

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



**Congratulations to Nick Luchonok**, formerly of Forest City, being named the 2018 Rookie of the Year for 84 Lumber in Oakland, New Jersey. He is currently co-manager of the Oakland store. To find the link on Facebook, like 84 Lumber and find the post for 2018 Rookie of the Year. Nick is the son of Regina and Nick Luchonok of Forest City. He is a 2014 graduate of Forest City Regional High School. Way to go Nick!

**New Gift Card Email Scam**—Someone emails you using the name of someone you know and says they need you to buy them some gift cards as they are somewhere they cannot do it. They ask you to email them pictures of the gift card codes and they will reimburse you later. If this may have already happened to you, better contact police.

**The blonde who visited** her doctor to determine why she hurt all over her body, touched her finger on all those aching parts only to be advised by the doctor that she had a broken finger.

**A thought for today**—A friend is someone who says nice things about you when you aren't around.

**As Spring seems not that far away**, we got talking about golf at coffee last week. Word has it that Fern Hall Inn and Golf Course, Crystal Lake, was sold, and the golf course will not be opened this year.

## Easter event On Main St. Wed., Apr. 17

Forest City Council authorized the closing of Main Street for an Easter Egg hunt and Easter Parade on Wednesday, April 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by GFCBA.

Stands will include: Kennedy Park Board -Sweatshirt sale; GFCBA; FC Nursing and Rehab, Tumbler's Tots - Egg Decorating; FC Senior Center - Hot Dogs; and Frugal Living -Fundraiser for Kennedy Park.

Other participants will be: Elegante Restaurant, Hornbeck Chevrolet, Kelley's Salon, Red Cross Pharmacy, Shirley's Restaurant, Maria's Restaurant and Deli; Ros-Al Floral, All in a Basket, House of Flowers, HNB, FNB, Zazzera's, Tobacco Road, Forest City Area Historical Society, The Forest City News, Jessie's Salon, The Barking Cupcake, Kevin Lesjack Funeral Home, and The Speakeasy.

## Friday Pizza Sales at Christ Church for Lent

Christ Episcopal Church, Dundaff and Delaware Sts., Forest City, will offer a Take and Bake Pizza Sale every Friday throughout Lent.

Beginning March 8 and continuing through April 19 you can pick-up a prepared 12 cut, 3 cheese pizza for \$10 or a 12 cut potato/cheese/ onion pizza for \$12 between 3 and 6 p.m., at the church. You can then bake the pizza at home.

Advance orders are recommended. Call 570-785-3425 and leave a call back message.

Benefits the good works of the church.

## FCRS approves plan for its own cyber charter school

Forest City Regional School Board approved funding to set up its own cyber charter school beginning in the 2019-20 school year. According to figures presented at the January Board meeting, it could save the District more than \$250,000 annually.

School Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina said they will immediately begin planning for the new cyber school so that they can launch it when the VLN agreement goes into force on July 1, 2019.

At the present time, FCRS has 30 students attending outside cyber charter schools. It costs FCR District approximately \$13,000 for each of those students, resulting in an annual cost of almost \$400,000.

With the contract approved on March 11 with VLN Partners, LLP, the cost for each cyber student will be \$4,500, including both regular students and special ed students.

According to the presentation made at the Jan. 14 Board meeting, having its own cyber charter school will allow the curriculum to be coordinated with the local school's curriculum. If a classroom teacher is teaching

a particular lesson, the FCRS cyber charter school would teach the cyber school student the same subject.

It is hoped that the 30 students now entered into outside cyber charters schools could be attracted to the new FCR cyber charter school. It is also hoped that other students contemplating cyber schooling would join the FCR Cyber School.

Based on the presentation at the Jan. Board meeting, each student would be supplied with a computer, software, course material and technical support. According to the presenter from VLN, each student also would have a "homerom" teacher each day.

At the time of the Board presentation in January, School Supt. Dr. Jessica Aquilina said "No cyber charter schools in Pennsylvania are successful," and she added "No Forest City cyber charter school students have been successful."

She also stressed at the time that advertisements of cyber charter schools that say tuition is free "are lies." The Districts are required by the state to pay the tuition from District funds.

## Busy agenda at Forest City Council

Forest City Council had a busy agenda at its March 4 meeting. Some of the items acted upon were in last week's edition.

It named Paul Daugevelo as Main Street Coordinator at a salary of \$400/month with no benefits. He started on March 4th. He was the only candidate for the advertised position. Motion by Tracy Lazier and second by Bob Lesjack was approved 6-0.

His duties include attending meetings of local organizations, as well as planning and coordinating Borough events. He will serve as a liaison between business and property owners to promote and encourage new businesses.

### LEEWARD PAYMENTS

At the recommendation of Finance Committee head Joann Matarese, council approved payment of \$32,739 to Leeward Construction for work on South Street. They withheld payment of \$18,435 to Leeward for sewage pumps to be installed at Kennedy Park.

Council approved establishing a checking account at Honesdale National Bank to deposit parking meter collections and segregate funds for Main St. snow removal.

## FCAES Meat Raffle set for Sat., March 23

Chances for the Forest City Area Emergency Services Spring meat raffle are now on sale.

Purchase a ticket to win one of 18 meat prizes, or better yet, come to the event and enjoy additional meat raffles, door prizes and food for sale.

The raffle will take place on Sat. March 23, from 5 - 9 p.m. at 380 Railroad St. Forest City.

For more information call 570-785-5025 or 570-785-3226

Council approved payment of \$2,550 to Mikloiche Timber & Construction for Main Street snow removal in January.

### SNOW PLOWING

Street Dept. Committee head Bernie Scalzo again complimented the road crew for snow plowing. He said residents must be patient with snow removal. He noted that local plowing is not like state plowing, there is no pre-treating, and following rounds of plowing depend on the conditions.

He reported that the motor went on the Boss plow on the pickup, and the pick-up also required a new battery.

### NEW FLAGS

New flags for Main St. and Kennedy Park costing \$920 were approved.

### HIRE NEW OFFICER

Mayor Chris Glinton got approval to hire new part-time police officer Lauren Fizz, Tannersville at \$14.00/hr.

Glinton and Chief Lee Rowan were approved to attend a PSAB training in Wilkes-Barre April 30 for Municipal Police Dept. Supervision and Oversight at a cost of \$300.

### DONATIONS

Council donated \$100 to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter because they accept animals from the Forest City Police Dept.

Council donated \$100 to the Susq. County Conservation District for the Envirothon at Elk Mtn. Ski Resort, May 3.

### TREE REMOVAL

Council approved payment of \$500 for a tree removal on Center Street. They also approved a quote of \$4,500 to remove several other trees on Center Street which are creating a potential safety hazard.

## \$14,300 is fund drive goal To repair Doughboy Statue And Coal Miners' Memorial

There is no better known landmark in Forest City than the Doughboy statue which stands in front of William Penn Apartments at 331 Main St. For years, prior to construction of the 50 unit senior apartments there, the area was known as William Penn Park.

Every year on Memorial Day the statue has been the focal point of tributes to those who died in the service of our country. Members of the Charles & Martin Skubic Post #524 American Legion solemnly read the Roll Call of local service members who paid the supreme sacrifice. A Legionnaire answers "Absent". The trumpet tones "Taps" and a three volley rifle salute ends the solemnity.

But, as with any thing 92-years-old, Doughboy is showing its age. It was repaired 22 years ago but now requires additional maintenance. Charles & Martin Skubic Post #524 American Legion, is beginning a fund drive to raise funds to do the repairs.

Legion Commander Col. (RET) Jeffery Swegel and Legion members Earl Obelenus, Thomas Prince and Paul Kalasinski are spearheading the drive for funds.

The repairs on the statue will cost \$11,500 and will be undertaken by McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory, Oberlin, Ohio. They are the same firm which made the repairs in 1997. They have also agreed to make some necessary repairs on the Anthracite Coal Miners' Memorial located on the same site. Those repairs will cost \$2,800.

The Doughboy Statue is on ground deeded to Forest City Borough, and the upkeep of the Coalminers' Memorial was taken over from the local Rotary Club by Forest City Borough a number of years ago. Thus Forest City Borough Council was asked, at the March 4 Council



Doughboy Statue in front of the William Penn Apts.

meeting to financially aid with the repair cost. They agreed to assist but asked if the public, including former Forest Citizens, could be involved in the funding.

Since there appears to be no grant funds available for such a project, Col. Swegel stated that the Legion also plans to contribute funds

Col. Swegel asked The Forest City News to assist in the fund drive. John P. Kameen, former News publisher, agreed to pro-

vide publicity for the drive, provide the News Office address to collect the gifts, and to publish the names of all contributors.

Beginning immediately, any business or individual, wishing to donate, in any amount, can send to:

Doughboy Statue Fund  
636 Main Street  
Forest City, PA 18421-1430

If the funds can be raised quickly, it is hoped the repairs can be accomplished by Memorial Day 2019.

## Area municipalities get Thousands in fuel taxes

Two townships in Wayne County receive the largest state Liquid Fuels Tax payouts of any municipalities in this area. Mount Pleasant Township receives \$183,778 while Clinton Township gets \$160,074.

Other area payouts are:  
Forest City \$65,005  
Vandling 21,731

## Attention: Forest City Regional High School Alumni



The Forest City Regional School District is working with FCRHS graduates to establish the Forest City Regional High School Alumni Association. Please contact Mrs. Patricia Chesnick at pchesnick@fcrsd.org or at 570-785-2403 if you are interested in serving on the start-up committee.

In addition, the Forest City Regional School District is planning a Homecoming Event on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to kick off the Forest City Rail-Trail festival and highlight our newly renovated facility. Specific details regarding the Homecoming Event are TBD but we hope you can put the date on your calendar and come home to visit your alma mater!

Clifford Twp. 131,329  
Herrick Twp. 95,999  
Union Dale 15,553  
Thompson Twp. 65,604  
Thompson 10,386  
Ararat Twp. 67,179

The money comes from state taxes on all liquid fuels.

The amount a municipality receives is based on its population and miles of approved Liquid Fuels roads. An approved road must have minimum of 33 ft. right-of-way in a township and 16 ft. in a borough. The drivable surface

must be a minimum width of 16 ft, and the road must be a minimum of 250 ft. in length.

A road must be maintained in such a condition that it can be driven safely at 15 mph.

The funds can only be used to support construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public roads or streets. Annually a municipality may use 20% of their net allocation for the purchase of major equipment.

**\$147,500.00  
CASH Prizes!  
Clifford Cash**

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold!



**1st-Prize: \$50,000 2nd-Prize: \$30,000  
3rd-Prize: \$20,000 4th-Prize: \$15,000**

Drawing for prizes 1 through 50 July 27, 2019

**"April Fool Cash-Early Bird Drawing."**

5-\$100 tickets will be drawn April 1, 2019.

ALL tickets are eligible for all PRIZES

**\$100.00 Donation Per Ticket**

**Call 570.222.CASH  
(2274)**

Leave your name and  
call back number!

**FREE Classified Ads!**  
Issues of March 13, 20, 27  
Want to get rid of household items or clean  
out your basement or attic?  
To be run these weeks,  
FREE 20 words or less classified FOR SALE ad. Email  
fnews@nep.net; call 570-785-3800; send to 636 Main  
Street, Forest City, PA 18421; or stop in and drop it off!  
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cancelled earlier. Please no business ads.

