

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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By now, all the snowbirds have left the area and only the hard-core winter weather lovers remain. We're all thinking of you from the (relatively) warm south and enjoying each picture of the snow so please keep sharing! We continue with our annual trek to Jekyll Island which I think of as the Penn National of the south – laid back, friendly and a great place to be.

We missed the recent Trivia Night, but I understand it was a great success. About half way through the first Trivia Night, one of my teammates said “you really suck at this, don't you?” I took that as a signal that maybe I should sit out trivia nights from now on.

Unfortunately, we will also miss the 3rd annual Chocolate and Wine event which gets more popular each year. We'll have a shadow event here at Jekyll with the PN South contingent. Hope y' all have a great time!

Please check out the new activities recently started at Penn National. The Walk-Run-Jog club is up and “running” with the schedule posted on the PNCA website. I'm looking forward to joining in as soon as we get back. Also, check out the new Writing is Fun club. I always enjoy writing the monthly newsletter article, so maybe I should join the club. Do they help with concise writing techniques? (I could definitely use some help.)

There's lots more going on in the next few months, so

check out the calendar on the website and the articles throughout the newsletter to see what you might find interesting.

Our Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12th, at the Mont Alto Fire Station. I saw that Windy Knoll has 12 new ice cream flavors, so we'll have to change up the selection of flavors for our traditional ice cream welcome.

Gale, Roland and I are working on a new online membership enrollment for next year. My early attempt was pretty ugly, so Roland has stepped in to help clean it up and make it much easier for everyone to use. More to follow as we get closer to membership renewal time.

As I've mentioned before, I spent my career working Cyber Security for DoD, so feel obligated to occasionally pass along some advice for your consideration as we're all targets for those trying to do some online theft. The recent push to implement Passkeys to replace passwords is something worth your time. When we implemented an earlier version of this in DoD, it dramatically improved our security posture with the side benefit that it's easier than messing with passwords. It may sound confusing at first, but it's really pretty simple and MUCH better than passwords. Start with one or two accounts and get familiar with them and you'll soon wish every site would make the switch.

Stay warm and enjoy winter wherever you chose to spend it. We look forward to returning to another beautiful Penn National spring.

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## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

For those of you heading to warmer climates for the winter and receive printed version of newsletter, please make sure you have either: Changed your mailing address or Switched to email version

Send an email to the Membership Director, Gale Crist at ([galecrist@comcast.net](mailto:galecrist@comcast.net)) stating which you prefer and when to start.

When you return to Penn National, please send another email to switch back to your normal newsletter delivery option or address. Thanks!



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PNCA'S PRIMARY MISSION IS TO BE A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE PENN NATIONAL COMMUNITY



- Leave anonymous kind notes in public areas for strangers to find .
- Dedicate a day or week to giving sincere compliments to those around you.
- Schedule time with someone you've been meaning to connect with.
- Encourage doing small, unexpected acts of love, like leaving a kind note on someone's car, sending a thoughtful text, or surprising a loved one with their favorite treat .
- Wish the first person you see an amazing day.
- Pause and reflect on how you can show more empathy to those around you.
- Take time to practice self-love by doing something that makes you feel good.
- Unplug from technology and participate in a community event.

**Feb 9th thru the 15th , 2025 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. Visit [www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-week](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-week) for ideas to celebrate kindness all week**

**FROM THE PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR**

February, the shortest month of they year is packed with themes and activities!

February is Black History Month. This year's theme, "African Americans and Labor," sets out to highlight and celebrate the achievements and encourage reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces. Check your local PBS listings at PBS.org for their full 2025 Black History Month lineup!

Happening events start with Punxsutawney Phil. On February 2nd, he will make his 139th annual prediction on the length of winter. Next we will plan to place our Super Bowl bets and pick our snacks for Super Bowl Sunday February 9th.

At the top of this page I have highlighted that February 9th thru the 15th is Random Acts of Kindness Week. With short days, snowy weather and cold temperatures I think practicing some random acts of kindness is a way we can promote compassion for ourselves, our neighbors, and our community at large. At each new year I choose a self improvement word for the year. After my journal reflections last month the word I chose for this year is Rejoice! The simple meaning of this word is to give joy to, or to feel joy or great delight.

I am jumping in with both feet to practice small random acts of kindness all year! Make kindness the norm, the world is

full of kind people, if you can't find one, be one! Pass it on!

The season of love starts with Valentines day. To kick this year off, I hope you join our PNCA 3rd annual Wine and Chocolate tasting on the 12th. Make sure to indulge in some self-love as well. The National Random Acts of Kindness Week wraps up on the 17th with the Random Acts of Kindness day!

As usual our regular contributors came though with great updates from events and PNCA group activities. You will enjoy the reads. Check out our book clubs' recommended reads on page 10. The opportunity to order green address signs is also on page 10.

The Walk-Run-Jog Club had a great kickoff, let's keep supporting them! We all start the year with the best of intentions but by February, that box of chocolates looks very tempting and for those that joined this outdoor physical activity in this cold weather, I applaud you! Keep up the great work!

Make 2025 a time to meet more of our community, join one of our many informal groups, the diverse groups and meeting times are on page 8 and there is a wealth of info about PNCA clubs, groups, and activities on the PNCA website. I Hope many of you reach out and meet new neighbors and learn new things!

Eileen Grady  
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**FROM OUR LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT LIAISON**

The Guilford Township Supervisors approved resolutions and the dedication of Hot Springs Court, a portion of St. Annes Drive and a portion of Sandwich Lane. The Supervisors also agreed to the placement of speed warning lights at Bent Oak Drive/Oak Leaf Lane to remind residents traveling along the streets of the 25 MPH posted speed limit.

Last year I approached the Supervisors at the request of residents on Cascades Drive as to how Side Road Intersection warning signs could be placed along State Road 2031 (Mont Alto Road) to make motorists aware of the Cascades Drive entrance. The Supervisors advised at that time they would make said request to PENNDOT, Franklin County office. The signs have been erected on the Duffield Road side and the Mont Alto side of Cascades Drive. Photo on the right.



*Submitted by Rob Ackerman, PNCA Director/State and Local Government Liaison*

Guilford Township Bulky Items Days are May 9th and 10th at CWP transfer station. Shred Day is May 17th at the same location.



## REMINDER

### PNCA 3RD ANNUAL CHOCOLATE & WINE EVENT



The PNCA 3rd Annual Chocolate and Wine Event will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Mont Alto Fire Company. We will be serving 4-wines with 4-sweets.

Price is \$25.00 per person. You can sign up at the following link: You will need to copy and paste this in your BROWSER: <https://forms.gle/kYFfs5kb1mLoyxdn7>, OR use the link on the PNCA website Bulletin Board entry for the event.

You may pay by credit card when signing up at the above link, OR we accept cash or check made payable to PNCA, notate "Chocolate & Wine Event".

Payment must be made by February 3rd or your reservation will be cancelled. Please make payment online or to one of the following committee members:

- Sue Stempien—7031 St. Annes Drive
- Lori Fink—3644 Cascades Drive
- Kathy Carbone—6702 Bent Oak Drive
- Beth Pryor—6964 Old Course Road

Hope to see you all there!!

*Submitted by Kathy Carbone*  
908-642-6297; [kdcarbone@yahoo.com](mailto:kdcarbone@yahoo.com)

## PNCA HOLIDAY PARTY SURVEY RESULTS

There were approximately 125 attendees for the holiday party and 95 attendees completed the survey.

Here are the results:

- Venue: 90 responses rated it very good to excellent, 4 rated it good and 1 rated it poor to fair
- Appetizers: 74 rated them very good to excellent, 17 rated them good, 3 rated them poor to fair and 1 no answer
- Food: 82 rated the food very good to excellent, 8 rated it good, and 5 rated it poor to fair.
- Would you return to the Orchards: 90 said yes, 1 said no, and 4 did not respond. (the "no" answer rated everything good to excellent so I'm unsure if this "no" was an error?)
- The final question was, would you travel to a venue in Gettysburg; 22 said no.

*Submitted by Tony Tirella*

## JANUARY TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP

The January Trivia Night was a great success. The weather cooperated and 54 people attended. Challenging questions were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Richard Crist and Karen Kugler for testing our trivia knowledge.

The fifty-fifty proceeds were shared with the Mont

Alto Fire Department.

Thanks to Carolyn Milligan, Trish Orwig and Lynne Mobley for doing all the background work to make the night successful, especially during the holidays.

*Submitted by Suzanne Stempien*  
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## PNCA NEW MEMBERS

Street	Names
Merion Drive	Andrew & Linda Balderson
Oak Leaf Lane	Robert & Fay Watson
St. Annes Drive	David & Lisa Cowperthwait

## PNCA MEN'S LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday February 11, 2025  
 Place: Dobbin House Tavern, 80 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA (717) 334-2100  
 Time: Cash Bar at 11:00 AM; Lunch Served 11:45 AM  
 Cost: \$25.00 per person  
 Menu: Baked Ham with Pineapple Raisin Sauce or Pennsylvania Dutch Chicken Pot Pie, both served with home baked bread, salad and choice of dessert.  
 Speaker: Codie Eash, Director of Education and Interpretation, Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center in Gettysburg. He will discuss *The Lutheran Seminary in the Battle of Gettysburg*  
 Please make your **reservation** by contacting one of the following committee members on or before Tuesday, February 4, 2025:

- Bernie Goldberg 717-401-0084      bernie7009@gmail.com
- Bob Cronin 717-352-8539      rjcronin68@gmail.com

Cancellations should be received at least three days prior to the luncheon date, except for an emergency, otherwise we ask that you honor your payment.

**The Next Luncheon will be our Saint Patrick's Day celebration at the Chambersburg VFW on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (this is a changed date and location).**

*Submitted by Bernie Goldberg*

### NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025



Penn National will visit **The National Civil War Museum**, at 1 Lincoln Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17103 on Tuesday, March 18th.

The Museum is one of the largest in the country dedicated solely to the American Civil War. It seeks to tell the whole story of this troubled chapter in American history by discussing the causes of the war, the battles that took place during the conflict, and the legacy of the war that remains with us to this day.

As usual we will travel via car pool and are planning to stop for lunch on the return trip at Fiddlers Restaurant at Mayapple Golf Course.

We will depart from the Penn National Golf Club (back parking lot) at 8:30 am and return about 2:00 pm.

The cost to the tour the museum is a discounted \$11.00 per person paid in advance. Lunch will be ordered and paid individually at the restaurant.

Enroll at a Men's Luncheon and pay the advance fee of \$11.00 (please make checks payable to PNCA) or drop it at the box at Jon/Pam Curro, 6210 Oak Leaf Lane North or you can enroll to participate in this trip with:

- Milan Shepherd-(703) 969-5602  
beaumack01@verizon.net
- Jon Curro-(315) 225-5566  
jon@thecurros.us

As always, everyone is welcome to participate, including family and friends.

*Submitted by Bernie Goldberg*

#### PNCA EVENTS CALENDAR (events and details also found at pnca.info)

DATE	EVENT
February 4th	First Tuesday Food Pantry Pickup
February 11th	PN Men's Luncheon at the Dobyys House Tavern, Gettysburg
February 12th	Chocolate and Wine Event at Mont Alto Fire Hall
SAVE THE DATES FOR MARCH	
March 4th	First Tuesday Food Pantry Pickup
March 11th	PN Men's Luncheon at the Chambersburg VFW
March 18th	Visit the National Civil War Museum



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## NEEDLEWORKERS GROUP

As I write this article for the February newsletter, the outside air temperature is a balmy 15 degrees with a wind chill of 6 degrees. Families across Appalachia are dealing with the cold and homes lost from the floods of this past fall and families in California are watching their homes, schools, businesses and places of worship go up in flames. Time for some comfort stitching.

Many of us who attend the Needleworkers group also stitch for various charities, donating time, talents and materials for those in need. Whether you stitch for yourself, family, friends, your "Sweet Babboo", or a community in need, you will find others creating with similar purposes at our meetings.

Please consider attending Needleworkers on the

first and third Wednesdays of the month, February 5th and 19th, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Mont Alto Community Center, directly behind the Month Alto Fire House. Parking makes attending accessible for all.

In case of inclement weather, call the Senior Center Hotline at 717-660-2678, to see if the Center will be open.

"A simple winter scene panel with borders added and a flannel backing to keep a child snugly warm:"

Hope to see you in February.

*Submitted by Joyce Zsembery*



## PN HARMONY SINGERS

Happy Valentine's Day!

February is the month of love. Songs like "When I Fall in Love" by Herman and Young, "No Other Love" by Russell and Weston and "Dream Lover" by Bobby Darin are just a few of the classic love songs. The Harmony Singers celebrate love through verse and harmony.

This is an ideal time to attend a practice and meet our members. You will find verse and harmony with our group. We sing a variety of music that we know you will enjoy. We are working on new selections and favorite songs that our audiences are familiar with from years past.

During our break in January, we were busy planning our 2025 schedule. We have monthly practices, perform at various assisted living communities in our area and also sing at Penn National functions. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church on Mont Alto Road.



For more information call or email Sandy Curtis: [shcurtis6907@gmail.com](mailto:shcurtis6907@gmail.com) or 717 352-7719.

Or

John Berger: [jobouke47@gmail.com](mailto:jobouke47@gmail.com) or 717 401-0905.

*Submitted by Sandy Curtis, PNHS Coordinator*

## FIRST TUESDAY—FOOD PANTRY

The weather didn't cooperate with the January Food Pantry pickup so we had to cancel.

Our next Food Pantry pickup will be Tuesday, February 4th. Please have your donations at the end of your driveway by 9am for drivers to pick up.

Maranatha is always looking for volunteers for sorting food and helping out. Volunteers need to show up around 8am Monday-Thursday at the pantry location. The pantry is located at 195 West Loudon Street Chambersburg.

We appreciate your kindness, and we thank you for all your donations.

*Submitted by Jon and Pam Curro*



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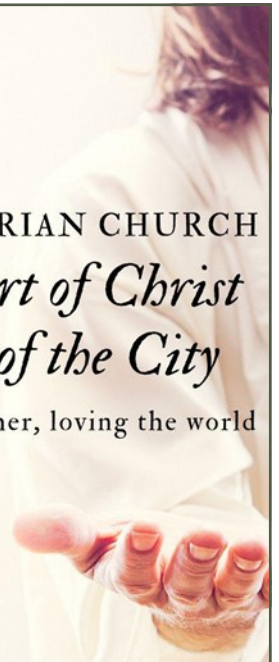
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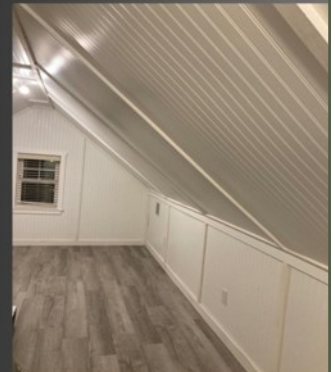
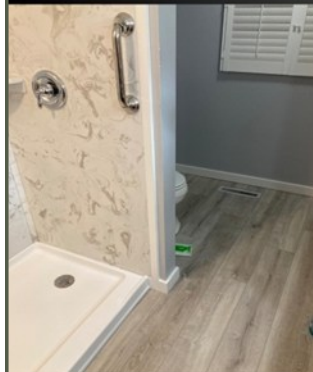
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## PENN NEEDLES QUILTERS—FEBRUARY NEWS 2025

Our December Christmas Luncheon at Hickory Bridge was joyful. Over 30 members attended, enjoying the beautiful décor and delicious food. Show 'n' Tell was, as always, amazing....such talent among us. 'Women In Need' organization benefited from donations by the group.

January is our month for winter pause. February 18, 2025, 9:30AM, is our next official meeting. We plan on working on items for the Mennonite Relief Center, tying scrap Quilts as well as finishing Donation Bags to send overseas.

This year we will also be working on Reading Pillows for First Start Pre-School in Fayetteville. We will cut, construct and donate 114 pillows for these young enthusiasts. Ladies, please be sure to bring your fabric to cut and if you can, sewing machines to complete our project. Pillows forms will be provided. Plan to "Sit & Sew"!

Think ahead about volunteering as an officer of the group next season starting in September.

We welcome anyone to our group interested in sewing/quilting, come check it out!

Stay warm,

YES I DO ACTUALLY NEED ALL THAT FABRIC! 😊

*Submitted by Cindy Paskanik [paskanik@yahoo.com]*

### WALK-RUN-JOG CLUB

Our kick-off on January 12th was a success!

Thank you to the dozen neighbors who braved the cold and snowy/icy roads for our first walk together!! We had a nice turnout, good conversation, crisp weather and a lot of fun.

Our next one: Tuesday January 28th. Let's meet at the Clubhouse at 4:15 PM for a brief intro and warm-up for our next walk/run/jog together. Remember, this is an informal meet-up; no sign-up is required; all activities are at your own risk. Just bring your water, dress appropriately, and obey traffic rules.

For more information go to:

- brochure: <https://www.pnca.info/pdfs/WRJC.pdf>
- route maps: <https://www.pnca.info/pdfs/WRJCmaps.pdf>

Hope to see you there!

*Submitted by Michele Rapp,  
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### MORE PNCA GROUPS—LOOKING TO CONNECT IN 2025?

CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL INFORMAL GROUPS IN PENN NATIONAL. Information also found at [www.pnca.info](http://www.pnca.info)

**COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP:** Meets monthly on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:30 at Arturo's for those interested in computer hardware, software, and/or programming.

**WOODWORKERS GROUP:** Meets monthly at 11:30 am the first Friday of every month at Arturo's Pizza. Contact Bob Foor at [bobfoor@comcast.net](mailto:bobfoor@comcast.net) for info on either the Computer Interest or Woodworkers Groups

**WRITING IS FUN GROUP:** Meets monthly at 9am the first Friday of every month at the Penn State Mont Alto Library. Contact Tom Cahill at [Thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.michael.cahill@gmail.com)

**HEARING SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets monthly the first Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church. Contact Bill Best at [hearinglossfranco@gmail.com](mailto:hearinglossfranco@gmail.com)

**FAYETTEVILLE AREA LIONS CLUB:** Meets monthly the 2nd Monday 5:30, 6:30 dinner meeting at Bonanza, Rt. 30 across from Lowes. Contact Patti Ohler at [pohler664@comcast.net](mailto:pohler664@comcast.net)





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# The Book Club

## FEBRUARY BOOK CLUBS NEWS

Group Name/Leader	BOOK	AUTHOR	Meeting Info	Host
A Broader View: Vicky Billerbeck	<i>The Woman with the Cure</i>	Lynn Cullen	February 5th	Sharon's
A New Leaf: Cheryl Vorhauer	<i>The Frozen River</i>	Ariel Lawhon	February 25th	Cheryl's
Between The Lines: Becky Foor	<i>Comfort and Joy</i>	Kristin Hannah	February 19th	Becky Foor's
Easy Readers: Donna Steiner	<i>James</i>	Perceval Everett	February 11th	Mary Kaye's
Literary Ladies: Terry Kenyon	<i>The Beach House</i>	Mary Alice Monroe	<i>Moved to March 20th</i>	<i>No meeting in February</i>
Page 2 Page: Judy Young (accepting new members)	<i>Tom Lake</i>	Ann Patchett	February 19th	Ruth Taylor's
Page Turners: Barb Brown	<i>None</i>	N/A	<i>No meeting in February</i>	
S.T.A.R.: Sally Harper	<i>The Diamond Eye</i>	Kate Quinn	February 19th	Jean's

## RECOMMENDED READS FROM OUR BOOK CLUBS

From Between the Lines Book Club

One of our favorite books that we read last year is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. It tells the story of Francis "Frankie" McGrath, a privileged 20-year-old nursing student who joins the Army Nurse Corps to serve in Vietnam during the late 1960's. The book is a coming-of-age story that explores the sacrifices women make for their country, the horrors of war, and the challenges of returning to civilian life.

*Submitted by Becky Foor*

From Literary Ladies Book Club

*The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake 2021. This is actually written by two women under one pseudonym. One author is American, the other is English. An interesting story of a young orphaned girl in early 1800's England who is raised by a physician and his housekeeper. As she grows up she proves to be a gifted anatomical artist and surgical assistant. The doctor teaches his young protege the finer points of medical/surgical practice and all goes well until she is discovered practicing medicine without proper education. What lies in store for her as she navigates the murky waters of her future? Intriguing for a woman to have been in this predicament in Victorian England!

*Submitted by Terry Kenyon*

## GREEN & WHITE REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS NOTICE

The Mont Alto Fire Department strongly urges everyone to have a green & white reflective house number sign installed in front of your home, close to the road. House numbers on your house are not always visible at night from the road, and during an emergency, where seconds may matter, a reflective sign may mean the difference between life and death.

PNCA will purchase and install a sign for your home for \$25, which is about what it would cost you to do it

yourself (the signs, from the Mont Alto Fire Dept./ Ambulance Squad, cost \$20), and it is a lot easier than doing it yourself! You can request a sign at this website page: <https://www.pnca.info/numsign.php>.

Please note Installation timing will be based on the ability to install depending on the condition of ground thaw.

*Submitted by Jon Curro*



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Franklin County has implemented a new record alert notification system as a safeguard for property owners. This program is free of charge and was implemented to help ease the minds of Franklin County property owners in response to a notable rise in fraud and crime involving property titles all across the county. With this new tool, if you register, you will be alerted to anything that may be put on your property record. In order to register you will need your property's county-assigned 20 character Tax Parcel Identification Number. This number can be found on your tax bills or by visiting the county website (see below) under UPI public lookup website with tax information.

- <https://www.franklincountypa.gov/landex-record-alert/>
- <https://fcgis.franklincountypa.gov/taxparcelviewer/>

For more information, or to sign up, visit the Register & Recorder's Office under the county website at [www.franklincountypa.gov](http://www.franklincountypa.gov).

### Instructions

- Go to website [www.franklincountypa.gov](http://www.franklincountypa.gov)
- Hover over General Government
- Click on Register & Recorder
- Scroll down to Landex Record Alert
  - o Read about the available service
- Click on "Landex Record Alert Registration"
- Click Next
- Check "I accept the terms and conditions"
  - o Click Next
- Check Email, Phone Text, Or both to receive alerts
- Fill in the appropriate information
- Provide your 20 digit UPI#(Tax#)
  - o Your address with the associated UPI# should pop-up
  - o If you do not know the UPI#, click on Franklin County Parcel Viewer, a new window will pop-up for you to search for it
- Once you have gone through all of the steps, you will receive a confirmation that you are set up via the email or by text to the phone number that you provided.

Submitted by Bob Foor  
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It's February! That means the Super Bowl – parties, snacks, TV commercials...and don't forget the actual game!!

To celebrate Super Bowl LIX, here's a potpourri of easy sports trivia!

(Answers on pg. 15.)

Submitted by Michael Donkin

1. Which of these is not typically associated with football?

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|-----------------|----------------|
| a) Hail Mary    | c) Hat trick   |
| b) Flea flicker | d) Screen pass |

2. Which country is the current reigning soccer World Cup champion?

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|--------------|------------------|
| a) Mexico    | c) United States |
| b) Argentina | d) England       |

3. How many seconds are on the NBA shot clock?

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|-------|-------|
| a) 5  | c) 24 |
| b) 10 | d) 60 |

4. A baseball team fields how many players?

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|------|-------|
| a) 7 | c) 9  |
| b) 8 | d) 10 |

5. In golf, a 'triple bogey' means?

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) 3 under par          | c) 3 over par            |
| b) 3 par holes in a row | d) 3 shots in sand traps |

6. What is the highest value card in poker?

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|---------|----------|
| a) King | c) Jack  |
| b) Ace  | d) Queen |

7. In hockey, a hooking penalty will cost you how many minutes in the penalty box?

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|------|-------|
| a) 1 | c) 5  |
| b) 2 | d) 10 |

8. What does 'love' mean in tennis?

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|----------------|------------------|
| a) Tie score   | c) Serving fault |
| b) Zero points | d) 2nd serve     |

9. If you were to bowl a perfect game, how many consecutive strikes would you have?

- |       |       |
|-------|-------|
| a) 10 | c) 12 |
| b) 11 | d) 13 |

10. A 30-second ad during this year's Super Bowl would cost about:

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|---------|---------|
| a) \$1M | c) \$5M |
| b) \$2M | d) \$7M |

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Did you know that the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners maintain demonstration gardens on the east side of Franklin Farm Lane in Chambersburg? They do! The gardens are open to the public dawn to dusk every day. You may think there's not much to see at this time of year, but you would be wrong.

Walking along the path in the Wildlife Garden you'll see evergreens with cones, Northern Oats swaying in the breeze, and the fluffy seed heads of goldenrod all creating lovely contrasts against the winter backdrop. There may be a few remaining milkweed plants with the seeds waiting to fly free.

In the Pollinator Garden, fall clean-up left some leaf litter where butterflies such as Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) overwinter in their cocoons and short hollow stems of pruned flowers are a place for overwintering native bees. The Drought Tolerant Garden highlights quite a few evergreens, and the Victory Garden has been cleaned for the winter. Stems and some leaves also remain in the Perennial Garden. Lavender and winter savory are still standing in the Herb Garden while most of the plants have gone dormant for the winter. Black Swallowtail butterflies (*Papilio polyxenes*), that have feasted on the dill, parsley, and fennel all summer, are in their cocoons: waiting for spring.

The Gass (Gause) Garden, celebrating the life of Patrick Gass, is across the lane at the Extension Office entrance. The long granite wall with crevices provides shelter for small mammals. There are shrubs with berries for the birds. There is also a Little Library in this garden where free books are available and where horticulture themed books may be left for others.

Look for Master Gardener special events during the year at the gardens and save May 17 for the annual Plant Sale.

Visit the Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens webpage and find out more about each of the gardens. <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/franklin/demonstration-gardens>

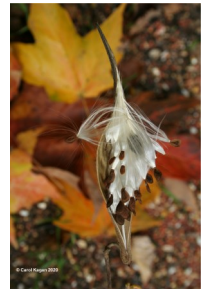
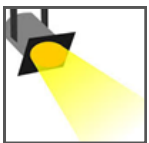


Photo: Butterfly plant (*Asclepias tuberosa*) pod with seeds (C Kagan)

*Submitted by: Carol Kagan, Penn State Extension  
Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteer*



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*Submitted by Carole Mathieu, PNCA Ad Coordinator*





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1. c) Hat trick
2. b) Argentina
3. c) 24
4. c) 9
5. c) 3 over par
6. b) Ace
7. b) 2
8. b) Zero points
9. c) 12
10. d) \$7M (!)

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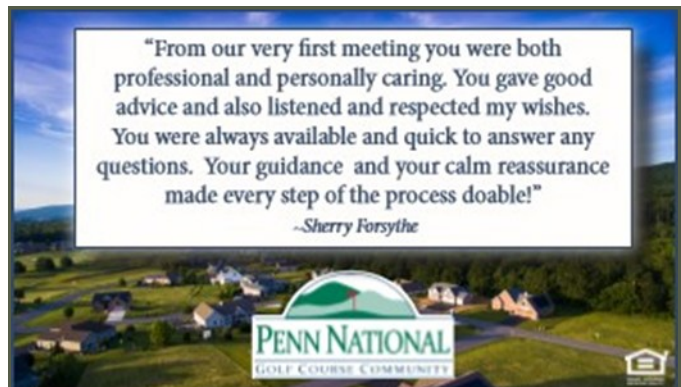
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