



Among the speakers at the Susq. County Republican Lincoln Day Breakfast Feb. 8 at Harford Fire Hall were, from left, St. Rep. Jonathan Fritz, County Auditor Richard Suraci, Trump Campaign Regional Director Justin Severe, State Committee person Angie Hall, County Chair Donna Cosmello, Trump Committee members Carolyn Paccio, Sam Faddis and Gina Faddis, County vice chair David Darrow and Trump County Re-election chair John P. Kameen.

## Electing Republican candidates highlight of Stirring speeches at Lincoln Day breakfast

Snow and slippery roads did not deter about 100 Susquehanna County Republican party faithful and candidates from the annual Lincoln Day breakfast held Sat., Feb. 8 at Harford Fire Hall. County Chair Donna Cosmello was toastmaster. Treasurer Wendy Zapolski was ticket chair.

On the program were the following: Bernie Comfort, vice chair of the State Republican Committee, Congressman Fred Keller, Senator Gene Yaw, State Representatives Jonathan Fritz and Tina Pickett, PA Attorney General Candidate Heather Heidelbaugh and delegate-candidates to the National Republican Convention Alan Hall, Don Hoffmann, Todd Erbat and Mark Harris.

Ms. Comfort, who heads the state re-election effort of Pres. Trump, spoke in the aftermath of the impeachment acquittal and the President's State of the Union Address, which she said were the highlights of a great week for Republicans. She commented further on the despicable actions of the Democrats in Congress and House Democrat Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and the debacle of the Democrat's Iowa caucuses.

She marveled how dedicated Pres. Trump has remained in continuing to grow the economy which is producing unemployment in all sectors at record levels, as well as employment and wage growth at similar record levels.

Ms. Comfort also highlighted Pres. Trump's Pro-Life stand along with his steadfast support of the 2nd Amendment and his work to strengthen national security, the Armed forces and service to veterans.

Congressman Keller stressed Republican Congressional actions to keep taxes low so people get to decide what to do with their money. He said nothing has worked better for the growth of business and jobs than the roll-back of regulations which hampered

economic growth.

Keller also supports school choice and, as a former member of the Penna. Legislature, faulted Gov. Wolf's efforts to deny school choice to Pennsylvania parents and children.

State Senator Gene Yaw, representing part of western Susq. County, was adamant in supporting the wishes of the residents of rural counties, stating that 73% of Pennsylvania population is located in 19 counties with the remaining 48 counties composing only 27% of the state's residents. He said rural senators like he and Sen. Lisa Baker, and State Reps. Jon Fritz and Tina Pickett have to exercise a strong voice for rural constituents.

Yaw said Gov. Wolf is actively opposing anything to improve production of natural gas which is such an economic boom for the rural counties in the state.

State Rep. Tina Pickett said of her non-support of Gov. Wolf especially his efforts to increase taxes for his progressive agenda. Her agenda, she said is: Money for roads and bridges; funding of expanded broadband and cell phone service to rural areas; and more state support for emergency services in this area.

She also opposes Wolf's effort for a per capita service fee on each resident of every municipality or township which does not have a police dept. in order to have them pay for more state police.

Rep. Jon Fritz agreed with many elements of the Pickett agenda thanking the county for supporting him the past four years. He said focusing on the family is always high on his legislative agenda.

Stirring words in support of her run for state Attorney General came from Heather Heidelbaugh. She lambasted Democrat AG Josh Shapiro who, she said, never practiced law and never appeared in a courtroom but whose ultimate goal, she said, is to run for

President, with the support of George Soros.

Justin Severe, regional director of the Pres. Trump Campaign, introduced members of the Susquehanna County Committee to Re-elect Pres. Trump. The leadership of that group, consisting of Chairman John P. Kameen, Sam and Gina Faddis, Richard Suraci and Carolyn Paccio, recently launched a County-based website www.commonssensenews-today.com to provide a conservative view against the biased, progressive "fake news" which blankets the area.

County Commissioner Alan Hall spoke to support his candidacy as Delegate to the Republican National Convention. He urged all to "get on the Trump Train" in re-electing the Pres.

The event ended with presenting the Annual Jack Masters Lifetime Achievement Award to Ivan Burman, long-time County Republican activist and former Chair and Vice Chair of the County GOP. In his absence it was accepted by his son, Scott Burman.

## Cornhole Tournery at B'dale Fire Co. Sat., March 7

Browndale Fire Company will be holding a Cornhole Tournament. The event will take place at 620 Marion St., Browndale, PA 18421 (Rte. 247) on Saturday, March 7, 2020, with registration beginning at 5:00 PM and the first game will be at 6:00 PM. The games are double elimination, and \$40 per team.

Pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register please contact us through browndalefire@gmail.com or 570-785-5300. Cornhole Tournament rules and registration maybe downloaded from our web site: www.43fire.com All proceeds benefit the all volunteer Browndale Fire Company. We thank you for your support!

## FCAES Meat Raffle Sat., March 21

The Forest City Area Emergency Services will hold a meat raffle on Sat., March 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the EMS building, 380 Railroad St.

Five spins per ticket, with one choice each spin for different meat prizes, and chances are on sale now for 18 different meat prizes at a cost of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Available from any member. Tickets will also be available that night for two \$100 boxes of meat.

Admission is free, and food will be available for purchase. Call 570-785-5025 or 570 785-3226 for info.

## Change of Plans For Vandling Hydropower Project Presented

From The Hancock Herald:

The Hancock Herald recently reported that plans to carry electric energy from a proposed hydropower project near Vandling have been changed from what was originally planned. The new concept was presented to the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors at a meeting on Jan. 6th.

The original plans were to erect power poles from the hydropower site to the New York state border along the abandoned O & W railbed which runs thru Buckingham and Preston Townships, which own the right-of-ways in those townships.

Sally Zegers, of The Hancock Herald, wrote that the plans were presented to both Buckingham and Preston Township supervisors last year by Scott Linde, of Linde Corp., who owns a section of O & W right-of-way.

At a public hearing in Preston Twp. last November, residents objected to the tall towers and the possible damage to property values.

The new plan, presented by Tom Shepstone of Shepstone Consulting, and Joe Hunt of JHA Associates, proposes to bury the lines 4 to 6 feet underground, encased in concrete.

The hydropower plant would be based on pumping water to a higher elevation during the night time hours when electric rates are lower. During the day, the stored water would be released to generate higher-priced electric power which would be sent to New York State.

In effect, the electric power would be converted to "green" energy by taking "dirty" energy from fossil fuels, and changing it to "clean" energy from hydroelectricity which is being required under the administration of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

The Herald reported that the new plans will be presented to Preston Twp. at an upcoming meeting.

## B'dale Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Sun., April 5

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Spring Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Browndale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Browndale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert.

The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit the all volunteer Browndale Fire Company.

## Purse Bingo at FCAES Sun., April 26

The Forest City Area Emergency Services will host a purse bingo on Sun., April 26 at the EMS building, 380 Railroad St. in Forest City.

Tickets are \$25 for 16 games and 4 specials. Basket raffles will also be available. Doors open at noon, games start at 1:30. Featured designers: Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Burke & Tory Burch.

For tickets or more information, call 570-785-3837

## FC Parks & Recs meeting Thurs., March 12

FC PARKS & RECREATION will be holding their March meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd floor of the FC Borough Building.

All are welcome to join. They will be moving forward on the plans for the upcoming spring & summer months!

They will finalize plans for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Kennedy Park on Sunday April 5. Time to be announced.

Also the farmers market/bazaar is in the works for the months of May thru October being held the 3rd Sunday of each month at Kennedy Park.

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## Pleasant Mount News By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: David Haynes, Carl Robinson, Jennifer Saam, Lana Bossick, Beth Brooking, Rose Ignatovich, Kathy Dodge, Beverly Kulikowski, Lauren Maile, Christy Hauenstein, Brianne Laurence, Elizabeth Cobb, Anna Nebzydowski and David Marcinkus.

Happy Anniversary to: Ron and Bonnie Watson and Jack and Ella Chyle.

From the Pleasant Mount Library: Ongoing: Spring Flower Power Fundraiser- Bulbs, flower seeds and edibles are available to order. Order forms available at the library: 375 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount. Return by April 15 (tax day!!) with payment. All funds support the library.

Free March Lunch at Cold Spring Chapel Community Kitchen. Join them on Sat., Mar. 21st from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for a roast pork dinner. Menu includes mashed potatoes, gravy, spaetzle, rutabaga, red cabbage, applesauce, and homemade bread and cupcakes. The kitchen is located at the crossroads of Upper Woods Rd. and Great Bend Tpk., Lebanon Twp.

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.

Had a nice chat with Amy Theobald last week. She said their store at Creamworks has been doing a brisk business with ice cream this winter since it has been relatively mild. They also sell milk, butter, tea and lemonade. The store is open 7 days a week, 7am-8pm. They are located on Creek Road, (Rte. 170) between Pleasant Mount and Creamton.

## Hist. Society Meets Mar. 8

The Forest City Area Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 2020 at their headquarters on Sun., Mar. 8 at 6 p.m.

The Society is planning many events for the upcoming year. Anyone with ideas for Society events is invited to attend or to contact Society Officers: President John P. Kameen, Vice Pres. Dave Homisak, Secretary Juliann Doyle or Treasurer Bob Wirts.

## Mtn. View Needs Support to host PA Student Council Conference Oct. 29-31

Sydney Barhite, Mountain View Student Government, gave a presentation to the Clifford Twp. Supervisors on Feb. 11. She said Mountain View Jr.-Sr. High School has been named as the host of The 84th Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) State Conference, October 29-31, at Kalahari Convention Center, Pocono Manor.

The school bid and won to host the event. She said they are bringing the annual state conference to northeastern Pennsylvania for the first time in over a decade.

More than 1,000 middle and high school students in grades 5-12 and more than 200 advisors are projected to attend. The theme for the conference is Leadership Safari. It will draw emphasis on student leaders supporting, focusing, reflecting, and inspiring their councils, their schools, and their communities on how to be leaders. They will have nationally recognized motivational speakers, professional and student led leadership workshops and networking activities, including a job fair.

Barhite said they really need



Sydney Barhite

the help and support from the community. She said, for example, they are not allowed to bring in food for the conference and the cost from Kalahari is estimated to be around \$100,000. "Anything is welcome and acceptable to help. Whether it is donating for t-shirts or a meal, etc.," They need sponsorships and partnerships. With a partnership, you can be a part of the conference by being there or having someone read something you wrote about your business, etc.

If you would like more information, you can visit the website, www.pasc2020.org or contact Mountain View Advisor, Andrea Aten at state-conference2020@pasc.net or 570-434-8221.

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