

Letters To The Editor

Center Takes Good Care Of Our Children

To The Editor:

I have been meaning to write this for a long time. On Friday, May 8, it is Childcare Providers' Day. As a parent of three children, I am very much honored to say thank you to the staff at Fulton County Center For Families Childcare. You will never meet a bunch of talented, loving and caring women like the ladies at the childcare.

The childcare staff has the most wonderful teachers a parent can ask for. They work so hard at their jobs and build an amazing relationship with our children. I know that come Sunday evening my children are ready to go and see their teachers. In fact, all weekend they ask where their teacher is. Not only have my children built a rela-

tionship with the girls, but so have I and my husband. They are there when you have questions and offer their support when you need it. The girls there give so much more than they need to. They work hard at what they do. And, I am amazed to see that there is very little turnover at the center. Some of the girls have been there for more than a decade.

If that doesn't show how dedicated they are than I don't know what will.

We hope everyone joins us this Friday to say "thank you" for taking such good care of our children. We are very blessed to have all these ladies in our lives, and we wish you all the best.

John and Mindi
Grahams

Watershed Group Gets Job Done Without Government Oversight

To The Editor:

I cannot thank Derrick Winegardner and the Friends of the Aughwick Watershed group for all the work that was done on Saturday with the trash collection and pickup. It looks fantastic and as a resident, I offer my thanks and offer up my most humblest of apologies for not being there and helping. Ten out of 10 everyones!

But ... it's hard for me to believe that without a governmental act, a fancy engineering firm, elaborately drawn plans and blueprints, a board of overseeing

supervisors, years of deliberation and "testing" and a few million borrowed tax dollars that Derrick Winegardner and the Friends of the Aughwick Watershed group were able to clean up some local trouble spots and make a huge improvement to the whole area single-handedly. But they did.

Thank you, Friends of the Aughwick Watershed group; sure wish you would have been in charge of the sewer.

Damon Schoen
Fort Littleton

Cowans Gap Meeting Planned

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks, and Cowans Gap State Park would like to announce the following:

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Cowans Gap State Park. Park employees will solicit input from the public and discuss upcoming projects and new activities at the park. Come learn more about your state park and all it has to offer! This meeting will be held at the park amphitheater, or if inclement weather, inside the Brightbill Interpretive Center.

All are welcome to attend and reservations are not needed. For further information contact the park office at 717-485-3948.

For more information, visit www.visitPAParks.com or visit the Pennsylvania Tourism homepage at www.visitPA.com.

Access for people with disabilities

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks: 888-PA-PARKS (voice); 888-537-7294 (TTY); 711 (AT&T Relay Service).

Fulton Co. Farm Women Celebrate 50 Years

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Fulton County Society of Farm Women was formed in October 1959 by Lois Gordon. The group marked its 50th year by hosting a convention on Saturday, May 2, at McConnellsburg firehall.

The program was attended by 60 members and guests. Society of Farm Women includes chapters in 14 counties of southern Pennsylvania.

Rep. Dick L. Hess made a surprise appearance, and presented a citation from the House of Representatives, honoring the group for reaching its 50th anniversary.

The citation notes that the organization "strives to contribute to the power and influence of the farm home and to the community of farm women, to develop leadership and to promote better living and working conditions in the farm homes of this Commonwealth."

"Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes the Fulton County Society of Farm Women as it recommends itself to the ideals and standards which have sustained it for fifty years; offers best wishes

for continued growth and success in the years to come; and directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Dick L. Hess on March 24, 2009, be transmitted to the Fulton County Society of Farm Women."

A copy of the citation was presented to county president Marie Richards, at the request of state Farm Women President Lorraine Royer of Lebanon County.

The program for the convention was full of laughs and memories.

Vivian Reilly read an essay on "Why the Plants Didn't Get Watered." Brenda Palmer joked about the aging process and noted details about some of her audience; Michaela Rosenberry briefly described her current 4-H project; and Helen Overly played her ukulele and remembered the starts of both Overly-Raker and the Fulton Fall Folk Festival.

Former members of Fulton County Farm Women were invited to participate in the convention. Visitors also enjoyed a display of 50 years of local Farm Women programs and lunch by the fire company.

For more details about the



Marie Richards, county president of Fulton County Society of Farm Women, holds a citation from the House of Representatives, presented Saturday by Rep. Dick L. Hess, honoring the 50th anniversary of the local group.

county group, contact Betty Daniels at 485-4508 or Mary

Culler at 485-3275.

GOP

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has represented the poor and those in need and serves as Fulton County's attorney for the Area Agency on Aging. Community services included a stint as a board member for the Franklin County Association for Retarded Citizens, former president of the Mercersburg Rotary and 2003 campaign chair for the United Way.

"Regardless of the size of the county, justice is the same for all citizens," concluded Wright.

Franklin County native Angela Rosenberry Krom informed voters her desire to become judge is "about the people, not the politics." Krom shared tales regarding her 13-year tenure with the Franklin County District Attorney's Office, meeting with juvenile offenders and second opportunities for them to turn their lives around; helping victims of domestic violence so

severely beaten even their gender isn't distinguishable; and shaken-baby cases.

"These are the questions I want to work beside the fine judges of Fulton and Franklin counties," said Krom. "I can promise to do my very best for the people and to always do the right thing for the right reason."

Timothy D. Wilnot rounded out the list of four Court of Common Pleas candidates and referenced his work experience with the Franklin County District Attorney's Office since 1999. Wilnot, also a master of divorce hearings, has presided over at least 500 divorce cases, some involving multi-million dollar estates, since his court appointment in 1996.

An aviator with the United States Marine Corps, Wilnot referenced his military background and receipt of his wings in 1986. Wilnot, a father of three ranging in age from 11 to 18, stated he stepped down from the military after decided he would be more successful as an at-home dad

than as a deployed dad.

Lisa Mellott Skiles, political newcomer vying for the position of county prothonotary, stated a combination of hard work and determination made her business of 18 years successful. Skiles labeled herself as a conservative and, if elected, promised to be careful with office finances during difficult economic times.

Skiles touched on working as a team as well as the need for good relations with the public and stated she would be diligent in doing what it takes to run the office of prothonotary.

Meanwhile, incumbent Patty Suders Fix related she was fortunate in taking office 16 years ago to receive extensive assistance from a veteran staff. Now in the process of training a relatively new staff herself, Fix stated a trainer is not available to come to the office to help newly elected officials learn how to file and maintain the office's documents in an effective, accurate and timely manner.

In 2008, the office of pro-

thonotary, clerk of courts, registrar of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of orphans' court generated revenue in the amount of \$702,657. The office is also directly responsible for the docket of civil, criminal and juvenile issues as well as the recording of deeds, mortgages and subdivisions.

Fix closed out the evening leading the audience with endorsement from county District Attorney Travis Kendall stating, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Patty Suders Fix does a phenomenal job at a difficult and constantly evolving task-recording, managing and providing access to court and other public records. Why would we risk change?"

Fellow Republican candidates Pete Ford, jury commissioner, and Edgar Yates, Southern Fulton School Board, both thanked the audience for their support and asked for additional backing during the upcoming May 19 election.

FRSB

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F&M Trust will act as school depository.

Glenda Wolford was re-elected to the position of school board secretary for a four-year term of office.

Meanwhile, the school board accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from high school health and physical education teacher Craig Cutchall. Cutchall's retirement will commence June 15.

Nathan Whitsel was added to the professional substitute list with certification in math, while Tammie Waite was approved as a teacher aide and cafeteria substitute. The motion to add Whitsel and Waite was approved pending the completion of necessary paperwork and clearances.

Kayla Knepper and Danielle Berkstresser were respectively hired as varsity girls basketball coach and assistant coach. Their salaries were set on the first step of the extracurricular salary scale.

Nurse practitioner Deb Messner received authorization to conduct school physicals at a rate of \$7 per exam, while Jamie Hall will continue providing dental checkups free of charge to the district for the 2009-10 school year.

Curriculum

The 2009-10 school calendar was approved as presented as was the special education plan that runs from 2009 through 2012.

A list of potential graduates for the Class of 2009 was accepted as presented pending the completion of state and local graduation requirements.

In lieu of attending the garden expo in Harrisburg, the ag science and FFA students are slated to visit various farming operations and agricultural industries in the the Lancaster area on May 18.

As discussed in prior months, the school board adopted a drug-testing policy for the student body to be implemented during 2009-10. In addition, revisions were approved for the 2009-10 student handbook. High School Principal Foster said he would be bringing additional changes to the board in June in regard to student driving.

Furthermore, the board discussed alterations to the handbook on future attendance at the junior/senior prom. Participation will be restricted to students in grades nine and higher, and no one over the age of 21 will be permitted.

Upon doctor recommendation, homebound instruction is slated to commence for an elementary student.

Building and grounds

Cheerleading advisor Helen Lutz was authorized to use the high school gymnasium during the off-season and summer months for cheerleader recreation.

Miscellaneous

Craig Cutchall was granted permission to distribute the 1969 boys basketball warm-up suits.

Superintendent Arnold informed the board the number of free and reduced lunches has increased to 46 percent and will likely reach 50 percent during 2009-10. The percentage, Arnold concluded, is utilized as a benchmark by the state and could result in the district receiving additional grant money.

Licking Creek

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Eugene A. Keebaugh (R)

A native of Fulton County, Eugene A. Keebaugh got his first taste of the duties of a supervisor as a teenager working side-by-side with his stepfather, who served as an area supervisor. Years later and now retired, Keebaugh has plenty of time at his disposal to serve as a full-time supervisor over the next six years.

Keebaugh stated he is understanding to both the needs and the complaints of township citizens and also possesses the capability of running large pieces of equipment. As a veteran engineer with the U.S. Army with "mechanical inclinations," Keebaugh noted he was responsible for aiding in the construction of both roads and bridges.

"I would like to work for the communities of Licking Creek Township. I would serve the people of the township because the people come first," said Keebaugh, who added he would strive to get more roadways paved in the township if elected.

Keebaugh of 757 Patterson Run Road, McConnellsburg, indicated he is open to learning new things and in his spare time enjoys both hunting and traveling.

Jerry Gregory (R)

Backed by an extensive education ranging from truck-driving school to various courses taken at Letterkenny Army Depot and Fleetwood Service

Schools, Harrisonville resident Jerry Gregory reported he has always enjoyed working with people as well as taking and giving orders to get a job done.

"I've built homes, so I know about the inspection process. I've learned to budget and control spending through different jobs I've had," said Gregory, of 6678 Pleasant Ridge Road. "I've done mechanical work most of my life and drove a tractor-trailer for a while. I like to learn and research new things, but I think the most important thing is that I'm retired and I have all the time it would take to be a responsible supervisor."

Gregory stated his main reason to run for elected office was based on "how unresponsive the current supervisors are" and the need for better organization of township records. He was previously unable to seek office due to his 26 years of employment at Letterkenny.

"A problem with a sewage system I talked about with the township is still uncorrected after a year. Also, when issuing land-use/building permits, they (the supervisors) reference township ordinances dating back to the 1970s even though Pennsylvania passed a new uniform building code in 2004," he said.

Making further reference to the issuance of land-use permits, Gregory stated steps should be taken to maintain better control over sewage and building permits so the township doesn't end up with new homes with illegal sewage systems.

"We need to update and keep

our files current in case homeowners have problems. We need to ensure our water supplies don't get contaminated. I would also like to see if we could get some of our dirt roads blacktopped. I also think the township needs to be open to the public for suggestions and solutions," he concluded.

All six candidates seeking a position on the Licking Creek

Township Board of Supervisors were provided with a questionnaire by the "News" to be utilized in the compilation of this article. Responses were not received by Democratic candidates Curt Lynch, 658 Calvin Drive, Harrisonville, and James A. Laughlin, 1671 Buck Road, Harrisonville. The candidates were also unable to be reached by telephone.

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