

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Subway on South Main Street celebrated its 5th anniversary in town on July 25. Mr. Mistry, the owner, and his family were happy to welcome many folks who came for their buy-one-get-one free subs.

We did not escape the heavy rains last week but we did avoid the vicious weather with wind, lightning and hail which struck many Northeastern Pennsylvania areas.

The fire at Fern Hall proved to be more damaging than first thought. In addition to structural damage, electrical and phone systems were put out of commission. We are awaiting word on their opening. The golf course remains in operation.

Our delectable summer eating trip continued last week with a visit to another of our Dining Guide participants, Stone Bridge Restaurant, Union Dale. It was a beautiful night on the patio with a gorgeous view of Elk Mountain and the sunset. Salmon, a pasta and great salad entrees were included in the fare for our group. All entrees were excellent and we took especial notice of the mouth-watering vegetable medley with each entrée. The veggies can sometimes be rather mundane at some restaurants but these were especially tasty. Excellent service and copious amounts of food filled us up and gave us some leftovers for the next day. We'd highly recommend them for an elegant dining experience in a great venue.

The Lions Club again did a great job on their annual Golf Tourney last Friday. We got to talk to a number of out-of-towners who never miss this great sport and social event. Panorama Golf Course kitchen prepared and served the delicious smorgasbord afterwards. The Lions also give out many prizes. You don't have to be the Champion Golfer of the Year to win a prize.

We'll have a report next week on National Night Out held Tuesday night at Kennedy Park and sponsored by the Forest City Police and First Responders.

The Historical Society is still taking names of Vietnam-era vets for their Recognition Program Saturday, 1PM at the Historical Society. Any veteran who served from 1961 to 1975 is eligible. Call Forest City News at 570-785-3800.

We have a new column on page 4 of our newspaper. It is called Classic Country Cooking by The Country Cook. Each week will feature a new recipe for you to try out! We hope you enjoy this new feature every week.

Museum open Hours listed

The Forest City Area Historical Society Museum will be open Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10AM to 5PM.

There are new displays including the addition of 28 banners of area service personnel to add to the 47 which were displayed last year.

The Museum is air conditioned but is still not handicapped accessible.

Lorne Powell leaves school board; Herrick Twp. needs new director

Lorne Powell, Region 2, Herrick Township, submitted her resignation to the Forest City Regional School Board on July 17. Mrs. Powell will be leaving the area.

Her resignation was received with regret by Board President Mary Emmett and Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina. Both indicated that she has been an asset to the Board and will be missed. Both stated she has always been an advocate for the students especially students with special needs.

The Board will advertise for someone to replace her. They will interview possible candidates and plan to name a replacement at the regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 14.

Board members present were President Mary Emmett, Joanne Sterchak, Fred Garm, Dr. Henry Nebzydoski, Linda Zefran and Bernice Lukus. Board members absent, in addition to Mrs. Powell, were directors Bill Heller and Christina Albright.

NEW CLASSROOM

The Board approved a \$66,000 addition to the building project to add a full size classroom and a small group study room to the Middle School section of the building. Dr. Aquilina said construction plans were approved before the present administration was in place. She noted that High school Principal Dr. Michael Elia saw the opportunity to put

in a 7th-8th grade middle school classroom which would help separate middle school grades from high school.

BULLYING PROGRAM

Dr. Aquilina told the Board they are making changes this summer to the Bully Prevention Program in order to provide a Bully-free environment at FCRS. The changes which will be in place for the start of school will include how students can report bullying even anonymously, which she said was noted to be a problem previously.

AGENDA ACTIONS

*Hired Paula Prescott as 6 hour paraprofessional.

*Approved the attendance of Board President Mary Emmett at the PASA/PSBA Leadership conference.

*Transferred \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund.

*Signed an agreement with US Fire Insurance Company for student accident insurance. The 24 hour accident only insurance for students is \$150 and includes interscholastic sports except football. The school time only accident coverage is \$70.00 for in school or on school premises. It covers up to \$250,000 with \$0 deductible.

*Granted tax exemption to the Susquehanna County Housing Development Corporation for the new eight-unit affordable housing units on Depot Street, Forest City. The Corp. agreed to make a

payment in lieu of taxes to the school which is not to exceed 20% of the taxes which would have been imposed on the parcel if it was not tax exempt. The Borough and County also have agreed to similar payments in lieu of taxes on the Forest City project.

*Signed an agreement with Meadows Psychiatric Center to provide clinical information to the school to serve students assigned to FCRS at a charge of \$65/hr.

*Signed an agreement with Pennsylvania Treatment and Healing to provide alternate education for disruptive youth in FCRS at a regular education charge of \$68, and a special education rate of \$73.

*Signed an agreement with NHS Pennsylvania, Scranton, to provide educational services to FCRS students with autism and/or emotional disturbances with student tuition from \$157/day to \$315/day at the Scranton school.

*Approved the annual Wayne Memorial Hospital Walking Program in the high school Monday thru Thursday for the coming school year.

In commenting on the student performance grades listed in a recent issue of the Scranton Times, Supt Aquilina stated that the grades were for 2015-16. She expected the new figures for 2016-17 to be available soon.

FC Distinguished Citizens And Vietnam Veterans Awards Sat., August 5th



Atty. David Bianco



Dr. Joseph Zasik

This year's two Forest City Area Distinguished Citizens, Atty. David Bianco and Dr. Joseph Zasik Jr., along with our area's Vietnam-era veterans will be honored at ceremonies Saturday, August 5 at 1PM at the air-conditioned Forest City Area Historical Society Museum. A reception will be held in the Museum basement following the ceremonies.

Atty. David Bianco is being honored for his more than 40 years of dedication to the field of law which included almost 30 years in the Fields & Bianco law partnership in Forest City. Dr. Zasik, a Forest City native son, now of Tyler, Texas, has spent more than 40 years in the medical profession, both as member of the U.S. Air Force and as a hospital and private practice physician.

The Rev. Francis Burshnick, the 2009 Distinguished Citizen, will offer the invocation and Benediction followed by the pledge to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem. Patricia Striefsky, of The Forest City News, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The awards to the Distinguished Citizens will be presented by Alan Gordon and John P. Kameen. The awards to the Vietnam-era veterans will be presented by Vietnam Veterans Robert Wirts and David Homisak.

Awards will also be presented by Forest City Mayor Pauline Wilcox, State Senator Lisa Baker, State Rep. Jonathan Fritz, County Commissioners Alan Hall, Maryann Warren and Elizabeth Arnold. Former resident John Onufrak, who provided the impetus for honoring the Vietnam veterans will speak.

Vietnam-era veterans attending will receive a lapel pin and a presidential resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War as proclaimed by President Barack Obama.

This year's selection committee, which met June 27, consisted of: Forest City Council President William D. Orasin, Vandling Council President Francis Pantzar, Forest City Lions Club Secretary James Marsicano, Forest City Business Alliance acting head Michael O'Neill, Greater Forest City Industries Inc. President Robert McGraw, Forest City Historical Society Rep. Tammy O'Reilly, Slovenian Heritage Club President Joseph Beautz and Patricia Striefsky and John P. Kameen of the Forest City News, sponsors of the annual awards event.

Desserts and refreshments will be provided following the ceremonies in the Museum basement.

Behavioral Health team To begin this year at Forest City Regional

Forest City Regional School Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina informed the School Board on July 17 that, at no cost to the school district, a three member Behavioral Health Team will be based in the school full time to address behavioral issues.

She said it is jointly funded by Susquehanna, Wayne and Lackawanna Counties and will provide \$175,000 in salaries to the three team members.

Coach salaries Hiked at FCR

Athletic salaries at Forest City Regional School got a 3% raise. All varsity coaches will receive \$264 per week. Junior Varsity coaches will receive \$195 per week.

Intramural coaches receive \$56 per session, all with a maximum of 30 sessions.

Number of weeks depends on the sport's schedule.

Athletic Director is Brian Durkin.

Coaches with experience of more than seven years also receive an experience factor increase of from 1.1% to 1.3% salary increase.

Coaches are as follows:

Varsity boys basketball Sean Mangan

Varsity boys soccer Carmine Gigliotti

Varsity girls soccer Gerry Linn

Varsity girls volleyball Jennifer Dovin

Varsity girls/boys cross country Joshua Korty

Varsity golf Art McLain

Inter-mural boys basketball (9-12) Jason Pantzar

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Garbage Dumped At Kennedy Park

Forest City police reported that five bags of garbage were dumped at Kennedy Park recently. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the police tip line 570-785-1648.

Also anyone seeing any type of illegal activity is asked to contact 911 or the tip line.

Fishing derby set for Aug. 5

By Art McLain

Mark your calendars for Sat., Aug. 5th, for the Forest City Fishing Derby at Kennedy Park, which is open to anyone age 15 and under.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Prizes will be given for the largest and smallest fish in several age categories. Fishermen and women need to have their own fishing poles and bait. Adults will lend a hand in baiting the hooks and helping to unhook the fish after they are caught.

The contest will be held in memory of a former Forest City Police Officer, Peter Stachura. Officer Stachura's sister will be present at the event. Last year more than 40 young people competed in the event.

Hope to see you there and best of luck in landing your prize fish.

Hist. Society Elevator fund Seeks donations

In order to provide access to the Forest City Area Historical Society Museum for elderly and handicapped, the society will install an elevator from the basement to the upstairs which can transport individuals or wheelchairs.

The society will also make the present bathroom in the Museum basement handicapped accessible.

The society hopes to raise \$15,000 in this undertaking.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact any member of the Society: President John P. Kameen, Vice Pres. David Homisak, Secretary Juliann Doyle, Treasurer Robert Wirts.

Mail donations can be sent to Juliann Doyle, secretary, 305 Martin St., Browndale, PA 18421 or John P. Kameen, president, 636 Main St., Forest City, PA 18421.

Mexican Night Benefits Hist. Society Aug. 26

A benefit Mexican Night will be held at Max Deli, South Main St., with all proceeds to the Forest City Area Historical Society handicapped access fund. It will be on Saturday, August 26 from 5 to 8PM.

It will include Mexican specialties such as tacos and tortillas. For those who shy away from Mexican food, items from the menu will be available.

Owners Max and Jessica will have their favorite Mariachi Band providing the music.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased at Paul Ferraro's Barber Shop. Forest City News or Honesdale Bank. They also can be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to the Society.

Pedaling 4Paws In Forest City Fri., Aug. 4

Rich Hayes, Pleasant Mount, will bring his "Pedaling 4 Paws" benefit to Forest City Friday, Aug. 4 at 5PM. Money raised goes to non-profit animal shelters in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He will begin his bike ride at Penn State then to Lewisburg, near Bucknell University, then on to Wilkes University and Penn State Worthington Scranton. From there he comes to Forest City and winds up at the Wayne County Fair.

Donations can be made at any ShurSave Supermarket in this area including Zazzera's Market in Forest City. Donations can also be made online at the Pedaling4paws website.

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