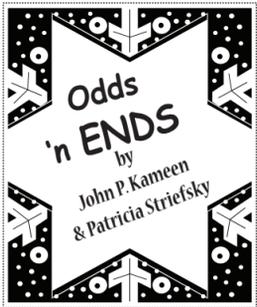


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Our recently fire-scarred areas of town will be taking on new life in the future. Kevin Lesjack told us he purchased the adjacent lots of Erin Debish and Nick Lafaldano to use as parking for his funeral home. He said he is still in negotiations about the final disposition of his damaged building. He told us he is very happy that local families have thus far allowed him to use neighboring Scotchlas Funeral Home, Simpson, for viewings. Also Dolores Kowalewski recently had a new modular home installed on the lot on North Delaware Street where her home burned down earlier this year. Also Ros-Al Floral owners Paul Daugevelo and Chris Glinton have indicated they plan to do some extensive work on their Main Street lot where their business was formerly located. All good news for our town!

Since this is deer season we'll give you some facts from our neighboring daily newspaper The Wayne Independent: The likelihood of being involved in a deer accident is up from last year. Your chance of hitting a deer is one in 63, which is a 6.3% increase from the previous year. Pennsylvania is the 3rd most likely state to hit a deer, behind 1st place West Virginia and 2nd place Montana. Also if there is a dead animal on a state road you can call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to have the deer removed. The motorist who hits the deer can claim it or another Pennsylvania resident can claim it but must contact the Game Commission within one day for a free permit number. Northeast Regional office is 570-675-1143 or 570-675-1144. Also it is illegal for another motorist to stop and cut off antlers from a dead buck. If a deer is not dead you must contact the Game Commission or a local law enforcement agency.

In early November on a trip to Virginia on I-81 we counted 20 dead deer while going south and 26 more on the way home. This was the peak of the deer mating season when bucks and does were on the move all day long. Right now during deer season the animals are being pushed and are again on and off roads.

Forest City Cops For Kids waiving Citations for Toys

In the spirit of the holidays, the Forest City Police Department is waiving the issuance of citations until December 10 in hopes that the person will drop off an unwrapped toy to the Police Department. The toys will be given to DG's where they will be handed out on Christmas Eve to children in the community that may not otherwise receive them.

Toys can be dropped off at the station at 535 Main St., Forest City. If the office is closed, please call 570-253-3109. Participation is not mandatory.



Posting of speed limit Discussed at Clifford

By Theresa Opeka
Solicitor McGraw said the Clifford Township needs to conduct an engineering study on Elkview Drive before posting a weight limit sign. He said he contacted JHA and will get the price of the study.

METERS CHANGED
Supervisor Searle, at the Nov. 14 Supervisor's meeting, wanted to make residents aware that PPL will be changing meters on homes and no one will have to come into their home.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN
Marcho made a motion to make a \$500 donation toward mowing, trimming and maintenance of the Children's Garden and \$1,000 next year with the money coming from Act 13 funds.

Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said it would be with the understanding the donation won't continue if the township doesn't have the money. "We are getting you going (talking to Sandy Wilmot) because you have done a lot of work," he said.

Wilmot replied, "If people volunteer, we can even give you a refund." All voted in favor. Motion passed. The supervisors voted in favor of Clifford Township Community Park for the park's official name. The Park and Recreation Board came up with the name.

The Historical Society is working on the Indian Village in the Children's Gar-

NEW PICKUP TRUCK

The supervisors passed a motion to purchase a new pickup truck with a snowplow with a cap of \$40,000. The purchase will be made through a COSTARS dealer in southeastern PA. A local shop will be able to service it. They also voted in favor of selling the dump truck on Muncibid.

UW BOOK EXCHANGE
Marcho said the United Way has a program that has a small book exchange for kids that can be placed outside the building. He said the Parks and Rec board will look into it.

FIRE COMPANY
\$982.41 in real estate taxes and \$81.89 in fire protection tax was collected in October. 87% of taxes have been collected for the year.

The fire company will host a breakfast at the fire hall on Dec. 3 and the Christmas party for kids on Dec. 10.

OTHER BUSINESS
The 19th Annual Clifford Village Christmas will take place on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at the township community building. Santa and some special guests will be there.

The Stoney Lonesome Road Project should be completed by spring.

A speed limit sign will be put up on Mountain Laurel and Elkview Drive.

The next meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Main Street Holiday Dec. 2 in Forest City

Get Holiday Passports at Zazzera's

Main Street Holiday Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 in Forest City. The schedule is as follows:

1200 - FC Historical Society opens for the day.

1:30 PM - The Honesdale National Bank is hosting Diana Junior from the FC Library. Diana will be reading a holiday classic for the kids to enjoy.

2 PM-5 PM - FCR activities in participating businesses:

All in a Basket is hosting the FBLA making sugar cookies

The House of Flowers is hosting the High School Student Council making ginger bread houses.

Elegante is hosting the Elementary Student Council making and decorating ornaments

Shirley's is hosting the SADD Club making hot cocoa and little marshmallow men

Christ Episcopal Soup supper on Fri., Dec. 1

On Friday, Dec. 1, Christ Episcopal Church will hold its annual soup buffet supper from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

The cost is \$12 ticket for all you can eat. The soup buffet will include a variety of home-cooked soups: chicken noodle, southwest turkey chili, beef barley, mushroom, manhattan clam chowder, broccoli cheese, potato leek, baked potato, and ham 'n pea.

There will also be fresh bread and butter, beverages, and home-baked desserts. Take-out orders are available beginning at 4p.m. for \$5 a pint. Advanced orders may be placed by calling 570-785-3425 and leaving a call-back message. Proceeds benefit the good works of the Church.

Bloom is hosting the FCR students doing face painting

Ros-Al is making ornaments The Historical Society is having a scavenger hunt from noon to 3 p.m.

10 AM - 1 PM pictures with Santa at the Forest City Area Emergency Services

3 PM - Historical Society is doing a "Christmas Carol" one-man show.

5:15 PM - Community Tree Lighting with sing a long caroling

5:45 PM - FCR Band and Chorus concert at the Historical Society

Be sure each child picks up a holiday PASSPORT at Zazzera's. If he/she attends all activities, his/her completed passport should be returned to Zazzera's and they will be entered into a drawing for a basket.

The event is sponsored by the GFCBA and FCR School.

Blood Drive at B'dale Fire Co. Fri., Dec. 1

The Browndale Fire Station will be turned into a Community Red Cross Blood donation center from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, December 1, 2017. The Browndale Fire Station is located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Please stop by to donate the gift of life!

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go on-line to: www.red-crossblood.org. You may also walk in. Please help support the Red Cross and donate blood. "Give the gift of life. Give Blood" Happy Holidays to all!



Members of the Forest City Area Historical Society receive first batch of research done by Frank Orasin on the area war dead. Genealogy data on many area families will be coming from Mr. Orasin. From left, Mary Ferraro, Linda Bernarsky, Mary McElhinney, Secretary Juliann Doyle, Peggy Brager, Vice-President Dave Homisak and President John P. Kameen.

Frank Orasin's huge local research collection Recently donated to FC Historical Society

by Art McLain
As we reported last week, Frank Orasin, Saratoga, CA, never lived in Forest City but his years of research on Forest City area people is now in the hands of the Forest City Area Historical Society.

Frank completed extensive research on his father, Frank senior, and his service in World War 2. He said he spent a year on that project and has created a collection of records, video clips, even music; all woven together in the finished product.

His quest to work on his family tree so long ago started with a conversation with his younger sister, Linda, who sent him a letter written by their father's sister and local resident, Rose Orasin Chesnick. This led him to begin accumulating key facts and relationships on his family's heritage augmented by an excellent genealogy PC program.

In the pre-internet days he would go to the local Mormon library and order microfilm in hopes it would contain information he was searching for. This took long hours to review

and extract information.

He wrote letters to relatives in the United States and also to Slovenia to look for more information. He not only purchased dozens of birth, marriage and death records from both Slovenia and many US state archives but hired a Slovenian genealogist to do local research at the Slovenian archives in Ljubljana.

Today these tasks are made somewhat easier through the use of the internet. Frank recommends buying one of the many genealogy computer programs available for novice genealogists so that facts and observations can be easily captured, referenced and connected as you accumulate more and more information. He uses Legacy 8 and said it is easy to use and one can import data from other amateur sleuths and genealogy sites.

The volume of his work would suggest that he never sleeps but he has other interests. He is an avid hiker and covers many miles each day. He has always had a love of reading and said that since an early age

he has always tried to read for 30 minutes before going to bed.

In the future, much of Frank's basic work will be preserved within the Mormon databases that folks can query thru their internet site. And, his donations to Forest City's Historical Society will be available to any interested persons when the society establishes a system to handle inquiries.

Frank lives with his wife, Carolyn, and has a daughter, Kelly, who works for Adobe, and son, David, who works for Autodesk.

It should be noted that a quick search for one's departed on the findagrave.com internet site of which Frank is a member can often yield information previously unknown about one's key ancestors plus other relatives including photos of their tombstones and often pictures of them with their families.

Sharing your hard work and experience with us, yes, Will Rogers said it best. Thank you, Frank, and best wishes for many more great years and discoveries.

Vandling millage may double but yearly garbage fee is reduced

For the first time in about 20 years, Vandling Borough residents will see a tax increase. The current millage is 9 mills and could be raised to 18 mills. Council passed the tentative budget for 2018 on Monday, November 20 asking for a millage increase of 9 mills.

The increase will be offset by the decrease in the yearly garbage fee down to \$180 from the current fee of \$245. The garbage fee will again be collected by Lackawanna County in the tax bill.

In addition, legislative and executive wages will decrease for the Mayor and new councilman John Carachilo. As election of council members takes place, those newly elected will also see a decrease in wages.

Christmas in the Village in Pl. Mt. Sat., Dec. 2

Christmas in the Village will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Pleasant Mount Community Center.

There will be a FREE soup and sandwich luncheon sponsored by Costello-Monahan-Brown American Legion Post 964. Vote for your soup and chili. The winner receives the "Golden Ladle." The Pl. Mt. Boy Scouts run the chili cook-off.

There will also be a craft show with many vendors and Santa will arrive by fire truck at 1 PM and there will be free pictures with him. Basket raffles will also be held. Anyone interested in a table can contact Tammy at 570-448-2496.

the garbage commission but did not come to a decision on what the increase would be.

Council allotted \$4,000 for Plan Prep Costs which will cover the stormwater issues that will be coming up in the future. A plan must be submitted next year and \$2,500 will need to be paid to the state and another \$1,500 to KBA Engineering for engineering costs. KBA will give a presentation at the December meeting regarding the stormwater requirements.

The amount allotted for road material will decrease from \$4,000 this year to \$2,500 next year.

The reason for the millage increase, according to Councilman John Mayers, is the fact that for many years, the Borough has been using money from the general fund and it has started to decrease to a point where a tax increase is the only way to recoup the money. "There is a \$25,210 deficit in the general fund. The new furnace and the painting of the daycare needed to be done," said Mayers.

Mayers said the only area of

FCAHS seeking vendors for Dec. 2

On Sat., Dec. 2, local vendors are wanted to exhibit and sell their items at the "Christmas in a Small Town" event from 2 to 6 PM at the Forest City Area Historical Society. Vendor space is free and limited.

To reserve your space please contact Juliann Doyle at either: jdoyle@nep.net OR 570-499-4908 as soon as possible.

the budget that he sees that can be cut is the police contract. The current contract is \$24,000 per year.

Councilman Bill Boyle suggested the police contract be renegotiated for a longer term for future budgeting. Boyle said the police have done a great job but it is a budgetary concern.

Mayor Joe Brady suggested they try someone else and see if they would get the same service. He said he had once approached the Carbondale Police Department for coverage and said it is something they should think about for coming years.

After further discussion, Council agreed to advertise the tentative budget and pass the budget at the December meeting.

NEW FC NEWS SUBSCRIBERS SPECIAL \$20 FOR ONE YEAR

From now until December 22, The Forest City News is offering a special for NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY, \$20 for a full year of the news, no matter where you live.

That is 52 weeks of the News for one low price. Get all your local news, with features such as Looking Back, 100 Years Ago, Dining Guide, Community Spotlight, and Pleasant Mount News, all for just \$20 for the year.

You can subscribe by calling us at 570-785-3800, emailing us at fcnews@nep.net, mailing payment and address to The Forest City News, 636 Main Street, Forest City, PA 18421 or faxing us at 570-785-9840.

THIS OFFER IS FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY!

Forest City News Christmas Advertising Specials

The Forest City News will publish its 5th Annual Christmas Gift Guide to be published on Wednesday, December 14. Area businesses are invited to put their best foot forward and present our area shoppers with some great gift ideas for this year's Christmas shopping season. We will also be publishing our annual Christmas Greetings Tabloid for 2016 in the December 21st edition. The tab will be a festive season greetings and thank you from businesses and will be offered at a discounted price when an ad in the gift guide is purchased! To purchase an ad contact the Forest City News at 570-785-3800, mail it to or drop it off at the News office at 636 Main St., Forest City or by email to jennifer@forestcitynews.com.

The cost for ad in Gift Guide:
5 inch x 3 inch - \$35 1/2 page - \$120 (10.5 x 5 inches)
5 x 5 inches - \$60 Full page - \$200 (11 x 11.5)

The total cost for an ad in Gift Guide and in Christmas Greetings Edition:
5 inches x 3 inches - \$60 1/2 page - \$220
5 x 5 inches - \$100 Full page - \$300

