

# The Garrett Clipper

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### County fair to feature antique display

AUBURN — The DeKalb County Fair Board and DeKalb County Historical Society are looking for items to display in the annual antiques department in Middaugh Hall on the fairgrounds for this year's fair.

Items need to be entered between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the hall. Items will be accepted from residents of DeKalb and its surrounding counties.

The department has over 30 divisions with over 440 classes ranging from advertising to world's fairs. Some of the classes include banks, books, pitchers, calendar plates, dolls, bears, and many more. To qualify, items should be at least 60 years old.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows: first place: \$5, second: \$3, third: Reserve champions and Best of Show will also be awarded.

A one-time \$5 fair membership must be purchased at time of entry, as well as a one-time \$2 antiques department fee. All caution, security, and care will be given to entries. The DeKalb County Historical Society and DeKalb County Fair are not responsible for accidents. Pick up will be on Saturday, Oct. 3 between the hours of 4-6 p.m.

The antiques department is also looking for people interested in volunteering to help check in items for the fair on Sept. 26. Those interested need only to have an appreciation for antiques and have some basic knowledge of items. Workers need not spend the full day in the department, but only help as they can.

For more information, go to the fair's website at dekalbcounty-fair.org and check out the fair's Premium Book or contact superintendent Julie Faulkner at 260-357-3205 for volunteer opportunities.

### Garden club seeks evergreen branches

GARRETT — Members of the Garrett Garden Club plan to decorate the downtown planters and window boxes with fresh greens and bows for the Christmas season. They ask anyone who is planning to trim or cut down a pine tree in the coming weeks to contact them so members can arrange to pick up the branches.

The group is in need of all types of pine branches or evergreen shrubs. Phone Anisa Waterhouse at 357-5005 for pick up.

### GHS golf outing is Sunday

GARRETT — Garrett High School is looking for teams for its 13th annual athletic department golf outing on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. at Garrett Country Club.

Cost for nonmembers is \$50, members will be charged \$35. The price includes greens fees, cart and lunch of brats, hamburgers and chili following the outing.

Teams may participate in a skins game and in several contests on the par 3 holds.

Proceeds from the outing support the Garrett athletic department and the golf team.

Contact the school's athletic department at 357-4116 for more information.

### Brush pick up Oct. 5-7

GARRETT — City workers will pick up brush in Garrett Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 5-7.

Residents are asked to place branches and brush at alley, not at the street.

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J.E. Ober students Tristan Taylor, Connor Stockdale and Sydney Weaver show off the new book bags that will be used for the Boomerang Backpack program that begins on Friday.

## Backpack program launching Friday

### Students take home nutritious snacks for the weekend

By Sue Carpenter

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GARRETT — About 100 J.E. Ober students will be taking home more than school papers in their backpacks Friday.

This group of kindergarten through fourth-graders is part of the school's Boomerang Backpacks program where students qualifying for free and reduced lunches are given a drawstring backpack full of nutritious snacks to take home for the weekend.

Sixty percent of the 660 students at J.E. Ober Elementary qualify for free and reduced lunches, according to principal Greg Myers. All were sent letters from the school inviting them to be a part of the program. About 100 agreed to participate so far.

The program is offered at no cost, but participants must sign a letter of consent agreeing to return the empty backpacks to school on Monday.

"I can't stand the thought of kids going hungry on the weekends," said Myers. He and assistant principal Tonya Weaver have a policy at the school that food does not leave the cafeteria uneaten.

"On Fridays, we both have caught kids taking home food, mostly packaged items and fresh fruit — we think it's probably for the weekend," Myers said.

The backpacks will be filled with foods a child can fix without adult help, including granola bars, fruit cups and cheese crackers. A child takes home the food on Friday and returns the empty

backpack on Monday.

Donations from businesses, individuals, churches and other organizations have been received to cover the cost of the book bags and about six weeks of food so far, according to Myers. He and Weaver plan to shop today for this week's snacks.

"We are trying to keep as local a possible," he said of the food purchases, using local grocery stores and the school's food service supplier.

Cost per student is about \$4 per week, Myer said. Based on the minimum 100 students already signed up, about \$10,000 is needed per year to buy the food. He expects more students to sign on once the program is launched this week.

"It's money well spent," Myers said of the cost.

School leaders have solicited donations from the community and have been writing grants to

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## County fair begins Monday

AUBURN — Billed as "America's largest family reunion," the 78th annual DeKalb County Free Fall Fair begins Monday.

The street fair will surround the DeKalb County Courthouse square and adjacent streets in downtown Auburn throughout the week, and livestock events will take place at the 4-H grounds on South Union Street.

This year's fair features five parades — one each on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The Queen Parade, featuring contestants for the Miss DeKalb County pageant, takes place at 7 p.m. Monday.

The Freedom Parade is open to veterans, police officers and firefighters, and takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The Scout Parade is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, with the Pet Parade at 10:45 a.m. Friday. The grand parade is at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The carnival opens at 4 p.m. Monday, with all rides \$1 each. Following the queen parade, contestants who attend DeKalb County high schools will compete for the right to be Miss DeKalb County. The pageant begins at 8 p.m. on the main stage. The winner will reign over this year's fair and participate in the Indiana state pageant next summer. Classic rock artist Final Notice will perform on the downtown stage at 7:30 p.m.

Elementary and high school choirs will perform on the main stage Tuesday, Sept. 29. Elementary students take the stage at 6 p.m., with high school choirs to follow at 7:30 p.m. Country singer Eileen Harding will perform on the downtown stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday, Sept. 30, is Old Settlers Day. DeKalb County residents age 55 and older are invited to attend. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon at the

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## Twelve seek Miss DeKalb crown

AUBURN — Twelve contestants, including nine from Garrett High School, will compete for the title of Miss DeKalb County during the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair Monday night.

The pageant will begin at 8 p.m. on the main stage at Tenth and Union streets in Auburn.

Before the competition, the contestants will participate in a queen's parade through downtown Auburn at 7 p.m.

At the conclusion of the pageant, Ashton Johnson, 2008 Miss DeKalb County, will pass her crown to one of the girls. She will be returning to DeKalb County for the pageant of Purdue University, where she is a freshman pursuing a degree in nursing.

Miss DeKalb County 2009 will serve as hostess during fair week and will compete next August for Indiana State Fair.

Monday night, the girls will compete on-stage in professional wear, evening gown, talent and on-stage question categories.

Interviews worth 50 percent of the score will take place earlier in the day.

The contestants are:

- Jenna Burrell, who is a senior at Garrett High School;
- Briana Chisholm, who is a junior at Garrett High School;
- Becca Christensen, who is a junior at Garrett High School;
- Makenzie Dick, who is a senior at Lakewood Park Christian School;
- Kortney Holliday, who is a junior at Garrett High School;
- Samantha Kahkola, who is a



Jenna Burrell



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Kortney Holliday



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