

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



**Someone tried to scam** the FC News over Primeval history book. Last week I got a poorly worded email from Shanghai, China, saying Robert Chen got a "faulty" copy of our history book written by Mark Walsh. He wanted us to send him a replacement of the \$50 book to a Shanghai address. He said some pages were blank and some pages were missing. The reason we know it is a scam is that the books were printed by Jostens Book Manufacturing Company, the foremost quality book printer in the US. Mark Walsh would settle for nothing but the best for this book of his work. Every book is scrupulously inspected before it leaves the plant. Can't understand what they would get out of us sending them a copy of a limited edition book about Forest City, Pennsylvania. If anyone out there has a clue, let us know.  
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**If you are a dog lover** you can view the new Dog Park at Babe Ruth Field off North Main St. It is open and ready for use.  
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## FC Parks & Rec. Comm. meeting Tues., Aug. 28

Forest City Parks and Recreation committee will be holding a meeting Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Kennedy Park, in case of rain we will meet at the FC Borough Building.

Anyone interested in joining the committee is asked to come to the meeting.

You can also follow us on Facebook @ Parks And Recreation Forest City, PA.

## Rock Lake Picnic Slated for Aug. 18

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 18, at 2048 Creamton Drive, Pleasant Mount.

A family style ham and turkey dinner will be held from 11:30am-3:30pm (take-outs available until 3pm). Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

There will be a giant flea market, bingo, games, prizes and 50/50 raffle. Square dancing by "Just Us" from 8-11pm (donated by Ed Howell). For more details, please call the parish office at 570-785-3838.

## FCRSD Board Reschedules August Meeting

The Forest City Regional Board of School Directors announce a change in the August Board Meeting.

The Regular Business Meeting, previously scheduled for August 13th, will now be held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Auditorium.

## August Museum hours

The Forest City Area Historical Society Museum, at 629 Main St., will be open for the viewing of artifacts and exhibits the following Saturdays, from 11AM to 1PM: August 18 and August 25.

## Insurance covers temp. HQ for Herrick Township business

by Theresa Opeka

Discussion about the recent fire that destroyed the Herrick Township Municipal Building dominated the Monday, August 6 meeting of the township supervisors. The meeting was held at the Union Dale United Methodist Church Hall. Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said the township's insurance company, Selective Insurance, received the claim and the adjuster was out the next day. She said the insurance will pay for an office trailer to be on site. It will cost \$432/month for rent and an additional \$70 to rent 2 steps for the trailer. Installation would cost \$1,846 and \$1,480 for removal. Rent for 10 months is \$8,846.76. The township would pay the vendors up front and insurance would reimburse the township.

Harvatine spoke to Reverend Rodriguez of the Herrick Baptist Church about having meetings and voting there. Harvatine said the meetings would be from November on since they can have them in the hall until then. The hall would be closed up for the winter. He told her church members would have to take a vote on the matter.

Supervisor/Road Master Brian Zembrzycki said Pleasant Mount Township said

the township could use the Pleasant Mount Emergency Services building for meetings and voting. Supervisor Elliot Ross said Clifford Township offered their facilities too. He said many municipalities came forward to help as well.

Harvatine said they could vote in Union Dale, Ararat or Clifford, in addition to the township.

Nancy Ross said, "If you go to vote somewhere else, I say you should go to Clifford. It is well run." Harvatine said, "Voter registration would like to keep it in the township if possible."

Harvatine said they have met with the state police fire marshal, insurance company fire investigator, claims adjuster and inventory people from the insurance company. Replacement values have been assigned. She said the fire marshal could not determine the cause of the fire.

Zembrzycki arranged for dumpsters. Ross said Zembrzycki was thinking about renting an excavator to put the remains of the building in the dumpsters. People volunteered to come out and put the metal in a separate dumpster. Ross said they can see what they can get for it and it would probably pay for the dumpster.

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## Herrick Planners say "NO" To drug/alcohol center

In a unanimous vote, the Herrick Township Planning Commission rejected a conditional use application to change the Stone Bridge Inn and Restaurant to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. The vote was based on the application being deficient based on criteria of applicants, Elliot and Kim Ross' failure to specifically address water and sewage use and parking at the proposed facility. Planning Commission member Roseann Swegel started the meeting at 7:33 with a call for an executive session. The meeting reconvened at 8pm. Attorney Michael Brieche filled in for township solicitor Marissa Cino McAndrew. He said he had reviewed transcript from the testimony from previous meetings and hearings.

During the public comment period, Jeff Durante, Speakeasy Saloon, said he would be concerned about state police coverage. He said he recently had to call the state police for an incident at his establishment in which a man, who was already intoxicated, said he had a gun and was going to kill everyone in the restaurant after they refused to serve him alcohol. The man left the restaurant and got into an accident. Durante said it took 2.5 hours for the state police to arrive because they were short handed. He said there are only 2 troopers on duty at that time and brought up concerns if they were called again and one of them happened to be in Great Bend.

Mary Ann Young asked the planning commission if there was a financial impact statement. She

## Stout named new HS Principal at FCRSD

The Forest City Regional School District appointed Mrs. Cassandra Stout as the Principal of Forest City Regional High School at a Special Board meeting held on August 6, 2018.

Mrs. Stout was employed at the Pocono Mountain School District's West Junior High School where she held the position of Assistant Principal. Over the years she has had the opportunity to work with a diverse range of students and staff. Mrs. Stout's experience and her commitment to supporting the needs of all students made her a great fit for FCR.

She is a graduate of the University of Scranton with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Administration.

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## Rail-Trail Historic Signage Dedicated



The Rail-Trail Council dedicated a historical sign from the Forest City Area Historical Society at the Forest City Trailhead on Saturday, August 4 in conjunction with the Trail Town Festival. Pictured left to right are: LuAnn Neucomer, Art McLain, Mary Bradley, bike rider, Sally Roberts, Tom Roberts, Joe Brophy, Kirk Newsom, Lynn Conrad, Jim O'Pecko., Peggy Brager, John Calpin, Frank Brager, Jessica Aquilina, Sharon Summa.

## Stuff the Bus collects over \$1,450 in supplies for FCR



Thanks to all who donated to Stuff the Bus for Forest City Regional School. Over \$1,450 worth of supplies were donated from area businesses, families and friends. Thank you to NEP Telephone Co. for the generous donation of \$250. The program, started at HNB by Mary Ann Risboskin and joined by Deb Giddings at D.G.'S Bar, filled all the seats in the Bus supplied by Kreutz Busing. A worthy project for our school district and as always supported by the good people in our area.

## Past Distinguished Citizen attend event



Several past Distinguished Citizens were present at the 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Program held on Sat., August 4 at the Forest City Area Historical Society. Pictured left to right are Atty. Barbara Smith, Helen and Jim Marsicano, Diana Junior, Peggy Brager, Jeff Swegel, Pudgy Paulin, Edward Tourje, and Paul Ferraro.

Photo by Roseann Swegel

## Basketball/Tennis court bid For KP comes in too high

Only a single bid was received by Forest City Borough Council for repairing the basketball and tennis courts at Kennedy Park, and it was too high. The \$86,000 bid is about twice the amount of a DCNR grant received by the town a year or so ago. Council will contact DCNR to see what can be done to revise the specifications.

### PICKLE BALL

Kennedy Park will soon have a pickle ball court on the present tennis court. Deb McNamara and Bill Maitland asked Council to allow temporary markings on the court for, what they say, is a new and growing sport.

McNamara said the game is good for seniors and is a combination of tennis, badminton and paddle ball. She said a court was laid out in Clifford Twp. and is being used extensively.

Local resident Bob Matos, a frequent user of KP's basketball court, had the only objection to the proposal which originally was installed temporarily on the basketball court. Council

said it must be on the tennis court but will re-study the matter if and when the courts are repaired.

Council agreed to let the group install the lines temporarily to see if it draws support locally. (A description of the sport is in an item on page 2)

### NEW PARK BOARD?

Council member Amy Bean got approval to try and establish a volunteer "Parks and Recreation Board" to help administer Kennedy Park and Babe Ruth field and Dog Park. She called a meeting for Thursday, Aug. 9 at 7PM at the Pavilion at KP or the Boro Hall if inclement weather.

Officials of Sprint have given the Borough two possible locations for a cell tower at Kennedy Park. Neither of them are near the Little League field which drew much opposition when a tower was proposed there. One spot is near the upper softball field while the other was past the parking lot into a wooded area.

After discussion it was obvi-

ous that Council does not want to lose an opportunity at getting the \$9,600 annual fees from the tower. They agreed to bring the Sprint officials to a public meeting to answer questions regarding electronic signal emissions from the towers before making any decisions.

Former Council and Park Board member Barbara Mihelc told Council to be cautious about where the Park boundary lines are, and also that the High School has a Cross Country track which winds thru KP. She noted that some of KP land is in Clifford Township and falls under their planning rules.

### DOG PARK

Council member Joann Matarese reported that the Dog Park at Babe Ruth Field is completed and is being used. The grand opening was Aug. 4th. She encouraged all area dog owners to come and use the facility. It was also stressed that funds for the Dog Park have no connection to Kennedy Park and do not take funds from KP.

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