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Dear Editor:

Legal vs. Illegal immigration: What part of illegal is confusing to people. Do we now get to pick and choose which laws we will and will not abide by? Have "Dreamers", who are not illegal citizens, not had a chance to become legal citizens?

We do not have to dismantle the 2nd Amendment to get rid of guns that have no reason for existing other than killing people. Did someone miss the word "amend". Our forefathers were talking about single shot muskets. If someone wants to invade our country they will do it through the stock market or blow up a cell phone tower and cripple our country. Not put boots on the ground.

Where is God during all of these school shootings? Don't you remember? You threw him out of our schools.

What about that old fashion thing called the family unit? Just have a couple of kids, that way you can get rent subsidies, food stamps, welfare check, God only knows what other government program, spend your nights at the bar, and expect the children to grow up to be upright citizens. God Bless the children that have the ability to break out of this rut.

Joe Skinner
Clarks Summit

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Dear Editor:

After Donald Trump's election, I had to grapple with the reality of having a President who threatens social progress. I felt the need to take action. The difficult part was figuring out what that action would look like.

I marched, wrote letters, made phone calls and most importantly looked for a candidate I believed in. That's when I started volunteering for Judy Herschel.

Judy is a progressive democrat runs a grass-roots campaign for Congress in the 12th district, a seat currently held by Tom Marino. Never having run for office before, she first embarked on a listening tour. Afterwards, she realized sitting on the sidelines was not an option and announced her candidacy. The campaign is now her full time job. She's the real deal and will represent the 12th district with dignity and integrity.

Unlike Tom Marino, Judy is not Washington establishment with deep pockets and powerful donors. Representative Marino is a four-term Republican who represents a district that has been hard-hit by the opioid crisis. Yet, with the help of the giant drug companies, the devastation in our region is only getting worse. As a certified drug and alcohol counselor, Judy's career has been on the front line of what's gone wrong in our region. And, she is a woman.

Women represent 51 percent of the PA's population, but we do not have one woman representative in Congress. How can that be a representative government? At the very least we need to try a new approach to governing.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We need someone who will fight for those results.

The PA primary is May 15th.
Deb McNamara
Union Dale

More plans for Historical Society 250th Anniversary of Anthracite

The Forest City Area Historical Society will purchase four historical signs related to anthracite mining here as part of the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite to be celebrated at the Trail Town Festival in Forest City August 4th. Two of the 3x5 foot signs will be placed along the Rail Trail while the other two will be along Main Street.

Dave and Joann Homisak, chairpersons of the Historical Society's participation in the Anthracite Anniversary, reported on plans at the April 8 meeting of the Society. Several ethnic programs will be held in July, prior to the Aug. 4 event, at times to be announced.

The afternoon programs at the Museum will be devoted to mining and railroads and their influence on Forest City. Those times and speakers will be announced. The Society will also put a float in the Light Parade.

Visitors to the Trail Town Fest will be able to get ethnic foods at the Society from 11AM to 7PM. They will include kielbassi, pierogi, sausage & peppers, cabbage & noodles, and other delicacies.

The Trail Town Festival will include a Scavenger Hunt at businesses on Main Street. The Historical Society has agreed to put exhibits of mining-related artifacts in five stores. Those visiting those stores and exhibits will bring their signed forms back to the Historical Society and will be entered into a prize drawing.

Plans are also underway to do a mining-era play with the Forest City Regional Drama Club.

St. John's RO Church dinner Sun., May 13

St. John's Russian Orthodox Church in Dundaff (off Route 247) will hold its annual Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 13, featuring BBQ chicken and holupki (piggies). Takeouts at 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinner servings from noon until sold out.

The price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information or advance ticket sales call 570- 955-8758 or 570-585-8940.

Dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church Thurs., April 26

A Ham & Scallop Potato Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale, PA. The cost is \$10 per dinner Phone (570) 282-3620 for tickets.

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The Society is seeking senior citizens who would like to attend a roundtable discussion of events from the Forest City Area past. If interested contact Pres. John Kameen at 570-785-3800 or Joann Homisak at Honesdale National Bank, Forest City.

Member Roseann Swelg suggested a self-guided walking tour of local sites.

OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Juliann Doyle announced that a \$1,050 grant was received from Lackawanna Heritage Valley toward the cost of the Anthracite historical signs.

Tammy O'Reilly and Dave Opeka reported that 30 Hometown Heroes banners were ordered and will be presented at the Museum Memorial Weekend, Sunday, May 27 at 1PM.

Treasurer Bob Wirts reported the following: Deposits \$4,232; Expenses \$2,523; Checking acct. bal. \$3,306; Savings acct. \$22,501; Investments-- Forester Co. \$5,548; HNB CD \$1,040.

The Vietnam plaque with the names of more than 400 area veterans of the Vietnam era has been received from Cerra Signs and is on display in the Museum.

Vice Pres. Dave Homisak and Treasurer Bob Wirts will represent the Society at the Wayne County Historical Society "Local History Festival" on Saturday, April 28, from 9 to 3 at the Dorflinger Museum, White Mills.

Repairs to the roof of the building were scheduled for April 9 due to wind damage. The flag pole was also toppled by wind and will be repaired by Dave Opeka.

Lakewood Legion Memorials are Now available

The Lakewood Veteran's Memorial Park is giving the opportunity to purchase a memorial stone at a cost of \$75. They will provide a central walkway in the park.

The stone will contain a veteran's name, rank, branch of service and date of service.

Send check to American Legion Post 209, 412 Lake Como Road, Lake Como, PA 18437. For further information call Lynn Soden 570-396-4380; Randy Sampson 570-798-2113; Ron Watson 570-448-2245.

Clifford UM Church dinner Tues., May 15

The Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford, will hold a Chicken-Biscuit or Ham Dinner on Tuesday, May 15 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Take out or Dine in. Donation of \$9.95 includes dinner, drink & dessert.

Dave Opeka is seeking estimates for removing the front wall by the sidewalk and grading the front lawn. Also repair of the front steps is needed.

Secretary Juliann Doyle will prepare an annual newsletter to be sent to members.

The Society thanked Mr. Michael Zack of FCRHS faculty for having students label and identify 15 flags of nations which will be used during the 250th Anniversary event. The flags were used many years ago in the FC Commercial Assoc. flag display on Main St.

The Society is seeking a chainsaw carver who would be willing to sculpt a full size miner for display in the museum.

The Society hosted a meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society at the Museum on March 23 at 10AM. Many ideas were exchanged by the groups. Fifteen Wayne members and 6 Forest City members attended. Long-time Wayne Hist. Soc. member Jane Varcoe, Waymart, became a lifetime member of the Forest City Society with her \$250 donation.

Website director Barb Klobucar gave some suggestions for designs for proposed Society merchandise.

Museum Booking Agent Paul Ferraro listed the following scheduled events:

Hearsay Singers, Apr. 29, 1pm
Hometown Heroes May 27, 1pm
Private shower, June 23
Barbershoppers June 26, 7pm
Old Time Fiddlers June 29, 8pm

Drug TakeBack at FCA EMS Sat., April 28

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.

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

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Pleasant Mount News By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: Peg O'Neill, Lauren Cook, Jackson Gesford, Andrew Kolaja, Linda Bezek, Lucas Gesford, Brian Zembrzycki, Ben Komar, Betsy Hattersley, Bob Hattersley, Ron Curtis, Mary Jo Robinson, Peggy Zielinski, Mary Ann Graham, Jane Woodward, Carol Kneier, Morgan Jones, Inger Digirolamo, Eric Elwee, Emily Rogers, Nicole Bennett, Mary Jo Robinson, Bruce Reynolds, Ruby Jensen and Marge O'Neill.

Happy Anniversary to: Joe and Joyce Malicky and Shirley and Al Urban.

Property Transfers: Mount Pleasant Township: January 4 - Kurt B. Stiles, a property to Pleasant Mount Self Storage; January 5- Kenneth P. Duffy, Joseph T. Duffy by agent, Jennifer L. Duffy, a property to Mighty Trees; January 16 - Robert F. Cox, Rachel Cox AKA Rachel A Cox, a property to Dorothy Ann Morone; January 18 - Susan Stalker, a property to Brandon Georgetti.

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.

Pleasant Mount History: First Settlers of Pleasant Mount were: Samuel Stan-

ton- 1789; Elijah Dix- 1790; Silas Kellogg; 1791, built the first barn

Early Mills: 1793 - the first tannery in Wayne County, Jirah Mumford also saw and gristmills. At the fowler mill site 1795- Grist Mill at Stevenson's Mills, by James then Oliver Stevenson. 1799 - a saw mill built by John Crater above Mumford Mills. Pre-1800 a carding machine by Jacob Plum, bought by Elihu Tallman, which had been run one year on the stream below where Kennedy's Mills now stand.

Cookie baking Demo May 3 & 17 at Hist. Society

The Barking Cupcake will conduct a beginners sugar cookie baking and decorating class on Thursday, May 3, at the Forest City Area Historical Society, 633 Main Street, Forest City beginning at 6:30 PM till 8 PM. Cost is \$30, which includes all supplies needed.

This course consists of: prepare sugar cookie cut out dough; prepare royal icing; how to color your icing; how to prepare and fill icing bags; how to outline and flood your cookies; and decorating techniques. Seating is limited to 20 individuals.

Contact Aby and Brian at the Barking Cupcake by calling 570-785-3030 to reserve your seat. The second course will take place on Thursday, May 17. We are very excited to meet you and decorate sugar cookies with you!!

Clifford Twp. displays new truck at meeting

by Theresa Opeka

A man in the audience brought up concerns of large trucks going through Main Street all day and night at the Tuesday, April 10 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors. He said they should put up signs with a 35 mph speed limit. Searle said it is a state road and they aren't sure what they could do. Phil Price said 99 more wells are going in Susquehanna County and trucks will be coming from Carbondale hauling sand for them. The activity is taking a toll on the roads.

Booths thanked Barhites for an excellent job at plowing snow this winter.

The new township truck

was on display outside the township building. Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said it didn't cost too much because they got a good deal on the old truck.

Taxes collected for real estate - \$34,483.35 and fire protection - \$6,269.35.

The fire company had 42 calls for March.

Sandy Wilmot of the Historical Society said they have been working on signs for the Children's Garden over the winter. They received a sizable donation to help build a log cabin at the garden.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm.

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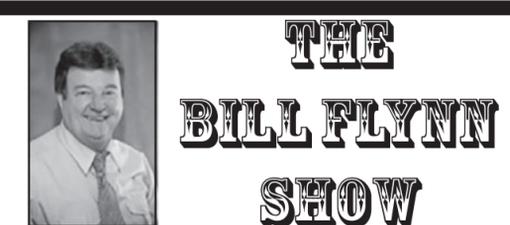
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*Wed. - Open Pool Table

*Thurs. - Burger & Dog Day & Taco Night

*Fri., April 27 - Robbie Walsh & Jack Foley (7 -10:30 p.m.)

*Sun., April 29 - Mountain Sky Orchestra (4-8 p.m.)