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### Karen E. Youngblood



SHALERSVILLE. Karen E. Youngblood, 70 years of age, a lifetime resident of Shalersville, passed away Monday, October 19, 2009 at her residence. Karen was born on October 12, 1939 in Ravenna, Ohio, the daughter of the late William H. and Doris M. (Fenn) White. Karen attended Kent State University. From 1980-1996, she was the Day Care Director of Portage Play & Learn. Karen was a member of the Kent Garden Club and a former member of Portage Faith United Methodist Church.

Karen was a lady who truly appreciated music of all kinds, dancing, gardening, reading to all children and loved her grandchildren and the time she spent with them sharing her unique joy of life.

Karen will be remembered as a "Social Butterfly" whose smile, charm, warmth and love always provided a sparkling presence.

On August 18, 1962, she married Arthur W. Youngblood who preceded her in death in 1989. Also preceding her were three sisters, Winifred Powers, Janice Koleta and Marilyn Weis.

Karen is survived by her devoted children, Andrew (Luanna) Youngblood, Sr. and Heidi (William) Benjamin both of Mantua and Heather (Joe) Giulitto of Shalersville and her nine loving grandchildren.

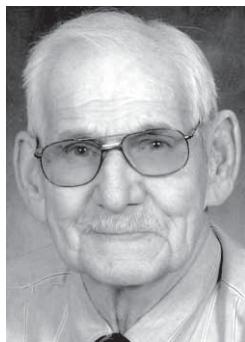
Calling hours will be Wednesday from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Green Family Funeral Home & Crematory Service in Mantua. Family and friends are invited to attend her graveside funeral service Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at Hillside Cemetery in Mantua, where Andrew, Heidi and Heather will share in a tribute to their mother. Mr. Terry Montz will provide closing prayers. Karen will be laid to rest beside her husband, Arthur, with Bill Benjamin, Cole Benjamin, Olin Benjamin, James Krolik, Vinnie Giulitto, Andrew Youngblood, Jr., Michael Powers, Jay Koleta and John Benjamin respectfully acting as pallbearers.

Following the graveside services, friends are invited to join with her family at the Shalersville Township Historical Society Beautification and Landscaping Fund. Her obituary, personal video tribute and funeral service may be viewed online at: [www.greenfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.greenfamilyfuneralhome.com) (Green Family Funeral Home & Crematory Service (330) 274-3145, RC 10-21-09)

### Blood drives set

Blood drives will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at United Church of Christ, 1400 East Main St., Kent and from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Suffield Elementary School, 1128 Waterloo Road.

### Steve John Oros



Steve John Oros, 78, of Mantua, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at his residence. Born December 2, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Stephen and Anna (Stano) Oros, he served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Steve was well known as a plumber in the area. He was Past Commander of the Mantua, American Legion Post #193, a member of Plumbers Local #55, a member of Mantua Center Christian Church, and he served for 10 years as Mantua Twp. Trustee. Steve enjoyed the outdoors, woodworking, and winemaking. He coached boys baseball and girls' softball in Mantua and was an umpire and football referee. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Boone) Oros of Mantua; daughters, Joanne (Charles) Lott of Mogadore, Janice Oros of Akron and Julienne (David) Schmiel of Wisconsin; brothers, Andrew (Evalene) of Stow, Michael (Barbara) of Texas; John of Indiana and Albert (Kathleen) of Montana; sister, Frances (Bill) Sidoti of Cleveland; grandchildren, Kummel, Heather, Erin, Stephen, and Philip; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Chloe and Paul.

Calling hours are 5-8 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 and 10-11 AM on Thursday at Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 8382 Center St., Garrettsville, Oh. 44231. Funeral services will be at 11 AM on Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Chad DeLaney officiating. Interment will be at a later date.

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### Brian Ronald Klempp



Born September 14, 1966. Died October 18, 2009.

Brian leaves behind his immediate family Dina, Amber, Ravi and Kai Harley-Klempp, parents Ronald and Lynda Klempp, his brothers Kerry and Nicholas Klempp, sisters-in-law Jennie and Ortencia Klempp and nieces Trinity and Claudia Klempp and many friends. Brian received a BA of Music from Olivett College and studied Ethnomusicology at Kent State University. He was an accomplished musician and woodworker. Brian lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at his home in Kent surrounded by family and friends. Brian will be missed by family, friends and the Kent African Drum Community that he founded, instructed and performed with for 8 years.

A celebration of Brian's life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent at 228 Gouglar Avenue on Friday, October 30th at 6:30 PM followed by a potluck at the church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Brian Klempp Memorial Fund to help his boys with school tuition. Donations can be sent to Home Savings Bank, P.O. Box 310, Kent, OH 44224.

(ADAMS MASON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, 330-535-9186 RC 10-21-09)

### 35 In Memoriam

In Memory of  
LOUIS ZITNER  
10-21-1919 02-12-06



No birthday cake for you today  
Because you are so far away  
But God will keep you in his care  
Until the time when  
we can share  
Love, Doreen

## Hiram College nursing suite will be dedicated

HIRAM — Hiram College will hold a formal dedication ceremony for the nursing suite, home of the baccalaureate nursing program Thursday.

The ceremony will begin with remarks and a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of Teachout-Price Hall. An open-house will follow with tours of the

facility and demonstrations of the equipment available.

The culmination of the evening will be a 7 p.m. performance of "Lift. Breathe. Carry." by Verb Ballets. "Lift. Breathe. Carry." is based on the poetry of Jeanne Bryner. A dessert reception and book signing will follow the performance.

## Field candidate to hold coffee, chat with school district voters

Brimfield and Suffield voters are invited to have coffee and chat with Dave Gynn, a candidate for the Field Local Board of Education, at the Comfort Inn, 4423 S.R. 43, Brimfield. Voters can meet at

10:30 a.m. on either Friday or Oct. 28.

Gynn is currently the president of the Field Board of Education and would like to talk with voters about school issues.

### COLUMBUS

## Group seeks hearing on light bulb program

### FirstEnergy plan draws public outcry

By Marc Kovac  
Record-Courier Capital Bureau

COLUMBUS — Saying "it's time for a reality check," FirstEnergy has asked state energy regulators to deny an advocacy group's request for a rehearing on its planned distribution of energy-efficient light bulbs to customers.

In a filing with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, the company said it has already invested \$10 million in the program, which was OK'd by state regulators, and is holding millions of the bulbs in a warehouse pending discussions with state officials.

The filing came in response to a request for a rehearing from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, following a public

outray over FirstEnergy's plans to distribution compact fluorescent light bulbs to its customers, then charge them for the costs.

FirstEnergy called the rehearing request "nothing more than a media stunt intended to deflect criticism of those who object to the state's policy mandating energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs."

And the company said the Consumers' Counsel was among the parties involved in original discussions of the light bulb program that was already approved by PUCO.

"We don't see that there is any basis for a rehearing on the issues that have already been expressed and addressed to what we believed was their satisfaction at the

time," said Ellen Raines, FirstEnergy spokeswoman.

But Anthony Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Ohio Consumers Counsel, called FirstEnergy's comments unfair.

"From the beginning, we advised FirstEnergy that its program was a bad model to promote energy efficiency," he said. "They went ahead with the program anyway.... When it became apparent that the program would be approved, the OCC and other consumer and environmental advocates did what we could to mitigate the severity of the program."

Shana Eiselstein, PUCO spokeswoman, said the commission has 30 days to rule on the rehearing request, with a decision expected in early November.

## SQUIRRELS JUDGED AT KSU



Lisa Scalfaro/Record-Courier

The decorated black squirrels on display at the Kent State University Homecoming football game recently did not resemble the university's unofficial mascot. They were painted. Clothed. Some even played music. More than 30 squirrel statues in two different sizes — 8 inches and 30 inches — were judged by popular vote at Tailgate Alley at Dix Stadium. The winners won prizes, including a black squirrel basket from McKay-Bricker Gallery; a one-year special parking pass from KSU Parking Services; one of five Intercollegiate Athletics Centennial baskets; Kent/Blossom Music tickets and Orchestra Society season tickets from the School of Music.

### CRIME

## Four arrested at party in Kent

A noisy party in Kent early Sunday morning ended after four partygoers were arrested for failing to disperse when ordered to do so by police.

Kent police responded to a noise complaint shortly before 1:30 a.m. When they arrived at the scene, in the 300 block of South Willow Street, officers warned sever-

al partygoers that they would be arrested if they failed to disperse. When the order was refused, they were arrested.

Charged with failure to disperse from a nuisance party, an unclassified misdemeanor, were: Shawn A. Roeder, 22, of 1807 Gemini Court; Brendan J. Provenza, 22, of 770 Morris Road

No. 4; Alexander M. Acevedo, 21, of 6800 Alpha Drive No. 351; and Edward P. Morgan, 22, of 1150 Morris Road No. 1.

Roeder also was charged with resisting arrest, a misdemeanor, and Morgan also was charged with unlawful noise, an unclassified misdemeanor.

## Expo

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fees will help underwrite the chamber's scholarship fund. The fund provides scholarships to three students, including one student from James A. Garfield High School, one from Windham High School and one student heading to Hiram College.

"People don't realize how many businesses are available to them, since we are such a small community," she said. "There's just a lot

available that people don't realize we have."

She said types of businesses that will be represented include florists, bakeries, veterinary clinics, dance studios, beauty shops, insurance companies, car dealerships and direct sales vendors. Many restaurants from the area are featured. Representatives from Maplewood Career Center, Windham High School and James A. Garfield High School will be there, as will Townhall II and the Portage County Auditor's office, which is sure to receive plenty of tax-related questions.

There will be product and food give-aways, and vendors will be selling products also.

A cash raffle, which also benefits the scholarship fund, will offer a \$750 cash prize to the winner. Tickets for the raffle are being sold in advance at Middlefield Bank, Huntington Bank, McDonalds, the Villager and at the event for \$1 or six for \$5. There also will be at least 60 door prizes provided by participating businesses.

"We will have some very nice door prizes," she said.

Ronald McDonald will be there to entertain children.

## Walk

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Theater Co., Merle Mollenkopf, Jeff St. Clair from 89.7-FM WKSU and Paul Bauer.

Guest Psychic Laura Lyn will lead two of the walks at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets for the walk with Lyn are \$20 per person or \$18 for

students and seniors. Tickets for all other walks are \$10 or \$8 for students and seniors.

The guided walks will depart from The Kent Stage approximately every 20 minutes. Tickets are available online at [www.mainstreetkent.org](http://www.mainstreetkent.org) or at Woodsy's Music and Spin-More Records.

For additional information contact Main Street Kent at 330-677-8000.



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