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Dear Editor:

It's time to take action to let the DRBC know just how outrageous their eight years of dawdling in allowing gas drilling to move ahead really is.

It is clear it's time to let the DRBC know how Upper Delaware communities and landowners are thoroughly disgusted with the agency's six years of doing nothing on draft gas drilling regulations. The DRBC also wasted another two years before that in developing a ridiculous set of standards that had everything to do with land use and virtually nothing to do with water use.

Josh Fox is mounting his campaign and we need to do the same. The following is a petition we ask every landowner, every business, every job-seeking resident and every local official to get behind. Your signing of the petition will automatically generate an e-mail to the Secretary of the Commission demanding action.

PETITION

You imposed an effective moratorium on gas drilling in the Delaware River basin by virtue of decisions made by your Executive Director some eight years ago and on May 5, 2010 meeting you unanimously directed your staff "to develop draft regulations on well pads in the shales for notice and comment rulemaking and postponed the DRBC's consideration of well pad dockets until regulations are adopted." You were presented with draft regulations in September, 2011 and have since refused to vote up them so as to avoid offending special interests.

Altogether, you have had eight very long years to establish a policy on this matter and have utterly failed to the great economic detriment of upper basin landowners and communities with natural gas resources. It is a complete abdication of responsibility and we call upon you to immediately resolve this matter in the manner of your sister agency, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, which has regulated water use connected with drilling, with no adverse impact on water quality and no interference in natural gas development so vital to the regional economy.

Go to website of Natural-GasNow.org to sign petition
Tom Shepstone
Honesdale

FC Sidewalk Ordinance To be advertised

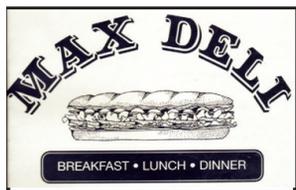
Forest City Council at its regular meeting, March 6, said it would advertise a new sidewalk ordinance at the April 3 Council meeting. It covers property owner responsibilities for sidewalks in town including the new ones on Main Street.

After questioning at the February meeting about a provision allowing snow to be piled on the curb during winter, Pres. Orasin said that section of the ordinance was removed since the town already has an ordinance dealing with snow removal from sidewalks.

That change was approved 6-0 with Council member Ed Pearsall absent.

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Herrick considers various purchases; Discusses tax breaks for firefighters

By Theresa Opeka

Talk of a tax break for volunteer firefighters and new equipment, security system and a storage shed and a forced resignation were among the items discussed at the Monday, March 6, meeting of the Herrick Twp. supervisors. In old business, the Union Dale Fire Company sent a thank you for the township's recent donation.

PURCHASES

In new business, Supervisor and Road Master Brian Zembrzycki got quotes for various items. He got a quote for a 55 gallon drum for oil and also for diesel and hydraulic fluid from Hanson. He also got a quote for a calcium sprayer from a company from Morgantown. A 1,000 gallon tank would cost \$14,370. It would be a pull behind to be used on a dump truck and another tank can be put in the bed in the trunk.

Quotes for a security system for the township building from 1st Alarm Security of Honesdale were next. A keyless entry system would cost \$875 for a door. Sensors on all the doors would cost \$689. Central Station Monitoring through a phone line would be \$300 per year with a signed contract. For a system that would call cellphones in case of a break-in, monitoring would cost \$390 a year with a signed contract. A camera system would cost \$1475. Being able to access the cameras in real time with internet access would cost extra. Someone in the audience asked if there was a reason they needed a security system. Supervisor Elliot Ross said no but it would be an "insurance policy."

Zembrzycki also got a \$143,900 quote for an anti-skid storage shed. The shed would measure 65x84 and the cost would not include the prep work, like putting in a concrete floor. The quote is from Brightspan in Watertown. The building has a fabric top and concrete walls.

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Ross said they would look

Medicare Seminar in FC Wed., March 22

Are you new to Medicare? Are you confused by Medicare? Do you have questions you need answered?

Join Hollie Irvine, B/S/S/T AAA, Inc. APPRISE Coordinator, for a Medicare Seminar on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Forest City EMS Building located at 380 Railroad St. Forest City from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hollie will explain the basics of Medicare and help you understand how the various parts work together. She is eager to answer your questions and will have resources and materials on hand.

This Medicare Seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are kindly requested. Please RSVP no later than March 17th by calling 1-800-982-4346.

This event is sponsored by the PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources.

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over the quotes and the information and tabled any action.

TAX BREAK

Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said Pleasant Mount's township secretary Kathy Dix called her about the proposed tax break for volunteer firefighters in the state. She said so many people live in Herrick Township and volunteer for Pleasant Mount Emergency Services and Union Dale Fire Company. Dix told Harvatine they can give up to a 20% tax break either on the wage tax or property tax.

Dix said each ambulance crew member that responds to a call gets paid \$25 per call. "She feels if you get paid you aren't a volunteer," Harvatine said. She said Dix also wants to know how it is going to be regulated or documented how many times people show up.

Ross said, "I looked up the law and it would have to be the municipality." Harvatine said Dix told her DCED is dragging their heels on it so there won't be any more on it until April. Ross said he would like to see

Volunteer Ombudsman Needed

Do you have a passion of making sure those who live in a nursing home or personal care home are taken care of? Do you want to be a voice or advocate for someone living in a long term placement? If your answer is yes to these questions then maybe volunteering in the Ombudsman Program is for you.

The Ombudsman Program for the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (B/S/S/T AAA, Inc.) is seeking individuals who are looking to volunteer and have an interest in making sure those living in long term care settings are getting their needs met.

The Ombudsman Program provides training to individuals who help a resident and their families with complexities of long term care issues. The Ombudsman also investigates concerns about the quality of care and treatment provided by long term care facilities.

The Ombudsman Program reimburses the volunteers mileage. If you would like to know about the Ombudsman Program and how volunteering is so important to the program, please call 1-800-982-4346.

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how municipalities do it first before they undertake it.

AUDITOR RESIGNATION

Harvatine read a resignation letter from Marian Borick that as of February 24 she would no longer be an auditor for the township. According to Harvatine, she had to resign because the county told her she couldn't have two positions in the township. Borick also serves on the election board. Borick had two years left in the auditor's position and now there will be three auditors positions on the ballot in May. Borick had been an auditor for over 34 years. Ross said he wanted to acknowledge her years of service. They will discuss how to do that.

LIQUID FUELS

The township received notification from PennDOT they received \$89,518.21 in liquid fuels funds.

AUDIT COMPLETE

The township's audit was completed. There were no findings.

NEW EMA DIRECTOR

Bob Thatcher sent notification to the township that he is the new EMA Director for Susquehanna County

PL. MT. EMS CALLS

Pleasant Mount Emergency Services Ambulance had 34 calls out of 118 to the township in 2016.

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning Officer John Watts filed for unemployment compensation. The township is responsible for 3%.

MISSING ROAD SIGNS

Road Worker Joe Tedesco said road signs were missing from Brace and Vauter Roads. Harvatine said the sign from Chipmunk Road is also missing. All will be replaced.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3 at 7pm.

Outreach Hours with Susq. Co. Commissioner Maryann Warren

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner will meet with residents on Thursday, March 16th between 1 PM and 3 PM at Elegant Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City.

She would like to hear from you if you have concerns or suggestions for our County. No appointment is necessary, her office number is 570.278.6604 if there's something in particular you need or if you would like to schedule an appointment, either in Forest City or Montrose. Stop by, share conversation and a slice of pizza and soda with your Commissioner. We look forward to seeing you.

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Pleasant Mount News

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Happy Birthday to: Lori Knott, Sue Norosky, Charles Conklin Jr., John Lewis, Ed Hadden, Daniel McMullen, Aubrey Warchol, Donna Dovin, Linda McElhinney, Norma Worobey, Jim Gulbin, Tom Sampson, Ryan Keyes, George LaBar, Mary Ann Pasternak, Luke Megivern, Brian Weist, Darlene Doyle, Dawn Joyce, Linda O'Brien, Megan O'Neill, Natasha Sanchez, Theodore Fredricks, Kalee Marie Babcock, Grace Lane, Patricia Striefsky and my uncle, Louis Matoushek.

Happy Anniversary to: Robert and Christina Kozlowski.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Nellie J. Mead, Preston Park, who died on February 24 at home after an illness. Her husband, Ralph, died on March 2, 1992. Surviving are 3 daughters, a son, 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, 7 brothers, 4 sisters and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a son, Glenford, a son-in-law, three sisters and a brother.

The Lakewood Area Food Pantry will be held on March 15 from 12:30-2:30pm at the Northern Wayne Family Health Center, 412 Como Road, Lake Como. For an emergency need, call 570-798-2229

St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary fresh made potato cheese pierogi sale dates are March 15 & 16 and April 5 & 6. The pierogi is made from scratch and never frozen so they must be pre-ordered and picked up by 3:00 at St. James Church hall (intersection of Rts. 371 & 670 S in Pleasant Mount). Order sheets are available in the churches of St. Juliana and St. James during Mass times or by calling Barbara 570 727-8385 (Orson) or Jean 570 448-9181 (Pleasant Mount). Made fresh from scratch using a long standing recipe from the time Dolores McCusker was the president of the Society and still only \$6.00 per dozen

A Bridal Shower was held in Starrucca for Casey Christianson. Many friends and family attended. Casey and Jeff Mead will be married on April 23 in Starrucca.

Tom Nebzydoski and helpers have been busy gathering sap and boiling it for making maple syrup. Forest City School children will be visiting the sap house next week to see how it is done.

Costello-Monahan-Brown American Legion will be serv-

Pizza sale at Christ Episcopal

A pizza sale will be held on the Fridays in March and also April 7th and 14th at Christ Episcopal Church, Dundaff & Delaware Sts, Forest City. Pick-up a prepared 12-cut, three cheese pizza for \$10 or a 12-cut potato/cheese/onion pizza for \$12 at the church between 3 and 6 PM and bake it at home. Advance orders recommended. Call 785-3425 and leave a call back message. Benefits the good works of the church.

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