

Mining-Era Play draws large crowd to Historical Society



Participants in the Mining-Era Play held at the Forest City Area Historical Society on Sat., Aug. 4 to celebrate Forest City Trail Town Festival and the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite. The play was written and directed by Michelle Giles, Drama Director of Forest City Regional School. Pictured front row left to right: Katie Nguyen, Lila Ingenito, Scarlet Vanaan, Olivia Hancock, Jessica Notari, Destiny Englert, Jenna Dovin, Mary McElhinney, Michelle Giles. Back row left to right: Ryan Notari, Matthew Giles, Blaise Albright, Julien Miller, Matt Homisak, Bob Wirts, Dave Homisak, Roseann Swegel, Barb Kloubucar, Tera Notari.

Bike Winners at National Night Out



National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 7 at Kennedy Park. It is an annual community-building initiative to bring community members and law enforcement officials together to build camaraderie. Bike winners at this year's event were: (L-R) Reed Lesjack, Carter Rushworth, Taylor Bronson, & Abbi Bronson.

Forest City Police participate in National Night Out Aug. 7



National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 7 at Kennedy Park. The Forest City Police, Council and the Mayor participated in the event. Many activities were held for the kids including rock painting, giveaways and a demonstration by the Waymart Police Dept. drug dog. Pictured from left to right: Adam Telesco, Chief Jim Johnson, John Foley, Rich Paulin and Lee Rowan. Missing from picture is Ray Gabikian.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I am so saddened by the negativity surrounding the potential sale of the Elliot and Kim Ross property. Addiction is a complex illness and recovery from it is a hard but noble path. Men and women who walk that path deserve our support, encouragement and admiration.

When an organization purchased a home in my community and wanted to open a group home, I saw the same fear and prejudice that is now occurring in Herrick Center. Go forward 25 years; that group home is still here and our town, very early on, accepted them as our neighbors.

And, by the way, all of the police officers, EMS staff, firefighters that I know, don't feel "burdened" to do their job. They chose their profession in order to help people. Treat people the way you want to be treated and help those in need. These are the values we should all embody.

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Helpers needed For Rock Lake Annual picnic

Parishioners of St. Katherine Drexel and Ascension Parishes are asked by the Pastor, Rev. Brian J.T. Clarke, to volunteer to assist in some way in the running of the annual Rock Lake Picnic which will be Saturday, Aug. 18 at St. Juliana Church Hall, Rock Lake.

Any help during the week prior to the event, and on picnic day, would be greatly appreciated. Events include the annual turkey dinner, bake sale, flea market, sale of 50/50s, grass cutting, cleaning, food preparation either at Rock Lake or at home.

Prizes and flea market donations would be appreciated.

To volunteer or to seek information call Rose at 570-798-2539 or the Parish Office at 570-785-3838

Suicide Loss Support Group Meets Aug. 23

The Wayne/Pike Suicide Awareness Committee announces the monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, Honesdale, and beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will take place in Conference Room #3, 2nd floor (take the Orange elevator "A").

The support group is a positive support time to help deal with suicide and loss of a loved one. We wish to invite individuals 16 years of age and older to attend the meeting.

Our 2018 Awareness Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018. PLEASE mark your calendar. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 walk and those who donated raffle prizes and baskets.

For more information please contact Ms. Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200. Please note, in case of inclement weather the support group will not meet. Volunteers are welcome to service on the Wayne/Pike Suicide Committee also by contacting Ms. Valinski.

Rail-Trail to Conduct 10th Distance Run

The 10th annual D&H Distance Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, beginning at 9am at the Rail-Trail trailhead in Forest City.

It will proceed approx. 6-1/2 miles to a turnaround north of Cable's store, UnionDale, and finish in Forest City, 300 yards from the start.

The following cooperating organizations will be involved: Clifford Fire Co. and EMS, Cottage Hose & Ambulance, Elk Mtn. Ski Patrol, Forest City Ambulance, Forest City Fire Co., Forest City Police, Pleasant Mount EMS, Susq. Co. 911 Center, UnionDale Fire Co., UnionDale Police.

A planning session for the various helping units will be held Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 6:30PM at the Rail Trail office in UnionDale. Soft drinks and subs will be served.

Center St. Gazebo Clean up Sat., Sept. 1

The cleanup of the Gazebo area below Delaware Street and above Center Street will be Saturday, September 1, 2018. Four (4) volunteers are needed to begin the brush cleanup. Time to arrive should be about 9:00am - 11:00 am.

Please wear long sleeves and long pants with sturdy shoes. Bring with you insect spray with Deet; water to hydrate with; wear gloves and if you can bring with you cutting shears or lopping shears. Please call 570-267-2708 if you have any questions.

This is the first meeting to get ideas, do some work, make decisions about the Gazebo, etc. Any and all suggestions will be graciously heard.

This project is non-funded and will require lots of sweat and tears. It will take about 2 summers to complete. Patience and fortitude are necessary for this project. The rewards will be a nice area to walk and gaze out over the area.

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Pleasant Mount News

By Theresa Opeka

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Happy Birthday to: Ryan Kilker, Matthew Terry, Steve DeGennaro, TJ Knapp, Stacey Davis, Justine Ellis, Ryan Borowicz, Joe Wildenstein, Jason Saam, Jeffrey Mead, Dave Cordts, Pat Biondo, Alice Sampson, Andy Geuther, Morgan Saul, Mike Watson, Peter Watson, Terri Nebzydowski, Ashley Kneier and Renee Chrisler.

Happy Anniversary to: Gerald and Sandra Nield, Eric and Jennifer Bobham, Jim and Bobbie Kalbaugh, Peter and Wendy Nebzydowski, Chris and Sara Cox.

Upcoming events at the Pleasant Mount Library: Quilts of Valor - Saturday, August 18th, 9:30 am with Lorraine Fenstermacher; Kindness Rocks - Pizza and Ice Cream Party - Saturday, August 25th, 12 noon - 2pm; Quilt Class with Lorraine Fenstermacher, \$5 - Tuesday, August 28th - 6:30 pm; Story Hour - Every Wednesday at 10:30 am with Wendy Stueber; Play Group - 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 10am - 12 noon with Sheryl Popkin.

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 18th at 2048 Creamton Drive, Pleasant

Mount. A family style ham & turkey dinner will be held from 11:30am-3:30pm (take-outs available until 3pm). Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm. There will be a giant flea market, bingo, games, prizes and 50/50 raffle. Square dancing by "Just Us" from 8-11pm (donated by Ed Howell). For more details, please call the parish office at 570-785-3838.

The 35th Annual Woodsmen's Competition at the 156th Annual Wayne County Fair was another big success. Congratulations to Rick Mikloiche who was the Grand Champion. Congratulations also go to Steve Mikloiche and my cousin, Louis Matoushek who placed second in two events.

The Lake Como & Shehawken United Methodist Churches will hold their annual Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at the Shehawken United Methodist Church, 3 Scott Center Road, Starrucca, on Saturday, August 25 from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. Take outs are available. Cost is free will offering. All are invited. Proceeds benefit the joint churches Parsonage Committee.

Paddle up, there's a new game in town

by Deb McNamara

The new popular game around the area is Pickleball—a sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong, and that is played by two to four players using paddles and a plastic ball with holes, on either an indoor or outdoor court about one-third the size of a standard tennis court. It's one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

The game has become particularly popular among people in their 50s, 60s and 70s looking for an activity that offers good aerobic exercise without being as strenuous as traditional racket sports—which affords players the chance to socialize during the game. But, the game can develop into a quick, fast paced, competition as you gain experience. The court (44 by 20 feet) is much smaller than a tennis court and this means it is easier to keep the ball in play. A smaller court also means less running and less wear and tear on knees, hips, ankles.

Around the country, tennis and basketball courts are becoming shared use courts. Kennedy Park in Forest City

has recently converted their tennis court to a shared use court. This simply adds Pickleball lines to an existing tennis court and players of both sports can use the facility. It's great for under-used courts, getting more people outside and exercising. This may cause some initial confusion, but the players quickly get accustomed to the lines which are often blue or yellow to contrast the white used for tennis. The idea is to create boundaries for the new sport without creating a distraction.

A free "learn to play" Pickleball clinic will be held on Sunday, August 19th from 1-3 PM and Wednesday, August 22 from 9-11 AM. Both events will be held on the Kennedy Park Tennis Court and equipment will be provided.

Consider breakfast or lunch at one of Main Street's restaurants to plan your pre-game strategies!

Please RSVP if you plan to attend elkracer@nep.net. For more information contact Deb at 570-396-0715.

FCR 7th grade Orientation date Change is Aug. 30

Due to a scheduling conflict, the new date for Forest City Regional's Seventh Grade Orientation is Thursday, August 30. Registration and refreshments are from 5-5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The program will begin at 5:30. Letters with all the orientation details were mailed to all incoming 7th graders. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Terri Erdmann at erdmann@fcrsd.org.

Correction

On the titles in the ethnic heritage article last week, Carol Gargan spoke about Lithuania, and Joseph Beautz's talk was Aug. 3.

FREE Comm. Meal in C'dale Sat., Aug. 25

A Free Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 25th from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale. Everyone is Welcome!

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