

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is our renewal check for the News. We enjoy reading about Forest City down here in Williamsburg, VA every week. It is always nice to read about our hometown; brings back memories. Keep up the good work with the newspaper.

David Daugherty
Williamsburg, VA

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Sending my renewal. Stopped in Saturday and didn't know you closed Saturdays. Enjoy your paper. Keep them coming. Hope your post office delivery problems are straightened.

Ron "Jigger" Peltz
Thompson

FCR Field Trips approved

The Forest City School Board approved the following field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Grades 10-12 chorus students to Tunkhannock Area High School on October 21, 2018 for PMEA District 9 chorus auditions at a cost of \$212.

Grade 9 students to CTC on October 30, 2018 at a cost of \$247.52.

Envirothon Club to Tom Nebzydoski's Tree Farm, Pleasant Mount, on November 9, 2018 at no cost to the district.

Grade 12 students to the WVIA Studio Scholastic Bowl competition on November 9, November 12, November 13, 2018 at a cost of \$737.28.

High School Band students to the Susquehanna County Band Festival at Montrose Area HS on November 12, 2018 at a cost of \$587.76.

Spanish Club and Spanish classes to the Greater Nanticoke High School on November 13, 2018 to participate in a Music/Dance performance at a cost of \$346.40.

PIER students (Lacawac) to the University of Scranton and Penn State Scranton on November 15, 2018 at a cost of \$245.76.

Grade 12 students to the NEIU Academic Challenge at Penn State Scranton on November 19, 2018 at a cost of \$237.50.

FBLA students to Forest City for Christmas tree distribution on November 21, 2018 at a cost of \$172.

Grade 7 through 12 band and chorus students to New York City on May 29, 2019 at a cost of \$244.

FC Cub Scout Pack looking for new location

The Cub Scouts are in need of a new meeting location starting after the New Year. If you can provide a location or know of one that is available please contact Cubmaster Katie Millen, fcpcpack@gmail.com or 570-903-1703. Financial assistance is available.

Land Use, equipment bids, road work Big issues at Herrick Twp. meeting

In other subjects discussed at the Nov. 5 meeting of the Herrick Twp. supervisors, Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said on October 30 they received an email from Kurt Schultz that was originally sent to Zoning Officer John Watts asking him to look into a car related business on Stark Road. She said Watts went to the property on Saturday and didn't find anything of any consequence.

USE PERMITS

Jeff Durante of Speakeasy Saloon & Resort asked the su-

GFCBA Christmas Stocking Giveaway

The 2018 Greater Forest City Business Alliance Holiday Stocking Giveaway is underway! The businesses listed below not only donated to this fun holiday tradition but you'll also find they sponsored the beautiful Christmas trees that light up Main Street.

Under the direction of Mr. Michael Zack, the Forest City Regional Elementary students and their teachers hand-made the holiday treasures you'll see on the trees on Main. Volunteers from Forest City's Senior Center will judge these awesome trees on the "Most Festive" category and the class that is chosen will get a nice surprise sponsored by the GFCBA.

In order to win one of the three Holiday Stockings valued over \$500 each, all you have to do is shop local! Support these businesses that support you! Shop and purchase something at one or all of the businesses listed below and be entered to win one of the Holiday Stockings! Its that simple! One entry per visit. All your gift giving needs right here in downtown Forest City and our surrounding area.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Cube Auto Supply (NAPA), Alpha Chiropractic, McGovern Insurance Agency, Kelley's Salon, William Penn Apartments, Elegante Restaurant and Pizzeria, M&M Auto, R.B.Fries, Kost Tire and Auto, KW Oil, Comprehensive Physical Therapy, Hornbeck Chevrolet, Machek Fuel, Kresock Insurance Agency, Red Cross Pharmacy, Jones & Brennan Funeral Home, Shirley's Diner, Fitzsimmons Insurance Agency, RosAl Floral, Antiques, and Events, Genco Dental, Wayne Memorial Outpatient, The Forest City News, NEP Telephone Company, Franceski Lumber Company, Adam's Auto Body, Brieche Law Office, The Barking Cupcake, Honesdale National Bank, The House of Flowers, First National Bank, All in a Basket, Debish Design Studio, Cornerstone Bible Church, Forest City Nursing and Rehab, Colachino Masonry and Construction, and Forest City Area Emergency Services.

perovisors about putting a snowmobile track on 74 acres across from the business. Ross and Harvatine said he would need to talk to Watts.

Supervisor Chairman Elliot Ross told Harvatine, "I want you to contact (solicitor) Marissa because there were two applications that were conditional use and they didn't have a hearing and they were approved. If I have to do it and I am not against them, then why doesn't anyone else with a conditional use permit not have to have a hearing?"

Harvatine said, "Marissa said any conditional use changes need to have a hearing." Ross said, "Maybe we should just get rid of the ordinance but this is not the time for this. In the past, we didn't do it properly. We did it in house. One party was on one side and the other party on the other. The zoning hearing board is supposed to have a court stenographer and a solicitor not representing the township."

Harvatine said, "Marissa said our ordinance, which was passed in 1997, isn't in compliance with the Municipal Planning Code, so a hearing was held to be in compliance with both the ordinance and planning code." Harvatine said she would contact McAndrew.

DONATION THANKS

The township received a thank you from the Union Dale United Methodist Church for their donation. The township had held their meetings there after the fire that destroyed the township building. Ross said they would donate the same - \$50 - to the Herrick Center Baptist Church for allowing them to hold their meetings there for the foreseeable future.

TWO DONATIONS

The township received a \$500 donation from the Mountain View Garden Club and a \$500 donation from Roslyn Ream due to the fire.

EQUIPMENT BIDS

Zembrzycki said they received three bids for a new roller: Cleveland Brothers - \$128,703; Medico - \$94,000 and Five Star Equipment - \$95,324. He said they were pretty expensive and wants to put out for bid for a used roller with some hours on it. He got two bids for a sickle tractor with an arm that would be used for grading. The first was from Rovendale Ag & Barn from Wysox - \$39,000 for the tractor and \$17,900 for a total \$56,900. He said they are not a dealer. The second bid was from Wamer Tractor & Equipment, Inc, Troy for a total of \$57,632.69. They are under the COSTARS program and they can deal with any warranty is-

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.

sues. Ross thought both prices were expensive and wanted him to keep looking. Tedesco asked if he looked anywhere local, like F&S Supply, Dickson City. Zembrzycki said New Holland stripped them from selling because they weren't selling enough. BJ Zembrzycki told Ross, "You'll be surprised if you wait too long. Price could go up on January 1." Ross said, "I think we can find a tractor and sickle bar for a lot less." Brian Zembrzycki said, "It will take 2-3 months for them to order it and put it all together."

OUT OF ROAD BUSINESS

Susan Harvatine asked, "Did you talk about getting out of the road business? I missed the last meeting." Brian Zembrzycki said he was going to talk with other townships. He did talk to Clifford Township Road Master Kurt Booths and Clinton Township Road Master Brian Non but he didn't get enough information. He said it would be a little hard to do now with a new truck. She said other townships don't have a road crew. Ross said, "True but Brian is working his tail off and not to take away from Joe (Tedesco). He (Brian) also has his own business going on. It is a possibility and would make a difference in what kind of building we would have." He and others noted they don't want to be at the mercy of someone else to take care of the roads.

Nancy Harvatine said Susquehanna County Commissioner Alan Hall said PennDOT is short 10 workers in the county. He said the first roads to be done will be Interstate 81 and main thoroughfares like Routes 374 and 171. Four digit roads are secondary. Ross said they would keep their road department and carry on as usual.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3 at 7pm at the Herrick Center Baptist Church.

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.

GFCBA Holiday Mixer at Elk Mtn. Wed., Dec. 5

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance will hold its Holiday Mixer on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Elk Mountain Ski Resort, 344 Elk Mountain Road, Union Dale. The event will be 6 PM to 9 PM. The cost is \$25 per person/\$40 per couple. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Live entertainment will be provided by Bright Shiny Objects Duo.

RSVP by November 28 to skstat@icloud.com or 570-960-1332 call or text.

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Happy Birthday to: Diane Matlaga, John Stephens Jr., Chris Matoushek, Tom Hattersley, Sarah Wierbowski, Sally Ann Pachuta, Tom Gallinot, Michelle Callan, Tanya Hentschel, Crista McGraw, Keith Stark, Julianne Shino, Lilly Ewins, Wendy Scarfo, Nicholas Durante, Bryan Nebzydoski, Helen Cook, Bill Cordts, Bonnie Race, Shawney Matoushek, Bernadette Franceski, Larry Mauer, Michael Pasternak, Diedre Korke, Kayla Swartz, Chris Pais, Bea Tompkins, Angie Ferris, Jarrod Non, Jordan Non, Marie Owens, Melanie Dix, and Cayla Biondo.

Happy Anniversary to Phil and Lisa Eltz.

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. The festivi-

ties will include vendors, a craft show and a free soup and salad 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 1-3pm. Start the holiday season with this fun-filled and festive event.

Property Transfers - Preston Township - September 10 - William W. Brownell, a property to William W. Brownell, Ellen K. Payne; September 17 - Calvin J. Ripple, a property to Gregory W. Hempstead; September 27 - Thomas A. Sampson Jr., Mary E. Sampson, a property to David L. Roth, Vicky A. Roth and September 28 - Diane Drumm, Lyann Kovalesky, a property to David Paul Singelyn, Nancy Singelyn.

Tentative \$692,445 Budget For 2019 at Clifford Twp.

By Theresa Opeka

Various items including the tentative 2019 budget were discussed at the Tue., Nov. 13 meeting of the Clifford Twp. Supervisors.

Supervisor Barry Searle made a motion to pass the 2019 budget and all voted in favor, but it was determined after the meeting that it wasn't advertised for 30 days. So, the budget remains tentative until it can be voted on again at the Dec. meeting.

FIRE CO. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Supervisor Chris Marcho said they are still talking about a fire company training grant.

Searle said, "The fire companies are having a hard time recruiting people. When you get certified, you need money for training. We are trying to get a grant program together for training. A \$2,000 grant is talked about in the Township News."

Clifford Fire Chief Trent Turner said, "There are other resources in place that doesn't come out of the fire company's pocket. The biggest problem is getting new blood in. Maybe we could use it for recruitment."

"Christmas in Montrose" presented Dec. 2

The annual presentation of 'Christmas in Montrose' by the Montrose Community Chorale will be presented on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA. Thomas Welch is the director and accompanist is Kristen Burkhart. 'Christmas Presence', a cantata, will be presented as a 'Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love'. A freewill offering will be accepted and benefit the community. Refreshments will be served in the missionary room.

what you need it for."

Turner said, "We can talk about it. There were 300,000 volunteer firefighters across the state in the 1980s. Now, there are only 50,000. When the EMT program was offered at school we picked up four to five people."

Walt Turner said, "Young people don't realize what doors it can open up for you if you are an EMT or firefighter."

Fire company President Alan Fortuner thanked the supervisors for supporting them. A round of applause erupted from the crowd. Supervisor Dennis Knowlton thanked the fire company for all they do.

ELKVIEW DRIVE

Road Master Kurt Booths said he sent a letter to New Enterprise for the crack sealing on Elkview Drive. He had no results so he had the work contracted out and they did a good job. Booths said he got a call today from New Enterprise from Allentown. They said they would send someone up today but Booths told them it was done. Their representative was on medical leave and apologized.

HELP FROM FOREST CITY

Searle said he talked with Forest City Mayor Chris Gintong to help get businesses to come to downtown Clifford. He said he had some contacts and would work with the township. He said Forest City's focus is on Rails-to-Trails.

SPARK Gospel Christmas Concert Sun., Dec. 2

The Gospel singing group SPARK, will be performing their Christmas Concert at the Aldenville Baptist Church, Rt. 170 Aldenville, on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. The concert will be followed by a time of refreshments & fellowship. Everyone is invited.

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