

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I just attended the Forest City Borough council meeting for October. It seems like council is trying to make positive changes in the near future. I'm asking that people keep something in mind. There are still people who are looking to get rid of Chief Johnson, including a few council members. These council members have their own agendas based on friendships with the person they feel should have gotten the job. Chief Johnson and his department has done a great job in removing much of the drug activity in town. They are also cracking down on speeding and other traffic violations, which many feel are only minor violations. A violation is a violation- it's that simple! And they have given out many warnings for first time offenses, which I know because I've gotten one myself! Borough council is revitalizing the Main Street, looking to have new business open up. We just had one business close while another one opened. There are still people complaining about the dog park- that it was a waste of money. It's neither here or there for me as I don't have a dog. Those who love it will use it. Those who hate it will continue to do what they always did, no harm done! It was intended to attract people who use the Rail Trail to come into town and shop our local businesses. Why would businesses want to open up here if the drug activity comes back into town, with drunks swaggering on Main Street again? This is a serious problem if you have children or grandchildren! In the past, we all knew where the police were sitting; Elegante's, Turkey Hill, the post office, Honesdale National Bank or Kost Tires. I feel that when a person does a job for too long, they can get burnt out, not care anymore. Just putting in their time. That's when it's time for a positive change! Chief Johnson is that change. He has good officers who do exactly what they are supposed to do! Most folks I know abide by the law. Then there are those who do whatever they choose, and whine about how unfair they're being treated!

We have a police chief who wants to keep our community safe, remove all drug activity and encourages the residents to participate. There is a hotline to call when you see something suspicious. We can all help to clean up the town! Borough council should stand behind their police chief, even if it isn't the person they'd have chosen! He deserves their respect and support! He was chosen as the best person for the position. Now it's time to make even more positive changes. Forest City can and will thrive with new businesses and opportunities but we have to be supportive. We have to be open to positive change, starting with Chief Johnson and the police department. They are here to protect and serve this community. I encourage people to come out to the council meetings and let your voices be heard...what would you like to see in Forest City? Or in Kennedy Park? When people work together, great things can happen. Just something to think about.

Sincerely,  
Karen Ligus  
Vandling

### Gun Raffle in Thompson Sat., Oct. 27

A Gun Raffle will be held on Sat., Oct. 27th at the Thompson Fire Hall. Tickets are \$20 and includes Food and Drink. There will be Basket Raffles, 50/50, & a side raffle of another gun. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Anyone wanting to donate a basket or purchase a ticket can call 570-442-1107. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Visit [www.thompsonhoseco.com](http://www.thompsonhoseco.com) for more information

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I couldn't imagine it, but there she was on CNN. The left-wing liberals were getting their marching orders from the "Golden Calif," (Hillary). She, a former Secretary of State of the United States promoting civil unrest in our country. To paraphrase as close as possible; "You can no longer be civil to those who don't support our agenda," is basically what she said.

You have probably seen many scenes on tv of people slamming at doors, screaming at elected officials, stopping cars, and yelling at occupants. This is what they call "Democracy." What you are watching is your country falling into a state of "anarchy."

They have no interest in democracy. What they are after is "power" at any costs. You saw this played out during the Justice Kavanaugh hearings. They only want a judge who will legislate their agenda from the bench. They want to change over 200 years of our country's history, where one is innocent until proven guilty, to your guilty by accusation without any collaboration. Well, what else would you expect?

After Hillary's 2016 loss you heard her wanting to do away with the electoral college. She can't admit she lost because she ran a bad campaign. Now she wants two or three states with high populations to control who will be president. Smaller population states would essentially have no voice in choosing the president.

All moderate conservative people, and I mean all the moderate democrats who voted for President Trump, all republicans and all independents who gave President Trump the state of Pennsylvania, must get out and vote in November. You don't want to see what the country becomes if you give them political power because then you will see total anarchy. Instead of doing the business the people want to see done, as President Trump is trying his best to do, you will see nothing but efforts at impeachment and their continued quest for power. That is their only agenda.

LTC. (Ret.) Peter Getzie  
Clifford Twp.

### St. John's Annual church Dinner Nov. 4

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, will sponsor its annual church dinner on Sunday, Nov. 4, from noon to 2 p.m. Takeouts 11 a.m. to noon.

The menu will include eye round, halubki (stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll and butter, coffee. Dinner is \$12 for adults.

Call Ted Kowalick for tickets 570-785-5147

### Free Comm. Lunch in Forest City Sat., Oct. 27

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church invites everyone to join them for a FREE Community Luncheon at CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Corner Delaware & Dundaff Streets, Forest City. It will be held on Saturday, October 27 with servings begin at Noon - 1:00pm.

Join them & bring your family & friends. Share a hearty lunch & wonderful camaraderie.

### Avon Halloween Party Sat., Oct. 20

Max Deli, 104 S. Main St. Forest City, will be scene of an Avon Halloween Party on Sat., Oct. 20, at 5 p.m.

Receive a free gift just for coming! Enjoy a door prize raffle, fun games and prizes, hoagies, chips and salsa.

Please RSVP by Oct. 15. For more information contact Jessica Rosas via facebook or at 570-253-4778.

## "Murder on the 518" to be presented by FCR Drama Club in November



The Forest City Regional Mask and Hammer Drama Club will be presenting a murder mystery this fall! "Murder on the 518," written by FCR Drama Director Michelle Giles, depicts a train ride from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles that is filled with an eccentric group of characters including a newlywed couple, an astronomy professor, a sports recruiter, a CEO, a musician, and more! But when one of them ends up dead, all of the passengers must work together to find the murderer before the train reaches its destination. Unfortunately, not everything (or everyone!) is as it seems! Performances will be Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm, Saturday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for children age 3 and under. All performances will take place in the Forest City Regional Auditorium. Join us for this family friendly mystery that is sure to keep you guessing! Above, Personal Assistant Lucy Blake (Olivia Casper) and Movie Star Isabella Madison (Emma Jo Burrasca) argue with Executive Assistant Jillian Hill (Jessica Notari) and CEO Avery Millen (Katie Nguyen) while Waiters Breanna Howe, Sage Bilko, and Maiya Rizer are stuck in the middle. #MurderOnThe518

## Herrick discusses new township building

by Theresa Opeka

The purchase of equipment and engineering bids for plans for a new township building were among the items discussed at the Monday, October 1 meeting of the Herrick Township Supervisors.

Kurt Schultz asked what will happen with snow removal and equipment for the upcoming winter season. Supervisor/Road Master Brian Zembrzycki said they have everything ready.

### SIGNAGE

Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said she sent a letter to PennDOT regarding a request for signage prohibiting brake retarders along Route 374 near Dimock Corners. She said they told her the township would have to enact an ordinance prohibiting them and pay for the signs, placement and maintenance. She also said that there is no one to enforce it since the township doesn't have a police department and state police will not enforce township ordinances.

### NEW TWP. BUILDING

Harvatine said she called three different engineering firms for costs to design a new township building. Tretheway and Scull Associates, Honesdale, said it would cost 6% of the total project, JHA Associates, Montrose, has a total of \$48,500 and Kiley Associates, Lakeville, has a cost of \$75,750. Supervisor Elliot Ross said, "I am not willing to spend more than \$500,000. I think we should meet with them." Harvatine and Zembrzycki agreed.

### HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Harvatine said the Susquehanna County Department of Public Safety said the county's 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA/PEMA on September 28. Harvatine said the township always adopts the county's plan. A motion was made to adopt the plan. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

### RAIL TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting will be held on October 18 at 9:30am at Ararat Road for the completion of the improvement of the Rail Trail from Route 374 in Herrick Township to Ararat Road.

### LIQUID FUELS MONEY

The township will receive an estimated \$93,493.18 in liquid fuels money on March 1.

### GFCBA DUES

Harvatine said they received a notice from the Forest City Business Alliance asking if they would like to renew their membership for \$100. The supervisors said they didn't feel there was a benefit for the township and said they would not renew.

### VOTING

Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 6 at the Herrick Center Baptist Church.

### NEW BACKHOE

The supervisors all voted in favor to purchase a 2017 backhoe for \$100,486.27. The purchase will be made from the \$60,000 the township received from the insurance money for the two backhoes lost in the township building fire, the equipment fund and the rest from Act 13 funds. They also all voted in favor of purchasing a 2018 Peterbilt truck for \$156,985. It will be paid for with insurance money and Act 13 funds. Ross said, "We did look at used trucks for \$70,000-\$80,000 but they were 10 years old. We'll use this truck for the next 20 years."

### DONATION TO CHURCH

The supervisors agreed to give a \$250 donation to the Union Dale United Methodist Church for use of the church hall for holding meetings there for the past few months.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5 at 7pm at the Herrick Center Baptist Church.

### Hunter Trapper Education Course Sun., Oct. 28

The PA. Game Commission will host a hunter-trapper education course at 9 a.m. on Sun., Oct. 28 at the Forest City High School, 100 Susquehanna St., Forest City.

This class is required for first time hunters and you must be 11 years old to sign up. To register, go to: [pagamecommission.com](http://pagamecommission.com), select, hunter-trapper education, enter your zip code, then select and register for the call.

The Browndale Sportsman's Club will provide lunch to all attendees.

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## Pleasant Mount News

By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: Pat Gill, Carly Erdmann, Joyce Peak, Chris Caffrey, Justin Faletta, Tom Pasternak Jr., Audrey Zielinski, James Dixon, David Wright, Owen Price, John Lillie, Sarah Zablocky, Ryan Smith and Laura Wojcik.

Happy Anniversaries to: Carl and Chris Albright, Ellis and Daisy Dix, Bob and Kim Kane and Bob and Sylvia Bailey.

Pleasant Mount Library events: Storytime - every Wednesday 10-30-1130am; October 20 - 9am-Noon - Quilts of Valor; October 23, 6:30pm - Quilt Class - \$5 do-

nation plus cost of materials; Play Group 4-6pm.

The Shehawken United Methodist Church Women will hold their Annual Oyster & Beef Stew Dinner at the Shehawken United Methodist Church Social Hall, Dixie Highway & Scott Center Road, Shehawken on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. Visit our baked goods table for delicious homemade quick breads. Dinner cost is \$10 adults and \$5 children under age 12. Proceeds benefit the UMC Women community outreach programs. Sorry, but no take outs will be available.

## Atheist group seeking Honesdale star removal

A community display in Honesdale may have to be moved to another location. A letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation asks that the cross and star display on Irving Cliff be removed since it is located on government-owned ground.

The Foundation states that its "purposes are to protect the constitutional principle of separation between church and state, and to educate the public on matters on nontheism."

The letter from the Foundation was presented to Honesdale Council Oct. 8th and has produced a groundswell of community support to keep the display on Irving Cliff.

The display has been located there for 63 years. It was

originally just a star but a cross was added a few years later. The display is illuminated from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and at Easter. It was built with donations from the public and is maintained in the same way.

A committee has been formed to protect the display. A Honesdale resident, Eloise Fasshauer, who attended the dedication in 1955 said the display is "a treasured memorial to Honesdale," adding that the people who sent the letter asking for its removal are "making a big mistake."

An online petition "Keep Irving Cliffs heritage! THE STAR STAYS," accumulated over 3,000 signatures in three days, according to the Wayne Independent newspaper.

## Memorial Blood Drive at YMCA Wed., Oct. 17

VNA Hospice & Home Health, along with the Carbondale YMCA will sponsor a Blood Drive in Memory of Diane Keough on Wed., Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carbondale YMCA.

Diane was a long-time resident of Carbondale who passed away on Oct. 26, 2017. She was married to her husband Jack for 46 years and has one daughter, Erin Keough. Prior to retirement, she was employed at the Carbondale Nursing Home and was part of the Forest City Golf League.

During Diane's illness she received multiple blood transfusions, and having seen first hand how they helped their loved one, the need for blood donations is especially important to her family. Diane's courage and strength during this time was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Everyone who donates blood will receive a t-shirt as well as a chance to win a gift basket. For every one person who donates blood you can save three lives! Please contact Brenda Conlon at 570-280-8735 to schedule your appointment to donate.

## Senior Center participating in Trunk or Treat

The Forest City Senior Center, located at 535 Main Street in Forest City, will participate in the town's Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 26 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. Attendees are invited to stop by the center's table display for free hot dogs and apple cider. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each with two prizes to be won; a lottery ticket wreath, and a Halloween party basket. All proceeds from the raffle will directly benefit activities of the Forest City Senior Center. For more information, please call 570-785-3386.

The B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; the United Way of Bradford County; the Lycoming County United Way; the United Way of Susquehanna County and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Commissioners. For additional information on Area Agency on Aging services, please call 1-800-982-4346.

## Tyler Clift Scores 50th Career Goal



In a game against Carbondale's Chargers, Forest City Forester Tyler Clift scored his 50th high school career goal at the win of 5-0 over the Chargers. Tyler has played varsity for four years, been team captain for two, and holds the school record for most goals in a game. Congratulations from all your family, friends and teammates.

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