

## Marketing firm assessing Economics of Clifford Twp.

by Theresa Opeka

A question about police coverage and more on a marketing plan were among the items discussed at the May 14 meeting of Clifford Twp. Supervisors.

A woman in the audience asked why there isn't a police officer in the township. She said it may cut down on speeders and drug problems and suggested using Act 13 money for funding. Supervisor Barry Searle said, "One cop is useless." The woman said hire two. Searle responded, "Hire three. We need a police officer 24/7. We had a budget of \$80,000 for one full-time officer and two part-time officers. A full-time force would cost \$250,000 a year. One mil is \$60,000. We would have to triple your taxes. When we had one police officer, when he was called and he was sleeping, it would take him 45 minutes to get to a call. I can't justify tripling taxes."

A man in the audience said he agreed with Searle but asked about a regional police force with Greenfield or Scott Township. Searle replied, "Me and (Supervisor) Chris (Marcho) floated the idea to Forest City. We would need six police officers." Knowlton said, "It wouldn't be for just Main Street but the whole township."

Joe Laguzzi said he worked in Carbondale for years. "Greenfield Township just made Jesse Van Deusen police chief. I can see a lot of changes with Greenfield. It may be something to look at down the road. To have our own police department would be a big expense." Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said, "Maybe we could trade fire protection. Let's cool our jets and do one thing at a time."

### MARKETING PLAN

Searle said the marketing firm, Kimmel Associates, Doylestown, met with the supervisors two weeks ago to discuss a marketing plan for the

township. "We want to be a bedroom community. No prisons or industrial parks. I said we should put up a sign in Binghamton and Scranton: If your taxes are too high, come here. We would like to have a farmers market. We took them on a tour of the township and had them send us a report on what they heard and saw. They took our comprehensive plan as well and will come back in four months with a plan. I think it is going to work out really well. They have connections with real estate developers. We are trying to attract small businesses and grocery stores," he said. A man in the audience asked if they said anything about the lack of a police force being a drawback. Searle said no.

### TRAFFIC STUDY

In other old business, a letter from PennDOT was read regarding a proposed traffic study for Main Street (Route 106). Marcho said a traffic study will be scheduled and the township will be informed of the findings. He said a few citizens wanted a four-way stop sign due to truck traffic in towns. The woman who spoke earlier about police coverage said there was an ordinance for jake brakes that was passed in 2015. Marcho said the township purchased signs that jake brakes weren't allowed.

Solicitor Joseph McGraw said PennDOT will allow the township to put one sign up at the end of town but not at the other end, near the general area of the township building.

Knowlton said to the woman, "Have him bring in the paperwork that allows us to put them at both sides."

Mike Barhite said, "You are going to have more noise pollution with the stop sign. Having the traffic sign that throws the strobe light at you makes you feel guilty (about going fast)."

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



American Legion 8th Grade Medal winners pictured left to right are: Boys Runner-up Justin Pecko, Boys Winner David Heath, Girls Runner-up Gabrielle Rydzik, and Girls Winner Riley Bossick

## American Legion 8th Grade Medal Winners

Riley Bossick, daughter of Maria Masankay and Joe Bossick and David Heath, son of David and Sharon Heath, are the recipients of this year's American Legion Eighth Grade Medal awards and will be presented with awards and certificates at this year's Memorial Day Program held on Friday, May 24, 2018 at the Forest City Regional High School Auditorium.

The winners were chosen by a vote of their classmates.

The criteria for selection included scholarship, honor, courage, character, and companionship.

The runner-up in the girl's balloting was Gabrielle Rydzik, daughter of Jason and Julie Rydzik, Forest City, and the boy's runner-up was Justin Pecko, son of Chris and Carrie Pecko, Browndale.

The winners of the Miss Poppy and the Andrew Brown "Freedom Isn't Free" essay contest was not announce at press time.

## 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 10AM. 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!

## FREE Lunch at Christ Church Sat., May 25

The Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church Invites everyone to c'mon in for a FREE Community Luncheon at CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Corner Delaware & Dundaff Streets, Forest City PA, on Saturday, May 25 with servings Noon - 1:00pm

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**LIVE MUSIC THIS WEEKEND**  
Friday, May 24 - Greg Condrat Trio 7 PM  
Saturday, May 25 - Lonnie Griffiths Music 7 PM  
Sunday, May 26 - Clarence Spady Band 4 PM

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## Pleasant Mount News By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: Jackie Giles, Ron Watson, Maria Keesler, Tyler Curtis, Lila Rae Urban, Ashley Laskowski, Madison McGraw, Angela Quaglio and Mackenzie Weist

Happy Anniversary to: Ron and Joann Wychohanic, Ed and Jean Hadden and Dave and Teresa Cardin

Upcoming events at the Pleasant Mount Library: Wednesday, May 22, Toddler Story Time, 11am; Tuesday May 28 Play Group, 4-6 pm; Quilt Class 6:30 pm.

Pleasant Mount Emergency Services will hold a Memorial Day Chicken BBQ, Sunday, May 26, 11am until sold out.

Pleasant Mount Memorial Day Program will be held on Monday, May 27th in Mere-

### Andrew Mazza

## Diesel Jam Truck Show Sun., June 9

The 2nd annual Andrew Mazza Diesel Jam Truck Show will be held on Sun., June 9 at Johnson College, exit 190 off I-81. This is an all day, rain or shine event featuring a Mobile Dyno on site. Truck registration is at 8 a.m., Dyno at 9 a.m. and awards at 3 p.m. including: Best in Show; People's Choice, Antique, Tow, Big Rig (no trailer for big rig - antiques only.)

Festivities will also include vendors, food trucks and live entertainment. This is a family friendly event, dedicated to the memory of Andrew Mazza who lost his life in an accident in 2016.

For more information or to register, check out andrewmazzafoundation on Facebook, www.andrewmazzafoundation.com or call Johnson College at 570-702-8935

dith Park at 10 am. If it rains, it will be in the Pleasant Mount Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

Property Transfers for February 2019: Mount Pleasant Township - February 4- Cora L. Dehling Est AKA Cora Louise Dehling Est., Louise Cora Dehling Est aka Louise C. Dehling; Jill Elizabeth Murphy Exr by Poa, Alfred J. Howell Poa, a property to Jay Bates, Sarah Jonas; February 6 - Rita A. O'Neill Exr; Timothy J O'Neill Exr, Charles J. O'Neill Exr, a property to Joseph Cohn, Mikhail Fencko; February 19 - William F. O'Neill, Daniel J. O'Neill Est, William F. O'Neill, Sharon O'Neill, Karen Dethomas ND & TR Dethomas Living Trust a property to Kevin James Brown; Preston Township -February 7 - Nicholas Shursky, Amy Shursky, a property to Ivan Davidowitz, Cheri Davidowitz; February 28 - Paul R. Gustin, Linda Gustin, a property to Scott Rieman, Kristin Shoemaker.

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend!

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