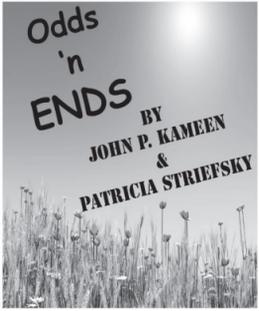


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Another round of our dining experience took us to lunch at Cable's Deli, Union Dale. Homemade soups and specialties like you used to get at home. Good reports about their baked mac and cheese drew us there on a rainy day and the pleasant atmosphere and fast service brightened the day. We have always liked their Italian hoagies which are filled with meat and with everything you might want on a hoagie. You can't go wrong with any food item prepared by owners Judy Pelz and Sharon Straway. They are open daily 6am to 6pm except closed on Wednesdays. With those long hours, they deserve a day off.  
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**PennDot is trying again** to rectify its poor handling of the tar and chip project from Vandling to Simpson. Hope it works better this time. Talked to several motorists who filed compensation forms for damage to their vehicles.  
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**Heard a group of local** residents talking that it would have been some good planning if the town had taken a foot off each side of Main St. when they started the sidewalk replacement project. With the many large trucks, tractor trailers and RV's which pass through our downtown it has become difficult at times navigating our business district. Obviously too late now with one side already complete.  
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**Though leaves have** begun to fall, it appears they have not really begun to turn colors. Word from experts is they will turn, and the peak of the Flaming Foliage is expected around Oct. 24.  
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**Chatted last week with** Dr. Karen Hiznay Rizzo and husband, Dr. Jay Rizzo, at Arlo's, in Ararat. They were visiting their cottage at Wrighter's Lake for some relaxation and were enjoying lunch. Dr. Karen is one of FCRHS distinguished graduates and athletes and was our 2006 Forest City Distinguished Citizen.  
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**Word has it that the** owners of Alan Hornbeck Chevrolet recently purchased the former Parkway Building at the corner of Main and South Sts. We have heard it will be torn down to provide additional parking area for their vehicle displays.  
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**Our best wishes to Jesse** Usher, owner-operator of Jesse's Salon at 703 Main St. We attended his recent grand opening and he has done a great job preparing his facility to serve hair care patrons. He can be contacted at 570-785-2887.  
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**You can pick up voter** registration forms and absentee ballot requests at the News Office. Oct. 9 is last day to register before the Nov. 6 election. Absentee ballot requests must be completed and returned by Nov. 2nd. Don't wait until the last minute as you must mail the absentee ballot request to the county registrar who will send you the ballot which you then must complete and return it by mail.  
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## THE LAST MILE!

Forest City will enter the Guinness Book of World Records on October 3rd as the home of the "World's Longest Beaded Necklace." Shown above, completing the final mile of the 13 mile necklace, is the originator, Maryann Corey (right), Richie (center) and former Forest City Mayor Pauline Wilcox (left).

The previously beaded miles of necklace are shown in front of photo having been loaded on wooden drums supplied by NEP Telephone Co.

In a widely covered ceremony at Pocono International

### Sen. Baker Office hours in Susq. Co.

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at [www.senatorbaker.com](http://www.senatorbaker.com) or by calling (570) 675-3931.

### Fire Prevention Day in Pl. Mt. Sat., Oct. 6

The Pleasant Mount Emergency Services will hold Fire Prevention Day on Saturday, October 6 from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Community Center, 377 Great Bend Tpke., Pleasant Mount. Rain Date is October 13 at Station 28, 161 Great Bend Tpke. Activities include: Touch a Truck, Meet Firefighters/EMT's, Food, and Bounce House.

For more information call 570-448-2963 or visit the website at [www.PMES28.com](http://www.PMES28.com).

### Blessing of the Pets at Browndale Oct. 7

Bring your furry, feathered or finned friends to the Browndale Fire Dept. on Sunday, October 7 for the annual Blessing of the Pets. Christ Episcopal Church's Father Bill will bless them all between 1 to 2:30 p.m. Don't forget to leash your pets!  
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Raceway on October 3, Guinness Records will supervise the official measurement. Since Many school students from throughout the area have been involved in the cancer benefit program Lonakana, school students from Forest City Regional School and Honesdale High School will be bused to the ceremony which will also feature the attendance of many area officials.

Photos and coverage of the event will be in next week's NEWS.

### 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!

### Rail-Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thurs., Oct. 18

The Rail-Trail Council of NEPA invites you to join them in celebrating the completion of 6.5 miles of trail improvements from Herrick to Ararat, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Ararat Rd., on Thurs., Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

The event will feature an official dedication, remarks by funders and public officials, including State Senator Lisa Baker and Representative Jonathan Fritz. Refreshments and fun!

Afterward, the council invites you to hit the trail on your bike or on foot and enjoy this beautiful stretch of the D&H Rail-Trail.

### 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!

By Jennifer Butler

The 23rd Annual Steamtown Marathon steps off from Forest City Regional School on Sunday, Oct. 7, with a cannon start at 8 AM. As of Oct. 1, there are 1,490 runners from the U.S., Canada, India, and the Netherlands registered to travel the 26.2 miles to Courthouse Square in Downtown Scranton. In addition, there are four hand cyclists registered. The oldest runner is 82 and the youngest is 18.

The start line at Forest City Regional High School is quoted as "the best" by many runners. Starting line director and a retired FCR faculty member, Ed Osburn, says the race is on track. FCR School renovations are nearly complete and runners will have access to the inside of the school before the 8 AM start.

Most of the preparations are done by the school's faculty members and by its student and parent volunteers which have been crucial to the success

of the race. Coordinators Dan Nebzydowski, Cynthia Weiss, Ben Monahan, and Cathy Fedak are rallying the volunteers for another great race.

Band director John Scavone is doing the same with his band members.

One of the unique features of the start line continues to be a personal greeting of each runner who steps off the shuttle buses from Scranton, by a FCR student. In addition to the hearty greeting, each marathoner gets a bottle of water and a ribbon signifying the current year's participation.

"What makes us different or sets us apart from most marathons in the country, is having an indoor staging area at the start. The Forest City School District has been and continues to be, most gracious in the use of the school facility," said Mr. Osburn.

"As for me, the main focus is and always will be the kids - from the student volunteers at Forest City to St. Joseph's - it's always about the kids," added

Mr. Osburn.

The course runs through 14 communities requiring police, fire police, EMS corps and first aiders to handle the traffic control and medical services. In addition volunteers from most of those communities school cross country teams, man water stations along the route.

The Steamtown Marathon is a 26 mile, 385 yard foot race. The course drops 955 feet in elevation from start to finish. The greatest drop in elevation occurs during the first eight miles.

The course features more than four miles of Rails to Trails along the Lackawanna River. The finish line is on N. Washington Avenue in Downtown Scranton adjacent to the Lackawanna County Courthouse.

The Marathon benefits St. Joseph's Center, Scranton, who assists families in need and children who are neurologically impaired and multiply handicapped.

## Rail Trail receives \$244,175 grant for bridge over Starrucca Creek

Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming), along with Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R-Susquehanna/Wayne), announced that Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania Inc. received funds from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program.

Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania Inc. will receive \$244,175 to design, purchase and install a prefabricated pedestrian/snowmobile bridge over the Starrucca Creek. The railroad bridge was removed before the Rail-Trail Council purchased the railroad right-of-way. The abutments remain and will be

rehabilitated to support the bridge. The total project cost will be \$298,325.

"This grant will allow us to buy a nearly-90-foot-prefabricated bridge and have it installed over the Starrucca Creek linking the entire 38-mile stretch from Carbondale to the New York border," said Lynn Conrad, executive director of Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania Inc. "It was the last piece of the puzzle."

"When you ask people what helps to make a community an attractive place to live, parks and recreation are invariably on the short list of key attributes," said

## GFCBA Membership Drive Underway

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance is undergoing a membership drive for 2019-2020 to continue progress in uniting local businesses, organizations and individuals in order to promote our economy, assist in economic development and foster a positive community environment.

Since our last membership drive the GFCBA has put into action the goals of our Strategic Plan. We have engaged our membership through quarterly mixers. We have formed solid alliances with our Forest City Borough Council, Forest City Regional School District, Rail-Trail Council of NEPA, Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, Endless Mountains Heritage Region, the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Forest City Area Historical Society, the Small Business Development Center, and the Herrick Township supervisors. Using these alliances we have created 3 successful town events; a Main Street Halloween Trunk or Treat, our Christmas in a Small Town, and the inaugural Trail Town Festival. We have also published the second edition of our Greater Forest City Visitors Map & Guide.

Looking ahead through 2020, the GFCBA will be re-applying for the Susquehanna County Room Tax grant in order to create a third edition of the Visitors Map & Guide. At the conclusion of our membership drive we will be making necessary updates to the Map & Guide, website and new signage located along Main Street and along the Forest City

D & H trailhead while continuing to seek other opportunities to advertise our Alliance. These publications and maps provide residents and visitors a clear picture of our unification as business owners who see the greater Forest City area as a place where heritage, hospitality, and natural surroundings come together to create a community that takes pride in its past and plans for a prosperous future. The deadline to be included in this map is November 1st 2018.

In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we are continuing to extend olive branches to other local organizations like the Greater Forest City Industries, the Susquehanna County commissioner, the Wayne County commissioners, the Clifford Township supervisors

and the Clifford Township Historical Society. Our strategic plan allows for 3 priorities: 1. Retain, Strengthen, and Promote existing businesses. 2. New Small Business Development. 3. Establish effective marketing and communicating efforts. We are hoping to work with the SBDC to create a comprehensive marketing plan to promote our town and surrounding areas. We will continue to improve on our town events and we hope to have cooperation with Forest City Borough Council to explore any and all avenues to bring more small business to our Main Street and other struggling Main Streets in our surrounding areas.

We are an 80-members strong organization - each small business a vital piece to the Greater Forest City community. We hope you will rejoin us in our mission as an Alliance and we welcome new members to become a part of our unified group. "Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

Please go to our website for your application: [www.visitforestcitypa.com](http://www.visitforestcitypa.com)

