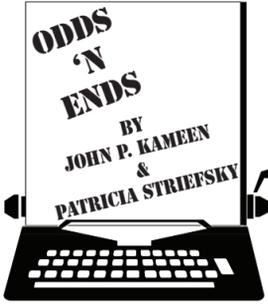


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



State Rep. Jon Fritz recently provided a book of Penna. Firearms laws--148 Pages!! For those who think it is the Wild West out there with guns being purchased in alleys, on street corners and in dark places, get this book and see that we don't need more gun laws, we need enforcement of existing laws. Including mental health issues and violent behavior in the existing NIC instant check system does make sense.

There's going to be a Tick and Lyme Disease program in Forest City next month presented by Susq. Tick Control Sept. 18 at the Forest City Area Historical Society. With the profuse number of ticks this year, might be good to get the latest info on prevention and treatment.

Sad to see the final day of Franceski Lumber Yard last Saturday. The store was pretty well cleaned out by then.

Come out to the Back to School Carnival at Forest City Regional on Wednesday, August 21 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. There will be games, refreshments and giveaways. School starts on Monday, August 26.

Bill Orasin III, Webmaster of Wivey's Memorial Golf league, scored a hole-in-one on hole #2 at Panorama GC Sunday. He did not qualify for the League's Hole-In-One jackpot since it was not shot during league play. I'm sure that isn't bothering him. Might have cost him a few bucks in the after-match celebration!

Our own vocal talent, Mary Scheller, told us her singing group, Voce Angeli of Scranton, raised \$1,200 for the charity "Candy's Place" last weekend. It was the biggest crowd yet for her group and thanks us for the publicity in our paper.

This writer visited a fellow newspaper publisher, John Shoemaker, at the Sullivan County Review in Dushore last week. Discussed the problems facing weeklies including issues with post office deliveries outside our areas. NO problems with local deliveries but those we send to distribution centers outside the area can languish for days, sometimes weeks, before delivery. While in beautiful Sullivan County, got to see Dushore, Laporte and Eagles Mere. The beauties of Pennsylvania are showcased in our Northern Tier counties.

Any senior suspecting a scam can contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at 1-877-908-3360.

CORRECTION
The name of Distinguished Citizen Dr. Joseph Sisko was misspelled in the pg. 1 photo last week.

EARLY COPY DEADLINE FOR THE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH ISSUE

All articles, display ads and classified ads must be received **BY THUR., AUG. 29 AT 3 PM**



Busy meeting at Herrick

by Theresa Opeka
Complaints about a sewage smell led to a warning for a business in Herrick Township. The matter was discussed at the Monday, August 5 meeting of the township supervisors.

Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said James McDonald, SEO, COG and Supervisor/Road Master Brian Zembrzycki visited The Speakeasy Saloon and Resort on July 9 after complaints of a sewage smell. COG sent a letter to owner Jeff Durante and copied it to the township that Mr. Durante told COG it was corrected by Roto-Rooter.

McDonald told the owner what corrective action was required.

MISCELLANEOUS
Harvatine said the township was approved for a \$5,000 account at Holt Lumber.

The State Auditor General's Office had no findings in its 2017 and 2018 audit of the township.

The township received notice the Brace Brook Bridge on Route 374 will be repaired by Greenman-Pedersen Inc.

The Upset Tax Sale will be

held on September 9 at 9am in Montrose. The township has 6 properties up for sale.

The township received notice that Susquehanna County Tax Committee signed a 10-year contract with Berkheimer.

The township received a certified letter from Elk Mountain Ski Resort about their modified application for Water Withdrawal and Consumptive Use that was sent to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission that will use 5.760 million gallons a day from the East Branch of the Tunkhannock Creek. The water will be used for snow-making.

Donald Bennett asked the supervisors if the township has a constable to which they replied no. Bennett said Joe Rossi has expressed an interest. Harvatine said the supervisors can appoint someone to fill the term and file a petition with the court. She said she will check with the Bureau of Elections on what needs to be done.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3 at 7pm.

Clifford talks to Forest City about police and code enforcement

by Theresa Opeka
The Clifford Township Supervisors revisited some old issues with new ones at their Tuesday, August 13 meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING
The meeting opened with a motion to pass minutes from a special meeting held on July 25. The meeting was called due to a missed bid for road paving. The original opening of bids was held at the supervisors July 9 meeting. One bid from Bear Owen Paving was received, read and accepted at the meeting under the contingency that there were permitting and drainage issues that needed to be addressed. Como Construction Company's bid, however, was found after the meeting and determined to have been submitted in time.

An advertised special meeting was held on July 25 in which the supervisors received three bids from D. Meschach Paving, Harris Paving and Nick's Excavating & Construction. Upon recommendation of council, Supervisor Barry Searle made a motion to rescind the accepted bid of Bear Owens. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dennis Knowlton. All, including Supervisor Chris Marcho voted in favor. Motion passed.

After discussion, also upon recommendation of council, Knowlton made a motion to reject all bids and postpone the project until the permitting, drainage and infrastructure issues have been addressed and had a chance to settle over the winter. It was seconded by Searle. All voted in favor.

Forest City EMS Gun Bingo Sat., Aug. 24

The Forest City Emergency Services will hold a fundraiser gun bingo on Sat., Aug. 24 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building, 380 Railroad St., Forest City. You must be 21 to play, and tickets are \$50.

Tickets are available from any member, or by calling 570-785-3226 (leave name and phone number).

Murder/Mystery Play October 26; Run thru Aug. 22

The Forest City Area Historical Society will be doing a Murder/Mystery Dinner on October 26th. Tammy O'Reilly will be the director.

The first read thru will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6pm. Anyone who might be interested in taking part in the production should call Ms. O'Reilly 570-960-1508.

Motion passed. The township hopes to have a new road paving bid ready for spring 2020.

CINDERS
The township received only one bid from Brown Farms Enterprises for cinders at \$21.40/cubic yard. A motion was made to accept the bid. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

POLICE COVERAGE

Searle said he talked to the mayor of Forest City about police coverage for the township. He said he is working with city council but some people aren't happy with the idea. In order to do it, the borough may need to hire additional people. Searle said it could possibly cost \$50,000-60,000 a year, about the same as it would cost if the state police coverage went through. Marcho said, "We may be getting ahead of the game as it hasn't been passed yet." Searle said he also met with Stephanie Reich, code officer for Forest City. She told him she is interested in being code officer for the township. Searle said he thinks they are 'well covered.'

VIOLATIONS

Township solicitor Joseph McGraw issued a notice of violation, a copy of the nuisance ordinance and letters to two property owners at Dundaff Corners for overgrown vegetation and junk at one and overgrown vegetation, junk and abandoned appliances at another. Searle said the township received a written complaint at the July meeting. McGraw said there was also another prior complaint. He said the property owners have 10 days upon receipt of the paperwork to fix the situation. Otherwise, a complaint will be filed with the magistrate and a fine of \$300/day will be issued.

FIRE CALLS

The Clifford Township Fire Company had 80 calls for July, 32 EMS and the remainder for fire/rescue. The fire company thanks everyone for attending their picnic last month and making it a success.

TAXES COLLECTED
Eighty-eight percent of the taxes have been collected in the township for the year.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm.

B'Dale Sportmen's Breakfast Sun., Sept. 8

The Browndale Sportsmen's Club will host a fall breakfast on Sunday, September 8th at the club grounds & pavilions, located at 300 Ravnika Road in Browndale. Serving is from 8 till noon. Cost is \$8 per person for the breakfast and children 5 and under are free. The public is invited.



Work almost completed on new wall and sidewalk at the Forest City Area Historical Society Museum.

Historical Society volunteers Thanked for Festival services

There was lots of thanks handed out for Forest City Area Historical Society members who conducted Society activities for the Aug. 3 Trail Town Festival. The monthly meeting was conducted Sunday, Aug. 11 by President John Kameen.

Tammy O'Reilly and Dave Homisak were co-chairs of the Legion 100th Anniversary program held at the Museum on Trail Town afternoon. O'Reilly presented the story of Charles & Martin Skubic, two brothers who died in WW I and whose names are enshrined as Charles & Martin Skubic Post 524 Forest City American Legion.

Mr. Homisak delivered the history of the local Post from its beginnings Dec. 21, 1919 to the present day. The Society also built a float honoring the Legion's 100th anniversary. Six local Legionnaires rode on the float in the Light Parade. Responsible for the float were Dave Homisak, Bob Wirts, Matt Homisak, Joann Homisak and Paul Ferraro. The trailer was from Brian Striefsky who also drove the truck and supplied the generator.

Tammy O'Reilly was responsible for the refreshments at the Legion event.

There was none left over afterwards. Jim and Roseann Swegel donated a large anniversary sheet cake.

Peggy Brager, Mary McElhinney and Linda Bernarsky arranged and conducted kiddie games at the museum from 12:30 to 2:30. Fifty youngsters took part. All received prizes.

Paul Ferraro appeared for an appearance of the Barney Wilkins band and Chorus.

A community service worker cleaned the kitchen, basement and upstairs for the Trail Town events.

The Society will prepare and serve ethnic food at next year's Trail Town Festival. Tammy O'Reilly will be in charge.

The Society also plans to run a Wine Festival sometime next year as a major fundraiser. The Society has received an estimate of \$27,000 to repair the stained glass windows in the former church which need major maintenance. The President will name a fundraising committee to seek any possible grants toward the window repairs.

The new wall and sidewalk is now under construction by Dave Colachino Masonry. The repairs of the drainage system at the rear of the museum are

not completed. The membership again extended its thanks to Mr. Edward Tourje who was responsible for securing the funding for the wall and also for helping to get Forest City Borough to provide \$14,300 to replace the deteriorated sidewalk in front of the Museum. The new wall and sidewalk will cost \$31,800.

Barb Klobucar, Website Director and Curator said she continues to work on the website. She also indicated that she has secured some racks and shelving from Joseph Franceski Jr. which will be available at the time of the closing of the local lumber yard. Bob Wirts will provide the truck to move them. She will also hold Museum hours for public viewing at hours listed elsewhere in the edition.

Treasurer Bob Wirts listed expenses of \$2,747 for July. He announced a donation of \$7,500 from Joseph and Kathy Sterchak, frequent benefactors of the Society.

Two new members attended their first meeting. Fred and Katie Cicilioni, owners of Frugal Living, Forest City, were welcomed to the membership.

Road work in Clinton Twp.

by Theresa Opeka
Road issues again dominated the Wednesday, August 14 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors.

PAVING BID

Leeward Construction was awarded the bid of \$149,349 for the paving the middle part of Burns Road. The township was awarded a \$60,395 CDBG grant to help pay for the project. The township will pay for the remainder with over \$72,000 from reallocated FEMA/PEMA funds which was given the green light by the agencies because the township did some of the work itself. The remaining \$17,000 will come out of pocket. The work has to be completed by November 1.

RAVNIKAR ROAD

Supervisor/Road Master Brian Non spoke to Shane Bailey from Wayco about repaving the portions of Ravnika Road.

Purse Bingo to benefit Kennedy Park Sept. 8

A Purse Bingo will be held at the FCAES Building, 380 Railroad St., Forest City, on Sunday, Sept. 8. Doors open at Noon, Games start at 1:00.

It will benefit the Forest City Parks & Recreation and is sponsored by the Forest City Area Emergency Services.

Tickets are \$25 - 16 Regular Bingo Games, 4-Specials - Extra Cost for each of these.

Tickets are on sale at Tobacco Road, DGs, HNB Bank, Elegantes, Ros-al Floral In Forest City and Carbondale and Pete's Place in Carbondale.

Event is BYOB, Food, water and soda will be sold.

It should start in 2-3 weeks. Also, bids will be put out this fall for a Dirt and Gravel Road Project for Ravnika Road.

WOOD CHIPPER

Non made a motion to buy a wood chipper from Ron Rutledge for \$3500. Supervisor Ken Coles, who attended the meeting via computer, said to make a motion at \$3200 and then he would vote for it. Both he and Non voted in favor. Supervisor Russ Curtis was absent. Motion passed.

LAWSUIT

Coles said Frank Rodriguez of Flagge Contracting wants a lawsuit dropped against him for damage caused to Burns Road as long as the repairs to the road were completed by November 1. Coles said he didn't want to drop the lawsuit but won't proceed with it until after November 1 if the road isn't done to specifications. Solicitor Jeff Treat said the township should look at getting a deposit of about \$10,000 that can be refunded upon completion of the work. Coles made a motion to have Treat send a letter to Rodriguez for the deposit. He and Non voted in favor. Motion passed.

BURNS ROADWORK

Coles made a motion not to pay a \$675 bill from Leeward for additional work done to Burns Road. "The work was terrible and we shouldn't have to pay the bill for their screwing up the first time and redoing it," he said. Non seconded it. Both voted in favor. Motion passed.

GRADING BILL

Coles said the final bill of \$22,000 for grading and rolling of roads had work done outside of what was speci-

fied. Coles said he asked for a breakdown of the bill when Leeward said they didn't have one. "I'm not paying it. They did work outside the scope of work. Just like you (Non) did with Bill Pykus before," he said. Non replied, "They did additional work from damage from the storm. Ditches were cleaned. Some work done outside of the building." Treat said, "You have to be careful it is in the scope in case it gets audited by the state." Coles said he will send a letter of concern to the attorney general's office asking for their advice. He said, "I have talked to Treat and PSATS. I don't want to be a part of it and have my name on it. I am not paying the bill."

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 11 at 7pm.

Back to School Carnival at FCR Wed., Aug. 21

The Forest City Regional School District will hold their 4th annual Back to School Carnival on Wed., Aug. 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

This event is free for all FCRSD students and their families, so join us in celebrating the start of another school year.

Work up an appetite at the rock climbing wall, bouncy slide, bouncy obstacle course, dunk tank, games and contests, then be treated to some burgers, dogs, ice cream and more.

The carnival promises to be a great time for all, so come out and spend some quality time with the kids.