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Transcontinental Motor Convoy Rolls Through Town



In 1919, a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the country for the first time, mostly along the fledgling Lincoln Highway that ran from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco. Sunday morning at about 9:30 a.m., celebrating the 90th anniversary of the 3,251-mile trip, 50 or more restored vintage military vehicles again passed through McConnellsburg and Fulton County on the Lincoln Highway as residents lined the streets to greet the convoy. The 2009 Transcontinental Motor Convoy, organized by the Missouri-based Military Vehicle Preservation Association, began Saturday in Washington and expects to arrive in San Francisco in 26 days. Pictured passing the Fulton House are World War I vintage restored jeeps that could have made the original crossing.

Hunting Licenses Go Automated!

Resident doe licenses on sale July 13

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

Local Pennsylvania Game Commission officials announced this week hunting and furtaking licenses are now on sale through a new automated system known as PALS that is not only expected to lighten the load for area issuing agents but also give conservation officers and deputies a foot up while dealing with sportsmen in the field.

Licenses for the 2009-10 season went on sale Monday in conjunction with the commission obtaining the newly acquired services of "Pennsylvania Automated License System" (PALS). Overseen by a company based in Nashville, PALS will allow hunters to visit the commission's online store known as "The Outdoor Shop" or to purchase an automated, computer-generated license through the county treasurer's office or another issuing agent such as Keller's Country Store and Dott Store.

The system is reportedly as easy as "swiping a driver's license" or in the event of the absence of a driver's license manually typing in the sportsman's personal information. All first-time licenses purchased through PALS, whether it be a hunting and furtaking or a Pennsylvania fishing license, will also require the use of Social Security information.

All information, according to Fulton County Wildlife Conservation Officer Kevin Mountz, will be stored in the system. Each individual buying a license through PALS will be issued a customer identification number, which will

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DEATHS

Bishop, Paul, 78, Hancock
Elvey, Carl, 77, James Creek
Hess, Guy, 79, Chambersburg
Leonard, Robert, 80, Hustontown
Turner, Wanda, 47, Burlingham, N.Y.

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For Patient Services/Administrative Building

Groundbreaking At FCMC June 30

Ceremony at 11 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

Just 19 months after Fulton County Medical Center opened its doors to its new healthcare facility on Peach Orchard Road, a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled this month for a new patient services and administrative building.

The new addition will be a two-story, 16,000-square-foot expansion to the new hospital. The groundbreaking is set for Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at 11 a.m.

The main floor of the expansion to the southwest corner of the existing facility will consist of specialty physician services with 15 exam rooms, two procedure rooms and a large general waiting area. The main floor will also include easy access to Home Care Services.

The second floor will house administration, patient accounting, the business office, management information systems, human resources, community relations and development department, and the FCMC Foundation. There will also be a community confer-



This architectural rendering depicts the hospital's new addition.

ence room.

The general contractor will be Palmer Construction of McConnellsburg, and the building will take approximately 12 months to complete.

President and CEO Jason F. Hawkins said of the announcement, "This building will consolidate all FCMC off-site offices to one campus. It will also provide a more effective environment to retain and recruit specialists to Fulton County to bet-

ter serve our patients and community."

Currently, the departments listed above are housed at various locations in McConnellsburg, including Penn's Village Shopping Plaza, on South Second Street in the two homes owned by FCMC and on North Second Street in the old IGA building. In addition, the administration is hopeful that it will assist in recruiting new physicians to the hospital.

\$76.9 Million Army Contract Awarded To JLG Industries

60 military production workers to be recalled August, September

By Lindsay R. Mellott
STAFF WRITER

A \$76.9 million order from the U.S. Army announced last week by JLG Industries will bring 60 workers laid off from the company's Military Support Center in McConnellsburg back to work.

The Department of Defense (DOD) awarded the contract to rebuild 500 All Terrain Lifter Army (ATLAS) telehandlers and 300 other rough terrain forklifts in April, according to Jeff Ford, JLG's senior manager of marketing communications.

The Army contract calls for the last of the 800 rebuilt ma-

chines to be delivered in April 2014.

Workers affected by the recall learned in late May that they would be laid off in June. Ann Stawski, vice president of marketing communications at JLG's parent company Oshkosh Corp., told the "News"



then that they would be recalled in one to two months.

Ford confirmed Stawski's recall time frame on Monday, saying the 60 workers would be brought back in August and September.

JLG has rebuilt more than 800 telehandlers for the military since the Continental United States (CONUS) Reset program began in 2004.

Rebuilt telehandlers and forklifts leave JLG "in conditions equal to new," according to the company.

Telehandlers from Central Command (CENTCOM) deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan arrive at JLG's Military Support Center, where a core list of items, such as the transmission, engine and axles, are replaced or rebuilt. Other items considered necessary are replaced or refurbished. A new paint job and a thorough inspection complete the rebuild.

"A soldier operating a rebuilt JLG machine will experience no visible performance or operational differences between a rebuilt and a new unit," said Denny Buterbaugh, vice president of JLG government products and programs.

In April the company announced it had been awarded \$37.3 million in contracts to build 268 telehandlers at JLG's McConnellsburg plant for the U.S. Army. Those contracts, however, did not call back any of the 1,071 employees who have been laid off since JLG began downsizing its operation a year ago in response to declining demand for its products.

Central Fulton Taxpayers To See Millage Increase

Real estate taxes hinging upon state budget; board refrains from giving salary increases

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

With so many variables still under consideration by the state's General Assembly in adopting the commonwealth's budget, the question still looms how much of the money allotted in the 2009-10 state's fiscal budget will eventually trickle down to area school districts. Given the uncertainty, members of the Central Fulton School Board took some extra precautions of their own last Tuesday evening in announcing not one but two figures as possibilities for real estate millage rates.

Board member Robert C. Snyder II announced on June 9 that in the event the Legislature fails to pass the budget with "basic subsidies for public edu-

cation," the Central Fulton School District would be forced to incur an additional \$70,000 in expenditures. As a result, a millage increase of up to 1.3475 would be required for real estate taxes.

Based on the Snyder's announcement, the board unanimously agreed to jump real estate taxes by the amount of one mill or 1.3475 mills, the actual amount hinging directly upon the future decision by the General Assembly. Either increase would raise the real estate tax from its current rate of 24.5 mills to either 25.5 or 25.8475 mills for the 2009-10 school year. The rate would therefore be \$2.55 or \$2.58475 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

In conjunction with their decision, and in following the recommendation of the district's Budget and Finance Committee, the budget for the upcoming school year was set at \$13,717,011 in anticipated revenue. Meanwhile, both Act 511 and Act 679 per capita taxes were set at \$5. Occupation taxes were levied at

\$10, which is the same amount approved by the board in recent years.

Appearing on behalf of himself and other concerned taxpayers, McConnellsburg area resident Loren Leese was the lone individual to petition the board regarding last month's announcement to raise taxes. Leese asked the board to take into consideration the "shape of the county" before acting on any proposed millage hikes.

"JLG is almost shut down. Mellott's is as slow as I can remember it being. I will make less money this year than I made in a lot of years. Car dealerships are shutting down. Farmers' milk prices are down to nothing. Everyone is getting to be in bad shape," said Leese prior to the board taking action.

"I understand business. I've been involved in big business, small business all of my life. I understand that you often have to do things that are unpopular. Sometimes you have to look

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JLG is set to rebuild 800 units of the telehandler shown here for the Army