

*** School Affairs and People in the News ***

Reed is Super Sixth Grader at FCR Elementary



Michaela Reed, Pleasant Mount, was chosen as the December Super Sixth Grader at the FCR Elementary School. Michaela's consistently positive behavior is admired by her peers and teachers. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, sewing, playing softball, baking and 4-H. She excels in 4-H and her fanning skills. She won numerous awards at this year's Wayne County Fair. She earns Distinguished Hmior Roll and H011- or Roll each semester. She lives on a Jann in Pleasant Mount with her mom and dad, as well as her two brothers, Matthew and Mitchell. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, School Board President Mary Emmett, Michaela, Mitchell, Barbara and Harley Reed and Elementary Principal Brian Kelly.

Brucher is Outstanding Senior of the Month at FCR



Cameron Brucher, Brown Dale, was chosen as an Outstanding Senior of the Month for December by the Forest City Regional School. Cameron plans to attend Lehigh University majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is the captain of the cross country team, a member of vocal, jazz and chamber chorus as well as a member of the jazz band. Cameron is a member of the Spanish Club, National Honor Society and has qualified in the top ten for District Chorus. In his spare time, he volunteers at the Forest City Library. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, School Board President Mary Emmett, Jennifer, Cameron, and Carl Brucher, and High School Principal Cassandra Stout.

Thompson UM Church Christmas Eve Service

The Thompson United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2018. The service will include communion, scripture readings, hymns and special music to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This service is open to the community, and all are welcome to attend!

Gino J. Merli Veteran's Center Seeks Musicians

The American Legion Post 524 would like to announce that the Gino Merli Center is looking for musicians to share their talents with Veterans this Christmas season.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to perform, please contact Pam Wood at 570-961-4359 or email pawood@pa.gov

Field Trips Approved by FCR Board

The Forest City Regional Board of education approved the following field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Mrs. Moran's and Mr. Pope's classes to the Electric City Aquarium and Reptile Den on December 4, 2018 at a cost of \$318.01.

Grade 9-12 Chorus students to Dallas Middle School on December 8, 2018 for district jazz auditions at a cost of \$200.

FBLA students to the Regional Competition at Keystone College on December 18, 2018 at a cost of \$492.

Envirothon students to the Susquehanna County Envirothon Competition at Elk Mountain Ski Lodge on May 3, 2019 at a cost of \$23.35.

FC Police Dept. conducting Toy Drive

The Forest City Police Department is conducting a toy drive. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy for a child can stop by either the Police Station or Borough Office to drop it off. The toys will be distributed to those children who are less fortunate within our community. If you're able, please donate. Donations will be accepted up to 5pm on December 21st. Make a child smile.

Berke graduates from Naval Recruit Training Command



Seaman Brandon Berke

Seaman Brandon Berke graduated from Naval Recruit Training Command on October 26, 2018. The Pass-in-Review Ceremony was held at the Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall in Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois and was attended by his family.

SN Berke is a 2018 honor graduate of Louis E. Dieruff High School, Allentown, Pa. where he devoted his high school years to the Air Force Junior ROTC program, progressing to the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and the position of Unit Group Commander. Brandon has his home residence in Allentown, Pa with his twin brother, Adam and his parents, Martin and Barbara (Novak) Berke. He is the grandson of Rosemarie Novak, Forest City and the late Vincent (Windy) Novak (USAF).

The Navy boot camp experience is approximately eight weeks; all enlistees into the U.S. Navy begin their careers at the command. Training includes physical fitness, seamanship, firearms, fire fighting and shipboard damage control along with lessons in Navy heritage and core values, teamwork and discipline. The mission of RTC is to transform civilians into smartly disciplined, physically fit, basically trained sailors who are ready for follow-on training and service to the fleet while instilling in them the highest standards of Honor, Courage and Commitment. More than 30,000 recruits graduate annually from Recruit Training Command, being honored for their hard work and dedication to a new way of life. These world class Sailors possess the necessary skills for Naval service and emerge with the tools needed for career and personal success.

SN Berke is currently attending school at Lackland Air Force Base's Naval Technical Training Center, San Antonio, TX to become a Master-at-Arms, awaiting his first assignment.

Phillips is University Scholar

Hannah Phillips of Clifford, Pa., is among the 265 students recently honored as University Scholars at Susquehanna University.

The annual Scholars Program was held on Oct. 26 in Susquehanna's Stretansky Concert Hall to recognize and congratulate Susquehanna's most successful student scholars. To be named a University Scholar, students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 in full-time study for the past two semesters or equivalent credit hours of part-time study.

Phillips is a creative writing-secondary education major in the Class of 2020. A 2016 graduate of Mountain View Sr. High School, she is the daughter of Mark Phillips and Suzanne Phillips.

Pet of the Week



Professor lives with his mom, Jennifer in Forest City. He loves going to the dog park and playing with his girlfriend, Darcy!!!

FCRE teacher Krista Tully awarded Enrichment Grant



Krista Tully, sixth grade teacher at Forest City Regional School District, was awarded the Joan Peters Education Enrichment Grant by the Susquehanna Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) at the December school board meeting. The grant was presented by Ellen Holdredge, education support chair.

Ms. Tully intends to use the funds to help pay for a trip to Keystone College for her students to study careers. She believes that middle school is a crucial grade to talk about scholarships, grades, careers, joining clubs, resumes, etc. The lessons learned on the trip will give her students a dream to work toward.

Ms. Tully has been named an Outstanding Alumni of Keystone College. She recently completed her work for a Master's Degree in Education Strategies and Development at Wilkes University. Her enthusiasm for this project is a testament to her interest in the future of her students.

The Susquehanna Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) is proud to support education in Susquehanna County.

Burnis climbs Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia



While visiting Australia recently with his parents, Christopher Burnis, Brown Dale, climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The bridge is 443 feet high and has over 1,000 steps. He did it in memory of his grandmother Rita Burnis who passed away in July. He is the son of Dave and Rachel Burnis, Brown Dale.

New Year's Eve Party at Trinity Banquet Facility

Trinity Banquet Facility, 27 Prospect Street, Simpson, will hold a New Year's Eve Party on Monday, December 31 beginning at 8 PM. Music will be by DJ Donna Diva. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes a full buffet and open bar with champagne toast at midnight. The party is for those age 21 or older. For tickets call 570-947-0212.

4-H Members Awards Celebration Held Nov. 17

Susquehanna County 4-H families gathered for a covered dish dinner and awards celebration at Mt. View High School on Sat., Nov. 17. Bill and Amy Curley spearheaded the dinner portion of the evening.

Recognition and appreciation was given to our county commissioners, Alan Hall, Betsey Arnold, and Maryann Watren, as well as Penn State Ext. administrative assistant, Sarah Welch, and 4-H Summer intern, Emily Supancik.

Two 2017 Outstanding 4-H'er's, Zeb Swartley and Taylor Sebring served as emcees for the evening, and club leaders Michelle Kowalewski and Charlie Clark awarded the Livestock Record Book Awards

Wayne Co. Food Pantry Wed., Dec. 19

The Lakewood Area Food Pantry will be held on Wed., Dec. 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Northern Wayne Family Health Center, 412 Como Rd., Lake Como. For an emergency need call 570-798-2229.

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