

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Mom:

I wish I could spend Mother's Day with you but I can't, so I am writing a letter and hope that you will read it in Ann Landers' column.

Mom, I love you so much. There are so many things that I didn't understand when I was young but I understand them now.

I didn't have any idea how hard you worked and the burdens you carried until I traveled that road myself.

I didn't know how tough it was when you were having trouble with Dad and us kids, but I know now.

I didn't realize how lonely you were until I was lonely.

I didn't realize how hurt you were until I was hurt the same way by my own children.

I didn't know how many times I could have made you happy by just saying, "I love you, Mom." But now I know because those are the words I long to hear from my own kids. Whoever said "life is the greatest teacher of all" knew what he was talking about.

When I was growing up we had more than our share of battles. I remember how I thought you were too hard on me, insisting that I keep my room neat as a pin, turn off the TV and do my homework, hang up my clothes, do chores around the house and write thank-you notes right away.

You made me do a lot of things I didn't want to do. You said it was good for my character. I couldn't see the connection. I thought you were nuts. But now that I have kids of my own I understand things a lot better and I am grateful that you didn't let me wear you down. Remembering your strength gives me strength to stand up to my own kids when they try to con me the way I tried to con you.

It seems like I found time for everything and everyone but you. It would have been easy to drop in for a cup of tea and a hug, but my friends came first. Would any of them have done for me what you did? I doubt it.

I remember the times you called on the phone and I was in a hurry to get off. It makes me ashamed. I remember, too, the times I could have included you when my little family had outings, but I didn't.

It took me all my life to learn what a mother is. I guess it's impossible to know this until you become a mother yourself. Believe me, now I know.

Millions of people are going to read this column and they will see themselves. Some will feel uneasy, and that's OK if they learn from it.

Time has a sneaky way of slipping away from us. We all become so involved in getting from one day to the next that before we know it, the tomorrows are yesterdays. I hope this letter gives you an idea of how much I admire and respect you, Mom. You really are the greatest. — Anonymous

Dear Writer: I'm glad you're "Anonymous." Millions of moms are going to think this letter was meant for them, and that's just the way I want it.

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Dear Editor:

I am renewing the subscriptions for my father, William J. Cebular, and for my uncle, John Kozlevcar. They both look forward to their news from home. William will turn 96 on Easter Monday, and John is 94.

Margaret Sfamurri
Doylestown, PA

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is check for subscription renewal. The Forest City News is a joy to receive.

Thank you.

Paula Skube
Great Bend, PA

Pleasant Mt. Spring raffle

Tickets are on sale now at Pleasant Mount Library for their spring raffle basket. Just \$1 buys a chance on a basket loaded with goodies worth well over \$100.

In addition to assorted teas, cookies and candies, there is a Kindle Fire, a Kensington single serve teapot, tea infusers, mug, puzzle, adult coloring book and pencils, muffin mix, candles, dish towels, hot pads, and a 10 piece china set which includes a platter, pie server and four cups and saucers.

The winner will be drawn at the Victorian Tea Party and Strip Tease on Saturday May 20th. For more information, please call the library at 570-448-2573 during their regular hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from noon until 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This basket is sponsored by Friends of the Pleasant Mount Library. All funds raised will be applied to library programs.

Suicide Loss Support Group Meets May 25

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee announces the April meeting to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, Honesdale, and beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will take place in Conference Room #3, 2nd floor (take the Orange elevator "A").

The support group is a positive support time to help deal with suicide and loss of a loved one. Individuals 16 years of age and older are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Walk will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Wallenpaupack School, 9-10 registration, walk begins at 10 AM.

For more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200. Please note, in case of inclement weather the support group will not meet. Volunteers are welcome to service on the Wayne/Pike Suicide Committee also by contacting Ms. Valinski.

Main Street Coordinator

By Art McLain



"Balloons on Saturday" kicked off on April 29th and children ages 12 and under had an opportunity to get a helium balloon at several locations in Forest City. Thanks to a donation of balloons by Branch Manager Melissa Rushworth of the Honesdale National Bank and use of helium from Scott Miskovsky and the staff at the Red Cross Pharmacy, the first Balloons on Saturday was launched. This is one of the many programs that will attempt to bring fun and interesting events to Forest City. With the support of local businesses and citizens this event will continue each Saturday giving people one more reason to come down and visit the Main Street. Also 10 balloons were sent with Chief Johnson for him to give to any youngsters he came in contact with.

Plans are in the works for a weekly music series and a family walking event. Watch for more information about these fun events. Pictured are Mayor Pauline Wilcox and Maryann Corey.

Other areas also register lack of Candidates for Primary Election

It is not only Forest City Borough suffering from a lack of candidates for public offices. Voters in some neighboring municipalities also will see empty spaces on their Primary Election ballots May 16.

VANDLING—As we reported previously, Vandling Borough had the dubious distinction of being the only municipality in Lackawanna County which had NO candidates file for any Borough offices. Offices to be filled include Mayor, Council, Tax Collector.

CLINTON TWP. 2—Filed candidates were: Supervisor Russell Curtis (D), Bonnie K. Johnson (R); Tax Collector Marianne L. Thorpe (R); Judge of Election Kerry J. Henderson (R); Inspector of Election Beverly J. Fitzsimmons (D); Auditor Donald Salak (D) 6 yr. term; No candidate for Auditor 4 yr. term. There was no candidate for Forest City Regional School Director, a post now held by Linda Zefran.

CLIFFORD TWP.—No candidates filed for one Supervisor post, two auditors and one member of Mt. View School Board. Those who filed were Tax collector Janice Price (R); Judge of Election Philip Price (R); Inspector of Election Ellie R. DeFazio (R); Charlotte E. Lyon (D).

UNION DALE—No candidates filed for Mayor, 2 Council seats, Tax Collector and 2 auditors. Also there was no filing for School Director in Forest City Regional School District, a post now held by Bill Heller (R). David DeArmond announced to the News his intention to seek the seat by wrote-ins. Names on the ballot are Judge of Election William W. Conrad (R), and Inspector of Election Barbara Kozlevcar (R).

HERRICK CENTER—Filing were: Tax Collector Joseph Svecz (D), Judge of Election Diane Urda (D) and Inspector of Election Marion Borick (D) did file. There were no candidates for one Supervisor, a Constable, 2 auditors and School Board member from Forest City Regional, now held by Lorne Powell.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Those who filed were: Supervisor Francis M. Nebzydowski (R); Tax Collector Clara Keast (R); Inspector of Election Sandra J. Ko-

East Ararat UM Church BBQ Sun., May 14

The East Ararat United Methodist Church will hold its Annual Mother's Day BBQ on Sunday, May 14 from 11 AM-2 PM. Prices are \$9.00 for meal and \$5.00 for Chicken only.

Any Questions or would if you would like to pre-order, you may call Jackie Burrows at 1-570-766-5322 or January Roney at 1-570-727-2051.

Mountain View Garden Club meeting May 16

The Mountain View Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm in the Clifford Fire Hall. Janie Matthews will be doing a live wreath demonstration. The public and new members are always welcome to attend.

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Pleasant Mount News

By Theresa Opeka
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Happy Birthday to: John Stephens, Emily Mikulak, Sylvia Bonham, Joyce Megivern, Barb Reed, Destiny Megivern, Al Urban Jr., Jon Hoanzl, Phyliss Slocum, Joe Banicky, Danny Davis, Ashley Banicky, Andrew Robinson, Michael English, Matthew Schupper, Kaitlyn Callan, Jessica Puntar, Brad Saul, Bill Terrell, Trudy Corbett, Bill Komar, Kaleb Leach, Nicole Non and Trace Olenchak.

Happy Anniversary to: Joe and Pam Banicky, Tom and Sharon Nebzydowski and Steve and Carolyn Non.

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On Saturday May 20th from 1pm to 4pm, Friends of Pleasant Mount Public Library will host a Victorian Tea Party and Strip Tease. The tea party hostesses will serve assorted teas, traditional finger sandwiches and desserts. Guests should bring their own tea cup. The winner of the Pleasant Mount

Library Spring Raffle Basket will also be drawn at this time. The event will take place at the Pleasant Mount Emergency Services Dining Hall, 395 Great Bend Turnpike. Suggested donation is \$20. Tickets are available at the library or from any Friends committee member.

The Pleasant Mount Community Chorus is currently rehearsing through May and June in preparation for the July 4th program in Meredith Park. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 PM in the Pleasant Mount Community Center. All voice types are welcome. If you like to sing and would like to serve your community, come join the camaraderie of the Pleasant Mount Community Chorus! Questions, call Linda 727-3068.

Just wanted to mention that I have a new friend in my life. I adopted a new kitty, Anna, from True Friends Animal Welfare Center in Montrose. I am still very sad over the loss of Cuddles. I don't think you really get over the loss but good memories outweigh the sadness. It was also said that you honor your late pets by adopting another pet and giving them a chance. Anna is her third name — (the shelter had given her another name) her original owner passed away in January. She is a beautiful medium hair tortoiseshell (black, orange and white) kitty. I am sure you will see her picture soon. She is quite different than any other cat I have ever had. She is friendly but is very spunky!

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