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Visitors to Cowans Gap State Park enjoy the sun and sand lakeside Tuesday morning. The popular park will be showcased on the Pennsylvania Cable Network's summer tour of state parks this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The 1,085 park has a 42-acre lake, 10 miles of trails and 224 campsites. It also offers special programming for campers and visitors during the summer season.

—FULTON COUNTY NEWS PHOTO BY JAMIE GREATHEAD

Cowans Gap On PCNTV Sunday

By Jean Snyder
STAFF WRITER

Pennsylvania Cable Network's (PCN) summer tour of the state parks will feature Cowans Gap on Sunday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m.

For the past three summers the state's cable news network has showcased various parks across the state in a weekly series of tours conducted by park staff.

According to PCNTV's Website, the Sunday evening schedule for the remainder of this sum-

mer includes:

- June 28, Cowans Gap
- July 5, R.B. Winter
- July 12, Pymatuning
- July 19, Hills Creek and Mount Pisgah
- July 26, Yellow Creek
- August 2, Codorus
- August 9, Parker Dam
- August 16, Little Buffalo
- August 23, Keystone; and
- August 30, Worlds End and Frances Slocum.

Once a park tour has aired, it may be purchased from PCN

and the following state park video tours are available for sale: Gifford Pinchot, Little Pine and Hyner View, French Creek Prince Gallitzin, McConnells Mill, Black Moshannon, Raccoon Creek, Promised Land, Laurel Ridge, Bald Eagle, Cherry Springs, Leonard Harrison, Ricketts Glen, Canoe Creek, Oil Creek/Jennings environmental education center, Hickory Run, Lehigh Gorge, Cook Forest, Ohiopyle and Presque Isle.

Cowans Gap, located in the Allens Valley of Fulton County, and surrounded by state forestland, is a 1,085-acre park and offers 10 miles of trail options to visitors. Trout, bass, perch and panfish are stocked in the 42-acre Cowans Gap Lake. Camping is available on 224 campsites, and the park also offers cabin rentals during the spring, summer and fall months.

For local Comcast subscribers, PCNTV airs on Channel 20.

JLG Closing N. Dakota Facility

Will convert Bedford plant; Aug. production shutdown here

By Lindsay R. Mellott
STAFF WRITER

Continued weak demand for its access equipment products has forced JLG Industries to implement a restructuring plan that closes its Oakes, N.D., plant and converts its Bedford Sunnyside manufacturing facility to a JLG warehouse.

The company says that the restructuring plan will help further reduce costs and streamline JLG's operations. It affects 154 employees in North America.

Sixty-five positions are impacted by the Sunnyside conversion, but JLG said in a statement June 18 that it anticipates 42 of those positions will be retained either in Bedford or transferred to another location.

JLG's Sunnyside plant manufactures one of the company's scissor lift models, vertical products, trailer mounts and assembles engines and telehandler cabs.

The company's Bedford Weber Lane facility, which rebuilds JLG products, is not affected by the restructuring plan.

The remaining 61 employees at the North Dakota plant, which has lost more than 100

workers over the last year, will lose their jobs Sept. 24 when the plant closes. JLG will relocate North Dakota production, which includes the manufacture of hydraulic valves, to other JLG sites, with eight jobs added in Pennsylvania and 17 in Ohio, the statement said.

JLG also announced plans to shut down production at the McConnellsburg and Shippensburg plants the month of August. Production workers have a return-to-work target date of Sept. 8.

Another move that affects workers in McConnellsburg is the relocation of the welding operation in the Fulton County Business Park to other JLG Pennsylvania and Ohio sites. The vacated facility will be maintained as an engineering research and development center for aerial work platforms.

"These were difficult decisions but necessary for the company to operate during these global recessionary conditions," said Craig Paylor, JLG president and executive vice president of JLG's parent company, Wisconsin-based Oshkosh Corp. "JLG has made significant changes in our business to reduce our overall cost structure, better align our production schedules with

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Sr. Center Sunroom Completed

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

The Fulton County commissioners, the county projects coordinator and various local residents and businesses received an abundance of recognition and gratitude Friday evening from Warfordsburg Senior Center attendees and officials for their role in the construction of a new sunroom.

Among the individuals specifically recognized by the Warfordsburg Senior Citizens Club Inc. and center manager Cindy Rinker during the June 19 room dedication ceremony were county commissioners Bonnie Mellott Keefer, Daniel Swain Jr. and David Hoover II as well as projects coordinator Karen Hann and Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Alan Smith.

The commissioners were initially approached in 2007 by several members of the Senior Citizens Club and Rinker, who had devised a proposal to expand the center. According to Virginia McDonald, vice president of the club, the group was of the mindset they could raise the necessary funds themselves and have an addition constructed.

Months later, money became available through the Commu-

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Kids' Camps Cure Summertime Blues

Art exhibit next Thursday; seats open for future adventure and art camps

STAFF REPORT

For two young Clayton, N.C., residents, their multiple week stay in Fulton County this summer will not only be filled with cherished visits with family members residing in the McConnellsburg area but also several educational and hands-on outings.

Participating in the opening day of the Fulton County Parks and Recreation Commission's Around The World 3-D Art Camp Monday, 8-year-old twins Genevieve and Nathaniel Brindle were two of 16 campers to enjoy six hours of hands-on instruction in clay sculpture and basket weaving.

According to Genevieve, who proudly boasted of her Chinese animal pinch pot emblazoned with a tiger or cat-like figure, the camp, along with attending Bible school, will be her favorite memories of her 2009 summer trip to Fulton County. Meanwhile, at a nearby table, brother Nathaniel worked diligently on an Americana-style place mat woven from red, white and blue reeds. Enrolled in the third grade, the twins are the children of Troy and Gloria Brindle.

Mara Brumbaugh, 9-year-old daughter of Fort Littleton residents Darrick and Stephanie Brumbaugh, looked back at her place mat with a sigh of relief. Tucking ends to complete the edges of the intricate place mat, the fourth-grader at Forbes Road Elementary learned, takes both skill and steady fingers.

Mara said creating an African clay mask and a Chinese monkey pinch pot were her favorite parts of the camp even though making a monkey figurine with clay was a little tough.

Monday's event was open to children enrolled in grades three through five, while the following four days will include instruction for at least an additional 18 students enrolled in sixth through

12th grades. The participating students hail from a variety of schools, including the host school district Forbes Road as well as Southern Fulton, Central Fulton, Southern Huntingdon and Everett. Instructors include director Lisa Black, basket weaver Judy Appleby, sculpture artist and 2009 Forbes Road graduate Kayla Bennett and weaving volunteers Linda Smith and Debbie Oliver.

The camp was funded in part by a Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) grant. PPA program is an initiative between local arts organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding for the arts comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Council for the Arts in Chambersburg.

To cap off the students and instructors' efforts, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting an art exhibit open to the general public at the Forbes Road High School cafeteria on Thursday, July 2, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In addition to displaying the students' works, which include Americana styles and a variety of cultures from around the world, the event will include a guest appearance and keynote speech by Loretta Radeschi at 6:30 p.m.

Radeschi of Bedford has penned nearly 1,000 articles on fine crafts as well as their makers and is also the designer and creator of one-of-a-kind needle-felted ornaments, soft sculptures and pictures. She also has a background in weaving that often reflects her love of the outdoors and the Native American culture.

Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend.

As a follow-up to the five-day art camp, applications are still being accepted by the Parks and Recreation Commission for a Lil' Hands Art Intro Camp. The



Forbes Road Elementary students (l to r) Mara Brumbaugh, Mara Broadwater, Kristina Parsons and Grace Ford prepare their clay to create Chinese animal pinch pots. The girls were among a group of 16 campers to participate in the opening day of the Around The World 3-D Art Camp organized by the Parks and Rec Commission.

camp headed by Needmore-based artist Nancy Hogan touches upon a variety of mediums, including pencil, charcoal and pastels.

Up to 10 children between the ages of 5 and 7 will be able to participate in the camp held at Hogan's 6146 Great Cove Road studio. The six-week, once weekly camp will be conducted from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3 and 10.

Hogan has accrued more than 30 years of teaching experience in the art world, spreading her knowledge to both children and adults. She also has design and teaching experience in furniture, intarsia, clay, dolls and clothing.

Two adventure-style camps are again being hosted this year by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Up to 50 children falling between grades four and eight are eligible to participate in the Ready, Aim, Fire and Wind and Waters Adventure camps. The first of the duo of outdoor one-day camps at the Fulton County Pistol and Rifle Club will kick off on Thursday,

July 30, and the Wind and Waters Adventure camp is scheduled to get under way Thursday, August 6, at Cowans Gap State Park.

Transportation will be provided from the Central Fulton School District parking lot to

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Volunteer basket weaving instructor Linda Smith helps campers Evan Dean and Genevieve Brindle with their Americana-style reed place mats.

DEATHS

Black, Wallace, 83, Graham, Wash.
Knepper, Chalmer, 89, Three Springs
McElhaney, Blanche, 83, McCbg.
Mellott, Sherwin, 62, Harrisonville
Morris, Goldie, 87, Breezewood
Powell, Henry, 85, Hancock
Shoemaker, Randy, 42, Hancock

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