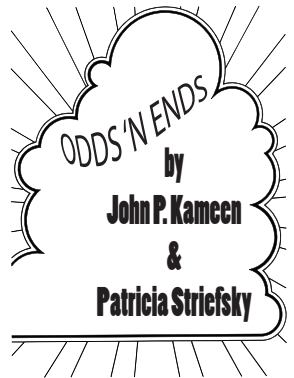


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Condolences to the family of Anne Coar Crowley who passed last week. Anyone who read her 2016 memoir "The Nightingale Sings" knows of her emotional and accomplishment-filled life. She was very active in this area until moving to Binghamton area, and then came back here with husband, Andy, when he retired. She also wrote a History of Vandling for its Centennial in 1999. She will be missed by her large family and her circle of friends.

Scam alert—A caller identifies as a rep of a credit card company and says your card was flagged for an unusual purchase. Could you verify you purchased (for example) an item from an Arizona company for \$497.99. When you say "no" they say they will issue a credit and start a fraud investigation. Then they ask you to verify you are in possession of card by asking for your 3-digit security number on the back of the card. They thank you and hang up. Within hours, a charge for that amount appears on your credit card because they already had your card number, which they secured unlawfully in some way, and only needed the security code. If the call had really been from a credit card company, they have all your information. They wouldn't need your security code. If you get such a call, hang up and call the credit card company number on the back of the card.

We are back to the Forest City whistle blowing at noon and 9PM after ten days of the siren being on Standard Time.

Though we feel sorry for our friends in Southern Penna., we are thankful last Wednesday's Nor'easter missed us completely!

Seth Kelly is 2017 Trooper of the Year

A Pennsylvania State Police trooper from the Lehigh Valley, formerly from Pleasant Mount, who was shot and critically wounded in a Route 33 shootout is being honored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police as the 2017 Trooper of the Year.

Kelly was among four finalists nominated from law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

Kelly, a 13-year veteran of the state police, was shot four times on November 7 after backing up Trooper Ryan Seiple at a traffic stop on Route 33 in Plainfield Township.

A video posted to YouTube on Monday, March 19 about the award is the first interview with Kelly since he was shot.

Kelly recalls waking up in intensive care at St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill, and being told he was involved in a shooting, "and that I was going to be OK."

Kelly was in a medically induced coma for 12 days after being shot. He underwent multiple surgeries before being discharged December 1 from St. Luke's.

"I'm not really sure what happened cause I have no recollection of the incident whatsoever," Kelly says in the video.

He was shot four times, once in the femoral artery in his left thigh, twice in the left shoulder and once in the neck.

"I'm just extremely lucky to be here right now," Kelly says in the video.

FC Lions Club Pancake breakfast set for April 29

The Forest City Lions Club will hold a pancake restaurant at Elegante Restaurant, Forest City, on Sunday, April 29.

Payroll and bills Lead discussion at Clinton Township

by Theresa Opeka
Disagreement over payroll and payment of a bill occurred at the Monday, March 19 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors.

DISAGREEMENT

When it came time to vote on payroll and bills for payment, Supervisor Ken Coles told Supervisor/Road Master Brian Non, "You are taking advantage of the situation, working on Sundays getting time and a half. Non replied, "The last few storms have been on Sundays."

Coles went on, "Payroll should not be approved. There are lots of time cards where there is no information. There are no dates on them."

Non showed him there were dates on some of them.

Coles asked about the other road workers time cards that had no description of what they did. He said the auditors need that information. According to information on income and expenses, payroll for March was listed as \$6,092.95.

Coles also said he didn't agree with paying Dick Palmer's bills. One from the previous month was \$2,693.10 and one at \$1,912.68. He said the work could have been done cheaper.

Coles made a motion of paying the bills with exception of payroll and Palmer's.

Non made a motion to pay everything. He and Supervisor Russ Curtis voted in favor

of paying everything. Motion passed.

Curtis said, "Just make sure the time cards get filled out."

Non said the bill for Palmer's cost more than they thought. He also said residents want guidelines to see how the township is doing with the road plan.

He made a motion to put out a bid to have the bigger trees cut along the township roads.

Matt Curtis asked if they are involving the township's engineer, Jeff Weinberger. Non said yes. Russ Curtis said, "My belief is we should get water off the roads and get the roads patched." Weinberger said, "For Act 69, it says you just have to notify the public that you will cut the trees."

WAYMART BALL FIELD

Coles said they could not give money to a project going on at the Waymart Baseball Field. But, he said they can donate equipment and time. Curtis made a motion to donate two trucks for 10 hours a piece. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Coles said he will go over there with an excavator.

Matt Curtis asked about any liability the township may have. Coles said he asked their solicitor Jeff Treat and they can do things for the community and they have insurance.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm.

"Hello Dolly" to be performed by FCR Mask & Hammer Drama Club



The Forest City Regional Mask and Hammer Drama Club will be performing the musical "Hello Dolly" by Michael Stewart and Jerry Herman this spring. Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi, a turn of the century matchmaker and jack of all trades, has a special talent for "arranging things." She embarks on a comedic mission to arrange a marriage for Mr. Horace Vandergelder, the well known Yonkers half a millionaire, who is furious that his niece Ermengarde would dare have an interest in the local artist Ambrose Kemper. Meanwhile, Vandergelder's two shop clerks Cornelius Hackl and Barnaby Tucker sneak off to New York where they meet hat makers Irene Molloy and Minnie Fay, who incidentally are looking for adventure themselves. But trouble ensues when the man who plans to marry Irene arrives at the hat shop...and is none other than Vandergelder! Enter Dolly, who claims she will unite Ermengarde and Ambrose, match up clerks and hat makers alike, and find a new wife for Vandergelder...along with arrange a secret love interest of her own!

Join us for this family friendly Broadway classic accompanied by a full pit orchestra! Performances will take place on Friday, April 13th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for children age 3 and under. All performances will take place in the Forest City Regional Auditorium.

Above, Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi (Colleen Blount) enters the Harmonia Gardens Restaurant while being admired by the restaurant waitstaff: Rudolph (Julien Miller), Stanley (RJ Ondrako), Harry (Isaiah Canfield), Louie (Alyson Frederici), Hank (Branson Casper), and Manny (Ryan Notari.) Absent from photo is the waiter Danny (Lila Ingenito) #HelloDolly

Mother's Day Photos for The Forest City News
The Forest City News will be accepting photographs for its annual Mother's Day edition. The date of the publication for this edition is Wednesday, May 9. This year Mother's Day is on May 13th.
This year's edition will be in full color.
The cost is \$20 for color.
Anyone interested in having their picture in this issue can email or drop off a picture at the News office no later than Wed., May 2. You can email photos to fnews@nep.net.
Everyone who submits a photo will also have the photo included on our website, in color, for FREE.



New FC Wayne Mem. Health Center Could be operational by Jan. 1, 2019

Former Legion Hall on Dundaff St. will be demolished

An artist's rendition of the new Forest City Wayne Memorial Health Center was unveiled at a Zoning hearing held Wed., Mar. 14, at the Borough Building. Wayne Memorial Health Systems expects the new facility to be completed by January 2019.

The estimated \$1 million building will be built on the site of the former Charles & Martin Skubic Post American Legion Hall on the corner of Dundaff and Hudson Streets. The present Legion Hall will be demolished.

The Zoning Board approved three minor zoning variances required for the building.

John Conte, director of Facilities for Wayne Memorial Health Systems, stated that the McAndrew Health Center in Vandling will be moved into the new facility and that building on South Main Street will be vacated.

Conte also said the Wayne Memorial Outpatient Laboratory Testing and X-ray

Center at 630 Main Street, Forest City, will also be vacated. The testing laboratory will be moved into the new local facility while the x-ray will be moved to a unified Center in Carbondale.

Conte said WMH looked at renovating and enlarging the old Legion Hall but found it was not financially feasible.

The Zoning hearing, consisting of Zoning Board President Tom Fitzsimmons and members William Orasin Sr. and Bob Trusky, unanimously passed the zoning variances presented by WMH Attorney Rick Fanucci and architect Ben Barland of Kiley Associates.

The variances involved parking spaces, paved parking lot and driveway distances. There will be 33 parking spots 9x18 ft. rather than 10x18 ft. as specified in the zoning law. The existing Hudson St. driveway will be 27 feet from the corner rather than 40 ft. The paved area exceeds what is required.

There will be one entrance and one exit off Hudson Street and one exit off Grand Ave. There will be curbing and landscaping throughout the property.

Fred Jackson, executive director of WM Health said the new facility will have 10 to 12 full and part time staff and may have a mobile mammography unit from time to time.

Board members questioned the applicants about parking and traffic on Dundaff, Hudson and Grand Ave.

Roberta Barnes, the only neighboring property owner attending the hearing stated she had no problems with the project and said it would be a worthwhile addition to that area and the town.

Atty. Fred Moase was the solicitor for the Zoning Board. The testimony was transcribed by Ms. Calzola of Clifford Twp.

Vandling needs Storm Water law

New rules on storm water regulation, as well as recent snow plowing and the garbage fee and tax hike, were among issues discussed at Vandling Borough Council March 19. Attending were Council Pres. Fran Pantzar, members Bill Boyle, Pat Sherry, John Carachilo, Solicitor Paul Smith, Secretary Nancy Perri and Treasurer Jennifer Slick. Member John Mayers was absent.

STORM WATER LAW

Pres. Pantzar said Council will meet soon to pass the DEP-required storm water regulation ordinance which will result in a fee to be charged each property owner to pay for mapping and inspection of all storm water pipes, inlets and outlets in the Borough.

Solicitor Paul Smith told Council they must use the model ordinance as provided by DEP. He said if there are any changes or deletions, it will be rejected by DEP.

SNOW PLOWING

Resident Matt Urbas asked Council what the town's snow plowing plan was since he noticed the side streets in the development were the last to be plowed in recent storms. Pres. Pantzar said the first places plowed are the hills and main streets, (not Main St. or Clinton St. which are state roads). Then, he said, the side streets are plowed.

Mayor Joe Brady and Pres. Pantzar said the road crew did a good job considering the circumstances of the recent storm. He said the town uses three people to plow: Tom Collins Jr., Tom Collins Sr. and Guy Gerstel. Pantzar said he did discuss the side street plowing with the plow drivers.

GARBAGE/TAXES

Mr. Urbas then questioned Council about the reduction of the garbage fee from \$235/yr. to \$185, as well as the doubling of real estate taxes. The reason given for the garbage fee reduction was a new contractor and a new contract.

Pres. Pantzar and Mayor Brady agreed Council should have raised the real estate taxes incrementally over the previous 3 years but because they didn't, they found themselves looking at a funding

deficit for 2018. They also said taxpayers must remember real estate taxes were not raised for 20 years.

Councilman Bill Boyle, supported by Solicitor Smith, said that, previously, excess funds from the garbage fee could have gone into the General Fund, but a new rule requires money from a garbage fee only be used for garbage costs.

SEWER BLOCKAGE

Resident David Seaman informed Council that the Borough's sewer main servicing his home plugged and caused great damage to his basement. He called Roto-Rooter when it happened and they found the blockage some 85 feet down the town's sewer main.

Seaman said his insurance covers his damage but with a \$1,000 deductible. He said he also has the expense of repairs made by Prince Excavating.

Pres. Pantzar said it would be turned in to the Town's insurance carrier.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jennifer Slick listed March expenses at \$17,201 with garbage collection at \$4,715 and \$2,000 for Police coverage, as the largest expenses. She listed revenues at \$3,586 including \$2,347 in wage taxes, \$1,000 in rent from Tumblyn' Tots Day-care, a Rec. Fund donation of \$173.88 and Magistrate fines of \$64.65.

The Treasurer announced receiving wage tax payments from Select Tissue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resident Phil Egnatovich asked Council to contact PPL for a new power line to his section of town. He said his power was out for 13 hours while the rest of town had no outage. Council advised him to contact Fell Twp. since the electric line affected runs thru that Township.

Council was also advised that the cinders which the town buys from Forest City has much larger rocks in it than past years, and also that plowing has pretty much removed the speed bumps in town.

Councilman John Carachilo said he met with the Lacka County Commissioners, and with Cong. Matt Cartwright

and Senator John Blake and discussed several needs of the town. He said Vandling was one only two County communities which did not get Casino Gambling money. He said, "They know that Vandling exists now!"

In the absence of Browndale Fire Chief Josh Debevec, Councilman Sherry reported the Fire Company responded to many calls in their area due to the March snowstorms. The BBQ will be April 8 while the annual Car show is June 2nd.

Solicitor Smith asked to correct the record about not having advertised the tax ordinance because he was absent from the January meeting. He said he did advertise it and said he got the advertised ordinance to Pres. Pantzar the next day.

2020 Census information came to secretary Perri and street addresses must be verified.

Valley View School District sought a listing of any local historical sites for its Lackawanna Heritage Valley Project.

The next meeting will be April 16 at 7PM.

4th Annual Cruzin' 2 B'dale Car/Truck/Bike & Craft Show

The Browndale Fire Company No.1 is excited to invite local vendors to exhibit at the 4th Annual Cruzin' 2 Browndale Car Show benefiting the fire company to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018, beginning at 10 AM. Events of the day include food, music, raffles, and more until 5 PM at the Browndale Fire Company grounds, Route 247, 620 Marion Street.

We are accepting crafters, vendors and swap meet applicants. Fee for a space is \$10.00. Car show registrations will start soon.

For more information and to register as a crafter or vendor contact Juliann at: jdoyle@nep.net or (570) 499-4908. We thank you in advance for your support!

