

# Forest City Trail Town Festival 250th Anniversary of Anthracite SAT., AUG. 4

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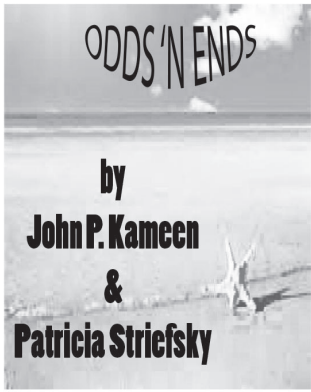
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**The public is invited** to take part in all events associated with Saturday's Trail Town Festival. Lots taking place on the Rail Trail and Main Street for young and old. Vendors and craft people in the 400-500 blocks along with music, food and things for kids. If you haven't visited the Historical Society Museum, at the corner of Main and Dundaff Sts., stop in to see mining-era displays, speakers and a play. Also ethnic foods for sale in the basement. Hopefully this will be the 1st of many Trail Town events to come.

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**Our office manager Jean Matoushek** is doing rehab after her 13-day hospitalization. We're hoping to get her back as soon as possible. We don't handle the office as well as Jean so we ask your forgiveness if we are slow in billing for a month or so.

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**You should buy your** tickets for the Christ Church chicken BBQ by Friday. You can pick them up after 3pm Saturday.

## Coal Cracker Run Updates

The Coal Cracker Run will be held at 8 AM from the D&H Trailhead, off SR 247 on Saturday August 4th. It is both a 2-mile run and a 'quarter' marathon (6.55M). As you know, the Rail-Trail Council holds a half-marathon, the D&H Distance Run on September 9th and it is perfect timing to get out and run that distance. The race benefits the Forest City XC Team with coach Josh Korty as the race organizer.

This year a lot of cool awards are planned— coal miner trophies, medals, and golden railroad spikes. The coveted Coal Cracker Tee-Shirt will be given to all race participants! You can register the day of the event at 7:30 AM.

## Trail Bike Rides

A bike ride will be held at 10 AM for the Trail Town Festival on August 4th. Meet at the Forest City Trailhead, off SR 247. There will be two rides, one will be an interpretive 7-mile ride stopping at mining and railroad remnants, you'll see along the D&H. This ride is suitable for hybrid and mountain bikes. The other will be a more fast-paced loop mountain bike ride utilizing the D&H and O&W, about 10+ miles. Bikers are also welcome to go out on their own. The trail will be open all day, from Forest City south only.

## Vendors for Trail Town Festival Sat., Aug. 4

Ros-Al Floral and Events has announced the vendors for Forest City's Trail Town Festival on Saturday, August 4 from 10 AM to 6 PM in the 500 block of Main Street.

The following vendors will be at the event: Laura Medved-Chocolates; Lackawanna River Corridor-Demonstration & Handouts; Chocolates by Jenny; PersonNELLED Cakes-Cupcakes; Michelle Borosky-Paparazzi Jewelry; Case Quattro-Wine; Lucy Brown-Art Dealer; Michael Wilcox-Candles; Andrea Durmiaki-Art; Jessica Pride-Art & Painting; Ros-Al Floral-Steampunk Art and Cat Paintings; Thrive Bike Shop; Tarot Card Readings by Chris and much more.

Music by Rick Priebe will be from 1 PM to 3 PM followed by DJ Donna Diva from 4 PM to 8 PM.

## Distinguished Citizen's Awards Sat., Aug. 4th

This 36th annual Distinguished Citizen awards will go to well over 100 local fire personnel and one former resident on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 12 noon at the air-conditioned Historical Society Museum. Ethnic foods will be available for sale in the basement following the ceremony.

The local Distinguished Citizen awards go to the members of the Forest City Area Emergency Services and the Browndale Fire Company for their volunteer services to our communities. The former resident to be honored is Dr. Joseph Sisko, formerly of Vandling. Dr. Sisko is being honored for 24 years in the area of drug and medical research.

Patricia Striefsky, Publisher of The Forest City News, the sponsor of the Distinguished Citizen awards, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

## Ethnic program At Museum This week

There are still several nightly presentations of Forest City's ethnic heritage to take place this week as part of the Forest City Area Historical Society 250th Anniversary of Anthracite and the Trail Town Festival. All events begin at 7pm at the Museum. The Museum is air conditioned and has an elevator.

Tuesday, July 31, local resident Alan Gordon will talk about the contributions of Polish people to early 20th Century in Forest City.

Wednesday, Aug. 1, Stephanie Longo, founder of the Italian-American Heritage Society of NEPA, will speak on Italian miners and their customs.

Thurs., Aug. 2, Carol Gargan, Lithuanian historian, will discuss Lithuanian heritage in Forest City and surrounding area.

Friday, Aug. 3, Joseph Beautz, President of the Slovenian Heritage Club, will talk on the history of Slovenians coming to the Forest City Area.

The public is invited to attend and are welcome to ask questions or talk about their local heritage.

## Scavenger Hunt Sat. at Trail Festival

Local youngsters and adults can visit seven Main Street businesses and view historical artifacts for the chance to win one of four bikes and a GFCBA gift basket. Locations will be open from 10am to 3pm.

You must pick up a Passport at any of the merchants. It must be signed at that merchant when the participant finds the following at each location: Railroad tie at House of Flowers, Railroad lantern at Zazzera's Supermarket, Miner's helmet at Shirley's Restaurant, Canary in cage at Ros-Al Floral, Lunch pail at Kelley's Salon, Railroad track with spikes at Red Cross Pharmacy and visit Multi-Strive Sports street vendor.

When all seven signatures are obtained, the Passport must be brought to the Historical Society Museum by 5pm to be verified and will be put into boxes for one of four bikes: boys bike, girls bike, adult male, adult female. A GFCBA gift basket will also be awarded at 5pm.

## August Museum hours

The Forest City Area Historical Society Museum, at 629 Main St., will be open for the viewing of artifacts and exhibits the following Saturdays, from 11AM to 1PM: August 11, August 18, August 25.

It also will be open for Trail Town Festival Saturday, Aug. 4., from 9AM to 8PM.

Rev. Francis Burshnick, the 2009 Distinguished Citizen, will give the Invocation.

John P. Kameen, former News Publisher, will introduce past Distinguished Citizens, and present the local awards to the fire companies and their personnel. Col. Jeffrey Swegel, the 2003 Distinguished Citizen, will present this year's award to his classmate, Dr. Joseph Sisko.

Awards will also be presented to the Distinguished Citizens by Council President Nick Cost, Sen. Lisa Baker, State Rep, Jonathan Fritz, Susq. County commissioners Alan Hall, Maryann Warren and Betsey Arnold.

This year's selection committee was:

Forest City Council President Nick Cost, Vandling Council President Fran Pantzar, Lions Club Jim Marsicano, Rotary Club Richard Kresock, Historical Society Dave Homisak, Slovenian Heritage Club Joseph Beautz, Business Alliance Michael O'Neill, American Legion Jeffrey Swegel, Forest City News Patricia Striefsky and John P. Kameen

## Trail Town Chicken BBQ Christ Church Sat., Aug. 4

On Saturday, August 4th, Christ Church will participate in the Trail Day festivities being held in Forest City. As part of the town-wide activities, the church - located at the corner of Dundaff & Delaware Streets - will hold a chicken barbeque dinner from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

The take-out dinner will include one-half chicken, butter-garlic potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and home-baked desserts. Limited tickets are available for \$10 and may be purchased from The Forest City News, Tobacco Road, Red Cross Pharmacy, Jack Demark at 570-540-5936, Shirley Wallace at 570-785-3518 or from Christ Church members by leaving a call-back message at 570-785-3425.

All dinners will be served in take-out containers from the church. The dining hall will be available for dining but without table service. For those dining in, beverages will be available for sale.

## Fishing Derby at Kennedy Park Sun., Aug. 5

As part of their Senior Project at FCRHS, Brady Hentschel and Artie Bronson will hold a Fishing Derby on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Kennedy Park. Registration starts at 8am. Fishing is from 9 AM-11 AM.

There will be demonstrations and refreshments and prizes will be from 11 AM-12 PM.

The Age groups are 1-7 and 8-15. It is Free to all children.

The event is in Memory of Officer Peter Stachura. They will be assisted by Forest City Assistant Chief Lee Rowan.

Canisters have been placed in area businesses for donations to cover the prizes and refreshments.

## Touch a Truck on Main St. Sat., August 4

In conjunction with the Forest City Trail Town Festival, on Saturday, August 4, a Touch A Truck event will be held in the 400 block of Main Street from 12 Noon to 3 PM. Emergency vehicles, police cars, fire trucks, heavy equipment and various other vehicles will be on display for the kids to see and touch.

Anyone interested in participating in this event is asked to contact Patricia Striefsky at 570-785-3800 or email patricia@forestcitynews.com.

## NEP Fireworks donation



A fireworks display at 10 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 4, sponsored by NEP Telephone Co., will be put on by Thompson Hose Company, and can be viewed from many places in town. The display will be shot off from the Vision 2000 Industrial Park. Pictured from left, Mayor Chris Grinton, Paul Daugevelo, Patricia Striefsky, and Steven Tourje.

## Forest City's Trail Town Festival filled with activities for the young and old

All is ready, with hopes of good weather, for Saturday's all-day Trail Town Festival and 250th Anniversary of Anthracite, an all-day event sponsored by the Rail Trail Council of NEPA, the Forest City Area Historical Society and the Greater Forest City Area Business Alliance.

Rail Trail events begin at 8am with the annual Coal Cracker race with Bridget Wiley and Josh Korty of the Forest City Regional cross country team in charge. Proceeds benefit the XC team. It is a 2-mile and quarter marathon on the Trail. Pre-applications are available at [www.dhdistance-run.com](http://www.dhdistance-run.com)

A dedication of two historical signs on the Trail at 9:30 is followed by bike rides at 10am.

Some rental bikes will be available.

Town events include Main Street vendors in the 400 and 500 blocks of Main Street by Ros-Al Floral and Events. There will be crafts, food, music and entertainment for young and old. A list of vendors can be found elsewhere. Local musicians will be DJ Donna Diva and Rick Priebe. There will be a Touch-A-Truck for kids in the 400 block.

An all-day event will be a

## Coal miner Wood sculpture To be unveiled

The Forest City Area Historical Society has commissioned the sculpting of a full size statue of an anthracite coal miner which will be unveiled and displayed at the Historical Society museum on the day of the Forest City Trail Festival Saturday, August 4th.

The wood sculpture is being prepared by Kevin Treat, Lake Winola, who is known in the area for his custom wood sculptures.

It is 5 1/2 ft. tall, the size of a typical coal miner, and is clothed in black like miners of the early 20th Century.

## Help Us Stuff the Bus Sat., Aug. 4

The Help Us Stuff the Bus drive will be held on Sat., Aug. 4 from noon to 4 at Honesdale National Bank Forest City, and at DG's Bar from 4 p.m. to parade time.

Please consider donating any of the following school items: Pencil boxes, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, No.2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, blunt-tipped scissors, glue sticks, plastic folders, construction paper, wide-ruled notebooks or pads, tissues and backpacks.

All donated items will benefit the students of Forest City Regional School District.

Scavenger Hunt for young and old with historical artifacts displayed at seven Main St. locations. Pick up a Passport at any of the seven locations and find a particular artifact in the store and get a signature. Return the completed Passport to the Historical Society by 5pm and you can win one of four bicycles or a GFCBA gift basket.

The events at the Historical Society include Museum open from 9am to 8pm. Ethnic foods for sale include kielbasa, pierogi, sausage and peppers, cabbage and noodles in the Museum basement.

The annual Distinguished Citizen presentation will be at the museum at 12 noon followed at 1:30 by Scott Herring who is chairman of the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite. At 2:30 Rail Trail Executive Director Lynn Conrad will talk on the impact of railroads on Forest City's history.

At 3:30 Forest City historian Mark Walsh will appear at the Rotary Miners' Memorial at William Penn Park to discuss the sacrifices of miners in Forest City history.

From 3 to 6pm Christ Church chicken barbecue, takeouts only, will be at the church. Tickets are now on sale.

## Free Baton Clinic on Sat., Aug. 4

A complimentary baton twirling clinic by Lynnette's Twirlerettes will be held in conjunction with Forest City's Trail Town Festival on Saturday, Aug. 4. It is open to anyone ages 3 and up, batons will be provided.

The clinic will be held at noon on Main Street in the 500 block. Fire baton and knife twirlers will be on hand for demonstrations.

## Natl. Night Out at Kennedy Park Tues., Aug. 7

Forest City Borough Police Department will be hosting National Night Out at Kennedy Park on Tuesday, August 7 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The Waymart Police Department will also join up with police K9 Sgt. Dallas.

There will be food, snacks, drinks, DJ Junior, Red Dragon Karate, FC Rocks, Trehab, children's bike raffle and more. Everyone is welcome!

## Pig roast set for Sat., Aug. 11

The 7th annual D.G.'s pig roast will be held Sat., Aug. 11, at D.G.'s, Main St., Forest City, from 2 p.m. until sold out. Pre-sale dinners appreciated. Music by Wolfman. Cost is \$10.

Benefits will go to the D.G.'s Do Gooders - help for the good when things go bad!

At 5PM a locally-written and produced mining-era play, by Shelly Giles, with local cast members will be staged at the Museum. The play will be followed at 6pm by a march of ethnic costumes into the Museum to the music of Jude's Polka Jets and button box accordion music by the Slick Brothers.

The day's finale will be a Forest City-signature Light Parade with floats, marching units and vehicles beginning at 9pm at the Industrial Park and ending at DG's Bar, North Main St., for a food and music party which will begin at DG's at 4pm.

After the parade, a fireworks display, sponsored by NEP Telephone Co., and put on by Thompson Hose Company, can be viewed from many places in town.

The following day there will be a Fishing Derby for the kids from 8am to 12 noon at Kennedy Park with many prizes available.

## Light Parade in Forest City Sat., August 4

A Light Parade will be held on Saturday, August 4 in Forest City in conjunction with the Trail-Town Festival. The parade will kick off at 9 PM from the VISION 2000 Industrial Park and continue up Rte. 247 to Main Street where it will turn right and head up Main Street where it will end at D.G.'s Bar. D.G.'s will have a party beginning at 4 PM. The theme for the light parade will be "Lights, Lights, and More Lights."

The list of floats include: NEPA Sno Trails, Salvation Army Disaster Van, NEP Telephone Co., Forest City Area Historical Society, Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Lynnette's Twirlerettes, Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center, Adams Cable, Forest City Regional Band, Rail Trail Council, Freddy's Refuse, R & A Auto Soda Truck, PersonNELLED Cakes, Red Dragon, Honesdale National Bank, and local Fire Companies

Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Chris Grinton at 570-960-2754 or email him [cgltd.cg@gmail.com](mailto:cgltd.cg@gmail.com).

## Trail Festival Road closings

The Rail Trail Festival on Saturday, Aug. 4th, will result in Main Street traffic changes. The 400-500 blocks of Main St. will be closed from 10AM to 10PM. All of Main Street, from SR 247 intersection at Turkey Hill to DG's Bar, North Main St., will be closed from 9 to 9:30pm for the Light Parade which will start in the Industrial Park.



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