

Diana Junior Retirement

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Forest City Borough President Nick Cost and Librarian Diana Junior.



Librarian Diana Junior, left, with Mary Garm, right, of the Lackawanna County Library.



Patricia Striefsky, Publisher of The Forest City News, Diana Junior and former NEWS publisher John Kameen.



NEP Telephone Co. President Steven Tourje with Diana Junior.



Forest City Lions Club President Steven Tourje with Diana Junior.



Joann Hall, left, with Librarian Diana Junior.

Her duties included cooperating with Forest City Borough Council, NEP Telephone Co., and the Forest City Lions Club, to update the local branch to manage the Library and make it one of the best in the system.

During those years the Library was air conditioned, had new carpeting and shelving, but most importantly become totally computerized, both for the Library system and for the many area patrons who use it as their information source.

The Forest City Lions Club has been the major benefactor of the local Branch since the facility was founded here in 1979. The Lions Club constantly provides funds to keep the Library current with the latest in technology and also to keep it well-furnished for its many information clients. Diane served as the intermediary between the Library and the Lions Club to make the needed improvements and modernizations possible.

Diana had a busy life before the Library and has always been involved in many local activities. She was daughter of the late James and Eva (Branca) Craparo. Her father was born in Italy and came here when he was 13.

She graduated from Forest City High School in 1960. She worked for Endicott Johnson Shipping Terminal in Johnson City, NY, as a secretary, later becoming a shipping expediter for that terminal. She lived in Endicott, NY, with her grandparents

Take-n-Bake Pizza Sales at Christ Church

Now through April 10, Christ Church will be holding their Friday Lenten take-n-bake pizza sales. Enjoy a 12-cut three-cheese pizza or a 12-cut potato/cheese/onion pizza made in the church kitchen.

Sale hours will take place between 3 & 6 p.m.

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until 1962 when she was married to Andrew Junior.

Diana went to North Hampton Community College for its at-home program and received a Specialized Diploma in Library Assistant, Children's Literature and Literary Management. She attended many reference workshops and classes on management through her position at the library including reference, access Pennsylvania data base training, and supervision, as well as classes on internet use at libraries.

She attended computer classes at Mountain View High School and at the Scranton Public Library. In 1997 she attended a Cancer Information Workshop for Rural Libraries at Penn State main Campus. She served one year on the Scranton District Executive Council at the Scranton Library from June 2008 to June 2009.

She also was very active in the community in other areas. She was a Girl Scout and later in life was a Den Mother for the Forest City Boy Scouts. She was nominated and received an award from Scranton Pocono Girl Scout Council as Local Woman of Distinction. She was also honored with a Girl Scout Award at Marywood University.

For a number of years she was a member of the Forest City Area Volunteer Ambulance Association as a certified EMT I, serving on an ambulance crew with her husband, Andy.

2020 Census Talk in F. C. Wed. Mar. 25

Marlea Hoyt, Executive Director of B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc., will present on the importance of participating in the 2020 Census on Wed., March 25 at 12:45 p.m. at the Forest City Active Living Center, 535 Main St. in Forest City.

Adults 60 and over are warmly encouraged to attend. Every response to the census matters.

For more information or to make a reservation for lunch, please call 570-278-3751.

She has also served the Roman Catholic Community of Forest City over the years. She was an active member of the Altar and Rosary Society for many years working at church picnics, as well as decorating and cleaning Sacred Heart Church.

She was certified in CCD classes and taught CCD Kindergarten classes for the Roman Catholic Community and later was a substitute teacher in CCD. She was Eucharistic Minister of Ascension Parish, FC, and also brought the Eucharist to people who were homebound. She received a certificate for attending Faith in Action Programs through Marian Community Hospital.

She served on the Ascension Parish Council and was on the Called to Holiness Program, and as a Cluster member on that Council.

Diana resides with her husband of 58 years, Andy, at 74 Maxey Street, Forest City. Andy is employed as a tool engineer at Pocal Industry, Scranton. Their son, Glenn, who resides in Archbald, is the manager of the restaurants at The Club of the Highlands, the Powell Development in Archbald. She has a sister, Dolores Hydock, who resides in Carbondale, and is

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

retired. Diana's niece, Dolores Hydock, resides in Carbondale and has three children, Krista, Sarah and Shane. Another niece, Dena Lentzy, resides in South Carolina and has one daughter, Angela.

She said her mom and dad always taught her to live by the Golden Rule which has led her to a wonderful life. "I think the greatest gift we can give each other is the gift of love," she said, "and I have been blessed with good and faithful friends and family."

She said her job has been a joy because the Library has had very good administrators, and also a very good Library Board to work with. Her goals were always to keep the Library up-to-date with the latest in technology. She admitted she first disliked computers but now can't imagine working without them. She said cuts in the State budget have seriously impacted libraries.

"If you can get a child to read, I think that's the best gift in the world," said the Librarian. "It's just amazing to see a child read for the first time, she concluded. Diana and the Forest City Branch Library provided a service which is invaluable to this community. Her friendly, caring personality is the reason that in 2009, the Forest City Area Distinguished Citizen committee said it was proud to have her in this community, and was honored to present her with the award.

More than \$13,000 was provided to the Library by Joann Hall and the Novel Woman Book Club, a wonderful group of women who conducted a Local Author's Luncheon for the past 13 years which raised money to purchase items which were not in the Forest City Library budget including furniture, computers and fax machine.

Under Mrs. Junior, the Library runs a five week Summer Reading Program, and a monthly book club which has grown in the past year. Many new programs have been instituted by her including computer classes and a pre-diabetes monthly class.

Also helping to ensure the Library's success, she said, was Borough Council which has provided the space, rent free, and also pays for its heat and lighting. And also The Forest City News, for its support since the Library's beginning.

Health reasons and her difficulties with mobility led to her decision to retire. She is confident that her replacement, Lisa Spangenberg, will continue the long custom of dedicated service to library patrons that she and past Forest City Librarians have given to Forest City.

Zack Awarded Bachelor Degree at Kutztown

Paige Zack of Union Dale has been awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Kutztown University

Pet of the Week



Meet Eddy & Ozzy, twin tiger cats who will be ten-years-old in July.

Eddy and Ozzy have been a part of the Wilcox family since they were 6-weeks-old. They have never been sick or needed any medical treatment besides their regular check ups. We are looking forward to many more years with them!

C'dale Chamber Supports Catholic Social Services



The Carbondale office of Catholic Social Services of The Diocese of Scranton recently received a \$1,000 donation from The Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. The donation came as a result of Carbondale's annual "Tinsel Trail" Christmas tree display in Memorial Park.

Local businesses sponsored the decorated trees, and monies raised were donated to Catholic Social Services.

Pictured above left to right are: Michelle Santana, office supervisor, Carbondale office, Catholic Social Services of The Diocese of Scranton; Mary Parise Tomaine, volunteer, "Tinsel Trail" project; Michele Bannon, president, Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce; John Gorel, executive director, Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

Vanessa Van Deusen Titled Miss Shamrock



Vanessa Van Deusen, 10 year old from Carbondale, recently competed in a baton twirling competition in Rahway NJ. Vanessa was awarded the Miss Shamrock title in the 10-12 Beginners age division which is a combination of 3 events; modeling, strut and solo twirling.

She also won 1st place in open advanced modeling and basic strut.

Vanessa is a member of Lynnette's Twirlerettes and a private twirling student of Gino Cicerella, Temperance, Michigan. She is the daughter of Jesse and Lynnette Van Deusen Carbondale.

VFW Names Jan Price Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year



Jan Price, of Clifford Twp., was presented the Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year by the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars on Feb. 1 at the VFW midwinter conference in Gettysburg, PA.

The award recognizes teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students.

Price teaches at Mountain View School in Kingsley, and has been in elementary education for more than 35 years.

"Jan is well deserving of this honor," said State VFW Commander Wayne D. Perry. "It's our privilege to recognize her for her years of dedicated service educating great young Americans."

Pictured above, Left to Right are: National VFW Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz; Pennsylvania VFW Commander Wayne D. Perry; Awardee Jan Price; Pennsylvania Auxiliary President Sandra Wilder and National Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer Jodie Hollinger.

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