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To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.  
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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.**

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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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“Spring is nature’s  
way of saying,  
‘Let’s party!’”  
– Robin Williams

**S**pring arrives like a deep breath after a long winter—soft light stretching into the evening, the first brave blooms pushing through the soil, and that irresistible urge to throw open the windows and start fresh. It’s the season when our homes feel ready to wake up, and our gardens call us back with muddy boots and hopeful plans.

Inside, spring invites small transformations: a vase of daffodils on the table, lighter linens, a corner decluttered to make room for sunlight. Outside, the garden becomes a canvas again. Beds are cleared, soil is turned, and seeds—tiny promises—find their place. Whether you’re tending a well-loved plot or planting your very first container of herbs, this is the moment to reconnect with the simple pleasure of nurturing something that grows.

Spring reminds us that renewal doesn’t have to be grand. It can be as gentle as pruning a rose bush, refreshing a porch planter, or savoring the first cup of coffee outdoors. This season is an invitation to slow down, look closely, and let your home and garden bloom right along with the world around you.

Wishing you muddy boots, thriving blooms,  
and a home that feels newly alive this spring!

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# Declutter Bathrooms in 6 Simple Steps

**Due to their small size and heavy usage, bathrooms can become messy, cluttered areas for many families.**

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Source: Family Features  
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For those with smaller bathrooms, storage solutions can be even harder to find. Consider these organization tips to make your bathroom a clean and functional space for every member of the family:

## **Assess the mess**

Go through all the cabinets and drawers to clear out unused makeup, health care products and medications. Make sure the items you keep are used on a regular basis. Items used sparingly should be placed in an alternate location.

## Refresh Your Home: A Room-by-Room Spring Cleaning Checklist



### Go vertical

Medicine cabinets can quickly get stuffed when combs, toothpaste and other toiletries are stored horizontally. Use organizer cups with suction adhesives to contain items vertically and save space.

### Hang up in style

Old coat racks and ladders make perfect solutions for larger families to hang multiple towels. Snag an old one from a thrift store and paint it a bright hue, like red or turquoise, for a stylish bathroom accent piece.

### Avoid spills and squirts

Hair products, such as gels, mousses or hairsprays, can create sticky, tough-to-clean messes if liquid escapes the container in a drawer or cabinet. Avoid such mishaps by placing these types of items in plastic tubs instead of directly in the drawer or on a shelf.

### Divide and conquer

Bathroom drawers can become unruly if not organized. To keep items separate and tidy, insert dividers, such as those used for kitchen utensils. These often come in fun materials, such as bamboo or stainless steel, to add a fresh look.

### Assign cabinets or drawers

Try to use a large enough cabinet so each member of the family has his or her own space or drawer. This can help limit the amount of items high-maintenance family members can bring into the small area. Plus, it makes it easier for everyone to find their things.

Find more tips to transform your bathroom into a clean, organized environment, regardless of its size, at [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

Whether you're tackling deep cleaning for the first time or you have seasonal rituals for tidying up your home, this room-by-room guide can help you plan and conquer seasonal chores.

#### Whole Home:

- Declutter spaces: Donate, recycle or discard what you don't need
- Wash windows inside and out
- Dust baseboards, walls, vents and ceiling fans
- Wipe down doors, knobs and light switches
- Vacuum and clean under and behind furniture
- Clean curtains and blinds
- Store seasonal items like winter clothing and decor
- Replace air filters
- Shampoo carpet

#### Kitchen:

- Empty and wipe down refrigerator and freezer
- Clean oven, stovetop and microwave
- Scrub countertops and backsplashes
- Clean out the garbage disposal
- Sweep and mop floors
- Organize the pantry and throw away any expired items

#### Bathrooms:

- Scrub grout and tile
- Clean mirrors and glass surfaces
- Deep clean toilets
- Wipe down cabinets and bathroom fixtures
- Wash rugs, floor mats and the shower curtain and liner
- Empty trash and clean the bin

#### Bedrooms and Other Living Areas:

- Wash bedding, pillows and linens
- Organize closets and drawers
- Vacuum chair, couches and mattresses as well as under cushions
- Dust shelves and decor
- Clean light fixtures and lampshades

#### Outdoor Areas:

- Power wash patios, sidewalks and driveways
- Wipe down outdoor furniture and replace textiles like pillows, cushions and umbrellas
- Clear debris from garden beds
- Prune shrubs, plants and trees
- Organize garages and sheds
- Reconnect hoses and sprinklers
- Prep lawn equipment such as mowers, weed eaters and blowers

For more spring cleaning tips and tricks, visit [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

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# Start Planning Now for a Thriving Spring *Garden*

**While the winter weather put outdoor gardening on pause in most parts of the country, the colder months offered a perfect opportunity to begin preparing for a lush garden come springtime.**

With a little creativity, and some extra time spent creating a plan, you can set yourself on a path toward success before the growing season even begins.

## **Assess Your Space and Research Ideas**

Evaluate your current garden, taking note of what worked well last season and where improvements can be made. Use this time to sketch an updated layout, research companion plants and decide which fruits, vegetables or

flowers you want to grow next based on what did (or didn't) work last spring.

## Build an Updated Blueprint

After a long hard winter, now is the ideal time to upgrade your garden design and make tweaks for efficiency. Take the time to consider crop rotation patterns for optimal soil health as well as ways to maximize your space such as raised beds, trellises or containers. You can also make a list of materials needed for any new features you may be adding, such as an irrigation system, and map out their placement so you're ready to build as soon as the weather allows.

## Nourish the Soil

Even as the ground is thawing, you can prepare your garden beds by adding compost, leaves or organic matter, ensuring nutrients are available when planting season starts. Also remember to test your soil's pH level now, which can help guide your fertilization plan.

## Start Seeds Indoors

If you're eager to get your hands dirty, consider starting your seeds indoors. Early seed starting gives plants a head start, allowing you to transplant stronger seedlings outdoors when temperatures warm.

## Get Organized

Take the slower pace of April to clean and sharpen your garden tools, sort through leftover seeds and make a supply checklist so you're ready to dig in when planting days arrive.

Find more advice to get your garden ready to burst to life in spring at [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

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**Good Stuff**

# April Showers Bring May Property Damage

*Provided by Disaster Blaster*

Spring is a time of renewal, but with the welcome blooms and warmer days come the infamous April showers. While we often celebrate the rain for feeding our gardens and greening our lawns, these seasonal storms also bring risks that many homeowners and property managers overlook. April's wet and windy weather can quietly wreak havoc on homes, causing a range of issues that might not show up until the damage is done.

What makes April rain especially tricky is how easily damage can go unnoticed. Water and wind can slip into the smallest cracks or cause minor damage that turns into big problems later. That's why vigilance is key—being aware of the risks and knowing what to look for can help you catch issues early and avoid costly repairs down the road.

## Wind Damage

### *How Wind Can Harm Your Home*

Gusty April winds can be surprisingly powerful, often battering your roof, ripping off shingles, and loosening siding. Even moderate winds may cause enough stress to create vulnerabilities that worsen over time. Roofs with older shingles or siding that's already a little loose are especially at risk. Left unchecked, what starts as a minor problem can open the door to leaks and further structural damage.

### *Spotting Wind Damage*

After a windy day, take a walk around your property. Look for shingles that are missing, curled, or cracked. Check your siding for gaps, dents, or panels that have come loose. Sometimes, signs are subtle—like small granules from shingles collected in your gutters or faint rattling noises when the wind picks up again. Don't forget to inspect hard-to-see spots, like the roof's edge or behind bushes.

### *What to Do About Wind Damage*

If you notice any signs of wind damage, don't delay. Replace missing or broken shingles promptly and secure any loose siding to prevent water from sneaking in. For larger or hard-to-reach repairs, it's wise to call a professional roofer or contractor. Taking action quickly can prevent small issues from snowballing into major repairs. If you do experi-

ence wind damage, it's important to also check inside for any signs of water intrusion as well. If you do experience water damage inside your home, you will also want to contact a water mitigation firm like Disaster Blaster so this damage can be addressed properly before it gets worse.

## Water Intrusion from Wind-Driven Rain

### *How Rain Gets In*

During strong winds, rain can find its way into places you'd never expect—like around window frames, under roof shingles, or even through soffit vents under your eaves. Wind-driven rain can exploit tiny gaps and weaknesses, leading to slow leaks that might not be immediately obvious. Over time, even a small amount of water can cause significant damage inside your walls or ceilings.

### *Signs of Water Intrusion*

Keep an eye out for water stains around windows, on ceilings, or near vents. Peeling paint, bubbling drywall, or musty odors can all be early warning signs. Sometimes, you might spot water pooling on windowsills or notice a drip during heavy rainfall. It's important to investigate any suspicious spots as soon as possible, no matter how minor they may seem, as hidden leaks can spread and worsen quickly.

### *What to Do About Water Intrusion*

If you discover a leak, it's crucial to act immediately. Contact a professional mitigation company like Disaster Blaster right away to ensure the issue is addressed effectively and the affected area is thoroughly dried. It's important to keep in mind that water can wick into other building materials and drip down inside walls or under floors, potentially causing additional damage that you can't see. Prompt action helps prevent further damage and reduces the risk of mold growth, keeping your home safe and healthy.

## Basement Water Intrusion

### *Why Basements Flood in Spring*

Basements are especially vulnerable during April storms as heavy rain can saturate the ground around your home. When the soil can't absorb any more water, it often seeps through cracks in your foundation or rises up through the floor. Poor drainage, clogged gut-

ters, or improperly sloped landscaping can make the problem worse and increase the risk of flooding.

### *Identifying Basement Water Problems*

Early signs of trouble include damp walls, a musty smell, or small puddles after a storm. You might also notice paint peeling or white, chalky streaks (called efflorescence) on concrete walls. The first sign of a problem may be as seemingly harmless as some water droplets on your basement rafters – a sign of high humidity. Don't ignore these warning signs as they often indicate water is finding its way inside, even if the problem seems minor at first.

### *How to Address Basement Water Intrusion*

When you discover water intrusion in your basement, it's essential to bring in a professional mitigation company to ensure every affected area is thoroughly dried and all hidden moisture is addressed—this step is critical to preventing further structural damage and stopping mold growth before it starts. Equally important is tackling the root cause of the problem: invest in basement waterproofing solutions or take exterior measures like redirecting downspouts away from your foundation and regrading your yard to improve drainage. Remember, once water finds a way into your basement, it's more likely to return along the same path, and groundwater problems tend to worsen over time unless properly fixed—they rarely resolve themselves on their own.

April showers may be a fact of life, but with a little vigilance and early action, you can protect your property from the hidden hazards that come with spring storms. Being proactive now means fewer headaches—and less costly repairs—later in the year.

We hope this was helpful. While we hope you don't experience any property damage yourself, if you do happen to discover a water or mold issue, our team is always here to help.

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#### **About Disaster Blaster**

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# living green



## A Colonial *Garden for Me*

*By Stephanie Sherman*

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**There's an easy, cost-effective way to celebrate America's 250th this year, and it can be right in your backyard: a colonial garden. Subsistence gardening is a time-honored tradition that has helped millions get through economic challenges. Victory gardens, anyone? Simple in design, a colonial style garden provided nutritious crops and medicinal herbs to sustain a family.**

A colonial garden is a simple square plot of land with raised beds that were defined by tree saplings. The size of the garden depended on the size of the family it served. Normally, it was placed near a building, fence or hedge to provide protection from wind and animals and easy access. As practice grew, the designs became more elaborate with a center walkway and focal point like a fruit tree; mostly to indicate one's wealth at the time. Universally, these gardens held similar herbs, vegetables and flowers all valuable to those who tended them.

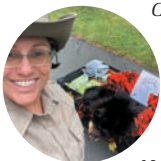
Utilitarian and orderly at their finest, the colonial garden was a mixture of old world plants from the Europe and new world



American species. Garden classics like cabbage, onion, carrots, and peas mixed with squashes, beans, corn, potatoes and peppers as common staples. Many medicinal herbs such as rosemary, lavender and thyme came from the old world and were planted next to echinacea, goldenrod and asters from the new world. Each plant was valued for its nutrition or unique abilities to help with common ailments in teas, tinctures and poultices. While every garden was unique, it served the common function of a family's health.

Gender roles for the garden divided as the size grew. Normally the man of the house would till the earth and build the beds while the woman planted, tended and harvested. A smaller garden near the home would provide herbs and small produce while larger plots would be tended for staple crops, at which point the entire family would assist in the upkeep of their food supply.

For 2026, my husband and I look forward to doing our own version of a colonial garden with a small embankment in our back yard. Needless to say, he can lay the lumber, but I've already selected our squashes, beans, greens and herbs to be started in seed bags for the coming months. Once the last snow melts, we look forward to transforming "March mud" into April sprouts! Cheers to keeping the time-honored traditions alive, my gardening friends.



Currently the Environmental Education Specialist with Tobyhanna State Park, Steph Sherman has spent over a decade exploring Poconos through her work with Pocono Environmental Education Center and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. An all

around adventurer, Steph looks forward to offering colonial programs at Tobyhanna, Big Pocono and Gouldsboro State Parks in honor of America's 250th.



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# A THREAD

By The Reverend Mrs. Silence DoGood

Dear Editor,  
 “I will never pull that thread!”  
 —Alice Bright Light

Alice made that statement during one of our meetings at the River Creek Inn. We regularly get together there to discuss “world politics” or as we call it, “gossip”. Alice Bright Light is my best friend. She is a full-blooded American Indian medium from North Dakota, having been born and raised there on an Indian reservation. The Inn’s management was kind enough to seat us in our favorite booth where we drank our special after-dinner drink, Green Chartreuse.

I was so excited to tell her about the Winter Olympics that I had been watching. She doesn’t follow sports. I was especially impressed with the 21-year-old American figure skater from Virginia Ilia Malinin.

He is known as the “quad god” because he is the first and only figure skater to consistently land all types of quadruple jumps in competition. A quadruple jump means that he rotates four times before landing. A quadruple axel means that he rotates four and a half times before landing. In 2022 he was the first skater to ever land a quadruple axel in competition.

As I watched him skate and win a gold medal for Team USA, we all listened to him speaking his own words broadcast over the loudspeakers. He is one of the first skaters to ever narrate his own program. I couldn’t make out all of his words, but I downloaded them afterwards. His spoken text is entitled “A Voice” and includes about six sayings.

The saying that impressed me the most is: “The past is not a chain but a thread; pull it and it may lead you home.” What a deep and philosophical statement. It made me think deeply about my own life. But why would a 21-year-old gold medal winner traveling around the world want to hear his own voice speak these words while he skated? Maybe he was homesick. Maybe he missed his Virginia home with his two naturalized Russian parents, his younger sister Liza and his two cats Mysti and Miu Miu.

I have reread his words. Each time I pull the thread, and it takes me to my childhood home. There were two parents loving me. Grandparents loving me. And my unmarried aunt who doted on

me. My home was encouragement, values and guidance. I always felt complete.

While I was telling Alice my thoughts about Ilia and the impact his words had upon me, she took my hand which was resting on the table and said:

“I will never pull that thread! I can’t go home because there was none.

As a very young child my mother took me to a tribal council meeting where she got into a screaming argument with another woman. My mother owed her money and she demanded it. My mother told her that her pension check hadn’t arrived and she couldn’t pay. I remember the woman saying, ‘We were both street walkers in Bismark and we don’t get pensions’.

My mother never told me who my father was, so I stopped asking.

And then my face. Everyone, even my mother and sister, called me “Wolf”. Kids in my school, teachers, even the elders on the reservation made fun of me. As long as there were mirrors, I couldn’t hide. There was no home”.

As the senior pastor of The First Church of God’s Love in the bucolic farming hamlet of Halo, Pennsylvania, I am often asked if I want to hold a newborn baby. I do enjoy that and as I hold the child, I say a silent prayer that this new person will have a home and will be loved. Not just for a day, a week, a year but for a lifetime. But if we don’t have a home in the beginning, we can still build strong structures in life through loving relationships including friendships.

Another saying from Ilia Malinin’s “A Voice” which resonates with me is: “Begin where light no longer reaches, where no path has yet been made”.

Amen.



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# Mind the Gap:

## Retirement Income Expectations vs. Reality

Written by Kate Beattie | Provided by Michael Krupa

**Retirement planning is often built on assumptions – how long we will work, how much we will spend and how long our assets will last. However, our research reveals a significant gap between expectations and reality in nearly every aspect of retirement spending.**

To gain a deeper understanding, Capital Group<sup>1</sup> surveyed investors across all retirement stages, from pre-retirees (50–64) to mature retirees (79+). Our findings reveal that pre-retirees can overestimate their ability to manage spending and extend their working years as a result, while retirees can face unexpected financial changes.

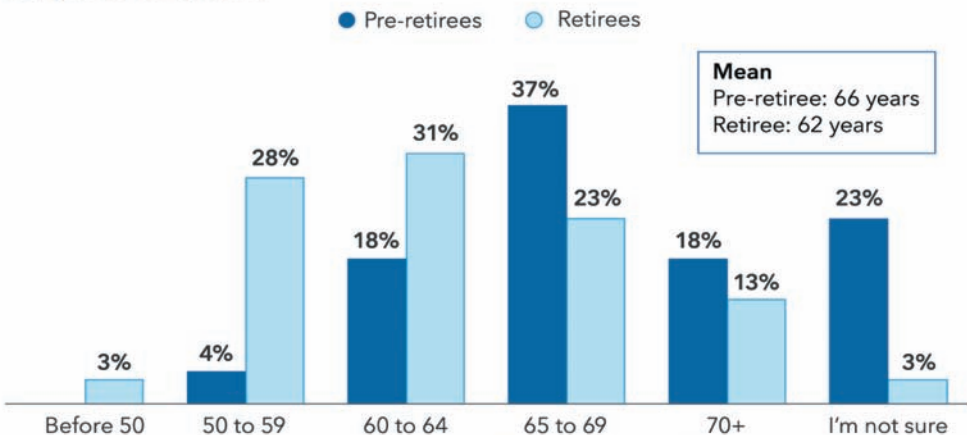
By focusing on the lived experiences of retirees, especially those in later stages, we explore evolving spending behaviors; what retirees wish they had known; and actionable strategies financial professionals can use to help guide their clients toward more informed retirement decisions.

### The retirement timing gap

Uncertainty is a constant in life, and retirement planning is no exception. Our research found that on average, pre-retirees expect to retire about four years later than the actual retirement age of those already retired, suggesting that retirement often comes sooner than planned. Indeed, our study found that there's a significant gap between when workers expect to retire and when retirees actually do. While active workers report a median expected retirement age of 66, current retirees say they retired at a median age of 62.<sup>1</sup>

**While not all pre-retirees know when they'll retire, they tend to plan to retire a bit later than retirees did**

Age plan to retire/retired



Source: Capital Group, "Retirement Spending," October 2024. In response to the question: At what age (are you planning to/did you) retire?

Notably, more retirees left the workforce earlier than expected due to unforeseen challenges rather than positive circumstances. According to our study, factors such as job loss, health issues, family responsibilities and caregiving needs were among the primary drivers of early retirement. This highlights a critical gap in retirement planning, as many individuals may overestimate their ability to continue working as planned. As might be expected, workers who lack confidence in their financial security for retirement tend to plan for a later retirement than those who feel secure. For example, according to a recent Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) survey, 50% of workers who are not confident say they either won't retire or are unsure when they will, compared to just 20% of those who are very confident.<sup>2</sup>

Building flexibility into a retirement plan and preparing for the unexpected can help mitigate potential disruptions. Having a backup plan in place can provide financial security when retirement doesn't unfold as originally envisioned.

## The role of Social Security and protected lifetime income

Social Security remains the primary income source for most retirees, with 97% of pre-retirees identifying it as a major component of their financial plan. Our research reveals that four out of five individuals aged 62 and over have already claimed benefits, often earlier than planned — typically at age 64 instead of 67.<sup>1</sup>

Meanwhile, we found some retirees delay claiming Social Security to potentially maximize benefits, viewing Social Security as a form of “longevity insurance” while relying on other income sources.<sup>3</sup>

## Retirement spending evolution

Retirement timing and Social Security decisions don't always go as planned, and retirement spending patterns often evolve in unexpected ways. While our research shows that only 16% of retirees report a decrease in spending,<sup>1</sup> a well-documented trend referred to as “the retirement spending smile” suggests that spending tends to start high in the early years of retirement, decline in the middle years and rise again later in life.<sup>4</sup> This pattern highlights the importance of adapting financial strategies over time.

In early retirement, many people initially struggle to shift from saving to spending but tend to prioritize travel and leisure once they do, which leads to increased discretionary spending. Travel slows in mid-retirement, and spending becomes more focused on essentials such as housing and day-to-day expenses.<sup>5</sup>

Our research found that mature retirees increasingly worry about health care costs,

which may cause them to shift financial priorities to protect assets for potential medical expenses.

This evolving spending pattern underscores the need for flexible retirement planning. Just as Social Security decisions affect long-term financial security, accounting for shifting expenses, particularly health care, may help retirees maintain financial stability throughout all stages of retirement.

## Guiding clients through retirement income and spending

Our research reveals critical gaps between retirement expectations and reality, highlighting the need for Social Security planning, protected lifetime income and strategic spending from retirement accounts. Financial professionals can help clients navigate these challenges in several ways:

**Plan for the unexpected.** Many retirees leave the workforce earlier than planned. Help clients build flexible income strategies and maintain cash reserves to anticipate needs.

**Optimize Social Security timing.** Claiming Social Security earlier than planned can impact lifetime benefits. Offer guidance on when to access Social Security as part of an overall retirement savings plan.

**Incorporate protected lifetime income.** Social Security alone may not be enough. Consider adding annuities and other protected lifetime income solutions to clients' retirement plans to help provide stability and longevity protection.

**Align spending with real-world behavior.** Encourage open conversations about priorities, budgeting and adjusting spending as retirement evolves.

**Build inflation and market resilience strategies.** Help clients preserve assets by balancing withdrawals, maintaining cash reserves and managing volatility.

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Mud  
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The Poconos Most Honest Season

By LA Guzda

**Breaking news from the Pocono Mountains: officials have announced a bold new initiative to address April's mud problem.**

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Starting this year, all hiking trails will be equipped with complimentary boot-cleaning stations, heated walkways, and optional “mud bypass lanes” for visitors who prefer their nature experiences tidy.

Just kidding.

It's April. And around here, mud happens.

After months of frozen ground and snowpack, the Poconos finally begin to thaw. Snow melts, spring rain arrives, and the forest floor softens into what locals affectionately call “mud season”. It's not glamorous, but it's real — and in its own messy way, it's one of the most honest times to be outside.

Trails that were icy just weeks ago now squish slightly underfoot. Puddles appear where you're certain there were none yesterday. Boots earn their keep. And dogs, if we're being honest, are having the absolute best time of their lives.



For families, mud season is practically an outdoor playground. Kids don't need elaborate plans or expensive gear — just permission to jump in a puddle or two. The woods feel alive again, with small streams running louder, birds returning, and the unmistakable scent of thawing earth filling the air.

Local hikers know the trick: embrace it. Waterproof boots, a sense of humor, and maybe an extra towel in the car go a long way. The goal isn't to stay perfectly clean. The goal is to get outside before summer crowds rediscover the trails.

Places like Promised Land State Park, Prompton State Park, and the forest trails around Lake Wallenpaupack offer plenty of early spring wandering. Just expect the occasional squishy step and the satisfying sound of boots doing what boots were made for.

April in the Poconos isn't polished. It's not the postcard version you see in July. But that's part of its charm. The forest is waking up. Water is moving again. And the landscape hasn't quite decided whether it's winter or spring.

So if you find yourself standing at the edge of a muddy trail this month, wondering if it's worth it — the answer is yes.

Just maybe leave the white sneakers at home.

Because in the Poconos, April has one very simple rule:

## ***Mud happens.***



THE AREA'S *GOOD STUFF*

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## Ongoing Events

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [hawleysilkmill.com](http://hawleysilkmill.com) or [info@cocooncoffeehouse.com](mailto:info@cocooncoffeehouse.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@silverbirchesresortpa.com).

**SATURDAYS****Yoga with Diane**

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

**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](mailto:ally@thecooperageproject.org) or 570-253-2020 ext 6.

April 1-30

**THROUGH APR. 23****Art Exhibit: "Early 20th Century Celebrity Portraits by P. W. Costello"**

Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Free during library hours. Info: 570-941-6341 or [michael.knies@scranton.edu](mailto:michael.knies@scranton.edu).

**THROUGH APR. 23****Art Exhibit: "Banknotables: Commemorative Currency Art"**

Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Free during library hours. Info: 570-941-6341 or [michael.knies@scranton.edu](mailto:michael.knies@scranton.edu).

**APR. 3****Easter Express**

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](http://thestourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [info@thestourbridgeline.net](mailto:info@thestourbridgeline.net).

#### APR. 3

##### Fondue Fridays

6-8 p.m. Milford Wine & Cheese Co., Milford. Indulge in delicious and creamy melted cheese fondue paired with an assortment of accompaniments for dipping. Elevate your experience with a selection of finely crafted wines to pair with your fondue. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance. Info: 570-949-4688 or [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com).

#### APR. 4

##### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

9-11 a.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Have breakfast with the Easter Bunny and learn fun facts about rabbits before hunting for Easter eggs. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

#### APR. 4

##### 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](http://thestourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [info@thestourbridgeline.net](mailto:info@thestourbridgeline.net).

#### APR. 4

##### Music Under the Pavilion - Burl Millings

2-5 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. An acoustic performance under the pavilion of the winery. Seating first-come, first-served. Info: 570-949-4688 or [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com).

#### APR. 4 & 5

##### Easter Specials

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Hawley. Festive menu featuring seasonal appetizers and entrées. Info: 570-226-4388 or [info@silverbirchesresortpa.com](mailto:info@silverbirchesresortpa.com).

#### APR. 5

##### Easter Brunch Buffet

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Silver Birches Resort, Hawley. Enjoy a holiday buffet while taking in views of Lake Wallenpaupack. Info: 570-226-4388 or [info@silverbirchesresortpa.com](mailto:info@silverbirchesresortpa.com).

#### APR. 5

##### Easter Dinner

Noon-6 p.m. The Settlers Inn Restaurant, Hawley. With piano music by Dan Bradley.

Reservations: 570-226-2993.

Info: [desk@thesettlersinn.com](mailto:desk@thesettlersinn.com).

#### APR. 5

##### Easter Brunch Buffet

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Take selfies with the bunny and celebrate with an incredible menu filled with traditional favorites and seasonal delights. Reservations: 570-536-6020.

#### APR. 7

##### 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](http://thecooperageproject.org).

#### APR. 7-8

##### Art Exhibit: "Art Educators Make Art: Pennsylvania Art Educators Association Northeast Juried Exhibition"

Hope Horn Gallery, Hyland Hall, Univ. of Scranton. Free during gallery hours. Info: 570-941-4214 or [darlene.miller-lanning@scranton.edu](mailto:darlene.miller-lanning@scranton.edu).

#### APR. 8, 18, 25, 26

##### Pocono Express

1 p.m. Honesdale Station, Honesdale. 1.5-hour round trip. Info: [thestourbridgeline.net](http://thestourbridgeline.net) or 570-470-2697 or [info@thestourbridgeline.net](mailto:info@thestourbridgeline.net).

#### APR. 9

##### 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. Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble with the original super-genius superhero: The Amazing Mr. Franklin. Light refreshments and engaging conversation. Info: 570-253-2020 or [thecooperageproject.org](http://thecooperageproject.org).

#### APR. 9

##### Lecture: "America, Viet Nam, and the 'White Space' of History"

4 p.m. Loyola Science Center, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by Jonathan Nashel, Ph.D., professor of history at the Univ. of Indiana South Bend. Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or [sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu](mailto:sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu).

#### APR. 9

##### "George Gershwin: Music and Healing"

6 p.m. Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine Auditorium. Performance, lecture and reception by Richard Kogan, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College, and artistic director, Weill Cornell Music and Medicine Program. Registration

required. Info: 570-941-4740 or [schemelforum@scranton.edu](mailto:schemelforum@scranton.edu).

**APR. 9-12****Pocono Fiber Arts Retreat**

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Unwind and get crafty. Spend a relaxing long weekend with fellow fiber art enthusiasts working on your own projects or learning a new skill. Lodging and meals included. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**APR. 10****"Pennsylvania Art Educators Association Northeast Juried Exhibition"**

5 p.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. Art gallery panel discussion. Free. Reception to follow at the Hope Horn Gallery. Info: 570-941-4214 or [darlene.miller-lanning@scranton.edu](mailto:darlene.miller-lanning@scranton.edu).

**APR. 10****Fondue Fridays**

6-8 p.m. Milford Wine & Cheese Co., Milford. Indulge in delicious and creamy melted cheese fondue paired with an assortment of accompaniments for dipping. Elevate your experience with a selection of finely crafted wines to pair with your fondue. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance. Info: 570-949-4688 or [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com).

**APR. 11****Accepted Students Day**

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

**APR. 11****Romping Radishes: Let Your Imagination Fly!**

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

**APR. 11****Pastel Drawing 101**

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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 11****Watercolor Basics**

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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 11****Pond Explorers**

1:30-3:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Use nets to catch and identify everything from tiny insects to amphibians. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**APR. 11****Acrylic 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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 11****Carbondale Comedy & Magic Show**

5-10 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Buffet dinner and a show. Featuring magicians Damian The Magician and Joseph Larosa. Chef Kawasaki is your host for an evening that includes comedians Tim Coniff, Cat Matthews and headliner Bill Lake. Info: 570-536-6020 or [info@hotelanthracite.com](mailto:info@hotelanthracite.com).

**APR. 11****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](http://thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 11****Amphibians After Dark**

7:30-9 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Join the staff to watch salamanders emerge and frogs begin to call as they become active for seasonal breeding. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**APR. 12****Alcohol Ink Markers**

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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 12****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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 12****Abstract Alcohol Ink**

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](mailto:info@theartfactoryofwhitemills.com).

**APR. 12****The Honey Badgers**

4-6 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. For folks who love thoughtful lyrics, fun fiddle solos, and sparkling harmonies, Info: 570-253-2020 or [thecooperageproject.org](http://thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 13-22****Environmental Art Show: "Nature Reimagined"**

Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Free during library hours. Info: 570-941-4740 or [marleen.cloutier@scranton.edu](mailto:marleen.cloutier@scranton.edu).

**APR. 15****Seminar: "How We Got to Now (The Henry George Edition)"**

4 p.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by Philip E. Auerswald, Ph.D., George Mason Univ., Schar School of Policy and Government. Free. Info: 570-941-4048 or [pamela.turbessi@scranton.edu](mailto:pamela.turbessi@scranton.edu).

**APR. 16****Hayes Family Competition in Physics and Engineering**

8:30 a.m. Byron Complex, Univ. of Scranton. For high school students. Registration required. Info: 570-941-7509 or [salisa.brown@scranton.edu](mailto:salisa.brown@scranton.edu).

**APR. 16-18****Performance: "Oklahoma!"**

8 p.m. Thur. & Fri.; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sat. McDade Center, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by The University of Scranton Liva Arts Company. tickets: [livaartscompany.ludus.com](http://livaartscompany.ludus.com) or [livartscompany@gmail.com](mailto:livartscompany@gmail.com).

**APR. 17****Feast Like A Viking Beer Dinner**

5:30-8:30 p.m. Wallenpaupack Brewing Company, Hawley. Channel your inner Norse spirit at a Viking-inspired beer dinner featuring four hearty courses—smoked meats, roasted roots, rich sauces, and an indulgent dessert—

each thoughtfully paired with bold craft brews. Costumes optional but encouraged. Attendees must be 21 or older to participate. Info: 570-390-7933 or [content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com](mailto:content@wallenpaupackbrewingco.com).

**APR. 17****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. Print making with Nancy Palubniak. Pre-registration required. Info: [jessica@thecooperageproject.org](mailto:jessica@thecooperageproject.org) or 570-253-2020 or [thecooperageproject.org](http://thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 17****Grateful Dead Night**

6-9 p.m. Glass - Wine.Bar.Kitchen, Hawley. Groove to the music of the Village Idiots. Featuring the staff in themed attire. No cover charge. Info: 570-226-1337 or [info@ledgeshotel.com](mailto:info@ledgeshotel.com).

**APR. 18****Girl Scout Badge Festival**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. A day of experiences crafted to meet badge requirements. Brownies complete the Outdoor Adventure and Eco Friend badges. Juniors complete the Eco Camper badge. Cadettes complete their Eco Trekker badge. Seniors work on their Paddling Badge. Overnight options available for all age levels; contact PEEC for details. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](http://peec@peec.org).

**APR. 18****Meadows 101: Learn, Plant, Grow**

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Van Scott Nature Reserve of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Beach Lake. Hands-on workshop perfect for those who want to connect with nature and gain practical experience in recreating this vital habitat in their own spaces. Info: 570-226-3164 or [steve@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:steve@delawarehighlands.org).

**APR. 18****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 fresh local products, enjoy a hot lunch from Mustard Seed, and hang out with the community. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or [jessie@thecooperageproject.org](mailto:jessie@thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 18****The Music and Stories of Pennsylvania's Past**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Milford. Lunch and Learn series: enjoy a hot meal and learn something new. Features Dave Matsinko, a talented multi-instrumentalist, singer, and educator from NE PA. Blending history and song, Dave brings the stories of PA's people to life using traditional and modern acoustic Americana music. Info: 580-296-9625 or [info@greytowers.org](mailto:info@greytowers.org).

**APR. 18****Performance Music: "In Concert"**

7:30 p.m. Houlihan-McLean Center, Univ. of Scranton. Featuring The University of Scranton Jazz Ensemble and guest soloist Jennifer Krupa, trombone. Free. Info: 570-941-7624 or [music@scranton.edu](mailto:music@scranton.edu).

**APR. 19****10K Run Walk for the Osprey**

Lacawac Sanctuary, Lake Ariel. Proceeds support the Browning Beaver Meadow Sanctuary. Info: 570-689-9494 or [info@lacawac.org](mailto:info@lacawac.org).

**APR. 19****Spring Waterfalls**

9 a.m.-Noon. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Explore local waterfalls transformed by spring rains with PEEC staff. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**APR. 19****Sing-Along Brunch Fundraiser**

10:30-11:30 a.m. Runaway Train Brewery, Honesdale. Enjoy a delicious brunch while singing along to favorite songs. Brunch and drinks are available for purchase separately. Fundraiser supports Honesdale's America250PA Celebration. Info: 570-228-0848 or [events@visithonesdalepa.com](mailto:events@visithonesdalepa.com).

**APR. 19****John Farrell Concert: "Spring is in the Air!"**

1-2 p.m. The Cooperage, Honesdale. For ages Pre-K through Elementary and their families. Joyful, interactive celebration of Mother Earth and springtime featuring singing, sign language, laughter, and movement for all ages. Free. Info: 570-253-2020 or [thecooperageproject.org](mailto:thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 19****Arbor Day: Tree Detectives**

1:30-3:30 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Celebrate Arbor Day early by learning how to identify local tree species and their benefits through hands-on activities. Call or register online. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

**APR. 22****Earth Day Plant Care Rx**

4-7 p.m. Gorgeous Floral, Hawley. Bring your ailing plant for basic plant care services such as trimming and re-potting. Get a professional care plan from the Gorgeous Floral team. Let them know what plant you're bringing. Includes light bites and refreshments. Info: 570-576-0490 or [info@gorgeous-floral.com](mailto:info@gorgeous-floral.com).

**APR. 22****Graduate Open House**

5:30 p.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. Registration required. Free. Info: 888-SCRANTON or [gradadmissions@scranton.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@scranton.edu).

**APR. 22****Humanities Forum Lecture**

6 p.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. "Shame must change sides: How Gisèle Pelicot, Trauma Studies and Survivor-centered Storytelling Can Inform a New Paradigm on Gender-based Violence" presented by Alexis Paige, author of two award-winning memoirs. Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or [sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu](mailto:sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu).

**APR. 23****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. Barbara Leo with a presentation that explores the remarkable phenomenon of bird migration. Light refreshments and engaging conversation. Info: 570-253-2020 or [thecooperageproject.org](mailto:thecooperageproject.org).

**APR. 23****Campus Take Back the Night**

5 p.m. Univ. of Scranton. Dionne Green. Free. Info: 570-941-6194 or [brandice.ricciardi@scranton.edu](mailto:brandice.ricciardi@scranton.edu).

**APR. 23****Myers Fellow Lecture: "Shattered Dreams, Infinite Hope"**

5:30 p.m. Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by Brandon Terry, Ph.D., Harvard Univ. and the co-director of the Institute on Policing, Incarceration, and Public Safety at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. Free. Info: 570-941-4700 or [sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu](mailto:sarah.kenehan@scranton.edu).

**APR. 25****Junior Open House**

9 a.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. Registration required. Free. Info: 888-SCRANTON or [admissions@scranton.edu](mailto:admissions@scranton.edu).

**APR. 25****Safe Boating Classes**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, Hawley. Comprehensive safe boating class sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Flotilla 15-03. 8-hour, in-person course covers essential skills knowledge for responsible boat operation. Participants receive a Boating America book, course materials, and upon successful completion, a U.S. Coast Guard Boaters Education Certificate and card. Info & registration: Anthony Wojnar, 570-706-6680.

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**APR. 25****Romping Radishes: Let's Go Fly a Kite!**

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](http://thecooperageproject.org).

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**APR. 25****Art at the Towers**

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Grey Towers National Historic Site, Milford. Observe artists at work, engage with their creative process, and purchase original artwork, all while enjoying the historic grounds associated with the Pinchot family. Rain date: Sunday, April 26. Info: 570-296-9625 or [info@greytowers.org](mailto:info@greytowers.org).

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**APR. 25****Earth Day Festival**

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry. Celebrate the Earth with hands-on activities, conservation exhibits, vendors, crafts, food, music, and more. Info: 570-828-2319 or [peec@peec.org](mailto:peec@peec.org).

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**APR. 25****Three Hammers Wine & Cheese**

Noon-3 p.m. Three Hammers Winery, Hawley. Fundraising event benefits Wallenpaupack Historical Society. Three Hammers Winery introduces its new release, The Centennial wine. Basket raffles, 50/50 drawing, and purchase books. Wristbands required for entry and all purchases. Info: 732-320-3043 or [walleppaupackhistory@gmail.com](mailto:walleppaupackhistory@gmail.com).

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**APR. 25-26****National History Day State Competition**

8 a.m. Univ. of Scranton. For qualifying students from PA. Pre-registration required. Info: 570-941-4549 or [nhdparegion2@gmail.com](mailto:nhdparegion2@gmail.com).

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**APR. 25-26****Friends of the Library Book Sale**

9 a.m. Sat.; Noon Sun. Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Info: 570-941-6195 or e-mail [melisa.gallo@scranton.edu](mailto:melisa.gallo@scranton.edu).

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**APR. 26****The Dolphins String Quartet**

3 p.m. Great Room at Grey Towers N.H.S., Milford. A very unusual group of players/composers in a program featuring quartets by Beethoven, Dvorak, Schulhoff, and their own music.

Info: [kindredspir@yahoo.com](mailto:kindredspir@yahoo.com) or 570-390-8699 (voice/text).

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**APR. 28****Math Integration Bee**

3:45 p.m. DeNaples Center, Univ. of Scranton. Calculus-based high school math competition. Registration required.

Info: [scranton.edu/academics/cas/math/bee.shtml](http://scranton.edu/academics/cas/math/bee.shtml) or [stacey.muir@scranton.edu](mailto:stacey.muir@scranton.edu).

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**APR. 29-30, MAY 1-3****Performance: "The Apiary"**

8 p.m. Wed., Thur., Fri. & Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. McDade Center, Univ. of Scranton. Presented by The University of Scranton Players.

Info: 570-941-4318 or [players@scranton.edu](mailto:players@scranton.edu).

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**APR. 30****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](mailto:napl@waynelibraries.org).

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**APR. 30****"Unveiling Niccolò Betti's Madonna and Child with the Young St. John the Baptist"**

5:30 p.m. Weinberg Memorial Library, Univ. of Scranton. Lecture, exhibit and light refreshments, presented by John Powell and Robert Simon, Ph.D. Registration required. Free.

Info: 570-941-4740 or [schemelforum@scranton.edu](mailto:schemelforum@scranton.edu).

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**APR. 30****Trivia Night**

6-7:30 p.m. Wayne County Public Library, Honesdale. Facilitator: Elizabeth Wilson. Four to six people in a team. Prize awarded to winning team. Space limited, teams must register. Contact Miles to register at 570-253-1220 or [mkeesler@waynelibraries.org](mailto:mkeesler@waynelibraries.org).

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**APR. 30, MAY 1****Applied Ethics in an Era of Globalization: Perspectives from East and West**

9 a.m. Loyola Science Center, Univ. of Scranton on Apr. 30 and Brennan Hall, Univ. of Scranton on May 1. Free. Info: [tinyurl.com/GlobalEthics2026Scranton](http://tinyurl.com/GlobalEthics2026Scranton) or [asianstudies@scranton.edu](mailto:asianstudies@scranton.edu).

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