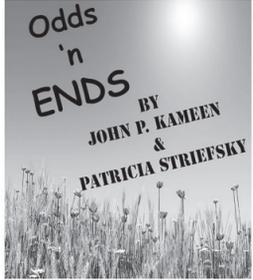


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Odds in ENDS
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From time to time we have to get caught up with our dates for Looking Back. You won't see any in this week's paper but rest assured it will be back next week!

Graduation for Forest City Regional has been set for Friday, June 14. The Forest City News is publishing a special tabloid for Forest City Regional graduates and any other local graduates from college or elsewhere. If you would like to congratulate your child, grandchild, employee, niece, nephew or friend, please contact us at fc-news@nep.net or patricia@forestcitynews.com. The cost of the ad will be \$35, \$60, \$120, or \$200. Information was sent home with the seniors as to sizing and prices. This has become an annual insert in our paper and a nice way to honor the graduates.

On page 8 you can read the names of all who helped raise more than \$20,000 to repair the William Penn Doughboy and the Miners' Memorial. Those of us who worked on the drive are especially thankful to our former residents and out-of-towners who provided much of the funding. It always amazes us the deep love and feeling which our former residents have for "back home." That money was raised in four weeks and there were no fundraising letters sent out, only several articles in this newspaper. No matter how long folks are away from here, it seems Forest City is always their "hometown." All who were responsible for the fund drive extend a hearty "Thank You" to all those who still care.

Heard of another great example of the blessings of living in a small town. Pauline Peterlin, Brown-dale, slipped in her yard while planting and called her daughter, Angele Kuruts in Forest City to help with her cuts and bruises. Pauline's grandson, R.J. Kuruts, drove to Brown-dale, but forgot he put his wallet on the car. It was only a short time later that they got a call that a Forest City neighbor found the wallet and was returning it. All concerned want to thank the neighbor for his neighborliness.

Joe Machek Jr., Brown-dale, congratulated us on our series on the 75th Anniversary of D Day, written by local barber Paul Ferraro. One of the D-Day soldiers highlighted was Joe's father, Joseph Machek Sr., a longtime fuel oil dealer in Forest City. Joe Sr. had the misfortune to have three different ships torpedoed by German U-Boats during WW II. Joe Jr. said his father never told him some of the things Paul had in the story. Joe said he can't imagine young people who take a knee when the national anthem is played, while men like his father fought and died for our freedoms. The Greatest Generation came back here after the war and seldom talked of their wartime experiences. They came back, raised their families and worked hard.

Candidates make visit to Clifford Twp. Meeting

by Theresa Opeka

Candidates for political office and bridge inspections were among some of the items discussed at the Tuesday, May 14 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors.

The meeting opened with introductions from Susquehanna County District Attorney Marion O'Malley and Tom Follert, Democrat candidate for Susquehanna County Commissioner. O'Malley, who was appointed in January 2018 after the death of District Attorney Robert Klein, said she "stole an idea" from the lieutenant governor (John Fetterman) and is going around the county and telling people what is going on in the DA's office. "I have been a solicitor for municipalities in the county. We have an open door policy. If we cannot help, we will find someone who can. We are a resource for the community," she said.

Supervisor Dennis Knowlton thanked O'Malley for being at the Family Fun Bike Ride and Chicken BBQ last Saturday and for her donation. O'Malley replied, "It's a great event for a great cause. I was happy to be included."

Tom Follert, Montrose, was the production manager for Chocolates by Leopold but left last fall to focus on running for office. He also helped start the annual Chocolate and Wine Festival in Montrose. "We have so many good things happening here. It is the role of the commissioner to support it. I am on borough council in Montrose. We have so many empty houses. I want to focus on how we can get people to live here to refill our houses and rebuild our communities," he said.

The primary election was held on Tuesday, May 21.

MOWING

In old business, Supervisor Chris Marcho made a motion to hire Brian Zembrycki to do mowing in the township. His bid was \$55/hr and Barhite Excavating's was \$95/hr. "He did last year's job. It was an okay job," he said.

Road Master Kurt Booths said, "It was the first time he did the work for the township. There was one issue on Thorn Hill Road and it was cleared up. There was really no issue. His work was fair." Supervisor Barry Searle seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

BRIDGE REVIEW

Booths said a bridge review was completed by Bassett Engineering, Montoursville, of the township's 10 bridges. They graded them on a scale of 1-10. There were 3 that are in need of re-

Cruzin' 2 B'dale Car & Craft Show Sat., June 1

The Browndale Fire Company No. 1 is excited to invite the public to the 5th Annual Cruzin' 2 Browndale Car Show benefiting the fire company to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, beginning at 11 AM with food, music, raffles, and more until 4 PM at the Browndale Fire Company grounds, Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Registration for vehicles will begin at 10 AM. Rain or shine!

Cars, trucks and bikes will be on the grounds for all to enjoy! We will have live music, food to purchase, craft and other vendors, raffles and fun! The public is invited free to the grounds to view the vehicles.

We are still accepting crafters, vendors and swap meet applicants as well as car show registrations but space is getting limited so contact us to register now!

For more information please check us out on Facebook: Cruzin' 2 Browndale, or email us at: browndalefire@gmail.com, or phone us at (570) 785-5300. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you all at this family friendly event!

pair including those on Jones and Tinker Brook Roads. He said they will come back next week for a more in-depth meeting.

SPRING CLEAN UP

The 17th Annual Spring Clean Up was a success. \$505 was taken in and \$300 was spent on dumpsters, leaving a profit of \$205. There was only one and a half dumpsters full of garbage. The first year it was held, it was a 4-day event with 4 dumpsters full. Sandy Wilnot said, "Do you need \$200 so bad or could you offer it for free for residents? They can bring an electric bill, etc., for identification."

PAVING

The supervisors agreed to bid out paving the driveway of the Community Center.

PARADE & PICNIC

The supervisors approved the Clifford Township Fire Company's Annual Parade and Picnic July 25-July 27.

PSATS

Searle said according to PSATS, there have been frivolous requests for information from municipalities and that people are selling information on residents who live there. They are looking at ways to stop it.

RENT ROOM

Marcho made a motion to rent one room in the township building to the Clifford Active Living Center for 1-3 days a week for \$400 a month. Searle said they will also install a dishwasher and large screen TV at their own expense. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

OUTSIDE WORK

Larry Wilson said the pavilion is mostly done, stream work is done, there is still some trail work to do and they continue to work on the inside of the garage. Marcho said there will be heat inside the garage and there is a concrete sidewalk around the pavilion.

HISTORICAL SIGNS

Wilnot said twelve historical signs have been placed in the Children's Garden representing things like coal mining and dinosaurs. The signs were completed by Kochmer Graphics. They will pave the gravel path when it dries out.

PHARMACY

Searle said Endless Mountains Pharmacy will move into the former FNB bank building by June 1.

FOOD AVAILABLE IN TOWN

Wilnot said there is food available, like milk, bread, etc at the country store next to the post office, the Smoke Shop and at Paradise Valley.

TAXES

Seventy-five percent of the township's taxes have been collected.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm.

The Forest City News will once again publish its Graduation Tabloid of Forest City Regional High School graduating seniors for 2019 in its June 12th edition. The tab will include photos of the seniors and biographies if they have provided them to the school. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad for their graduate(s) can do so. The cost is as follows:

**5 x 3 inches - \$35
5 x 5 inches - \$60
1/2 Page - \$120
Full page - \$200**

To purchase an ad contact the Forest City News at 570-785-3800, mail it to or drop it off at the News office at 636 Main St., Forest City, or by email to patricia@forestcitynews.com. The deadline for submitting is June 6th.

Ribbon Cutting held for FCR Softball Field



The Forest City Regional High School Girls Softball team held a ribbon cutting for their new and improved field on Monday, May 6. Major donors for the project included: Honesdale National Bank, NEP Telephone Co. Kartri Sales Co. Inc., and the Bonham Family. Other donors were: Grimm Construction, Hornbeck Chevrolet, Scott E Schermerhorn Attorney At Law, K.W. Oil Co, Inc., Hendricks Manufacturing, PWI Construction, Pleasant Mount Welding, Orthodontic Specialist Dr. Faulk & Dr. Gershey, The Retreat at White Birch, AJ's Bar & Grill, UGI Energy Services, Kim Pleska Hairstyling, Eccles Family Farm, Catamount Ridge Farm, R.B. Fries, Speakeasy Saloon and Resort, The Forest City News, Century Dental, Adam's Body Shop, Burleigh Construction, The Red Schoolhouse, Dime Bank, Elegante Restaurant, and Brian Durkin. Pictured left to right: Varsity Head Coach Joe Miraglia; Frank & Carrie Bonham (Bonham Construction); Brittany Burrell, Honesdale National Bank; Mary Ann Risboskin, Honesdale National Bank; Melissa Rushworth, Honesdale National Bank; Varsity Softball Team; Tommy Miraglia (bat boy) Ribbon Cutter; Athletic Director Brian Burkin. Back Row: Varsity Coach Brian Neuberry; Stanley Miraglia Scorekeeper; Assistant Coach Tom Bailer; Assistant Coach Matt Ferrel; Assistant Coach Joe Pleska; Dr. Jessica Aquilina-Superintendent; Dr. Brian Piatak- School Board Member; and Forest City Mayor Chris Glinton.

FCR Elementary Principal Brian Kelly and 30 year employee Charles Foster resign

FCR School Board accepted two resignations and the impending resignation of another District employee at its May 13 meeting. Elementary Principal Brian Kelly will leave at the end of the school year. Thirty-year employee Charles Foster, of the maintenance staff, resigned as of April 30. Debbie Rentner, a custodian, resigned as of April 26. She will be a substitute on the support staff.

Kelly accepted a job as principal of Kindergarten thru 2nd grade at Northern Lehigh School District. Supt. Jessica Aquilina said Mr. Kelly will be missed.

Supt. Aquilina also ex-

pressed the Board's thanks to Mr. Foster for his longtime dedicated service to the District. He said Maintenance Manager John Reeder would miss Charlie's ability to recall all things which had been done to the school's utilities over the past 30 years.

Dr. Aquilina also announced that High School Principal Cassandra Stout was not presenting the Outstanding Senior Awards at the meeting as she usually does since she had a baby recently and will be out for two weeks, but will return to end the school year.

The following substitutes were approved: Christina Mitchel and Debbie Rentner

as support staff; Nicholas Bolock as homebound teacher; and Laura Urbas as substitute nurse.

A memorandum of understanding with the Forest City Regional Support Professional Assoc. with regard to having them on the health care program for the same cost as teachers, \$750.

The Board approved membership in the Penna. School Board Assoc. at a cost of \$8,310 for the upcoming year.

Business Manager Kathleen Seifried will accept proposals for banking services for the next school year.

Susquehanna County Incumbents survive

In Susquehanna County all the incumbent candidates survived to be on the ballot in November. Four County row offices on the Primary Election ballot, held by Republicans, will all be unopposed in November.

The only close race was on the Democratic ticket for what has been the minority Commissioner. Democrat incumbent Maryann Warren, a longtime Commissioner, will appear on the November ballot with a political newcomer Judy Herschel. Herschel is the only member of

the newly formed Bootstrap Campaign to survive this election.

Commissioner Warren polled 1,146 Democratic votes to 1,001 for Judy Herschel. The vote totals in that contest were: Maryann Warren 1,146 Judy Herschel 1,001 Tom Follert 828 Susan Rowe 786

On the Republican side, Votes for Commissioner were:

Alan Hall 3,471 Elizabeth (Betsy) Arnold 3,091 Dana Rockwell 1,590 Sue Pipitone 1,412

Balloting in November will result in electing three

Susq. County Commissioners from the top four vote-getters: Warren, Herschel, Hall and Arnold.

Other county vote totals: District Attorney Marian O'Malley (R) 3,709 Bill Urbanski (D) 1,722

Treasurer Jason Miller 4,942 Register-Recorder Michelle Estabrook 4,806

Coroner Tony Conarton 4,818

Auditors (3 to be elected) Bob DeLuca (R) 3,937

Richard Suraci (R) 2,863

Rick Ainey (D) 1,593

Magisterial Dist. Justice Suzanne Brainard 1,300

Area voting results

Ararat voting
In the balloting for Ararat Twp. Supervisor
Doug Thorn (R) 59
Art Straway Sr. (R) 49
Katherine Shelly Cameron (D) 36

Clifford voting
For Clifford Twp. Supervisor Chris March collected 196 votes. He was unopposed.

Forest City Balloting
Mayor
Chris Glinton (D) 77 2 year term

Council 4 yr. terms, vote for 3,

Nick Cost 77, Bernie Scalzo 72. Write-in votes not yet reported.

School Board
Region 8
Christine Priebe 21 (R)
Christine Priebe 11 (D)

Region 7
Mary Emmett 43 (D)

Vandling Balloting
School Director
Bernice Lukus (D) 76
Bernice Lukus (R) 37

Council 4 seats
William Boyle (D) 67
John Mayers (D) 60

Fran Pantzar (R) 36
William Matos (R) 34

Wayne County Dist. Attorney
District Attorney
A.G. Howell (R) 4,078
Kathy Martin (R) 2,205
Robinson (D) 1,612

Mixer on Main at Shirley's Diner Wed., June 5

Shirley's Family Diner, 438 Main St., Forest City, will be the setting for the GFCBA Mixer on Main event set for Wednesday, June 5 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Join them for great food, wine, and music and mingle with friends and business people.

The GFCBA will be launching its new brochure and website. There will be a drawing to win free Facebook advertising, games, prizes and more. Bring your business cards.

To RSVP contact Kelley Statkun at skstat@icloud.com or text 570-960-1332 or Patricia Striefsky at patricia@forestcitynews.com or text 570-499-2456.

The event is free and open to the public but an RSVP is needed.

Tri-County Seniors meeting Mon., June 10

The Tri-County Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, June 10 at 1 PM in the William Penn Apartments Community Room.

Fred Keller new Congressman

In the new 12th Congressional District, in the special election to replace Congressman Tom Marino who resigned due to ill health, Republican Fred Keller defeated Democrat Marc Friedenberg 89,109 to 41,752, a more than 2-1 margin.

In Susq. County Keller won over Friedenberg 5,551 to 2,518

See Page 8 For List of Doughboy Contributions

A total of \$20,601 raised in 4 week fund drive sponsored by Charles & Martin Skubic Post No. 524, American Legion, Forest City

