

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letter From An Irish Mother
Dear Son:

Just a few lines to let you know I'm alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast.

You won't know the house when you come home. We moved. I can't give you the address as the Irish family that lived here took the number with them so they wouldn't have to change their address.

About your father, he has a lovely new job. He has 500 people under him. He's cutting grass at the cemetery. We have a washing machine in the new house, but it isn't working too good. Last week I put 14 shirts into it, pushed the button, and I haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning. I don't know if it's a boy or girl, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

Your Uncle Dick drowned in a vat of whiskey at Dublin Brewery last week. His fellow workers dived in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body, but it took three days to put the fire out.

I went to the doctor's last week and your father came with me. The doctor put a small glass tube in my mouth and he told me not to open it for 10 minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice last week, first for three days - then for four. It was so windy that one of our chickens laid the same egg four times.

We had a letter from the undertaker last week. He said if the last installment is not paid on your grandmother within five days, up she comes.

Your loving mother,
Mom
P.S. I was going to send you 10 dollars, but I already have sealed the envelope.

John Hollenback
Greenfield Twp.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

American businesses now face the highest corporate tax rate in the developed world and a noncompetitive tax system compared to their foreign competitors. We have gone from leading the world in tax reform to having one of the least competitive business tax systems in the world. Businesses have been strangled by high corporate taxes for years now, and it has stunted our economic growth.

President Trump wants to do something similar to what President Reagan did with the Tax Reform Act of 1986, where he reduced the corporate tax rate from 46 percent to 34 percent, thus, making the U.S. a competitive business market once again.

The President's speech in North Dakota emphasized his want to "Make America Great Again" by lowering the corporate tax rate and letting businesses compete here in the U.S. Tax reform will create jobs and boost our economy.

Donna Cosmello
New Milford

Garden club to meet Tues., Oct. 17

The Annual Meeting of the Mountain View Garden Club will be held on Tues., Oct. 17 at the Clifford Fire Hall, Rte. 106, Clifford at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Dave Waselewski, a mycologist and faculty member of Luzerne County Community College. His presentation on wild mushroom, "Fascinating Fungi" promises to be both informative and entertaining. The public is invited.

For more information about the garden club, contact membership chair Louise Guszick at 570-222-2233 or limguszick@aol.com.



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Dear Editor:

We have continuing deadlock in the state legislature, which can't pass the revenue part of the 2017-18 budget. As a result, the entire state's credit rating has been downgraded. Why? Gerrymandering is a big part of the reason.

In Pennsylvania, we allow the legislators to draw the maps of the voting districts that send them to Harrisburg - they choose their own voters. Gerrymandering has turned the majority of legislative seats in our Commonwealth into safe seats, where incumbents can hang onto their well-paid, high-benefits jobs indefinitely without the fear of a real contest when they come up for re-election. Pennsylvania is the worst gerrymandering state in the nation!

Currently, the Republican majority gets the biggest pen in drawing those maps. In the past it's been the Democrats. Both parties have been equally self-serving, protecting their incumbents' seats with no regard for the voice of ordinary Pennsylvanians. It's time to put this repellent tradition six feet under.

The best bet to do so is Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722, supported by Fair Districts PA. These bills would create an independent citizens' commission to draw district lines. Both bills are currently stalled in committee. Call your legislators, Senator Baker 570-675-3931 and Representative Fritz 570-253-5533 and urge them to focus on correcting gerrymandering before the 2020 census. Also call Rep. Daryl Metcalfe 724-772-3110 (chair, house State Government Committee) and Sen. Mike Folmer 717-274-6735 (chair, senate State Government Committee); tell them to give these bills a fair hearing and get them out on the floor for a vote! It's time the voters started choosing their legislators, not the other way around.

Nancy Ross
Union Dale
nrross@nep.net

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Was sad to see the news about the fire that had occurred on Main Street recently. Consequently, I wanted to order flowers for a baby shower in Carbondale. I called Ros-Al Floral to see if they were operating, as I thought the local business could use a boost. Paul filled me in on the unfortunate fire, but assured me they were up and running.

I just want to tell local folks that he and Chris did an outstanding job with my order. Subsequently, I wanted to send flowers to my sister Gigi in Honolulu, HI for her birthday a week later and sure enough Paul took great care to have a beautiful arrangement sent. I just want to remind folks of how much those guys have contributed to the local community by supporting Old Home Week, Theater Projects and The Arts in general over many years. I think it would be in good faith that we support this business at a time when they could use it most. You certainly will not be disappointed.

Billy Mussari
Concord, NC

St. John's annual church dinner Nov. 5

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, will sponsor its annual church dinner on Sunday, Nov. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. Take-outs 11 a.m. to noon.

The menu will include eye round beef, halubki (stuffed cabbage), real mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, dessert. Dinner is \$11 for adults.

Call Ted Kowalick at 570-785-5147 for tickets.

2nd Annual Andrew Mazza Chicken BBQ

The 2nd Annual Andrew Mazza Chicken BBQ Benefit will be held on Sat., Oct. 21, at Creekside Grove on Rt. 374 in Lenoxville, from 11am-6pm.

This year's benefit will include live entertainment, 50/50, basket raffle, 'Spool in Peace' merchandise, vendors, and beverage tent, with light snacks available throughout the day. In addition, they will also be adding a gun raffle to be drawn the day of the event. It was only through the tremendous contribution and the unwavering support of so many people that made last year's benefit such an overwhelming success. The goal this year is to match that success and the hope is to be

B'Dale Fire Co. Fall Chicken BBQ Sun., Nov. 12

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Fall Chicken BBQ on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the Browndale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Browndale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert. The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$9.00 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Franceski Lumber Yard 900 Main St., Forest City (570-785-3516); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only or until sold out. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit Browndale Fire Company.

FAFSA Completion Workshop at FCR

Going to school after high school? Unsure? Whether you think you're eligible for aid or not, you should be filing a FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)

A workshop will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 5PM - 7PM in the Forest City Regional High School Library.

Someone from the Educational Opportunity Center will be there to work with you and/or your parent confidentially.

You may have started your application already but need help completing it...now is the time!

What will you need?
F(ederal) S(tudent) A(id) ID (Identification) and your 2016 Income Tax Information

If you will be attending please sign up in the FCR Guidance Office!

Round & Square Dance in U'Dale Sat., Oct. 21

A round and square dance will be held Sat., Oct. 21, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul R.O. Church Hall, 2105 Belmont Tpke., Union Dale. There will be food and refreshments.

Roast beef dinner set for Oct. 18

A roast beef buffet will be held Wed., Oct. 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale. The cost is \$11, \$5 for 12 & under, and under 3 free. For tickets call 570-282-4611.



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fortunate enough to exceed it.

Chicken Dinner tickets are \$10, beverage wristband (with Valid ID) \$10 suggested donation, gun raffle tickets are \$10 ea. or 2 for \$15.

Tickets can be purchased at: The Paradise Inn, Greenfield Twp.; Bella Pizza, Clifford; Endless Mountains Pharmacy, Clifford; Iron Hart Taproom, Carbondale; Peanut Bar, Carbondale; Pasquale's Food Mart, Carbondale; Herrick Lodge, Union Dale; or through any committee member.

All proceeds will go to funding The Andrew C. Mazza Health Center of Greenfield Twp.

Sen. Baker office Hours in FC Tues., Oct. 17

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation on Tuesday, October 17 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley.

While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at www.senatorbaker.com or by calling (570) 675-3931.

Event planned at East Ararat UM Church

The East Ararat United Methodist Church will hold its Harvest Dinner on Sat., October 21. Take Outs are from 3:30-4:30 and Eat In starts at 4:30. Menu includes Turkey, Potatoes, Veggies, Harvest Beets, Homemade Stuffing, Brown Breads, Homemade Pies. Price is adults \$9 and children 6 to 11 are \$5.

Any questions, feel free to call Jackie at 1-570-766-5322. Also look them up on Facebook.

Pleasant Mt. EMS Gun/Raffle Tickets available

Gun/Cash raffle tickets are now available!! This extremely popular event has gotten off to a good start. For \$20 you will receive one raffle ticket that entitles you to 30 chances to win big, either a gun or its cash equivalent.

If the number on your ticket matches the PA lottery first evening number drawn, you are a winner! And you can win more than once!

So please, take a chance! Proceeds help defray the cost of training, overhead and equipment. For the volunteers of Pleasant Mount ES. Tickets donated by Fox Ledge Spring Water. For tickets, contact Walt Terry at 607-351-0723 or any member.

Free Comm. Dinner in C'dale Oct. 21

A Free Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale. Everyone is welcome!

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Happy Birthday to: Peter Nebzydowski, Jennifer Nebzydowski, Stacy Theobald, Christopher Laskowski, Russ May Jr., Randy May, Mary Fitzsimmons, Charles Faleski, Jim Fitzsimmons. Audrey Nebzydowski, John Keyes, Adam Jones, Katelyn Zembrzycki, Cory Cantarelli, Brooke Trusky, Bret Dailey, Audrey Zielinski, Luke Bender, Sally Hunt, Nicholas Kneier, Erin Urban, Aaron Todd, Demi Travis, Eston Miller and Dartanian Snigar.

Happy Anniversary to: Steve and Jillian Richner, Martin and Michelle McHale, Vince and Elaine Alnick, Bob and Kim Kane, Kevin and

Sarah Zablocky and Donald and Beverly Bennett.

Events coming up at the Pleasant Mount Library: Library Book Club, Thursday, October 12, 6:30pm. The book this month is Divergent by Veronica Roth; Quilts of Valor, Saturday, October 21 at 9:30am; Quilt Class will meet Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm. The class is taught by Lorraine Fenstermacher. Fee is \$5 per class. Story Time - Every Wednesday 10:30-11:30am at the Pleasant Mount Public Library with Wendy Stueber. Play group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4-6pm.

Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale Nov. 18th

Aldenville Baptist Church, Rt. 170 Aldenville, will be holding their annual Holiday Country Craft Show and Bake Sale Saturday Nov. 18th from 9:00 - 3:00. Multiple craft vendors in 2 buildings will offer a wide variety of homemade crafts and gifts. A hot luncheon will also be available featuring homemade soups. Door prizes and free admission!

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale in C'dale Oct. 28

The Episcopal Church Women will hold a Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale, on Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale. Donations being accepted.

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* Sun., Oct. 15 - The Slam Allen Band (4-8 p.m.)

Happy 70th Birthday to Bob Bell!!!

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