

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



In our never-ending effort to sample all foods available from our Dining Guide advertisers we visited Speakeasy Saloon, Herrick Twp., and had the largest, most meaty, and least expensive Alaskan King Crab Legs ever. I have never gotten filled up before on Alaskan crab but these monsters were just chock full. Had a great salad, delicious bread and veggies, all at the great price of \$20.95. It was quite busy on what was Seafood Night and others were very satisfied with the \$19.95 lobster tails. Excellent and pleasant service also.

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We have had numerous contacts with Post Office officials who are trying to remedy our newspaper delivery problems. Some appear to be carrier-related in areas but others they haven't been able to pinpoint. We'll keep working on it. We got a call from a NJ subscriber who got another subscriber's issue tucked inside hers. The 90-year-old said she would have liked to deliver it herself but was in an assisted living facility so she gave it back to the mail dept.

## FCR 7th grade Orientation date Change is Aug. 30

Due to a scheduling conflict, the new date for Forest City Regional's Seventh Grade Orientation is Thursday, August 30. Registration and refreshments are from 5-5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The program will begin at 5:30. Letters with all the orientation details were mailed to all incoming 7th graders. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Terri Erdmann at erdmann@fcrsd.org.

## 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.

## All U-Can Eat Breakfast Aug. 25 U'dale Church

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be held Sat., Aug. 25, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Union Dale Church hall.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs (cooked to order), juice, coffee or tea. Come out and say hello!

**EARLY COPY DEADLINE FOR THE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH ISSUE**

All articles, display ads and classified ads must be received **BY THUR., AUG. 30 AT 3 PM**

## Beaded Necklace Approaching Record



Mary Ann Corey, Forest City, (center) is shown with youngsters at the Carbondale YMCA last week working on a section of what will be "The Longest Beaded Necklace in the World." Corey has spent the summer at camps, hospitals and youth groups as she is winding up the necklace creation which will be submitted Oct. 3 to the Guinness Book of World Records, at Pocono International Raceway. Lonakana, the organization founded and run by Ms. Corey, brings care and compassion to women and children afflicted by cancer. She hopes the event will bring attention to providing a FREE Cancer Retreat in Northeast PA for women and children. The public is invited to the Long Pond Raceway at 11 AM for the official measurement. For information call 201-914-1404 for email beadlady6@gmail.com.

## New auditors for Herrick

Miscellaneous items were discussed in addition to the fire at the Monday, August 6 meeting of the Herrick Township Supervisors. Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said the Bureau of Elections said the two new auditors that were appointed, Leanna Zembrzycki and Rain Snyder, have to be chosen for a 2 year term and a 4 year term. Their names were written on pieces of paper and chosen randomly. Snyder's name was chosen for the 4 year term, leaving Zembrzycki with the 2 year term.

The 2018 budget was amended with an adopted resolution for Act 13 funds that were recently received.

Seven additional letters of opposition to the proposed drug and alcohol rehab were received.

Supervisor Elliot Ross sent a statement on July 21 stating that he has a conflict of interest with the conditional use permit. His statement said he owns the two properties that are for sale and the sale is contingent on the passage of the conditional use permit.

The Bureau of Elections sent a letter to the township that they need to have a designated handicap parking spot for voting. Harvatine said they will address when a new building is built.

She said there was illegal

## Clifford Township officials Eye emerging preparedness

by Theresa Opeka  
Much of the Tuesday, August 14 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors centered around what could be done for township residents in case of an emergency. Supervisor Barry Searle talked about the township's Hazard Mitigation Plan that was submitted to the county. "Thanks to Phil (Price) and Joan (Hertzog), we submitted our information in time for the county's plan. Clifford is the second largest township in the county. The county's population is down 6%. The largest population in the township is 65 and older. We should focus on snowstorms and flash floods. There are also invasive species. We have a comprehensive plan, a strong fire company and EMS and we have Act 13 money. I suggest the road master and road crews take a look for dying trees in the right of way and look at culverts, where we could have a problem now and fix it. Cleaning up the sandbar in downtown Clifford. I would rather be proactive. I really think we should have an emergency packet for 10-20 people. Blankets, cots, supplies. We can give a place where people can stay safe and warm. I know there are security concerns. If we have advanced planning, it would be good. That is our

construction going on at Elk Meadows but the person was notified and they got a permit.

Union Dale Borough Council sent a letter to the township asking them if they could cut back brush on Darrow Street and Norton Hill Street. Supervisor/Road Master Brian Zembrzycki said he would talk with them.

Theresa Opeka sent an email to Harvatine about asking for signs to be posted along Route 374 going toward Dimock Corners to prohibit brake retarders. She complained there was ongoing loud noise from them all day long and they were a severe nuisance. Harvatine emailed Ed Sumski who said the township needs to contact the Traffic District Engineer to come and check the area.

Harvatine said Dave Maglicane, Pleasant Mount Emergency Services said he didn't get a chance to speak at the previous meetings and was on the list previously to speak. He may speak at the planning commission meeting this Thursday.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at 7pm at the Union Dale United Methodist Church hall.

responsibility to the people of the township. Also, look at relocation to the fire company. We need to take this seriously," he said.

Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said, "Great idea. The tree thing, culverts. What does the fire company have?" Price said, "We have to wait for the Red Cross to come in." Searle said, "I'm only looking at a small group of people." Price said, "The Red Cross would open Blue Ridge, Mountain View and Lakeland schools."

Knowlton asked Price what was his take on the subject. Price said, "I think you are duplicating the process. Our station is a warming station. No one shows up. People up in the flooded areas now have water coming into their homes and they say they won't leave. Who is going to man this?"

Searle said, "I don't want us to sit with our hands in our pockets and not do anything." Price responded, "We don't let people freeze to death. We'll take care of them."

Supervisor Chris Marcho said, "The three of us have no idea what is going on out there. People like them (fire company) know what is going on. They come face to face with people."

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Pictured are just some of participants in this year's annual Fishing Derby held at Kennedy Park on Sun., August 5. The derby was done with the help of Brady Hentschel and Artie Bronson as part of their senior project at FCR.

## Two FCR students and FC Police hold annual fishing derby at KP

The Forest City Police Department held its annual Fishing Derby on Aug. 5, at Kennedy Park. This year there were 73 participants, including 39 in age group 1 to 7 and 34 in age group 8 to 15, with a total of 86 fish caught. The breakdown is as follows: Blue Gill 61, Perch 21, Bass 3 and 1 Bullhead.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

**Largest Fish:** Michael Novak 5 years-old 14.5 inch Bass

**Most Fish Caught:** Colton Sterbenz 4 years-old caught 12 fish total with a 14 inch bass as his largest.

**1st Fish Caught:** Preston Cosklo 12 years-old caught a 7 inch Blue gill.

**Age group 1 to 7**

**1st Place:** Blake German 5 year-old caught an 11 inch Bullhead

**2nd Place:** Dylan Crown 6 years-old caught an 10.5 inch

Perch.

**3rd Place Smallest Fish:** Ian D'Andrea 2 years-old 5 1/4 inch Bluegill.

**Age Group 8 to 15**

**1st Place:** Chaz Kovaleski 13 years-old caught a 14 inch Bass.

**2nd Place:** Ryan Phillips 15 years-old caught an 11 1/4 inch Perch.

**3rd Place Smallest Fish:** Cale B. Carey 10 years-old 4 3/4 inch Blue Gill.

This year's Contributors are: Nep Telephone Company Steven Tourje, Pa Fish and Boat Commission, DG's Bar and Grille, DG's Do Gooders, Komars Farm and Meats, Zazzera's Market, Kim Pleska Hair Styling, Elegante's Restaurant, Fitzsimmons Insurance, Tobacco Road, Red Cross, Max's Deli, Turkey Hill, Wilcox Painting, Pete Supko, Don Christina, Hank Tuzar, Robert Selinsky, Nick

Cost and Sharon Vanaan.

Dave Costanza, from the PA. Trappers Assn., put on a demonstration using tanned furs of various animals trapped within Pennsylvania.

This project was also done with the help of Brady Hentschel and Artie Bronson who helped out as part of their Senior Project for School.

The success of this event and number of donations and participants shows this community has strong ties and great family values.

We would like to thank all the participants and their families and those who contributed their time, prizes and money, including everyone who added to the donation cans at various businesses in town. Thank you everyone, for making this a successful project and derby.

## Historical Society gives thanks to all Who made 250th Anniv. a success

It was time for congratulations and thanks at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Forest City Area Historical Society for all who helped make the 25th Anniversary of Anthracite such a big success. Pres. John Kameen cited all those who took major roles in the success.

Dave Homisak, who served as chairperson for the Ethnic portion of the event as well as the float and costuming and artifact displays, got a round of applause from the members for a job well done. It was a family affair as he was assisted by his wife, Joann, and by his brother Matt Homisak, and also by his granddaughter, Scarlet Vannan and grandson Floyd Wirts.

The five evening programs, which highlighted four of the ethnic groups which immigrated to Forest City area in the mining era, was attended by 258 people. Its success has generated interest in doing additional programs on the other ethnic groups.

Pres. Kameen also gave his thanks to Secretary Juliann Doyle and her helpers who managed the kitchen which sold-out on every food item which it had which included kielbassi, sausage & peppers, cabbage and noodles, pierogis, and nut rolls. In the kitchen she was assisted by Carole Kameen, Barbara Supko and Mary and Paul Fer-

raro. Gene Dovin provided the cabbage & noodles free of charge. A delicious cake was donated by Abby Rodriguez of The Barking Cupcake.

Also due a big thanks was Society webmaster Barb Klobucar who sold over \$600 in Society items such as books, Forest City-opoly games, tree ornaments and cookbooks. She also is in the process of putting videos of the ethnic programs on the Society website. The videos were taken by Society member Dale Keklok.

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music for the costume parade which followed the play, and also entertained the crowd in the museum later in the evening.

The Society also thanked the Kameen Family for the donation of \$600 to pay for the miner sculpture which will be placed in the Museum.

Special thanks was directed at Scott Herring who is chairman of the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite in the state. Scott directed the organization of a number of projects honoring coal mining, and was on hand all day of the Trail Town Festival taking photos and answering questions about mining. His organization prepared the 4 historical signs which were placed on the Rail-Trail and at the Museum, as well as the license plates which herald Forest City as the Northern Gateway to the Anthracite Valley. The 250th logo was on all the Society's items.

Treasurer Bob Wirts, who handled the event finances, reported the Society made about \$1,400 for the day's activities. All of the Museum events were free of charge.

## 1st Annual Summer Sets Festival Aug., 25

The Browndale Fire Company will host the 1st Annual Summer Sets Festival on Sat., Aug., 25 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Browndale Fire Co., Rte. 247, 620 Marion St., Browndale.

An event for the entire family, enjoy a day of live music from The Casper Band, Soul Shaker and Dashboard Mary; food, including Creamworks Dairy ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones, caramel apples and Kithentruck food truck; and local crafters and vendors selling their wares. Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. This is a BYOB event.

Crafters and vendors are still being accepted, and tickets are available from any member.

For more information phone 570-785-5300, email browndalefire@gmail.com, or check us out on Facebook or our website 43fire.com.