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Dear Editor:

I am Tina Cerar Root and I am a longtime subscriber of this newspaper. My parents were Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cerar, Vandling. Tom Cerar, my brother, worked for the Forest City News as a printer for many years. I am 98 years old and live in the Good Shepherd home in Binghamton. Do you know that the head of the country of Slovenia, the homeland of many of the early residents of Forest City, is named Cerar. Don't know if our Vandling Cerar's are related. Wouldn't that be great if we were?

I would like to add my childhood remembrances to your column "Coal Pail" by Robert Coal:

Behind our house in Vandling was a huge rock dump. The mines took rock out of the ground as well as coal. We kids would climb the rocks till we got to the top. The other side of the dump was cinders. We would run down the dump in the cinders. It was more fun coming down than going up. If one rock got loose and hit the person behind you, it could have hurt them pretty bad.

We also had a swinging bridge in Vandling over the Lackawanna River. We younger kids got on it and the older ones would swing it. We only had a cable to hang on to and we would scream and cry and beg them to stop. It's a miracle we didn't fall in the river since none of us could swim.

We also were always walking on the railroad tracks. We kept our Guardian Angels busy.

Tina Cerar Root
Binghamton, NY

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The letter to the editor in the News from Ambrose Tusko is great. It reminded me of my princess pine picking with my uncle Dick (Richard Atkinson). We used to pick pine under the Still Water Cliffs.

Boopie Atkinson also went with us. Princess pine made the best looking wreaths for the Christmas season.

John Opeka's dad and family was one of the best pine pickers in the town. Glad that you and the paper are bringing all of the old time memories to life.

Keep putting in the great stories.

Bob Cole

Blood Drive at B'dale Fire Hall Fri., June 22

The Browndale Fire Station will be turned into a Community Red Cross Blood donation center from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, June 22, 2018. The Browndale Fire Station is located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Please stop by to donate the gift of life!

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go on-line to: www.redcrossblood.org. You may also walk in. Please help support the Red Cross and donate blood. "Give the gift of life, Give Blood".

Waste containers Must be moved From the curb

Residents of Forest City are asked to adhere to the Forest City waste disposal ordinance which requires that waste containers be removed from the street and curb after collections are made on Friday.

Due to high winds in the past, empty containers were blown on the roads and cars had to avoid hitting them.

Historical Society Program For Trail Town is complete

Forest City Area Historical Society will make some repairs to the stairs of the museum and also to the stonewall in front. After more than 100 years, the iconic stonewall has started to tip forward, apparently as a result of two sidewalk replacements during the past two years.

The June 10 meeting also heard final plans for the Trail Town Festival and 250th anniversary of Anthracite. The program of events was finalized by the chairpersons Dave and Joann Homisak. There will be five ethnic programs July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 and 3 which will highlight the ethnic origins of Forest City during the mining era.

Dates and speakers for the ethnic programs, at which the public is invited, are:

Monday, July 30, 7pm, Charlie Kumpas, slide presentation on actual coal mining and coal breakers.

Tuesday, July 30, 7pm, Alan Gordon, Polish heritage.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 7pm, Stephanie Longo, Italian heritage.

Thursday, Aug. 2, 7pm, Carol Gargan, Lithuanian heritage.

Friday, Aug. 3, 7pm, William "Bill" Puntar, Slovenian heritage.

The Society will sponsor a Scavenger Hunt for Aug. 4 from 10am to 3pm. Peggy Brager will set up tables of historical artifacts in six Main Street stores. People will be asked to get a Trail Town Pass Port signed in each store and brought to the Museum. A drawing for two bikes will be held at 5pm.

A full day of events will

also take place on Trail Town Festival Day, Saturday, August 4. The Museum will be open to the public and a full day of programs have been planned along with the sale of ethnic foods—Kielbasi, pierogis, cabbage and noodles, sausage and peppers and other ethnic delicacies. Juliann Doyle, FCAHS secretary, is in charge of the kitchen.

The first meeting of the participants in the mining family play, entitled "Stories From Patch Town", written and directed by Shelly Giles, Drama Director of Forest City Regional High School, was scheduled for June 14. It will portray family life back in the early 1900's when "Coal Was King" in Forest City. It will be staged at the Museum Aug. 4 at 5PM.

The play will be followed by ethnic music by David Slick on his button box accordion, and Jude Wasileski's Polka Jets.

All events at the Museum on August 4 will be free except for sale of food.

Dave Opeka will provide the wagon for the float in the 9pm Light Parade Aug. 4.

The four historical signs prepared by the 250th Anniversary Committee will be dedicated that day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Treasurer Bob Wirts gave his report: Checking acct. \$2,543; Savings Acct. \$20,508; CD (HNB) \$1,040; Forester Investment \$5,549. Monthly expenses were \$212.

The owner of the former Presbyterian Church in the 700 block of Main St., has offered to donate the building to the Society. The membership will look at the building

before making a decision.

A check for \$500 was received from NAMMO Pocal Company, in the name of its employee, Matt Homisak, Forest City. The Company indicated it supports many events in which its employees are involved.

Museum Booking agent Paul Ferraro reported that The Wayne County Barber-shoppers will perform Tuesday, June 26, 7PM. The Old Time Fiddlers will perform Friday, June 29, at 7PM. There will be a wedding reception in the basement June 23, and a baby shower July 14. Any local people seeking to have parties or meetings at the Museum or basement can contact Mr. Ferraro at 785-5177 or 679-2452.

Tammy O'Reilly, Bob Wirts, Dave Homisak, and Dave Opeka were congratulated for the excellent Hometown Heroes program on Memorial Day weekend. The three Hometown Heroes events held over the past three years have been the best attended events at the Museum. Some 32 more Heroes banners were presented to family members. They will be added to the others on the Museum walls prior to Trail Town events.

Louis and Martha Shero-shek donated a handmade children's picnic table to the Society. It will be chanced off at the Trail Town Festival.

John Regan donated three hanging baskets to the Society. They were placed on stands on the lawn by Peggy Brager.

The air conditioning unit was repaired by Rock Hill Plumbing, Browndale.

Mountain View Garden Club Plant Exchange & Marketplace a success

The Mountain View Garden Club recently held its 14th Plant Exchange & Marketplace at its new location, the Clifford Community Center. We would like to publicly thank the community for its support of this event over the years.

A special thank you to the Clifford Parks & Recreation Committee for allowing, and encouraging, us to use their beautiful facility.

Vendors and friends of the Garden Club provided items to be included in a Chinese Auction. The winners are: a live wreath provided by George's Aeroponics, won by Pauline Roth; a framed print provided by Greg Pelly, won by Mary Mushala; a baby pillow crocheted by JoAnn Olivo, won by Bobby Achey; a patriotic wreath provided by Helene Tinsley, won by Mary Mushala; a basket from Denise Marcel, won by JoAnn Hall; a fabric decorative item provided by Barb Pilcavage, won by Susan Haff; bracelet and earrings provided by Su-

Outreach hours for Commissioner MaryAnn Warren

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner will meet with residents on Thursday, June 28, between 1 and 3 p.m. at Elegante's Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City. She would like to hear from you if you have concerns or suggestions for the County.

No appointment is necessary, her office number is 570.278.6604 if there's something in particular you need or if you would like to schedule an appointment, either in Forest City or Montrose. Stop by, share conversation and a slice of pizza and soda with your Commissioner. She looks forward to seeing you.

san Lathrop, won by Helene Tinsley; note cards provided by June Lambertson, won by Pauline Roth; a succulent plant provided by Norma Genevich, won by Julianna Piccini; a garden basket provided by Greenfield Power Equipment, won by JoAnn Hall; a basket provided by Patty O'Hara, won by Pauline Roth; a painting from Joe Kluck, won by Janie Matthews; essential oils provided by Maya Hebert, won by Sheryl Barlow; a pound of honey provided by Lynn Anderson, won by Mary Mushala; a jar of maple syrup provided by Lisa Burke, won by Susie Barlow; a concrete dog provided by Steve Milewski, won by Helene Tinsley; a lavender eye pillow from Gail O'Brien, won by Sheryl Barlow; earrings pro-

Herrick Township Seeking applicants

Herrick Township Supervisors are seeking two applicants to serve on the Herrick Township Planning Commission. Interested persons must be residents of Herrick Township. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the township building if agenda items have been received by the first Thursday. If you're interested please email the secretary, Nancy Harvatine, at herrick@nep.net or call 570-679-2273.

vided by Sheryl Hoffman, won by Bobbi Achey.

At the Plant Exchange, attendees are invited to bring two potted perennials from their gardens to exchange for two perennials of like size or value. Other plants which are sold are provided by garden club members and friends of the garden club. The garden club holds a flea market, 2nd Hand Rose, in conjunction with the Plant Exchange & Marketplace, where many treasures can be found.

The Garden Club holds this event on the first Sunday in June and looks forward to many more events at their new venue in Clifford.

FREE Comm. Meal at Christ Church June 23

Christ Church in Forest City is thrilled to continue our program of monthly Free Community Luncheons on Saturday, June 23. As always, we welcome all who come through our doors to enjoy a hearty meal that we happily serve with warm and friendly fellowship. Your ongoing media assistance has been greatly appreciated, as it enables us to continue to grow our program throughout the coming year.

Please, bring your appetites as we hope you'll join our FUN too!

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Pleasant Mount News

By Theresa Opeka
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Happy Birthday to: Teresa Carlin, Jessica Corey, Lisa Eltz, David Branning Amy Branning, Tania Pollard, Logan Fitzsimmons, George Banicky, Roger Dix, Jeff Sprovklin, Julie Branning, Bill Ellicks, Jenny Hall, Jeanne Pasternak, Jackie Puntar, Vince Alnick, Chris Albright, Neil Albright, Ashley Peck, Laurel Evans, Midge May, Sylvia Bailey and Alan Kulakosky.

Happy Anniversary to: Scott and Jacqueline Korkes, Robert and Marie Keesler, Ronald and Diane Matalaga, Jarrod and Marsha Burleigh, Joe and Barbara Sprovklin and Chris and Amy Murray. Congratulations to Casandra Bendyk, Pleasant Mount, on achieving the Dean's List for the spring semester at Lycoming College.

The Lakewood Area Pantry will be held at the Northern Wayne Family Health Center, 412 Como Rd., Lake Como from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20. For an emergency need call 570-798-2229

Pleasant Mount Library events: Storytime with Wendy Stueber, every Wednesday at 10:30 am; Wooden Block Party for all ages with

Wendy Stueber - Saturday, June 23rd - 11 am to 2 pm; Playgroup with Sheryl Popkin - Tuesday, June 26th - 10am to noon; July Fourth Celebration - Wednesday, July 4th - 9am to 2 pm - Quilt Raffle, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle and Book Sale.

The Pleasant Mount United Methodist Church will hold a chicken barbeque on July 4th. Serving begins at noon and all dinners will be served take-out. All proceeds benefit the church. Prep work will be on Monday and Tuesday July 2 & 3 starting at 9am. Anyone willing to help is welcome and would be appreciated.

Property Transfers for Preston Township for March: March 5; Arthur S. Spangenberg, Margot E. Spangenberg, a property to Bruce L. Woodmansee, Ann D. Woodmansee; March 9; Lynn M. Kenny ADM, Renee M. Rusin Rutledge ADM, Edmund B. Rusin EST, a property to Robert A. Burns; March 13, John K. Avanzino, Angelique Moreno, a property to Louisa M. Avanzino and March 27, Louis W. Napolitano, Christina Napolitano, a property to Joann V. Kraemer.

John Reeder Jr. new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator in Herrick Twp.

By Theresa Opeka

One of the issues discussed at the Monday, June 4 meeting of the Herrick Township Supervisors was a position that was filled and another vacated by the same person. Supervisor Elliot Ross said John Reeder Jr. expressed an interest in the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator position. Ross and Supervisors Nancy Harvatine and Brian Zembrzycki all voted in favor of Reeder filling the position. He also sent a letter resigning from the planning commission effective immediately. All voted in favor of accepting the resignation. There are now 2 vacancies on the board.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency completed its background check on Joe Rossi for Emergency Management Coordinator and found no issues.

There was 6.38 inches of precipitation in the township for the month of May.

Harvatine read an email from Lorne Powell. She said there have been drainage issues on her property. It has been completely saturated for years. She said she had to replace her septic system and there is a pipe under the road going into her yard. Harvatine sent her an email to contact PennDOT since she lives on Lewis Lake Road.

The township received \$859.80 in state police fines.

There was complaint about a defective monkey bar at the park. Zembrzycki said he will fix it.

Cabot Oil & Gas sent a notice of proposed gas wells on a property in Gibson Township.

Harvatine said she received an email from the Best family on Svecz Road requesting road work issues be resolved and the area be restored to its previous condition.

Zembrzycki asked if park grant money could be used to pour concrete under the pavilion in the park. He wants to anchor the benches down so they stay in place. He said it should cost around \$600 and he will volunteer his time.

"Young Lungs At Play" no smoking signs were installed at the park.

A sign on Lyon Street for Herrick Ridge, as well as Lewis Lake, Stark, Crossroad and Airport street signs are missing. They will be replaced.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 2 at 7pm.

Heroin task force hot line

The Wayne County Heroin Prevention Task Force anonymous tip line can be text messaged to 570-391-0657 also like them on FACEBOOK to keep you up to date with activities. The task force's goal is to provide education to the community.



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