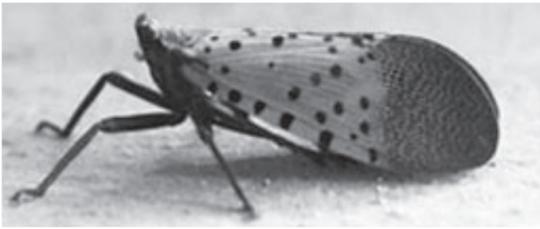


# Spotted Lanternfly big Threat to Farmers



The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive plant-hopper native to China, India, and Vietnam, and was first discovered in Pennsylvania in Berks County in 2012.

This destructive insect feeds on a variety of more than 70 species of plants including hardwood trees, grapes, apples, peaches, ailanthus, hops and certain ornamental plants. It is also reducing the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

Currently there is a quarantine in place for 13 counties in southeastern PA to try to stop the movement of this insect, which has been confirmed to be present as far north as Monroe County. If ignored, this invasive insect will have a significant negative impact on the \$18 billion Pennsylvania agriculture, including hardwood and nursery industries.

State officials caution they expect the quarantine to grow this year and the insect could work its way into our region.

To learn what you can do to help stop this invasive insect, contact your county Penn State Extension Office or the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

## Celebrating Progress Dinner Feb. 21 in C'dale

The Fourteenth Annual Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Celebrating Progress Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Anthracite Hotel, Main Street, Carbondale.

The 14th Annual Celebrating Progress Dinner is a great opportunity to be part of night celebrating members of the Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and networking with many people in our business community.

This years Honoree's are: Johnson College, Clifford Township, Pizza Guys of Carbondale, Rails to Trail-Union Dale, and Hotel Anthracite.

Cost is \$50.00 Per person. They are also looking for sponsors for this event. This is fantastic way to showcase your business at this event and future Chamber events. Please contact John Gorel at 570-282-1690 or jgorel@carbondalechamber.org for all of the details.

## Community Spotlight

by Art McLain



The Spring Mixer for the GFCBA will feature mini presentations by Pastor Tim Madden, left, Dr. Mary Surridge, Alpha Chiropractic; and GFCBA President Erin Debish. The mixer will be held on Thursday, March 6 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Cornerstone Bible Church. All are welcome.

## GFCBA Spring Mixer "Bringin' It Back to the Browndale Hall" Thurs., March 7

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance (GFCBA) has made their plans for the "Bringin' It Back to the Browndale Hall" spring mixer. It will be held on Thursday, March 7th, from 6-8 pm at Cornerstone Bible Church. The best news is everyone is invited. The event is open to GFCBA members and also to the public. There is no cost to attend but you are asked to RSVP by February 28 to Kelley Statkun at skstat@icloud.com so preparations for can be made.

Food, music, great speakers and more are planned. The food will be the best appetizers and more from over 14 local restaurants that are members of the GFCBA. Live music will be performed by Paul Dudrich from the Wannabes and Jan Troiani. The guest speakers giving mini presentations will be Dr. Mary Surridge, Tim Mad-

den, and Erin Debish, the GFCBA board president. Business owners present can enter to win free advertising by the GFCBA, and there will be other giveaways.

Cornerstone Bible Church is excited about hosting this event. Guests can be assured of a warm welcome. Pastor Tim Madden, Kelley Statkun, Patricia Striefsky, and several volunteers from Cornerstone are doing everything possible to extend the invitation to Forest City and the surrounding community.

The GFCBA mission is to unite the local businesses, organizations and individuals in order to promote the local economy, assist in economic development, and foster a positive community environment. Currently there are over 80 businesses which are members of the alliance. Much of their great work is evident and enjoyed

by the community. Events such as the Halloween Trunk or Treat and Christmas In a Small Town are just 2 of these great community happenings. But more of their work is less heralded.

The GFCBA through working together with the Forest City Borough, FCR School District and other organizations is a strong force and growing stronger in helping to strengthen our community. The GFCBA welcomes new members. More information can be found on their website, visit-forestcitypa.com or by email at gfcba13@gmail.com.

Mark the date March 7 on your calendar, RSVP, and make your plans to attend a fun evening at the GFCBA Spring Mixer at Cornerstone Bible Church located at 520 Marion Street in Browndale.

## Forest City Basketball Report

### GIRLS

Dunmore 58, FC 12  
Mon., Feb 4

The Lady Foresters got a taste of big school basketball when they faced the top-ranked Dunmore. The Lady Bucks sported a 19-0 undefeated record in the Lackawanna League Girls' Division III.

Dunmore spoiled the Foresterettes' home court advantage with a 50-2 1st half scoring binge, leading to a 58-12 Buck's win.

Maggie Kowalewski and Bella Pleska with 5 points each, and Madeline Shema's 2 pointer produced the only Lady Forester scoring.

### BOYS

Dunmore 75, FC 36  
Tues., Feb 5

Another Division III-IV crossover game, held at Dunmore, resulted in a 75-36 Forester loss. The 9-10 record Bucks poured in 46 points in the 1st half and coasted to the win.

Justin D'Antuono had 8 points for the local boys, while Cade Hartman had 7.

### GIRLS

Elk Lake 48, FC 32  
Thurs., Feb. 7

The Lady Foresters made a trip to Elk Lake but suffered a loss, 48-32, to the Lady Warriors who have a

9-11 season record.

Bella Pleska scored 16 points for the local girls while Maggie Kowalewski had 8 points, and Sarah Korty had 7.

### BOYS

Elk Lake 57, FC 40  
Friday, Feb. 8

The Foresters Let a chance for a victory get away from them in the 3rd quarter, and they went on to lose 57-40 in a home game. At the half the Foresters were within striking distance of a win, down by only two points, but at 23 point binge by the Elk Lake erased that chance.

Corey Daniels was high scorer with 10 while Jay Lipko had 8, and Gabe Zukosky had 7.

### Boys

E. St'burg-ND 84, FC 41  
Sat., Feb. 9

The Foresters played a non-league game against a powerhouse East Stroudsburg-Notre Dame squad and came out on the short end of an 84-41 loss. The local boys were scoreless in the 1st quarter as ES piled up 25 points.

Corey Daniels had a career high 18 points while Justin D'Antuono had 8. ES-ND won the jayvee game 61-42.

## Men's Bowling

by Paul Tomazic

Week 19

This week's matches had Guild Flagstone taking 23 points from NEP Telephone and Yacinovich Excavating taking 21 points from Thiede Livestock.

Team high scratch game and series was 983-2845 by Guild Flagstone. Team high handicap game was 1280 by Yacinovich Excavating and team high handicap series was 3559 by Guild Flagstone.

High game and series this week was 257-695 by Derek Benson. Other scores: Jim Mican 237-624, Paul Tomazic 227-597, Matt Tomazic 226-588, Robby Young 203-568, Jim Yesalavage 560, Mike Cottrell 207-545, Bruce Cortazar 537, Dave Pitus, 217-532, and Joe Siggins 500.

The following splits were made this week: Jake Weber 2-7, Blake Tyson 3- 10, Dave Pitus 4-10, Frank Molinaro 5-7, and Mike Yacinovich 3-10.

### STANDINGS

Guild Flagstone	87 1/2
Yacinovich Excavating	74
NEP Telephone	69 1/2
Thiede Livestock	60

## Saturday Start Proposed for Deer Hunting

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners has given preliminary approval to hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for the 2019-20 license year.

Modifications proposed for the 2019-20 seasons include: moving the opening day of the firearms deer season to the Saturday following Thanksgiving, creating a 13-day season that includes three Saturdays; shortening to two days the late November turkey seasons to accommodate a Saturday firearms deer opener; expanding the mid-October muzzleloader and special firearms deer seasons to include bears statewide; increasing to two weeks the length of the statewide archery bear season and shifting it to the two weeks following the muzzleloader and special firearms bear seasons; expanding four-day extended bear seasons to six days in most wildlife management units (WMUs) where they are held; establishing a September archery season and a January antlerless season for elk hunters; expanding bobcat hunting and trapping seasons to WMU 4B; extending fisher trapping opportunity to WMU 4A; increasing the season limit on beavers from 20 to 40 in WMUs 2A and 2B; and reducing the length of the porcupine season by about 10 weeks statewide.

The public may offer comments on all proposed 2019-20 seasons and bag limits, as well as other board actions, between now and the board's next quarterly meeting, when 2019-20 seasons and bag limits will be finalized, and antlerless license allocations will be determined.

The board's next quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held April 8 and 9 at the Game Commission's Harrisburg headquarters.

## Semi-auto Rifles Are Considered For Big Game

With Pennsylvania in the stretch run of its first hunting season in which semiautomatic shotguns were permitted for big-game hunting, and semiautomatic rifles have been permitted for hunting small game and furbearers, the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners has announced it will entertain a proposal to allow semiautomatic rifles for big game in the 2019-20 license year.

The PA Game Commission is accepting public comment on the matter, which could be considered at the commissioners next quarterly meeting April 9. If voted upon and given preliminary approval in April, the measure could be considered for final adoption in July and put in place for the 2019-20 license year.

Written comments can be submitted by email to pgccomments@pa.gov up until the April meeting.

## Susq. County Resource Day Sat., Mar. 23

The 3rd annual Susquehanna County Family & Resource Day, a free family event hosted by the Susquehanna County Commissioners, will be held Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9AM at Mt. View School, Kingsley.

The event makes it possible for our residents to be made aware of the services and resources available to Susquehanna County residents. All are invited to stop by.

## Teener League Now accepting Applications

The Forest City Teener League is currently accepting registrations for the summer 2019 season. This is a 15U league so players must be 13, 14, or 15 years old and be born between May 1, 2003 and April 30, 2006.

Forms are available at www.leaguelineup.com/wcjbri while the handout tab. Forms and payment are due by Feb 23rd

## Herrick TWP.

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### ARARAT TWP.

The township received notification from Ararat Township that they have withdrawn from the ESCP (Eastern Susquehanna County Partnership).

### PL. MT. EMS REPORT

Harvatine read a report that Pleasant Mount Emergency Services EMS Captain Dave Maglicane had sent for 2018 ambulance calls. They were not broken down for municipalities. There were a total of 226 calls: 134 went to hospitals; 31 patient refusals; 8 cancelled; 46 neighboring BLS/ALS mutual aid; 12 fire/carbon monoxide calls; 4 D.O.A.'S; 3 patient transfer of care. There were 73 calls to Wayne Memorial Hospital; 33 to Geisinger CMC; 14 to Moses Taylor; 13 to Regional Hospital and 1 to Barnes-Kasson. There were 60 transports in Susquehanna County and 74 transports in Wayne County.

### FLOODING ASSISTANCE

Harvatine read a letter from Jane Pykus, Susquehanna County Long Term Recovery Committee asking if anyone needs assistance from the August 2018 flooding.

### NEW TWP. BUILDING

The supervisors met with engineer Steve Knash to talk about the design for the new

township building and will be meeting with him again on February 16.

### BIDS

Road Master/Supervisor Brian Zembrzycki said he would like to advertise for stone and calcium bids in the Susquehanna County Transcript and The Wayne Independent in addition to The Forest City News. Ross said they can send bids out rather than advertise in other newspapers. It was agreed to do that and advertise The Forest City News.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Catherine Meredith asked about positions for auditor and supervisor. Harvatine explained they are both 6-year terms and will be voted on in the May Primary Election and in the November General Election. Meredith also asked if there is an open position on the planning commission. Zembrzycki said, "Yes, but I want to get done with what we have now (hearing for conditional use permit) and then appoint someone." Harvatine said Dave Cassel said he is interested as well.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7pm, at the Herrick Center Baptist Church Hall.

## Classic Country Cooking

by The Country Cook  
FCNewsCountryCook@gmail.com

### Potato Soup

Winter weather always seem like a good time to have soup. There are all sorts of canned soups you can buy but nothing seems to beat home made soup. While looking for a good recipe for this week, I came across this recipe for potato soup. It is easy to make and is good comfort food. Maybe get some good bread and some cheese and make some grilled cheese sandwiches to go along with it.

- 2 Slices of bacon
- 1 Cup raw diced potatoes
- 1 Package dry onion soup mix
- 3 1/2 Cups cold water
- 1/2 Cup tomato juice

1/2 Cup cooked peas (I use frozen peas rather than canned)

1. In a sauce pan, fry the bacon over medium low heat. Remove bacon and drain on paper towels and crumble. Brown potatoes in the bacon drippings over medium low heat.

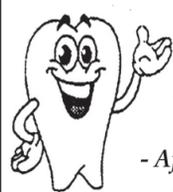
2. Add soup mix, water, and tomato juice. Stir and bring to boil over medium heat; cover, reduce heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes.

3. Add peas. Heat until hot. Garnish each serving with crumbled bacon.

4. Enjoy!

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