

## Our Town

Herman and Verla Hill of Needmore visited last week with their son, Lt. Curtis Hill of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Loren and Deb Leese spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their daughter, Becky, in New York. Becky is employed by the Oncologist Treatment Center in Manhattan.

A third birthday party was held on Saturday, November 29, for Caci Lynch at parents Justin and Brandy Lynch's home.

John, Pam and Emile Ott spent the holiday week in Florida and attended the Michigan State basketball game and visited with son Jordan Ott, who is affiliated with the team.

Kassidy Pittman, a sophomore at IUP, visited with her relatives over the holiday.

Visiting with Carl and June Peck and other relatives over the holiday were Drs. Mike and Sue Peck of Hanover.

Emma Bivens will observe her 92nd birthday on December 5. She would enjoy having cards sent from folks.

Noreen Mann, along with her daughters, Chris Shelley and Karen McCleary, and grandchildren Leslie and Logan Umbrell,

Seth Henry and Jackie Mann, Levi and a friend, Taureem Spriggs, enjoyed a week on a Baham cruise, including parts of Miami, Nassau, Key West and Cococay.

Birthday wishes to Arlene Nesbitt and Larkin Shearer, November 29; Don Diehl, December 6; Denny Kobel, December 7; Mark Buterbaugh, December 8 and Jeff Ott, December 9.

Corey Henry and Deavon Ramsey recently enlisted in the United States Air Force and now are stationed Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Myrtle Wible's grandson, B.J. Bookwalter, is serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. He has called and said how many camels there are at the Syrian border. He called again and said he had got out of the Humvee he was driving and a camel started chasing him and how fast they can run. He jumped up on the hood of the Humvee.

Quotable quotes: "It is never too late to be what you might have been."

It happened this week: Folks no longer had to buy gas by the can and fill their own tanks after the first drive-in gas station opened in Pittsburgh in 1913. In those days, gas went for 27 cents a gallon. That's a whopping \$5.98 in today's dollars.

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## Maddensville

**Intended for last week**  
 Birthday wishes to Marlin Martin, Melanie Myers, Junior Anderson, Patty Ramsey, Jamie Fleming, Art Brown, Kathy Keebaugh, Logan Kling, Rich Heaster, Nancy Horne, Rick Smith, Levi Kling and Logan Fraker.

Also birthday wishes to Shaine Goshorn, Lynette Fleck, Logan Kennedy, Christian Everts, Rylan Cutshall and Alicia Albrecht.

Anniversary wishes to Chris and Meagan Barnett and Buck and Bernadine Mills,

Birthday wishes next week to Arlie Knepper of Fort Littleton, Gary Mitchell, Collin Edgell, Kynne Fraker, Alexis Streightiff, Valerie Mitchell, Jada Branche, Judy Anderson, Jim Grissinger and Tara Cromwell.

Anniversary wishes next week to Tom and Cindy Gahagan and Foster and Minerva Park.

Get well wishes to Lewis Fleck, Peggy Sue Runk, Mary Mort, Nancy Horne, Ralph Brown, Barb Morgan, Junior Anderson and John Horton.

Gordon and Donna Locke attended a Thomas Kinkade showing in Mechanicsburg on Thursday.

Deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to John Puskarich, physical therapist in Orbisonia, and his family. John's father passed away Sunday morning at his home in Pittsburgh. Services will be held in Bentleyville, Pa. Cards can be sent to John Puskarich and family, 220 Winding Knoll Road, Altoona, PA 16602.

Tom and Mamie Streightiff, Chuck Streightiff and J.R. and Kim Watkin attended the Billy Joel presentation, "Movin Out" on Thursday evening at Ship-

pensburg University.

Tammy Grissinger and Steve, Pam, Amanda and Nicholas Yocum attended Bull Ride Mania at the PA Farm Show building on Saturday evening. Also attending from this area were Fred and Sue Fleming, Slick and Danny Fleming, and Ashley, Bow and Macey Ramsey.

Terri Grissinger, Nichole Week and Kelsey Dysard attended the Powder Puff football game at Huntingdon on Sunday to watch classmate Danielle Riley in action.

The "One Heavenly Day" care event at Immanuel Bible Church was well attended. The kids had a great day. Thanks to everyone who helped out by staying to assist with the activities, those who cleaned up after Karen and the activities, and those who supplied snacks. Give me a week or two before you ask me if we'll do it again; I'm sure my answer will change with time.

Steve and Karen Grissinger, Tom and Mamie Streightiff and Chuck Streightiff enjoyed lunch on Sunday at Applebees in Chambersburg. Later the group enjoyed some shopping.

Visiting in the home of Steve, Karen, Terri and Tammy Grissinger this week were Travis Madden, Tom and Mamie Streightiff, Buzz and Bea Covert, Brent Carlson, Mike, Patty, Chris and Kevin Pintozzi, Maddison Wible, and Phil and Jordan Speck.

Walnut Grove junior and senior youth groups are currently holding a non-perishable food drive through November 30 with the items being donated to the local food bank.

Hustontown Area Volunteer Fire Co. will sponsor shooting matches every Saturday until further notice beginning at 1 p.m.

Good luck to all the whitetail hunters next week.

is not doing as well as we would like to hear. Hope she will be improved soon.

We hear some of the hunters were lucky on Monday, the first day of deer season. Aaron Koons brought down a nice 10-point.

Sorry to hear Mary Knepper fell and broke her hip. We send speedy recovery wishes her way.

Visitors in the home of Herbert and Tammy Berkstresser and Aaron for Friday evening dinner were Herbert Berkstresser Jr., Tabitha and sons of McConnellsburg, and Kate Berkstresser.

Second Sunday Advent services will be held at Knobsville United Methodist Church on December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday dinner guests with Kate Berkstresser were June and Robert Bennett, James and Corrin Bennett of Carlisle, and Aaron Koons. Pat Berkstresser was ill and unable to attend.

Chuck Hoover, Esta and Grace Heefner visited Chuck's mother on Thanksgiving.

The children have had a couple days vacation from school over Thanksgiving and deer seasons. In a few weeks it will be Christmas vacation.

The youths of Knobsville United Methodist Church and Joan Kuhn were busy Friday afternoon and Saturday baking cookies for their cookie sale.

Shawn and Jackie Berkstresser and son Ryan of Slippery Rock spent a few days with their families back here. They were breakfast guests with Harvey and Pat Berkstresser and also Kate Berkstresser also attended.

John Graeber of North Carolina is spending a few days in Wells Valley to do some deer hunting.

Household hint: Beware of buy now, pay later offers. If a store says it will skip billing your purchases until March or April, you might be surprised when you get a bill with all the interest charges added. Check to see if this will happen before you skip billing as it could be costly.

## Birth Announced



Eric B. and Corina L. Barnhart of Needmore wish to announce the birth of their second child, a son, Benjamin Bernard Barnhart, born Saturday, November 8, 2008.

"Ben" was born 21 inches long, weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces and is adored by big sister Julia Grace.

Maternal grandparents are Sheldon and Ingibjorg Myers of Westminster, Md. Paternal grandparents are Sandy Barnhart of Chambersburg and Lowell and LeeAnn Barnhart of Needmore.

Benjamin marks the 31st great-grandchild for maternal great-grandmother Sigridur Ingimundirdottir of Keflavik, Iceland, and the seventh great-grandchild for paternal great-grandmother, Margaret Barnhart of Needmore.

## Receives Eagle Scout Honor



Tyler Ryan Umstead, 16, of Troop 33 in Prospect, Pa., was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest award for BSA. The ceremony took place on November 8 at the Presbyterian Church of Prospect and Scout masters Doug Benninger, and Bob Skrak presented the award.

Tyler is the son of Daniel and Jill (Brant) Umstead of Prospect. He is also the grandson of Russ and Loretta Umstead of Volant, Pa., and Dean and Faye Brant of Harrisonville.

Tyler began his journey to become an Eagle Scout in first grade and finished Cub Scouts by earning his Arrow of Light Award. As a Boy Scout he has held positions of responsibility, including troop guide, senior and assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and is now the junior assistant Scout master. He has also earned 35 various merit badges and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

During his last five years in Scouting, Tyler has had the opportunity to work at Camp Bucoco as a CIT, counselor in training, and to work with Pack 33 as a den chief, teaching the younger Scouts. Troop 33 summer trips gave him the chance to camp, hike and visit in the Outer Banks, Assateague Island, Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., Shenandoah National Park, the Adirondacks and Lake Placid, N.Y., along with a 50-mile canoe trip on the Allegheny River and several white-water rafting trips on the Youghgheny.

For his Eagle project, Tyler planned, organized and supervised the landscaping improvements around the Presbyterian Church of Portersville. This consisted of ordering and planting approximately 50 trees, shrubs and perennials. A small retaining wall was also constructed to prevent erosion. He is also a member of this church.

As a junior at Slippery Rock High School, he is a member of TATU, Teens Against Tobacco Use, and TADA, Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol. Tyler also plays in a Dek Hockey league in Butler and enjoys skiing and fishing. To further his education, he plans on attending college and majoring in chemistry.

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**I'll let you know how many we distribute after the Holidays.**



Sherie D. Lake  
 President & CEO

## Hustontown

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. Now to think Christmas is fast approaching. Sorry to hear Joan Shephard

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