

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



My classmate Rich Lauriha (FCHS '59) of Tucson, Arizona, spent some time here recently and we talked about old times. He visited friends and relatives and spent time with his son David and family, and sister Joanie Murnin. He is doing well and keeps that way with daily 6-mile walks in Tucson. He loves living out west and avoiding PA's winter miseries. Our class will have a 60 year reunion in 2019 and he plans to be there. The same old friendly, outgoing guy he was in school. We just can't believe we got to this age so quickly!

Leaves, leaves, leaves! They just seemed to start falling all at once. Scientifically it is due to the reduced daily sunlight, and that's not welcome. Still dark at 6:30AM and sundown before 7PM.

Grandpa Nick Iafaldano, one of the local fire victims, has tears in his eyes when he tells us how good everyone was to him. He lost everything including memorabilia of his grandchildren and family. Just imagine how you would feel if you lost all those things.

What a great job on our Main Street paving. The street had become like an obstacle course with cracks, manholes, utility cuts, etc. They re-did the line down the road last week to make it even better.

Didn't see any predictions about what kind of winter we will be having but did see some good looking snowmobiles at Rich's NAPA Store in FC. Good time to get a new model at pre-season prices.

One of our subscriber snowbirds going back to Fort Meyers, FL, was in last week to change their subscription address. Despite a direct hit from Irma, their home was not damaged. Talked to two other folks with FL homes which also escaped the storm's wrath.

The FC Library's Author's luncheon last week at Elkview CC was a huge success. A beautiful day with lots of stimulating conversation, great food and prizes. Hats off to Librarian Diana Junior and Joan Skarbez for another great job.

The FC Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Forest City. Advertisers really showed their appreciation of a great library and wonderful staff in this issue. We have several pages of congratulatory ads celebrating this occasion. We thank all of our advertisers for recognizing this milestone.

Wivey's League is now in the 8-team playoffs as you can read on pg. 4. Three more matches to go to decide the all-season champs. It was a successful season for all.

Pancake breakfast set for Sat., Sept. 30

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be held Sat., Sept. 30, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Union Dale Church Hall. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs (cooked to order), coffee, tea and juice.

FC food pantry Tues., Oct. 3

The Salvation Army food pantry has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 3, starting at 3:45 p.m.

Benefit planned for Fire Victims Sun., Oct. 8

ARK helps, Non-Profit Organization, owned and organized by a local 15-year-old girl, has scheduled another benefit concert to help local families in Forest City!

"ARK-Fest FALL 2017" will be held on Sunday, October 8th at Creekside Grove in Lenoxville. They plan to host a great event to raise money for the victims of the Main Street fire in Forest City on August 27th.

This benefit will be another very exciting All-Age (21 to drink) concert event. The doors will open at 1 PM with Live Entertainment, an Interactive DJ, Vendors, Basket Raffles and Food & Beverages, scheduled from 2 PM to 8 PM.

Our featured bands will be ready to entertain with great music! They are currently scheduling sponsors, vendors, musical entertainment and volunteers.

Angel, Founder and President says, "It breaks my heart to see a tragedy like this occur in our area, and I'd especially like to thank one local resident (Amanda) and one former resident (Jennifer), as well as all the others for their help and support in pulling the community together to raise money for the

victims." (NEPA)

LIVE Entertainment Schedule:
2:00 PM - Bright Shiny Objects
3:00 PM - The Wanabees
4:00 PM - Katie Evans & Candi Vee
5:00 PM - Dashboard Mary
6:00 PM - Halfway to Hell - AC/DC tribute

And all day hosted by The Ringmaster & DJ Jenny Monstrosity

They have secured a bus and driver for transportation to the event. For only \$5, round trip, unlicensed supporters without transportation can now come to benefit concert with pickups and drop offs in both Carbondale and Forest City. Schedule will be as follows:

Pick Up: Carbondale @ 12:30 PM (location TBA)
Pick Up: Forest City @ 1:00 PM (location TBA)
RETURN after the event @ 8:00 PM

House numbers Are required In Forest City

Stephanie Resich, Forest City code enforcement office, announced that Forest City Borough has experienced many catastrophic fires which have been handled quickly and with great care. The properties had house numbers on them and were easily found by the First Responders (Police, Fire, Paramedics, etc)

Many homes in this Borough do not have house numbers. Section 304.3 (International Property Maintenance Code 2012) states "Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be minimum of 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.

Compliance of the Code is for your safety, your neighbors and the whole Borough. In the near future the Code Enforcement Officer shall visit neighborhoods looking for house numbers. If a home or business does not have an identifying number on the front facade a door hanger will be placed on the building. If the homeowner or business owner does not comply further action will be taken.

D.G.'s Annual Craft Fair/ Flea Market Sept. 30

D.G.'s Bar will hold Craft show/Flea Market on Saturday, September 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Have anything to sell, you are welcome. If your organization has tickets for sale, set up a table and get support from the community. \$5 fee.

Some of the vendors include: D.G.'s gift certificate special, Bloom, Rodan and Fields, LipSense, Handmade carpets, The Scrolling Lumberjack, Farmer Vito, Younique, Agnes and Dora, Lularoe, many craft tables and flea market tables. Stop in and check it out.

FC Rotary Marathon Breakfast Oct. 8

The Forest City Area Rotary Club will hold a Steamtown Marathon Race Day Breakfast on Sunday, October 8 from 7 AM to 11 AM at Elegant Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and new this year, \$5 for students with 2017 Marathon t-shirt.

Fern Hall is site of movie filming

By Jennifer Butler

When the phone rang at Fern Hall on Aug. 31, the management and staff at the establishment had no idea how their lives would soon change.

Joe Agnello, general manager at Fern Hall, says at first he did not believe that a writer/director was calling to request the use of the golf course for a film that will hit the theater in 2018, but it has definitely been a reality these last few weeks.

Angela Shelton, a Montrose girl at heart and award-winning writer/director, met with Mr. Agnello on Sept. 2 and by Sept. 10 the movie was underway with 12 of the 17 days of shooting to take place at Fern Hall.

"It was the reel deal," laughed the general manager and began work to make the set for "The Eagle and the Albatross" the most pristine it could be.

Since a fire shut the inn down on July 20, there has been no food service or guests staying at the inn. Special permits, after numerous inspections, were required to open the inn to the cast and crew during their stay.

On Aug. 30, the day before the amazing call to become a movie set, hot water was restored to the inn. "I had to hire an entire kitchen staff and we adjusted our maintenance schedules to meet the needs of the film crew," said Mr. Agnello, who is also the golf course superintendent.

Mr. Agnello was surely welcomed to Hollywood as he would soon find working 37 of 48 hours were the norm for many of the crew. The GM has left his home as early as 3:15 a.m. to drive 58 miles from his home in Stroudsburg and be on set as early as 4:30



Joe Agnello, of Fern Hall, poses with Angela Shelton, writer/director of movie being filmed at Fern Hall.

a.m. "We have been working in the dark to have the course in tip top shape for the golfers and the film crew," he noted.

Things change at a moment's notice for Mr. Agnello as he is summoned by the crew to help actors learn such things as driving a mower, and yes he has even been cast in some cameos in the movie! The inn's dining area has been renovated to a movie studio and the library is now wardrobe.

The crew has been looking for extras and anyone interested can email to filmcrew@fernhall.com.

Mr. Agnello's daughter, Molly, has also been instrumental in providing a new logo for the course and it has also been used in the movie on course flags. The crew has even invited her to be a part of filming the movie. The young lady plans to attend college upon graduation for graphic design and photography.

The Los Angeles based production company is filming the golf-themed tearjerker comedy starring Dan Lauria of The Wonder Years. A grumpy widowed golfer



Molly Agnello designed logo

finds out he has three months to live after taking an orphaned female Korean golfer under his wing, sending them on a journey to face their fear of losing loved ones and their game.

Famous actress Adrienne Barbeau has made an appearance for her role in the movie as well as Michael Badaluco, Chris Wyldie, Richie Montgomery and more!

A celebrity golf outing and meet and greet with the celebrities will be held Oct. 2. For more information visit Fern Hall on Facebook or call the inn.

Vandling Borough hears complaints from residents

Vandling Borough Council was without its President, Mayor and one Councilman at the monthly meeting on Monday, September 18. Vice President Don Franceski presided over the meeting.

Several residents had complaints ranging from the condition of the newly paved Hillside Street, speeding at the Y going to Clinton Street, the lack of assistance from Lackawanna County for the senior citizens, and the work being done on the gas line.

A letter was read from Bill Burrell asking someone to come look at his driveway on Hillside Street now that the paving is done. He said he has a six inch gap getting out.

Councilman Pat Sherry said Stafursky is done paving and any driveway issues need to be corrected by the property owner. He said the road was put back to street level per the contract.

SCHOOL BEGINS
Police Chief Jim Johnson said with school starting the department is going to be less tolerant with people speeding and passing buses. He said there will be more enforcement.

Residents express concern about speeding onto Clinton Street and asked if a 25 mph sign could be put up or a children at play sign. Chief Johnson said there are speed enforcement lines in two spots in Vandling and asked if any resident would like to let the department use their driveways for speed control, to please contact him.

MAPLE RIDGE DEV.
Emmett Mancinelli, engineer for the Maple Ridge

Development was in attendance. He was told by Solicitor Paul Smith that the intermunicipal agreement was signed by two of the Fell Township supervisors and he was waiting for the third signature.

Mancinelli asked if Vandling would pass a resolution approving the project. Councilman John Mayers said he would rather wait until the full Council was present and asked Mancinelli to get documents for the next meeting letting Council know where exactly the project stands.

SECURITY CAMERAS
Council will purchase security cameras for the playground. The cost will be approximately \$250.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Barbara Gliha asked why Vandling has such a high cost for garbage. She said she feels residents are paying \$75 more a year than they need to.

She asked why Lackawanna County doesn't provide needed services to senior citizens and the disabled. She said whenever she contacts departments in Lackawanna County they tell her that her zip code is 18421 and that is in Susquehanna County.

She asked Council to send a letter to Lackawanna County that seniors are not being serviced in Vandling.

Gliha asked why the street sweeper did not come through town this year. She said she has a pile of dirt in front of her driveway and she can't clean it up. She asked if the Borough could take care of it.

Lorraine Jones said she has lived in Vandling for over 60 years and is ashamed with the way things are. She said the paving on Hillside Street is a disgrace. They only patched one side of the street rather than the whole road.

Barbara Bock asked why the garbage fee is so high. Mary Pucul questioned how Vandling can legally charge more than the contract.

Councilman John Mayers explained that the \$245 just covered the contract in 2015 due to lack of payments by some residents. He said now that the garbage fee is included in the tax bill they have gotten more of the monies for the garbage and have a surplus. He said Council will look at that during the next budget cycle and could possibly lower the garbage fee.

Mary Pucul questioned the work being done on the gas pipeline behind her house. She said they are bringing dump trucks loaded with rock out of an access road everyday. She said it is an environmentally protected zone. She asked if zoning permits were obtained.

Attorney Paul Smith said based on the reports from the Lackawanna Conservation District, the contractors are in compliance with all of the rules and regulations.

Editor's Note: The day after the meeting, Councilman John Mayers did a walk through of the paving work and contacted the NEWS on Friday, Sept. 22. Mayers said Stafursky did an outstanding job. He said the contractors did what they were hired to do.

Clinton Twp. discusses road work

by Theresa Opeka
The Clinton Township Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13.

Among the business discussed: The Yarnes Road Bridge Project is complete but the road work on Yarnes Road has not yet started.

It has been reported that

the bid for work on the open grate bridge on Route 170 has been awarded to Tim Kohrs. His plan is to start the work after the state has all of the necessary paperwork completed.

It was announced that the state audit of the township's records was completed. There were no negative com-

ments. Secretary Jill Droppa was thanked for the good work.

A bid will be going out for cinders and the delivery of plowing for Browndale for the 2017-18 season.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11.

