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GOOD MORNING

McIntosh school open for tours today

AUBURN — Former principals Ed Benbow and Dave Wolff will lead final tours of the former Auburn High School and McIntosh Elementary School today from 1 to 4 p.m.

Demolition of the former school and gymnasium is scheduled to begin Monday.

Wolff served as McIntosh Elementary principal from the late 1970s to the early 1990s, when the school closed. He said he plans to bring videotapes, pictures and yearbooks from McIntosh's elementary years.

During today's open house, the DeKalb Central school district will receive closed bids miscellaneous equipment from the school and gym. Bids will be awarded at a school board meeting Tuesday. Purchased items must be removed from the building between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

According to a proposed timeline for demolition of the buildings, Martin Enterprises Inc. will begin asbestos abatement this week. A perimeter fence will be installed during the week of Oct. 12, and inside demolition of the gym and school will begin.

Ohio man shot during self-defense lesson

GROVEPORT, Ohio (AP) — An 80-year-old Ohio man is recovering from a week in which he was beaten during a home invasion and then shot while trying to learn about guns.

Ralph Needs says he wouldn't want anyone to experience what he's been through. He was tied up and pistol-whipped when at least three intruders broke into his Columbus-area home Sept. 20. Needs' nose was broken and his pickup truck, a computer and credit cards were stolen.

Four days later, Needs was shot in the hand during a self-defense lesson.

Coming Soon

Look for the DeKalb 4-H Scrapbook special section on Oct. 13.

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VACCINE CONFERENCE BLOG

Cindy Bevington reports from the International Public Conference on vaccination
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JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR

The DeKalb High School Baron Brigade performs afternoon at Homestead High School. at ISSMA District competition Saturday

Marching bands reach regional

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FORT WAYNE — Last year, DeKalb County's three high school marching bands followed each other to regional and semi-state competitions, with DeKalb advancing to the state finals.

Saturday, they began that road once again, as all three earned gold awards at the Indiana State School Music Association district competition at Homestead High School.

DeKalb earned its gold award in Class B, also capturing awards for best music and visual effect.

For Garrett and Eastside, it was a day of firsts. Both bands, competing in Class D, earned back-to-back trips to the regional contest for the first time in their respective school histories.

Directors Paul Marlow of Garrett and James Graham of Eastside said reaching regional and semi-state last year played a role in making the return trip this year.

"They had a little taste of success, and the drive is there,"



JEFF JONES

Eastside's Marching Pride performs at ISSMA district competition at Homestead Saturday. The Blazers earned a gold rating for the second year in a row.

Marlow said. "It's a much more difficult show than last year. They're still learning to handle it, but we've got two more weeks to clean it up, and hopefully we'll

have everything polished by then."

"It gave us the confidence that we know we can do it," Graham said. "What we've been battling all SEE BANDS, PAGE A8

Miss America visits Kendallville's Apple Festival

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — "Nothing can limit your possibilities. Dream as big as you possibly can."

That's the advice Indiana's first Miss America, Katie Stam, has for Hoosier girls after appearing with students in the East Noble High School Theatre and Vocal Music Department's "Raise A Ruckus" cabaret Saturday at the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

Stam, 23, agreed to an exclusive interview in a motor home provided her parked outside the "Raise A Ruckus" show arena.

"It's always fun to work with young people in Indiana," she said. "I think a lot of people coming from this state are drawn

into a bubble when they think there's not any opportunities our there. I was brought up on a farm. I went to a small school (Seymour High School). I don't think young people should put limitations on their dreams. It's wonderful to come back here a person who was in their shoes just five years ago. I always dreamed of becoming Miss America, and here we are."

Stam has two sisters and a brother. Her parents are both educators. She said being raised in a small town in southern Indiana and participating in a lot of school activities helped make her the person she is today.

"Growing up in a small town is fantastic. Everyone feels like your SEE APPLE, PAGE A8



CHAD KLINE

Frank Ricketts of Indianapolis swings Miss America Katie Stam during the song and dance "The Old Soft Shoe" at a "Raise A Ruckus" performance Saturday at the Apple Festival in Kendallville.

Waterloo Elementary preparing to launch 'Boomerang Backpacks'

BY KATHRYN BASSETT
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WATERLOO — The DeKalb Central school district is preparing to launch program that will send needy students home with food on weekends.

The district plans to send its first Boomerang Backpacks home with participating students at Waterloo Elementary School Oct. 16. The backpacks will be filled with nutritional, non-perishable, vitamin-fortified and child-friendly food items to be consumed over the weekend.

Grate said the district will send home two letters to Waterloo Elementary families. In the first letter, families receiving free and reduced-price lunches will be invited to participate in the Boomerang Backpack program. In the second letter, the invitation will be extended to any Waterloo Elementary family in need.

"We realize that you don't necessarily have to be SEE BACKPACKS, PAGE A8



DAVE KURTZ

Fair's finale

Members of a Girl Scout unit wave from their float in the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair's Grand Finale Parade through Auburn

Saturday morning. Participants and spectators endured occasional drizzle during the two-hour procession.