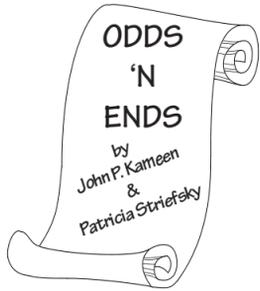


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year; not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll just see about that!

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks...but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just... easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

Rail-Trail Awarded \$1.3 Million for Improvements

The Rail-Trail Council recently received news that they were awarded \$1.3 million in Transportation Alternatives Program funding for improvements to the northern-most section of the D&H Rail-Trail.

With Lanesboro Borough as the sponsor, the monies will be used to restore the trail's drainage, grade and resurface the trail and install access-control gates, and signage. This 6 mile section of trail follows the Starrucca Creek and then the North Branch of the Susquehanna River and ends at the NY border. The trail goes under the Starrucca Viaduct, the "Bridge of Stone" in Lanesboro at Luciana Park where there will also be improvements to parking and trail access.

FC Lions Golf Tournament Fri., August 3

The Forest City Lions Club will hold their annual Golf Tournament on Friday, August 3 at Panorama Golf Course. It will be part of the weekend events of Forest City Trail Town Festival.

An entry form is on page 4. Plan to attend this annual tournament with proceeds to benefit local civic projects.



Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home is razed to make room for new building



The Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home was taken down recently to make room for a new building which will be put up in the coming months. The funeral home was damaged back in August when a fire burned the former Studio 511 building, the former Tobacco Store and Ros-Al Floral. Lesjack has been working out of the Joseph Scotchlas Funeral Home in Simpson.

Thompson Town Fair celebration Sat., June 2

By Jennifer Butler

The 17th Annual Thompson Town Fair will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, with many festivities planned for the day.

Community-wide yard sales will begin at 8 a.m. and encompass the entire town of Thompson, including the Main and side streets!

Food, including delicious homemade sausage sandwiches by the Playground Committee; a delicious variety of foods from Missi's Place; and a chicken barbecue and more by the Thompson Hose Co. Other goodies will also be available.

Ross Park Zoo will set up a stand from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for all the children to see.

Jim Delaney, the council president in 2001, began the Thompson Town Fair by going from door-to-door asking for the support of the residents of Thompson. "Although we have lost some businesses over the years and gained some new

ones, we got a very good response and continued to hold the event every year since. The community is great to work with and a pleasure to be a part of," said Delaney.

True Friends Animal Shelter will be at the fair with some special puppies and dogs.

There will be horse drawn carriage rides from 10 a.m. to noon and Jeremy's Magic Show will be at 10 a.m.

Music will be featured all day long by a DJ. In addition, there will be a bouncy house, face painting and snow cones!

The Thompson United Methodist Church will also hold its annual flea market, chock full of attic treasures, and cookie sale. In addition, the Sunday School children will sell homemade chili and nachos with cheese, all beginning at 9 a.m.

"I would like to welcome everyone to the town fair and wish them a great time while they are here," said Delaney.

Historical Society plans For Trail Festival event

Chairpersons Dave and Joann Homisak reported to the May 13 meeting of the Forest City Area Historical Society that further plans have been completed for the Society's participation in the Trail Town Festival and 250th Anniversary of Anthracite which will be held Saturday, Aug. 4th.

The week prior to Aug. 4th they have arranged five evening programs, to be held at 7pm Monday thru Friday, which will feature speakers on the ethnic heritage of Forest City in the coal mining days. There will be speakers on Slovenian, Polish, Lithuanian and Italian culture, as well as a slide presentation on mining's past.

Events to be held on Sat.,

Cruzin' 2 Browndale Car/ Truck/Bike & Craft Show-Swap Meet Sat., June 2

The Browndale Fire Company No.1 is excited to invite the public to the 4th Annual Cruzin' 2 Browndale Car Show benefiting the fire company to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018, beginning at 10 AM until 4 PM at the Browndale Fire Company grounds, Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Registration for vehicles will begin at 10AM. Rain or shine!

A special family day to enjoy with live music. Home-made food to purchase including: cabbage and noodles, and porketta sandwiches. Also, meatball hoagies, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. Homemade baked good items from the Forest City Episcopal Church ladies and Ice Cream from Creamworks Dairy will be available. Local crafters and vendors will be selling products like LuLaRoe Clothing, crocheted items, framed and unframed pictures, and handmade wooden cars & trucks. Over 50 baskets will be raffled (thank you to all of

our sponsors!).

Public admission is free for the day and their promises to be something for everyone!!

We are still accepting crafters, vendors, swap meet, as well as car show registrations but space is getting limited so contact us to register now!

For more information please check us out on Facebook: Cruzin' 2 Browndale, or email us at: browndalefire@gmail.com, or phone us at (570) 785-5300. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing everyone at this event!

Aug. 4th include a mining play now being arranged by Shelly Giles, director of FCRS Drama Club. At Ms. Giles request, seven members of the Historical Society have agreed to appear in costume in the play which will be centered around family life in mining times.

Rail Trail Exec. Director Lynn Conrad will speak on Forest City area railroads in the coal mining days. Marty Heffron, sculptor of the Anthracite Coal Miners Memorial, will speak and explain the Memorial in an event at the William Penn Park.

Ethnic food will be for sale at the Museum.

Other programs will be held during the day.

Union Dale Council President Resignation is not accepted

Union Dale Council met in regular session on May 7 at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President James Montenegro presiding. Presentation to the flag was performed. Members present were Donna Tedesco, Patti Cino, Tom Yale, and Mayor James Heller. The minutes of this meeting are unofficial until approved at the June 4 meeting.

A resident was in attendance and asked that council fix the transition from the parking lot to the ramp before Election Day. He also wanted clarification on if leaves and yard waste would be able to be burned with the revised nuisance ordinance. They will be.

A resident stated that someone complains about her burning. She was told as long as it is household waste there will not be a problem but to use judgement if it is a windy day. If there is a problem the Code Enforcement Officer will be contacted to investigate.

Bill Wolfe mentioned that the Building Permit Officer was sent to investigate his complaint about gas company construction. President Montenegro said that the report Lyndon submitted was in compliance with the ordinance at that time and going forward the revised ordinance will allow the Code Enforcement Officer to handle it.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Tom Yale with all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Yale reported that work on East Mountain Road will be starting in 2-3 weeks.

The application for the dirt

and gravel road grant for the bottom of East Mountain Road was submitted.

Tom Yale asked that the light be removed from the front of the building and replaced with a motion light. A motion to have the work done was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor. Tom Yale will coordinate the work.

A motion to install lights over the voting booths after Election Day was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Secretary Jennifer Slick reported that an article was included in The Forest City News after the last meeting.

A draft of the nuisance ordinance with the changes made during the work session will be submitted to the solicitor for review. Changes can be made at the June meeting and the new ordinance will be advertised after that for passage in July.

Brian Zembrzycki provided an estimate for cold patch. The cost will be \$138/per ton with delivery being \$100 for 1-5 tons and \$150 for 5-10 tons. A motion to purchase 3 tons and have it delivered to the borough building at the edge of the parking lot was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Tom Yale with all in favor. Secretary will find out if the juveniles that need to do probation would be able to fill the holes with cold patch.

NEW BUSINESS

Donna Tedesco made a motion to purchase a new outdoor flag and a spare. Patti Cino seconded the motion with all in favor. Secretary will find some options.

A motion to donate \$100 to True Friends was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Tom

Yale with all in favor. Check will be issued in June.

President Montenegro submitted a letter of resignation stating that June will be his last month. A motion to table action was made by Patti Cino and seconded by Tom Yale, with all in favor except President Montenegro.

A motion to purchase blinds for three of the windows was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Tom Yale with all in favor. President Montenegro will look into options.

A question was raised about garbage collection and President Montenegro said it will be on the agenda for June and will be discussed at that time.

Mayor Heller said the Code Enforcement Officer will be following up on those property owners that the borough made agreements with regarding violations of the junk car ordinance. Ann Marie Saam said she received a letter and the property in question is not hers. Secretary apologized for the confusion. Bill Conrad questioned the definition of stock cars. Based on the current ordinance and the Borough's Solicitor's opinion, a stock car would be considered unregistered and would count towards the 2 allowable unregistered per property.

Mike Fortuner requested a copy of the junk vehicle ordinance.

Mike Fortuner, Ann Marie Saam, and Patty Saam volunteered to serve on the grievance committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Yale, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor. Next Meeting June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Road repairs set for Vandling

Vandling Borough Council held its monthly meeting without Secretary Nancy Perri on Monday, May 21. In addition, Councilmen John Carachilo and Patrick Sherry, as well as Mayor Joe Brady were absent.

After much discussion about a bill for \$2,700 from Regal Plumbing and Heating for work on the furnace, Council agreed to pay it. The estimate was \$1,000 over the actual cost. President Fran Pantzar said the work had to be done and it happened between meetings.

B'DALE FIRE REPORT

Browndale Fire Chief Josh Debevec reported 15 calls for April and 364 hours of training. He invited everyone to the Car Show on June 2 on the Fire Company grounds.

MAYOR'S CONFERENCE

Mayor Joe Brady would like attend a Mayor's Conference in Lancaster. The cost is \$225 and Council agreed to pay the fee.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Atty. Paul Smith reported that Liquid Fuel money can be used to patch potholes deeper than one inch. Council said almost all the potholes are deeper than one inch.

There is currently \$70,000 in liquid fuels money to fix the roads. Council will inspect the roads and see which areas need patching and then will get estimates. Councilman John Mayers said he does not want to spend more than \$60,000. President Pantzar said they need some reserve.

MS4 ORDINANCE

President Fran Pantzar thanked Councilman John Mayers for all of the work that he has done concerning the MS4 Stormwater Ordinance. He has put a lot of time and effort into all of the paperwork that needs to be done. Council agreed to advertise the stormwater ordinance and then vote at the next meeting for formal passage.

WEBSITE

Council discussed set-

ting up a website for the borough. Councilman John Mayers said he has checked with Forest City who has a great website and they pay \$500 for five years for a Go Daddy site.

Councilman Bill Boyle questioned who would design the page and then maintain it.

Mayers said that he and Secretary Nancy Perri would design it and she would maintain it on a regular basis.

Atty. Smith said it needs to have links to DEP regarding the Stormwater Ordinance.

Mayers said he would look into it further.

CAMERAS

Two video cameras have already installed around the municipal building and the garage and two more will be installed shortly.

STREET DEPT. RAISE

Councilman John Mayers asked to consider giving street department worker Guy Gerstel a raise from \$12 to \$14. Mayers said he saw him patching holes on a Sunday and said he deserves it. Council agreed to the raise.

TAX COLLECTOR

Fran Pantzar publicly thanked Maryann Risboskin for all she does as tax collector and collecting the garbage fee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Egnatovich questioned why the Simpson fire company was the first one called to the recent fire in Richmondale. He said he is concerned that if he has a fire at his residence there could be a problem with the fact that there are two Hillside Streets, one in Vandling and one in Richmondale and they have the same zip codes.

Josh Debevec and Greg Bock of the Browndale Fire Company asked to discuss the issue with Council after the meeting. Council agreed to discuss it with them.

Dave Pecko reported a huge pothole in front of the playground which is four or five inches deep. A child fell in the hole recently. He was

that it will be fixed.

Maryann Risboskin said she is working with John Carachilo and the former members of the Recreation Board to get flags for Main Street. She asked if Council knew what company the Borough uses for its Christmas decorations. John Mayers said he would get her the name.

Risboskin said letters will be sent out letting residents know of a charge if the garbage fee is late. It was not listed on the tax bill.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 18 at 7 PM.

Nothing found In drug dog School sweep

At the May 14 meeting of Forest City Regional School Board Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina said the school was put on a 45-minute lockdown May 11 as the result of a sweep conducted by the Susquehanna County Sheriff's Canine unit.

After having the canines sweep the lockers in the school with no results, the dogs alerted on two vehicles in the School's upper parking lot. High School Principal Dr. Michael Elia inspected the vehicles and found nothing suspicious.

Dr. Aquilina noted that the Sheriffs could not search the vehicles without obtaining a warrant however Dr. Elia could conduct the searches since there is no presumption of privacy for that which is brought on school property.

Dr. Aquilina issued a robo-call to the school community that evening advising that the lockdown had taken place.

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