

\$39,000 PEMA/FEMA aid Going to Clinton roads

by Theresa Opeka
Various issues were discussed at the Wednesday, September 12 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors. Kathy Martin, Senior District Attorney for Wayne County, introduced herself. She lives in Lakeville with her husband and two sons. She said she is running on the Republican ticket for DA in the May 2019 primary election and has 26 years of experience in criminal law.

A flood plain ordinance was passed by the supervisors. Supervisor Ken Coles thanked Secretary Jill Droppa for her assistance in getting \$39,000 in additional aid from PEMA/FEMA. The money has been earmarked for Burns Road to finish paving it. He said thousands of man hours have been put in on it since 2013.

Coles said he, Solicitor Jeff Treat and Mike Dolph met to discuss the nuisance properties that have garbage and that are falling down. He said Dolph is going to get the list of properties and Treat will send letters and if they don't respond, Treat will request a court date in front of the magistrate. Coles said that Treat will also create a new resolution for blight

properties that are falling down and not liveable.

Supervisor/Road Master Russ Curtis made a motion to put out for bid cinders and anti-skid material and plowing Ravnika and Flat Rock Roads and Brownedale. All voted in favor.

Supervisor Russ Curtis said there are problems with animals in Brownedale. Non said he spoke to Treat and there isn't anything they can do. Curtis said people are getting rats on their property. The animals causing problems are mostly chickens.

Matt Curtis said there are issues with tree canopy hanging in the roadways.

Coles said they should put out a bid for a 22,000 watt generator for the township building. "The weather is getting crazy. People need a place to go. Josh Debevec said the Brownedale Fire Company firehouse is a Red Cross shelter.

Jeff Weinberger asked if the township was going to put out bids for towing for the winter. Non said the only problem is there is no consistent rate but said they will find out.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm.



Ashley Fitzsimmons

Fitzsimmons gets 2018 National Outstanding Customer Support Rep. (CSR) of the Year Award

Ms. Ashley M. Fitzsimmons, CISR, Customer Service Representative and Producer for Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, Inc., in Forest City, PA, was awarded the most prestigious honor available to insurance customer service representatives: the 2018 National Outstanding Customer Support Representative (CSR) of the Year Award.

The Society of Certified Insurance Service Representatives (CISR) and the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC) selected Ms. Fitzsimmons as the winner of this award from a pool of 28 state winners. She is one of the five national finalists chosen by a blue-ribbon panel of judges. Finalists were evaluated on their individual contributions to the insurance community and the strength of their essays written on the topic: "In today's business environment, CSRs are finding that more work is required from a smaller staff pool. As a CSR, what four ways have you found beneficial in helping you accomplish work tasks while still providing excellent customer service? In short, how do you do more with less?"

Ashley Fitzsimmons was praised by an associate for "her high ethical standards and strong advocacy for her clients."

In her essay, Ms. Fitzsimmons mentions that not everyone loves insurance. She put it this way:

"It's an industry affectionately known to be stale, male and pale. Millennials, or

pretty much people in general, are not banging on doors begging to be hired to work for their local agency. In an environment where I feel essentially any agency will say they are understaffed, it's important for us as customer service representatives to find the best way to manage our workload while still being able to provide the customer service that our clients deserve."

Ms. Fitzsimmons receives a cash award of \$2,000, a distinctive gold and diamond lapel pin, and her name inscribed on a sculpture on permanent display at The National Alliance headquarters in Austin, Texas. Her employer, Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, Inc. will also receive a scholarship for participation in any National Alliance program.

In addition to the national award recipient, four national finalists were chosen from a competitive field of applicants:

- Starr L. Marshall, CISR with Reliable Agency, in Cloquet, Minnesota
- Stacey M. Migliano, CISR with The Trotter Insurance Group, in Kenosha, Wisconsin
- Kendall I. Pori, CIC with Protectors Insurance, LLC, in Medford, Oregon
- Laura A. VanderStee, CISR with Fisher Brown Bottrell Insurance, Inc., in Jackson, Mississippi

Finalists receive a special gold and garnet lapel pin, a \$500 cash award, and publicity in a national trade journal.

Aldenville Baptist Church Revival Sept. 30-Oct. 2

The Aldenville Baptist Church, 971 Creek Drive Aldenville, Pennsylvania, is planning "Rekindle the Fire" revival services beginning on Sunday, September 30th and continuing through Tuesday, October 2nd.

The church invites everyone to join in the revival services. Children's ministry will be available during the services and the plan for young Christians is as follows: Sunday night hayride, Candy bar bingo, Bible scavenger hunt, as well as many crafts and a planned Christian education curriculum.

Revival services will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, who is a regional pastor with American Baptist congregations in Pennsylvania and Delaware and coordinator of Evangelism and New Church Planting for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Prior to these appointments in 2011, Dr. Johnson served as Pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane, West Virginia. Dr. Johnson is the Author of Got Style: Personality Based Evangelism and has spoken and done trainings throughout the United States.

All activities will take place at the Aldenville Baptist Church, located on route 170 in Aldenville. Festivities will be from 6:15 pm on September 30 with special music and the revival will start each evening at 6:30. The scripture in preparation for Rekindle the Fire is 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

For more information



Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

check us out on Facebook at <https://m.me/aldenville-baptistchurch> or call 570-498-7843.

Odds n' Ends

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Tonite, Sept. 26, is the final night of Wivey's Golf League regular season. The top eight teams will begin playoffs leading to a season champion over the next 3 weeks. Hopefully some decent weather, and sufficient daylight, will prevail for a successful conclusion to the League.

It was an amazing sight last week when a double wide, destined for Elkview Drive, got hung up at the Rte. 171/Dundaff Street intersection. During maneuvering to get around the corner, a parking meter and the overhang of Dr. Tomazic's building were damaged, along with a flat tire on the double wide. Unfortunately all of us stood there watching the spectacle and never took a photo.

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Pleasant Mount News
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Happy Birthday to: Gwen Saul, Sonya Cobb, Amy Saam, Cheryl Kulikowski, Darlene Hamlyn, Alvena Komar, Bonnie Davis, Mary Colridge, Mary Ann Black, Sarah Terry, Noah Worobey, Emil Mikolon, Lucas O'Neill, Riley O'Neil, Marsha Burleigh, Eileen Maglicane, Jessica Czpanik, Savannah Margraf, Dawn Ferguson, Shania Stark, Nancy Hauenstein, Madeline Woodmansee, Sandy Zigon, BJ Zembrzycki, Kaitlyn Jonas, Kathy Terry, John Cobb and Judy Scheller.

Happy Anniversary to: Tom and Bonnie Fives, Mike and Sue Norosky, Brian and Bonnie Kuleza, Steve and Colleen Richner, Aaron and Megan Wormuth, Bob and Lois Freitag, Dave and Kathy Barner and Martin and Laura Medved.

State Senator Lisa Baker's Field Representative, Andrew M. Seder, will be available for consultation from 10am-12pm on Thursday, September 27 in the Preston Township Municipal Building, 1515 Crosstown Highway (Route 370) Lakewood. Constituents can also visit Senator Baker's district office at 2512 Route 6, Hawley, visit

her website, www.senator-baker.com or call the office at 570-226-5960.

Lost another favorite teacher of mine recently Arlene Klemensic passed away on September 14. I had Mrs. Klemensic for kindergarten and also for 3rd grade. A very nice and gifted lady. I had the opportunity to interview her for the paper's 125th anniversary edition. I thoroughly enjoyed talking with her, finding out about her interesting life and all of her accomplishments. She had a love of drama from an early age. She told me when she was in the 4th grade, she and two little boys put on a show in Martin Muchitz beer garden on Main Street in Forest City. Muchitz, who was mayor at the time, paid her \$5 and the boys \$3 a piece. It was during Halloween and she sang the Al Jolson song "My Mammy" in full costume and makeup. She followed in her Aunt Regina "Jean Ryan's" footsteps and became a teacher and taught various grades and drama. May she rest in peace.

Race Day Breakfast Sun., Oct. 7 At Elegante

The Forest City Area Rotary Club will be holding its 4th annual "Race Day Breakfast" on Sunday, October 7th, the morning of the Steamtown Marathon, from 7 am to 11 am at Elegante Family Restaurant and Pizzeria. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, toast, orange juice, eggs, and, of course, coffee will be available! Cost for adults is \$7, \$5 for student volunteers (show your 2018 Steamtown Marathon shirt), and \$3 for children. See you there!

Voting dates For Nov. 6th Gen. Election

For those planning to vote in the Nov. 6th General Election, these dates are important:

*Tuesday, October 9—Last day to register or change your registration, to vote in the General Election.

*Tuesday, October 30—Last day to send in an application for an absentee ballot, but plan to do it as soon as possible to be sure the person will get the ballot back and be able to return it in by Friday, November 2nd.

Registration applications and absentee ballot request forms can be secured at The Forest City News Office.

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Clifford Twp. Building to be used as Emergency Shelter

by Theresa Opeka
Various items including roads and the success of a recent community event were discussed at the Tuesday, September 11 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors. The township received one cinder bid of \$19.80 cubic yard from Brown's. Supervisor Barry Searle made the motion to accept the bid. Supervisors Chris Marcho and Dennis Knowlton voted in favor. Motion passed. The township also received one bid for snow plowing from Barhite Excavating. \$75/hr for plowing and cindering 25 miles of road and \$35/hr for the grader and heavy snow plowing. Searle made the motion to accept the bid. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The supervisors congratulated Phil Price on winning the PA VFW's Annual Public Safety Award for EMT of the Year. Price has been involved with emergency services since he was 16. He is retired from the Air Force and the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Price said it was a great honor to receive the award.

Clifford Park Fest was a success. Marcho said they received \$735 entry fees from the vendors. Searle made a motion to donate the fees to the Children's Garden. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Sandy Wilmot said there were over 100 kids that went through the Children's Garden and some of them said they never knew it was there before. Knowlton said his son planned to stay for a short time but stayed all day. He thanked everyone who worked on putting the event together. Wilmot told the supervisors, "Without your cooperation, none of this would have happened. It didn't happen for 20 years."

Talk turned to using the township building as a shelter for emergencies. Price said

Searle ordered cots and they will get some blankets and the generator was purchased. He also said the site may be used by the county to hold sandbags, diapers, etc. Searle said Commissioner Alan Hall told him if the building opens as a shelter, he will send sheriffs for security.

Chris Mazzenga of TR Williams Road said debris keeps coming into her yard from the ditch along the roadway. She said the ditch is not being maintained and her yard is getting washed out everytime it rains. Road Master Kurt Booths said Ed Sumski from PennDOT came up to look at it. He said the property splits on the Gibson Township line and a lot of it is coming from there. He will have Barhites also take a look at it. He said they will look at fixing the ditching in early spring. Marcho asked Booths if he contacted Gibson yet. Booths replied not yet. Searle asked if there was something they could do now. Barhites replaced a pipe at the end of the driveway awhile back. Marcho said, "Hopefully, we can get up there this week but it will probably be put on the list."

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 9 at 7pm.

Parks & Recreation Meeting Tues., Oct. 9

The next meeting of the Forest City Parks and Recreation will be held on Tues., Oct. 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Forest City Borough Building 2nd Floor, and will continue to meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Please come out and share your ideas of what you would like to see at Kennedy. All are welcome!

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