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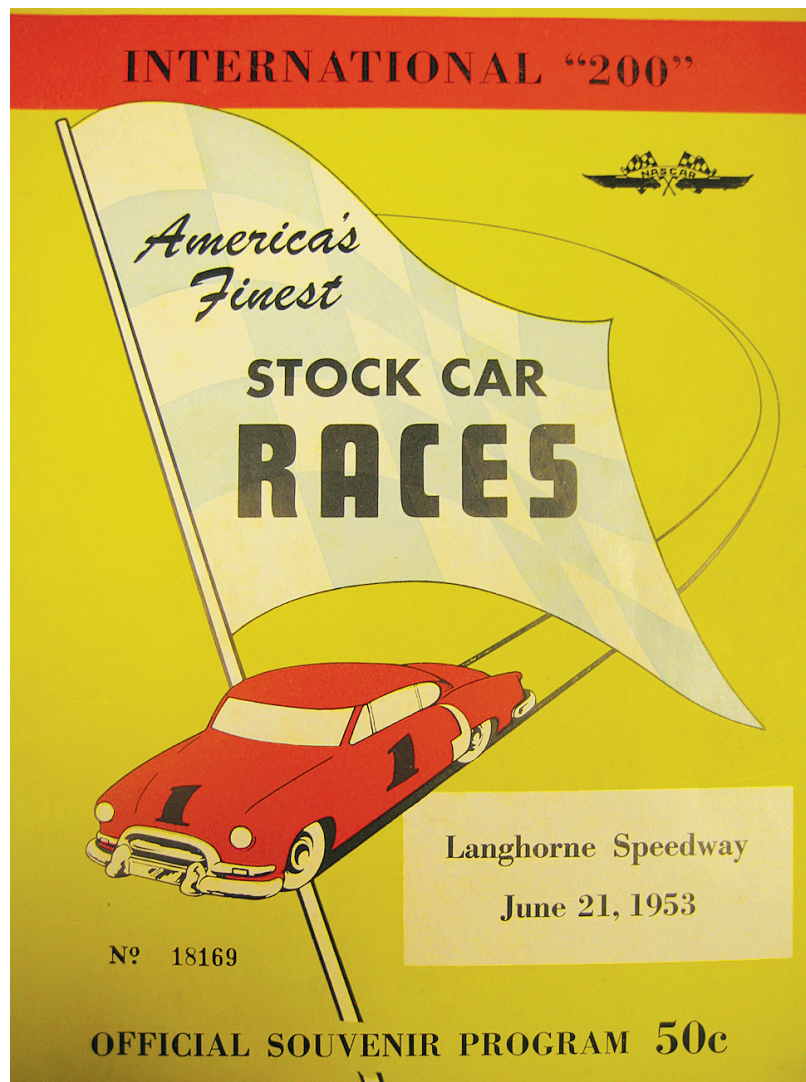
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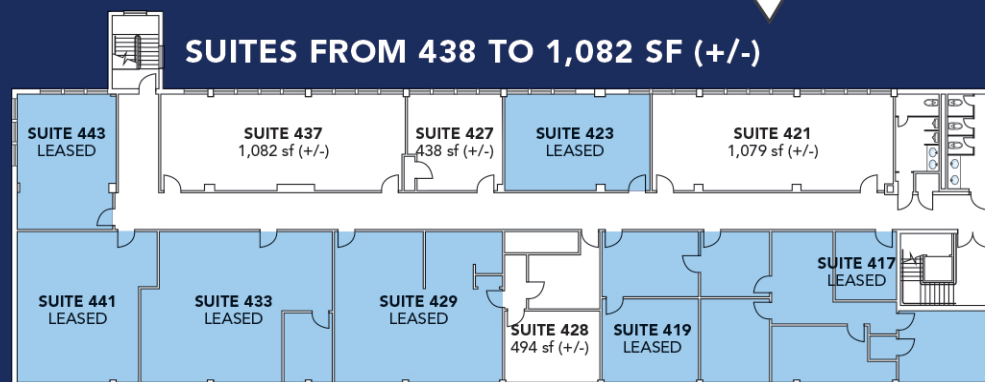
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Letters to the Editor: The Clothes We Wore

I had to write and tell you how much I loved and got a laugh from last month's reader-contributed article on "the clothes we used to wear." It was hysterical and brought back memories of fads and fashions I'd forgotten about. The photos you found to accompany these well written stories were perfect!

Your readers are always so right on but this topic really seemed to bring out some deeply held beliefs, dreams, self-images from the past, and I was touched by how candid and self-effacing these little reveries were. It was quite profound and touching to look back and realize how crazy and fearless (and a little nuts) we all were in our youth.

Keep doing the great job you always do. People love the Leader and would read it even without the lottery you offer in each issue (though I always wonder where are those free ads you offer the winners for the charities of their choice).

Thanks for all the local news and tips in your very useful and beloved paper, which focuses on US and our towns. Keep up the good work! —*Nan Herson / Penndel*

Nan, you really summed up exactly what we were aiming for with that article. It was not just about the

clothes but about the "crazy, fearless (and a little nuts)" selves that we used to be—and maybe still are, deep down.

As for the charity ads, we do run them but usually not in the same issue as the Lottery winner that chose them. That's for a few reasons. One, the charity often takes a long time to reply to our offer (they are skeptical that the ad is really free and think it must be a scam); and secondly, we let them choose the issue they want to be in, up to a full year in the future. They usually pick an issue that lines up with their biggest fundraising event.

Thanks again, Nan, for your kind and encouraging words. —*Editor*

After reading "The Clothes We Wore" I had to email you. In the late 60s/early 70s I used to wear something called a Nehru jacket. It was a light, tailored jacket—more like



a shirt, really—that came to your hips and had an upturned collar. I think John Lennon used to wear one. It was based on a clothes style from India. As a young man I thought it made me look really deep and spiritual, but I was really just interested in picking up hot hippie chicks. —*Richard Baines / Trevoise*

Bright yellow parachute pants. And platform shoes. Painter's pants. Levi's button-up jeans. Cutoff shorts laced up the side, and plaid flannels. LOL —*Tina Budman-Rutkowski*

Dear Leader Readers, whenever you see anything in The Leader that stirs some thoughts or memories please feel free to text or email them to us.

Sharing these small memories can be a positive thing for our greater community. Readers you have never met will recognize a piece of their own lives in your comments.

Considering how divided our nation has become, it's good to be reminded that we share a common bond of memories and experiences.

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“The Most Murderous Track There Ever Was”

The Lore and Legend of Langhorne Speedway

Many of Bucks County’s baby boomers remember Langhorne Speedway and may even have sat in the stands to watch a few races (risking their lives in the process) before it closed in 1971. The Speedway still stands in auto-racing lore as one of the most dangerous, difficult and exciting race tracks in American history.

Presented here are excerpts from a talk by Alison Kreitzer, PhD, a public historian whose research examines the history of Mid-Atlantic dirt track automobile racing from the 1920s to the 1960s. The talk was presented at the Historic Langhorne Association building on March 25th. ■

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For roughly 45 years, Bucks County residents gathered at Langhorne Speedway to watch the nation’s top drivers compete in Indy cars, stock cars, sprint cars, midgets, and even motorcycles on the famed one-mile oval. Promoters offered roughly 3 to 5 automobile races at Langhorne each racing season.

The track was designed and constructed specifically for automobile racing, which was a growing pastime in the United States during the 1920s due to the increasing affordability of passenger cars. The track was located right here in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. Many of you have probably seen the historic marker



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for the speedway located in front of the former McCafferty (now Fred Beans) car dealership along Lincoln Highway.

This location was probably selected for a variety of factors including the availability of land and the location of Langhorne, roughly halfway between Philadelphia and Trenton. The location of the track allowed race fans from these larger cities to easily attend races in Langhorne by personal automobile or train/trolley.

Construction costs for the track were estimated at \$70,000, with inflation that equates to roughly 1 million dollars today. Spectator grandstands had an original seating capacity of 15,000.

The track was 70 feet wide with 4.5 feet banking.

The first race was a two-day affair. Drivers had twenty-four hours prior to the event to set a minimum qualifying speed of 90 miles per hour in order to participate in the racing events. Around 40 cars competed in time trials and qualifying heat races to determine the starting field of 24 drivers for the speed contest.

Philadelphia driver Fred Winnai won the 50-lap feature event and also set a new

world’s record for a one-mile lap time of 42 2/5 seconds with an average speed of 85 miles per hour.

For area residents, an afternoon at the speedway was a relatively affordable treat during the difficult economic years of the Depression in the late 1920s and early 1930s. A ten-cent hot dog

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An afternoon at the Speedway was an affordable treat during the Depression era.

in 1932 would cost roughly \$1.86 today. Ticket prices during the early 1930s ranged from 50 cents to \$4, which equates to roughly \$9 to \$74 today.

Langhorne business owners would have benefited from the Speedway’s racing schedule. Drivers and their race teams would arrive days prior to the race staying at local hotels and patronizing area garages and restaurants. It was also typical to see hotel and restaurant advertisements in racing programs for race fans who had travelled from out of town.

The first season at Langhorne was not celebrated as a financial success. Local papers noted that unless “better patronage is secured for the automobile races on the Langhorne Speedway, the racing will be discontinued in the future and the track abandoned.”¹

Speedway promoters could not afford to stage races unless they attracted better crowds to offset their operational costs. In an attempt to draw more spectators, promoters decided to sanction AAA racing events at the speedway for the 1927 season.

Langhorne Speedway was purchased by Ralph Hankinson in 1934. Hankinson was an established promoter who would go to Indianapolis each May and recruit the nation's top racecar drivers to compete on his eastern racing circuit.

By 1939, race fans from New York, New Jersey, Pa and Connecticut regularly came to Langhorne to watch a variety of racing action including AAA Championship series races and big car races. Motorcycle races also took place on the track during the late 1930s.

Langhorne hosted its first stock car race in 1939. This was a 250 lap race. Showing the growing regional popularity of stock car racing, this race attracted over 200 race entries with only 40 starting positions. Promoters offered significant prize money of \$5,500, which translates to over 100,000 in winnings today.

Safety concerns at Langhorne and other speedways during the interwar period were exacerbated by driver's attitudes toward their cars and a general lack of safety regulations at the nation's speedways.

Many drivers refused to wear helmets or other safety gear. Racing cars had open cockpit designs and weighed over 1,000 pounds. Drivers' torsos and heads were exposed above the tops of the cars. The racecars had no roll cage over the top of the cars to protect drivers in case the car flipped or turned over during the racing action.

Drivers were afraid of being pinned under their cars during an accident. They feared being crushed by their cars or being unable to escape the vehicle quickly enough, if their racecar caught on fire.

Drivers didn't wear seat belts. They thought it was safer to be ejected from the car during a crash. This resulted in drivers being thrown through the air at high speeds from crashing racecars. When reading through contemporary newspaper reports of accidents from the 1920s and 1930s, the most typical fatal injuries for drivers occurred as a result of fractured skulls or internal injuries from flying head first into guard rail, fence posts, or the track itself.

Langhorne Speedway became famous for consistently drawing in the nation's top drivers, and for the sheer speeds that their cars could attain on the track—but also because of the tragic accidents that occurred at the racing facility. Racing historians estimate that roughly 2 dozen racecar drivers lost their lives at Langhorne, plus I estimate another dozen fatalities of flaggers, spectators, and motorcycle drivers.



Race cars had open cockpits, and most drivers wore no helmets or seat belts.

Several racecar drivers over the years commented that they were more nervous to race at Langhorne than at any other track. Some drivers refused to race there at all believing that the rewards did not mitigate the risks. Racecar driver Bobby Unser claimed that Langhorne was the "most dangerous, most treacherous, most murderous track there ever was."

Why did Langhorne inspire such a mixture of awe and dread in the nation's top racecar drivers for over four decades? The answer lies in the original construction of the track.

While most dirt tracks are oval with two long straightaways, Langhorne was almost circular. People often described Langhorne as "the big left turn." On other tracks, drivers had time to rest their arms on straightaways. At Langhorne, drivers felt like they were constantly turning and driving flat-out through the highly banked corners.

Driving a racecar, especially during this period, took a lot of physical strength. Operating brakes, shifting gears, steering to avoid traffic (without power steering) and sometimes pumping your own oil all at the same time.

To make things even more difficult, the natural patterns of water underneath the surface of the track as well as drainage off the high banks, would leave huge ruts in the track surface.

According to racing legend, during one of the first races ever held on the track, the track surface was so bumpy that one of the drivers, Delaware's Russell Snowberger, became nauseous during the speed contest and vomited out the side of his car during the race.

The area between turns one and two was immediately christened as "puke hollow" and retained the nickname for the rest of the track's history

Racing fans knew that the racecars were traveling fast (between 80 to 100 mph), but spectators still wanted to be as close to action as possible. Spectators, especially teenage boys, would regularly run out onto the track during races or immediately following accidents.

Automobile racing in the US was suspended during WWII from July 1942 to August 1945.

The track continued to operate until it was shut down in 1971 due to concerns about drivers' safety as well as increasing community complaints about noise and traffic, as suburban housing developments (including Levittown) continued to spring up around the track. ■

Alison Kreitzer received her Ph.D. in the History of American Civilization from the University of Delaware in 2017. She has previously taught undergraduate history courses at the University of Delaware. Over the last decade, she has also worked as a public historian at various Delaware Valley nonprofits and museums, including the Botsiber Foundation, Hagley Museum & Library, Winterthur Museum, and the Delaware Historical Society.



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“The Crazy Butterfly Lady of Morrisville”

Approximately one billion monarch butterflies have vanished since 1990, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This drastic decline has been caused by several changes in the earth’s ecosystem.

The monarchs we see in the Northeastern U.S. are migrating creatures. They spend their winters in Mexico and head north as the weather begins to warm up. The first generation to set out northward may only make it to, say, Texas, where the females lay eggs on milkweed plants before the adult monarchs make their return journey south.

The eggs left behind are the next generation. They soon hatch into brilliantly striped caterpillars, eat vast amounts of milkweed, and wrap themselves in a chrysalis. The butterflies that emerge are among the most beautiful creatures on Earth. Then they continue their parents’ journey northward.

Milkweed is vital to the monarchs but is vanishing fast.

It may take 4 or 5 generations to make it as far north as Pennsylvania. The monarchs that make it this far migrate all the way back to Mexico in the fall, riding on air currents to complete the 3,000 mile trek.

Both coming and going, the monarchs now face enormous difficulties. In Mexico, the trees that they live in are rapidly disappearing as they are cut down for commercial use. Global warming can trick the butterflies into heading north too soon, before the milkweed plants they so vitally need are ready. And, worst of all, milkweed throughout the United States is vanishing due to the widespread use of herbicides and weed killers.

The situation is grim for the monarchs, but there is still hope. The Fish and Wildlife Service has stated that “No matter who you are or where you live, you can make a difference and help conserve the monarch butterfly. From a small pot on your front steps to a backyard pollinator garden, there are many ways individuals can provide essential habitat.”

One Bucks County resident has made it her mission to assist, and to spread awareness of the relatively easy steps that homeowners can take to help monarchs survive. Meg Grogan, who lives along the Delaware Canal in Morrisville, laughingly dubs herself “the crazy butterfly lady.”

But there is method in her madness.

Meg, a close and loving observer of all that happens in the ecosystem of her garden and backyard, has a keen grasp of what needs to be done.

“The single most important thing that individual homeowners and gardeners can do to help is plant some milkweed,” she told a Leader reporter. “Milkweed grows abundantly but people routinely pull it up. They think it’s unattractive and don’t realize how important it is to our ecosystem.”

Milkweed, she explained, is not only their main food but their main defense. The milkweed makes them taste bitter to predators, which include wasps and stink bugs. “Stinkbugs are bad. They’re not indigenous. They come from China and are attacking monarchs at a very vulnerable time.”

Meg Grogan’s interest in the butterfly crisis began one spring morning in 2012, when she came out of her house and saw a monarch on one of her butterfly bushes. She noticed that it had a tag on it, with a phone number. Curious, she called the number, found out about the effort to save the monarchs, and decided to become involved. “I was just recovering from breast cancer,” she said, “and this gave me a sense of purpose at a difficult time in my life.”

Living near the canal is a constant source of joy and discovery to a nature lover (and award winning photographer) such as Meg. “Sometimes people will scoff and say, ‘Oh you live in a trailer.’ I say yeah, and it’s like a fun camping trip all year round.” ■

Readers interested in helping to save the butterflies can visit monarchwatch.org to get a tagging kit, or Google “National Wildlife Federation’s Butterfly Heroes Program.”



Photos, clockwise from above: Meg Grogan in her backyard along the canal; a tagged monarch; a monarch caterpillar.



“Treasure Underfoot” at the Old Library in Yardley

The Yardley Historical Association will present “Treasure Underfoot at the Old Library,” an illustrated program about the renowned Langhorne Carpet Company. The program will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Library by Lake Afton, 46 West Afton Avenue, Yardley, PA 19067.

The area rugs in the Old Library by Lake Afton have attractively served their purpose since the O’Hara family donated them in the 1980’s. Last year, the time had come to have them rebound. The repair process was a revelation. The rugs are 70 years old and were made by the Langhorne Carpet Company, a family-owned and operated Bucks County enterprise.

The Company is regarded as the finest and longest continuously operated Wilton carpet mill in the United States. Its fine worsted wool products and museum-quality historical reproductions grace grand rooms in residences and landmarks worldwide.

The story of the Langhorne Carpet Company will be told by Winnifred Morrow, Executive Vice-President. She and her brother continue the Company’s tradition of family leadership begun in the 1930’s. She will relate how the business started with a purchase of looms unwanted by Henry Ford, what the company’s operations entail, and where its products have found homes. Family stories will be told, including how her mother ran the company during World War II and still handles the most complex design projects.

For more information about this free presentation and other activities of the Yardley Historical Association, call 215-493-6625, e-mail info@yardleyhistory.org, or visit www.yardleyhistory.org.

The Yardley Historical Association ensures the preservation and maintenance of the Old Library by Lake Afton and its collections of books, newspapers, photographs, and ephemera related to the history of Yardley and its surroundings. ■



The fascinating story of the Langhorne Carpet Company, in business since 1930

What popular song, released in 1984, includes these lyrics?

Dream, if you can, a courtyard
An ocean of violets in bloom
Animals strike curious poses
They feel the heat, the heat between me and you

(Answer on page 27.)

The Yardley Business Association is proud to once again present the **Annual Yardley Beerfest**. The event is on Saturday May 11, 2019, from noon until 4. The location is Fitzgerald Field on 17 S Delaware Ave (River Rd) in Yardley. Along with the numerous beers to sample we are presenting a new **HOME BREW COMPETITION**. Come sample what members of the homebrew club members are brewing and vote on who is the best. Enjoy music by Big Whiskey and try some great food from the various food vendors.

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Museum educator Alice Schwartz will present a free lecture about Emanuel Leutze’s 19th century painting, *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. in the Washington Crossing Historic Park (PA) visitor center.

Schwartz, a former museum educator at the Metropolitan Museum

of Art in New York, where the painting currently resides, will discuss Leutze’s artistic process and the choices he made in creating what is now the most iconic image of the Revolutionary War.

This is a free event, but registration is required by calling the park at 215-493-4076. ■



Strawberry Festival in Newtown, June 1

The Annual Strawberry Festival celebrating the beginning of summer will be held on the grounds of the Historic Presbyterian Church in Newtown on Saturday, June 1st from 11am-3pm. Once again, this year’s event promises to be a time of fun for the entire family!

The Festival will feature strawberry shortcut made with the first fresh picked strawberries of the season from Shady Brook Farm. The

activities for the day will include good music, great food, including popular pulled pork sandwiches, games, face painting, balloon art, and prizes.

Come early for your chance to purchase Bountiful Baskets full of valuable bargains! Baskets will feature items from area merchants, themed baskets, children’s toys, etc. In addition, Lancaster County sharp cheese, strawberry jams

and breads, chocolate dipped strawberries, and goodies will also be for sale.

Historic Presbyterian Church is located at 76 North Sycamore Street, Newtown 18940. All proceeds from the festival are used toward the maintenance and beautification of the Historic Presbyterian Church. For additional information, call the Newtown Presbyterian Church office at (215)968-3861. ■

Langhorne Neighbors Dinner Dance

Langhorne Neighbors’ Association will hold its annual Fundraising Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 1st from 7-11 PM at Michael’s Restaurant, 935 Lincoln Highway, Morrisville, PA 19067, featuring DJ Jammin’ Jeff.

The event, which supports Clark Family Breast Cancer Services, Inc., includes a delicious buffet dinner which includes hors d’oeuvres, chicken marsala, penne pasta, hot roast beef, roasted potatoes and green beans. Wine, beer and soda are also included.

The mission statement for Clark Family Breast Cancer Services, Inc. is to educate, motivate and support, not just the individual diagnosed with breast cancer, but the entire family

as well. Through Education, we spread awareness. Through Motivation, we uplift their spirits. With Support, we will stand by them. For more information, please visit their website: www.clarkfamilybreastcancerservices.org.

For tickets, please contact Darlene: 215-891-1660 or langhorneneighborsassociation@gmail.com.

There will be a number of upscale raffle baskets available, as well as a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Please bring some cash for a chance to win some great prizes! Cost is \$45 per person which includes dinner, wine, beer, soda, DJ and door prize entry. Please join us! ■

Dorothy Vislosky, a former Falls Township elected official, collected massive quantities of possessions during her lifetime. She passed away in November 2014.

There are thousands of items stacked floor to ceiling in three buildings. Things like: dishes, furniture, toys, sports equipment, house wares, building materials, sewing supplies, clothes, shoes and so much more.

Her daughter Jan has scheduled 4 estate sales to sell off Dorothy’s many possessions. Beginning May 4th, 2019 and the first Saturday of every month throughout the summer, there will be an estate sale with different items each time.

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**Estate Sales will be held
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For questions, see our website at www.DorothysTrashAndTreasures.weebly.com

Hazardous Waste Collection @ BCCC, May 11th

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, at Bucks County Community College's Main Campus (275 Swamp Road, Newtown) from 9am – 3pm.

What you CAN bring: up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products, including pesticides; flammables such as gasoline, kerosene or heating/motor oil, oil-based paint, paint thinner and spot remover; caustics such as ammonia-based cleaners, degreasers, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, metal cleaner; toxic materials such as antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, mercury, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, rust and paint remover, weed killer; batteries including button batteries, lithium batteries, rechargeable batteries, and batteries for cars, trucks, marine and motorcycles; mini propane tanks that are 2 pounds or less; and fire extinguishers.

What you CAN'T bring: electronics of any kind (TVs, computers, cell phones etc); latex paint; appliances, with or without Freon; asbestos; explosives or ammunition; gas cylinders; alkaline household batteries; medical waste or prescription drugs; non-hazardous waste; PCBs; propane tanks greater than 16 oz; smoke detectors; radioactive waste; tires; any unidentified waste.

For additional information on disposal options, contact the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400 or the PADEP Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242. ■

Spring into the Arts! Festival at Bucks County Free Library, May 11

Spring into the arts! Join the Bucks County Free Library to celebrate the arts at a free arts festival at the Doylestown Branch on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stop by the library to enjoy live dance, vocal, and musical performances featuring Ballet Arts of Bucks County, the Bucks County Choral Society, Bucks County Country Gentlemen, Central Bucks Gymnastics and Dance, Central Bucks West Jazz, Morrison & Doran, Music Nation Academy, and the Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing, and vocal and instrumental performances by local artists.

In addition, there will be face painting, live art demonstrations by the Michener Art Museum, arts and crafts, food trucks, and more! You do not have to have a library card to join the celebration.

Visit <https://buckslib.org> to learn more and to see a schedule of performances. ■

Name the popular rock song, released in 1983, that includes these lyrics:

So I call up my preacher, I say: "Gimme strength for Round 5"
He said: "You don't need no strength, you need to grow up, son."
I said: "Growing up leads to growing old and then to dying,
And dying to me don't sound like all that much fun."

—Answer on page 27



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Leader Lottery Winner: Nancy Fisher



Nancy Fisher, of Yardley Commons in Yardley, was our Leader Lottery winner for the April issue of *The Lower Bucks Leader*. She picked up her copy of *The Leader* at Fairless Hills Produce Center, at 636 Lincoln Highway in Fairless Hills.

“In this fast-paced world,” Nancy says, “it’s refreshing to hold a local newspaper highlighting local events. Besides, there is always the fun chance of winning \$100, should you be so lucky.”

As it turned out, Nancy was indeed so lucky. By checking the lottery questions for that issue (always on page 2) she saw that her lucky number was Y76. She then found a matching number in the ad for Superior Tank & Energy, a local company specializing in oil tank installations, removals, and other tank-related services. She filled out her lottery ticket and mailed it to *The Leader*; on the day of the drawing it was picked at random from a small pool of finalists.

Nancy, who was born and raised in New York, has lived in Yardley for the past 20 years. “Since retiring in 2011, I have worked part-time at Kol Emet as an assistant teacher. Kol Emet is a Reconstructionist Jewish Congregation that strives to encourage spiritual fulfillment, happiness and

meaning for its members and their families through interactive worship, life-long education and service to our community and the larger world.”

Leader Lottery winners receive \$100 for themselves; they also get to choose a charity, community cause or organization that has special meaning for them, for which *The Lower Bucks Leader* provides a free promotional ad or fundraising message. Not surprisingly, Nancy chose Kol Emet to receive the free ad. (It’s on page 27 of this issue.)

Leader Lottery is a feature of every issue, in which readers can win money for themselves and free fundraising publicity for their favorite charity or community cause. It’s free, it’s easy, and all you need is the paper you’re holding in your hand. You’ll help our community just by playing. Do you have the lucky number? See page 2 to find out!

Lottery tickets for this latest issue must be received by midnight on Tuesday, May 23rd. You can simply take a picture of your ticket and email or text-message it to Editor@LowerBucksLeader.com. Tickets can also be sent by regular mail; or you can go to www.LowerBucksLeader.com, click on “Leader Lottery” and fill out a ticket online. ■

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Tips from Leader Readers

You can actually use your coffee maker to make grilled cheese sandwiches. The burner plate on a typical coffee maker (what the carafe sits on, in other words) is meant to keep your coffee at about 165 degrees, and that's plenty for this job. It works great and there's no pan or skillet to clean up afterward. Just place some aluminum foil over the burner, lay the sandwich right on top, and lay some foil over the sandwich. When it's warmed to your liking, just flip it.

—Gary Greer / Feasterville

I noticed on Nextdoor.com that many residents are reporting car break-ins, although it's not actually a break-in because they leave their cars UNLOCKED overnight. This happens periodically as the perp runs out of drug money. Leader Readers, LOCK your cars or you may be the next victim of the «Car Hop Bandit.»

He got me about 7 months ago and took an \$80 battery jumper and trashed the inside of my Jeep with paperwork from the glovebox. Never again!

—Ben F.

Gather up your clothes dryer lint from its trap and put it out for the birds to use as nesting material. The birds will love it.

—Joan B.

It's not a good idea to water your grass every day, except in a really dry hot spell. Daily watering leads to shallow roots. It's better to give your grass a good prolonged watering once a week, assuming you get some rain, or twice a week if you get no rain. This encourages deeper roots and more resilient grass.

—Linda Keenan / Lower Makefield

Onions get mushy if stored in the fridge. Keep them in a dark, cool spot that gets good ventilation. A wicker basket in a shaded part of your kitchen is a good place.

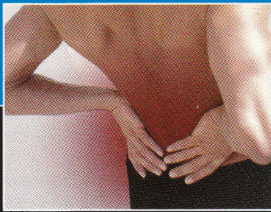
—Steve Meminger / Fairless Hills

When I need to get ready for work in a hurry, I often bring my button-down shirt into the bathroom with me and hang it from a towel rack while I'm taking a hot shower. The steam leaves it wrinkle-free, no need to get out the ironing board. By the time I've dried off and shaved, the shirt is no longer damp.

—H.J.

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11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Home for Sale

Levittown - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help home sellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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SPRING FLEA MARKET at the Faith Reformed Church, Saturday, May 18, 7:00 am till 3:00 pm - 479 Stonybrook Drive, Levittown Pa 19055 - Vendors set up at 6:00 am - Public shops 7:00 till 3:00 pm - \$15.00 for a vendor space - shoppers free - Paved spaces - food & beverages - music and more - for info. and vendor space - 267-229-6030 or gmsperformance@aol.com - rain date is May 25th. - all proceeds benefit the church.

A Wing and a Prayer Brass Ensemble and The Emmaus Road Lutheran Church presents; "Sweet Sounds of Spring" concert to benefit our youth scholarship fund. The Concert takes place on Sunday June 9th beginning at 7:00pm at the Emmaus Road Lutheran Church 2185 Bristol Oxford Valley Road Levittown, Pa and will feature the "Acclamation Ringers" Bell Choir and the renowned "A Wing and a Prayer" Brass Ensemble Tickets can be purchased at the door for a donation of \$10.00. Refreshments will be available for sale. For more information about "A Wing and a Prayer" Brass Ensemble please visit our facebook page at: fb.me/awingandaprayerbrassensemble

Historic Langhorne Association will host "Broadway at the Beach," a bus trip to Surfflight Theatre in Beach Haven, NJ on Thursday, July 18th. \$100 cost per person includes deluxe restroom-equipped coach, luncheon at Carmen's, and the musical Mamma Mia. All gratuities are included. Payment is due before June 21st and luncheon choices must be made in advance. To register, or for more information, call Lynda Johnson at 215-702-0438.

Rep. John Galloway hosts his 5th Annual Shredding Event on Saturday, May 11th from 9am to noon - or until the truck is full. The event takes place at Westaby Hall parking lot, 425 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills. Staples are OK but paper clips cannot be accepted. There is a limit of 2 bags or boxes per person. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for our

local food bank. For additional information please contact our office at 215-943-7206.

Twilight in Fallsington, **Saturday, May 18th from 4-7 PM**. Sample delectable treats along with libations from local restaurants and caterers while enjoying entertainment and a behind-the-scenes look at the Stagecoach Tavern. **Tickets \$35.00 pp. Reservations call 215-295-6567**

The African American Museum of Bucks County (AAMBC) is honoring several special community members at their inaugural Gala and fundraiser on May 11, 2019 at Spring Hill Manor in Ivyland, PA. Tickets are \$125 and are available through the AAMBC website, infoaambc.org. Proceeds will benefit our scholarship awards, the various educational programs we promote throughout Bucks County and our goal to establish a permanent building for the Museum.

The Friends of the Yardley Makefield Library will host a FREE (Limited Seating) community program on May 11th from 2-3 PM. Cabaret singer and songwriter Karen Gross will present a cabaret homage to her roots in Bucks County--celebrating the area's extraordinary music, art and natural beauty. **Yardley-Makefield Library** is located at **1080 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067**. Visit www.ymfriends.org or email yardleyfriends@yahoo.com.

Fallsington Library's 2nd Annual Jewelry & Book Sale will be held on Saturday May 11 from 9am - 1pm in the First Floor Meeting Room. The library is located at 139 Yardley Ave., Fallsington, PA 19054.

Also at Fallsington Library: Tuesday, May 28, TRAIN CLUB! Come celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Trans-Continental Railroad! All-day event (2 to 8 pm) with electric railway layouts on the first and second floor.

Michael Jesberger will present "The Revolutionary War in Bucks and Montgomery County, PA" Northampton Public Library, an educational program about the common soldiers who fought in the American Revolution and the various incidents that took place in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. He will also share reproduction-periods items, uniforms, maps and eyewitness accounts. Sponsored by the Friends of Northampton Library. Thursday, May 16th from 7-8:30 PM.

High Tea Fundraiser @The Church of the Incarnation, 1505 Makefield Road, Morrisville, PA. Sunday, May 19th, 12n or 2pm seating. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information contact our office 215-295-2259.

Children's Book Swap at Yardley Friends Meeting May 11, 10-2 PM at 65 North Main Street in Yardley. Free book swap, moon bounce, face painting, story reading and more kid-friendly activities, plus food and drink! SIMPLE GIFTS Folk & World Music duo will also perform at a music workshop and concert. Workshop 4-5:30 - bring your own instrument and play with them! Concert 7-9, with reception following. More info at yardleyfriendsmeeting.org

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1SEO: 10 Years of Guiding Businesses Toward Better Digital Marketing

A business owner can hardly go a day without hearing about the importance of digital marketing. Unfortunately, with so many daily demands and the ever-changing online platforms, maintaining and growing your online presence is a daunting task.

1Seo IT Support and Digital Marketing is a locally run business with roots right here in Bucks County, and they are celebrating their 10-year anniversary. We sat down with the founder and CEO, Lance Bachmann, to talk about what has made his company a success and how they help other business owners to grow their brands online.

“10 years ago, the online marketing landscape was vastly different,” he said. “Our team has managed to keep up with the times by constantly learning and testing.”

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This commitment to continuous learning and development is what has established 1SEO as a leader in the digital marketing community. Some of their accolades include Inc5000 Award Winner, Google Premier Partner Award, US Search Award, and Facebook Premier Partner.

“Our first step is to sit down with small business owners and audit their current digital marketing presence, find out what is working and where there is room for improvement.” Lance explained, “We listen to the client and find out what their goals are for their company. We then create a personalized strategy to help them achieve those online goals.”

He also noted that failing to silo their digital marketing is a mistake many businesses make. “They don’t understand that your SEO and your social media presence go hand in hand. Facebook and Google are seen as free resources, when in fact it costs time and money to get the right people to see your message. By having a well-tested strategy that aligns to a business’ goals we can use your marketing dollars efficiently and effectively. We understand that every dollar counts in your marketing budget.”

Lance also attributes the successes of the company to its loyal customers and dedicated employees. It was their support that allowed the business to grow from a small venture out of an apartment to an award-winning full-service IT and digital marketing firm.

Lance closed with this message to all the 1SEO team's loyal clients over the years: “Thank you for trusting us not just to grow but to protect your business, and also for getting to know us as individuals. If you ever need anything from the 1SEO team you can find us at <https://1seo.com/> or contact us directly at (215) 946-1046 or at info@1seo.com. We will always be standing here ready to go.

“It has been an amazing ten years,” he said. “Wait till you see what the next ten years bring, because we are just starting.” ■

—Amber Money



Photos, clockwise from top: Lance Bachmann, President of 1SEO.com, founded the company to help local, national and international businesses increase their online visibility through search engine optimizations (SEO). / BJ Bergey, Director of Product Development, confers with Ben Bechtel, VP of Digital Marketing. / Lora Novick, Senior Content Editor; Jaime Medvesky, Web Developer; Bernie Ollila, Director of Content and Social Media Marketing. / 1SEO represents the teamwork of numerous experienced and certified I.T. and digital marketing professionals, all dedicated to one goal: creating success for their clients.



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 Potato Buffet at Bensalem Presbyterian Church, 2826 Bristol Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Saturday, May 18th from 5-7 PM. Baked Potato, Toppings and Salad, Beverage & Dessert. Take Out Available. Donation - \$8.00. Tickets Available at the Door. Benefits Family Promise. 215-757-7800

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 The Youth Orchestra of Bucks County is holding an open call for auditions for the 2019-2020 season for students in 3rd - 12th grade who play brass, percussion, woodwind, and string instruments. Auditions will be held on May 18th and 19th at Bucks County Community College. (Other slots may be available at a later time as well.) For audition guidelines and to request an audition, visit www.yobc.org or call 267-225-1908. Financial aid and scholarships available.

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 May 11th from 7-11 PM at Saint Michael the Archangel in the basement, our first ever K of C St. Michael the Archangel Beef and Beer extravaganza. Beer, wine, DJ, food, door prizes, 50/50 and a lot more. Take the night off and come have fun with us. All proceeds benefit council charities. Advance tickets \$25 per person. \$40 per couple. \$25 at the door. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF TICKET AVAILABILITY AT THE DOOR. Must be 21 or older. For Advance Tickets Call Jerry Corrento (215) 840-2257, Clark Martin (215) 275-6066 or Bob Heston (267) 400-0320.

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 Yardley Singles Club is a non-profit social club whose purpose is to plan and organize entertainment activities for single adults in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere. YSC will host a series of events in May. For more info and to follow all upcoming events, call 215-736-1288 or visit yardleysingles.org.

The 2019 season at Bucks County Playhouse will kick off with the nail-biting thriller "Dial M for Murder." Mike Donahue (The Off-Broadway hit, "The Legend of Georgia McBride") will direct the production, which will run May 17 - June 15. For tickets and information, visit www.BucksCountyPlayhouse.org or call 215-862-2121.

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 We're bringing the food and fun back to Bolton Mansion for this year's Food Trucks at The Mansion event! Grab your stretchy pants and meet us on the hill on May 11th from 11-4! We'll have a variety of food trucks, children's activities, a DJ, vendors and more! Admission is FREE!

Interested vendors, please email jen@mommyslilblackbook.com to register. The vendor fee is just \$35 and you must provide your own table, chair and tent. This event will help the historic mansion get some much needed repairs so that generations to come can enjoy its beauty and the wonderful attractions it offers each year! 85 Holly Drive, Levittown PA. Visit boltonmansion.org

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May 18, 2019 - Fairless Hills, PA - The Earth Science Show & Sale, Presented by The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA. Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, PA; 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Jewelry & All Things Related to the Earth Sciences; Admission: \$2.00 Donation, Children 12 & Under Free. For Additional Information call: 215-788-3993 and Leave Message for Brian to return the call.

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Take a tour through Peddler's Village and support a great cause! Join United Way of Bucks County's Emerging Leaders on May 16th at 6 pm, at Peddler's Village, for an evening of fun and networking! Connect with an energetic group of volunteers dedicated to changing the lives of children and families in Bucks County. Proceeds of this event support Pre-K Scholarships. Tickets are \$40 and include a T-shirt, and tour of the Village with tastings at the following: Free Will Brewing: 16 oz pour from select beers, Hewn Spirits: mixed drink of choice from select menu, and Chaddsford Winery: 3 oz pour of a red, white or blush; as well as Clusters Handcrafted Popcorn: a small box of popcorn and finally a sweet treat courtesy of Nina's Waffles! Dine at any of the restaurants in the Village at any time after 6 pm and 20% of your check will be donated to the cause! For tickets and details please visit uwbucks.org.

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 The Lower Makefield Township Pool opens Saturday, May 25th at 10 AM, with the Season Kick-Off Party on Sunday, May 26th from 1-4 PM. Members only, but new members are welcome. Registration information is available at www.lmt.org

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Tues. May 28th, 6:45pm - Single Volunteers of Bucks County meets at Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Ln, Churchville for "New Member Nosh Night". Not a dating or matchmaking service. It is an opportunity to do volunteer and community work throughout Bucks County. No requirement to do a certain

number of events. Life can be busy. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. For more information www.svbucks.org.

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 The Elcon Coalition, Conservation Voters of PA, Bucks POWA, Delaware River Keeper, Clean Air Council & a number of other environmental organizations will be hosting a Forum on May 8th titled Bucks County: Elcon, the Environment, & What's next. It will be at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047 from 6:30-8:00 PM. It is an educational forum aimed at educating people throughout Bucks county of Environmental issues throughout the county and specifically Elcon as well.

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 Committed to educating and empowering Bucks County voters, the League of Women Voters of Bucks County is hosting candidate forums. All ten of the candidates for Bucks County Court of Common Pleas have been invited to participate in a nonpartisan candidate forum on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 PM at the Middletown Township Municipal Center located at 3 Municipal Way in Langhorne. The **League of Women Voters** never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties.

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 Every first Friday from May to September (5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6), the quaint and historic riverfront town of Bristol Borough hosts the award-winning street festival, First Fridays on the Delaware, from 5 to 8 pm. First Fridays are held throughout our main street district (Mill and Radcliffe Streets) and are RAIN or SHINE! Event-goers are welcome to park in the free, municipal lot behind Mill Street or at 1414 Radcliffe Street (in the Lenox parking lot across from Cesare's Restaurant) with free shuttle service to and from the festival area.

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Serving the Community—Kanga Roof was chosen as the "Community Involvement Company of the Year" by Success Group International (SGI) over roughly 900 other contracting companies across the United States and Canada. The award is presented to the company that has gone above and beyond to help its local community, whether it's by providing financial assistance, time and talent, or both.

"Owners Abe and Faith Brooks and their entire team at Kanga Roof represent what's great about small business in this country. They're highly active in their community, giving considerably of their time and money. They support veterans and active military charities, the less fortunate, local clubs and groups, and the list goes on. There isn't a time of the year they're not actively supporting a cause or organization that needs it," said Rebecca Cassel, President of SGI. (Photo below.)

Supporting Local Veterans—Every year, Kanga Roof invites Bucks County residents to nominate a local veteran in need, for whom Kanga Roof installs a new roof free of charge. Top photo, left: Kanga Roof team members with recent recipient Billy Kubine of Levittown.

Kanga Roof was honored for its major donation to Folds of Honor, which provides educational scholarships to the children and spouses of our fallen and disabled service members. (Top photo, right.)

Supporting Local Organizations—Kanga Roof sponsors and supports Little League teams and donated a free roof for Newtown Veterans Park Dugout. Kanga Roof is also a proud supporter of the annual Langhorne Pet Fair.



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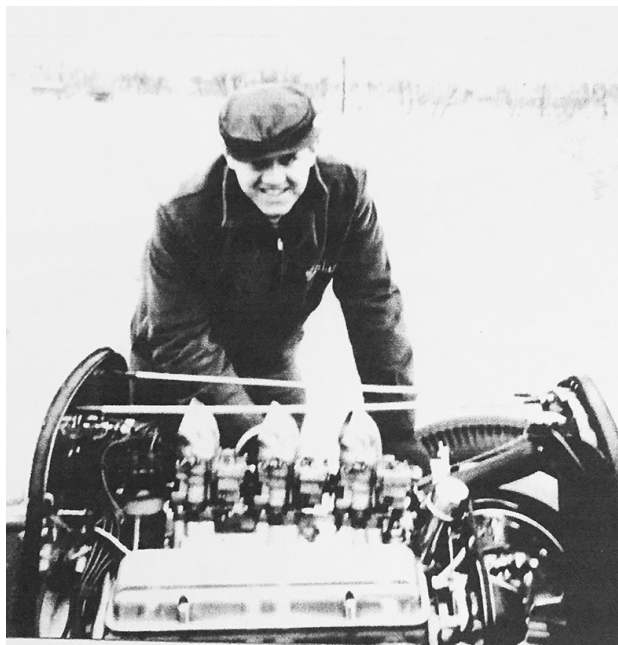
The Philadelphia Modifiers, a unique, charitable group of local car enthusiasts, started as a garage club. Self-promoted President, Charlie Wise, (bottom left photo) and a small group of “rodders” (as they were known) penned the written rules and officially established the club in the spring of 1955. They have gathered for over sixty-four years and are still going strong!

Tony Argenti, a thirty-seven year veteran of the society, describes it as a brotherhood. “The friendships and camaraderie amongst the members is unlike any other,” he added.

Meetings were held at Rose Auto Parts at Rising Sun and Wyoming Avenues in the Germantown section of Philadelphia from 1949 to 1954. Shortly after their official conception, the meeting place moved to a 15-bay complex on Orchard Street in the Frankford section. The building held nine spots for garage members and one was open to all for repairs.

Member types were two: Associate or Garage. You had to be 18 years of age, pay weekly garage dues of three dollars and your car had to predate 1941 to qualify. This is where the talents of the members like Charlie, a welder, began to flourish and many Hot Rods (as they were called) were constructed.

The creation of the National Street Rod Association in 1972 brought nationwide attention to “street rodding”. Membership grew, and weekly dues increased to five dollars per week. Philadelphia Modifiers Bucks County was incorporated in May of 1973 and the club rules became the by-laws.



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They raced at local drag strips at Hatfield, Langhorne Speedway and Convair Field in Allentown. Today, Atco Dragway is the only original dragway still in business since the conception of their organization. The club has not only won many car show awards throughout the years, but has been involved with various charities including Toys for Tots, Shriners Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Modifiers’ longest standing member, Bill McElroy, in the club for 45 years, is passionate about this special group of men who maintain the legacy of the club. “These guys are great,” he said. “Whatever needs to get done, they step up and get it done.” He added, “My kids grew up in the back of my ‘29 Chevy... cribs, bottles and camping. You name it, we did it.” Bill has held various positions on the board throughout his tenure.

The annual banquet, election of board members, fees and divvying up of tasks may change from year to year, but the heart of this charitable organization of 60 current members has remained the same throughout time. They pride themselves on their annual donation and toy drive for Silver Springs - Martin Luther School, for children and families facing emotional and behavioral difficulties. They also have a scholarship fund through ATI (Automotive Training Institute) for eligible future car enthusiasts.

Members no longer drag race, but do participate in local parades and car shows with their qualifying vehicles. Tony’s description of then and now is spot on: “We used to drive our cars.

Today’s cars almost drive us.”

The 2019 bi-annual drag/car shows at Atco Dragway, in Atco, NJ are their biggest fund raisers of the year. This year’s events will be held May 19th (rain date June 7th) and October 7th (rain date October 20th). The Modifiers will also host the 1st Annual Penndel Car Show on July 13th from 4-7 PM. ■

If you are interested in learning more or becoming a member you can go to <http://philadelphiamodifiers.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/PhiladelphiaModifiers/>

—Debra Metz

A member laments, “We used to drive our cars. Today’s cars almost drive us.”



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Summer Park Hours @ Grundy

Beginning Memorial Day, the Grundy Foundation extends the hours on its riverfront park and rooftop patio located on the Grundy Museum and Library campus at 610-680 Radcliffe Street in historic Bristol Borough. The annual seasonal park hours include evenings and weekends: Monday – Thursday from 8am to 8pm; Friday from 8am to 4pm; Saturday 8am to dusk; and Sunday and holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day) 12pm to dusk. These hours continue through Historic Bristol Day, October 19, 2019.

Guests are invited to relax and take in the panoramic views of the scenic Delaware River while enjoying passive recreational activities such as picnicking, reading, photography, plein-air painting, observing nature, and fishing from designated areas on the campus. The rooftop patio lends itself to great viewing of the Delaware River sailboat races held on early Tuesday evenings. Visitors are asked to respect the premises by observing posted signage. Grundy security works closely with Borough Police to ensure a positive experience for all guests.

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The Grundy Foundation privately owns the grounds of the Grundy Library and Museum. For more information, visit grundystation.com or call 215-788-5460. ■



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There is still time to participate in the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA. Events registered through May 31 receive free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests from PennDOT district offices, as supplies last. The Great American Cleanup of PA engages over 150,000 volunteers annually in litter cleanups, illegal dump cleanups, beautification projects, special collections, and educational events. To help with the cost of trash disposal, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring Pick It Up PA Days from April 13 through May 6. During this time, trash collected at registered events can be taken to participating landfills and receive free or reduced cost disposal with prior approval.

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Video contest showing “How You Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.” Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is hosting a video contest highlighting the 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA events. If your group has a registered event, send in a 60-second video recognizing sponsors and volunteers to slarson@keeppabeautiful.org. Cash prizes, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, are \$200 for the winning entry and \$100 each for two runners-up. ■

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A Classic Dilemma: An Environmental Engineer & His '57 Chevy

Being a car guy has always been in tension with my profession as an environmental engineer. It is difficult to resolve this internal conflict, and I have given it some thought recently.

Although I mainly work with chemistry, biology, and processes associated with water-based issues, I am familiar with the problems we face with climate change. I have read publicly available reports (back to the '70s) and reviewed source data to satisfy my own curiosity and am convinced that climate change is not only real, but is ongoing, gaining momentum, and requires urgent attention.

And yet, I have a '57 Chevy parked in my garage that I am reluctant to part with.

In some ways, the conflict I have also exists in our society. In many ways, cars saved me. As a teenager, cars were the 'tech' of our time and I spent countless hours trying to understand how they worked. Long before the internet, I spent many hours at the library scouring service manuals and feeding stacks of dimes into the copy machine to take home relevant instructions on how to tune an engine, adjust a clutch, or change a wheel bearing. My focus on cars helped to keep me from other, less productive pursuits, and eventually my curiosity about how things work caused me to look beyond to college.

I left for college in a beat up '57 Chevy whose engine I finished reassembling the day before. It caught fire on the off-ramp from the interstate, but I was able to snuff it out, put the spark plug

wire back where it belonged and go on to campus. Thereafter, that car served me well throughout my years in college.



I worry about fossil fuels but love my classic car.

The '57 that had served me so well is now long gone but years later I acquired another '57 and held on to it. The demands of a traveling profession and a growing family eventually necessitated putting the car aside for many years. Yet, it remained a nagging reminder of unfinished business.

Decades later, the priorities of family and profession eased somewhat and I began to breathe life back into it. It took years to get it back to be road worthy. Along the way I developed a deep respect for the skill of its designers and builders, who knew then how to make things that would

endure. People such as these built the house and the community I now live in. Although I have taken many steps to make my house from that same era much more energy efficient, I am less certain about what to do about the car?

This dilemma of mine, I believe, is shared by many who are reluctant to set aside the things in which we invested our time and attention. We are comfortable with the technology of our time and learning new stuff can be, well, exhausting.


As a car guy and environmental engineer, I've watched the development of electric car technology from a distance. I have long believed that it will be necessary to transition away from fossil fuel quickly to blunt the impacts of climate change – despite having a classic car in the garage. The issue is of course much larger than me and my attachment to this car.

I believe the deployment of electric car technology has nearly reached critical mass. It is our future – perhaps our immediate future. This is a good thing and the sooner we get this technology in the hands of tinkerers and racers, the sooner acceptance and exponential innovation will take place.


From a personal perspective, it offers hope for me and my dilemma. Shops are now emerging that can convert classic cars to electric power, and if Chevy's debut of their twin motor, 750 hp, tire smoking, electric Camaro portends the future, our hotrods may well survive the transition. I will embrace the future.

However, when it comes to self-driving car technology, I am resolved not to go down that road. I will not let a computer drive my '57 Chevy. You have to draw the line somewhere. ■

—Kevin Deeny



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Kevin Deeny is a lifelong resident of Levittown. He is an environmental engineer, amateur photographer, and tinkerer curious about most things. He can be reached at kdeeny57@gmail.com.

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Neighborhood Memories: Sights, Sounds & Smells

The Lower Bucks Leader sends out “theme questions” to our readers once a month or so. A recent request was for neighborhood memories—specifically the sights, sounds and smells that take you back through time to the old nabe.

Many Leader Readers from the Levittown area, for instance, mentioned the strong smell of chlorine at the neighborhood pools, the stink of the Rohm & Haas chemical plant, and the foggy-sweet smell from “the mosquito man’s” truck as he sprayed insecticide. Presented here are a handful of the many replies, with more to follow in upcoming issues.

It’s said that smells have the greatest anchor to memory, and I wouldn’t doubt that for a minute. Three such smells come to mind, and when they happen even now, as an almost senior citizen, I am brought back to my early years in Lower Makefield.

The first occurred as a young man growing up in an Italian- American household. My brothers and I woke each Sunday morning to frying meatballs and red sauce being made. The wafting smell in a small rancher of meat and onions searing in a cast iron pan, was way better than any alarm clock to this day.

The second was the foul smell of A.E. Staley Corporation on an overcast day in the Manor Park section of Morrisville. My father had several greenhouses in “smelling distance” of Staleys, and that corn syrup processing smell was horrible.

In those same aforementioned greenhouses, each year about this time of the year when I was 10 or 12, I would finish school and my mother would

meet me at the bus stop and take me to work, much to my chagrin. The depression of working when my contemporaries were watching newly discovered television, was made more tolerable by the smell entering a greenhouse with hundreds of blooming hyacinths which would overwhelm you at the first entry.

Finding those smells in modern America is a bit tougher today. Cooking like my mother once did is a lost art form, proven by the full parking lots along Route 1 any day at 7PM at any of the many restaurants. A.E. Staley is no longer in business, and my father moved on to garden for God, and his greenhouses are reminiscent of a closed steel mill.

Treat your children to an olfactory tour of smells. They will remember you for it in the days to come. —Dan Marrasso

I grew up in a very Catholic neighborhood in Northeast Philly, and every Sunday had its own special sights, sounds and smells. As a kid, I remember waking up on Sunday mornings to the sound of the neighborhood mothers on their way to church, xTheir high heels would make a clacking sound on the concrete sidewalk. If the clacking sound was fast-paced it meant they were running late and had to hurry. If you peeked out your window you might see a mom struggling to fasten a doily or something to the top of her head as she hurried along. (Women were supposed to cover the tops of their heads in church.) Often she would have a bunch of kids with her that had to be constantly scolded and coaxed to move along.

Later on, toward dinner time, the smell of roast beef would waft through the neighborhood. And you would hear the moms and dads calling out for the kids to get home and eat.

—Dennis Fencik

The smell of Jubilee Lanes Bowling Alley. Ahh yes, the bouquet of cigarette smoke, spilled beer, burnt

hot dogs spinning around in the hot dog cooker, lane oil, rental shoe spray, and my grandmother’s Jean Nate perfume when she was working the control desk. —Kevin Murr

Driving by the Nabisco baking factory on the Boulevard... We all rolled down our windows to inhale all that yumminess in the air! —Ethel Katz Gilbert

I just learned of the closing of Trevoze Family Shoe Store, and it brings back many fond memories. The smell of those new leather shoes at the start of a new school year...

As a teenager in 1959, I worked at Harry’s Sinclair Station, a stone’s throw away from the shoe store. Saturday was car wash day and I would wash cars from morn to early eve. Most of the cars came from the shoe store. The shoe salesmen there, unlike Al Bundy, all had classy cars. Top of the line, none were too fine for those guys. One shoe salesman had a 1954 Corvette, which was my favorite wash.

They had an amazing dog mascot at the store who came to work every day with one of the early owners. During the day, the dog would come out the front door and go to the edge of Brownsville Rd. Then he looked left to right at the traffic and when it was clear crossed over to Manny’s Market to get his butcher bone. Ditto with his return trip.

I’ll never forget Vic Gardner, aka, “The Dog Man of Trevoze.” He was a gifted artist and painted the signage on the Elmwood Ave. side of the shoe store. On his arm he had a ruler tattooed to measure the lettering as he painted. Vic became homeless and lived in his car with five dogs. On cold nights, they would huddle up around him to keep him warm, and that was well before the rockers, “Three Dog Night.” He eventually passed away in a Feasterville gas station, his dogs nestled around him.

Then when sundown came and the shopping center closed, impish teenagers would close in on the shoe store and surrounding shopping center to hang out. There was no malls or other place else to go. So we made it our home away from home.

Mickey’s Luncheonette, directly across the street from the shoe store, was the hub of our activity. Hearts were broken and new loves found in that shopping center. There was always a drag race up Brownsville Rd. towards Bristol Rd.

Capping off the night was a trip to the Golden Arrow Diner on Rt. 1 for a toasted cinnamon bun and coffee. Those were the days! —Chuck Boyer

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The War After the War

Janice M. of Bristol Township wrote to The Leader about a song she had heard which moved her deeply. "With Memorial Day approaching we will all come out to honor our veterans and military personnel, as we should. So many of them have given so much. So many are wounded, not just physically but emotionally. I just wish we thought more often about the wives and spouses who continue to stand by them and support them. Because they suffer, too. And it can be a lonely job."

The song is entitled "The War After the War," by singer/songwriter Mary Gauthier. Ms. Gauthier works with an organization called Songwriting With Soldiers, which pairs songwriters with veterans and their families, offering participants "a unique way to tell their stories, rebuild trust, release pain, and forge new bonds."

Mary Gauthier was kind enough to allow The Leader to print the lyrics to "The War After the War."

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Who's gonna care for the ones who care for the ones who went to war?
There's land mines in the living room and eggshells on the floor
I lost myself in the shadow of your honor and your pain
You stare out the window as our dreams go down the drain
Invisible, the war after the war

I get no basic training, I get no purple heart
I'm supposed to carry on, I can't fall apart
People look at you and thank you for the sacrifice you made
They look at me and smile and say I'm lucky you're okay
Invisible, the war after the war

But I'm a soldier too, just like you
Serving something bigger than myself
I serve unseen, caught in between
My pain and the pain of someone else

I'm stronger than you think I am, I'm right here by your side
I am not your enemy I don't want to fight
There's no going back in time I know you're not the same
But you are not the only one for whom the world has changed
Invisible, the war after the war

—Mary Gauthier

Please visit songwritingwithsoldiers.org and marygauthier.com.

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The flags will be planted on Friday June 7; Saturday will be a day of reflection which includes a free concert; and Sunday will feature a motorcycle rally, memorial service and repatriation ceremony.

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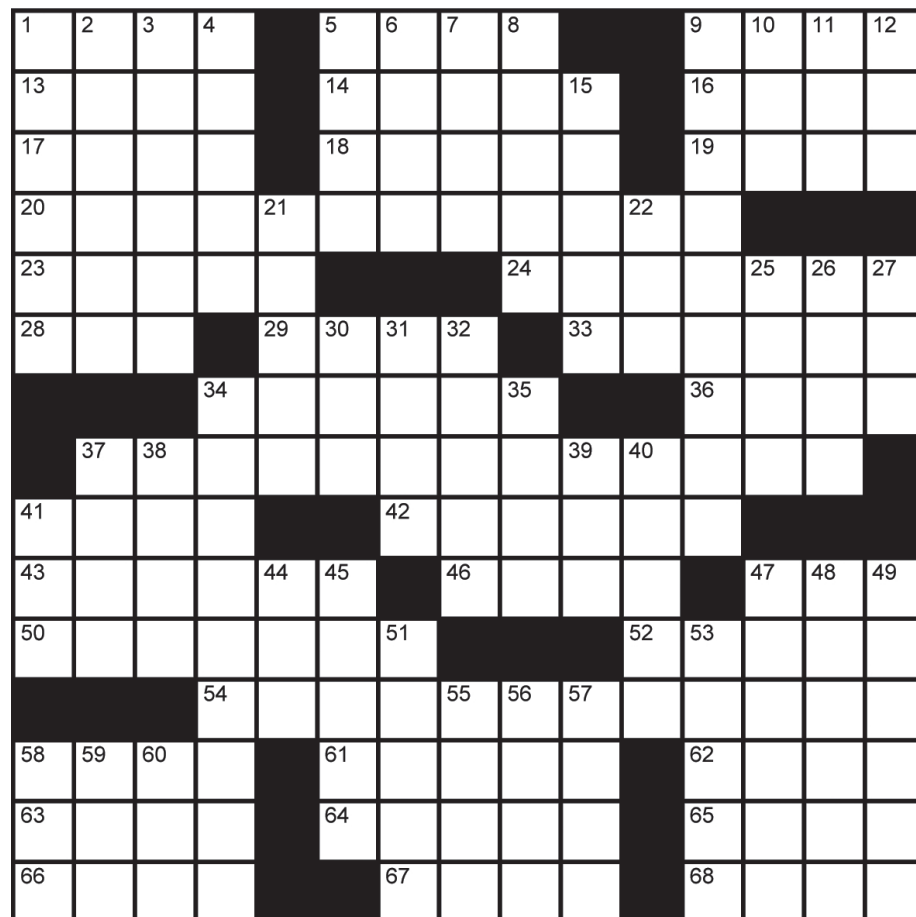
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Name the popular rock song, released in 1978, that includes these lyrics:

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—Answer on page 27.



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The Middletown Senior Association will host a second-hand jewelry sale on Tuesday, May 7th at 9 AM. Middletown Senior Citizen's Association, 2142 Trenton Road, Levittown PA 19057. Call 215-945-2920 for more info.

Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation is sponsoring a fully escorted 3-Day/2-Night Bus Trip to Long Island, New York starting on Thursday, October 3, 2019. Trip includes visit to Sagamore Hill, home of Teddy Roosevelt, tours of the Coe Estate and the Vanderbilt house and gardens. Also includes a Riverboat Dinner Cruise. The cost is \$542 per person twin, \$511 per person triple and \$681 per person single. Forms can be downloaded from www.bristolhistory.org. For further information call 215.788.2106.

"Hens, Chicks and Eggs" will be the featured program at the monthly meeting of the Trevoze Horticultural Society on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:00PM at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA.

In a show-and tell format the Society's President, Cookie Woodson of Feasterville will discuss the care

and feeding of backyard chickens accompanied by hens and chicks from her flock. She will also share some fun facts about eggs. Woodson is an avid gardener of fruits, vegetables and herbs with a special interest in pollinators and birds. She enjoys teaching her grandchildren and neighborhood children about planting and harvesting crops and caring for her backyard chickens. A pastry chef and floral designer, her arrangements include a "sweet touch" of cookies, pastries and fruits.

All meetings are open to the public; a donation of \$4 is requested from non-members. For further information, please contact 856/866-9163.

Senior citizens get a discount of 25% off their entire purchase every Wednesday at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, located in the Langhorne Square Shopping Center, 1337 East Lincoln Highway. A wide range of items is available, from furniture to clothing to small knick-knacks.

Neshaminy Activity Center will host a trip to Tropicana Atlantic City on Monday June 24th. Cost \$45.00 includes transportation, ticket to show "Under the Boardwalk" and \$20.00 slot play. For information contact Neshaminy Activity Center at 215-355-6967.

The 37th Annual Bucks County Senior Games will take place from June 3rd-14th. The games, open to adults 50+, encourage county-wide friendly competition and camaraderie.

The Bucks County Senior Games are presented by the Bucks County Area on Agency in collaboration with the Bucks County YMCA and the Bucks County Community College. Registration begins April 1, 2019! Visit <http://buckscounty.org/SeniorGames> and <https://www.facebook.com/BCSeniorGames1/> for updates. Or call 267-880-5700 for more information. ■

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Are also on the faces of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do
They're really saying "I love you."

—Answer on page 27.

Free Lectures at the David Library

The David Library of the American Revolution has announced a schedule of educational programs that will be offered admission free in the Library's lecture hall over the coming months. The David Library, located at 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of American history between 1750 and 1800.

The lecture series will begin on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM with a talk by Larry Kidder titled "George Washington's Ten Crucial Days." Kidder, who lives in Ewing, NJ, is the author of the new book, Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds.

David Library Lectures are free of admissions, but reservations are required. Call 215.493.6776 ext. 100, or send an email to rsvp@dlar.org. To see the complete schedule of events offered between now and the end of October, visit <http://www.dlar.org/events.htm>.



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Diamond is a 3-year-old spayed female available for adoption through Four the Paws. Diamond is very friendly and outgoing. She is also very good with dogs. In addition to being spayed, she has been vaccinated for rabies & distemper, tested negative for feline leukemia/FIV and dewormed. Diamond was already microchipped when we rescued her, but her owner moved and could no longer keep her. To adopt Diamond please contact Carreen at 215-962-3499 or visit our website at www.fourthepaws.org for additional pictures and a video.



Cora was rescued from a Morrisville community. Cora is very sweet and enjoys to be pet. She has been spayed, vaccinated for FVRCP & rabies and tested negative for feline leukemia/FIV. To adopt Cora please complete the online application at www.fourthepaws.org or you can meet Cora at the Newtown Pet Valu adoption center located at 2814 S Eagle Rd.

my birthday in November 2017. I watch my figure and I am a petite little girl. I get along with other cats. I like to be held and petted. I am up to date on my boosters and rabies shots. I have tested negative for both Feline Aids and Leukemia. For more details, please contact Cats Bridge to Rescue on 215-987-8961. Visit catsbridge.org

Salem is a 2.5 year old female Tortie. She is oh so sweet! If you're looking for attention, Salem will certainly give it to you. And did you know Tortoiseshell cats have been perceived to bring good fortune in their homes? Love AND Luck! What more could you want? Apply to adopt sweet Tortie Salem at www.bingosfoundation.org.



Bluebell is a really sweet little girl who is 1 year old and a mainecoon/tortie mix. She loves sitting next to you being petted. She doesn't mind other kitties. She would love to meet you in person to show you just how sweet she is! Please contact Susan's cats and kittens, 215 357 4946 to meet this doll baby at susans!!!!!!

June is spayed, UTD on vaccines and tested negative for FIV/FelV. Approx. DOB is April 2015. June was returned due to unforeseen circumstances with her family who loved her very much. She is in search of a forever family. She is extremely active and sweet. She prefers her human companionship over 4-legged ones. June was rescued from Animal Control as a kitten. If interested in adopting June, please fill out an application online at <http://nar.rescuegroups.org>.



Hello, my name is **Dweeb**. Isn't that a cool name? I was surrendered with my babies in November 2018. I took good care of my babies and they were adopted into loving home. Now I am an "empty nester", I am ready to move on with a new chapter of my life. Hopefully, you will come and adopt me very soon. I am a spayed female tabby with white markings. I have beautiful stripes! I celebrate



This beauty is named **Snow White**. She is a female cat whose coat is all white. She has an adorable pink nose and pink ears. She has delicate features. Snow White was found as a stray in a local neighborhood. She is a friendly girl and you can pick her up and hold her. She likes attention and of course petting. Snow White is a little leery of other cats so she would have to be introduced slowly to them if you have other cats. Snow White celebrates her birthday in March 2015. She is spayed and is up to date on his boosters and rabies shots. Snow White has tested negative for both Feline Aids and Leukemia. Snow White believes that fairy tales do come true and she is confident that she would make a great addition to your family. For more details on this beauty, please contact Cats Bridge to Rescue on 215-987-8961. Visit catsbridge.org.



Anniversary Celebration of Women's Animal Center

Join Women's Animal Center on **Saturday, June 1 at 7:00pm** for a festive evening celebrating the 150th Anniversary of America's First Animal Shelter. This very special fundraiser will feature: Catered hors d'oeuvres; Open bar beer & wine; Signature cocktails; Live music by Wooden Wire; Silent auction; Raffles; Guided tours; Garden party casual attire.

Animal-loving guests will also have the opportunity to mix and mingle under the stars and inside our shelter throughout the

evening – alongside the very cats and dogs that their support is helping to save!

Women's Animal Center is located at 3839 Richlieu Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Advance reservations are requested by May 15. A portion of every ticket sold is fully tax-deductible, and all proceeds directly support our lifesaving, nonprofit mission.

Learn more or purchase your tickets online at <https://womensanimalcenter.org/150th-anniversary/150th-anniversary-celebration>.

SUMMER PET FOOD DRIVE sponsored by Lower Bucks Dog Training Club. Help support the LBDTC's Summer Pet Food Drive by bringing unopened and unexpired dog and/or cat food products to Shop-Rite, Queen Anne Plaza, 547 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030 on Saturday, June 1st from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.

All donations will be distributed to local food pantries for families in need so they may keep their pets fed and comfortable. LBDTC is a non-profit organization helping other non-profit organizations in our community.

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE CAMPFIRE at Silver Lake Nature Center. **Friday, May 17th, 7 – 8:30pm.** We'll begin our hike at the Visitors' Building and make our way over to the Earthship to finish with a campfire and marshmallows! Fee per person: \$8/Friends of Silver Lake Member; \$10/Non-member.

Register by visiting SilverLakeNatureCenter.org, by calling 215-785-1177, or by stopping into the Visitors' Building.

Spring Wine & Food Festival

Crossing Vineyards and Winery will hold its annual Spring Wine & Food Festival on Saturday, May 18 from noon to 5 p.m. This year's event is sponsored by Celebrity Cruises, who will offer a luxury area and an interactive experience at the event.

The event features live music and samples of wine, beer, spirits and food from the following vendors: Fenwick Hospitality Group, Emily's Café & Catering, More Than Q Barbecue, Colonial Farms, Pierre's Chocolates, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Caketeria, Newtown Brewing Company, Naked Brewing Company, New Liberty

Distillery, Single Prop Rum, Beef Jerky Outlet and more. Music will be provided by the "Just Us Band" and Energy X Productions.

Additional wine, beer, cocktails and food are available for purchase. Cost is \$20 for advance tickets or \$25 at the door. This is a rain or shine event.


Visit CrossingVineyards.com or call 215-493-6500 ext. 19 for more information or to purchase tickets. Crossing Vineyards and Winery is located at 1853 Wrightstown Rd. in Washington Crossing, PA.

Answers to Song Lyric Questions:

- Pg. 9) When Doves Cry / Prince
- Pg. 11) The Authority Song / John Mellencamp
- Pg. 24) Life's Been Good / Joe Walsh
- Pg. 25) What A Wonderful World / Louis Armstrong



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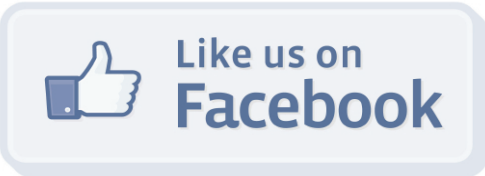
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