

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I was in NJ for a few weeks and am just getting caught up on my newspaper reading. I was so sorry to read about the closing of Franceski Lumber Yard after 105 years. It seems it was a fixture forever for all of us as we grew up in the area, and I guess at 105 years, it is a lifetime fixture.

Your newspaper tribute to the family members and business itself was wonderful to read and I want you to know it. I don't know the young Joseph Franceski-I do remember Joseph Sr. I also sang in the choir with Jim Franceski for many years. I didn't know Dominick too well.

The saddest part of growing old is reading things like this and looking at the obituary page when the paper arrives.

Maryann Dorin  
Ft. Worth, TX

## Ziggy Foundation 2nd Annual Poker Run Sat., Aug. 17

The Ziggy Foundation presents the 2nd Annual Memorial Poker Run on Saturday, August 17 with an 11 AM start.

Stops include: Windsor Inn, Jermyn; Halfway House, Honesdale; Kim's Pub and Grub, Honesdale; Red Schoolhouse, Pleasant Mount; Arlo's Tavern, Union Dale; Beacon Bar and Grill, Union Dale; D.G.'s Bar, Forest City; and the final stop is McDonnell's Grove.

Prizes for best and worst hands. Must be 21 to participate and run. Open to all vehicles, motorcycles, cars, trucks, etc. All ages welcome at the Grove. Dinner at the Grove starts at 5:30 PM. Everyone must be back at the Grove by 6 PM. Check Facebook for pre-registration dates and times.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes 1 hand of poker, lunch buffet all day, and dinner at the Grove starting at 5:30 PM. \$10 for an extra hand of poker.

Live Music by Powerglyde and Friends. There will be basket raffles, 50/50, punch board, and a side car of cheer.

Proceeds benefit the Ziggy Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Dionna at 570-840-5611, email ziggyfoundation@gmail.com or find them on Facebook ZIGGY Foundation.

## Shehawken Festival at UM Church July 6

The Shehawken United Methodist Church Women will hold their annual Shehawken Festival, rain or shine, at the Shehawken United Methodist Church, Dixie Highway & Scott Center Road, Starrucca, PA on Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. \*Please note earlier time this year\* Come join us at our 22 year old deli and bake sale, purchase all sorts of homemade items, salads, goodies, crafts and more. Proceeds benefit the Women's Mission Projects.

## Frugal Living Grand opening Mon., July 1st

The celebration and Open House of the new location of Frugal Living, for warehousing, online sales, and order fulfillment at 528 Main St., Forest City, will be Monday, July 1 from 4-6pm.

Ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:15pm. Refreshments will be served.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1872, Russia sold Alaska to the United States for about 2 cents per acre, and the cost was still 7.2 million dollars.

## Union Dale Borough hires new secretary

Council met in regular session at the Union Dale Borough Hall with President Patti Cino presiding on Monday, June 3. The following are the unapproved minutes from the meeting. Members present were Donna Tedesco, Mike Fortuner, and Tom Yale.

President Cino announced that an executive session was held at 6:30 pm prior to the start of the regular council meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Ron Fanelli asked when work on East Mountain Road would begin. Tom Yale stated that Pykus will be grading it once the rain stops as a temporary fix until the repairs can begin.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Mike Fortuner and seconded by Donna Tedesco with all in favor.

### CORRESPONDENCE

● A thank you was received from the Susquehanna County Conservation District for the borough's donation to the 2019 County Envirothon.

● PennDOT is releasing a new website for submission of Liquid Fuel Tax Fund forms.

● After July 1, 2019, all UCC payments to the DCED must be paid online. Secretary will contact to see if the payments can be made directly from the bank account.

● The GFCBA will be holding a Mixer on Main on June 5th if anyone is interested in attending.

● The 2019 PA Municipal Legal Update is being held August 7 & 8 in Harrisburg if anyone is interested in attending.

● The performance bond for Bill Pykus Excavating was received.

● Secretary Jennifer Slick had submitted her resignation letter to council earlier in the month. July will be her last meeting. Mike Fortuner

thanked the secretary for her service, and all other council members agreed that they were disappointed that she was resigning.

● The Union Dale Volunteer Fire Company will be holding its picnic July 11-13. The parade will be on Thursday the 11th at 7 pm, and the fireworks will be Friday the 12th at 10:15.

### PERSONS TO BE HEARD

● Don Bennett said he returned to the three properties and served them. He stated they have 30 days to respond. Council agreed that if Don Bennett returns after the allocated time, they would like him to issue citations. One of the property owners was in attendance and asked if he put new tarps up, if he would be in compliance. He was told yes. One property owner is working on resolving the issue, and no contact has been made with the other property owner.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

● Tom Yale was thanked for getting a new toilet and installing it.

● Secretary will request 1/2 of the grant money for East Mountain Road.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

● A motion to advise the solicitor to file the petition on behalf of the vacancy board at the court of common pleas and do the necessary advertising for the hearing was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor. Secretary will ask the solicitor for clarification about who needs to sign.

● A motion to contact Brian Zembrzycki again and ask him to fill the holes on all borough roads with cold patch was made by Tom Yale, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.

● Tom Yale plans to talk to the Conservation District about money to tar and chip Mausoleum Road from the Low Volume Roads grant program.

● Mike Fortuner reported that he is waiting for infor-

mation about getting the building certified as historical and will provide an update when he gets the information.

### NEW BUSINESS

● A motion to appoint Ann Marie Saam as the resident on the vacancy board was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor.

● A motion to accept Secretary Jennifer Slick's resignation effective after the July meeting was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Tom Yale, with all in favor.

● A motion to appoint Tammy O'Reilly as Secretary effective for the July meeting at a monthly salary of \$300 per month with no benefits was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Mike Fortuner, with all in favor.

● A motion to pay Jennifer Slick a month's salary of \$300 for any help the new secretary may need through the end of the year was made by Mike Fortuner, seconded by Patti Cino, with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Tedesco, seconded by Tom Yale, with all in favor. Next Meeting July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

## Cornerstone Church FREE Comm. Picnic Sun., July 14

Cornerstone Bible Church and the Spano Family are hosting a Community Picnic in Sunday, July 14, at 1 PM, for everyone who lives in the Forest City Area. This is FREE to the community. You must RSVP by July 7 by emailing cornerstoneforestcity@gmail.com or by messaging the Church Facebook page "CornerstoneForestCity" and let them know how many will be attending.

Cornerstone will provide all the food and games. There will be swimming, kayaking, fishing and a variety of games for all ages, children and adults.

The location is 540 Pleasant Mount Drive, Forest City. (A five minute ride from the Cornerstone Bible Church in Browndale.)

Cornerstone Bible Church meets Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM at 520 Marion Street, Browndale.

## 4th of July Chicken BBQ in Pl. Mount

The Pleasant Mount UM Church will sponsor a chicken BBQ on Thurs., July 4 at the Pleasant Mt. Social Hall from noon until sold out.

Take outs only, and the cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 children.

## Roast Beef Dinner at St. Peter & Paul July 14

St. Peter & Paul Church, 2105 Belmont Tpke., will hold a Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, July 14 with serving from 12 noon to 2:30 PM. Takeouts will be available. Music by the Polka Jets from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. All are invited.

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## Pleasant Mount News By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: Jessica Corey, Amy Branning, Midge May, John Peper, Nicholas Arnold, Lacey Ann Buller, Reese Wildenstein, Brady Hentschel, Danielle Renner, Nancy Non, Norma Cole, Heather Cook, Amanda Cooper, Kathy Dix, Dale Worobey, Courtney Sampson, Mike Gill and Preston Reed.

Happy Anniversary to: Ronald and Diane Matlaga, David and Cheryl Thomas and Bill and Lourdes Brown.

Show pride in your community this 4th of July! The Pleasant Mount Library is seeking donations for its Silent Auction. If in the past you've made a donation, basket, home-crafted item or presented live plants or gift certificates, they ask if you would consider doing so again this year. Your donation is not only appreciated by the library for the income it generates, but is also excitement for the bidders as they wait to hear the 'put the pencils down, there will be no more bidding' call at 2 pm. You are also welcome to stop in any time and see some remodeling that has been done with new shelving and meet new library director Jennifer Snyder.

Coming up at the Pleasant Mount Library: Tech Tutor-Wednesday, July 3, 2-5 pm; July 4, 9am-2pm The library's Annual Fundraiser: Quilt Raffle \$10/ticket, Book Sale, Silent Auction, Basket Raffles. The summer reading program continues at the library this summer with special activities on July 16 and August 15.

July 4th Pleasant Mount's Independence Day Celebra-

tions include: Boy Scout Troop 407 presents The Firecracker 5K Run, 7-7:30am Start; Girl Scouts providing Lemonade and Hot Dogs stand; Independence Day Parade starts at 10am; Independence Day Memorial Service in the park immediately following the parade; Pleasant Mount Quilters Bake Sale & Quilt Raffle; Pleasant Mount Emergency Services & Pleasant Mount Methodist Church providing Chicken BBQ dinners; Quilts of Valor presentation of quilts to veterans.

St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society will be selling frozen pierogi at the July 4th parade in Pleasant Mount in front of St. James Church, Rt. 371 W at Rt 670 S. Frozen pierogi will be sold for \$6.00 per dozen until they are sold out. No orders will be taken since they expect to make just 100 dozen. So come out and enjoy the parade, the ceremony in Meredith Park, refreshments at the Community Center, the chicken bbq and pierogi!

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## Clinton Twp. rejects bid for pole building and plans to rebid

by Theresa Opeka

Various items were discussed at the Wednesday, June 12 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors.

The township received one bid of \$115,854 for a pole barn from Pioneer Pole Building. The supervisors said, however, it wasn't bid the right way. It was advertised with the wrong date and re-advertised twice. They also felt the bid was too high. The township received a \$46,092 grant for the building. Solicitor Jeff Treat said if they weren't comfortable with the pricing they could rebid it.

Supervisor Ken Coles, via cell phone, made a motion to rebid the project. Supervisor/Road Master Brian Non seconded it. Both Coles and Non voted in favor along with Supervisor Russ Curtis. Motion passed.

### B'DALE FIRE CALLS

The Browndale Fire Company had 20 calls for May.

### GRADING ON YARNES RD.

A man in the audience commented that since grading was done on Yarnes Road, the ditches fill up and there is water coming onto the top of the road and eating the road surface. Non said he will come up tomorrow to check it out.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Emmanuelson said there has been a huge difference in Stanton Road since it was bermed. She also said she misses Ray's Supermarket in Waymart since it closed. She said it affects residents and there should be a limit on dollar stores coming in as she is sure it put Ray's out of business. Non said, "The problem more or less is the location." Curtis said, "We always shopped at Ray's. They went bankrupt. They lost the Old Forge and Montrose stores too." Non said he heard Ger-

ry's Supermarket is looking at the location.

Christine Salak said there has been an increase of traffic on Little Keen Road and there are incredible holes that need to be fixed. Non said he would take a look on Friday.

### STATE POLICE PROTECTION

The supervisors were asked about Governor Tom Wolf's proposal to enact a state police protection fee for municipalities who don't have a police force. Non said he wasn't going to discuss it. Curtis said he didn't think it would pass.

### MINUTES

Matt Curtis asked why the minutes haven't been posted on the township's website. Non said they were not properly trained to update it. Secretary Jill Droppa said a motion was made to not post them on the website. Curtis asked, "Why? No transparency?" Droppa said, "The website has so many problems. I'll email them to you."

### FIRE TAX MAILER

Curtis then asked about the cost of the fire tax mailer that went out to residents. "It cost the township \$2250 There are agencies out there that would cost a fraction to do it." Supervisor Curtis said, "We wanted to put it on the ballot but we couldn't." Coles said they called companies and this was the cheapest way to do it. Ron Poska asked how many mailers came back. Droppa said a lot. Browndale Fire Chief Josh Debevec said, "It was set up to be a loss from the beginning. 83% of residents don't donate. It's a proven fact." Don Salak said to take a percentage of the wage tax and donate it to the fire company.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm.

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