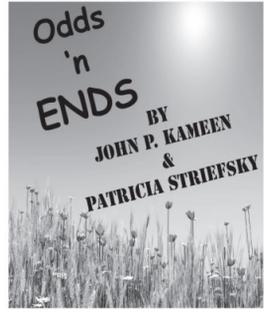


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Thanks to the advertisers who listed their products and services in this week's Tourist Guide. Put it aside for dates of events you might be interested in, or products and services you might need this summer.

It's been a strange Spring/Summer. Mostly temps in the 50's in the morning and some 70's as the day wears on. Last Sunday's thunder storm brought quarter-size hail here. Can only hope actual summer will get here. Hasn't slowed grass growing, however.

The popular Old Time Fiddlers will be at the Historical Society Friday night at 8PM.

The Forest City American Legion Post 524 has a shed at the property on Dundaff Street that they would like to get rid of. If you are interested in taking the shed for a donation to the Legion, please contact Jeff Swegel at 1-334-549-6300.

We understand Main Street will be getting some pedestrian safety signs soon. Badly needed!

FCR High School Principal Resigns

The Forest City Regional School Board accepted the resignation of High School Principal Dr. Michael Elia at the Board meeting held on Monday, June 18. Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina thanked Dr. Elia for his nearly two years of service and wished him the best of luck in his new position as a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction in a neighboring district.

Subscription Increases Effective July 1
Subscriptions in Susquehanna, Wayne and Lackawanna Counties will increase to **\$35.00** per year.
Subscriptions outside those counties and outside the state will be **\$45.00** per year.
This is the first increase in 10 years and is necessary due to increasing costs of postage, newsprint and other facets of printing a newspaper.

EARLY COPY DEADLINE FOR THE WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th ISSUE
All articles, display ads and classified ads must be received **BY THUR., JUNE 28 AT 3 pm**



Vandling property Issues addressed

Vandling Borough Council made a motion to approve consolidation of properties at the Wash Me Car Wash on Main Street following approval by the Lackawanna Planning Commission. This took place at the monthly meeting on Monday, June 18.

Attorney Walter Casper, Attorney for Dave Trichilo, owner of the Wash Me Car Wash, addressed Council on the matter. Trichilo wants to consolidate properties which house the car wash and the storage units and then wants to extend one of the units farther back which will require a variance.

Vandling does not have a zoning hearing board or a planning commission so the request for the variance would have to come from Council.

Atty. Casper was given a zoning application to fill out for the request. He will let Council know when the approval comes from the Lackawanna Planning Commission.

STREET LIGHT

Joe Stanton questioned why the street light at 722 Main Street does not shut off. President Fran Pantzar said he would contact PPL.

STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Council passed the lengthy and detailed Stormwater Ordinance. It was advertised and was ready for passage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman John Mayers was absent but sent some information that President Pantzar presented to Council.

Mayers is working on the newsletter which will be done soon. Council agreed to mail it out before the next meeting in July.

Secretary Nancy Perri is working on getting a website set up for the Borough. She hopes to have it all finished by the end of July.

Liquid Fuels money will be used for roadway patching. Bids will go out soon for the work that needs to be done on various roads in the Borough.

Joe Stanton asked if the storm drain box located near his property at 568 Rear Main Street could be looked at. He said the road has broken away. Council said they would take a look at it.

DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY

Councilman John Carachilo asked what is going to be done with the property at 4th and Ash Street in the development that has the high grass. He said the Code Officer has made several calls to the lending institution.

Concert at FCA Hist.Soc. Friday, June 29

The Forest City Area Historical Society is proud to announce an upcoming concert at their Museum, 629 Main Street, Forest City, Pa.

On Friday, June 29th at 8:00 P.M. The Old Time Fiddlers will perform their wide range of folk and bluegrass music that is a very popular local favorite. The concert is an annual event at the Forest City Area Historical Society Museum which always brings a full house attendance of enthusiastic listeners. This is a most entertaining concert for the whole family.

The concert is a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Admission is \$5.00 per person, children under 12 Free. The Forest City Area Historical Society Museum is a Handicapped Accessible facility with an elevator and air conditioning.

While at the Forest City Area Historical Society Museum, view the many historical displays of the communities of the Forest City Regional Area. For contacts: 570-785-3800.

tution that has the property to no avail.

Joe Lavin, CEO, said he has had problem with maintenance of the grass since last year. He has contacted the lending institution about 15 times over the past two years, having called eight times this year.

President Pantzar said the Borough has two options. They can wait and hope the grass gets cut or they have the Borough take care of the property and send the lending institution a bill. They could also file a municipal lien against the property which would be the only guaranteed way to get paid but it would cost a few hundred dollars.

Lavin said he knows it will get done but just not sure when.

Carachilo said they can't fine them because it is only \$25 and suggested all of the fines need to be adjusted in the borough.

President Pantzar said he thinks the Borough should just take care of it. Councilman Carachilo said it would set a precedent and would allow others to stop cutting their grass.

Councilman Bill Boyle suggested they wait 30 days and act on it at the next meeting. Pantzar said it is possibly a health hazard now and suggested the CEO contact the lending institution again.

Carachilo also said there is a tree at 4th and Ash Streets that is blocking the stop sign and needs to be taken care of.

MAIN STREET TREE

Attorney Paul Smith told Council of a tree on Main Street that has grown into the right of way on Rte. 171 and drivers leaving the development can not see more than four or five car lengths.

John Carachilo said he would contact PennDot and Atty. Smith said he would write a letter to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Stanton and Mr. Bell, residents who live next to a property on Main Street owned by Ed Bloxham, appeared before Council to complain about a tenant who is throwing food, gear oil, salt and everything else you can imagine, outside of the property and it is a health hazard. The tenant does not get along with anyone, according to Stanton. Stanton said he has told Bloxham about the situation and nothing has been done. "This is the second year this is happening," said Stanton.

Council said it is a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and the Code Enforcement Officer needs to put Bloxham on notice.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 16 at 7 PM.

Electronics Recycling for Vandling Residents July 14

Vandling Borough will hold an Electronics Recycling for residents on Saturday, July 14 from 9 AM to Noon at the Borough Building. It is being held in conjunction with other electronics recycling in Lackawanna County.

There is no cost to drop off your electronic items.

Items accepted are: Answering Machines, Audio/Visual Equipment, Cable TV Boxes, Calculators, Cameras, Cell Phones, CD ROM Drives, Circuit Boards, Computer Equipment, Copiers, Desk Phones, Desk Top Computers, Digital Phones, DVD Players, Fax Machines, Floppy Drives, Game Boys, GPS Devices, Laptops, Microscopes, Modems, MP3 Players, Nintendos, PDA's, Peripherals, Playstations, Power Supplies, Printers, Flat Screen TV's, Satellite Phones, Tower Computers, VCR Players, and Xbox's.



Members of the Forest City Regional High School National Honor Society at the Annual Induction Ceremony held on Thursday, June 7 at the Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale.

Dr. Tammy L. Carlson, OD, is guest speaker at FCR National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The 35th annual induction ceremony for the Forest City Regional Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Thursday, June 7 at the Hotel Anthracite, Carbondale. Eighteen students were inducted at candlelight ceremonies beginning at 6 PM.

New inductees were: Class of 2018 - Madison Gasper; Class of 2019 - Emily Anderson; Class of 2020 - Nicholas Andrews, Jessica Curley, Gary Druhl, Kara Kelly, Kaleigh Matoushek, Tyler Skotch, Madeline Bailer, Anthony D'Antuono, James B. Gulbin, Jonathan Lipko, Alexander Montauderes, Gabriel Zukosky, Matthew Carey, Corey Daniels, Emily Kelleher, and Isabelle Lemoncelli.

National Honor Society members are:

Class of 2019 - Blaise Albright, Luke Bender, Cameron Brucher, Chloe Calabro, Angel Chen, Jordan Coles, Anthony D'Antuono, Joshua Doyle, Matthew Giles, Kary Gillette, Sarah Hunt, Emily Kernoschak, Maggie Kowalewski, Natalie Lipko, Joshua Loysch, David Lynch, Elizabeth Mayers, Katie Nebzydowski, Katie Nguyen, Jessica Notari, Kathryn Novajosky, Lucas O'Neill, Riley O'Neill, Eric Paulin, Alissa Pelick, Thomas Piotrowski, Laura Statkun, and Finn Yount.

Class of 2018 - Pavol Almasi, Ian Bailey, Lee Clarke, MacKenzie Hartman, Chris Karwan, Kevin Kelly, Sarah McHale, Jordan Non, Corryn Prince, Matthew Tighe, Matthew Trotter, Erin Urban, and Noah Yates.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The Principal Speaker was Dr. Tammy L. Carlson, OD, 1991 graduate of FCR, a 1995 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, a 1999 graduate of the New England Col-

lege of Optometry, and had the privilege of being the NHS president of this very same Chapter.

Students inducted into the National Honor Society have demonstrated that they have positive traits as Leaders of character who are willing to serve their communities while maintaining an exemplary academic record. It is the combination of these traits that make the NHS student special.

Dr. Carlson's speech is as follows:

Participation in the National Honor Society is an important element of healthy school culture; each student is more than the sum of his or her component parts. The National Honor Society is built on four pillars which are based on: creating enthusiasm for SCHOLARSHIP, stimulating a desire to render SERVICE, promoting LEADERSHIP, and developing CHARACTER in these fine, young individuals we are celebrating here this evening.

LEADERSHIP

What defines a leader? I believe a leader is defined by his or her ability to look at adversity and turn it into an opportunity.

President John Quincy Adams once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a Leader."

Leaders are not born. Leadership is a learned response. There are opportunities in your daily lives to train yourself in the art of leadership through class projects, tough situations on the playing field, disputes that may arise within your community, deciding which classes to choose, or which university you would like to attend..... these are all opportunities that cultivate leadership.

Often times it is a difficult decision to assume the role of a leader. Being a leader may mean standing up for what you know in your heart is right only to face possible opposition from peers, friends, family, or the community in which you live. However, just because someone is in a leadership position does not always mean that their heart is in it for the right reasons. With maturity, education, and life experiences you will be able to make educated decisions and assume your role as a leader.

SERVICE

The Pillar of Service can be reached in a variety of ways. The willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without compensation or recognition of any kind is a quality that is essential in NHS members.

Mohandas Ghandi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

The National Honor Society strives to do just that, giving it's all to the school and surrounding community without seeking anything in return. I recall during my years as a member of the NHS going to Kennedy park to put a fresh coat of paint on the facilities, collecting food items at Thanksgiving for Feed a Friend, and gathering and dispensing toys for Toys for Tots at Christmas time to name a few.

One of the most memorable statements regarding Service that comes to mind is when President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address had said, "And so my fellow Americans ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

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FCR School Board passes \$15 million budget; Some will pay more, some will pay less

The Forest City Regional School Board unanimously passed a \$15,115,142 budget at their Monday, June 18 meeting. All nine directors were present. Tax levies include 1/2 of 1% of the wage tax and the same for the real estate transfer tax. Millage rates stayed the same from the proposed budget last month: Forest City, Union Dale and Herrick Township - 43.49, Clinton II and Pleasant Mount - 16.78 and Vandling - 91.12.

FNB DEPOSITORY

In other business, FNB (First National Bank) was appointed as the designated depository for the 2018-19 school year. Sweet, Katz & Williams, LLP was appointed as the school solicitor for the 2018-19 school year.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

The 2018 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution was approved.

MEMORANDUMS

Also, the Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and the Forest City Regional Support Professional Association, the Memorandum of Understanding between the school district, the Pennsylvania State Police and local law enforcement agencies effective September 1; Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and the Forest City Regional Education Association; the dual enrollment agreement

and courses offered between the school district and Lackawanna College for the 2018-19 school year and the agreement between the school district and Commonwealth Health's First Hospital for educational services effective August 1, 2018 at a daily rate of \$110, were approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Annette Proehl was appointed as a substitute van driver for 2018 summer runs. A yearly stipend of \$500 each for SWPBS Coaches Bobbi Jo Goben and Heather Monahan for the school year 2017-18.

CUSTODIAN HOURS

Custodial work hours from 4 to 6 hours per day were approved for Mary Brown and Kimberly Mead effective July 1, 2018.

UNPAID LEAVE

Unpaid leave was approved for six employees for various dates between April 27 through August 28.

BOARD TREASURER

School Board Director Bill Heller was approved as Board Treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1 with a \$5,000 bond, no compensation.

DOCTOR & DENTIST APPROVED

Dr. David Tomazick was approved as the School Physician through the Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers for the 2018-19 school year. Dr. Aquilina noted he hasn't increased his rates. Dr. Gerard Genco was approved

as the school dentist for the 2018-19 school year. School Board President Mary Emmett said he donates his time at no charge.

STUDENT TEACHERS

The following student teachers from the University of Scranton for September 6-December 7 2018: Megan Turner - cooperating teacher - Mrs. Turano, Grade 2; Kathleen O'Neill - cooperating teacher - Mrs. Bolcavage, Grade 4 and Nathan Goberdon - cooperating teacher - Ms. Bouse, Kindergarten.

CHANGE ORDERS

In business with the building project: the Change Order Joyce RFCO-15 for time and material work requested by the district at a cost of \$28,836.41; Change Order GC. 12 associated with additional paving for parking at the elementary entrance parking lot at a cost of \$13,750 and Change Order GC-13 associated with the high school gym floor at a cost of \$7,668.64 were all approved.

PJAS STUDENTS

PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) students Ryan Bossick, Maggie Kowalewski, Katie Nebzydowski, Katie Nguyen and Maria Spinelli were recognized for their achievements.

There is no work session for July. The next regular business meeting will be held on Monday, July 16.