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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, July 2, at the town hall with the president, Jeff Finke, presiding. Others present were council members Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; Tony Pesaresi, assistant fire chief; Mike Molitor, town superintendent; Dennis Price, marshal; Harry Mohler, architect for the local library; Julie Shafer, library board vice president; Tom Mate, head of the Kewanna Fall Festival; and residents, Brad and Cathy Penicaro and Barb Andrews.

Tony Pesaresi gave the fire department report for the month noting four responses within the town of Kewanna, all medical and five township responses, two fire related and three medical.

Marshal Dennis Price submitted his June report noting the current status of ordinance violations. In addition, Price requested that the council move forward with the purchase of a new squad car for the department, which was okayed.

Superintendent Mike Molitor, submitted his June report adding his concern about infiltration into the sewer collection and treatment system. After smoke testing was completed, several property owners were notified of infractions. Only a few of these have notified the superintendent that they are working to correct the problem. He would like letters sent to property owners who have not yet responded to their notifications requesting updates on what they have done to resolve the issues. Molitor has obtained a quote from R&R Visual for pipeline inspection. There is an area of concern west of State Road 17. Currently the sewage works' lift stations fill up after heavy rains indicating that water is getting into the collection system at points not yet identified. The availability of funds will need to be reviewed before a decision is made.

Other activities during June include the cleaning up of some downed limbs at the sewage treatment plant in preparation for mowing and the clearing of a brush pile at the new well house that someone let fall over the town's fence.

Stone was spread in a wet area at the treatment plant. Potholes in the streets were repaired with cold patch. Approximately 12 new water meters were installed. The town's fire extinguishers were inspected. The water department worked with two customers experiencing major water leaks to help them get the right parts. The town superintendent met with Mike Kuss, state wastewater inspector, on paper work for the new

Donations needed for fireworks

Local residents who enjoyed Friday evening's fireworks are asked to help pay the cost. The fireworks committee reports that donations fell about \$1,000 short this year. Donations may be left at the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank or mailed to Bob Clyde, Box 92, Kewanna, IN 46939.

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wastewater permit. He also met with engineers from Territorial on the proposed replacement of some storm drain tiles. Two blocks of Main Street were sprayed with weed killer. The town's white pick-up was taken in for repairs. The annual CCR report was prepared, printed and mailed to water works patrons. Repairs were made to the town's mower. The water works pumped a total of 1,495,600 gallons of water during June.

Harry Mohler requested that the town council appoint a delegate to work with the library improvement/addition project. Council member Mark Smith was named as that delegate.

Residents Brad and Cathy Penicaro asked the council for a four-way stop at the corner of Phillips and Toner Streets due to children coming and going at the park. Concerns were expressed that this might cause issues at Smith and East Streets. The town will seek advice from the town attorney.

Barbara Andrews requested that two town trees at her residence be cut down. The town superintendent verified that the trees were certainly a potential hazard. Due to limited funds, a quote will be obtained so the town can hopefully at least have some of the larger limbs removed.

Tom Mate discussed his plans for the Kewanna Fall Festival in September. The local fire department will not be hosting a water ball contest this year. The parade route will remain the same. Mate also turned in a claim for the cost of repair to his water line. The council referred him to the ordinance, which states that the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the water line on his side of the meter.

Julie Shafer inquired about the possibility of town-wide trash removal. The council agreed to get more specific information on how this could benefit the town and the cost involved.

A suggestion was made to use LOIT funds from the county for a Mule or Gator for both the police and fire department. It was agreed that this would be useful, but not enough to warrant using the lump sum of money.

Concerns were expressed in regards to solicitors within the town limits. The council agreed to post "no soliciting" signs and enforce the use of permits for soliciting to help protect town residents.

The News In Brief

State Road 17 north of Kewanna will be closed beginning Monday, July 13, for a bridge replacement project.

Francesville will host its annual town-side garage/yard sale day Saturday, July 11. Maps and refreshments are available at the fire station. Port-a-Pit chicken will also be available from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, in the Von Tobel Center, Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other visitors are welcome to attend.

Census figures released by the IU Business Research Center show that Indiana's fastest growing communities this decade are concentrated in suburban Indianapolis. Fishers shows the largest growth, recording an 80% jump in population in eight years. Other cities with large growth rates include Noblesville, Greenwood and Carmel.

Purdue is proposing to raise tuition for in-state students by five percent in each of the next two years. Tuition for out-of-state residents could go up six percent under the proposal. A public hearing will be held on the new rates July 13, prior to a vote by the trustees on the tuition increases.

Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, former Republican vice presidential candidate, announced last Friday that she will step down from her post at the end of July. Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell will be inaugurated as Alaska's governor.

A new wind farm is being planned on 75,000 acres located on the Clinton-Tipton county line in Indiana. The wind farm will have 200 or more towers and could produce enough energy to power 400,000 homes.

The Kewanna town council will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the town hall for a budget workshop.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, July 13 - Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, beets, cookie, white bread and milk

Wednesday, July 15 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries, roll and milk

Friday, July 17 - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, spinach, brownie, wheat bread and milk

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Festival royalty contest open to 7-18 year olds

Kewanna Fall Festival organizers are looking for youth in the area to represent Kewanna during the September festival. Children ages 7-10, 11-14, and 15-18 are asked to pick up applications from local merchants and return them by August 1.

Kandace Evers will be contacting applicants on August 2 to set up a meeting. Grades must accompany the application as well as a \$25 sponsor fee. For more information, call Tom Mate at 574-653-2055 or Kandace Evers at 574-329-1844.

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Methodist Church selling chicken halves

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is selling tickets for chicken halves prepared by Rochester Meat and Deli. The rotisserie-cooked chicken can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the corner of Toner and Pearl Streets. The tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased from church members or at The Observer office, 110 E. Main Street. Persons can also purchase the chicken halves and donate them to the local food pantry.

Proceeds from the chicken sales will go towards establishing a new contemporary church service at the church.

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Crop reporting deadline

Fulton County farmers are reminded that the final day to report their 2009 planted acreage is July 15. All cropland in all counties in which they have an interest must be reported by this date. This meets the requirements of several programs, including DCP, ACRE, CRP, Nap, and crop insurance. Producers need to call the Farm Service Agency office at 574-223-3220 in order to schedule an appointment. After this date, late-filing fees will apply.

Any farmer who experienced prevented planting this spring due to wet field conditions also now have until July 15 to make application for the prevented planting acreage credit. This deadline was recently extended by the National FSA office. This application must be made on form FSA-576 in the county office and evidence must be provided to show the intention of planting the crop, such as seed and fertilizer receipts.

Producers also need to make note that August 14 is the deadline for enrolling into the 2009 DCP and ACRE programs. Late-filled applications will not be accepted.

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Annual garden tour, July 11

The Fulton County Master Gardeners will host its annual garden tour Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 5 p.m., rain or shine, with proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity and Master Gardener community projects.

Gardens open for the tour include:

- Eric and Tammy Schlarf, 2531 Bessmore Park Road, with Ruth Reese talking about host plants for a butterfly garden
- Terri and Dan Johnson, 1811 Oakwood Drive with Noble Krugman giving a presentation on bees and honey
- Karen and Jim Bryant, 1030 Cortland Court with Laura Snipes talking about native prairie plants
- Doug and Lois Morton, 1146 Fawn Trail with Jan Ginther providing information on healthy and inexpensive ponds
- Patty and Tim Lowe, 3409 E 750 S where the Webelos will have information on bats and bat houses.

Tickets are \$5 and are available from Master Gardeners, The Bloomin' Corner, Rochester Greenhouse and each garden the day of the tour. Persons touring all five gardens and having their tickets punched at each one will be eligible to win a \$50 Bloomin' Corner gift certificate.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 July Activities

- July 14 - men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- July 15 - women's meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 - all-you-can-eat biscuit and gravy breakfast, free will donation
- 26 - open Sunday
- 28 - men's auxiliary meeting (The post will be open Sat., July 4)

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Free physicals

Caston athletes can get free physicals at the following locations and dates:

- July 1 - Argos office of Woodlawn Medical Professionals from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointment needed.
- July 8 - Woodlawn Medical Professionals, Rochester, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 574-223-2020 to make an appointment.
- July 28 - Akron medical office from 1 to 4 p.m. Please call 574-893-4585 to schedule an appointment.

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Star City alums gather

submitted by Millie Redweik
The Star City Alumni Association met Saturday, June 27, at the Star City community building for its annual dinner and meeting. President Bobby Moss welcomed everyone and offered the invocation prior to the meal which was prepared by Moss Creek Catering.

The class of 1959 was honored in celebration of its 50th anniversary year. The class colors of pink and white and the class flower, the white rose, were their decorations. The deceased members of their class were remembered including Leo Johnson, Lola Gunion Murphy, Dale Hiatt, Karen McFarland and Shidler Lowery. Classmates still living include Bonnie Beghtel Barker, Tom Capper, John Cochran, Joe Kough, Sherry Depoy Kough, Laura Elston Batty, Kenneth Haselby, Larry Hoover, Patsy Murphy Hahn, Sharon Opliger Turk, Nancy Ruff, June Schneider Foerg and Mary Jane Woodke Stangle.

The secretary/treasurer, Kay Sheets Foerg, read the minutes of last year's meeting. New officers

are Mary Jane Bonnell Koons, president; Nancy Ruff, 1st vice president; Edwina Gudas Martin, 2nd vice president; Mary Kay Williamson, historian; and secretary/treasurer, Kay Sheets Foerg. This is Mrs. Foerg's 34th year in that position.

A memorial services was conducted by Mary Jane Bonnell Koons honoring those alumni who have died during the past year. They include Fred Gast, class of 1932; Garnett Fry McFarland, 1934; Marilyn Capper Heinsen, 1945; William Batty, 1948; Don White, 1949; Virginia Crist Carpenter, 1950; James Wentz, 1954; John Markley, 1955; and Robert White, 1958.

Certificates of recognition were presented to Argyll Bonnell, who traveled the farthest to attend; Don (Ed) Fisher, who lived the closest; Jean Phoenix Thompson, the youngest alumnus present; and Dorothy Hiatt Gast, the eldest alumnus present. Mrs. Gast has not missed an alumni meeting since her graduation in 1931. This year, she flew in from Florida to attend and was accompanied to the meeting by her grandson.

Also recognized was Neil Hiatt, class of 1934, on his 75th year of

graduation. Certificates will be sent to Opal Arbutus Hatfield Crist, who graduated 79 years ago (1930) and William Murphy, who graduated 77 years ago (1932).

A certificate of thanks was presented to Edwina Gudas Martin for all her help and gifts to the association.

Everyone was reminded to get their family histories and pictures to Millie Gudas Redweik to be displayed during the Star City Sesquicentennial to be held July 31, August 1 and 2. These items should be sent to Millie at 5556 S 1100 W, Kewanna, IN 46939 by July 25.

Closing comments were made by the president who also reminded the group that next year's gathering will be June 26.

Mary K. Wiesjahn Williamson played several songs and cheers to entertain the group.

Alumni present for the occasion included: Argyll Bonnell, class of 1936; Mary K. Wiesjahn Williamson, Mary Thompson Powers and Mildred Strong Fenili, 1937; Tom Davis, 1938; Tom Densborn, Robert Korner and Ivan Haselby, 1940; Howard Bonnell, 1943; Pearl Allen Spillman, 1944; Donald Fisher and Veneda Galbreath Davis, 1945; Arthur Allen and Hazel Frazier Cushing, 1946; Donna Depoy Cowger, 1947; Kenneth Kistler and James Hauser, 1948; Dolores McCrosky Balder, 1949; Merle Kiser, Wayne Bonnell, Leah Cosgray Newman, Les Miller, Don Grostefon and Donna Brown Grostefon, 1950; Madaline Fisher Sommers, Richard Sommers and

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 June 28 - Births - Courtney Thomas, Kewanna, a son
 June 29 Admissions - John Jones, Rochester
 Dismissals - Martha Zeiger and daughter, Rochester; Dolores Tharp, Rochester; Brandi Ringen and son, Winamac
 Births - Rhonda Cole, Plymouth, a son
 June 30 Admissions - Roberta Thompson, Rochester; Shirley Bussert, Kewanna
 Dismissals - John Jones, Rochester
 Births - Amber Schultz, Rochester, a son; Vanessa Keller, Kewanna, a son
 July 1 Admissions - Donald Woolington, Kewanna
 Dismissals - Courtney Thomas and son, Kewanna
 July 2 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Rhonda Cole and son, Plymouth; Vanessa Keller and son, Kewanna
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DEATHS

LEO JOHN BESSE
 Leo John Besse, 89, Indianapolis, passed away Monday, June 22, 2009. Born June 21, 1920, he was the son of Arthur D. and Catherine Silver Besse. He was a 1938 graduate of Kewanna High School. Mr. Besse enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the European, African and Asiatic Theaters. Following the war, he served in the Indiana National Guard and the U.S. Air Force until his discharge in 1951 with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a pipefitter with the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 440 retiring in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Price Besse; sons, Timothy and Paul Besse; daughters, Carol Gabonay, Janet Magina and Marjorie Besse; sisters, Mathilda Lamb, Josephine Illingworth and Patricia Koons; a brother, David E. Besse; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Charles and two sisters, Dolores Foerg and Sister Marion. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Indianapolis, of

which he was a member. A visitation was held Friday at the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home where morning prayers were said on Saturday prior to the Mass. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at orileyfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church or the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
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THELMA MAIRE HUNT

Thelma Marie (Brown) Hunt, 90, passed away Sunday evening, June 28, in her daughter's home in El Paso, Texas. Born February 19, 1919, she was the daughter of Clay and Mary Belle Brown. Following the death of her mother in 1936, Thelma took over the responsibility of caring for her six younger siblings. She was a 1937 graduate of Kewanna High School. In 1942, she married Lowell Hunt. Their union produced eight children. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Lowell; one daughter, Jean; and six siblings, Virginia O'Brien, Emma Horein, Robert Brown, Richard Brown, Forrest Brown and Mary Ann Brown. She is survived by her children, Lila (Gary) Gray, Wayne (Pat) Hunt, Eileen McCartney, Larry (Paula) Hunt, Lee Hunt, Nelson (Lisa) Hunt and Zane (Teresa) Hunt; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two siblings, Dorothy (Ralph) Steinke and Ernest Brown; and one sister-in-law, Pauline Brown.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive
 Dr. Laurence Bates will be speaking on the topic "Long Term Effects of Chemotherapy in Cancer Survivorship" at the Cancervive support group July 21 in the PMH conference center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Cancervive is a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends. For more information, call 574-946-2180

Prenatal Class

The next prenatal evening classes at PMH will run five consecutive Thursdays from July 30 to August 27. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. The purpose of the classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Parents are encouraged to attend classes any time after the fourth month of pregnancy. To register, call patient services at 574-946-2193 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. These classes are free if you plan to deliver at PMH. There is a \$30 charge if you plan to deliver at another hospital. Prenatal classes are offered seven times a year; four

sets of Thursday evening classes and three one-day Saturday classes.

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There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records. Call 574-946-6071 for more information.

Breast Feeding Class

The next breast feeding class at PMH is Saturday, July 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. To register, call patient services at 574-946-2193 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They will want to know your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at PMH. There will be a \$6 charge if you deliver at another hospital.

Hospital Speaker's Bureau

Any group or organization that is in need of a guest health education speaker should call 574-946-2189.

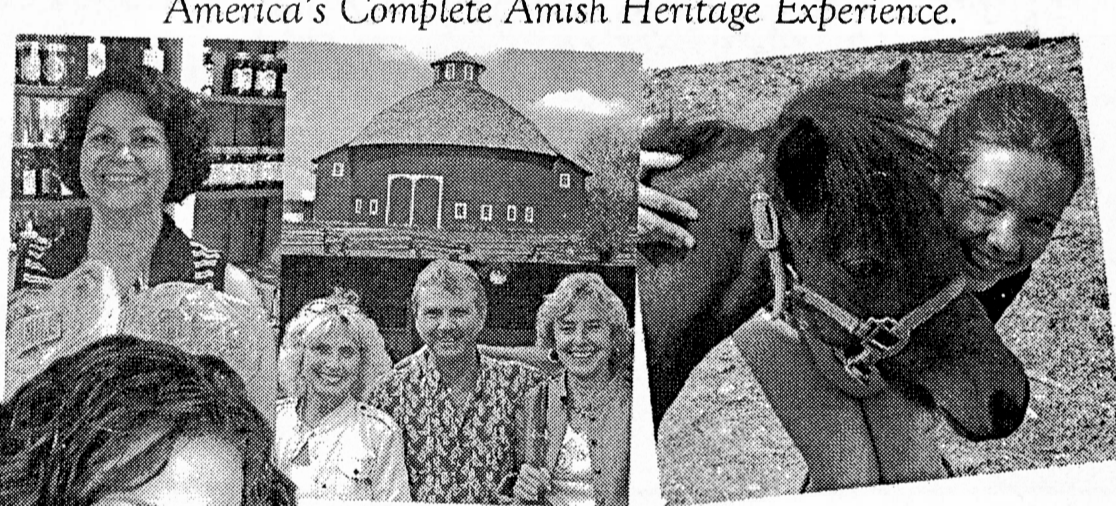
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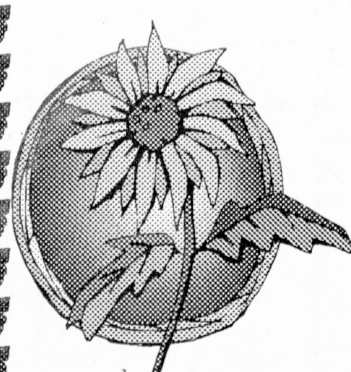
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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO July 14, 1949

Cars driven by Mrs. Dorothy Ott, 28, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and Lonnie Ewen, Rt. 6, Rochester, collided near Marhsstown July 6. The only injury sustained by occupants of the vehicles was lip cuts to one-year-old David Ott.

Glen K. and Dorothy Fort, who purchased the Fulton Café and station from Rudy and Lil Mason just a month ago, announced Thursday that they have sold the property to Warren and Edna Fosnight. The Fosnights, who are from Knightstown which is also the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fort, will take charge Friday. The Fulton fire department was called to the café/service station last Tuesday morning when faulty electric wiring in the attic started a fire, about two feet from the vents of the gasoline storage tanks.

Helen Louise Shadle will give a recital at the Kewanna Methodist Church at 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, July 24. Accompanying her at the piano will be Rita Fuszak, who, like Miss

Shadle, is a student at the Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis.

Kewannians walked off with four prizes at the Fulton County Coon Hunters Association's annual coon dog show held in Rochester Wednesday, July 6. Claude Reason won first prize for his male black and tan; Warren Jones won two third place prizes, one for his female black and tan and one for his male black and tan; and Jack Vigus took a first for his female tick.

The Wayne Township Trophy Finders 4-H Club met Friday, July 8, at the home of Charlotte Sommers. Jay Herrold, Jim Young and Bill St. Clair were appointed as the committee for the 4-H tour which will be held July 27. Demonstrations were given by Marcel Dewald and Clarence Goodwin.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO July 9, 1954

Lewis E. Woods, 45, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday of a heart attack while at work at the Bendix plant in South Bend. Funeral services

were held Friday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church and burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, the former Louise Hendrickson; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ginn; and a son, Ronnie.

Perry Calvin has announced that his place of business is once again open to the public. Due to a long bout of pneumonia, he was forced to cease operations, but is now in better health. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vincent Calvin, is assisting him.

Eddie Gene Showley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Showley, is suffering from a badly crushed foot.

Mario Lombardo, who was the band instructor at Grass Creek and Richland Center last year, will teach band at San Pierre next year. He will reside in North Judson.

Mrs. Della Clifford of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died in the home of Mrs. Forest Smith, South Bend, Tuesday. She was the mother of Mrs. Carl Russell of here and a former Kewanna resident.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Webb recently and baled his hay. Mr. Webb has been

confined to the hospital. Those helping were Oscar Mannies, Tom Scott, Joe and Ike Dague, John Smith, Howard Smith, Raymond Minthorn, Ned Miller, Andy Kuhn, Everett Easterday, Bob Beckman, Larry Showley, Lonnie Showley and Harold Showley.

The Syracuse All State Twirling contest was held at Syracuse Saturday at which time Doris Kreamer received tenth place and Naomi Jean Enyart, eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sixby have returned home from Bainbridge, Maryland, where they visited their sons, Dean and Joe, who are serving with the Armed Forces.

FIFTY YEARS AGO July 9, 1959

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 6, for Rev. Henry Bulger, 71, of here. Rev. Bulger died Saturday at his home of a stroke. He came to Kewanna in 1922 and served the Church of Christ as pastor for a number of years.

The Medaryville Herald was purchased July 1 from Mrs. Arthur Zellers by Virginia Osborn of Medaryville and Bill Lyon of here. Mrs. Osborn will edit and publish the paper at Medaryville and it will be printed in Kewanna.

Mrs. Nannie Sparks, 82, died Tuesday at 4 p.m. in her home in Kewanna. She had served as postmistress for Kewanna from 1926 to 1933.

Mrs. Nellie Lisey suffered a stroke recently at the home of her son in Detroit. She is reported somewhat improved but cannot be moved for a month.

Mrs. Eileen Jeanette Thompson, 21, a former Grass Creek resident, died Saturday, July 4, in Jacksonville, Illinois. She was the former Eileen Waddups. Death

followed an illness of seven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Manford Newgent, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born July 5 at Woodlawn Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and has been named Donald Manford.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO July 9, 1964

Joe Rude, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rude, fell from his pony Sunday and broke his right wrist. The fracture was reduced at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

Pamela Sue Rusler became the bride of William Walters June 14 in Grace Methodist Church, Rochester. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William Rusler, Rt. 2, Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

Robert Hoff of Purdue spent the weekend here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray of Idaville entertained at a picnic Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Grass Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ted White, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hines, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Lord, Mrs. Arlie Russell and Mrs. Kathryn Orr.

Navy Commander Robert Clark, son of Mrs. Lela Clark of Kewanna, is a crew member aboard the USS Essex operating out of Point Quonset, Rhode Island.

FORTY YEARS AGO July 10, 1969

A 1962 car belonging to Alvah Crabb, Kewanna, was sliced in two by a C & O freight train at Lake Bruce. According to authorities, the car missed the road on the north side of the crossing and was stuck in the tracks. Crabb saw the west bound train approaching and was able to get his mother and himself out of the car and about ten feet away before the 106-car freight hit the car.

Major Joe Dague, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has returned home from Vietnam where he was serving with the Air Force Reserves. He will now be able to spend most of his time at home, except for weekends when he will be on duty at Bakalar Air Base

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**"LOOKING BACK"
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near Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bayless of Frankfort and Lake Bruce visited with L/Cpl. Terry Bayless at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital where he has been transferred from Guam after receiving injuries in Vietnam. He hopes to return home in the near future.

Warrant Officer James Ameigh, 26, Akron, was killed recently in Vietnam. Services were held Sunday at the Sheetz Funeral Home in Akron. He was the fourth resident of the Akron community killed in Vietnam and the ninth county victim of the fighting.

Services were held Wednesday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, for Miss Catherine Shanley, 75, Fort Wayne. Miss Shanley died Sunday at the Cornell Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery here.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
July 5, 1979**

Kenneth E. Grether, Kewanna, has been promoted to manufacturing and methods coordinator at McGill Manufacturing Company in Culver. Kenneth is a 1964 graduate of Peru High School.

Mike Hamman returned recently from Lancaster, PA, where he took a two-week course in

resilient flooring installation at the Armstrong Cork Company's installation school.

We're sorry to hear the Harry Harris, on the advice of his doctor, is going to close the local drive in Friday. Residents will miss stopping off for a bite to eat or something cold to drink.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Sr., Rt. 2, Kewanna, announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Elizabeth, to Gary Lee Kline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kline, Rt. 1, Monterey. An August 11 wedding is planned at St. Ann's Church, Kewanna.

Jay Urbin, Jeff Johnson, Kevin Smith, Shawn Gunter, Jason Smith, Jimmy Zellers and Jon Cunningham, local Cub Scouts, spent a week recently attending Day Camp at Camp Buffalo.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
July 6, 1989**

Doug Johnson of Kewanna and a senior at Seattle Pacific University has been named to the Dean's List for the spring quarter.

Betty Hurley, Kewanna, has been transferred from Woodlawn Hospital to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hott and family camped at the Tippecanoe River State Park north of Winamac over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett and

children, Stephanie, Keith, Tyler and Cassandra, of Fortville were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer.

The Camden All Stars won the Kewanna Youth League's annual Fourth of July tourney. The championship game was moved to Tuesday due to a rain-out Sunday. Fireworks and the band, Special Blend, were enjoyed by a large crowd Monday evening in conjunction with the tourney.

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**TEN YEARS AGO
July 8, 1999**

Nicholas Sommers, Kewanna, has been named to the high honors list at Black Hawk College East Campus in Kewanee, Illinois.

Jennifer Mollencupp, Kewanna, is one of the 1,031 students to be named to the Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester at Indiana State University, Terre Haute.

A demolition crew hired by CSX has been busy the past couple of weeks tearing down the three buildings on the CSX property at the north end of Kewanna.

Smoke inhalation is believed to be the cause of death of Harold Eugene Hawkey who died Wednesday, June 30, in his home at the Station House Apartments, Kewanna. The Indiana State Fire Marshal's office is still investigating the incident.

**NIPSCO ANNOUNCES
DECREASE IN GAS
COSTS FOR JULY**

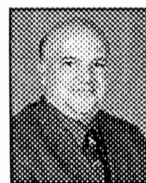
Northern Indiana Public Service Company announced that customers will pay 26.29 percent less for natural gas in July, as prices on the wholesale market dropped from the previous month.

Residential customers using a monthly total of 50 therms of natural gas can expect their July bill to total \$27.81, based on this month's price per therm of 41.02 cents. In comparison, the total bill for customers using 50 therms of natural gas last month was \$37.73, based on the June price per therm of 57.84 cents. Actual bills will vary based on customer usage, with the summer months typically being when customers use relatively low amounts of natural gas.

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First Thursday of Each Month
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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Logansport Tuesday, June 30. They did some shopping and enjoyed lunch while in town.

Angela Gast of Wake Forest, North Carolina arrived late Tuesday for a week-long visit with her parents, Jon and Barb Gast.

Helen Miller had company in the middle of the week. Arriving Wednesday, July 1, for a five-day visit were her grandson and his family, Darren and Kathy Blume and Nicole of Oceanside, California.

There was a little too much excitement at the Kewanna Public Library Thursday morning, July 2. A bat (the flying kind) had climbed through the book drop and decided to take its daytime nap in the foyer among the salt sacks. Needless to say, there was

a lot of jumping, screaming and screeching—from the bat and kids—as the bat was being quickly and forcefully evicted.

Sandra Blume of Fallbrook, California and her daughter, Sherri Blume of San Diego, arrived Thursday for an extended stay with Sandra's mother, Helen Miller.

Barb and Tom LaFollette helped Beth Larson prepare pizzas for the supper at the Rochester V.F.W. post Thursday.

Pauline Brown and Julie had houseguests late in the week. Arriving Thursday evening, for a short holiday visit were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland. The family also celebrated Julie and Pauline's upcoming birthdays with cakes and presents.

Mathilda Lamb had working

visitors Friday, July 3. Joining her for a day of visiting and tackling chores around the house and yard were her son, Wayne Lamb of Peru; her daughter-in-law, Judy Lamb of Ft. Wayne; and her grandsons, Drew, A.J. and Jake Gallagher of Ft. Wayne. In the afternoon, the group was visited by Charlie Williams of Fulton.

Jon and Barb Gast and Angela were in Winamac Friday. They joined Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast, for a supper of mushrooms that Jon had picked and prepared.

Ann Zartman and Shirley had company Friday. Coming over in the evening to watch the local fireworks display were Ann's grandson and great-grandsons, Dale Green, Joshua and Jacob. Jacob remained overnight as Ann and Shirley's houseguest.

Helen Whiteman had visitors Friday. Coming over for a family chat and a trip to the town park for the evening's fireworks display were her daughter, Sherri Lett, her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski; and her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Andrea Hook and Rylee of Winamac.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had evening visitors Friday. Joining them for a chat over supper and bringing them into town for the fireworks display were their daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester, and her daughter, Andrea Yocum of Indianapolis.

Betty Leazenby had company Friday evening. Joining her for a visit and to watch the local fireworks display were her sister and her family, Barb and Jon Gast and Angela.

Helen Miller and 36 members of her family enjoyed a cookout and a wonderful time visiting Saturday, July 4.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had holiday visitors Saturday. Joining them for a pleasant, if wet day, were Barb's daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Ed Janes of LaPorte. Also coming along for the trip was Sadie.

Nancy and Leonard Evers had company Saturday. Coming for a pleasant family visit and overnight stay was their son, Gary Evers of Michigan City.

Florence Hogan had visitors Sunday, July 5. Joining her for a chat over dinner were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. Stopping by later in the day for a visit was Florence's daughter, Janice Graham.

Julie Brown had fun Sunday afternoon. She attended a 7th birthday party held in honor of Coy Field and hosted by his parents, Justin and Candy Field.

Jon and Barb Gast and Angela had company Sunday. Stopping by late in the day for a visit were Angela's sister, Cora Lynn Clemans, and Cora Lynn's grandson, Brendan.

Jerry and Kay Brown had visitors Sunday. Coming over late in the day for a family chat were Jerry's sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Bob Hathaway of Warsaw.

Tom and Linda Garner had holiday visitors Sunday. Joining them for supper were their children and their families, Amanda Wassermann, Zach and

Mackenzie of Valparaiso (Don was on duty); Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile; and T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Angela Gast returned to Wake Forest, North Carolina Monday, July 6.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Chanse Baldwin and Brad Hall, July 12; Candice Evers, July 13; Barb Ewing, Summer Garver, Ken Hamman, Ray Weller and Caleb Wilson, July 14; Coral Montine and Jeff Nies Jr., July 15; Gary Kline, July 16; Cale DeWees, Buddy LaFollette, Thomas R. LaFollette, Zek Kesler, Hayley

Nimitz, Dan Pesaresi, Ralph Shotts and Nicholas Wentzel, July 17; and Holt Harding, Susan Van Lake and Jennifer Watson, July 18.

There are ten couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Zellers, July 12; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, July 13; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smitley, July 14; Mr. and Mrs. David Briney, July 15; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weller, July 16; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Rans and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Springfield, July 17; and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Fisher, July 18.

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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

JUVENILES:

Ages 10 and Under Christian Fiction— *The Splatters Learn Some Manners* by Marty Mokler Banks and *What will I be when I grow Up?* By Susan Snyder.

Youth Christian Fiction— *New York Debut* (#6 of the Carter House Girls) by Melody Carlson; *So Not Happening* by Jenny B. Jones; *The Last Thing I Remember* (#1 of The Homelanders series) by Andrew Klaven; and *Daniel's Diary* by Allia Zobel Nolan.

Youth General Fiction— *Real Murders, A Bone to Pick, Three Bedrooms, One Corpse, The Julius House, Dead over Heels, A Fool and His Honey* and *Last Scene Alive* (#1-#7 of An Aurora Teagarden mystery series) by Charlaine Harris.

Youth Christian Nonfiction— *Questions from Little Hearts* by Kathleen Long Bostrom.

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Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Send entries to: Kewanna Fall Festival C/O Tom Mate P.O. Box 96 Kewanna, IN. 46939

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Time: 04:00
Pre-register by: 09/15/2009

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Sen. Head's budget amendment could save jobs across the state

Funds once frozen may now be used for fire and police department pension obligations

An amendment to the state budget filed by Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport) was seemingly lost in the headlines of the June 30 special session conclusion, yet it could save scores of firefighter and police officer jobs around the state.

Head's budget amendment – passed on the last day of special session by the Indiana General Assembly then signed into law by Gov. Mitch Daniels – releases thousands of dollars to municipal governments once earmarked for payment of firefighter and police pensions.

"Before property tax reform, cities had to save money to pay for public safety pensions," Head explained "Under the current system, cities pay into the pension plan for each firefighter and policeman, but the state now pays claims. This amendment says local governments can decide to use the money left over in their old funds for new pension payments."

Head emphasized the money can only be used for that purpose – to pay pension claims for firefighters under the 1953 pension plan and/or on the percentage owed on current pension obligations.

"Prior to reform, several communities saved money for the pension plans," Head continued. "The money is just sitting there, untouchable. My

amendment allows cities to spend that cash on their current pension obligations, which may keep several communities from laying off firemen and police officers in the short term during these current economic difficulties."

Already, the city of Logansport has announced as many as ten firefighter jobs might be spared because of Head's legislative action. Tom Hanify, president of the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana, said the amendment could have similar ripple effects across the state.

"The impact around the state could be huge," Hanify said. "Statewide over \$40 million may now be made available to pay municipalities' share of pension costs, freeing up other money to help prevent public safety officer layoffs."

Cities like Evansville and Elkhart will see some of the biggest dollar signs of relief, thanks to Head's amendment. According to Hanify, Evansville has \$6.5 million now available to help with police and fire pension obligations, while Elkhart – which has the state's second-highest unemployment rate – has more than \$1 million.

Other places where Head's amendment will help most include Columbus, Sellersville, Franklin, Goshen, Lafayette, Noblesville and South Bend. Each of those communities had approximately \$1 million or more saved for pension obligations, and may now use the money to pay its percentage share of pension costs.

In all, more than 40 communities stood to benefit. Hanify said Head's amendment was an important aid to local governments as they restructure their workforces to fit today's needs.

"It allows them time to plan and right-size their departments," Hanify said. Head met with Logansport firefighters and officials earlier this week to explain the budget action. Reaction was not only positive, but heart-rending.

"One fireman's wife is now pregnant and they are just

starting their family," Head said. "He told me they didn't know what they were going to do if there was a city layoff. Maybe now that won't happen."

Sen. Randy Head represents Senate District 18, which includes Cass, Fulton, Kosciusko, Miami, Pulaski and Wabash Counties.

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EARTH TALK
Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Are the United States' vast oil shale resources a potential source of energy?

-- Larry LeDoux, Honolulu, HI

Oil shale is a fine-grained sedimentary rock that contains significant amounts of kerogen, a solid mixture of organic chemical compounds that can be converted into synthetic liquid fuel similar to oil, or into shale gas similar to petroleum-derived natural gas. Geologists believe there is more oil shale out there in the rocks of the world—three trillion barrels worth of fuel—than there is oil in existing reserves globally.

Oil shale has been mined extensively in Brazil, China, Estonia, Germany, Israel and Russia, but up to two-thirds of the world's supply lies in the Green River basin of the western United States, including parts of Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. To date, these American oil shale resources remain virtually untapped, but an 11th hour executive order by the Bush administration in 2008 put two million acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land across Wyoming, Utah and Colorado up for lease to oil shale extractors.

Other nations with oil shale reserves have been mining them for decades for power generation and other uses, but American enthusiasm has run hot and cold, depending on oil prices. The U.S. was bullish on oil shale during the 1970's oil shocks, but when gas prices fell

again, so did the enthusiasm for oil shale.

American companies didn't look into mining domestic oil shale again until 2003—again, thanks to spiking oil prices. George W. Bush's Energy Policy Act of 2005 officially opened federal lands to oil shale extraction. But then once again lowered oil prices, along with environmental concerns and growing enthusiasm for renewable energy sources left oil shale's future in the U.S. again uncertain.

For their part, environmental groups are unequivocally against oil shale extraction. For one, extracting operations destroy affected landscapes, forcing plants and animals out, with regeneration unlikely for decades. Another big issue with oil shale extraction is water usage. The process requires as much as five barrels of water—for dust control, cooling and other purposes—for every barrel of shale oil produced.

Oil shale extraction is also very energy-intensive, and as such is no solution to our global warming woes. Researchers have found that a gallon of shale oil can emit as much as 50 percent more carbon dioxide than a gallon of conventional oil would over its given lifecycle from extraction to tailpipe.

Due to these concerns and others, 13 environmental groups, including the Wilderness Society, Sierra Club and Natural Resources Defense Council, teamed up in January 2009 to file suit against the federal government for opening up all that western U.S. land to oil shale development. The suit contends that the BLM failed to properly consider air quality and endangered species impacts in the region. The groups also contend that the development would require the construction of 10 new coal-fired power plants in order to get at and process the oil shale, significantly upping the carbon footprint of the entire region.

Green groups hope that the Obama administration will overturn Bush's decision to lease development rights on the land, which is near three national

parks in one of the least developed parts of the U.S.

CONTACTS: Bureau of Land Management, www.blm.gov; Wilderness Society, www.wilderness.org; Sierra Club, www.sierraclub.org; Natural Resources Defense Council, www.nrdc.org.

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Notice of Petition to Vacate Public Way or Place
State of Indiana, Before the Kewanna Town Council:

Notice is hereby given that Winamac Coil Spring has petitioned the Town Council of Kewanna, Indiana, to vacate:

- The right-of-way of Liberty St. along the N. side of Lots 222 & 223.
- The right-of-way of Toner St. on the west side of Lots 222 & 245.
- The 16' alleyway on the west side of Lots 289, 290, 291 & 292.
- The 16' Alleyway west of Smith St. between Lots 220, 221 & 292.
- The 10' Alleyway South of North St. between Lots 295, 296 and 263, 264.
- The Closing of North St. between Lots 291 & 290 west of Smith St..

A public hearing on said petition will be held before the Kewanna Town Council on the 20th day of July at 4:15 p.m. at the Town Hall, 308 S Logan St., Kewanna, Indiana.

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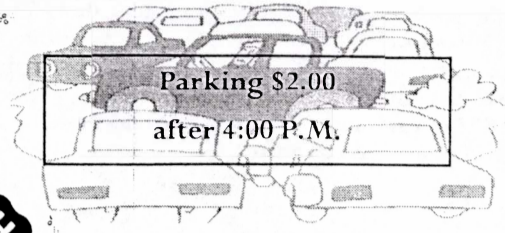
FULTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR

July 11 - 18, 2009

Fulton County Fairgrounds

1009 W 3rd St., Rochester, IN 46975

574-223-3397



Fair Office Location:

North end of the Everett Smith Building

Phone during Fair only: 574-223-5279

4-H Community Building Hours:

Sunday, July 12, 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., July 13-17, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Commercial Building Hours:

Mon.-Fri., July 13-17, 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Model Railroad Building Hours:

Sun-Thurs, July 12-16 2-8:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 10

5 p.m.-8p.m.—Our American Heritage Project Judging

6 p.m.—Cat Show and Exploring 4-H Cat Show—Everett Smith Building

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8 a.m.—Dog Obedience Show & Showmanship—Jud Hudkins Arena

9 a.m.—Noon—Check-in and judging:

Aerospace, Bottle Rockets, Garden, Floriculture, Crops, Scarecrow and Exploring 4-H projects

9 a.m.—Noon—Check-in ONLY: Lab Animals and Aquatic Science

5 p.m.—4-H Exploring & 4-H Bicycle Contest

West of Everett Smith Building

7 p.m.—M&M RODEO

Bull Riding & Mutton Busting

Dave Clauson Amphitheater

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SUNDAY, JULY 12

(Day Sponsor: T&T Rent-All)

11 a.m.-2 p.m.—Dairy and Beef Check-in

1 p.m.-6 p.m.—Horse and Pony Check-in

2 p.m.-4 p.m.—Sheep Check-in

3 p.m.-4 p.m.—Dairy, Boer and Pygmy Goats Check-in

4 p.m.-5 p.m.—Market Goats Check-in

4 p.m.-6 p.m.—Poultry Check-in

4 p.m.-9 p.m.—4-H Community Building open to public

5:30 p.m.—Vesper Service

Jud Hudkins Arena

7 p.m.—Miss Fulton County 4-H Fair

Queen Contest

4-H Jr. Leader Ambassadors Announced—4-H Activity Center—FREE

MONDAY, JULY 13

(Day Sponsor: Winamac Coil Spring, Inc)

6 a.m.-11 a.m.—Swine Check-in

7 a.m.-10 a.m.—Rabbit Check-in

8:30 a.m.—Horse & Pony Showmanship and Trail Class

9 a.m.—4-H Pigeon Show—Equestrian Center Indoor Arena

10 a.m.-9 p.m.—4-H Community Building open to public

10:30 a.m.—4-H Poultry & Pigeon Showmanship—Equestrian Center Indoor Arena

12:30 p.m.—Sheep show and Exploring 4-H Lamb Show

1 p.m.—Poultry Show and Exploring 4-H Poultry—Equestrian Center Indoor Arena

5 p.m.—4-H Goat Show—Boer and Market Goat Classes—Equestrian Center Indoor Arena

5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Commercial Exhibits open to public

6:30 p.m.—Sand Volleyball, 6 on 6 OPEN

6:30 p.m.—Horse and Pony Equitation Classes

7 p.m.—Cheerleading Competition

Dave Clauson Amphitheater

Sponsored by: Touchstone Energy/Fulton County R.E.M.C.

Admission: \$5, children 5 and under free

7 p.m.—4-H Fashion Revue—Jud Hudkins Arena

8 p.m.—Tenure Member and Community Awards—4-H Activity Center

TUESDAY, JULY 14

(Day Sponsor: Frounfelter Family Dentistry)

8 a.m.—Exploring 4-H Rabbit Check-in and show—Rabbit Barn

8:30 a.m.—Rabbit Show—Rabbit Barn

10 a.m.-9 p.m.—4-H Community Building Open to Public

11 a.m.—4-H Beef Show (Includes: Dairy Beef, Feeder Calves and Exploring 4-H)

4 p.m.—Horse and Pony Classes—State Fair Performance (Horsemanship)

5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Commercial Exhibits open to public

5:30 p.m.—registration for Kiddie tractor pull

6 p.m.—Kiddie Tractor Pull (sponsored by: Farm Bureau Inc, Smoke Free Fulton Co. and Young Farmers) 4-H Activity Center

6:30 p.m.—Sand Volleyball, 4 on 4 coed

6:30 p.m.—Fireman's Water Ball

Competition—east of Livestock Barns

7 p.m.—Garden Tractor Pull

Dave Clauson Amphitheater

Admission: Free

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

(Day Sponsor: Beacon Credit Union)

8 a.m.—Swine Show and Exploring 4-H Swine Show

10 a.m.-9 p.m.—4-H Community Building open to public

3 p.m.—4-H Action Demonstration Competition east of Beef Barn

4 p.m.—Exploring 4-H Horse and Pony Check-in

5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Commercial Building open to public

5 p.m.—Exploring 4-H Horse and Pony Show

5:30 p.m.—Clowning Around—4-H Clown Skits in the 4-H Activity Center

6 p.m.—Horse and Pony Fun Show—Pleasure classes

6:30 p.m.—Touchstone Energy/Fulton County R.E.M.C. Demonstration

7 p.m.—Fulton County Challenge: 3 events: Water Brigade, Cone Carry, Hay Ride

Dave Clauson Amphitheater: \$5 to enter contest \$3 admission, children 5 and under free Sponsor—Rochester Polaris and New Holland Rochester, register after July 4 at: Extension Office, Rochester Polaris, or New Holland Rochester

THURSDAY, JULY 16

(Day Sponsor: Farm Credit Services)

10 a.m.-9 p.m.—4-H Community Building open to public

10 a.m.—Dairy Show & Exploring 4-H Dairy Show

10 a.m.—4-H Goat Show, Dairy and Pygmy Classes and Exploring 4-H Goat Show—Equestrian Indoor Arena

1:30 p.m.—4-H Round Robin contest—Jud Hudkins Arena

4:30 p.m.—Truck & Tractor Pull

Fulton County 4-H Members—8,000 lb, 4WD Pick-up, Economy Modified, Hot Farm—Dave Clauson Amphitheater

Admission: \$5 till 5 p.m., \$7 after 5 p.m.

Children 5 and under free

5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Commercial Exhibits open to public

6:30 p.m.—Touchstone Energy/Fulton Co. R.E.M.C. Demonstration

10 p.m.—Release 4-H Livestock Exhibits not in sale (except Horse and Pony)

LADIES DAY PRESENTATIONS :

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Fair Office, Everett Smith Building

Sponsored by: Fulton Co. Extension Homemakers Clubs

11 a.m. Cookie Baking Contest

\$2 per entry

Enter Cookies: 11 a.m.

Open Judging: 12 Noon

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1:30 p.m. "Meals in Minutes"

Presented by: Kim Kinninger

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3 p.m. "Garden Art"

Presented by: Vicki Waltz

Easy projects to add flair to your garden!

FRIDAY, JULY 17

(Day Sponsor: First Federal Savings Bank)

6 a.m.- Noon—Release Horse and Pony exhibits

10 a.m.- 9 p.m.—4-H Community Building open to public

10 a.m.—Aerospace & Bottle Rocket Launch

4 p.m.—Livestock Auction

Jud Hudkins Arena

SALE ORDER: Goats, Swine, Poultry, Milk, Beef, Rabbits, Sheep

6 p.m.—Grand Champions Spotlight Sale

Jud Hudkins Arena

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9 a.m.-11 a.m.—RELEASE 4-H PROJECTS and OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS—4-H Community Building

6 p.m.—Swine Carcass Show—Jud Hudkins Arena

7 p.m.—Demolition Derby

Dave Clauson Amphitheater

Admission: \$7 adult

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