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The framework of Fulton County Medical Center's 16,000-square-foot patient services addition nears completion Tuesday morning. Hospital officials invite the public to a topping out ceremony on Tuesday, October 13, to sign the structure's final beam and watch as it is set in place. The Medical Center says its new addition will be ready for patients in June 2010.

JLG To Build More Army M-ATVs

Oshkosh gets third order for armored trucks

By Lindsay R. Mellott
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Army placed another order for blast-resistant trucks (M-ATVs) last week with JLG Industries' parent company Oshkosh Corp. The Wisconsin-based manufacturer said in a news release it will build an additional 352 M-ATVs for armed forces fighting in Afghanistan.

The new \$189 million order brings the total number of armored trucks Oshkosh is building for the Department of



build M-ATVs for Oshkosh "roughly another month's worth of work," Ford said.

The DOD's first order for M-ATVs, in June, is valued at \$1.05 billion and calls for 2,244 to be delivered in December 2009. A second order for 1,700 M-ATVs, made in early August and worth \$1.06 billion, has a February 2010 delivery date. Last week's order has a delivery deadline of March 2010.

Oshkosh said in July when it announced the contract award that it would call back 550 to 650 laid-off workers at JLG facilities to help build the armored trucks. Ford said those numbers have not gone "up or down" since that announcement was made.

JLG is still in the process of bringing laid-off employees back to work as it ramps up production to 1,000 M-ATVs per month by December, according to Ford. In early August, Oshkosh spokesperson Ann Stawski said it would take six to eight weeks to get called-back workers on board. Ford was not able to say on Monday, however, how many employees have been brought back so far to JLG's McConnellsburg plant.

Robert Bohn, Oshkosh Corp. chairman and CEO, said in last week's news release that more than 100 M-ATVs have been delivered to the armed forces and that Oshkosh continues to increase production to remain on schedule.

"Oshkosh is committed to meeting our customer's urgent need for this highly mobile vehicle and helping our armed forces serving in Afghanistan to better operate on the country's challenging terrain," said Bohn.

JLG has laid off a little more than half of its employees worldwide over the past year.



Oshkosh M-ATV

Defense at its defense and JLG facilities to 4,296. The contract, which was awarded in June, has now been extended twice and has a total value of \$2.3 billion.

The new order, however, will not call back any additional laid-off JLG employees, according to JLG's Jeff Ford, senior manager, marketing and communications, although it will give employees who have been called back to

FCMC Announces Topping Out Ceremony

Leave your mark in history, sign the last structural beam

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

The Fulton County Medical Center announced last week that the official "Topping Out" ceremony for the new patient services building addition will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. A ceremonial speech will begin the morning, followed by

members of the community participating in signing the beam. Once the beam is signed by everyone, it will be lifted into place as the final structural element of the new patient services building.

The addition will be to the southwest corner of the main building. It will be a two-story 16,000-square-foot structure, with the main floor consisting of specialty physician and Home Care services. Complete with 15

exam rooms, two procedure rooms and a spacious general waiting area, the new addition will assist FCMC in attracting more physicians to the area. The center's current specialists include cardiology, general surgery, behavioral health services, midwifery, neurology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat), orthopedics, outpatient surgery, plastic surgery, podiatry, pulmonology, and urology.

In addition, the second floor

will house administration, accounting, the business office, managing information systems, human resources, community relations and development and the FCMC Foundation. There will also be a community conference room.

The building completion date is scheduled for June 2010. The general contractor is Palmer Construction of McConnellsburg.

Pa.'s First Lady Visits C. Fulton

Students get Constitution Day lesson

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

Pennsylvania's first lady made a guest appearance at McConnellsburg Elementary and eight additional school districts via a video conferencing session last Thursday.

With the U.S. Constitutional Convention convening and signing the Constitution on September 17, 1787, Judge Marjorie O. Rendell led students, including a group of civic-minded fifth-grade students from McConnellsburg Elementary, through an in-depth Constitution Day lesson.

"Civics education is about more than just memorizing facts about the American system of government; it's about building a deep understanding of the beliefs that structure our society and encouraging civic engagement," said Judge Rendell, who presides in the U.S. Third District Court of Appeals. "The les-

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MRSA Bacteria Confirmed At SFSD

"Several" students diagnosed with form of staph bacteria

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), a form or type of "staph" bacteria that can be acquired in either a hospital or community-based setting has been confirmed as being present in the student body of Southern Fulton School District.

Southern Fulton Superintendent Ralph Scott informed the "News" that several positive cases of MRSA were confirmed last week. While a specific number of students affected by the bacteria was not re-

vealed, Scott did state those students are currently under the care of a physician.

MRSA can be acquired in a healthcare setting, most times by an individual who is already sick or possesses a weakened immune system. MRSA can also occur among people who have cuts or wounds and come in close contact with others, such as members of sports teams, reports indicate. Community-based situations such as these typically result in skin infections such as boils, abscesses or cellulitis.

MRSA does not respond well to many types of antibiotics and is more likely to develop when antibiotics are used too frequently or not utilized properly, health documents show.

Following the confirmation by the school last week, district solicitor and officials with the Department of Health were contacted to decide what course of action should be followed. Staff and maintenance employees have been alerted to the matter, said Scott, and a mailer was being prepared Monday by school nurse Sandy Crouse for distribution to parents.

Just like various other "communicable diseases," the top administrator stated school staff is taking appropriate action such as additional cleanings above normal procedure with only the highest-grade or strength disinfectants utilized. Staff had previously received training on proper protocol in these situations that require extra-special care,

he added.

"We're letting people know what we can, when we can," Scott concluded.

Steps suggested to protect yourself from MRSA include:

- practicing good hygiene,
- frequent handwashing with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer,
- keep cuts and scrapes clean and bandaged,
- refrain from sharing personal items like towels and razors,
- only take antibiotic medicine prescribed by a doctor and in the recommended dosage amount and
- keep frequently touched surfaces such as countertops and doorknobs clean with disinfectant.



Oshkosh M-ATV

SF Superintendent Scott Set To Retire

Southern Fulton "joins the club" of schools asking for budget action

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz
STAFF WRITER

Airing a clip from the 1994 comedy-drama film "Forest Gump" that depicted Forest going home after a prolonged cross-country race based on the premise of being tired, Southern Fulton School District Superintendent Ralph Scott followed up the quirky clip with a similar announcement last week.

Noting it was also his time to head home, Scott stated it was with a "sense of sadness" he would be resigning for the purpose of retirement on June 29, 2010. The resignation was unanimously accepted with "many regrets" on a motion by John McKee and Richard Mosemann, who coincidentally made the mo-

tion to hire Scott approximately seven years ago.

In a letter addressed to the Board of School Directors and President Dwight Bard and distributed at the September 15 meeting, Scott said, "Other districts now look to Southern Fulton as a leader in education and want to emulate our practices so they may replicate our success, but our success begins with the people who work here. We have an excellent faculty and staff who are second to none."

Scott went on to publicly cite a list of achievements and growth that have occurred during his time with the district, including numerous building upgrades; the return of the Life Skills program; the Diploma Recovery Program; online grading; and the nature trail.

"I really believe Southern Fulton has become a leader in the

Water Main Work Moves Forward



Charles E. Brake Co. employees work Tuesday on North First Street near the intersection of Lincoln Way West installing McConnellsburg's new 12-inch water main. The project is expected to be completed in November. Some streets in town will be closed as work progresses.

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DEATHS

- Buterbaugh, Ronald, 69, McCbg.
- Johnson, James, 64, Las Vegas, Nev.
- King, William Jr., 73, Windber
- Lester, Ronald, 58, Mercersburg
- McCusker, William, 32, Hancock
- Mellott, Ruth, 92, Needmore

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