

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



“Christmas in our Small Town” in Forest City Saturday, Dec. 1

Christmas in our Small Town will take place in Forest City on Saturday, December 1 from 1 PM to 6 PM

Activities will include: Story Time at Honesdale National Bank sponsored by the Forest City Branch Library at 1pm

Activities and crafts 2 PM-5 PM, PASSPORTS PICKED UP AT ZAZZERA'S MARKET.

The following will be PASSPORT locations where kids will do a craft and have their passport stamped:

House of Flowers is hosting FCR Student Council making gingerbread houses.

All in a Basket is hosting FCR FBLA decorating sugar cookies.

Hornbeck Chevrolet is hosting FCR SADD making an ornament.

Elegante Restaurant is hosting FCR Elementary Student Council making an ornament.

Kelley's Salon is hosting FCR Cheerleaders doing face painting.

Ros-Al Floral is making fingerprint ornaments.

The Barking Cupcake is decorating gingerbread people.

First National Bank is offering hot cocoa and cookies and making a pinecone bird

feeder.

FNB is also hosting Forest City Borough Parks and Recreation's ELF SCHOOL.

Cornerstone Bible Church will have a hot chocolate stand on Main Street.

Forest City Area Emergency Services is bringing Santa on the Fire truck at 4 PM

There will be a Sing A Long Christmas caroling and big tree lighting in the 500 block at 5:15 PM

Forest City Area Historical Society is hosting the FCR Band & Chorus Christmas concert at 5:45 PM

Mayor Chris Ginton has listed additional activities including: Carriage rides on Main St. and Main St. Ven-dors

The Main Street Christmas trees are donated by the GFCBA and sponsored by members, decorated by FCR Elementary students, and judged by volunteers at the Forest City Senior Center. Winning trees will be announced at the Tree Light-ing.

The Forest City Area Historical Society will serve food from 3 PM to 6 PM. B'dale Fire Co. Cabbage & Noodles, Christ Church assorted homemade soups, pierogies with butter and onions.

Main Street merchants are very pleased with the Borough's new snow removal policy. Not only did the snow piles get removed in a timely manner but are paid for through meter money. Thanks to Council for this great service.

A MINUS 5 temperature reading in Forest City the day after Thanksgiving is a little much for this time of year.

We'd be glad to put in your deer season successes, even a photo if possible. Send to fcnews@nep.net.

We urge our readers to consider some of their Christmas shopping on our Main Street. We all will be the first to acknowledge we can't supply all your Christmas gift-giving but we can fulfill some of them. We'll suggest a gift subscription to the News, especially for a former resident.

We were sorry to see our good friend and long-time Zazzera's meat dept. manager Bob Black leave for a well-deserved retirement recently. He came to the Forest City store 43 years ago when Chauncey Zazzera re-opened the old A&P Store. Bob was a skilled meat cutter. You just told him what you wanted and you could guarantee it would be what you wanted. His kielbassi was a trademark of Zazzera's. He was busiest at Zazzera's semi-annual Meat Sales when he produced hundreds and hundreds of pounds of select meat products. Bob also had a sideline and was a magician as a taxidermist. He could expertly do any game animal, bird or fish. Many of my big game mounts bear the Bobby Black brand. He worked long hours, six days a week, but always had time to chat with a customer. I am sure his taxidermy business will keep him busy. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Our condolences to the Dzwonchik Family on the death of Patricia Dzwonchik. What a wonderful lady; someone who devoted her life, not only to her family, but to her profession of nursing, especially her care and concern for the elderly. Her many years at Forest City Nursing & Rehab Center brought much kindness to patients and families. May she rest in peace.

Met a man in Scranton last week and in idle conversation learned his mother was born near my hunting camp in Ararat. He then added he does business with R.B. Fries Inc., Vandling, as well as Fitzsimmons Insurance, Forest City. Our area businesses rely on a wide market to make themselves successful.

School Adopt-a-Tree program To honor loved ones or alumni

Forest City Regional School District is undertaking an Adopt-a-Tree program in which the public can honor a relative, loved one, friend or alumni by dedicating a tree in their name.

The recent school modernization project resulted in the removal of 78 trees from the property. The School Board is committed to planting a new tree for each one that was removed.

The program provides a unique and thoughtful way for members of the commu-

nity to celebrate their Forester roots while making a meaningful contribution to the school community.

Those who donate a tree will receive a small plaque in recognition of the individual or group the tree was planted for. All donors will be commemorated on an Adopt-a-Tree plaque which will be displayed inside the school lobby. No permanent marker or plaque will be installed on or around the tree sponsored.

Cost to participate is \$300. Trees available are: Katsura, Kousa Dogwood, Kwazan Cherry, Paperbark Maple, Thundercloud Plum, Red Oak, Red Sunset Maple, Redbud, Raoyla Raindrops Crabapple, Sargent Tina Crabapple, Seven-son Flower, Sugar Tyme Crabapple or Summer Fun Dogwood.

On the application form you may have a first or second choice of tree type, however circumstances may necessitate that something different than requested will be planted.

Application forms can be obtained from the Elementary and High School offices or by going to the schools website at www.fcrrsd.org.

Christmas in the Village Sat., Dec. 1st in Pleasant Mt.

The Costello-Monahan-Brown American Legion Post 964 will sponsor Christmas in the Village on Sat., Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pleasant Mount Community Center.

The festivities will include vendors, a craft show and a free soup and sandwich luncheon. Vote for your favorite soup and chili, and the winner receives the "Golden Ladle."

Santa will also visit for free pictures with the kids from 1 to 3 p.m.

Start the holiday season with this fun-filled and festive event.

Vendors are asked to call Tammy at 570-448-2496 for more info.

Christ Church Soup Supper Fri., Nov. 30

Christ Episcopal Church, Dundaff St., Forest City, will hold another Homemade Soup Supper on Friday, Nov. 30. Take-outs will be from 3:30 to 4:30. Call 785-3425, leave message to reserve a take-out. Soup \$5/pint.

Sit-down will be from 5 to 7, All-U-Can Eat soup buffet w/ soup, bread and dessert, \$12.

Soups include Chicken noodle, southwest turkey chili, mushroom, manhattan clam chowder, split pea w/ham. Call above number for list of soups.

Blood Drive at B'dale Fire Station Fri., Nov. 30

The Browndale Fire Station will be turned into a Community Red Cross Blood donation center from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, November 30, 2018. The Browndale Fire Station is located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Please stop by to donate the gift of life!

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go on-line to: www.redcrossblood.org. You may also walk in. Please help support the Red Cross and donate blood. "Give the gift of life, Give Blood".



Shown above are the new entrances to the Forest City Regional Elementary and High School offices. The public was able to see the completion of the building project at an open house held on Sunday, Nov. 18.

FCR holds open house to show public new renovations

The public got to view the \$10 million modernization of Forest City Regional School at an open house on Sunday, Nov. 18. Senior Katie Nguyen, singing the National Anthem, began the short program which preceded tours of the school where faculty and students were able to display the modernized facilities.

Introduced by Board President Mary Emmett, Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina gave special praise to Paul Walker, who served as clerk of the works of the two year renovation project. Mr. Walker came out of retirement as an engineer to serve in that capacity. His wife, Kathy, was also thanked for allowing him to interrupt his retirement.

School Maintenance Supervisor John Reeder also came in for special thanks. Dr. Aquilina observed that he saved the District a great deal of money by knowing every sq. in. of the building and being able to provide that information to the contractors when needed.

Board President Mary Emmett and the Forest City School Board members were also thanked as was Business Manager Mrs. Kathleen Seifried and Board Secretary Patricia Chesnick.

Board member Dr. Henry Nebzydowski gave credit to former School Superintendent Dr. John Kopicki who began the project during his tenure back in 2015. Dr. Nebzydowski also explained to the audience how the new

project was funded through the continuation of the payments from the previous bond issue.

Others who were also thanked included Elem. Principal Brian Kelly, Steve Glynn and Paul McCormick of the Information Technology Dept., Donna Keslo, administrative assistant, and faculty members Dan Nebzydowski, Cynthia Weiss and Michael Zack, who were in charge of the new display cases which display memorabilia and trophies from past athletic successes.

Also cited was the general contractor, Grimm Construction Company, Honesdale, who, Dr. Aquilina said, used mostly local workers and contractors.

Dr. Aquilina also thanked the faculty, staff and other administrators, as well as the students and families, for being a patient educational community as they met the many challenges of demolition and construction, which was all accomplished while all entities were doing their jobs on the state of the art building.

Also thanks to Athletic Director Brian Durkin for his work in scheduling and supporting student athletes and coaches throughout the renovation project.

Final thanks were given to Ms. Karen Goskowski, of Kartri Sales Company, who allowed the district to use her facilities on Delaware Street for parent parking during the two years of the project.

The final part of the pro-

gram was a slide show showing the various phases of demolition and re-construction prepared by Mr. Paul Walker and Mr. Paul McCormick.

Mary Lee Martines and the cafeteria served a delicious brunch to the attendees.

The entire project consisted of the following:

Forest City Regional High School

1. The High School Cafeteria was painted, electronic monitors were added to provide students with access to announcements and information throughout the day, and new tables were purchased.

2. Ramp Enclosure: The ramp into the elementary school has been enclosed to improve the safety and security of the school. The interior of the ramp will be designed as the Forester Hall of Success and will eventually house Forester memorabilia and awards.

3. School Store: The store front and school store was added as a way to strengthen our Business, Computer, and Information Technology Classes. Mr. Zack and his students from Future Business Leaders of America operate the store.

4. Upgraded Student Lavatories: Student lavatories were completely renovated and modernized.

5. Industrial Arts/Stem: The industrial arts/STEM renovation includes a clean STEM Maker Space (108. 1), a computer lab, industrial arts lab, and an instructional space.

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Anyone employed in Vandling to pay \$52 for Local Service Tax

Vandling Council adopted a Local Services Tax Ordinance at the monthly meeting on Monday, November 19. The Ordinance will require anyone employed in the Borough of Vandling to pay \$52 to the Borough beginning in 2019.

An emergency meeting was held on November 12 at 7 PM to introduce the

ordinance. According to Vandling Solicitor Atty. Paul Smith, the meeting had to be advertised in The Scranton Times in order to adopt the ordinance at the regular November meeting.

DCED must have the ordinance in their hands by December 1 so waiting until the December meeting would have been too late.

Currently employees working in Vandling pay just \$10 to work in the Borough. It used to be called the Emergency Services Tax. According to Council, 1/4 of the money collected will go to local fire, police, and EMS.

Tax collector Maryann Risboskin will collect the new tax with no additional compensation to her.

No tax increase in Vandling for 2019; Garbage fee to increase by \$10

There will be no tax increase for 2019 in the Borough of Vandling but homeowners will see an increase in the refuse fee. The budget lists total revenue at \$436,710 and expenses of \$476,990.

The garbage fee for 2018 was \$180. The fee for 2019 will be \$190 if paid by July. If paid after July, the fee will be \$215.

Council approved the budget without setting the garbage fee. Immediately after approving the budget, which Councilman John Car-

achilo abstained from, Carachilo asked how they could approve it without setting the garbage fee.

Council John Mayers said they would discuss it then. He gave some garbage fee figures and said the new fee would be \$190 and then \$215 after July. Mayers said 302 people have paid the garbage fee this year and he is expecting at least 305 to pay next year.

He said the increase was due to the raise in the garbage contract fee for 2019.

Councilman Bill Boyle said the allocation of the liquid fuels money, estimated at \$21,000, needs to be carefully utilized since it is an estimate.

Councilman Mayers said some of the money will be used for resurfacing and storm drains and they will need a contract for the resurfacing part.

Councilman Boyle complimented Mayers on all the hard work he has done on the 2019 budget.



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