

Letters To The Editor

Praises FR Graduation, Winegardner Restoration

To the Editor:

A few years ago I was at the graduation ceremony at Forbes Road. The chairs were hard, it was about 100 degrees (My nephew had to be taken out because of the heat.), and we could hardly hear what was said on stage.

This year at my granddaughters' graduation, we sat in a soft seat, in air conditioning and could see and hear everything that was said on stage. It was great. I was so proud of the fine young people who have been raised in this community and graduated this year.

Also, I would like to thank everyone who was responsible for the restoration of our one-room Winegardner school: Lois Madden who donated and Kay Beach for her generous donation. Also to the Historical Society for getting the work done, and Dick Newman and Ken Keebuagh for the other work and shutters and all the other work they have done and everyone who has donated something to it.

It will be a wonderful look into the past for future generations.

Helen Souders
Dublin Mills

FCCM Foundation Board Holds Meeting

STAFF REPORT

The board of directors of the Fulton County Medical Center Foundation (FCMCF) held its quarterly board meeting on Monday, June 15. Issues discussed included the financial report and the 2010 budget, gifting and granting, image and public relations, updates on the new patient services building project followed by programs and fundraising.

The FCMCF Board reviewed sponsorship and donation requests and is pleased to announce sponsorships to the McConnellsbury High School girls soccer team and the Bi-Valley Girls Softball team for \$50 each along with water bottles for each team member. The board also voted to make a donation to the Fulton County Library project for a paver in the name of the Fulton County Medical Center Foundation.

In addition, the board solicited applications in March from seniors from the three area school districts as well as adult learners in the community for the 2009 FCMCF Scholarship. The recipients from the students that applied were Elaina Truax of Southern Ful-

ton High School, Sara Hoffman of McConnellsbury High School and adult learner Danielle Houck. Each recipient received \$1,500.

The Foundation Board also discussed upcoming events, including:

- The official groundbreaking ceremony for the patient services building will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, on the FCMC campus
- The 16th annual golf tournament will take place at Great Cove Golf Course on Saturday, September 19.

The Fulton County Medical Center Foundation was established in August 2008 to support health and wellness in the community. FCMCF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in McConnellsbury. The organization is governed by the board members and staffed by the FCMC Community Relations and Development office.

Foundation members include: Todd Alexander, Loy Garber, Bryan Koontz (secretary/treasurer), Tim McGarvey, Helen Overly (vice chair), Leslie Taylor, Spence Perry (chair), Margaret Taylor and Andy Washabaugh.

Local Soldier Meets U.S. Rep. Shuster In Iraq



U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster poses with Lt. Col. Christopher E. Layton, Shuster from right, son of David and Carol Layton of Warfordsburg, and three other constituents serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division. Shuster and three other Pennsylvania congressmen spent the first other weekend in June meeting with deployed Pennsylvania troops. Layton e-mailed the "News" that Shuster congratulated the Pennsylvania troops on all their hard work and accomplishments. Layton is on his third tour of duty in Iraq. Shuster represents the 9th Congressional District, which includes Fulton County.

Hunting Licenses

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remain unchanged for the remainder of the license holders hunting and fishing career.

"This is an easier system for buyers, issuing agents and our agency," said Mountz. "It is also time efficient and a more secure means of storing information."

Mountz indicated the push to go automated arose years ago at the urging of license buyers as well as members of the state's General Assembly. "We're now looking forward to reaping the numerous benefits of utilizing PALS," added the local officer.

Even though all hunting and license fees for 2009-10 will remain at the same prices that were set back in 1999, a 70-cent transaction fee will be included for each license and permit purchased. The fee with the PALS company was set in May 2006 as a result of negotiations with the fish and game commissions.

The 70-cent transaction fee will also be assessed to those opting to participate in the Youth Mentored Hunt. Each adult wishing to take a child under the age of 12 into the field

to hunt squirrels, groundhogs, coyotes, spring gobbler and antlered deer will be required to obtain a \$1 permit. Each permit will only cover the supervision of one child but will include the transaction fee as well as a \$1 issuing agent fee. The permits are available online and through issuing agents, said Mountz.

Another minor change accompanying the switch to PALS includes the elimination of presenting senior lifetime license identification cards to issuing agents. The system, Mountz stated, will recognize the individual's Social Security or customer identification number. Proof of residency will still need to be established, however.

In addition, Mountz said big game or carcass tags will be printed along with the license but as a separate document. Furthermore, harvest report cards will no longer accompany the license and must be obtained online or through the Hunting and Trapping Digest.

The automated system will also be a benefit to issuing agents when dealing with sportsmen trying to purchase a license while on revocation. In many cases under the old system, individuals on revocation were able to purchase a revocation through an

issuing agent who may not have known of the individual's hunting status and is not required to enforce the law in such situations.

"People will no longer be able to skirt the law and obtain a hunting license while on revocation," Mountz said. "These individuals could only be located when approached in the field by an officer or by obtaining information through a confidential informant."

At the point of purchase, the system will deny issuing a license to individuals on revocation for a variety of reasons, including those who have not taken a mandated, remedial hunter-trapper education course, failure to pay child support, certain wildlife and game code violations, and failure to pay fines within 180 days of adjudication of charges. Those individuals denied a license are instructed to contact the commission's Bureau of Wildlife Protection at 717-787-4024 to verify the current status of their hunting privileges.

"This will be a big help for law enforcement purposes," said Mountz, who noted the PALS system, along with JNET records maintained by PennDOT, will serve as an additional tool for checking violations encountered

in the field. In some cases, hunters provide aliases or possibly the name of a family or friend that can now be verified 24-7 with PALS.

Major changes under way during the next month for the Game Commission include the change in dates for submission of antlerless deer licenses. Pennsylvania residents can now begin applying for those licenses on July 13 instead of the first Monday in August. Nonresidents can apply beginning July 27.

In addition, applicants can send their applications to the county treasurer's office of their choice. Each treasurer's office will now possess the capability of issuing a doe license for any Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) as long as the WMU's license allocation has not been exhausted.

Another dramatic change instituted by the Game Commission will allow hunters to list a total of three WMU preferences for doe hunting on their applications. The alteration will eliminate the need to reapply for a license in the event the hunter's first or second WMU preference is unavailable and sold out, Mountz concluded.

Baby Contest Winners



Winners of the "Beautiful Babies and Toddler" contests held during the Strawberry Festival were beautiful baby - Cohen Wible, 5 months, son of Tami Ush and Jeremy Wible. The beautiful toddler was Imagen Jansen, 40 months, daughter of Jen Cubbage and Devin Jansen. Each child will be receiving a trophy and a plate donated by Eddy's Engraving and Gifts, a photo-sitting courtesy of Lisa's Photo Creations, a check for \$25, donated by Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and stuffed animals donated by Loy and Linda Garber of Sheep Ridge Farm.

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within yourself to realize you may have to make cuts some place and not ask for more," said Leese, who added while he did not consider himself to be in "dire shape" he knew of plenty individuals who are.

Board President Dennis Richards responded to Leese's comments, saying the board is very well aware of the current state of the economy. "We're all in the same economy together," said Leese.

In other financial matters, the board was also in unanimous agreement on a 8-0 roll-call vote to withhold giving salary increases to the administration, support staff, board secretary and the athletic director and trainer. Board member Parker Knepper was unable to attend last week's meeting that also resulted in a one-year contract extension being penned with the Central Fulton Education Association.

The board noted the association had already voted on the professional contract and agreed upon the extension with a 2.1 percent average increase for 2010-11. The decision, the board said, will result in an estimated \$100,000 savings for the district.

An additional extension was granted regarding the district's current retirement incentive. As a result, the retirement incentive for the 2010-11 school year will remain unchanged from that of 2009-10 with the notification due date changed to March 1.

Annual approval was also given to the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion resolution, which is tied directly to gaming money. In the event, taxes are levied at 25.5 mills, the property reduction for eligible participants during 2009 would be \$228.61. In the event, the millage rate is at the higher index, proper adjustments will be made to the resolution to reflect the alteration in real estate taxes.

Building and grounds

A three-year lease was approved with Torro for a new tractor. Annual lease payments for the previously budgeted pur-

chase will be \$6,658.24. The school's Massey Ferguson tractor will be advertised for sale by sealed bid only at a starting price of \$4,500.

Personnel

James I. Smith tendered his resignation for the transportation/guard position. Smith's resignation was effective retroactive to the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year.

An additional resignation was accepted as submitted by emotional support instructor Jennifer L. Miller. Miller's employment with the district was slated to end on June 30.

Tammy J. Barnes of Big Cove Tannery was added to the substitute secretary/aide lists. Barnes' clearances have been submitted and are in order.

Tenure was granted for middle school teacher Susan Cordell and elementary teachers Jennifer Gress and Dawnielle Swope.

Leah Eslinger was authorized to serve as an Extended School Year (ESY) instructor at an hourly rate of \$24.50. Eslinger's credentials and clearance are in order.

The following individuals were placed on the 2009-10 extra-

curricular salary scale:

- David Garland, girls varsity basketball coach, \$3,445
- Dorothy Doyle, girls varsity basketball first assistant coach, \$2,970
- Doug Seiders, girls varsity basketball second assistant coach, \$2,295
- Allison Fraker, girls varsity basketball third assistant coach, \$2,195
- Nicole Chesnut, girls varsity volleyball assistant coach, volunteer basis
- Brian Strait, drama set design, \$1,445
- Linda Henry, Odyssey of the Mind, \$1,820
- Linda Henry, drama director, \$2,520 and
- Kimberly Richards, year-book advisor, \$2,845.

Policy

In following the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the board approved alterations to the middle/high school handbook. Changes were specifically made to the area concerning the induction of National Honor Society members, said Middle/High school Principal Todd Beatty.

Curriculum

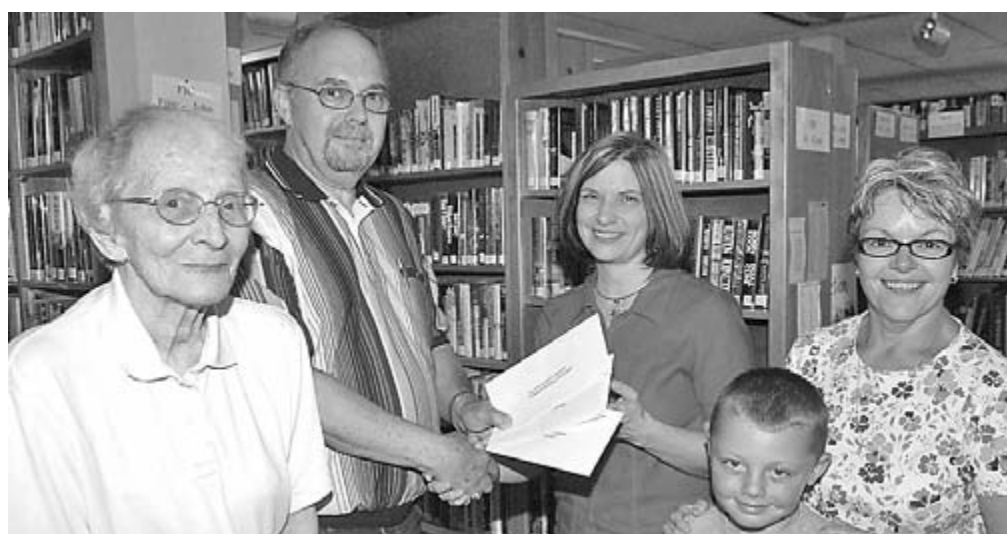
Jamie Taylor, community en-

agement coordinator, and Elen Ott, director of the Fulton County Center for Families, distributed samples of their organization's school readiness packets to the board for review. The packets are being distributed as part of a grant obtained by the Center for Families, which is helping districts with the transition of K-4 and kindergarten students into the classroom. Taylor and Ott also touched on their work with homecare providers as well as their recent Kids Fest at the Southern Fulton School District that saw an estimated 125 children in attendance.

Members of the district's administrative staff will be traveling to the Hilton Garden Inn located in State College for a retreat hosted by Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 on June 23-24. Participation in the event is at no cost to the district.

In following past practice, the board opted to cancel its July meeting and resume the monthly meeting in August. In the meantime, the board's Personnel Committee was granted authorization to fill vacant positions arising with qualified candidates. Final approval for those hirings would then be given by the full board in August.

FOVA Makes Donation To Library



In its continuing effort to support the community, Bishop-Raker VFW Post 655 last Wednesday made a \$1,500 donation to the children's reading program at the Fulton County Library and also made an additional \$1,000 donation to the Library Renovation Project "Naming Opportunity" program. A \$100 donation was also made to the FCL paver project. Pictured are Kay McBeath, VFW board of directors; John Warsing, FOVA secretary/treasurer, Jamie Brambley, library director; Linda Burton, children's librarian; and Warsing's 6-year-old grandson, Walker Funk.