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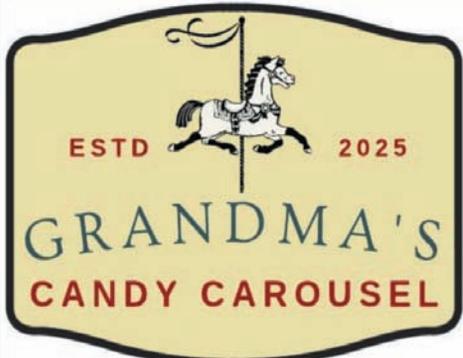
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To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
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To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

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.

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overwhelming odds is to risk failure.**

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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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“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.”

– Seneca

March into spring with renewed energy after a long, cold winter. This issue is packed with real estate and financial insights to help you make the most of the season ahead.

Get ready for the *Good Stuff* — including top tips to prepare your home for the spring selling season on page 6.

Start the year strong by reviewing and refreshing your financial plan. We've outlined smart financial resolutions for 2026 on page 8.

And if you're beginning your home buying journey, we've got you covered. From online searches to open houses, keep these essential ideas in mind. Discover three key tips for choosing the perfect home on page 10.

Thank you for trusting us as your local resource. We're excited to help you make the most of everything this new season brings.

Here's to a bright spring and a successful year ahead!

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Top Tips to Prepare Your Home for the

SPRING SELLING SEASON

1 Declutter

Get rid of all the junk that irritates you... it will certainly turn off a buyer. Take a critical eye to your home. Maybe even have a third party do this. Living somewhere daily reduces the things you notice that might be a problem, i.e., dirty walls, scuffs and scrapes, leaks, or even odors that might be present that you have become accustomed to.

2 Fix broken stuff

Yes, that garage door opener that doesn't work or the ice maker on the fridge. If it is staying with the house, it needs to be fixed. You have learned to live with it or without it, but a buyer will view it as neglectful and judge your whole house's upkeep and maintenance on those couple of broken items.

3 Know what is selling around you and why

Are homes selling quickly in your price range?

Maybe you can be aggressive with your price. If you use a realtor, they will help arrive at price but know yourself as well. A realtor may not be as familiar with your area.

4 Clean and organize the closets

With the modular closet items available today, it is easy and inexpensive to dress up your closets. Storage really does matter when considering a new home.

5 Make sure the outside entry way is in tip top shape

This is the focus from the street and also the first thing prospective buyers see when entering your house. Fresh paint on the front door and fresh flowers can make a big difference.

6 If you are not going to sell your home by yourself, then interview several realtors

Ask them about your area, what their marketing plan will be, and negotiate commission. There are thousands of realtors and not all of them are equal. Don't get frustrated by the fact that you pick one that simply puts a sign in your yard and waits for the low hanging fruit. You are going to pay this person a lot of money... make them work for it and for you!

7 Deep clean the kitchen and bathrooms

These areas of the home are generally the most cluttered and dirty. Both of those things will turn off willing buyers. Deep clean stove tops and ovens, cabinets and sinks. Also spend some extra time if you have a dirty shower or bath tub. If they don't already, you want these things to sparkle.

8 Pet waste and signs of damage

Clean up the backyard or whatever area your

pets use outside. Buyers will walk around the yard; you don't want them to be distracted from your home because they are maneuvering through a mine field of dog droppings. Also, you can't conceal damage but that doesn't mean you can't fix stuff. If the dog has chewed a door or scratched a wall... fix it. These easy and inexpensive fixes will pay great dividends when you sell the house.

9 De-personalize your home

You want prospective buyers to be able to visualize their family in the home, and that is much harder to do with all of your family's stuff. So go ahead and pack up most of the pictures, trophies, mementos. You are going to do it any way to move, just get a head start.

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Financial Resolutions

for 2026

Provided by Michael Krupa

Start the year right by reviewing and revamping your financial plan.

Instead of hauling out those familiar New Year's resolutions about keeping a journal or drinking more water, how about focusing on your financial well-being? Here's a set of resolutions that can help ensure your long-term financial confidence.

Update your beneficiaries

If you don't correctly document your beneficiary designations, who gets what may be determined by federal or state law, or by the default plan document used in your retirement accounts. When did you last update your designations? Have life changes (divorce, remarriage, births, deaths, state of residence) occurred since then?

Update your beneficiary listings on wills, life insurance, annuities, IRAs, 401(k)s, qualified plans and anything else that'd affect your heirs. If you've named a trust, have any relevant tax laws changed? Have you provided for the possibility that your primary beneficiary may die before you? Does your plan address the simultaneous death of you and your spouse? An estate attorney can help walk you through these various scenarios.

Create flexible liquidity

Cash has inflation and opportunity trade-offs, but a lack of access can cause greater problems if you find yourself needing to

draw from your investments. Finding a balance in line with your life and goals is important to avoid disrupting your long-term plans.

The right liquidity strategy will be different for every investor and could incorporate cash reserves, cash alternatives, highly liquid securities, lines of credit, margin loans or even structured lending. Multiple institutions and account owners can be used to hold more than \$250,000 with FDIC guarantees.*

Evaluate your retirement progress

What changes are needed given your current lifestyle and the market environment? Don't fixate solely on your assets' value – instead, drill down into what types of securities you hold, your expected cash flows, your contingency plans, your assumed rate of return, inflation rates and how long you're planning for. Retirement plans have many moving parts that must be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Review your account titling

Haphazard account titling can create problems down the line. If one partner dies and an account is titled only in their name, those assets can't be readily accessed by the survivor. The solution may be creating joint accounts, but it's not always that simple. Titling has implications across a range of estate planning issues, as well as other situations such as Medicaid eligibility and borrowing power, too.



Develop a charitable strategy

Giving comes from the heart, but you can also do well when doing good. For example, consider whether or not it'd make sense to donate low-basis stocks in lieu of cash, or learn about establishing a donor advised fund to take an upfront deduction for contributions made over the next several years. Give, but do so with an eye toward reducing your tax liability.

Spark a family conversation

Sustaining the benefits of wealth for generations is nearly impossible without a mutual understanding among family members. Consider creating a family mission statement that outlines the shared vision for your wealth and legacy. This should include nonfinancial topics, too, like your values, expectations and important life lessons.

Digitize your record keeping

You likely receive emails, letters reports and updates from multiple accounts. Consider going paperless and centralizing important files in one place to reduce frustration and ensure easy access when needed. Your advisor may have access to secure storage tools that can help.

Invest with your values

Aligning your wealth and values is a deeply personal journey, and your portfolio can be tailored to reflect your beliefs, preferences and goals. Through a deeper understanding of what matters to you, a trusted advisor can help you identify your priorities.

Check in with your advisor

A trusted advisor can offer specialized tools, impartiality and experience earned by dealing with many market cycles and client situations. Communicate openly about what's happening in your life today and what may happen in the future. It's difficult to manage what they aren't aware of, so err on the side of over-communicating and establish a regular check-in schedule for the year ahead.

These suggestions are a helpful starting point, but no two long-term plans are identical – so reach out to your advisor for more specific guidance about progressing toward your goals in 2026.

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3 TIPS FOR SELECTING THE PERFECT Home

For those beginning the process of home buying, there are many factors to consider. Keep these ideas in mind as you conduct your search – whether it’s online or at a series of open houses.

Consider future needs

Because life is always evolving, it’s important to move into a home that has enough space for your family’s anticipated changes. While features and space are always prime considerations, don’t forget to look into the area schools, day care options, parks and other kid-friendly amenities if you plan to grow your family in your next home.

Look for flexible spaces

Seek homes that offer rooms with multiple functions. For example, an office area may be suitable for a small child’s room, or a sunroom may be converted to a laundry area down the road. Unfinished basements are also blank canvases that can be customized to meet your family’s wants and needs.

Get to know the area

The purchase of a home goes well beyond the property line. Be sure to examine the neighborhood in which the house is situated. From the condition of the neighbors’ houses to highway access and the proximity of necessities like grocery stores and gas stations, be sure to take every factor into account to help ensure you’re selecting the right location.

Find more tips to aid you in your home search at eLivingtoday.com.

*(Family Features)
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YOU KNEW IT YEARS AGO.

When you were little and people asked you what you wanted to do when you grew up, the answer was obvious: you had a dream and an idea. Sure, other interests caught your eye once in awhile but you always came back to that one plan, this one thing. As in the new book, “Lovely One” by Ketanji Brown Jackson (adapted for young readers), you might be a kid but you’ve always known what you wanted.

When she was just four years old, little Ketanji Brown sat with her father at their kitchen table most evenings, watching as he studied his books and prepared for a career in law. He sometimes included his daughter by playfully asking for her advice on his lessons, a memory that stuck with her for the rest of her life and instilled a lifelong intrigue for legal matters.

Brown Jackson says that she was lucky to have had so many inspirational, focused ancestors to give her family a solid base, and she was fortunate to be born in the fall of 1970, to parents who had worked hard to secure Civil Rights. They encouraged that same activism in their children, and they expected excellence in their education. For as long as Brown Jackson could remember, they nurtured in her “a spirit of perseverance,” allowed for extracurricular activities, and they helped her seize many opportunities.

She continued to be a good student and a good kid. Then one afternoon, everything clicked into place.

A few days before her twelfth birthday,

she says, she discovered a magazine article about a Black woman, a lawyer, who broke ground before Brown Jackson was even born, and it “would extend my horizons.” She realized that the memory of studying with her father “was only the beginning for me,” she says.

Little did she know then that she, too, would break ground someday...

There is, of course, more to the story of author Ketanji Brown Jackson’s life, her career, and her history-making appointment to the Supreme Court, and “Lovely One” brings readers up to date. For a kid, that’s great but the bigger appeal may come from the way the story’s told here. In this version, adapted for young readers, time is taken to show that Justice Jackson was just an ordinary kid once.

Playing, attending classes she loved and ones she disliked, traveling, spending time with her grandparents, getting a new sibling, these are experiences Jackson shares with young readers, and they’re very engaging. Her narrative, though it uses adult-level language,

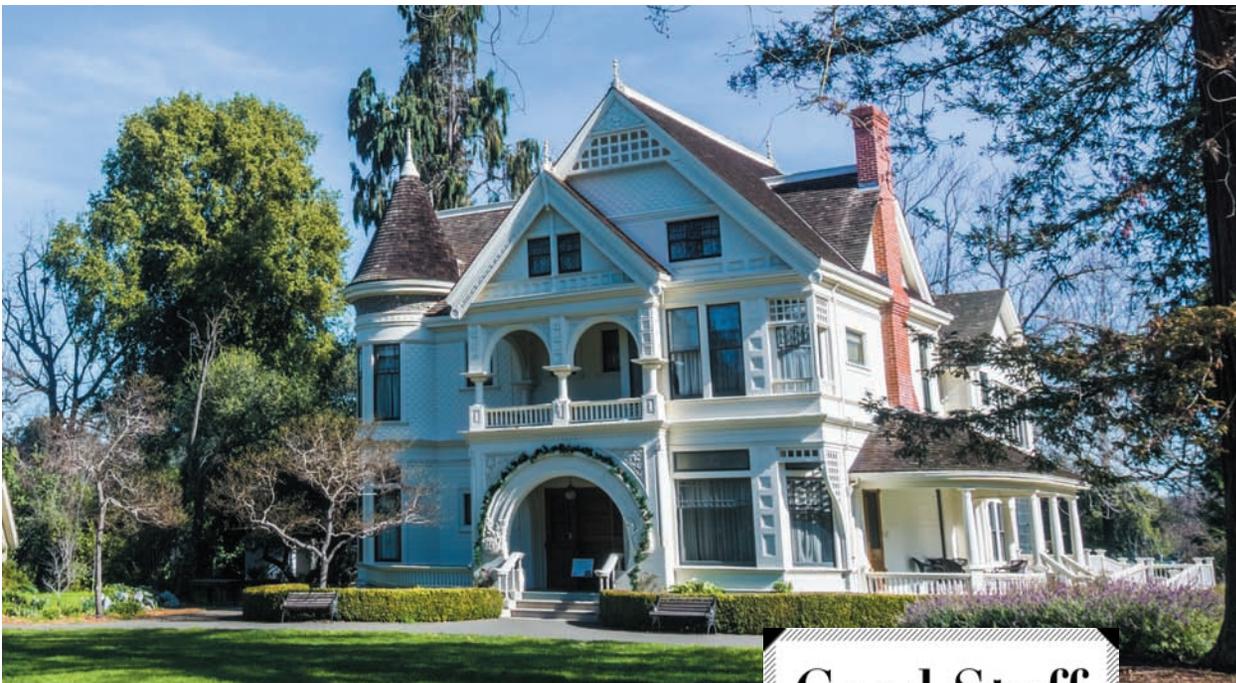
is easy to grasp and quite relatable for her audience, and her excitement at some of her life’s highlights is delightfully charming. Jackson never talks down to kids who read this book, nor to the grown-ups who might find it less daunting than its similar adult version.

If a biography is on your 12-and-up student’s reading list, think of this book first. For you, and for a kid who needs inspiration, finding “Lovely One” is the thing to do.

Lovely One: A Memoir Adapted for Young Adults



By Ketanji Brown Jackson
Reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer



Good Stuff

Buying a Historic Home?

What Home Inspectors Look For

Provided by Disaster Blaster

Purchasing a historic home is an adventure filled with nostalgia and unique architectural features. However, these timeless treasures often come with hidden pitfalls that can turn your dream project into a costly endeavor if you're unprepared. A thorough home inspection is essential and brings potential concerns to light—some of which may be unique to older properties.

While there are a lot of unique issues that you can discover in any home, particularly older properties, let's explore a few of the most common issues and what they could mean to your plans to purchase or remodel a historic property!

Water Damage

Why It's a Concern: Water damage is one of the most prevalent and destructive problems found in historic homes. Over the decades, roofs, windows, foundations, and exterior walls may fail, allowing moisture to seep in. Chronic water exposure can erode foundations, compromise structural stability, and breed environments for further problems like mold or rot.

Addressing Water Damage: Dealing with water damage typically involves identifying and repairing the source—this could mean replacing damaged roofing, upgrading gutters, resealing foundations, or fixing old plumbing leaks. Affected materials like drywall, insulation, or wooden beams may need to be removed and replaced in order to restore their intended functionality or structural stability, and secondary issues like mold may also need to be addressed. The long-term effects of water damage can be extensive, requiring a comprehensive approach to ensure that the issue is addressed fully.

Rot

Why It's a Concern: Rot is a significant threat to historic structures. Moisture and time conspire to break down wooden elements like framing, floor joists, windows, and siding. If left unchecked, rot can destabilize floors, walls, and staircases, and can lead to expensive structural failures. Since many historic properties were actually built before pressure-treated lumber was commercially available, rot can be much more prevalent in older properties, even in areas like decks and porches where it is uncommon today.

Addressing Rot: To fix rot, inspectors and contractors must first locate all affected areas. Repairs may range from replacing small sections of trim to rebuilding entire structural components. Sometimes, advanced preservation techniques or like-for-like material replacements are needed to maintain the historic authenticity of the home. Preventive maintenance—like proper ventilation and water management—is key to avoiding future decay.

Mold

Why It's a Concern: Mold thrives where moisture persists, and older homes can be prime habitats due to the potential for long-term water leaks and intrusion through roofs, windows, foundations and out-of-date plumbing. Not only does mold cause musty odors, unsightly stains, and lead to extensive property damage over time, but it can also trigger allergies, asthma, and other health problems for occupants.

Addressing Mold: Effective mold remediation starts with eliminating the underlying moisture source. Professional mold removal generally involves specialized cleaning processes proven successful in addressing mold contamination, removing contaminated building materials, and using air scrubbers to address airborne mold spores. Your local Disaster Blaster can also help address the underlying cause of moisture issues that led to the mold growth as well.

Asbestos

Why It's a Concern: Asbestos was widely used in construction materials such as insulation, floor tiles, ceiling panels, wall board, and pipe wrappings in homes for more than 100 years, making it a common discovery today in homes that were built or renovated during that period. When disturbed, asbestos fibers can become airborne and pose serious respiratory health risks, including lung cancer and mesothelioma.

Addressing Asbestos: If asbestos is suspect-

ed, a licensed asbestos abatement firm is necessary in order to ensure the work is performed properly and safely. During the asbestos abatement process, qualified professionals will follow strict industry guidelines to safely contain the work area, remove the asbestos-containing materials, and dispose of them legally. Homeowners should never attempt DIY asbestos removal as it can be extremely dangerous to the health of your family and other occupants of the property.

Lead

Why It's a Concern: Lead-based paints and plumbing were common before the late 1970s. Lead exposure, especially through dust or chips from deteriorating paint, is highly toxic—posing developmental risks to children and health threats to adults.

Addressing Lead: Lead evaluation and abatement require licensed professionals. Methods may include encapsulating old paint, replacing painted surfaces, or carefully removing paint from surfaces following specialized processes to avoid creating dust. Lead pipes should be replaced with modern materials.

Ventilation Systems

Why It's a Concern: Older homes were built before today's standards for indoor air quality and ventilation and often relied on homes not being as well insulated as they are today. As a result, even though historic homes may have had adequate ventilation for the time, improvements like added insulation over the years could make those ventilation systems inadequate today. Roof ventilation systems very commonly do not meet current standards and may need to be addressed. Bathrooms and kitchens may also lack exhaust fans, or exhausts may be vented inside walls or into attic spaces. Poor ventilation can contribute to moisture buildup, mold, and rot.

Addressing Ventilation Issues: Modernizing ventilation may require adding appropriate ventilation to attic and roof structures or installing mechanical exhaust fans in kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry areas. Sometimes, discreet solutions are needed to maintain the home's original look while improving airflow and comfort.

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Welcome to your
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*By Austin Noguera | Service Forester
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

As we welcome the 250th celebration of United States' founding, I find there is no better way to celebrate than getting out and enjoying the public lands that are available to everyone. Pennsylvania is unique in that we have a robust system of public lands that are open and available to all for free. Whether you are looking for structured recreation, riverside activities or the wilderness opportunities, there is something for you in our public lands.

One example of our public lands system is our state forests. In Northeast Pennsylvania, we have two state forest districts providing recreational opportunities for both beginner and experienced outdoor enthusiasts. The Delaware State Forest consists of 86,000 acres located mainly in Pike and Monroe Counties. Some notable hiking trails in the district include the Thunder Swamp Trail and the Blooming Grove Trail. We also provide motorized trails for both ATV and snowmobile riding as well as equestrian trails, cross-country skiing, picnicking, hunting, fishing, and mountain biking. After a long day of recreating, we also have primitive campsites that are available to spend the night in nature.

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Pennsylvania also has a multitude of state parks in the area that offer many recreational and educational programs throughout the year. Some parks close by include Promised Land, Gouldsboro, Tobyhanna, Varden, and Prompton State Parks. These parks offer a mix of hiking trails, boating, fishing, biking, swimming and camping. They also provide educational opportunities through large events as well as smaller guided events such as nature hikes, stargazing, and history tours throughout the year.

And let's not forget our federal lands with both the Delaware Water Gap and Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. They also offer a wide range of recreational opportunities ranging from hiking, boating, biking, and excellent fishing. With so many guided hikes and history tours, there is something for everyone.

No matter who you are, you are welcome, and there is something for you in our public lands. So get out and enjoy!



Austin Noguera is the Service Forester for Monroe and Pike Counties with the PA DCNR, Delaware State Forest. For any questions you may have relating for forestry or recreation in the Delaware State Forest, he can be reached at anoguera@pa.gov or at 570-895-4000.



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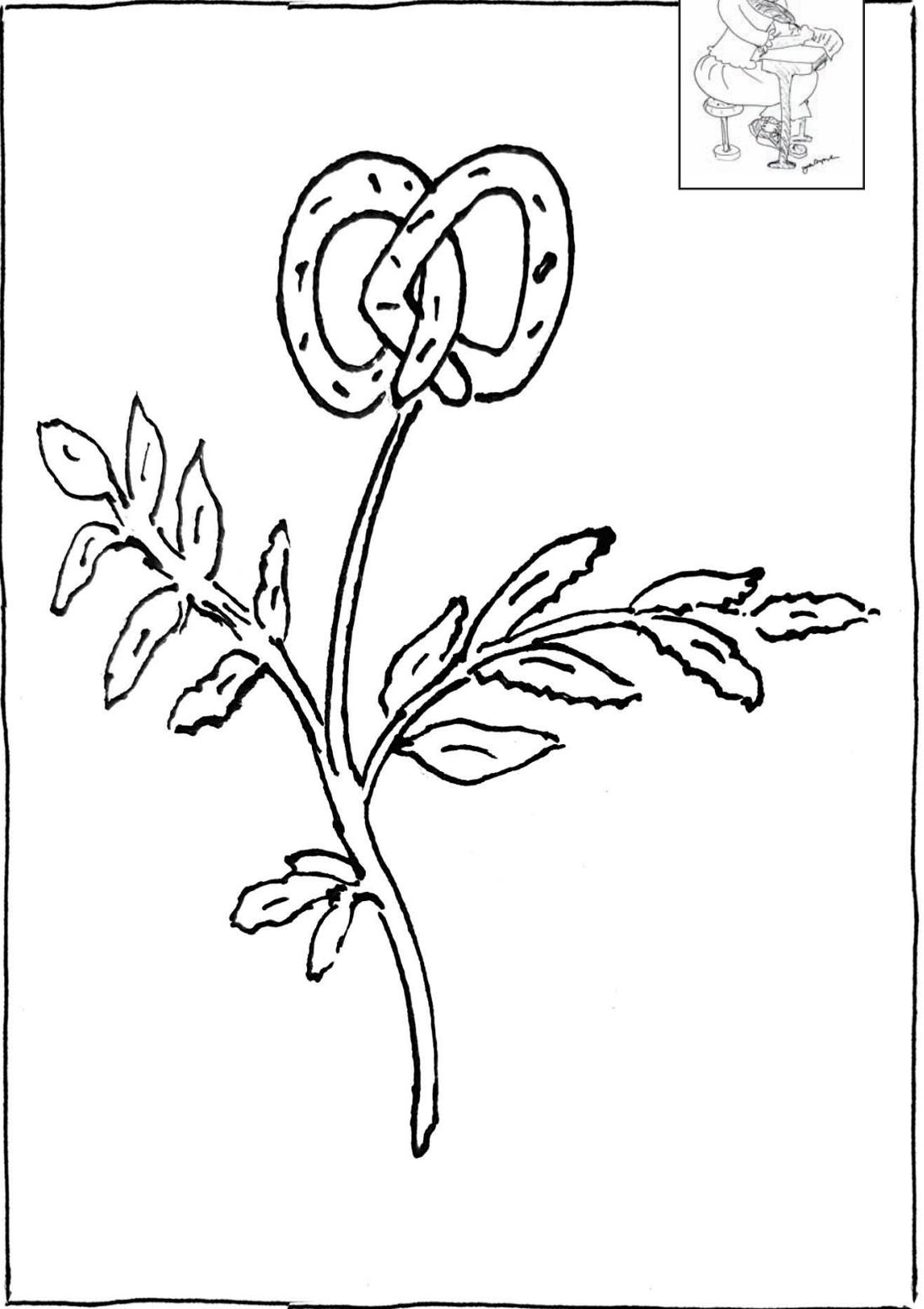
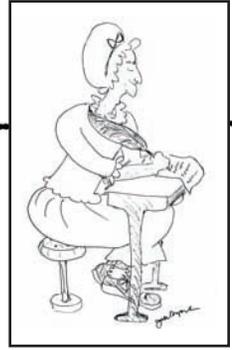
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PRETZELS & MARIGOLDS

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,

“Pretzels don’t grow on marigold plants.”

As the mother of two children, I used to say this to myself when they came up with new ideas. “Mom, I want to be an Olympic cyclist” when they didn’t have a bicycle. “Mom, I want to win a gold medal for swimming” when they could barely float. I encouraged my children to develop their natural talents, but I also knew I had to be realistic. I had to understand those things which could be possible and those things which could not. Growing pretzels on a marigold plant is not possible.

Toby, my son, started being a model for the US International Agency in NYC when he was young. While there one day he saw a commercial being shot and thought the actor did not move his hands enough. He suggested specific hand gestures for the actor which were filmed. The studio told him that his suggestions were great. Shortly thereafter my husband Willie and Toby decided Toby could be a “hand choreographer” and that they should start a company called Ad-Vantage LLC. I immediately thought of pretzels but agreed to it because it would encourage father and son time.

Ever since Toby was six, he mimicked turkeys and other animals, especially when he was stressed. One day while waiting for his photo shoot, he was aggressively “turkeying” and was seen by a French mime troupe. “He is unique!” said Manon as she also fell in love with Toby’s other animals. She asked Toby if he would work with the troupe to create a new show called Noah’s Ark. He said yes, but they were leaving for France in a few days. Manon and her husband offered to fly Toby to Paris and pay him for two weeks if he would work with them. I first thought of pretzels, but after a family meeting I agreed he should go.

Recently at the dedication of our new church, my parishioners and friends asked why Toby didn’t attend. His sister Sara officiated service in the roundhouse, and I officiated the service in the glass chapel. I simply told everyone he was working. If they pressed the issue, I said he was working abroad.

Toward the end of Toby’s two-week paid time in Paris, Manon and her husband Gabriel wanted to visit his grandmother in Bruges, Belgium. She owned a small lace making business, and they invited Toby to join them. Toby

loved watching the two incredibly old ladies braiding and twisting numerous threads wound onto small bobbins to make lace. That is when his idea struck. He was going to make lace shields the size of a hand with game, movie, or internet figures on them. These would be sewn onto a person’s coat, sweater or pants. Everyone could have their own traditional yet modern identifier.

Willie, Toby, and I sat in the parlor of the parsonage to learn about his trip. He was so excited to tell us about how young, and even older people, would love wearing a piece of traditional lace with a modern character on it. Gabriel’s grandmother said he could stay with her while he was learning how to make lace. Pretzels on a marigold plant screamed in my head.

Then, thankfully, the outside forces came into play. Mr. Charlie Jacobs, Toby’s agent, called and said he had a wonderful opportunity for Toby. Animal Feed, Inc. created a new bird feed without shells so the bird eats the whole food without making a mess inside or outside the cage. They are planning a national rollout for their launch, and he thought Toby would be great for their commercial.

Common sense does not come easily, but luckily it prevailed. When Charlie told Toby about the commercial, he became extremely interested in it. So that’s how and what birds eat! Toby was also interested in the financial rewards of the commercial.

I put my pretzel fear away when I learned Toby got the commercial.

Amen.



The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

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Sticky Business

Why March Is Maple Month in the Poconos

By LA Guzda

While most of us are still debating whether it's winter or spring (and whether we can safely put the snow shovel away), a certain group of Pocono locals is out in the woods... drilling holes in trees.

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On purpose.

Welcome to maple season — the sweetest, stickiest secret of March.

Across the Poconos, sugar maples are being tapped as temperatures bounce between freezing nights and warmer days. That magical freeze-thaw cycle gets the sap flowing. And when the sap runs, so do the boots. Preferably waterproof ones.

If you've never seen maple syrup made in person, here's the short version: clear sap drips slowly from a tapped tree into buckets or tubing lines. That sap is collected and boiled for hours until it thickens into the amber syrup we all pretend to measure responsibly on pancakes.

Fun fact to impress your children: it takes roughly 40 gallons of sap to make just one gallon of syrup. Suddenly that small bottle in your fridge feels very heroic.

Visiting a local sugar shack in March is part science lesson, part woodland adven-



ture. Steam rolls out of rustic buildings like a forest fog machine. Kids peek into bubbling pans. Someone inevitably asks, “Can we taste it yet?”

Expect mud. This is not decorative mud. This is “why did I wear those shoes” mud. But that’s part of the charm. March in the Poconos isn’t polished — it’s dirty and natural. You’ll likely see families working together, neighbors helping neighbors, and a lot of cheerful explanations about how sap doesn’t actually taste like syrup... yet.

Many local farms open their doors for tours or special weekends during maple season. Some offer pancake breakfasts. Some sell small-batch syrup, maple candy, or maple cream that will absolutely not survive the car ride home.

Pocono Mountain Maple

Located in Newfoundland, this family-run operation hosts one of the region’s best-known maple weekends. Expect tours, boiling demonstrations, and more maple products than you knew existed.

Pocono Maple Farm

A smaller, family-friendly stop where you can see the syrup-making process up close and stock up on small-batch bottles to bring home.

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

A 19th century living history farm that recreates rural life through educational programs, workshops and seasonal events including maple-syrup collection and processing.

And what’s more, it’s fleeting. Once the nights stop freezing, the sap slows. The steam disappears. The buckets come down. Maple season is a short, muddy window that rewards those willing to lean into it.

So if you’re looking for a family-friendly March outing that’s educational, delicious, and unapologetically Pocono — grab your boots, bring your curiosity, and maybe buy an extra bottle.

You’ll thank yourself at breakfast.

Don’t miss the 2026 Self-guided Maple Tour, Saturday, March 7th 10 AM - 4 PM.
 Visit www.waynecountypa.gov/645/Maple-Tour for more information.

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Ongoing Events

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.

TUESDAYS

Needlers' Group

1-3 p.m. Newfoundland Area Public Library, Newfoundland. Love to knit, crochet, or quilt? People of all experience levels welcomed to meet and work on projects together. Info: 570-676-4518 or napl@waynelibraries.org.

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.

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

Yoga for Stress Reduction

5-6 p.m. Newfoundland Area Public Library, Newfoundland. Guided by Diane Rixner from Cultivate Well Being, in the community room. Info: 570-676-4518 or napl@waynelibraries.org.

FRIDAYS

Hawley Farmers Market

1-4 p.m. The Hawley Hub, Hawley. Through Apr. Featuring hydroponic produce, fish, meats, eggs, Calkins cheese, local honey, baked goods, organic products & crafts. Free parking in back of building. Info: 570-226-1644.

FRIDAYS

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.

FRIDAYS

Fireside Live

6-9 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Live music in the Pub.

Info: 570-226-4388 or

info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

SATURDAYS

Main Street Farmers Market

11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Through Apr. 25, 2026. Features local farmers with fresh produce, meats, and eggs, along with producers of local honey, baked goods, and a wide variety of unique regional items. Purchase a meal or snack at the Red Door Cafe, prepared by local caterer The Mustard Seed Cafe. Seating available. Info: ally@thecooperageproject.org or 570-253-2020 ext 6.

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THROUGH MAR. 13

Art Exhibit: "The Anthracite Coal Industry of Northeastern Pennsylvania"

Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, Univ. of Scranton. Selected prints, drawings, and watercolors from The Stanislaus Collection: 1933-1946. Free during gallery hours. Info: 570-941-4214 or darlene.miller-lanning@scranton.edu.

MAR. 3

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.

MAR. 4

"The Catholic Church and Matters LGBT: How Did We Get Here, and Where Are We Going?"

5 p.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. The Slattery Center, The Jesuit Center and the Ellacuria Initiative Collaborative Lecture.

Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu.

MAR. 4**Performance Music: "General Recital"**

7:30 p.m. Houlihan-McLean Center, Univ. of Scranton. The University of Scranton Performance Music student musicians in solo, duo, trio and small ensemble performances. Free. Info: 570-941-7624 or music@scranton.edu.

MAR. 5**"MAKE YOURSELF MORE (interesting than) AI"**

8:30 a.m. Leahy Hall, Univ. of Scranton. 3rd annual World Languages Day. Refreshments, interactive exhibits, and lightning-round beginner lessons in multiple languages with a chance to meet world languages and cultures instructors from Argentina, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and Taiwan. Info: 570-941-4711 or amy.kuiken@scranton.edu.

MAR. 6**"Commemorating and Interpreting the American Revolution 250 Years Later"**

11:30 a.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. Schemel Forum's World Affairs luncheon seminar. Registration required. Fees vary. Info: 570-941-4740 or schemelforum@scranton.edu.

MAR. 7**2026 Self-guided Maple Tour**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Explore the art of maple syrup making on a self-guided tour of local sugarhouses. Witness the transformation of sap into golden syrup, breathe in the woody aroma of boiling sap, and savor this seasonal treat. Experience nature, tradition, and taste at your own pace. Info: waynecountypa.gov/645/Maple-Tour.

MAR. 7**Pittston City Saint Patrick's Parade**

11:30 a.m. Main Street, Pittston. Info: pittstonstpatricksparade.org.

MAR. 7**Teen Open Mic + Karaoke**

7-9 p.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. For grades 9-12. High school students are invited to drop in. Bring your instruments or top karaoke picks, slam poetry, original short acts, or any other performance pieces, or just come hang out, eat snacks, and cheer on the performers. Snacks, games, couches, mics. Free. No registration needed. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 7**Simply the Best:****A Tribute to Female Rock Icons**

8-10 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Celebrates the powerful and iconic women of 1980s rock with a high-energy show featuring theatrical medleys and show-stopping numbers from legendary artists. Table seating tickets include cocktail service during the performance, and the Milford Theater Bar opens one hour before showtime, serving wine, beer, cocktails, and concessions. Info: 570-300-5990 or marketing@milfordhospitalitygroup.com.

MAR. 11**Lecture: "Karl Marx in America"**

5 p.m. Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by Andrew Hartman, Ph.D., distinguished professor of history at Illinois State Univ. Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu.

MAR. 12**Senior Gathering**

1:30-3:30 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Welcoming afternoons designed to bring older adults (60+) together in a warm and friendly setting. The History of Highlights - George Brown shares the story of Highlights magazine, tracing its Honesdale beginnings and national impact. Light refreshments and engaging conversation. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 13-14**St. Patrick's Day at The Dock**

11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpau-pack, Hawley. Savor traditional Irish fare all weekend long. Info: 570-226-4388 or info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

MAR. 14**Romping Radishes:****Shining Bright in Winter**

10-11 a.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. Hands-on healthy living class for children K-2nd grade and their caregivers. Gather for crafting, games, and fun. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 14**Alcohol Ink Landscapes**

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.

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MAR. 14

Lunch & Learn: Olmsted and Pinchot - A Partnership that Shaped America's Landscapes

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Forest Hall, Milford. Portrayal of Frederick Law Olmsted, America's most influential landscape architect. Through vivid storytelling and dialogue, see how Olmsted's collaboration with a young Gifford Pinchot helped ignite the American conservation movement. Hot lunch provided. No elevator or ramp access. Info & tickets: Greytowers.org/events.

MAR. 14

Scranton St. Patrick's Parade

11:45 a.m. Downtown Scranton. Parade day mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, 10 a.m. Brian P. Kelly memorial 2-mile footrace, 11 a.m. Info: stpatparade.com.

MAR. 14

Acrylic Painting

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.

MAR. 14

Watercolor Painting

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.

MAR. 14

Cajun Comforts Dinner

6-8 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Cajun-inspired favorites from the classics to fresh, modern twists - all in the spirit of Southern cooking. BYOB. Call 570-828-2319 or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAR. 14

Concert:

The Harrisons St. Patrick's Day Party!

8-10 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Celebrate as The Harrisons play all of your favorite Irish hits, and more. Bar specials and party favors will be featured. Table seating tickets include a cocktail server (credit card required) during the show. 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.

MAR. 15

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.

MAR. 15

Alcohol Ink Tiles

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.

MAR. 15

46th St. Patrick's Day Parade

2 p.m. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. Info: wilkes-barre.city/stpatricksdaysparade.

MAR. 15

Pastels

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.

MAR. 17

St. Patrick's Day at The Inn

5-8 p.m. The Settlers Inn, Hawley. Live music with the Blarney Boys and Irish specials. A la carte menu. Info: 570-226-2993 or desk@thesettlersinn.com.

MAR. 18

Spring Baskets Sip and Snip

5:30-7 p.m. Gorgeous Floral, Hawley. Create a lovely bouquet of spring flowers in a basket to take home as a centerpiece or decor. Includes light bites, signature cocktail and all the materials you need to make a gorgeous floral arrangement. Info: 570-226-1337 or info@gorgeous-floral.com.

MAR. 20

Teen Art Lounge

6-8 p.m. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. Grades 6-12. Collaborate with local artists while hanging out with friends. Art of Storytelling with Lindsay Barrett George. Pre-registration required. Info: jessica@thecooperageproject.org or 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 21

Family Jam

11 a.m.-Noon. Stoneworks Youth Center (behind The Cooperage), Honesdale. For young musicians of all ages and their musical adults. Join in a drop-in music circle, then head next door to The Cooperage to visit the Farmers' Market and pick up some

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fresh local products, enjoy a hot lunch from Mustard Seed, and hang out with the community. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 21

Music Under the Pavilion

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. Beat the winter blues and get cozy. The pavilion is enclosed with propane heaters and fire tables, but plan to layer up and stay toasty. Listen to awesome music and sip on finely crafted wines. Info: 570-949-4688 or info@threehammerswinery.com.

MAR. 21

Drag Bingo – Spring 2026!

7-10 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. A night of bingo, drag performances, laughter, and a whole lot of community spirit. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 21

Comedian/Magician Andy Gross: Are You Kidding Me?

8-10 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Multi-talented entertainer that combines stand-up comedy, magic and ventriloquism successfully together making him one of the most sought after corporate entertainers in the world. Table seating tickets include a cocktail server (credit card required) during the show. 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.

MAR. 22

St. Patrick's Parade

1:15 p.m. Stroudsburg to East Stroudsburg. Info: piacparade@gmail.com or poconoirishamericanclub.com.

MAR. 22

Ecozone Discovery Room!

1:30-3:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Explore the hands-on exhibit room. Climb into a bald eagle's nest, beaver lodge, bat cave, and more. No registration required. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAR. 26

"The Federal Government Today: Institutional Pressures and the Way Forward"

11:30 a.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. Schemel Forum's World Affairs luncheon seminar. Presented by The Hon. Bob Casey, Jr., Leahy Distinguished Fellow in Public Service, The Univ. of Scranton; former U.S. Senator from PA. Registration

required. Fees vary. Info: 570-941-4740 or schemelforum@scranton.edu.

MAR. 26

Senior Gathering

1:30-3:30 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Welcoming afternoons designed to bring older adults (60+) together in a warm and friendly setting. Light refreshments and engaging conversation. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.

MAR. 26

Book Club

3-4 p.m. Newfoundland Area Public Library, Newfoundland. Have some good reads, lots of laughs, and great company. Read a variety of books; as long as it's discussion-worthy, they might read it. Meets once a month on the last Thur., unless otherwise noted. Info: 570-676-4518 or napl@waynelibraries.org.

MAR. 26

"From Collaboration to Care: The Power of High-Performing Healthcare Teams."

5 p.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. 29th annual ACHE Healthcare Symposium: Registration required. Includes dinner, presentation and panel discussion. Fees vary. Info: 570-941-4527 or william.miller2@scranton.edu.

MAR. 26

"Gay and Catholic: A Long and Winding Road to Faith and Flourishing"

5:30 p.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. The Slattery Center and The Jesuit Center Lecture presented by Michelle Loris, Ph.D., associate dean, director of the Center for Catholic Studies, and professor of English at Sacred Heart Univ. Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu.

MAR. 27

Comedy Night at the Brewery

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

MAR. 28

Accepted Students Day

9 a.m. For students and their families of The Univ. of Scranton's class of 2030. Meet representatives from academic departments, student activities/services, financial aid, athletics and tour campus. Various locations on campus, Univ. of Scranton. Info: 570-941-7540 or admissions@scranton.edu.

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MAR. 28

Easter Express

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. 2-hour round-trip ride to the Bunny Trail to meet the Easter bunny and his friends, who will be available for pictures. Pet a bunny, enjoy an Easter story, and various other Easter activities with the whole family. All kids receive an egg carton to collect filled eggs to take home. Rain or shine. Info: thestourbridgeline.net or 570-470-2697 or info@thestourbridgeline.net.

MAR. 28

Marina Crawl Boats & Bites

11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Lay anchor at The Dock during Marina Crawl. Freedom Boat Club will be on site until 4 p.m. with some of its fleet and information on new tiki boat rides planned for 2026. Head inside for some R&R with live music by Fridge Magnet from 4-7 p.m., great drafts on tap and savory bites to fuel your adventures. Reservations required. Info: 570-226-4388 or info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

MAR. 28

Signs of Spring Hike

1:30-3:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Shake off the winter chill and discover the changes that announce the arrival of spring. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAR. 28

Sushi Night

5-9 p.m. Glass - Wine.Bar.Kitchen, Hawley. Seasonal sushi bar items. A la carte. Regular menu also available. Info: 570-226-1337 or info@ledgeshotel.com.

MAR. 28

Woodcock Walk

6:30-8 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Experience one of nature's most spectacular courtship displays as you look to watch the "sky dance" of the American woodcock at dusk. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or peec@peec.org.

MAR. 28

Pike-Wayne Trout Unlimited Banquet Fundraiser

7 p.m. Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley. Doors open 5 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Funds support ongoing nonprofit conservation efforts in local streams and rivers. Tickets: 570-352-8303. Info: pwtu.org.

MAR. 28

Performance Music: "In Concert"

7:30 p.m. Houlihan-McLean Center, Univ. of Scranton. The University of Scranton Singers and Symphonic Band. Free. Info: 570-941-7624 or music@scranton.edu.

MAR. 28

Classic Stones Live

8-10 p.m. The Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, Milford. Captures the raw energy of the most electrifying performances throughout The Rolling Stones' career, and recreates The Stones in their legendary prime. Table seating tickets include a cocktail server (credit card required) during the show. 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.

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MAR. 29

Chili & Wing Cookoff at Silver Birches

Noon-4 p.m. Waterfront at Silver Birches, Hawley. Enjoy the area's best chili and wings from area restaurants and individuals. Taste test all the entries and vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award. Live music, 50/50 raffle and more. Info: 570-226-4388 or info@silverbirchesresortpa.com.

MAR. 29

Jazz with Ballantyne, Marino & Dempsey

4-6 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. Jazz pianist, drummer and bassist. Info: 570-253-2020 or thecooperageproject.org.



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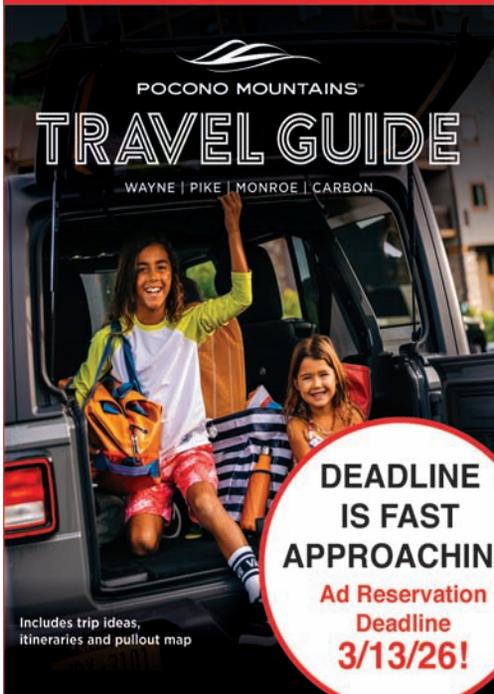
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