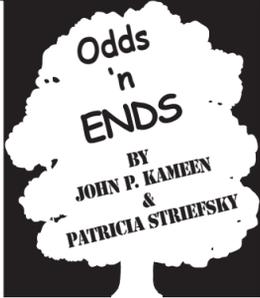


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Labor Day kind of means the end of summer. Surely the opening of school here on Sept. 14 puts the exclamation point on whatever vacation season families have been able to muster in the COVID era. Visits to amusement parks, the shore, even many tourist attractions fell by the wayside this year. Let's hope this national nightmare will end soon!

Our Letter to Editor policy is that all letters MUST be signed. We got some very interesting and informative UNSIGNED letters recently which have to go unpublished. If you recently sent us an unsigned letter, give us a call and we will put it in.

One of our subscribers brought something about voting to our attention that bears talking about and repeating. With all the talk about mail-in ballots, please remember all polling places where you have been voting in the past will be open and you CAN VOTE IN PERSON. It's still the most secure voting method and your vote will be counted right after the polls close on Nov. 3.

The PA Dept. of Banking has a phone number for you to check on COVID scams—1-800-722-2657. If you get questionable requests for charitable donations, fraudulent health claims, loan fees or foreclosure notices, calls the number.

A pastor asked an old farmer to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk" the farmer began. The pastor wondered where this going. The farmer continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was concerned. Without batting an eye, the farmer continued, "And Lord, I don't care much for raw white flour." With everyone rather uncomfortable the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard and we don't know what you're saying to us, help us to relax and wait until you are done mixing and baking it."

In these trying times its always important to remember the message: "Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!"

In-person voting Still available

Voter registration officials report that the controversy over mail-in balloting has led some people to think that there will be no polling places for the Nov. 3 election. They advise that in-person voting will still be held at polling places, many of which are located at the same place as previous elections.

NO FALL SPORTS AT FCR SCHOOL

Forest City Regional will continue a policy of no Fall sports for the immediate future but will still allow coaches to engage in sports practices. Though Fall Sports was not on the agenda at the September 2 visual Board meeting, five visual attendees emailed their desire to have Fall Sports started.

The Board did not formally vote on the matter but did arrive at a consensus. President Mary Emmett asked for a motion to vote but none was made. The Board, as it stated at its last meeting, will continue to evaluate opening sports at each upcoming Board meeting.

Board members Dr. Brian Piatak and Dr. Hank Nebzydowski were the only board members to join the "Let them play" movement. Five other directors, President Mary Emmett, Bernice Lukus, Christine Priebe, Chris Albright and Fred Garm, all stated the District should get education open first and to act on a sports schedule at a later date. Director Steve Ursich did not express an opinion on the matter, while Director Bill Heller was absent.

Dr. Piatak said he feels it is time to try and return to some normality.

Dr. Nebzydowski said he has mixed emotions but "Let them play."

Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina commented that she became very frustrated with actions of the PIAA over the past months. "How can they consider sports when students must wear masks just for education," she argued. She concluded that her goal was to "open our doors and try to keep them open."

Email comments came to the Board from Art McLain, Judy Graham, Joe Pleska, Jill Bailer and Jackie Weaver.

McLain, a former golf coach, urged the Board to allow senior golfer Henry Nebzydowski

to take part in individual golf matches. He said Henry was a star golfer with a future in golf who deserves at least to participate in a sport such as golf which is the safest sport possible.

Judy Graham noted that her daughter was a senior and she urged the Board to allow girls varsity soccer.

Coach Joe Pleska urged the Board to allow sports participation considering the burdens which students now find themselves involved in, especially for their mental health. "Students need to participate," he stressed. "PIAA recommendation says they can participate safely," he said.

Jill Bailer said she wanted to encourage the Board to allow Fall Sports. "I know Fall sports is not the most important part of student life," but she feels it is also necessary.

Jackie Weaver stated that she wanted the Board to allow boys' soccer and it could be done safely according to health guidelines.

On the Board's side, President Emmett replied the Board's goal was to get students back safely before the decision to begin sports is made.

Director Bernice Lukus said "Get students back first, taking all precautions," she said. Sports could be looked at later, she commented.

Director Priebe expressed her agreement with the sentiments of Director Lukus.

Director Chris Albright said "Education should be the primary focus." "Athletics might jeopardize this," she said. She noted that parents have some responsibility to provide alternatives to school sports.

Director Fred Garm said he felt the school should "err on the side of safety." "Our number one mission is education," he emphasized. He also felt participating in sports might jeopardize the school's health precautions.

The next Board meeting will again be virtual and will be Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:30pm. The October Board meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 12.

Cornhole Tourney at B'dale Fire Co. Sat., Sept. 19

The Browndale Fire Co. No. 1, 620 Marion Street, will hold a Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 19. Registration will be at 5 PM. Rain date will be Sunday, September 20.

There will be food, beer, and prizes available. The cost is \$40 per team and is double elimination. There will be two categories: CPA and Backyard.

Pre-registration is recommended. Contact them by email at browndalefire@gmail.com or by phone at 570-785-5300 or by contacting any member.

Pennsylvania Write in ballots

Eligible voters may apply for their mail-in or absentee ballot either online (votespa.com), or in person at their county election offices, or by paper forms submitted by mail. Once the county determines the voter is eligible, the counties will send a postage-paid ballot with a postage-paid return envelope to the voter to complete and return.

Editors Note: Paper forms are available at the News Office

A Reminder to Slow Down for School Buses

With students returning to school and school buses back on the road, motorists, parents and children are encouraged to refresh their memories about how to share the road safely.

Pennsylvania law requires motorists to stop at least 10 feet away from school buses when their red lights are flashing and their stop arm is extended. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn.

Penalties for failure to obey school bus safety laws can result in a \$250 fine, five points on a driving record and a 60-day license suspension.

Parents are reminded to ensure that their children are at the bus stop early to avoid rushing. Students should stay where the bus driver can see them while boarding or exiting the bus.

Nov. voting Deadlines

October 27 is the last day to apply for Pennsylvania absentee and mail-in ballots. Nov. 3 (election day) is the last day to submit ballots.



Careyed Away Signs is just one of the vendors who will be selling their wares at The Market at Kennedy Park-Autumn Arrival set for Sunday, September 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Pictured is Tanya Hentschel, creator of the signs.

The Market at Kennedy Park-Autumn Arrival Sun., Sept. 20

The Market at Kennedy Park-Autumn Arrival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 AM to 4 PM. It is being hosted by Parks and Recreation, Forest City, Pa and Amanda Howells. The following are the list of vendors to date:

1. Stella the Hair Bow Fairy-handmade glitter and character bows and more
2. Jems by Jean and Buttons and Bows- Paparazzi jewelry and handmade items
3. Lularoe by Heather Kubus- fantastic lularoe collection
4. Lauren's Cozy Crafts-jewelry, craft items, and more
5. Brown Dog Leather-handcrafted leather items
6. Careyed Away Designs-repurposed wooden signs
7. Oracle Creations- Tye dyed clothing, masks, and more
8. 31 Independent Consultant Arleen Peck
9. Avon by Angela Davall
10. Bubblicious Bath and Body Products
11. Burke's Maple Farm- variety of local maple products
12. LBC Distillery- Local distillery
13. Deep Roots Hard Cider- Local Hard Cider
14. Linda Leonard- Crafts, bears, handmade lollipops and more
15. A.N.A. Critters
16. Scentsy by Elizabeth Lawless
17. Krantz Kollection- handmade wooden items and tee shirts
18. The Familiar- metaphysical items, sage, crystals, and more
19. The Booted Baker- out of this world baked goods
20. Amanda's Creations- homemade bath and body products

Blood Drive at B'dale Fire Co. Fri., Sept. 11

The Browndale Fire Station will be turned into a Community Red Cross Blood donation center from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, September 11, 2020. The Browndale Fire Station is located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Please stop by to donate the gift of life!

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go on-line to: www.redcrossblood.org . You may also walk in. Please help support the Red Cross and donate blood. "Give the gift of life, Give Blood".

products

21. Pop's Sugar Shack- Local honey and maple products
22. Linda Leonard and friend- handmade lollipops, beanies, handmade items and more
23. JC Crafts- jewelry, worry beads, and other handmade items
24. McCorm's Funny Farm- fresh locally grown produce, sage, and more
25. Girls with Swirls Tye Dyes- Tye dyed clothing, fabrics, and more
26. Lauren's Cozy Crafts- beautiful variety of handmade crafts and jewelry
27. Stryker Hollow Farm- live chicks, guineas, rare birds, and more
28. Lovett's Ice Cream LLC- fried dough, fried pierogis
29. doTerra Essential Oils- essential oils and diffusers
30. Dehaven Family Farm- organic, non GMO locally grown produce
31. KERSPLAT Crafts- variety of jewelry and other handmade crafts
32. #AARONSTRONG- bracelets and masks to benefit the Aaron Winans Foundation
33. Brookvalley Farm LLC- unicorn rides and fresh eggs
34. Miss Sadie's Gift Shop- tumblers, trinkets, gifts and more
35. Jo and Bri's Creation- handcrafted items made by students from FCR
36. 3 Little Blossoms- organic elderberry syrup and natural bug spray
37. Jaime's Hair Wraps and more- Hair Wraps, stickers, body products & more
38. Real Time Pain Relief- pain relief lotions for a variety of ailments
39. GrammieJack's Makings- handmade wreaths, wooden décor and more
40. GFCBA- Greater Forest City Business Alliance
41. Halstead's Angus Beef Farm- fresh local beef products
42. Jennifer's Smart Savings and Shopping- info on a variety of small businesses
43. Wander Woman Crafts- handmade earrings and other

Historical Soc. Museum Hours

The museum of the Forest City Area Historical Society at 631 Main St., is open every Saturday in Sept. from 11 to 1pm.

Curator Barb Klobucar is available there to answer any questions.

unique trinkets

44. Barbie's Unique Jewelry Crafts and More
 45. Krafts by Melissa- bath products, survivor keychains, and more
 46. Wonderful World of Tupperware and Candles by Michelle
 47. Lynsey Noel CBD- variety of CBD products
 48. Vikki's Nut House- a great variety of flavored nuts
 49. Curiosities Killed the Kat Jewelry
 50. Swirl Art Station from City Stitches, FC
 51. Toys for Kids FCR Fundraiser sponsored by Elk Mountain VFW Auxiliary
 52. Colwell Designs- custom items including masks, shirts, mugs, and lots more
 53. MT Creations- handmade wreaths, home and yard décor and more!
 54. Pampered Chef by Stacey Robinson
 55. Perfectly Polished By Marilyn- Independent Color Street Stylist
 56. Mama bear Creations- custom tumblers, reusable pouches and more
 57. Christine's Soap Box- handcrafted assorted bath and body items
 58. Brenda's Beautiful Bling- Independent Paparazzi Consultant
 59. Life is Beautiful Salon and Spa- Makeup and face painting by Lisa Harach
 60. Embroidery 4U- embroidered "everything!!!" Personalized gifts and more
- Basket Raffles to benefit Parks and Recreation from donations from our amazing vendors!!! Parks and Recreation Concession stand will be open!
- Music provided by DJ Donna Trusky, a "hometown girl," from 11 am to 3 pm!

Andrew Seaman Appears on Fox Business news

On Thursday morning, August 27, former Forest City resident Andrew Seaman appeared on Fox Business News with Maria Barteromo as a spokesperson for LINKE-DIN. He has worked for the social business networking medium for about three years. He commented on the business environment in New York City.

He is the son of Andy and Patty (Shino) Seaman, Forest City.



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