

## Hustontown

The weather seemed to make for a bad weekend with icy conditions. Some of the church services were cancelled due to icy roads and parking lots.

**By Kate Berkstresser**

We're sorry to hear Bryan Kylor had the misfortune of falling and injuring his head and was taken to the hospital, but glad to hear he was able to be brought home. So, we have him on our prayer list. Also Betty Malot is still not able to be up and about yet. But glad to hear she is improving and hope she will be completely recovered soon.

Just a reminder that Hustontown Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary dues are due this month.

Hustontown Volunteer Fire Co. is sponsoring a shooting match every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the firehall. Prizes will be given. The fire company will sponsor an open stage on the fourth Saturday. It will be held January 24 for the next Saturday night of entertainment. If you have talent it's a good chance to take part and support the fire company. The kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. and entertainment starts at 6:00 p.m.

Household hint: When using your hands to shape cookies, especially if the dough contains a lot of shortening, wet your hands with cold water from time to time and the dough won't stick to your palms.

## Maddensville

Birthday wishes to Kyle Reed, Danielle Winnick, Cali Jo Brown, Almeda Nead, Brittany Whitsel, Kennedy Heaster, Christopher Anderson, Tina Swan, Josh Ramsey, Deb Kerlin, John Wain, Ashlee Keebaugh and Kar Park.

**By Karen Grissinger**

Get well wishes to Jim and Carolyn Mills, Esther Grissinger, Sam Park, Mary Mort, and Ralph Brown.

On Sunday Betty Ramsey had a belated birthday celebration at the Texas Roadhouse in State College. Joining the party were Bill, Molly, Ashley, Emily and Pete Ramsey, Kim and Ed Stevens, Joe, Melanie, Cody and Dison Myers and Terri Johnston. Later in the evening cake and ice cream were enjoyed while taking in the Steelers win.

Steve, Karen, Terri and Tammy Grissinger, Travis Madden and Maddison Wible attended the PA Farm Show on Sunday afternoon. Others attending from this area were Charles "Moose" Harper, George

Harper and Harold Harper and grandson and Mr. and Mrs. John Starr. The ice gave some a late start but by mid afternoon the crowds were thick. As always, we enjoyed the great food and facts about PA agriculture.

Roger and Pat Ramsey attended a showing of the new movie, "Marley and Me" this weekend at the Hagerstown Cinemas.

Three Springs Fire Company is hosting bingo every Wednesday evening in their new facility with doors opening at 5 p.m.

Three Springs Fire Company is also hosting a ham dinner this Sunday, January 18 beginning at 11 a.m. Take-outs or dine-in is available.

Visiting recently in the home of Steve, Karen, Terri and Tammy Grissinger were Brent Carlson, Travis Madden, Maddison Wible and Tom and Mamie Streightiff.

A pesticide update meeting will be held on January 22 at the Southern Huntingdon County High School from 7 to 9 p.m. On February 10, an update will be held at the Huntingdon Co. Extension Office from 7 to 9 p.m. The third update will be held at the extension office on February 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Hustontown Fire Co. is holding an open stage event on January 24 beginning at 6 p.m. Kitchen and doors will open at 5 p.m.

Fire company auxiliary members are reminded to pay their dues for 2009.

Regular shooting matches will be held on January 17 and 24 beginning at 1 p.m. On January 31, it will be a quarter of beef shoot.

Steve, Karen and Tammy Grissinger had dinner with Mike, Patty, Chris and Kevin Pintozzi and Marty, Denise and Brian Sinkiewicz on Saturday evening. The center of attention was the new puppy, Sophie. Earlier in the day, the guys along with Steve, Travis Madden and Brent Carlson attended their first shooting match at Hustontown Firehall.

Congratulations to Bow Ramsey, son of Ashley Ramsey, who received first place in the Mount Union Wrestling Tournament on January 3. He received fourth place in the Huntingdon Bearcat Tournament and will advance on to the Gene Mills tournament in New York City in May.

## Wells Valley

The Wells Tannery Luminary committee wishes to thank everyone who helped with the luminaries. It turned out to be the roughest weather in recent years, so the hard decision was made to save the candles for next year since they have become so expensive.

We did a test and out of four candles, only one was burning in a couple hours with all the rain we were receiving. Also, the safety of the crew – the danger of falling on the ice that coated the roadsides and the possibility of a vehicle sliding into one of the volunteers – was a major part of the decision. The guys did do a great job of making the star on the ball field and hope everyone saw it! Best wishes for the New Year from the Luminary Gang.

We have included a financial report so that everyone can see how the fund stands.

The balance as of 2007 was \$2700, after disposing of the old candles at the land fill the balance was \$250. Expenses for new candles in 2008 were \$415 and lighters were 30.00. The amount donated by residents in 2008 was \$456.00. The remaining balance of the luminary fund is \$326.00.

## Our Town

Sgt. Joshua Crowder, U.S. Army, visited family over the holidays. He returned from a 15-month deployment in Iraq in October and is currently stationed in Germany and has returned to his post there.

Kay McBeath remains a patient in a Pittsburgh hospital after a fall at her home last week. Anyone wishing to send her a card the address is UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, 200 Lothrop St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Floor 6F, Bed 6.

Wouldn't it be thrilling to see both Pennsylvania football teams at the Super Bowl? Just one week and we will know.

Fred and Linda Black celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on January 5 and Bob and Teresa Carter celebrated their eighth on January 7.

The Giant Food Store held its Christmas employee dinner on Saturday night at the American Legion.

Vesta Hull of Big Cove Tannery is now a resident in Fulton County Medical Center Extended Care Unit. Vesta fell a few weeks ago at her home.

Aaron Ott of Colorado visited with his parents, Mitch Ott and Elen Ott, over the holidays.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Doris "Tootie" Ford of Orttanna, who passed away last week. Her son, Denny Ritchey, and wife Nancy and family and a sister, Donna Garlock, and husband Bob live here.

Birthday wishes to Daniel Geyer and Sara Peck, January

11; Donald Bard, January 12; Tim McGarvey, Zachary Dunkle, Dale Humbert and Betty Remsburg, January 13; Dave Washabaugh IV, January 15; Honey Johnston, January 16; Jane Koehler and Fred McFadden Jr., January 18; and Mary Hoover, January 19.

Jean Weaver Mellott and Kay McBeath are both on the sick list. Remember all the others who are ill in your prayers.

Please call 485-3671 if you have anything for this column.

Public Opinion weekly honor roll student-athletes were Ryan Defibaugh and Rachel Porterfield, McConnellsburg basketball; and Andrew Merica, Southern Fulton basketball.

Randy Hill, formerly of Knobsville, is now a resident in Woodland Home in Orbisonia.

Terry and Drew Sheeder, Mike Reeder, Todd Grissinger and Mike's two friends from his employment attended the Pittsburgh Steelers - San Diego game on Sunday.

Mary Hann of Needmore, a longtime member of the Needmore Fire Co., was chosen Fire Person of the Year on Saturday night.

Quotable quotes: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."

It happened this week: In 1810 Napoleon I, emperor of the French, divorced his wife, Josephine.

Country shortcuts: Instead of sprinkling salt on your driveway and walkways, to de-ice it, use baking soda. Unlike salt, it won't damage floors if tracked inside and won't harm shoes or plants.

Did you know? The world's biggest buyer of gold? QVC!

## Birth Announced



Toby and Tracy Hann of Syracuse, N.Y., would like to announce the birth of their son, Max Adam Hann, born September 24, 2008. Max weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Max's proud grandparents are Teresa Everetts from McConnellsburg and Richard and Christine Esposito, Fayetteville, N.Y. Proud great-grandparents are Phyllis Everetts from McConnellsburg and Connie Stelow from East Syracuse, N.Y.

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## Farm Show

### Swine "Swaggers" Her Way To The Top

#### Indiana County Duroc gilt named Supreme Champion

The Supreme Champion swine at the 2009 Pennsylvania Farm Show was the winning Duroc gilt, KENW8 MS SWAGGER 17-5, topping 189 entries from eight different breeds. This dazzling Duroc also sold for \$900 at the Bred Gilt Sale.

Judge Al Schiminke of Van Horn, Iowa, selected the winner exhibited by Ken Wetzel of Rossiter, Indiana County. The Wetzel family has participated in the Pennsylvania Farm Show for many years and has owned several champions in the Duroc breed, along with Hampshire and Chester White swine.

Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff congratulated the winner and presented the Supreme Champion Banner.

The Bred Gilt Sale averaged \$495 on 196 lots, grossing \$97,090. These totals topple last year's sale averages with the sale average being \$487 on 167 lots, grossing \$79,800.

The champion and reserve champion gilts of each breed were:

Berkshire Champion: JTP8 Gold Miss, James Partlett Jr., Airville, York Co.

Res. Champion: JTP Gold Miss, James Partlett Jr., Airville, York Co.

Chester White Champion: January Gilts, Ken Wetzel Family, Rossiter, Indiana Co.

Res. Champion: January Gilts 4-4, Ken Wetzel Family, Rossiter, Indiana Co.

Duroc Champion: KENW8 MS SWAGGER 17-5, Ken Wetzel Family, Rossiter, Indiana Co.

Res. Champion: DCHH8 Real Deal 5-2, David Holloway, Glen Rock, York Co.

Hampshire Champion: ERER8 MS Light My Fire 8-4, Eric Rabenold, Kutztown, Berks Co.

Res. Champion: SAMR8 MS Big Kahuna 3-1, Samantha Rabenold, Kutztown, Berks Co.

Landrace Champion: LAG8 Monopoly 3-2, Grant A. Lazarus III, Germansville, Lehigh Co.

Res. Champion: JRWI 8 Miss Karlstorp 1-1, John Wingert, Sykesville, Jefferson Co.

Poland China Champion: BLP 1-9, Ron Lloyd, Hanover, Adams Co.

Res. Champion: JCS8 Concrete is Bionic 104-3, John C. Strawbridge, Whitehall, Lehigh Co.

Spotted Champion: 8 Sara Lee, Rick Wilson, New Freedom, York Co.

Res. Champion: DHAL8 Hope 10-7, Dalton Hall, Julian, Centre Co.

Yorkshire Champion: CBH8 Sue 13-5, Charles and Mark Hall,

Julian, Centre Co.

Res. Champion: RRYW 8 Ashley, Wilson Bros, New Freedom, York Co.

For a complete list of show results visit the Web Site at [www.farmshow.state.pa.us](http://www.farmshow.state.pa.us) and click on 'Show Results'

## No Bid For Gettysburg Country Club At Auction

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) – Gettysburg Country Club has failed to draw a bid at auction following months of financial struggles.

The 120-acre property just off Route 30 west of Gettysburg includes a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, pools and a relatively new clubhouse.

Susquehanna Bank had foreclosed on the property and wanted a minimum bid of \$2.9 million at the Adams County Courthouse on Friday, but no one bid on the 60-year-old club.

The bank has agreed to pay the costs of the sheriff sale and municipal liens owed to the Cumberland Township Municipal Authority, as well as money owed to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority.

An outside attorney for the bank says his client will likely attempt to sell the property on its own.

## Celebrates Second



Zane Elijah Stepanik celebrated his second birthday on December 6. His proud parents are Chad and Crystal Stepanik of Big Cove Tannery.

Grandparents are David and Suz Bivens of Big Cove Tannery; Danny and Dawn Black, McConnellsburg; and Mike and Naomi Stepanik of Warfordsburg.

He also has many great-grandparents: Donald and Emma Jean Deshong of McConnellsburg and Shorty and Betty Bivens, Big Cove Tannery. Zane also has a great-great-grandmother, Goldie Deshong, McConnellsburg.

There was a "Happy Feet" party held in Zane's honor on December 7. He wishes to thank everyone for helping him celebrate his special day.

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