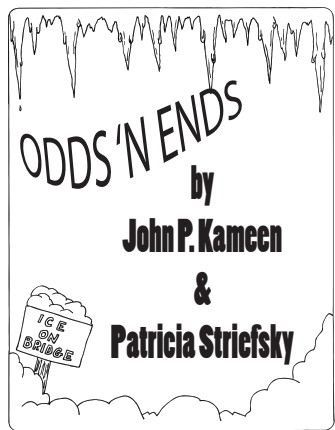


# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



The U.S. Postal Service raised rates on newspapers effective January 23. Most of the readers of The Forest City News get their papers by mail. We hope the increase provides an increase in service to our out-of-area subscribers who have been experiencing postal delivery delays over the past several months.

And while we are at it, we would urge local postal patrons to be kind enough to the hardy crew of local mail carriers to shovel sidewalks and maybe some ice melter or ashes on icy sidewalks. Carriers are wearing ice cleats for protection but often have to walk on the road and dodge vehicles.

Snowmobilers are thus far experiencing another bad year for their sport. Three years in a row!!! Of course, the local 10 mile section of Rail-Trail is closed but the O&W and the northern sections of the D&H Trail would be available-- IF there was snow.

We remind you again that you can get your name into our weekly drawing for a \$20.00 restaurant gift certificate just by clipping the coupon on the Dining Guide Page. Drop it in our mail slot or mail it to us.

Another week of temperature swings from mid 40s to mid teens and back again last week. Fortunately the rain and thaw only caused some flooding on Rte. 170 in Clinton Twp.

Our new local bakers, Abigail and Brian, of the Barking Cupcake at 703 Main St., have been busy folks with their variety of baked goods since opening recently. White, rye and whole wheat bread and rolls on Wednesdays and Saturdays require you to order. Call 785-3030. Cupcakes, pastries, cannoli's and other delicacies are on display daily.

Mackenzie Hartman added her name to the wall of 1,000 point scorers at Forest City Regional last Wednesday night in a home game. The game was stopped for the congratulatory ceremonies. Her mother, Tracy Stiles Hartman, was a starter for the Lady Foresters at FCRHS. Congrats to Mackenzie! See an article on this page.

Last week we were down to our last Pet of the Week so we put a message on our Facebook page and got 10 weeks worth of Pets! Keep them coming! We will be featuring our Pets of the Year from 2017 in an upcoming edition of the News. If your pet was featured last year, they will be pictured on this page.

Max Deli has new hours. They will now be open for dinner from Tuesday through Saturday. Hours are Sunday & Monday 7am - 2:30 pm; Tuesday through Saturday 7am - 8pm. Wednesday & Thursday are still Mexican special days.

## School Board to max Tax hike at 3 percent

Forest City Regional School Board passed an Act 1 Resolution at its Jan. 15 meeting declaring that it will not raise property taxes next year above a 3% threshold. If a higher increase is required, the action would require it be placed on the ballot for approval.

Board member Dr. Henry Nebzydowski commented that by the state changing the percentage from last year, it would mean more money from local taxpayers.

### PERSONNEL

Anna Maslar was approved to serve as an intern in the School's NHS Partial Program Jan. 17 thru May. It is an unpaid position toward her future career.

Brianna Pugliese was approved as a student teacher from the University of Scranton in the Secondary School Citizenship/Social Studies Grades 9-12 with Brian Durkin as Cooperating Teacher.

Jennifer Dovin was approved as Intramural Girls/Boys Volleyball Coach.

Unpaid leave requests were approved for: Michelle Lesjack (3 days), Deborah Rentner (5 days), Marisa Evans (6 days).

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Mileage reimbursement for employees was set at \$.545 per mile effective Jan. 1, 2018.

### OTHER BUSINESS

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The Board also unanimously approved a Resolution opposing the Education Savings Account Voucher Program under the U. S. Senate Bill No. 2. The bill would provide funds to families sending students to private schools. Board President Mary Emmett commented, "We are all opposed."

Field trips at Forest City Regional Board of Education approved the following field trips at the meeting on Monday, January 15.

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High School transition students to Walmart in Honesdale on January 19, 2018 at a cost of \$160.50.

Mrs. Moran's class to Riverfront Sports Complex, Scranton, on January 26, 2018 at a cost of \$123.76.

PreK students to the Carbondale Veterinary Hospital on February 2, 2018 at a cost of \$225.

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Grade 5 to the DaVinci Science Center, Allentown on May 16, 2018 at a cost of \$1,113.

Junior Environthon students to the Lackawanna Conservation District competition on May 30, 2018 at a cost of \$237.50.

13th Annual Celebrating Progress Dinner Feb. 8

The Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce will host its 13th Annual Celebrating Progress Dinner, February, 8th at the Carbondale Grand Hotel.

Honorees this year will be JKF Technologies, Galati's Barber Shop, and Ros Al Floral who will be recognized for their contribution to the business community by enhancing and the expansion of their businesses.

The guest speaker is Author Elena Anguita. Elena Anguita is a change agent, author, and speaker who passionately supports education, literacy, and helping people learn.

Enjoy a complimentary cocktail hour, delicious dinner and with many of the area's business owners and community leaders. Call the GCCC today for your ticket! Tickets are \$45 per person; contact the Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce at 570-282-1690 or jgorel@carbondalechamber.org for your reservation.

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## Mackenzie Hartman hits 1,000th point milestone

By Jennifer Butler

Mackenzie Hartman was nervous preparing for the Jan. 24 game against arch rival Susquehanna Sabers in the local high school basketball arena, but not because of the rivalry but because of her chance at scoring her 1,000th point, looming only a mere four points from her goal.

Fairly certain that she would achieve her 1,000th point in the game, she no sooner scored her first points with a three-point shot than the crowd went wild anticipating her next attempt to score. While she missed her first layup and next shot, she was fouled and missed her foul shots which was very uncharacteristic of the senior point guard since prior to this game she was shooting 70 percent from the charity stripe.

With one minute left in the first quarter she hit THE SHOT; it was a contested 3-pointer.

"It wasn't the best shot I'd ever taken but I knew it was in when it left my hand," added the high school senior at FCR. The PIT (student section) stormed the floor to celebrate with her. "It was amazing how many people came out to support me. I can't thank my family, friends and fans enough."

Although head coach Michael Courtright could not be there for the milestone, JV Coach Amanda Cino lead the team with help from athletic director Brian Durkin and retired FCR coach Carl Urbas who was asked to help out that night.

Mackenzie scored 21 points during the game, and had 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 8 steals.

In her four years on the varsity basketball team, Mackenzie received honorable mention her freshman year, she was selected to

### Benefit for Jonas Family Farm Sun., Feb. 4

Come join the Honesdale FFA as they Host the Jonas Family Benefit including a Pasta Dinner and baked goods from 12:30-3:30 on February 4th at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall.

Cost of the meal will be by donation at the door. During the event there will be a basket raffle and calf raffle.

For those wishing to purchase their calf raffle tickets early, they can do so at Preston Market, Lindsey Equipment, Cocheton Mills, Narrowsburg Feed and Grain, Waymart Milling and Honesdale National Bank in Honesdale and Forest City.

For those looking to make a financial contribution it can be made to "Jonas Family Benefit Fund" and send to Honesdale FFA, 459 Terrace St., Honesdale, PA 18431.

### David St. Ledger To be honored Sunday, Apr. 22

Forest City Regional School has announced it will hold a Celebration of Life for former faculty member David St. Ledger on Sunday, April 22 at 1PM.

Mr. St. Ledger passed away Dec. 4 in Mechanicsburg, PA and his funeral was held there. School faculty and administration would like to pay their respects to the late, beloved educator. Members of his family will be in attendance.

His many former students and the community are invited to attend.



Mackenzie Hartman scored her 1,000th point on Jan. 24 against the Susquehanna Sabers.

the first team all star sophomore year and was chosen first team all star junior year as well as being selected as PLAYER of the YEAR BY Lackawanna League Division IV Coaches.

In addition, to her extensive high school basketball career, she has been a four year member of the varsity soccer team in which she has served as captain and was selected to the second team all stars for her sophomore and junior years by Division IV coaches, and selected 1st team all-star in her senior year. She has played on the softball team for one year and received honorable mention

She is a member of student council, Future Business Leaders of America, CHOPS, and National Honor Society. She has volunteered for Feed a Friend, Steamtown Mara-

### Beast Fest & Mortgage Burning at DG's

DG's Bar, 923 Main St., will hold their 15th Anniversary Beast Fest and Mortgage Burning on Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 6 PM with music by "Wolfman." Donations of wild game would be appreciated.

### HACKERS HOLD COMPUTERS FOR RANSOM

The News computers were afflicted last week with Ransomware, a hacking which encrypts all your files and demands payment in order to decrypt. The hackers wanted payment in Bitcoin, a virtual currency.

Fortunately, we have an \$1,800 program which backs up and stores our files to "The Cloud." It took our skilled IT technician many hours to restore files to our server and three of our computers.

Another computer was infected to the degree that it has to be replaced and all data on it was lost. Among the data lost by its operator, Jennifer Butler, was all of her contact information for advertisers and her emails over the past many years.

It is scary to realize that malware operators out there have the ability to destroy computers and disrupt business.

### FREE Classified Ads! Issues of February 7, 14, 21, 28 Want to get rid of household items or clean out your basement or attic?

To be run these weeks, FREE 20 words or less classified FOR SALE ad. Email fcnews@nep.net; call 570-785-3800; send to 636 Main Street, Forest City, PA 18421; or stop in and drop it off! Ads will run through the February 28 issue unless cancelled earlier. Please no business ads.

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