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Dear Editor:

We hear the phrase "grassroots movement" a lot of late. Grassroots is defined as "ordinary people regarded as the main body of an organization's membership". Our independence, as well as many other movements throughout our country's history, can be considered grassroots movements. One such movement is alive right here in rural Pennsylvania; the grassroots movement to elect Judy Herschel to the United States Congress from District 12, formally District 10. Judy herself has said her campaign is "as grassroots as it gets."

Judy's roots in Susquehanna County can be traced back seven (7) generations. She is a wife of a self employed, small businessman and the mother of two (2) young boys. Judy has served as a community advocate and certified drug/alcohol counselor for over eighteen (18) years. During this time she has seen first hand the devastating effect the opioid crisis has had and still has on family and communities in our area.

With her background as a counselor she can listen and engage in hard conversations and bring about reasonable solutions to difficult situations.

We who live in rural Pennsylvania have been overlooked and under-served for too long. We now have the chance to send one of our own to Washington by electing Judy Herschel. She is with us and for us.

Anyone seeking more information can contact her website at: www.JHcampaign.com

Maevie Rupp
Clifford Township

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Dear Editor:

GOVERNOR WOLF! WAKE UP!

You recently stated in one of your campaign commercials blasting the natural gas industry "What lies underneath the ground belongs to the people of Pennsylvania". What the hell are you thinking?! I happen to be a Pennsylvania land owner in the Marcellus Play. You and the rest of PA DO NOT OWN what is underneath my ground. I DO!

I think it is about time that you take a full assessment of what the natural gas industry has done and continues to do for our economy! The only thing you seem to be focused on is how you can tax everything related to the gas industry to the point of driving them out of our commonwealth!

First off, the front lease money is being spent in our PA businesses. The royalties are being spent in our PA businesses! Not only that, they are being taxed by federal, state and local government. The jobs created, the business supported, all paying taxes! The money given to our local charities by the gas industry and royalty owners is beyond anything in history! The impact fees going to our local municipalities have allowed them to upgrade equipment to better serve the communities that have been impacted.

You feel that all of PA should get a piece of the pie by implementing a severance tax! All of PA is feeling the positive effect of the gas industry by low energy costs and tax revenues!

Enough is enough!! The natural gas industry and royalty owners are more than handling their part for all of Pennsylvania!

Why don't you try telling the farmers of this State "What lies beneath the ground belongs to the people of PA"!

Ivan Burman
Susquehanna County
Ararat Township

Forest City Police taking back unwanted prescription drugs Sat., April 28 at FCAEMS

On Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Forest City Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 15th opportunity in 8 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Forest City Area Emergency Services at 380 Railroad St, Forest city, PA. (The DEA cannot accept needles or sharps, only pills, liquids,

cremes or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from

family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28, 2018 Take Back Day event, go to the DEATake-Back.com.

State Representative Jonathan Fritz Announces Re-Election Bid

Asserting that he wants to further his mission to make state government more accountable with our hard-earned tax dollars, State Representative Jonathan Fritz announced he is running for re-election in the 111th District.

"It is my honor and privilege to serve the great people of Susquehanna and Wayne counties," said State Representative Jonathan Fritz. "I will continue to be a trusted, conservative voice that fights for our rural way of life and stands up for the working class values we share in this part of Pennsylvania."

State Representative Jonathan Fritz serves on the Commerce, Aging, and Older Adult Services and Human Services Committees. His legislative priorities include: economic development, protection of property rights, limiting government intrusion, and lowering taxes for families, seniors and job creators.

Jonathan Fritz is a lifelong resident of the district, a local small businessperson,

Dog Wardens to Conduct License, Rabies Checks in Susq. County

Dog wardens will canvass homes in Susquehanna County, the week of April 23rd-27th to ensure all dog owners have current licenses and rabies vaccinations for their dogs.

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year. The fee is \$6.50 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$8.50 for other dogs. Older adults and persons with disabilities may purchase a license for \$4.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$6.50 for others.

Additionally, all dogs and non-feral cats (three months of age and older) must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity.

Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.

Licenses may be purchased from the County Treasurer in person between 8:30am-4:00pm; or by mail to:

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More Information - Visit www.licenseyourdogPA.com or call
717-787-3062.

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 from 8 AM to Noon. The cost is Adults \$6.00, Children under 12 - \$3.00.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB!



State Rep. Jon Fritz

committed family man, volunteer coach, and an avid outdoors man. Prior to his election to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, he served as a Wayne County Commissioner, Honesdale Mayor, and on the Honesdale Borough Planning Commission.

"Pennsylvania taxpayers work hard for their money and we need a proven fiscal conservative, like me, to protect those interests. The Commonwealth needs reform in order to curb the loss of population and businesses. We need to prevent our seniors from being taxed out of their homes and we need a workforce that is prepared for the jobs of the future." "Harrisburg has a shortage of country minded and pro-business leadership. Small towns and rural communities are the backbone of our state. We have a culture and way of life that desperately needs protection against big city policy makers and Harrisburg special interests. I have the skill set, experience, and record of accomplishment needed to continue fighting for our rights in the Northern Tier," continued State Representative

Bag ladies luncheon Apr. 24

The Bag Ladies luncheon with wimpies will be held Tues., April 24, at the Starucca Baptist social rooms at noon. Donation plus food pantry item will be accepted. Public is welcome.

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Pleasant Mount News

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Happy Birthday to: Randy Fox, Nancy Watson, Susan Campino Haynes, Dominique Jonas, Gretchen Senerchia, Justin Senerchia, Jessica Curtis, Sarah Stephens, Hannah Wildenstein, Kelsey Swartz, Xavier Eccles, Connie Lindsey, Bill Mander, Russ Curtis, Grace Yadlosky, Lynn Megivern, Rose Rokavec, and Doris Mead.

Happy Anniversary to: Bill and Sandy Komar and to my uncle and aunt Louie and Jean Matoushek.

Cold Spring Chapel's Community Kitchen will be open on April 21st from 11:30am to 1:30pm. On the menu for April's no cost luncheon is roast pork and homemade sauerkraut, baked macaroni and cheese, string beans, homemade breads and dessert. They are located at the crossroads of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike, Lebanon Township.

The Costello Monahan

Brown American Legion Post 964 presents its 14th Annual Night At The Races, Saturday, April 21 at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 and post time is at 7. There will be door prizes and refreshments. For more information, call 570-448-2817

Woody's 7th Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall on April 28th at 5pm. There will be a 50/50, raffle for handmade knife and great food. The different types of game will be: venison, buffalo, antelope, pheasant and rabbit. There is no cost but all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, please call 908-319-7450.

Looks like spring is taking a stand. Certainly enjoyed the warmer temperatures last weekend. Take care and have a great week!

Cell phone tower at Little League Field Lacks local support

A proposal to put a cell phone tower at the Kennedy Park Little League field seems to have lost support since it was presented to Council last month. Several Council members, and some attendees at the April 2nd Council meeting, opposed the idea of locating on or near the ballfield.

Former Council member Barbara Mihelc, who was a former member of the Kennedy Park Board, used the public comment period to oppose the idea. "That is not a place for the tower," she said. Mihelc added that she didn't know if she was even in favor of a different site, up on the upper baseball field. "It impacts the facility," said Mihelc.

Council member Amy Bean, who discussed the siting of the tower with the cell tower company, agreed with

Mrs. Mihelc that the Little League field was not the best site. However she indicated she has not heard from the company since last month.

Council, which would receive \$800/month for the siting, previously suggested it be located up the hill at the Borough's Public Works garage, off Rte. 247, but the company seemed to favor the Little League field.

The possibility of trying to hide it from public view at the lower Park was suggested by Councilman Bernie Scalzo but comments were also forwarded about radiation which might emanate from the tower. Meeting attendee Don Pregnar commented that radiation would be minimal.

Council will await further contact with the cell phone company.

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