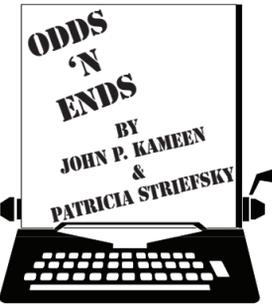


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



I've learned....That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned....That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned....That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned....That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned....That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

To all of you.... Make sure you read all the way down to the last sentence.

Written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Rooney has passed away but used to be on CBS's 60 Minutes TV show

Union Dale eyes nuisance Roads, garbage collection

Union Dale Borough held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 2.

Union Dale Mayor Heller said he contacted The Forest City News and the minutes from the March meeting were not published because they needed to check on their end about publishing them before council approved them. It was decided the secretary, Jennifer Slick, will send a letter saying that council approves publishing the minutes in advance of them being approved.

GRANT
Secretary Slick reported that the first half of the money for the Dirt & Gravel Road grant was requested.

ROADWORK
Tom Yale said that the county will need to meet with the contractor before work can begin on East Mountain Road.

POTHOLE PATCHING
Donna Tedesco said that the borough should consider putting cold patch in potholes to prevent them from deteriorating further. She said it would allow the borough to hold off on making major repairs. Secretary to contact Brian Zembrzycki for the cost of a load of cold patch.

TAR AND CHIPPING
President James Montenegro said a company needs to be found that would tar and chip roads. Bill Wolfe suggested that PennDot be contacted because they will come and evaluate the roads at no cost to the borough.

BURNING
President Montenegro stated that he does not want to burden people with garbage collection, however, he would like to get the residents' opinion. Since the nuisance ordinance will be revised, it is possible that burning could be restricted, so the borough needs to be able to provide for residents to get rid of their refuse. It could be added to residents' tax bills.

Roast Pork at Christ Church Sat., May 5

Christ Episcopal Church, Dundaff and Delaware Streets in Forest City will hold a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, May 5. Take-outs will be from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM and Family Style Dinner will be from 5 to 7 PM. Donation is \$12. For advance tickets call 570-785-3425 and leave a message.

Office hours For FC Mayor

Forest City Borough Mayor Tammy Rogalski will hold office hours on the first Thursday of every month beginning May 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the office at the borough building. Please come visit!

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 May 2.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Patti Cino stated that she felt the sample ordinance provided by the solicitor had too many restrictions. President Montenegro said he felt it did not have enough restrictions. He likes the current ordinance better with some updates. Tom Yale stated that while some of the current ordinance is dated, he would like to revise it. Donna Tedesco agreed and said that she thinks the best route would be to revise the present ordinance and add some additional things. She felt there was too much about animals.

After a lengthy discussion, President Montenegro stated that he feels the ordinance needs to cover both people and businesses.

Patti Cino said that the ordinance needs to be written so that it can be enforced. President Montenegro said that he believes the Mayor also has the authority to write summons for ordinance violations, but would check into it further. Tom Yale said he would like to include no burning in the revised ordinance.

WORK SESSION
A motion to hold a work session to make amendments to the current nuisance ordinance will be held from 6-7 pm before the May meeting and was made by Patti Cino, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

President Montenegro said he would be looking for residents that would be interested in serving on the Grievance Committee. He would like to have a meeting in June to discuss garbage collection and have residents interested in being on the Grievance Committee volunteer.

WEBSITE
President Montenegro said that the website can be viewed at <https://uniondaleboroughpa.com>. He said that the mayor and fire department can have their own pages on the website.

LETTERS SENT

Secretary Slick said that she sent two letters to residents regarding the agreement to have their properties in compliance with the junk car ordinance by May 7, 2018.

The next meeting will be held on May 7 at 7 PM.

Sen. Baker Office Hours In FC May 16

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 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.



A Celebration of the Life of former Forest City Regional High School teacher David St. Ledger was held on Sunday, April 22 at the Forest City High School. Former students and faculty remembered the man who influenced so many lives. Pictured are members of Mr. St. Ledger's family and participants in the ceremony.

Former students, faculty, family, and friends gather to remember educator David St. Ledger

A crowd of over 250 attended a Celebration of Life for long-time educator David St. Ledger on Sunday, April 22 at the Forest City Regional High School Auditorium.

Former Forest City Regional Superintendent Lou Zefran and former teacher William Clark organized the celebration. The committee also included Pat Flynn, Jerry Chervanka, and Lou Cicci who did much of the background work.

Zefran welcomed the crowd who included his wife, Mary; his children David, Mary, Ann, and Susan; their spouses and his grandchildren, by describing St. Ledger as an outstanding husband, father, friend, educator and wonderful man who had the finest qualities of integrity and decency.

Col. Jeffrey Swegel, Class of '82 led the Pledge of Allegiance. He told how, "The Saint" as he was known to many, referred to Jeff as Colonel, even in high school, after learning that he was interested in attending the Air Force. Members of the St. Ledger family were even in attendance at Swegel's change of command ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The National Anthem was sung by Dr. Marissa Nacinovich, Class of '99, accompanied by Mary Ferraro, FCR Faculty.

Invocation was by Father Brian Clarke, pastor of Ascension Parish and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Forest City and Pleasant Mount.

A beautiful slide show was presented by Paul McCormick of FCRS Audio Visual Department featuring David and his family throughout his life.

Matthew Nebydoski, Class of '93, provided a biography of the life of Mr. St. Ledger, adding that he was a significant influence in his life and is one of the reasons that he became a social studies teacher and now a school administrator.

Mary Emmett, Forest City Regional School Board President, and Class of '84, welcomed the St. Ledger family, alumni, and friends. She said St. Ledger left a lasting impression on her. He was a "gentleman and a gentle man. He knew when to just listen and when to give sound advice." In closing, Emmett said, "May all of your days in Heaven be Days at the Beach," which was a famous saying of his.

Former Superintendent Michael DeStefano remembered St. Ledger as a person you would want teaching young adults. "He had class and good character. He was prepared, enthusiastic, and challenged students to do their best. He had goodness and decency. Students admired him and he treated all students like family. He was a role model for young adults and will be remembered as a teacher who could relate to students by being himself. He taught students to be respectful to everyone and they respected him," said DeStefano.

Ann Chervanka, a retired FCR faculty member, taught at Forest City for 30 years. She remembered working with him but more so spending time with he and his family in Carbondale. She remembered many funny events which happened throughout the years, one involving a skunk. She quoted Dr. Seuss by saying, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Jack Sudlesky, Ben Franklin HS, Carbondale, Class of '66, knew St. Ledger for over 50 years, having him as a teacher in 8th grade and high school in Carbondale, as a coach, and as a teacher in college. Sudlesky said his friendship was the most important thing and he always got the best advice. "He made history interesting," said Sudlesky.

Dr. Karen Hiznay Rizzo, Class of '77, remembered St. Ledger on two levels, athletic and academic. She said she remembered him attending both home and away girls basketball games where Hiznay was a standout player. He was a big supporter and followed her as she went on to Villanova University on a basketball scholarship. She was valedictorian of her class and had Mr. St. Ledger in her senior year. "He was into his subject and knew what he was talking about. He challenged his students. He cared," said Hiznay Rizzo.

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FCR Art Contest Winners



The Forest City News recently held its annual Spring Art Contest. Over 88 pieces of artwork appeared in our Spring Extravaganza Tabloid. There were two First Prize winners in both the Elementary and the High School. Each received a cash prize. Pictured left to right are Kendra Karwan, 1st Prize HS; Claire Urbas, 2nd Prize HS; Lorelei Pensyl, 1st Prize Ele.; and Molly Pisarcik, 2nd Prize Ele.

FCR School Improvement Plan survey

The Forest City Regional School District is in the process of development of a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan to guide the district's work through the 2021-2022 school year.

We would appreciate you taking the time to complete a brief survey to help guide planning and focus resources. The survey can be accessed here: <https://goo.gl/forms/SFBefT8k-FKN64u2>

Please contact Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Superintendent of Schools, at 570-785-2403 if you would prefer a paper copy or if you have any questions or concerns.

We greatly appreciate your participation and look forward to learning more about our community's perception of the Forest City Regional School District.

Memorial Weekend Yard Sales

Forest City Area Yard Sale Application
Locations and items for sale
To be published in May 23 Forest City News

Name: _____

Address: _____

Items to be Sold: (Brief Description) _____

Phone Number: _____

Yard Sale Date Sat., May 26, 2018 8 a.m.

Make \$5 check payable to: Forest City Area Historical Society

(Note: \$5 Fee must accompany application)

Mail to: Forest City Area Historical Society

c/o Juliann Doyle

305 Martin St.

Browndale, Pa 18421

or drop off at News Office

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 fcnews@nep.net.

Everyone who submits a photo will also have the photo included on our website, in color, for FREE.

