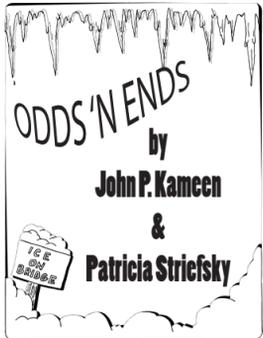


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Dining Guide participant
Red School House was on our menu for a visit and, as usual, they did not disappoint. Excellent service, great food, large portions, good prices—What else can you ask? A 6 oz. sirloin steak, or chopped steak with fried onions and gravy, a sumptuous salad bar (which can be your meal if you so choose), home-made cheesesteak soup, or any of dozens of menu items. It is a popular place and was filled by the time we left. Might be a good idea to make a reservation, especially if you are a large group.

You've probably heard of pepper spray as an attack repellent. The latest is wasp spray. It can shoot a stream up to 20 feet and is a lot more accurate and does not blow back in your face like pepper spray. For a business or homeowner, it can be on a desk or table and will not draw attention. It can temporarily blind an attacker until he can get medical treatment.

A large crowd turned out for "Christmas in Our Small Town" Saturday in Forest City. Great job by the GFCBA and the Forest City Regional School. Photos of the event will be in our Christmas tab on December 19.

As a hunter, the continuation of a poor buck kill again this year just means fewer hunters next year. Many local hunters feel antler restrictions should be eliminated in this area. The handful of nice bucks taken around here do not make the majority of unsuccessful hunters feel optimistic. My hunting camp adjoins about 1,000 acres of Gameland. There were less than a dozen hunters there the 1st day and few after that. Maybe the Game Commission could plant some food plots to improve the nutrition in Gamelands to improve the habitat for deer. The sad fact is that there are 5 million fewer hunters in the U.S. than 10 years ago.

Please be aware of another elderly Social Security scam in this area. Someone calls and says there is a problem with your Social Security card and asks you to call a phone number. Your answer had better be "NO." Caller informed police who advised to call the Federal Trade Commission.

Also a PPL scam—Phone calls which say you haven't paid your electric bill; emails asking for your financial information; even door-to-door sellers of new electric contracts. PPL said they don't do such things and if you are in doubt about any of these contacts, phone them at 1-800-DIAL-PPL.

John Kameen's Facebook page was hacked over the weekend so disregard any messages you may have gotten. He took care of it!



Vandling eyes two inspectors; Stormwater issues in December

At last month's Vandling Council meeting John Carachilo asked Council to consider adding NEIC for property inspections with BIU and made a motion to have two inspection companies available for the benefit of Borough residents. BIU is an exclusive contract so Council would have to entertain proposals from both of them. Secretary Nancy Perri was advised to inform BIU that the Borough will not be renewing the existing exclusive contract.

At this month's meeting held on November 19, Council received proposals from both NEIC and BUI. President Fran Pantzar said he would like to talk to the Code Enforcement Officer Joe Lavin and get his feelings before making any decisions. Councilman Mayers said he didn't see any urgency in this. He said he doesn't think they should entertain two companies at the same time. He said things are working like clockwork now and he doesn't want to muddy the waters. He said he did not realize that after the motion at last month's meeting that it was to have two companies at the same time.

Mayor Joe Brady said that by having two companies it would give the people more choices.

Neither of the two proposals has an exclusivity clause in them.

President Pantzar said that rental inspections are an issue and they need a dedicated company to handle them. Councilman Bill Boyle asked how other municipalities handle it and offered to check with a few.

Atty. Smith said they can give the people the choice who they want. Mayers said, "How do you make the choice?"

A heated discussion then ensued and President Pantzar said they could continue to have BIU do the rental inspec-

tions and "this is just a discussion, not a heated one."

Finally President Pantzar said what the two companies provided were just proposals and he asked the secretary to contact them and ask for contracts to compare prices.

KBA ENGINEERING

KBA Engineering requested time on the agenda at the December Vandling Council meeting to discuss the Stormwater Management requirements. KBA said it should only take five to ten minutes.

ORDINANCES

Vandling Borough Council will consider adopting an ordinance establishing an Open Records Request Policy. The ordinance will be advertised and then adopted at the next meeting.

Council adopted an Animal Control Ordinance regulating the keeping of animals and prescribing penalties for violations.

ACCOUNTS

Council agreed to close the Recreation and Lighting accounts and blend the money into the General Fund.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Council agreed to pay the PSAB membership dues and the PSAB Association of Mayors dues for 2019 as well as the PSAB Borough News subscriptions for any member of council that is interested in receiving it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Egnatovich asked if he could have a street light put on the pole near his house at the end of Ash and Hillside Streets. He said it is a very dark section. Mayor Joe Brady said a light can be installed on the pole.

Street Department worker Tom Collins Jr. said having a light there would be an asset.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 17 at 7 PM.

Browndale Fire Company Annual Fund Drive Underway

Browndale Fire Company, 620 Marion Street, Route 247, Browndale asks you to support their annual fund drive which supports their efforts in providing Fire Protection and Emergency Services 24/7, 365 days a year to all of Clinton Township and Vandling Borough and mutual aid to our neighboring fire companies and communities.

To receive prompt and professional response in time of emergencies, we are regretfully retiring our 1993 Spartan/Saulsbury 1000 GPM/500-gallon pumper due to its age. In order not to jeopardize service to the community we serve we are looking to replace it with a newer or new vehicle, depending on what we can reasonably afford.

You may have noticed an increase in fundraising events. In anticipation of a new monthly truck payment, they have started additional fundraising. They rely on fundraising to continue their mission, which is being trained and ready to respond whenever the need arises. They receive very minimal funding compared to the annual expenses from tax dollars through the local municipalities. Their officers and members receive absolutely no compensation for what they do. Please understand the expenses increase just like yours and hope you would consider a donation this year.

They have seen several considerably large fires during the past year in the area and they hope your property or family never see a fire, but rest assured

they will be there to respond with the continued support from people like you in our community. They rely on your generosity to keep them prepared and equipped to serve you!

Lastly, they wish to thank you for continuing your support throughout the years! Donations can be dropped off at the fire station or by mailing a donation to: Browndale Fire Company, 620 Marion Street, Browndale - phone: 570-785-5300.

Have a wonderful Holiday!

FCR Choral Concert Tues., Dec. 11

The Forest City Regional Choral Program will present their annual Holiday Chorus Concert on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM in the Forest City Regional HS Auditorium. The performance will feature the Elementary Chorus, 6th Grade Choir, High School Chamber Choir, High School Jazz Choir, and High School Chorus singing your favorite Holiday songs and classics.

The admission is a donation, with all funds benefiting the Forest City Regional Chorus Program.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to Thursday December 13th at the same time.

All choirs are under the direction of Miss Alison Yuravich.

Spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Forest City



The Forest City Historical Society was the setting of a standing room only crowd to hear the performances of the Forest City Regional Band and High School and 6th grade chorale groups at the Christmas in Our Small Town on Saturday, December 1.



Santa Claus arrived in Forest City on Saturday, December 1 to celebrate Christmas in Our Small Town.

School bus Accident on Main Street

No one was injured in a FCR school bus accident Wednesday, Nov. 28, around 9:45AM on Main Street, Forest City. FCR School was on a two hour delay due to weather conditions.

The accident occurred when Christopher DeGonzague, 716 Maple St., Forest City, was unable to stop his SUV while descending North Street and slid through the intersection, striking the right rear of Bus 22 owned by Kreutz Bussing, Pleasant Mount. It was being driven south on Rte. 171, by Mark O'Neill, Pleasant Mount.

All students were transferred to Bus 19 and transported to the school where they were looked at by the school nurse.

As required by law for commercial vehicle drivers involved in an accident, Assistant Chief Lee Rowan transported the driver to Honesdale for a blood test.

The bus was able to be driven from the scene.

Lions Club Super Bowl Raffle Feb. 3

The Forest City Lions Club will hold their Super Bowl Raffle on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019. Cash prizes are \$300, \$200, and three \$100 prizes.

Tickets at \$5.00 each can be purchased from Lions Club members.

Franceski Lumber Closed Dec. 25 to 29

Franceski Lumber Co. will be closed from Dec. 25 through Dec. 29 They will be open on Mon., Dec. 31 and closed Jan. 1

Ferguson new FCR Girls Basketball Coach

The Forest City Regional School Board held a special meeting on Monday, November 26. Extracurricular appointments were the only items on the agenda.

Joseph Ferguson was appointed Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Edward Pearsall was appointed 8th grade girls Jr. High basketball coach and Matthew Taylor was appointed Varsity Boys Volunteer Assistant.

Ferguson was Scranton Prep's boys basketball coach from 2007-2013. In 2014, Ferguson was named the Marywood University assistant basketball coach for the girl's team.

New Year's Eve Party at Trinity Banquet Facility

Trinity Banquet Facility, 27 Prospect Street, Simpson, will hold a New Year's Eve Party on Monday, December 31 beginning at 8 PM. Music will be by DJ Donna Diva. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes a full buffet and open bar with champagne toast at midnight. The party is for those age 21 or older.

For tickets call 570-947-0212.

2019 Election Susq. County Offices up

With 2018 mid-term elections in the books, political eyes turn to the 2019 elections. The following Susquehanna County offices will be on the ballot: County Commissioners (three); County Auditors (three); District Attorney; Register-Recorder; Treasurer; Coroner; District Judge (one).

Present office holders are: Commissioners Alan Hall (R) Elizabeth (Betsy) Arnold (R), Maryann Warren (D); County Auditors George Starzec (R), Richard Suraci (R), Susan Jennings (D); District Attorney Marion O'Malley (R); Register-Recorder Michelle Estabrook (R); Treasurer Jason Miller (R); Coroner Tony Conarton (R); District Judge (34-3-03) Suzanne Brainard.

Parks Board Purse raffle On Dec. 18

Forest City Parks & Recreation Board is holding a drawing benefit of all Forest City Parks on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Tickets are \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.

1st Prize—Turquoise/Navy Plaid Coach Tote Bag & matching cosmetic bag (\$350 value). 2nd prize \$100, 3rd prize \$50.

Tickets are available from members of the Park Board, at the Boro Office or at the News Office.

The Forest City News office will be closed from Tuesday, December 25 thru Tuesday, January 1. Office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2. There will be an edition on December 26. There will be no January 2 edition. The next edition will be Wednesday, January 10. For ads or news for the January 9 issue, please leave a message at 570-785-3800 with phone number or drop it in our mail slot and we will contact you. You can also send an email with the information to fcnews@nep.net

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