THE Armstrong Beat

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Summer is here, and many are faced with the question of what to do, here's some suggestions!

Relax on the water. Canoeing, kayaking, and tubing are very popular choices for summer fun! Or spend your day at the Crooked Creek Lake beach, fishing at the River, or go swimming at the Belmont Complex.

Hit the Trails. Grab your hiking shoes, your bike, and a friend and go hit the trails! Whether you are hiking, biking, walking, running, geocaching, bird watching, or horseback riding, these trails offer a pathway to beautiful and historically rich landscapes.

Get a Hole in one! With picturesque views and pristine Golf courses, novices and masters alike will enjoy golfing here in Armstrong County! So clean up your clubs and head out on the Armstrong County Golf Trail.

Pitch a Tent. Whether you prefer primitive camping with a tent and campfire, or more modern camping in a trailer or cabin, there are many campsites in Armstrong County that can meet your needs.

Go Off-roading! Armstrong County has trails for ATV and other off-road vehicles. Check out Scrubgrass Village OHV Park in Templeton for over 50 miles of hiking and OHV Trails. Check their website for riding dates/events!

Discover history. Schedule a visit to our historical societies and learn about our unique culture and history. The county is also home to many historical sites, many of which are highlighted with the Armstrong Geotrail.

Grab some grub. Looking for a quick meal or a complete dining experience? Armstrong County has plenty of eateries to suit. Many places also offer special summertime treats such as Lackey's Dairy Queen in North Apollo!

Enjoy our festivals! Attend our many fairs and festivals including Ford City SummerFest, Fort Armstrong Folk Festival, and Dayton Fair. There will also be many concerts including Arts on the Allegheny events at Kittanning Riverfront Park, and Freeport Renaissance Association's Gazebo Concerts!

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Downtown Kittanning INC. Presents:

MOVIES IN THE PARK

9:00PM - FREE

JULY 11
Sponsored by Tourist Bureau and Liberty Tax

JULY 19
Arts on the Allegheny Presents:
VERB BALLET
7:00PM - FREE

armstrongcounty.com

ALLEGHENY RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Goal to Reopen Upper Allegheny Locks

Allegheny River Development Corporation (ARDC) is a non-profit organization that started in 1956 as the Kittanning Waterfront Corporation. The primary purpose was for developing the river front in the borough of Kittanning. In 1985, the organization amended their bylaws to encompass "the area on, along or about the Allegheny river and its tributaries." This change came about with the ARDC's involvement in developing Kittanning's Riverfront Park, a source of pride and a hub for many activities in the area.

Inactive for years after the completion of the Riverfront Park, the ARDC was reformed and re-energized in 2011. The new primary focus is to address the closure of the locks on the upper Allegheny. Their proposal just received approval from the United States Senate and House Appropriations Committees. With this approval they should have the okay to begin negotiating with the Army Corps of Engineers-Pittsburgh for the operation of the closed locks! The goal is for operation with single shifts on weekends and holidays during the recreational boating season, and additional hours for special events. In order to do this the ARDC has to raise money and the goal set for lock operation next summer is $150,000. The ARDC is currently doing this on a three tier approach.

1. Membership. Our annual dues are $10 per individual and $20 for business. Memberships for municipalities are free with a Resolution of Support.

2. Raffles. Currently we are raffling off a new 22' Avalon pontoon with 90 HP Mercury motor and trailer. Fox Chapel Marine has provided this boat at no cost.Tickets are $20 each and only 5,000 will be sold! (Tickets can be picked up at a number of businesses including the Tourist Bureau)

3. Full on fundraising will happen once we are in negotiations with USACE. We will be sponsoring events and activities to raise money for the summer. Raffles and direct fund raising money will all go to lock operations.

If you are interested in supporting the ARDC's goal of reopening the upper Allegheny River locks, membership applications are available at www.AlleghenyRiverDevelopment.org and raffle information can be found on the Allegheny River Development Corporation's Facebook page. For more information regarding volunteers and event help, contact any Board Member or Linda Hemmes at (724) 954-4976.

We'll see you on the River!

It's all about you and your family

Focusing on what matters most: the health of you and your family.

Once again, ACMH continues to have one of the lowest infection rates of any hospital in Pennsylvania, according to a recent report from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. With the help of caring staff and medical professionals, ACMH is able to achieve its ultimate goal: patient centered care.

ACMH | Patient Centered Care

One Nolte Drive | Kittanning, PA 16201 | 724.543.8500 | www.acmh.org

Armstrong Primary Care Center - Kittanning

Convenient Walk-In Hours Now Available in Downtown Kittanning*

Walk-in patients are now being welcomed at 260 South Jefferson Street in Kittanning for the following extended hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 6pm - 9pm
- Friday: 8am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Physician Assistants Jennifer Lash and Amy Cribbs

* The Armstrong Primary Care Center extended hours are not available to patients who already have a primary care physician listed on the back of their insurance card.

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Our 13th Season

Armstrong Community Theater

Presents

Princess Whatshername

Kittanning High School PAC

June 26, 27 and 28, 2014 7:30 P.M.

Tickets are $10 each, and are available at Quality Inn Royle, Worthington Community Library and at the door

Armstrong Community Theater
P.O. Box 235
Kittanning, PA 16201
www.armstrongcommunitytheater.org

Our 13th Season

Armstrong Community Theater

Presents

Kittanning High School PAC

July 17, 18 and 19, 2014 7:30 P.M.

Tickets are $15 each, and are available at
Quality Inn Royle, Worthington Community Library
and at the door

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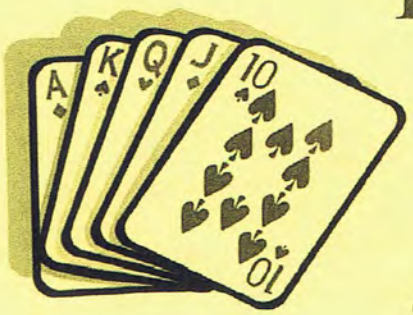
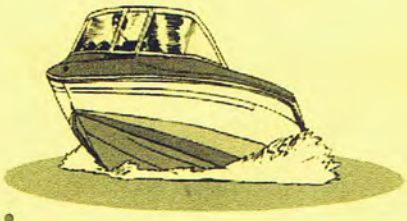
Boater Poker Run

Allegheny River 8/16/2014





Please Join Us
For A Day Of Fun
On the Beautiful Allegheny!

The event will begin at 10:30 am
Locks 6, 7, 8 & 9 will be open **Saturday, August 16, 2014 – 11:00 am to 9:00 pm**
& Sunday, August 17, 2014 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Check Point ***Schenley Yacht Club***
Check Point ***Ken Fails camp below lock 6 Dock with balloons upriver side of island***
Check Point ***R J Brown River Towing–Dock under the Graff Bridge Ford City Below Lock7***
Check Point ***The Allegheny Mariner Restaurant***
Check Point ***Jeff Rood's Camp – Dock near the cove entrance with balloons***

The final stop will be the Cove. *There will be a DJ beginning at 5:00 pm. We will come to you to collect your cards in the Cove. All boaters must be in the Cove by 6:30 pm to have your cards collected.*

$30.00 per Poker Hand

$5.00 will be donated to the Allegheny River Development Corp.
Donations will help ARDC in their quest to get all of our locks open and working again!

DJ

Prizes - Best Hand
Second Place
Worst Hand

MUST Pre-register by August 8, 2014
Rules and Registration contact
Alle Kiski Strong Chamber
(formerly Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce)
308 Pittsburgh Mills Circle
Tarentum, PA 15084
www.allekiskistrongchamber.com
lynda@akstrong.com
724-224-3400

BELMONT COMPLEX POOL

Summer Pool Events

- Saturday, June 7th: **SummerFESTT**
Free children's fair & free admission to swim

- Saturday, June 14th: **Flag Day** *($1 Day)*

- Sunday, June 15th: **Father's Day**
Dads' admission free & family members' half price!

- Friday, June 20th: **Dive-In Movie Night Sponsored by Trib Total Media: Muppet Treasure Island**
Bring a blanket or lawn chair & enjoy a swim followed by a movie in our arena!

- Friday, July 4th: **Independence Day** *($1 Day)*

- Friday, July 18th: **Dive-In Movie Night: Surf's Up**
Bring a blanket or lawn chair & enjoy a swim followed by a movie in our arena!

- Friday, August 1st: **Community Day** *($1 Day)*

Belmont Complex Pool
415 Butler Rd
Kittanning, PA 16201
www.belmontcomplex.net
724-548-1067

Follow FCRCP On Track to future community events!

Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership

We're catching the beat into November when ***The Fabulous Hubcaps*** take the stage at 10th Street Station-November 15th- Come join us for a what is sure to be nothing less than a fabuloso evening---filled with great music and dance!

Watch for updates and ticket sale information----to this event in the workings....

Become "absorbed in the spirit of the season" in your own community---celebrating long running traditions---while supporting locally owned businesses and restaurants... "Save the Date"---November 29th, 2014

3rd Annual "Heart & Sole"

5K Run/Walk---OR---5K Run/ 5 Mile Bike (Duathlon)

as a pre-kick-off event to the 3rd Annual "Old Fashioned Street Fair"--Saturday, August 23rd, 2014- Race Forms and complete info available on our Facebook Page...or Website... Online Registration via Active.com

Website: fcrcp.com
Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership
Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/PathwayOfLightsFC

A Good Old Fashioned

Ford City

Street Fair

(**3rd Annual)

...featuring family challenging games, great prizes, local food vendors, crafters. buckets of free live entertainment, special family activities, a children's fun village, and loads of overall just plain good old family fun.....

<u>"Dancing in the Streets":</u>

Saturday, August 30th---"Houseband" at 6:00 PM
--- followed by "Casual Affair" at 8:00 PM
Sunday, August 31st---"The Travelers" at 5:00 PM
--- followed by "Street Level" at 8:00 PM

<u>"Special Children's Entertainment":</u>

Saturday, August 30th-Ventriloquist, Chris Donahoe at 1:30PM
--- followed by Magician, Dan Kuniak at 3:00 PM
Sunday, August 31st-"Wild World of Animals" at 1:30PM
--- followed by Balloon Artistry, Face Painting

Both Days---Children's Fun Village containing moonbounce, giant inflatable slide, bungee bounce, pony rides, etc.
*****Additional Events/Activities to be announced as confirmed...*****
*****(Those listed subject to time change if necessary)*****
Saturday, August 30th, 2014---Noon till 11:00 PM
Sunday, August 31st, 2014---Noon till 11:00 PM
*****Fourth Avenue & 10th Street: Downtown, Ford City*****

A partnership event between
Ford City Hose Co. #1 and the FCRCP, Inc.
--supporting your hometown community--

43rd Fort Armstrong Folk Festival 2014

Thursday, July 31st
through
Sunday, August 3rd

Thursday 5:00-10:00 pm
Friday 5:00-10:00 pm
Saturday 12:00 Noon-10:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 Noon-9:00 pm

Artist Market (all handmade)

Entertainment (see back)

Heritage Arts & Music
Blacksmithing * Spinning * Dulcimer

Vehicle Displays
Thursday: Muscle Cars
Friday: Convertibles
Saturday: Compact Cars

Horse & Carriage Rides

Historical Encampment & Demonstrations
by John T. Crawford Camp 43

Art Show
First United Methodist Church Covenant Center

Fireworks
Saturday 10:00pm

Fun for the Kids:
Pony Rides
Face Painting
Handmade Toys
Colonial Petting Zoo
...and more!

ArmstrongFestival.com

FORT ARMSTRONG FOLK FESTIVAL

Entertainment Schedule

Thursday, July 31st

Invitation Only Vehicle Display—

6:00 pm - Opening Ceremonies (MS)

6:30-7:30 pm-"Kittanning Fireman's Band" (MS)

6:00-7:00 pm-"Jackie Brocious" *solo vocalist* (NS)

7:30-9:30 pm-Festiv-Idol Competition (MS)

7:00-8:00 pm-"Ava Bosco" *solo vocalist* (NS)

8:00-9:00 pm-"Madison Starr Kunst and T.O.G." *acoustic music* (NS)

Friday, August 1st

Invitation Only Vehicle Display—

6:00-6:45 pm-"Summit Academy Percussion Group" *drums* (Street)

6:00-7:00 pm-"Madison Starr Kunst and T.O.G" *acoustic music* (NS)

8:00-10:00 pm-"Charee White Band" *country* (MS)

7:00-8:00 pm-"Frailey Scaife" *solo vocalist* (NS)

8:00-9:00 pm-"Michaela Dalessio" *solo vocalist* (NS)

9:00-10:00 pm-"Jackie Brocious" *solo vocalist* (NS)

Saturday, August 2nd

8:00 am—Raise the Roof 5K (www.ArmstrongHabitat.org)

Invitation Only Vehicle Display—

1:00-2:00 pm-"Claire Osborne Music Students" (MS)

1:00-2:30 pm-"Armstrong Community Theater" (NS)

3:30-6:00 pm-"Virgil Harden and the Appalachian Countdown" *bluegrass* (NS)

2:00-5:00 pm-"Fiddle Contest" *variety* (MS)

5:00-7:00 pm-"Kim Thomas and Diamonds in the Rough" *country* (MS)

7:00-8:00 pm-"Frailey Scaife" *solo vocalist* (NS)

8:00-10:00 pm-"The Jentz Band" *variety* (MS)

8:00-9:00 pm-"Ava Bosco" *solo guitar* (NS)

9:00-10:00 pm-"Jackie Brocious" *solo vocalist* (NS)

10:00 pm FIREWORKS by Glory on High Fireworks *launched from the river*

Sunday, August 3rd

1:00-2:00 pm-"Pittsburgh Balmoral Pipes and Drums" (Street)

2:00-3:30 pm-"Big Fat Jazz Band" *big band and jazz music* (MS)

4:00-5:30 pm-"Pine Creek Community Band" *big band music* (MS)

2:00-2:30 pm-"All God's Creatures" *reptile education and rescue* (NS)

2:45-3:45 pm-"Buffo the World's Strongest Clown (NS)

4:00-4:30 pm-"All God's Creatures" *reptile education and rescue* (NS)

4:45-5:45 pm-"Buffo the World's Strongest Clown (NS)

6:00-7:00 pm-"Ava Bosco" *solo vocalist* (NS)

7:00-9:00 pm-"The Vogues" *oldies* (MS)

7:00-8:00 pm-"Madison Starr Kunst and T.O.G." *acoustic music* (NS)

8:00-9:00 pm-"Frailey Scaife" *solo vocalist* (NS)

MS = Main Stage, located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church yard

NS = North Stage, located in the park

ArmstrongFestival.com

FORD CITY *Summerfest*

FEATURE MEMBER

Ford City is kicking off the summer with their first ever Summerfest! A brand new group of dedicated individuals are keeping the traditional 4th of July weekend festivities alive. Take a stroll through the Ford City Memorial Park and check out the many craft booths, entertainment, food vendors and activities for all ages. For more information, please visit https://www.facebook.com/fcsummerfest. Daily hours as followed:

July 3, 2014
4:00PM Opening
6:00PM Murphy's Music Center Big Band
9:00PM Ben Valasek and the Growlers
11:00PM Closing

July 4, 2014
10:00AM Opening
4:00PM Houseband
6:30PM Armstrong Festival Choir
8:00PM Acoustic Jam featuring Ryan Balla and Jason Cirrincione
11:00PM Closing

July 5, 2014
10:00AM Opening
9:00AM 5k Run/Walk
5:00PM Fireman's Parade
8:00PM Stonehouse
11:00PM Closing

July 6, 2014
10:00AM Festival Opens
12:30PM Polka Mass featuring Jack Tady Band
1:30PM Jack Tady Band
4:00PM Armstrong County Theater
5:00PM First Church of Ford City Worship Team
5:30PM Battle of the Barrel
8:00PM Slant 6
10:00PM Firework Grand Finale by Glory on High
10:00PM Closing

FORD CITY SUMMER FEST
KEEPING OUR TRADITIONS ALIVE

Armstrong County

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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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