

Meyersdale Area High School Honor Roll

12th Grade Honors: Katherine Bolden, Logan Christner, Sarah Decker, Bailey Edwards, Amber Haer, Alexandria Hay, Jacob Krause, Sidney Lear, Hattie Luster, Jordan Mostoller, Kyle Mostoller, Kendra Murray, Claire Rowley, Emily Saylor, Shannon Schurg, Evan Shankle, Julia Stephens, Bailey Sullivan, Kendall Swick, Tyler Yoder

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Nicholas Butler, Kaley Holler, Jesse Honsaker, William Johnson, Skylynn Miller, Renee Murray, Shana Thomas

9th Grade Honors: Glory Canfield, Wes Caton, Sydney Deist, Kaitlyn Dowd, Abigail Hopkins, Elise Hutzell, Emily Karlie, Shawna Leonard, Annabella McKenzie, Briannah McKinney, Grace Merrbach, Caitlin Miller, Gracen Miller, Grace Oakes, Brody Sanner, Julia Simpkins, Bryia Swick, Kylee Wilt, Scott Yutzy

12th Grade Honorable Mention: Christian Blaney, Kirk Bryant, Logan Bungard, Landon Burkholder, Jeremy Carter, Hunter Day, Allyson Hershberger, Abigail Housel, Vanessa Hyatt, Trevor Kerschensteiner, Samantha Korn, Jennica Ludy, Hunter McCool, Erika Ritchey, Andrew Sarver, Ethan Schafer, Kaitlyn Tipton, Gina Walker

10th Grade Honors: Stephanie Baer, Madeline Bittner, Ali Bragg, Casey Brant, Keneisha Coleman, Dana Crawford, Eliza Darnell, Amanda Felker, Jennifer Fisher, Trevor Gnagey, Jack Helinski, Claire Hotchkiss, Joshua Humberston, Madeline Johnson, Ashton Kelly, Tanner Krause, Bryce Kretchman, Mary Kretchman, Olivia Kretchman, Timothy Kretchman, Madison Lear, Rachael Miller, Kathryn Most, Chloe Rough, Emily Schafer, Mason Schott, Carrie Short, Daniel Stein

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11th Grade Honors: Patrick Becker, Brooke Crouse, Layne Deakins, Marella Garlitz, Logan Holler, Christian Hutzell, Jacqueline McKenzie, Isabella Miller, Samantha Tipton, Presley Yutzy

10th Grade Honorable Mention: Joshua Arnold, Makenna Beeman,

Local Builders Embrace Energy Efficiency



With help from the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, S&A Homes was able to significantly improve the energy efficiency of their new construction homes.

The adage "waste not, want not" is second nature for many Pennsylvania homeowners.

While homeowners are often mindful of how they heat and cool their homes, power appliances, and choose lighting, the most critical decisions affecting a home's energy efficiency are made before they move in. To encourage builders to follow more energy-efficient construction practices, FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities are providing financial incentives to builders who qualify by exceeding 2009 building codes.

Newly built homes in Pennsylvania are required to follow the construction standards set by the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. In the six years since those standards were formed, much progress has been made in technologies and building practices that reduce energy use.

Those in the market for a new-construction home would be wise to encourage their home-builders to take notice. More energy-efficient homes often have lower utility bills, greater comfort and long-lasting durability.

FirstEnergy construction incentives for new home construction The Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program is a financial incentive program offered by FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities: Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn Power. To date, 121 builders are participating in the program, including several in the Somerset region.

The program offers builders who achieve 30 percent energy savings over the 2009... (Continued on Page 7...)

Meyersdale Area Middle School Honor Roll

8th Grade Honors: Antonia Beitzel, Kylie Bittner, Ella Darnell, Andrew Decker, Tristan Donica, Tyler Fisher, Drake Gindlesperger, Jeffery Haer, Gavin Hetz, Dakota Kennell, Reese Kennell, Maria Kimmel, Devin Kretchman, Carissa Miller, Kyler Murray, Mahlon Reese, Lindsey Robertson, Emily Rosenberger, Kahylee Shaffer, Gage Smith, Christopher Thompson, Marisa Walters, Daniel Yoder

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6th Grade Honors: Matthew Boyce, Faith Decker, Brady Fritz, Kaitlyn Kyle, Alexia Laws, Elijah Miller, Madison Porter, Lydia Renzi, Kyle Robertson, Elizabeth Sayler, Evan Schafer, Ethan Simpkins, Kylie Spataro

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7th Grade Honorable Mention: Cassidy Albright, Justice Beeman, Brennan Campbell, Ash Capparelli, Alexandria Gaschler, Casey Gray, Alexandra Hetz, Emily

6th Grade Honorable Mention: Jozie Booher, Lydia Gray, Abigail Hay, Keirstin Kidwell, Brady Schafer, Kylie Sipple, Karaha Snyder, Evan Thompson, Noah Wilt

Sony Playstation 4 Stolen

Pennsylvania State Police reported that someone removed a gaming console from its box at Walmart, and concealed it under his clothing and left the store without paying for it.

The crime occurred on November 11 at approximately 2:00 P.M.

The suspect is a white male, approximately 5'9"- 5'11", weighing approximately 150 pounds with brown or black hair. He fled in a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse.

The gaming console is a Sony Playstation 4 with serial number MB861970597.

information of the whereabouts of the suspect or the merchandise is asked to contact PA State Police at 814-445-4104.



PA Maple Festival Gingerbread Contest

Children are invited to build their own special gingerbread creation and enter it into the Pennsylvania Maple Festival Gingerbread Contest.

The edible house, train or anything created from gingerbread, including kits, will be displayed during Christmas at the Manor at Festival Park on Meyers Avenue, this Friday and Saturday. There are two categories, ages 13 to 18 and ages 12 and under.

The gingerbread creation should be registered at the Sugar Shack in Festival Park between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday. People's Choice judging will begin Friday. Judging will end at 6 p.m. Saturday and winners to be announced at 7 p.m.

Prizes will be given in each category for first, second and third place. A Best of Show will also be awarded.

The Maple Bake Off will also be held this weekend. There is no age limit for entrants. Categories for judging include cakes and pies, cookies and bars, breads and muffins, snacks and misc. The only rule is the item must contain pure maple syrup. Include the recipe with entry.

Register between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at Festival Park. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first three place winners and to the Best in Show.

The items then with be auctioned off at 3 p.m. Cookies, bars and muffins must have six pieces for auction and one for judging included.

Salisbury Community News

The Salisbury-Elk Lick Chamber of Commerce met at Clark's Restaurant, to plan the last event for this year.

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Dinner will be held at Clark's Tuesday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m. A Family Style Dinner will be served. Invitation letters were sent. RSVP by Nov. 27th by calling 662-4185.

The Christmas Tree has been donated by Mary Alice Lynn, and will be erected by Mark Grew and crew. The Firemen will be putting up the Christmas wreaths, and we hope to be able to light the tree and wreaths at the same time. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

The Salisbury VFW Veterans Memorial committee also held their last meeting for this year. The flags will be retired,

except for the American Flag, and silhouettes stored for the winter. We will be installing pavers before Memorial Day 2016. Applications are available by calling 662-4185. The post office and VFW. Our next order will be placed by April 15th, 2016.

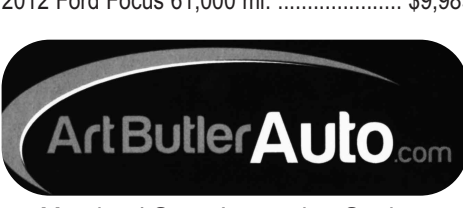
The next meetings will be March 8, 2016. The Chamber 5:00 p.m. and Veteran's Memorial 6:00 p.m. at Clark's Restaurant.

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The collected money will help with paying the family's utility bills and medical bills, or go towards ensuring the family is able to have a Holiday Feast.
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Efficiency

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building code a rebate of \$350 plus 10¢ for each kilowatt hour (kWh) saved annually compared to a reference home built to standard code.

Additional incentives are available for homes built to ENERGY STAR standards, the same U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program that promotes efficiency for home appliances.

A look into the energy efficiency of S&A Homes:

S&A Homes is one local builder participating in the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program. The State College-based company has more than a dozen new housing developments currently under way in Central and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

S&A Homes eliminates the half-mile of cracks and gaps that the ENERGY STAR program estimates surround the windows and doors of an average home, preventing cold winter air from creeping in and warm air from escaping. In addition to sealing the gaps with foam or caulk, S&A hires an inspector to check that no openings are missed before dry wall and insulation are installed.

An effective insulation system is important to maintain even temperatures throughout the house. S&A uses a triple layer of

two-inch rigid insulation and makes sure not to overlook vulnerable areas such as the attic-access hatch. A third-party inspection is performed to ensure the insulation is installed without gaps or buckling.

The energy efficiency of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment is also important. In addition to installing ENERGY STAR equipment, S&A makes sure the equipment is appropriately sized to fit the square footage of the house. Improperly sized HVAC systems can lead to excessive wear and tear on the equipment as well as uncomfortable living spaces.

"We often come across customers who have been told by an HVAC contractor that their equipment should produce a ton of cool air for every 500 square feet," said Bob Shoemaker, S&A Homes Construction Manager. "But they don't realize how airtight our houses are. The houses require a lot less air to heat and cool."

New rating system for home energy efficiency:

To participate in the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, builders must hire an independent auditor to evaluate the energy efficiency of their homes.

A performance score of a home's energy efficiency, known as the Home Energy Rating

System (HERS) Index, is calculated for each participating home. Generally, scores on the HERS Index range from 0 to 150, with a lower score indicating a more energy-efficient home.

Knowing the HERS score provides transparency to homebuyers looking to understand future energy use. The U.S. Department of Energy reports that a typical resale home scores 130 on the HERS Index, while a standard code-compliant home falls around 100.

S&A Homes was building homes with an average HERS score of 68 in natural gas communities and 77 in heat pump communities. With help from the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, however, S&A lowered their scores to the mid-50s, according to Chaz Steffen, owner of Ideal Living Environments Inc, a Home Energy Rater who has inspected S&A Homes. For houses with a ground-source heat pump, S&A is scoring in the low 40s.

Shoemaker said that FirstEnergy incentives helped S&A cover the cost of technologies such as

more energy-efficient water heaters. "We apply the incentive to researching and developing more efficient products," he said. "That way, every year we can be doing something a little bit better, a little bit more efficient."

As the housing market gains momentum, tools such as the HERS Index play an important role in helping homebuyers find a more energy-efficient home.

"Every builder is claiming to be more energy efficient," said Chris Schoonmaker, President of S&A Homes Housing Division. "What we tell the customer is that the proof is in the Home Energy Rating Score."

For builders or homebuyers interested in learning more about the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, visit www.energysavepa-newhomes.com or contact Mike Arblaster, Program Coordinator, at (814)282-3689 or marblaster@psdconsulting.com. More information about the HERS Index can be found at www.resnet.us/hers-index. Article submitted by Ben Block.

Go Shopping this Small Business Saturday

(StatePoint) For many holiday shoppers, Black Friday marks the official kickoff to the gift-buying season. But the following day, November 28, is Small Business Saturday, and can be a more satisfying way to shop for gifts for loved ones.

At a time of year where big box retailers offer deep discounts, this annual opportunity to show local businesses your support is also a great way to score unique items while benefitting the local economy.

Here are some retail trends and other things to consider as you

shop at your favorite small businesses.

The Local Economy

By supporting small businesses, you are supporting local job creation. In fact, small firms accounted for over three-fifths of the new jobs created between 1993 and mid-2013, according to government statistics. With the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and American Express reporting that \$14.3 billion was spent with independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday in 2014, spending your holiday shopping budget

locally strengthens Main Street and can help your community's economy thrive.

New Technologies

A common stereotype of mom and pop stores are that they are antiquated and overpriced, but many small businesses are adopting new technologies to streamline their operations; which can be an important consideration for shoppers in a hurry or on a budget.

For example, new Android based point of sale terminals, such as the ergonomically designed V-R7000 and V-R7100 from Casio have widescreen LCD touch panels, and an intuitive,

high-resolution interface for faster sales and fewer transactional snafus. For instance, these terminals come equipped with a battery to protect memory data in the event of a power failure, and offer efficient store operations by eliminating common hardware problems experienced with PC based hardware.

Such information terminals are helping to transform retail management by offering small businesses a chance to better compete against their big box counterparts.

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