

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Always look forward to the News from "Back Home!" Even though I have been gone for over 60 years, still like to keep in touch. You guys do a great job!

Rich Tagler
New Freedom, PA

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Dear Editor:

Sending in a change in our address label as my mother passed away Dec. 11, 2016. Thank you for bringing back memories of my long ago former hometown where many memories are still intact. Happy Holidays to one and all!

Joyce Cebular
Clearfield, PA

New Organ Dedicated at Christ Church

Sunday, November 25 at Christ Episcopal Church, 700 Delaware Street, Forest City was the setting for the dedication of a new Allen 220 Organ. A huge thank you to the family of lifetime member Richard "Rick" Kulasinsky for the purchase of the new organ in his memory. Father William "Bill" McGinty officiated the Sunday service and also over the dedication and blessing of the new organ. Dawn Pentecost, Organist and Choir Director is extremely happy with the new organ which has many great additions to the music offered by the church.

To experience the organ's music please join us at Christ Church beginning at 9:00 AM each Sunday for the service which lasts approximately one hour followed by coffee hour in the Undercroft of the Church. There is a place for you at our Lord's Table. All baptized persons, without exception, are welcome to receive the nourishing grace of Christ's Body and Blood. Those not receiving Communion may come forward for a blessing (signified by crossing one's arms). If you have not been baptized and are interested in learning more about it, please speak with Fr. William McGinty.

You may reach the church by calling 570-785-3425 and leave a message or by emailing: christchurchparishforestcity@gmail.com or visit the web site: www.christchurch-forestcity.com.

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

4-H Club Helps Families in Need



On November 18, the Pleasant Mount Go-Getters 4-H club celebrated an early Thanksgiving while helping families in need in the area. They collected canned food for Feed-a-Friend and toys for Toys for Tots.

Meal Delivery Drivers needed

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 Montrose & Lanesboro Senior Center 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.

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.

Susq. County Food Council Established

United Way of Susquehanna County and The Commission on Economic Opportunity's (CEO) Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank have joined together to form Susquehanna County Food Council.

Working together with many community partners comprised of local health and human service organizations, faith groups, and representatives from government and education their focus will be on addressing food insecurity needs of Susquehanna County residents.

The mission of the group is to ensure access to nutritious, high quality food, information and resources, as well as education, made available to all in need through coordination and dissemination in an accurate, timely and dignified manner.

For more information, please contact 2-1-1, United Way of Susquehanna County at 570-465-3868, or CEO Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank at 1-800-822-0359.

Pendrak wins goodie basket at "Christmas in Our Small Town"



Eliana Pendrak, Brownvale, was the lucky winner of the "Christmas in Our Small Town" basket at the festivities in Forest City on Saturday, December 1. She filled out her passport at all of the eight locations on Main Street to be eligible of the prize. She is the daughter of Stephen Pendrak and Dr. Tammy Carlson, Brownvale.

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.

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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, fcpack@gmail.com or 570-903-1703. Financial assistance is available.

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Pleasant Mount News

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Happy Birthday to: Melissa Nebzydowski, Mary Ann Kulikowski, Michael Lacek, Duke Phillips, Steve Nebzydowski, John Houghtaling, January Price, Megan Davis, Chuck Theobald, Charles Conklin Sr., Carrie Keyes, Megan Saul, John Callan, Tom Banicky, Ian Bailey, Nicholas Andrews, Eileen Davis, Katelyn Sinawa, Edward Howell, Riley Zukosky, Debbie Czapnik, Barbara Kilhullen, Brynn Vinton, Sklyer Thomas, Madison Lee John McCormick and Joan McCormick Lamanna

On December 15th, Christmas dinner will be served at Cold Spring Chapel's Community Kitchen. Our Christmas dinner features: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, and homemade rolls. As always, hot coffee and pots of tea are available for our friends who gather. If you are not a baker, never fear. A special dessert of Christmas cookies will be set out and rice

Comm. Warren office hours in FC Dec. 19

MaryAnn Warren, Susquehanna County Commissioner will meet with residents on Wednesday, December 19 between 1 PM and 3 PM at Elegante's Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City. She would like to hear if you have concerns or suggestions for our County.

No appointment is necessary, her office number is 570.278.6604 if there's something in particular you need or if you would like to schedule an appointment, either in Forest City or Montrose.

Stop by, share conversation and a slice of pizza and soda with your Commissioner. We look forward to seeing you.

FCR Board Approves Extracurriculars

At the Forest City Regional School Board meeting on Monday, December 3, the board approved extracurricular appointments for Kerry Lombardi as a Grade 5 and 6 Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant and Kayla Rhoads as a Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant.

Wayne Co. Food Pantry Wed., Dec. 19

The Lakewood Area Food Pantry will be held on Wed., Dec. 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Northern Wayne Family Health Center, 412 Como Rd., Lake Como. For an emergency need call 798 - 2229.

pudding will be available too! "We look forward to celebrating Christmas with our friends and neighbors", said Pastor Bryant. Cold Spring Chapel is located at the junction of Upper Woods Road and the Great Bend Turnpike, Lebanon Township. Serving begins at 11:30am and runs until 1:30pm. Come to the chapel and enjoy a home cooked meal. For more information contact 570-253-4033 or find them on Facebook. See you there!

Some Lithuanian Christmas traditions: Kuciukai with poppy milk. Kuckiukai are bite-sized biscuits served with freshly made poppy milk that are only eaten during the Christmas season.

Christmas spells. Single people find out when they will meet their other half by pulling straws from beneath the table (there is no data about the efficiency of this spell, though). Also, Lithuanians believe that animals start talking at midnight. The Christmas Eve dinner is called Kucios and has 12 dishes, one for each of Jesus's followers. In accordance with Catholic traditions, many Lithuanians abstain from meat on Christmas, so many of the dishes are fish, kisielius (a drink made from cranberries), dried fruit soup, beet soup (often with mushroom filled dumplings) Mulled wine. In winter, daylight only lasts for 8 hours, so many Lithuanians consider mulled wine a winter staple. Popular Christmas tree decorations are made from white paper straws. Nativity Cribbs are popular and are often put outside churches. "Linksmų Kaledų" means Happy/Merry Christmas!

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Main St. Yule Lights may be Improved

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