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COVID-19 Crisis Response

In an effort to provide our community with the necessary support to respond well to COVID-19, Pocono Mountains United Way has created a webpage to share resources and up-to-date information. The page includes general information as well as information on the following:

- Food Access (Pantries, community meals and several restaurants offering free food)
- Utilities (PUC has issued a moratorium)
- Info About Benefits
- Info About Stimulus Bill - CARES Act
- Housing Assistance
- Case Management Support
- Healthcare Systems & their Protocol
- Educational Resources for Students
- Volunteering
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Here is the link: <https://pocounitedway.org/covid-19/>

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Compromise

by Phil Dente

Sconces, toiles, jabots, duvets...! Some of you know

what these words mean, and I would guess the majority of you who do would be folks who are either in the home decorating business or watch HGTV (Home and Garden Television) a lot.

Me, I'm starting to hear these terms in my sleep. It's not because I'm a HGTV fanatic; it's just that every room in our house with a TV has this show on. Yep, you guessed it. My wife is a

huge fan. Let me reiterate-A HUGE FAN!

The first thing in the morning to the last thing at night, home decorating is on our TV.

Don't misunderstand me, she doesn't sit there and watch it, she does go about her household chores or newspaper work, it is just always on.

Me, I like to know what's going on in the world. So I'm a News watcher. But, I have to admit that as much as my wife likes her channel, we have this thing where we have learned to compromise over the years.

For example; I come in for lunch, change the channel on our kitchen TV from HGTV to ABC, and get this response.

"What are you doing?"

Patti demands.

"I want to watch the news," I answer.

"I was watching that show," she replies.

"Hon, (I'm a smart husband, I always start the conversation with "hon" when I see trouble brewing), you just came up from the laundry room, you weren't really watching anything.

"I was watching it between chores," she retorts.

"Yeah, but I'm only going to be here for twenty minutes. I'd like to know what else is going on in the world." I sort of demand.

"Well, I was waiting for this part to see what colors they were going to paint the walls," she reasons.

"Uh, hon, I'd like to know what the situation is in Iraq, what the terrorists are up to and what our home security warning code is. You know, important stuff," I say.

"Well, I've been waiting all morning to see what color they would finally decide on, and that's important to me," she banters back.

"Are we painting our walls or somethin' that we should care about the color they are using?" I ask.

"No, I just like to see what combinations they'll be using," she answers with a little bit of a "what's the problem" attitude in her voice.

Now this is where the compromise comes in. I can sense that she's getting a little 'testy'.

So, to keep the peace, I give in to keeping HGTV on and we sit down and eat lunch together while the folks on the TV come to agreement for a wall color and proceed to start painting.

It's been said that I have been known to be a "noodge" on occasion. This is not a confession, because I certainly don't agree to that, but it's a term I have heard being used

to describe me sometimes, from my wife, of course.

Anyway, our conversation continues...

"That's a stupid color!" I blurted out.

"What?" she asks.

"That's a stupid color, I don't like it!" I repeat.

"What's stupid about it?" she inquires.

"It doesn't go with anything,"

I state.

"What are you talking about, it goes well with the whole house decor?" she scolds.

"Well, I don't like it," I tell her.

"Ooooh!" is her final word as she quietly sits and eats her lunch.

Next on TV is the furniture placement in the newly painted room.

"That's a stupid looking piece of furniture," I comment.

"What?"

"I said that's a stupid piece of furniture!"

"The best decorating minds in the country have picked out that piece for this show!"

"Well, I don't like it!"

Silence...!

Next on the show they are bringing the area rugs in.

"Man, that is one stupid looking rug!" I charge.

"What in the world are you talking about, that's a \$5000 Persian area rug."

"Wouldn't give you \$5 for it!"

Next, they start hanging

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curtains on the windows. "Whew, talk about stupid looking curtains."

Patti picks up the remote, changes the channel to ABC and gets up from the counter.

"Where are you going?" I inquire.

"I'm done with my lunch, I'm going back down to the laundry room," she answers.

"You didn't finish your sandwich!" I state.

"I'm not that hungry," she adds.

"Oh, OK, well, I'll finish it then." I say.

More silence.

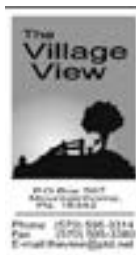
"Don't you want to watch your show?" I ask.

"It's not that important anymore. You watch ABC."

As you can see by the above example, compromise is the glue that holds our marriage together.

I hope you will all take this as a lesson in communicating with your mate.

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Greening Mountainhome -Update

Local Artists Paint Rain Barrels to Keep Mill Creek Clean
Brodhead Watershed Association

Nicole Abrams, who manages The Friendly Community Center, volunteered to paint a rain barrel, to help keep stormwater out of Mill Creek. Look for this sunny beauty around Barrett in late June. Animal lover Tanya Lutin manages the Barrett Senior Center and is an avid crafter in her spare time. She volunteered to paint a rain barrel for a Mountainhome business to use. 25 rain barrels will be placed around Barrett in late June. Learn more at <https://brodheadwatershed.org/greening-mountainhome/>



Fewer work visas, coronavirus deliver one-two punch to Bay's blue crab industry

Timothy B. Wheeler, Bay Journal News

Crab season is off to a slow and foreboding start around the Chesapeake Bay, with many crabmeat processors crippled by an inability to import seasonal workers and by watermen worried they'll be unable to sell all they can catch as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Chilly, windy weather limited commercial harvests of blue crabs through much of April, the first full month of the season. Warming spring weather usually brings better fortunes, but those in the business of catching or picking crabs say they fear for their livelihoods amid the double whammy that's hit the Bay's most valuable fishery. "It's kind of a really scary situation," said Bill Sieling, executive vice president of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association, which represents Maryland companies. "It just doesn't look good."

Many of the crabmeat processing businesses around the Bay are short-handed because they failed to get federal approval to bring in as many foreign workers as they have in previous years.

The Department of Homeland Security held a lottery in January to distribute a reduced pool of 33,000 H-2B visas nationwide to all of the landscaping, construction and other businesses seeking to bring in seasonal labor, mainly from Mexico and Central America. Under pressure, the department announced in March it would hand out another 35,000 visas, but shelved that in early April

amid the coronavirus pandemic.

As a result, only three of Maryland's nine "picking houses," as the crab processors are known, received any visas in the initial drawing. After missing out on the lottery, Lindy's Seafood on Hoopers Island was looking at limping along with a half-dozen local workers.

"We could sell more product, we just can't produce it," said sales manager Aubrey Vincent.

Then, in late April, she said she got federal approval to bring back 61 workers who'd picked crabmeat at the plant last fall.

"It's not all of my people," she said, noting that the plant typically hires more than 100 seasonal workers. Still, she said, "it's better than no people."

The luck was as bad or worse in Virginia, where Graham & Rollins Inc., the biggest crabmeat processor in the state and one of the largest on the East Coast, has been idled after coming up snake-eyes in the visa lottery. The company, a fixture on the Hampton waterfront for nearly 80 years, had asked for 85 visas.

"Without workers, we're looking at closure," said Johnny Graham. "The plant's been mothballed, the power's pretty much cut off, the water supply's being cut off."

J. M. Clayton Co. in Cambridge was among the lucky ones. Co-owner Jack Brooks said the company got its request granted via the lottery for about 60 visas.

But then coronavirus intervened. Brooks said that with restaurants shut down and many people losing jobs, the demand for crabmeat is off, and he's not sure when or if it will come back. So, the company has arranged

to bring in "a few more than 20" workers for now.

"We're looking at probably 30 to 45 percent capacity at best," Brooks said.

Though unable to process much crabmeat, processors say they're still able to sell live or steamed crabs. There appears to be a robust demand for the limited supply available in this slow-starting season.

Graham said the retail seafood store operated by his company has been selling crabs for carryout like it was the 4th of July, the traditional peak of demand for steamed crabs.

J. M. Clayton also has seen an uptick in retail crab sales, Brooks said. In response, the company has set up a makeshift drive-up window where customers can place orders and pick them up.

"People blow a horn, we go to the window and talk to them," he said. That way, he explained, "people don't walk in like they used to" and risk getting or spreading coronavirus. Processors said they're taking steps to try to keep their workers healthy. Brooks said Clayton is limiting the workforce in the picking room so workers are spaced 6 feet apart and wearing masks.

Watermen aren't as worried about social distancing but they do wonder if they'll be able to sell their catch when warmer weather usually brings more crabs into their boats. "There haven't been many crabs so far," said Jeff Harrison, president of the Talbot Watermen Association. But demand is off, with restaurants closed and many markets not buying much seafood.

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- 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 Gardsy - 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.



The Grapevine

Juicy Tidbits for Barrett Residents

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

Attention... The Governor's stay at home order is still in effect for Monroe County until May 25. If necessary to leave your house, please observe social distancing - 6 feet apart. Face masks are required in all public places.

Update... As of right now, the June 6 Township Clean-Up is ON. Masks and gloves are required to dump. Anyone without proper safety attire will be turned away.

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

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

Currently the meetings and workshops are closed to the public due to Covid-19. Teleconferencing into the meeting is available by calling: (978) 990-5000 enter access code: 268496.

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May Anniversaries

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 Ken & Ailsa Tessier
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 Joseph & Tina Gering

Obituaries

Delhi Schneider, 77, of Mt. Pocono, Pa.; **Richard D. Janos**, age 63 of Mt. Pocono passed away April 3, 2020; **Kenneth P. Lasher**, 76, of Tannersville, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020; **Michal Kucharski**, 67, of Henryville, Pa. passed away on Thursday April 16, 2020; **Jane Carol (Drennan) Hess**, 79, of Tannersville died peacefully on April 15, 2020; **Oscar Henry Jobmann**, 88, of Mount Pocono; **Kevin Matthew Penn**, 48, of Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020; **Grace (Post) Bisbing**, 94, of Tannersville, died on Sunday, April 26, 2020

PennDOT Offering Limited CDL Services

Rosemary Brown

With the construction industry back to work as of Friday, May 1, PennDOT is reopening a limited number of driver license centers to provide Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL) services by appointment only. Available services for commercial drivers at these locations will include CDL knowledge and skills testing, hazmat renewals and security threat assessments.

These locations will reopen for CDL services ONLY:

- Lehigh Valley: 1710 Hoover Ave., Allentown.
 - Somerset: 5593 Glades Pike, Somerset.
 - Lewistown: 13217 Ferguson Valley Road, Yeager-town.
 - Selinsgrove: 1015 U.S. 522, Selinsgrove.
- Please note that Lehigh Valley only tests Class B and C. All other sites listed test Class A, B and C. Appointments will be scheduled based on demand and schedule availability. Individuals -seeking CDL testing may call PennDOT's Call Center at 717-412-5300 or email cdlappointmentrequest@pa.gov to request an appointment. When a request is received, PennDOT staff will contact you within one business day to schedule an appointment. New safety measures must be followed when arriving for a CDL appointment; details of the requirements will be supplied when the customer is scheduled.

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Take a hike toward a new point of view

Note: The COVID-19 emergency canceled the planned Get Outdoors Poconos hike this month. So BWA offers instead a virtual hike to Cresco Heights – an armchair adventure via video (see below for links). And then, 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



I've driven this stretch of Routes 191 and 390 in Cresco almost every day for 30 years.

Past Seven Pines Park, the road runs straight as an arrow, pointing toward a high, forested ridge rising in the distance. I've seen it winter and summer, against skies of boiling thunder clouds, lightning and rainbows. I've seen its snow-laden forests against a blue and purple backdrop as the sun sinks. I've seen it in pale morning light, tipped with spring green.

I knew its name — Cresco Heights. But that's pretty much all I knew about it. Last fall, three friends and I bushwhacked our way to the top through thickets of head-high saplings and cat briar. Now, we're standing on a lichen-covered rock bluff at 1,700 feet, bare except for pitch pines, grasses and scrub oaks.

It's the first day of bear season here in Game Lands 221, and the leaves are off the trees, opening up a 180-degree view. To the east, we see the long sweep of ridgeline above the wild and scenic Delaware River. Then Delaware Water Gap with a sliver of New Jersey beyond, followed by the slopes at Camelback with early snow, Wind Gap, and south along the Appalachian Trail. That stretch of road I know so well I now see as a shining silver ribbon hundreds of feet below.

The land spread out on all sides is the drainage area of Brodhead Creek. All the water that rises naturally from the heights around me and from springs, wetlands, and creeks, all the rain and snow melt, all the water that is pumped from wells and runs through septic systems — every drop in the watershed streams toward that gap in the hills, 10 miles away as the crow flies. Filtered and purified naturally by the earth (the best water treatment plant there is), it will become drinking water for millions of people before reaching the Atlantic.

It's getting on for noon. Our maps haven't been helpful, and none of us are eager to go back down the same path we clawed our way up. Knowing that there's a fire road that leads back to the trailhead, we decide to keep to the bluffs and head west.

Solid rock underfoot is a delight after our uphill scramble earlier. Lichens like pixie-cup, British soldier, and reindeer "moss" grow in the crevices. We see a variety of pincushion mosses and evergreen ferns, a small bird's nest, titmice and juncos. An eagle glides by.

Soon we meet a woods road that heads in the right direction, and in no time have reached the fire road. Rutted, eroded, and steep, it takes us back to the trailhead.

Driving home, I have the oddest sensation of being in two places at the same time — on the road, yet also high on the rocky heights looking down at my flimsy, fleeting self. A new, humbling, and uplifting point of view.

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

VIRTUAL HIKE

•For the virtual hike, go to BWA's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/VCTJAEBJhVs>. Special thanks to Tom Gregory of Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau for the videography.
•Go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos for information on Cresco Heights 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.

IF YOU GO TO CRESCO HEIGHTS

- Wear fluorescent orange. Something is always in season on game lands.
- Carry water and a walking stick. Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.
- No facilities. Pack out what you pack in.
- Thanks to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for maintaining and managing wildlife habitat like the 4,675 acres in Game Lands 221, which also protects the pure, cold waters of Brodhead Creek's headwaters tributaries — Mill Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, Devil's Hole and many smaller, unnamed tributaries.

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Invasive Weed of the Month Garlic Mustard — Pest or Pesto? Brodhead Watershed Association

If you google “garlic mustard,” you’ll get some recipes — garlic mustard pesto, anyone? — and millions of pages on the invasive plant that is taking over our woodlands.

Garlic mustard is a cool-season herb. Its triangular or heart-shaped leaves smell like garlic when crushed, and it’s edible. The easiest way to use garlic mustard (*Alliaria Petiolata*) is fresh-picked, in salads (it’s high in vitamins A and C). And the more you pull up, the better!



Right now is the easiest time to root it out. When the soil is moist is best — you’ll get more of the tap-root. The first-year plants are a rosette of heart-shaped leaves, close to the ground. They stayed green through the winter, and now they are growing. With a vengeance.

By the middle of May, the stalk can reach 2 to 3 feet in height, with leaves more arrow-shaped and producing clusters of small 4-petaled white flowers. They quickly set seed in long thin, shiny black pods. By late June the plants are dying back until all that is left by summer’s end is the buff-colored, papery remains of the seed pods, often with seeds still inside.

Each plant can produce thousands of seeds — persistent and tiny, they can survive for five years in the soil before sprouting. So after you pull up every single garlic mustard plant in your garden or woods or along your driveway or roadside, you still need to be vigilant. Next year, and for several years after, you’ll have to keep pulling plants. But even within two years, if you persist, you will see that you are winning, as fewer and fewer new rosettes appear.

Garlic mustard out-competes native plants and changes soil chemistry so other plants can’t grow. Now is the time to remove these invasive weeds, before they set seed.

Garlic mustard threatens native plants and animals throughout the eastern and midwestern U.S. Many native wildflowers occur at the same time and in the same habitat, and are easily out-competed by the aggressive garlic mustard. This invasive weed can also change the chemistry of the soil, making it difficult for other plants to get a footing. The wildlife that depends on these overwhelmed native plants are deprived of essential food sources when garlic mustard wins the battle.

A morning spent pulling garlic mustard protects your garden — and a lot more.

More on invasive plants can be found at <https://brodheadwatershed.org/common-invasive-plants-chart/>

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“Right now,” he added, “there really isn’t a problem selling them.”

Harrison said he’s worried about how long the coronavirus shutdowns are going to last. They already cut short what had turned out to be a good wild oyster harvest, he said. Now, even if restaurants and other businesses start to reopen in the coming month, he foresees a season where watermen won’t earn as much for what they catch — and feel lucky just to be able to sell it at all.

Already, the dockside price has been about 30% or more below what it was at the start of the season last year, Harrison said. Meanwhile, he noted, the price of razor clams used as bait has gone up. The \$2 trillion in COVID-19 economic relief passed by Congress in late March included \$300 million for the seafood industry. But that’s to be distributed nationwide, and industry officials say it’s far from enough to keep everyone afloat. Just in Virginia alone, losses to all commercial fisheries are estimated to range from \$53 million to \$68 million, according to data compiled by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

“Even if it lasts another month, it’s still going to be a mess,” Harrison said. “And if it goes two months, we’re done.”

Amid news reports that air and water quality have improved as a result of so many businesses closed and people ordered to stay home, Harrison said the effort to halt the spread of coronavirus is probably helping the Bay. But, he added, it’s “not the way we wanted it to happen.”

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Remembering Keokee Chapel

By Suzanne Fretz McCool

I have so many happy memories of the Keokee Chapel in Paradise Valley. Actually Keokee is a Native American word from the Lenape tribe meaning "our daughter."

My happy memories stem from our two weeks of Vacation Bible School (VBS) every summer for all the children of Paradise Township. Several of the pastors and congregation members (usually Sunday school teachers) from several other churches in our township or neighboring townships worked together to put on our VBS each summer. In fact I can remember Rev. Foose from our own church, St. Paul's Lutheran Reformed (UCC) in Swiftwater, being present and leading some of the daily services. I even remember him playing softball with us during our recess times. Some of the kids hit the balls so far that we had to dodge the gravestones to retrieve those big hits! Keokee Chapel has a beautiful cemetery surrounding the beautiful church.

Another fond memory is that for several summers a lame deer with a big red cross painted on its back would come out of the rhododendron thicket by the stream and let us pet it. Someone named this deer Bambi. It was missing part of one leg and hoof. We heard that it had been injured during a previous deer season and that a lady in the township painted its back, so that hunters would not shoot it. However, we heard that someone shot it anyway during one of the following deer seasons. Poor Bambi!

Also, we were allowed to wade in the creek on the really hot days during our recess time. I'm sure this would never be allowed today because of liability issues, but the 1950s were a special time, which we children enjoyed so much; and no one ever got hurt going wading. Does anyone remember the wonderful lady who told the Bible stories with the use of a felt board on an easel? I just loved her stories, and they were always about the Bible verses we were learning that day. In later years when I became an elementary

teacher, I borrowed some of her techniques and teaching strategies. She certainly taught from love, you could tell. Of course, the highlight of each day was bringing all the classes together for the sing-a-longs in the sanctuary. They were wonderful, and we learned so many songs which we loved and which we would sing at the final program the parents would come to on the last day of VBS. In my research I learned that Keokee Chapel, which is a United Methodist Church (UMC) today, traces its roots to



evangelical meetings conducted in Paradise Township on that site beginning in 1838. By 1851, the congregation built a meeting place for \$400. It may have stood on the portion of today's Church's Sunday school room. During the 1850's, the church was served by the Lehigh Circuit.

In speaking to Pam Koerner Dunlap, who has been a member of Keokee Chapel for many years, I learned a lot about the history of the church. Also, I should add that Pam and I were in the first grade together at the Paradise School. Also, we were in the first graduating class at the Pocono Mountain "Jointure," now called the Pocono Mountain School District (PMSD). Pam informed me that Mary E. Monroe from Cleveland, Ohio, vacationed here for many years and actually owned a home across the road from Keokee where the Lazy Rock Lodge, a township resort stood. However, Mary's home burned down at some point and Lazy Rock was a somewhat modern structure in

modern times as I recall it. Often Mary E. Monroe and her secretary Miriam J. Carse, who were attracted to the little church, most likely walked across the road to attend services. Actually, Mary Monroe donated several items to the church and Sunday school such as a library, carpet, an organ, a pulpit Bible, the Baptismal font, and Communion chalices. Mary and Miriam must have enjoyed their visits to Paradise Township and loved the little church. Unfortunately, in 1866, Mary

Monroe's daughter, Mary Keokee Monroe died. To preserve her daughter's memory, Mary donated \$10,000 to erect a new church for the Paradise congregation, and it was to be called "Keokee Memorial Chapel" after her daughter's middle name. Remember, Keokee translates from the Lenape and means "our daughter." Because of Mary E. Monroe's generosity, the congregation received a debt-free, completely furnished church and more grounds to extend the cemetery. Pam reminded me that Keokee Chapel celebrated its 175th anniversary in 2013. I remember attending one of its events at that time.

In closing, I must say that Paradise Township is truly blessed to have this beautiful historic, Victorian structure still standing today. It is an active church with a dedicated pastor and congregation. It is my feeling that Keokee Memorial Chapel is a beacon of faith and hope in what is sometimes our rather chaotic world.

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Life, Or Something Like It

by Judy Linder

**2020 is a unique year. There are 29 days in February,
300 days in March, and 5 years in April.**

Internet Meme, April 2020

I saw a woman the other day with a homemade face mask that was really nice, and I immediately started ruminating, “My mask is so plain. I wish I had a cool mask like that. Why can’t I be more creative? C’mon, Judy. Get your act together!” Sadly, it was bound to happen –mask envy.

We humans are strange creatures. We don’t just build strong, warm homes to keep us safe from the elements, we build mansions with more rooms than we know what to do with. We don’t just buy cars that get us from point A to point B, we buy cars that have seat warmers and computer screens and digital cameras. We take all sorts of things and turn them into statements of who we are, and what we want the world to know about us.

I’m thinking face masks are the next big opportunity to do this.

Masks will probably become sort of like t-shirts for your face. Yes, they need to protect you and everyone else as much as possible but, damn it, why not have your team colors splashed across your mug? Or bumper sticker-like phrases? (“My good face mask is at the cleaners.” or “My grandma went to Disney World, and all I got was this face mask.”)

It’s an election year which opens up the possibilities for face masks even further. Your candidate of choice can be easily emblazoned across your snout, in flashy red, white, and blue. Election slogans are an option, too, as long as you keep them short and sweet. (If you get too wordy, you’ll need more of a whole head wrap thing instead of just a face mask.)

Eventually I’m guessing that some will start to be-dazzle their masks with special trim and sewn-on trinkets. (Warning: This might be scratchy, but true fashion requires sacrifice.) Or we might start coordinating our masks with our outfits. God forbid one wears a fine, silk shirt with a plain paper mask, for example. What would the neighbors say?

Let me give you some guidance: Heading to the woods for a bit of game hunting? Your camouflage mask will be appropriate. Asking your boss for a raise? Try something understated like simple cotton to show them your humility – and also that they aren’t paying you enough for anything better. Getting up the nerve to ask that special someone out on a date? Try lightly spraying your mask with perfume or cologne to make yourself even more enticing than usual.

If we put our minds to it, I think we can make this whole mask-thing really work in our favor. Here’s a thought: Try pulling your mask all the way up to your forehead, and then cut little holes for your eyes. You’ve now become completely incognito. (Admit it, isn’t there about 5 times a day you run into someone you truly don’t want to talk to? Or is that just me?) Another idea: Pull your mask way down your neck and - Presto! – those pesky double chins are no longer an issue.

Who could have guessed that a face mask could be so multi-functional? Neglected to shave? No problem! Purple Kool-Aid stain above your lip? Your secret is safe! Dental issues? Not that we can see!

Or just for fun, try putting a second face mask on the back of your head, then folks won’t know if you are coming or going.

Things are not perfect, of course, and I’d like to encourage the great minds of our generation to give this some thought. As interesting as we might be able to make the outside of our face masks, we need a fix for the troubles lurking behind. The atmosphere back there practically has its own weather system. It’s humid and stuffy and smells like garlic. (Again, is that just me?) We’re in serious need of some type of small ventilation device. (Or at least a stronger mouthwash.) Chop-chop, you smart inventors out there. We’re counting on you.

Meanwhile, I’ll try to get more mature about this as I hear a small, nagging voice in my head mutter: “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s face mask.” Bummer.

Brown Pushing Bill Aimed at Closing Short-Term Rentals During Declared Disaster Emergencies in the Future

EAST STROUDSBURG – After witnessing how short-term rentals may have or could have contributed to the vast spread of COVID-19, especially in northeastern Pennsylvania, Rep. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe/Pike) has drafted legislation aimed at ensuring short-term rental operations would temporarily cease after the governor declares a disaster declaration for the Commonwealth.

Within the legislation, short-term rentals are defined as anything that is not intended for a primary residence and when the owner is not in the business of owning, operating or managing a hotel.

“During this COVID-19 crisis, it is apparent that interstate travel into Pennsylvania, especially into the Pocono region along the border, has and continues to put our residents at a higher risk,” Brown. “Access to short-term rentals, often advertised as ‘coronavirus free’ or ‘escape from the virus’ properties, continue to appear. This common sense effort to lessen exposure to out-of-state hotspots and populations should be immediately implemented in the future. I believe these advertisements and actions are unethical and socially irresponsible and a disregard to public health.”

“The common sense goal of this legislation is to curb early on mass spread of infection in the Commonwealth should we face another health crisis, like COVID-19, and be operating under a disaster declaration,” Brown continued. “Our primary focus should always be keeping our residents safe during times of uncertainty and protecting our resources for any disaster in the future. I believe this legislation is a great start to ensuring that protection and safety.”

Brown concluded “Short-term rentals were halted on April 1, but this should have been automatic to protect our area!”



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8 women's health is- sues and how to deal with them at home

Many doctors' offices are limiting their office hours for anything other than emergency care or diagnosing and treating people for COVID-19. This may leave women with lack of access to their doctors when experiencing non-urgent, but highly uncomfortable issues.

Lauren Streicher, MD, OB/GYN at Northwestern University, encourages patients experiencing gynecologic issues during COVID restrictions to contact their health care provider. Many clinicians can connect by phone or video, give recommendations and call in prescriptions. However, if medical care for non-urgent issues is not readily available, she suggests women prepare to care for their common health issues at home.

"Even with mandates to 'shelter in place,' women can safely and effectively take care of many common health issues right at home," says Streicher. "But still, it is important to know when something does require immediate medical attention." Streicher offers the following tips to help women prepare their own at-home feminine health toolkit to address common issues and help stay healthy:

Prescriptions: If possible, get a 3-month supply of prescriptions such as birth control pills.

Safe sex: Stock up on condoms and keep emergency contraception on hand. In the U.S., there are two FDA-approved over-the-counter forms of emergency contraception, and the sooner you take emergency contraception, the more effectively it works. **UTI:** If possible, have antibiotics on hand if you get a UTI. Additionally, studies show that if you increase your daily fluid intake of water to 2-3 liters on a regular basis, you can flush out bad bacteria. An oral vaginal probiotic like [Pro-B](#) may keep yeast and bacteria balanced every day by increasing vaginal lactobacilli and preventing the colonization of vaginal E.coli finding its way into the urinary tract.

Vaginal discharge and odor: Know how to determine if it is yeast or bacterial vaginosis so you know which product to use. For example, keep pH-balancing [RepFresh Gel](#) on hand for after sex and menstruation. **Pelvic floor PT:** If you are going to stick to kegel exercises, make sure you are doing them correctly. Also, there are over-the-counter, at-home devices developed in conjunction with pelvic floor physical therapists that are FDA cleared for the treatment of both urinary and fecal incontinence.

Painful sex: Stock up on [Replens Moisturizer](#) to help eliminate vaginal dryness and painful sex, especially for women who are breastfeeding, in cancer treatment or in menopause. Additionally, remember to have a good silicone lube on hand to use for intercourse.

Vitamins: Stock up on vitamin D because it facilitates the absorption of calcium that can decrease bone loss and reduce your risk of breaking a bone. They are easy to take, especially gummy vitamins.

Pregnancy pain: This could be due to an ectopic pregnancy, which is potentially life-threatening and demands attention. Call your health care provider immediately.

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They each competed in their dens and for overall Pack winner.

Here are the winners by den:

Tigers: First: Braden Glukhoy, Second: Henry Saltamach, Third: Jackson Ardizoni

Wolves: First: Jacob Krumbede, Second: Joshua Pallone, Third: William Sculley

Bears: First: Aldrick Noboa, Second: Gabriel Petroff, Third: Riley O'Connor
Webelos and Arrow of Lights: First: Joseph Pallone, Second: Joseph Martin, Third: Connor Hartman

Overall Pack placement: First: Aldrick Noboa, Second: Gabriel Petroff, Third: Connor Hartman

The slowest car in the the Pack wins the Good Sportsman Award. That went to Jackson Ardizoni

The pack hosts a family race. There were 12 participants. The winner of the Family race was Lidia Hartman

Special thanks to Derby Co-Chairs Wayne Gross and Steve Richard and their committee for planning and carrying out the event.

Pack 89 is sponsored by the Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains.

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Here are some ways our members are spending their "Stay Home" time:

Walking every day, doing chair yoga, reading books by local authors, watching classic movies- Mary Frances Kresge

Making jewelry and eating whatever my husband bakes- Catherine Schratt

My wife and I have made over 300 mask donations-

Alan & Carol Shumway
Indoor & outdoor exercising, wrote an article for the Morning Call, 4th Grade School work, Zooming with family-

John Mayher
Watching Disney on ice with my granddaughters via Zoom, meditating, participating in online classes at The FCC, hiking the Nothstein Preserve- Sue Ruskin-Mayher

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ful hiking trails, Friday night game night, home pedicures, take out from or local restaurants-We dress up and bring out the nice plates like we are at a restaurant. -Colleen LaScala

Crossword puzzles with my kitty companion by the fire- Liz Sayer

Watching the wildlife, turkeys, fox, and deer, that visit my yard with my couch companion pooch- Annette Amrellino

Working in the yard, volunteering at our hometown food pantry, making and delivering food to a friend that cannot get out- Dorothy & Joe Bush

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“Unprecedented” is a frequent and fitting word these days to describe what’s happening in the world. Our daily routines have changed in unimaginable ways and we miss our usual comforts and connections, like libraries. While we’re all anxious to return to “normal” library services, this pandemic is re-writing the book on how we can operate. There has been a lot of discussion among Pennsylvania libraries about the safest ways to serve our communities and our decisions will be guided by mandates from the Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Education. There are still a lot of unknowns, but what we do know is that re-opening the library building will be a gradual process phased in over a period of time. Here’s the nutshell version of how this might happen. When the Governor gives the OK, the first step is for staff to return; we’ve been closed for longer than expected so it will take a while to prepare for re-opening. Then we will move to very limited services, perhaps curbside pick up of materials. We will continue to do all virtual programming. Materials that are returned to the library will need to be “quarantined” and cleaned. Staff will practice social distancing and wear masks while we work. The logistics and restrictions are mind boggling, but necessary. I wish I could say when we anticipate that patrons can enter the building again, but we don’t know how soon that can happen. In the meantime, please be patient as we try to figure everything out. What we do and when we do it are all in the best interests of everyone’s health and safety. For now... Please hold on to any materials you currently have out instead of returning them to the drop box. There is no need to call to renew materials; we’ll take care of

everything once we re-open. No fines will be accrued during this time. We cannot accept used book donations until further notice.

In the meantime, take advantage of technology if you are able! Big shout out to staff members Chelsea, Lynn, and Jenn for rising to the occasion and providing our community with wonderful opportunities to experience online library services! Check out the list below of what’s happening now. And be sure to check our Facebook page for additional programs and posts that will amuse, distract, soothe, and/or inform you: www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary. Visit our website for updates and even more e-resources: www.barrettlibrary.org. Virtual Programs for Children & Families All programs take place on Facebook unless otherwise noted (www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary) Story Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am. Bedtime Story: Weekdays at 7:30pm Craft time with Miss Jennifer: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1pm

Story Time Bake-Along Tuesday, 5/19 11am. We will be reading “Nanette’s Baguette” by Mo Willems and baking a simple bread recipe.

Paint Party Friday, May 22nd 4:30pm. This paint project will be fun for all ages! We will be painting a tree silhouette against a sunset background. Gather your supplies and join us live on our Facebook page for this virtual paint party. You will need a white canvas or paper, a thin paintbrush, a thick paintbrush, and blue, black, purple, red, yellow, orange, and white paints. Family Scavenger Hunt Friday, May 29th 4:30pm. Gather the family outside (weather permitting) for an exciting scavenger hunt! Clues will be posted on our Facebook event page every five minutes. Solve the clue, find the item, take

a picture, and then post it on the event page. Points will be awarded for each item and the winning family gets ultimate bragging rights!

Stay tuned for more STEM challenges that Miss Chelsea will post on Facebook every so often!

Adult Virtual Programs

All programs take place on Facebook unless otherwise noted (www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary)

Community Storytelling: Let’s Write A Story Together! May 11th-May 18th. Join in the fun as we create a story together. This is how it works: We will give the first line in a post. Once we give the beginning line, another person gives the next line, and so on, in the comments. The way we come up with our lines, or contributions to the story, is by taking the lines written before ours into consideration. By the time we finish, we’ll have a fun story we’ve written together as a community.

Show Us Your Home Library: May 20th. We’re all missing the library, so let’s make the wait easier by showing us your personal library. Give us a picture of your own library with a list of your favorite books!

Virtual Trivia: Friday, May 22nd 7:00pm (Zoom). Join us on Zoom for a night of Trivia! You can compete as individuals or as a family. We’ll be playing three rounds, answering questions about a myriad of topics from pop culture to history. To join the fun, message the library’s Facebook page with your email address and we’ll send you the link to the party (www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary).

Give Appreciation to Our Soldiers and Veterans: Monday, May 25th. May is National Military Appreciation Month, and so we want you to show us all the soldiers and veterans in your life whom you love and appreciate for their service. Post their pictures in the comments and let us all thank them together.

Recipe Sharing: Tuesday, May 26th. We’ve all been doing a lot of cooking lately, and I bet we’re all searching for new and exciting things to make. Let’s share our favorite recipes with

the community.

Below are a few of the online resources available through the library. For more, please go to the library’s web page and explore the “Reference” and “E-books” sections at the top of the page.

Coming soon: Online library card sign up! Check our web page in the very near future to be able to get a temporary library card number that can be used for some e-resources like Hoopla.

Also, if you already have a library card and can’t access Hoopla, it’s possible that your card has expired. Please email the Library (brfpubli@ptd.net) with your name and library card number and we’ll renew your card.

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There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from. Hoopla is now offering more than 1000 bonus titles through April 30 that won’t count toward your monthly borrows! If you haven’t made an account with Hoopla yet, here’s how (you will need your library card number to create an account):

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OverDrive eBooks: Download and enjoy e-books on your computer or portable device. The collection includes fiction and nonfiction e-books for all ages. On the library’s homepage (www.barrettlibrary.org), scroll down and click on the OverDrive graphic; this will take you to the Easton Library District Overdrive page. Search for titles or browse the collections. Click “Borrow” on a title, then select Barrett Paradise Friendly Library from

the drop-down menu. Then enter your library card number (P_ _ _ _ _) and your PIN (same PIN you use for our online catalog). Next, select Download (choose format) or Read (in your browser) and follow the prompts.

Digital Magazines

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Free Library of Philadelphia

Any resident of Pennsylvania can get a library card from the Free Library of Philadelphia! With your new library card number, you can access their many digital media platforms. To get your library card, go to <https://catalog.freelibrary.org/MyResearch/register>. Click “Online” under “How to get a card?” and follow the instructions. Then browse all the digital media databases Free Library of Philadelphia has to offer! There are tens of thousands ebooks, audiobooks, and more!

My time has been so scattered lately that I find myself taking brief reading breaks instead of getting consumed by a full-length novel. It’s refreshing and relaxing to page through magazines and browse online news and entertainment articles. But that stack of books is calling me...

I’m looking forward to when we can re-open the library! Until then, please stay at home, stay safe, and stay healthy!

Mary Ann

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Rosemary Brown, May 1st, 2020

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All businesses and employees in the construction industry must adhere to the secretary of Health's order providing for business safety measures, which requires that every person present at a work site wear masks/face coverings unless they are unable for medical or safety reasons, and requires that businesses establish protocols upon discovery that the business has been exposed to a person who is a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19. All construction projects also must maintain proper social distancing and provide hand-washing and sanitizing stations for workers, as well as cleaning and sanitizing protocols for high-risk transmission areas.

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

"As it fell upon a day in the merry month of May....."
Richard Barnfield,Address
to the Nightingale

1. 1753-Tuesday- Carolus Linnaeus published the first edition of his "Species Plantarum" in which he gave systematic names to plants that are still in use today. These replaced his original names such as; "the one that tastes like a stale taco, the green one that turns brown when you don't water it" and "the one that looks like a TV reality show participant, only smarter".
2. 1863 -Saturday- On the 2nd day of the Battle of Chancellorsville Thomas Stonewall Jackson, was shot by his own men. He died eight days later. His amputated arm was buried separately near the field hospital where mourners, naturally, gave him a hand. The rest of him is interred at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery.
3. 1982-Monday The Weather Channel went on the air as the only 24 hr. all weather, cable network. Now we thrill to the site of people in parkas standing in snow storms and braving the winds of hurricanes as they tell us it is snowing and/or windy.
4. 1626 -Monday Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on what is now Manhattan. Minuit is famous for buying the island of Manhattan from native Lenape with trinkets valued at 60 guilders or about \$24. Minuet really wanted tickets to "Hamilton" for the same trinkets but an error in translation resulted in the purchase of Manhattan instead.
5. 1961-Friday- "Do it in the suit!" – that's what Alan Shepherd heard back from the ground control center after inquiring how he could relieve himself during the mission. Mercury 3 carried American astronaut Alan Shepard to space during a suborbital flight of 115 miles.

6. 1856-Tuesday- - Born on the same day department --Happy Birthday, Sigmund Freud, (who was afreud of the dark), father of modern psychiatry. And.... Edward Peary American polar explorer who made the first successful expedition to the North Pole.
7. 1915- Friday- They almost made it from New York to Britain but the British ocean liner Lusitania was torpedoed without warning by the German submarine U-20 off the south coast of Ireland. Within 20 minutes, the vessel sank with 1,959 passengers and crew, 1,198 people were drowned.
8. 1790-Saturday- Setting off hundreds of years of confusion over measurement systems, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand convinced the French National Assembly to create a simple, stable, decimal system of measurement units. The earliest meter unit chosen was the length of a pendulum with a half-period of a second.
9. 1914-Saturday- The first official "Mother's Day" as President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that officially established the holiday. The idea for a "Mother's Day" is credited by some to Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".
10. 1877-Thursday- President Rutherford B. Hayes had the White House's first telephone installed. President Hayes rarely received phone calls.....mainly due to the fact the telephone had just been invented by Bell the year before.
11. 1888-Friday- Happy Birthday, Israel Baline, born in Temun, Russia. In America he changed his name to Irving Berlin and became perhaps the greatest, and certainly the most prolific of American song writers. He lived to be 100 and wrote, among many others, "God Bless America", "White Christmas", "Easter Parade", and "Hound Dog"
12. 1820 - Friday- Happy Birthday, Florence Nightingale, British founder of modern nursing.
13. 1669 - Monday The table knife was created by Cardinal Richelieu, chief minister to King Louis XIII in France. Until this time, daggers were used to cut

- meat, as well as to pick one's teeth.....and stab your enemy while chewing. We came across some earlier etiquette tips from the Dutch philosopher and humanist, Erasmus, in the first modern book of manners in 1526. To wit: "You should wipe your spoon before passing it to a neighbor." "Do not blow your nose with the same hand that you use to hold the meat"
14. 1948- Friday The independent state of Israel was proclaimed by David Ben Gurion as British rule in Palestine came to an end. This so delighted the Muslims that they promptly attacked and have been trying to wipe Israel off the map ever since
 15. 1957 -Wednesday- While filming a dance number for Jailhouse Rock, Elvis Presley somehow managed to inhale a porcelain cap on one of his teeth. Don't you hate when that happens? He had to be taken to a Los Angeles hospital to have it removed from his lung.
 16. 1881-Monday- Dick Fellows, became a free man after spending five years in prison. It was supposed to be for a few months but in 1875 as he was being taken to prison he escaped and stole a horse with no saddle. He found a farm and stole a saddle, but when he tried to place it on the horse and ride away, the horse ran back home. Dick's original crime involved robbing the LA stagecoach. He didn't have an ax to open the strongbox and decided to place the box on the waiting horse. The horse ran away. Dick then had to escape on foot but it was dark so naturally he fell off an 18 foot drop, breaking his leg and crushing the instep of the same foot with the box. He dragged himself, box and all, to a work camp to steal an ax and break open box. He removed the \$1800 he found and bought food from the workers. After making some crutches, he staggered to another farm house and stole yet another horse. The sheriff and his men, tracking the desperado, found his trail easy to follow as the horse had only one temporary mule shoe.
 17. 1682 -Sunday- Happy Birthday, Bartholomew Roberts, AKA Black Bart, Welsh pirate. He was so proud of his piratic work that he designed his own flag. It was the skull and cross bones - and the flag became known as the Jolly Roger.
 18. 1953-Monday- Jacqueline

- Cochran became the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound as she piloted an F-86 Sabre jet over California. Cochran was also the first woman to make a blind instrument landing in 1937 and set new women's records during 1939-40, in altitude and open class speed. During World War II she was the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic Ocean.
19. 1992 -Tuesday- The 27th Amendment to the U.S Constitution went into effect. The amendment prohibits Congress from giving itself midterm pay raises. Acting with typical Congressional efficiency, the amendment had first been proposed in 1789, yes that's 1789, making it a mere 74,003 days from proposal to passage.
 20. 1916 -Saturday- The small town of Codell, Kansas (in Osborne County) was struck by a tornado. Incredibly, the same town was also hit by tornadoes in 1917 and 1918 on the exact same date. Even more astounding, the storms hit around the same time on each day, between 6 and 9 pm.
 21. 1799-Sunday Happy Birthday Mary Anning, English fossil collector who made her first significant discovery at the age of 11 when she found a complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaurus. She is the subject of the famous tongue twister "She sells sea shells by the sea shore."
 22. 1859-Sunday- "Elementary my dear Watson", Happy Birthday Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, novelist and physician born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes appeared in six short story collections, four Holmes novels, and 27 and counting,movies/TV series.
 23. 1934 -Wednesday- Bank robbers, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in slow motion (we saw the movie so we know that) by Texas and Louisiana state police officers in an ambush as they drove a stolen 1934 Ford near Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
 24. 1935-Friday It's a beautiful day for a night game..... Frankie Frisch. The first major-league baseball game played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1.
 25. 1738 -Sunday- The Conojucular War between Pennsylvania and Maryland ...yes,

- there was a war between Maryland and Pennsylvania!....ended with settlement of a boundary dispute and exchange of prisoners.
26. 1954-Wednesday- The funeral ship of the Egyptian Pharaoh Cheops was unearthed in a limestone chamber near the Great Pyramid at Giza. This was celebrated with a dinner of pork "cheops" and lamb "cheops". We guess the boat was constructed with "cheops sticks".....Yes, we have no shame.
 27. 1819 -Thursday- Happy Birthday, Julia Ward Howe, (see Mother's Day above) American composer and author born in New York City. Howe wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic. In 1861, she watched troops marching off to war singing "John Brown's Body". The tune was originally a camp-meeting hymn "Oh brothers, will you meet us on Canaan's happy shore? A friend suggested that she write some "decent words for that tune". The poem was published and Mrs. Howe received \$5 for her work.
 28. 1738- Wednesday, Attention, King LouisXVI, Marie Antoinette, Girondins, Louis Philippe II, Duke of Orléans, Georges Danton, Maximilien Robespierre, Antoine Lavoiser and thousands of others.... Happy Birthday, Joseph Guillotin, French physician Guillotin proposed a "machine that beheads painlessly".
 29. 1453 - Sunday - After hundreds of years of Muslim attacks, Constantinople fell to Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II, ending the Byzantine Empire. Constantinople (aka Byzantium) was dedicated by Constantine the Great as his capital in 330 AD. Now it is Istanbul.
 30. 1868 -Saturday- Memorial Day (originally called Decoration Day) was observed for the first time. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I.
 31. 1889-Friday- The Johnstown Flood occurred as heavy rains collapsed the South Fork Dam, sending a wall of water at Johnstown, PA.

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Meetings		Religious Services		Gatherings & Such			
<p>Barrett Township Historical Society 3rd Friday, Friendly Community Cen- ter, 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>-----</p> <p>Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains Every Wednesday, 6.15 pm Refer to our website for location www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains. com</p> <p>-----</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>-----</p> <p>Pocono Area Recreation Commission- 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Pocono Mountain School Board First & Third Wednesday Administration Building Swiftwater campus 7 pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Pocono Masonic Lodge #780 2nd Wed of the month -7:30 PM Except July & August Rt. 390 Cresco</p> <p>-----</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.lupuspa. org</p> <p>-----</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>Most Holy Trinity Parish (comprises St. Ann, St. Mary of the Mount and St. Bernadette) 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>Canadensis United Methodist Church Route 390 & 447, Canadensis Worship with Children's Experience 10:45 AM</p> <p>Keokee Chapel United Methodist Keokee Chapel Lane., Paradise SUN Service, 9:30 AM SUN School Classes 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mountainhome United Methodist Church Routes 390/191, Mountainhome Worship 9 AM - Adult Sunday School 10:15AM Children's Sunday School 9:15AM</p> <p>Paradise Valley Baptist Church Koerner Rd & Rt 390, Cresco Sun. School, 9:30 AM Sun. Worship, 10:30AM Wed Service 7:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>Promised Land Protestant Church Route 390 SUN Services 10 AM Innovation Church Sundays at 9am & 11am 595-2000</p> <p>B-Nai Harim (Children of the mountains)A Reform Jewish congregation. www.bnaiharimpocoнос.org Pocono Crest Rd at Rt 940 and Sul- livan Rd.. Call 646-0100</p> <p>LifeChurch Poconos (non-denominational) Sullivan Trail, Pocono Pines SUN Service: 10:01AM Children's Church Available</p> <p>St. Paul's United Church of Christ Upper Swiftwater Rd. Swiftwater Sunday Service; 9:30AM 570-839-0730</p> <p>Eglise Evangelique De La Renaissance Christian Counseling Ministries HC 1 Box 1-B Swiftwater Pa English Morning Service 9 AM</p> <p>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist - 8:00 &10:00 a.m. Sunday School: September - May 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: Tuesdays - 9:00a.m. 137 Trinity Hill Road, Mt. Pocono, PA 570-839-9376. trinitychurchmp@ verizon.net</p>		<p>Grace Community Fellowship, meeting at the Tandoor Palace confer- ence 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>Grace United Church of Christ Sullivan Trail & Rt. 715, Tannersville Sunday Service;10:00AM</p> <p>Living Hope Baptist Church for info. - 839-5900 Warriors For Christ Ministries 445 Sterling Rd.(Rt 196) Tobyhanna, PA 570-894-1623 Sunday-11:30Am Wed & Fri 7:30PM</p> <p>1 Living Hope Communtiy Church 5530 Municipal dr. Tobyhanna PA 18466 Start at 9:45. Service begins at 11:00 Church office: 570-676-8686</p> <p>Mt Pocono United Methodist Church 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>House Of Praise Christian Fellowship meet at Comfort Inn Route 940 by Lowes Sunday Services 10 AM-1PM Bishop Hamilton(Pastor) Phone# 917.497.5549</p> <p>Temple Israel of the Poconos – Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue: 711 Wallace Street at Avenue 'A' , Strouds- burg, Pa. 18360. Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7:00 PM followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30 AM followed by a tradi- tional Kiddush. Hebrew School – High Holiday Services – Passover Seder – Pu- rim Party – Family Chanukah Menorah Lighting – Adult Educational Programs – Social Gatherings. Contact: Dr. Sandra Alfonsi – 570-223-7062.</p> <p>Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church 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>ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 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>The Cross Church (non denominational) 3308 Rt.940, Mount Pocono (next to AT & 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 & Prayer 7 pm</p>		<p>Barrett Senior Center 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 Barbara at 570.481.4330 for details and to reserve a lunch.</p> <p>Free Alzheimer's Training Available to Local Family Caregivers 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>Celebrate Recovery 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 pastordebbieswc@ gmail.com.</p> <p>Pocono Mountains Men's Fellowship (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>FOOD PANTRY 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 community dinner that is free to the public. The dinner is from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.</p> <p>Bingo! Bingo all year long... Every Saturday Doors Open 5:30 PM / First Call 6:30 PM Bring a friend & receive \$5 off \$25 bingo pack Hosted by Promised Land Vol. Fire Co. 1054 Route 390, Greentown, PA Contact # 570-676-3818</p> <p>Have a couple of hours free</p> <p>weekday mornings? 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: iraudabaugh@monroemeals.org for an application.</p> <p>Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Meets third Monday of Month at 7:00 PM Lower level of Canadensis United Methodist Church Church located on corner of Rts. 447 & 390 New members & guests welcome For more info, contact” Rhonda @ 570-676-3131.</p> <p>Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group In Partnership with The Friendly Community Center 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>Nearly New Shop 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>Pocono Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA). We do all types of need- lework (Cross stitch, Hardanger, Canvas work, Crewel work, etc.) There is a different program each month. We meet every second Monday of the month from Septem- ber – 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>	

Super Crossword

WHOO-HOO!

ACROSS

- 1 Land fresh concrete on
8 Wasn't
13 Found
20 Like pushing actors
21 Mother's sister
22 Kibitz
23 More with red fish?
25 Run's fast
26 '80s NEWS sitcom
27 Tell her she's for one
28 Jazzzy singing
29 Growing Political actor Alan
30 Tower for looker
32 Uncanny
34 24-hr. money sources
36 Japan natives veg
38 Lookie there muscle-bunching slutt
42 Terrestrial chamber?
44 Den's apparent
45 -home (frozen treat)

- 46 Just you wait ngos
47 Natan-laug mark
48 Amy yued
52 Cornelia site
54 Vail team?
58 Beer brand
60 Midwestern salaries?
66 Orchestra section
67 Mormon
69 Old Spice alternative
70 Reagan speechwriter Peggy
71 Gymbnast address
72 Paris?
75 Lean power
76 "Tuff"
79 Andalous trip
80 Syria with Japan
81 45 hall
83 My phone is as follows
86 Coup ing
88 Lay new on
89 Not well liked
91 Crab claws
92 Bullying show
95 Gaudy scowles
98 He soaked

- 100 Zool or cool
101 Skeptical up key-7
105 D shape-line sat
110 Actress Martin
111 Rat catcher
113 '60s control site
114 Star Wars royal
115 Royal home
117 Galle
118 Prayer band
119 - yellow ribbon found
122 Journalist Nutter
123 Not unusual
124 Things found at discount shoe stores?
127 Italian cry
128 Shoe London
129 Advances
130 Agrees not
131 Black velvet singer
132 Orchestral leader
133 Go over again, as old issues

- 2 Mrs. Oscar
3 Easy-to-act on
4 Org for Rafael Nadal
5 - Gong
6 - Time We Say
7 Goudy?
8 Air Marshall's org
9 Copies Dr. Dre
10 U.S. hardware org
11 Put away as sword
12 "NewsRadio" costar Phil
13 Shoopie ad
14 Overt Twist, ng
15 Bright red
16 Silverstone or Keys
17 Tuffie mug
18 International computer
19 Cavity fears den
24 Branching out ponds
31 - Next Chapter re-entry series
33 Eat in style
35 Least tender

- 37 Loves me
39 Custom's Port
40 Audi automaker
41 Baby talker
43 - and
45 Why? and
49 "No, -"
50 Peak
51 Dumbel, ng
53 Character
55 SUV models
56 Phileas with warrior
57 "Bring Up Baby" studio
59 Sing loudly
61 Radium site
62 Part of CH1
63 Alternative to lettuce
64 Oakline look-alike
65 Smiles with hourly
68 Diner owner
72 Hovels
73 Once named
74 Top the crop
77 - gone down?
78 Suffix of suggest
81 Nam's sent
82 Commercial
84 Boxer leader

- 85 Ball biter
87 Struck
90 Complaint
92 Unit of resistance
93 Frogs and kangaroos
94 Anger's list
96 Patronage of Judaism
97 Mythic
99 Juans
102 Enighnon, in poems
103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"
104 Four guilty as were
106 Budapest rapper
107 Hand & new watch on
108 Words with asp or bee
109 Makes the assadion
112 Green shampon
115 Periods
118 Burn hair
120 Ferber or Krasnappe
121 Chick chaser?
123 Nipper's co
125 Proclaim
126 Dash lengths

DOWN

- 1 Go over again, as old issues

We are 10 days into self-isolation and it is really upsetting me to witness my wife standing at the living room window gazing aimlessly into space with tears running down her cheeks.

It breaks my heart to see her like this. I have thought very hard about how I can cheer her up. I have even considered letting her in - but rules are rules.

My husband made me mad today so I poured some water in front of the washer.

He's been in there for 2 hours trying to fix the washer.

"You in the back of the room, what was the date of the signing of the Magna Carter?"

"I dunno."

"You don't? Well let's try this. Who was Bonny Prence Charley?"

"I dunno."

"Well, tell me what the Tennis Court Oath was?"

"I dunno."

"I assigned this stuff last Friday. What were you doing this last weekend?"

"I was out drinking beer and fishing with friends."

"You were? What audacity to stand there and tell me a thing like that? How do you ever expect to pass this course?"
"I don't. I just came in to fix the radiator."

Police Chief: The thief got away, eh? Did you guard all the exits?
Deputy: Yes, we did. But he tricked us. He went out through an entrance.

Son: Why is my sister's name Paris?
Dad: Because we conceived her in Paris.
Son: Thanks dad.
Dad: No problem
Quarantine.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	1		5			2	
8				1	3		9
		2			9	1	
6			4			5	
7	2				8		3
	3			2		8	
		9			4		5
5			3				6

The goal is to fill in the empty cells with numbers 1-9. Each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOO!

CryptoQuip

This is a word substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for exactly one letter in the original message. The key is a 26-letter alphabet.

Given: M equals P

KLQXTFL YA HXTRZSLD LJIPAF

YXNCJR IXGXMLJPF KTDFS. C

DLQNPJ FZL'H KL QXGGLH X

MLMMLD MPVMLD

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Answers on page 19

Caution- Check for Ticks After Spending Time Outdoors

While we are dealing with the COVID-19 crisis and current mitigation efforts, I want to give a gentle reminder to watch out for ticks if you or your families are enjoying the outdoors (hikes, walks, exercise, fishing etc.) while still social distancing from others who don't live with you.

COVID-19 poses a serious threat to our health, but so does Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases. Please exercise precautionary measures and check for ticks once returning indoors.

Should you find a tick, visit the PA Tick Research Lab at ticklab.org where you can order your FREE tick test and drop/mail in the tick. They are still open and available during this time.

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