

Lots of business at Long Council session

At the July 10 meeting of Forest City Borough Council, which lasted more than two hours, the following items were acted upon:

*Authorization to seek bids for the installation of the decorative street lights on the west side of the 400, 500 and 600 blocks of Main Street. Total cost is \$92,659 with the Boro's share \$46,329 of which \$21,455 has already been paid to Leeward for purchasing and installing the bases and conduit.

*Agreed to grant tax exemption to Susquehanna County Housing Development Corp for the eight affordable housing units recently completed on Susquehanna, Hudson and Depot Streets. The Authority is tax exempt and will make an annual payment in lieu of taxes of an amount not to exceed 20% of the taxes which would otherwise be imposed on the parcel were it not tax exempt.

*A committee was formed to consider costs of installing a steel carport or some type protective enclosure at the Borough Garages to store three large vehicles and pieces of equipment. Committee consists of Pres. William Orasin, Council members Nick Cost and Bernie Scalzo.

*Approved a change order of \$14,187 for Leeward Construction which includes \$500 for installing the base for the town clock, and over \$13,000 to install a new enclosure for the sewer pumps at Kennedy Park to prevent groundwater leaking into the system.

*Also approved another change order for \$28,205 to apply to USDA to do further work on South Street since the money is still available from the USDA loan.

*At the request of Forest City's Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Mihelc, Council will develop a "Mutual Aid Agreement" and also put \$1,000 in the 2018 budget to cover emergency management issues. Mihelc told Council that with FEMA and PEMA funds being scarce that communities must be ready to shoulder the financial burden

for emergencies.

*Due to the poor condition of the Kennedy Park restrooms due to constant vandalism, the Boro will inspect the facility prior to any function being held there. Council reported it was embarrassed at the condition of the restrooms at the time of a recent function held there.

*Allocated \$1,000 to hire grass and brush cutting for Center Street, the bank on upper Main Street and Commerce Blvd. in the Industrial Park.

*Announced they would have a public sale of filing cabinets and other items in the Boro Bldg. no longer needed. It will be advertised.

*Councilman Bob Lesjack announced that an engineer had inspected the exterior of the Boro Building to look at what is needed to continue the restoration of the building. He will report back to Council. He also stated that Pentecost Hall needs repairs and updates, and when it is repaired it will be able to be rented.

*The Street Department reported large holes in the 900 block of Susquehanna Street and in Commerce Blvd. in the Industrial Park.

*Issued a thank you to Street Dept. Bob Tedesco and Wally Miller for doing a great job keeping the Boro streets and property in excellent condition.

*Thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nuss, recently married at Kennedy Park for donating their \$50 reimbursement back to the Park.

*Read a report from Main St. Coordinator Art McLain that a person is actively seeking to buy a Main Street building with the intention to bring a retail business to town next spring. McLain is actively exploring possibility of doing educational programs at Main St. locations or to have an educational institution open a branch or satellite program in Forest City.

*Council will attempt to find out a date for the repaving of Main Street and determine if it will affect the Steamtown Marathon starting line on Oct. 8th.



Rich Hayes, Pleasant Mount, prepares for his Pedaling 4 Paws trip beginning Aug. 2.

Pedaling 4 Paws, "The College Tour", kicks off Wed., Aug. 2

This year's Pedaling 4 Paws route along with theme to the ride has recently been announced "The College Tour!" and Pedaling 4 Paws is prepared to welcome support in State College for the annual charity bike ride for the non-profit animal shelters throughout Northeastern & Central Pennsylvania.

Beginning Wednesday, August 2, for the eighth consecutive year, Rich Hayes will pedal through the region with the goal to raise much needed donations and awareness to benefit a number of area shelters. What's unique about this ride is 100% of the donations go directly towards the shelter of the donor's choice.

"My journey this year consists of planned stops at college campuses along this year's route kicking off at Penn State University in State College and ending at the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale.

Every year local communities plan welcoming parties as Rich makes his way through the area. This year he will navigate through the following towns of Lewisburg near Bucknell University in Union County on Aug. 2; Wilkes-Barre near Wilkes University on Aug. 3; and a stop at the Penn State Worthington Campus in Dunmore on Aug. 4. He

will return to the Forest City region on Friday, Aug. 4, at 5 p.m. and from Forest City to Honesdale for the final leg of the ride on Saturday, Aug. 5, as he arrives at the Wayne County Fair at noon.

By way of the Pedaling 4 Paws web page and the social media pages followers will be able to follow him every turn of the way.

There are several ways followers of the journey can feel like they are along with Rich including using a GoPro, and new to this year's ride a DJI Mavic Pro drone which has a built in GPS tracker that has the capabilities of providing live stream through social media giving you a bird's eye view.

People can donate by visiting local ShurSave Supermarkets in NEPA, who are participating in the pin up program, and of course as always Zazzera's in Forest City which is also selling the official Pedaling 4 Paws t-shirts for this year's ride.

The most convenient way to donate now to Pedaling 4 Paws is visiting the official website for the bike ride where you can make a donation online.

"Our Fur-Ever Friends rely on your continued support throughout all of Northeastern & Central Pennsylvania!" added Rich.

Free Entertainment at the Harford Fair

The opening of the 160th Harford Fair will be here before you know it and as always, the fair provides Family Fun for Everyone August 21-26th. How is the fair doing that this year? Parking is always free and admission is always free for 11 and under. Fairgoers can use the coupon in the fair brochure for half price admission for 12 and over on Thursday Family Fun Day only. The main arena show for that night will be Johnny Rockett's Cycle Circus Live beginning at 7:30 and is free for everyone. The kids want to ride (and maybe mom and dad, too). Houghton Enterprises offers great breath-taking midway rides. Get \$2.00 off the daily unlimited rides wrist band by using the coupon in the fair brochure. Sounds like a great day to plan to take your family to the Harford Fair.

But there are five other days to the fair which have lots to offer as well. One of the favorite spots is the Shade Pavilion which is located in the center of the fairgrounds. The beautifully covered area for seating provides free entertainment every day throughout fair week. Many of the performers are local groups which the fair provides free to fairgoers offering a wide variety of musical entertainment. Some of these include Stan Kalafut & The Brass Majors, the Old Time Fiddlers, the Mountain View Chimes, Windwood Hill Dance Academy and, of course, the Lenoxville Band which will perform both roaming and pavilion performances.

Other returning acts include The Jason Wicks Band, amRadio and Magic and Illusionist Tom Yurasits. Some new entertainment to the fair this year includes Windfall, Short Change Band, Life Quest Community Church, The Blue Notes and Trailer Grass Orchestra. A young singer and song writer with a powerful voice is Kaitlyn Carolina Myers who wowed the audience at the State Fair Convention in Hershey. The Poets will make music for Saturday evening as the fair winds down for another year. Harford Fair offers other free entertainment daily and throughout the week, some of which includes crafting dem-

onstrators, Master Gardeners of Susquehanna County, and Chainsaw Carving by Kevin Treat. Two free shows will provide family entertainment three times each day at both ends of the fairgrounds. Hogway Speedway with racing pigs, goats & ducks will perform in the south end and Rhinestone Roper will perform with his talented horse in the north arena.

What else happens at the fair in the Shade Pavilion? On Monday, it is your opportunity to bid on the first and second place prize-winning baked goods. All proceeds from the auction go to the Harford Fair Scholarship Fund. In the past seven years, a total of \$44,500 has been awarded to forty-nine recipients. The committee is presently accepting applications for this year's scholarships.

Check out the fair's website www.harfordfair.com for specific days and times of performances and other attractions too numerous to mention. Schedules are also available in the premium book and brochures which are available at the secretary's office on the fairgrounds or at many locations in the area. Come to the fair to enjoy "Country Scenes and Blue Ribbon Dreams." You won't be disappointed.

Susq. Co. Comm. office hours in FC Thurs., July 20

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner will meet with residents on Thursday, July 20th between 1 PM and 3 PM at Elegante' 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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Happy Birthday to: John Nebzydowski, Kathy Kulikowski, Steve Watson, Christine Komar, Darrin Peck, Jean Welicka, Robert Moase, Beverly Sekol, William Keyes, Betsy Pasternak, Cynthia Kulikowski, John Kulikowski, Bill Walters, Louis Piotrowski, Bonnie Race, Ethan Mead, Danny Davis Sr., James B. Phillips IV, Ann Marie O'Neill, Leah Ray Short, Camden Vinton, Jeremy Noble and Amanda Borsheski.

Happy Anniversary to: Tom and Alex Ann Conklin and Jason and Billie Jo Coleman. Happy First Wedding Anniversary to John and Meghan Nebzydowski on July 30.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Beverly Harvatine, Cleona, PA, who passed away on July 16. She is survived by her husband, Frank Harvatine. She was born in Pleasant Mount, daughter of the late Michael and Helen Seney Paluch. Also surviving are three daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and three brothers. She was also preceded in death by a brother. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 21 at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Annville. Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery, Lebanon. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul the Apostle Church or the Salvation Army, 1031 Guilford St., Lebanon, PA 17046 (They helped the family after their house burned down on Thanksgiving Day in the 1950's). Arrangements by Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kelly, Pleasant Mount, who was named to the Dean's List for the 2017 spring semester at the University of New England.

Events taking place at the Pleasant Mount Library: Play Group for Ages 0 to 8, meets every other Tuesday starting July 25th - 10am to noon. Storytime - Wednesday 10:30

- 11:30 am - Every week with Wendy Stueber
 Island of Blue Dolphins - Lit Wit Program - Wednesday, August 16th 12-1:30pm.
 St. Juliana's Rock Lake 150th Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 2048 Creamton Drive, Pleasant Mount. A family style ham & turkey dinner will be held from 11:30am to 3:30pm (take-outs available until 3pm). Supper will be served at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm. There will be a giant flea market, bingo, games, prizes and 50/50 raffle. Square dancing by "Just Us" from 8-11pm (sponsored by Ed Howell). As the church celebrates the 150th year of the Picnic, a commemorative bronze-cast coin is being cast. The cost is \$10 per coin. To order, please call Rose at 570-798-2539 or the Parish Office at 570-785-3838.

Cub Scout Pack 419 to meet Wed., Sept. 6

Cub Scout Pack 419 Pleasant Mount will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. They will be meeting on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM.

If anyone is interested please contact Katie Millon at 570-903-1703, call or text or email her at fcpack419@gmail.com.

Pancake breakfast at Union Dale

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be held Sat. July 29, from 7 to 10 a.m., at the Union Dale Church hall. The menu includes pancakes, eggs (cooked to order), sausage, juice, coffee or tea. All are welcome.
 Storytime - Wednesday 10:30

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

What a great story about Noah Yates getting a scholarship to West Point.

As I read the article, the issue that struck me the most was that under current (PIAA) rules he might not have had this opportunity. It is time people making the rules about schools and athletics thought first about the students and second about winning and rules. When we debate school choice the first choice should be for the betterment of the student.

There are young people who can see Forest City Regional High School who have to travel 26 miles each way to school. We need to change this.

Once again, we should all congratulate this young man and reflect on what a travesty it would have been if the current rules were in effect and he was denied this opportunity.

Gerald B. Franceski
 Union Dale

Hunter Safety Course in B'dale Sun., Aug. 13

A Hunter Safety Course will be held on Sun., August 13, from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at the Browndale Fire Company, Brown Dale, PA.

You must be 11 years of age or older. You can register on PA Game Commission Website. There are 25 seats available.

It is sponsored by the Brown Dale Sportsman's Club.

A light lunch will be provided.

Comedy night to benefit Jr. Golf

Comedy Night hosted by Zach Swan to benefit the NEPA Junior Golf will be held Fri., Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Banquet Facility, 37 Prospect St., Simpson.

Featured comedians will be Samantha Ruddy, Dina Hasem, and Martin Urbane.

The cost is \$20 per person. Call 570-687-3309 for more information.

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