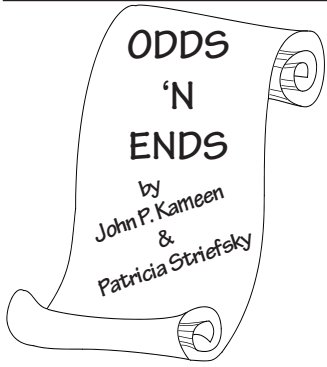


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



The Forest City News Family is saddened by the death of Lou Matoushek, husband of our office manager, Jean. He passed away Saturday morning after being hospitalized at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, for about a week. Lou had a hip replacement a few weeks ago and developed blood clots and a heart problem March 24. Lou had many, many friends from his years as a farmer and sawmill operator, and then in his retirement years. You could never talk long with Louie before the subject of golf or hunting would come up. As with most of us hunters and golfers, we all talk a better game than we can play. He has been a chauffeur for Jean from their home in Creamton for many years. He always had a smile and a quick wit, and was an avid reader, and always good for a story at the drop of a hat. We at the News Office will miss him, as will his wonderful family, including Jean, daughters, son and grandkids. They were all so lucky to have such a great man in their lives.

The News Office will be closed Thursday morning, April 4.

Sometimes there are folks in our midst who kind of blend into the fabric of our community but still exert a good influence on all of us. Such was Doris Young, Union Dale, who died March 18. She was born in West Virginia, but brought here by her mother, Virginia Seeley. When Doris died, she had no family but a long list of good friends and many others who she helped during her lifetime. Many of them gathered last Sunday at the Union Dale Methodist Church Hall to remember her and her good works. She worked hard at both IBM and Gentex, and during that time, and after retirement, she took on many community and civic duties including Eastern Star, Union Dale Fire Co., Fire Police, ambulance EMT, as well as Union Dale Council. She spent many hours and miles delivering Meals on Wheels and enjoyed participating in all events at the Forest City Senior Center. She had all kinds of medical issues. She was a breast cancer survivor, had diabetes and was on dialysis. She kept on doing for others for as long as she could but her time finally ran out. As the Lord directed us, we should show our goodness thru our good works. She did just that all her life. We are better off for having had Doris among us. May she rest in peace.

Two local restaurants, now in our Dining Guide, had breakfast buffets last Saturday. Curtis Home Cooking, N. Main St., had a delicious spread as a benefit for Suicide Awareness. Maria's Restaurant had its 2nd Saturday buffet. If you are looking for a hearty Saturday breakfast buffet you can't go wrong with either of these local restaurants.

It was another smash success for FCR Drama Club director Shelly Giles as she produced another great high school play with three presentations of Wizard of Oz last weekend, all performances in front of large audiences. We've seen all her previous shows and they get better and better. It beats sitting home watching TV when you can see talented Forest City Regional students showing their enthusiasm and stage craft.

2018 FC Area EMS Annual Fire Report

The Forest City Area Emergency Services annual Fire Report was given to Forest City Borough Council on Monday, Jan. 7th. In 2018 the fire service reported 126 calls, down from 153 calls in 2017.

Fire Chief Paul S. Lukus and Deputy Fire Chief Thomas J. Prince listed the local responses to fire and accident-related incidents at the 126 mark which is down from the record 186 calls back in 2012.

There were 45 motor vehicle accidents responded to. There were 18 structure fires along with 17 medical assist calls.

There were 14 calls for automatic alarms and 2 calls for the Fire Company to standby, as well as 7 public service calls.

There were 3 calls for carbon monoxide investigations, 1 response to a brush fire, 3 responses to Haz-Mat calls, 5 for chimney and heating problems.

In the previous year (2017) the town suffered historic fire losses from three major structure fires, one of which destroyed three Main Street buildings. Another fire, caused by the burning of trash, destroyed two Delaware Street homes. The 3rd major structure fire caused serious damage to a Railroad Street residence. None of those fires resulted in deaths or serious injuries.

Paul Lukus was the department's top responder as

B'dale Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Sun., April 7

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Spring Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Browndale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale.

The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Browndale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert. The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Tickets are \$9.00 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Franceski Lumber Yard 900 Main St., Forest City (570-785-3516); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit Browndale Fire Company.

he came out to 90 calls. Tom Prince Sr. was next in line responding to 62 calls while Paul Mihelc responded to 53 calls. Brad Ellsworth responded to 47 calls; Michael Wilcox responded to 46 calls; Jim Kuruts responded to 44 calls; while T. Razderk had 41 responses.

July was the busiest month for fire responses with 16. A total of 747 personnel responded for calls over the entire year.

The total time out (in minutes) for responders for the month of August was 1,739.

The Department used 1,350 feet of hose including 900 feet of 2-in. hose and 300 feet of 5-inch hose.

Location of fire calls:

- Forest City 42
- Clinton Twp. 13
- Fell Twp. 25
- Clifford Twp. 17
- Mt. Pleasant 11
- Thompson 1
- Greenfield Twp. 1
- Vandling 6
- Union Dale 6
- Carbondale 3

- Apparatus Responses
- Engine 41 to 40 calls
- Rescue 41 to 37 calls
- Utility 41 to 25 calls

Membership Response Report

- Biedenkapp, E. - 6
- Bock, E. - 19
- Boyd, J. - 4
- Bradford, K. - 8
- Barney, P. - 1
- Cook, K. - 8
- Daugevelo, A. - 19
- Davis, D. - 3
- Davis, S. - 16
- Ellsworth, B. - 47
- Evans, D. - 14
- Harmer - 5
- Henderson, K. - 34
- Howe, J. 20
- Kowalewski D. - 24
- Kuruts, K. - 37
- Kuruts, J. - 44
- Lukus, P. - 90
- Mihelc, B. - 6
- Mihelc, P. - 53
- Paulin, R. - 2
- Piasecki, L. - 5
- Prince, B. - 3
- Prince, D. - 16
- Prince, T. Sr. - 62
- Razderk, T. - 41
- Saltishak, P. - 1
- Sefcik, C. 37
- Staff, M. - 20
- Tyrell, S. - 9
- Wagner, J. - 9
- Wagner, A. - 34
- Wilcox, A. - 1
- Wilcox, M. - 46
- Woodyshek, T. - 2

Franceski Lumber Closed Sat., April 13

Franceski Lumber will be closed all day on Saturday, April 13. They will reopen on Monday, April 15.

Gillette heading to Marywood University to play softball



Kary Gillette, a member of the Forest City Regional Girls Softball Team, and a senior at Forest City Regional High School signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic careers for Marywood University where she will major in Graphic Design. Pictured seated left to right: Michele, Kary, and Jeff Gillette. Back Row: Brian Durkin, Forest City Regional Athletic Director; Al Clark, 18U Coach; Ray McDonald, 16U coach, both of the Impact Panthers Travel Team; Joseph Miraglia, Forest City Regional Varsity Head Coach; Mrs. Cassandra Stout, Principal Forest City Regional; and Brian Newberry, Forest City Regional Assistant Varsity Coach.

August Trail Town Festival Kicks off at FCRS Homecoming

Plans for this year's Trail Town Festival in Forest City on Saturday, August 3 are in full swing.

A meeting was held on March 19 at Ros-Al Floral. In attendance were Lynn Conrad, Rail Trail Council; Dr. Jessica Aquilina, FCR Superintendent; Patricia Striefsky, Publisher of The Forest City News; Mayor Chris Grinton; and Paul Daugevelo, Main Street Coordinator.

The weekend is going to kick off at the Forest City Regional High School with a Homecoming event from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. The Homecoming event will include a tour

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.

of the newly renovated school, followed by refreshments and a program.

The District is reaching out to alumni who would be willing to serve on a start-up committee. If you would be interested, you are asked to contact the School's Transportation Manager and Superintendent's Secretary Patricia Chesnick by email at pchesnick@fcrsd.org or by calling her at 570-785-2403.

It is hoped that the event will draw past alumni back to town in order to also participate in the many events of the Trail Town Festival on Saturday, August 3. Specific details of the Homecoming and the Festival will be announced.

The annual fireworks display will take place at Kennedy Park at approximately 9:15 PM on Friday night. NEP Telephone Co. has graciously agreed to donate the display and the Thompson Hose Company will be setting them off again this year. NOTE: This is a different location than last year. The fireworks were set off at the VISION 2000 Industrial Park last year.

The 2nd Annual Trail Town Festival will kick off on Saturday morning, August 3 with the Coal Cracker race on the Rail Trail at 9 AM. Following the race a bike ride will be held on the Trail beginning at 11 AM. You can do a guided ride or on your own.

Lynn Conrad, Executive Director of the Rail Trail, is trying to get an interpretive ride on the trail for senior citizens and residents of the Nursing Home so they can see the Trail.

The Forest City Area Historical Society will be open and they are planning on having events there throughout the day. More information about the events will be available at a later day.

Patricia Striefsky said the Touch-A-Truck event will take place in the 400 block of Main Street from 1 PM to 4 PM. Emergency vehicles, fire trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles will be on hand for the kids to check out.

Mayor Chris Grinton and Main Street Coordinator Paul Daugevelo will be in charge of the vendors for the afternoon. They will also try and get music for the afternoon on Main Street. Mayor Grinton said he is in contact with someone who might do a car show on Main Street.

The annual Light Parade will step off from the VISION 2000 Industrial Park at 9 PM and continue onto Main Street where they will go North and end at D.G.'s Bar and Grill where an after-parade party will be held.

Mayor Grinton said the Parks and Recreation Board will hold a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 4 to conclude the weekend festivities.

Breakfast in East Ararat Sat., April 6

A Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 7AM-11AM at the East Ararat United Methodist Church. The public is welcome!

Doughboy Statue is 92 years old; It was dedicated Sept. 22, 1927

With a fundraising effort underway to raise \$14,500 to repair the Forest City Doughboy Statue and the Coalminers' Memorial, it is interesting to note the pomp and circumstance which surrounded the erection and dedication of the statue 92 years ago.

The Doughboy Statue in front of William Penn Apartments at 331 Main Street is 92-years-old. This World War I Veteran's Memorial was dedicated on September 22, 1927.

The dedication was preceded by a parade with over 2,500 people in the line of march. Legion Posts from around Northeastern Pennsylvania were represented.

Benjamin Yanchitis was Grand Marshal of the parade with Michael Skubic as Chief of Staff.

Division Commanders for the parade were:

- 1st Division, William Bailey Jr.
- 2nd Division, Jules Kerl

3rd Division, Louis Vidovich
4th Division, William Feddock

5th Division, Hugh Johnston
6th Division, Steve Lupyak
7th Division, Fred J. Williams
8th Division, Joseph Mansfield

9th Division, John Freedman
10th Division, Anthony Polosky

The program at the Park, with Michael Skubic as chairman, lasted over two hours and according to the NEWS article of that day "it was one of the largest assemblages ever massed in one group in Forest City, and in view of the fact that the people were forced to stand, the interest manifested and the order maintained was remarkable."

The Invocation was given by Rev. J. White, Chaplain at Albert H. Crane Post, Carbondale. Chairman Skubic made a formal presentation of the Park to the Borough, and the acceptance address was by Burgess

John Franko.

An original patriotic poem, imbued with the spirit of the occasion, composed by Miss Edna Walker, was recited by James Kane.

Addresses were delivered by Senator F. T. Gelder, Judge A. B. Smith, of Montrose, and Judge George W. Maxey of Scranton.

Frank Fararo, Post Commander of the Charles & Martin Skubic Post, was in charge of the unveiling of the Doughboy Statue. Hugh Johnston, WW I veteran, made the statue's presentation address. Atty. F.M. Gardner, a Spanish American War veteran, gave the acceptance address.

The ritual unveiling was done by Richard Davis, 89-year-old Civil War veteran, of Union Dale, who also ran the colors to the masthead.

A patriotic declaration was delivered by Joseph Mansfield. Several selections were rendered by the Community Chorus under the direction of Prof.

Richard Llewellyn.

The Doughboy is a life-sized statue of a soldier in action carrying a rifle and throwing a hand grenade. It is mounted on a five-foot solid granite base and a bronze plaque is attached with the following inscription:

Dedicated By
Post No. 524, American Legion
Forest City, Pennsylvania

In memory of the comrades of Forest City and vicinity who offered their lives in defense of humanity in the World War 1914-1918.

Those who made the sacrifice:

- Forest City**
- Pvt. William Burns
- 1st Lt. Reese Davis
- Corp. Joseph Dearie
- Pvt. John Gardella
- Pvt. Tony Gellet
- Sgt. Stanley Horosko
- Pvt. Raymond Murray
- Pvt. Leo McCabe
- Sgt. George Payne
- Pvt. George Rudalis

Corp. Charles Skubic
Pvt. Martin Skubic
2nd Lt. John Strach

Vandling
Corp. James P. McAndrew
Corp. Robert E. Nelson
Pvt. Jack Bayliff

Elkdale
MM2c William D. Jones
Pvt. Robert P. Owens

The Park Commission consisted of: Michael Skubic, J.S. Johnston, Theodore Piatkowski, J.W. Jones Jr., and Joseph Connolly.

Among the local clergy taking part in the proceedings were the Revs. A. Ezerskis, A. Halicki, T.M. Volkay, F.M. Jevnik, H.J. Fenwick, W.J. Hunter and P. Vilk.

Anyone wishing to donate any amount to the fund drive is asked to send them to

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

All donations will be published in The Forest City News.

