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Dear Valued Customer,

Welcome to our monthly email newsletter, Fast Connections. We appreciate that you've chosen PenTeleData to be a partner in your company's success. This newsletter is one way for us to stay in touch with you but let us know if you need something more. Whether you could use some extra help from our I.T. Services team, you would like to add phone services, or just need a faster or additional connection, please don't hesitate to call.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Jaime Mendes
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PENTELEDATA IS PROUD TO SERVE MOUNT CARMEL, PA

Mount Carmel in Northumberland County, PA, is rich in underground deposits of anthracite coal. The borough was not incorporated until 1862, however, its beginnings may be traced to earlier times. The area inspired settlement due to an abundance of natural flowing springs and the discovery of coal in the 1840s. In 1847, a group of land speculators, whose primary interest was the coal trade, purchased the tract of land now comprising Mount Carmel. Not surprisingly, there were many judges and political figures from Mount Carmel who served in both Northumberland and Schuylkill Counties. This group organized a land company and within a few years had the tract surveyed and a town plot laid out. They soon began selling lots and the town, as it is today, based on the plot developed by this group in 1853.

Coal mining began in the late 1840s and continues on a smaller scale to this day. In 1891, nine coal mining operations were located in the vicinity. Three railroads, Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley and Reading, passed through the community linking it to the great urban centers of the East and the West. Coal was shipped in both directions as the nation became dependent on coal for both industrial and domestic uses until the boom ended in the early 1950s.

Mount Carmel and the region were part of the development of the incandescent three-wire electrical system. Thomas Edison maintained one of his facilities in Mount Carmel and conducted experiments in the region. Mount Carmel was one of the first communities in the world to have electricity.

Today, Mount Carmel businesses offer a wide variety of ethnic foods, including soupies, kielbasa, babka, pierogies, Paska breads, and many other Old-World dishes and baked goods. Its proximity also lends to a variety of outdoor recreation, namely Weiser State Forest and Knoebels Amusement Resort.

OUR FAST CONTEST

What country's 4-man bobsled team recorded the fastest time of 97.59 mph (157.06 km/h) at the Whister World Championships in 2019?

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FROM GERMAN LORE TO GOBBLER'S KNOB: WHEN WILL WE SEE SPRING?

Each year, a crowd of thousands gather in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2nd to await a special forecast from a groundhog named Phil. According to legend, if the groundhog emerges and sees his shadow, we can expect six more weeks of winter weather. But, if Phil doesn't see his shadow, we can expect warmer temperatures and the arrival of early spring.

The first official Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney took place on February 2, 1887, at a site called Gobbler's Knob. The annual ritual has roots in pre-Christian

traditions and was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants. The first Groundhog Day was the idea of a local newspaper editor, Clymer Freas, who sold a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters, known as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, on the idea of celebrating the German lore.

Today, the yearly festivities in Punxsutawney are presided over by a band of local dignitaries known as the Inner Circle. Its members wear top hats and conduct the official proceedings in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect and supposedly speak to the groundhog in "Groundhogese."



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