

## Our Town

Sympathy goes out to the family of Betty Miller Kuhn of Chambersburg, who passed away last Wednesday, and to Anna Harvey whose great-grandson was killed in an automobile accident last Friday morning.

The twin daughters of Dave Kuhn, who are in the U.S. Army, Jennifer stationed in Germany and Julie in Fort Lewis, Wash., were here to attend their grandmother Betty Kuhn's funeral and visit with their father.

Ruth Reeder recently spent 10 days in Italy. Her tour included the art treasures of Vienna, Rome and Florence and she also toured the Vatican museum. The tour was hosted by Eric Wible, a former county resident and his wife, Sue.

Dora Lynch and son Terry attended the NASCAR races in Phoenix, Ariz., recently.

Joyce Moody celebrated her third birthday with a party at parents Danny and Tammy Moody home on Patterson Run Road on Saturday.

Birthday wishes to Esther Miller and Cara Bishop, November 26; Clair Traxler and Linda Covert, November 29; Carl Knable and John Duffey, December 3; Lynette Helman, December 4; and Dolly Miller and Martha Sheffield, December 5.

Public Opinion all-star field hockey girls from the county were Megan Keller, first team, Forbes Road; Cortnee Henry, second team, Forbes Road; and Kelsey Lilley and Elissa Colledge, honorable mention from Forbes Road.

The volleyball all-stars were first team: A'leese Dickerson, McConnellsburg; Brittany Ott and Michelle

Baker, McConnellsburg; Natasha Bard, Southern Fulton, second team; Megan Eichelberger, McConnellsburg and honorable mention went to Southern Fulton player Jeni Hager.

First-year coach Heidi Johnston, for McConnellsburg was named volleyball coach of the year.

Calvin Tritle is at home after having surgery in Chambersburg Hospital. Get well wishes go out to Calvin.

Lois Strait fell at home last Wednesday, breaking her arm. She had just recovered from breaking her toe a short time ago.

Greg, Scott and Todd Souders and Gary Dehart attended the Penn State-Michigan State football game at Penn State on Saturday.

The senior center in Warfordsburg held its Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday and their social dinner on Friday night.

Lindsay Lininger, a senior at Mansfield College, is home visiting her parents for the Thanksgiving holiday. She plans to be a social worker.

A 90th surprise birthday party for Mary McKee in Pleasant Grove Fellowship Hall. Mary's birthday is November 29. The party was given by her family.

Quotable quotes: Fill this day with the things that bring you happiness and your life will overflow with blessings.

It happened this week: On November 22, 1963, President John Kennedy was assassinated in Texas during a motorcade ride. President Johnson proclaimed November 25 a day of mourning following the assassination.

Country shortcuts: On a microwave-safe plate, top tortilla chips

with ground beef, salsa and shredded Jack cheese. Microwave high one to two minutes.

To the hunters: A safe and successful hunting season to all.

## Hustontown

It was a nice weekend but those cool breezes were here and some folks we hear had some snow. Hope we will have a nice week as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Take time to give thanks for what the Master gives us.

We are sorry to report Mary Ellen Martz is still not doing as well as we would like to hear. We send get well wishes her way.

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Bruce Bookheimer, who passed away on Friday.

Sorry to hear Bill Shepard had the misfortune of falling and had some injuries. Glad to hear he had no fractures. Get well wishes to him also. We also send get well wishes to Joan Shepherd.

Hustontown Fire Co. will be sponsoring shooting matches on Saturday, November 29; Saturday, December 20; Saturday, December 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Now you sharpshooters can try your luck and support our great fire company.

Hustontown Fire Co. will sponsor a food auction on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. The kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. miscellaneous food items will be auctioned off.

The fire company will sponsor an open stage Saturday, December 27 at 6:00 p.m. The kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. This is a chance to go out and eat supper, share your talent with singing or other talents. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the evening.

Thanksgiving Eve services will be held at Fairview United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

When we get containers with items from the firehall, churches or wherever, please take time to return them as they belong to someone.

As the hunters will soon be starting to hunt that special trophy, we wish all of them good luck and safe hunting. It seems we don't hear much about small game hunting. I guess there isn't much small game or hunters prefer the big game. Anyway, good luck and safe hunting.

Household hint: A frozen natural snack. Frozen grapes make a fine natural snack. Just lay them out on a baking sheet in the freezer so they freeze separately and then bag them for snacking later.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**FIND IT FAST IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!**

Let the Step By Step Dance Team help you with the Holidays

We will be babysitting on November 29 From 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Donations appreciated, the fundraiser will take place at Step By Step Dance Studio, Findley Drive in Mercersburg.

For more information, please call Miss Samantha @ 717-552-5558

## Navy Graduate



Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Spencer L. Golden, son of Diane L. and Elzy E. Golden of Hancock, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Golden completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Golden is a 2008 graduate of Hancock High School. He is the grandson of Ronald and Carol Richards of Needmore and Alice Golden of Hancock.

## Library Corner

New fiction at Fulton County Library includes "Cross Country" by James Patterson (large print), "The Shack" by William Young (large print), "The Private Patient" by P.D. James, "A McKettrick Christmas" by Linda Lael Miller, and "Blood Memory" by Margaret Coel.

New nonfiction includes "You Are Here: Exposing the Vital Link Between What We Do and What That Does to Our Planet" by Thomas Kostigen, "Cat Wrangling Made Easy: Maintaining Peace and Sanity in Your Multicat Home" by Dusty Rainbolt, "The 2009 Hot Line Compact Tractor Guide," "Domino: The Book of Decorating: A Room-by-Room Guide to Creating a Home That Makes You Happy" by Deborah

Needleman, "You: Being Beautiful: The Owner's Manual to Inner and Outer Beauty" by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz, "Freeing Your Child from Negative Thinking: Powerful, Practical Strategies to Build a Lifetime of Resilience, Flexibility, and Happiness" by Tamar Chansky, and "The NBC Sunday Night Football Cookbook: 150 Great Family Recipes from America's Pro Chefs and NFL Players."

New items at Hustontown Branch Library include "The Bodies Left Behind" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Ghost at Work" by Carolyn Hart, "Wood Carving Basics" by David Sobol, "Autumn Gatherings: Casual Food to Enjoy with Family and Friends" by Rick Rogers, "Tinker Bell" (DVD), and "Wall-E" (DVD).

A book and bake sale will be held Friday and Saturday, December 12-13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church on 220 North Third Street in McConnellsburg. All proceeds will be matched by the Modern Woodmen of America and will be used to help purchase computer equipment for the Hustontown Branch Library via the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching grant.

You will now be able to place holds on books through the library's online catalog. All you need is a library card and a personal identification number (PIN). Go to the library's home page at fulton-countylibrary.org and click on the online catalog. Please contact the library at 485-5327 if you have any questions or if you need a PIN.

## Reach And County Risk Assessment For FY 2007-2008

Reaching out an early childhood education hand to children in Pennsylvania, particularly those most at risk for school failure, is more important than ever before. The office of Child Development and Early Learning of "Reach and County Risk Assessment for FY 2007-2008" demonstrates how far Pennsylvania's investment in early childhood education has come in reaching children, and how far we still have to go to ensure that every child in Pennsylvania has an opportunity for quality education.

No county is immune - children throughout the commonwealth experience risk factors such as low household income. Of the 67 counties, children in 46 (69 percent) counties are at moderate-high or high risk of school failure, however, even counties with moderate or low risks can contain pockets of populations of children who experience risk factors. At a moderate-high risk level, Fulton County as 48.6 percent of children under the age of 5 who live in a low income households, and 18 percent whose families are living below poverty level. A total of 9.2 percent of children under the age of five in Fulton County live in families headed by single mothers whose household are below the poverty level. Such risk factors can contribute to a child who is less prepared for and has more difficulty in school, is more likely to exhibit behavioral and academic programs, and is more likely to need special education services.

Programs such as Nurse Family Partnership, Parent-Child Home Program, Head Start State and Federal, PA Pre-K Counts, Accountability Block Grants for Pre-K, School Based Pre-K, Early Intervention and Keystone STARS are available for children, however, less than 4 in 10 children under the age of 5 statewide participates with a state and/or federally funded quality

early childhood program. Currently, one 38.42 percent of children under the age of 5 years in Fulton County are served through quality early childhood education programs. Head Start and Keystone STARS are the only two programs to reach all 67 counties. While most counties have the need and the children, not all have the available programs to meet these needs. In Fulton County, there are three Keystone STARS providers to meet the needs of 76 children under the age of 5. Likewise, 56 children, ages 3 and 4 years, in Fulton County are served through Head Start. Head Start/Early Head Start reaches the most children with 10.13 percent of children under age 5 with access to the program.

Research consistently shows that children at risk of school failure benefit from quality early learning opportunities, with economic and educational benefits which extend to families, communities and the commonwealth. It is vital we continue public investment in quality early education for a brighter future, ensuring that every child in Pennsylvania has an opportunity for success.

The "Reach and County Risk Assessment for FY 2007-2008" report and county data sheets for June 2008 are available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education Web site at www.pde.state.pa.us.

## Birth Announced



Megan and Cody wish to announce the birth of their sister, Laurel Claire, on September 15, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Brian and Becky Duvall of Needmore.

Maternal grandparents are Derek and Jane Dobrzanski of Hancock. Paternal grandparents are Clair and Winniford Duvall of Crystal Spring.

## Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary met November 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. There were nine members present. Betty Cutchall, Jean Davis, Michelle and Sheila Seaburn and Carol Singel attended the district council meeting held at Fort Loudon Legion on October 2. A memorial service was held to honor the deceased members from the past year.

Installation of officers was held at St. Thomas American Legion October 5 at noon. Officers attending were vice President Carol Singel; Treasurer Joyce Mellott and chaplain Betty Cutchall.

On October 23, all dressed for Halloween. A trip was taken to Leisure Living by Betty Cutchall, Jean Davis, Cindy Headley, Joyce Mellott and Carol Singel. All residents enjoyed an evening of singing and treats. A Christmas trip is being planned for December 11.

Donations were made to Santa Claus Fund for Veterans in hospitals, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, Hollidaysburg and Martinsburg VA hospitals.

December 4 will be the next council meeting in McConnellsburg. Any auxiliary member who would like to attend should make reservations by calling 717-987-3706 no later than November 28.

The Americanism Essay Contest will be titled "Soldiers, Past and Present ... America, Honor Your Veterans." The essay contest is open to any student in grades three to 12 in Fulton County school districts. The paperwork for the contest will be at the schools by December 15. The winning student from each division will receive a \$50 United States Savings Bond from the auxiliary. These essays will be sent on to council level for judging, and winners from there will go on to state level, with prizes being awarded at each level. Deadline is February 26.

Adams, Franklin, Fulton, York County Council American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship will again this year be awarded to high school students entering a two- or four-year college, trade school or business school following graduation. The award will be in two payments of \$500 each. Applications, scholarship rules and check lists will be available at all area high schools by December 15. Deadline for the contest is April 1.

December 10 will be the next auxiliary meeting. This will be a covered-dish meal at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to exchange a gift please bring a \$5 wrapped gift.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? CHECK OUT THE CLASSIFIEDS!**

## Tree of Love

A LIVING TREE LIGHTED IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AND SPECIAL FRIENDS

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
 Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.  
 At the Fulton County Medical Center  
 LTC Activities Room  
 Refreshments will be served

**\$5.00 Contribution - Payable to the FCMC Auxiliary**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:

Carol Mellott  
 214 Peach Orchard Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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**I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE A LIGHT IN (PLEASE CHECK ONE)**

HONOR (Living)     MEMORY (Deceased)

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