays, a Huey helicopter, emergency services and antique car displays and if weather permits, a parachute jump."

Turner continues, "This event was created 25 years ago to give residents and visitors to our area the chance to visit the airport, see a variety of airplanes, experience helicopter and airplane rides and generally find out about how to get youth involved with aviation. It has grown to be one of the Mt Pocono Rotary's largest annual fundraisers with over \$200,000 raised and distributed to non-profit and deserving causes throughout the community."

One of this year's non-profits selected to receive funding is the East Stroudsburg Salvation Army. The mission of the Salvation Army is to preserve human dignity while empowering people to reach their potential through honoring heritage, strengthening family values and meeting human needs. In the tough economic times created by this unprecedented pandemic we are now facing, when thousands of neighbors are finding it hard to feed their families, the need for services provided by the East Stroudsburg Salvation Army is under unprecedented pressure.

Last year, The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps. provided 38,939 hot meals; 26,091 food baskets; and 8,983 nights of shelter to Monroe County residents. The Toys for Joy; Toys for Tots; and Angel Tree gift donations provided 20,964 Christmas items to children and is ongoing, The Salvation Army normally feeds approximately 600 Monroe County families monthly. That number has tripled because of Covid-19. This year, the East Stroudsburg Corps is expected to provide more than 100,000 hot meals to hungry men, women and children in Monroe County and provide grants for rent, utility assistance, heating fuel and healthy food for more than 20,000 families in need thanks to donations from individuals, organizations and the generosity of the Mt. Pocono Rotary.

In addition to free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17 donated by volunteers for the Young Eagles EAA Program, airplane and helicopter rides can be purchased with proceeds benefiting the charities. Those rides are donated by event sponsors: Moyer Aviation; Hi-Tech Helicopters; in addition to Papillon and Moyer Excavation. Sponsors for the event include Bailey's; Shoprite; Smuggler's Cove, as a lead sponsor for their food donation; Besko Outdoor; Sky's the Limit for the parachute demonstration and many more area businesses and organizations.

Turner concludes, "We are still offering sponsorships and ads in our program booklet that will be distributed to our attendees. We welcome area businesses to join us in raising money for Rotary and this year's very worthy charitable organization." Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport is located just off Rt. 611 at 188 Airport Drive, Tobyhanna, PA. The event is held rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. The day's activities include free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17 weather and space permitting. Parking is free. Tickets can be purchased day of or in advance at [RotaryFlyInBreakfast.com](http://RotaryFlyInBreakfast.com) or by calling 570.839.7161.



# Firecall

by Charlie

Barrett Township Volunteer Fire Co.



## April 2020 alarms

4/2 - 3:41pm - 13 men - 2 trucks - tree and wires down and brush fire - Lake Rd.  
 4/4 - 4:34pm - 11 men - 1 truck vehicle accident - Rt. 447.  
 4/5 - 5:22pm - 10 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Roughneck Way - no fire.  
 4/12 - 12:19pm - 10 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Huckelberry Ln. Buck Hill Falls - cancelled.  
 4/13 - 8:am - 4 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Henry's Crossing Rd. - cancelled.  
 4/29 - 10:11am - 5 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Old Orchard Rd. - cancelled.

## May 2020 alarms

5/4 - 4:07am - 7 men - 1truck - Med-E-Vac landing at Barrett School.  
 5/4 - 9:29pm - 7 men - 1 truck - gas alarm - Rt. 390.  
 5/8 - 7:22am - 9 men - 1 truck - auto alarm - Sky Village - cancelled.  
 5/8 - 1:45pm - 9 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Wintergreen Ln. - cancelled.  
 5/8 - 11:49pm - 5 men - no trucks - pole fire - Sengle Ln.  
 5/13 - 6:38pm - 13 men - 2 trucks - dumpster fire - Skytop maintenance bldg.  
 5/16 - 11:49pm - 15 men - 1 truck - motorcycle accident - Rt. 447.  
 5/19 - 8:57am - 9 men - 1 truck - brush fire - Rolla Rd.  
 5/19 - 12:14pm - 21 men - 2 trucks - 1 Utv - brush fire - near Hardytown Rd.  
 5/21 - 12:58pm - 26 men - 5 trucks - structure fire - Creekside Rd, Buck Hill Falls.  
 5/23 - 4:24am - 6 men - 1 truck - assist station #25 - 1 tanker for structure fire.  
 5/26 - 9:47am - 5 men - no trucks - pole fire and tree down - Seneca Ln.  
 5/31 - 3:39pm - 26 men - 4 trucks - structure fire - Iroquois Loop.

**Volunteers needed. If interested come to Firehouse Tuesday at 7 o'clock.**

The Barrett Twp Vol Fire Co would like to keep you up to date with what has been happening for the past few months. Because of all closures due to the COVID-19 crisis the Fire Company has decided to cancel our gun raffle which was scheduled for this November. We have also postponed our June Chicken BBQ until July. We will post the date on our Facebook page so please watch for that. We appreciate all the support you have given us in the past and wanted to let you know what your support has helped us do. We have purchased a walk in cooler which will be built just outside the rear of the firehouse. This will give us cold storage that we have not had and will be replacing a cooler that is past its prime and was to be replaced. We will also be building a pavilion over the BBQ pits to help keep us out of the rain. Over the past year we have received several grants to help us with projects around the Firehouse. We received a grant from ESSA Bank which helped us purchase new gear lockers for the members to help better organize their protective gear and allow it to dry better. We used monies raised from our fundraising to help finalize the purchase of the gear lockers.

We also undertook a large project to replace our waterline and fire hydrant which were original to when the firehouse was built and had caused us several issues over the past few years. We were able to complete this project this spring. We would not have been able to do this project without a grant that we received from Karl Weiler and the Weiler Foundation.

The officers and members of the fire company wish to thank ESSA Bank, The Weiler Foundation and the Barrett community for your past and continued support.

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## Library Letters

Hello everyone. Good news—we're making

some progress! Now that Monroe County has moved into the Yellow Phase we will be able to offer curbside pick-up of materials (but the library building will remain closed to the public). Staff recently returned to the library after a very long absence. We're working out the process of curbside pick-up service and expect to begin by June 15, if not sooner. Check our website or call the library for details! We truly miss our patrons and can't wait to see you—even if it's just through the car window when you come to pick up books :) You can now return your materials to the dropbox near the back entrance of the library. Anything that was checked out prior to the closure has been renewed until June 30 so there is no need to call to renew. Materials that are returned to the library will be "quarantined" and cleaned. As we work, staff will practice social distancing, wear masks, and follow other health and safety guidelines. Our procedures are guided by directives from the Dept. of Health, the Dept. of Education, and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Please be patient as we get everything in place. We don't know yet when patrons will be able to come into the library. What we do and when we do it are all in the best interests of everyone's health and safety.

Please note that we cannot accept used book or DVD donations until further notice.

Virtual programs will continue throughout the summer. The theme for summer reading programs this year is *Imagine Your Story*. Chelsea, Jennifer, and Lynn are planning some terrific ways to get you involved! Read

below to see part of what's in store. Story times, crafts, STEM challenges, and a photography challenge are among the many offerings. Stay tuned for info about more summer fun like grab and go activity packs and virtual book discussions. And be sure to check our Facebook page for additional programs, posts, and opportunities: [www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary). Take advantage of technology! In addition to the items below, visit our website to browse the online resource lists compiled by library staff for adults and children, and explore even more e-resources: [www.barrettlibrary.org](http://www.barrettlibrary.org).

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#### **Craft Video every**

**Wednesday at 1:30pm**

**Tuesday, June 16th 11am**

Story Time- Look at All the Letters

Registration for the **Summer Learning Quest** for children ages 2-11 begins June 15th. Our theme this year is *Imagine Your Story*. Stay tuned for details about how to register. There will be special themed programs and projects every week from June 22nd - August 14th. Once you are signed up, you can begin tracking your reading and program participation to earn Bingo Boards for our end of Summer Virtual Bingo Party! We have lots of fun prizes for you to win, and some surprises along the way. **Week 1 -Imagine Your Story 6/22/2020 Facebook Photo Challenge:** Recreate a Book Cover.

**6/24/2020 11am Story Time:** Harold and the Purple Crayon, I Love Books - character craft.

**6/26/2020 11am Interactive Program:** Choose Your Own Adventure - Zoom Meeting. Please contact the library via Facebook messenger or email

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*In an effort to maintain fiscal responsibility during economic uncertainty, this week the House approved a state budget for the first part of the 2020-21 fiscal year, which begins July 1. The plan provides certainty and stability for the next several months while we await more information about how revenues have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. With tax collection dates changed to July and August, we need more time to ensure we have the data necessary to make smart budgeting decisions for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

*The budget provides the full 12 months of funding necessary for our preK-12 schools and higher education institutions in this plan, which is based on the current year's budget. Maintaining strong and consistent education to Pennsylvania students is a top priority, and this budget provides the necessary resources to help our schools reopen safely. We are also fully funding several health and human services programs as well as our state debt obligation, and state employees reduction fund to name a few. Most of the remaining programs are funded for a period of five months.*

*This five-month budget (House Bill 2387) allocates approximately \$25.8 billion and includes no new or increased taxes.*

*The governor signed the budget into law earlier this afternoon. This will go into effect July 1.*

**Super Crossword****Answers**

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was making. This let  
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The June full moon is the Strawberry Moon.

And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days – James Russell Lowell

1. 1812 –Monday- James Madison sent a declaration of war message to congress, This document cited numerous American grievances against Great Britain including; impressment, the practice of searching American vessels in American waters, trade embargoes detrimental to the American economy, Downton Abbey, The Spice Girls, boiling meat, silly wigs in court, and the adding of the letter u to many words such as armor, color, and favorite making them armour, colour, and favourite.

2. 1686-Saturday- The publication of Isaac Newton's classic work of physics and mathematics, the Principia. The Book Review felt that "Newton had gotten over his inertia and understood the gravity of the situation, however his reasoning was a bit elliptical"

3. 1903-Monday- Happy birthday, Charles Drew, U.S. surgeon who organized the first blood bank. Segregation rules at the time forbade Dr. Drew, a black man, to donate his own blood.

4. 1872 –Tuesday A process for making Vaseline was patented by Robert Chesebrough of New York City. When he worked in the oil-fields of Pennsylvania, he noticed that oil workers would smear their skin with the residue from their drills, called rod wax and it appeared to aid the healing of cuts and burns. After months of testing voila!..... usable petroleum jelly

5. 1968-Wednesday- At 12:50 a.m. PDT, Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot and killed by Palestinian assassin, Sirhan B. Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

6. 1847-Sunday- ..... "Between the optimist and the pessimist, the difference is droll. The optimist sees the doughnut; the pessimist the hole!" .....Oscar Wilde.... 15 year old Hensen Crockett Gregory used a fork to poke out the centers of uncooked doughnuts his mother

7. 1892 –Tuesday- Benjamin Harrison became the first President of the United States to attend a baseball game. Harrison had twelve beers by the 3rd inning and was drunkenly hurling presidential invective and presidential objects like pens and cabinet secretaries onto the field. He watched the Washington Senators lose to the Cincinnati Reds 7-4 at Boundry Field, Washington.

8. 1637-Monday - So Rene Descartes goes into a bar. He orders a scotch. The bartender asks if he wants ice with it. He answers "I think not" and he disappears..... Rene Descartes published his book Discourse on Method of Rightly Conducting the Reason, and Seeking Truth in the Sciences but it's usually just referred to as The Discourse on Method. People had to be careful not to 'put Descartes before the horse.'

9. 1958-Monday- True story—A woman was sucked through the window of her home during a tornado in El Dorado, Kansas and carried 60 ft. Found next to her when she landed was a phonograph record entitled "Stormy Weather". Really.

10. 2003 –Tuesday - The Spirit Rover was launched, beginning NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission. It would reach the Red Planet on January 4, 2004. The Opportunity Rover would be launched on July 7, 2003 and reach Mars on January 25, 2004. Spirit's last communication was in March of 2010 when it reported seeing a mirage that resembled the movie Santa Claus Conquers the Martians starring Pia Zadora. Opportunity's final communication was June 10, 2018.

11. 1963-Tuesday- The Mercury space capsule was patented. Of course Mercury had already flown, on May, 5 1961, in a flight carrying Alan B. Shepard two YEARS earlier!!!!before the patent was issued on this day. The government at its best in its usual timely manner.

12. 1942 –Friday "And Then They Came for Me".....- Anne Frank  
Anne Frank received a diary

for her thirteenth birthday. She was one of over one million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust. For two years, she and her family lived in a secret attic apartment behind the office of the family-owned business at 263 Prinsengracht Stree, Amsterdam. She kept the diary until August 4, 1944 when the Gestapo seized her and her family. Ann and her sister, Margot, died of typhus at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp March 1945, just a few weeks before British troops liberated it on April 15, 1945.

13. 1865 – Tuesday- Where beauty has no ebb, decay no flood, But joy is wisdom, time an endless song..... Happy Birthday, William Butler Yeats, born in Dublin, Irish poet, dramatist and mystic. Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923. Yeats is regarded as one of twentieth century's great poets.

14. 1777- Saturday- Flag Day honors the creation of the national banner and it's acceptance by the Continental Congress. On June 14th, 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand, a teacher, at Stony Hill Schoolhouse, in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, placed a 10 inch, 38-star flag in a bottle on his desk then assigned essays on the flag and its significance. This began Cigrand's years of effort to bring about national recognition and observance of Flag Day. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14.

15. 763 BC –Saturday- The Assyrians recorded a solar eclipse. A scribe at Nineveh recorded this eclipse and emphasized the importance of the event by drawing a line across the tablet. These ancient records have allowed historians to use eclipse data to improve the chronology of early Biblical times. In 1983 Bonnie Tyler, a non-Assyrian, recorded a Total Eclipse of the Heart.

16. 1963-Sunday- Valentina Terechkova became the first woman in space aboard the spacecraft Vostok 6. She made 48 orbits totaling 70 hours 50 minutes in space.

17. 1978- Saturday- Great moments in Diplomacy History as singer Grace Slick was deemed too drunk to go onstage with Jefferson Starship (nee Jefferson Airplane) for their concert in West Germany. Ever the trooper, Gracie went on anyway. She sang horribly and

verbally abused the audience with Nazi taunts. Goose-stepping while yelling "Heil Hitler" didn't help a whole lot either. The crowd rioted, invaded Poland, signed a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union and demanded that they sing Wayne Newton's Danke Schoen as an encore.

18. 1983-Saturday- Sally Ride became the first American woman in space 20 years and 2 days after Valentina Terechkova's flight.

19. 1846 – Friday- The first officially recorded, organized baseball game was played under Alexander Joy Cartwright's rules on Hoboken's Elysian Fields with the New York Base Ball Club defeating the Knickerbockers 23-1 in four innings.

20. 1756 – Sunday A British garrison was imprisoned in the Black Hole of Calcutta. There was no ensuite bathroom, no fridge with mini bar, the safe didn't work, there was no view, and housekeeping failed to replace the little bottles of shampoo. The Black Hole of Calcutta was 14 by 18 feet (4.3 by 5.5 m) out of 146 prisoners only 23 survived the night.

21. 1788-Saturday – "The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests". .....Patrick Henry..... The Constitution was ratified as New Hampshire became the 9th (of 13) state to ratify. The Constitution was now the law of the United States.

22. 1611-Tuesday- Explorer Henry Hudson was set adrift by mutineers in present day Hudson Bay. Hudson, his teenage son, and seven others were never seen again.

23. 1784 – Wednesday In Baltimore, Maryland, Edward D. Warren, a thirteen year old boy, volunteered to go up in a tethered balloon built by Peter Carnes (who was too heavy to be lifted by the balloon). It was the first ""manned" balloon flight in America. After the balloon landed, the boy disappeared in the crowd. He was never seen again.

24. 1915- Thursday Happy Birthday, Fred Hoyle, English astronomer who coined the term "Big Bang." He didn't actually believe in the theory but used "big bang" sarcastically. Hoyle never accepted that theory for the origin of the universe but his Big Bang became a hit TV show.

25. 1876-Sunday- "Reno, be quick ....." The last message to support troops. General George A. Custer made his last stand at Little Big Horn river in Montana in a battle with the Sioux led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull. The blundering Brigadier never comprehended the overwhelming odds against him, 6,000 warriors to around 250 soldiers for Custer. He believed that the Indians were "on the run". Well that certainly worked out well.

26. 1284-Monday- According to legend, this is the day the Pied Piper of Hamelin (Germany..... not Pennsylvania) lured the children of the town to a mountain where they disappeared. This was in revenge for the village's failure to pay him 1,000 guilders for getting rid of the rats.

27. 1693 -Saturday The Ladies' Mercury was published by John Dunton in London. This was a spin-off (sort of like Young Sheldon and Big Bang Theory) of his Athenian Mercury. The Ladies' Mercury promised to answer "all the most nice and curious questions concerning love, marriage, behaviour, dress, and humour of the female sex, whether virgins, wives, or widows." It was the first women's magazine.

28. 1778 – Sunday – During the Battle of Monmouth, Mary Ludwig Hayes "Molly Pitcher" aided the American soldiers. Mary/Molly brought water to the troops from a nearby spring, remember, it was 96° that day, and then took her husband's turn at firing a cannon when he was wounded..

29. 226 – Thursday Cao Pi went kaput after a illness, his son Cao Rui succeeded him as emperor of the Kingdom of Wei edging out brother Cao Ripken for the honor. Cao Pi was founder of the short-lived Wei dynasty during the Three Kingdoms period of Chinese history.

30. 1908- Tuesday Known as the Tunguska Event, a comet may have fallen in Central Siberia. Millions of trees were destroyed as the object cut a swath through the forests. No rock fragments were found but it did signal the arrival of Vladimir Putin on Earth.

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Meetings		Religious Services		Gatherings & Such	
<p>Barrett Township Historical Society 3rd Friday, Friendly Community Center, Route 191 Mtnhome @ 2 pm</p> <p>Barrett Township Supervisors Business Meeting @ Municipal Bldg. 2nd Wednesday of the Month - 5:30pm 4th Wednesday of the Month - 8:00am Workshops: 3rd Wednesday of the Month - 8:00am</p> <p>Barrett Township Planning Commission 1st Wednesday Municipal Bldg, Rt. 390, Mountainhome 5:30 PM</p> <p>Barrett Architectural Review Committee Third Thursday 5 PM Municipal Building</p> <p>Barrett Twp. Environmental Advisory Council Third Tuesday of each month. 6:30 PM @ Evergreen School</p> <p>Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains Every Wednesday, 6.15 pm Refer to our website for location www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com</p> <p>Paradise Township Board of Supervisors-Regular Meeting- 1st and 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:00 PM Board of Supervisors-Work Sessions-1st and 3rd Mondays of the month @ 5:00 PM, as needed.</p> <p>Paradise Planning Commission 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 PM.</p> <p>Paradise Zoning Hearing Board-4th Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 PM, as needed.</p> <p>Paradise Environmental Advisory Council/Open Space Committee—3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM Held at Paradise Township Building</p> <p>Pocono Area Recreation Commission- 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>Pocono Mountain School Board First &amp; Third Wednesday Administration Building Swiftwater campus 7 pm</p> <p>Pocono Masonic Lodge #780 2nd Wed of the month -7:30 PM Except July &amp; August Rt. 390 Cresco</p> <p>Mt. Pocono Monthly Lupus Support Group Meeting, Every 3rd Tues. at 7 p.m. Separate Teen and Adult Groups - St. Mary of the Mount Church, 27 Fairview Avenue, Mt. Pocono - For more information, call Betty Kruk 570 894-3629, the Lupus Foundation 1-888-995-8787 or visit www.lupuspsa.org</p> <p>Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxilliary meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Firehouse located off Rt. 611 in Mount Pocono. Contact Auxillary Secretary Tracy Coutts at 570-954-8310 for more info.</p>		<p><b>Most Holy Trinity Parish (comprises St. Ann, St. Mary of the Mount and St. Bernadette)</b> Masses are celebrated in the gymnasium of Monsignor McHugh School located at 212 Route 390 in Cresco: Saturday Masses: 4pm Sunday Masses: 8am, 10:30am and 12.30pm (the Spanish Mass) Parish Center contact: (570) 595-3100 St.</p> <p><b>Canadensis United Methodist Church</b> Route 390 &amp; 447, Canadensis <b>Worship with Children's Experience 10:45 AM</b></p> <p><b>Keokee Chapel United Methodist</b> Keokee Chapel Lane., Paradise SUN Service, 9:30 AM SUN School Classes 9:45 AM</p> <p><b>Mountainhome United Methodist Church</b> Routes 390/191, Mountainhome Worship 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10:15AM Children's Sunday School 9:15AM</p> <p><b>Paradise Valley Baptist Church</b> Koerner Rd &amp; Rt 390, Cresco Sun. School, 9:30 AM Sun. Worship, 10:30AM Wed Service 7:00pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Promised Land Protestant Church Innovation Church</b> Route 390 SUN Services 10 AM Sundays at 9am &amp; 11am 595-2000</p> <p><b>B-Nai Harim</b> (Children of the mountains)A Reform Jewish congregation. www.bnaiharimpocoнос.org Pocono Crest Rd at Rt 940 and Sullivan Rd.. Call 646-0100</p> <p><b>LifeChurch Poconos</b> (non-denominational) Sullivan Trail, Pocono Pines SUN Service: 10:01AM Children's Church Available</p> <p><b>St. Paul's United Church of Christ</b> Upper Swiftwater Rd. Swiftwater Sunday Service; 9:30AM 570-839-0730</p> <p><b>Eglise Evangelique De La Renaissance</b> Christian Counseling Ministries HC 1 Box 1-B Swiftwater Pa English Morning Service 9 AM</p> <p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> <b>Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist - 8:00 &amp;10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School: September - May 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Morning Prayer: Tuesdays - 9:00a.m.</b> <b>137 Trinity Hill Road, Mt. Pocono, PA</b> <b>570-839-9376. trinitychurchmp@verizon.net</b></p> <p><b>Grace Community Fellowship,</b> meeting at the Tandoor Palace conference room ( right next to the days Inn) Rt 715 in Tannersville Pa exit 299 off Rt 80 Sunday mornings at 10:30 Call 570-977-7749</p> <p><b>Grace United Church of Christ</b> Sullivan Trail &amp; Rt. 715, Tannersville Sunday Service;10:00AM</p> <p><b>Living Hope Baptist Church</b> for info. - 839-5900 <b>Warriors For Christ Ministries</b> 445 Sterling Rd.(Rt 196) Tobyhanna, PA 570-894-1623 Sunday-11:30Am Wed &amp; Fri 7:30PM</p> <p><b>1 Living Hope Communtiy Church</b> 5530 Municipal dr. Tobyhanna PA 18466 Start at 9:45. Service begins at 11:00 Church office: 570-676-8686</p> <p><b>Mt Pocono United Methodist Church</b> 12 Church Avenue Mt Pocono, PA 570-839-9902 Rev. Samuel Kofi Ashley 8:15 Communion Service 9:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Service</p> <p><b>House Of Praise Christian Fellowship</b> meet at Comfort Inn Route 940 by Lowes Sunday Services 10 AM-1PM Bishop Hamilton(Pastor) Phone# 917.497.5549</p> <p><b>Temple Israel of the Poconos</b> – Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue: 711 Wallace Street at Avenue A' , Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360. Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7:00 PM followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30 AM followed by a traditional Kiddush. Hebrew School – High Holiday Services – Passover Seder – Purim Party – Family Chanukah Menorah Lighting – Adult Educational Programs – Social Gatherings. Contact: Dr. Sandra Alfonsi – 570-223-7062.</p> <p><b>Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church</b> Rt. 940 Pocono Summit (between Tractor Supply and CVS) Devine Liturgy (mass) Saturday 5 pm Sunday 9:30 AM Very Rev. Michael Salnický, Pastor</p> <p><b>ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 158 Fish Hill Rd., Tannersville PA 18372. The Rev. Carl W. Filer, Pastor Worship Services at 9:00AM with Sunday School for all ages at 10:15AM. Contemporary Worship is first Sunday of the month. Communion is 1st and 3rd Sundays. www.stpaultannersvillepa.org 570-629-1992</p> <p><b>The Cross Church (non denominational)</b> 3308 Rt.940, Mount Pocono (next to AT &amp; T) Tim Sahadeo Pastor 570-580-2380 Sunday Bible Study 10.30 amSunday Morning worship 11 am Children Sunday School 12 Noon Wednesday Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7 pm</p>		<p><b>Barrett Senior Center</b> Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9AM-1PM at The Friendly Community Center, 6683 Route 191 in Mountainhome. People age 60 and better are welcome. Please call Tanya Lutin at 570.481.4330 for details and to reserve a lunch.</p> <p><b>Free Alzheimer's Training Available to Local Family Caregivers</b> The local Home Instead Senior Care office is offering free online e-learning training sessions for Monroe County families managing the challenges of Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases. Available at HelpForAlzheimers Families.com To request free, on-site Family Caregiver Training, contact the Home Instead Senior Care office in Tannersville at 570-629-3800.</p> <p><b>Celebrate Recovery</b> Christ centered 12-step recovery program 7 PM every Thursday Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church 915 North Fifth St., Stroudsburg, PA for info, contact Debbie at 570-421-0750 or <a href="mailto:pastordebbieswc@gmail.com">pastordebbieswc@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Pocono Mountains Men's Fellowship</b> (men only) Bible study group meets every third Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Monroe County Library, 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA. Bring a friend and don't forget your Bible! Contact Brother Eason at 917-561-9341 for more info</p> <p><b>FOOD PANTRY</b> St. Paul Lutheran Church 158 Fish Hill Road Tannersville, Tuesdays from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of every month we have a <b>community dinner</b> that is free to the public. The dinner is from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.</p> <p><b>Bingo!</b> Bingo all year long... Every Saturday Doors Open 5:30 PM / First Call 6:30 PM Bring a friend &amp; receive \$5 off \$25 bingo pack Hosted by Promised Land Vol. Fire Co. 1054 Route 390, Greentown, PA Contact # 570-676-3818</p> <p><b>Have a couple of hours free weekday mornings?</b> Volunteer with Monroe County Meals on Wheels to deliver meals and a moment of human connection to your homebound neighbors in Barrett Township. Volunteer as often as you would like - once a week, once a month, every once in a while. Contact us at 570-424-8794 or mailto: <a href="mailto:iraudabaugh@monroemeals.org">iraudabaugh@monroemeals.org</a> for an application.</p> <p><b>Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild</b> Meets third Monday of Month at 7:00 PM Lower level of Canadensis United Methodist Church Church located on corner of Rts. 447 &amp; 390 New members &amp; guests welcome For more info, contact” Rhonda @ 570-676-3131.</p> <p><b>Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group In Partnership with The Friendly Community Center</b> Time: 2nd Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30PM at the Loder Senior Center in East Stroudsburg. Facilitator: Jennifer Bayer, Community Outreach Volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association Contact: 570-517-9292 or bayer4@ptd.net</p> <p><b>Nearly New Shop</b> Rt. 390, Mountainhome, PA (across from Municipal Building) Accepting consignments Tuesdays 10am-12pm Donations are accepted any day the store is open.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Weiler Family Community Room at the library. The Board meets every month with the exception of December.</p> <p><b>Pocono Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA).</b> We do all types of needlework (Cross stitch, Hardanger, Canvas work, Crewel work, etc.) There is a different program each month. We meet every second Monday of the month from September – May at 7:00pm at Stroudsburg High School Cafeteria, West Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa. The contact person for anyone interested in our group is Bonnie Miller, 570-424-6208.</p>	



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At a girl's college dormitory, dates were permitted only on Saturday night. One young man showed up on a Tuesday evening, explaining to an older woman in the lobby of the dorm that it was imperative he see a certain young lady immediately.

"I want to surprise her. You see, I'm her brother."

"Oh, she'll be surprised all right," said the woman. "But think of how surprised I am, I'm her mother!"

Father: Didn't you promise to be a good boy?

Little Johnny: Yes, father.

Father: And didn't I promise to punish you if you weren't?

Little Johnny: Yes, father. But since I've broken my promise, you don't have to keep yours.

Two weeks after my one-year-old's photo shoot, I returned to the studio to view the pictures on a color monitor. The photographer started describing the merits of each photo, but as he went through the set, he spoke so quickly that I couldn't get a word in as he pressed home his sales pitch.

Finally, after we'd seen all 20 poses, he asked me which ones I was most interested in. "None," I replied. "This isn't my child."

"Look, Charlie," the coach said, "you know the principles of good sportsmanship. You know the Little League doesn't allow temper tantrums, shouting at the umpire, or abusive language." "Yes sir, I understand." "Good, Charlie. Now, would you explain that to your father?"

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Fill in the empty squares with numbers 1 through 9. Each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid must contain all the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

 ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## CryptoQuip

This is a word search in which each letter used corresponds to another. If you think that A is an S, then replace A's with S's. The puzzle is then solved by trial and error.

Give C equals T

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POLKM: "RG CYQMM ETUE."

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