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## H1N1 To Be Offered To Priority Populations

The Department of Health announced it will conduct statewide clinics from November 20-22 to administer free H1N1 vaccine to individuals in the recommended target groups that have not had previous access to the vaccine.

Individuals in the recommended target groups must schedule an appointment time, day and location prior to the clinic in order to receive the H1N1 vaccine. This will help ensure that the correct type and amount of vaccine is available at each location.

"Our goal is to get the H1N1 vaccine to as many people as possible who are at risk of suffering serious complication from the virus," said Deputy Secretary Michael Huff. "These public health clinics will help us do just that with the amount of vaccine that is currently available to us."

The department asks that only individuals in the following groups attend the clinics:

- Individuals between the ages of six months and 24 years;
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months;
- Pregnant women;
- Healthcare providers and emergency medical services personnel; and

Individuals under 65 years of age with underlying health conditions, including asthma, diabetes, suppressed immune systems, heart disease, kidney disease, and neurocognitive and neuromuscular disorders.

A total of 18 health clinics, three in each of the department's six districts, will be held on November 20, 21 and 22. Clinic hours on Friday, November 20, and Sunday, November 22 will be 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hours on Saturday, November 21, will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Appointments can be made at [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) under "What's Hot," 24 hours a day. Individuals without Internet access can call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Lines are limited.

Anyone seeking vaccination should download an H1N1 vaccine consent form from [www.h1n1inPA.com](http://www.h1n1inPA.com).

Those from Fulton, Franklin, Adams and Cumberland counties should contact Franklin County State Health Center, 518 Cleveland Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201 for more information.

## Holiday Toy Drive Begins

New toys, winter wear being collected for needy children

### STAFF REPORT

With the holiday season quickly approaching, a local organization is taking steps to ensure that area children will indeed have a very merry Christmas.

Odd Fellow Lodge #773, based in New Grenada, has initiated a toy and winter clothing drive for local needy children that will run through December 8. All toys donated must be brand new and be in their original packaging. In addition to accepting toys, the lodge will also be accepting winter wear ranging from new hats and gloves to scarves. Drop-off locations for residents include post offices in Waterfall, Wells Taney, Hustontown and The Fulton County News office in McConnellsburg.

All items collected as a result of the generosity of area residents will in turn be given to the Fulton County Catholic Mission, which is overseeing the collection and distribution of toys on a county-wide basis.

"We really wanted to do something that would have an impact on the community, and we soon learned of the possibility of a toy drive program through conversations with area residents," said lodge Grand Otis Ware. "Without the cooperation of the local postmasters and residents, this project would never have become a reality."

Any residents in need and wishing to receive toys or winter items for their children through the Fulton County Catholic Mission should contact Sister Margie Monahan at 717-485-5917. Furthermore, anyone requiring more information regarding the holiday drive is asked to call 717-552-0071.

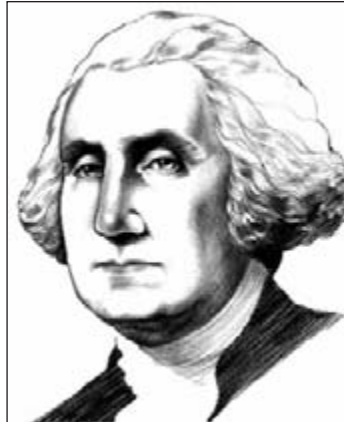
## JLG Makes Donation To Food Basket



Craig Paylor, left, president of JLG Industries and executive vice president of JLG parent company Oshkosh Corp., and Stephen Subasic, right, JLG vice president of human resources, present an Oshkosh Corp. Foundation check for \$10,000 to Fulton County Food Basket manager Sue Cabbage last Wednesday in the Tuscarora Room at JLG in McConnellsburg. In making the Foundation's second donation this year to the Food Basket, Paylor said that the goal of the Foundation is to improve the lives of people in the areas where the companies do business. Paylor also said that production workers who had been laid off from JLG have now been recalled to work on military contracts. Cabbage says the 140 households the Food Basket serves each month total 350 to 400 individuals. The Food Basket is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling 717-485-5688.

## Give Thanks To George Washington For Thanksgiving

1789 newspaper reveals Washington is father of Thanksgiving



Americans don't know it and children aren't taught it, but George Washington is responsible for our Thanksgiving holiday. It was our first president, not the Pilgrims and not Abraham Lincoln, who led the charge to make this day of thanks a truly national event. On October 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for "the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving" to be held on "Thursday the 26th day of November," 1789, marking the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace in today's households. While subsequent presidents failed to maintain this tradition, it was

Washington's original proclamation that guided Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation. In fact, Lincoln issued his proclamation on the same day, October 3, and marked the same Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, as Washington, setting Thanksgiving as the last Thursday of November after our first president's example. The proclamation was printed in newspapers, including the October 9, 1789, issue of the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser.

George Washington first mentioned the possibility of a national Thanksgiving Day in a confidential letter to James Madison in August 1789 (just months after taking office), asking for his advice on approaching the Senate for their opinion on "a day of thanksgiving." By the end of September 1789, a resolution had been introduced to the House of Representatives requesting that "a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving." The committee put the resolution before the president and George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation within days.

Washington knew the value of a thanksgiving day long before becoming our first president. During the Revolutionary War, he would order special thanksgiving services for his troops after successful battles, as well as publicly endorse efforts by the Continental Congress to proclaim days of thanks, usually in recognition of military victories and alliances. The concept of thanksgiving was not new to the citizens of the new United States. Colonists even before the Pilgrims often established Thank Days to mark certain occasions. These one-time events could occur at any time of the year and were usually more solemn than the Thanksgiving we observe today, emphasizing prayer and spiritual reflection.

Thanksgiving was not made a legal holiday until 1941 when Congress named the fourth Thursday in November as our national day of thanks in answer to public outcry over President Roosevelt's attempt to prolong the Christmas shopping season by moving Thanksgiving from the traditional last Thursday to the third Thursday of November.

## Veterans Day Ceremonies Held Last Wednesday

### STAFF REPORT

Veterans young and old along with the community gathered at the bandshell on the courthouse lawn last Wednesday, Veterans Day, to honor American veterans from all wars, as well as those who served in times of peace.

Traditionally the McConnellsburg area Veterans Day ceremonies sponsored by American Legion Post 561 and Bishop-Raker VFW Post 655 are held at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marking the signing of the armistice ending World War I in 1918. In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill into law officially changing the name of the day of remembrance from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

American Legion Post Cmdr. George Black introduced the featured speaker Lt. Col. Jeff Powell, who has served in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Croatia, Germany, Iraq, Italy and Kosovo.

Powell told the gathering, "Our nation owes a great debt to its veterans, whose service spans every decade, and will continue for every day of our country's existence. Through untold courage and sacrifice, American's veterans have secured the liberty which our founding fathers sought to establish here in the new world. Whenever and wherever the nation has called—in times of darkness and danger as well as in times of peace and prosperity—America's veterans have been there proudly carrying the torch of liberty for all to see."

"This Veterans Day, as for the past seven years, our nation is at war. Our service members continue to fight to defend our freedoms and combat the threat of



Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Jeff Powell, center, delivers the Veterans Day speech, flanked by Fulton Honor Guard chaplain Robert Snyder, left, and American Legion Post Cmdr. George Black, right, at last Wednesday's Veterans Day ceremonies held on the Fulton County Courthouse lawn.

terrorism. Their service to our country and way of life calls for us to honor and celebrate our nation's veterans," Powell said. "Today let us honor those veterans whose service is recorded in the history of conflicts past, and the efforts of our current generation of warriors whose actions continually add to our nation's rich history. Let us not forget that at this very moment, there are men and women stationed around the world standing in harm's way to protect us and our way of life."

"Today is important because we choose to honor the living veterans from the Greatest Generation to the Latest Generation. We owe them a debt we can

never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did for us. But we must honor them with deeds, not just words. So how do Americans properly thank their veterans this day? Americans can thank them by living their lives and enjoying America's greatness. Americans can thank veterans by taking full advantage of all your rights that they defended," Powell said. Powell also called for all veterans of the armed forces in the audience and those still serving to stand and be recognized. He then told them, "Ladies and gentlemen, you are simply put, all ordinary people who accomplished extraordinary things and you have the eternal gratitude of a

very grateful nation. May God bless you and the United States of America. May it forever remain a beacon of freedom."

Ceremonies also included the Salute to the Honored Dead and the playing of taps. A wreath was placed at the county's four war memorials. The wreath was donated by the Decker family in memory of Col. Chester Davis, USMC, Ret., and Charles C.A. Davis USMC.

Also participating in the ceremonies were Fulton Honor Guard Capt. Marvin DeShong and chaplain Robert C. Snyder. Musical selections were by the McConnellsburg High School Band and Forbes Road High School Band.

## Breeden Pleads Not Guilty In Sexual Assault Case

Trial tentatively set for January 25, 2010

By Chanin Rotz-Mountz

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A 21-year-old Warfordsburg area man appeared in the Fulton County Court of Common Pleas last week on allegations he sexually assaulted a young girl while parking at Meadow Grounds Lake last November.

Joshua L. Breeden of 3378 Stoneybreak Road appeared before Judge Carol L. Van Horn on November 10 for mandatory arraignment proceedings held on one count each of statutory sexual assault and indecent assault of a person less than 16 years of age. Breeden entered a not-guilty plea to both offenses.

In paperwork filed on October 6 by investigating officer Trooper Angela Roher of the Mc-

Connellsburg state police barracks, the alleged incident reportedly occurred on November 20, 2008, following an evening of drinking at a private residence in Needmore. Breeden, another male and the 13-year-old girl reportedly drove to Sheetz for chili dogs before heading to the lake located in Ayr Township.

The girl admitted to police the incident in the bed of a truck was consensual, and Breeden quickly stopped when she asked, the affidavit of probable cause states.

In an interview with the accused, state police learned from Breeden the incident occurred after the trio left Meadow Grounds. Breeden, according to the affidavit of probable cause, stated the incident occurred along Pigeon Cove Road in the vicinity of P&W Excavating dur-

ing the early morning hours. State police were initially alerted to a possible sexual assault after receiving notice from Officer Scott Wolf of the Hancock, Md., Police Department, who was investigating a similar

case involving Breeden in his jurisdiction.

Breeden is currently free on unsecured \$25,000 bail. His trial has tentatively been scheduled for the January 25, 2010, court term.

## Hustontown Woman Meets, Interviews Miley Cyrus



Amber Oliver, 22, of Hustontown, left, interviews singer Miley Cyrus during a meet-and-greet Nov. 5 at the Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, Pa., where the pop star was performing in her Wonder World Tour. Oliver was chosen by Cyrus and the Get UR Good On Foundation to be a special guest at the performance. Oliver says she was chosen because she is active in the Let's Get This Foundation and the Get UR Good On Foundation, where she writes blogs encouraging teens to participate in community service. Her prize package included four tickets and four backstage meet-and-greets. Oliver and her meeting with Cyrus was filmed for a national promotional video/commercial that will appear on the Get UR Good On Web site and in a national retailer's stores.