

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Shirley's Restaurant is a mainstay on our Main Stem specializing in breakfasts and lunches. With lots of Main Street parking it is an easy location to access. Owner Shirley Black, and her son, William Hebner, who is the cook, can speedily and efficiently serve you with a delicious breakfast or one of their daily lunch specials advertised on the sidewalk sandwich board. Shirley's back room can also cater to small parties and meetings. The Business Alliance has their Board and community meetings there on various Wednesday mornings. A nice touch is the jello with whipped topping served with her lunch specials. She came to us from Honesdale and has found her spot on our Main Street.

Since starting Marcellus Shale drilling for natural gas around 2009 there have been 16 large (over 475 megawatt) gas-fired electric power plants in Penna. The Lackawanna Energy Center in Jessup is the largest one of them. It will generate 1,500 megawatts and cost \$1 billion. An estimated 800 construction jobs were created during its construction. These new plants also provide millions in tax revenues to local municipalities and schools. They are pretty much replacing coal and oil fired plants at a much lower pollution rate.

The FCR Drama Club again scored a real hit last weekend with their murder mystery, a departure from their usual comedic presentations. Even more special, it was written and directed by drama club director Shelly Giles. Lots of talent at FCR.

M & M Tire and Auto Service has moved from Main Street, Forest City, to its new location at 144 S. Main Street in Vandling. Mike Novak built a brand new building to house his business and we wish him well.

Mike Fortuner was trapped under his quad for 33 hours this summer in his Pleasant Mt. driveway. Fortunately his grandson found him. Mike told us it tipped so he could not move his legs into a position where he could push the quad up. To make matters worse, gas dripped on his leg and caused major chemical burns. He says doctors hope function will return back to his leg but he has difficulty walking even with a cane. Scary!!!

Ashley Fitzsimmons, Brown Dale, was recently named the 2018 National Outstanding Customer Support Representative of Year in the insurance industry. She is a Customer Service Representative and Producer for Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, Forest City. Ashley and Fitzsimmons Insurance were featured in a five minute video which can be viewed by going to www.scic.com/spotlight. The video features Jim, Brian and Ashley Fitzsimmons and Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, as well as views of Forest City. Congratulations Ashley!



Time Capsules at Forest City Regional School



The Forest City Regional School encased time capsules in the wall outside of the High School office and the Elementary office on Thursday, October 25. The time capsule in the high school was filled with a copy of *The Forest City News*, *The Scranton Times*, light bulbs, a laptop computer, ear buds, a coffee k-cup, the 2018 yearbook, a 2018 Steamtown Marathon shirt, a signed shirt by students, a 250th Anniversary of Anthracite license plate, and three letters, one from Superintendent Jessica Aquilina, another from Forest City Area Historical Society President John Kameen, and one from Forest City News Publisher Patricia Striefsky. Shown above is Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina and Clerk of the Works Paul Walker.

Supt. Attends national conference; Gives Board update on comp. plan

Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina was congratulated by Forest City Regional School Board at its Oct. 8th meeting for having been invited to make a presentation on FCR School District accomplishments at the PBIS national conference in Chicago Oct. 3rd. She indicated her presentation was well received and she thanked the Board for paying her expenses to accept the invitation.

Dr. Aquilina made a 20 minute power point presentation to the Board on the School's Comprehensive School Improvement Planning. The presentation listed the areas of deficit and improvement in the various criteria measured by the state. In those areas in which grades are at or below state

averages for all district, Dr. Aquilina indicated she is seeing increases in the future across all grade levels.

She noted that FCR has achieved a 1:1 ratio in providing technical devices to each student grades K-12. She also listed a goal of having a 1:1 ratio in its student to teacher advisory program. She also listed the goal of assessing all decisions made by the Board and administration to see they are effective and can be improved upon.

The school's vision, she said, now includes the phrase—GO GET GREAT!, which she emphasized will be used by all teachers in urging their students toward improvement. The new Mission Statement, which can be found on the school's website, also has been modified.

She also indicated that the District is looking to reduce its field trips. The complete powerpoint presentation to the School board can be found on the school's website at www.fcrcsd.org under Board Docs.

Taste of the Town in C'dale Sun., Nov. 11

The Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Presents the 6th annual Taste of the Town on Sunday, November 11 from 2 PM to 5 PM at the Hotel Anthracite, 25 South Main Street, Carbondale.

Featured restaurants, wineries and breweries include: Plate D'Azure, Kol Steakhouse, Carwanana, McDonald's, Capra Collina, Case Quattro, Steve Pendrak Family Winery, Barbours Bakery, Weis, Pizza Guys, Iron Heart Brewing Co., Chip and Stone, Roxane's Cafe, Cangiano's, Speakeasy Saloon and Resort, Nina's, Gravity Inn, Candlelight Inn and Mustard Seed.

Tickets are \$25 per person. You can call 570-282-1690 to purchase tickets.

Indulge in food tasting from area restaurants while listening to live music by Chris Mullineaux.

Businesses Free Lunch set Fri., Nov. 9th

Area businessman Frank Nardone will again hold his annual appreciation lunch for all local businesses and their employees at the Forest City Area Historical Society on Friday, Nov. 9, from 11 to 2. The free lunch will be eat-in or take-out.

In order to prepare sufficient food, reservations must be made by calling or texting him at 570-677-1998.

Gas released at regulator station in Forest City



Another scheduled release of natural gas into the air was conducted by UGI Utilities last Wednesday morning, October 31 at the regulator station off 247 in Forest City. It only lasted about 15 minutes but could be heard for miles. It was done to release pressure to connect to a new gas line in Simpson. The 911 Centers in Wayne and Susquehanna Counties were notified of the scheduled release.

Forest City Lions Club THANK YOU!

The Forest City Lions Club wants to thank the community for their continued support of our efforts to serve. We would especially like to thank those who came out to our recent Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast was a huge success this year. Our special appreciation and thanks go to Elegante Restaurant, our members, and the students from Forest City Regional High School who helped at the breakfast.

The Forest City Lion's Club is open to any woman or man who would like to help the Lion's serve the community. If you are interested in joining the organization, you may contact Lion President, Steven Tourje at 570-785-2216.

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST 50/50 WINNERS
Russ Dilly 1st Prize
Joanne Sterchak 2nd Prize
Ed Skarbez 3rd Prize

FC Parks & Rec. meeting Tues., Nov. 13

The next Forest City Parks & Recreation meeting is set for Tuesday, November 13th at 7pm.

This meeting will be held on the second floor of the Forest City Borough building, Main Street. They have a lot going on getting ready for Spring at Kennedy Park and many projects.

All meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, same time, same place for the colder months.

Have ideas about Kennedy Park? Come on out and share them! Everyone is welcome!

Veteran's Day Program Nov. 13 At High School

The annual Veteran's Day program at Forest City Regional School will be Tuesday, Nov. 13. There will be a luncheon at 12:15 in the High School Library. Program will begin at 1:15 P.M. Public is invited to the program.

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FCR Completion of Building Project Open House Sun., Nov. 18

Forest City Regional School District will hold an open house on Sun., Nov. 18, at noon, commemorating the completion of the building projects which include: increased safety and security; beautiful entrances for both the elementary and the high school; a renovated high school gymnasium, as well as a brand new fitness

center and locker rooms and upgraded STEM, Business, Band and Chorus Suites.

Presentation will be at noon in the auditorium with tours and brunch to follow.

The Forest City Regional School is located at 100 Susquehanna St., Forest City, and all are welcome to attend.

WVIA-TV considering Museum For possible future "Our Town"

The Forest City Area Historical Society's new curator/archivist Barb Klobucar informed the group recently that John Farkas Jr., of WVIA, public television in Scranton, recently visited the Museum here and expressed an interest in using the Museum in a possible "Our Town" series on the TV station.

Klobucar said the WVIA

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.

Winter Parking Rules in effect on Main St. in FC

Winter Parking Rules for Forest City Borough are currently in effect until March 31, 2019. There will be no parking on Main Street from 2 AM to 5 AM. Please use the side streets. The parking fine is \$15.00 for non compliance.

rep spent a number of hours at the Museum and said the displays and museum were "incredible." He said he will report back to the station and to Lisa Mazzerella, who is the producer of the "Our Town" series.

Several years ago WVIA came to town to work on an "Our Town" series with the Historical Society but the station reportedly had funding problems at the time and the project never went forward.

Vaping program at FCR Nov. 7

The American Lung Association will conduct a presentation on the dangers of e-nicotine and vaping on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forest City High School auditorium.

All members of the community are urged to become a part of this important conversation and to help stop the use of these devices by students.

FC Police Chief Johnson office hours Nov. 9

Forest City Police Chief Jim Johnson will have office hours in the Borough Building on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Anyone that would like to meet with him is welcome to.

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