

Community Spotlight

by Art McLain

John Risboskin, Clifford Twp., In Lackawanna College Admin.

Lackawanna College has grown tremendously from its start in 1894. A prominent area educator, John H. Seeley, adopted Lackawanna Business College which he merged with neighboring Scranton Business College. The college served as a place to educate the breaker boys of the area's anthracite coal mines.

The college adapted well to changing needs of the community with the addition of civil service courses and a condensed effort to train women professionals. After World War 2, the College made additional modifications to train veterans for new career opportunities.

In 1957 Lackawanna Junior College was chartered as a non-profit institution and could then award associate level degrees. In 1994 the purchase of the former Scranton Central High School strengthened its place in the Scranton

landscape. In 2001 the College dropped Junior from its name.

The Lackawanna College continued to grow and in 2017 started to offer bachelor's degrees. The progress of the College is nothing less than amazing. For any high school students graduating soon and looking to attend a college it would certainly be worth looking at Lackawanna College.

Numerous programs of study, transfer agreements with Marywood University, Penn State University and the University of Scranton gives Lackawanna College additional options to stay close to home when earning advanced degrees.

The Lackawanna College Magazine is named "1894" and this magazine and their website has all of this information and more. Educational institutions have to deal with the challenge of rising tuition costs and the changing society, still it is a very exciting time to be associated with Lackawanna College.

Locally, John Risboskin from Clifford Township, is playing a part in Lackawanna College's growth and success. Mr. Risboskin currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Men's Bowling

by Paul Tomazic

This week's matches had the following results: Smitty's took 24 points from Thiede Livestock, Guild Flagstone took 21 points from Kozlowski Towing, and Yacinovich Excavating took 19 points from NEP Telephone.

High game this week was 259 by Bobby Johnson. High series this week was 255-705 by Dave Carroll. Team High Scratch game and series was 1142-3143 by Guild Flagstone and Team high handicap game and series was 1314-3659 by Guild Flagstone.

Other scores: Robby Young 258-701, Ed Kozlowski Sr 236-668, Bobby Johnson 259-666, Woody Miller 235-666, Jim Mican 237-653, Matt Tomazic 214-639, Ed Kozlowski Jr 233-604, Mark Opeil 223-600, Paul Tomazic 234-596, Bryan Tallman 210-567, Hank Morris 212-551, Dave Pitus 207-541, and Al Snyder 205-534.

The following splits were made this week: Steve Tourje 2-7, Dave Pitus 2-4-10 and 4-7-9, Jason Thiede 3-10, and Matt Tomazic 2-7.

Standings	
Guild Flagstone	162 1/2
Smitty's	151
Thiede Livestock	129 1/2
Yacinovich Excavating	122
Kozlowski Towing	97 1/2
NEP Telephone	92 1/2

Classic Country Cooking

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This is something my mom used to make and we still have it every so often. The recipe card calls it "Cheese Dish", but we always called it Cheese Souffle. Whatever you wish to call it, it isn't hard to make and it tastes great. When we make this for dinner, there are never any leftovers.

Cheese Dish

6 - Slices of bread, buttered and cubed.
2 - Cups sharp cheddar cheese.

6 - Eggs.

1/2 - Teaspoon mustard - can be more for more zing.
Red or black pepper to taste.

4 - Cups milk

Beat the eggs, mix with the milk, mustard, and pepper. Mix the cheese with the cubed bread. Put into baking pan or casserole dish. Pour milk mixture over the bread and let stand for 20 minutes. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 - 60 minutes.

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Some of the aftermath of the devastating Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

Sparks volunteers with Red Cross in Puerto Rico

by Art McLain
Part 2

Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane Maria is no longer a top story in the news. Continuing relief efforts are mostly in the hands of local agencies. There is much to do and recovery in some areas will take years.

Sherry Sparks extended her stay as a Red Cross volunteer from 3 weeks to a month and wanted still to return to Puerto Rico. During her month in helping with relief efforts Sherry went to many places accessing the damage. Several of the stories she shared speak to the heart and spirit of the Puerto Rican people.

Upon Sherry's arrival most of the island was without electricity and clean water. One of Sherry's visits was with an elderly woman who asked if Sherry would like coffee. Sherry politely declined the offer knowing that water and supplies were scarce. The lady sincerely wanted to make coffee for Sherry, to show her gratitude. Sherry then accepted the offer and was given a very strong cup of hot and black coffee on a very hot day. Although it was not how Sherry would normally prepare her coffee, it meant a lot to the woman to be able to prepare it for Sherry.

Some very touching stories involved children on the island. Sherry told of an ice cream truck vendor that she offered to pay for and treat the children to whatever ice cream they wanted. The children were accustomed to having a 50 cent treat, most likely an ice pop. Being able to have a more expensive treat made it a really special occasion for the children. The children then called to their friends to try share the opportunity.

One experience has to make us stop and think about how blessed we are in the United States. Sherry was visiting with a poor family and had with her some sugary treats that she could give to the children. From experience and with the wisdom to ask the children's mother first

if it was okay, the mother said "please do not give the children candy as they had never had it before." The mother knew that once the children had the first taste that they would want the candy again and she was not going to be able to give it to them. The availability of treats is something we take for granted in the United States but is not a given in many places.

Sherry will undoubtedly be on another assignment by the Red Cross in the future. Serving with the Red Cross is something she enjoys. While not everyone has the availability to leave for weeks, a month or more, there are opportunities to be a Red Cross volunteer; especially so for skilled workers. Contacting the local branch of the Red Cross is the best way to learn more.

In times of a disaster often well-meant donations of food, clothing and toys will be sent to the affected area. The very best idea is instead to donate money to the Red Cross. Often donations of clothing and toys, even food and water, do not make it to the intended recipients due to warehousing, need for sorting materials and distribution. The donation of money can go directly to the relief efforts and be directed to the best uses.

When not on a Red Cross assignment Sherry is often found with her camera or working in her studio. A gifted photographer and artist, Sherry often shares her knowledge through classes she teaches in the community. Her Facebook page is filled with her beautiful and stunning artwork and photographs she has created. You can contact Sherry through Facebook at Sherry Sparks Art and Photography and also at endlesst@nep.net.

The Red Cross website is www.Redcross.org. Sherry said some businesses allow for their employees to leave work for the cause of volunteering for assignments (ex. military, police departments and other businesses).

Hunter Wallis wins 7th Grand National Title for Turkey Calling



Hunter Wallis, Union Dale, won his 7th Grand National Title for Turkey Calling in Nashville recently. He is the son of Nancy and Jeff Wallis, Union Dale.

Forest City Basketball Report

Wreckers top Lady Foresters

The Lady Wreckers of Weatherly lived up to their name Feb 27 against the Lady Foresters as they pinned a 58-29 loss on the local girls. It was the District 2-11 Class 1A sub-regional playoff game held at Northern Lehigh High School in Slatington.

Game-long defensive pressure held the Lady Foresters to only 10 field goals and led to 30 turnovers. A halftime score of 32-10 had them in too big a hole to come out of.

The fact that the Lady Foresters No. 2 scorer Skylar Fortuner did not play, certainly didn't help.

MacKenzie Hartman, the Lady Foresters 1,000 point scorer, managed 13 points with four of the team's 10 field goals and 5 for 9 from the charity stripe. Maggie Kowalewski and Kayla Dishong each chipped in with five points.

Coach Mike Courtwright said they were expecting the pressure and practiced for it but Weatherly often had several players on the ball handler.

Weatherly goes on in the playoffs with hopes of a state championship which they won 30 years ago.

Forest City (9-15) - M. Hartman 4 5-9 13, M. Kowalewski 2 0-0 5, K. Dishong 2 1-2 5, E. Urban 1 0-0 1 M. Bailer 1.0-2 2, K. Keller 0 1-21, S. Graham 0 0-0 0, 8. Pleska 0 0-0 0, C. Calabro 0 0-1 0, E. Kelleher 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 7-16 29.

Weatherly (15-8) - E. Zoscin 8 H 18, M. Peifei- 7 3-4 17; A. James 42-212, I. Hoffman 3 0-0 6, G. Hinkle 1 1-5 3, G. Miller 1 0-0 2, T. Hinkle 0 0-0 0, D. Strouse 0 0-0 0, A. Heister 0 0-0 0, K. Ache 0 0-2 0, A. Hernandez 0 0-0 0, T. Cichon 0 0-0 0. Totals: 24 7-15 58.

Forest City 3 7 10 9-29
Weatherly 16 11 15-58
3-point goals: E. Urban (FC), M. Kowalewski (FC), A. James (WEA) 2, E. Zoscin (WEA).

Final shot doesn't drop As Lady Foresters end Season against Susky

The Lady Foresters peaked late in their season and almost pulled off a major upset in the District championship March 1 at Mohegan Sun Area, Wilkes-Barre. Only a blocked shot in the final seconds kept them from tying the No. 1 seed from District 2 Class 1A, Susquehanna, and putting the game into OT. A desperation 3-pointer at games-end failed to connect as the 20-4 Lady Sabers went on to pin a heartbreaking 39-36 loss on the local ladies.

The 9-16 Lady Foresters had a dismal 1st half as the Saber defense threw a defensive box around the Lady Forester's leading scorer MacKenzie Hartman. The locals were outscored 25-12 in the half and Hartman, who hit the 1,000 point level in her senior year, was able to score only 2 points during the 1st three quarters.

FC's Skylar Fortuner started the Lady Foresters on their comeback run in the 3rd quarter by leading a 9-2 run. With the Lady Sabers up 38-24 in the 4th quarter, they lost their momentum and Hartman took over the game. She scored 12 straight points in a little over three minutes to cut Susky's lead to 38-36.

A Saber free throw with 27 seconds left gave them a 3-point edge but a Forest City near-the-basket field goal missed its mark. A Susky rebound and a subsequent foul did not produce even a point for the Sabers.

After a timeout, it was inevitable that the ball was going to Hartman for a three but Susky's high-scoring Taylor Huyck swatted the ball out of bounds with less than 2 seconds remaining. An in-bounds to Hartman produced a desperation long range shot which bounced off the glass.

In a published report, Susquehanna Coach Errol Mannick called Hartman the player of the year in the division. He said he knew they could not let her get the ball.

Her 4th quarter spree proved that.

Hartman ended the game with 16 points followed by Skylar Fortuner's 10 point effort. Fortuner was unable to play in the sub-regional game on Feb. 27. Freshman Bella Pleska hit for 5 points while Erin Urban had 3 and Emily Kelleher had 2.

Fortuner and Hartman each grabbed 7 rebounds but the Sabers out-rebounded the local girls 48-39. Hartman accounted for 7 of the Forester's 12 steals and they forced Susky into 19 turnovers, to only 11 for the Lady Foresters.

Susquehanna had the edge in foul shooting with 11 of 15 attempts while the Lady Foresters went 6 of 8 at the charity stripe.

Hartman, Fortuner, Urban and Dishong are seniors so next year will be a rebuilding year for the Lady Foresters and their coach Mike Courtwright. Junior Maggie Kowalewski, a junior, and Bella Pleska, a freshman both of whom played a leading role in the local team's final half of the season, will be the foundation of next year's team.

Forest City (9-16) - M. Hartman 6-20 2-2 16, S. Fortuner 3-8 4-6 10, B. Pleska 2-9 0-0 5, E. Urban 1-5 0-0 3, E. Kelleher 1-7 0-0 2, M. Bailer 0-4 0-0 0, K. Dishong 0-0 0-0 0, M. Kowalewski 0-12 0-0 0. Totals: 13-65 6-8 36.

Susquehanna (20-4) - T. Huyck 3-10 4-5 11, B. Maby 2-13 4-4 9, M. Steele 3-10 2-2 8, E. Lawrenson 2-7 0-2 4, S. Wilson 2-3 0-0 4, M. Heath 1-4 0-0 2, M. Rhone 0-1 1-2 1, K. Trynoski 0-0 0-0 0, A. Iveson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 13-49 11-15 39.

Forest City 6 6 10 14 - 36
Susquehanna 15 10 8 6 - 39
3-point shooting: FC 4-18 (Hartman 2-7, Urban 1-1, Pleska 1-6), SUS 2-10 (Huyck 1-3, Maby 1-4, Lawrenson 0-1, Heath 0-2). Rebounds: FC 39 (Fortuner 7, Hartman 7), SUS 48 (Steele 10, Huyck 10). Assists: FC 5 (Hartman 4), SUS 6 (Huyck 4). Steals: FC 12 (Hartman 7), SUS 6 (Huyck 4). Turnovers: FC 11, SUS 19. Blocks: FC 2 (Urban, Fortuner), SUS 4 (Steele 2, Huyck 2).

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