Chillson Graduates Basic Training

Air Force Airman **Jacob R. Chillson** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Chillson is the son of Ricky Robinson of Las Vagas, Nev., Sherry King of California City, Calif., and Rick A. Chillson of Fulton, N.Y. He is also the grandson of Richard Chillson of Hannibal, Calif.

The airman graduated in 2013 from Hannibal High School, Hannibal, N.Y.

Camp Graduates Basic Training

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Ariel M. Camp** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Camp is the daughter of Lance C. Camp of Marion, N.Y., and Tamara M. Prodrick of Ontario, N.Y., and niece of Michael Thurston of Penfield, N.Y.

She graduated in 2009 from Marion Jr.-Sr. High School, Marion, N.Y.

Rotary Youth Exchange Student Speaks

The Wolcott Rotary Club is currently hosting Youth Exchange Student, Gwendolynn Lun-An Vos from Wognum, Noord-Holland. At a recent Rotary meeting, Gwen spoke with Rotarians about her country. She explained that Holland is a democracy but it does have a royal family. Amsterdam, the capital of Holland, is a city of 1 million people. Its main industry is fishing and it is a center for trade and finance.

In Holland, Gwen rides her bike to school. It takes her about 30 minutes. She did say that the land is flat. She has been surprised by our local hilly and curvy roads and lack of public transportation. In Holland, she generally rides her bike, the bus, or takes a train or tram. It is the cheapest way to travel.

She described the canals of Holland as a favorite of hers. They do have the old wooden windmills but also use the new windmills for renewable energy. She went on to say that wooden shoes are not comfortable and no one wears them except the tourists. She also noted that tulips were introduced to Holland in the 16th century and were not native, but still very beautiful and a big tourist attraction.

The Dutch version of Christmas is December 5. This is when you set out a shoe or boot, the bigger the better, and hope for cookies and chocolate candy as well as any other requested gifts. Gwen says that she uses her dad's shoes because they are the biggest and hold more things.

When asked by Rotarian Andy DeMay, "Having been in America for a few months now, what are the greatest cultural differences, and what do you miss the most?" Gwen immediately responded that she misses the healthier foods in the Netherlands. She went on to say that people in Holland eat healthier foods on a daily basis. While they have fast food places, they are not a regular part of their diet.

When Gwen returns to Holland in the summer, she will continue her education. She hopes to one day be a doctor of medicine.

Gwen arrived in mid-August and lived with Frank and Deb D'Aurizio and family until after the New Year. She will now reside with Shannon MacRae and family for about 3 months. She is a member of the NRW senior class and is enrolled in a full course of study including English, Social Studies, and Calculus.

There are Rotary Youth Exchange programs available for our NRW students who might like to spend a year in a foreign country. Anyone interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange program should contact Sharon Coleman at shrnscol@yahoo.com or any Wolcott Rotarian for information.

Gwendolynn Lun-An Vos

Dean's List

Mason Craine of Red Creek has achieved the academic distinction of being placed on the dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Morrisville State College. While maintaining a high grade point average, Mason has been involved in the Men's Cross Country Team participating in the NEAC competition in Washington D.C.

Mason is working towards a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is the son of proud parents, Michael and Cynthia Craine of Red Creek. Congratulations, Mason!

Academic Achievement

Chelsea Craine of Red Creek has earned a 4.0 grade point average for the fall 2014 semester at Keuka College. Chelsea is completing her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. She is due to graduate May 2015 after the completion of her Master's Thesis and a final internship in the field.

Chelsea is the daughter of proud parents, Michael and Cynthia Craine of Red Creek. Congratulations, Chelsea!

Wolcott Rotary Student of the Month

The Wolcott Rotary Club is pleased to announce the NRW 11th grade student of the month for November, Laura Durham. Laura is the daughter of Rob and Kari Durham of North Rose. Laura is a student at the NRW High School where she is enrolled in a number of advanced placement courses: Social Studies, English, and Psychology.

Mr. Brian Reed, NRW HS assistant principal, described Laura as a kind and polite young woman with a 92+ average. She is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the varsity soccer and basketball teams. She is the president of the Junior Class.

She participates in the Kids Night Out program at the high school. This program organizes activities for elementary age students. In addition, Laura finds time to play on the Jets soccer team and the Cougars basketball team.

Following graduation Laura wants to study in the law field. She is currently looking at Siena, Clarkson and Wells as potential college sites.

Laura was given a $50 check in recognition of her selection as the Wolcott Rotary Club 11th grade student of the month. Laura, the Wolcott Rotary Club is proud of you and wishes you the best.

Renewing Books for Buses

Members of North Rose-Wolcott High School's Interact Club update book supplies for Wolcott Rotary Club's "Books on the Bus" project. Sorting books at the NR-W bus garage are, from the left, Taylor LaValley, Samantha Shattuck, Miranda Milan, Suzan Fowler, and Erin Anthony. Each participating NR-W bus has a plastic tote box containing 20 to 25 books and magazines. The Wolcott Rotary project supports the NR-W School District's goal of raising the reading levels of elementary students. The Wolcott Rotary Club applied for and received a Rotary District 7120 Grant, authored by club president Sharon Coleman. The grant was matched by a $1,000 Rotary Club share.