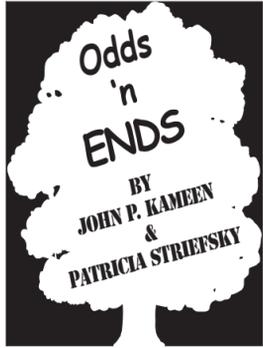


# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



**School Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina** thanked the Forest City Regional Educational Foundation and all those who assisted in the planning for the formation of the School's Alumni Society on Aug. 2nd at the school. Some 120 attended the event. Some members of FCHS Class of 1955 were in attendance. It is hoped to be an annual event at the Trail Town Festival. Plans are to raise funds for a scholarship fund.

**A Grand Re-opening event** at Hombeck Chevrolet Aug. 21st was to introduce the staff of the local dealership to the community. Owner Alex Landa provided refreshments for the attendees. It was also to showcase the new car display area on the site of the former Parkway Restaurant.

**About 100 attended** the annual breakfast of the Susq. County Economic Development Board at The Speakeasy, Herrick Center, last week. Folks involved in economic and industrial development from NE Penna. and Susq. County were hosted by Cabot Oil & Gas. The Speakeasy put on a great spread for the attendees. For many from the other side of the County it is the first time they have been to our area.

**Those new streetscape lights** on Main Street look beautiful. Local electrician John Critelli and his crew were installing them last week.

**The completed new wall** at the Historical Society Museum is a fine asset for our Main St. It was completed last week by Dave Colachino Masonry & Construction.

**School opened here** on Monday, Aug. 26. The weather held out for the Back-to-School Carnival on Aug. 21 even though the event was moved inside due to threatened storms.

**I saw many local folks** at the Harford Fair last Friday. Their attendance was up from last year. We have family guests who come here from Virginia each year to go to that Fair. They say it's even better than their own state fair.

**Have had several comments** about leaves falling early here. I recall when I was a kid, some leaves would fall when it was time to go back to school. Farmer's Almanac says the main agent is the reduction in daylight. As days grow shorter, reduced light triggers chemical changes cutting off the nourishment to leaves causing them to turn color and drop off.

## Fire near Elk Mt. destroys home

The home of Dr. Matt and Tami Hunter, Bunnell Farm Rd., Elk Mountain was destroyed by fire Friday morning, August 23. Water tankers were needed to fight the fire. Fire companies from all over battled the blaze for several hours.

**CORRECTION**  
The 14th annual Ararat Twp. Neighborhood Picnic at the Kindermann's Labor Day weekend is NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR ALL OF ARARAT. We apologize for the error.

**CORRECTION**  
In last week's Clinton Township meeting article, with regard to not paying a bill for Burns Road and with regard to grading and rolling, ER Linde was the company referred to throughout the meeting. We had Leeward. We apologize for the error.



## Water tests expensive In Clifford Twp. Bldg.

by Theresa Opeka  
Various issues were discussed at the Tuesday, August 13 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors. Supervisor Barry Searle asked Road Master Kurt Booths if PennDOT is going to pave where the road is caving on Route 106 and the big pothole by the trailer park. Supervisor Chris Marcho said the hole has been fixed. Supervisor Dennis Knowlton said they may be coming back down the road on the other side, so maybe they should hold off asking.

**WATER TESTING FEE**  
A discussion on raising a water testing fee from \$50 to \$175 per month took place. Secretary Joan Hertzog said since the number of people using water in the building has risen due to the day care and the senior center, DEP said a licensed water operator needs to test the water. Searle asked if they should pass the whole cost on to the daycare or prorate it with the senior center. Knowlton said, "This ticks me off. It is too much money. Are they going to test it every day? It will get passed on to those who bring their kids here. Can we do some homework on it? Should we ask the daycare if they would pay it directly?" The day care operator pays a similar bill directly at another location. Marcho said yes. Both Marcho and Knowlton said they support the day care and want them there. Marcho made a motion to ask the day care to pay the bill directly. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**GRANTS**  
Marcho said he called the Susquehanna County Conservation District about grants for help on Welsh Hill and Wildenberg Roads. He said a representative came out and was impressed with how they do things. They will apply for a grant by the end of the month. She will also take a look at the pipe situation at the bottom of the hill on Wildenberg Road for next year.

**SOLAR PANELS**  
Marcho said they will put off looking at putting solar panels on the township building until next year due to other infrastructure issues that take precedence. He also said Secretary Joan Hertzog contacted the county recycling center and talked with DEP regarding E-cycling of things like TVs, etc and the township won't be able to do it until next spring. Also, blacktopping the parking lot at the township building will take place after the drainage issue is fixed.

**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.

**Coal Company History talk Here Sept. 18**  
Robert Wolensky, an expert on the Pennsylvania Coal Company, which once was a major economic force in Forest City, will give a talk and audio-visual presentation at the Forest City Historical Society on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm. The public is invited to hear about local coal mining and what it meant for our town and the anthracite region. The Museum is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

**B'Dale Sportmen's Breakfast Sun., Sept. 8**  
The Browndale Sportsmen's Club will host a Fall All You Can Eat 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 for adults, children 4 to 7 are \$5 and children under 3 are Free. The public is invited.

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**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

**PICKLEBALL**  
Those interested in playing pickleball have the opportunity to do so from 3-5pm, the second Sunday of each month at the township building.

**BRIDGE WORK**  
Marcho said they are talking with Bassett Engineering about the work being done to come up with plans for bridge work.

**SECURITY CAMERAS**  
He said there are security cameras in the dugout, Children's Garden, the bathroom at the playground and in the township building.

**ANTIQUE AUCTION**  
Sandy Wilmot said the Historical Society is planning an antique auction for early spring.

**PARKFEST**  
Parkfest will take place on September 7 from 10am-5pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10 at 7pm.

**Parkfest at Clifford Twp. Park Sat., Sept. 7**  
The Clifford Parkfest will be held on Sat., Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clifford Township Park, 119 Cemetery Road, Clifford.

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A group of people got together on Wednesday, Aug. 21 to discuss the possibility of bringing a Boys and Girls Club or a Community Center to Forest City for children, teens and the elderly. Pictured seated left to right are: Ann Marie Loiseau and Karen Thomas, Penn State Extension; Megan Mould and Kellyn Williams, Johnson College; and Mary Beth Smith, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, Binghamton. Back row left to right are: Paul Daugevelo, Main St. Coordinator; State Rep Jon Fritz; Susq. Co. Comm. Maryann Warren; FC Police Chief Lee Rowan; Chauncey Zazzera; Mayor Chris Glinton; Council Pres. Nick Cost; Fred and Katie Cicilioni, Frugal Living; and Council VP Bernie Scalzo. Absent when photo was taken was FCR Superintendent Jessica Aquilina.

## Boys & Girls Club/Community Center in beginning stages in Forest City

Forest City is in the early stages of attempting to establish a Boys & Girls Club/Community Center for children, teens and the elderly, and 17 people got together on August 21 to begin the process.

Mayor Chris Glinton invited Mary Beth Smith, Executive Director of the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club, to meet with business owners, politicians and colleges, to explain the steps to establishing such a club in the Forest City area.

Smith explained that the Boys and Girls Club of America are not opening a lot of new organizations but said it was possible to open one under an existing Club such as the Boys and Girls Club of Scranton. She said there is not as much work involved and the leadership is already established.

People attending the meeting kept coming back to the fact that

there is nothing for children and teens to do in the area after they get out of school. This would bring kids from the surrounding areas to use the gym, socialize with other kids, relax and unwind; keeping them out of trouble.

Smith said this meeting is starting the development stage and she would talk to the Executive Director of the Scranton Club and see if they would be interested in a meeting.

Chauncey Zazzera was in attendance and said he has been approached to see if he would be interested in turning a few of his properties on Center Street into a Club. He said a lot of work would need to be done or they may have to tear the places down and rebuild.

Kellyn Williams, Johnson College, said students at the college are always looking for projects to complete and this may be

one that the school would consider. She asked for the property measurements because there are several architecture students who could design a building plan and it would be part of their schooling.

The club would also bring much needed employment to the area. A unit director, front desk person and several program people would need to be hired.

The club would be open for kids after school and in the evenings. It was also discussed to use the club in the daytime for elderly daycare.

Mayor Glinton said he would like to hold a town hall meeting in the near future to get feedback and appeal to donors.

A special thank you was extended to Fred and Katie Cicilioni of Frugal Living for allowing the meeting to be held in their boardroom on Main Street.

## Resignation/hiring at School Board

The resignation of Angela E. Geyer as supervisor of special education/pre-school coordinator was accepted at the August meeting, August 19, of Forest City Regional School Board. The acceptance of the resignation is effective upon release from the District.

Three cafeteria positions were approved. Kelly Burns was approved for a 5-hour position while Kelly Piasecki and Tracie Bianco were approved for 4-hour positions. Debra Knapp was hired for a 6-hour custodian position. All positions were effective immediately and pay will be according to the Forest City Regional Education Support Professionals Association contract.

The following extracurricular positions were approved: Varsity girls softball Joseph Miraglia Sr.; Volunteer Varsity Softball Brian Newberry; Varsity Boys volleyball Dora Andrews; JV Boys volleyball Steven Beutz; Senior class advisors Carrie Kemmerer and Kelly Galinski

(shared); National Honor Society Charlene McGraw and Sandy Morahan (shared); PA Junior Academy of Science Audrey Nebzydowski; FBLA Nicole Lenz.

The Board approved a pay adjustment for teacher Terri Erdmann. Last year she handled the TV Studio by coming in early at 7:45 am, and her teaching time was adjusted to comply with 7 hours and 10 minutes. The current high school schedule no longer provides for adjustment of her required work schedule therefore she will be compensated an additional \$2,290.

The Board also approved a memorandum of understanding for school psychologist Justin Stevens since Elementary Principal Michael Zack has requested that Mr. Stevens develop and facilitate a social skills group from 8 to 8:30 for elementary students.

An unpaid leave request for employee 498 for four days in Sept. was approved.

A dual enrollment agreement with Keystone College was approved which will allow

high school students to take college courses for up to 30 post-secondary credits during their high school career. The courses available were not listed in the agreement. Cost of the courses was listed at \$100/credit which is a significant discount from the normal credit rate of \$500/credit. Students must achieve a "C" or better to receive the credit.

An adjustment of the school calendar will make Veterans Day Nov. 11 as a full day of professional learning for teachers. This day was usually at the end of the school year.

The Board approved a three-year continuation of an anti-virus software agreement with Layer 3 Technologies at a cost of \$8,694 for the three-year period.

The Board also approved an agreement with Northeast Data for the upcoming school year at a cost of \$1,839.

Use of the school facilities for the Steamtown Marathon Sunday, Oct. 13, was ok'd.

## Hornbeck Chevrolet holds Grand Re-Opening



Hornbeck Chevrolet, Forest City, held a Grand Re-Opening on Wednesday, August 21 from 4 PM to 7 PM. They had food, a bounce house, ice cream truck, and giveaways during the event. Pictured are the employees: Front row left to right: Kevin Sheehy, Andrea Dorsey, Cheryl, GM Rep., Frank Vieira, Sharon Kotowski, Alex Landa, Owner, Christine Croissette, Cindy Yaskowitz, James Hazen, Dee Sturchio. Back row left to right: Tyler Lipski, Omir Omeragic, Ioannis Bobotsis, Bradley Rowe, John Shafto, Adam Smith, Patrick Barney, James Tasso, Joseph Bean, Matthew Stein, Nicole Wagner, Deborah Biondo, and Melissa Stites. Absent from photo were Michael Novak, Roman Gunbury, Owner, and Aloysius King.