

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

By Art McLain

To quote Will Rogers, "a stranger is just a friend I haven't met yet."

Many of the readers of this article may not have met Frank Orasin but in him you have a friend. How else would you explain his charitable donations to the Forest City Historical Society of detailed information of local area soldiers who fought and died in every war that has been fought during this century.

Frank's father, Frank J. Orasin, was from Forest City and his mother, Josephine Kos Orasin, from Browndale. Though the family moved to Endicott for his father's career with IBM, many relatives still live here and a piece of Frank's heart has remained in Forest City.

Frank grew up as a hard-working young man and after graduating from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts and completing an

MBA at Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College (interrupted by an Army Reserve commitment), he spent the majority of his career with Xerox, 20 years with Xerox alone.

A relocation with Xerox led him and his family to Santa Clara County, California and they now reside in Saratoga, California, about 45 miles south of San Francisco and close to San Jose. His expertise is in finance but an interest in history continues through this day.

A popular hobby is for many people to trace their heritage and discover their ancestors. Frank has taken this skill to the next level. In karate terms Frank might be considered a ninth degree black belt at finding out about people's ancestors, not only his own personal family but many, many others.

Frank has a love and considerable skill at tracing heritage.

He also keeps a data base with all of the names he has research on and it is approaching 20,000 at last count. He said it can get tricky when people's names were changed or altered when they came to America but he has the determination of an expert detective when needed in finding the next link in a family tree.

Forest City and local area residents will now have at their fingertips, records and data on all of the soldiers from our area who died in the First thru Iraqi wars. For families not already having this information in their possession this is a big gift.

Genealogy of many local families is now available also. The connection to different people can be quite amazing. We are more closely related to each other than we might expect. Frank always said his aunt Vickie who lives in Browndale told him that everyone is related to everyone else in Forest City.

The Historical Society has not yet established a system to make the data available to the public.

Frank has been doing this research for over 20 years. He said that having relatives who took the time to share their families histories as well as the Mormon organization have really facilitated his research. The Mormons in particular not only underwrote the Ellis Island database and site but have their own huge database of family history which is free as compared to a company such as Ancestry.com that can charge a lot of money for finding information. The Mormon website is www.familysearch.org. Other sources included the Forest City News and dozens of other large and small organizations including the Federal Archives.

To be continued next week.

FCRHS wins Business Ed. Partners Grant



This year, Forest City Regional High School won a Business Education Partners Grant written by Mrs. Sandy Morahan. The grant will provide 5 students with monthly job shadow experiences in high priority careers in northeast Pennsylvania and our local community. Students will job shadow in the following areas: hospitality, tourism, healthcare, retail sales, and manufacturing and production facilities. The month of October provided job shadowing at Woodloch Pines Resort in the restaurant, house-keeping, entertainment, maintenance and bakery departments to name a few. Students gained valuable information about the hospitality industry and employment opportunities. The grant also includes financial support to replenish the Dress for Success Closet which offers business casual clothing on a loan basis. If you would like to host a job shadow experience or more information on transition events, contact Mrs. Sandy Morahan at 570-785-2420. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Sandy Morahan, Gage Sacco, William Stephens, Victoria Hawm, Teresa Venetz, and James Howe

I-81 Catastrophe averted; Clifford passes budget

By Theresa Opeka

Many topics were discussed at the Tues., Nov. 14 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors, including the averting of a catastrophic situation. The supervisors signed the resolution to take over Hemlock and Sugar Maple Lane.

FIRE CO. REPORT

Phil Price said the fire company had 33 calls for October and 59 EMS calls. He said a very serious hazmat situation occurred on Oct. 5 on I-81. A liquid form of fentanyl was spilled onto the highway after a tractor trailer crash. Four fire companies were involved.

"If things got worse, we were going to have to evacuate a 10 mile radius: northern Lackawanna County, southern Susquehanna County and a part of Wyoming County. That's why the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan is important. It should be completed by June," he said. He stressed signing up for www.codered.susqco.com for emergency alerts.

FIREFIGHTER CREDIT

Supervisor Barry Searle talked about Act 172 which gives active volunteer firefighters a 20% tax credit for either real estate tax or earned income tax credit. It takes effect in the state on Jan. 1. He said they should think about it.

Solicitor Joseph McGraw said he can put an ordinance together.

Supervisor Chris Marcho said, "I would need to research it first."

Phil Price said only 10 people would qualify from the township. The fire chief would give the tax collector the information. Price said they don't have all of the information from the county.

Marcho said, "It seems like a lot of work for a little bit of money."

COMM CENTER

Marcho said calls in the 785 exchange should now be connected directly to the Susquehanna County Communications Center when calling 911 instead of being connected to Wayne County.

BUDGET SET

The supervisors passed the tentative budget for 2018. Total income is \$569,260 and total expenses are \$568,704, a difference of \$557.

"We're still in the black. The township doesn't owe anyone anything. We are going to increase mils for the fire company from .25 to .50 mils, but the budget picks it up and no one will be taxed additionally. We will be able to help the fire company," Searle said.

CASINO LAW

Searle said Governor Tom Wolfe signed Act 271 into law. Ten satellite casinos will be located throughout the state. Searle said he thinks people in New York State would travel down I-81 to come to a casino if one was built in the county. "If we don't pass the Category 4 Casino Resolution against it, we can't stop it after Jan. 1. We can always rescind it if we want to," Searle said. The supervisors passed a motion to have McGraw write up the resolution.

FCR School Board approves extra-curriculars

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the following extracurricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year at the monthly meeting on Monday, November 13:

- Baseball-Junior High Boys**
Todd Lesjack
- Basketball-8th Grade Boys**
Dave Andrews
- Basketball-7th Grade Boys**
Paul Debish
- Basketball-5th & 6th Grade Boys**
Brian Urbas
- Basketball-8th Grade Girls**
George Bragan
- Basketball-Girls Varsity Volunteer Assistant**
Tracy Hartman
- Softball-Varsity Volunteer Assistant**
Sara Miraglia
- Softball-Varsity Volunteer Assistant**
Nicole Fata

Men's Bowling

by Paul Tomazic

Week #9

This week's action had Guild Flagstone taking 27 points from NEP Telephone, Thiede Livestock taking 25 points from Yacovich Excavating, and Smitty's taking 15 points from Kozlowski Towing.

High game this week was 278 by Dave Carroll and high series this week was 277-756 by Trevor Payne. Team High Scratch game and series was 1102-3236 by Guild Flagstone - the series being a new high for the half. Team high handicap game and series was 1293-3809 by Guild Flagstone - the series being a new high for the half.

Other scores: Bobby Johnson 268-736, Dave Carroll 278-709, Jim Mican 242-683, Paul Tomazic 245-670, Bob Johnson 232-654, Hank Morris 224-633, Kevin Black 211-610, Bryan Tallman 225-606, Mike Yacovich 209-572, Jason Thiede 244-570, Mike Cottrell 219-567, Dave Pitus 221-566, Blake Tyson 214-556, Bob Smith 200-552, Ed Kozlowski Jr 202-542, and Ed Kozlowski Sr 531.

The following splits were made this week: Mike Cottrell 3-10, Logan Droppa 4-5, Blake Tyson 5-7 twice, Dave Pitus 3-10, Steve Tourje 5-7-9, and Jacob Weber 7-9.

There will not be any bowling next week. Happy Thanksgiving to all of our bowlers and their families.

- Standings
- Thiede Livestock 172
 - Guild Flagstone 144 1/2
 - Kozlowski Towing 126
 - NEP Telephone 122
 - Yacovich Excavating 117
 - Smitty's 103 1/2

Sunday Ski Program at Elk Mountain

The 2017/2018 Elk Mountain Ski resort SSS program will begin Jan. 7, 2018, and will feature six visits to the mountain from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sundays (pay attention to blackout dates on the calendar). There are also scheduled makeup times in case you miss any of your regular visits.

The cost for a lift/ski lesson is \$184 or for a lift/ski lesson/rental is \$214. Rentals include skis, boots, and poles. Helmets are available for an additional cost of \$8 in the Rental Department.

Again this season is a Student Program (Night) Season Pass! This pass allows you to ski or ride Monday-Saturday from 4 PM to 10 PM. The pass is valid from the first night of Night Skiing up until the end of Night Skiing (TBA). The cost is just \$269. A completed season pass application is required as well as proof of school enrollment. Parents and siblings are welcome to purchase a School Program Season Pass as well.

Elementary and High School students are encouraged to participate as well as established church and community groups. Parents and siblings are welcome to join.

Children under the age of 8 cannot participate in the complimentary group lessons, however, private lessons for children under the age of 8 can be purchased in the Ski School.

All participants 8 years old and older are eligible for complimentary 1 hour GROUP LESSONS each regularly scheduled visit. Lesson participants meet at the base of the Beginners slope, under the green lesson sign at 3:15, lessons begin at 3:30 PM.

Children under the age of 5 will receive a complimentary lift ticket with a paid participating ADULT. Rentals and lessons are NOT complimentary and sold separately for children under 5 years.

Cash, check, or credit card payments are accepted through Elk Mountain's Main Office. Credit card payments can also be made over the phone at (570) 679-4400.

The absolute DEADLINE to

Holiday party hosted by Susq. Rep. Women

The Susquehanna County Council of Republican Women invite you to attend their annual holiday party on Sat., Dec. 2, from noon to 3 p.m. at Green Gables Restaurant, New Milford. The cost is \$22.50 per person.

Please RSVP to Michelle Estabrook by Nov. 22 at 1597 SR 848, New Milford, PA 18834 or at 607-2311571 or mestabr@echoes.net.

join the program is December 14, 2017. If payment and application are received on or before DECEMBER 7, 2017 you will receive (1) complimentary lift ticket voucher valid for the date and time printed on the voucher. RENTALS and LESSONS are not included with the offer. COMPLIMENTARY VOUCHER HAS NO CASH VALUE AND CANNOT BE UPGRADED.

PHOTOS for your I.D. Card will be done at Elk Mountain. You can come to Elk Mountain any time the Main Office is open to get your photo taken. Please make time to take care of your photo before the program starts or be prepared to miss time on the slopes. You will have to wait in line if you wait until the last minute.

Elk Mountain's (offseason) Office hours are Monday-Friday 9 AM to 3 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Beginning in November, they will be open on Sundays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

As a participant you will receive an Elk Mtn. Program I.D. Card with your name, photo, and group printed on the card. The card is preprogrammed to swipe at the ticket windows for the time and date you are scheduled to be at the mountain. Your card cannot be used before your scheduled time or any other day of the week unless it is a scheduled makeup time.

Don't forget your card! If you forget your card there will be a \$10 fee each time to print a lift ticket, up to 3 times. There will be a \$50 replacement fee for lost or stolen cards.

Blackout Dates are Martin Luther King Weekend: Sunday, Jan. 14; President's Weekend: Sunday, Feb. 18. There will be no program on these dates. Monday, Jan. 15, will be a makeup day. There will be no makeup day for President's Weekend.

Last Day of Lessons: The last visit for lessons is Sunday, Feb. 26. The last 2-7 p.m. visit is Feb. 27. No lessons will be given on this night.

Make-up period begins February 26 and lasts until the end of night skiing (TBA). No Lessons will be given at this time. If you have visits left on your card, you can come any night (4-10 p.m.) during the week or weekend, so long as night skiing is still available.

Release forms are available in the Forest City Regional Elementary School Office or The Forest City News office.

Please call the Elk Mountain Main Office for more details 570-679-4400.

Thanksgiving Dinner in Thompson Nov. 23

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 23 at the Thompson Hose Company, 53 Water Street, Thompson at 1 PM. It is free to the public but donations are accepted. Reservations not needed, but appreciated. Call 570-727-2407 or 570-756-2983.

Annual breakfast to be rescheduled

Pleasant Mount Emergency Services annual Hunter's Breakfast scheduled for November 26, has been postponed due to kitchen renovation delays. Please look for the rescheduled date in the FC News, Facebook or the web site www.pmes28.com.

Classic Country Cooking
by The Country Cook
FCNewsCountryCook@gmail.com

If you like brownies, you will love this recipe. It is very rich and moist. When we bring a dessert for a church dinner but don't have time to make pound cake, we bring these. If there are any leftovers to bring home, they disappear quickly!

Brownies

- 1 Cup Butter
- 2 Cups sugar
- 1 Teaspoons Vanilla extract
- 1 Cup Flour
- 4 Eggs
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts
- 3/4 Cup Cocoa
- 1 Cup Chocolate Chips

Cream butter, sugar, and vanilla together. Beat in eggs. Blend in cocoa. Stir in flour, nuts, and chocolate chips. Bake in 9 X 13 pan for 30 - 35 minutes. Now you can see how long they last in your house.

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