

* School Affairs and People in the News *

Albright is January Senior of the Month at FCR



Blaise Albright, Pleasant Mount, has been named Senior of the Month for January at Forest City Regional. Albright is a member of the Drama Club, Ski Club, CHOPS, National Honor Society, a member of the Soccer and Volleyball team as well as a member of the Band and Jazz Band. Blaise plans to attend Misericordia University as a member of the Doctoral of Physical Therapy program. Blaise is the recipient of an \$18,000 a year scholarship from Misericordia. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Chris, Blaise, and Carl Albright, and High School President Cassandra Stout.

Dimeco declares dividend

On December 20, 2018, the Board of Directors of Dimeco, Inc. (OTC Pink: DIMC) declared a dividend of \$0.30 per share, payable to shareholders of record on December 31, 2018. The dividend will be paid on January 24, 2019, the anticipated date to release earnings for the year ended December 31, 2018. A dividend of \$0.30 per share produces a yield of 2.78% based on the December 20, 2018 market value of \$41.00 per share. The total dividend declared for the year 2018 is \$1.14 per share, an increase of \$0.09, or 8.57% over that declared for the year 2017.

President and Chief Executive Officer Gary C. Beilman commented, "We are right on track as we close the final quarter of 2018, remaining committed to our communities and focused on building a strong, profitable institution. This dividend is one way to repay and reward our loyal shareholders for their commitment to Dimeco, Inc."

Dimeco, Inc. reported third quarter 2018 assets of \$673 million, loans of \$513 million and deposits of \$515 million. Dimeco, Inc. is the holding company of The Dime Bank, a full service financial institution serving Northeast Pennsylvania since 1905. For more information on Dimeco, Inc. and The Dime Bank, visit www.thedimebank.com.

Bingo every Sun. at Thompson Hose Co.

The THOMPSON HOSE CO. is conducting BINGO EVERY SUNDAY. The Doors/Kitchen Opens at 12:30 PM, Early Bird 1:15 PM, Regular Bingo 2:00 PM. NEW FOR 2019 Increased Payouts. \$20 Entry Fee (Gets you a 8 board card and a Starburst Card you use for all 20 regular games). May purchase additional cards. \$2000 Jackpot 52 numbers or less, \$1000 on the 53rd or 54th number, \$200 on 55th & after. Pull Tab Games also available.

See www.thompsonhoseco.com for full details.

Northeast Coyote Hunt Jan. 25-26-27

District 9 Pennsylvania Trappers assoc. coyote hunt is Jan. 26,27,28 for Penna. Counties of Susquehanna, Wayne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Pike, Bradford and Sullivan. Coyotes must be taken by hunting only, no trapping or cable restraints.

Weigh-in at Triton Hose Co., 116 West Tioga St, Tunkhannock with weigh-in dinner Sunday, 1-3. \$2,000 for heaviest, \$250 heaviest each day, \$100 for each coyote registered.

\$35 after Jan. 7. For registration email pricee0503@hotmail.com or phone 570-885-9224.

Activities scheduled for Trinity Church, C'dale

Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale is having a soup sale on Thursday, January 31st. Pick up at the Church Hall. All orders must be in by Friday, January 25th. \$8 per quart.

Your choice of Vegetable Beef or Wedding Soup. Call church office to order (570) 282-3620.

Non is January Super Sixth Grader at FCRE



The Super Sixth Grader for the month of January at FCRE is Nicole Non of Pleasant Mount. She is in Mrs. Tully's class. She is highly admired by her teachers and peers for her kindness, ambition and positive attitude. Nicole is Mrs. Tully's right-hand girl-always willing to organize, help clean up, or keep their classroom library in order. Her hobbies are baking, playing the piano and walking her cows and pigs. She plays soccer and participates in 4-H, Girl Scouts and is currently on the 6th Grade Reading Competition Team. Nicole consistently demonstrates solid grades and works hard to maintain her Honor Roll status every year. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Carolyn, Steve, Nicole and Jason Non, and Elementary Principal Brian Kelly.

Ross attains Dean's list at Univ. of Vermont

Grace Ross, Class of 2021, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester at the University of Vermont. Ross from Union Dale, PA, is majoring in Biological Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Area residents on Dean's List at ESU

A total of 1,513 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) for the Fall 2018 semester of the 2018-2019 academic year. Students eligible for the Dean's List are those who have attained a 3.50 quality point average or better and are enrolled full-time.

Dane Barhite and Courtney Bognatz of Clifford Township, and Lucas Nevins of Brownvale, were among those recognized for this academic achievement.

Kelly on Dean's List of Univ. of New England

Elizabeth Kelly of Pleasant Mount, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Williams on Dean's List at Mansfield Univ.

Nicole Williams of Herrick Center, has been named to the fall 2018 Dean's List at Mansfield University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be attending the university full-time and attain at least a 3.5 GPA for the semester.

Wildenstein attains Dean's List

Luke Wildenstein, Media Production Degree student from Forest City, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester at Northampton Community College.



Pet of the Week



3 year-old Jerame Burrows takes a nap with his 3 year-old cat, Cow



Adam Diaz

Business-owner Adam Diaz Donates to Montrose Students

Montrose business owner, Adam Diaz and his family recently sponsored an amazing project in the Montrose Area School District. Approximately 650 children in grades K through 6 at the Lathrop Street and Choconut schools were given free footwear, hats and gloves.

From Dec. 11 to 13, students were led one class at a time to a room set up as a retail store. Teachers, Diaz family members and employees of the New Shoe Store Plus, fitted 10 pupils at a time and sent them on their way with the new apparel.

Mauri Connor, co-owner of the shoe store, along with her husband, Kevin packed up 200 cases of footwear, hats and gloves in various styles, colors and sizes.

The donation was not need-based, and every student was eligible for the giveaway. "We didn't want to segregate," Adam said of the fact that the donation was not needs-based. "We wanted every kid to feel involved and have a fun experience," Diaz said.

Baker Named To Chair State Senate Judiciary Committee

For state Senator Lisa Baker (R-20), a new term in office and a new legislative session bring the opportunity and responsibility of a new committee chairmanship - the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"This is an important and consequential committee, with broad jurisdiction and a high number of bills referred to it. As with every committee, a strong commitment to change and an ability to drive reform through the legislative process are the keys to successful leadership. I am very much looking forward to working with Republicans and Democrats to continue the committee's record for being productive and effective," Baker said.

"The quality of justice, the fairness of state laws and policies, and fundamental access to the justice system are issues of intense public interest and spirited legislative debate. We can look at the changes in sentencing approved in recent years to see how

thinking is changing about the equality and cost of justice," she noted.

"My work with other state and community leaders on juvenile justice reform gave me insight into the challenges we face across the justice system and the extensive effort needed to bring about constructive change. I was also part of the effort to ensure victims were given the opportunity to testify in person before the state Parole Board, prior to its deciding whether to release an offender from prison," Baker explained. "Both are good examples of how a broad coalition of groups and officials can overcome obstacles and opposition and improve our system."

The Judiciary Committee also holds public hearings on the qualifications of the governor's nominees to fill vacancies on state and county courts.

Baker said the committee's work will benefit from the stellar service of the previous chairman, recently retired Senator Stewart Greenleaf, who headed the committee for more than thirty years, established a record for being a prolific writer of legislation, and had dozens of bills turned into law. This is Senator Baker's fourth committee chairmanship. She previously chaired Health and Human Services, Labor and Industry, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

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