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Dear Editor:

I read your article about Clifford and the bank closing. They have lost many other businesses over the years. Forest City the same problems. They lost EJ Shoe Factory many years ago. You can't find a shoe made in America now, only those from China.

We have also lost many farmers. There are only four farmers left in Gibson Township and very few in Clifford Township. These are the people who once were customers of all the stores we once had.

There are 1 and 2 acre farms in East Europe, China, India, subsidized by the government, which compete with our farmers. Here there is control of the milk market by DNS/DFA whereby farmer income fell 40% in three years yet the cost to people went up.

Here is one of the problems. We are replacing our fulltime residents with tourists and people who don't live here fulltime. We no longer have residents who provide the need for local jobs year round. Non-residents are not here to support the local economy.

We have Elk Mtn., Village of Four Seasons, Rail-Trails, summer camps, lots of second homes, etc. All these are wonderful but they cannot replace year round residents.

Look at the town of New Milford. New Milford has the gas industry, Clifford doesn't. They have heavy traffic, a new Dollar Store, a market, expansion by New Milford hardware, several gas stations, eating places—almost a boom town. The answer is jobs and people residing there, not tourism.

Montrose—another boom town due to gas production. More full time residents.

How about Hancock, NY? Its dying with its trout fishing, summer camps, skiing. All because the Delaware River Basin Commission won't allow fracking. They have to worry about the folks in New York City and New Jersey, so the folks in Wayne and Pike County can starve due to lost revenue and fewer jobs.

Tourists and non-residents do not populate our schools. Look at Mt. View and Forest City with graduating classes of 60 rather than 100 to 120. Maybe we need a special tax on second homes to support our depressed area.

Maybe it will take some creativity to come up with new local businesses.

Food for thought!!
Marty Petroski
Jackson, PA.

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Here is our renewal for another year.

Unfortunately we are not in Florida this year due to Tom's health. Sure do miss the warm weather and our friends in the Florida Keys.

Keep up the good work and look forward to all your happenings.

A big hello to all our friends in N.E. PA.

Tom and Dorothy (Matircho)
Flynn
Barnegat, NJ



Among the candidates for the 2018 election, attending the Feb. 24 Susquehanna County Republican Lincoln Day luncheon in Montrose, were, from left, Doug McKlinko (for Congress), Paul Mango, (for Governor), State Rep. Tina Pickett (for re-election as St. Rep.), State Rep. Jonathan Fritz (for re-election as state Rep.), Sen. Lisa Baker (for re-election as St. Senator), Jeff Bartos (for Lt. Gov.) Congressman Tom Marino (for re-election as Congressman) and David Darrow (for re-election as state committeeperson) Not in photo at the time were Donna Cosmello (for re-election as state committeeperson) and Joe Gale (for Lt. Governor).

Republican candidates present qualifications At annual GOP Lincoln Day luncheon Feb. 24

A full slate of Federal, state and regional Republican candidates presented their qualifications to a crowd of more than 130 at the annual Lincoln Day luncheon of the Susquehanna County Republican Committee Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Montrose VFW. Longtime Susquehanna County Republican Committeeman Richard Nasser was awarded the Jack Masters Lifetime Award at the event.

Susq. County Commissioner Chairman Alan Hall served as master of ceremonies.

He noted that the present County registration totals are 13,600 Republicans and 6,672 Democratic, but he urged the party not to be complacent and to continue to work for the principals of Republicanism.

Sen. Lisa Baker, who is seeking a 2nd 6-year term in the State Senate, spoke on behalf of Congressman Lou Barletta who is working to unseat Bob Casey as U.S. Senator.

Susq. County resident Barney Wilkins spoke on behalf of Cynthia Ayers who is running for Senate. She is a US Army vet and worked for Homeland Security.

Doug McKlinko, Commissioner of Bradford, spoke on behalf of his effort to unseat incumbent Congressman Tom Marino.

Sen. Baker office hours in Forest City March 20

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City

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.

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Richard Nasser, a longtime Susquehanna County Republican Committeeman and supporter of Republican causes, was named as the 2018 winner of the annual Jack Masters Lifetime Achievement Award. It is given annually at the Lincoln Day dinner and honors the individual for their dedication to Republicanism in Susquehanna County. Shown, from left, event Toastmaster Susq. County Commissioner Chairman Alan Hall, County Republican Chairperson Donna Cosmello, Richard Nasser, County Commissioner Betsy Arnold.

rino. He feels it is time to bring the grassroots back to Washington.

Congressman Marino then spoke on his own behalf listing his prestigious committee assignments and re-stating his promise of term-limiting himself to 12 years. This would be his 5th 2-year term. He refuted a charge of favoring drug companies which derailed his chance for a position in the Trump administration.

Paul Mango, a West Point grad and former 82nd Airborne member, asked for support to replace Gov. Wolf in Harrisburg. His grandfather was an Italian immigrant who settled in Susquehanna as a railroad worker.

The Republican gubernatorial team of Scott Wagner and Jeff Bartos was represented by candidate Bartos who said the team's priority "is your paycheck and that of your children and grandchildren." He said the State's fiscal house must be put back in order.

Carol Allen spoke on behalf of Peg Luksic for Lt. Gov. Peg is a Pro-life conservative who feels that Life, Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness and Religious Freedom must become Republican priorities.

Joe Gale, a Montgomery County Commissioner and one-time opponent of Sen. Casey, expressed his opposition to RINO Republicans, GOP candidates who are—Republicans In Name Only—including some of the state's present candidates.

Sen. Lisa Baker talked about her partnerships

with County, Township and Borough officeholders in her district and her work for them and for her opposition to wasteful spending proposals in the present Wolf administration.

State Rep. Tina Pickett, of the 110th Legislative District covering north and western Susquehanna County, told of her support for the natural gas industry in her district as well as supporting farm and agricultural interests so important to this area.

1st term State Rep. Jonathan Fritz of the 111th Legislative District told how he loves his new job and has risen to some leadership roles as a freshman. He plans to continue to fight for his rural constituency and follow his conservative roots consistently.

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Pleasant Mount News
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Happy Birthday to: David Haynes, Carl Robinson, Charles Snigar Jr., Jennifer Saam, Kristopher Puntar, Ryan Garman, Lana Bossick, Beth Brooking, Rose Ignatovich, Kathy Dodge, Beverly Kulikowski, Sabrina Powell, Ryan Callan, Lauren Maile, Christy Hauenstein, Brianne Laurence, Jonathan Terry, Lillian Medved, Joseph Terry, Jonathan Terry, Shirley Gable and Louis Lee

Happy Anniversary to: Ron and Bonnie Watson and Jack and Ella Chyle

Worship services for the Pleasant Mount UMC will be held in the Pleasant Mount Community Center at 11:15am. This is due to renovations being done on the church building. The church will host a community Easter dinner on March 25th at 6pm with the location to be announced. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to share. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday Service will be held at the Equinunk UMC at 7pm. Good Friday Service will be held at the Shehawken UMC at 7pm.

The Lake Como & Shehawken United Methodist Churches will hold their annual Soup Supper at the Lake Como United Methodist Church, 377 Como Road, Lake Como on Saturday, March 24 from 4 - 6:30 pm. Enjoy a variety of homemade soups, chili, salad, bread, and homemade pie for dessert. Take outs are available. Cost is a free will offering. All are invited. Proceeds benefit the Parsonage Committee.

Pierogie time is here! St. Katharine Drexel Parish is having its pierogie fundraiser. The cost is \$6 per dozen. Orders can be picked up on Wednesday, March 21 & Thursday, March 22. For

phone orders, call Barbara Sprovin at 570-727-8385 or Jean Welicka at 570-448-9181.

Please mark your calendar for Costello-Monahan-Brown American Legion Post 964's 14th annual "Nite At The Races" on April 21st at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall.

Saw my first robin last week. It was nice to see as a sign of spring but as I write this column for this week's paper, we are due for a major snowstorm in two days. Totals are coming up anywhere from 4-12+ inches. So, by the time you read this, the storm will be a distant memory. Feel bad for the robin though. His radar must be off!

Speaking of spring, as a reminder, push your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night at 2am as Daylight Saving Time begins.

Costumes, Clothing Needed for Celebration

The Forest City Area Historical Society will be taking part in the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite this year. Its program will include "A Celebration of Our Heritage" and will honor the ethnic groups which populated Forest City in the late 19th and early 20th Century.

David and Joann Homisak, chairpersons of the event, are looking for ethnic costumes and mining clothing. They will be used in programs at the museum and in the Trail Town Festival Light Parade on August 4th.

Anyone having such clothing can contact joannhomisak@gmail.com or phone the News office at 570-785-3800.

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w/Clarence Spady (3:30-7:30 p.m.)

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