



Cub Scouts pictured back row left to right: A. Winans, G. Millen, L. Hagan, H. Johnson, A. Winans, C. Evans. Front row left to right: K. McGregor, A. Pratt, M. Murray, M. Silfee, E. Silfee, A. Johnson. Kneeling is A. Winans.

Cub Scout Pack 419 to get new Cubmaster

Cub Scouting is a great program for boys ages 6 to 11 (kindergarten through fifth grade). As the boys grow older they progress through the ranks preparing them for Boy Scouts. A new beginning rank of Lion Scout was added for the kindergarten aged boys. The age groups are referred to as dens, each den with their own leader who helps the boys fulfill the requirements to earn the badge for each level. First grade boys are the Tiger scouts. Second grade boys are in the Wolf Den and take on a little more responsibility as they can now attend meetings without a parent being present. Third grade scouts are in the Bear den and work with their families to earn their Bear badge and also work a little more independently. Once a scout reaches the fourth grade they become Webelos Scouts.

Webelos stands for We'll Be Loyal Scouts. The Webelos scout works through their requirements in earning their badge and are preparing themselves for joining the Boys Scouts in two years. In their first year the scouts work on their Webelos badge. In the second year of Webelos scouts have the opportunity to earn the Arrow of Light badge. That is the only badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. In earning the Arrow of Light badge the scouts are involved with outside activities, physical fitness, citizenship and community service.

It is not necessary to join the Cub Scouts in kindergarten. There is an opportunity to join at any age. For example if a boy joins in the third grade he will enter as a Bear Scout. The cost to the boys is modest and there is financial assistance available to purchase the uniforms which is the largest cost of belonging. The meetings in Forest City for Pack 419 are on Friday evenings, 6:30 pm, and last approximately one hour. The meetings are at the Christ Episcopal Church and led by Cubmaster Katie Millen. There are also parents who volunteer as den leaders.

The meetings start with the presentation of colors; the flags of the United States,

Pennsylvania, and the Scouts. A different scout is chosen and asked to lead the pack in each of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. The Cub Scout motto of "Be Prepared" is good advice for all of us. If you were in scouting as a boy, hearing the Scout Law and Scout Oath is sure to bring back a lot of happy memories.

Next during the meeting is a chance to talk about upcoming events and ask any questions that the scouts or their parents might have. Upcoming for Pack 419 will be the Cub Scout derby where the boys, after decorating their cars, race against each other. Also coming soon is The Blue and Gold banquet, a special event for the Cub Scouts each year. There is also the opportunity for the Cub Scouts to attend a week long summer camp at Camp Akela in Bear Creek.

The Webelos Scouts are working on their projects which is a wooden foot stool. The boys in the other dens are working on completing the requirements to earn their badges and hopefully will complete their requirements before the end of their meetings in March. The weekly meetings are held concurrent with the school year and will start again in September.

The Cub Scouts have a lot of fun and a lot of activities to participate in. Scouting for Food was a project to help people who need help with some of their basic necessities. The Cub Scouts also participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Forest City.

After 3 years of leading the Cub Scouts as Cubmaster, Katie Millen will turn the duties over to Angela Davall for next year. Being a Cubmaster and a Den Leader is truly a labor of love as it is through the adult volunteers that such a great program is possible. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the Cub Scouts no doubt is some of the reward that the leaders receive. Helping the boys mature into young men with confidence and skills is a gift to all of us in the community. Pack 419 only wishes they had more boys that would join. This

year they have 12 boys in the Pack which is fewer than they normally had.

Joining Cub Scouts is easy. Katie offers her phone number, 570-903-1703, to anyone who would like to join. New scouts are welcomed into the pack and as most of the boys attend Forest City Regional School chances are good they will know someone who is already a Cub Scout. Financial assistance is available so that everyone can participate and the boys in their uniforms look very sharp.

Forest City does not have a Boy Scout troop of it's own so the boys that continue on in scouting will have the opportunity to join Troop 407 in Pleasant Mount. Scouting provides many benefits for young men to learn valuable skills, gain knowledge, gain confidence in themselves and make friends. If you were a scout you would be sure to agree.

At the start of each meeting the scouts recite the Scout Law. A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. This is a great checklist for all of us in our lives. Our world can certainly use more people of good character which is what the Cub Scouts help the boys to do in their lives. For boys in kindergarten through fifth grade this is an excellent opportunity for them and their family.

FORESTERS JV & VARSITY 2016-2017

- Jan. 20 Blue Ridge (H)
- Jan. 24 Elk Lake (H)
- Jan. 26 Susquehanna (H)
- Jan. 28 Lakeland (H)
- Jan. 31 Lackawanna Trail (A)
- Feb. 2 Old Forge (H)
- Feb. 4 Mountain View (A)
- Feb. 7 Montrose (H)
- Feb. 10 Blue Ridge (H)
- Feb. 14 Elk Lake (A)
- Feb. 16 Susquehanna (A)

LADY FORESTERS JV & Varsity

- Jan. 19 Blue Ridge (H)
- Jan. 21 Pittston Area (A)
- Jan. 23 Elk Lake (A)
- Jan. 25 Susquehanna (A)
- Jan. 30 Lackawanna Trail (H)
- Feb. 1 Old Forge (A)
- Feb. 3 Mountain View (H)
- Feb. 6 Montrose (A)
- Feb. 9 Blue Ridge (A)
- Feb. 13 Elk Lake (H)
- Feb. 15 Susquehanna (A)

Teener league registration due by Feb. 14

Forest City Teener League is currently accepting registrations for the summer 2017 season. This is a 15U league so players must be 13, 14, or 15 years old and be born between May 1, 2001 and April 30, 2004. Forms are available at www.leaguelineup.com/wcjb1 under the handout tab. Forms and payment are due by Feb 14th.

Men's Bowling

by Paul Tomazic

Week #16

This week's action had Kozlowski Towing taking 26 points from Thiede Livestock, TMT Builder's taking 18 1/2 points from Guild Flagstone, and Yacinovich Excavating taking 18 points from NEP Telephone.

High game this week was 278 by Bobby Johnson and high series this week was 268-752 Dave Carroll. Team High Scratch game and series was 1135-3270 by Kozlowski Towing. Team High Handicap game and series was 1307-3786 by Kozlowski Towing.

Other scores: Bobby Johnson 258-703, Jim Mican 246-688, Bob Smith 246-683, Hank Morris 236-644, Ed Kozlowski Jr 258-636, Derek Benson 225-621, Jason Thiede 225-603, Ed Kozlowski Sr. 213-596, Matt Tomazic 229-586, Paul Tomazic 201-580, Chris Lutz 235-569, Al Snyder 235-566, Trevor Payne 212-555, and Bryan Tallman 541.

The following splits were converted: Chris Lutz 2-5-7 and 3-10, Ed Kozlowski Jr 3-10, Al Snyder 4-5, Bill Kovaleski 5-10, and Bob Johnson 3-10.

| Standings | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Kozlowski Towing | 50 1/2 |
| TMT Builder's | 35 |
| Yacinovich Excavating | 30 1/2 |
| Thiede Livestock | 29 |
| Guild Flagstone | 16 |
| NEP Telephone | 15 |

"Cabin Fever" Promotion in PA for January

The Pennsylvania Tourism Office, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of Bed and Breakfast Inns and Farmstays (PABBI), announced the return of its popular "Cabin Fever" promotion available to travelers who are ready to beat the winter blues.

To kick off the promotion, the Pennsylvania Tourism Office has launched a sweepstakes through which one grand prize winner will receive a two-night stay at the Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa in Sharon, plus dinner for two each night at Stonewall's Tavern and Ashley's Gourmet Dining Room at the nearby Tara - A Country Inn. Two runners-up will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate redeemable at any PABBI member property. Enter the sweepstakes at visitPA.com though January 29, 2017. Winners will be notified in February.

During the month of January, travelers are encouraged to book a night stay with a participating bed and breakfast or farmstay in order to receive the second consecutive night at a discounted rate, or free, throughout the month. A list of eligible properties is available at www.painns.com.

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Mark Lewis steps Down as Baseball Assoc. president

Mark Lewis, president of the Forest City Baseball and Softball Association, has announced he will step down from the organization. He has served as president the last two years. He said he was leaving since his son was moving up and out of the local baseball program.

In a letter to Forest City Council he thanked them, along with Council President William D. Orasin and Mayor Pauline Wilcox, for the support he and his group received during his tenure.

He stated that the baseball/softball group had raised well over \$100,000 in donations and approximately \$62,000 in cash, as well as donated material and labor, to help build the multi use/softball field on the upper Kennedy Park Field.

The new president of the group is Eric Burns, who Lewis said, will continue to build on the relationships between the Borough and the Association.

Forest City Basketball Report

GIRLS

Old Forge 52, FC 37
Mon., Jan. 9

The Lady Foresters had difficulty generating offense in their 52-37 loss to Old Forge in a home game. They were able to score only 12 points in the first half.

Kendra Bendyk with 12 points led the local girls followed by Skylar Fortuner with 9 and Mackenzie Hartman with 8.

Old Forge (4-6) — A. Nocera 8 1-2 19, K. Breig 6 0-0 13, J. Regan 2 2-2 6, L. Welsh 13-4 6, M. Florovito 2 0-0 5, J. Kuckla 1 1-13, A. Nee 0 0-0 0, E. Marianelli 0 0-0 0, E. Budzak 0 0-0 0, A. Bound 0 0-0 0, A. Osieski 0 0-0 0, K. VanFleet 0 0-0 0, C. Holzman 0 0-0 0. Totals: 207-952.

Forest City (3-5) — K. Bendyk 4 2-2 12, S. Fortuner 3 3-8 9, M. Hartman 2 4-6 8, M. Bailer 10-23, C. Bonham 10-0 3, H. Gillespie 10-0 2, E. Urban 0 0-0 0, L. Statkun 0 0-0 0. Totals: 129-1837.

Old Forge 17 8 17 10-52
Forest City 9 3 9 16-37

3-point goals: A. Nocera (OF) 2, L. Welsh (OF), K. Breig (OF), M. Florovito (OF), K. Bendyk (FC) 2, C. Bonham (FC), M. Bailer (FC), K. Old Forge, 39-13 (OF: Nee 19; FC: Statkun 5).

GIRLS

FC 46, Mtn. View 28
Thurs., Jan. 12

Two Lady Foresters scored enough points between them to down the Mountain View Lady Eagles 46-28 at Mountain View. Mackenzie Hartman accounted for 20 points while Kendra Bendyk had 12 points in the win. Skylar Fortuner and Maggie Kowalewski added 7 points each for the local girls.

The Lady Foresters led 20-6 at the half and widened the lead to 29-10 after 3 quarters.

Forest City (4-5, 2-0) — M. Hartman 6 8-8 20, K. Bendyk 5 2-2 12, S. Fortuner 3 1-4 7, M. Kowalewski 2 3-4 7, L. Statkun 0 0-0 0, E. Kelleher 0 0-0 0, C. Bonham 0 0-0 0, H. Gillespie 0 0-0 0. Totals: 16 14-18 46.

Mountain View (1-8, 1-2) — E. Freely 4 3-7 12, S. Jones 2 2-4 6, J. Barhite 2 0-2 4, S. Newhart 12-4 4, D. Burney 1 0-0 2, L. Adams 0 0-0 0, K. Satanas 0 0-0 0, A. Neri 0 0-0 0, M. Bell 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 7-17 28.

Forest City 10 10 9 17-46
Mountain View 4 2 4 10-28

3-point goals: E. Freely (MV), JV: Mountain View, 29-28. (MV: Barhite, 10; FC: Statkun, 11).

Pancake breakfast set for Sat., Feb. 4

The Ararat United Methodist Church will hold its pancake breakfast Saturday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 6-11.

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