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#### Who can benefit?

- Anyone who cannot read conventional newsprint can qualify for this free service.
- Blind individuals can now gain access to the information in newspapers and on television at the same time as their sighted colleagues, friends, and family members. Raise your expectations.
- Blind professionals can now converse on relevant topics critical to their professions and social functions. *Removing obstacles to your goals*.
- Many seniors have lost enough vision that reading the daily newspapers is no longer possible. They will enjoy being able once again to participate actively in community affairs.
   Blindness is not what holds you back.
- Blind children are now able to research their own school assignments and do homework independently. Blindness is not what defines your future.
- Anyone with a physical disability who is unable to turn a page can qualify for NFB-NEWSLINE®. Live the life you want.

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The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.



# Katye's Desk

Things are always changing. We have a new piece of equipment to help with our children's vision screening program!

We have been interested in purchasing a SPOT vision screener for some time. It is a sophisticated (and expense) piece of equipment. Although this screener has been around for a couple of years, it is considered to be the top of the line in technology; simple to use, accurate, and recognized by the entire industry as reliable.

We were finally able to purchase a SPOT vision screener due to the generosity of a benefactor who left us a bequest. We are extremely grateful.

We screen preschoolers in Mifflin-Juniata-Huntingdon counties. This screener is very child friendly and gives a rapid report. It can identify a variety of vision issues. When a child shows a deficiency in one of the areas, we notify their family that the child needs a complete eye exam. In addition, we give the family help if an exam if unaffordable for them. It is our mission to have children start school with their vision as good as it can be.

This is a free service to the children of communities, just like our services to you are free. It is another of the things we do to help our community be vision ware.



## **BIRTHDAYS!**

# <u>October</u>

Jody Strunk	10	
Eliud Gonzalez	13	
Thelma Wallace	29	



## **November**

Evelyn Gonzales	3
Joe Arborgast	8
Cathy Jo Brady	10
Pat Shawver	21

## **December**

Kari Young	7
John Wert	10
<b>Betty Bishop</b>	12
<b>Kathy Tatreaux</b>	15
<b>Betty Ann Utly</b>	28

#### . Autumn Movement

- Carl Sandburg, 1878 1967
- . I cried over beautiful things knowing no beautiful thing lasts.
- The field of cornflower yellow is a scarf at the neck of the copper sunburned woman,
- the mother of the year, the taker of seeds.
- The northwest wind comes and the yellow is torn full of holes, new beautiful things
- come in the first spit of snow on the northwest wind, and the old things go,
- not one lasts.

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## Life Skills meetings:

Listed below are the meetings that remain for 2017

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- . November 2-BBVS –NOTE THE CHANGED TIME!
- . <u>December 14</u>-THURSDAY HOLIDAY LUNCH Speakers from the Abuse Network
- . <u>Diabetic Support Group</u>
- . October 12-Support Discussion

# LIFE SKILLS MEETS ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH! CHECK US OUT!



# DIABETIC SUPPORT MEETS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH! CHECK US OUT!

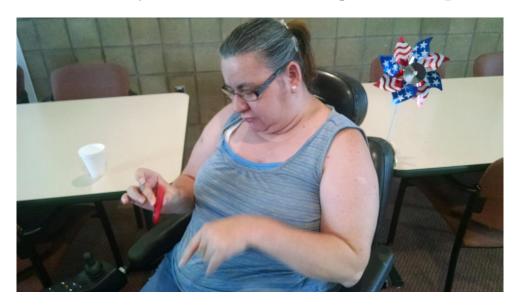
#### Taking A Little Spin!

Kay Groff brought her new gadget to the group meeting in August; the new fidget spinner –which has been all the rage with young people, was a hit with our group and everyone took a turn.

"The toy has been advertised as helping people who have trouble with focusing or <u>fidgeting</u> by relieving nervous energy or <u>psychological stress</u>. There are claims that a fidget spinner can be used to help calm people down who suffer from anxiety and other neurological disorders like <u>ADHD</u> and <u>autism</u>." - Wikipedia



#### Evelyn Gonzalez taking it for a spin!



#### October is White Cane Month!



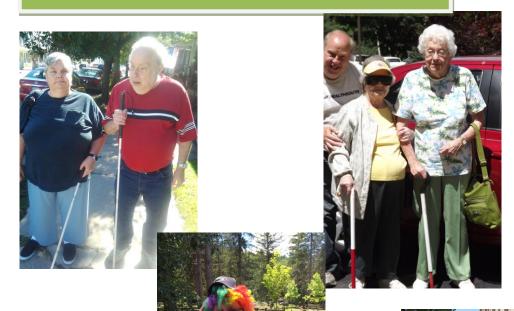
October 15<sup>th</sup> is White cane, guide dog Safety day. During this day we try to raise public awareness of these

important mobility tools for people who are blind or visually impaired. In PA and across the nation, the day celebrates the independence of people who are blind or visually impaired. In1964 Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed October 15<sup>th</sup> as "White Cane Safety Day."

Since this first observance, White Cane Safety Day has taken on greater meaning as a time to celebrate the self-sufficiency of people who are blind or visually impaired and their right to participate fully in society.

Pennsylvania's White Cane Law states: "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right- of-way to any totally or partially blind pedestrian carrying a clearly visible white cane or accompanied by a guide dog and shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring or endangering the pedestrian and, if necessary, shall stop the vehicle in order to prevent injury or danger to the pedestrian."

#### Happy White Cane and Guide Dog Day!!













White Cane or Dog, we welcome them all!

# 5 Facts about Guide Dogs

- 1. It takes about 18 months to train a guide dog from birth. First the puppy must learn house training and obedience. Next, the dog must go through its formal guide dog training which lasts a few months. At about 12-18 months, the guide dog meets it's blind partner and they train together for 2 weeks.
- 2. Guide dogs are trained to go to the locations that their blind person directs them to go. It is the responsibility of the human member of the team to listen for the movement of traffic and other sounds in the environment to determine whether it is safe to proceed. If the guide dog judges that it is unsafe, it will refuse the command. This is called "intelligent disobedience".
- 3. Guide dogs are also trained to judge height and width so that their owner does not hit his/her head or shoulders into objects.
- 4. A blind person accompanied by a guide dog has the right to go anywhere the general public is allowed. This includes restaurants, medical centers, stores of all kinds, taxicabs and airplanes, to name a few places. These rights are guaranteed by Federal and State Laws.
- 5. You should not pet, feed or talk to a guide dog without asking the owner first. Guide dogs are at work and should not be distracted.



#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

As you know, <u>all</u> services provided by NuVisions are absolutely free. We are here for:

- Referral services
- Transportation services
- Various Support services
- Life skills and Diabetic Support groups.

#### It is what we do!

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Eliud Gonzalez and Dick Gardner give the fidget spinner a try.





READY IN: SERVES: 4-6

1hr

#### **INGREDIENTS**

6 cups sliced and pared tart apples

4 (1 g) packets sweet 'n low artificial sweetener

1 tablespoon cornstarch

½ teaspoon cinnamon (or to taste)

2 tablespoons lowfat margarine

1 (9 inch) pastry for double-crust pie

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Mix sweetener, cornstarch, and cinammon.
- 2. Pour over apples and mix well.
- 3. Pour apple mixture into unbaked pie crust.
- 4. Cut oleo into small pieces and put on top of apples.
- 5. Cover with remaining crust and seal edges.
- 6. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes.
- Lower temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for an additional 30-40 minutes.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 15 – White Cane Day

October 24-26-PAB Conference-Colette, Katye & Willa attending

November 5-Daylight savings time-"Fall Back"

Nov. 23 (TH) & 24 (F) Thanksgiving-closed

Dec. 25 (M)&26 (T)-Christmasclosed