

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:  
Thanks for your consistent and timely reporting. I enjoy being broadly informed about the community, and you provide a valuable source of all that's local.  
Mark Reading  
Union Dale

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Dear Editor:  
Has America become the land of the special interests and home of the double standard?

If we lie to Congress, it's a felony, but if Congress lies to us, it's just politics. If we dislike a person of color we are racist but if they dislike whites, it's their 1st Amendment right. The government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and does almost nothing for the victims. In public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word GOD in the process. You can kill an unborn child but it's wrong to execute a mass murderer.

We don't burn books in America we just rewrite them. We got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives. We can't close our border with Mexico but have no problem protecting the 38th Parallel in Korea. If you protest against a progressive policy you're a terrorist, but if you burn an American flag it is your 1st Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV and the internet but you better not put a Nativity scene in a public park at Christmas. We have eliminated many criminals in America by calling them sick people. We can use a human fetus for medical research, but it's wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who don't want to work. We all support the constitution, but only when it supports our political ideology. We still have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct. Parenting has been replaced by Ritalin and video games. The land of opportunity is now the land of handouts.

And how do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes; tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign.

What has happened to the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Ken Huber  
Tawas City, MI

## Transition Fair at FCR Thurs., Apr. 15

High school students, especially students with disabilities, can have a difficult time transitioning from high school to the real world. In order to better prepare our students for "life on the outside" and the world of work, higher education or the military, the Forest City Regional School District will again host the annual Transition Fair on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 in the High School library.

A continental breakfast will be provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to participate, please contact Sandy Morahan or Charlene McGraw at 570 785-2400.

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# FCR Mask & Hammer slated to perform "Hello Dolly"



FCR Mask & Hammer members practice their performance. Pictured above are various members of the cast getting ready for a night of adventure! From left to right, Mrs. Irene Molloy (Katie Nguyen), Cornelius Hackl (Matthew Giles), Minnie Fay (Caylin Gibbs), Mrs. Dolly Levi (Colleen Blount), Mr. Horace Vandergelder (Matthew Trotter), Ernestina Money (Destiny Engler), Ambrose Kemper (Lee Clarke), and Ermengarde (Jessica Notari). #HelloDolly

The Forest City Regional Mask and Hammer Drama Club will be performing the musical "Hello Dolly" by Michael Stewart and Jerry Herman this spring. Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi, a turn of the century matchmaker and jack of all trades, has a special talent for "arranging things." She embarks on a comedic mission to arrange a marriage for Mr. Horace Vandergelder, the well known Yonkers half a millionaire, who is furious that his niece Ermengarde would dare have an interest in the local artist Ambrose Kemper. Meanwhile, Vandergelder's two shop clerks Cornelius Hackl and Barnaby Tucker sneak off to New York where they meet hat makers Irene Molloy and Minnie Fay, who incidentally are looking for adventure themselves. But trouble ensues when the man who plans to marry Irene arrives at the hat shop...and is none other than Vandergelder! Enter Dolly, who claims she will unite Emengarde and Ambrose, match up clerks and hat makers alike, and find a new wife for Vandergelder... along with arrange a secret love interest of her own!

Join us for this family friendly Broadway classic accompanied by a full pit orchestra! Performances will take place on Friday, April 13th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be

\$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for children age 3 and under. All performances will take place in the Forest City Regional Auditorium.

## Heritage Region to Fund a Variety of Projects in 2018

Susquehanna County is undergoing a heritage renaissance, with a growing number of organizations and individuals bringing to fruition initiatives that have survived as mere dreams and wish-list items for years. The Endless Mountains Heritage Region will celebrate the installation this year of two new Susquehanna County Heritage Attractions interpret panels at Montrose and Susquehanna Depot. The map and sign is similar to one installed in 2016 in Forest City but now also includes the Dennis Farm, the interpretive plan for which EMHR helped to fund.

The six-foot high Susquehanna County Heritage Attractions interpretive panels were primarily funded by DCNR and the Susquehanna County Room Tax Fund administered by the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau. The second of three will be installed and unveiled in front of the newly-renovated Susquehanna County Historical Society on Monument Square in Montrose in May.

### Sen. Baker office hours in FC Tues., April 17

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City.

While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at www.senatorbaker.com or by calling (570) 675-3931.

### East Ararat church Pancake breakfast

The East Ararat UM Church will hold its pancake breakfast on Sat., April 7, from 7-11 a.m. at the church. Hope to see you all there.

The third has been delivered to Susquehanna, but the precise location of its installation and the date of its planned dedication has yet to be determined by borough officials.

EMHR executive director Annette Schultz has acknowledged the tangible increase in interest among Susquehanna County residents to preserve and further develop their heritage resources, including the new Reynolds Riverfront Park at Susquehanna.

EMHR represents and serves Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties and solicits applications annually for the distribution of funds made available by DCNR. In the coming year, EMHR will help provide funding for two projects in Clifford Township and one at Montrose Area High School. Those in Clifford Township will provide improvements to an existing trail and a popular educational venue for children. The latter will help the high school get a new histor-

ic preservation club off the ground.

Clifford Township has been the recipient of numerous EMHR-leveraged grants in recent years in large part to an impressive groundswell of community support for heritage based projects like the Clifford Township Museum, the restoration of the one-room school house and Yarns Cider Mill, construction and enhancements to the Clifford Children's Garden and, most recently, the establishment of a walking path that covers much of the land acquired around the Clifford Township Building.

The Clifford Township Supervisors were awarded a \$6,000 grant for the installation along the path of interpretive signs that highlight Clifford's rich history of farming, logging and stone quarries. The Clifford Township Historical Society will receive \$4,000 in new funding to add a paved 425-foot pathway that will meander through the garden. It will serve as a walkway and make the park ADA compliant.

## Fritz Marks "Saquon Barkley Day"



State Rep. Jonathan Fritz shake hands with Former Penn State running back Saquon Barkley when he visited the House of Representatives. March 14, 2018, was declared "Saquon Barkley Day" in Pennsylvania. A graduate of Whitehall High School in Lehigh County, Saquon is expected to be drafted in the first round of the NFL draft next month. Barkley's girlfriend, Anna Congdon, lives in Brundale.

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**Pleasant Mount News**  
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Happy Birthday to: Adam Dix, Jason Non, Kitty Brennan, Paula Warchol, Alison Knapp, Evan Gesford, Ben Komar, Bernadette Franceski, Mike Hartman, Logan McElhinney, Kaitlyn Hentschel, Bob Noll, Karen Woodward, Luke Thomas, Ryan McAndrew, Deanna Washington, Dominic Washington, Todd Schupper and Carmine Falbo.

Happy Anniversary to: Tom and Mary Sampson and Charles and BJ Faleski

Condolences to the family of Dr. James P. "Doc" Watson who passed away on March 25. "The Flying Vet" had so many great accomplishments over the years, especially his distinguished career as a veterinarian who sometimes flew his own helicopter to go

from farm to farm. He also had a book published about his life (A Country Veterinarian Reminisces.) Sincerest sympathy to Peter, Richard, Susan, Ronald and family.

Coming up at the Pleasant Mount Library, Wednesday, April 4, 12:30pm - LITWITS sensory experience - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Storytime - story and a craft - Wednesdays - 10:30am-11:30am. Call Wendy at the library for more information -570-448-2573.

April 28th will be Woody's Wild Game Dinner at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall 6 PM There will be raffle, door prizes, great food, BYOB. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

## Lyme Disease Program slated Sat., April 14

The Susquehanna County Tick-Borne Diseases Task Force will hold a Tick and Lyme disease presentation on Sat., April 14, 2018 at the Clifford Fire Hall located at 1035 State Route 106, Clifford, Pennsylvania 18421. The guest speaker will be Dr. Clarence Mast, MD of The Center for Healing Arts. Dr. Mast received his medical degree from Temple University and has been practicing medicine for many years. During his medical career, Dr. Mast became extremely ill, after many months of research and tests, it was determined that he himself had contracted Lyme disease. Since then, he has been studying, researching, and treating patients for

Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses steadily for past 12 years. He is a member of The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society, and has just finished writing a book which is in the process of being published. Dr. Mast will be discussing new treatment protocols.

The seminar will run from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and is open and free to the public. With Pennsylvania leading in cases of Lyme disease, please join us to learn about this debilitating disease and how to protect you and your loved ones.

For more information please call Commissioner Arnold at 570-278-6608 or Phyllis Konstas at 570-396-0368.

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