

\* School Affairs and People in the News \*

## FCRS Board Members Have Combined 95 Years of Service



Each January the Pennsylvania School Board's Association honors the services of all members of Penna. School Boards who serve as non-paid volunteers to advise and direct School Districts. Forest City Regional School Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina presented certificates to FCR Directors at the Jan. 14 meeting for a combined total of 95 years service on the Board. They are: Mary Emmett, 15 yrs.; Dr. Henry Nebzydowski, 35 yrs.; Fred Garm, 20 yrs.; Bill Heller, 11 yrs.; Joanne Sterchak, 5 yrs.; Chris Albright, 4 yrs.; Bernice Lukus, 3 yrs.; Steve Ursich 1 1/2 yrs.; Dr. Brian Piatak, 1 yr.

## Mayers is January Senior of the Month at FCR



Elizabeth Mayers has been selected as one of the January Seniors of the Month at the Forest City Regional School. She is currently on track to be the 2019 Salutatorian. She is a member of chorus and National Honor Society. She is employed at the Albright Memorial Library where she enjoys her job as a page, retrieving books for patrons. She plans to major in Chemistry with the goal of attending Medical School to be an Anesthesiologist. She has already been accepted into a few colleges and has multiple offers on the table but is still in the process of making her final decision. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Jennifer and Dr. Kenneth Mayers, and High School Principal Cassandra Stout.

## Mt. View Elementary December Students of the Month



The following students were chosen for December Students of the Month based on their compassion! Front Row: Brayden Conroe, Allison Cosklo, Michael Kowtko, Mia Schneider, Maddox Thomas, Madisyn Bolcavage, George McEckron, Melisa Loja, Kevin Ross, Brayden Schoonmaker, Cash Barhight, Logan Mellor. Back Row: Alan Kotchessa, Claire Germana, Landen Weida, Dr. Christopher Lake, Leahlyn Burdick, Luke Zippich, Michael Beach, Tim Barlow, Hudson Bain, Shelby Castrogiovanni, Dalton Pallman, Abigail Mitchell, Bethany Wright, Layla Schwarztrauber.

## New Arrivals

Zachary F. and Meaghan E. Garm of Orelan, PA, announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Cathleen, on November 29, 2018. She is welcomed by her brother, two-year-old Ethan Frederic. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Mary Garm, Forest City. Maternal grandparents are Christopher and Cathleen Zentgraf, Lansdale. Paternal great-grandmother is Margaret O'Pecko, Vandling, and maternal great-grandmother is Anne Folkes, Lansdale.

### Little Known Facts

\*All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

\*There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

## 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.

## Heroin task force hot line

The Wayne County Heroin Prevention Task Force anonymous tip line can be text messaged to 570-391-0657 also like them on FACEBOOK to keep you up to date with activities. The task force's goal is to provide education to the community.

## U of S Dean's List Announced

Local residents were among nearly 1,600 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List.

The students are: Michael M. Taylor of Union Dale, a sophomore liberal studies major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Amanda L. Tomlinson of Forest City, a senior counseling and human services major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Lora L. Urbas of Browndale, a senior nursing major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Miranda B. McCartney of Forest City, a freshman business administration major in the University's Kania School of Management.

## Baker Seeks Savings On Prescription Drugs

Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, are companies that are hired by health plans to negotiate discounts with drug manufacturers, and reimburse pharmacists for the medications they dispense.

PBMs have had success in containing costs, but recently, some practices have been questioned for their effectiveness.

Now, Senator Lisa Baker is sponsoring a bill (R-20), aimed at alleviating several of the most prominent problems identified in the PBM system.

"There are certain practices, such as spread pricing and gag clauses, which may result in bigger profits for companies and higher costs for customers," Baker said, "But there are remedies to correct the situation."

In addition to banning spread pricing and gag clauses, Baker is also seeking to require the use of federal guidelines to set the price of prescription drugs filled through Medicaid, and to establish a program rewarding pharmacies and PBMs if some compliance and cost saving measures are met.

"Our interest is in limiting as much as possible what Pennsylvanians have to pay for prescription drugs," Baker said.

And, while she did not wish to diminish the importance of the savings realized since the PBM system has been in place, Baker also added, "Our experience shows there are changes that can and should be made to provide a better deal for prescription drug purchasers."

## Wayne Memorial Gets an "A" for Patient Safety

Wayne Memorial Hospital is one of only 50 hospitals in Pennsylvania—and the only one in a 40-mile radius—to receive an "A" grade in the Fall 2018 Patient Safety Survey from the Leapfrog group, a non-profit patient safety watchdog organization. The designation recognizes Wayne Memorial's efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States.

Hospitals are assigned an A, B, C, D or F grade based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Patient safety is and has always been a top concern for us at Wayne Memorial," said CEO David Hoff. "And we are very proud of our grade from Leapfrog."

Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group agrees. "Hospitals that earn an "A" Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors."

Leapfrog, which reports data from more than 2,000 hospitals, encourages consumers to compare hospitals in their area.

To see Wayne Memorial's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [www.hospital-safetygrade.org](http://www.hospital-safetygrade.org).

## Rep. Fritz on House Appropriations Comm.

Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R-Wayne/Susquehanna) announced that he has been appointed to serve on the House Appropriations Committee.

"It is a huge honor to be appointed to the House Appropriations Committee," said Fritz. "It is not too common for a sophomore member of the House to be selected to serve on this committee. It is a tremendous learning opportunity. Different agencies and departments come before the committee to explain and justify what they do, how they do it and how much it costs. It's a big commitment time-wise, but I'm looking forward to the process, and I embrace the mission. I strive to hold agencies accountable and operate within their means."

The House Appropriations Committee is the primary committee of the General Assembly tasked with overseeing state government spending, state fiscal policies and developing a state budget each fiscal year.

### Pet of the Week



Perry's first snow adventure in MD! He's owned by Brian and Karen McGraw

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Audrey Bresset, left, was recognized by Honesdale National Bank for her 45 years of service. Also pictured is David Raven, HNB President and CEO.

## Bresset at HNB 45 Years

Audrey Bresset was recognized for 45 years of service at The Honesdale National Bank's Annual Employee Recognition Dinner held at Lukan's Farm Resort. David Raven, HNB President & CEO, presided over the program and offered his gratitude for the employees' service and dedication.

"We are very fortunate to have such dedicated employees, like Audrey, here at HNB," stated Raven. "Her commitment to the organization and the communities we serve is exemplary."

Audrey started at HNB in 1973 in the bookkeeping department and served as the first Customer Service Representative when the Bank opened the Route 6 Plaza Branch in 1974. Audrey subsequently returned to the

bookkeeping department for 29 years and then transferred to the loan department in 2003.

Bresset received a special gift that she chose from a selection of items available only for employees with 45 years of service.

The Honesdale National Bank, established in 1836, holds the distinction of being the area's oldest independent community bank headquartered in Northeastern PA, with offices in Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna, Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. The Honesdale National Bank offers personal banking, business banking and wealth solutions. For more information on HNB's products and services, visit [www.hnb-bank.bank](http://www.hnb-bank.bank).

## New Milford Rotary Sponsors Interact Club



On Jan. 3, the New Milford Area Rotary Club formally chartered an Interact Club at Susquehanna Community Schools.

Interact is a service club for youth ages 12 to 18 who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world. The forming of this club was prompted by positive student feedback from two years of Rotary Youth Leadership Award experiences.

For more information, call 570-498-6637. Charter members pictured above left to right are: Jakub Tomczyk, Rachel Day, Airyll Rockwell, Mrs. Jennifer Rockwell (Club Advisor), Emily Fremberg and New Milford Area Rotary Club President Grant Palmer. Taylor Huyck was unavailable for the picture.

## Susq. County Dairy Day On March 1

One of the long-running annual events in Susquehanna County is the Susquehanna County Ag Day, also known as Dairy Day, which is set for its 30th year in 2019. It will be Friday, March 1st, at Elk Lake Junior Senior High School from 10AM to 3:30PM.

The day provides both indoor and outdoor exhibits of about 30 different vendors, showing many facets of the dairy business, as well as educational workshops and health screenings. There will also be many door prizes. The public is invited. There is no charge for admission.

There will be a free vendor luncheon at 11:15AM and reservations are required for the lunch. The lunch is free thanks to Cabot Oil & Gas.

Vendors must register at <https://extension.psu.edu/susquehanna-county-ag-day> or call 1-877-345-0691

For further information email [1xr6@psu.edu](mailto:1xr6@psu.edu)

## 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.

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