

Rte. 106 bridge project requires 6 to 8 week Summer detour

by Theresa Opeka

Many concerns were raised about a proposed road project at the Tue., Nov. 13 meeting of the Clifford Twp. Supervisors.

Gregory Leonard, Engineering and Joe Cassaro, Traffic Unit, PennDOT, Dist. 4 gave a presentation about the detour for Rte. 106 to Cemetery St.

Leonard said a 6 foot tall concrete box culvert and pipe built in 1924 needs to be replaced because it is in bad shape. A new corrugated metal pipe will replace it and the whole replacement will be assembled in two days, with the rest of the time for the maintenance department to backfill it. The detour is estimated to take 6-8 weeks.

Cassaro said there will be two detours: the one for cars will be Rte. 2012, (Church St.), to Rte. 2014 to the buffalo farm road in West Clifford, to Rte. 106. The detour for tractor-trailers is Rte. 106 in Finch Hill to Rte. 247 to Rte. 107 to I-81 to Rte. 374 to Rte. 106.

Richard Suraci, who lives along Rte. 2012, said a bridge at the end of his driveway is deteriorating and additional traffic flow will cause more deterioration.

Cassaro said he would take a look at it. He said there would be about 3,000 vehicles a day with the detour.

Walt Turner, Rte. 2014, said, "My road is falling apart and will never take that amount of traffic. It was paved two years ago and there are no ditches."

Amy Marcho, Clifford Beverage, said, "If you kept traffic going, (during the project) how long would it take?"

Cassaro said, "You would add another road and pipe and more time and money."

Leonard added, "Not to scare anyone but we are close to closing it. That's how bad it is."

Jim Pettinato said, "I can't see why you can't make other arrangements."

Cassaro said, "It isn't worth what we would have to spend. The longer we wait, the worse it is going to get."

Marcho said, "It is going to hurt me for the summer."

Cassaro said, "This is the shortest option. We would like to use state roads."

Someone in the audience said it will hurt local businesses as people will avoid Clifford.

Cassaro replied, "We understand. We are between a rock and a hard place. The whole thing has to come out and go in at the same time. Not just the bridge."

Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said, "Six to eight weeks is way too long."

Clifford Fire Co. President, Trent Turner said, "It is going to take two days to build it and the rest to backfill it?"

Leonard said, "We are saying six to eight weeks as the worst case scenario."

Knowlton said, "The other bridge was ridiculous. You guys got to get on the ball. The other one on Rte. 106. You can contract it out to our local guys. Plus, you waited so long."

Cassaro said, "We don't want to hurt anyone. We want to get in here, fix the bridge and get out."

Someone asked if a local contractor could be used.

Cassaro replied, "It is out of our hands. It has to be bid out."

Jason Parise, Funeral Director, asked what the best case scenario is, and Cassaro said four weeks.

Knowlton said, "You aren't going to have the manpower. Don't give us baloney. After eight weeks the weather is bad. We like to hold your hands to the fire like you would with us as a contractor. You are talking about finishing off a little town."

Cassaro said, "That isn't our intention. This is preliminary. We are here to address your concerns."

Knowlton said, "Do you understand our apprehen-

sion because we were told that three times before."

Trent Turner said, "Everything being said is factual. All the local contractors would be laughed at at six to eight weeks. You are going to close down the town."

PennDOT said there are also environmental issues that need to be dealt with as well.

Turner said, "We need to hang on to our town. Our biggest fundraiser is in July. We have 1,000 calls a year. Harford is 15 minutes away as our next mutual aid or Greenfield. We had a cardiac arrest before the meeting which had a good outcome. Wouldn't be sure of the outcome if this happens. Rte. 374 was supposed to be done in October and now I got an email that it got pushed to December. There is no accountability. There is no reason this shouldn't be just a two week project. We don't have mutual aid in the vicinity to make this work."

Leonard said, "We understand. That is what we are trying to find out now and take it back to work on."

Knowlton said, "Once you tear it out, we are at your mercy. Three weeks is plenty."

Cassaro said, "We'll go back and come back with a definite time schedule."

Turner said, "I like you to explore a local contractor. There have been issues with PennDOT (workers) and contractors that hurt this community."

Knowlton said, "We know it isn't your intention but it is the reality."

Cassaro said, "We do have a dedicated crew that does structures. Susquehanna County maintenance people do a good job. Danny Colachino is the maintenance director. We'll come back again."

Knowlton replied, "Please do."

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

Nuisance law, road work on Burns and Ravnika Rd. at Clinton session

by Theresa Opeka

The passage of a nuisance ordinance and discussion on payment to fix damage to Burns Road were among the items discussed at the Wed., Nov. 14 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors.

PAVING SMITH & RAVNIKAR

Supervisor/Road Master Brian Non said Wayco plans on paving Smith and Ravnika Roads the week after Thanksgiving despite the colder weather.

NUISANCE LAW

The Nuisance Ordinance was discussed next. Township Solicitor Jeff Treat said the ordinance addresses unsafe buildings, junk, overgrown vegetation, vehicles, burning plastics and tires, pushing snow in the road, open holes from sewage testing, noise, smells and intense lights on someone else's property among other things. A written notice would be served first either by mail or certified

mail or the newspaper. There would be a 60 day time-frame to address it. If not addressed after that, it would move on to the magistrate and then the Court of Common Pleas. A person could go to jail and pay more fines at that point. Agricultural rights are protected. Supervisor Ken Coles made a motion to pass the ordinance. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

BURNS ROAD

Treat said an estimate of the damage done to Burns Road by a property owner who did the damage with excavators being stored on his property was sent to Attorney Joe McGraw, the property owner's attorney. Treat told McGraw he would file a suit if it wasn't paid for. McGraw asked for more time Coles said this has been going on for four months. Coles made a motion to have him pay for the damage within the next 30 days. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Repairs would be done next year.

GENERATOR COST

The township talked to Evans Electrical about a generator for the township building. It would cost \$8,825 for labor and materials. Supervisor Russ Curtis said they should table it because they may be able to get help from the county like South Canaan Twp. did. They agreed to table it. They also got a \$6,500 bid from Evans for a 100 amp panel for an outside building. Curtis made a motion to accept the bid. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

RAVNIKAR ROAD

Non said the twp. got first round approval for a Dirt and Gravel Road project on Ravnika Road that would blacktop at the top of the hill for about 6400 feet and would also include a guard-rail. The work would be broken down into two parts. Non said the second round meeting was held today and they were waiting to hear back.

The next meeting will be held on Wed., Dec. 12 at 7 pm.

Guest Speaker to Outline Every Door Direct Mail Program at EMBA November Meeting

The public is welcome to attend the upcoming Endless Mountains Business Association (EMBA) monthly meeting to hear about a new mailing program offered through the United States Postal Service.

EMBA is pleased to have Colleen Minnick, a postmaster with the USPS in Harrisburg, as the guest speaker for the monthly luncheon which will be held Tuesday, November 27, beginning at 1pm at Green Gables Restaurant, 316 Main St., New Milford.

Minnick will be discussing a new program offered through the postal service called Every Door Direct Mail. The program is promoted as an affordable targeted advertising technique that allows the customer to pinpoint their mail marketing audience to specific locations and sorted by age, income, or household size. She will explain how using this program can help business owners reach loca-

tions without an address list, find new customers, reduce mail preparation, and potentially increase revenue.

Although conversation will focus on how area businesses can benefit from such a program, any questions or comments on other postal services will also be addressed from the audience. Minnick has been with the USPS since 1996 and is a wealth of knowledge regarding all postal programs, resources, and benefits.

The event is free for association members and non-members. Attendees may order

group serving the northeastern region of Susquehanna county from Hallstead and Great Bend to New Milford, Gibson, and beyond. The group meets once a month to get to know other business owners in the area, discuss business concerns, stay up to date with goings-on in the community, have opportunities to promote their business, and gain more customers. For more information, visit www.endlessmountainsbusiness.com.

Wayne County Hist. Soc. Open House Nov. 24

The Wayne County Historical Society cordially invites you to Winter Wonderland Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 24 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Main Museum, 810 Main Street, Honesdale.

There will be holiday music, museum exhibits, author book signings, cash raffle drawing at 6 PM, new 2018 collectible ornament, museum shop for holiday shopping, new book release, first day of sale, for "The Story of Winter Wonderland." It is written by Peter Becker, Wayne County Historian.

Bring a friend. Light refreshments. Event is FREE to the public. Start your holiday season at the museum.

Museum phone is 570-253-3240. Visit there website at www.WayneHistoryPA.org.

Ziti Dinner in Lenoxville Sat., Dec. 15

The Lenoxville United Methodist Church is proud to sponsor a Ziti Dinner to benefit the U.S. Marines on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Lenoxville Community Hall, Rte. 374, Lenoxville. The donation is \$10 and includes salad, ziti, meatballs, drink and dessert. Baked goods will be available.

They will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy families in the community.

Tickets can be purchased from any church member. There will be a limited amount of tickets available at the door.

"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.

Christmas Cookie Walk in Clifford Sat., Dec. 15

The Clifford Vacation Bible School will hold a Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15th from 9 AM until Noon at the Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford. \$14 for a large container, \$7 for a small container.

This is also a TOYS FOR TOTS Drop off Site.

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Meals on Wheels Endless Mtns. needs volunteers

Do you have some time to share? Are you passionate about serving your community? If you answered "yes" to these questions, maybe volunteering with Meals on Wheels Endless Mountains is for you!

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. delivers hot, nutritious meals out of the Susquehanna County Senior Centers five days a week, Monday through Friday. A volunteer can choose as little as one day or all five days to deliver meals to those in the community. Delivery hours are usually between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed \$.50 per mile and training is provided. Senior Center volunteers help to package Meals on Wheels for delivery to homebound older adults, and assist Senior Center Managers with daily activities. Volunteer drivers are needed for the Montrose & Lenoxville areas, while Senior Center Volunteers are needed for the Lanesboro, Lawton, and Montrose centers.

Volunteers are essential to the Meals on Wheels Endless Mountains program. Without volunteers, many older adults in the community would face more severe isolation and nutrition deficiency.

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. humbly asks that you consider serving

your community by becoming a volunteer Meals on Wheels driver. For more information or to become a volunteer, please call Kelly Allen at 1-800-634-3746.

The B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; the United Way of Bradford County; the Lycoming County United Way serving Wellsboro and Southern Tioga County; the United Way of Susquehanna County and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Commissioners.



Biondo to wed Smith

James & Deborah (Newak) Biondo, of Lakewood, PA, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Kelsey Patricia Biondo, to Mr. William Bradford Smith, son of James Smith and Michelle Browning. William attended Western Wayne High School. He is currently employed with On the Spot Contracting. He is the grandson of Catherine Van Sickle of South Canaan. Kelsey attended North Pocono High School and is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Earth Sciences. Kelsey is employed with the Lackawanna River Conservation Association. She is the granddaughter of Harry and Peggy Newak, Greenfield Township, and Patricia Biondo, Pleasant Mount. The two lovebirds will be wed in December 2018.



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Looking for family and friends of the Cebular aka Chebulla Family.

My name is Anthony Barchuk. I am the great-grandson of Louis & Elizabeth Bobick Cebular who resided at 525 Clinton St., Vandling from 1906 - 1945. Louis was a coal miner and he and Elizabeth had 7 children: Dorothy, Adeline, Rosemary, Raymond, Pauline, June & Gerard. I am Dorothy Cebular-Barchuk's grandson.

Louis was born in Austria in 1891, arrived in the U.S. in 1906, worked as a coal miner and passed away in 1940. Rectory records list him as being buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, but his obituary states he's buried in St. Agnes Cemetery. There is no headstone or marker on his grave, which is why I am reaching out for help. I am hoping that someone will know the location of his grave so I can have a headstone placed on it for him.

Any pictures and stories about my family would be greatly appreciated, and perhaps some new friends and family members will be created.

Also, any information on the Bobick family. Elizabeth's parents were Anthony and Pauline Bobick who resided on Clinton Street in Vandling.

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