

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I have decided to try one more year subscription but I've been so disappointed with the mail delivery. Some weeks the paper does not come to Florida 10 days after it is sent. I also get the Hancock Herald which gets here in 5 days. Can you explain this?

Bernice Doyle
Lakeland, FL

Editors Note: I wish I could! Our paper goes into the Forest City Post Office every Tuesday morning around 10:30AM. We have six mail tubs of local papers and 21 separate mail bags which are separated for various towns, areas and states. From our explanation, most of the separate mail bags go to Lehigh Valley Mail Distribution facility in Allentown where the out-of-state bags are sent on their way, while the in-state bags, even some for destinations not too far from Forest City, are then sent along. This process used to be done in Scranton but is not done there any longer. The Forest City Post Office has no part in the problems we have. Our local, and near-area subscribers, get their issues Wednesday. For unknown reasons, the present severe postal delays are occurring with our Florida subscribers. Several months ago we got nine papers returned at one time, all from Florida areas. They were marked that the subscriber no longer lived at that address. We knew that was not the case as we called a number of them. This was only one instance of poor Florida delivery. Our complaints were finally addressed by a Postal Service Complaint Manager in Harrisburg, who took our problems and said he would look into it. If you have not had that issue with the Hancock Herald it may be they go to a New York State Postal Distribution Center which handles them differently. We do know that our service delivery problems come and go. Some areas where problems occur get better and another area will have the issue. We know how frustrating it must be for our subscribers. Some will get two different week's issues at the same time. We think something like that is a local issue at that Post Office. Other subscribers get a current issue and then later receive an issue from previous weeks. We know these temporary problems get resolved, and new ones will come up later. We thank our longtime faithful subscribers for sticking with us. We want to continue to serve our former residents, and our Snow Birds, with the news of our area.

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Dear Editor:

Hope all is well in the big city. Weather down here averages in the 80's. Just love it! Happy Thanksgiving to all family and friends.

Jean Zebrowski
Sun City Center, FL

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Dear Editor:

Thanks for keeping me updated on my beloved hometown.

Joan Lamanna
St. Mary's, GA

SSGT (Ret) Earl Granville speaks at Veterans' Day Program



SSGT (Ret) Earl Granville

FCRHS held the annual Veterans' Day program on Tuesday, November 13. The high school student body was joined by 32 American Legion Veterans and Auxiliary members from Forest City Post 524 who attended the program where the guest speaker was SSGT (Ret) Earl Granville. SSGT Granville lost a leg in an IED explosion in Afghanistan, and then tragically lost his twin brother to a PTSD suicide. He has overcome adversity to go on to run marathons, play sled hockey and participates in several organizations that give back to Veterans. The motivational speech he gave was lauded by all in attendance.

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".

Extracurricular Apts. at FCR

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the following Extracurricular Appointments at the board meeting on Monday, November 5.

Varsity Boys Baseball, Todd Lesjack; 8th Grade Boys (Jr. High) Basketball, Dave Andrews; 7th Grade Boys (Jr. High) Basketball, Paul Debish; 7th & 8th Boys Volunteer Assistants Basketball, Louis Matoushek and Brian Piatak; 5th & 6th Grade Boys Volunteer Assistants Basketball, Brian Urbas and Carl Urbas; Volunteer Assistants for 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball, Chris Pecko and Brenda Pearsall.

Union Dale Mayor James Heller urges researching of items

Council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall on November 5 with President Patti Cino presiding. The following are the unapproved minutes from the meeting.

Bill Wolfe stated that he does not think that the borough needed to advertise for the installation of the heater as it is considered general maintenance.

CORRESPONDENCE

The 6 month CD at First National Bank renewed. The current value is \$6946.32 at .2498% interest.

JHA Companies sent information about the services they offer.

The Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency is holding a Local Emergency Management Coordinator training session. Tom Yale will be attending.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Solicitor McAndrew sent a lengthy letter addressing issues that were discussed previously. A copy was provided to all of the council members prior to the meeting.

Mike Fortuner stated that he contacted Tom Rainey's office and asked that someone return his call because he would like someone to attend the next meeting. He has the name of several other accountants and will see if he can get some answers. Donna Tedesco said she had previously worked with Beck Accounting in Honesdale and would reach out to them.

Because there was some confusion after the previous meeting about the effectiveness of eliminating council and the mayor's pay, the solicitor did not revise the ordinance. A motion to revise the ordinance to eliminate the attendance at meeting requirement and pay council members and the mayor quarterly was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor.

A draft of the updated Nui-

sance Ordinance was sent. A motion to table for discussion in December was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Two bids were received for the bathroom renovation. Wodcock Construction, LLC submitted a bid of \$28,000, and JJ Wasko Construction submitted a bid of \$36,058. Mike Fortuner stated that he checked into a grant, but it needed to be submitted earlier in the year. A motion to table action on the bid was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

A copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan was received just prior to the meeting. A copy will be provided to Tom Yale for him to review so the borough can act on the resolution. A motion to table action until Tom Yale reviews it was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Donna Tedesco, with all in favor.

A motion to advertise the 2019 budget as presented was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

The Susquehanna County Conservation District sent a letter notifying the borough that the grant for the lower half of East Mountain Road was awarded in the amount of \$72,800.

Bill Wolfe stated that the prices are very high for the renovation.

Patti Cino stated that the blinds were purchased and installed. She also stated that the new lights were purchased for over the voting booths but have not been installed yet.

Mayor Heller stated that he thinks council should not make decisions on matters immediately. He feels that items should be researched prior to making a decision.

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.

FCR Band Holiday Concert Tues., Dec. 4

Forest City Regional will present its annual holiday band concert on Tuesday December 4th, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Forest City Regional High School auditorium. The program will spotlight the 5th and 6th grade elementary concert band, junior-senior high school concert band, and the junior-senior high school jazz band.

The concert is open to the public. Please spend a night with us celebrating the holiday season and enjoying the wonderful music performed by our students. Donations to the band program will be accepted at the door.

Christmas Cantata in Thompson Dec. 2

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2 p.m., the Thompson United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata with the hope of sharing peace and good will to all during the Christmas season.

"Rejoice, Believers" was arranged and composed by John E. Coates. This vibrant new cantata virtually bursts with joy of Christmas!

Brenda Potter-Tiffany will direct, and Jeffrey Keyes will be the piano accompanist for the choir. The choir consists of voices from various churches within the surrounding areas.

The Cantata is a gift presented free of charge to all in the community who wish to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us for the celebration.

Addiction Recovery Program at Waymart Church

The Clinton Center Baptist Church, 1000 Waymart Turnpike, Waymart, will sponsor a Christ-centered and focused 12 step recovery program for those struggling with addiction of any kind.

Closed meetings, for addicts only, will be held on Thurs. evenings at 7 p.m. Open meeting times to be announced. For info contact Pastor Carl Wiggins 570-319-5133

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Pleasant Mount News
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Happy Birthday to: Joan Terry, Scott Burleigh, Beverly Burleigh, Chance Burleigh, Kathy Lewis, Michael Quaglio, Megan Dodge, Sherri Waltz, Jane Conlogue, Shawn Alexander, Samantha Schneider, Mark McGraw, John Watson, Chad Hall, Ethan Jubinsky, Emily Brennan, Barbara Rutledge, Lourdes Christina, Janice Gooler, Bob Frantz, Randy Howell, Nula Lewis, John Laskowski, Patrick Cole and Lacy Foster.

An Eve of Thanks at Cold Spring Chapel. Nestled at the very heart of Cold Spring, in Lebanon Township, stands Cold Spring Chapel. It is the church home to many folks of varying denominations who have spent the past 14 years building solid relationships based on a mutual love for Jesus Christ.

This Thanksgiving, the congregation cordially invites everyone for an evening of worship, song, Scripture, and a homily entitled, "A Blessed Life That Knows No Parallel".

FCR Building Requests approved

The Forest City School Board approved the following use of building requests at its monthly meeting on November 5:

From the Technology Club to use the Elementary Computer Lab on Mondays, when school is in session, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

From the Grade 6 Yearbook Committee to use the high school library on November 8, 2018 and January 16, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

From the PTO to use the high school cafeteria/auditorium on December 7, 2018 from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m. for their "Cookies with Santa" event.

From the FCR softball team to hold a purse bingo and use the high school cafeteria on February 22, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for set up and February 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the bingo.

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.

Wed., Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. "Spend an evening of giving thanks to God for blessings past, present, and future" because God is faithful", said Pastor Bryant.

Cold Spring Chapel is located at the junction of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike, Lebanon Twp., Wayne County. For information, please call 570-253-4033.

The Pleasant Mount United Methodist Women will meet on Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. to decorate the church. A luncheon will follow.

Pleasant Mt. Emergency Services, 389 Great Bend Turnpike, will hold an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Nov. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, potato pancakes, sausage patties, donuts, coffee and tea. Adults \$9, children under 12 \$5. Children under 12, veterans and active duty military personnel eat free.

Quilt Class, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m. will take place at the Pleasant Mount Library.

The Costello-Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964 will sponsor Christmas in the Village on Saturday, December 1 from 10am-3pm at the Pleasant Mount Community Center.

Coaches vs. Cancer Alumni Basketball Game Sat., Nov. 24

The Forest City Boys Basketball program will be hosting it's second annual Coaches Vs. Cancer Alumni Game Fundraiser on Saturday, November 24th at 6pm in the High School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30.

We would like to invite all past players to join in on a fun event for a great cause. The cost to play in the game is \$15.00 and includes a T-shirt. Attendance for the event is \$1 for students and \$3 for adults. All proceeds will benefit Coaches Vs. Cancer. We are also asking for basket donations for a basket raffle that will be awarded during halftime of the game.

If you have any questions about the event please contact Sean Mangan at 570-766-6538.

Susq. Co. Courthouse Closed Nov. 22 & 23

The Susquehanna County Commissioners announce the Courthouse will be closed on Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 22 and 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

All court related offices will be available.

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