

## RELIGION

**Re-Creation** On Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., the singing group "Re-Creation" from Port Trevorton, Pa., will present "An Evening of Christmas," at Cito United Methodist Church. This is a program that the whole family will enjoy featuring all the favorite secular and sacred Christmas music in a glow of Christmas pageantry. Re-Creation USA Inc., is a nonprofit corporation that provides entertainment to Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in the United States. The church is located at 3746 Cito Road, McConnellsburg. All are invited to attend.

**Christmas Play** Laurel Ridge Christian Church will hold a Christmas play, "The Not Too Perfect Nativity Play," December 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Hymn Sing** The United Methodist churches of the Harrisonville, Sideling Hill, Charlestown and McConnellsburg area cordially invite the community to a Christmas hymn sing on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 p.m., at the Fulton Theatre in McConnellsburg. Ruth Reeder will be accompanying as participants request their favorite Christmas carols and beloved hymns. In addition to sing-alongs, persons are invited to share solos, duets or special numbers. Area choirs are also invited to come and participate. If you are interested in presenting some special music, please call 485-4815 to be placed on the schedule. Following the time of music, Christmas cookies will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

**Hanging Of The Greens** On Sunday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m., the churches of Bethany Parish, Upper Tuscarora and Shade Gap will gather for a worship message of Thanksgiving and Advent with holy communion. Rev. Karen P. Willis, parish minister, will deliver the message. A congregation of four counties, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata and Perry, have worshipped first in a log church, later a framed building and the present brick church dedicated in 1858 for more than 240 years. Advent greens gathered from the four counties will be placed during the worship service by representatives of the four counties. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Greetings With Lovenotes** Larry Ahiborn will be appearing at Dublin Mills Community Church Sunday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. This piano player uses songs as old as yesterday and yet as modern as tomorrow to meet the needs in the congregation. Experience happy memories as you allow God to rise up the soul with worship and praise. More information may be obtained by calling 814-685-3910.

**Musical Program to be Presented in Memory of Steve Hoover** Choirs from the Cito and McConnellsburg United Methodist churches will be presenting a special musical celebration entitled "Beyond Ordinary" on Saturday, December 20, at 7 p.m. at the McConnellsburg United Methodist Church and on Sunday, December 21, at 9:15 a.m. at the Cito United Methodist Church. The musical selections highlight the miracle of Christ's coming and extraordinary life found through Jesus Christ. Songs vary in style. The program is under the direction of Karen Godissart. Narration was written by Pastor John Godissart and will be delivered by Tom Howells. Saturday evening's program will be presented in memory of Steve Hoover. Steve had hoped to sing with the choir for this musical presentation. A freewill offering will be received on Saturday evening to help Steve's wife, Linda, offset funeral expenses. Sunday morning's presentation will be part of Cito United Methodist Church's worship gathering. Both programs are open to the public.

**Christmas Eve Petting Zoo and Worship Encounter** McConnellsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting an interactive children's worship experience entitled "Journey to Bethlehem" at 5:30 p.m. on December 24. The church is located across the street from the Fulton County Courthouse. The worship experience is designed for children ages 12 and under. Parents are invited to join their kids on the journey. The event begins with a petting zoo outside in the churchyard. Children will then proceed to a live nativity in a shed behind the church. Following the live nativity, children will head to the church basement for a time of crafts and snacks. The encounter will conclude in the church sanctuary with a time of singing and storytelling. For more information, call the church office at 485-4815.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** McConnellsburg United Methodist Church will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24. The service will feature special music, proclamation of the gospel and the celebration of Holy Communion. Cito United Methodist Church will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 9:00 p.m. The service will also include special music, a message of hope and holy communion.

The public is cordially invited to come and join in the worship gatherings as we share the reason for the season.

## RECREATION

**Bake & Craft Sale** Fulton County Medical Center Auxiliary's bake and craft sale will be held Friday, December 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the long-term activity room. A wide variety of baked goods as well as hand-crafted items will be featured. Your support in the efforts to support the hometown hospital is very much appreciated.

**HAFCO Shooting Match** Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a shooting match November 29. There will be no matches December 6 and 13

**X-Card Shoots** During the November 21 X-card shoot at Fulton County Rifle and Pistol Club, two .410 outlaw rounds at a buck each will be offered. Bring own ammo.

**Senior Center Activities** McConnellsburg Senior Center activities for the month are as follows: nickel bingo, 10:00 a.m. - December 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 19, 22 and 24; Hagerstown shopping, 9:00 a.m. - December 9; nutrition/craft class, 1:00 p.m. - December 11; Christmas dinner, noon - December 17; closed December 25 and 26; dime bingo, 10:00 a.m. - December 29 and 31. To reserve a dinner, write name on the sheet at the center or call 485-5613 before 1:30 p.m., on the day before. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

**Line Dance** Fulton County Line Dance Club will hold line dance sessions every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of the month) beginning at 7:00 p.m. at VFW Post 655, Poplar Street, McConnellsburg. All are welcome. Come and learn some new steps. A \$2 donation is appreciated.

## THIS 'N THAT

**Holiday Toy Drive** Odd Fellow Lodge #773 of New Grenada is collecting new toys to be distributed to area children this Christmas. Toy donations can be dropped off at post offices located in Hustontown, Burnt Cabins, Waterfall and Wells Tannery through the end of November. Toys must be new and in their original packaging.

**Tree Of Love Ceremony** Fulton County Medical Center Auxiliary will conduct the annual Tree of Love ceremony Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m., in the long-term activity room. Names of loved ones past and present will be read with the lighting of the Tree of Love. There will be entertainment and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of this moving program. Everyone is invited to attend. Tree of Love forms are available in the hospital lobby.

**Tree Seedling Sale** Fulton County Conservation District is having a tree seedling sale. Trees available are: fruit trees, berries, etc. - apple, peach, sour cherry, pear, Asian pear, plum, grapes, strawberries, blueberries and asparagus; nut trees - English walnut, American hazelnut, heartnut and American chestnut seedlings; tree seedlings - red pine, white pine, Douglas fir, red oak, chinkapin oak, white oak, shagbark hickory, Norway spruce, blue spruce, balsam fir, Fraser fir and American plum; landscaping trees - bur oak, pin oak, scarlet oak, American arborvitae, Douglas fir, Eastern hemlock, hand select blue spruce, chinkapin oak, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Norway spruce, white spruce and white pine. Tree seedlings and landscaping trees vary in size. Size is indicated on the order form. Deadline for all orders is March 6, 2009. Call or e-mail for an order form at 717-485-3547, ext. 116 or fced@pa.net. All proceeds from the tree sale support conservation/environmental education.

**Angel Food Ministries** There will be sign up for the December menu and specials at Fulton County Catholic Mission. The times will be on Tuesday, December 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, December 4, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you eat, you qualify. Further information and a menu may be obtained by calling 485-5917.

**Livestock Deadlines** Any 4-H and FFA youths wishing to have livestock as a project for 2009 must be registered with the Fulton County Extension Office by December 31, 2008. Contact club leaders or FFA advisors for registration papers. Youths must be an active 4-H member or FFA member to participate. More information may be obtained by contacting Greg Strait at 717-485-4111.

**"Tonoloway - If Its Walls Could Talk"** Copies of the Friends of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church's recently published book, "Tonoloway - If Its Walls Could Talk," are still available for purchase. The 140-page book, written by John Mentzer, documents the 50 signatures of Union troops hospitalized at the church between mid-December 1861 and early March 1862 that were discovered during an interior restoration. The 8 1/2-inch-x-11-inch soft cover book also includes 90 photographs, a history of the church and a record of its restoration. Makes a great Christmas gift for Civil War and local history buffs. Cost is \$25 plus \$3 postage. To order a copy, contact Marlin Douglas, 215 Meadow Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201, telephone 717-263-9860 or e-mail at dougmar@yellowbananas.com. Proceeds from the sale of books support the ongoing restoration and maintenance of Tonoloway Primitive Baptist Church.

**Christmas Bazaar Cancelled** The Christmas bazaar originally scheduled for December 6 at Cito Fellowship Hall has been cancelled for this year.

**Christmas Gift Program** To sign up children for the Fulton County Catholic Mission Christmas Program call Sister Margie at 485-5917.

## MEETINGS

**PARSE Meeting** Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees (PARSE) has a 9:00 a.m. breakfast meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at McConnellsburg FOVA (VFW). All retired state employees and spouses are invited to attend. For additional information, call 485-4763.

**Republican Women's Council Meeting** Fulton County Republican Women's Council will not meet in December. The next meeting is set for Thursday, January 8 at 4:45 p.m., at Johnnies Diner.

**Infant Loss Support Meeting** Fulton County Medical Center Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group will meet on November 25, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Cherry Hale, 2255 Plum Hollow Road, Fort Littleton. More information may be obtained by calling 485-6141.

**Singles Meeting** Knobsville Singles will meet Wednesday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. for a Christmas party at Great Cove Golf Course. Lunch will be served from the menu. A \$5 gift exchange is optional. Register by December 5 by calling 987-3493.

**Medical Center Auxiliary Meeting** Fulton County Medical Center Auxiliary will meet Monday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m., in the activity/auxiliary room of the new hospital. New members are welcome. The auxiliary aids the hospital in its mission by volunteering and donating about its projects. Come and learn of its programs and plans and how volunteering by many lessens the work and enhances the rewards for all.

**Pioneer Club Meeting** Pioneer Club at Rock Hill Mennonite Church will meet December 3 and 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All children ages preschool thru teens are welcome to attend. Any additional information may be obtained by calling Stacy at 485-0122 or Kim at 485-9074.

**Conservation Meetings** Fulton County Conservation District Board of Directors monthly meetings for 2008 will be held December 11, 10:30 a.m. The budget and finance, personnel and programs and services committees meet one-half hour prior to the regular board meeting. All district meetings are held in the Conservation District board room located at 216 North Second Street, McConnellsburg, unless otherwise noted.

**Legion Meeting** American Legion Post 561 active members regular meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary members meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members of both organizations are urged to attend.

**Town Meeting** Fulton County commissioners will hold a town meeting December 4 at McConnellsburg Senior Citizen Center at 7:00 p.m.

**Democratic Meetings** Fulton/Franklin Democratic Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Democratic Headquarters at 7:00 p.m., 123 South Second Street, McConnellsburg. Meetings are open to the public, light refreshments are provided and all are welcome. More information may be obtained by calling 485-3386.

## FOOD & DINING

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** Needmore Bible Church family would like to invite all to a community Thanksgiving dinner November 27 at noon. This dinner has become an event that many families in our church and community look forward to for fellowship, as well as for those who for one reason or another ... don't have family or friends nearby to celebrate Thanksgiving with. The guests include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and anyone else who just wants to enjoy a dinner with others. Transportation is available to give people rides to and from the dinner. Anyone needing a ride or a meal delivered should call 717-573-2212. NBC is located at 6939 Great Cove Road, Needmore.

## BINGO

**Bingo** Bingo with the MMP&W Volunteer Fire Co. is held the first and third Fridays of each month at the Fire Station, 132 North Main Street, Mercersburg. Cost for basic package is \$25. Jackpot cards are extra. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and bingo begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Basket Bingo** Fulton County Camp Cadet Benefit Basket Bingo will be held December 7, 2008, at American Legion Post 561. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., and games start at 2:00 p.m. Cost \$20. Twenty games with four specials and King Tuts available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 860-4629 or 816-2386.

**Bingo** Needmore Fire Co. Auxiliary will be holding bingo every first Saturday night of each month and every Wednesday night at the firehall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:45 p.m. Featured caller is Lou. More information may be obtained by calling 717-573-4528.

**Bingo** Bingo is held at the Mercersburg Moose Club every Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open.

**Bingo** Bingo is held every Saturday at Mercersburg Sportsmen's Club. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

**McCbg. Bingo** McConnellsburg Fire Co. will hold bingo every Monday and Friday of each week. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 p.m. A basket bingo will be held the first Sunday of each month. Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. and doors open at 11:00 a.m. Forty games and meal plus snacks for \$25.

## HEALTH

**Blood Drive** There will be a blood drive at Clear Ridge Community Building Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Lupus Support Meeting** Chambersburg Lupus Support Group will meet the second Monday of each month at Chambersburg Hospital at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kathleen Rollins at 717-264-7099.

**Nutrition Awareness Program** Fulton County Nutrition Awareness classes are held every third Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizen Center in McConnellsburg, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, call 717-485-5688, Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Free HIV Testing** Free, confidential HIV testing and counseling is available at the Fulton County State Health Center, Penn's Village Shopping Center, McConnellsburg. Information or an appointment may be obtained by calling 485-5137.

## Woman Wins \$1.8M In Discrimination Suit

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A suburban Pittsburgh woman has been awarded \$1.8 million in a federal discrimination suit against her employer, which fired her while she was on maternity leave.

Thirty-six-year old Carole Smith, of Bethel Park, had been a property manager for Normandy Properties LLC. A jury issued the award Thursday.

Smith claimed the company illegally fired her three weeks after she gave birth to her son in November 2005.

The company rehired Smith after she filed the suit and she works as a leasing agent.

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