

* School Affairs and People in the News *

Curley is Senior Student of the Month at FCR



Jessica Curley has been selected by the Forest City Regional School Board as a Senior of the Month for March. She is the daughter of Debra Harris. Throughout her time at Forest City Regional High School Jessica has strived for academic excellence. Jessica has maintained high honor roll status throughout her high school career. She is a member of the National Honor Society and holds the office of Parliamentarian; Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and holds the title of Treasurer; she is the Student Council President, Vice President of the Senior Class, a member of CHOPS, a member of the Spanish Club, Secretary of the Yearbook Committee, and Future Business Leaders of America. As a student athlete, Jessica is Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, and the Varsity Cheerleading Squad. She has lettered in soccer and cheerleading the past four years. Jessica has volunteered her time to help with Steamtown Marathon, Feed-a-friend, and Toys for Tots, helped bead the world's longest necklace, the David Cavalieri Memorial golf tournament, painted faces for Christmas extravaganza, assisted with the Student Council haunted house rooms, volunteered at the food pantry, and assisted with the coat drive. Mrs. McGraw, Jessica's school counselor, describes her as a student who has the compassion and drive to make a difference in the lives of others. After graduation Jessica plans to attend a four year college majoring in biology. Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Debra Harris, Jessica Curley, and HS Principal Cassandra Stout.

FCR's Feb. Super 6th Grader is Brendan Korty



The Super 6th grader for the month of February is Brendan Korty, who is in Mrs. Tully's homeroom. Brendan exemplifies what a Mighty Forester is. He shows up to school ready to learn and with a smile. He is a great listener, is always engaged in the classroom, and puts 110% into his work as his grades reflect. Brendan respects his classmates and teachers, (all of whom praise his positive demeanor), works well with his peers, and is highly respected himself. His hobbies are playing sports, playing video games with his dad, watching movies with his mom, and spending time with his dog, Grinch. Brendan says his favorite subject in school is all of them, explaining that he loves to learn and can't pick a favorite. He also plays baseball and basketball and loves being active in sports because it builds good character.

Brendan lives in Forest City with his mother, Sandra, and his father, Aaron. Besides having a pet dog, he also raises chickens and has given them some very interesting names including Chicken Nugget, Scrambles, and KFC. He is admired for his dedication to his academics as well as his outstanding demeanor.

Pictured left to right are Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina, Board President Mary Emmett, Sandra and Brendan Korty, and Elementary Principal Mike Zack.

Letter from WVIA regarding "Our Town Forest City"

I hope this note finds you well and coping with this most unusual time in our lives. As I write this, most of my co-workers are working from home--so it's very quiet here at the station. Only engineers and on-air staff are required to keep this media machine moving forward.

Although we have had to postpone Our Town meetings, please know when we get the "all clear" and can be together as a group, we will move forward with Our Town Forest City.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well. There would be no way we could do this project without YOU!

I do not know what the immediate future holds, but all we can do--the best we can do is listen to our officials, as they have our safety in mind; touch base with family and friends electronically, by phone or note; and have faith we will get through this global trial stronger and more resilient than we could have ever imagined.

I'm here at the station, so if you'd like to call, it would be great to hear from you.

Until we see each other, please stay safe and well.

Take care--
Lisa Mazzarella

B'dale Fire Co. Chicken BBQ Sun., April 5

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Spring Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Browndale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Browndale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert.

The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit the all volunteer Browndale Fire Company.

Purse Bingo At FCAES Sun., April 26

The Forest City Area Emergency Services will host a purse bingo on Sun., April 26 at the EMS building 380 Railroad St. in Forest City.

Tickets are \$25 for 16 games and 4 specials. Basket raffles will also be available. Doors open at noon, games start at 1:30. Featured designers: Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Burke & Tory Burch.

For tickets or more information, call 570-785-3837

Take-n-Bake Pizza Sales at Christ Church

Now through April 10, Christ Church will be holding their Friday Lenten take-n-bake pizza sales. Enjoy a 12-cut three-cheese pizza or a 12-cut potato/cheese/onion pizza made in the church kitchen.

Sale hours will take place between 3 & 6 p.m.

For more information, call 570-785-3425 and leave message.

Pet of the Week



Meet Professor, the grand-dog-gie of Joann & Mike Matarese. His mom is Jennifer Matarese of Forest City!

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Facts About Mail-in ballots

All voters at the polls beginning in the April 28th Spring Primary Election will vote on the new computer voting machines. Straight party voting is no longer allowed. All candidates must be marked.

The machines will be available for display at many locations in the next two months. One is at the Forest City Branch Library but the Library is closed for the coronavirus.

Anyone in Pennsylvania can vote by mail-in ballot at upcoming elections, whether or not you are able to go to the polls or are in or out of the county on election day. Application for the mail-in ballot can be downloaded from www.VotesPA.com/mailballot or call 1-877-868-3772 or call your county Election Office. Applications are also available at the Forest City News Office.

All you need to apply for a mail in ballot is a PA Drivers License, PennDOT issued photo card or last four digits of your social security number.

When you receive the ballot, fill it in and mail or bring it to the County Election Office. Addresses of all County Election Offices are part of the mail-in ballot application.

All ballots must be received by the County Election Office by 8pm on election (Primary is Tuesday, April 28)

If you get a mail-in ballot but do not use it you may come to the poll on Election Day. The Poll pad of the Election Board will indicate you received a mail-in ballot, but you will have to fill out a provisional ballot. That ballot will be checked by the County Election Office Return Board to be sure you did not vote by mail.

All mail in ballots will be counted at the County Election Office after the polls close on Election Day.

Susquehanna County Election Office sent out address verification notices and more than 1,600 were returned as addresses not at that address. A 2nd notice will be sent out. If this is returned, the names will remain on the voting rolls for five years and then can still remain on for two federal election cycles unless new addresses are filed or other verification is made.

April 13 is the last date to register for the Primary or to change your party affiliation. April 21 is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot.

Susquehanna County Buildings Now Open By Appointment Only

The Susquehanna County Commissioners have signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency effective March 19, 2020 in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The declaration directs the Susquehanna County Emergency Management to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary.

As of Monday, March 23, 2020 all County buildings are open for emergency and essential functions by appointment only. Appointments can be requested by calling the Department directly or by calling 570-278-4600.

The County Commissioners strongly encouraged that all residents follow the information released by the PA. Dept. of Health (www.health.pa.gov) and the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.dcgov). The most recent information, recommendations, and resources can be found their websites. A link to these has been placed on the Susquehanna county Website (www.susqco.com)

The Court

In an effort to further restrict potential COVID-19 exposure within the courts, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court today announced that all PA Courts - including trial and intermediate appellate courts - are closed to the public for non-essential functions through at least April 3, 2020.

The Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills and Orphans' Court will still be open. You will need to schedule an appointment for recording, marriage licenses and opening an estate.

You can e-Record Recorder of Deeds documents through CSC,

Simplefile and EPN.

There will be no public searching available - even to attorneys. Our Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills records are available through www.landex.com.

If you need an orphans court record please call and we will email it to you.

You can call directly 570-278-6645 to schedule an appointment or 570-278-4600 ext 4065, 4066, 4067 or 4069.

Clinton Twp.

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B'DALE FIRE CO.

Browndale Fire Chief Josh Debevec said 50 companies came to the fire that destroyed Aldenville Log and Lumber last week. He said pump trucks ran out of fuel and he wanted to ask the township to take care of the \$859 bill from Highhouse Oil instead of having the companies pay for the extra fuel. Zefran made a motion to pay the bill. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Browndale Fire Company had 11 calls for February.

FIRE CO. CONSOLIDATION

Matt Curtis said to Debevec, "You stated at a previous meeting that consolidation was inevitable for the fire company. The price of equipment, etc. Was there any discussion with other companies?" Debevec replied, "Volunteers are decreasing. I have been talking with the township for years to put a plan together. Consolidation was talked about for manpower but not the equipment. We still need trucks and equipment to operate." Zefran said, "County government will get involved at some point."

WAGE TAX

Zefran said he met with the tax collector to discuss who is and isn't paying the wage tax. "We spent 2-3 hours going over Clinton II. We still need to go over who is paying and not paying. We have a list from Berkheimer."

STATE POLICE

Poska asked if the township decided to take any action on Governor Wolf's proposal of charging municipalities who solely rely on State Police coverage. Zefran said he spoke to a state representative who is a Democrat like Wolf who said she is not in favor of it and that it is highly unlikely it will pass.

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U of Scranton SBDC Still Available to Assist Small Business

The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center SBDC team will remain available to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses through individual meetings by phone or real-time video conferencing. Additionally, Virtual Online Group Sessions will be offered soon.

The team will continue to work with their existing clients as well as take on new clients and referrals.

Current SBDC Clients should reach out directly to their SBDC Business Consultant.

New requests for for-profit small business assistance can visit their web site; e-mail sbdc@scranton.edu; or call 570-941-7588 and leave a message.

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