

## Comm. Revitalization

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They have 212 miles of trails and about \$500,000 worth of equipment. They are currently moving from their location in Union Dale to lower Main Street in Forest City just off the Rail Trail.

The group is run on a volunteer basis and the trails are open from December 15 to March 15.

They currently have about 1,000 members with 25% of them being locals.

Every year they conduct the Brian Sheare Memorial Poker Run in memory of Sean's brother who died in a snowmobile accident.

Sheare suggested someone open a bike shop in town. He said it would help the Rail Trail.

Tim Madden and Erin Debish said they have been going around to local businesses and telling them what the GFCBA is doing. Erin said the recent Trunk or Treat was extremely successful and the Haunted House doubled in attendance from last year.

Debish said she met with Keith Yurgosky of the University of Scranton Small Business

Development Center and he told her that they are looking to place interns in various businesses. If anyone is interested in having an intern in their business please contact the U of S Small Business Development Center.

The 4th Annual Christmas in a Small Town is set for Saturday, Dec. 1 from 2 PM to 6:30 PM.

Peggy Brager presented a list of all of the non-profits and child organizations in the immediate area.

The GFCBA has discussed having the organization listed on the Elk Mountain brochure. They are too late to be included this year but will look into it for next year.

They plan on distributing the GFCBA brochures to area hotels and B&B's. Discussion of a pocket map of downtown Forest City was brought up as well.

Barry Searle, Clifford Supervisor, said Clifford is in desperate need of a grocery store. He asked if everyone could get the word out to see if someone is interested.

## Ethel Banuat turns 100



Ethel Banuat celebrated her 100th Birthday at Forest City Nursing & Rehab Center on Mon. Nov. 4, surrounded by family and friends.

Ethel's parents emigrated from Finland to Canada and walked over the border into Minnesota. The family then moved to Rock Valley, New York and bought a farm. Ethel's dream was to become a dancer, until a young man named Bill came to plow a garden for her family.

Eventually, Ethel and Bill bought a farm in Pleasant Mt. and had four children together. They worked hard on their farm but still found time to raise a loving family and help out neighbors.

Ethel is blessed with five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.

## Pleasant Mt. Go-Getters win big at Wayne County 4-H Bird Roundup



Pictured left to right: Charles Moran- Bethany 4-H Club, Karleigh Weist- Explorers 4-H Club, & Kyle Bonham-Pleasant Mount Go Getters 4-H Club, unable to attend in person was Brianna Weist- Pleasant Mount Go-Getters 4-H Club members Brianna Weist and Kyle Bonham each won the top prize in the senior division of the 2018 Wayne County 4-H Meat Bird Roundup.

## Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. Offers Fingerprinting Services

When UPS stopped offering fingerprinting services for people seeking criminal background checks for employment or volunteer purposes, the service, IdentGo, approached the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in search of a new partner in the Honesdale area. IdentGo provides a wide range of identity-related services, and specializes in the secure capture and transmission of electronic fingerprints for employment, certification, licensing and other verification purposes - in professional and convenient locations.

Many businesses and professionals are required to undergo a criminal background check, and since Pennsylvania toughened its child protection laws in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky Abuse Scandal, volunteers who work directly with young people - coaches, scout masters, 4-H leaders and bus drivers etc. -- must do so as well. The company works with the state as the exclusive provider on these services.

The county already had the equipment and trained staff to handle fingerprinting for the county and for law enforcement, so it seemed like a good fit. Sheriff Mark Steelman said, "We are hoping to offer more of their services,

but this is what we are starting with right now."

The Sheriff's Office, on the first floor of the Wayne County Courthouse Annex in Honesdale, takes appointments and walk-ins only on Fridays from 8:30 to 11:20 am and from 12:20 to 4:10 pm. Those requiring fingerprinting must be registered on the IdentGo website, whether you make an appointment or want to come in at a time of convenience. (<https://www.identgo.com/locations/pennsylvania>)

When registering, they will be prompted to enter a service code, which is provided by whomever is requesting the background check and this service code also determines the cost. Forms of payment are credit card, cashier's check, money order or a business check. No cash for this service

For more information, contact the Wayne County Sheriff's Office at 570-253-5970 ext. 1183 or visit the Sheriff's webpage at <https://pa-waynecounty.civicplus.com/500/Sheriff>

## "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 free-will offering will be accepted and benefit the community. Refreshments will be served in the missionary room.

## Stone Bridge

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Tretheway and Scull Associates, Honesdale, said it would cost 6% of the total project, JHA Associates, Montrose, through Phase 1 would cost \$34,900 and through completion, \$48,500 and Kiley Associates, Lakeville, has a cost of \$75,750. Harvatine said they met with all 4 parties and they were all professional.

Ross said he was most impressed with Knash, who had the lowest bid. He is the engineer for Wayne County and is familiar with municipal buildings.

Harvatine said Susquehanna County Planning Commission Director Bob Templeton said the township needs a land development plan. Zembrzycki made a motion to hire Knash. Ross seconded it. All voted in fa-

vor. Motion passed.

BJ Zembrzycki asked what would happen if the building went over the \$500,000 budget. Ross said they told everyone what their budget was and Knash thought they could build a really nice building for less than \$500,000.

The township received assessment values from the county assessment office. Real Estate Assessment Values are \$38,353,900; Occupation Value - \$93,700; # Occupation Taxables - 286 and # Of Per Capita Taxables - 306. Harvatine said she took those figures into account for the tentative 2019 budget which has \$177,701 in receipts and \$177,701 in expenses. A motion was made by Ross to pass the tentative budget. Zembrzycki seconded it. All voted in favor. Motion passed. The budget will be voted on next month.

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

## School Board

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### OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Graham was approved as volunteer Grade 6 yearbook advisor for the 2018-2019 school year.

The board approved on-site curriculum training from N2Y, LLC at a cost of \$1,648.53 for the Life Skills Curriculum.

The following substitute support staff were approved; Kara Erdmann, Madison Gasper, Nicole Kovaleski, and Joseph Malicky.

Unpaid leave requests were granted to two employees.

An agreement was approved between the Forest City Regional School District and Government Software Services, Inc. for the 2018-19 school year.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Aquilina presented her report. She said

she attended the roundtable discussion with community leaders and Johnson College on October 26. Johnson also toured the school facilities and were impressed. They met with faculty and the STEM teachers. Aquilina said they are looking into starting out with classes for adults at the FCR School.

She said the Trunk or Treat and the Haunted House were huge successes. She thanked the teachers who helped make it possible.

The Drama Club had an outstanding performance over the weekend of November 2, 3, and 4. Over 300 people were in attendance.

The next meeting will be the reorganization meeting on Monday, December 3.

## Hawley Fire Dept. Letter Drive Reminder

The Hawley Fire Dept., would like to remind those businesses and residents who have not yet made a donation to their Annual Letter Drive campaign that they are currently lagging behind by about \$3,000.

The letter drive is important as it raises approximately 20% of the dept.'s yearly budget.

The Hawley Fire Dept. serves Wayne and Pike Counties. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can mail it to: Hawley Fire Dept., Inc., P.O. Box 61, Hawley, PA 18428.

## Heroin task force hot line

The Wayne County Heroin Prevention Task Force anonymous tip line can be text messaged to 570-391-0657 also like them on FACEBOOK to keep you up to date with activities. The task force's goal is to provide education to the community.

## Police Chief

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### LIQUID FUELS FUNDS

The 2019 annual Borough allocation from state Liquid Fuels Taxes was increased next year to \$63,285. Secretary Vannan said the Borough uses the Liquid Fuels money each year only for street lights at a cost of \$42,000. The rest, she said, stays in the fund and is eventually used for paving for which the Borough must receive permission from the state.

### GAZEBO REPAIR

Pres. Nick Cost said he talked to Dr. Tom Baileys, exec. Director of the Career Technology Center, Scranton, to have his students build a new 17x17 Gazebo. Dr. Bailey said they would require architect blueprints for the job. It would be built at the CTC school and would then need to be transported to Kennedy Park.

In reply to a question from the audience about the Boro's inability to get the sewer, stormwater and sidewalk contractor to make repairs of problems which are cropping up, Council Pres. Nick Cost said the Boro is considering legal action against Leeward Construction, the contractor, for the Main Street sidewalks, saying there are 18 cracks in the new sidewalks.

### CHRISTMAS EVENT

Mayor Chris Ginton said the Main Street Christmas celebration Saturday, Dec. 1st, will be a joint partnership with Carbondale. Carbondale will

have its activities in the morning. They will then bring Santa Claus and a carriage to Forest City for the afternoon events. In the evening, there will be transportation to Carbondale to view the Carbondale Light parade.

Council approved having Public Works employees help with bringing 18 Christmas trees to Forest City on Nov. 19, for the Main St. displays.

PennDOT approved closure of 400, 500, 600 blocks of Main St. for Dec. 1st event.

Mayor Ginton arranged for a digital ad sign at Viewmont Mall to advertise the Christmas event. Cost is \$200 for 10 days.

### ELF SCHOOL

At the request of Council member Amy Bean, Council agreed to allocate \$300 toward an Elf School for children in association with Forest City's Main Street Christmas celebration. Children will receive Elf Packs, hats, decorations and other craft items.

## 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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