

# Covington Corner

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## Reminder.....

Please be extra cautious during your morning and afternoon commutes. Watch your speeds & children waiting along the roadside for their buses. Do **not** try to outrun the school bus's lights just because you are running late, and remember, there are substantial fines and a loss of license if you pass a bus that is using its flashing red lights! They may not be your children but they are somebody's children! Let's keep them all safe!



It's clean up time again! Our annual spring clean up will be held on **Friday, May 16th & Saturday, May 17th from 8am—5pm ONLY!** (There will **not** be any collections taken on Sunday!) Permits will be available for township residents only starting on March 17th at the Municipal Office (Moffat Estate) from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Your Township Supervisors are encouraging everyone to remove unsightly junk and debris from their properties!

- ⇒ You **MUST** have a permit to discard debris. One permit will be issued to each property owner.
- ⇒ The property **CANNOT** be a vacant lot or commercial property and the property owner must personally pick up their own permit.
- ⇒ Permits will be limited to 2 trips of junk and related items (permit will be checked carefully). Any additional trips will be charged \$25.00 per load.
- ⇒ To ensure that no non-residents are bringing debris to the clean-up, the Police Department will inspect and enforce all permits.
- ⇒ With the exception of tires, the clean-up is free of charge. ALL tires must be removed from their rims. Fees for tires are:

\$3.00 per car tire

\$6.00 per light truck tire

\$20.00 per heavy truck tire

- ⇒ **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE TAKEN FOR CLEAN-UP:** Hazardous waste, gasoline, kerosene, paint, paint cans, oil, oil containers, combustible fuels, building materials & household garbage.

\* Please remember to enter the Clean-up area from Dorantown Road (located behind the Covington Fire Department) and exit via Route 502.

## From Your Supervisors.....



The Supervisors:

- ⇒ Approved replacement of gutters and downspouts on the mansion.
- ⇒ Approved the purchase of two rifle optic systems for the Police Department.
- ⇒ Accepted the resignation of Charles (Bucky) Lindner and appointed William Fells to finish his term on the Board of Supervisors.
- ⇒ Reviewed the employee pension system at an advertised October meeting.
- ⇒ Adopted the township budget with **NO** increase in taxes for the 14th year in a row.
- ⇒ Approved the replacement of two doors at the Senior Center.
- ⇒ Considered plans to build an antiskid containment facility on Covington Twp. Property. However, the township recently learned they will be able to operate from the state facility (Route 307 & I380). It was estimated that a separate facility would have cost in excess of \$100,000.
- ⇒ In July, they agreed to donate \$3,000 to the NP Public Library and review the donation on an annual bases.
- ⇒ After much discussion, they agreed to approve the traffic signal renovations at the intersection of SR435 & SR502.
- ⇒ Agreed to extend the police chief's contract (Bernie Klocko) for a period of three years.
- ⇒ On January 6, 2014 the board held a reorganization meeting and reappointed David Petrosky as Chairman; Tom Yerke as Vice-Chairman.
- ⇒ The Director of Public Works was instructed to review cost estimates regarding the paving of Sanko Road & parts of Union Mill Road.
- ⇒ Approved the pavilion rental for a jazz concert hosted by the NP Cultural Society at no cost.
- ⇒ Accepted a \$10,000 award from Lackawanna County to be used on enclosing the pavilion.
- ⇒ In addition, the township has also applied for a larger Economic Development Grant which will enable the township to complete the pavilion enclosure.

## Covington Township at your Service

Board of Supervisors (570) 842-8336 ~ Chairman David J. Petrosky (Meeting 1st Tues. of the month @ 7pm; Work session last Tues of the month @ 7pm)

Building Inspector (570) 842-4607 ~ David Lamm

Dept. of Public Works (570) 842-8356 ~ Director Thomas M. Yerke

District Magistrate (570) 842-2111 ~ John Mercuri, Esquire

Fire Dept. (570) 842-4130 ~ Brad Jones, Fire Chief

Main Office (570) 842-8336 ~ Kate Tierney, Secretary; 9am-4pm Monday-Friday, Moffat Estate

Pavilion Rental (570) 842-7580 ~ Marlene Beavers

Planning Commission (570) 842-6548 ~ Denise Hokien, Secretary (Work Session 1st Wed. of the month @7pm, Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month @7pm)

Police Dept. (570) 842-6400 ~ Bernie Klocko, Chief

Real Estate Tax Collection (570) 842-8336 ~Kate Tierney (Tues. 9am-12pm, 1-3pm; Wed. & Thurs.9-11am, or by appointment)

Recreation Committee (570) 842-8336 (Meeting 3rd Thurs. of the month @7pm)

Sewage Enforcement Officer (570) 842-9333 ~ George VanBrunt

Sewer Authority Office Manager (570) 842-0757 ~ Ann Bentler (10am-6pm Monday-Friday; Meeting 2nd Tues. of the month @7pm)

Township Engineer (570) 842-4310 ~ Mary Louise Butler, Engineering Surveying Consultants & Design, Inc.

Wage Tax & Local Service Tax Collector (866) 701-7206 ~ Berkheimer Assoc.

Zoning Office & Zoning Hearing Board Secretary (570) 842-0457 ~ Melinda Thomas (9:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday)

Zoning Officer (570) 842-0457 ~ William J. Wright (9am-12pm Monday-Friday or by appointment)

## Enjoy the Park

The Board of Supervisors encourage you to bring your children to the Moffat Park. You can enjoy nature, enjoy a lunch on one of the many picnic tables, take a short walk on one of our trails or simply relax in the quiet of your surroundings.

Our only request is that you keep the park beautiful by picking up all debris and placing it in one of our trash containers. Smoking and/or alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the property. Also, if you plan on walking your pet, they MUST be on a leash AT ALL TIMES and ALL droppings MUST be picked up!

Incidentally, the township has developed a 2nd walking trail for your pleasure in the area directly behind the senior center. The trail leads through a wooded area and is a great place to stay cool on a warm spring or summer day.

### *FROM THE ZONING OFFICE.....*

*Please remember that a zoning permit is required for most additions and/or additional structures which are placed on your property. Stand alone garages, storage areas, and most sheds must meet certain zoning requirements as established within the township. It is also important to note that certain stand alone structures and all additions require building permits. Please contact the Zoning Office at (570) 842-4507 for more information or clarification.*

### *FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.....*



Needless to say the winter appears to be dragging on forever, but with March and April around the corner, we are banking on the snow and cold letting up. We have used an exceptional amount of salt and anti-skid material and we hope that a break in the weather will enable us to have sufficient supplies for the season.

Although most people have been very cooperative, once again we emphasize the need for residents to not park any vehicles on township roads during or shortly after snowstorms.

With spring and the warmer weather, please understand that many dirt roads will likely be filled with ruts from the continued freezing and thawing. Please bear with us and understand that until all the frost leaves the ground, there is little that we can do to prevent this natural heaving. We will get to work on the roads as soon as it is feasible in the spring. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



### ***Find Your Name Contest***

The winner from our last newsletter was Joanie Tomashunas. She won a gift certificate to Kay's Pizza. Another name chosen randomly appears in this newsletter. Can you find your name? Call (570) 842-0457 to collect!

## Newsletter Advertising

Covington Corner is distributed quarterly to approximately 1,000 households and/or businesses and surrounding areas. If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please call Melinda Thomas at (570) 842-0457.

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# COMMONLY ASKED LEGAL QUESTIONS

By Attorney John Mercuri

## ***Am I responsible for the safety of people on my property?***

An owner of land, or an occupier of land, is required to use reasonable care in maintaining and in using the property. Negligence or carelessness is defined as the failure to use the degree of ordinary care which a reasonable person should use. The failure to use reasonable care may make the owner liable for any resulting damage to one who is lawfully on the property. Additionally, one who owns or occupies land in a developed or residential area has a duty to make reasonable inspections of the property and to correct any conditions that are unreasonably dangerous to others.

## ***What is my responsibility for my sidewalks?***

Someone in possession of land with sidewalks used by the public has all of the general duties to avoid negligence and is subject to the Pennsylvania doctrine known as the "Hills and Ridges Rule". That means that if the defendant property owner or possessor knew or should have known of the existence of an accumulation of snow or ice in ridges or elevations of such size as to constitute a danger to pedestrians, the property owner or possessor could be liable if a pedestrian was caused to fall due to this dangerous accumulation of snow or ice.

## ***Is there a duty to a trespasser on my property?***

Even if someone is a trespasser on the property, the owner or occupier of the land still has a duty to refrain from reckless or intentional misconduct that could injure the trespasser. A trespasser is someone who would be on the property without any permission, right, lawful authority or express or implied invitation or consent.

## ***What is an "attractive nuisance"?***

Over the years, Pennsylvania Law has developed a doctrine concerning the duty of care to trespassing children. Even if the child is a trespasser, the property owner or possessor could still be liable if it was known or should have been known that the minor child was likely to trespass and if a dangerous condition presenting an unreasonable risk of injury was known or should have been known. If this risk of injury could have been eliminated at a moderate cost and effort then there is a duty to use reasonable care to eliminate the danger or otherwise protect the minor child from an anticipated injury.

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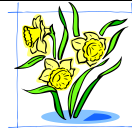





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# March 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Recycling 9-11am
2 Texas declared independence from Mexico 1836.	3 Star Spangled Banner became our national anthem in 1931.	4 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	5 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	6 Aspirin is patented by Felix Hoffman in 1899.	7 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info	8 George Washington delivered the 1st State of the Union address in 1790.
9 	10 	11 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	12 F.D.R. gave the 1st of his "Fireside Chats" 1933	13 Uranus was discovered in 1781.	14 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info	15 Recycling 9-11am St. Patrick's Day Scranton Parade 11:45am stpatparade.com
16 Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter is published in 1850.	17 	18 Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth opens in Madison Square Gardens in 1881.	19 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	20 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm 1st DAY OF SPRING	21 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info	22 NPBS craft fair 8am-3pm NPBS Health Fair 8am-2pm
23 Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech in 1775.	24 Elvis Presley traded his guitar for a rifle & Army fatigues in 1958.	25 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	26 	27 	28 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info	29 America bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million dollars.
30 	31 Daylight Savings Time started in U.S. for the 1st time in 1918.					

## Healthy Fruit Spring Quiz



A Harvard University study of more than 185,000 people over a 12 year period found that eating grapes, apples, grapefruit and blueberries had the greatest effect on diabetic risk, with blueberries having the greatest effect overall. Eating between 1-3 servings a month decreased risk by 11% and eating 5 servings a week decreased it by 26%. They found that such benefits does not extend to juices, which often contain added sugar.

## Apples

(Virus prevention)



Researchers at the University of Illinois report that enjoying an apple a day can increase your odds of fending off viruses compared to those who don't eat this fruit. So there is truth to the old saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away!"



1. What is the first day of spring called?
2. Around what day does spring begin in the Northern Hemisphere?
3. What myth is associated with the first day of spring?
4. What does spring symbolize?
5. On the first day of spring, it is said that this day and night are exactly what length?
6. Is spring considered the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th season of the year?
7. For Australians, in what month does spring begin?
8. Why does daylight increase in the spring?
9. Spring is the season of flowers. The Japanese celebrate the arrival of spring by hosting mass viewings of what flowers?
10. What playful bird is often seen as symbolizing the arrival of the spring season?

Answers on page 9



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The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing but in rising every time we fall.















Nelson Mandela  
quoted in The Wall Street Journal  
Florence Paller

## E-Cigarettes

According to Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the increased ads of e-cigarettes by teens is very troubling. These devices, which contain nicotine, hook teens on nicotine and often encourage them to try traditional cigarettes and a lifetime of nicotine addictions.

# April 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm April Fool's Day	2 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	3 	4 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info	5 Recycling 9-11am
6 The Modern Olympics begin in Athens with eight nations participating in 1896.	7 	8 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	9 Winston Churchill becomes the 1st honorary U.S. citizen in 1963.	10 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting 7pm @ Senior Center NPHS Play 7pm	11 Soup sale at Daleville United Methodist Church call (570)842-8065 for info NPHS Play	12 President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies in Warm Spring, Georgia and Harry S. Truman becomes president in 1945.
13  Palm Sunday	14  <b>Township offices will be CLOSED for P.S.A.T.S. educational conference from April 14th - April 16th.</b> 	15 Tax Day 	16 Plan. Comm. Meeting 7pm NPSD Early Dismissal	17 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm NPSD CLOSED	18  Good Friday **Twp. offices closed NPSD CLOSED	19 Recycling 9-11am
20  Easter Sunday	21 NPSD CLOSED	22 Earth Day	23 Motion pictures premiere in New York City in 1896.	24 A patent is granted for the 1st soda fountain in 1833.	25 Work began on the Suez Canal in Egypt in 1859.	26 
27 	28 Muhammad Ali refuses induction into the U.S. Army & is stripped of boxing title.	29 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	30 George Washington is inaugurated as the 1st U.S. President in 1789.	 		



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## N.P. Public Library

### Monthly Library Events

Adult book club - 3rd Thursday at 6pm  
Adult Mexican Train Club - Tuesdays at 12:30pm  
Adult Bridge Group - Fridays at 12:30pm  
Preschool Story Hour - Tuesdays at 11am



### Special Events

March 1st: Girl Scouts will do a Cat in the Hat story hour at 11am  
March 8th: 3rd Annual Library Play at 11am  
March 21st-22nd: Read-a-thon Fundraiser 5pm on March 21st & ending 5pm  
March 22nd-Library is open 24 hours!!  
March 28th: Family Movie Night at 7pm

April: Book donations will be accepted during this month. (NO textbooks, encyclopedias, or Readers' Digest Condensed books, & books should be in good condition!)





April 19th: Easter Bunny visiting at 11am  
April 25th: Family Movie Night 7pm

May 3rd: Musician Peter McCoy visiting at 3pm  
May 9th-10th: Book Sale 9am-5pm  
May 24th & May 26th: Library closed



# May 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film. Unknown	2 Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy. Isaac Newton	3 Recycling 9-11am
4 A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat. Katharine Whitehorn	5 A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory. Mark Twain	6 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	7 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	8 Common sense is not so common. Voltaire	9 NPSD EARLY DISMISSAL	10 I use to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure. Unknown
11 Mother's Day	12 One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory. Rita Mae Brown	13 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	14 The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. Unknown	15 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	16 Spring Clean Up 8am-5pm	17 Spring Clean Up 8am-5pm Recycling 9-11a Armed Forces Day
18 Everything is funny as long as long as it is happening to somebody else. Will Rogers	19 What lies behind us & what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. Oliver Wendell Holmes	20 Ham dinner at Daleville United Methodist Church	21 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm NPMS Spring Concert 7pm	22 If you fall, I'll be there! Floor	23 Common sense is not so common. Voltaire	24 The best way to become boring is to say everything. Voltaire
25 A closed mouth gathers no foot. Anonymous	26  Memorial Day NPSD CLOSED	27 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	28 If you want your children to listen, try talking softly - to someone else. Ann Landers	29 Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go. Oscar Wilde	30 Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle. Bob Hope	31 Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use. Charles M. Schulz

## Reverence for the Mothers.....



May 14, 1905 Anna Jarvis's mother dies.

Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia was devoted to her mother. Seven of her eleven siblings had died young, and the mother had clung to the survivors, especially Anna. After her mother's death, Jarvis began an impassioned crusade for a day to honor all mothers. Eventually, she devoted herself exclusively to her cause.

She began in her hometown with a special service on the anniversary of her mother's death and subsequently embarked on a letter-writing campaign. Finally, on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day, urging citizens to fly the American Flag "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mother's of our country". It is the only national observance to commemorate someone's death.

from Strange Stories, Amazing Facts of America's Past



## Memorial Day Service

Covington Township will hold its annual Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 26, 2014 at 1pm, to honor the many brave men and women who have faithfully served our country. There will be an honor guard presentation by VFW Post 5207, guest speakers and refreshments following the service. This event will be held at our Township Memorial next to Covington Police Department on Route 435. Please join us, rain or shine, in honoring those who have fought and died for our county.



Life begins when a person first realizes how soon it will end.

Columnist Marcelene Cox  
quoted by The Associated Press

Carol Hemphill



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# Concerns Over Tick Borne Diseases

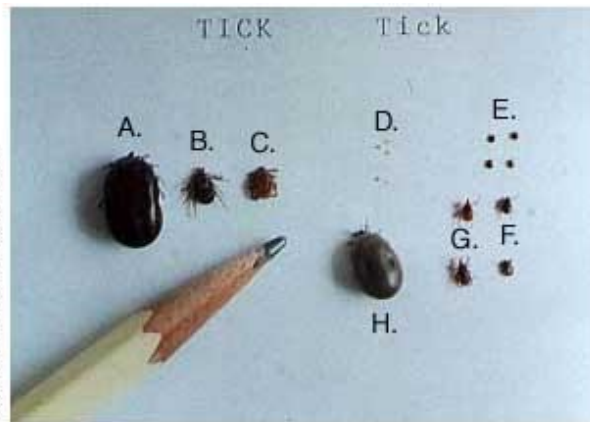
In a previous newsletter we talked about some of the growing concerns over tick related diseases. Although they are barely perceptible to the naked eye, the tick bite infects many thousands of adults and children which can leave them with debilitating and sometimes fatal diseases with Lyme disease being the most prevalent. It is estimated that 300,000 Americans each year are affected!

As you may know, Lyme disease includes symptoms of fever, headache, and fatigue, and can lead to neurological impairments including forms of meningitis and encephalitis. However, as more becomes known about the disease causing tick, other more serious problems are coming forth. Unfortunately patients often do not realize that they have been bitten (not everyone will find the "bull's eye" sign) and doctors do not always properly diagnose the infection quickly or accurately!

With the warm weather approaching and as more children and adults spend increased time outside, it is important to be aware of the following:

1. There is no vaccine for Lyme disease or other tick-borne illnesses.
2. Repellents containing DEET may help keep ticks away, however, they are not foolproof.
3. Try to avoid walking through thick brush or grass in wooded areas.
4. Inspect your clothes and body carefully after ALL outdoor activities!
5. The Center for Disease Control recommends that you wear bright colored clothing (to better see the ticks) and tuck your pants into your socks.

Vanderhoof-Forschner



A, B, & C: Wood Ticks  
D, E, F, G, & H: Deer Ticks  
A & H: Engorged (after feeding on host)

## FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.....



Information on ATV's:

- ◇ ATV's are **NOT permitted** on any roadway (paved or dirt) within the Township.
- ◇ An ATV, properly registered with the Commonwealth of PA, is permitted on roadways within the Township only during periods of emergency when declared by State, County or local government, or to cross a roadway at 90 degree angle or to cross a bridge.
- ◇ **Registration and liability insurance is required** for ALL ATV's operated within the Commonwealth unless the ATV is solely operated on land owned or leased by the operator.
- ◇ Operators of ATV's within the Commonwealth are **required to wear proper protective gear to include a helmet and eye protection.**
- ◇ Operators under the age of 16 are required to attend an ATV safety training course and be under the direct supervision of some one 18 years of age or older when operating an ATV on any land but that of their own.
- ◇ Fines and costs for violating any of the ATV laws can exceed \$300.00 per violation.

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?

John Steinbeck

"You wouldn't worry so much about what others think of you if you realized how seldom they do."

Eleanor Roosevelt



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# Neighborhood Events

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast** - 2nd Sun. of each month 9 am-noon (adults \$5 child 12 & under \$2)

**Moscow Fire/EMS Explorer Post 7**—Meets alternate Tues. Moscow Fire Station, Main St. 7 pm. For young men & women of the NP area 14-19 years of age (570)842-7211

**NP Rotary Club**—Meets at the Elmhurst Country Club Thursdays 6 pm in the summer, at alternate NP sites January through March (570)842-2547

**Minisink Lions Club**—meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. at the VFW—contact Patrick Verastro (570) 689-2843

**Covington Fire Co. Women's Auxiliary**— Meets the 1st Mon. of each month at 7 pm call Betty for more information (570) 842-0448

**NP Kids Closet** - supplies clothing to needy area children. Located in the basement of the Moscow Borough Building. We accept monetary donations payable to NP Kids Closet c/o Lynn Biondi, 1010 Forest Road, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

**NP Food Pantry**— Bill's Plaza (next to Tasty Swirl) every Thursday noon -1 pm Proof of North Pocono School District Full-time residency required. Dry goods donations appreciated. (570) 842-4741

**Parish Buffet Breakfast**—St. Eulalia's Church, Elmhurst, 3rd Sunday of every month 8:30 am -12:30 pm in church hall (65+ \$5)( 12-64 \$6) (6-11 \$3) (5+ under free)

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)**—each Tuesday 6:30pm, Moscow Borough Building, Van Brunt St. Moscow

**Pierogi Sale**—St. Rita's Church, Gouldsboro \$7/dozen (570) 842-4995, (570) 842-8692 or (570) 842-4176

**Jefferson Twp. Fire Co.**—Station 29. All You Can Eat Breakfast first Sunday of every month 8 am—noon

**NP Library** - (all weekly events) Children's Story & Craft Hour Tues. 11 am; Bridge Club Fri. 12:30 pm; Family Game Night Thurs. 5 pm; Family Movie Night last Fri. of each month 7 pm; Adult Book Club 3rd Thurs. 6 pm; Mexican Train Tues. 12:30 pm; Lap-sit Story Hour for children up to 2 years old Fridays at 10 am; Third Sat. Science Saturday 11 am (570) 842-4700 <http://www.lclshome.org/npocono/index.php>

**Business 2 Business**—Meets every Thursday 8-9 am at Friendly's in Dunmore (570) 842-2808

**Moscow Mason Lodge** - Meets 2nd Thurs. of ea. month, Lodge Hall, Green St. Moscow, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

**Cross Road Assembly Of God, Elmhurst**— (570) 842-1454, Wednesdays, Family Night 7 pm; Thursdays, men & women events, call for more information; Fridays, 7 pm ages 12-18; Saturdays, Healing Service 6pm; Communion on 1st Saturday

**North Pocono Cultural Society** - Meeting 2nd Monday of each month, 7 pm at the Moscow Borough Building 123 VanBrunt Street, Moscow (570) 357-1672.

**Gouldsboro Volunteer Fire Company** - Bingo every Thurs. 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30pm

**NP LovinLife Ministries** - meets every Wednesday 7 pm for Bible Study at the Swartz Residence, 21 Swartz Drive. New members welcome. (570) 842-3205

**The Lucky Horse Shoes 4H Club** - meets 1st Sunday of each month 4 pm at Woodlands Stables, Freytown Road call Carol (570) 842-3742.

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Thursday, March 27, 2014 **Beatlemania Now Trip**

Thursday, May 29, 2014 **The Coasters Trip**

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### US Flag Code:

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

When a flag becomes too worn to properly symbolize our country and freedom, it should be properly disposed of by burning in a dignified manner. Strauch Funeral Home would be honored to take your old flag and cremate it with a deceased veteran. Please call for more information.

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## The dangers of driving while talking on a cell phone

It is interesting to note that a professor of psychology at the University of Utah, David Strager, has published a series of articles that show driving while talking on a cell phone --- hands free or not--- is the same as driving with a blood alcohol level of .08, which is the legal limit. Talk to your children and make sure they realize how truly dangerous driving can be if you are texting or talking on a cell phone.



## High Definition Camera System Installed

The Board of Supervisors recently had a high definition camera system installed in the area around the children's playground and Moffat pavilion. It was the intent of the supervisors to provide a degree of safety and security to the many children and young adults using the facilities. The cameras can be used to identify most if not all individuals entering the vicinity of the pavilion and playground. It will also be used to oversee a large portion of the other buildings on the property.

## Spring Quiz Answers

1. Spring Equinox or Vernal Equinox
2. Usually on March 21st but can sometimes be on March 20th.
3. You can balance an egg on its end on the first day of spring.
4. Rebirth
5. Twelve (12) hours each.
6. First
7. Spring begins in September for those that live in the Southern Hemisphere. Their seasons are reversed. Their autumn begins in March.
8. The earth's axis is increasing its tilt toward the sun.
9. Cherry blossoms
10. Swallow

## Spring Can't Come to the Phone Right Now . . .

Charlotte Partin



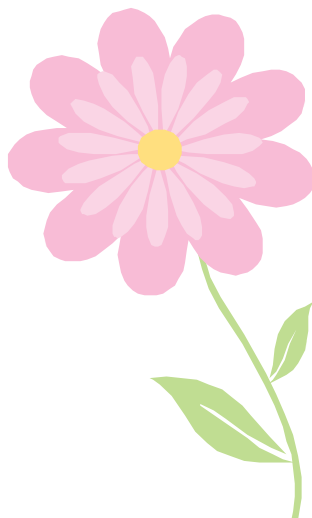
Spring can't come to the phone right now...

She's flown to distant hills  
to dabble speckles on a fawn  
and fling out daisy spills.

When she re-mosses forest floors  
and pulls back Winter's pall,  
she'll batten down the daffodil  
and then return your call!

To teach the wren her little song  
will take an hour or two-  
Striping birches lasts awhile,  
so wait and she'll call you.

You'll know when April comes again -  
She'll cause your heart to leap.  
Just close your eyes and listen  
to her message at the "beep".



## Lackawanna College Moves the Environmental Center



As you may recall, Lackawanna College used the front building of the Moffat Estate to hold various environmental classes and run summer environmental programs for all ages. Although it was a delight to have those programs on the Estate grounds, the college has decided to run all of its programs at their new Environmental Center located on MacKenzie Road in Covington Township. The new property is a 200 acre parcel with updated facilities which can accommodate elementary grades through college. The Covington staff wishes the outstanding staff of Lackawanna College much success at their new location!

## Clothes Closet

**WHEN:** Last Thursday of every month

**TIME:** 11am-7pm

**WHERE:** Daleville United Methodist Church  
423 Dorantown Road, Covington Twp PA 18444

**DETAILS:** Open to the public. Free clothing available for men, women, and children.

Light snacks will be available.

Donation accepted of new or gently used, clean clothing on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am-2pm.

Emergency clothing, leave a message at the church office (570)842-6766



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Proposed Budget \$1,233,711

Receipts (major categories)

Taxes Real Estate	\$571,500
Local Enabling Tax Act 511	275,000
Cash Investment (beginning year)	202,000
Public Safety	57,000
Licenses, Permits, Fines	20,700

Expenditures (major categories)

Public Safety	\$335,000
Public Works	290,000
General Government	169,300
Employee (taxes & benefits)	165,300
Maintenance & Utilities	130,500
Insurances	115,500

Millage Rate = 10.25