

Earth Day

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Rehabilitation and Education Center who brought birds, an Owl, Kestrel, and 'Thor' a hawk, some snakes and Lily the skunk.

Owner Pete Rushton from P.T. Reptiles entertained everyone inside the complex with his reptile buddies like Billy, olive and Peaches the three Pythons. He had children volunteers come up and hold the creatures while he explained how the animals live and survive in the wild.



He got seven of the mothers in the audience to come up and all hold Olive the python for a photo.

Also with him he brought an Alligator, frogs, small turtle and a large one with the shell measuring 24".

Northampton County Conservation District & Junior Conservation School was on hand to discuss Spotted Lantern Fly.

Friends of Minsi Lake were there to answer questions about their plans for the lake as the new caretakers of the lake and give updates on the dam construction taking place.

The Pen Argyl H.S. Green Echo club also attended along with Scout Troops 34 & 8420.

Other activities include a craft table, newspaper activity, recycling archery, and even a Waste Management CNG Truck for kids to check out!

The Wildlife Habitat Council certified Grand Central Landfill's wildlife habitat in 2007. The environmental education center includes a classroom and 41 acres of contiguous fields that are exclusively maintained under a rotational grassland management plan. The facility is home to many birds, reptiles and mammals native to the region.

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Right - Seven of the mothers in the audience volunteered to come up and all hold Olive the 17' python for a photo.



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150th Anniversary Of Transcontinental Railroad With Special Program And Tour

By Michael Ortoski

BETHLEHEM, PA – The National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) is honoring the 150th anniversary of the 'Golden Spike,' the final spike joining the rails of the First Transcontinental Railroad across the United States with a special presentation and tour. This Sunday, April 28th at 2pm guest speaker Ron Luckock will tell the tragic and triumphant stories behind the workers who toiled to build the railroad and showcase a 100lb G-scale model of the famous 'Big Boy' locomotive used by Union Pacific that stretches almost five feet long. Visitors will then have the unique opportunity to carpool to Mr. Luckock's house, which houses an astonishing 4500 sq. ft. O-scale train exhibit featuring over 600 scratch built models depicting the forks of the Delaware River where five railroads, three canals, and two rivers met and interchanged.

Ron Luckock served as an Air Force combat photographer and attended Santa Barbara City College and the Brooks Institute, earning a B.A. in Photographic Arts. He later worked as a machine operator at Ingersoll Rand in Phillipsburg, NJ until his retirement in 2000. His passion for railroads and trains is a life-long pursuit, with his Lehigh River Valley setup taking 40 years to complete.

This special presentation and tour is \$5 in addition to regular museum admission.

Photos show the 4500 sq. ft. layout of Ron Luckock's recreation of Lehigh Valley railroads that visitors will be able to visit as part of the program. Photo credit to 'Glenn Koehler/NMIH'.

State College Grant Deadline Approaches

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - This Wednesday, May 1, is the deadline for students and families to submit their 2019-20 PA State Grant application.

This deadline applies to all renewal applicants and first-time applicants who plan to enroll in a college, university, or college transfer program at two-year public or private colleges (except community colleges and designated Pennsylvania Open Admission institutions).

To apply for a PA State Grant, applicants must first complete the 2019-20 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, which can be accessed online at PHEAA.org/FAFSA or fafsa.gov. Completing the FAFSA online saves time and reduces application and processing errors, although paper applications are also available for download and manual completion,

First-time applicants must also submit a PA State Grant Form (SGF). First-time applicants who submit the FAFSA online will be automatically redirected to the SGF by following the onscreen prompts on the confirmation page.

First-time applicants who have already submitted their FAFSA but have not completed the SGF will receive an email directing them to PHEAA's secure Account Access site for completion. Both applications are free to submit.

Looking For A Summer Job?

By Michael Ortoski

STROUDSBURG - Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation is currently hiring for part-time seasonal positions.

Lifeguards are needed to work at the Dansbury Park Pool and/or the Stroudsburg Borough Pool this summer. Certified American Red Cross Lifeguards can apply at our office located in the Day Street Community Center, 15 Day Street East Stroudsburg, PA or you can download the application from the website <https://www.srosrc.org/employment-volunteer> (16 years of age or older to apply) If you are not currently a certified lifeguard – SROSRC will be hosting American Red Cross Certification classes for those who would like to work for them.

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