



THE FOREST CITY NEWS



April Fool's Day came a day light for our area as a late winter/early spring snow storm dropped 3-inches or more of snow. FCR School registered another 3-hour delay as the roads were very slick early in the morning. Very slippery roads caused some spin outs on area roads but nothing serious.

Thankfully Easter Sunday turned out to be a good weather day though it started out cold. Some Sunday morning church-goers faced a brief ice mixture (I guess it's called grapple) as they exited church, but it amounted to nothing. The sun came out as predicted around noon and produced a lovely day.

Our family went to the Candlelight Inn, one of our Dining Guide advertisers, for their Easter Breakfast Brunch which was a very large, sumptuous selection of tasty treats. We enjoyed it immensely.

Don't forget the Brown-dale Fire Co. Spring chicken barbecue at the Fire House this Sunday, 11am to 1:30pm.

We see on Facebook some of the major new renovations of the Speakeasy Saloon & Resort (former Herrick Lodge). They are planning a huge reopening party soon.

Monday, April 16, is the last day for voter registration, change of name or address, or change of party affiliation before the May 15 Primary Election. Anyone needing a mail-in voter registration form, or an absentee ballot request form, can pick one up at the News Office.

Senior citizens are warned not to fall for a potential Medicare scam. Since all Medicare recipients will be receiving new Medicare cards sometime this year, a phone caller says you will need a temporary card which, they say, will cost you \$5 to \$50. They ask for bank and credit card information. Hang up!! Your card will come to you free in the mail and until the new one comes, you keep using your old one.

Congratulations to Tom and Lois Howell, Clifford Twp., who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 6. They celebrated with a Caribbean Cruise while in Florida this Winter.

Best Wishes to Alma Sparks, Clifford Twp., who celebrated her 93rd birthday on April 2. May she have many more.

Light Parade in Forest City Sat., August 4

A Light Parade will be held on Saturday, August 4 in Forest City in conjunction with the Trail-Town Festival. The parade will kick off at 9 PM from the VISION 2000 Industrial Park and continue up Rte. 247 to Main Street where it will turn right and head up Main Street where it will end at D.G.'s Bar.

Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Chris Glinton at 570-960-2754 or email him cgltd.cg@gmail.com.

Snow problems, website issues On Clinton Township agenda

by Theresa Opeka
Many issues were on the agenda at the Monday, March 19 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors.

EMA PLAN
A woman in the audience asked if the township had an emergency management plan. Kerry Henderson said they did. The woman said that during the March 2 snowstorm, another woman who lives on Route 170 came to her door. The woman had no power for two days and didn't have phone service. The township needs to have someone to check on people.

Browndale Fire Chief Josh Debevec said there were 400 residents in the township who didn't have power, including those on Yarnes Road who didn't have it for five days. He said the only way anyone knows if anyone is in trouble is to call 911.

Supervisor Ken Coles said the EMA plan kicks in only when the governor declares a state of emergency.

Debevec said they did check on people during the storm. The woman said she was afraid that if the area has bad weather like that again there could be people who could die.

WEBSITE
The website being developed for the township was discussed next. Coles said general information and contact information should be listed but bigger ordinances should be handled in house.

A woman disagreed and said the website is for public

knowledge. Coles said, "But they are long and complicated and someone needs to come in to talk to us."

Ron Poska said the building permit ordinance should be on there. Coles said, "I disagree. That is what we have a permit officer for."

A man said he got a knock on the door at 9 AM asking why he had a shed. He said he didn't know he needed a permit and needed one to rip the other down.

Coles made a motion to put general information on the website and he and Supervisor Russ Curtis voted in favor of it.

Supervisor Brian Non voted no and said the details should be on it. After some discussion, they all voted in favor of putting general guidelines on the website.

FIRE REPORT
Debevec said the Brown-dale Fire Company had 12 incidents for the month of February including two fires and four motor vehicle accidents. Curtis thanked Brown-dale and Waymart fire companies for cutting trees down during the recent snowstorm. Non thanked Debevec for getting the trees cut during the March 2nd storm. Debevec said there have been over 70 calls so far for March.

Poska said, "People should appreciate the fire company. Everyone should donate at least \$10."

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm.

Susq. County to help fund Installing optical fiber lines

The Progress Authority of Susquehanna County has applied for ARC funding to undertake a Dark Fiber/Broadband study in the County. Currently over 800,000 Pennsylvanians still lack access to reliable, High Speed Internet service, with 520,000 of the residents residing in rural areas like Susq. County.

Susquehanna County Commissioners approved up to \$175,000 of county funds to serve as a match to fund the study.

Since fiber optic lines can cost \$25,000 per mile to install, many Internet Service Providers (ISP) will not build them in rural areas where the population is sparse and investment return is limited.

Under the Dark Fiber plan, public funds would place long stretches of fiber optic line thru rural areas, where individuals, businesses and utilities could connect for little or low charge.

The Wolf Administration recently announced it will offer \$35 million in financial incentives to private providers who bid on Pennsylvania service areas in the FCC upcoming auction to make \$2 billion available nationwide to providers willing to expand broadband access in unserved areas.

FC Lions Club Pancake breakfast Set for April 29

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

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.



Staff of McAndrew Family Health Center are shown with architectural renderings of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers' newest construction project soon to be underway in Forest City. Seated, left to right, Stacey Cirba, MA; Pam Kresock, medical secretary and Tracy Johnson, LPN. Standing, JoAnne Sterchak, RN; Peggy Tomazic, RN; David Tomazic, DO; Krista Hollis, CRNP; Jo-Ann Sames, RN; and RickiLynn Derrick, medical secretary. Laboratory services will also be provided by Wayne Memorial Hospital at the new location.

New state-of-the-art Family Health Center in Forest City by Jan. 2019

On or around May 1st, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) will raze the former American Legion Post 524 building at 100 Dundaff Street in Forest City and build a new state-of-the-art Family Health Center.

The over 5,000 square feet of new construction will include seven exam rooms, provider offices, a separate treatment room and facilities for laboratory services. The structure comes at a price tag in excess of \$1 million, a wor-

thy investment according to WMCHC Executive Director Frederick Jackson.

"The office space we are currently utilizing in Vandling does not have the physical capacity to meet patient demand and lacks adequate parking," stated Jackson. "Additionally, because it is outside of Forest City proper it makes access difficult for patients without transportation."

Jackson indicated the new site is not expected to be ready for occupancy until

early 2019. However, health center providers and staff don't consider that to be too far off considering the improvements to come.

David Tomazic, DO stated, "This move will be a good thing for the community." The physician who merged his Forest City-based solo practice of 35 years to become part of WMCHC in January of 2017, added with a smile, "plus it takes my commute to the office down from seven minutes to four."

Three major structure blazes Included in 2017 fire report

The Forest City Area Emergency Services annual Fire Report was given to Forest City Borough Council on Monday, Feb. 5th. In 2017 the fire service reported 153 calls up from 133 calls in 2016.

Fire Chief Paul S. Lukus and Deputy Fire Chief Thomas J. Prince, listed the local responses to fire and accident-related incidents at the 153 mark which is down from the record 186 calls in 2012.

There were 41 motor accidents and an additional 4 vehicle fires. There were 26 structure fires along with 15 medical assist calls.

There were 28 calls for automatic alarms and 9 calls for the Fire Company to standby, as well as 11 public service calls.

There were 2 calls for carbon monoxide investigations, 2 responses to brush

New businesses Opening in Susq. County

Rick Ainey, head of the Small Business Task Force of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board, announced that seven new businesses have opened, or will open, in Susquehanna County.

They are: Dunkin' Donuts, Gibson; Dollar General, New Milford; Stone's Garage, Hallstead; Hawley Chiropractic, Montrose; Blue Ridge Outfitters, New Milford; Integrated Counseling, New Milford; and Keystone Community Resources, Montrose.

The Small Business Task Force was formed last year to encourage opening new businesses by working with prospects, and to help conduct Grand Openings for new businesses.

fires, 3 responses to Haz-Mat calls, 5 for chimney and heating problems.

The town suffered from three major structure fires, one of which destroyed three Main Street buildings. Another fire, caused by the burning of trash, destroyed two Delaware Street homes. The 3rd major structure fire caused serious damage to a Railroad Street residence. None of the fires resulted in deaths or serious injuries.

Paul Lukus was the department's top responder as he came out to 122 calls. Paul Mihelc was next with 90 calls while T. Razderk was 3rd highest responder with 88 calls. Tom Prince Sr. was next in line responding to 83 calls while B. Elsworth responded to 61 calls.

December was the busiest month for fire responses with 19. A total of 1,007 responses turned out for calls over the entire year.

The total time out (in minutes) for responders for the month of August was 1,365, which was primarily for the Main Street fire.

The Department used 3,600 feet of hose including 1,600 feet of 2-in. hose and 1,750 feet of 5-inch hose.

Location of fire calls were as follows:

Forest City	54
Clinton Twp.	18
Fell Twp.	20
Clifford Twp.	24
Mt. Pleasant	6
Thompson	4
Greenfield Twp.	13
Vandling	10
Union Dale	4
Apparatus Responses	
Engine 41 to 57 calls	
Rescue 41 to 70 calls	
Utility 41 to 4 calls	
Membership Response Report	
Biedenkapp, E. - 22	
Bock, E. - 31	
Boyd, J. - 8	
Bradford, K. - 2	
Cook, K. - 15	

Daugevelo, A. - 14
Davis, D. - 3
Davis, S. - 18
Delrosso - 1
Elsworth, B. - 61
Evans, D. - 5
Figueroa, S. - 6
Flynn, J. - 1
Furdock, J. - 3
Gonsauls, R. - 1
Grushinski, - 17
Harmar - 19
Haywood, J. - 5
Henderson, K. - 33
Howe, J. 6
Kowalewski D. - 33
Kowalewski, J. - 1
Kubus, W. - 1
Kuruts, K. - 52
Kuruts, J. - 60
Lee, D. - 2
Lukus, P. - 122
Mihelc, B. - 125
Mihelc, P. - 90
Paulin, R. - 3
Piasecki, L. - 7
Potter, R. - 3
Prince, B. - 8
Prince, D. - 21
Prince, T. Sr. - 83
Razderk, T. - 88
Rogalski, T. - 1
Saltishak, P. - 4
Seaman, C. - 0
Sefcik, C. 25
Staff, M. - 23
Thomas - 11
Tyrell, S. - 15
Wagner, J. - 11
Wagner, A. - 20
Wilcox, A. - 1
Wilcox, M. - 30
Woodyshek, T. - 2

GFCBA Monthly Meetings 1st Wed. of month

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance holds their Community Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:45 AM at Shirley's Restaurant. All are welcome. The next meeting will be held on April 4.

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.

