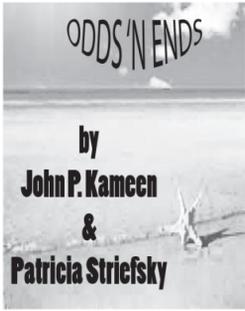


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Our office Manager Jean Matoushek is doing better and out of the hospital by the time you read this. She appreciates all the calls and visits we've had from customers inquiring about her. Hope to have her back in the near future.

Friends and family of our advertising manager Jennifer Butler had a surprise 50th birthday party for her Saturday at the Fiddle Lake home of Kevin and Jeri Haynes. Lots of good food and friendship on the menu.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new Mayor Chris Ginton. We promised him our cooperation in all projects which will benefit Forest City.

In our continuing effort to taste test all the foods at our Dining Guide advertisers, the most recent was The Plate d'Azure, Main St. Carbondale, where I had the VERY best Chicken Francaise I have had in memory. Just the perfect consistency and delicious seasoning. Others had the "Build Your Own Pasta" with delicious Marinara sauce. All complimented by garlic and oil-dipped Italian bread. A meal fit for a king!

Our ethnic heritage will be explained next week in a series of presentations Mon. thru Fri. at 7PM at the Historical Society. Charlie Kumpas will talk about mining on Monday; Alan Gordon will discuss Polish customs Tuesday; Stephanie Longo's subject will be Italian heritage Wednesday; Carol Gargan will feature Lithuanian customs Thursday; and Joseph Beautz will talk about Slovenians on Friday. The public is invited. Museum is air conditioned and has an elevator.

If you were old enough you recognized the big object traveling north on Main St. last Friday was a railroad caboose. It will be on display near Rail Trail headquarters in Union Dale.

The enforcement of pedestrian crossing rules on Main St. is getting better. Fewer drivers are ignoring pedestrians in crosswalks, but your best bet is still don't take a chance.

Cornerstone Church Picnic Sun., July 29

Cornerstone Church, Browndale, will hold their Church Picnic on Sunday, July 29 at 12:30 PM at the Spano Residence, 540 Pleasant Mount Drive, Forest City. There will be Fun, Food, and Fellowship, along with fishing, moonwalk, games, swimming, giant slide and food!

Please RSVP to 570-785-4441 or cbc_ma@outlook.com. Everyone is welcome!

Pig roast set for Sat., Aug. 11

The 7th annual D.G.'s pig roast will be held Sat., Aug. 11, at D.G.'s, Main St., Forest City, from 2 p.m. until sold out. Pre-sale dinners appreciated. Music by Wolfman. Cost is \$10.

Benefits will go to the D.G.'s Do Gooders - help for the good when things go bad!



Ginton New FC Mayor



Christopher Ginton was sworn in last Thursday night as Mayor of Forest City by Borough Solicitor Paul Smith. He was selected by Forest City Council with a 4-2 vote over former Council President Barbara Mihelc. The motion to elect Ginton was made by Tracey Lazier. Votes for Ginton were by Council President Nick Cost, Tracey Lazier, Amy Bean and Chris DeGonzague. Council members Bob Lesjack and Joann Matarese voted for Ms. Mihelc. Councilman Bernie Scalzo was not able to attend due to his work. Mayor Ginton said he was born in the Bahamas and became a U.S. citizen the customary way. He said he has been in Forest City since 1993 and is a partner in Ros-Al Floral and Events. He told the people present at the meeting that he wants to see the town come back to what it was back in the 1990s. He will serve until the next Municipal Election in two years. He replaces Tammy Rogalski who resigned June 8th.

Meters Now Enforced



Forest City Borough began enforcing Main Street parking meters on July 16th. Forest City Police Chief Jimmy Johnson reminds shoppers that the meters are in force. The cost of parking is 6 min. for a nickel, 12 minutes for a dime and 30 minutes for a quarter. Meters are in effect Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The overtime parking fine is \$10.

Center St. gazebo in need of repairs

Volunteers needed Sept. 1, 2, 3

Over the years the Park on top of Center Street and below Delaware Street has deteriorated and needs to be revived. Many conversations with many people discussed the possibility of restoring the park to its past "Glory." There actually was a roadway for cars to drive on. That part of the park cannot be restored.

The original trail is overgrown with various vegetation. Since the area is large, a suggestion was made there be phases to begin the project. Phase I is to clean the path from the steps north to Delaware Street. In this process we can see the condition of the pathway, make a decision to repair or replace. Once that is completed we can turn the

Gazebo 90 degrees and raise it a few feet to allow people to walk through the Gazebo on the path.

The weekend of September 1, 2 and 3 (Labor Day) would be a nice time for people to meet on top of Delaware Street or on Center Street to begin the clean up at the park. If you need more information please call 570.267.2708 (if no answer please leave a message.) Donations would be greatly appreciated for the repair of the Gazebo.

The donations can be mailed to the Forest City News, 636 Main Street, Forest City Pa 18421.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. We need volunteers to CLEAN UP.

Nationalities Subject of FC Hist. Society Programs

No history of Anthracite in Forest City would be complete without discussing the nationalities of the men, women and families brought to Forest City by the coal mining industry.

As part of the upcoming Trail Town Festival and 250th Anniversary of Anthracite in Forest City on Sat., Aug. 4th, the Forest City Area Historical Society will have five evenings of ethnic heritage discussions the week prior to the one-day event.

Monday, July 30, 7PM at the Historical Society Museum at 629 Mains Street, Forest City, the presentation will be by anthracite expert Charlie Kumpas who will give a slide presentation on actual coal mining, the anthracite region and coal breakers.

Tuesday, July 31, 7pm, local resident Alan Gordon, will talk

about the contributions of Polish people to the early 20th century in Forest City.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 7pm, Stephanie Longo, founder of the Italian-American Heritage Society of NEPA, will speak on Italian miner's and their customs.

Thursday, Aug. 2, 7pm, Carol Gargan will discuss Lithuanian heritage in Forest City and surrounding area.

Friday, Aug. 3, 7pm, Joseph Beautz will talk of the history of Slovenians coming to the Forest City area.

A full schedule of Rail Trail and Historical Society events will take place beginning at 8am Saturday, Aug. 4, and culminate with a parade and fireworks at 9pm. The public is invited to all of the week's events.

HERRICK CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

By Theresa Opeka
A second public hearing for the conditional use permit to change the Stone Bridge Inn and Restaurant to a drug and alcohol treatment center was held Thursday, July 19 at the Herrick Township Municipal Building. The general consensus from the public remained the same: 'not in my backyard.' Township Solicitor Marissa Cino McAndrew opened the hearing stating more letters of opposition were received, with one lone letter for the change that came from Nancy Ross, Supervisor Elliot Ross' mother. Ross, along with his wife Kim, would like to sell Stone Bridge to Cynthia Bellino, owner of Just Believe Recovery Center. McAndrew also read an email that was received by Catherine Meredith requesting Supervisor Nancy Harvatine recuse herself from the hearing and the matter because she has a "closely bonded relationship with Mr. Ross" and that they are friends outside of township meetings. McAndrew said Harvatine disagreed and said she only converses with Ross during meetings and about township business and refused to recuse herself.

In summary, Attorney Michael O'Brien, representing residents from Endless Mountains Resort, and others opposing the proposed change, have the following consensus: There isn't a provision in the township's zoning ordinance that allows such a facility; there is no guarantee that the pro-

posed facility, which is deemed a partial hospitalization facility or PHP, won't become a detox facility in the future; the character of the area will change; public safety is a concern; those in the Endless Mountains Resort will no longer be able to bring family to their homes or rent out their timeshares; more burden will be put on state police and local volunteer EMS and fire departments, he and used the Just Believe facility in Carbondale as a comparison to the proposed facility on the Stone Bridge site. Meanwhile, Attorney Ed Neyhart, the attorney representing Elliot and Kim Ross, and those from Just Believe, state such a facility can be placed at the site according to zoning ordinance; a comparison cannot be made between the Carbondale facility and the proposed facility, with the phrase "like comparing apples to oranges" used more than once; those from Just Believe say the focus of the hearing is the proposed use as a PHP facility and cannot see into the future about what it may or may not become, and Neyhart stated those who live at the Endless Mountains Resort are more tolerant of those who drink freely now versus someone who is recovering and are closely supervised.

Neyhart was the first to call witnesses from Just Believe. All were asked how many staff would be available at the proposed facility. About 7 staff members would be on site at all times in 3 different shifts.

They were also asked if patients would have their own vehicles at the facility and the reply was no, they would either be parked at the Carbondale facility or they would be brought in via a facility van from an airport or bus station. Also asked were how many patients would be on site. All replied up to 30 maximum. Also, there will be up to 10 vehicles maximum at all times.

The first witness called was George Edmunds, COO (Chief Operating Officer). Neyhart asked him to describe anticipated operations. Edmunds said the person will be detoxed. They will attend out-patients. They will receive treatment but people will not know that there is a treatment center there from how it will look. They learn how to live without drugs and alcohol and do therapy sessions with family. There will be 2 clinicians on staff. Patients will receive 25 hours of treatment per week. Doctors, medical and/or psychiatric will come in twice a week. Technicians will facilitate groups, make sure the facility is working for clients. There will be a full kitchen, with a cook and an assistant. There will also be a maintenance person. He said the facility they have in Florida is a PHP facility and the proposed facility will be almost identical. In Florida, the patients stay in houses and also are treated on an outpatient basis. Edmunds said there will be no detox facility in Herrick.

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Vandling Borough to purchase flags for Main St.; Road patching to be done on Borough streets

Vandling Borough Council will purchase 30 American flags and the hardware necessary to install them on light poles on Main Street. Council authorized the purchase at the monthly meeting on Monday, July 16. The cost will be approximately \$3,400. The money will come from money raised by the former Recreation Board. The board had asked in the past that the flags be purchased using those funds. NEP Telephone Company will install the flags when they arrive, hopefully before Labor Day. Council will look into purchasing Veteran flags in the future.

CAR WASH
The Lackawanna County Planning Commission granted conditional approval to the Wash Me Car Wash for a subdivision review.

ROAD PATCHING
Council may not have to advertise for patching work that is

Coal miner Wood sculpture To be unveiled

The Forest City Area Historical Society has commissioned the sculpting of a full size statue of an anthracite coal miner which will be unveiled and displayed at the Historical Society museum on the day of the Forest City Trail Festival Saturday, August 4th.

The wood sculpture is being prepared by Kevin Treat, Lake Winola, who is known in the area for his custom wood sculptures.

It is 5 1/2 ft. tall, the size of a typical coal miner, and is clothed in black like miners of the early 20th Century.

needed on many streets in the Borough if the cost is less than \$20,000. They have already gotten one bid from Nick's Paving. Two streets that need the most work are Hillside and Ash Streets.

FINES
Council passed a resolution to change the fines for violating the property maintenance codes. The fines will be from \$200 to \$500 depending on the violation. Council agreed to have the Borough employees do the work involved rather than hiring a landscaping company. The violator will also have to pay the cost for cleanup.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY
President Fran Pantzar informed the public that there was an attempted burglary in the development recently which was handled by the Forest City Police Department. Pantzar said he had a complaint from a resident about the speed which the police car approached the scene.

Pantzar said he spoke with Forest City Council President Nick Cost and Police Chief Jim Johnson and it was all handled by proper protocol.

NATL. NIGHT OUT
The Forest City Police Department will hold National Night Out at Kennedy Park on Tuesday, August 7 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The department would like some representatives from Vandling Council to participate.

YMCA ADVOCACY DAY
The Carbondale YMCA will hold Advocacy Days on August 7 and 8. President Pantzar asked people to attend and see all of the great things the Carbondale YMCA is doing.

RENTAL PROPERTY
President Pantzar received a call from a resident regarding a neighboring rental property that

has had several police calls there. Pantzar said he will talk to the police about enforcement of the Borough's nuisance ordinance.

STORMWATER
Councilman John Mayers said the Stormwater report is due in August. It needs to be completed by KBA Engineering by the August meeting.

WEBSITE
Secretary Nancy Perri said the new website is a work in progress. The domain name is vandling.pa.us.

BUS SERVICE
Councilman John Carachilo said the agreement with COLTS Bus to pick up Vandling residents is moving slowly. He said he is disheartened with the progress. He will continue his efforts to make it happen.

Councilman John Mayers said Vandling has an agreement with Susq. and Wayne County transportation which is available to the general public.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
Vandling held a very successful electronics recycling on Saturday, July 14, according to President Pantzar.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 20 at 7 PM.

FREE Comm. Lunch in FC Sat., July 28

Christ Church in Forest City is thrilled to continue its program of monthly Free Community Luncheons on Saturday, July 28 from noon to 1:30 PM. As always, they welcome all who come through the doors to enjoy a hearty meal that they happily serve with warm and friendly fellowship.

Please bring your appetites as we hope you will join our FUN too!

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