

Letters To The Editor

Encourages Girls To Compete For Fair Queen

To The Editor:
This year's 89th annual Fulton County Fair quickly approaches along with the activities associated with the fair. As many know, the fair is a big part of the community. It holds many opportunities for people of all ages, one of those being the 2009 Fulton County Fair Queen. Young girls between the ages of 16-20 are eligible to participate. The fair queen will participate in the fair's weekend events, as well as compete in the 2010 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen contest

in January 2010. I made many memories and had many great opportunities as the 2008 Fulton County Fair Queen. Opportunities such as this come once in a lifetime; I strongly encourage local girls to take advantage of it. Applications and rules can be obtained through school or by contacting Vickie Gordon at 485-5137 or 485-4915.

Olivia Strait
2008 Fulton
County
Fair Queen

Fireworks

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tion to a professional fireworks display of all of the consumer fireworks items we sell."

Business was brisk enough at the Warfordsburg store this past weekend to have several food vendors set up in the expansive parking lot.

When asked about Pennsylvania laws prohibiting citizens from shopping the Fulton County store, Weaver said, "While we are not actively engaged in any lobbying effort to change the Pennsylvania law, we do support change. The products are better and safer, the fireworks-related injury rates are down, and there is no longer the necessity of 'protecting' Pennsylvanians from the use of consumer fireworks. The fireworks-related injuries are going down, and we hope people will continue to use good common sense in using the products so the injuries can continue to be reduced. You should have a designated shooter of fireworks just like you do at a fireworks driver at social events. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Keep children a safe distance from the products. Follow the basis safety rules and you will have a great family celebration with fireworks," he advised.

This year, Keystone Fireworks, a Lancaster, Pa., company, has erected a tent in the Penn's Village Plaza parking lot and is selling the .25 grains or less fireworks at that location. Believed to be the first tent fireworks retail salespoint ever in Fulton County, the tent opened for business last Thursday evening and will remain open until July 5. Fulton County's fireworks tent is just one of more than 250 tent outlets in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia operated by Keystone. While business appeared to be slow on Sunday, employees

at the tent say they believe business will pick up in the days leading up to Independence Day.

For sparkler enthusiasts, usually the youngest among us, they are the one item that likely comes from the United States rather than from importing. Diamond Sparklers of Youngstown, Ohio, is the sole remaining operating sparkler manufacturing facility in the United States. During its peak manufacturing season, Diamond's production capabilities reach approximately 800,000 sparklers per day.

Diamond's sparklers are not limited to use for holidays such as July 4th or New Year's, but are used year round for weddings, birthday parties and other festive occasions. Diamond was featured on the Discovery Channel's "How It's Made" series earlier this year.

Diamond is also owned and operated by the B.J. Alan Co., the owner of Phantom Fireworks.

One of the area's most impressive fireworks displays is held annually at Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 4, and although many make it an all-day outing, the fireworks display begins at 9:45 p.m. and is accompanied by a patriotic concert and firing of the battlefield cannons.

In Chambersburg, the annual Independence Day fireworks display will be held at Memorial Park on Saturday, July 4, at dusk.

Whether you prefer red, orange, yellow, white, green, purple, silver or the difficult-to-achieve blue colors that light up your summer nights and whether you revel in comets, waterfalls, mines or bottle rockets, this weekend will once again be the season of "oohs and aahs" for the many American families who still celebrate "the rocket's red glare."

SFSB

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granted for the 2009 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion resolution.

Falling within its budgeted figures, the board secured insurance through the Strickler Agency. A total of five policies ranging from the commercial package and commercial auto insurance were secured through the company for a total premium of \$63,869.

Personnel

On the heels of a 36-minute executive session to review personnel issues, the board agreed to alter the title of elementary Principal Kendra Trail. Trail will not receive any additional income for the title change, which will now read elementary principal/assistant to the superintendent. Board member John McKee abstained from voting on the matter.

The services of several individuals, including psychologist Philip Wilson and special education consultant Andrew Klein, were retained for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. Klein, who was recommended to the district by solicitor Carl Beard, is slated to receive an hourly rate of \$180 to provide expert advise.

Meanwhile, Wilson will receive \$20,000 to primarily deal with special education issues. Superintendent Ralph Scott, noted the district gets its "money's worth" with Wilson, who replaced services previously offered by Tuscarora Intermediate Unit (TIU) #11.

Occupational Therapy Services will continue to be provided to the district by TIU #11. The cost for the OTR/L and COTA/L services will hinge upon the number of students needing assistance.

Pending the completion of paperwork, the following individuals will be approved to serve as substitute teachers during the 2009-10 school year: Beverly Chronister, Patricia Scott, Jamie Shaw, Amanda Schetrompf, Carol Souders, Jennifer Arnoth, Deborah Remeikas, Debbie Duran, Adam George, Nancy Harris, Elizabeth Merica, Terry Diehl, Jamie Shipley, Lindsey Bard, Linda Smith, Holly Stambaugh, Deborah Cooper, Britany Frost, Kevin Sandell, Melissa Wilson, Gail Potter, Kay Bradshaw, Brooke Francis, Carol Wolf, Carol Hendershot, Christy Boehme, Linda Banks, Joan Mellott, Sharon Bakner and Angela Fuss.

Teacher aide substitutes receiving board approval were Barbara Peck, Barbara Mellott,

Daisy Wertz, Debra Hixon, Vivian Bernhard, Rose Shank, Karen Smartt, Via Shaw, Anna Thompson, Sandra Wills and Sharon Knable.

In addition, Sandra Wills, Dana Myers, Daisy Wertz, Sharon Knable and Barbara Mellott received authorization to serve as cafeteria substitutes. Substitute custodians approved to date include Sharon Knable, Barbara Peck, Via Shaw and Daisy Wertz, and nurse substitutes are Lucinda Lynch, Wendy Fischer, Rebecca Dase and Cassie Scott.

The board wrapped up its motion with approval of G. Jean Morton, Barbara Mellott, Karen Smartt, Sandra Wills and Anna Thompson as secretary substitutes.

Extracurricular activity coaches and advisors appointed to positions for 2009-10 in accordance with the professional staff contract and as recommended by the athletic director are:

- Denise Conley, varsity volleyball coach
- Melissa Mackel, varsity volleyball assistant coach
- Jessica Ritchey, junior high volleyball coach
- Herb Brambley, varsity soccer coach
- Ryan Ickes, varsity soccer assistant coach
- Brian Strait, junior high soccer coach
- Leah Eslinger, junior high soccer assistant coach
- Debbie Hixon, cheerleading coach
- Mark Mellott, varsity girls basketball coach
- Joe Hollenshead, junior high girls basketball coach
- Amy Fischer, junior high girls basketball assistant coach
- Kent Hendershot, varsity boys basketball coach
- Dave Gordon, junior varsity boys basketball coach
- Terry Wertz, junior high boys basketball coach
- Justin Sholes, junior high boys basketball assistant coach
- Joe Hollenshead, track and field coach
- Jon Diffenderfer, track and field assistant coach
- Heather Hollenshead, track and field assistant coach
- Mark Lund, track and field assistant coach
- Andrew Pepple, varsity baseball coach
- Dustin Fischer, varsity baseball assistant coach
- Dave Gordon, junior high baseball coach
- Charles Conley, junior high baseball assistant coach
- Stephanie Mills, varsity softball assistant coach
- Melissa Mackel, junior high softball coach
- Melissa Barton, junior high

assistant softball coach

- Ryan Ickes, junior high softball volunteer assistant coach
- Kent Hendershot, athletic director
- Heather Kauffman, Jean Morton and Missy Barton, game managers
- Ben Arnold, instrumental music
- Karen Smartt, band front advisor
- Carolyn Mottern, yearbook advisor
- Dan Meredith, vocal music director and stage director
- Heather Hollenshead, National Junior Honor Society advisor
- Carolyn Mottern, play director/drama coach
- Julie Dickerhoff, National Honor Society advisor

Board President Dwight Bard refrained or abstained from voting on Terry Bard and Candace Bard being appointed to the respective positions of varsity girls basketball assistant coach and junior high volleyball assistant coach.

With much regret the board accepted the resignation of varsity softball coach Mike Shade. Superintendent Scott stated the district has appreciated Shade's efforts both on and off the softball field. Shade, according to Scott, has given countless hours to the district.

"It's a big hit to Southern Fulton to lose a man like that," Scott said of Shade.

Policy

The high school and elementary student handbooks were approved on a 6-2 roll-call vote. Board members Patrick Bard and Danny Crouse dissented after the board held a discussion on cellular phone usage by students.

Crouse pointed out he had contacted the district in the past to make various transportation arrangements for his daughter, who never reportedly received the messages. As a result, Crouse stated it has been easier to contact her directly on her cellphone.

In the meantime, Scott pointed out that use of cellphones within the high school has become an epidemic. Scott added that some parental emergencies may not be deemed emergencies, but office staff will take the necessary steps to funnel calls to the students.

Board member Edgar Yates questioned if favoritism will be an issue in enforcing the cellphone policy included in handbooks. The superintendent stated children of school employees have been disciplined the same as other students for breaking cellphone rules.

Fellow board member Tim

Mellott added in that even though texting and phone calls are a convenient way to make arrangements, those seated at the June 23 meeting managed to make it through the school system without cellular phones. Kenny Wuertenberg concluded he did not have a problem banning cellphones, but the end result would be a large gathering of concerned citizens and parents at their next board meeting.

"We're asking kids to be responsible, and I don't think that's a bad thing," said Wuertenberg.

The first reading of multiple policies dealing with employment of district staff, employment of classified employees, transportation and contracted services were approved by the board as presented. Final reading of Policy 200, pupils, enrollment in district was also approved.

Curriculum

Scott Foresman Science Series books will be purchased for elementary grades K-5 at a cost mandated not to exceed \$32,500. Furthermore, physical science, Earth GEU, Teen Health 3 and Glenco Health 2009 texts from Glenco McGraw Hill will be bought at a price of \$21,060 or less.

Additional science textbooks totalling \$33,650 or less will be purchased from Holt McDougal. Books slated to be purchased include sound and light; weather and climate; water on Earth; microorganisms, fungi and plants; environmental science; inside the restless Earth; forces, motion energy; astronomy; cells, heredity and classification; Earth's changing surface; introduction to matter; interactions of matter; Caymen biology; and modern biology.

Books totalling \$8,658 will be bought from Pearson Prentice Hall and will touch on the following subjects: Pennsylvania environment and ecology; conceptual physics; calculus with applications; and college algebra and trigonometry.

"Manual for Landscape Plants" from Stipes Publishing will be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$805, while Delmar Cengage Learning will provide home horticulture, exploring agriculture and small animal care and management books at a cost not exceeding \$10,980.

Building and grounds

The district entered into an agreement with the Southern Alleghenies chapter of the American Red Cross to receive as a disaster shelter and reception center.

You practically molested me." The affidavit further adds that Dubree asked her not to tell anyone.

Dubree's trial has been tentatively scheduled for the July 27 term of court.

Foor, Dubree

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October 6 following a presentence investigation by the Fulton County Probation Department.

DNA evidence found on three pieces of latex glove located at and in the vicinity of the crime scene linked Foor to the June 16, 2008, episode that occurred not far from the intersection of Enid and Wells Valley roads.

Even though Foor would not cooperate with Pennsylvania State Police and submit to a polygraph test or be interviewed by Trooper Richard Cutchall, he did provide police investigators with a DNA sample that ultimately led to his apprehension. The results of the DNA comparison revealed one piece of a latex glove found at the scene allegedly contained a mixture of the victim's and Foor's DNA. Two additional pieces of glove located had either Foor's or the victim's DNA, fellow investigator Trooper Angela Roher revealed in the affidavit of probable cause.

The 12:30 p.m. assault occurred along Enid Road in Wells Township while an area woman was taking her daily walk. During the course of the sexual assault, the victim told the suspect her husband knew how long her walk took, and he would come looking for her. After being told to get up, the victim walked home and alerted her husband.

Meanwhile, Stephen William Dubree Jr. appeared before Judge Herman as well last Tuesday on one count each of rape of a child, statutory sexual assault, attempted involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child; two counts each of attempted rape of a child, attempted statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault of a child, aggravated indecent assault, indecent exposure; and 20 counts of indecent assault.

Dubree of 68 Hillside Estates, McConnellsburg, pleaded not guilty to all allegations he raped a 12-year-old girl and exposed himself to and assaulted the girl's younger sister at his Todd Township residence. Charging documents filed by

Trooper Roher of the McConnellsburg barracks show the alleged activity of Dubree's residence many times, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

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FCMC

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and family therapy, midwifery, neurology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, orthopedics, outpatient surgery, plastic surgery, podiatry, pulmonology, and urology.

Administration, accounting, business office, managing information systems, human resources, community relations and development, and the FCMC Foundation will be found upstairs. A community conference room that Hawkins called the addition's "crown jewel" completes the second floor.

Bill Dovey, Medical Center board vice chair and chairman of the building committee, told a small crowd of supporters and hospital employees gathered for the ceremony that the groundbreaking was "a significant milestone in the mission of the Fulton County Medical Center to become the healthcare provider of choice for Fulton County." He said he was thankful that the addition will be built by a Fulton



FCMC President and CEO Jason Hawkins

County company. Also making remarks Tuesday was Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Pa.), who called healthcare a focus of his office. Recognizing hospitals as primary employers and key to economic develop-

2009. The girls had reportedly spent the night at Dubree's residence many times, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

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Spence Perry, FCMC Foundation board chairman, left, accepts a pledge of \$25,000 to the hospital building fund from F & M Trust President and CEO Bill Snell, center, and Paul Johnston, left, Fulton County regional marketing manager.

ment, the representative said, "It is absolutely essential that this hospital continue to grow and prosper."

"This medical center is an example of how people coming together - both the public and private sectors ... all of us working together can make good things happen in the community," said Shuster.

Echoing the congressman's sentiments were Charles L. States, district director for state Sen. John H. Eichelberger Jr.; county commissioners Bonnie Mellott Keefer, Dave Hoover and



Congressman Bill Shuster



Dr. Sharon Martin FCMC Chief of Staff

was made by F&M Trust Co. to the FCMC Foundation in support of the new building project. The pledged donation doubles F&M's financial support for the hospital's building projects to \$50,000. The bank said in a statement that the new pledge will be paid in annual installments through 2016.

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thank retiring Superintendent Dr. Merrill Arnold for his years of service and dedication to the district, taxpayers and children.

Upcoming teacher negotiations are listed as July 15 and August 12 at 4:30 p.m. The board's next work session will be held on July 28 with a follow-up regularly scheduled meeting August 1. Both meetings will get under way at 7 p.m.

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