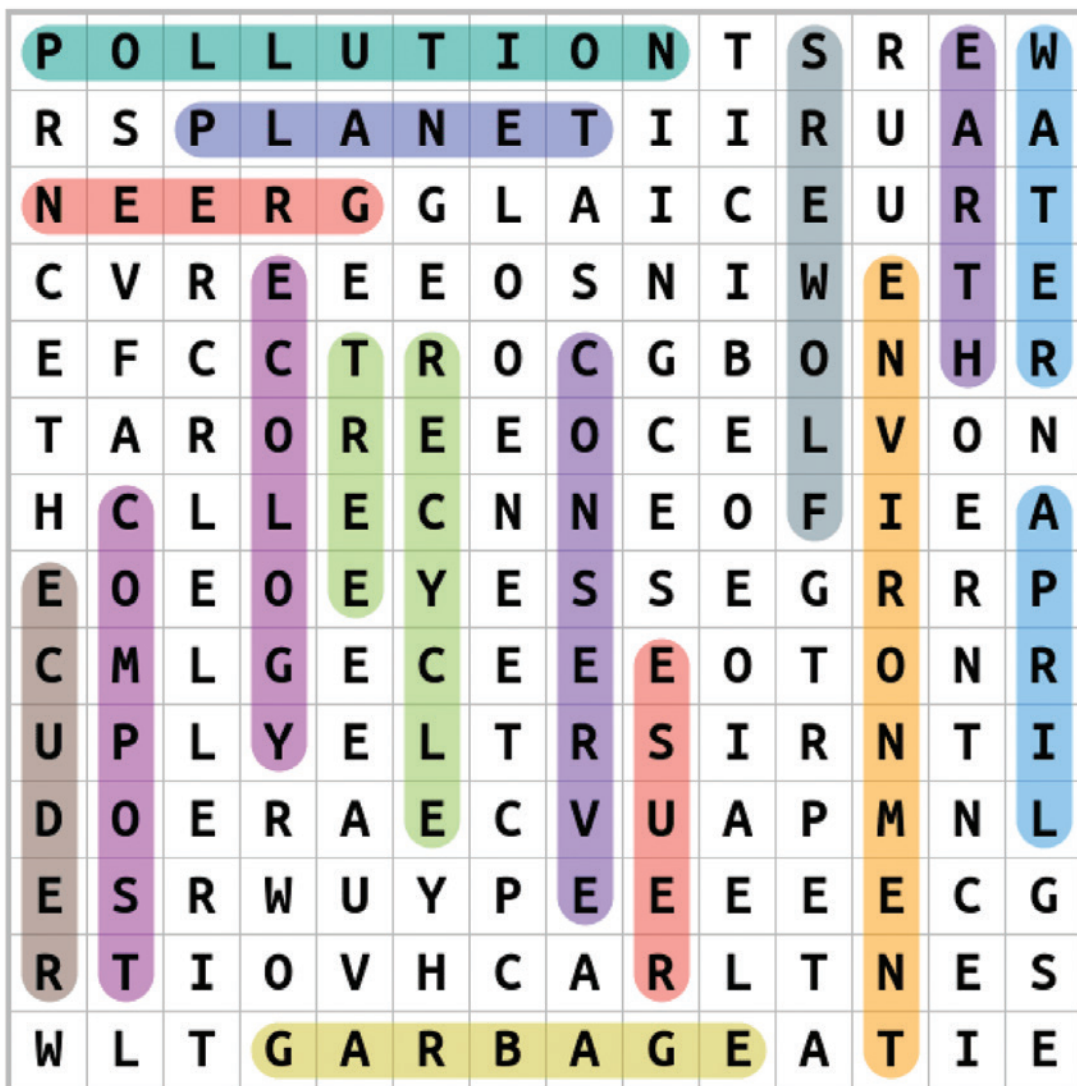




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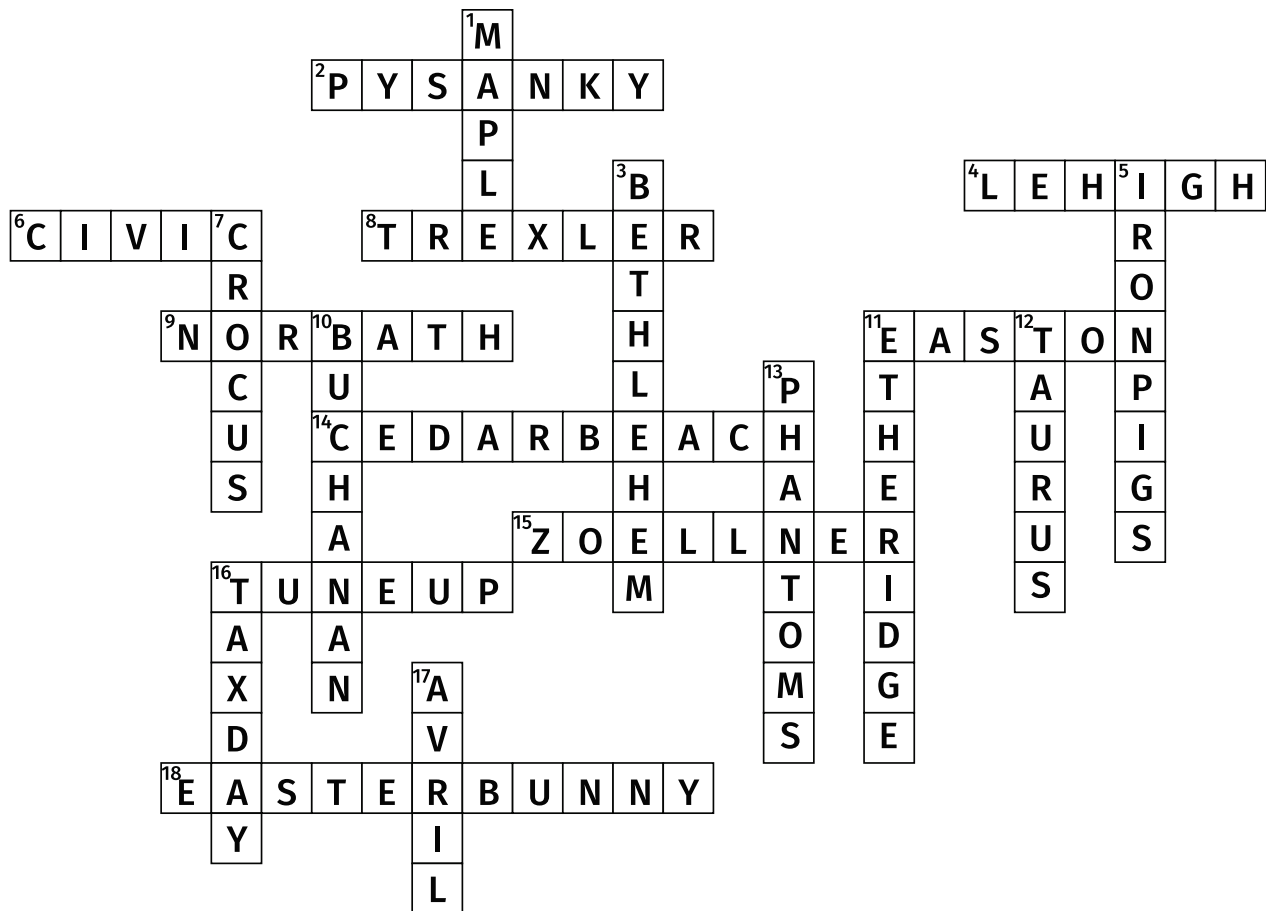




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2. **This artistic egg-decorating technique originated in Ukraine and is still practiced in the Lehigh Valley: PYSANKY** – Treasured as Easter gifts, pysanky egg decorating requires complex layerings of natural colors and patterns etched in beeswax to create visually unique patterns prized for their artistic beauty. Multiple exhibits, demonstrations and classes in pysanky are offered throughout the Lehigh Valley.
4. **April showers power up sports on this waterway: LEHIGH** – Springtime water volumes on the Lehigh River are highest in Spring, attracting whitewater rafters and kayakers to our region.
6. **Film buffs flock to multi-day Allentown Film Festival at this Art Deco gem: CIVIC** – Civic Theatre of Allentown on 19th Street hosts the annual Allentown Film Festival on April 10–13. Built in 1927, it is a well-preserved example of the Art Deco architectural style.
8. **Large nature preserve in Lehigh County ranked among tops in Pennsylvania for spring bird-watching, among other outdoor activities: TREXLER** – Trexler Game Preserve features over 1,100 acres of rolling nature trails, streams and protected havens for elk, bison and other species. It is a favorite site for birders to spot rare avian species during Spring and Fall migration periods.
9. **Beautiful hiking and biking trail which runs between the Lehigh Valley towns of Northampton and Bath: NORBATH** – The Norbath Trail runs 8.5 miles between these two towns. It is the site of the former railbed of the Northampton & Bath Railroad which served the local cement industry for 77 years.
11. **City celebrating Lehigh Valley's big Spring Fling: EASTON** – “Spring Into Easton” happens in Downtown Easton on April 13 from 1 to 5 pm with festivities, food, family fun and friendship. Don't miss it!
14. **Earth Day In the Park 2025 will be celebrated in which of the City of Allentown's dozens of beautiful public parks: CEDARBEACH** – Centrally located along Hamilton Boulevard and Ott Streets, Cedar Beach Park will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 from noon to 4 pm with an exciting array of eco-events, demonstrations, foods and crafts, and more. Sponsored by the City of Allentown Recycling Department, the event is free and open to the public.
15. **Arts center at Lehigh University which celebrates 25th anniversary with special event this spring: ZOELLNER** – The Zoellner Arts Center at Lehigh University will celebrate 25 years of world-class performances on April 15 with a special performances by the Philadelphia Orchestra and Tony Award-winning Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell.
16. **Before Summer heat hits our Lehigh Valley, all central air systems (including heat pumps) need this vital service procedure: TUNEUP** – Spring is time for the annual cleaning and tune-up on all home and business cooling central air conditioners to keep systems running smoothly and efficiently. Why wait? Schedule yours now. Call Deiter Bros. at 610-868-8566.

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18. What do you think the “Osterhase” might be in Pennsylvania Dutch tradition?:

EASTERBUNNY – For centuries, many German families told their children tales of an egg-giving hare that visited during Easter time. The tradition came to the US with German immigrants in the 1700s, many of whom settled in our region of Pennsylvania and became known as Pennsylvania Deutsch (German), later evolving into the Pennsylvania Dutch moniker common today.

DOWN

1. Tiny buds soon grow into lush leaves providing shade and beauty for the coming half-year on Lehigh Valley’s most ubiquitous tree: MAPLE – Maples are the most prevalent trees in our Lehigh Valley neighborhoods, parks and greenspaces. The genus includes multiple varieties including Norway maples, silver maples and sugar maples.

3. Bring your basket to this City sponsoring the Lehigh Valley’s most exciting public Easter Egg Hunt: BETHLEHEM – The City of Bethlehem sponsors its free annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids age 10 and under on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. sharp at Dawn Rice Field (intersection of Main, Spring and Lehigh Streets).

5. This Lehigh Valley’s Triple-A team opens its season in April: IRONPIGS – The Lehigh Valley IronPigs open their 2025 season on April 8 at Coca Cola Park, Allentown, against the Syracuse Mets.

7. Bloomin’ beautiful! Colorful bulb flowers among first to bloom across Lehigh Valley

in early spring: CROCUS – Hearty crocuses are among the earliest bloomers in our region.

10. Pennsylvania-born US president with April birthday: BUCHANAN – Only two presidents were born in PA. The first was James Buchanan born April 23, 1791 near Lancaster. Can you guess the other president from the Keystone State?

11. Oscar and Emmy-award-winning musical artist coming to Bethlehem in April: ETHERIDGE – Melissa Etheridge is one of only 10 female artists in history to have won both an Oscar and multiple Emmy awards. She performs April 26 at Wind Creek Entertainment Center in Bethlehem on April 26.

12. A bit bullheaded? Were you born under this springtime zodiacal sign?: TAURUS – If your birthday is between April 20 and May 20 you can be stubborn and have little patience with unpredictability. But these are balanced with your Taurean traits of being reliable, dependable and practical with a joy for fine clothing and working with your hands.

13. April wraps up the season for this Lehigh Valley hockey team affiliated with the NHL’s Philadelphia Flyers: PHANTOMS – The Lehigh Valley Phantoms play their final four home games of the season at PPL Center, Allentown, on April 4, 5, 12 and 18.

16. Many unhappy returns are due at this April 15 deadline: TAXDAY – Individual tax returns are due to the Federal government no later than April 15. Tax Day was first introduced in 1913.

17. April in Paris: AVRIL is French for April.