



Among those attending the Fern Hall reception for GOP gubernatorial candidate Sen. Scott Wagner on June 22 were, from left, Art McLain, Carole Kameen, Brian Urbas, Richard Suraci, Gloria Bilotta, Chris Brown, Mayor Pauline Wilcox, Carolyn Paccio, Tony Wilcox, Joseph Sterchak, Tony Sacco, John Kameen, Commissioner Alan Hall, Sen. Scott Wagner, Jeff Swegel, Brian Fitzsimmons, Jerry Franceski, Ken Coles, Pam Benson, Craig Benson, Patricia Striefsky, Diana Junior and John Hollenback. Others attending included Wayne County District Attorney Janine Edwards, Allan Gordon, Ashley Fitzsimmons, Joseph Franceski, Louis Zefran, Dave and Connie Schulte.

## GOP gubernatorial candidate at Fern Hall, Crystal Lake, reception

Another Republican candidate for Pennsylvania Governor in 2018 paid a visit to Susquehanna County recently. Sen. Scott Wagner, of York, attended a reception at Fern Hall, Crystal Lake, on Thursday afternoon, June 22. Later that day he visited families with gas wells in Dimock Township and toured Endless Mountains Health Hospital in Montrose. On Thursday night he addressed a meeting of the Susquehanna County Republican Committee at the Senior Center in Montrose with County Comm. Chair Donna Cosmello. Sen. Wagner was guest at the Fern Hall reception, courtesy of Joseph Sterchak, former Forest City resident, who has been a 20-year friend of the Republican candidate. Mr. Sterchak, owner of Robert E. Lamb Engineering, at Valley Forge, has a part time home at Union Dale. The guests were treated to drinks and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Sisters Restaurant at Fern Hall. Wagner told those at the Crystal Lake event that he was a "frustrated business guy" who was fed up with the business as usual in Harrisburg and won a write-in contest for State Senator in his District in 2014. He

noted that he was not endorsed by party officials in his run for that office. Wagner summarized his past business accomplishments as an entrepreneur who has started and sold several businesses and is presently owner of Penn Waste Management and Recycling with 430 employees and 130 trucks on the road. He said 2014 was his first venture into politics, outside of being a political contributor to many campaigns, and his experience as state senator has shown him that Harrisburg is dysfunctional and that Governor Wolf has produced a failed government. With state government constantly preaching that it needs more money and more taxes, Wagner said, "Harrisburg does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem." "And the reason is mismanagement," he said. The problems, he said, did not just exist with the Wolf Administration, but go back with both Republican and Democrat administrations in which no one was held accountable for bad decisions such as the \$1 billion costs of failed statewide police and emergency communications system. He also said the computer system in the Dept. of Labor

and Industry is from 1958. Wagner listed school taxes, the heroin epidemic, out of control Dept. of Environmental Protection and a skilled labor shortage, as among the most important state problems which have to be dealt with soon. He pointed to the vast energy deposits in Susquehanna County, the largest gas find in the world, and the obstruction which DEP has caused as it attempts to build the pipeline infrastructure to transport it. He said DEP stands for "Don't Expect Permits." He also pointed to the failing State Employee's Pension Plan (PSERS) which was damaged by the State Legislature many years ago and despite having \$49.2 billion in assets, earned a return last year of only 1.29% while the pension managers earned themselves over \$416 million. He concluded by stating that it is time for a change in Harrisburg. He said that much can be done with executive orders and the rollback of regulations. "Get me in the Governor's office and we will do these things," he declared. The Fern Hall event was arranged by John and Carole Kameen, Joseph Sterchak, Brian Fitzsimmons and Richard Suraci.

## Barbershoppers entertain full house at FCA Hist. Soc.



The Northeast Barber Shop Chorus sang to a full house on Tuesday, June 27, at the Forest City Historical Society. This was their first visit to Forest City. They had the crowd laughing with some great jokes, and had the folks singing along to their litany of well known classics. The Honesdale-based group will have their annual Barbershopper's Show in Honesdale on Saturday, July 29th. Watch this newspaper for further details.

### Sen. Baker office Hours in FC Tues., July 25

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley. While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at [www.senatorbaker.com](http://www.senatorbaker.com) or by calling (570) 675-3931.

### FCR Class of '62 Reunion set for September 16

The Class of '62 from Forest City High School is planning a 55th class reunion on September 16 at the Carbondale Grand Hotel & Conference Center. If you are a graduate of the Class of '62 and are interested in joining us, please contact JoAnn Todd Hall at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-222-3591. We do not have current addresses for some of our members and would appreciate input from any Forest City News readers who may have current addresses for any members who have moved within the past few years.

are always welcome and important. You can contact us through the Borough website at [forestcityborough.com](http://forestcityborough.com) and also through email at [fcmainst@yahoo.com](mailto:fcmainst@yahoo.com).

## Art in Bloom on the Trail Prize Winners

- And the winners are:
- First Prize - Handmade Quilt donated by Linda Leber - Judy Marsh, Union Dale
  - Second Prize- Handmade Nursery Quilt donated by Cathy Stevens- Henry Tusar, Jr., Forest City
  - Third Prize- Handmade basket donated by Charlie & Ginny Ahearn - Kim Master-son
  - Fourth Prize - Watercolor donated by Mary Sadauskas - Richard Maiolatesi, Peckville
  - Fifth Prize- Handmade basket donated by Patty O'Hara - Pat Williamson, Clifford Township
  - Sixth Prize -Quart of maple syrup donated by Burke's Maple products - Mary Tourje, Union Dale
  - Seventh Prize - Handmade ceramic donated by Mark Chuck - Roy & JoAnn Morsch, Starlight
  - Eighth Prize- Matted photograph of a barn donated by June Lambertson - Mary Butler, Little Meadows
  - Ninth Prize- Young Living Essential Oil- Robert Dietz, Bradley, CA
  - Tenth Prize- Concrete Thinking Garden Statue- Delores Knownacki, Dickson City
  - Eleventh Prize- Home-made jar of honey donated by Lynn Anderson - Roy & Joann Morsch, Starlight
  - Twelfth Prize- Humming Hill Lavender Grow Kit- Mr. & Mrs. William Hiller, South

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**Pleasant Mount News**  
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Happy Birthday to: Mackey Burleigh, Martha Peck, Kevin Peck, Bryan Peck, Matt Cordts, Paul McGraw, Debra Curley, Robb Hnatko, Corey Hauenstein, Julian Richner, Sharon Corey, Pam Banicky, Tom Sampson Jr., Frank Kulikowski, Casey Hall, Gabriel Zukosky, Emma Matlaga and a belated Happy Belated Birthday to Sue McCormick who turned 92 on July 4. Happy Anniversary to: Mark and Audrey Nebzydowski and Brian and Karen McGraw.

Pontifical Mission Societies for the Diocese of Scranton. Father Clarke is also the Assistant Vocation Director.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joan Shaffer, Pleasant Mount, formerly of Waymart and Newfoundland, who passed away on June 21. She is survived by 4 children, a stepson, two grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Services by the Jenkins Funeral Home, 269 Belmont Street, Waymart, PA 18472.

Come out and support your neighbors. The Union Dale Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Picnic will be held Thursday, July 6-Saturday, July 8. Lots of events including a parade, fireworks, rides, bands and lots of good food. For more information, visit [www.uniondalefire.com](http://www.uniondalefire.com).

### PET OF THE WEEK

If you think your pet is something special then why not submit his or her photo to our Pet of the Week feature. Anyone who would like to have their pet showcased is asked to send a picture by email to [fcnews@nep.net](mailto:fcnews@nep.net); by CD; or by mail to The Forest City News, 636 Main St., Forest City, PA 18421. We also have a drop slot in the front door where you can drop it in after hours. It may be a few weeks before you see your pet in print. We put them in the order we receive them.

Congratulations to Reverend Brian J.T. Clarke, Pastor of Ascension Parish, Forest City and St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Pleasant Mount, on his appointment as Director of the Diocesan Office of the

### Cavalieri Golf Tourney Sat., Sept. 9

The 2nd Annual David Cavalieri Golf Tournament will be Saturday, September 9 at Memorial Links Golf Course in Pleasant Mount. Any questions contact Dan Nebzydowski at 570-960-2405. Details to follow.

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- \*Sat., July 8 - Them Boys (8 p.m.-midnight)
- \*Sun., July 9 - The Soul Shakers Blues Jam (4-8 p.m.)

\* CD Release Party for Teddy Young Electric Blues Band - July 29!!!!!!

## Main Street Coordinator

By Art McLain

Recently we had the opportunity to attend several productive and forward thinking meetings with people working to improve and promote our town and community. The Greater Forest City Business Association meets monthly and in addition to planning events and activities for the future it is a great way to keep up with what is going on in our area currently. The following day was a meeting with the Rail Trail Council and learning about their progress in promoting not only the Rail Trail but also our area. As everyone is aware we are going through some growing pains as the sidewalks and street are being improved. Couple this with the pipeline work going on at the Rail Trail and it could be easy to get discouraged. On the bright side, this is an opportunity to make plans for events that can happen next year. The Rail Trail is look-

ing to sponsor and co-sponsor events that will happen in our community. The Art in Bloom on the Rail-Trail featured approximately 30 vendor and other businesses. Each of these businesses either singly or collectively are potential new tenants for the available retail space. Through the surveys that were sent to the owners of available retail space on Main Street they were asked if they could provide an incentive to new businesses. At least two of the owners of available properties are very willing to work with someone interested in having a business on Main Street. One of the coming businesses will be the bakery at 703 Main Street. Through the process of obtaining the necessary permits and inspections the business is moving forward and we can look forward to having their goods and services soon. Your ideas and comments

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