

## Wayne Memorial Employees Become Santa's Helpers to Seniors in Need



When Social Services Manager Mary Burgio sent out the call for gifts for seniors in need this holiday season, Wayne Memorial employees answered with an abundance of generosity!

Grateful staff from the Wayne County Area Agency on Aging picked up dozens of wrapped gifts for 30 seniors on Thur., Dec. 20th. They were delivered to home-bound seniors and to a special pantry where the gifts were picked up. Thank you Wayne Memorial for coming through again!

Pictured from left to right: Aging's Maggie Hicks and Mary Ursich; Nicole Hartung, WMH social worker; Burgio; and Aging's Will Magann.

## Forest City Honor Roll

### Grade 4:

Xavier Barber, Dylan Bilardi, Jayden Bilko, Azalea Brown, Landon Cannon, Jayden Carter, Thomas Collins, Jacob Conlogue, Joshua Davies, Isabella Dayton, Hannah Debish, Alyssa Ernst, Alyzza Evans, Kamryn Gardner, JoEllen Jones, Claire Lombardi, Brian Murphy, Brianna Non, Jason Non, Ryan Panek, Anna Pauswinski, Minnie Peck, Kayla Pecko, Cole Pensyl, Kimberly Piatkowski, Jacob Prince, Wyatt Reynolds, Victor Rogers, Justin Rosenfeld, Brian Schmidt, Brianna Shager, Jeremy Slick, Adrianna Stokes, Jayden Thomas, Leah Thomas, Brooke Trusky, Lily Urban, Marlo Urban, Dallas Usher, Madison VanOrden, Mandolay Velez, Kennedy Walker

### Grade 5

Serafina Gorel, Austin Johnson, La'Keara McDowell, Ava Quinnan, Brooke Spaulding, Mehlayia St. Hilaire, Riley Zukosky

### Distinguished Honor Roll:

Cheyenne Allred, Wyatt Ba-

rucky, Alexys Baskin, Amanda Borsheski, Kennedy Cannon, Caleb Corey, Danielle Freebes, Kyleigh Haser, Phillip Hodges, Joslin Hogan, Brendan Korty, Grace Lane, Jamie Love, Aaliyah Mead, Ethan Silfee, Dominic Vishnefski

### Grade 6

Kali Babcock, Mallory Brower, Madalyn Foster, Liam Hagan, Paige House, Hunter Johnson, Kristopher Lane, Blake Menotti, Austin Price, Larissa Short, Michael Stackhouse

### Distinguished Honor Roll:

Ashley Bossick, Lillian Bronson, Evan Burns, Caelum Cahoon, Johnathan Conlogue, Jessica Curtis, Kaylee DeHaven, Elijah Ferrara, Emily Frisbie, Mickey Heinle, Abby Kulick, Kelly Lesjack, Jonathan Mayers, Mea Mott, Laura Nebzdoski, Nicole Non, Evan O'Neill, Lorelei Pensyl, Abygale Plevyak, Michaela Reed, Nathan Rosenfeld, Clara Stackhouse, Max Urban, Lilly Wagner

## "Faith Matters"

# What Age Should a Child Have a Device?

My guess is that this Internet fad isn't going away. In some ways our society is driven by the Internet. Computers are in every area of our lives whether we like it or not. Modern cars have computers and so do airplanes; we shop using computers; computers help us find destinations. Some of us grew up without them and I wonder what the younger generation would do without the Internet.

When is a good time to introduce your child to a technological device? I'm going to propose several questions to ask before giving your child that first device. I don't mean letting a four year old play a game on your phone while in the doctor's office. I am talking about giving them their own device with Internet access whether through Wi-Fi or a data plan.

This is one of many questions in life that is not black and white. Proverbs 11:14 says, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." My recommendation is talk to other parents you trust about this subject. Don't make the decision on your own. Ask parents of older children about the struggles they may have experience with children using devices.

What is the main purpose of the device? In a society that doesn't think about much, we are often sheeple just following the next person in front of us. The question is "why am I giving my child this device?" There could be a multitude of reasons. Is it for learning or entertainment? There are games or apps out there which will give our children academic advances. There are also harmless, fun, entertaining games. Is it for communication? Devices can also be a great form of communication. We have relatives in Ohio that we love to keep in contact with. The girls ask about them often and every once in awhile we use video chat so they can see them. One thing I would caution is buying a device just as a babysitter. I'm not going

to say that my wife and I have never used devices for that. But if your initial intent is to simply occupy time, I think there could be some long term consequences.

Does my child maintain a balance between entertainment and education? There is nothing wrong with entertainment. I think adults would be hard-pressed to ever say that we are never taking time to be entertained by something. The question, however, does my child have a good balance between using a device for entertainment and educational or social reasons? I have a bad feeling that somewhere around the 2050s we are going to start seeing increased depression in our population. I think this could be a direct result of people who are going to look back on their lives and realize that their biggest accomplishment was killing electronic birds or planting an electronic garden. This could be soul-crushing when you are old enough to see what you could have done, but instead wasted your life on a device.

Does the device help my child communicate or harm them in this area? Years ago before devices were really popular and phones were just getting Internet, my friends and I discussed this. We predicted there would be a generation of people who had a hard time interacting because they experienced so little face-to-face interaction. We are now reaping the consequences of this. If your child's socialization is suffering from a device maybe it's time to take a break from that device.

How do my children behave when they don't have a device? This may be one of the last questions on your mind but maybe one of the first things you should ask. How does your child act when you either take away that device or shut it off? I'm not suggesting that halfway through some show they're watching on Netflix you rip it out of their hands to see their reaction. How do they respond when it

is time to set it aside? Do they throw a fit or get angry with you? This may be a sign that you need to limit their screen time or take it away altogether and give it back to them at a later time.

Am I prepared enough to monitor that device? If you think as an adult you understand what is going on with some of these children and their devices, multiply it times 3. When the Internet first came out we were all worried about kids interacting with pedophiles. While this is still going on, I'm not sure that's the biggest threat to our children right now. The fact is with Wi-Fi, data plans, and the Internet in your pocket, plenty of things are going on between children and/or teenagers. So how do you moderate? My parents used to have our computer in a public place in the house where everyone could see it. At the same time it would take almost 20 minutes to upload a stick figure. Now a child can be looking at porn for free while sitting on the same couch as a parent, who is unaware this is going on. I also suggest that you have the password to any social site that your child has as well. Let them know that you may go on at any time whatsoever and look at what they're doing or who they're talking to. And don't just say that, do it.

Does my child have the wisdom to handle a device? Do they have the wisdom to tell you when someone else is trying to get them to do something wrong on the Internet? Do you have an open line of communication with them or would they choose to "protect" their friends from consequences? Most importantly, don't let your child take any device to bed. You'd be shocked at the number of teenagers whose grades are affected by this very thing. Maybe they're simply talking with friends, but getting to sleep an hour to three hours later than they should. They are not rested and their minds are not fresh for the next day. Because you are unable to monitor late

hours, I would suggest not allowing teenagers to take a device to bed.

Have you talked to your children about sex? This seems like a random out-of-place question but it needs to be addressed. Sex is everywhere, but it's especially available on the Internet. Do you want your child to know what God's plan for sex is? Or are you OK with another 10-year-old explaining to your 10-year-old what sex is. You have to be one step ahead of the game with this.

How does the device affect our family time? Maybe your child is on a coloring app, they are doing nothing immoral, but is it hurting family time. My children are only six and five and we've already had to battle this at times. Sometimes we do an entire unplugging for an entire night. I could be wrong but I feel like when we do this we actually have a smoother and much calmer night. But if that device is taking up too much family time, it is unhealthy for the child and the family.

Does your child have a device just because "everyone else has one?" If you have read through the article and thought that maybe it's not time for your child to have a device yet, don't fall into peer pressure. If you want to teach your child how to handle peer pressure help them by not feeding into that peer pressure yourself. Not every child that is eight has a cell phone, I work in schools and I see what's going on.

I hope these things help. I think if you asked yourself these questions and discuss them with other parents, and pray for wisdom, God will give you the answer. A childhood is something that you cannot get back. Let's be wise parents as we make decisions that will really affect their young lives.

Pastor Tim Madden is the Pastor of Cornerstone Bible Church in Browndale.

## Congressman Tom Marino Announces Resignation

Congressman Tom Marino (PA-12) released the following statement announcing his resignation from the United States House of Representatives.

Rep. Marino said the following: "As of January 23, 2019, I am officially stepping down from Congress. Having spent over two decades serving the public, I have chosen to take a position in the private sector where I can use both my legal and business experience to create jobs around the nation. I want to thank the people of the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania for the faith they have placed in me to represent them in Congress. It truly has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I worked in Congress to fight for the hardworking people of our region and I am proud of the work we have accomplished. I am confident that the area will continue to thrive."

Governor Wolf has 30 days to set a date for a special election. The election then will be held at least 60 days from the time the election date is set.

The new 12th District voted heavily Republican in the 2018 election.

There are 16 counties in the 12th District which was created by the state courts in 2018 under a highly disputed ruling to correct so-called gerrymandering in the state.

The counties are: Susquehanna, Wyoming, Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga, Clinton, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Union, and parts of Centre, Montour and Northumberland.

The statement went on to say that Congressman Marino has accomplished a great deal over his career in the United States Congress, passing eight bills into law during two Presidential administrations.

Congressman Marino also led the effort to help secure funding so our region can benefit from rural broadband access.

Congressman Marino has been very active in Foster Care policy in Congress and has served as the Co-Chair of the Foster Youth Caucus. Tom has also served as the Co-Chair of both the Cystic Fibrosis and Kidney Caucuses.

Congressman Marino was first elected in 2010, defeating Democratic incumbent Chris Carney by 10 points. He has been re-elected by wide margins in four additional elections. Congressman Marino has served as a U.S. Attorney, District Attorney, and Assistant District Attorney. He has never lost an election.

Congressman Marino and his wife Edie reside outside Williamsport with their two children.

## Campaign School at Univ. of Scranton Sat., Jan. 26

The Political Science department at the University of Scranton, in conjunction with Lackawanna County League of Women Voters and WNEP TV 16 is offering a Campaign School on Sat. Jan. 26 beginning at 8 a.m.

If you are planning to run for public office you will hear practical information on how to commence your candidacy and run an effective campaign at this session.

Sessions will cover the practicalities of completing a petition, organizing a campaign, raising money, and using various forms of media. Another session will discuss how to become a delegate to the party convention in the presidential election year. The program will wrap up with a panel to share lessons learned from political life.

The class will be held at the University Brennan Hall 5th floor beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m.

Cost for the seminar is \$40, which includes continental breakfast and notebook of literature; \$25 for LWV member or \$15 for students.

Snow date Sat., Feb. 2nd.

## NWTF donates \$2,000 to Toys for Kids



D.G.'s Bar would like to thank the Members of the NWTF who made a \$2,000 donation to Toys for Kids Program. This donation was used to purchase food vouchers for 75 families. Total of gifts for this year was \$16,003. The 16 year grand total donated to The Forest City School is \$94,745. Thanks to all for your generosity! Pictured left to right: Josh Faatz, Jim Hessling, Debbie Giddings, Gary Greco, Ed Mellin (chapter vice president), Deb Wasnock, Dr. Frank Moro, Kevin Urian (chapter president), Mike Murnin (chapter treasurer).

## Wayne Memorial Receives Re-accreditation



The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation re-accredited Wayne Memorial hospital as a Level IV Trauma Center for the next two years, the highest number of years that can be achieved for re-accreditation. The hospital first successfully received the designation in 2017 and was required to apply for re-certification in one year. Level IV trauma centers are able to provide initial care and stabilization of traumatic injury—serious or critical bodily injury—while arranging transfer to a higher level of trauma care.

Pictured left to right: James Pettinato, RN, director Patient Care Services; Amanda Arthur, RN; Debra Bertsche, PA; Patrick Pugliese, MD, medical director Trauma Program and medical director, Emergency Department (ED); Karen Novobilski, RN, Performance Improvement; Danielle Davis, RN, Performance Improvement; Lucille Young, RN, Trauma Program manager (holding certificate); Joanne Falcone, LPN; Denise Di-Giampaolo, LPN; Megan Behan, LPN; Dana Gallik, RN; Heather Hughes, RN; Chandra Roberts, RN, Staff Development; Michele Churney, RN, nurse-manager, ED.

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## Susq. County Resource Day Sat., Mar. 23

The 3rd annual Susquehanna County Family & Resource Day, a free family event hosted by the Susquehanna County Commissioners, will be held Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9AM at Mt. View School, Kingsley.

The event makes it possible for our residents to be made aware of the services and resources available to Susquehanna County residents. All are invited to stop by.

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