

Clifford Township handles business at March 10 meeting

by Theresa Opeka
Many items were on the agenda at the Tuesday, March 10 meeting of the Clifford Township Supervisors. Under Old Business, the supervisors voted in favor of signing an agreement for Welsh and Tinkerbrook Bridges. They also agreed to send the Wind Turbine Ordinance to Susquehanna County for review and approval.

DONATION
Supervisor Barry Searle made a motion to donate \$1,000 of Act 13 funds to the Mountain View Student Government to help defray costs for their hosting of the 2020 PASC State Conference at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Pocono Manor, October 29-31. "This is important. This is our high school. It isn't for a prom. It is investing in student government," he said. All of the supervisors, including Searle, Dennis Knowlton and Chris Marcho voted in favor. Motion passed.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
The supervisors voted in favor of accepting the county and township's Hazard Mitigation Plan with updates and completions to date. Phil Price said they were one of four townships/municipalities that responded to their request.

CLEAN UP GRANT
Marcho made a motion to give a \$1,100 property improvement clean up grant for the Savino property on State Route 2014. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

2019 AUDIT
The 2019 Audit is complete and ready for review and advertisement.

MISCELLANEOUS
Spring clean up is April 4. The Clifford Market is up for sale.

All Forest City Parks CLOSED

As requested by the Mayor of Forest City all town parks must be closed as of 2:00 pm Sunday March 22, 2020, until further notice!
This includes Kennedy Park/ The Gazebo and The Dog Park. Please Stay Out of all these areas, there will be Police Patrols. Parents please make your children aware of this. Hope to be able to open up these parks real soon and in time for the nice weather!

Ros-Al Floral Closed to Walk-in traffic

Ros-Al Floral, Forest City and Carbondale, has announced that they are closed to walk-in traffic until further notice. Any computer orders or phone in orders are still being accepted for delivery. Thank you for your patience at this difficult time.

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.

The Township Alliance bought new rugs for the township building.
If your road needs a new sign, please let township Secretary Joan Hertzog know and she will contact Kurt Booths.

FIRE COMPANY CALLS
Price said there were 56 EMS and 29 fire calls for February. He also said the state will let people whose EMT licenses have expired 10 years ago come back after taking a few courses. The fire company will also be starting their fund drive soon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Historical Society received a substantial donation and a \$5,000 matching grant from the great-great grandson of Perry Yarns and his wife for the Cider Mill.

WEBSITE
The township has added an Emergency and Road Information tab to the township's website. "When roads have work done on them, there will be information updated on them. There will also be other information, including county information, posted on the website," Searle said.

AG DAY
Searle recently attended the Susquehanna County Ag Day where legislators met with the county farm bureau. He said there were three main topics that were stressed. The first were roads. He said, "The PennDOT secretary said (the) Dunmore (district office) wasn't prioritizing this area and that is being changed. The culture is changing down there. If you see workers sitting on a shovel not doing any work or any washouts, etc., take a picture and send it to Representative Jonathan Fritz's office. He also said school boards have lots of power. The second was the census. Not a lot of people are responding. For every 750 people who don't answer it, the state loses \$15 million and it trickles down to Clifford. The third issue is the Spotted Lanternfly. There is an area that is quarantined. They have added Luzerne County to it. It is very dangerous to maple trees, grapevines and fruit trees. One was found at the Harford Fair last year. If you have a Tree of Heaven on your property, kill it because it attracts them. If you see one, you are supposed to call the Penn State Extension office immediately."

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!

Announcement from Bishop Bambera, of the Scranton Catholic Diocese

Effective immediately, and until further notice, I have suspended the celebration of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapel and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Churches of the Diocese will remain open daily for individual private prayer. The timeframe for each parish is to be determined by its pastor or parish life coordinator. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations such as weddings, baptisms or funerals will be permitted, but attendance should be limited to immediate family members with guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, and made available

Wayne Co. Transportation System's COVID-19 Response

In response to federal and state recommendations, the Wayne County Transportation System is announcing that all trips for medical and medically-related needs, as well as access to food, are continuing as scheduled.

For at least the next two weeks, however, trips for other purposes, including senior-centers, employment, religious services, funeral homes, retail shopping, library and personal visits, and other recreational activities, are being canceled or postponed. These adjustments have been made in order to do our part to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Furthermore, in providing service, drivers are taking precautionary measures, including:

- Wearing medical gloves and regularly applying hand sanitizer
- Utilizing, to the extent possible, our larger fleet vehicles

Continuing to follow our normal sanitization procedures at the start and end of each run, and, additionally, immediately following the exit of all passengers from the vehicle

These restrictions will continue only as long as recommended. County Transportation Director Carl Albright said, "The drivers and office staff of the Transportation System very much look forward to resuming our previous levels of service to the people of Wayne County."

Trip adjustments and requests for Transportation service should be made by calling 570-253-4280.

NOTICE 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

on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. On weekdays, the Mass will be broadcast at 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. On weekends, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4 p.m. and re-broadcast on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. The Masses will also be streamed on the diocese of Scranton's website (www.dioceseofscranton.org) made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF CUBE AUTO-NAPA AUTO PARTS

Due to the recent spread of the COVID-19 Virus, NAPA Auto Parts --- CUBE Auto Supply is forced to take drastic measures to keep our employees, families and customers safe!

WE ARE STILL OPEN!
But unfortunately they cannot continue to do business as usual. Parts and Supplies purchases can still be made over the Phone @ 570-785-9000 and paid for by Credit Card or @ www.napaonline.com and then select pay by phone. They accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

They will leave the merchandise outside the door in a NAPA Bag or Box with your Name clearly marked and call you when your order is ready for pickup.

They are sorry for this major inconvenience but feel that for everyone, it is the prudent thing to do.

Please stay safe and healthy
Eric, Dave and Rich
NAPA Auto Parts --- CUBE Auto Supply

New Procedures for Wayne Cty. Rec. of Deeds

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Wayne County Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds has implemented the following procedures for ease and convenience of the public.

The Register of Wills will accept telephone calls and emails for requests of plain copies, certified copies and exemplified records of decedent estates provided a credit card is supplied for payment. The copies and exemplified records will be mailed to the name and address provided.

The Recorder of Deeds will accept telephone calls and emails for requests of plain document copies and certified copies of recorded documents provided a credit card is supplied for payment. The copies will be mailed to the name and address provided.

The Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds can be reached at 570-253-5970 extension 4040 or dbates@waynecountypa.gov.

Richmondale Hunting Club Raffle Postponed

Due to the obvious circumstances surrounding the restrictions and recommendations placed upon us all from the current covid-19 virus global pandemic, the Richmondale Hunting Club will be postponing their Gun Raffle to May 9th 2020. They appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. Together we shall overcome!! Be smart and be safe!

East Ararat UM Church breakfast cancelled

Due to the Coronavirus shutdown of all churches at this time, we regret that we must cancel the East Ararat UM Church pancake breakfast scheduled for April 4, 2020. We are also not allowed to open the church for any event until this ban has been lifted. We are so sorry to have to do this but in the order of safety, we must. Please keep watching for updates as we get them. Thank you all for your patience.

Any questions please feel free to Call 1-570-766-5322 or email Jackie_N_Buzz@yahoo.com. Thank you for the understanding.

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Happy Birthday to: Kathy Walker, Ann Mead, Betty Skoski, Christa Hicks, Amelia Franceski, Chris Urban, Jeffrey Watson, Elaina Rodriguez, Richard Watson, Kelly Dovin, Joyce Brooking, Tarey Keast, Susan Watson, Linda Callan, Corey Theis and Bob Kane

Happy Anniversary to: John and Erica Walker and Albert and Ann Wildenstein.

As with all churches being closed due to the Coronavirus, the St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society has cancelled their Lenten Pierogi Fundraising for March. Just wanted to note this in the column since it was previously listed. Also, The Costello Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964 Night At The Races. It was set for April 25th has been cancelled.

These are unprecedented times we are living in. Some compare it to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. We have never seen anything like it. And who would think something like toilet paper, something we all took for granted, would be in short supply and be hard to find like an endangered species. I was lucky enough to find a pack last week! Things have been changing by the hour every day. As I write this, schools have been closed for a week and will be closed for another. We are all told to do "social distancing" which will be the phrase of the year. If you want to support local restaurants since you can't eat in, in addition to ordering food for takeout or delivery, you can purchase gift cards to be used at a later date. Here are some helpful tips for those who need it: If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, you can text PA to 741-741. Another great resource is <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/#ForIndividuals>.

If you believe you have fallen victim to a scam, contact local law enforcement. Stay healthy and take care!

NEP Telephone Co. closed for walk-in traffic

NEP is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will do everything we can to protect the health and safety of our customers, our community, and our employees. We are following the current guidance from national, state, and local health authorities to ensure we are taking the appropriate actions.

Please review this important information related to COVID-19:

We have initiated additional cleaning practices at our office location and shared the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines with our employees and reinforced prevention techniques. Our main office located at 720 Main Street Forest City is currently closed for walk in traffic.

Our eBilling and automatic bill pay services are a great way to pay your NEP bill online without having to leave your home. If you're not enrolled, call 866-785-3131 to get started. You can also pay your bill over the phone or bring your payment to our exterior drop box at 720 Main St., Forest City.

During service and installation appointments, you may notice our technicians wearing protective gear and using disinfectant wipes. They may also limit the number of people in the area. If anyone in your home is ill, the appointment will need to be rescheduled.

We urge you to practice the personal precautions recom-

If you live in Wayne or Pike County and need assistance with food, you can contact The Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania at <http://shfbvlv.org/> or call 1-484-287-4015; for Lackawanna and Susquehanna County residents, contact the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank at <https://www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org> or 1-570-908-2222. For those who need help with a drug and alcohol problem, call 1-800-662-HELP. For help with unemployment, go to www.uc.pa.gov or call 1-888-313-7284. Here are some frequent characteristics of scams: Sense of urgency and limited-time offers. Scammers will attempt to prompt you into immediate action and catch you off guard. No government agency will call you asking for payment or take punitive action against you if you don't act quickly. Payment with wire transfer or gift cards. Once information is provided, the money is essentially gone and you cannot get it back. Scammers urge secrecy and the need to not tell anyone. Never make a decision without consulting a credible and trustworthy source. Low or minimal risks with guaranteed high returns. Be cautious of any offer that guarantees a high rate of return with little or no risk or does not disclose risk. Unsolicited offers, including social media avenues. A new post on your Facebook wall, a tweet mentioning you, a direct message, an email, a text, a phone call, or any other unsolicited communication regarding an investment "opportunity" related to COVID-19.

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