

Beware of Census scams in PA

Recently news emerged that documents misleadingly labeled as official Census forms are being mailed to Pennsylvanians, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin reminded Pennsylvania residents to be cognizant and aware of potential 2020 Census scams and confusion.

Pennsylvanians can respond to the 2020 Census by mail or online. Census Day is April 1, 2020, and as that day gets closer, the possibility of scams is increasing. Since the 2020 Census will be collecting basic information about the people living in your household, there are a few things you should remember to avoid falling victim to a scam.

Do not respond if you are asked for your social security number (SSN), bank or credit card information, your mother's maiden name, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. The U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for this information. If someone claiming to be from the U.S. Census Bureau contacts you via email, phone, or in-person and asks for any of this information, it is a scam.

Below are helpful tips to protect Pennsylvanians during the 2020 Census collection period:

If you receive a survey or letter in the mail, check that the return address is from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

If you receive a phone call, you can call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-800-923-8282 to verify whether the caller is an employee.

If you receive an email or are sent a URL to respond to the census, make sure the website address begins with "HTTPS" and includes a lock symbol. If you receive a suspicious email or URL, do not reply, click links, or open attachments. Forward the email to the U.S. Census Bureau at ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov and then delete it. The U.S. Census Bureau will investigate and report their findings to you.

If you're visited by a census worker, ask to see their identification. They should have an official identification badge with their photo, U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you have questions about their identity, you can call 1-800-923-8282 to speak to a local U.S. Census Bureau representative.

If you hear questionable information about the 2020 Census or are wondering whether a rumor may be true, please contact rumors@census.gov or visit the U.S. Census Bureau website.

For more information on the U.S. Census, visit pa.gov/census, and be sure to stay up-to-date with all of our agency news on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Area municipalities get Thousands in fuel taxes

Two townships in Wayne County receive the largest state Liquid Fuels Tax Payments of any municipalities in this area, however every payment is less than was received last year. PennDOT gave no indication on their website as the reason for the reductions.

Payouts are as follows:
Mt. Pleasant Twp. \$175,714
Clinton Twp. \$155,758
Clifford Twp. 125,829
Herrick Twp. 92,793
Ararat Twp. 65,364
Forest City 63,265
Thompson Twp. 63,830
Vandling 21,151
Union Dale 15,134
Thompson 10,108

Forest City Borough's allocation was \$1,740 less than last year, while Clinton Twp. got \$4,500 less this year than 2019.

The money comes from state taxes on all liquid fuels.

The amount a municipality receives is based on its population and the miles of approved Liquid Fuels roads in that municipality.

An approved road must have a minimum of 33 ft.

right-of-way in a township and 16 ft. in a borough. The drivable surface must be a minimum width of 16 ft. and the road must be a minimum of 250 ft. in length.

A road must be maintained in such a condition that it can be driven safely at 15mph.

The funds can only be used to support construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public roads or streets.

Annually a municipality may use 20% of their net allocation for the purchase of major equipment.



LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, March 8th, we attended the 37th annual Respect Life Prayer Breakfast at Genetti Manor in Dickson City, Pa. It was exhilarating, extraordinary and one of the most spiritually uplifting events we have ever attended.

Many thought it was going to be a political event because the former Executive Director of the 2016 Trump campaign was one of the featured speakers.. how wrong they were.

After the Chairman of the board, Patrick Williams, introduced the Toastmaster, Hon. Ernest Preate Jr. (Former Penna. Attorney General) and Bishop Joseph Bambera, who both gave memorable remarks and prayers, we were given a legislative update by Michael Ciccioppo of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Ashley Garecht, who along with her two teenaged daughters and their friend, was harassed and videotaped by Pennsylvania State Rep. Brian Sims for praying outside a Planned Parenthood location in downtown Philadelphia, was the first speaker to challenge the podium. She told how their family and friend had their Freedom of speech assaulted, last year during Holy Week. Mr. Sims even posted a video of the pro-life group praying, to shame them but when it went viral, he was the one shamed because those that saw it were outraged and instead started a go fund me web site and raised over \$120,000 for the ProLife Union of Philadelphia.

Then, a standing ovation from the 650 breakfast attendees who are anti-abortion activists, for Steve K. Bannon as he rose to speak about the "Existential Threat to the Pro-Life Cause". He was embraced with the same warmth given to President Trump, our first sitting President to ever attend a rally when he came to the March for Life rally in Washington, DC last January.

Anne Domin, the current President of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton chapter gave an excellent takeaway to the Ecumenical Group in the audience when she reminded them that many work to save the whales and seals but forget the Divine importance of saving human life first.

The program was opened by a Lutheran Academy Choir member. The Invocation and grace given by Pastor Kyle Major, Parker Hill Church and a Scripture reading was read by Fr. Senior from St. Adalbert's Polish National Church. Then, closing Benediction and prayer was given by Rev. Richard Plishka, a Byzantine Catholic Priest.

We are all working together to Make America Great Again.

Respectfully yours,
Nancy Non,
Pleasant Mount

Meat Raffle Postponed to Sat., May 16

Due to the recent corona virus pandemic, The Forest City Area Emergency Services has decided to postpone the Meat Raffle from March 21st to May 16th. The health and well being of our community is foremost in our minds in this time of great concern. Please hold on to your chances and come out and support them on May 16th.

Easter Egg Hunt in South Gibson Postponed

The Easter Egg Hunt at the South Gibson United Methodist Church on Saturday April 4, 2020 has been postponed to a later date.

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Happy Birthday to: Marissa Mead, Charles Conklin Jr., Aubrey Warcho, Tommie Sampson III, Mary Ann McCusker, Linda O'Brien, Donna Dovin, David McMullen, Jim Griffin, Lily Eltz, Kaylee DeHaven, Tyler Butler, Luke Megivern, Brian Weist, Terry Joseph, James Swegel, Christa Hicks, Mike O'Brien, Megan O'Neill, Grace Lane, Madeline Schupper, Lewis Lee, Fran May, and Amelia Franceski.

Happy Anniversary to: Jack and Ella Chyle

The Costello-Monahan-Brown American Legion Post 964 will host a Maple Tour Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22, 8am-noon.

The Cold Spring Chapel Community Kitchen is cancelling their Spring Dinner that was scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. They will reopen on April 18th. For more information on events at Cold Spring Chapel, follow them on Facebook.

St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society is happy to announce their Lenten-Pierogi Fundraising Date: March potato peeling & prep date, Tuesday, March 24. Sale dates: Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 & 26. Order sheets are now available at all churches. They will continue to keep their pre-order sale price at \$6/dozen. A limited number of pierogi are made so extra dozens (\$7) are not usually available. Pick up times will be 11am-3pm. Orders can

also be placed by calling Barbara at 570-727-8385 or Jean at 570-448-9181. They thank you in advance for your support.

Just a friendly reminder, if you plan on attending any upcoming events, please call ahead or visit websites or Facebook pages to see if they are still going on. Things are changing on an hourly basis these days due to the Coronavirus covid 19. Stay healthy!

Borough of Forest City Proclamation

The Borough of Forest City recognizes April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month." We encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including small projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool, or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, and prevent millions of dollars in damages.

We appreciate this statewide service for its easy, one-call notification to minimize damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and loss of utility service to Pennsylvania citizens.

Christopher D. Ginton
Mayor

STATEMENT FROM RED CROSS PHARMACY

In an effort to keep our pharmacy staff and patients of Red Cross Pharmacy, Forest City, safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, please review the following notice.

We have posted signs outside the pharmacy to not enter the pharmacy if patients are having any SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COUGH, FEVER, OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH. We are asking those patients to call us at 570-785-5400 and we will provide free curbside pickup or delivery or mail service. Please provide credit card information when requested for this service...

We will call patients with antiviral or antibiotic prescriptions as soon as they are sent to us, asking them not to come inside the store. Again we will provide free curbside pickup or delivery service...

Drivers will call patients to make sure you are home, knock on the door and

leave prescriptions at the door..

If have any concerns or questions please call first!!! Thanks for your understanding at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
J. Scott Miskovsky Owner

Revised FCR School Calendar

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the following school calendar changes at the monthly meeting on March 9.

March 27: Early Dismissal, Pre-K at 12:00 noon; Elementary at 12:23 PM; and High School at 12:30 PM.

April 23: No school, teacher in-service.

May 6: No school, teacher-in-service.

June 3: Last day of school if there are no more snow days. Graduation: TBA.

Clifford Twp. signs agreement with Greenfield Twp. for police protection

by Theresa Opeka

An agreement to allow Greenfield Township Police to patrol Clifford Township was passed at the Tuesday, March 10 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors.

"Some cynics said we are buying them (Greenfield) a car to sit in Greenfield. I asked them (the police) if they want a quota. They said no," chuckled Supervisor Barry Searle. He made the motion to accept the police protection ordinance. Supervisors Dennis Knotlton and Chris Marcho voted in favor. Motion passed.

Marcho made a motion to nominate Searle as liaison between the township and the police. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

They will also notify 911 and the state police. Phil Price asked, "When I call 911, what happens?" Greenfield Township Police Chief Jeff Martin said, "When you tell them you are from Clifford, it will go to Susquehanna County but they

Family Says Thanks For "Roxy Road"

The following letter was received from the family of Roxy Rothafel, former theater magnate who began his career in Forest City.

Dear Mayor Ginton, et al, Please allow this letter to serve as a heartfelt "thank you" for the continued efforts put forth to remember and memorialize my grandfather, Samuel L. (Roxy) Rothafel.

Most recently, I was sent the newspaper clipping regarding the naming of a local roadway to "Roxy Road."

It seems so appropriate since Roxy was a traveling salesman whose "own road" led to Forest City where he met Rosa Freedman--and the rest is history.

I most especially want to thank the Forest City Area Historical Society and its representatives who took it upon themselves to make the request.

You, and all Forest City residents should know the entire Rothafel family is, and will forever be, grateful for the continued interest Forest City has shown toward keeping Roxy's legacy alive for future generations.

With Sincere Thanks,
Arthur I. Rothafel Jr.
Villa Park, CA

will notify Lackawanna County and they will contact us." Martin said there are seven members on the police force. Under the agreement, they will patrol Clifford Township once per shift or three times a day, seven days a week, for 112 hours per week.

Greenfield Township Police Department will provide police protection services to Clifford Township, including, but not limited to, setting up and running traffic for a one to two hour period once a day for five days per week at an appropriate location within the Township; vehicle patrols of the entire Township once per shift or three times a day, seven days a week, for 112 hours per week.

Under the agreement no real property will be acquired and any equipment or other personal property including but not limited to weapons, will be furnished by Greenfield Township to provide the intended police protection services.

Clifford Township would pay Greenfield Township \$4500 per month starting March 10 and in return, Clifford Township will receive all fines and penalties or portions, for all convictions based on crimes, summary offenses, and traffic offenses committed within the Township.

Greenfield Township will provide insurance to adequately cover the police protection services and indemnify and hold harmless Clifford Township from all costs, judgments, expenses, payments, claims and causes of action arising from the activities of the Greenfield Township Police Department.

Greenfield Township will be treated as an independent contractor since Clifford

Township is only contracting for police services. Clifford Township will have no financial liability for payroll, payroll taxes, or other benefits or otherwise.

Greenfield Township will maintain law enforcement officer's liability insurance in the minimum aggregate amount of \$1 million, to cover police activities and name Clifford Township as an additional insured.

The two Townships will be empowered to enter into other contracts or policies necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the agreement to provide police protection. Clifford Township will appoint a supervisor to serve as a liaison with the Greenfield Township Police Department.

The full text can be found at www.CliffordTownship.org and at 119 Cemetery St., Clifford, PA 18413, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 1pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm.

Homemade Easter Egg Sale in Clifford

The Clifford Community Youth Group announces their 13th annual "Homemade Easter Egg Sale." The sale will run through Wednesday, March 25.

The cost is \$2.50 each for either Homemade Peanut Butter or Coconut Cream Eggs. The eggs will be available for pick up on both March 21st and March 28th at the Clifford United Methodist Church.

The fundraiser will help the youth be able to attend youth gatherings throughout the entire year. Pre-orders are appreciated. To place an order, please call Robin Correll at 222-4344 or Lisa Barhite 222-5493. Thanks for your support!

Yard Sale May 23 to benefit FCA Hist. Soc. Stained Glass Window Fund

The Forest City Area Historical Society is sponsoring a Forest City Area Town Yard Sale on Saturday, May 23. The cost will be \$15 and will include advertising your participation in the yard sale in The Forest City News, the Forest City Area Historical Society website and Facebook page. All are welcome to participate.

All proceeds will go to the Stained Glass Window Fund. You can send your \$15 check to FCAHS, c/o Juliann Doyle, 305 Martin Street, Browndale, PA 18421.

Application is due by May 9.

Election Day Lunch in F.C. Tues. April 28

The Forest City Historical Society will hold an election day luncheon on Tues., April 28. Choose a wimpie or pulled pork sandwich w/ side of potato salad for just \$5. Take-out or eat in. Free delivery to local businesses.

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Mother's Day Photos for The Forest City News

The Forest City News will be accepting photographs for its annual Mother's Day edition. The date of the publication for this edition is Wednesday, May 6. This year Mother's Day is on May 10th.

This year's edition will be in full color. The cost is \$20 for color.

Anyone interested in having their picture in this issue can email or drop off a picture at the News office no later than Wed., April 29. You can email photos to fcnews@nep.net.

Everyone who submits a photo will also have the photo included on our website, in color, for FREE.

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