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Our area has so many exciting events and activities during the summer; mark your calendar and plan time at one or all of them. From Pocono Mountain Maple tours and tastings to Wally Fest, from the Wayne County Fair to Harmony in the Woods, and Wayne County's traditional downtown Honesdale Sidewalk Sales... there is something for everyone.

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To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
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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 Buseaglia. 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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“Summer means
happy times and
good sunshine.”

– Brian Wilson

Time for watermelon, summer fun and sunshine! July issue is sizzling with all the Hot *Good Stuff* to do. From Pocono Mountain Maple tours and tastings to Wally Fest, from the Wayne County Fair to Harmony in the Woods, and Wayne County's traditional downtown Honesdale Sidewalk Sales... there is something for everyone... *get connected* on page 6.

Rev up your engines and head over to one of the many car shows and cruises in July and August... *get connected* on page 10.

It's always good to understand aquatic invasive species. The Northern Pocono Mountains region is renowned for its pristine lakes, rivers, and wetlands. Preventing the spread of AIS is crucial to maintaining the ecological health and recreational value of these waterways... *get connected* on page 14.

Check out our *Good Stuff* monthly events and go enjoy the sweetness of summer.

The CM Team
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Hot Good Stuff

This Summer



Explore PA's largest organic maple farm offering unique tours and tastings every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

This experience is so fun to do with a friend or the whole family trying all their different flavors, elderberry, cinnamon vanilla, original, bourbon barrel aged, and one of a kind seasonal flavors. A trip to Pocono Mountain Maple in Newfoundland certainly hits the sweet spot! Your tasting may also include maple cheese, maple popcorn, maple creme and much more...

Pocono Mountain Maple is Pennsylvania's largest organic maple farm, spanning 450-acres. It's also one of the country's only female-owned and operated maple farms.

Pocono Mountain Maple offers experiences by season including apple picking in the orchard, yoga at the boathouse, picnics along Lake Russell, and maple dinners on the farm. Plus, six cabins on-site are perfect for large gatherings and events like family reunions.



Wally Lake Fest is the biggest family-friendly event of the summer in the Northern Pocono Mountains! There are so many fun activities planned for this year's three-day weekend; you won't want to miss a moment of the fun.

The annual Wally Lake Fest will take place August 22-24, 2025. Float on the waves, watch boatloads of live music performances, snack on delicious food and drinks, visit the boat and outdoor show, browse artisan and vendor fairs and more. Dive into an exciting weekend line-up of happenings both on water and on land. Visit wallylakefest.com for more details! We'll have all the details in our August issue. In the meantime, check out some of the other community events planned for July & August. Local residents and visitors from nearby areas don't have to travel far for free or low-cost summer fun.

- Wildflower Music Festival** – July 5-August 16
- Equestrian House's Honey & Blueberry Festival** – July 19-20 & 26-27
- Wayne County Fair** – August 1-9
- Yenser's Sunflower Festival** – August 1-10,
- Carbon County Fair** – August 4-9
- Elements Music & Arts Festival** – August 8-10
- Pocono Mountains Flight Fest** – August 9
- West End Fair** – August 17-23
- Greene Dreher Sterling Fair** – August 22-31
- Pocono State Craft Festival** – August 23-24
- StroudFest** – August 30

Visit PoconoMountains.com/Events for information about year-round happenings across the four-county region.



Its almost time for the 163rd Wayne County Fair in beautiful Honesdale, PA. Running nine days in total, August 1st through 9th, the Wayne County Fair is an agricultural fair that celebrates Wayne County's rich farming history and the tradition of 4H animals and competitions.

The 9-day fair packs each day with shows, thrills, rides, games, roaming entertainment, fair food, and of course, farm animals. Daily admission to the fair is structured as a pay one price model of \$12 per person and that includes parking, all day of rides, live music, demonstrations, most grandstand shows and multiple barns full of animals. And we've got some great food and shopping options, too!

This year, we've added a live rodeo complete with bull riding and barrel racing on Thursday the 7th, and 2 new competitions, a mullet contest on Tuesday, August 5, and a turkey calling contest on Friday, August 1. We've also got some new ground acts including a 16 foot walking tree and new small stage/interactive entertainment.

Our grandstand will host traditional entertainment like harness racing, tractor and truck pulls as well as some ticketed entertainment, 2 demolition derbies, a night of monster trucks and the rodeo.

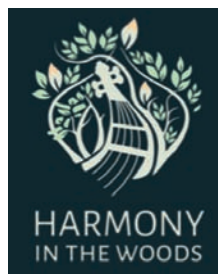
Our midway is paved and includes over 20 rides and a kiddie land with rides for those not big enough for thrill rides.

The Wayne County Fair has daily agricultural events like horse and pony pulls, kids' pedal pulls and 4-H animal shows and judging. There's also an exhibit building that showcases Wayne County's agricultural history

Half price admission is offered on Friday August 1st and Wednesday August 6th to seniors 62 and over and for our active military personnel and veterans.

On the final day of the fair, we host the 4H live-stock auction at 10:00 a.m. Also, at 5:00 p.m. on the last day we will be auctioning off all of our skilled artisans' creations from the glass blowers, blacksmiths and Larry the Chainsaw Carver.

For more information on entertainment, to buy tickets to special events and the full schedule, visit waynecountyfair.com.



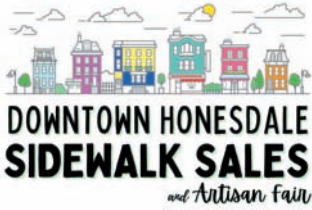
Nestled deep in the forest of Northeastern Pennsylvania, where the pines hum and stars shimmer above a canopy of sound, Harmony In The Woods kicks off its fifth season with a run of unforgettable performances this July. More than an outdoor stage, Harmony In The Woods is a sanctuary of sound where music, nature and connection collide.

This summer, Harmony opens its 2025 season with The Wildwoods on Friday, July 4, offering up soaring harmonies and heartland lyricism that transport audiences to the wide skies and quiet soul of Nebraska. Their folk-Americana storytelling is as tender as it is timeless.

On Saturday, July 5, the NEPA Philharmonic's Americana Brass explodes onto the stage with a firework-worthy blend of brass, rhythm, and red-white-and-blue spirit. Expect a rousing mix of New Orleans jazz, ragtime, and cinematic Americana that stirs the heart and moves the feet.

Then on Friday, July 11, Pressing Strings brings it home with a soul-drenched set of blues-infused Americana. With heartfelt lyrics and magnetic grooves, this trio delivers the kind of performance that echoes long after the last note fades.

General admission for these shows ranges in price from \$25 to \$50 and includes seating in provided and comfortable lawn chairs. Guests are encouraged to bring picnics and beverages, wear comfortable clothing for summer evenings outdoors, and then settle in under the stars. Most shows begin at 6:00 PM, and gates for parking open an hour before showtime. In the event the concert must move indoors, ticket buyers are notified 4-6 hours prior to the show via email, and messages are posted on Harmony In The Woods' Facebook and Instagram pages. Golf carts are available to pick up attendees from the parking lot and lift to the seating area for anyone who would like a ride. Tickets are available online at harmonyinthewoods.org. For other questions and services, feel free to call (570) 503-6685.



Join us for a weekend of shopping, dining, and local fun at the Sidewalk Sale Days in downtown Honesdale!

July 17th: Kick off the weekend with amazing discounts at the Sidewalk Sale, featuring fantastic deals from Honesdale's local businesses. From clothing and accessories to home goods and more, there's something for everyone to discover!

July 18th & 19th: The celebration continues with a curated selection of artisan vendors, offering handmade, one-of-a-kind treasures. Find unique gifts, jewelry, art, crafts, and home décor, all while supporting local talent.

Saturday, July 19th: Enjoy live music from 11 AM to 5 PM as you shop and stroll through the vibrant streets of downtown Honesdale.

And while you're in town, don't forget to stop by some of Honesdale's favorite local restaurants for a bite to eat! Enjoy delicious meals and treats!

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Every	Thur. Waymart Cruisers—Waymart Hotel in Waymart	5-9 PM
5th	A Car Gathering—Next to Ace Robbins, Tunkhannock	5 PM
11th	Montage Mt. Classics—South Side Shopping Center, Scranton	6-9 PM
12th	2nd Annual Car Show—1101 Willow Street, Peckville	9:30-2:30 PM
12th	Tommy Gun Shooting Range Car Cruise—Honesdale	4-7 PM
12th	Montage Mt. Classics—Driscoll's Home Center, Old Forge	5-8 PM
13th	Knights of Columbus Car Show—333 Hill Street, Jessup	9-3 PM
13th	Wayne Pike AACA 47th Car Show—Wayne County Fairgrounds	10-3 PM
18th	Villa Capri Cruisers—Hunter Truck, Scranton	4-8 PM
18th	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
19th	5th Annual Salem Masonic Car Show—Hamlin	10-3 PM
25th	Pocono Mt. Street Rods—Viewmont Mall, Dickson City	6-9 PM
26th	Car Show—Rescue & Restore Church, Olyphant	12-4 PM
26th	Cruisin' Honesdale—HNB Lot, Route 6, Honesdale	4-7 PM
27th	The Hotel Cruise—The Newfoundland Hotel, Newfoundland	1-3 PM

August

Every	Thur. Waymart Cruisers—Waymart Hotel in Waymart	5-9 PM
1st	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
2nd	A Car Gathering—Next to Ace Robbins, Tunkhannock	5 PM
3rd	Annual Car Show & Chicken BBQ—St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton	9-4 PM
3rd	Wayne/Pike AACA Car Show—Crankers Museum	10-3 PM
6th	Ladore Lodge Car Show—Waymart	10-3 PM
8th	Montage Mt. Classics—South Side Shopping Center, Scranton	6-9 PM
9th	Tommy Gun Shooting Range Car Cruise—Honesdale	4-7 PM
9th	Montage Mt. Classics—Driscoll's Home Center, Old Forge	5-8 PM
15th	Villa Capri Cruisers—Perkins Restaurant, Scranton	4-8 PM
15th	Lug Nuts Car Club of WVPA—Back Mtn. Bowl, Dallas	5 PM
17th	Waverly Com. House Cars & Coffee—1115 N. Abington Rd.	9-11 AM
22nd	Pocono Mt. Street Rods—Viewmont Mall, Dickson City	6-9 PM
24th	Villa Capri Cruisers—McDade Park, Scranton	9-3 AM
24th	The Hotel Cruise—The Newfoundland Hotel, Newfoundland	1-3 PM
30th	Car & Bike Show/Pet Walk—McDade Park, Scranton	12-5 PM

(See Sept Issue for the rest of the schedule)

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June 16 Honesdale Harmonizers Highland Handbells	June 19 Lighten Up Americana Mix	INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION	
June 23 Wayne County Chorales	June 26 Kellogg's Classic Country Band Classic Country	Tuesday, July 1st Fun begins at 6:30pm with vendors offering a variety of foods and novelties and Music in the Park. Doug Smith Band 6:30pm Crystal Band 8:00pm Food and novelty vendors Fireworks by the Greater Honesdale Partnership approx. 9:30pm <small>Rain Date Wednesday, July 2nd</small>	
June 30 No Concert	July 3 Brass Roots Classic & Modern Horn Band		
July 7 The Outcrops Original Scottish and Fiddle Blues	July 10 The Wanabees New and Classic Pop		
July 14 Ekot and Friends Mix of Pop, Rock, and Country	July 17 Gram Baxtr Modern Pop and Rock		
July 21 The Luongos Band Classic Pop and Rock	July 24 Old Time Fiddlers Country Fiddling		
July 28 The Fabulous 45's Classic Pop	July Possible Rain Dates 7/27, 7/29, 7/30		

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{ Selling a home in a buyer's market can feel like an uphill battle, but with the right approach, and the right people on your side, it's entirely possible to make a swift and successful sale. The key lies in preparation, presentation, and persistence. }

Here are some tips and tricks to help you put your best foot forward and turn the odds in your favor.

Understanding the Buyer's Market

A buyer's market occurs when the supply of homes for sale exceeds the demand, giving buyers the upper hand. To succeed in this environment, sellers need to go above and beyond to make their property shine and appeal to discerning buyers who have plenty of options.

Building Your Dream Team

Selling your home in a competitive market is not a solo endeavor; enlisting the help of experienced professionals can make all the difference. By building a reliable and knowledgeable team, you can navigate the complexities of selling with confidence and efficiency. Here are three key players to have on your side:

1. A Trustworthy Real Estate Agent

A seasoned real estate agent brings unparalleled expertise to the table, from pricing your

home competitively to marketing it effectively. They understand the local market dynamics and will guide you in staging your home for sale, marketing your listing, negotiating offers, and completing paperwork. Choosing an agent with a solid track record and excellent communication skills ensures that you'll have a strong advocate throughout the process.

2. A Home Inspector for Pre-Listing Inspections

Having a home inspector conduct a pre-listing inspection can save you from surprises down the line. This proactive step allows you to uncover potential issues that buyers, or their home inspectors, might flag during their own inspections. Addressing these problems before listing your home for sale builds trust with buyers but also positions your home as a well-maintained property that's ready for immediate purchase.

3. A Reliable Contractor

Partnering with a contractor who can execute repairs and upgrades is crucial to making your home market-ready. Whether it's fixing structural concerns identified in the inspection, upgrading outdated fixtures, enhancing your home's aesthetic appeal, or addressing issues like mold and radon, a skilled contractor can ensure the work is done efficiently and to a high standard. This investment in quality can significantly boost your home's value and attract more buyers that can more easily picture themselves living there!

Preparing Your Home for Sale

The first step in selling your home quickly is making it irresistible to potential buyers. Here are some proven strategies to prepare your home for the market:

1. Declutter and Depersonalize

Buyers want to visualize themselves living in your home, so create a neutral canvas by removing personal items such as family photos, keepsakes, and overly specific decor. Decluttering rooms makes spaces appear larger and more inviting.

2. Deep Clean and Refresh

A spotless home conveys that it has been well-maintained. Scrub floors, windows, kitchens, and bathrooms until they sparkle. Pay close attention to window sills, baseboard moulding, and other areas that are often neglected. Potential buyers often look!

3. Boost Curb Appeal

First impressions matter! Spruce up your home's exterior by mowing the lawn, planting fresh flowers, trimming bushes, and power-washing walkways. Repainting your front door or adding a welcoming wreath can also make a big impact.

4. Make Small Repairs

Fix squeaky doors, leaky faucets, and chipped paint. These minor repairs demonstrate attention to detail and prevent buyers from fixating on flaws during showings.

5. Stage Your Home

Home staging is all about presenting your property in its best light. Arrange furniture to highlight each room's functionality and flow, add cozy touches like throw pillows and soft lighting, and eliminate anything that might distract from the home's best features.

Pricing It Right

In a buyer's market, pricing is crucial. Your real estate agent will be integral in researching comparable homes in your area and setting a competitive price that reflects the current market trends. Overpricing can deter buyers, while a well-tuned price can generate interest and even spark bidding wars.

Marketing Your Home Effectively

To sell quickly, your home needs maximum exposure. Your real estate agent will have a variety of marketing strategies at their disposal ready to ensure your home stands out:

1. Professional Photos and Videos

High-quality visuals are essential for online listings. A professional photographer can really put your best foot forward in listings and marketing. Many photographers can also create virtual tours to showcase your home's best features.

2. Write an Engaging Listing Description

Crafting the perfect listing that highlights your home's unique selling points, such as location, amenities, and recent upgrades takes finesse. Your real estate agent will work with you to highlight your home's best features and excite buyers.

3. Leverage Social Media

It's all about exposure, so your real estate agent will work hard to get your home in front of as many prospective buyers as possible. Encourage friends and family to share it, amplifying its visibility.

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Preventing
Aquatic Invasive
Species
in our Pocono Waters

Submitted by Nick Spinelli,

Executive Director of the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District

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The Northern Pocono Mountains region is renowned for its pristine lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

These waterways are rich in biodiversity, supporting fish, plants, and ecosystems vital to the environment and economy. However, aquatic invasive species (AIS) threaten these delicate habitats, outcompeting native species and disrupting ecological balance. Preventing the spread of AIS is crucial to maintaining the ecological health and recreational value of these waterways.

Understanding Aquatic Invasive Species

AIS are non-native organisms—such as plants, fish, and mollusks—that are introduced to a new environment. These invaders often hitch a ride on boats, fishing gear, and even clothing, making human activity a key factor in their transmission. Common AIS in Pennsylvania include zebra mussels, hydrilla, and rusty crayfish. These species can multiply rapidly, altering food webs, reducing biodiversity, and making fishing and boating more difficult.

Steps to Prevent the Spread

Preventing the introduction and spread of AIS requires responsible behavior from all who enjoy the Poconos' waters. Here's



how residents and visitors can help:

- **Clean, Drain, Dry** – After boating, fishing, or swimming, thoroughly clean all equipment to remove aquatic hitchhikers. Drain water from boats, live wells, and equipment, and allow everything to dry completely before entering another water body.

- **Avoid Introducing New Species** – Never release bait fish, aquarium plants, or exotic animals into natural waters.

- **Use Native and Non-Invasive Plants** – For waterfront landscaping, choose native vegetation that won't spread beyond its intended habitat.

- **Report Sightings** – If you suspect AIS in a waterway, report it to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission or local conservation authorities. Early detection can help control their spread.

- **Follow Local Regulations** – Be aware of laws restricting the transport of certain aquatic species and abide by guidelines for boat inspections and decontamination.



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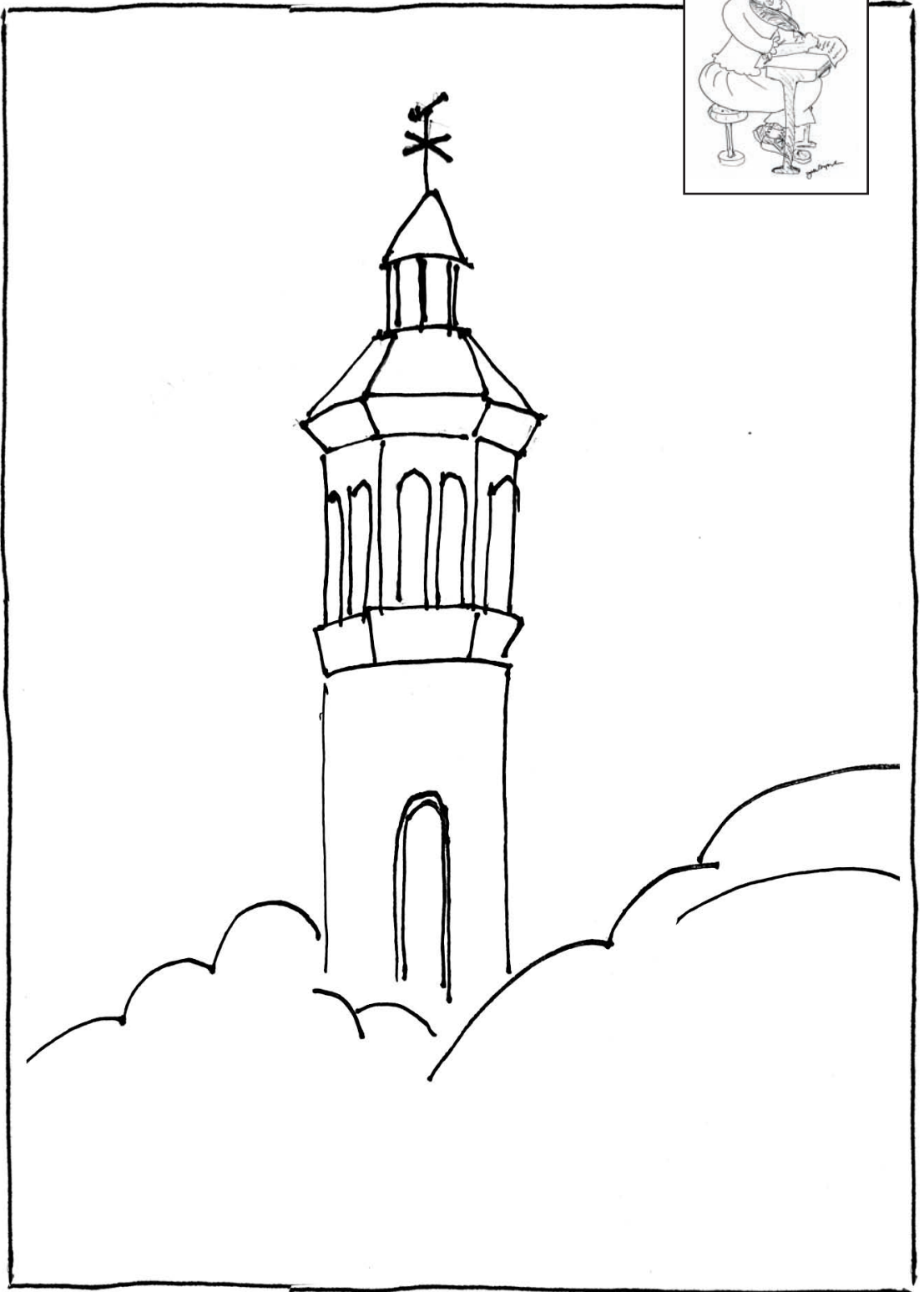
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Community Efforts Matter

The economic impact of invasive species in Pennsylvania exceeds \$100 million, annually. Preventing AIS requires collective action. Local organizations, anglers, boaters, and outdoor enthusiasts play a vital role in protecting the Poconos' waters. By staying informed and practicing responsible waterway habits, we can preserve the region's natural beauty for generations to come.

For more information visit pa.gov and search "aquatic invasive species".

Nick Spinelli is a lifelong resident of the Lake Region and has been serving as the executive director of the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District since 2010. He oversees the District's programming, writes/ administers grants for watershed improvement projects, and leads implementation of the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management Plan. He has served on the board of the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society since 2011 and recently completed his third term as president. Outside of work, Nick's hobbies revolve around cooking wild food, learning about native plants, and spending time with friends. Nick can be reached at nick@wallenpaupackwatershed.org, or at (570)226-3865.



THE CARILLON

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,

My daughter, Sarah with an H, gave the eulogy. She and Flossie were best friends since they were little girls. Sarah had to stop several times during the history of their friendship to control her emotions. Her evidence of grief and loss moved everyone to cry even more. And we did. The loss of a 24-year-old young woman in a tragic car accident with a deer gives no one answers. We are left only with an unfathomable question ... why.

Even as young women their closeness continued. Sarah is studying at a University in Madison, New Jersey where her grandfather studied for two years before he came to Halo, Pennsylvania and founded the First Church of God's Love. Flossie was the production manager at her father's business, "Weedelmeyer's Corn Premiums", which are sold nationally. Streckfus Weedelmeyer is a very successful businessman and benefactor in our rural community.

While our church is being rebuilt due to a devastating fire, we normally hold our services at the Unity Grange Hall. Since Streckfus knew that the turnout for his daughter's memorial service would be greater than the grange hall could hold, he rented a very large tent which he had erected near the construction of our new church. After Sarah's eulogy, I led a small service and meditation in honor of Flossie's life. Streckfus had the River Creek Inn prepare a buffet lunch which was served in the tent.

Before the memorial service, Flossie was privately buried at the church cemetery for family only.

Several weeks later Streckfus made an appointment to see me. I met him in my parlor where I offered him green tea and my homemade oatmeal cookies. He enjoyed both.

He began by telling me of visits he made as a young man to his grandmother Emilia who lived in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. While there he would often hear beautiful music playing by bells. She told him that it was coming from the old water tower. Years later he learned that the Altman Foundation had created a carillon in Benjamin Altman's memory and placed it in the landmark Highbridge Water Tower; he was a very wealthy merchant, philanthropist and patron of the arts. The five-octave electronic device was played several times a day from four

speakers facing north, south, east and west.

Streckfus said those memories were sweet and lasting. The music of the ringing bells turned an otherwise ordinary visit into something very special. He said he wanted to create a carillon in the memory of his daughter Flossie. He wanted the sweetness of her life to be carried by the beautiful music that bells can produce. He did a great deal of research and contacted the firm that could produce the digital carillon that he wanted. He also said he wanted it to be placed on the grounds of the church. "Flossie was in your husband's choir, and singing in the church gave her a great deal of pleasure and friendship. Her favorite hymn was "Crossing the River". Maybe the bells could play part of that hymn".

On the high ground at the very edge of the church's property now sits a structure which holds the Flossie Weedelmeyer Carillon. Streckfus met with the architect who designed our new glass chapel and round house to create a structure to hold the digital carillon. The architect wanted it to be tall so its four speakers would sound the bells over the valley and neighboring hills. The architect recommended a stylized and slender silo with openings at the top for the music to reach the community.

Working with my husband Willie, who has a Ph.D. in music and is organist and choir master at our church, the digital company was able to produce a portion of Flossie's favorite hymn so that the carillon's bells can play it. For three minutes every day at noon, there is a remembrance of a lovely young woman made possible by the generosity of her loving father.

Amen.



The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Senior Pastor

Executive Director

President

Chairman

Choir Master (part-time)

The First Church of God's Love

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Book Review

THAT THING THAT FLOATS ON THE TOP OF THE WATER IS VERY APTLY NAMED.

It follows the waves, whether gentle or fierce, just bob-bob-bobbing with a rhythm that, if you keep your eyes on it, will drain every ounce of stress from your body. It's almost hypnotic – that is, unless that thing bobs beneath the water and there ya go. As in “Lunkers, Keepers, and Ones That Got Away” by Jerry Apps, you’re in for some reel fun.

For as long as he can remember, Jerry Apps has loved to drown a few worms.

When he was a boy in east central Wisconsin, he looked forward to the end of each summer day when, after chores were done and supper was over, his father would tell Apps to go dig some worms. Then Apps and his twin brothers would grab their cane poles, and they’d all go to a nearby lake to see how the fish were biting. On a good evening, they’d come home with a few perch or a bluegill or two, or at least a good story.

That’s the thing about fishing: you never know what you’ll end the day with, but it sure is fun to spend it waiting to see.

Things have changed since Apps was a boy, and that includes fishing. He used to fish with a cane pole that he got “for about a dollar”, until he learned to use fancy rods and reels and even fancier lures. He learned to fish from a canoe and how to stay upright in a cold stream wearing chest-high waders.

He knows that a rusty tin can next to a rental boat means somebody will bail water at some point. He appreciates the serenity of sitting lakeside, leaning against a tree in front of a fire, watching ice-fishing tip-ups while it snows like crazy around you.

And he knows that sometimes, a guy’s gonna “get skunked”, but he’s still going to learn “patience and persistence, problem-solving and resourcefulness. Lessons that have lasted a lifetime”.

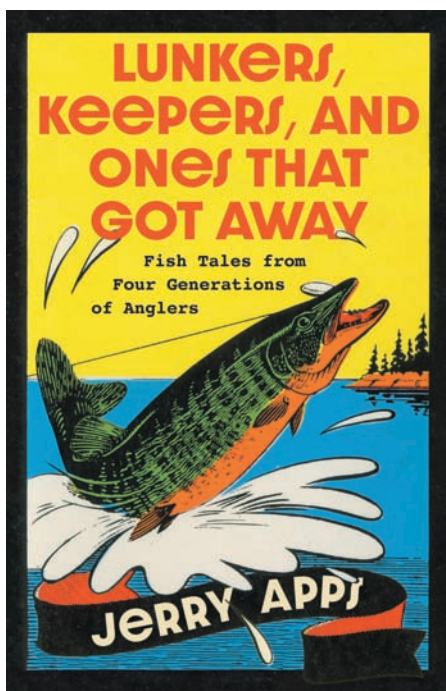
So you say you have a favorite lure. You have a lucky fishing shirt and your choice of poles out in the garage. You can say, “How’re they biting?” in three languages. And “Lunkers, Keepers, and Ones That Got Away” is absolutely your book.

Beginning with a boyhood story that evokes a simpler time, author Jerry Apps reels readers in and keeps them with the kind of tales that are told on the dock, just offshore, and around the campfire. This book is everything fishing for teens to adults – including recipes, family tales, and glossaries that offer fishing basics for newbies, one that

explains the sport’s language, and a chapter about fish that’s mostly Wisconsin-centric, but you won’t mind. You’ll be too busy imagining your next day on the water...

There’s a sure sense of warmth to this book, and a cozy homeyness you’ll appreciate if a bad day of fishing is the best day of all. Start “Lunkers, Keepers, and Ones That Got Away”, and you’ll be hooked.

Lunkers, Keepers, and Ones That Got Away: *Fish Tales from Four Generations of Anglers*



By Jerry Apps

Reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer



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Losing a Loved One

Things to Remember

Part 1

Provided by Michael Krupa

Losing a loved one can be overwhelming and emotionally draining. And in the wake of that loss, money may be the last thing on your mind when you're dealing with making arrangements and picking up the pieces.

It's wise to put off major decisions while you're grieving – conventional wisdom recommends taking a year to heal. But the truth is you may find yourself having to make important personal and financial decisions during this inherently difficult period. However, there are steps you can take – with the help and guidance of family and friends as well as professional advisors – to tend to those important matters. Use this guide to help you remember the details that may need to be addressed in the near and long term and remember that you won't have to do this all alone – we're available to help. When you're ready.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER A LOVED ONE'S PASSING

During the initial weeks after the loss, your main concern should be your own well-being and that of those you love. While many other decisions can be postponed, there are practical matters that may need your attention.

Let those close to you know about the loss. Call family, friends and spiritual counselors for emotional support.

Contact the funeral home and confirm final arrangements. Hopefully, your loved one has expressed his or her final wishes, and some of the arrangements have already been made or even paid for. If not, look for a letter of instruction or the will for guidance.

Arrange for bereavement leave with your employer as well as care and support for any minor children, giving you time to attend to details. Pets should be considered, too.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER
A LOVED ONE'S PASSING

ONE TO SIX
MONTHS AFTER

SIX MONTHS TO
ONE YEAR AFTER

TIP

If final arrangements haven't been made, ask for help calling several funeral homes for quotes on services. That can vary widely. Keep in mind that veterans and their spouses can be buried in a national cemetery for no charge or you may receive an allowance from the VA for a funeral held elsewhere.

Place an obituary in the local paper and invite those you'd like to attend the services. Note if you prefer donations instead of flowers and track any donations, flowers and cards received. Ask for help inviting others, so you don't have to do it all yourself.

Contact your financial advisor, insurance agent, estate attorney and accountant for estate planning documents, such as a will and trusts, and other relevant documents, such as deeds and titles. When you meet with these professionals, bring any information you have regarding your loved one's finances, taxes and debt.

Locate any marriage, birth or adoption certificates, and military discharge papers, which you may need to apply for benefits.

Obtain certified copies of the death certificate. The family doctor or medical examiner should provide these within 24 hours of the death. It is recommended to obtain at least 20 copies as you will need them for a variety of future tasks. The funeral home should com-

plete the necessary form and file it with the state.

Inform your loved one's employer, if applicable, and arrange to retrieve personal belongings. Collect any salary, vacation, sick pay or workers' compensation owed and ask about continuing health insurance coverage and potential survivor benefits for a spouse or children.

If the deceased was self-employed, make provisions for the short-term continuation of the business and obtain copies of legal documents. This may mean activating insurance policies intended to offer a safety net during this time.

Remove personal items from the safe-deposit box and distribute items to their intended recipients. Once the death notice is printed, the bank will seal the safe deposit box and content will be used to settle debts of the estate.

TIP

Important documents may be held in a safe-deposit box. If you aren't an authorized key holder, petition the probate court for an order to open.

Report the death to the Social Security Administration and file for survivor benefits. It's important not to accept any of your loved one's Social Security payments after the death; however you may be eligible for survivor benefits. Visit ssa.gov or call 800.772.1213 for more information.

Create a list and secure tangible personal property, such as jewelry, guns, furniture and

artwork, and make sure they are protected. If probate is necessary, the executor must file an inventory and appraisal of assets within 90 days following the death. Existing insurance policies may still cover the home and car during the probate process.

Locate insurance policies and file claims as needed.

Arrange for income from any retirement, union, veterans or Social Security benefits. Contact past employers regarding pension plans and 401(k)s, and contact any IRA custodians or trustees.

Get organized and take notes. Keep a folder with all the documents you'll need and a notepad to record important information and conversations.

TIP



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HELPFUL HINTS

You'll need to contact one or more of these agencies as you work through the details after a loss.

Social Security Administration:

800.772.1213 or ssa.gov

Marriage and birth certificates:

Relevant county clerk's office

National Personnel Records Center:

1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138
or vetrecs.archives.gov

Insurance companies:

See if policies cover the home and care during the probate process.

Financial institutions:

Brokerage firms and banks will need to be notified, and any existing orders may need to be suspended.

Consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax: 800.685.1111 or equifax.com
Experian: 888.397.3742 or experian.com
TransUnion: 888.909.8872 or
transunion.com

Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans' families may be eligible for burial and memorial benefits. Call 800.827.1000 to find a VA regional office.

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BIKE – HIKE – KAYAK

Summer in Northeast Pennsylvania

By LA Guzda

One of the best reasons for living here (or visiting) is the pristine nature that surrounds us. Some people will whine that the grocery store is so far... or that there's no Starbucks easily accessible. I say, enjoy the ride to the grocery store because you might very well see an eagle or a bear. And, have you enjoyed MOKA or Black and Brass for coffee?

The night sky showcases a million stars, meteor showers and glimmering planets. The air is so rich you can drink it from a cup. Aside from a handful of days, the temp isn't suffocating. When it does heat up, there are lakes and rivers to cool you down.

Kayaking on a river or a serene lake will soothe your soul. There are lakes all around this area. The big daddy – Lake Wallenpaupack, Promised Land, Prompton State Park offer excellent kayak (or canoe) options. The Delaware River is a delight even when it's low. If you have your own kayak and put it after 2pm, you pretty much have the river to yourself. It never ceases to amaze me how this river contributed to the building of New York City and Philadelphia and yet still remains nearly the same as when George Washington would have visited. If you have the opportunity to kayak the Lackawaxen River – I highly recommend it – especially after a dam release!



There is no shortage of hiking. Prompton has great trails. Shuman's Point along Lake Wallenpaupack is a lovely hike. Bring your lunch and enjoy a waterfront picnic. The Tusten Mountain trail in Sullivan County is a challenging hike. I get lost every time!

Biking is available for every level. Prompton offers some great mountain biking. My favorite bike ride is along the Lackawaxen River's Towpath. I can sometimes hear the clatter of the boats from days gone by. And, I nearly always see an eagle!

Although the area is very user friendly

(just be careful you are not crossing private property – easy way to get yourself in trouble) another option is to check out Northeast Wilderness Experience (NEWE) in Honesdale. They offer an abundance of adventure opportunities.

However you chose to explore the area – just make sure to get outside and appreciate the magnificent beauty waiting to embrace you.

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JUL '25

Ongoing Events

MONDAYS

Grillin' in Grant's Woods

5-8 p.m. Grant's Woods, The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Until Sept. 1. Unique open-air dining experience in a relaxed, woodland setting. Reservations highly recommended: 570-226-2993. Info: desk@thesettlersinn.com.

MONDAYS

Brewpub Bingo

6-8 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Until 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

Tuesdays on the Terrace with Live Jazz and Casual Dining

5-9 p.m. French Manor Inn and Spa, Newfoundland. Through Aug. 26. Reservations & info: 570-676-3244 or info@thefrenchmanor.com.

WEDNESDAYS

Jazz on the Deck

5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Through Aug. 27. Live jazz, farm-to-table summer menu, and a view of the garden. Reservations recommended. Info: 570-226-2993 or desk@thesettlersinn.com.

WEDNESDAYS

Stitch and Sip:

Yarn Over the Falls Weekly Crafty Hangout

6-8 p.m. Hawley Silk Mill, Hawley. Meet in the lobby of the Hawley Silk Mill in a relaxed, no-stress meet-up perfect for knitters, crocheters and fiber lovers of all kinds. Whether you're a beginner or have been crafting for years, everyone's welcome. BYOB. Info: 570-226-1337 or info@cocooncoffeehouse.com or hawleysilkmill.com.

THURSDAYS

Jazz Nights at Here & Now Brewing Company

6:30-9 p.m. Here & Now Brewing Company, Honesdale. Through Dec. 25. 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

Trivia Night With B-Ray

6-8 p.m. Through Aug. 28. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Flex your brainpower and gather your sharpest friends for a showdown with B-Ray Trivia. Team up to six. Stay tuned on social media for releases every Thursday. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

THURSDAYS-SATURDAYS

Maple Syrup Tasting on the Farm

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Pocono Mountain Maple, Newfoundland. Through Dec. 19. Indulge in a tasting of all organic and kosher maple syrup flavors each with its signature taste. Visit the farm store cafe. Try a maple water tasting: all-natural hydrating electrolyte drink sourced directly from the maple trees. Info: 570-499-8974 or info@poconomtnmaple.com.

FRIDAYS

Hawley Farmers' Market

2-5 p.m. Bingham Park, Hawley. Through Oct. Delicious fresh & local produce and more. All types of PA Preferred fresh & local produce in season. Rain or shine. Info: 570-226-1644 or hawleyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS

Live Music at the Brewery

Call for hours. Until Dec. 28. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Enjoy live tunes from NEPA and Tri-State artists while sipping on delicious brews. Free. Info: 570-390-7933 or content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

Red White and Boozed

6 p.m.-1 a.m. Jive Bar & Lounge, Milford. Through Jul. 26. The ultimate summer pop-up experience at this American-themed bar. Info: 570-296-2500 or marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com.

FRIDAYS-MONDAYS

Public Tours at Grey Towers

Noon-3 p.m. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford. Through Oct. 31. The home of Gifford Pinchot, America's first forester and founder of the USDA Forest Service. Info: 570-296-9630 or greytowers@fs.fed.us.

SATURDAYS

Wayne County Farmer's Market

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Next to Dave's Super Duper, 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

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.

EVENTS

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Lakeside Live

2-5 p.m. Silver Birches Resort, Hawley. Until Aug. 31. Weather dependent. Check for cancellations on Facebook. Free. Info: 570-226-2124 or info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Music on the Lawn at the Milford Community House

1-3 p.m. Milford Community House, Milford. Through Jul. 13. Live music from local artists. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy an afternoon out in the lovely town of Milford. 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. Until Oct. 26. Stop by and shop for local goods. Rain or shine. Free. Info: milfordmarketpa@gmail.com.

SUNDAYS

Blues, Brews and BBQ

Dinner: 5-9 p.m.; Music: 6-9 p.m. Glass - Wine.Bar.Kitchen, Hawley. Through Aug. 31. A la carte menu with BBQ specials and a featured craft brew from Runaway Train Brewery, plus live blues music. Info: 570-226-1337 or info@ledgeshotel.com.

Jul. 1-31

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. Details: 570-685-2010 or tworiveranglers@gmail.com.

JUL. 2, 6, 9, 16, 26, 30

Pocono Express

1 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 4

Fireworks Over Lake Wallenpaupack

Lake Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Fireworks begin at dusk. Bold Gold Media's Classic Hits 105.3 broadcasts patriotic music during the show. Parking and seating available at the Wallenpaupack HS. Weather permitting. Free. Rain date Jul. 5. Info: 570-226-3191 or chamber@northernpoconoschamber.com.

JUL. 4-6

July 4th Family Camp Weekend

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Experience the best of what PEEC has to offer: nature hikes, animal presentations, swimming,

canoeing, a campfire and more. Includes two nights lodging and meals from Fri. dinner thru Sun. lunch. Commuter and day rates available. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 5

Summer Bird Walk

9-11 a.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Join DHC for a morning walk to look for birds in the meadows, forests, and ponds. Be prepared to walk on sloped terrain, and wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that are comfortable for the weather. Binoculars recommended. Advance registration requested. Appropriate for all ages. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

JUL. 5

Summer Sounds - Rob Viola

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

JUL. 5

Boat House Row

6 p.m. Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, White Mills. Wildflower Concert Series. A yacht rock experience like no other. Info: dorflinger.org or 570-253-5500.

JUL. 5

NEPA Philharmonic Presents: Americana Brass

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. Thrilling celebration of brass, rhythm, and American spirit. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 5

Tiki Luau Limited

7 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Evening train ride along the Lackawaxen River to a private venue, where you'll indulge in a delicious Hawaiian buffet catered by Pilosi Catering. Agea 21+ only. Valid ID required. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 5, 12, 19

Pocono Express

3 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 6

Willow Wisp Farm Tour and Lunch with Greg Swartz

Noon-2 p.m. Willow Wisp Organic Farm, Damascus. Walking tour across 24 acres. Led by farmer-owner Greg Swartz, participants observe crop diversity, irrigation systems, and organic farming methods. Tour followed by a farm-fresh lunch with a Q&A with the farmer. Please RSVP and pay what you can at the door. Info: 917-566-7698 or tannis@farmartscollective.org.

JUL. 6

Wine and Cheese Experience

3 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Scenic summer train ride while enjoying charcuterie by Calkins Creamery. Enjoy wine available for purchase from B&G Winery. Must be 21 with proper ID. No underage

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

JUL. 7

The Outcrops

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free.
Info: WayneCreativeArts.com on Facebook.

JUL. 9, 16, 30

Hobo Lunch Train

1 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Scenic trip along the Lackawaxen River while enjoying a "Bag Lunch" in a souvenir Stourbridge Line backpack. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 10

Beekeeping

1 p.m. Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, Hawley. The Country Gardeners (TCG) presentation. Speaker will be Virginia Jurkowski, Beekeeper, Wayne County Bee Keeping Association.
Info: 201-874-1436.

JUL. 10

The Wanabees

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free.
Info: WayneCreativeArts.com on Facebook.

JUL. 11

Pressing Strings

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. Dynamic trio from Annapolis, Maryland blends blues, folk, and rock. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 11-13

Kiss Me Kate

Ritz Company Playhouse, Hawley. Sunday matinee. Call for times. Musical. Info: 570-226-9752 or theritz@ritzplayhouse.com.

JUL. 12

Flower Cut and Design Workshop at Willow Wisp Organic Farm

9-11 a.m. Willow Wisp Organic Farm, Damascus. Begin with coffee at the barn followed by a led tour by flower farmers, Tannis Kowalchuk and Jess Beveridge. Attendees visit the annual and perennial flower fields, learn best practices in growing cut flowers, and tips on post-harvest methods. Wear your farm boots. Bring clippers or scissors and bring a vase or vessel for your bouquet. Light refreshments served. No pets allowed. Info: 845-661-7657 or jess@farmartscollective.org.

JUL. 12

Christmas in July

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Shop Local while the weather is great. Many Christmas theme items. Rain date Jul. 19. Free parking.
Info: Facebook page or gardenjones@yahoo.com.

JUL. 12

Pond Paddle

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center,

Dingmans Ferry. Join PEEC for a paddle around their ponds. Beginners are welcome -- They teach 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.

JUL. 12

Summer Sounds - Alyssa Golden

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

JUL. 12

Terra String Quartet

5:30 p.m. Grey Towers N.H.S., Milford. Young ensemble of graduates from world's major conservatories. Info: kindredspir@yahoo.com or 570-390-8699 (voice/text).

JUL. 12

Nichelle Lewis

6 p.m. Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, White Mills. Wildflower Concert Series. Lewis is a rising Broadway star. Info: dorflinger.org or 570-253-5500.

JUL. 12

Dr. K's Motown Revue

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. High-energy tribute to the golden era of Motown. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 12, 13

Art and Antiques Show

Wayne Highlands Middle School, Honesdale. 50+ onsite dealers, onsite appraisals, and expert restoration specialists. Parking free. Homemade refreshments available. Info: 570-224-6240 or snancy476@aol.com or WomensClubofHonesdale.com.

JUL. 13

LNTT Cares 5K Walk/Run

9 a.m. 7:30 a.m. check-in. Pocono Mountain West High School, Pocono Summit. Benefits Safe Monroe. Register at: racerostaer.com/101767 by Jul. 10.
Info: Facebook.

JUL. 13

Wayne-Pike AACA 46th Annual Car Show

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Honesdale.
Info & registration: Hank, 570-253-0545.

JUL. 13

Fishing for Everyone

1-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join PEEC and NPS staff for an exciting morning of fishing. This program is all about accessible fishing opportunities. Bilingual PEEC Staff will be leading this program, along with NPS Rangers who will be offering the Junior Rangers Angler Badge. Mobility-friendly fishing gear, along with all-terrain wheelchairs, available. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Strictly catch and release. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 13

Nature at Night

8-9:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. A pleasant summer evening is the perfect time to head outside. Take a walk in the

woods to listen for owls, look at stars, and enjoy the music of the night. Enjoy fun activities that test your night vision. Bring a flashlight!. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 13, 27

Bethel School Open House

1-4 p.m. Bethel School, Honesdale. Join the Wayne County Historical Society and Museum for a special program at one of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in Wayne County. Light refreshments served. Free. Info: 570-253-3240 or kalogna@waynehistorypa.com.

JUL. 13, 20, 27

Dinner & Theater Train

Noon. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Delicious dinner on board during scenic ride along the Lackawaxen River. In Hawley, walk to the Ritz Company Playhouse for a live stage performance. After the return trip, finish off with an ice cream treat in Honesdale. Info: 570-470-2697 or jhiller@thetourbridgeline.net or thestourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 13, 20, 27

Pocono Express and Theater Only

Noon. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Six-hour round trip excursion from Honesdale to Hawley, enjoy time on your own, and see the Ritz Company Playhouse show. Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thestourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 14

Ekat and Friends

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free. Info: WayneCreativeArts on Facebook.

JUL. 17

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7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free. Info: WayneCreativeArts on Facebook.

JUL. 17-19

Sidewalk Sale Days in Downtown Honesdale

Main Street, Honesdale. Weekend of shopping, dining, and local fun with discounts from local businesses. Artisan vendors with unique gifts, jewelry, art, crafts, and home décor. Live music Sat. Info: 570-253-5492.

JUL. 18

Laura Anglade and the Ben Rosenblum Quartet

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. French-American vocalist Anglade and pianist Rosenblum bring timeless jazz to life. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 18-20

Kiss Me Kate

Ritz Company Playhouse, Hawley. Sunday matinee. Call for times. Musical. Info: 570-226-9752 or theritz@ritzplayhouse.com.

JUL. 19

Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Cen-

ter, Dingmans Ferry. Join the Botanical Hiker, Heather Houskeeper, in discovering the many edible and medicinal plants that inhabit our region. Walk will be easy to moderate in nature with many stops along the way and appropriate for all ages. Bring a notepad or use your phone to jot down notes. No collecting will be done in the park. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 19

Old Stone Jail Open House

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Old Stone Jail, 10th & Court St. Honesdale. Stand in the same spot as some of the jail's most notorious occupants, hear true tales taken from local newspaper accounts, & learn about the jail's history, including jailbreaks, hangings, and even the birth of a baby girl. Free. Info: 570-253-3240 or kalogna@waynehistorypa.com.

JUL. 19

Young Artisans' Market

11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Crafters, makers, entrepreneurs and artisans 17 and under. During Honesdale's Sidewalk Sales. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

JUL. 19

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.

JUL. 19

Summer Sounds - Rick Horvath

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

JUL. 19

Outdoor Finger Bowl Candlelight Dinner

5-9 p.m. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford. Enjoy historic summer fare around the outdoor, water-filled dining table under the pergola of the Pinchot family's estate. Music & good conversation fill the air at the Finger Bowl, the landscape's most popular feature. Info: 570-491-7306 or info@greytowers.org.

JUL. 19

Colebrook Road

6 p.m. Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, White Mills. Wildflower Concert Series. Keystone State Bluegrass. Info: dorflinger.org or 570-253-5500.

JUL. 19

Pete Muller and the Kindred Souls

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. Blending folk intimacy with classic pop charm and jazz sophistication. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 19, 20, 26, 27

Honey & Blueberry Festival

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Equestrian House, Pleasant Mount. Pick your own blueberries, & learn about beehive farming & more. Admission includes an educational tour of how local honey is "made," an overview of PA

agriculture, and unlimited picking. Wear closed toe shoes or sneakers, bring a hat, sunscreen & insect repellent, if you intend to pick.
Info: info@equestrianhousepa.com.

JUL. 19, 20, 26, 27

Musical: All Shook Up!

2 & 8 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Crowd-pleasing musical inspired by & featuring the songs of Elvis Presley. The Milford Theater Bar will be open one hour before the show, serving wine, beer, cocktails and concessions.
Info: 570-300-5990 or marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com.

JUL. 20

Create: Straight from the Garden

1-2:30 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Hands-on herbal workshop where you'll learn simple, practical ways to use the herbs growing right in our region -- whether in your garden or foraging on a walk. Relaxed, educational session best suited for adults and is a beautiful way to connect more deeply with nature. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

JUL. 20

Wacky Science Adventures

1-3 p.m. 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.

JUL. 20

Introduction to Orienteering

1-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Learn how to use a map & compass on PEEC's orienteering course. They'll show you the basics before you try to find all the points. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 21

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.

JUL. 21

The Luongos Band

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free. Info: WayneCreativeArts on Facebook.

JUL. 21-26

Troy Fair

Alparon Park, Troy. Jeff Dunham, Jul. 23, 7 p.m.. Info: troyfair.com or 570-297-3648 or info@troyfair.com.

JUL. 23

Idol Kings

6 p.m. Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, White Mills. Wildflower Concert Series. A tribute to Journey

and REO Speedwagon. Info: dorflinger.org or 570-253-5500.

JUL. 24

Old Time Fiddlers

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free. Info: WayneCreativeArts on Facebook.

JUL. 24, 28

Dream on the Farm 2025 Paradise Lost: Scavenger Hunt

6:30-8:30 p.m. Willow Wisp Organic Farm, Damascus. Inspired by Milton's Paradise Lost, the play takes a contemporary ecological spin on the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve are expelled from paradise, the audience is invited to follow the lovers on a scavenger hunt across the 25-acre farmland of Willow Wisp Organic Farm.
Info: 917-566-7698 or tannis@farmartscollective.org.

JUL. 25

Biology of the Bald Eagle

3-4 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Learn all about bald eagle behavior, how to identify eagles at different ages, how to tell the difference between bald eagles and other similar birds, and their conservation history and recovery from the brink of extinction. Advance registration requested. This program is best suited to adults. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

JUL. 25

The String Queens

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. Soul-stirring fusion of classical, jazz, and contemporary sounds. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 25

Comedy Night at the Brewery

8-10 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Next Stop Comedy 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.

JUL. 25-27

Move Over Mrs. Markham

Ritz Company Playhouse, Hawley. Sunday matinee. Call for times. Comedy. Info: 570-226-9752 or theritz@ritzplayhouse.com.

JUL. 26

Intro to Camping

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Learn the basics of camping, and how to prepare for a trip. We will go over how to plan and pack for a camping trip, how to set up a tent, and more. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 26

Tree Walk

10 a.m.-Noon. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Learn effective strategies for identifying trees by their leaves, buds, and bark. Then head out onto the property to put them to the test and see how many trees you can identify at the Reserve. Be prepared to walk

on sloped terrain, and wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that are comfortable for the weather. Advance registration requested. Program is best suited for older children and adults. Info: 570-226-3164 or rachel@delawarehighlands.org.

JUL. 26**Botanical Journaling**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join the Botanical Hiker, Heather Houskeeper, for an intro in beginning a botanical journal. How to document plants' features, recording where they grow, and learning about their edible or medicinal uses. Nature journals, pencils and colored pencils provided. Participants will take home their own nature journal to continue their observations. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 26**Happy Birthday Harry Potter!**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. 994 Main St., Newfoundland. Many witch and wizard themed items. Rain date Aug. 2. Rain or shine. Angels and Dragonflies school backpack giveaway, while supplies last; stop by for yours. Free parking. Info: Facebook page or gardeningjones@yahoo.com.

JUL. 26**Fishing for Beginners**

1-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. There are plenty of fish waiting to be caught in PEEC's ponds. Spend the morning learning some of the basics for fishing with a rod and reel and see how many you can get. Strictly catch and release. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 26**Summer Sounds - Marc Von Em**

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance on the grounds of the winery. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

JUL. 26**Dino Dig Express**

3 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. Fun, educational adventure with the park ranger and his "old" friends. Enjoy a scenic train ride back in time to about 250 million years ago. Dig for dinosaur remains, learn about dinosaurs, and play games. Concessions available (cash only). Info: 570-470-2697 or info@thetourbridgeline.net or thetourbridgeline.net.

JUL. 26**Pasture Walks at Two Creek Farm**

3 p.m. Two Creek Farm, Lakewood. Two-hour immersive walking tour bringing regenerative and organic farming to life. See over 20 breeds of egg and meat chickens on pasture, a "flerd" of Highland cattle and Katahdin lambs, forest dwelling Berkshire pigs, no-till vegetable gardens, and beekeeping. Family-friendly event, & children under 15 attend for free. Come prepared for light walking. Info: 646-483-3285 or info@twocreek.net.

JUL. 26**Car Cruise**

4-7 p.m. The Honesdale National Bank, Rte. 6 Plaza, Honesdale. Info: 570-253-0890.

JUL. 26**Sail On**

6 p.m. Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, White Mills. Wildflower Concert Series. The Beach Boys tribute. Info: dorflinger.org or 570-253-5500.

JUL. 26**Rhythm and Broadway—The New R&B with John Edwards and Joseph Thalken**

6 p.m. Harmony in the Woods, 19 Imagination Way, Hawley. Show-stopping vocals and masterful musicianship in an electrifying night of R&B and Broadway classics. Info: hello@harmonyinthewoods.org or 570-503-6685.

JUL. 26**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 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.

JUL. 27**Bug Exploration**

10 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Bugs are everywhere. Join PEEC to go exploring to find as many as possible. Call to register. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

JUL. 27**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.

JUL. 27**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.

JUL. 28**The Fabulous 45's**

7:30 p.m. Central Park, Honesdale. Wayne Cty. Creative Arts Council Summer Festival of Events. Bring a chair or blanket. Rain dates and locations will be posted on Facebook. Free. Info: WayneCreativeArts on Facebook.

JUL. 29**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.

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