

LIBRARY TIDBITS

by Nancy Narma

"It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it." -John Burroughs, "Winter Sunshine"

Many of you probably received or have already been using some sort of tablet/e-reader. Were you aware that you can borrow eBooks or Audiobooks from your local Library location? Well, it is true! Thanks to the new "OverDrive", which is a completely refreshed website and app experience that makes your digital library faster and easier to use than ever before, you are able to enjoy such classics as "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain, or Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women", as well as recent works by such Authors as Paula Hawkins, Lee Child, Susan Wiggs, Harlen Coben, Sue Grafton, Lisa Scottoline and many, many more. Please go to the Susquehanna County Library's Website, www.suscqolibrary.org and click on "Borrow eBooks and Audiobooks" on the homepage. It will answer many questions you may have about accessing and using the OverDrive program. We're currently updating all OverDrive libraries to the new OverDrive for your convenience. As always, if you need help, the staff members at any of the Library Locations will be more than happy to assist you.

There is news for those Joanne Fluke/Hannah-ites in our audience. The newest Hannah Swensen Mystery,

"Banana Cream Pie Murder" will be released in late February, 2017. Our favorite cookie baker/sleuth Hannah will once again don her criminal detector cap and discover the bad guys (or gals). Author Fluke includes mouth-watering recipes you'll want to try. A piece of exciting news, this will not be the last Hannah Swensen Murder Mystery, as "The Raspberry Danish Mystery" is being written as you read this, with a tentative release date of February, 2018. Also, if you have enjoyed the "Murder, She Baked" movies on the Hallmark "HMM" channel, be watching for another one this year that will be following Joanne's "Strawberry Shortcake Murder", which was the second book in the Hannah series. The movie will again star Alison Sweeney and Cameron Mathison as Hannah and Police Detective Mike, one of Hannah's on again, off again heart throbs.

What's 75 years old and still "Golden"? Why Little Golden Books, of course! Launched during the dark days of WWII, Golden Books such as "The Poky Little Puppy" were an instant sensation. Hallmarked by their superlative quality yet affordable to nearly everyone, they changed the cultural landscape and mirrored our changing post-war culture: the powerful influence of television, the post-Sputnik renaissance in American science education, and the birth of the civil rights movement. All Golden Books were, and continue to be, lavishly illustrated and accented with

the iconic Golden Book covers that generations of children have pored over for decades. I'm sure many of us have scrawled our names on the inside of the sturdy cardboard covers with the shiny gold-foil spine and were read to, as well as learned how to read, using these dog-eared treasures. Who will ever forget "The Little Red Caboose", "The Shy Little Kitten", "The Little Red Hen", and "Scuffy the Tugboat", just to name a few of my favorites. Congratulations Little Golden Books!! You helped to pave the way for many up and coming talented Authors and Illustrators over 75 years and are still being enjoyed by millions of children today. Thank-you! May you continue to produce such quality books for many more years to come!

As I warm up with a hot cup of tea and enjoy the flurry of birdfeeder activity, I leave you with this thought:

"We feel cold, but we don't mind it, because we will not come to harm. And if we wrapped up against the cold, we wouldn't feel other things, like the bright tingle of the stars, or the music of the Aurora, or best of all the silky feeling of moonlight on our skin. It's worth being cold for that." -Philip Pullman, Northern Lights

Shimmering Icicles—
Homemade Soup—School Delays.

Classic Voices Announces Its New Season

The kick-off rehearsal for Classic Voices' new season will be Monday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Presbyterian Church.

Classic Voices is a community a cappella choral ensemble open to all who enjoy singing choral music. There are no auditions. The choral selections will thematically center around the joy of music.

For more information contact Pastor Jay Best, Classic Voices director—570-282-4918.

Tammy Mal's books currently on sale locally

Tammy Mal's newest book "Murder in Susquehanna County" is still on sale. It can be purchased for \$10 at The Forest City News, Cable's Deli, Arlo's and Elaine Bandel's Beauty Shop or for Kindle on Amazon.com. The cost is \$10 at local businesses and \$3.99 on Amazon.com.

At the News office you can also buy copies of her other books - Little Girl Lost, Disposable Income and Tortured Minds. The cost is \$10 each.

FCR Superintendent Jessica Aquilina Jan. Report to Board

The new entrance to the ES and the new pick-up and drop off procedures have been going very smoothly. Thank you to Mr. Reeder and his team, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Kelly for working together to minimize the impact to our students, families, and teachers. I want to thank everyone on the FCR team for their flexibility, cooperation, and support as we continue to progress through the renovation project. This move will help us ensure that both buildings are ready to open in September, 2018.

The Forest City Educational Foundation has generously donated \$4,525.00 toward the cost of the 6th Grade Science Camp. Thank you to Mr. Lou Zefran, Dr. James Zefran, Mrs. Joann Sterchak, and Dr. Tom Baileys who were able to communicate the wonderful benefits of the camp to the FC Educational Foundation Board. We are greatly appreciative of their support!

Ms. Giles has announced that the FCR Mask and Hammer Drama Club will perform Shrek the Musical on April 7, 8, and 9th. I know they will do a great job and look forward to the performance.

In an attempt to recruit additional substitute teachers, the FCRSD and Kelly Services

will hold an informational session regarding the Guest Teacher Program for FC community members on January 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the high school library. Any members of our community who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in working as a substitute teacher are encouraged to attend!

FCRHS had 10 students audition for the PMEA District Vocal Jazz Ensemble congratulations to David Grosel and Caylin Gibbs who qualified for the top group! In addition, the following students will represent FCR in the District Lab Choir: Kayla Jonas, Chloe Calabro, Katie Nguyen, Sarah Hunt, Colleen Blount, Madeline Bailer, Lucas Nevins, and Cameron Brucher. The festival will be March 31st and April 1st at Hazelton Area High School.

Thank you to everyone in our FC School Community for coming out to the FC Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting. We have received tremendous positive feedback from our parents—they were very excited to have such an event on Main St. A special thank you to Mr. Zack and our members of FBLA who did significant work behind the scenes planning and preparing for the

event. In addition, thank you to Mr. Monahan, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Lesjack, Mrs. Fedak, and Mrs. Lenz for volunteering to sponsor a holiday station and to Mr. Scavone and Miss Yuravich for providing holiday entertainment. A great time was had by all!

I also wanted to publicly recognize Mrs. Karen Goskowski and Kartri Sales for helping us with parking for the elementary school extravaganza. Our parents parked at Kartri and were bussed to and from the school. Everything went smoothly thanks to Mrs. Goskowski, her daughter Jessica, Mrs. Chesnick, and our wonderful bus drivers! The FCRSD greatly appreciates the support we receive from our community!

Upcoming Events:
• Thursday, January 12th: Children's Produce Market—FCRHS 3:45-6:00 p.m.

• Tuesday, January 10th - The PDE public tour regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be held at the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County at 4:00 p.m. The primary focus of this event is to provide information regarding the ESSA and the ongoing development of PDE's State Plan for its implementation.

A Great Celebration of Lithuania's Independence Day February 16, 1918

Lithuania first declared itself from Czarist Russia on February 16, 1918. They remained an independent nation until 1940, when the Soviet Union annexed it. After remaining under the Soviet Union for almost 50 years, the Republic of Lithuania became independent once again in 1990. February 16 each year is celebrated as the Independence Day of Lithuania.

Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, holds public shows at the Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theater. Cathedral Square also organizes concerts, which are free to the public.

The national flag of Lithuania consists of three horizontal stripes—yellow, green and red. Yellow represents the golden fields of Lithuania, green represents the lush, green countryside, and red represents all the blood that has been shed for Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Heritage is well represented in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Knights of Lithuania Council #46 Forest City/Scranton extend our best wishes to celebrate this important day in our history!

Senator Baker February Office Hours Feb. 21

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Susquehanna Depot Borough Building, 83 Erie Boulevard, Suite A, Susquehanna Depot.

He will also be available from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley.

While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at www.senatorbaker.com or by calling (570) 675-3931.

Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show

The Wayne County Business and Professional Women (BPW) are sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Proceeds benefit the BPW's scholarship fund and community projects. Cost is \$80.00 per person and includes the bus and entrance to the show. Reservations are mandatory and are non-refundable. Bus picks up at the parking lot of the Honesdale McDonalds at 7:30 AM and also at Rays Shur Save in Waymart at 7:45 AM. Bus leaves Philly at 5:30 and arrives back in Honesdale approximately 8:30 PM. For reservations please contact BPW member Joanne Hohman at 570-470-4102.

Nancy Ross, U'Dale, attends Women's March

Nancy Ross told the News that she and 3000+ others were in Binghamton for the The Women's March, and quite a few other local women went to the main Washington DC, New York City, or Philadelphia marches.

Totally there were 673 events held world wide on 7 continents, demonstrating a collective commitment to protect, defend and advance human rights.

Mrs. Ross said it was peaceful and powerful with many millions attending, probably making the Women's March the largest mass demonstration in U.S. history.

Nancy feels that it doesn't matter what party you belong to, it is important to promote women and others to elective office or positions of power.

Ross concluded, "so get your nerve up women reading the Forest City News and run for any office! We need you!"

East Ararat UM Church BBQ Sat., Feb. 11

On Feb. 11 the East Ararat United Methodist Church will hold a Valentine's BBQ from 11 AM-2 PM and the cost will be \$6.00. Dinner consists of a half chicken, roll, and cookie. It is Pre-Order only. Contact Jackie Burrows at 1-570-766-5322, January Roney at 1-570-727-2051 or any member of the East Ararat Church. Also they are on Facebook.

Any questions please call 1-570-766-5322 or e-mail Jackie_N_Buzz@yahoo.com

Fall Prevention seminar in Lanesboro

Most people know that having a fall injury such as a hip fracture can be devastating, to both the person and to his or her family. But many people do not know that there are steps you can take to reduce your risk of falling. Healthy Steps for Older Adults is a program to help people prevent falls and improve their health.

Healthy Steps for Older Adults will be held at Lanesboro Senior Center located at 3006 Turnpike St Susquehanna, Pa, on Thursday February 16th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Lunch will be provided by Barnes Kasson Hospital. Pre-registration is required by February 14th.

To register or to learn more about Health Steps for Older Adults, please call the B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. at 1-800-982-4346.

The B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; the United Way of Bradford County; the United Way of Susquehanna County; and the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Tioga County Commissioners.



Commander Valerian Welicka is pictured with aviation related artifacts.

A Family of Military Aviators

In April of 2016 the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. formally welcomed a U. S. Coast Guard Seaguard HH-52A helicopter to their collection.

The HH-52A is the first Coast Guard aircraft to join the museum's collection of historical aircraft and aviation related artifacts. At the same ceremony a case of Coast Guard aviation memorabilia was put on display. Included in the case were uniform and aviation related items donated by Commander Valerian Welicka, USCG (Ret) used during his 30 year career as a Coast Guard aviator. Commander Welicka is the son of Walter and Jean Welicka of Pleasant Mount. Information on the National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center can be found

at the following web-site: <https://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/>

In January 2017 Captain Benjamin Welicka, USAF received the 457 Airlift Squadron Instructor Pilot of the Year Award. Captain Welicka is currently stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, MD and flies the C-21 (Learjet) aircraft. Captain Welicka is the son of Valerian and Susan Welicka of Carlisle, PA.

In January of 2017 Lieutenant Cameron Welicka, USCG received the Aircraft Commander designation. Lieutenant Welicka is currently stationed at Sector/Air Station Humbolt Bay, CA and flies the HH-65 Dolphin aircraft. Lieutenant Welicka is the son of Valerian and Susan Welicka of Carlisle, PA.

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