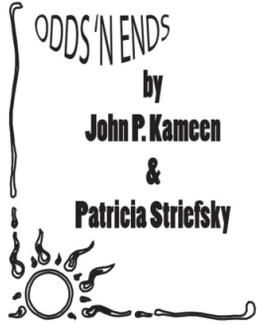


# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



ODDS 'N ENDS

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After 40 years, Clifford Auto Center and Clifford Supply, has decided to merge and form Clifford Home & Auto Center on Main Street in Clifford. Owner Chris Marcho is happy to announce that a lot has changed over 40 years, but what has not changed is the business' dedication to serving its customers and he thanks customers for their continued support. Stop in for their grand reopening on Sat., April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for refreshments and a raffle.

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Vandling is one step closer to having Colts bus service available to its residents. Mayor Joe Brady and Councilman John Carachilo met in Vandling with representatives of Colts Bus last Wednesday. They are ironing out the details of where and when the bus will pick up and as soon as it is all worked out residents will be notified. In addition, they are trying to get the bus service available for residents of Forest City. Fingers crossed!  
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Don't ever let it be said FCR students can't do what they put their mind to! Taking on the full scale production of a hit Broadway show may be a daunting experience but FCR's "Hello Dolly" last weekend was a smash hit. Beautiful singing, great choreography, excellent staging and sound—Couldn't have been done better. Director Shelly Giles, Asst. Director Brielle Collins and Music Director Alison Yuravich deserve rave reviews along with the performers. The audience loved it!  
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I told you last week that 70 degrees predicted on Friday last would not happen. I apologize! It hit 70s around here and came back again on Saturday. Too bad Spring ended on Sunday when temps hit 30 and there was ice Sunday night and Monday.  
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But there are signs of Spring! Panorama Golf Course opened last week, and Fern Hall was scheduled to open April 16. Maybe Spring is here!  
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## Wivey's League Re-organization Wed., Apr. 18

The annual re-organization meeting of Wivey's Golf League, for its 53rd year, will be Wednesday, April 18 at 7PM at Panorama Golf Course upstairs lounge. All members are asked to attend for the selection of partners. Any golfers wishing to serve as substitutes in weekly play should contact President Wivey Orasin.

## St. John's Annual Church dinner in FC Sun., April 22

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, will hold its annual Roast Pork and Halubki dinner on Sunday, April 22. Menu includes: Pork, Halubki, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, and Coffee. Takeouts will be from 11 a.m. to noon with eat-in from noon to 2 p.m. The price is \$11. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ted Kowalick at 570-785-5147.

## Regular business conducted At Forest City Council Session

Among the regular business items conducted at the April 2 session of Council was approval of the imposition of a 20% administrative fee for all permits issued by the new Building Inspectors from BIU. The fee was added since the Borough Office must now handle the permit fees under BIU of PA, Inc., whereas the previous building inspection company handled all fees and remitted it to the Borough.

Council agreed to purchase street signs for "Handicapped Parking" on Center Street and a sign "Drop Off & Pick-up Only" in front of the Borough Building.

After an inspection by the Borough's insurer, Gladfelder Inc., an emergency gate will be installed at the bottom of the fire escape at the rear of the building to keep youngsters off the steps.

Council received letters from the Rail Trail Council and the Forest City Area Historical Society stating its concerns about the possibility of Main Street Sidewalk construction taking place during the Trail Town Festival and Anniversary of Anthracite on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Council President Nick Cost said that nothing has been done yet on going forward with the sidewalk project.

Pres. Cost said there will be a Memorial Day Program this year.

Main Street Coordinator Art McLain said some interest has been expressed in putting a laundromat in town. He also said that Main Street property owners desiring to rent their

storefronts might be asked to participate in an Open House Weekend to show these properties at some time in the future. He also said he will be meeting with State Rep. Jonathan Fritz on April 12 when he is in town to discuss Community Development.

Council approved a congratulatory ad to honor the local Lions Club on their 70th anniversary.

Council member Tracey Lazier asked if No Parking signs could be placed further back from the corners on Main Street to make it safer for vehicles entering Main Street from the lower streets. It was stated that since it is a State Highway that their rules for no parking must be observed.

Wayne Memorial Health Systems paid \$1,680 to the Borough for the costs associated with Planning Commission and Zoning Board hearings on their planned construction of a new health center on the site of the former Legion Hall.

The Borough street sweeper will soon be cleaning Borough streets when weather permits.

Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Reisch reported that a demolition permit has been issued for the fire-damaged Lesjack Funeral Home.

Reisch reported she is working to enforce the Residential Rental Ordinance which requires that the owner of a rental property who lives more than 20 miles from Forest City must have a property manager who lives locally.

## FCR Elementary curriculum night Thursday, April 19

The Elementary School Community Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, April 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The goal for this night is to share the academic offerings FCRE students experience each and every day. The theme for the evening will be "Camping Out with Curriculum!" Various activities for students and their families will be offered such as:

- "Camp Out with a Good Book" - tents will be set up in the gym area along with book boxes for families to peruse and read under the stars
- "S'more Time for Math!" - a variety of Everyday math games will be available to play in the cafeteria
- "Foundations by the Fireside" - Families can enjoy the many Foundations activities their children use to support their reading education
- "The LAUNCH Landing" - Launch activities will be displayed along with projects creat-

ed by middle school students for the Pennsylvania Middle School Computer Fair

- "STEM Challenge Under the Stars" - families can work together on a STEM challenge
- "PATHs to the Campfire" - families can learn about the social emotional learning programming and how they can provide at-home support
- "Exploring Physical Education" - families can get a sneak peak into physical education activities their children enjoy
- "Forest of Art" - families can hike through the art created by students Kindergarten through 6th grade which will be setup throughout the school
- "Invention Convention" - the 6th grade students will have their original and creative inventions

All are welcome to 'camp out' on April 19th to enjoy and learn about the curriculum that is offered at Forest City Regional Elementary!

## Celebration of Life for David St. Ledger April 22

A celebration of the life of the late David St. Ledger will be held on Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of Forest City Regional High School.

Mr. St. Ledger taught in the Carbondale school system for seven years before moving on to the Forest City Regional School District where he taught for the following 25 years before his retirement in 1995.

Dave influenced the lives of thousands of students and will be remembered as a person who not only influenced his students with his knowledge of his subjects, but also his concern for the well being of those students both in class and after graduation.

A short program will be followed by an ice cream



and cake social in the school cafeteria.

All of Dave's former friends, as well as his students from Carbondale and Forest City Regional, are invited to attend.



Among those who attended an economic forum in Forest City last week, called by State Representative Jonathan Fritz, were, from left: Rep. Fritz, Clifford Twp. Supervisor Chairman Barry Searle, FC Council President Nick Cost, Northern Tier Ec. Dev. Manager Lauren Egleston and FC Main St. Coordinator Art McLain. Also attending were FC Council members Amy Bean and Tracey Lazier, and Greater Forest City Industries officer John P. Kameen.

## Rep. Fritz heads discussion On area economic needs

State Representative Jonathan Fritz held a meeting in Forest City on Thursday, April 12 at the Borough Building to discuss community and economic development.

Lauren Egleston, economic development program manager of the Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission, told area community leaders in attendance that her organization was ready to assist in the formulation and submission of grant applications to both state and federal agencies.

Attendees were Forest City Council President Nick Cost, Forest City Council persons Amy Bean and Tracey Lazier, Forest City Main Street Co-ordinator Art McLain, Clifford Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Barry Searles and Greater Forest City Industries treasurer John P. Kameen.

Forest City's efforts were stated as being directed toward the maintenance of the Main Street businesses and attraction of new businesses to the town. Efforts to

improve the town's parks were also discussed.

Barry Searle stated that the Clifford Supervisors are anxious to renew their Rte. 106 Main Stem business area but also to attract new residents to their township which is one of the largest townships in Susquehanna County. He noted the recent loss of the super market, Mountain View Inn and FNB Bank branch to their Rte. 6 area.

Main Street coordinator Art McLain listed some of the recent improvements of Forest City's Main Street but also stressed that economic improvement is not competitive and whatever helps one community helps everyone.

Ms. Egleston stressed her group's willingness to assist in preparing master plans and comprehensive planning and grants for all communities in the Northern Tier.

Rep. Fritz said it is important to get started on various projects and enthusiasm will then follow.

## Taking Strides towards a Cure slated Sat., April 21

On Saturday, April 21, at 8 a.m., Birchtown Stables will host its Eighth Annual "Taking Strides Towards a Cure Horse Show" and donations will be sent to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America to fund research for treatment, finding a cure and helping support programs for those who live with this disease daily.

Show manager Jessica Polednak is one of the 1.6 million Americans who suffers from Crohn's disease, after being diagnosed in 2004 and she hopes to help those who suffer from the sometimes debilitating disease. "I feel so good if we are even a \$1 closer to finding a cure," she noted.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. There will be vendors set up throughout the site for visitors to browse.

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Cure is the biggest event of the year in many ways for the Birchtown Stables of Forest City. It is the day with the most entries, the largest amount of prize money to be won and most important of all is the contribution that this event raises for the fight against Crohn's and Colitis. Competitors come from many neighboring states to participate in the big event.

Upstairs the stable's restaurant offers a variety of delicious homemade dishes. From the seafood bisque, to the special salad with roasted pear and arugula with walnuts, cranberries, fig, goat cheese and cranberry pear balsamic dressing, to a barbecue rib dinner, just to name a sampling.

Jessica's family, her mom, Karen, and her dad, Bob, are wonderful hosts and always have a smile and kind word for

everyone. Other family members, friends and volunteers also contributed their efforts in the making of such a wonderful event.

Contributions are always appreciated for the battle against a nasty medical condition that seemingly has no reason to attack its' victims. For anyone wishing to learn more information go to birchtownstables.com.

Those wishing to donate may send payment to Birchtown Stables, 115 Birchtown Dr., Clifford Twp., PA 18421. A link on the website noted above where contributions can be made by credit card.

Jessica would like to thank the local and corporate sponsors that have contributed to the event.

## Two school employees retire

Two longtime employees are retiring from Forest City Regional School. Sue Price is retiring from her position as a support staff paraprofessional after 24 years of service. Joan Ferraro is retiring April 9 as a support staff cafeteria worker after 16 years of service.

Board President Mary Emmett and Supt. Dr. Jessica Aquilina wished them health and happiness in their retirement and thanked them for their dedicated service.

In other personnel action at the April 9th Board meeting, a memorandum of understanding was approved with the Forest City Regional Support Professional Association with regard to a substitute for the required RN or LPN on the 8th Grade Washington trip. Since the person who usually serves in that position is unable to attend, Ms. Patricia Gardus, of the FCR Educational Support Staff has agreed to serve as LPN on the trip at her regular daily ate of pay.

Also approved was a memorandum of understanding with the FCR

Educational Assoc. regarding instituting a yearly stipend of \$500 for two Tier I Coaches in the School-wide Positive Behavioral Support program in the Elementary School. The two positions were formerly unpaid.

Also approved was the budget and a resolution for the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 year. The Forest City share of the total budget was \$326,603 which is \$4,730 less than last year. The CTC total budget approved was \$7,313,092.

Unpaid real estate and per capita taxes totaling \$337, 511 remain for the 2017 tax period. The Board exonerated the various district's tax collectors from these amounts. They are turned over for collection to County tax claim bureaus. The amount is similar to amounts unpaid in previous years. Most are eventually collected.

The Board declared the 2018-19 Fall and Winter extracurricular positions open. Candidates for the various sports and other positions

will be required to apply.

Three employees were granted a one day, a three day and a three hour unpaid leave. Names of these employees are withheld.

The Board approved an \$18,975 change order on the building project in order to clean and paint the ceiling of the high school gymnasium.

Three other change orders OK'D involved just over \$8,000 for plumbing requirements.

For the first time a change order on the school construction resulted in a credit of \$20,526 on a sanitary sewage ejection pump.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, legal and contract issues.

## NO PO Box for FC Borough

Forest City Borough no longer uses its Post Office boxes. Anyone contacting the Borough office by mail should use the following address: 535 Main St., Forest City PA 18421-1554.

### 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 fcnnews@nep.net.

Everyone who submits a photo will also have the photo included on our website, in color, for FREE.

