

May is Supervised Visitation Awareness

Protecting children through no-contact custody exchanges, supervised visitation, and parenting education in Bradford and Susquehanna Counties, Supporting Area Families Everyday (S.A.F.E.), a 501(c)(3) organization based in Wysox and New Milford, Pennsylvania, proudly recognizes May as Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. Founded in October 2017 by Heather McNett, a dedicated advocate from Canton, S.A.F.E. highlights the essential role of professional supervised visitation providers in protecting children's safety and well-being during family visits.

Supervised visitation services are crucial in situations where children's safety and emotional well-being require that visits with non-custodial parents be conducted in a controlled environment. S.A.F.E. is committed to providing a secure and nurturing setting for these interactions, focusing on the needs and emotional well-being of the children involved.

“During Supervised Visitation Awareness Month, we aim to raise awareness about the essential role these services play in protecting children from potential harm while fostering their right to maintain significant relationships with both parents,” said Heather McNett, Founder of S.A.F.E.

“This year, we are especially proud as Cassidy Roach, a key member of our team, has received her certificate in Supportive Visitation, further expanding her expertise on trauma-informed care.” S.A.F.E. will launch a comprehensive multimedia campaign to spread awareness about the benefits of supervised visitations. This initiative aims to educate our community on the importance of creating a kind and supportive environment that ensures child safety during family interactions.

“We encourage everyone in the community to learn more about the positive impacts of supervised visitation. Our dedicated team works tirelessly daily to ensure that children have safe, positive interactions with their parents, which are crucial for their emotional and psychological development.”

For more information about supervised visitation services and how they can benefit families in your community, please visit safepa.org or contact Supporting Area Families Everyday at 570-250-7401.

About Supporting Area Families Everyday (SAFE) SAFE is a non-profit organization that provides supervised visitation, custody exchanges, and parenting classes to families in Bradford and Susquehanna County and surrounding areas. By adhering to rigorous standards, SAFE ensures that all children and families can access quality supervised visitation services.

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Members of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Snowmobile Club wait for buckets of tagged fish to be placed in the “float box” that’s attached to the back of their raft. Using a long net, the fish are then released from the box as the raft floats down Pine Creek.

Pine Creek Tournament set for May 18

The entry fee for adults for the 33rd Annual Upper Pine Creek Trout Tournament is \$25 through next Wednesday, May 1 and \$30 from Thursday, May 2 to the end of the tournament on Sunday, May 19. The entry fee for youths under 16 stays at \$15.

Sponsorships of fish prizes begin at \$25 and may be indicated on the registration form.

The two-day tournament, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Snowmobile Club, is on Saturday, May 18 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. along a 13-mile stretch of Pine Creek between the Mill Street Bridge in Galeton Borough and the Ansonia Bridge on Colton Road in Shippen Township.

In-person registration and derby badge pickup will be open at the clubhouse on Route 6 on Friday, May 17 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The club will float-stock Pine Creek with 250 tagged trout from

Galeton to Ansonia one day prior to the tournament.

It’s the luck of the draw that determines what prize an angler wins. After catching one or more tagged fish, the angler brings the trout in “live condition” to the check-in station at the clubhouse, and then draws a numbered Ping-Pong ball for each fish caught to see what he or she has won.

All fish must be legally caught. No fish will be accepted past one hour after the cut-off times. Anglers caught fishing before or after stated tournament times will be disqualified.

Those competing in the tournament must have a valid Pennsylvania fishing license and observe and obey landowners’ rights. Trespassing on private property is not allowed, nor is littering.

Up to \$14,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded during the tournament. The top cash prize is \$1,000.

There are also four \$500 cash prizes from the club, plus two additional \$500 cash prizes in memory of a founding member from the member’s loving family.

The minimum prize for a tagged fish is \$50 and may be cash, merchandise or a gift card, or a combination of the three.

Anglers can earn more than one prize depending on how many of the 250 float-stocked tagged trout they catch. The per angler limit is 5 fish per day during the two-day tournament for a maximum total of 10 fish/prizes.

To download a registration form visit www.pagrandcanyon-snowmobileclub.com

or pick one up at a participating business in Tioga or Potter counties.

For more information call 1-717-881-9358 or the club at 570-724-2888.

Blossburg Library

Don’t forget to shop at the Blossburg Memorial Library during the Blossburg Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4th! We’ll have lots of tables of treasures for sale! Need a prominent spot to sell your items during the yard sale? The library will rent tables/spots for \$10 as a fundraiser. Stop in or call us to reserve your spot! Outdoor and indoor spaces available.

8am to 2pm.

The library’s Beginner to Intermediate American Sign Language Classes will continue on Thursday evenings from May 9th through June 6th from 6 to 7:30 pm. FREE thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Library. Classes taught by Chris Chester.

Join us for Trivia &

Game Community and Family Game Night on Tuesday, May 14th from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Free and fun for everybody. Includes pizza! All ages of individuals and families welcome.

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