

New Readers' News

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Spring has sprung

Find and circle all of the words hidden in the puzzle. Words can be found by looking across, down, and diagonally.

Word List

TULIPS
APRIL
MAY
JUNE
SPRING
FLOWERS
SUNSHINE
EASTER
RAIN
MEMORIAL DAY
MOTHER'S DAY
YARDWORK



E	V	T	U	L	I	P	S	E	Y	L	A
Y	A	R	D	W	O	R	K	O	M	E	P
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M	O	T	H	E	R	S	D	A	Y	S	R

Spring

Color the sky blue.
Color the grass green.
Color the buds new.
Color the air clean.
Color the sun strong.
Color the clothes light.
Color the days long.
Color the spring bright.



Ruth Yaffe Radin
from Sky Bridges and Other Poems

The Price of Gas

Hope J. Brown

I am writing to your newsletter about the gas prices that are too high right now. The rising prices are too much for the average consumers. I think we don't have enough refineries, because of war, and also terrorists that are in this country and around the world these days. We do see the prices at the pumps getting higher, probably because the refineries are very far apart. For them to keep up with us as consumers, we need more refineries. We have too many people on the road today. We don't like to carpool because we don't trust anybody these days.

Coming to America

Dildora Abdunaimova

When we came to America for the first time, I was excited and I sat in my dad's car. I thought my dad's car was cool because I never saw a big car. I saw lots of black people in New York. I saw lots of American people. Now that I know how to speak I can do everything I want. I saw that New York was beautiful.

My Interests

Nargiza Ismailova

When I was 9 years old, I cooked my first meal. It was macaroni with beef and potato. I learned to cook from my teacher in school. I cooked this meal for my family: two brothers, my sister, my mother and my father. Everybody asked, "Do you have more? This is good!" I was a successful cook at 9 years old.

In my country after school I took sewing lessons with other girls when I was 16 years old. My dad taught me how to play chess. I played with old men at the health club, and I always won. These men told me I could be a champion. I said, "No, this is not for girls." I was a successful chess player at 16 years old.

Now in Towanda my interest is in computers. I do banking, shopping, movies, music, and letters to my family on the computer. I need to learn fast typing. I will practice with typing software.



Celebrating Christmas

Note: *The ESL class at Cargill has been working on writing. The students wrote these memories of Christmas in their native country and in the USA.*

For Christmas my sisters, brothers-in-law, and friends came to my house. There was a lot of food, like tamales, turkey, salad, rice, and bread. There were a lot of drinks. There were sodas, margaritas, beer, and we also had a lot of presents.

MSL – El Salvador

I celebrated Christmas with my family this year. I made tamales and bread to eat. I also prepared the presents. I received many Christmas cards. My children came from Scranton. We also celebrated Christmas with the teachers on December 18. The English classes were very fun. I'm not always happy during this time because I miss my parents and my son Adam and the rest of my family.

OO – Honduras

I, Saul, pass Christmas on December 24th in my country of Honduras. We celebrate with many things: party, tamales, breads, drinks. My family celebrates until December 31st.

SL – El Salvador

Christmas celebration dance, December 24, with a grand fiesta for the Latinos and families and sons.

DM – El Salvador

At December 24 in the night I was at work, but after work I went to Milly's home. I was sad because I miss my family.

CO – Puerto Rico

I celebrate for my family is to exchange presents and eat different foods, for example, Peru (turkey), salad, maionese (like macaroni salad), etc. The all family reunion is very good.

RB – Brazil

I meet with my family at my brother-in-law's home. We eat tamales, drink soda, and after a while, I call my father to wish him and all my family a Merry Christmas. Then we play cards until 2AM. After that I go to sleep.

UL – Honduras

Do you have a special holiday memory to share with the New Readers' News readers?

Election Day

Diana Yaskiewicz

Dr. Karen Boback is the state representative of the 117th District of Pennsylvania. The 117th District contains part of Columbia, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties. Dr. Boback was elected in 2006 to her first term.

A state representative helps the people with their problems, and she listens to their opinions. In Harrisburg she proposes new bills and votes on them. If a bill passes, it will become a law.

She announces her candidacy and files with the state. Then she raises money by donations from her political party, or sometimes she uses her own money. She hires a campaign manager and asks for volunteers. To help her give information, she speaks at meetings, and she gives interviews to newspapers, TV, and radio. She hopes the people will vote for her on Election Day.

Note: For those who live in Bradford Co., your State Representative is Tina Pickett or Matt Baker.

Small Groups

This fall the Literacy Program began small group instruction for its literacy students. The Literacy Program has had small groups for ESL students for several years. Now literacy students in Towanda and Troy are able to join with other students to learn.

What is a small group? A small group is two or more students who have a common goal and interests. They have their lessons together with a volunteer tutor. A small group does not replace "one to one" tutoring. It gives students a chance to increase the number of hours of instruction they receive a week. More hours of instruction = more progress!

In Troy a pre-GED Small Group is held at the C&N Bank on Tuesdays from 1:30PM – 4:30PM. This Small Group began their spring session on March 25. The tutor for the Small Group is Dolores Anthony.

In Towanda a Math and Budgeting Small Group began on Feb. 11 at the Cooperative Extension Building on Fourth St. in Towanda. Cathy Guffey from Cooperative Extension taught budgeting and money matters for four weeks. Volunteer tutor Marie Pierce is the math instructor. This Small Group meets on Tuesdays from 1:30PM – 4:30PM.

If you are interested in Small Groups, please call the Literacy Program office at 570-297-3375. The Literacy Program hopes to offer Small Groups in Sayre and Tunkhannock also.