

Celebrating The Year Of The Ox

Chinese Zodiac stamps now available

By Marilyn Loeser

President-elect Barack Obama is an Ox and so are you if you were born in 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985 or 1997.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, a person born during the year of the Ox is dependable, calm and methodical and a tireless worker, fair-minded and a good listener, but often stubborn.

Because of their steady and trustworthy character, the Ox is often entrusted with positions of authority and responsibility. They will not fall short where duty calls. Colin Powell and James Baker were also born under the sign of the Ox.

The Postal Service dedicated its Celebrating Lunar New Year: Year of the Ox commemorative 12-stamp souvenir sheet January 8 in New York City at the Fashion Institute of Technology, where Chinese-American stamp artist Kam Mak serves as an associate professor of illustration.

"The start of the Lunar New Year is the biggest holiday of the



year for one of every four people in the world," said USPS Senior Vice President, Mailing Services, David Shoefeld at the dedication ceremony. "It's a time of celebration and reflection for millions of Americans."

This is the second stamp in the current Chinese New Year series, which will continue through 2019 with stamps for the Year of the Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Boar. Last year, the first in the series - the Year of the Rat - was released.

In addition to sheets of 12 42-cent stamps, the Postal Service is offering note card sets. The sets include 12 note cards, 12 envelopes and a sheet of stamps.

Stamps sheets and note card sets are available at your local Post Office or online at usps.com.

Special Speaker At Evangel



Evangel Assembly of God in McConnellsburg is pleased to announce that Roy Poole will be at the church on February 1, at 9:30 a.m. Roy celebrates more than 30 years in the ministry of gospel music. He is a full-time faith minister who travels wherever and whenever the Lord leads him, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

All are welcome to attend the church for a morning of wonderful music and ministry. Anyone wanting more information contact the church at 485-5393 or Pastor McCommons at 485-4667.

Franklin Financial Announces First Quarter Dividend

The board of directors of Franklin Financial Services Corp. declared a 27 cents per share regular quarterly dividend for the first quarter of 2009. This compares to a 26 cents per share regular cash dividend for the first quarter of 2008, representing a 3.8 percent increase.

The regular quarterly cash dividend will be paid on February 27, 2009 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 6.

AWARD WINNING NEWSPAPER

SF Competes In WPSU-TV's "Scholastic Scrimmage"

Local high school students will appear on WPSU-TV next weekend

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Students from Southern Fulton High School will compete on WPSU-TV's fast-paced academic quiz bowl "Scholastic Scrimmage" on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. on WPSU-TV. The Southern Fulton High School members are (captain) Daniel Wolfe, Ellie Mundale, Elaina Truax, Steven Meyer, and (alternates) Adam Younker and Brian Stanley. Southern Fulton High School will compete against Shanksville-Stony-creek High School.

"Scholastic Scrimmage" is a fast-paced question and answer game, which features students from 90 central Pennsylvania high schools. In each match, two teams compete to showcase their knowledge, recall and reflexes. Each "Scholastic Scrimmage" team is composed of four students and one alternate in grades nine through 12. Two school teams take the stage for 30 minutes, with four teams competing in each hour-long program.

This year, there will be three divisions with 30 teams in each division. Placement in the division is based on the participating school's enrollment. Run much like an athletic competition, winning teams from each competition



Pictured above, left: coach Justin Sholes, Daniel Wolfe (captain), Adam Younker, Ellie Mundale, Brian Stanley, Elaina Truax, Nathan Keebaugh and Steven Meyer

may move on to the next round. Teams continue to advance until they reach the championship game. Each of the three divisions will have a champion.

Fans of the program can visit the game's Web site at <http://www.wpsu.org/scholasticscrimmage/> to see archives of each program. Shows can be streamed by modem or broadband to view any episode that has previously aired. Online, fans can also find a scrapbook of the students who have competed in the show, along with this year's schedule.

"Scholastic Scrimmage" is broadcast weekly Saturdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The academic quiz bowl is now in its sixth season.

"Scholastic Scrimmage" continues WPSU-TV's commitment to present programming that is both entertaining and educational. The competitive nature of "Scholastic Scrimmage" is one of the most effective ways to make learning fun and to shine a spotlight on some of the brightest young people in local schools.

WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. Its public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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AREA CHURCH SERVICES

Amaranth Church of the Brethren, Freeman Snair, Pastor.

Sunday School service at 9:30 a.m. Worship service at 10:30 a.m. Amberson United Methodist Church, Pastor Ed Sharpe.

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Antioch Christian Church, Rev. Marion Nesselrodt, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. every other Sunday; Bible study Wed. eve. at 7 p.m. Call 573-2865 for information.

The Assembly of God, Amaranth, Rev. Delmas F. Bard, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10:00. Worship at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study at 7:14 p.m. Sunday evening service at 6:00 p.m.

Bedford Chapel Church, Rev. Carl Sipes

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Cito African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Diane L. Jefferson

Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Every Tuesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Community Church, Pastors: Gary Quackenbos and Dale Lehman

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday there is a fellowship meal, everyone welcome to stay.

Black Oak Mennonite Church, 5 miles west of Warfordsburg, Richard Rutherford, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45. Worship at 10:45.

Blairs Mills Brethren in Christ Church, Rev. Harold E. Bowers, Pastor.

Worship Service at 9:00., Sunday School 10:00., Wed. eve. Prayer & Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Bt. Cabins Presbyterian Church, Grist Mill Rd., Bt. Cabins (Off of Rt. 522), Rev. Donna R. Ryan

Church Service at 9:30. a.m.

Buck Valley Christian Church (Congregational) 2281 Harmonia Rd., Warfordsburg, Pastor Scott Gibbs. Phone 294-3940.

Sunday School at 9:30. Worship Service at 10:20.

The Buck Valley New Testament Church, Independent Non-Denominational-Fundamental, R. Bobby Layman.

Sunday School at 10:00. Worship Service at 11:00. Wed. eve. service at 7:00 p.m.

Burnt Cabins Independent Bible Church Burnt Cabins, Robert H. Benson, Pastor.

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Church services, 10 a.m. Sunday evening services, 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer Wed. evening, 7:30 p.m.

Burnt Cabins United Presbyterian Church Contemporary Summer Worship at 9:54 a.m. July 7 thru Labor Day.

Calvary Independent Baptist Church, 522 N. of McCbg., 140 McGovern Lane. Phone 485-4745.

David Carroll, Pastor, phone 485-5447.

Sunday School at 9:00; Morning Worship at 10:00; Evening service at 6:30. Wed. Prayer and Bible study at 7:00. (Patch the Pirate for 1st-8th grades and TEAM teen program at 7:00 on Wednesday nights)

Cedar Grove Christian Church, Routes 643 at 252 near Dott, Pastor Timothy B. Close, Phone 304-228-4585.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Center United Methodist Church, Pastor Michael Baumgardner, 717-595-0156.

Sunday Worship Service at: 8:15 a.m., Sunday School at: 9:15 a.m. Chapel of Praise, Rt. 523, Warfordsburg, Pa., Pastor Jack and Lola Hiles.

Sunday morning worship at 10:00. Sunday evening service at 7:00. Wed. evening Bible study at 7:00.

Charlestown United Methodist Church, 13826 Buchanan Trail West, Mercersburg, Pastor Terry Brosius, 717-328-9151

Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Church School at 10:00 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Hancock Ward, Bishop Larry Hartman, 294-3963, Douglas Street, Hancock, MD.

Sacrament Meeting at 10:00. Sunday School at 10:20. Priesthood/Relief Society at 11:10.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, McConnellsburg Branch, Branch President Gerald Hendershot

Penns Village Shopping Center, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Cito United Methodist Church, Rev. John A. Godissart, Pastor. Phone 485-4318, Parish 485-4815.

Worship at 9:15 a.m., Church School at 10:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study Thurs. 9-11:30 a.m.

Clear Ridge United Methodist Church, Clear Ridge, Pastor Michael Baumgardner, 717-369-3856.

Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Corner Independent Church, Big Cove Tannery.

Worship at 9:30. Sunday School at 10:00.

Damascus Christian Church, Thompson Township.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00. Morning Worship every two weeks at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Loy Garber.

Dublin Mills Community Church, Rev. Sam Stoeck, Pastor.

Sunday School beginning at 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Evening worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening services at 7:00 p.m.

Evangel Assembly of God, Rev. William H. McCommons, Pastor. Located across from the Medical Center, McConnellsburg. Phone 485-4667.

Combined Sunday School and Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. Evening Evangelistic Service at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Handicapped accessible.

Fair Ridge Assembly of God, Piper Lane, S. of Shade Gap off Rt. 522. Pastor Daniel Fox.

Combined Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m. Evening Worship and Praise, 6:30 p.m. Family night including activities for all ages, 7:00 P.M. Wednesday.

Fairview United Methodist Church, Harrisonville, Pastor William Kuhn, 717-987-3215.

Sunday Worship Service at: 10:00 a.m., Sunday School at: 8:30 a.m.

First Pentecostal Assembly of God, 20 N. Park Ave., Mercersburg, Pa. Pastor Roger L. Murray. 717-328-5424.

Morning Service at 9:30, (Sunday School for youth and Children), Evening Service at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Freedom Worship Center, Pastor Kevin Wade, HCR 75, Box 340, Ft. Littleton, Pa., 7 miles north of McConnellsburg on Route 522.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Service at 10:15 a.m. Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m. 987-3490. An associate church of Rhema Bible Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ft. Littleton Bible Church, held at the former Fraker's Store, Rev. Deborah Strait.

Sunday School at 9:30. Morning Worship at 10:30. Sunday night service at 7:00. Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00.

Grace Christian Fellowship, Rev. Edward Guyer, Pastor, 131 Pennsylvania Ave., Hancock, Md.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Service 7:00 p.m. A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. For information or spiritual assistance, phone 301-678-6038.

Harrisonville Holiness Church, Pastor Rev. Paul Eckert

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Eve. Service at 7:00 p.m.

Harrisonville United Methodist Charge, Parsonage 485-9416, Pastor William Bair

Ebenezer: Worship - 8:30. Sun. School - 9:45. Siloam: Worship 9:50; Church School 8:45.

Charge-wide Bible Study, second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Siloam Church.

Asbury: Worship at 11:00. Church School at 9:45.

Hustontown Church of God Pentecostal, one mile north on Route 475, Hustontown, Pa., 17229. Donald Rowe, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, come let us worship together.

Immanuel Bible Church, Three Springs, located 3.5 mi. S. of Three Springs, opposite Cherry Grove Cemetery. Pastor Steve Heaster, 814-448-9893.

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Sunday School at 10 a.m. Mt. Zion, Little Cove: Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at 11:30 a.m.

McConnellsburg United Methodist Church, Rev. John A. Godissart, Pastor. Phone 485-4815, Parish 485-4318.

Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church School at 9:45 a.m. Bible study and Youth meeting Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church, S. Second & Maple Sts., McCbg., 485-4400, Rev. Ellen Crawford True, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time at 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Mountain View Mennonite Church, Pastors Warren Clugston and Keith Clugston. Located 1/2 mile west on Old Route 30, 485-4594.

Sunday School at 9:30. Morning Worship at 10:30. Evening worship at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

Mt. Calvary Tabernacle of Williamson, Pa., Reuben Egoif, Pastor. Phone 717-597-1149

Sunday morning services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening services, 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Tabor Nazarene Church, Waterfall, Pa., Pastor Duane Williams, 717-294-3944.

Sunday School at 9:30. Worship at 11:00. Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

My Father's House Ministries, Pastor Bill Chilcote, phone 485-4680, 1653 Lincoln Way East, Old Route 30

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Needmore Bible Church, Pastor Doug Poffenberger, phone 573-2212.

Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening in-home small groups. Tuesday evening prayer at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., Awana for children and youth and Bible study for adults.

Needmore Full Gospel Church, W.P.M., 6 mi. north of Hancock, MD, on State Rd. 655, Phone 717-294-3100, Pastor James W. Gheen.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Night Service at 5:00 p.m.

Needmore Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Corner Rts. 522 & Pigeon Cove Rd., Needmore. Frank VanDerhoof, Pastor, 301-678-5857.

Saturday: Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

New Grenada Church of God, New Grenada, Rev. Kenneth Cornelius, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10. Worship Services at 9 Wed., Evening Services at 7 p.m. Sunday Evening services first and third Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Open The Eyes Of My Heart Ministry, 5203 Pleasant Grove Road, Pastor George Lashley

Services: Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Rev. Denver Plessinger, Pastor. 3 miles west of Needmore.

Sunday School at 9:30. Worship at 10:30. Sunday Night Service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Church of the Brethren.

Services: Sunday School at 9:30. Worship at 10:30. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30. Minister Roger D. Truax.

Pleasant Ridge Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Dan Porterfield, 485-3973.

Sun. School at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m., Sun. eve., 6:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Study, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church, Brother William Payne, Pastor.