



Salvation Army is labor of love for Trudy Butcher

Two expressions you hear frequently are "paying it forward" and "giving back". It is fair to say that Trudy Butcher practices both concepts and has made it part of her life's work. There is a smile on her face that you can tell comes all of the way from her heart. "I love what I do," Trudy says about her position as Service Center Secretary for the Salvation Army in Forest City.



Trudy Butcher is service center secretary for the Salvation Army in Forest City.

Life was not always easy for Trudy and she combined raising a family, working and going to school at the same time. It would have been easy to wave a white flag when things were so challenging but Trudy found the will and the way to get a college degree while overcoming some difficult circumstances.

Much of Trudy's younger days were spent in Peckville. Eventually the time was right for Trudy and her family to move to Forest City. With relatives in the area and being originally from the area herself, Trudy is very happy to be part of the Forest City community. Trudy drives a van for the Forest City Regional School District.

She has two children currently attending FCR; her son, Zack, in the 9th grade and her daughter, Katie, in 7th grade. When speaking about the Forest City Regional School, Trudy has only good things to say about it and is very happy that her son and daughter are students there. Trudy also has a son, Cory, who is a Navy veteran. Cory's wife, Sam (Samantha), is currently serving in the Navy. Cory and Sam have a son, Seth, Trudy's first grandchild.

There are many ways to fill leisure time and for Trudy, her time is largely spent helping folks through the Salvation Army. It is a labor of love as it is a volunteer position. When asked how she came to accept this responsibility Trudy said it was through her children, Zack and Katie being about to attend the summer camp at Camp Ladore. Being very appreciative of the opportunity for her children and in conversation with Mike Cipilewski, the Salvation Army's regional manager, Mike mentioned that the lady who had been the service center secretary was leaving and there was a need for someone to take the position. Trudy volunteered and

now is the go to person for people needing help.

Christmas was a very busy time at the service center with the collection of toys and gifts for people in need. The Red Kettles did okay, one received a donation of a \$100 bill, but it is a constant challenge to help provide for people needing some help. With the closing of the food bank at the Christ Episcopal Church, Trudy expects that the food bank at the Salvation Army Center will see many more people than they saw previously. Helping people at Christmas time is very rewarding and one of Trudy's rewards is a card and note from a grandmother expressing thanks for gifts received by her grandchildren. It is understandable that everyone is grateful for the generosity and love shown through the Angel Tree program and other projects but it can be rare and special when someone takes the time and effort to actually give thanks back to the center.

Help through the Salvation Army is available and sought throughout the year. Winter with its heating bills and need for warm clothes adds to the stress and expense of needing families. Donations to the Salvation Army Service Center in Forest City are always welcome and can be in the form of money, food and even a coat that is in good condition. A phone call or visit to the center, and Trudy, is the surest way to lend help to someone in our community.

Another of the programs the

Salvation Army has created is called "Community Cares". Too often our senior citizens in nursing and extended care homes can use a simple visit and some companionship. Community Cares is an opportunity for us to go and visit with someone at one of the homes. The Salvation Army provides a gift you could take along with you, perhaps a commonly needed personal care item or something similar. If you or someone you know would be interested in brightening someone's day through a visit please get in contact with Trudy for more information.

Many of our local families qualify financially for free and reduced meals for their students in the school district. Trudy is working on a project called "Lunch Box" that would help these worthy families to also receive food during the summer months when the meals for their children are not available at the school. Again, please contact Trudy if you have need for this type of help and also if you could help support this project through a donation.

It takes a special person to volunteer their time that could be used in any number of other ways. Trudy Butcher is one of those special people. Many of us are not all able to donate our time as she does but perhaps we can all find a way to help, even if in a small way.

Trudy, her husband, Nick, and family live in Forest City. Trudy, for all that you do for our community, thank you.

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.

2017 membership in FCAHS is now available

The Forest City Area Historical Society (FCAHS) is now accepting applications for membership and membership renewals for 2017. The FCAHS was organized on February 21, 2010, has become incorporated and has a 501(c)(3) non-profit status. The FCAHS encompasses the following communities: Browndale, Forest City, Richmondale and Vandling. Anyone with pictures or items to donate are asked to contact Mr. Bob Wirts, Curator at 570-785-5659.

Memberships are for one year and may be any one of the following types: an Individual membership for \$15.00 or a Family membership for \$25.00. A Lifetime Membership for \$125.00 is also available.

Anyone interested in joining the Forest City Area Historical Society should contact Juliann Doyle, Membership Chair by calling 570-499-4908, by e-mail at jdoyl@nep.net Membership applications are available on the web site and should be sent to Juliann at: 305 Martin Street, Browndale, PA 18421. You may also attend a meeting, which are held on the second Sunday of each month at our headquarters on Main Street (formerly the Methodist Church), Forest City. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2017 beginning at 6 PM. New members are always welcome!!

Visit the web site for the FCAHS at: www.forestcityareahistorical-society.com to learn more about the organization or to download a membership application. LIKE us on Facebook, also!!

Men's Bowling

by Paul Tomazic

Week #17
This week's action had Guild Flagstone taking 19 points from Yacinovich Excavating, TMT Builder's taking 19 points from Thiede Livestock, and Kozlowski Towing taking 15 1/2 points from NEP Telephone.

High game this week was 290 by Dave Carroll and Dan Longstreet. High Series was 733 by Dan Longstreet. Team High Scratch game and series was 1115-3180 by Kozlowski Towing. Team High Handicap game was 1273 by Yacinovich Excavating and high handicap series was 3642 by Kozlowski Towing.

Other scores: Dave Carroll 732, Jim Mican 244-693, Adam Loughney 243-687, Tom Curtis 245-676, Derek Benson 278-667, Tom Johnson 247-651, Bryan Tallman 276-634, Hank Morris 235-633, Ed Kozlowski Jr 247-617, Matt Tomazic 229-609, Dave Pitus 214-589, Scott Dixon 241-578, Logan Droppa 569, Robby Young 212-565, Paul Tomazic 235-554, Trevor Payne 212-538, Jason Thiede 229-520, and Mike Yacinovich 520.

The following splits were converted: Mike Yacinovich 5-7-9 and 2-7, Paul Tomazic 3-10, and Al Snyder 5-7.

Standings	
Kozlowski Towing	66
TMT Builder's	54
Yacinovich Excav.	41 1/2
Thiede Livestock	40
Guild Flagstone	35
NEP Telephone	29 1/2

Poker run to benefit memorial fund Feb. 11

The 2nd annual Brian M. Sheare Memorial Snowmobile Poker Run will be held on Sat., Feb. 11, with registration between 9 a.m. and noon in Forest City or Waymart. Run starts at noon and concludes at 5 p.m. at Arlo's.

The best poker hand wins \$500 cash. There will be a Chinese auction, 50/50's and entertainment.

Restaurants included are Frank's Place, the Beacon, The Candlelight Inn, Jake's Place, Gravity Inn, Lakewood Lodge, the Orson Inn, Legends at Lake Lorain and Arlo's.

Tickets are \$25. Pre-register on-line at <http://msreg.com/briansmshearepokerrun17>

Democratic Party annual breakfast

The annual Susquehanna County Democratic Party petition breakfast will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. at the Summit Restaurant, SR 11, New Milford.

Candidates for the 2017 campaign season will be on hand; a basket raffle will be held.

Cost for a ticket is \$20. Return payment by Feb. 1 to Joni Kaiser, ticket chair, PO Box 160, Thompson, PA 18465. For information, call Joni Kaiser at 570.727-2292 or email: Joni.Kaiser@att.net.

Pancake breakfast set for Sat., Feb. 4

The East 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.

Forest City Basketball Report

GIRLS
FC 46, Montrose 26
Mon., Jan 16

In a home game, the Lady Foresters put together a good 2nd quarter and held the Lady Meteors to single digit scoring in all four quarters for a 46-26 win to even their overall record to 5-5.

Mackenzie Hartman had a big night on both ends of the court with nine points, eight assists and eight rebounds. Skylar Fortuner had eight points and five steals.

Montrose (2-10, 0-4) - A. Ely 4 0-0 10, H. Andrerro-o 5, G. Smith 1 1-4 4, R. Vaiclyute 2 0-0 4, B. Warner 1 0-2 3, M. Bush 0 0-0 0, R. Sorenson 0 0-0 0, J. Smith 0 0-0 0, H. Russell 0 0-0 0, H. Rapisardi 0 0-0 0, M. Newhart 0 0-0 0, G. Aukema 0 0-0 0, K. Puterbaugh 0 0-0 0, B. Spence 0 0-0 0, C. Guyette 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 1-6 26.

Forest City (5-5, 3-0) - K. Bendyk 9 0-0 20, M. Hartman 3 3-4 9, S. Fortuner 3 2-2 8, C. Bonham 2 0-1 5, M. Kowalewski 2 0-0 4, K. Gillette 0 0-0 0, L. Statkun 0 0-0 0, C. Calabro 0 0-0 0, E. Kelleher 0 0-0 0, J. Curley 0 0-0 0, K. Kelley 0 0-0 0, M. Bailor 0 0-0 0, K. Matoushek 0 0-0 0, H. Gillespie 0 0-0 0, E. Urban 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 5-7 46.

Montrose 9 6 5-26
Forest City 9 17 9 11-46
3-point goals: A. Ely (MON) 2, B. Warner (MON), H. Andre (MON), G. Smith (MON), K. Bendyk (FC) 2, C. Bonham (FC). X Montrose, 38-24 (MON: Reeves 14; FC: Statkun 14).

GIRLS
FC 51 Blue Ridge 44
Thurs., Jan. 19

Forest City Lady Foresters kept pace in the division with a big win against the Blue Ridge Lady Raiders. Down 26 to 23 at halftime, the Lady Foresters then took control in the third quarter with a 17-0 showing. It was led by Mackenzie Hartman with 27 points. Kendra Bendyk added 11 points for the Lady Foresters.

Blue Ridge (9-8, 3-2) - I. Cosmello 7 0-1 14, A. Hartman 5 1-4 11, K. Myers 4 3-3 11.

D. Goff 2 0-0 4, C. Wyatt 1 0-0 2, G. MacConnell 0 2-2 2, H. Vaughn 0 0-0 0. Totals: 196-1044.

Forest City (5-5, 4-0) - M. Hartman 10 7-11 27, K. Bencyk 3 5-6 11, M. Kowalewski 2 1-2 5, L. Statkun 1 0-0 3, H. Gillespie 1 0-0 3, E. Urban 1 0-0 2, C. Bonham 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 13-19 51.

Blue Ridge 14 12 0 18-44
Forest City 10 13 17 11 - 51

3-point goals: H. Gillespie (FC), L. Statkun (FC). N. Blue Ridge, 35-30 (BR: MacConnell 15; FC: Statkun 15).

FC BOYS
FC 47, Blue Ridge 44
Fri., Jan. 20

The Foresters put together a winning lineup with a couple of new scorers hitting for 42 total points for a 47-44 win at Blue Ridge. Kolby Rotell scored 22 points while Dakota Knehr-Cook hit for 20 points for a hard fought win.

Forest City (2-8 1-2) K. Rotella 7 5-6 22, D. Knehr-Cook 9 2-4 20, K. Shema 1 1-2 3, T. Cliff 0 1-2 1, E. Paulin 0 1-2 1, B. Keller 0 0-0 0, J. Lipko 0 0-0 0, J. Non 0 0-0 0, J. Non 0 0-0 0, J. Smith 0 0-0 0, M. Giles 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17 10-16 47.

Blue Ridge (9-4,3-2) - J. Mills 6 1-6 13, T. Cheeseboro 2 4-5 8, S. Cosmello 3 1-2 8, J. Morris 2 3-5 7, N. Folk 13-4 5, I. Townsend 1 1-2 3, M. Allen 0 0-0 0, D. Rogers 0 0-0 0, K. Donovan 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15 13-24 44.

Forest City 16 5 13 13-47
Blue Ridge 6 15 12 11 - 44
3-point goals: K. Rotella (FC) 3, S. Cosmello (BR). X Blue Ridge, 41-32 (BR: Folk, Randle, 10, FC: Giles 8).

BOYS
C'Dale Area 79, FC 11
Sat., Jan. 21

Nothing seemed to work out for the Foresters in a home game against the 5-8 Carbondale Area Chargers as they were shut out in the 2nd half. Carbondale Area poured it on with 30 points in the 1st quarter.

Carbondale Area (5-8) - E. Dearie 6 1-1 16, A. Manarchuck 5 0-0 14, M. Zazzera 3 4-4 12, G. Mustica 4 2-4 10, P. Durkin 2 2-2 8, N. Mauro 2 0-0 6, J. Henderson 2 0-0 4, Katchmore 1 1-1 3, A. Rossetti 10-0 3, B. Rumford (CAR), K. Rotella (FC), J. Rossetti 0 0-0 0, K. Durkin 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 10-12 79.

Forest City (2-9) - K. Rotella 2 0-0 5, Je. Non 1 0-0 3, D. Knehr-Cook 1 0-2 2, Jo. Non 0 1-2 1, K. Shema 0 0-0 0, J. Smith 0 0-0 0, M. Giles 0 0-0 0, T. Cliff 0 0-0 0, E. Paulin 0 0-0 0, J. Lipko 0 0-0 0, D. Congdon 0 0-2 0. Totals 4 1-6 11.

Carbondale Area 30 17 23 9 - 79
Forest City 7 4 0 0 - 11
3-point goals: A. Manarchuck (CAR) 4, E.

Dearie (CAR) 3, N. Mauro (CAR) 2, M. Zazzera (CAR) 2, P. Durkin (CAR) 2, A. Rossetti (CAR), B. Rumford (CAR), K. Rotella (FC), Je. Non (FC). JV: Carbondale Area, 46-28 (CAR: K. Durkin 14; FC: Giles, Je. Non, 5).

GIRLS
Pittston Area 60, FC 30
Sat., Jan. 21

The Lady Foresters moved out of League play to take on a strong Pittston Area team and suffered a 60-30 loss to the Luzerne County team with a 10-3 record.

Mackenzie Hartman had 14 points while Skylar Fortuner hit ofr 7 and Kendra Bedyk got 6

Forest City (6-6) - M. Hartman 5 4-7 14, S. Fortuner 2 3-6 7, K. Bendyk 2 0-0 6, L. Statkun 10-0 2, C. Bonham 0 1-4 1, H. Gillespie 0 0-0 0, C. Calabro 0 0-0 0, K. Matoushek 0 0-0 0, E. Urban 0 0-10, M. Kowal ews ki 0 0-0 0, K. Gillette 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 8-18 30.

Pittston Area (10-3)-T Ashby 5 3-16, K. Durling 5 1-2 11, A. Noone 40-010, L. Hodick 5 0-010 P Weidlich 3 0-0 6, M. Silinskie 20.0 5, K. Welke 0 2-2 2, B. Pendana 0 0-0 0, C. Musto 0 0-0 0, A. RubyOO-00, N.Zambetti 00-0 0. Totals: 246-7 60.

Forest City 5 13
5 7-30
Pittston Area 10 21 20
9-60

3-point goals: K. Bendyk (FC) 2, T. Ashby (PA) 3, A. Noone (PA) 2, M. Silinskie (PA).

LACKAWANNA LEAGUE STANDINGS GIRLS

The Lady Foresters are sporting a 4-0 Division IV Lackawanna League mark at this point in the season. Their overall mark is 6-6.

Mackenzie Hartman is 3rd in scoring with a 12.2ppg average while Kendra Bendyk is 6th with an 11.3ppg average. Hartman is the free-throw percentage leader by a wide percentage with 40-52 for a .769 percentage.

BOYS
The Foresters are 1-2 in League play and 2-9 in overall play.

Jared Paulin is 5th in scoring in Division IV with an 11.4 ppg average. Paulin is 6th in 3-point shooting with 1.3 per game.

B'dale Sportsmens Club meeting Change

The Browndale Sportsmen's Club will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7pm at the club headquarters on Ravnikar Road. All members are urged to attend. Membership dues for 2017 are payable from January 1, 2017 to April 5, 2017. Ticket returns for the Valentine Day Drawing are due at this meeting.

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Big fish caught in Pleasant Mount



Who said there are no big fish around here? Danusia Dec landed this 30-inch northern pike on Sunday, Jan. 15 at Pleasant Mount, while fishing with John Dec and Ryan McAndrew. The fish broke the tip-up and two of the three hooks on a treble hook.