

THE *Armstrong Beat*

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY TOURIST BUREAU VOLUME 8 ISSUE 4

WHERE DID OUR SUMMER GO???

The Tourist Bureau kicked off summer by taking to the highways along with its trailer loaded full of Visitor Information, Apparel, Members Brochures and lots of Giveaways. We are always excited to showcase what Armstrong County has to offer.



Some of the Armstrong County favorites include crafts, food, and reuniting with old friends. There were numerous festivals and events such as Ford City Summerfest, the Armstrong Championship Rodeo, Fort Armstrong Folk Festival, Dayton Fair, Arts on the Allegheny concerts and DK1's movies at the Riverfront Park. No matter which of these was your favorite we are happy to have them here in Armstrong County!

Back in the Office we were finalizing the details for our Gateway Clipper Fall Foliage Dinner Cruise, the Tourist Bureau Annual Luncheon at the Renshaw Family Farms, and setting our sites on 2015 Memberships, photos and events for our calendar, filling requests for information and promoting tourism in Armstrong County.

The Board of Directors and Staff wish to thank EVERYONE – Members, Friends and Family who volunteered their time to help make it possible for us to participate at these events. People like you are what makes this county so great!

Last but NOT least, a “BIG” thank you to the Armstrong County Public Works and their dedication to the Tourist Bureau. No matter how busy their schedule may be, they always manage to get us where we need to go, making sure we are set up properly and returned safely.

As always we invite you to stop in or log on to: armstrongcounty.com to see what's happening in ARMSTRONG COUNTY!

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Armstrong County
Board of
Commissioners
declares Oct. 28th
PINK OUT Day!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Show your support by wearing PINK. “Pink” is not just a color, it is a reminder and tribute to all the women and men in our lives who have battled, continue to battle and have overcome Breast Cancer. Pick up a PINK Armstrong County Shirt at the Tourist Bureau!

Short Sleeve - \$7
Long Sleeve - \$10



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(Bottom Right: Director Kevin Andrews, his wife Katelynn Andrews, Assistants Linda Pennington and Jessica Yockey)

2014 Fall Foliage Cruise Along the Allegheny River

The Armstrong County Tourist Bureau’s goal to bring the “Princess” up the Allegheny for the 2014 Fall Foliage Cruise was proven to be a success as 180 attendees boarded The Gateway Clipper Fleet on Sunday, October 12th. At first word of the cruise, residents from Armstrong and surrounding counties anxiously awaited for tickets to be released for sale at 9:00AM on October 1st which sold out by approximately 8:15 the next morning – Thursday, October 2nd.

“People are very excited about the cruise, we sold out in less than 24 hours.” Kevin Andrews, Director of the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau said.

Shortly after boarding at RJ Brown River Towing beneath the Judge J. Frank Graff Bridge at 4:00PM, the “Princess” cruised through Lock 7 and up the river while passengers enjoyed a delicious dinner with a beautiful view of the fall foliage. While the window lined Gateway Clipper Fleet provided the perfect opportunity for passengers to simultaneously dine and view the scenery, many visited the outer and upper deck for an “all around” view.

The Armstrong County Tourist Bureau would like to thank NexTier Bank who was a Deck Crew sponsor, as well as our shipmate sponsors BLX, Inc., and Sintermet, LLC . We would also like to thank the 2014 Fall Foliage Cruise passengers for contributing to the success of the cruise.



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Worthington Market is your locally-owned convenience store on East Main Street, in Worthington, PA, owned and operated by the Peters family since 2012. We offer many snack and drink options, but are best known for our fundraiser hoagie program, which offers organizations up to 50% profit.

Worthington Market has a full-service deli with a great selection of name-brand meats and cheeses to please your palate, plus a delicious variety of store-made heat & eat meals, deli foods such as pasta, macaroni and potato salad, and sandwiches. We now offer a lunch delivery service every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM—2 PM. Lunch specials are posted on our Facebook page weekly. Want lunch specials delivered to your inbox or fax? We can do that! You can even earn a bonus, like a free cookie or a discount for answering a “fun food fact” question!

Need catering? Whether you need snacks or a full meal with all the fixings, we can help! We will work with you to create a custom menu for your gathering, no matter how big or small. Worthington Market is open Monday—Friday 4 AM—9 PM, Saturdays 6 AM—9 PM, and Sundays 6 AM—7:30 PM to serve you. Want more information about fundraisers, lunch specials, or catering? Want to be added to our contact list for specials? Call us at 724-297-3607. Check out our website www.worthingtonmarket.com, and like our Facebook page.

See you soon!



ARROWHEAD CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Arrowhead TU is one of fifty Trout Unlimited Chapters in Pennsylvania. Trout Unlimited, a nationwide nonprofit organization, is focused on preserving, protecting and enhancing our Nations cold water watersheds. Arrowhead TU is currently focused on the following endeavors:

- Maintaining a 3.9 mile “Delayed Harvest – Artificial Lures Only (DHAOL) section of Buffalo Creek upstream from Worthington. To date, approximately \$650,000 in State and Federal grant funds have been secured and spent to enhance the DHALO for the purpose of ensuring a year round trout fishery for anglers to enjoy. Arrowhead members assist with the stocking of trout via both bucketing and float stocking of both trout furnished by the PA Fish and Boat Commission as well as 4,000 trout the Chapter raises at its nursery in Rural Valley, Pa.

- Chapter members are currently monitoring the water quality in three local watersheds by use of computerized data loggers. This endeavor will ensure early alerts of contamination of pollutants to these watersheds.

- Arrowhead sponsors three “Trout in the Classroom” curriculums in three local schools including Buffalo Elementary, The Divine Redeemer and Kittanning’s West Hills Elementary. This nationwide program developed by Trout Unlimited provides a hands on learning experience to the students as to the importance of clean cold water watersheds. Students learn how the survival of trout as well as all aquatic life depends on clean water.



- Arrowhead sponsors an annual youth fishing and environmental awareness outing each June. Area youth in grades third through fifth spend the day learning basic fly tying, casting, aquatic life forms and mentored fishing culminating with the awarding of prizes to all of the kids in attendance.

Arrowhead TU’s sole fundraiser is an annual banquet held at the CU Club in Ford City in mid March of each year. The banquet is family oriented and is highlighted by numerous raffle prize drawings for both fishing and non-fishing items. The banquet guarantees a fun night out for all in attendance.



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Mission Statement of the Tourist Bureau:

Established in 1963, the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau is the official tourism promotion agency for Armstrong County. Our mission is to promote tourism, tourism development, and the interest of the travel and hospitality industries of our region, thereby contributing to the economic growth and well-being of this area. The Armstrong County Tourist Bureau is a non-profit, membership organization.

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Smicksburg Invites you to an . . . Old Fashion Country Christmas Open House

October 31st 10 - 5 November 1st 10 - 5 November 2nd 12 - 5



The Drying Shed: Door prizes every hour on Saturday (2ft. decorated pencil trees) ~ Friday & Sunday door prize (gift basket) ~ Holiday refreshments ~ Each customer will receive the 2014 traditional Drying Shed Christmas gift ~ In store specials all weekend ~ Fresh pine wreaths made on site!

The Country Cupboard: Great selection of Christmas gift ideas ~ Sample party dips ~ Windgate Winery wines available Christmas refreshments!

Yoder's Country Living: Friday: Homemade cookies and live entertainment / Saturday: Free wagon rides through the Amish countryside ~ Homemade cookies, live entertainment ~ Santa ~ Sample your favorite holiday foods / Sunday: Santa ~ homemade cookies and samples / Free cider on the porch all weekend!

Smicksburg Pottery: Locally made salt glazed pottery for holiday baking and serving. A sampling of hors d' oeuvres. In house hourly drawings.

Country Junction: Come and experience the area's most popular restaurant in the heart of Amish Country. We offer home-style meals as well as homemade desserts! Seasonal Ice Cream. Come hungry and let us quench your appetite.

Olde Tyme Diner: Come in and enjoy "Homestyle Cooking at its Best." We will feature a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday. Come in and try our homemade desserts. Enter here to win a Smicksburg Shopping Spree and a Weekend Stay.

Smicksburg Country Store: Special prices on jams, jellies, fruit syrups which make great holiday gifts! Samples of cheeses and dips perfect for your holiday get-togethers.

Thee Village Sampler: 10-50% off Christmas merchandise and a free gift for the first 25 purchases each day.

John G. Schmicks Heritage Center: For a change of pace during shopping at the Smicksburg Speciality Shops, visit the Heritage Center across from the big parking lot. You can view the various exhibits and visit the gift shop, which has unique gifts made by local crafters.



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Don't miss our Cookie Tour on November 8th!



FREE week at the Richard G. Snyder YMCA Campus Branch

Saturday, November 1 through
Friday, November 7, 2014

Facility Details:

- All New Startrac Cardio Equipment (Treadmills, elliptical, recumbent and upright bikes and arc trainers)
- Wellness Center includes a variety of strength machines and free weights
- Circuit Room includes resistance machines
- Newly remodeled Group Exercise Room

November 1st we are holding a fitness class demo from 9:00-11:00am. Demo will include Yoga, Zumba, Body Combat, Bodiography and several other classes.

FootGolf

Date: 11/08/14

Register/Check In : 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

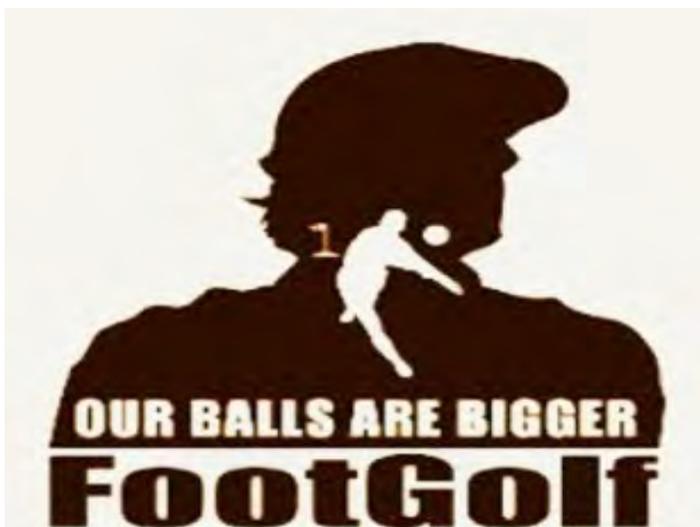
Kick Off : 1:00 PM

Cabin Greens Golf Course

361 Ford City Road

Freeport, PA 16229

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Ford City Legacy is having a
FOOTGOLF FUNDRAISER!!

Join us for a unique experience to raise
money for Ford City SummerFest!

FootGolf is a combination of soccer and
golf, where a soccer ball and oversized
holes are used in place of clubs and
balls.

FootGolf is great practice for soccer
players, excellent exercise for all, and a
fantastic spin on the game of golf!

\$20/person pre-registered before event
\$25/person day of event.

Price includes 9 holes (+1 practice hole),
pizza buffet, and soda drinks!

Bring your own soccer ball or rent one
for \$3

Cart rental available for \$5
(not recommended)

Contact SummerFest committee members
to register!

2015 Armstrong County Bridal Show

Saturday, January 10, 2015

St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kittanning, PA

6:00 to 9:30 pm

Would you like to participate in the 2015 Armstrong County Bridal Show? If you have a service that would benefit a newly married couple or help in the planning of their wedding, call Karen at Bridal Reflections to learn more, 724-543-4256

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0.99%
APR**
Variable
Rate

After Introductory Period

3.25%
APR**
Variable
Rate

During 6-Month Introductory Period, \$50/Month Minimum Payment. Then, After Introductory Period, \$135.42/Month Interest-Only Payment for \$50,000 Minimum Line of Credit Over 10-Year Draw Period.

6-Month Introductory Period

1.99%
APR**
Variable
Rate

After Introductory Period

3.25%
APR**
Variable
Rate

During 6-Month Introductory Period, \$50/Month Minimum Payment. Then, After Introductory Period, \$67.71/Month Interest-Only Payment for \$25,000 Minimum Line of Credit Over 10-Year Draw Period.

*HOME EQUITY LOAN: Closed-end home equity loan Annual Percentage Rate (APR) as of 9/2/14 applies to 60-month, 120-month, 180-month or 240-month term on a minimum of \$5,000 in new borrowings with automatic transfer service from a Northwest deposit account, funds cannot be used to satisfy an existing Northwest loan account, 85% maximum loan-to-value, and 660 minimum FICO® score. Not for the purchase of homes. Valuation fee from \$60-\$425 will apply. Rates and terms may vary by property type, loan amount, LTV ratio and FICO® score. One- or two-unit owner occupied properties only. Maximum loan amount is \$500,000. Title insurance may be required on loans \$250,000 or greater. Other rates and terms are available. Property insurance is required and flood insurance may be required. Offer may be changed or withdrawn at any time. Consult a tax advisor regarding deductibility of interest and charges. Examples: The monthly payment on a 2.79% APR 60-month loan of \$5,000 with no debt protection is \$89.38; the monthly payment on a 3.74% APR 120-month loan of \$5,000 with no debt protection is \$50.01; the monthly payment on a 3.99% APR 180-month loan of \$5,000 with no debt protection is \$36.96; the monthly payment on a 4.24% APR 240-month loan of \$5,000 with no debt protection is \$30.94. Payments do not include amounts for taxes and insurance premiums, actual obligation will be greater. Debt protection is optional. Listed APRs are not available for Choiceline fixed-rate lock-in. See Northwest for details. **HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT: Variable Annual Percentage Rate (APR) 0.99% or 1.99% introductory APR for six (6) months followed by Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 0.00%, currently 3.25% as of 9/2/14. Fixed term line of credit of \$50,000 or more (for 0.99% APR) or \$25,000 to \$49,999.99 (for 1.99% APR) in new borrowings with a ten (10) year draw period that is an open-end variable rate followed by a fifteen (15) year repayment term with principal and interest payments at a fixed rate then in effect for fifteen (15) year fixed-rate equity loans (currently 4.875% as of 8/21/14). Minimum monthly payment quoted is for interest-only payments. Maximum APR is 18.00% (16.00% in New York), minimum APR is 2.50%. Offer requires an 85% maximum loan-to-value ratio, a minimum 700 FICO® score and automatic transfer service from a Northwest deposit account. One- or two-unit owner-occupied properties only. Not for home purchase. Valuation fee from \$60 to \$425 will apply and a \$25 annual fee will be charged. Minimum monthly payment is \$50. If you cancel the line-of-credit before three (3) years, you will be required to reimburse Northwest for all third-party origination fees, less valuation fee, which typically range from \$0 to \$600. Refinance of existing Choiceline will include early termination fees, if applicable. Refinance of existing Choiceline must meet new borrowings requirement to qualify for promotional rates. Customer may opt to lock-in balance at any time, up to three advances, at rates then in effect for fixed-rate home equity loans from one (1) to fifteen (15) years during the initial ten (10) year draw period. A \$75 fee applies to each lock-in. Promotional APRs are available for Choiceline Fixed Rate Advance, requires \$10,000 in new loan advance. Maximum loan amount is \$500,000. Other rates and terms are available. Title insurance may be required on loans \$250,000 or greater. Property insurance is required and flood insurance may be required. Offer may be changed or withdrawn at any time. Consult a tax advisor regarding deductibility of interest and charges. Payments do not include amounts for taxes and insurance premiums, actual obligation will be greater. Debt protection not available. Member FDIC

