

RELIGION

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.

RECREATION

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.

Hoop Shoot The Chambersburg Elks Lodge # 600 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot on January 10, 2009, at McConnellsburg Elementary School. The Hoop Shoot comprises 25 foul shots from each contestant. All 8-9-year-olds will shoot 11 feet from the foul line using a girl's basketball. Everyone else will shoot at the regular foul line 15 feet from the basket and use a regulation ball. This is open to all girls and boys from 8-13. Birthdate as of April 1. Registration times are as follows: 8-9-year-old - register from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Competition will start at 9:00 a.m., following the opening ceremonies. Ten-11-year-olds will register from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the 12-13-year-olds registering from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Any questions, please call Mrs. Kathy J. Kendall at 717-485-0221.

4-H Farm Show Trip The 4-H will take a trip to the Farm Show on January 13. Call the office to reserve a seat ASAP. Reservations will be accepted from the community after January 6. Cost is \$10 per person. The bus will leave McConnellsburg at 8 a.m. and will leave Harrisburg at 3 p.m. For more information and reservations call Lori at 485-4111 or email to lbh13@psu.edu.

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Free Clothing There will be free clothing, coats and blankets available on Tuesday, January 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Saint Stephen Catholic Church. More information may be obtained by calling Sister Margie at 485-5917.

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.

Basket Weaving Class Fulton County Parks & Rec Commission will offer a basket weaving class on Saturday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m., at the Lions Club Community Building, McConnellsburg. Class instructor is Judy Appleby. Only 12 spots are available. Beginning and advanced weavers welcome. Call Chanin Mountz at 717-553-0017 to register or obtain more information. Registration deadline is January 16.

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 fccd@pa.net. All proceeds from the tree sale support conservation/environmental education.

Grant Writing Grant Writing -- Making the Most of Your Grant Efforts, will be held Tuesday February 10, 2009, at Fulton Theater, McConnellsburg, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (includes all materials, lunch, and refreshments). The program is designed to introduce community organizations, nonprofits and local governments to the fundamentals of finding and getting grant funds. This workshop will help clarify the grant writing process and improve your group's ability to accomplish its long term goals. Topics include: Why get a grant; organizing for fundraising, understanding the grant seeking process, understanding and working effectively with foundations, how to find and work effectively with public funders, writing effective proposals and making the most of your grant searching efforts. There also will be hands-on examples and exercises, advice from local experts and a chance to network with other Fulton County organizations. For more information contact Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension, at (717) 334-6271 x. 313, or chambers@psu.edu

"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. 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.

4-H Joe Corbi Fundraiser Joe Corbi forms are now available at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office. The sale will run until February 13, with delivery on February 26.

4-H Leader Workshop A 4-H leader workshop for all leaders, new and returning, will be held January 6 at 7:00 p.m., at the Fulton Theater. Call Lori at 485-4111 for more information.

Christmas Tree Dropoff Christmas tree dropoff will be available until January 12 at the Lions Club Park in front of the tennis court.

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 Johnnie's Diner.

Historical Society Meeting Matthew Dodd of Mechanicsburg will present a Fulton County Historical Society program on "Songs and Stories of Old Railroad Days" at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening, January 23, 2009, in Fulton Theater, McConnellsburg. This event is open to the community and will feature railroad legend and lore, famous people and events and songs on the banjo, mandolin, harmonica and acoustic guitar. A freewill offering will cover his cost. Light refreshments will be served. If schools are cancelled that day for weather reasons, a snow date for the meeting will be the same time the following Friday, January 30.

Singles To Meet Knobsville Singles will meet January 12, at 9:00 a.m., at K's Place.

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 pub-

lic, light refreshments are provided and all are welcome. More information may be obtained by calling 485-3386.

4-H County Council The first meeting of the Fulton County 4-H County Council will be held January 8, at 7 p.m., at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office. Call Lori at 485-4111 for more information.

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.

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.

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

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.

Infant Loss Support Group Fulton County Medical Center Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group will meet December 30 at the home of Cherry Hale, at 2255 Plum Hollow Road, Fort Littleton. More information may be obtained by calling 485-6141.

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.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings Free blood pressure screenings will be given at the following locations: Home Care Office, 213 South Second Street, McConnellsburg, the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; McConnellsburg Senior Center the first Thursday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Hann's Apartments the second Monday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Warfordsburg Senior Center the third Wednesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Huestontown Senior Center the third Thursday of every month from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

FOOD & DINING

Pork And Sauerkraut Dinner Fulton County Community Christian School, Needmore, will hold a pork and sauerkraut dinner Saturday, January 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, baked beans, muffins, dessert table and beverages. Eat in or carry out. There is no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

REUNIONS

DeShong Reunion The family of Elvie and Regina DeShong will hold their Christmas reunion on January 4 at Knobsville United Methodist Church at 12:30 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling 485-4156.

Program Helps Ky. Police Track Stolen Property

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - A computer program is helping western Kentucky police track down stolen property that's been sold to pawn shops.

Paducah's five pawn shops submit records of transactions, including serial numbers of items bought or pawned, into a system at leadsonline.com. Police can compare the items to a national database of stolen merchandise.

Police can use the program to determine if stolen merchandise is being offered for sale at pawn

shops in Kentucky or any neighboring state if the owner has recorded product serial numbers.

"This is very handy since a lot of (thieves) know we're going to check pawn shops here," Connie Waldridge, clerical specialist in the police department's criminal investigations division, told The Paducah Sun.

Police can also find out what local residents have pawned recently, since people must submit their driver's license numbers to sell to the shops. The program includes digital pictures, addresses, birth dates and driver's license numbers of those pawned items.

The program has helped solve four cases since it was implemented last month, Waldridge said.

It costs the department \$3,000 annually, Waldridge said, but police determined that the time spent to pick up and compare pawn shops' paper records was costing more than \$4,000.

"I would (previously) look through each page by hand, trying to find each item," Waldridge said.

The system is free for pawn shop owners.

Tyler Cryts, owner of Cash Express Pawn, likes the easy-to-use program, he said. It has also helped to improve the reputation of pawn shops, Cryts said.

"Nobody likes to ever take anything that was stolen or have things stolen and not be able to find them," Cryts said. "Years ago pawn shops were known for that kind of stuff."

SALUTE TO A NEW YEAR

As we begin a year anew
We're bursting with best wishes and gratitude, too
For all the support you've shown us in the past
We wish you good fortune from the first day to the last!

Mike Hollenshead
Plumbing, Heating & Air
Conditioning
Needmore

Bright Wishes At The New Year

At New Year's time, we're filled with cheer
As we recall the good times we've had this year

And to all our acquaintances both old and new
We thank you for the pleasure of serving you

Without your support we wouldn't be here
So please accept our wishes for a happy New Year

And now that the new year's about to arrive
We look forward to seeing you in 2009!

Scott's Auto Body
Cito Road, McConnellsburg



Season's
GREETINGS

Hoping You and Your Family Have a
Safe and Happy Holiday Season!
From All of Us at
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