

## 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.

**River Oaks Helpline** A Christian crisis counseling/prayer phone line is now available. Caring and compassionate Christian volunteers are available from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily to listen, pray with you and help to find solutions for the challenges you are facing. Help is just a phone call away. Call 717-325-4200.

**Christmas Concert** A Christmas concert will be held at Fulton Theatre featuring the Angel Bell Ringers of McConnellsburg, Saturday, December 6, at 4:30 p.m. The choir is made up of individuals with Down syndrome. A freewill offering will be taken up for their ministry.

**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-a-longs, 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.

**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 Goddissart. Narration was written by Pastor John Goddissart 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 main lobby. 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.

**Reality Tour** Fulton County Center For Families will hold its next reality tour on December 16. To register, call 717-485-4417.

**Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** Fulton County Christian Social Services will sponsor a gingerbread house decorating contest Saturday, December 6, at Fulton Theatre. Entry dropoff is from 9:00 a.m. to noon and judging begins at noon. Winners will be announced at 2:00 p.m. A silent auction of all entries ends at 4:00 p.m. Registrations may be picked up at area businesses or by calling 240-313-0984. Registrations must be received by December 4.

**Santa Visits** Santa Claus will visit McConnellsburg December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to noon and again from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Fulton Theatre. A holiday food drive dropoff for local families will be held at the same time. Great Cove Golf Course restaurant will have food available all day long and also a bake sale and Christmas cookies will be available.

**Line Dance** Fulton County Line Dance Club will hold line dance sessions every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of the month) be-

ginning 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.

**Toys For Tots** Toys For Tots distribution will be December 19 and 20. Contact Rev. Diane L. Jefferson at Bethel Cito A.M.E. Church in McConnellsburg to get on the distribution list at 717-404-5119.

**Animal Shelter Donations Needed** Donations for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter are being accepted at Morton's Attic, 226 North Second Street, McConnellsburg during the month of December. The CVAS are in need of laundry detergent, bleach and trash bags. Also accepted are towels, blankets, sheets, pillowcases mattress pads, cleaning supplies (Windex, paper towels, brushes, etc.), buckets, tarps, office supplies (stamps, envelopes, etc.), dog harnesses, first-aid items, cat and kitten food, dog and puppy food, pet shampoo and conditioner, dog and cat toys, treats, instant rice, baby food (lamb and veal), aluminum cans and "PAWS" to recycle. Monetary donations are always welcomed and checks should be made out to CVAS. Morton's Attic hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.; Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Wednesday. More information may be obtained by calling 717-485-3928.

**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.

**Catholic Mission Collection Items** The Catholic Mission is collecting hats, gloves, scarves or stocking stuffers such as crayons, coloring books, storybooks, etc. It is also holding its regular Salvation Army kettle drive.

**Library Book & Bake Sale** Fulton County Library will hold a book and bake sale at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 220 North Third Street, McConnellsburg, December 12 and 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**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 fecd@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 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.

**FR Youth Baseball** An organizational meeting to elect 2009 officers will be held Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m., at Hustontown Firehall. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**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.

**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.

**Pioneer Club Meeting** Pioneer Club at Rock Hill Mennonite Church will meet December 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.

## 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.

**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.

**Tops Meeting** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford-Fulton Head Start building. More information may be obtained by calling 717-485-4467 or 717-485-3874.

**McConnellsburg AA Meetings** The McConnellsburg Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. every week at Lions Club Community building.

**Immunization Clinic** Immunization clinic is held at the State Health Center in McConnellsburg on Thursdays. Call 485-5137 for information and appointment.

## Birth Announced Pa. Open-Records Chief Objects To Redaction Fees



Travis and Kelly Smith of Warfordsburg wish to announce the birth of a son, Storm Hunter Smith, born September 17, 2008, at 1:35 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown.

Storm has a brother, Leon, 7, and a sister, Kaelynn, 6. Mrs. Smith is the former Kelly Coble.

Paternal grandparents are Lloyd Smith Jr., McConnellsburg, and Doris Smith, McConnellsburg. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Karrie Coble of Needmore. Paternal great-grandparents are Woodrow and Doris Keefer of McConnellsburg. Maternal great-grandparents are Michael and Patricia Spinoe. Great-great-grandmother is Pearl Russakoff.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Pennsylvania's open records chief wants Gov. Ed Rendell to reconsider a directive allowing state agencies to charge for retrieving documents and redacting information. Terry Mutchler, director of the open records office, tells the Patriot-News of Harrisburg that she's been talking with the Rendell administration about the fees. Rendell's directive allows agencies under his control to charge "a reasonable fee" for searching for and retrieving documents when the new open records law takes effect Jan. 1. His directive also allows agencies to charge for redacting non-public information. Mutchler says allowing agencies to charge for the cost of labor opens the door for abuse. But Rendell spokesman Chuck Ardo says the law allows for reasonable reimbursement for redaction and retrieval of records.

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