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Dear Editor:

I would like to tell you why after 60 years as a Democrat I have switched to the Republican party. The Democratic party is not the party of the people, especially the working class, like it was under the likes of John Kennedy and Tip O'Neill and Hubert Humphrey and even Gov. Casey of late. I can no longer support the party of Pelosi, Schumer, Maxine Waters, and others because of their support for open borders, a weaker military, higher taxes, and abolishment of ICE and other devoted dedicated officers of the law. And so I am voting for those who support lower taxes for the middle class, a strong military, the wall to keep out illegals, and who support legal immigration and a strong economy such as we are experiencing now. The Democratic party has left me and even though my Mom and other Dems from the past would be unhappy with my way of thinking the country is too important to me and so Bernie Sanders can have his socialisms ideas, Pelosi can have higher taxes, Schumer can obstruct all he wants but I will not walk that line with them and so I urge all to get out and vote on Nov. 6 to help save our country.

Thank you.
Joe Garrick, former Democratic Mayor of Vandling and now a proud Republican.

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Dear Editor:

I was sorry I missed you on September 22 after we did the rail route from Forest City to the railroad bridge in Vandling. You have a real gold mine in Forest City with that walking path. We were able to do the trip with Nancy in her all-terrain wheelchair. It is a nice, free, leisure facility for people in the area.

I enclose a check for two subscriptions, one for me and the other for my brother, Tom's son, Steve in Wyoming, PA.

We had a great 60th high school reunion in Carbondale.

John Opeka
Niantic, CT

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for another year of the News. In spite of my many moves, I still receive my weekly paper pretty much on schedule.

For a small town, you have a lot going on, and I enjoy reading every bit of it

Marion Komatauska Stanavige
Waxhaw, NC

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for another year of enjoying the Forest City News. It is very interesting to read and see all about the people and towns I remembered, and continue to feel like I'm still there.

Connie Mlinar
Exeter, RI

\$450,000 Grant for D&H Trail in Susq. County

The Wolf Administration announced grant funding for the Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Rail Trail in Harmony Township, Susquehanna County. An investment of \$450,000 will provide a trailhead with parking, and complete a section of new trail to support the community's connection to good health, and its history.

"Trails provide a close-to-home connection to nature and recreation that is always free or affordable," Dunn said. "We are happy to provide this grant to create a trailhead for the northern 6.5-mile section of the D&H Trail, which also will help to transform what is currently a barren, rocky area into an attractive community asset."

The project will include the construction of 0.9-miles of trail from Stevens Point to Brandt. Additional site improvements will include ADA access, added parking, large landscape boulders to define the trailhead area and match quarry stone across the road, native tree plantings, and fencing to define the trail corridor.

The D&H Trail runs from the New York State border south for 38 miles, where it connects with the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. It is used by bikers, hikers, runners, equestrians, and snowmobilers. The trail was formerly a railroad loading area and storage site for quarry rock.

The source of funding is the Keystone Fund, which is currently celebrating 25 years of supporting thousands of community improvements in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania, outdoor recreation generates \$29.1 billion in consumer spending, \$1.9 billion in state and local tax revenue, \$8.6 billion in wages and salaries, and sustains 251,000 direct Pennsylvania jobs.

GFCBA says THANKS

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance would like to give a big thank you to the businesses that participated in Forest City Fright Night on Friday, October 26 on Main Street. Participating businesses were: Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, Kelley's Salon, Cornerstone Bible Church, Cube Auto Supply (NAPA), KW Oil, Hornbeck Chevrolet, Red Cross Pharmacy, Elegante's Restaurant, Bloom, Shirley's Restaurant, Honesdale National Bank, Ros-Al Floral, Genco Dental, Zazzera's Supermarket, Wayne Memorial Outpatient Center, NEP Telephone Company, Franceski Lumber Company, House of Flowers, Forest City Area Senior Center, Lesjack Funeral Home, Forest City Area Emergency Services, Forest City Nursing and Rehab, Forest City Area Historical Society, Brieche Law, First National Bank, The Barking Cupcake, Turkey Hill and Jesse's Salon.

"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!

Pictured above are members of the cast and crew. Row 1: Billy Williams, Star Akers. Row 2: Hannah Perry, Kathy Akers, Emma Jo Burrasca, Emma Barney, Destiny Englert, Lila Ingenito, Jessica Notari, Dustin Swartz, Maiya Rizner, Sage Bilko. Row 3: Kailina Floccari, Olivia Casper, Katie Nguyen, AnQi Chen, Chase Evans, Joshua Russo. Row 4: Gary Druhl, Blaise Albright, Branson Casper, David Lynch, Matthew Giles, Isaiah Canfield, Anthony D'Antuono, Kyle Bonham, Joshua Doyle, Brett Gulbin. Absent from photo: Christopher Englert, Finnegan Yount, Seana Stoltz, Hailey Gray, Sydney Hodges, Raymond Ondrako, Jasmyn Stewart, Austin Grosel, Breanna Howe, Ryan Notari, Emily Sickels, Julien Miller.

Hist. Society lists many Upcoming local events

At the Oct. 14 meeting of the Forest City Area Historical Society many matters were discussed:

*The Museum will be used for a musical/choral Christmas concert by Forest City Regional High School in conjunction with the Main Street Christmas Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 1. The Society will have food and refreshments available for sale there during the day.

*The Society will again participate in the annual Main Street "Trunk or Treat" event at Halloween on Friday, Oct. 26, 4PM. Society member Mary McElhinney will donate the candy and will be assisted by member Peggy Brager.

*The Society will sponsor a 1 1/2 hour play next April entitled "You, the Jury" which is a re-enactment of the trial of the perpetrators of the Abraham Lincoln assassination. Members of the Society will serve as jurors while the audience will be asking questions of the defendants. Hal Meyers, Scranton, will be producer of the event.

*Further planning is being done on the Wine Festival of the Society to be held at the Trail Town Festival on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

*The last scheduled Saturday opening of the Museum will be on Saturday, Oct. 27, 11 to 1PM. Saturday openings will resume in April 2019.

*The Society was contacted by Ancestry.com, the genealogy search engine, to provide a link our the Society webpage.

*Due to many requests being received by the Society for genealogical information, the Ascension Parish office in Forest City has provided the Society with contact information for its recently digitized 70 years and older records available from the former Forest City Catholic churches. Anyone seeking such information must contact Northeast Penna. Genealogical Society at 570-829-1765 or www.nepgs.com. A fee is usually attached to searches for information.

*Members Dave and Joann Homisak reported on a recent

visit to the historic town of Jim Thorpe, PA. He presented some ideas the Society can use to improve its museum and to help promote Forest City.

*Critelli Electric repaired two ceiling lights in the museum.

*An area organization contacted the Society to provide the name of the artist who sculpted the Forest City coal miner stature which was unveiled at this year's Trail Town Festival. The statue is on display at the Museum.

*Member Dale Keklock provided video disks he filmed of the presenters who spoke at the ethnic programs held during five days in August at the Museum. Website director Barb Klobucar said she would get them on YouTube with links to our website.

*Several members of the Society will attend the annual dinner of the Lackawanna Historical Society Nov. 8, 6PM, at the Anthracite Center, Carbondale. The dinner will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite.

*A number of maps of various areas of Wayne County which were given to the Society, will be donated the Wayne County Historical Society.

Treasurer Bob Wirts presented the following treasurer's report: Checking Acct. \$3,410.31; Savings Acct. \$41,018; Cert. of Dep. \$1,040; Investment \$5,519. Expenses for the month were \$386.

Trunk or Treat in Thompson Wed., Oct. 31

A TRUNK OR TREAT will be held at the Thompson Hose Co., 53 Water St., Thompson, on Wed., Oct. 31st from 6pm to 8pm. All are invited to participate. Bring the family out and have a good time. Free goodies, hot dogs, chips, and smoke alarms as supplies last.

Any questions call 570-442-1107.

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Pleasant Mount News
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Happy Birthday to: Christine Cordts, Charles Frindt, Valerie Demianovich, Howard Merklein, Cody Jubinsky, Charles Saul, Aiden Evanitsky, Beverly Bennett, Pat O'Neill, Ashley Nebzydowski, Bill Alexander, Louisa Rodriguez, Matt Hall, Dakota Kaminski, Macy Phillips, Christina Buchanan, Bea Termina, Austin Watson, Linda Lee and Molly Clune.

Happy Anniversary to: David and Robin Rosler and Chris and Maxine Mikulak.

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.

On Monday, November 12th, Costello-Monahan-Brown Post 964 American Legion will hold a Veterans Day program in the Pleasant Mount Community Center at 11 AM. A luncheon will follow the program. Everyone is welcome.

St. Katharine Drexel's Altar & Rosary Fall Pierogi Fundraiser is fast approaching, scheduled for November 14 & 15. A limited number will be available, so get your order in soon. Still only \$6 a dozen pre-ordered. Additional pierogi will be sold for \$7 a dozen. Order sheets are available in the back of the church.



The newly remodeled Shana & Frank's Pub, Montrose, was the setting for a Republican Campaign Rally featuring GOP Candidate for Governor Scott Wagner and other Republican Candidates in the November 6th General Election.

GOP candidate Wagner speaks at Susq. Co. campaign rally

Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Wagner paid his 6th visit to Susquehanna County noting the importance he has for the rural counties of Pennsylvania. He attended a Wagner Rally held October 18 at Shana and Frank's Pub, South Montrose. About 125 were in attendance.

Candidate Wagner told the News he has no plans to tax the retirement income of seniors as is being claimed by his opponent. He again stated that Pennsylvania has a spending problem not a revenue problem and needs lower taxes and reduced regulation.

He said he remains committed to removing real estate taxes which especially burden senior citizens. He also supports increased funding for education as the Republicans have shown by passing increased education funding in the PA House and Senate the last three years during which Gov. Wolf did not even present a budget.

Wagner unveiled a new campaign sign which states WAGNER LOVES NATURAL GAS. He said Wolf continues to push for a natural gas severance tax which will ultimately take away the Act 13 Natural Gas Impact fees. For Susquehanna County alone, he said those fees meant \$15 million just in the last year.

He noted he is a businessman who has built business-

es and employed hundreds of people, and plans to run state government like a business, as it should be.

Sarah Barletta, daughter of U.S. Senatorial candidate Lou Barletta, spoke on behalf of her father. The school teacher noted that her father's opponent, Bob Casey Jr., has had an insignificant record over his 12 years in the U.S. Senate, except to vote with Democrat leader Chuck Schumer to obstruct the Trump administration's agenda.

State Senator Lisa Baker, who is unopposed for her re-election to a six-year State Senate seat, used her time to urge Susquehanna County voters to get out the vote on Nov. 6th. She stressed that it will take the voters of the rural counties, known as the "Republican Tee" to offset Philadelphia votes.

State Rep. Jon Fritz ((111th Dist) and State Rep Tina Pickett ((110th Dist) also sought votes for their candidacies and urged votes for Lou Barletta to help maintain the Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, and to replace the failed Gov. Wolf administration in Harrisburg with businessman Scott Wagner.

County Republican Chairman Donna Cosmello was master of ceremonies. Also addressing the crowd was Pat Solano, retired Luzerne County Republican Chairman.

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