

* School Affairs and People in the News *



With honoree Ivan Burman unable to attend, Scott Burman, son of Ivan Burman, accepted the Jack Masters Lifetime Achievement Award for his father from the Susquehanna County Republican Committee at the annual Lincoln Day breakfast held Feb. 8th. Shown above from left are: Congressman Fred Keller, State Representatives Jonathan Fritz and Tina Pickett, Senator Gene Yaw, County GOP Chair Donna Cosmello, Scott Burman and County Commissioner Alan Hall.

Ivan Burman receiver of GOP Jack Masters award

Ivan Burman, Ararat, was honored with the annual Jack Masters Lifetime Achievement Award at the Susquehanna County Republican Committee Lincoln Day breakfast held Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Harford Fire Hall.

Mr. Burman served as chairman of the County Republican Committee from 2000 to 2004 and was vice chairman from 1998 to 2000. He also served as president and as treasurer of the C Club, the former fundraising arm of the county

party. He was a member of the Republican State Committee and the Republican Northeast Caucus.

His work with the party began back in the campaigns of Senator Charles Lemmond and continued with his successor, Senator Lisa Baker, as well as State Representatives Sandra Major and Tina Pickett.

He worked on the Tom Ridge for Governor campaign in 1995 and served on first

Bush/Cheney campaign in 2000., as well as the Mike Fisher for Governor campaign. He was a strong supporter of Congressman Don Sherwood and a held a summer fundraiser for Sherwood for three years.

He also supported campaigns for Susquehanna County row offices which helped maintain Republican control of the Courthouse.

He and his wife, Elaine, live in Ararat. They have a son, Scott.

Acker is Senior of the Month at FCR



Dalton Acker was recognized by the Forest City Regional School Board as a Senior Student of the Month. Dalton Acker is the son of Roseanna and Luke Harrie. As a student at Forest City Regional High School and the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County Dalton has worked persistently to achieve his best both here and at CTCLC. Dalton is enrolled in the Welding Technology program at CTCLC. While at CTCLC Dalton has earned certificates in OSHA 10 and OSHA 30, Stick 3G, and Flux Cored 3G. Dalton is very active in the community as a Volunteer Firefighter with both the Uniondale Fire Company and the Pleasant Mount Fire Company. As a volunteer firefighter, Dalton consoles victims at accident scenes, retrieves tools for senior firefighters on accident sights, and inventories the fire vehicles for supplies and operational standards. This year Dalton's classmates voted him as the student who has changed the most over the past four years. Dalton was the recipient of the 2019-2020 Challenge Award for Community Service. The Challenge Program recognizes juniors and seniors at Forest City Regional in various areas each year, awarding students with a certificate and a monetary prize. At Forest City Regional Dalton is a senior member of the Ski Team, as well as the Fishing Club. After high school Dalton plans to enter the workforce in the welding field or as a Firefighter. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Dalton Acker, Roseanna and Luke Harrie, and HS Principal Cassandra Stout.

FCR 4th graders receive book created by CTCLC



The Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (CTCLC) kicked off Career and Technical Education month at the Forest City Regional Elementary School on Monday, February 3, 2020. The CTCLC Graphics Department, led by Paul Georgetti, Digital Communications Design Instructor, and CTCLC School Counselor Ann Jordan created an augmented reality book titled Career Technology Creatures. All 4th grade students received a copy of the book and all teachers K-6 received one copy for their classrooms. In addition, the Forest City Regional Elementary School received an iPad from the CTCLC. The iPad included the Zappar App which is used to bring the text to life! The Forest City Regional School District is appreciative of our partnership with the CTCLC. Pictured are students in the 4th grade with their books.

Rep. Jon Fritz Provides dates For balloting

State Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R, Wayne, Susq) has listed the following dates for mail-in or absentee ballots:

The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is 5pm the Tuesday before election, which is April 21. The completed ballot must be received via mail, or dropped off in person at your county elections office, by 8pm on Election Day, April 28.

The last day for county election boards to receive voted military and overseas ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59pm April 27), is a week after the election, May 5.

Also under the new law, voters who have a permanent disability may ask to be placed on a permanent absentee ballot list. Voters on this list will have an absentee ballot application mailed to them by the first Monday in February each year. If you complete and return the application, the county will send you ballots in the mail for all the elections that take place that year, as well as for any special election held through the third Monday in February of the next year.

Transportation Task Force Business Survey

Wayne Tomorrow! has charged the Transportation Task Force with identifying the changing needs and challenges of transportation in Wayne County and they are seeking input from area businesses.

The Task Force, which is chaired by County Transportation Director Carl Albright and Nancy and Shawn Garing of Garing Transportation, has developed a survey for all employers in Wayne County to assess the broader need for transportation services.

The eight-question survey aims to learn more about scheduling and late shifts as well as what business owners may be doing to tackle their employee transportation issues, and from where their employee pool comes.

Wayne Tomorrow! Community Network Specialist Kim Rickard will be visiting many of the local business districts to encourage participation, but all employers are urged to complete and submit the survey.

You can fill it out online or request a paper copy from KRickard@WayneCountyPA.com.

Events Galore on the Rail Trail

Come out and commune with nature by participating in some of the following events happening on the trail. Unless otherwise noted, these events will begin at the Rail Trail Office in Union Dale

Walking Mondays March 2, 9, 16 & 23 / April 6, 13, 20, 27. 9 a.m. at the Rail Trail Office in Union Dale. If you miss Monday, come for Follow-up Saturday at noon.

March 1, 8, & 22- Sunday Fun Day 2 p.m. Experience a different hike every Sunday.

March 14 & April 11 - Yoga Walk/Hike at noon.

March 19 - Night Hike 8 p.m. place to be announced.

April 22 - Sunrise Hike time and place to be announced. Curiosity hike for Children 5 p.m.

Pet of the Week



This is Mischief Maker. A stray who was rescued from going to the pound by the News' own Country Cook

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Burnis' Raises Over 8K For Australian Wildfire Fund



Rachel Burnis and her family of Forest City, have managed to raise over \$8,000 for the Australian Wildlife Fire Fund by selling "Love for Australia" T-shirts in the community.

Rachel is shown presenting the check to AAA president Amb. John Berry. Students from Forest City Regional High School held a "Whiteout for Australia Fundraiser," where students who purchased a t-shirt had the chance to win a toy koala bear. The lucky winner was Madelynn, a second grade student.

Donations can be made online at <https://www.americanaustralian.org/australian-bushfire-donation/>

Field Trips Approved by FCR Board

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the following field trips for the 2019-2020 school year at the monthly meeting on Monday, February 10:

Pre-K students to the Regal Movie Theatre, Dickson City on February 19, 2020 at a cost of \$225.

Pre-K students to the Carbondale Veterinary Hospital on February 21, 2020 at a cost of \$210.

PJAS students to Region 2 Competition at Wilkes University on February 29, 2020 at a cost of \$315.

Mrs. Febbo's class to the Riverfront Sports Complex, Scranton on March 6, 2020 at a cost of \$123.76.

Pre-K students to Valley Bowling Lanes, Childs, on March 6, 2020 at a cost of \$225.

FBLA students to Hershey, PA for the State competition on April 5, 2020 through April 8, 2020 at a cost of \$6,000.

DID YOU KNOW?
In the Phillipines, McDon-ald's sells spaghetti?

FCR Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

The Forest City Regional School District has scheduled K4-Pre-Kindergarten Registration for Tuesday & Wednesday, April 14 and April 15, 2020. Appointments will begin at 9:00a.m. Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am.

Parents are required to phone the elementary office (570)785-2410 to schedule an appointment. The registration process will take approximately 1 hour. The child's medical/health information will also be recorded. Parents will also be able to process volunteer clearances if they'd like.

District policy requires K4-Pre-Kindergarten students to be 4 years of age on or before September 1.

Parents/guardians must bring the following items to registration:

- child's birth certificate, proof of residency
- proof of income (Pre-K only),
- child's immunization records.

Immunizations should include:

- 3 DpT
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis
- 2 Varicella or history of Chicken Pox disease

We look forward to meeting the students and parents of the Class of 2034!

Lackawanna Co. Golf Clinics Being held

Registration is open for the 2020 Lackawanna County Golf Clinics. The clinics are available on Monday and Wednesday at 6:00-7:30 pm and 8:00-9:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00-7:30pm, and a junior clinic for ages 8-16 on Friday at 6:00-7:30. The clinics run for 4 consecutive weeks and cost \$40. Art McLain and Bill Stutzman will be two of the instructors for the clinics. More information and registration is available on the Lackawanna County website.

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