

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Forest City Regional School was one of the early returnees to classes last week, opening, Aug. 26. By all accounts it was a good opening. In reply to a question we received from a reader, the school calendar does include the annual day off for deer season on Dec. 2nd even though this year's deer season begins Saturday, Nov. 30.

In a real reversal from the dog bites mailperson, our mailperson last Thursday greeted a friendly dog on Main Street only to have it pee on her shoe.

Kind of nippy in the mornings but getting up to 70's in the afternoon. Probably will see some of the remnants of the Hurricane here this week.

As you slide down the banister of life, you should pray all the splinters are pointed the other way.

Have you heard about the lady who said her next house will have no kitchen—Only vending machines and a large trash can.

Wayne Memorial New Tower Open House Sept. 7

Wayne Memorial has completed their new patient tower with 50 private rooms, located in "G" wing, the new tower. The rooms are significantly more spacious than the older, semi-private rooms at the hospital, and include state-of-the-art equipment such as an advanced whiteboard and nurse call system!

The public is invited to see the G wing, a \$35 million dollar project begun two years ago, along with interior renovations that amounted to another \$5 million dollars, on Sat., Sept. 7 when the hospital will hold their open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join them for tours, refreshments, giveaways and a FREE chance to win gifts from The Lodge at Woodloch, Woodloch golf, Costa's Family Fun Park, Ski Big Bear, Elegante's, John Denver Tribute concert tickets and more!

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic Winners

The following is a list of the this years 50/50 winners from St. Juliana's Rock Lack Picnic:

\$5,000 Bonnie Watson, Poyntelle; \$2,000 Dan Nebzydowski, Forest City; \$800 Jacob Ferris, Starrucca; \$600 Chris Spencer, Voorhesville, NY; \$600 Allan Kominski, Honesdale; \$200 Joe Nebzydowski, Jeffersonville, NY; \$200 Barb/Joe Sprovin, Poyntelle; \$200 Eileen O'Hara, Pittsburgh; \$200 Lindsay/Joe Sprovin, Poyntelle; \$200 Rita Todd, Lake Como.

St. Juliana and St. Katherine Parish wishes would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket, attended the event and made this years picnic a huge success.

Fire at Endless Mountain Resort

Contractors working on the roof of a building at the Endless Mountain Resort in Union Dale apparently sparked a fire on Wednesday, August 28 around 1 PM.

Fire crews from around the area fought the blaze which quickly spread. No one was injured but the fire damaged a large portion of the pool building.

Forest City Area Hist. Meeting Sun., Sept. 8

The Forest City Area Historical Society (FCAHS) will be meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM at the society's headquarters at the corner of Dundaff and Main Streets, Forest City. The FCAHS is now accepting applications for 2020 membership and membership renewals for 2019. The FCAHS was organized on February 21, 2010, has become Incorporated and has a 501(c)(3) non-profit status. The FCAHS encompasses the following communities: Brown Dale, Forest City, Richmond Dale and Vandling.

Memberships are for one year and may be any one of the following types: an Individual membership for \$15.00 or a

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.

This year's theme will be the wild west, with the first show at high noon, and joining that theme is Phyeaux's Flying Flea Circus and Wahoo Medicine Man!

Come out and have a grand old time while supporting a great cause. Enter the chili cook-off or just enjoy all the activities which include; crafters, antiques, food vendors, bake sale, basket raffle, Bounce Party, horse and carriage/pony rides, face painting, DJ Wolfman, Mountain View Band, Lenoxville Band and so much more.

All proceeds benefit Clifford Township and Park.

For more info, email clifford-parkfest@gmail.com

Discover the D&H Mixer at Trailhead Wed., Sept. 18

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance invites the public to the Fall Mixer "Discover the D&H!" The host is the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA.

The event will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at the Forest City Trailhead from 6 PM to 8 PM.

There will be refreshments, wine tasting by Case Quattro, three brief, informative presentations, scavenger hunt and prizes.

It is RSVP ONLY by Sept. 11. Text or call Kelley Statkun at 570-960-1332 or Patricia Strielsky at 570-499-2456.

Directions to the Trailhead: Take 247 North by the Turkey Hill in Forest City. About .2 miles take first right turn into the VISION 2000 Industrial Park, Trailhead is on the right-follow the signs.

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 Brown Dale 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 Brown Dale. 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.

Family membership for \$25.00. A Lifetime Membership for \$125.00 is also available.

Anyone interested in joining the Forest City Area Historical Society should contact Juliann Doyle, Membership Chair by calling 570-499-4908, by e-mail at: jdoyle@nep.net Membership applications are available on the web site and should be sent to Juliann at: 305 Martin Street, Brown Dale, PA 18421. New members are always welcome!!

Visit the web site for the FCAHS at: www.forestcityareahistoricalsociety.com to learn more about the organization or to download a membership application. LIKE us on Facebook, also!!

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.

D&H Distance Run Sun., September 8

The D&H Distance Run will be held on Sunday, September 8 from 9 AM to Noon at the Forest City Trail Head. The 13.1 mile race will be an 'out and back' run on the D&H Rail-Trail from Forest City to Union Dale. This is a USAITF certified course.

The course is basically flat with a slight upgrade going northward and a slight downgrade for the return and finish. Water stations will be approximately every 2 miles.

Race participants will be limited to 400. Registration packets can be picked up race day starting at 7:30 AM.

For more information visit dh-distancerun.com, email trails@nep.net or call 570-679-9100.

Forest City Rotary Club Bingo Sun., Sept. 15

The Forest City Rotary Club will sponsor a cash BINGO fundraiser at the Carbondale Anthracite Hotel, Main Street, Carbondale, on Sunday, September 15, 2019, from 2pm-5pm (doors open at 1pm).

Tickets are \$20 and will consist of 15 cash prize BINGO games with the top prize of \$500 cash! There will also be special games, a basket raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased from any Rotary member, Kresock Insurance, Main Street, FC; Ascension Parish, F.C., and Cerra Signs, Carbondale or at the door.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate contact Terri Erdmann at fctrotary@yahoo.com

Murder Mystery Dinner Tickets on Sale Now

The F.C.A. Historical Society will host a murder mystery dinner on Sat., Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

\$15 gets you dinner, dessert, fun, and murder. Solve the murder and win a prize!!!

Tickets available at the Forest City News, Paul Ferraro Barber Shop, or by calling 570-960-1508.

Get your tickets early!! Limited seating!! Watch for upcoming ads!!!



Mr. Robert Heed and his RLH Companies were selected as Susq. Co. Business of the Year at the Susq. Co. Economic Development breakfast held at The Speakeasy Resort & Saloon, Herrick Twp. on Aug. 22. Shown above left to right are State Rep. Jon Fritz, Senator Lisa Baker, Mr. Heed, Susq. County Commissioners, Betsy Arnold, Maryann Warren and Alan Hall.

100 attend annual Susq. Co. Economic Development Breakfast at The Speakeasy

The annual breakfast of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board was held Thursday, Aug. 22 at 9AM at the Speakeasy Saloon, Herrick Twp., with some 100 in attendance. The annual event brings together state and federal agency representatives involved in economic development. This year's breakfast was sponsored by Cabot Oil & Gas.

It is also the occasion to honor the Susq. County Business of the Year and the Susquehanna County Person of the year. Robert Heed, Elk Lake, owner of RHL Companies, was selected as the Business of the Year. James Barbour, state vice president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, was the Person of the Year.

Principal speaker was Dr. Alice M. Davis, Ph.D., executive Director of the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center which is located at the Elk Lake School, Dimock.

Anthony J. Ventello, Executive Director of the Progress Authority, spoke on the accomplishments and goals of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board which consists of eleven representatives from business and industry from around the county.

Ventello expressed his thanks to the legislators and state officials who are the decision makers in many economic development projects. He noted that the rural counties "must fight for our fair share" of funding and other governmental support.

Mike Fortuner noted that there are many other roads with steeper embankments that aren't protected by guardrails or other protective measures.

Ann Marie Saam suggested that council members drive up East Mountain Road to see how bad the problem actually is. No decision or solution was agreed upon.

Tedesco also questioned the sewer fee that is taken out of the borough taxes and, noting that Union Dale doesn't have public sewers, asked how long it would continue to be withdrawn.

President Cino stated that the sewer fee was started when Thompson put in public sewers, so that Union Dale would have some initial funds should they be required to put in sewers as well. President Cino also noted that at the time it was enacted, it was put before a vote and passed without objection. Although both President Cino and Mike Fortuner indicated that the money is for the future benefit of the Borough, Tedesco requested that council look into the matter regardless.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and a motion to approve them was made by Donna Tedesco and

He said most projects are very difficult: "we have too many roads and not enough people."

The development director said the counties major assets are natural gas, stone, agriculture, lumber and wood products. The major needs now are for the expansion of broadband to all of the county.

Ventello said a huge natural resource that the county has is abundant water, something which other areas of the country have vast needs for; But a continuing necessary component for any major industrial or economic development in the county is a large enough, skilled workforce.

Director Ventello's worries about workforce development led him into the introduction of Dr. Alice Davis who heads the County's highly successful Career Technology Center. Davis offered an interesting audiovisual presentation of the dozens of successful programs both for high school students, adult education and continuing education.

Dr. Davis said the school offers eight high priority programs such as carpentry, electrical, automotive, welding and nursing, plus six other programs. She said the school's Business Development Incubator has been responsible for starting more than 50 businesses.

She emphasized that parents must help to direct their children to the avenue of a living wage job after high school or after higher educa-

tion. This process begins at a younger age and is not just something to be decided in high school. She said parents should be concerned enough to ask what the job placement rate is for any school or college. "We have three employers for each graduate," she proudly stated.

She contended that it is harder to get a plumber in Susquehanna County than to get a doctor, and concluded her presentation by giving many examples of her students who were able to secure excellent-paying jobs right out of high school.

The Susquehanna County commissioners, Chairman Alan Hall and Commissioners Betsy Arnold and Maryann Warren, who appoint the members of the Economic Development Board, then presented the County awards to RHL Companies and Robert Heed as Business of the Year, and Jim Barbour as Citizen of the year.

State Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Jon Fritz also offered remarks.

Board Vice Chairman Joe Andre issued the welcome and made the opening introduction of guests. Pledge to the flag and invocation were by Board member John Kameen.

Members of the Ec. Dev. Board are Chairman George Connor, Vice Chairman Joe Andre, Richard Ainey, Craig Benson, Margaret Biegert, Kenneth Bondurant, Debbie Dissinger, John Kameen, Bill Kelley, William Owens CPA and Steven Tourje.

Union Dale roads discussed at Aug. 19 Council session

seconded by Mike Fortuner with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE
•A Leadership Conference will be held on October 11 & 12 in Harrisburg for anyone interested in attending.

•The Area Agency on Aging is seeking donations for Meals on Wheels. It was suggested that council donate \$200. A motion was made by Donna Tedesco and seconded by Patti Cino with all in favor.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD
•Don Bennett said that a resident has removed the third car on his property and is now in compliance with the Borough ordinance.

•The Solicitor had been contacted about the Borough adopting the issuance of driveway permits. Solicitor responded by email and indicated that because of what would be involved, she felt it would be cost prohibitive. Council was in agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
•It was noted that with Ann Marie Saam taking the vacant council seat, a new person would be needed to serve as resident of the vacancy board. Council members were asked to think about competent people who might serve.

