

Letters To The Editor

Salutes Home Care Providers

To The Editor:
November is National Home Care & Hospice Month and I would like to take this opportunity to salute the nurses, therapists, aides, social workers, companions, housekeepers, physicians, phlebotomists, volunteers and chaplains who bring compassion, caring, professionalism and clinical expertise into the homes of the sick and infirm every day of the year and also to recognize the people who support them – the office staff, supervisors and families who provide the encouragement, assistance and foundation that al-

lows them to do the wonderful things that they do for folks in their homes.
I ask you to kindly do the same. You may not yet have come in contact with these folks. You may not have ever been in need of their services but rest assured that when and if you are, they will be there for you as they have been there for many of your friends and neighbors.
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Election Moves Country Toward Socialism

To The Editor:
November 4, 2008 (soon under the control of O'Bama, Pelosi and Reid) is the day that America, as we older citizens know it, died. This day we threw away the dreams of our founding fathers' vision of a democratic Republic and voted for socialism. You can rest assured that come January 2009 we will take our first steps to becoming a socialist state. May God have mercy on the United States and our grandchildren. Our days of growth and keeping personal wealth that we earned from our labor are gone. Our hopes of building a future for our grandchildren are gone. We now have the first stages of the fatal disease of socialism. The sad part is that we did it to ourselves. We have elected to power the elite pro-Marxist that the media and the immoral Hollywood and TV personalities have pushed. I fear we will live to regret our blunder. I fear more that it is too late to rectify. It has already started by the bailout of the large and most powerful banking, insurance and auto industries. It will gain bulk and speed, like a large snowball rolled down a very long slope covered with wet snow. Most of my adult life I feared little. Right now I am saddened and afraid. I think most of us in Fulton County (one of the few areas that had the common sense to vote the way we did) need to do

what the man said. Cling to your God and cling to your guns. I will also add, hide your money. You can bet your life that in time they, meaning those to soon be in power, will be trying to control or confiscate and redistribute what you have worked for all your life. The majority of Fulton County citizens work hard and don't expect the government to pay their way. Be not mistaken though, there are some in our country that have a sense of entitlement and expect the fruits of your labor to pay their way. Fulton countians are kind and generous, sometimes to a fault. I am fairly sure though that we will not stand still and let some outsiders come and take what we have worked for and saved and give it to others because they are less fortunate or were too lazy to better themselves. There are some who have lived off the taxpayer all their life and will embrace socialism and feel that they are owed this free lunch. I am not one of these people and the majority of the people in our county aren't either. What I have put forth is just my opinion. I don't mean to demean or alienate anyone by my words. If I did, there is no apology. This still is America and I have the right to speak my mind freely.
May God bless America!
R.L. Mathern
Burnt Cabins

Remembering Two Departed Veterans

To The Editor:
Yesterday, November 11, was a particularly special day for all veterans. Not only were we honored to serve our nation, we are recognized yearly as a result. These were special services conducted around the world. It occurs every year. Even in McConnellsburg.
However, this year was a little different for some of us here. Every morning between 8 and 10 a.m., there is a loosely knit group of the "coffee gang" that meets daily at McDonald's restaurant. The unofficial group is named the "board of directors." We render unmasked comments about anything from national, international to love events.

Even personal slams are humorously offered.
We unexpectedly have had a sudden loss of two members in October, Earl Morris and Dick Clusman, both veterans of the armed forces and the board of directors. These members were honored at 10 a.m., November 11, at Lions Park. We planted two trees there and name plaques will be placed later. Yes, we still laugh and talk about them, in memory.
Your friends,
The women and men of the
"Board of Directors"
Gerry Minnich
McConnellsburg

The Noble Experiment Continues

To The Editor:
These are hard times, but let us remember they are nothing compared to the bloody fever, starvation, freezing cold and misery of Valley Forge, the darkness our own Civil War where 700,000 Americans died, the desperate days after Pearl Harbor, and the tragedy of 9/11/2001.
Yet our country has always been blessed with precisely the right leader at the right time. We have made and continue to make great mistakes, and all of us have our own views as to what those are. But, one truth remains – our unique experiment remains noble, and we always come together the most when the times are darkest or there is great need because of a long heritage based on firm moral principles bequeathed to us by all generations that came before.
For this reason, we must pray for our new president and vice president, their advisers and Cabinet, members of Congress and our judicial branch, and individual state and local leadership. They will need to have the wisdom of a Thomas Jefferson and vision of a Martin Luther King Jr.; the compassion

and empathy along with the spirit of reconciliation of Robert E. Lee and Abraham Lincoln; and the firm resolve of both Roosevelts and Ronald Reagan.
Let us make every attempt to deal fairly with enemies of our noble experiment both real and perceived, but when the time comes when such fail, help us to know and act with firm resolve, knowing that righteous might does in fact make right. Let us always remember that as Col. Joshua Chamberlain, the hero of Little Round Top, stated we all possess a "divine spark." It is this spark we trust will allow our noble experiment to continue for posterity. As Joe Biden said in the debate with Sarah Palin (possibly the most outstanding yet unrecognized truth of the entire campaign) "The past is prologue." So let our noble past lead to a noble prologue in spite of all too frequent failures both large and small.
Although, like most human beings, we do not deserve the blessings we have been granted, it is hoped they continue to be granted and that we all may recognize that our success is determined by no government of any party but rather by our personal accountability to live an honorable and just life based on a firm grounding of personal integrity, honor and the resolve to do right voluntarily.
Long live our Republic, the United States of America, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Let the noble experiment continue.
Dennis Moseby
Emporia, Kan.

Military Memories

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forms. Those memories were in turn put on display in Fulton Antiques located along Lincoln Way East, McConnellsburg, during the annual Fulton Fall Folk Festival held in mid-October.
"Many individuals gathered throughout the weekend to pay tribute in our museum-like atmosphere," said Daniels.
In addition to organizing the military items for public display, Daniels also offered area high school students and community residents a chance to witness to a Memorial Service and question-answer forum. Assisting Daniels during the service and forum was Needmore area resident Jeff Hampton, who, in following family tradition, served in the United States Marines between 1982 and 1988. Also on hand to field questions was Rev. Phil Bailey, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and Charles Crumpton, who participated in the Korean War and World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy.
Panelists representing the Central Fulton, Forbes Road and Southern Fulton school districts included Rachel Porterfield, Casey Pollock, Elania Truax and Lindsay Berkstresser. "Each one of these students were very prepared and professional, making great spokespersons from each school. The floor was also open for the veterans to answer questions from the audience," noted Daniels.
McConnellsburg resident Leroy Vickroy, a World War II veteran, wrapped up the weekend's festivities by presenting Military Memories with a framed poem entitled "What The Flag Means To Me."
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Needmore area resident and military veteran Jeff Hampton (far right) fields questions from a panel of high school students and members of the audience during a recent public forum and military memorabilia display at Fulton Antiques.

debut of Military Memories behind her she is moving forward with scheduling future events and organizing a membership club. She is also continuing to accept donated items for the Military Memories display from individuals who may have

missed out on submitting items for the Fulton Fall Folk Festival.
Photos can be mailed to Military Memories at 12077 Sipes Mill Road, Harrisonville, PA 17228. Information may also be obtained directly by contacting Daniels at 717-860-0914.

Police Issue

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Peck went on to tell council members that the borough's business community is very upset at the loss of the police department and will be holding a meeting in the near future. "Where are your financial records?" Peck asked and then suggested council find them because "you're going to need them." "Start thinking about your residents and your businesses," Peck said. He also decried council's lack of effort in finding businesses to locate in the borough and said that "only Lindsay Mellott when she was the Main Street manager ever did anything for the downtown." Mellott was Main Street manager from 1994 to 1999.
Peck said that council should have an agenda for each monthly meeting, and it should be published prior to the meeting. Smith agreed, saying, "I never know what we are going to be doing or addressing until I get here." Smith also accused council of not giving him information on the borough's financial condition until he had asked for it in writing.

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tions with the McConnellsburg Borough Police Association as "ongoing" when asked.
Police report
Councilman Jim Smith gave the police report for October, which included: 22 parking tickets, 7 traffic citations, 9 traffic warnings, 3 criminal investigations, 2 traffic accident investigations, 107 requests to "see an officer," 14 school patrols, 2 court appearances, 1 abandoned vehicle and 1 request to assist the state police.
Regular business
During regular business, council approved payment of bills in the amount of \$27,925. Receipts for the same period were \$30,239. Checks were written for a total of \$46,639, leaving a November 1 balance of \$30,660.
Council members attending the meeting were Rick Buterbaugh, Travis Bard, Mike Chilcote, Pat Frazier, Lee Rager, Jim Smith, Mack Shaffer and Mayor Jim Stenger.
Borough Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton House. The next regular meeting will be held on December 3, 2008.

Construction Plans

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heating and cooling system through the project and possibly new windows. Furthermore, the treasurer and prothonotary's offices will remain in their existing locations and other offices could be moved in. Other aspects to be addressed through the newly devised plan are solving drainage problems at the Neighborhood Service Center and analyzing and eliminating the odor problem at the Service for Children facility.
"We're not looking to buy or build

anything new at this point. We don't want to raise taxes unless we have to," Commissioner Swain added.
"Two of you have been in office for a while now," Morton pointed out. "Why hasn't anything been done?" Swain related "money" has been an ongoing factor as no one wants to spend it.
"That's no excuse," related Morton. "That's why you're in the situation you're in now."
Swain stated current plans will entail as much consolidation as possible, and in addition to courthouse offices, other offices, such as the Conservation District, the extension of office, public defender and district attorney's offices, will also remain in their existing locations.

Commissioner Keefer stated their newest proposal is only a "short-term solution" as certain issues will likely have to be re-evaluated in 10 years. "We just can't proceed with the current status of the economy," Keefer noted.
Former county treasurer David Wright reminded the commissioners of the proposal issued to the county by McConnellsburg resident Ray Koontz for the sale of the former IGA building for \$500,000. The amount is reportedly \$100,000 less than the building's appraised value.
"Someone is going to have to convince me this isn't a good idea. I really think you need to look at this... I think it's a decent investment," Wright said, adding Koontz may pos-

sibly lower the IGA's sale price further if asked.
In comparison to Wright's comments, Christine Gorsuch, who was also in attendance at the November 6 meeting, chimed in that the building would cost \$500,000 to purchase as well as an additional \$1 million to fix it up.
With the conversation on the old grocery store getting slightly heated at times, Hoover concluded he "felt very strongly against" the idea based on health issues. Commissioner Keefer stated she did not have a problem with revisiting the issue but said she needed to double check how much of Koontz's rental income from the building is tied to Fulton County Medical Center.

Veterans Day

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loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Our values are a reflection of your service," she added. "...There is no doubt that Veterans Day brings with it a meaningful significance to every American veteran. Today, we can see and shake hands with the 161 members of the Bishop-Raker VFW. Your ranks include veterans of WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. We can thank the 500 men and women of the McConnellsburg

American Legion, who proudly wore the uniform and served the country in Lebanon, Grenada and Noble Eagle. All of you served with distinction in times of peace and war and today we honor you for your dedication, commitment, courage and bravery."
"This great state of Pennsylvania has also given much just since September 2001. Two hundred fifteen of Pennsylvania's brothers and sisters made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during OIF and OEF."
Col. Anslow is deputy chief of staff for engineering with the Arkansas National Guard and was deployed with the 20th Airborne Engineer Brigade during the Gulf War and, in

October 2006, was deployed to Iraq as commander for the 875th Combat Engineer Battalion. The unit served as the Corps' Route Clearance Battalion for the 411th and 20th Engineer Brigades and cleared more than 1,500 IEDs.
The colonel's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geography from the United States Military Academy, a Bachelor of Science degree in biology earned at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and a Master of Science degree in water resource planning from Johns Hopkins University.

In addition to Col. Anslow, other dignitaries aiding the 11 a.m. service were Master of Ceremonies and VFW Post Cmdr. Clair Traxler, Fulton Honor Guard Chaplain Robert C. Snyder and fellow Honor Guard members Capt. Marvin DeShong, Lt. Robert Miller, Sgt. Gregory Sowers, Cpl. Mike DeShong, Company Clerk Donald Eisaman and bugler Roger Sowers.
Pat Decker placed the wreath in memory of Col. Chester Davis, USMC, Ret., and Charles C.A. Davis, USMC. The wreath was donated by the Decker family. The Central Fulton and Forbes Road bands provided the music for the November 11 service.

Tax Cut

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from miscellaneous sources, including wage taxes, TV cable commission, parking meters and fines. Total receipts of \$580,318 expected for 2009 are down significantly from 2008 an-

icipated receipts of \$703,526. The nearly 18 percent decrease reflects a shrinking economy with the largest decreases in real estate taxes (due largely to the tax decrease), parking meters and fines, interest on investments and real estate transfer taxes. Pending the outcome of end-of-contract negotiations with the Mc-

Connellsburg Borough Police Association, council has declined to say how parking meters and fines could be collected since the Pennsylvania State Police cannot enforce borough regulations.
The borough expects to end 2008 with a balance of \$219,247, down from this year's expected ending bal-

ance of \$278,141.
The proposed budget will be open for inspection for 30 days, and council must adopt a final 2009 budget at its December meeting. Following the 30-day review period, council may make changes to the budget but may not increase taxes set at last Wednesday's meeting.

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Truck Wreck

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were injured as a result of the crash in East Providence Township.
State police will be charging Watkins with duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors, obedience to traffic control devices and careless driving. State police were assisted at the crash scene by the Breezewood and Everrett fire companies.