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Something For Everyone At Folk Festival

Festival to kick off with Youth Day at McConnell Park

By Chanan Rotz-Mountz
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Whether you're interested in Massey Harris tractors, the intricate stitching of handmade quilts or just a home-cooked meal and a sampling of baked goods, the 2008 Fulton Fall Folk Festival is sure to offer something to please all in attendance no matter what their age. After receiving good feedback from attendees at last year's first Youth Day held in McConnell Park, Youth Day will again return to the courthouse square in McConnellsburg to kick off the three-day festival scheduled for October 17 through October 19. The child-oriented feature set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Friday will offer a variety of hands-on activities such as fall crafts as well as face painting and magic shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, local historians will open the Fulton House to showcase the permanent collection of the Fulton County Historical Society in addition to a loaned exhibit of tools and furniture dating back to the 20th century workings of cabinet-makers Luther and Michael Black. Historians will also feature three area homes and the Fulton County Jail in their annual local house tour Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Those interested in art can take in the Fulton County Art Club Exhibit located in the community room of the former medical center Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or the

Fulton County Quilt Club quilt show and contest from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Fulton Theatre. The art exhibit can also be viewed Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon on; the quilt show is also open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Local artisans Glen and Gerry Emerick will be showing off their wares all three days of the festival at Trails End Woodcrafts located in Clear Ridge off McKinleyville Road. In addition to the intarsia artworks and woodworking of the Emericks, watercolors, gemstone jewelry and various artwork will be available.

Sure to get you on your feet and moving, the annual Dale Gordon Memorial 5K run/walk will get under way with a 7:30 a.m. registration Saturday in the square at Needmore. Medals are awarded to the category winners and cash prizes of up to \$300 are given to the top sponsors.

Anyone looking for a more laid-back means of spending their Saturday are urged to check out "Vittles Along the Trail" hosted at the nearby Fulton County Community Christian School in Needmore. The all-you-can-eat country breakfast will feature a variety of items such as homemade buckwheat cakes, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy and more. While there is no charge for the breakfast, donations are gladly accepted.

The Christian School will also be sponsoring a car show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Needmore Bible Church for any automobiles, including antiques, hot rods, customs, classics, trucks and motorcycles.



Forbes Road FFA Chapter members make cider at Sipes Farm Market on Lincoln Way West Saturday to sell at this weekend's Fall Folk Festival. The group will be back again this Saturday with their circa 1900 cider press to make more cider, which can be purchased for \$4 a gallon or \$2.50 a half gallon. Proceeds benefit Forbes Road FFA.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. with trophies awarded at 3 p.m.

The Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church located in the southern most portion of the county will reopen its doors to the public on Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can walk through the county's oldest church, which was organized

about 1745, and view signatures of Union troops hospitalized there from January through early March 1862.

In addition, local author John Mentzer will be on hand Friday at Tonoloway to discuss his research and recently published book "Tonoloway - If Its Walls Could Talk" and offer slide presentations at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tonoloway is locat-

ed just north of the Mason-Dixon line along Thompson Road (Route 655).

In the northern section of Fulton County, the village of Waterfall will be a showcase of good food and good entertainment. Saturday's activities include a candy scramble at noon.

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Doug Ray

Doug Ray To Lead Festival Parade

Saturday's parade marshal is McConnellsburg native

By Jean Snyder
STAFF WRITER

Doug Ray, a well-known McConnellsburg man, has been chosen to lead the Fulton Fall Folk Festival's annual parade through town this Saturday. The announcement of Ray's selection as parade marshal for the 35th annual festival was made last week by the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. The parade route will run from the First Street area up Lincoln Way to the fairgrounds.

Ray, 55, will be driven in the parade by his nephew, Allen Bishop, in Bishop's restored MG convertible. When interviewed by the "News" this week, Ray said he was surprised to be asked and "I'm kind of getting excited," he said, as parade day approaches.

Doug is well known by many here in McConnellsburg and surrounding areas and is appreciated for his help with various projects and events in McConnellsburg. Most days, Doug can be found walking from his home to his place of employment, MacDonald's Pharmacy, and then to Peckie's Auto Body to do various errands for them. He is known for his large collection of T-shirts and ball caps, often displaying his favorite sports teams, the Washington Redskins and the Baltimore Orioles. He is also an avid NASCAR fan and pulls for Jeff Gordon.

He is a fixture at local sales and auctions and worked for Vernon Youngblood when he had an auction house at the Fulton Theatre.

In addition to his work at MacDonald's Pharmacy, Doug is also instrumental in helping clean up after events at his church, St. Paul Lutheran, in McConnellsburg. He has a 42-year pin for his faithful Sunday school attendance there. At one time, he rang the church bell every Sunday, but now does cleanup, takes out the trash, closes the church, puts up the hymn numbers for the next Sunday and takes care of the bulletin board.

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DEATHS

- Craig**, Colleen, 33, Ft. Loudon
- Crouse**, Marie, 82, Spring Run
- Foster**, Beatrice, 88, Chambersburg
- Heefner**, Willis, 95, Hustontown
- Hixson**, Vera, 82, Crystal Spring
- Yunker**, Lowell, 73, Hancock

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Members of the HAVFCO auxiliary and fire company, left to right, Sarah Shaw, Shirley Tice, Morris Crouse, Lee Tice, Charlotte Crouse and Murray Romig get ready to serve one of the more than 50 annual banquets the company prepares each year. HAVFCO will serve homemade food all three days of this year's folk festival.

HAVFCO Auxiliary, Co. Members Slice, Dice, Roast And Mash For Folk Festival

Company sponsors five dining events this weekend

By Jean Snyder
STAFF WRITER

This is the weekend that Fulton County throws open its gates to welcome thousands to enjoy our beautiful fall foliage as well as our hospitality. Although visitors and natives alike will be able to enjoy food from one end of the county to the other, no organization makes as much food as the Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Co. auxiliary members and firemen. A look at their planned menu excites the taste buds, but a closer look at their inside operation staggers the mind.

At last count, there will be five opportunities to eat at the firehall and all of the food and all of the service will be provided by less than 25

hardworking volunteers. And that's a lot, according to Shirley Tice, auxiliary president. Most of the company's more than 50 banquets served each year are done by 10-12 people. However, the Folk Festival is an "all hands on deck" event because of its magnitude.

And speaking of magnitude, the five dining opportunities include: a roast beef dinner on Friday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. with all the usual trimmings, including mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, corn and desserts; with barely enough time to wash the dishes (A job they seem to relegate to the men!), on Saturday at 11:00 a.m., they will offer homemade slippery potpie. No one will be disappointed because the choices will include beef, chicken and ham potpie with pepper slaw and homemade bread with apple butter. Fire company member Morris Crouse is in charge of the potpie and his wife,

Charlotte, shared this secret - the potpie dough is made with eggs, mashed potatoes, flour and water - somewhat of a variation on the usual recipe. But, "that's what makes it so fluffy," Charlotte says. Don't wait until too late on Saturday to verify the fluffiness because they sell out and they have to get ready to go again at 3:00 p.m. with a chicken barbecue. If your potpie has left you wanting for more, you can get - chicken served with baked beans, macaroni salad, dinner roll and dessert.

Once again, the kitchen will be open at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday evening to prepare for Open Stage, a very popular company event for area performers that will begin at 6:00 p.m. The company hosts several of these events each year and have about 150-225 people in attendance for the evening of fun and

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Township Officials Gather For 86th Annual Convention

Whitetail health, library construction and open space among topics

STAFF REPORT

From open space and the health of the white-tailed deer population to aging matters, local township officials were updated Monday on a multitude of ongoing topics affecting the operation of their municipalities and the well-being of their residents.

Greg Reineke of the Conservation District was one of 17 speakers to take the podium at the Sideling Hill Christian Church dining hall during the Fulton County Association of Township Officials' 86th annual convention hosted on Columbus Day. Continuing his plea for preserving open space locally, Reineke reminded those on hand numerous methods are available to preserve the rural feel in Fulton County. In a supplement to subdivision ordinances and zoning, programs such as Clean and Green and Farmland Preservation also offer landowners alternative methods to saving their open land for future generations.

"These things can happen if we're careful with our planning," said Reineke, who also spoke briefly on illegal dumping, recycling, tire cleanups and household hazardous waste. Reineke along with Steve Thomas of the planning office presented township officials with information related to Greenways and the county's joint comprehensive plan.

According to the goals and objectives identified by the joint plan, preservation and enhancement of the mix of rural and natural landscapes and uses is a must when looking forward to the next 10 to 15 years. In addition, a diversity of businesses must also be attracted and maintained, and local assets such as existing employment opportunities, natural resources and a well-trained workforce must be capitalized on. Furthermore, a comprehensive networking of parks,

recreation, open space and greenway areas must be completed to meet the active and passive recreation needs of current and future residents.

As a follow-up to Reineke's comments on recreation, program director Chanan Mountz of the Fulton County Parks and Recreation Commission shared with the township officials a rundown of activities already conducted and to be held during 2008. In addition to hiking and biking, the commission has also been instrumental in holding several popular children's camps dealing with nature and wrestling as well as a well-received women's self-defense course.

Municipalities currently serving as member townships on the commission include Ayr, Dublin, Licking Creek, McConnellsburg Borough, Thompson and Todd townships. The remaining townships were urged to become members in exchange for a 25-cent-per-capita fee. All residents of member townships, in turn, receive a discounted registration fee, Mountz concluded.

In other outdoor-related matters, Fulton County Wildlife Conservation Officer Kevin Mountz elaborated on the current status of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the commonwealth. Mountz stated even though CWD has not been detected locally, it has been found as close as 25 miles south of Fulton County's border. Random testing, according to Mountz, is being completed in Fulton and Bedford counties utilizing road kill and hunter-harvested deer.

Mountz related frost has already hit the county, especially in the northern area, and should be enough to ward off any outbreaks of blue tongue disease, also known as EHD, in the deer herd. EHD was present in the county last year, but not in severe quantities.

Feral pigs are beginning to become a "real concern" in the municipality of Union Township where numerous sightings have occurred. The pigs, Mountz stated, should be

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