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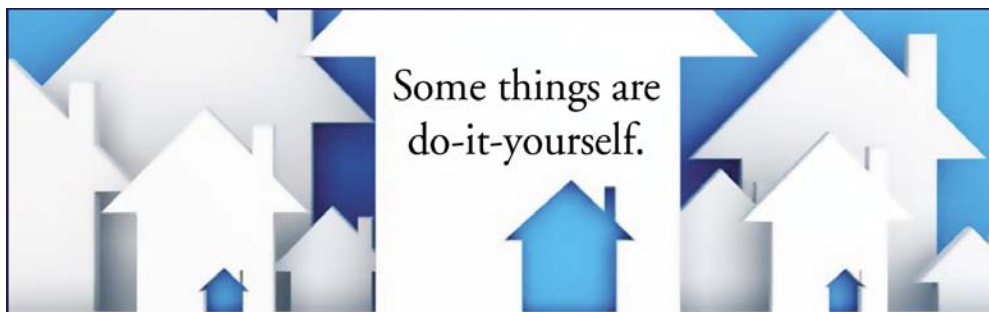
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WHAT A DILEMMA

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
To expose feelings is to risk rejection.
To place your visions before the crowd is to risk ridicule.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
****To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure.**
But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.
We may avoid suffering and sorrow, but we cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love or know GOD.
Chained by our own self-assurances, we are a slave. We have forfeited our freedom.
Only the person who dares to take risks and to trust in their GOD will ever be made FREE.

In 1997, Rev. Edwin E. Bailey, father of the editor, gave this poem to his daughter 8 days before he had a stroke and 3 weeks before he died. The poem was adapted from works by Leo Buscaglia. Edwin hand wrote this on a scrap of paper and gave it to his daughter, Deborah, saying the words, "Someday you'll understand these words and use them. God bless sweetheart." **These words were used in making the decision to purchase Connections Magazine in 2002.

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“Successful mothers are not the ones who have never struggled. They are the ones who never gave up despite the struggles.”

– Sharon Jaynes

Moms, motors, menopause, and Memorial Day, our May issue has the Good Stuff on all four!

Have a heart for your mom? As you're looking for the perfect gift, **get connected** to some thoughtful ideas that will touch her heart on page 6.

Vroom, vroom, vroom! Cruise into everyone's favorite annual May classic car show schedule! The fun kicks off May 1st with Cruise Night at Waymart Hotel.

Psst! It's not a secret anymore... Before, during and after menopause, a woman's body undergoes substantial changes. One of the biggest misconceptions is that we should let nature take its course and simply endure the symptoms. **Get connected** to the science that has shown that comprehensive blood panels and early hormone replacement can have a significant, positive impact on a woman's health when it comes to aging and disease prevention on page 18.

As Memorial Day approaches, let us pause to honor those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Their courage and dedication deserve our eternal gratitude.

Happy Memorial Day! Here's to all moms, car enthusiasts, seasoned women, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. :)

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Thoughtful Gift Ideas for

Mother's Day

To show your mom just how much she means to you, choose a Mother's Day gift that reflects her interests and passions. As you're looking for the perfect gift, consider these thoughtful ideas that will touch her heart.

Personalized Gifts

Show your mom how much she means to you by giving a gift uniquely tailored to her. Consider a personalized photo album filled with special memories or a custom-made piece of jewelry with her initials or birthstone. If your mom enjoys cooking, a personalized apron or cutting board with her name or a special message can be a winning gift. For the mom who loves to relax, a monogrammed robe or customized spa gift set allows her to pamper herself. You can also include a handwritten note or heartfelt letter expressing your love and appreciation.

DIY Gifts

Handmade gifts often hold special sentimental value and show you put thought and effort into creating something unique just for your mom. You could try making a homemade candle or bath bombs, a hand-painted picture frame or a personalized scrapbook filled with cherished memories. Alternatively, you could bake her favorite treats, prepare a special breakfast in bed or create a customized coupon book with vouchers for things like a homemade dinner or day of pampering. Get creative and have fun with your DIY gift - your mom is sure to appreciate the sentiment behind it.

Experience Gifts

Sometimes the best gifts are experiences rather than physical items. Plan a day trip to her favorite destination, book a spa day for her to relax and unwind or arrange a cooking class where she can learn new recipes. You could also surprise her with tickets to a concert, theater show or sporting event.

Practical Gifts

For busy moms who are always on the go, practical gifts can be lifesavers. Consider getting your mom a stylish yet functional tote bag or a backpack to carry all her essentials. You could also give her a smartwatch or fitness tracker to help her stay organized and track her health and fitness goals. A subscription to a meal delivery service or gifting kitchen gadgets or appliances that make meal preparation easier and more efficient are also useful ideas.

Find more gift ideas to make mom smile at eLivingtoday.com.

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May

Every

Thur.	Waymart Cruisers—Waymart Hotel in Waymart	5-9 PM
2nd	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
9th	Montage Mt. Classics—South Side Shopping Center, Scranton	6-9 PM
10th	Tommy Gun Shooting Range Car Show—Honesdale	4-7 PM
10th	Montage Mt. Classics—Driscoll's Home Center, Old Forge	5-8 PM
16th	Villa Capri Cruisers—Perkins Restaurant, Scranton	4-8 PM
16th	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
18th	Mayfield Hose Company #1 Car Show—Mayfield	9-3 PM
23rd	Pocono Mt. Street Rods—Viewmont Mall, Dickson City	6-9 PM
24th	Cruisin' Honesdale—HNB Lot, Route 6, Honesdale	4-7 PM
25th	The Hotel Cruise—Newfoundland Hotel, Newfoundland	1-3 PM
25th	Villa Capri Cruisers—Peckville Assembly of God, Blakely	1-4 PM

June

Every

Thur.	Waymart Cruisers—Waymart Hotel in Waymart	5-9 PM
1st	Scranton Reg. AACA Car Show—Clarks Summit	8-3 PM
6th	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
13th	Montage Mt. Classics—South Side Shopping Center, Scranton	5-8 PM
14th	Villa Capri Cruisers—McDade Park, Scranton	9 AM
14th	Tommy Gun Shooting Range Car Show—Honesdale	4-7 PM
14th	Montage Mt. Classics—Driscoll's Home Center, Old Forge	5-8 PM
15th	Villa Capri 31st Annual Car Show—McDade Park, Scranton	8 AM
20th	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
22nd	Prompton Fire Co. Annual Car Show—Park by the Dam	10-2 PM
25th	Elmhurst Fire Co. Cruise Night —Route 435, Elmhurst	6-9 PM
27th	Pocono Mt. Street Rods—Viewmont Mall, Dickson City	6-9 PM
28th	Cruisin' Honesdale—HNB Lot, Route 6, Honesdale	4-7 PM
29th	Villa Capri Cruisers—Lowe's, Dickson City	12-4 PM

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Testing for ***RADON***

When Buying a Home This Summer

Provided by Disaster Blaster

{ As the summer season approaches, many individuals and families are embarking on the exciting journey of purchasing a new home. While there are numerous factors to consider during this process, one critical aspect that should not be overlooked is testing for radon. A naturally occurring radioactive gas that can pose serious health risks if present in elevated levels within a home, radon issues can only be identified through specialized radon testing. }

Before purchasing your home, here are some things to consider about this invisible danger, and how you can be sure that your home is safe.

Understanding Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is produced by the decay of uranium found naturally in the soil and rock beneath our feet. It can enter homes through cracks in the foundation, gaps around pipes, and other openings. Once inside, radon can accumulate to dan-

gerous levels, particularly in lower areas such as basements and crawl spaces. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, making it a significant concern for homeowners.

The Importance of Radon Testing

Testing for radon is essential for several reasons:

- **Health Risks:** Prolonged exposure to high radon levels can lead to lung cancer. The risk

is higher for smokers, but non-smokers are also at risk.

- **An Invisible Threat:** Because radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, the only way to detect its presence is through specialized testing.
- **Property Value:** Homes with an unresolved high radon level may be less desirable to buyers, affecting resale value.

How to Test for Radon

There are two primary methods for testing radon levels: short-term testing and long-term testing.

Short-Term Testing

Short-term tests are typically used for initial screening and last from 2 to 90 days. They are quick and inexpensive, providing a snapshot of radon levels and are extremely common as part of the home buying process. In fact, many home inspectors are able to provide radon testing during their inspection, with the majority of these tests being short-term tests that run for 2 to 3 days. Common devices used for short-term testing include:

- **Activated Charcoal Canisters:** A common type of home testkit, activated charcoal radon test kits absorb radon from the surrounding air and are then sent to a lab for analysis.
- **Continuous Radon Monitors:** These devices are commonly used by licensed radon testers, such as many home inspectors, and will monitor the radon level throughout the testing period. These can be extremely accurate and helpful as they provide both an hourly count as well as an average during the testing period. For the sake of determining if, and to what extent, a radon issue may exist in a home, the overall average will generally be used.

Long-Term Testing

Long-term tests provide a more accurate measurement of radon levels as they account for seasonal fluctuations over time. These tests last for more than 90 days and often use continuous radon monitors, which provide ongoing readings. The primary benefit to long-term testing is that it can identify seasonal changes that may indicate that radon mitigation may be necessary or recommended whereas short-term testing is only able to provide results for the time period and season in which it was performed. Seasonal changes in the radon level inside your new home can vary significantly depending on your area's climate and weather patterns.

What Radon Testing is Best For You?

Choosing the right radon test will depend on your needs. The most common radon test during a home purchase will be a short-term one that

will run for 2 to 3 days. Often, this test can be performed by your home inspector during the home inspection process, with a detailed report being provided upon the completion of the test that will show the average radon level during the testing period and whether a radon mitigation system is recommended.

While long-term tests aren't generally recommended for everyone, due to the seasonal changes in radon level that could impact your home, we do recommend testing during different seasons so you can address radon levels that may spike during certain times of the year. This won't be part of the real estate transaction or home purchase but will provide you with peace of mind that your home is safe for you and your family. If you do find that your radon level spikes above the 4.0 pCi/L action level at any time during the year, a radon mitigation system would be recommended to address these seasonal spikes.

Interpreting Test Results

Radon levels are measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/L). The EPA recommends taking action if radon levels are 4.0 pCi/L or higher. If your test results indicate high radon levels, please don't hesitate to contact your local Disaster Blaster, who will be happy to assist you.

As scary as radon can be, it's important to keep in mind that these issues can be addressed effectively through the installation of a radon mitigation system and that everyone is here to help you through the process, from your home inspector (who can assist with radon testing), to our team at Disaster Blaster (who are always happy to help with your radon mitigation needs).

As you embark on the journey of buying a home this summer, we highly recommend making radon testing a priority, as ensuring that your new home is safe from this invisible threat will provide peace of mind and protect the health of your family. By understanding the importance of radon testing, conducting thorough tests, and taking appropriate mitigation steps, you can create a safe and healthy living environment in your new home.



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RIVER SAFETY

on the Upper Delaware River

Submitted by the NPS Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River

Summer is a wonderful time to come and enjoy the Upper Delaware River whether it is fishing, boating, swimming, or floating. But being on or near the river has its risks, and everyone should follow safe river practices. One of the most important pieces of safety equipment is the life jacket which will keep you afloat if you find yourself in the river intentionally or unintentionally. But not everyone wears a life jacket, or they are not worn properly.

Unfortunately, since 1980, 78 individuals have drowned boating, swimming, or wading in the Upper Delaware River. Many people enjoy swimming or wading in the river but are unaware of the dangers. Sudden drop-offs, deep holes, and swift currents are typical. Most drowning in the Upper Delaware River occurred while swimming. Wear a life jacket. Never swim alone and do not try to fight the current. If you step into deep water, float with the current until you are able to swim toward the shore. A life jacket, throw line, and first aid kits are recommended. The Delaware River is unpredictable, and rocks in the river and along the bank are slippery. Walk carefully and wear protective footwear.

Always wear a properly fitted life jacket. All vessels on the Upper Delaware are required to have a readily accessible, wearable type, Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. Inner tubes are considered vessels on the Upper



Delaware and require life jackets. Children 12 and under are required to wear their life jackets when boating on the river. When wearing a life jacket, it is important to make sure it is properly fitted and secured.

Never tie a life jacket into a vessel. A life jacket tied to a boat cannot save your life. If your boat capsizes, be ready to help yourself. Keep upstream of the craft; float on your back with your feet forward and close to the surface to fend off any rocks. Never stand up in fast-moving water; your feet or legs could become trapped, allowing the current to push you under. Release your boat only if it improves your safety. A canoe, even filled with water, is a good flotation device, but be sure to stay upstream of your vessel. The force of the water can easily pin a person between their vessel and a river obstacle.

Before you go out into the Delaware River, find out what to expect by calling the river information hotline: (845) 252-7100. This recording is available 24 hours a day and is updated daily with reports of air and water temperatures, and river heights, enabling you to be as prepared as possible for current conditions on the river.

The National Park Service reminds river users to follow these safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit to one of America's most scenic and recreational rivers.

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THE DARKSIDE

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,

Doing good doesn't preclude it from happening to you. I've been good, and yet it happened to me. I have been the senior pastor of The First Church of God's Love for several decades in the rural farming hamlet of Halo, Pennsylvania. My congregation continues to grow, allowing us to have two services every Sunday at the Unity Grange Hall; we temporarily hold services there because our larger church tragically burned down. I am in loving relationships with my husband and our two children. I am known to be a contributor to the wellbeing of my community. And yet severe darkness came aggressively pounding at my door with anger, irrationality and ferocity.

I had just begun the second Sunday service. My husband was playing Spirit of Life by Carolyn Dade on the rented organ that we had installed in the hall. It is a favorite Unitarian Universalist hymn that we also use in our services. The congregation knew the words and was singing along.

Then a loud car horn drowned out our singing. It came from a car parked on the grass at the entrance to the hall. The horn was intentional because it would stop for a few seconds and then start again.

When we finished the hymn, my husband went outside to see what was happening. There was a large white car with the words Blessed Zeve Reina painted in pink on each full-length side of the car. One of our parishioners later identified the car as a 1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow.

Willie, my husband, came in and told me it was her. Knowing that I couldn't give my sermon over the disturbance, I asked everyone to sit down and meditate in peace. My husband and I sat next to each other and meditated. We have been doing transcendental meditation since graduate school.

This was not the first time dealing with her. She sued me, alleging that my book Recipes for Overcoming the Fear of Living and the Fear of Dying infringed her copyright. I won. She sued me alleging that I stole her religious teaching. I won. She hired my daughter to unknowingly give out flyers promoting her ministry at a church service where I was a guest speaker. And now this.

I called the police. They came and made her stop ... nuisance and trespassing. Later I also went to my attorney who received a civil no contact order from a judge. This prevents her from making phone calls, letters or visiting my place of employment and home.

I was the object of someone's hatred, so I want to talk about it. Hatred is a living organism which takes over the complete person. It becomes like another spine supporting the body. Its energy is possessive and wants to own the whole person, even one's thinking. Yes, it urges hateful thoughts and hateful speech. It cancels thoughts that don't support the hatred. Sometimes hatred's ownership of a person is so complete it can be seen on their face. Especially in their eyes.

Hatred is jealous and rejects openness and nuanced emotions. While rejecting goodness, it wants to metastasize. So, it motivates the host to act and spread negativity into the world. The host's words and actions don't have to be rational so long as they fulfill the hatred. In fact, irrational words and deeds are even better because it defies a world trying to be rational and good. Hatred is evil.

We must avoid hate. We cannot allow ourselves to be lured by its passions. We must wear a protective armor of consciousness that alerts us to its presence. When we see it, we must think clearly. We cannot forgive hate as simply an expression of free will or free speech. It is corrosive to the human spirit and to our collective wellbeing.

I will continue doing good for myself, my family and my community. My hope is that the weight of the goodness in our world balances out the evil and that it erodes.

Amen.



The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

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Charitably Minded

investors can satisfy RMDs with QCDs

..... Provided by Michael Krupa

Qualified charitable distributions allow your required IRA distributions to benefit a worthy cause – while you benefit from a reduced tax liability.

Helping others when you're gone is a noble and rewarding aspiration. But think how much more rewarding it could be, both personally and charitably, to help others while you're still here.

Giving during your lifetime can take many forms, one of which is using qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). It's an option that can also reduce your tax liability, as it involves donating pre-tax dollars before they become taxable income as a required minimum distribution (RMD).



Here's how it works.

Transform RMDs into QCDs

Philanthropy is often reward enough, but charity and tax deductions seemingly go hand in hand. As the standard deduction has risen to \$15,000 for individuals in 2025 (double for married filing jointly), you may want to consider giving strategies that don't require itemizing on your tax return. A QCD is a great way to carry out your charitable intent that doesn't require itemizing and also reduces your taxable income.

The required start age to begin taking distributions from your IRA has increased over the past few years from 70 1/2 to 73. However, the age that you can begin QCDs is still 70 1/2. These RMDs are generally

treated as taxable income. Thankfully, the Protecting American from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 permanently allowed an IRA owner to make qualified charitable distributions directly from their IRA to a charity without getting taxed on the distribution. Basically, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

There is, however, another important benefit. When a QCD is used to satisfy an RMD, that amount is also excluded from tax formulas that could impact multiple categories such as Social Security taxation, Medicare Part B and D premiums, and the Medicare tax on investment income.

Rules to follow

You must be eligible. You must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time of the QCD (but remember, RMDs now begin at age 73). QCDs from Ongoing SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs are not permitted.

There is an annual limit. Your QCD cannot exceed \$108,000 per tax year, even if your RMD is greater than \$108,000. New legislation, the SECURE 2.0 Act, will index this \$108,000 limit for inflation starting in 2025.

Only qualified organizations count. The IRA trustee or custodian must make the distribution directly to a qualifying charity (private foundations and donor advised funds are not eligible). For instance, you cannot take the distribution yourself then write a check to the charity.

RMDs: A real-time legacy

By donating the RMD to a qualified charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthy cause while simultaneously reducing your taxable income. This strategy also helps you live out your values in real time, effectively living your legacy in the here and now.

To learn more, seek guidance from your financial and tax advisors. They're a good source of information when it comes to living and giving generously.

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I'M NOT CRAZY... and I'm Not Alone

UNDERSTANDING MENOPAUSE

By LA Guzda

Before, during and after menopause, a woman's body undergoes substantial changes. One of the biggest misconceptions is that we should let nature takes its course and simply endure the symptoms. However, science has shown that comprehensive blood panels and early hormone replacement can have a significant positive impact on a woman's health when it comes to aging and disease prevention – especially addressing bone loss, heart disease and dementia.

This isn't a typical Pocono Secret, but I wanted to share two women who have helped me. One is located right here in Hawley – Emmi Lucca, Family Nurse Practitioner. After years of diets and exercise regimens, I was exhausted. I decided it was time for professional help, and Emmi Lucca and Jacqui Justice were my team.

I first found Jacqui Justice on Daily Om – a favorite of mine. I downloaded some of her workshops. I decided to book an appointment. She keeps me accountable with weekly check-ins. The greatest impact was a deep dive on my blood work which identified a sluggish thyroid. No amount of dieting was going to be effective. We eliminated cheese and alcohol along with sugar and white flour to help eliminate bloat. It sounds harder than it actually is. I just want to be the healthiest 90 year old that I can be. And I can't say enough about Emmi Lucca. This community is very fortunate to have her and her amazing staff available to us.

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JACQUI JUSTICE: Laurie's story echoes countless others I've heard throughout my 28-year career as a Functional Nutritionist.

Menopausal women

ambushed by debilitating fatigue, stubborn hormonal weight gain and resistant belly fat – all while growing increasingly disheartened by failed diets and exercise plans. Most of us have heard, “this is normal at your age, just eat less and exercise more,” a profoundly inadequate prescription that often worsens their condition.

We started with a 30-day clean eating plan to rebalance hormones and heal metabolism. Standard lab ranges are designed to identify disease, not optimal wellness. These ranges are often too broad, meaning many women with clear symptoms are told their results are “normal” when they are actually far from optimal.

Jacqui Justice is available online at jacquijustice.com. Enjoy 20% off your first visit with Jacqui – mention code MENO20.



EMMI LUCCA: As a Family Nurse Practitioner with Lakota Family Healthcare in Hawley, I see a lot of menopausal concern regarding long-term disease –

heart disease, osteoporosis and dementia. Also troubling is weight gain and overall changes in the body composition, along with skin changes – decreased collagen can cause sagging and reduced

elasticity. Brain fog – forgetfulness (often confused with dementia) and hormonal fluctuations can cause quick changes in mood, hot flashes and irritability.

Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) has its pros and cons. The cons mostly affect those with high-risk factors. Talk to your medical practitioner about which options are best for you.

Some of the simplest things every woman can do to make menopause easier include - eating healthy (nutritious foods as well as portion control), avoiding alcohol, exercising (specifically strength training), and considering hormone replacement therapy early (during perimenopause, but definitely within 10 years of stopping menses).

Emmi Lucca is located in Hawley with Lakota Healthcare. Visit her website at: lakotafamilypractice.com

As May brings us Mother's Day, I extend a heartfelt appreciation to all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts who mother with their whole hearts. Your love shapes our world in immeasurable ways.

As Memorial Day approaches, let us pause to honor those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Their courage and dedication deserve our eternal gratitude.

Here's to celebrating the extraordinary women in our lives, embracing life's transitions with grace, and remembering those whose sacrifices make our celebrations possible.

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Ongoing Events

MONDAYS**Brewpub Bingo**

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Through Dec. 29. Free fun and the chance to win WBC prizes. Family-friendly event. Must be 21 to drink with ID. Free to play. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

TUESDAYS**Gentle AM Stretch with Maryanne**

8:30-9:30 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

WEDNESDAYS**Yoga with Maryanne**

8:30-9:30 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

THURSDAYS**Jazz Nights at Here & Now Brewing Company**

6:30-9 p.m. Here & Now Brewing Company, Honesdale. Musical guests appear weekly and each week takes you on a different journey of sound. Free. Info: 570-253-0700 or info@hereandnowbrewing.com.

THURSDAYS-SATURDAYS**Maple Syrup Tasting on the Farm**

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Indulge in a tasting of all organic and kosher maple syrup flavors, each with its signature taste. Pair your tasting experience with complimentary treats from the farm store café. Top off your visit with a refreshing maple water tasting; an all-natural hydrating electrolyte drink sourced directly from our maple trees. Info: 570-499-8974 or info@poconomtnmaple.com.

FRIDAYS**Yoga with Diane**

10-11 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

FRIDAYS**Hawley Farmers' Market**

2-5 p.m. The Hawley Hub, Hawley. Delicious fresh & local produce and more. All types of PA Preferred fresh & local produce in season. Items like microgreens, seasonal garden vegetables, cold brewed coffee, fresh eggs, meats, and fabulous baked goods. Rain or shine. Info: 570-226-4064 or info@visithawleypa.com.

SATURDAYS BEGINNING MAY 24**Wayne County Farmers' Market**

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Next to Dave's Super Duper grocery store, Honesdale. Through Oct. 25. Fresh and local produce. All types of PA Preferred fresh and local produce in season. Items like microgreens, seasonal garden vegetables, cold brewed coffee, fresh eggs, meats, and of course fabulous baked goods. Free. Info: 570-488-5435.

SATURDAYS**Yoga with Diane**

10-11 a.m. Lake Region Fitness, Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Info: 570-390-4GYM (4496) or info@lakeregionfitness.net.

SATURDAYS BEGINNING MAY 10**Newfoundland Farmers' and Artisans' Market**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Mid-May to Oct. Locally grown produce and local meats, fresh baked goods, small batch jams and jellies, hand painted artworks, candles, soaps, dog treats and jewelry; all made here by area farmers & artists and offered in a beautiful dog friendly park setting that includes walking trails and a playground. Free parking. Info: Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**Music on the Lawn at the Milford Community House**

1-3 p.m. Milford Community House, Milford. Through May 17. Live music from local artists. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon out in the lovely town of Milford. While in town, experience local shops, restaurants, breweries, wineries, and all the great museums and history. The shows are weather permitting. Free. Info: 570-296-8700.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**Wallenpaupack Brewing Company Brewery Tours**

Noon-6 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Through Nov. 30. Step behind the scenes and discover where your favorite craft brews are made. Call to secure your spot or ask a beertender during your visit. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

SUNDAYS**Milford Farmers Market**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Historic Milford, 506 Broad St., Milford. Through Oct. 26. Stop by and shop for local goods. Rain or shine. Free. Info: milfordmarketpa@gmail.com.

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THROUGH MAY 31**Skidders Falls Group Show**

Thur.-Sat., Noon-6 p.m. Zane Grey Plein Air Gallery, Narrowsburg NY. "Creative Connections", 2024 Plein Air event with works by artists in attendance at the Milton Skinner house in Milanville, PA at the Skidders Falls Bridge. The full exhibition is available for online viewing. A limited number of benefit prints donated by photographer Craig Snedeker are available for purchase online with proceeds going to Damascus Citizens for Sustainability.

Info: info@ZaneGreyPleinAir.com or ZaneGreyPleinAir.com.

THROUGH OCT. 1**Monster Trout Derby**

100 brown, brook and rainbow trout between five and 10 pounds will be stocked in the Lackawaxen River between Hawley and the village of Lackawaxen. They are tagged with a number corresponding to the sponsoring business. Open to all anglers with a valid PA fishing license. Catch one of these trophy trout and bring the fish or tag (for catch and release) to one of the weigh-in stations, which are located at Two River Anglers, Lackawaxen, or the Wallenpaupack Sports Shop, Hawley. Collect a weigh-in certificate and call the sponsor that corresponds to the fish to claim an additional prize. Info: 570-685-2010 or tworiveranglers@gmail.com.

MAY 2-4, 9-11**Musical: Into the Woods**

8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Tony award-winning play about everyone's favorite storybook characters is enchanting and touching. Table seating tickets include a cocktail server (credit card required) during the show. The bar will be open one hour before the show, serving wine, beer, cocktails, and concessions.

Info: 570-300-5990 or marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com.

MAY 3, 4, 10, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28**Pocono Express**

1 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Take in the natural beauty of the Northern Pocono Mountains with a 1.5-hour round-trip excursion from Honesdale to the outskirts of Hawley.

Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

MAY 4**Frog Frolic**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Spend the afternoon with PEEC at their ponds and streams. Learn about some of our frog friends as you gently catch and release these hopping amphibians. Wear boots and plan on getting wet and muddy. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 4**Watercolor - Lake View**

10:30 a.m.-Noon. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 4**Pastels - Lake Front**

12:30-2 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 4**Ecozone Discovery Room!**

1-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Climb into a bald eagle's nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge, and dig in a fossil pit. Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 4, 10, 18**Dinner Train**

1 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Scenic train ride along the Lackawaxen River, while indulging in a delicious meal by Sidel's of Scranton. Duration 1 hour and 45 minutes. Info: 570-470-2697 or jhillier@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

MAY 6**Acoustic Bluegrass Jam**

7-9 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. All levels of players are welcome. All instruments are welcome, too. Just leave the amps at home. Come and support the performers. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 8**Mother's Day Spring Afternoon Tea**

2-4 p.m. The Settlers Inn Restaurant, Hawley. Celebrate the season, and the special ladies in your life, with a lovely afternoon tea. Enjoy delicious fresh brewed teas, finger sandwiches and desserts. Reservations required: 570-226-2993. Info: desk@thesettlersinn.com.

MAY 9**Spring Monitoring Volunteer Training**

1-5 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Join the stewardship staff for monitoring volunteer training. Learn how you can participate in annual visits to conserved properties throughout the region. Trainings offered on May 1 or May 9. Advance registration requested. Be prepared to walk at least two miles on sloped terrain each day. Wear closed-toe shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Light refreshments provided. Pack a reusable water bottle. Info: 570-226-3164 ext. 2 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

MAY 9**PEEC Members' Pre-Sale**

5-7 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Choose from a variety of native and deer resistant flowers and grasses to beautify your yard at PEEC's annual plant sale. Sun loving and shade loving plants will be available. Free admission. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 9**Cardboard Couture**

6-8 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Family event for kids in grade 3 and older (siblings are welcome with adult supervision). An evening of creativity and fun. Using cardboard, make your own mask or costume to wear. Bring your imagination and create some cardboard masterpieces. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 10**Grand Opening of Newfoundland Farmers and Artisans' Market**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Enter to win prizes for free. Info: Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

MAY 10**Crafts & More for Critters**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Ice House, Lakeville. A variety of crafters and other vendors as well as fantastic raffle baskets and an exotic petting zoo. Event is being hosted by Friends for Rescues NEPA. All proceeds benefit local animal rescues. Free admission. Bring a donation of cat or dog food to be entered into a door prize drawing. Info: 570-226-6246.

MAY 10**Abstract Alcohol Ink**

10:30 a.m.-Noon. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 10**A Conversation with the Pinchots**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tours every 20 min. Grey Towers Historic Site, Milford. Engage with actors who impersonate Pinchot family members and staff as they share their passion for social, political and conservation ideals. Refreshments will be served. For times and tickets: greytowers.org/events or 570-296-9630.

MAY 10**Mother's Day Specials**

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Silver Birches, Hawley. Treat the special ladies in your life to a special meal overlooking the lake. Reservations: 570-226-4388. Info: info@silverbirchesresortpa.com

MAY 10**Mayfire Witches Victorian Garden Faire**

Noon-6 p.m. The Sayre Mansion, Bethlehem. An amazing gathering of creative and talented artists

& vendors specializing in the odd and unique. Live music, strolling theatrical performers, hand-made crafts, historical tours of the mansion with a paranormal flare, tea dueling, food truck, scavenger hunt, tarot reading, plant sales, activities and more. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and experience an afternoon of traditional Victorian delights. Info: 610-882-2100 or innkeeper@sayremansion.com.

MAY 10**Alcohol Ink Markers**

12:30-2 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 10**Composting 101**

1-3 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Discover how to start your own compost. Learn about the different types of compost and how they work, followed by a hands-on demo. Be prepared to get your hands dirty if you'd like to volunteer for the composting demo. Advance registration required. Program is intended for adults. Info: 570-226-3164 ext. 2 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

MAY 10**Catch the Train Brew Fest**

2-6 p.m. Runaway Train Brewery, Honesdale. A day full of amazing craft beers, delicious food, and great company. Enjoy an impressive lineup of brews from local and guest breweries. Your ticket includes: a 5 oz. commemorative sample glass and ten tasting tickets to explore craft beer, ciders, wines, and spirits from participating vendors. Discover new favorites, chat with fellow beer enthusiasts, and enjoy the good vibes of a unique festival. Info: info@runawaytrainbrewery.com.

MAY 10**Acrylic Painting - Forsythia**

2:30-4 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 10, 11**Native Plant Sale!**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Choose from a variety of native and deer resistant flowers and grasses to beautify your yard at PEEC's annual plant sale. Sun loving and shade loving plants will be available. Free admission. PEEC Members attend a pre-sale on May 9. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 11**Mother's Day Brunch**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Delicious food, craft beer, and live music. Moms get their first beer-mosa on the brewer. Get

ready to raise a glass to the woman who does it all. Reservations recommended.
Info: 570-390-7933 or
content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Brunch

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Gravity Hall at Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Gather for a special Mother's Day celebration featuring a wonderful brunch buffet and live music. Call for reservations: 570-536-6020.
Info: info@hotelanthracite.com.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Noon-4 p.m. The Waterfront at Silver Birches, Hawley. Honor the mom in your life with a lake-side Mother's Day buffet featuring live music. Reservations required: 570-226-2124.
Info: info@silverbirchesresortpa.com

MAY 11

Mother's Day Brunch

Noon-4 p.m. French Manor Inn and Spa, Newfoundland. Treat mom to a special brunch at a beautiful chateau atop Huckleberry Mountain in the heart of the Pocono Mountains. Advanced reservations strongly suggested.
Info: 570-676-3244 or info@thefrenchmanor.com.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Dinner

Noon-5 p.m. Glass Restaurant, Hawley. Enjoy a prix fixe menu served family style and beautiful views of the waterfall. Reservations:
570-226-1337. Info: info@ledgeshotel.com.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Dinner at The Inn

Noon-6 p.m. The Settlers Inn Restaurant, Hawley. Bring the special ladies in your life to enjoy a delectable prix fixe menu and live music by Dan Bradley. Reservations: 570-226-2993.
Info: desk@thesettlersinn.com.

MAY 13

Free Community Open House

5-9 p.m. Himalayan Institute, Honesdale. Step out of the daily grind and into an extraordinary evening designed to refresh your mind, body, and spirit, a special night of rejuvenation, connection, and inspiration -- all crafted for the vibrant local business community. Free. Info: 570-253-5551 or
salesteam@himalayaninstitute.org.

MAY 15

"Pop-up" -- Rainbow Snail

6:30-8 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Rosellyn Grohol. All materials included. Pre-registration required.
Info: 570-251-1181 or
info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 16

Teen Art Lounge

6-8 p.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. Grades 6-12. Creative Creation with Lindsay Barrett-George. Collaborate with local artists while hanging out with friends.

Pre-registration required.

Info: jessica@thecooperageproject.org or
570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 16-18

Birds and Brews

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Spring migration has begun. Join PEEC for a weekend of bird watching and beer tasting. Enjoy guided hikes that teach how to identify birds by sight, sound and habitat. Program is geared towards beginners and experts alike. Sat. night PEEC provides beverages from local breweries while you enjoy the campfire. Includes two nights of lodging and meals from Fri. dinner through Sun. lunch. Pre-registration required. Commuter & day rates available.
Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 17

Breeding Bird Blitz and PA Bird Atlas

9-11 a.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Support bird conservation efforts by participating in the Pennsylvania Bird Atlas. Join Bradley White, Pike County Atlas Coordinator for an informative session on this community science initiative, and how you can get involved with contributing data to this ongoing effort. Workshop includes a bird walk at PEEC to demonstrate data collection following the presentation. Free. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 17

Color Your Emotions

10-11 a.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Family program aimed for kids PreK-Grade 2. Parents must stay with kids. Older or younger siblings are welcome with supervision. An adventure exploring emotions through art, using WHYY's new kids show "Albie's Elevator" as a springboard. Students watch an episode, discuss the characters' feelings, and then create their own artwork inspired by the show's themes. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or
thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 17

Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join the botanical hiker, Heather Houskeeper, in discovering the many edible and medicinal plants that inhabit our region. Heather will share tips for positive identification, methods for sustainable harvest, and practical ways to work with these plants for food and medicine. The walk will be easy to moderate with many stops along the way and appropriate for all ages. No collecting will be done in the Park. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 17

Taste of the Poconos at Newfoundland Farmers' and Artisans' Market

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Participating in Newfoundland Library's Taste of the Poconos. Free admission, free parking. Info:
Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

MAY 17**Abstract Watercolor**

1-2:30 p.m. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Chrissie Kozlowski. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 17**Taste of the Poconos**

1-5 p.m. Carlton Drake Memorial Park, Newfoundland. Lively event featuring local food trucks, brewers, wineries, artisans, charitable organizations, live music, and more. Outdoor activities for all ages make it a perfect day for the whole family. Explore the flavors of the Poconos. Tasting tickets, for guests aged 21 and older, are available to sample local wines, beers, ciders, and spirits from participating vendors. Benefits the Newfoundland Library. Free to enter. Rain or shine. Info: 570-676-4518 or krusso@waynelibraries.org.

MAY 17**Gilbert & Sullivan at Grey Towers**

3-5 p.m. Grey Towers Historic Site, Milford. The Sylvania Gilbert and Sullivan Society offers a selection of Victorian-era dramatist W. S. Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan operetta works to delight and entertain. Music and refreshments at the pool pavilion. For tickets: greytowers.org/events or 570-296-9630.

MAY 17**Princess and Super Hero Train**

3-5:30 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Climb aboard for a trip to meet your favorite superheroes and storybook princesses. Meet and greet with the characters plus enjoy face painting and a variety of fun activities at the trackside grove. Steps required to get off the train at the trackside grove. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

MAY 18**Kentucky Derby, Run For The Roses**

2 p.m. Ledgesdale Fire Hall, Ledgesdale. 2025 Ladies' Tea. Tea, lite sandwiches and sweet and savory desserts. Bring your favorite tea cup and fancy hat. Basket raffles. RSVP by May 4. Call or text to make reservation: 570-468-9786.

MAY 18**The Carving of Mt. Rushmore: Out of Rushmore's Shadows**

2 p.m. Delaware Township building, Dingmans Ferry. Lou Del Bianco grew up knowing his grandfather was the artist who brought Mt. Rushmore to life, and rather than let him slip into obscurity, Del Bianco made it his mission to make sure America knew, too. The Luigi Del Bianco story is the culmination of one grandson's 25-year quest to discover and secure his family's place in history. Info: admin@dingmansferryhistoricalsociety.org.

MAY 19**Wayne Highlands Quilt Guild**

4-6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Hawley. Do you love to quilt? We welcome you to join us & make new friends who share your passion for quilting. At each meeting there is a Show & Tell. At some meetings we have a hands-on learning presentation, sewing of an item to donate to charity or a speaker. For more info, call Deb at 908-358-2670 or debszoo@gmail.com.

MAY 21, 25, 28**Runaway Train Beer Tasting Experience and Lunch**

1-4 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Scenic trip along the Lackawaxen River while being treated to two pints of the Runaway Train Brewery's finest craft beers, pretzels & beer mustard, and salsa & chips. Return for a behind the scenes tour of the brewery operations, a Runaway Train souvenir, and a fabulous lunch. Info: info@runawaytrainbrewery.com.

MAY 23**How Does a Tree Work?**

1-2:30 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Deep dive into the inner workings of a tree. Explore the fascinating processes that allow a tree to grow, thrive, and interact with its environment. This program is both indoor and outdoor, so be prepared to walk on sloped terrain, wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that are comfortable for the weather. Advance registration required. Info: 570-226-3164 ext. 2 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

MAY 23-26**Memorial Day Family Camp Weekend**

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Experience the best of what PEEC has to offer. Interpretive hikes, animal presentations, canoeing, campfire and more. Includes three nights of lodging and meals from Fri. dinner through Mon. lunch. Commuter & day rates available. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAY 24**BL-2 and BBQ Train Ride**

1-2:30 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Enjoy a chicken BBQ lunch prepared by Bethany United Methodist Church while traveling along the scenic Lackawaxen River aboard the table car. Includes BBQ meal and water or soda. Rain or shine. Limited seats are available. Reservations required and must be made three days before the event. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

MAY 24**A Contra Dance**

7:30-10 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. All are welcome to dance along to live music performed by Cherry Orchard and others, no experience necessary. Caller Laurie B. will do a beginner lesson

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starting at 7:15. Beginners are most welcome. Contra dance is a folk dance made up of long lines of couples. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 24, 25

Memorial Day Brunch

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The Settlers Inn Restaurant, Hawley. Saturday is a la carte. Sunday features a prix fixe menu and live music with Julie Eschler. Reservations: 570-226-2993. Info: desk@thesettlersinn.com.

MAY 24, 25

Lakeside Live

2-5 p.m. TJ's Lakeside Bar & Grill, Silver Birches, Hawley. Relax on the lawn, or in your boat, with food and drinks from TJ's while listening to the tunes. Info: 570-226-4388 or info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

MAY 25

Acrylic Pour

10:30 a.m.-Noon. Art Factory of White Mills, White Mills. Workshop with artist Cindy Davis. All materials included. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-251-1181 or info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com.

MAY 25

Coal Cracker Cruisers Memorial Day Car Show

Noon-3 p.m. Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Check out classic cars, vintage models, modern luxury vehicles and custom builds on the parking garage rooftop. Food and drinks available. 50/50 cash drawing. Free admission. Info: 570-536-6020 or info@hotelanthracite.com.

MAY 25

Rising Notes: A Youth Music Circle

1-3 p.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. For 8-18 year olds. An informal, friendly atmosphere where young instrumentalists can enjoy playing for and with each other. Bring your own instruments. There is no pressure to perform. There is a jam session featuring folk and popular tunes that have tunes and chord progressions simple enough for young players. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAY 27

Mystery Zoom

Noon-1 p.m. Delaware Highlands Conservancy. Engage with them each week on social media to try and guess the theme based on clues and questions they share. Each Zoom covers a different topic, so see if your guess was right. And if the topic sparks your interest, stick around and learn something new. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

MAY 30

Pocono Express

5 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Take in the natural beauty of the Northern Pocono Mountains with a 1.5-hour round-trip excursion from Hones-

dale to the outskirts of Hawley. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

MAY 30

Comedy Night at the Brewery

8-10 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Next Stop Comedy is coming. Each of their shows features a novel line-up with acts seen on TV and heard on your favorite podcasts. This show contains adult content. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

MAY 31

Wacky Science Adventures

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Put on your lab coats and prepare to conduct some crazy experiments. You'll get to build your own rocket, create a cushion for an egg, and more. Prepare to get your hands a little dirty. Great for kids. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

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Kids' Playground Equipment Fundraiser

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Drawing for free prizes. Info: Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

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Pond Paddle

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join PEEC for a paddle around their ponds. Beginners are welcome -- PEEC teaches you everything you need to know. Dress appropriately; you may get wet. Call in advance to reserve a boat. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

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The Cooperage Follies!

6:30-10 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Age 21+. An evening of spectacle and splendor to benefit The Cooperage Project. Variety show fundraiser with local "celebrities". Vote for your favorite performances with dollars. There will also be over a dozen raffle baskets. Hors d'oeuvres and grazing table from 6:30-7:30 p.m., one complimentary beer, glass of wine or NA beer, plus coffee, tea, desserts. Cash bar available. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

On the Horizon

JUN. 5

Dahlia Cultivation

1 p.m. Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, 126 Lamberton Lane, Hawley. A presentation by The Country Gardeners. Presenters will be Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Outdoor Nurture, Inc. and Operator, Hickory Hearth Meadow Organic Farm, and Jessie Caccavale.

Info: Facebook.



SPEND YOUR MONTH OF MAY THE RIGHT WAY

Jim Thorpe Trolley Tours



*Mother's Day Brunch at
Wallenpaupack Brewing Company*



*Pond Paddle at
Pocono Environmental
Education Center*



*Happy Hour Street Festival at
Happy Hour Bar & Grill*

Make the most of May in the Poconos! Hop aboard a Jim Thorpe Trolley Tour, celebrate mom with brunch and brews at Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, or get out on the water for a scenic Pond Paddle adventure. Cap it all off with live music and local flavor at the Happy Hour Street Festival. Discover these and other spring happenings at PoconoMountains.com/Events.



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