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January 15
Trinity Area SD
9th Grade Shadow Day

January 16
Avella Area SD
9th Grade Tour



Thank you LuLu 's Free Store staff and Ms. Skirpan for working with our junior male students on Wednesday to prepare them for upcoming interview training. Pictured with school counselor Tonya Skirpan are Shaun Walker, Grace Reid-Vensel, Chloe LoCastro, Marie Giles, Thomas McConnell (B), Claire Anderson, Collin Helmick. Daniel Deal and Jake Sinclair.



Congratulations to welding/co-op student Michael Swazuk (CH) who was recently employed by Alex E. Paris Contracting.

December Student of the Month LIAM WINDSHEIMER



A first place winner in the recent SkillsUSA welding competition, Liam (CM) enjoys working on his truck, archery and rifle hunting, and riding his dirt bike. He works part time for his brother in construction and also works at Keystone Crane and Hoist, primarily in the summer. Congratulations Liam!



Collision Repair instructor Lee Roy Bowman recently had a casual conversation with local resident "Terry" during which Terry asked Mr. Bowman if he knew a student who would benefit from a tool box he no longer needed. Mr. Bowman gratefully accepted the offer, agreed to pick it up, and delivered it to Blake Leichty (CM). Blake works at Opeka Auto Repair in McMurray thru the co-op program. WACTC administration, Mr. Bowman and Blake sincerely thank Terry for this generous gesture!

January 13
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Multipurpose Room



School Board Appreciation Month *January 2025*

January is designated as a time to honor school board members and their dedication to public education across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This annual observance was initiated by the National School Boards Association in 1995.

School board members may be your neighbors, co-workers, grandparents, delivery person, attorney, secretary, all who demonstrate extraordinary dedication to our public schools.

More than 85 percent of Pennsylvania's students attend public schools, including the nearly 700 students who attend Western Area Career & Technology Center. Working with school administration, the nine members of each local school board make complex decisions to guide our schools in an effort to provide an education environment where every student can find a path to success.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

Western Area administration commends our current and former Joint Operating Committee members for their dedication, vision and support of the continued growth and accomplishments of Western Area Career & Technology Center, its staff and students.

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*An effective school board is the cornerstone of a quality education system,
setting the vision and direction for student achievement.*