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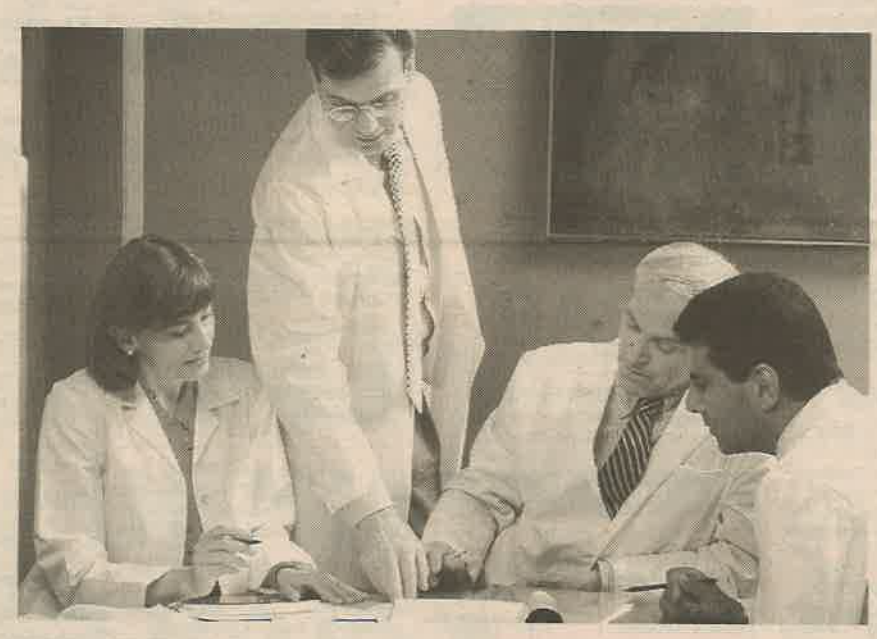

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Council sets trail rules

No motorized vehicles will be allowed on New Albany bike trails.

Village officials acted to implement safety restrictions on the trails at the Oct. 5 council meeting.

The ordinance does not ban motorized wheelchairs and allows for golf carts to be on the trail when the golf cart and bike paths merge.

Action taken only applies to the bike paths already constructed in the New Albany Co. development and does not mean the village has endorsed plans to connect the paths to the rest of the village.

—Leigh Roessler

Council declares area blighted

Village officials hope to get revitalization grants, but don't particularly like the label it takes to get them.

Council must declare downtown a blighted area before it may get grants to spruce it up.

Officials have repeatedly said blighted does not mean slum but does mean there are many unoccupied buildings in the area. Members unanimously agreed Oct. 5 to declare the area blighted.

Members also introduced an ordinance for the village to apply for the grants which could allow for matching money for businesses to rehabilitate their buildings.

The program is voluntary and those who do not wish to participate will not have to revitalize their buildings if they don't want to.

—Leigh Roessler

Founders Day theme chosen

The Founders Day Commission will meet 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.

"Songs of the Sixties" is the theme for the event slated for May 21.

Co-chairwomen are Judy Davis and Nancy Curtis and the secretary is Brenda Carpenter. Art show chairwoman is Barb Leeman. Producing and directing the closing program are Kathy Mayhorn, Janice Stafford and Sue Ferrell. Don Shoemaker is technical coordinator and facilities coordinator is Pete McKillip. New Albany Police Sgt. Greg Jones is in charge of traffic control.

For more information call Curtis at 855-1759.

—Leigh Roessler

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"There are some general misconceptions that police officers are thugs and they like to hang out at doughnut shops. I enjoy getting to know the officers. They are pretty average people like everybody else. They have their own hopes and dreams," he said.

MARLING cited an incident in which an officer was called to investigate a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome case.

He said the officer was very upset with the incident and started to cry when talking about it.

"He just needed to talk. He had kids of his own. They really are sensitive people," he said.

Marling said he wanted people to know he was there for them.

"I'm willing to help. I've had people from the community call and say the need help. I'm not just there for counseling I can offer prevention or get someone people can talk to through a church or a friend," he said.

You & Your Eyes
by George M. Chioran, M.D.
Diseases and Surgery of the Eye

CATCHING YOUR EYE

Safety goggles are highly recommended whenever power tools are being used in and around the home. The eyes are particularly vulnerable to sharp, hard objects, such as wood particles, that travel at high speeds. A foreign body under these conditions can easily penetrate the eyes' protective layers and do internal damage, causing permanent loss of vision. Foreign bodies may also become embedded in the cornea. Unless such objects are promptly and correctly removed by the ophthalmologist, serious inflammation and scarring that could affect sight might occur. People should bear in mind that they may go several days before they realize that some particle is embedded in the cornea. The problem may cause little pain until inflammation and accompanying severe pain send the patient to the eye doctor.

For additional information on eye health care, call 890-5692 or write to Robert T. McKinlay, M.D., Inc., 2700 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43231.

P.S. Initially, a particle in the eye may cause little pain as it rubs against the relatively insensitive lining of the upper eyelid.

Sandberg to focus on levy before stepping down

campaign '93

By Bob Irvin
SNP Staff Writer

Franklin County Children's Services Board members John Porter and Wade Steen complimented Margaret Sandberg and the job she has done as director of a massive agency which handled more than 25,000 cases last year.

So did Metropolitan Human Services Commission heads Michael Kasler and Kevin Osterkamp. MHSC is charged, by the county commissioners, with reviewing all levy requests by county human services agencies.

Why, then, is Sandberg moving on after six years at her position? Her predecessor lasted 15 years.

SANDBERG isn't saying much. She didn't state a reason for resignation — effective Dec. 31 — when she tendered her letter to the FCCS board earlier this year and declines to give one today.

Plans she has for the future also aren't high on her list of conversation topics.

"I haven't talked about that and don't intend to," she said. "Now just isn't the time."

Sandberg said her energy is directed toward passing FCCS's 0.8-mill, three-year levy which will be on the Nov. 2 county ballot.

Sandberg was a planner with the Minnesota Department of Health for 10 years prior to coming to Columbus. She was assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for six years prior to that.

"I THINK she has taken the agency to a certain point; now we're at a crossroads and maybe another type of management style is needed," said Porter, chairman of the board's levy campaign.

"But it is a very stressful occupation. The agency is constantly second-guessed by the media."

Porter listed what he considers to be a string of Sandberg accomplishments: increasing family preservation, lowering the level of caseloads agency social workers carry — closer to national levels — and focusing on "outcomes."

Sandberg pointed to the fact adoptions are up for the last year, administrative costs have been cut — down 2.3 percent to 10.9 percent of FCCS's $64.8 million 1992 budget — and staff retention has risen more than 13 percent over the last three years, for what can be a highly-stressful job.

FOR BETTER or worse, Sandberg's record also will bear the events of February 1992, when her firing was called for several times. The calls came when it was revealed she had attended, in 1990, a controversial seminar called The Forum, called by some as "cultlike."

She also used agency money, nearly $5,000, to pay for 20 FCCS managers to later attend The Forum.

The Forum philosophy is said to combine such elements as Buddhism, Scientology and *est*, a controversial self-awareness movement begun in the 1970s.

Sandberg said last week the training method was only one of many methods managers and case workers can take to enhance their skills and knowledge.

"Let it rest in peace," she said.

"For me, it was something that was productive, and a few people out there chose to say it was highly controversial. ... I think we can benefit from all types of training.

"Maybe you ought to try it sometime."

PORTER, addressing the critics first and the agency second, said, "I think there was probably a lack of perspective on some peoples' parts. And maybe some better judgment could have been used."

Margaret Sandberg

The FCCS board drafted a statement shortly after the matter broke, saying staff members no longer would be attending The Forum. Sandberg said last week she

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You & Your Eyes

by Robert T. McKinlay, M.D.
Diseases and Surgery of the Eye

SLOWING RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA BLINDNESS

A dietary study by a Harvard Medical School researcher has recently revealed that large daily doses of vitamin A can slow the progression toward blindness that afflicts patients with retinitis pigmentosa. This hereditary eye disease affects some 100,000 Americans who develop such symptoms as night blindness and loss of side vision as early as the age of ten. Vision loss then generally proceeds to the point where only a small central area of sight remains (tunnel vision) by age 60 or 70. The study of 600 patients with retinitis pigmentosa shows that those who started vitamin A therapy at age 32 could retain their vision until age 70, as compared to the average age of 63 without vitamin supplementation. It should be noted that too large a dose of vitamin A may be toxic.

For additional information on eye health care, call 890-5692 or write to Robert T. McKinlay, M.D., Inc., 2700 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43231.

P.S. Older persons with retinitis pigmentosa can make the best use of the vision they have left with "low vision aids" recommended by the ophthalmologist.

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Merchant ruled off ballot

New Albany Village Council candidate Charles Merchant was ruled off the ballot Thursday by the Franklin County Board of Elections.

But, said Merchant, he will be a candidate no matter what the board says.

According to Peggy Howell of the board, he was initially ruled off the ballot at the first meeting verifying candidates held Aug. 27 but because of an oversight by the board Merchant's disqualification was not given an official stamp.

Two names did not match their current addresses on the petition and were ruled off leaving Merchant one shy of the required 25 signatures.

"In going through almost 400 (petitions) we didn't catch it but should have," said Howell. She added he had five days from the receiving of the letter notifying him of the disqualification to make an appeal.

Merchant said Monday he received the notification Saturday and would be down to the board on Friday to appeal.

He said the two signatures ruled not valid were people who had recently moved, but stayed within New Albany.

"We didn't think it would make that much difference," he added, and also said, "They (the two who signed) just didn't have time to notify the board of elections that they had moved."

Even if the appeal doesn't go in his favor, Merchant said he would still aim for a seat.

"If not there's always a write in."

—Leigh Roessler

Founders Day celebrate's the '60s

The New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society decreed the 1994 Founders Day to be a celebration of the 1960s.

President Rudy Sever said the group met Thursday and also decided the date should move from June to May to allow for more participation from Plain Local School District students.

"We're going to try to appeal more to kids," said Sever.

Other discussion included reading a thank you note from the Wexner's for the donation of a water color painting by Amy Morris.

Next month's meeting will include a presentation from Councilman Bill Resch on the school's land lab and the group will additionally take a trip to Delaware's historical society.

Sever also said the group is looking to create another book of historical buildings and hopes to find volunteers to put the project together.

The meeting is slated to be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 but a gathering place has not yet been decided upon.

—Leigh Roessler

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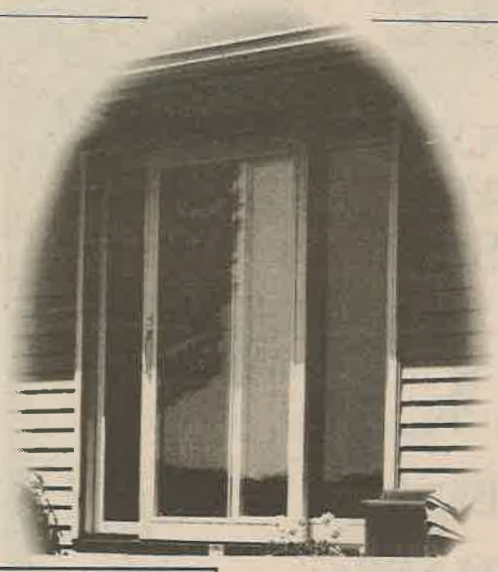

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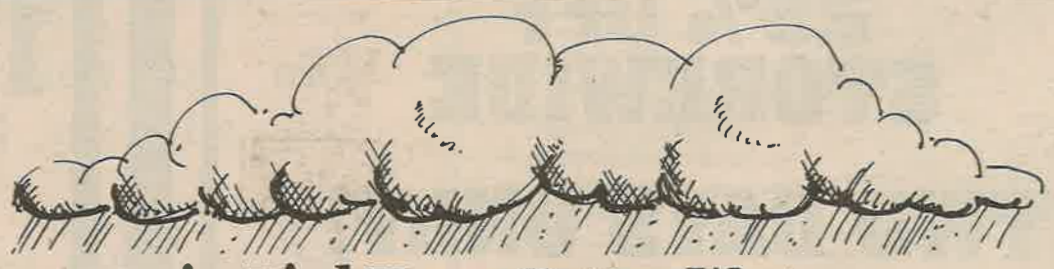

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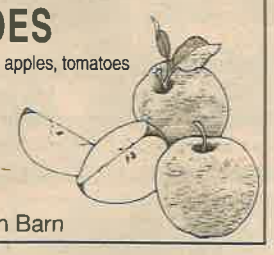

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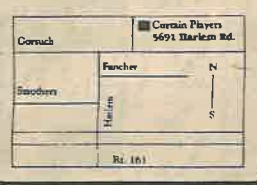


Students helped plan candidates night

campaign '93

By Leigh Roessler
SNP Staff Writer

New Albany High School students and the New Albany Area Business Association will hold a candidates night at 7 p.m. Oct. 27 in the high school gym, 85 N. High St.

Candidates from the township, village and school board races as well as those representing issues including issue 37, the 2-mill, two-year school operations levy renewal; issue 20, the 1-percent, one-year village income tax renewal; and issue 29, the village and township merger study commission, will be on hand to answer questions.

Government teacher Rudy Sever said the format will be a League of Women Voters forum designed to be the fairest way for candidates to express their opinions.

He said the forum would not address the liquor option, issue 73B, in New Albany which would allow the country club to apply for a Sunday sales permit.

Four students from Sever's class took some time out Tuesday to talk about why the event was important. Emily Shoemaker, Sarah Adams and Linus Wilson, all 17, and Justin Jude, 18, said they thought candidates night was a good way to get to know what was happening.

"It's important so the community will find out what the issues are and how candidates feel," Shoemaker said.

All four said the event was a way for candidates to have a more direct route of access to the voters than newspapers.

"Candidates can see the main issues and see what action they want to take," Jude said.

"I think the press often only gets one side of the issues and with candidates night every person running for office will get a chance to respond," Wilson said.

All four also said they don't really read the newspaper too carefully. Jude and Wilson said they pretty much stick to sports and Adams and Shoemaker said they only read articles that impact them.

Jude said he had been reading a little more since he will be voting. He said he would likely figure out how he would vote after candidates night.

With a full slate of issues and races each student had a thought about which was the most important on the Nov. 2 ballot.

"Probably the merger. I really don't want to become a part of Columbus and I live in the township and I want water service," Jude said.

Shoemaker agreed, "I think the one every one is looking into is the merger."

Adams had a different take.

"For me, probably the biggest issue is the levy. Both my parents are teachers and I know how important it is," Adams said.

The students said they encouraged all residents to attend and find out more about the fall ballot.

Besides, said Jude with a grin, there will be refreshments too.

news briefs

Post office sets new hours

The New Albany Post Office, 100 W. Granville St. will change its hours come Nov. 1.

Postmaster Don Medley said the office is hoping to serve customers better by changing weekday hours to 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. and Saturday hours to 8 a.m. to noon.

He said the post office has a lot of new stamps including a World War II series and self-adhesive stamps.

"This area is the only place you can get the WWII stamps at the post office," he said.

For more information call the office at 855-7139.

—Leigh Roessler

Trustees to fight water lines

Township trustees said Monday night they would contact their attorney after people from the Franklin County Engineers office told them they could do nothing to stop water lines from running down Warner Road.

Trustees are trying to see if they can make Columbus offer taps to those along the road if the township agrees to sign off on the placement of the lines.

Trustee Henry Reeb said the county engineers office told him Franklin County commissioners have the final say on where water lines are placed.

By a unanimous vote, trustees agreed to contact their attorney to see if that was the case.

—Leigh Roessler

Merger meeting set

Proponents of the Plain Township-New Albany merger study commission, issue 29, will hold an informational meeting 8 p.m. Thursday at the Church of the Resurrection, 6300 Dublin-Granville Road.

If the issue is successful the 10-member commission will study the feasibility of making the township a part of the village. A vote of the actual merger will come at a later date if commission members agree upon a game plan.

Founders Day meeting planned

The Founders Day Commission will hold a planning meeting 7 p.m. Thursday at New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.

For more information call Nancy Curtis at 855-1759.

United Way tops $18 million

Gene D'Angelo, chairman of the 1993 United Way of Franklin County campaign, announced Thursday collections and pledges of $18,012,390 during the first half of the campaign.

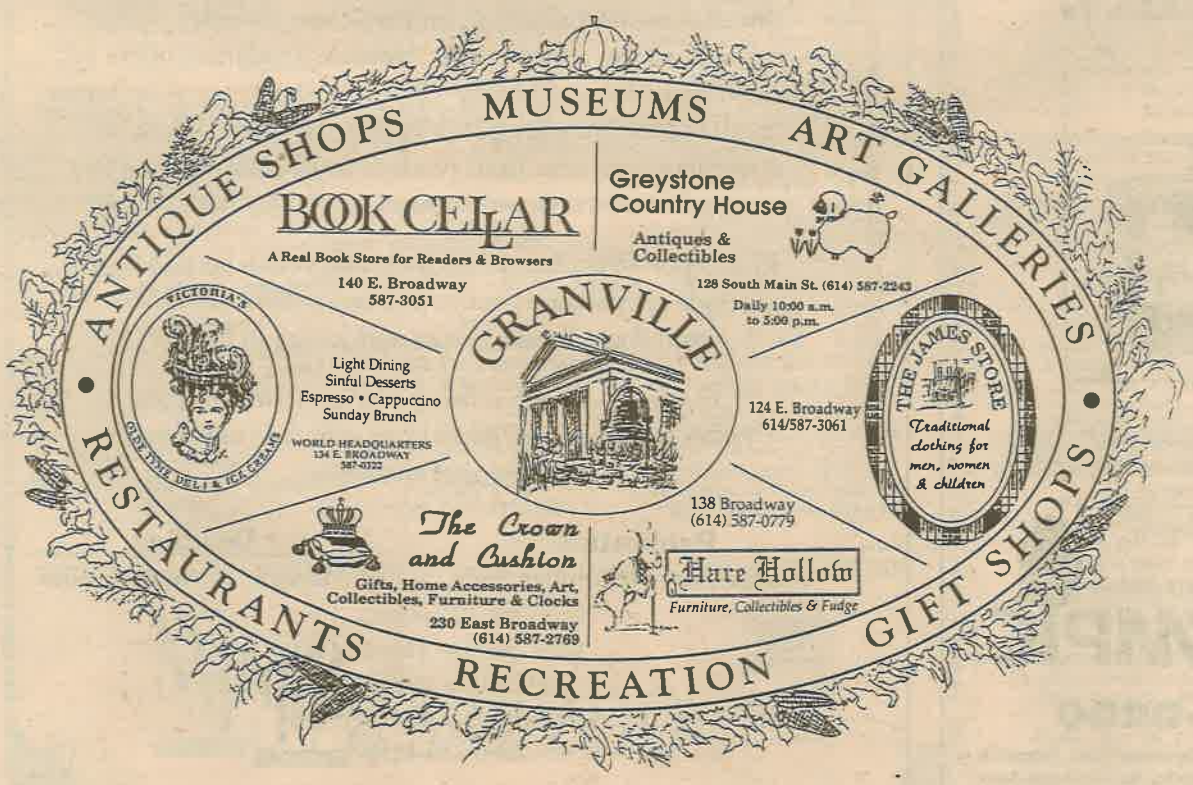
The mid-report was given at the COTA bus terminal next to the City Center in downtown Columbus. The event featured a Big Top circus theme and included clowns, mimes, jugglers, live animals and games.

The Giving Here Helps Here campaign began Sept. 8. Officials did not set a specific fund-raising goal this year.

Last year the campaign raised $33.4 million. This year's mid-point figure is 54 percent of last year's total, according to Sharon Keaney, director of print and media relations.

The campaign will close at 5 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Ohio Theatre and Galbreath Pavilion.

—Michelle Fernandez



You & Your Eyes
by Robert T. McKinlay, M.D.
Diseases and Surgery of the Eye

CHILDHOOD GLAUCOMA

Glaucoma is primarily thought to be a condition that affects middle-aged and older people. While this is certainly the case, glaucoma in children should not be discounted as a possibility. As rare as its occurence might be, childhood glaucoma arises due to faulty development of the eye. As a result, aqueous fluid is unable to drain properly. Pressure within the eye then builds to the point where the eye enlarges and the clear cornea becomes cloudy. At this point, a child is likely to display an aversion to bright light. As with other forms of glaucoma, further preservation of sight is based on immediate treatment. Thus, parents should not be lulled into postponing an appointment because of a misconception that glaucoma in their children is inconceivable.

For additional information on eye health care, call 890-5692 or write to Robert T. McKinlay, M.D., Inc. 2700 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43231.

P.S. For some unknown reason, boys are more predisposed to childhood glaucoma than girls.

news briefs

Les is out; Bobby, Barbara are in

Les Wexner is out. Bobby Rahal and Barbara Nicholson are in.

Advertising executive Jack Haunty is currently working on his third video highlighting the Greater Columbus area in seven years. He had been hired by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and Greater Columbus Convention and Visitor's Bureau, jointly, to produce the 11 1/2-minute video.

It should be finished by this month and the chamber will show a premiere in mid-September, said Cathy Mayne Lyttle, chamber marketing director. The video has no narration but several snippets of interviews from well-known people around the city.

Haunty said last week that Wexner, chairman and CEO of The Limited Inc. is probably *too* well known, and *too* predictable. "I wanted to get some people that you wouldn't normally get," he said. Thus, the executive director of the Martin Luther King Center, Nicholson, who moved to Columbus from Washington, D.C. recently, and Rahal, the former Indianapolis 500 champion.

Haunty did not want to give clues on any other appearances, however.

Haunty had to think when asked what the accompanying music would be titled. "I guess you'd call it, 'Come to Columbus,' " he said. "It's a brand new song." He wrote the lyrics, and Chicago composer and Columbus native John Tatgenhorst composed and arranged the piece.

The video also features the Columbus Symphony Children's Choir, singing on the deck of the *Santa Maria* replica docked downtown.

As one might expect, the video will feature Columbus entertainment, sports, nightlife, lifestyle, education and even some of the countryside, Haunty said.

It will be used in many capacities by the Chamber and Visitor's Bureau. "But there may be little tweaks in the different versions for each," he said. "There might be a little more economic vision to the chamber's version."

—Bob Irvin

EPA still sniffing out Nationwide

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is investigating chemicals found below the ground-level floor of the Nationwide Insurance garage on Front Street between Nationwide Boulevard and Spring Street. Nationwide alerted EPA officials to the spill, which could contain toxic chemicals, on June 21. An anonymous call to the EPA gave details of the spill between June 17 and 21.

EPA spokesman Rob Berger said the investigation was ongoing last week, as Nationwide disposal practices on the whole were being looked into. Lou Fabro, Nationwide spokesman, said a private engineering firm Nationwide had hired to do a study it authorized was "finalizing" its work.

—Bob Irvin

Those benches are still coming. ...

Columbus' Recreation and Parks Department needs a few more weeks to get those benches into Franklin Park.

Department Planning Administrator Alan McKnight said last week about 15 benches which have been ordered for the park — which has been devoid of benches since AmeriFlora '92 closed in October — would take another two to three weeks. McKnight said the first week of July that the benches would be ready in four weeks.

Near East Area Commission President Michael Link said benches were the most pressing need in the park, which both nearby residents and city officials have struggled with returning to normalcy following AmeriFlora.

McKnight said last week the department was still waiting for supplies and materials to come in. "We're trying to get a more detailed schedule now," he said.

—Bob Irvin

Lambert voices merger support

At least one person is throwing herself full force into the movement to merge Plain Township and New Albany.

Village resident Frances Lambert told the audience at a merger information meeting last Wednesday she would be there for the campaign.

"I expect I'm the oldest one out here. I'm 87," she said.

"I very much approve of it (the merger). This place has grown. I don't know hardly any of you.

"I'm tickled to death you have got the nerve.

"I've got some spunk and I'll get up and fight for you," she told the 160-person audience.

—Leigh Roessler

Trustees wait for word on issues

Plain Township trustees took no formal action at Monday's meeting, but did update some ongoing issues including:

• Firefighter Carol Smith's filing a complaint of job disability discrimination. Trustees said they had heard nothing yet from the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Smith said she had "no comment" about the allegations.

• The land swap. Trustees said they are still hammering out legalities of a swap of the pool land for a similar site near the state Route 161 bypass and Johnstown Road.

Chairman Dave Curtis said the township was wary of trading their land for land which is specifically earmarked for a safety facility.

"The board does not feel comfortable switching a piece of land that is free and clear with a piece with restrictions. We need to have an unencumbered piece of property," said Curtis.

Trustee Henry Reeb said he didn't want the land within the jurisdiction of the community authority as well.

• The extension of the grant from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for construction of the senior center. Delays in the final paperwork prompted trustees to ask for an extension of the $168,000 grant.

Curtis said they had heard nothing from MORPC recently.

—Leigh Roessler

Founders Day plans under way

Reports of the death of Founders Day were greatly exaggerated.

According to Nancy Curtis, plans are already in the works for next year's celebration of William Yantis and Nobel Landon.

The festivities may get switched from June to May.

"We talked about it. The kids are still in school and then you get more cooperation from kids and their parents," she said.

Event planners got the go-ahead from school officials, who told them there would be enough room on the campus for the fun despite construction of the new high school, she said.

Curtis said the group also examined using the 1960s as a theme.

Nothing is final until the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society gives the stamp of approval at its fall meeting, expected to be held the first Thursday in September.

—Leigh Roessler

Phone line features fair information

Schedules of events and travel information related to the 1993 Ohio State Fair, Aug. 6-22, are only a phone call away by dialing 1-800-BUCKEYE (282-5393).

George Zimmermann, state travel director for the Ohio travel information hotline, said information about this year's Ohio State fair is being included in travel packages mailed out to hotline callers.

Information packages include a variety of other tour information travelers through Ohio may need or want as they head toward the Ohio Expositions Center in Columbus, Zimmermann said.

Callers can expect their travel packages within 10 to 12 days after calling the hot-line number.

"With the availability of Ohio State Fair information through 1-800-BUCKEYE, consumers have a one-stop resource for planning their summertime travel through Ohio," Zimmermann said.

—Dianne Schultz

focus groups

Home Education League of Parents

The Home Education League of Parents will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Ave.

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United they stand

Learning Community brings groups together

By Leigh Roessler
SNP Staff Writer

Officials from several groups were busy talking about how well they get along as plans for the Learning Community were unveiled Friday.

Plain Local School District, Plain Township and New Albany officials — and Columbus Metropolitan Library, Ohio State University and U.S. Health Corp. officials — signed off on a Principals of Understanding agreement that day.

The non-binding document spells out each group's role in building a complex to serve all facets of the community.

Plain Local Superintendent Ralph Johnson called the proposed 13-building school a "jewel" which will house grades 6-12 by 1995.

Officials expect to break ground in the fall.

Susan Studebaker, director of extension services, said the Columbus Metropolitan Library is "delighted" to be a part of the center for lifelong learning.

> Cooperation like this among officials is "unheard of in Ohio politics."
> **—Ralph Johnson**

"A different kind of health care can happen," said Tracy Wimberly, vice president of U.S. Health Corp. The firm has been chosen to develop the community's wellness center.

"IS THERE any surprise it will be Georgian?" Johnson said, referring to architi- new construction in New Albany.

The Learning Community's 52 acres will include a wellness center, village and school offices, a day-care and preschool center and a senior center, plus Plain Local's schools and a library.

It also could include a community pool, although township trustees and

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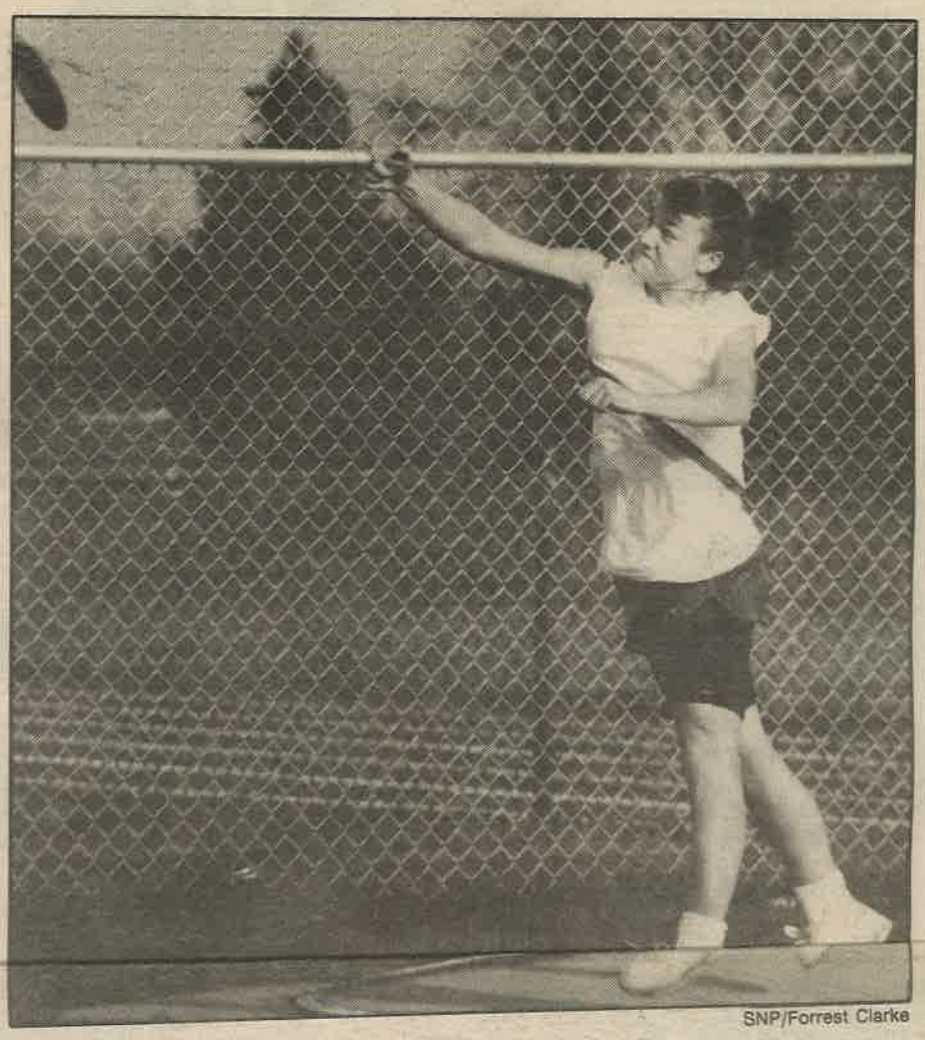

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Launching pad

New Albany High School's Emily Shoemaker gets up in the air as she launches the discus at the Paul Shaw Relays at Licking Heights Saturday. Shoemaker and teammate Marcia Whitmer finished second in the discus relay with a combined toss of 155-9½.

Township not set on senior center

The Principals of Understanding agreement among Plain Township, New Albany and Plain Local School District officials was signed off on Friday.

But that doesn't mean the deal to include the township senior center or pool in the Learning Community is final.

There are still stumbling blocks for the proposal because trustees said they need more time to mull the agreement over.

Trustees agreed last Wednesday in principle with the $1 per year, 99-year lease the Plain Local School District offered for housing the senior center on the Learning Community complex.

But they did air some concerns.

"They've got this thing that says, "may only be used for senior center,' " said Trustee Henry Reeb.

Trustees said there could come a time when they may want to use the facility for offices.

Chairman David Curtis said he did not know what the future would bring for the township's needs, adding, "You really can't sit here and predict."

Reeb abstained from the 2-0 vote approving the resolution, which headed in the direction of placing the center on the complex while falling short of a full-flegded commitment.

"I really don't like us accepting this. We all agree the dollar is fine," he said, but added the wording of the resolution made him wary.

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Founders' Day to celebrate half century of firefighting

By Leigh Roessler
SNP Staff Writer

The Founders' Day Commission is beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Come June 12, a variety of activities celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Plain Township Fire Department will be held in the historic downtown.

This year's theme, "A Hot Time in The Old Town Tonight," will be the focus for the parade.

Members announced at a commission meeting Thursday 11 units already have signed up for the march.

Entries will be judged on theme, attractiveness, presentation and originality.

Certificates and cash awards will go to winners in categories including: best overall parade entry, float, walking group, antique vehicles, animal or animal groups and a miscellaneous entry.

Judging begins at noon and the parade begins at 1 p.m., starting at Zarley Street and ending at the school complex.

There is no entry fee. For more information about the parade call Judy Davis at 855-0641.

Before the parade, runners will compete in a 1-mile fun run at 9 a.m. A 5-kilometer race starts at 9:15 a.m.

Don Caridas said scheduling changed after some participants complained about heat last year.

"We're starting a little earlier this year," he said.

Cost is $2 for the fun run and $10 prepaid or $12 the day of the 5K race.

For more information, call Caridas or Keith Willis at 855-7607.

Children will have plenty of activities available to them, ranging from face painting to arts and crafts

Kathy Mayhorn

and the Miss Founders' Day contest.

But they won't be the only ones highlighting their creativity. The sixth annual Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show will be held in the high school gym from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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United Way finale Tuesday

The United Way of Franklin County has scheduled a "Thank You" celebration Tuesday at the Ohio Theatre and Galbreath Pavilion.

The celebration is designed to thank those who helped with the 1993 United Way of Franklin County campaign.

The event will begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Galbreath Pavilion with activities and buffet style refreshments.

Mimes and strolling musicians will set the atmosphere for the event.

The party will progress with a parade into the Ohio Theatre from 6:15 until 6:30 p.m. The thank you presentation and entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Motown singer Freda Payne, the Jazz Arts Group and Throat Culture, a local acappella group, will perform.

The party then returns to the Galbreath Pavilion at 7:45 p.m. for dessert, including a chocolate bar.

About 1,000 people are expected to attend this event, said the United Way's Lisa Antolino.

The cost of the event is $15 per person. Antolino said the money collected will go towards defraying the cost of the evening.

"A big part of (the evening) is expressing our thanks," Antolino said. "So many people do so much."

Reservations are requested and may be submitted by writing Sandy Crego or Brenda Woodford, Contributor Services Department, United Way of Franklin County, 360 S. Third St., 43215, or by calling 227-8703 or 227-8701.

—Michele Fernandez

Clerk wants new computer system

The village will look at a new computer system for handling finances with passage of the 1 percent income tax.

At council's Nov. 9 meeting Clerk-Treasurer Fred Ehrman said he would like to have an upgrade for the current system.

"I'm reviewing a proposal to get a new software package. The new software will provide the method to controlling costs," he said.

Village Administrator Ellen Walker said while officials would consider the package, the cost to the village would be around $25,000 and it would take careful evaluation.

"We don't want to make the purchase unless we're absolutely sure it will grow with the whole village," she said.

In other money matters Councilman Bill Resch thanked *the New Albany Co.* for providing help with the village's books to ready for the state audit.

The Finance Committee was expected to meet Tuesday and discuss the books as well as an ordinance changing allotments.

—Leigh Roessler

Founders Day meeting set

The Founders Day Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.

Chairwoman Nancy Curtis said the whole community is invited to help plan the event which is sponsored by the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society.

For more information call Curtis at 855-1759.

Talks continue on dispatching

Joint dispatching among Plain and Jefferson township fire departments and New Albany Police is still in the discussion stages.

Village Administrator Ellen Walker said a draft has gone to Jefferson officials and she "hasn't heard from Jefferson on the language."

Plain Township officials said they would hold off on an agreement for the time being because of "personnel" reasons.

—Leigh Roessler

Township could plow village snow

Plain Township will likely help out New Albany in its snow removal program this year.

Village Administrator Ellen Walker said she and trustee Henry Reeb met Oct. 8 and were looking into the township picking up some areas for the village.

She said some of the smaller streets may get quicker service clearing the roads of snow through an agreement.

"We normally have been plowing those (smaller streets) as we can," she said. Agreements with the county allows for county roads to be plowed.

Walker called the gathering with the township "a very good meeting," and added the agreement was just about finalized.

Reeb said Monday he had not yet received documents necessary to complete the agreement.

—Leigh Roessler

Council readies fire code

Village officials are expected to soon approve a new fire code for New Albany.

Councilwoman Nancy Curtis said the code was a way for the village to maintain reasonable levels of safety and keep violation ramifications at a local level.

At the Nov. 9 council meeting members said they wanted to see a schedule of fees, permits and fines as a part of the code.

"I'd like to see someone designated as inspector," said Curtis.

—Leigh Roessler

Christmas celebration planned

While its not yet beginning to look a lot like Christmas, plans for a community celebration are in the works.

Mayor Cally Kardules said the third annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and Santa parade is hoped to be the best yet.

This year, the New Albany Area Business Association may get in on the act through providing some sort of decoration along downtown streets. It is hoped each year the association could buy a new item and add to the decorations as time went by.

Kardules said more information would available after the association's luncheon slated for Thursday.

—Leigh Roessler

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News Update

Trustees defer meeting

The regular meeting of the Plain Township Board of Trustees scheduled for 7 tonight has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place at 7 p.m. June 28 at the township hall.

Village slates panel meetings

New Albany Village Council has scheduled a number of committee meetings for June 29 at the village offices, 6145 Johnstown Road. Planning administration committee members will meet at 6:30 p.m.; safety committee members at 7 p.m.; and service and public facilities at 7:30 p.m.

Road repavement contract awarded

The Plain Township Trustees on Monday awarded the bid for the resurfacing of Pine Meadows Road and Avis Road to the Shelly and Sands Co. Shelly and Sands was the apparent low bidder among the eight companies that submitted bids for the project.

The bid prices ranged from Shelly and Sands' $23,207 to $32,080.

Fence approved for cemetery

Burnside Smith Cemetery on U.S. Route 62 will be fenced during the next few weeks or so. The Plain Township Trustees on Monday approved construction of a two-rail split rail fence around the cemetery, at a cost of approximately $2,100.

It will be the last of the township cemeteries to be fenced.

Action postponed on fire alarm bill

Council last Tuesday postponed action on a proposed legislation that would impose a fine for excess numbers of false alarms received from security systems at area homes and businesses. Village officials have received concerns regarding the permit itself that would be required for these systems, as well as questions over its price. The proposed legislation will be reviewed at the June 29 safety committee meeting.

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Volunteers vital

Fire department faces dispatcher crunch

By CASSIE A. WAGNER
ThisWeek Writer

While volunteers play an important role in the day-to-day operation of the Plain Township Fire Department, there's something to be said for having paid employees.

For one thing, you can assign them to work when you need them, and not be at the whim of their schedules.

Plain Township, which must rely on volunteers for dispatching services between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., and all day on weekends, is going to have trouble filling the night shift in about a week or so.

"The volunteers don't anymore want to give the time that's required. They don't want to give their evenings," Fire Chief Bernard Obert told ThisWeek.

He informed the township's board of trustees of the impending problem at last Monday's regular meeting. One volunteer who currently carries the bulk of the volunteer hours — including two to three nights per week and much of the weekend time — recently put in her notice.

"She just said it is too much," Obert said. Although that still leaves about a half-dozen other volunteers, as such, they cannot be assigned to specific shifts.

The township's short-term solution to the problem will likely be to use part-time firefighters to cover the dispatching duties, township officials said. Because they are paid employees, they can be assigned to work specific shifts.

"We don't know what the long-term solution would be," Obert said. "We would have to have at least three full-time plus part-time help to cover seven days a week, if we decide to hire."

Plain Township officials recently began talks with New Albany and Jefferson Township to discuss the possibility of joint dispatching services. No time frame has been established, however.

"That wouldn't happen overnight, but it would be a solution," Obert said.

The part-time firefighters assigned to dispatching duty will have to be trained to use the map books, Obert said. Trustee Henry Reeb also said Monday that, in an emergency, the regular dispatchers could work overtime if needed. The department has one full-time dispatcher who works 7 a.m.-3 p.m. and one part-time dispatcher who works 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Officials will investigate the long-term solutions to the problem in the next few weeks, Dave Curtis, chairman of the board of trustees, said.

In addition to dispatching, the department's volunteers are also relied on for firefighting and paramedic work in emergency situations.

"If we didn't have volunteers, we'd only have one piece of equipment out at a scene (at a time)," Obert said. Generally, a fire engine is sent with the paid crew and any additional units are staffed with volunteers.

The volunteers are paid every six months based on a point system. They earn points for squad runs, fire runs and hours of dispatching, and are paid out at a rate of $6.50 per point.

The township designates $25,000 for every six-month period to cover the expense.

Obert, however, said the full amount was not always used.

By Jesse Cabungcal/ThisWeek

Lori Huber, of New Albany, participating for the first time at the Founders Day craft show, sets up her Baskets of Elegance booth, June 12.

Thousands turn out to honor fire department

By CASSIE A. WAGNER
ThisWeek Writer

The Plain Township Fire Department celebrated its 50th anniversary with a bang at Founders Day.

An estimated 2,000-3,000 people attended the June 12 event. Among them were about 30 former members of the fire department who were invited from far and wide to help celebrate the milestone. Steve Wiehoff, public information officer with the department, said that approximately 70 invitations in all were delivered to former members, some as far away as Arizona and California.

Among the attendees was former Fire Chief Fred Whitehead, who served the department from 1955 to 1990. If not the leader, Whitehead ranks near the top among fire chiefs with the longest years of service in Franklin County.

Current Fire Chief Bernard Obert and his wife, Dona, served as grand marshalls for the parade, and throughout the afternoon, members of the department performed a variety of demonstrations for onlookers.

"I couldn't have asked for things to go any better," said Kathy Mayhorn, co-chairman for the annual event. "I just think people were enthused about it because of the fire department."

During opening ceremonies, an award was also presented on behalf of the Founders Day Commission and the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society. The plaque was presented to the fire department and the women's auxiliary for 50 years of dedicated service, 1943-1993. The Oberts accepted the award on behalf of the two groups.

They also received the original artwork and logo that appeared on the Founders Day T-Shirts, designed by Judith Pinel and her daughter Rhoda. Worn by many of the people who attended that day, the shirts included a Dalmatian with a fire hat, and the day's theme, "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

The decision to form the fire department dates back to 1943. Prior to that time, the New Albany area was plagued by many damaging fires, the news of which traveled from mouth to mouth, according to John Saveson, co-president of the historical society. The damaging fires continued despite an agreement with the Westerville Fire Department to respond to calls in the New Albany area.

"By the time the Westerville fire trucks arrived the fires were beyond containment usually,"

See **MARTIN,** *page 3*

1994 budget estimates are conservative

By CASSIE A. WAGNER
ThisWeek Writer

Continued growth in the New Albany area is making it difficult for village officials to plan.

With a substantial portion of village revenues being generated from the municipal income tax and in the absence of a track record to help estimate future income, trying to come up with a balanced budget is an effort.

"Since our income tax is relatively new — it's only been collected since 1990 — we've seen substantial increases each year over the previous year," Village Administrator Ellen Walker told ThisWeek. "That won't continue. There will be a leveling off."

As a result, officials have to be very cautious when planning the village's 1994 budget, which must be adopted by July 15. Legislation adopting the proposed budget was introduced at last Tuesday's Council meeting.

A public hearing on the budget is set for Council's July 6 meeting.

Village operations in 1994 will not look significantly different than they did in 1993, with only about $63,000 in additional revenue expected to be generated.

The balanced budget show revenues of $1.33 million in 1994, up slightly from 1993 levels of about $1.27 million. Funds generated from the municipal income tax were expected to be about $528,000, about a 16 percent increase from this year's levels, Walker said.

If officials were to follow the track record, they could plan for about a 29 percent increase in income tax revenues.

"Things are jumping up so fast and we know they're going to level off," Walker said. "The thing is to hit that right."

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A Hot Time in the Old Town of New Albany

Residents celebrate Founders Day

1993 Miss Founders Day finalists Heather Rinaldi, left, and Wendy Geiger, flank winner Kim Martin during festivities June 12. (At right) Historical society member Cecil Walton hands out programs to Mike Mott and Nancy Curtis of the Village Council.

The school campus was packed with Founders Day celebrants June 12. The day was highlighted by an arts and craft show, fire department demonstrations, the naming of Miss Founders Day 1993 and a variety of other entertainment. (At right) Two-year-old Alyson Mott, investigates a remarkably lifelike ceramic dog at the craft show.

AWARD WINNERS

Up to 3,000 attended the June 12 Founders Day event in honor of the Plain Township Fire Department's 50th anniversary.

Among those who won awards in various activities were:

PARADE WINNERS

- Best overall winner: Knights of Columbus, Council #10941.
- Best float: New Albany Church of Christ, for their rendition of Noah's Ark.
- Best walking group: Keese Clown Group.
- Best antique vehicle: 1964 Ford Thunderbird convertible, owned by Bob Walton.
- Best animal group: A Clydesdale gelding with handmade show cart, driven by Betty Miller and daughter Michelle.
- Miscellaneous: Countryside Child-care Center, featuring its members dressed up like Dalmatians.
- Honorable mention: Brownie Troop #1024, for their Puff the Magic Fire-Breathing Dragon float.

Cash prizes and certificates were awarded to each of the winners. In all, about 60 units took part in the parade.

ART SHOW WINNERS

(Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show)

- Adult art: first place, Marsha Cunningham; second place, Judith Pinel; third place, JoAnne Windle. Each received a $25 cash prize.
- Adult craft: first place, Nancy Clemens; second place, Karen Lawson; third place, Dick Windle. Each received a $25 cash prize. Honorable mention awards went to Sherrie Brock and Sue McCaffrey.
- Youth art: first place, Bob Kirkland; second place, Kelly McCaffrey; third place, Bob Donaldson. Each will receive eight free painting lessons from local artist Harold Cooper. An honorable mention award went to Bob Donaldson.
- Youth craft: first place, Nick Lawson; second place, Stephanie Brown; third place, Olivia Grashel. Each received a $25 cash prize. Honorable mention awards went to Beth Carpenter and Kelly McCaffrey.
- Kindergarten to third grade category: first place, Ashley Brock; second place, Tim Keesee; third place, Alana Shockey. Each received a $10 cash prize.

MISS FOUNDERS DAY

Winner was Kim Martin; finalists included Wendy Geiger and Heather Rinaldi.

LITTLE MISS FOUNDERS DAY

Winner was Nicole Copley; finalists included Catherine Minick; Katie Herbst; and Crystal Justice.

Sports

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By Jay LaPrete/ThisWeek

Smooth moves

Aaron Holcomb, who is a member of the Blast, a select soccer team that draws kids from throughout the area, works on his moves as the squad prepared to go for its 13th consecutive tournament win. For more on the Blast, see inside Sports.

By Jesse Cabungcal/ThisWeek (2)

A group of runners starts the 5th Annual Founders Day 5K Run, which took place on June 5 as part of New Albany's day-long celebration.

Founders Day 5K Run

Runners of all shapes, sizes fill streets

Josh Pestel works his way through the course during the 5K run, which attracted runners from throughout the area.

Eagle sophomore Sweeney captures overall crown

By KURTIS ADAMS
ThisWeek Sports Contributor

From the youngest competitor to the oldest, from the dozen or so first-time entrants to the three- and five-year veterans, it seems that everyone walked — or limped, as the case may be — away from the 5th Annual Founders Day 5K Run feeling like a champion.

Of course, there can only be one overall winner, and that honor went to New Albany High sophomore Sean Sweeney, who pulled away from Jim Tucker and 1992 winner Todd Burns down the stretch to claim this year's trophy in the June 5 event.

"That felt good," said Sweeney, who placed ninth at the Division III state track meet in the two-mile run on June 5 at Ohio Stadium. "That was my third time in this race. I've been close before (a fifth-place finish last year), but I never won. I went out too fast last time, so I tried to keep a better pace this year."

Sweeney posted a time of 16-minutes, 59-seconds — 28 seconds off last year's winning time, but it was enough to outdistance Tucker (17:12) and Burns (17:23) in the 3.1-mile race under threatening skies and humid conditions.

"(Sweeney) beat me by 26 years," laughed Tucker, a Gahanna resident who did capture the male-over-40 title. "I tried to stay with him but it was tough. This is a fun race. Don (Caridas) does a nice job."

Caridas, a member of the Founders Day Committee, remained one of just three runners to compete in all five races. After Ralph O'Neal failed to show, Kevin Hoy and Mike Richardson joined Caridas as the only ones who haven't missed one yet.

> *"That felt good. That was my third time in this race. I've been close before, but I never won."*
>
> **Sean Sweeney**

Janet Curtis claimed the overall women's trophy, turning in a time of 20:51.

"I just started getting back into running," the Westerville resident said. "I got away from it after graduating from Otterbein (College) last year. I got back into it for both my health and for the fun of it. Of course, winning makes it even more fun."

Curtis wasn't the only one running for the health of it. Gahanna resident Dick Smith, 47, also finds jogging to be a great way to get back in shape.

"I'm recovering from an operation right now," he said prior to the early-morning race. "And running in a race like this in a great community is the funnest way to get back in form."

Ribbons were awarded to the top-three finishers in each age bracket and T-shirts were given to every entrant. All prizes were donated by the New Albany Lions Club.

Sean Stebleton and Shannon Dunaway won the boys' and girls' 15-and-under categories, respectively, while Mike Taylor and Erica Bretthaven claimed the 16- to 19-years-old titles.

In the 20-24 age division, Brian Cavanaugh and Angela Sanders earned victories, and Stan Harris won the 25-29 men's bracket.

The remaining age division winners were: Burns (men's 30-34); Patricia Ellen (women's 30-34); Charlie Cunningham and Debbie Marshall (men's and women's 35-39); Michael Marci (men's 40-44); David Claypool (men's 45-49); Dennis Cavanaugh (men's 50-54); and Jack Tapee (men's 55-59).

Frank Gibson won the men's 60-69 class, and the Alexandria resident was the oldest (69) contestant this year.

The youngest was 6-year-old Ryan Jordan, who joined older brother Wesley, 8, a two-time Founders Day racer, and their father, Rob, and his cousin Gary, a veteran of the famed Boston Marathon, in what truly proved to be a family outing for the clan from Canal Winchester.

Eric Miller, 10, won the exciting One Mile Fun Run with a time of 7:13 to edge second-place finisher Nathan Stebleton, 12, by one second.

"What place was I?" asked an exuberant Miller, who sported the lucky hat that his mother asked him not to wear before the race.

Seems the little champion hadn't realized that nobody was ahead of him at the finish line in front of the high school. He must of been having too much fun.

Opinion

Kids' safety begins on the homefront

Earl Smith

Before I even attempt this week's column, I wish to make it clear that I am in no way attempting to be critical, nor do I presume to second-guess anyone's decisions.

However, the recent kidnapping of a young child from a so-called "safe" neighborhood on Columbus' East Side certainly merits further discussion.

As I write this column, young Nicole Driver has just been found alive and apparently physically unharmed.

Unfortunately, every year, many more children are stolen from their families and not returned alive and well.

While these sorts of tragedies are not always avoidable, in many if not most such cases, the risks of such an incident might be dramatically reduced.

One of the most important lessons Blockwatch participants learn concerns noting information about suspicious people and/or vehicles.

They simply no longer think about calling the police when something odd happens, they do call.

•Children should always carry some sort of identification including name, address (with street address, city, state and zip code), telephone number and emergency contact person(s).

Consider having a card with that information laminated lasts longer.

•Keep your personal records on your children up-to-date including a complete set of fingerprints, a lock of hair, age, blood type, height, weight, eye and hair color, date of last dental X-rays and any other special characteristics.

•Try role-playing games with your (and neighbor) children dealing with such questions as "What is a stranger?"; "How might a stranger try to fool you into getting into a car?"; "If a stranger stops to ask directions, what should you do?" and "What should you do if someone grabs you and starts taking you away?"

•Teach children to yell, "I don't know you!" if someone grabs or pursues them.

•Make certain children know how to to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

•Arrange to test your childrens' resistance to a stranger's attempts to win them over by enlisting the aid of a friend unknown to your children. See how your child actually responds. If they do not do as you have instructed, then you must patiently work with them on these important lessons.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to cal me at 645-4978 or 645-4610. And remember, your children's safety begins with YOU!

Earl Smith is a crime prevention officer for the Columbus Division of Police.

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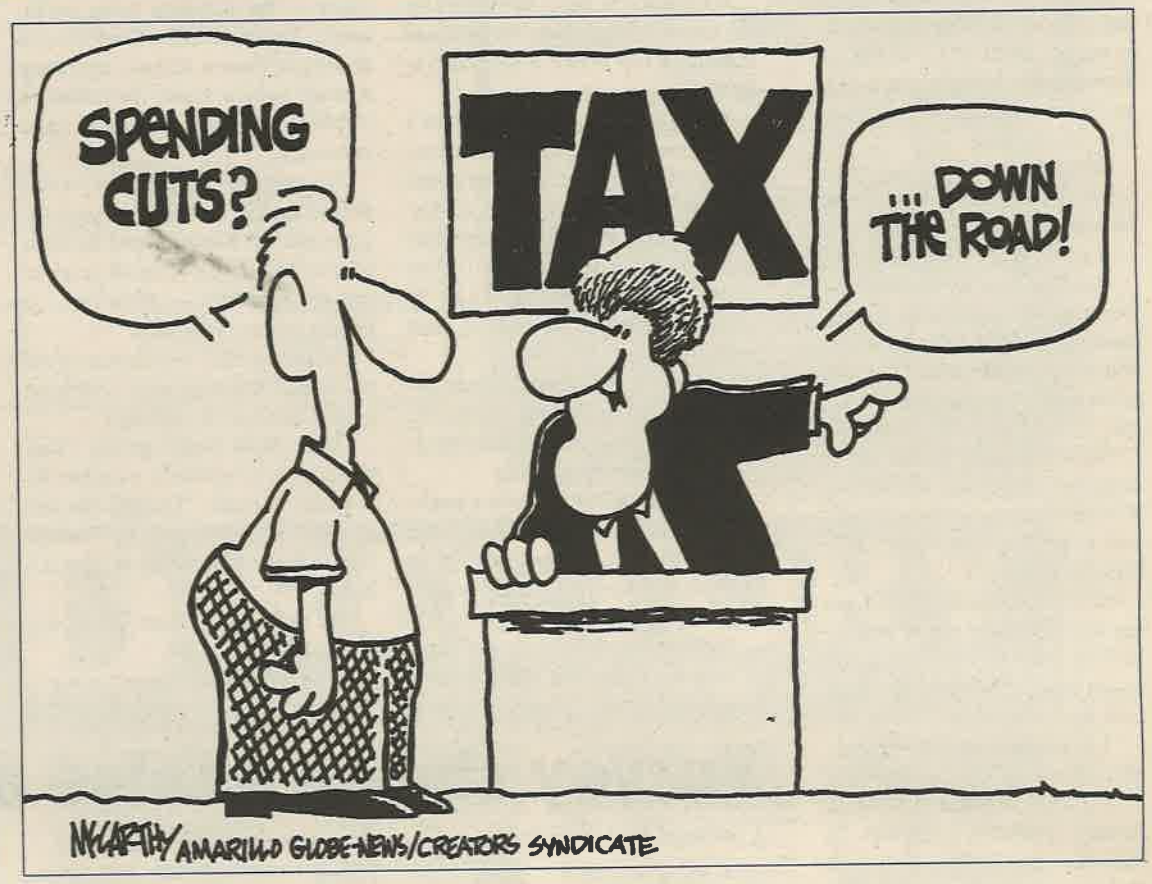

Letters

Parents thank NAHS Class of '93

To the editor:

My wife Jean and I would like to thank the New Albany High School Class of 1993 for the love, honor and respect given to our departed daughter, and their classmate, Rachel Anne Safreed.

You words and deeds at your commencement ceremonies were greatly appreciated, and will always be remembered and cherished.

We especially thank Sue McKibben, Heather Wilson, Steve Pawley, Windy Geiger, Jennifer Riley and Dani Chappelear, for all that you did to honor Rachel.

Rachel knew that you were her friends, but probably didn't realize how deep that friendship was, or how much she would be missed.

One more thing. We have heard stories of how graduating classes have disrupted and ruined commencement ceremonies at other schools. You students did none of this. You were great.

Your parents and the entire New Albany community can be proud of the fine young men and women of the class of 1993. You are not only the class of '93, you are the class act of '93.

Once again, thank you for honoring Rachel. You will never be forgotten.

Donald A. Safreed
New Albany

Founders Day effort appreciated

To the Editor:

We wish to thank the Founders Day Committee and the community for the wonderful tribute to the Plain Township Fire Department and Auxiliary and for giving us the pleasure of being grand marshal of the parade.

To all of those who spent many hours planning the event, to those who ended the day with such great entertainment, your time and talent were greatly appreciated by all and truly made Founders Day 1993 a day we will always remember.

A special thank you to our family for their special support in getting us through our big day: Iva Sammons, Wayside Flowers, for the beautiful roses; the Plain Township Firefighters, who really came through for the department, contacting past members, providing T-shirts for them, as well as present members, doing demonstrations, being in the parade, and helping to bring back old memories and making new ones.

You made us so proud to be part of such a great group.

What wonderful things can happen when people work together for the good of the community. Founders Day is a perfect example.

Thank you again, one and all.

Chief and Mrs. Bernard Obert
New Albany

Student offers sensible solutions

To the editor:

In my community I have been seeing too much trash lying in parks and all around the city. I have been seeing a lot of people selling drugs, and I am worried that everybody will get into drugs. I care a lot about the world and about the pollution. I am also worried about all the violence.

I hope someday everybody will help take care of the environment everywhere. And maybe someday the Earth will be saved but until then everybody has to clean up, say "no" to drugs, and stop the violence and pollution. I know it will be hard but everybody has to try. I want a great community as much as you do.

I have a plan that just might work. If everybody would pick up trash and throw it away that would help get the trash off the ground. And about violence, just stay away from trouble, and don't start anything, you will help make it disappear. Now I know that sounds weird, but it will work because if there is nobody to fight with, there won't be any fights.

About the pollution, all you have to do is walk instead of using your car because cars let off smoke. So if you do what I said, the community will get better.

Jessica L. Frew
Grade 4, Parkmoor
Elementary School

Audubon Society has suggestion

To the Editor:

Recently, there has been a lot of publicity about the State of Ohio hosting this nation's first regional Nuclear Waste Site for "low-level" radioactive waste. Ohio already has the world's largest Toxic Waste Incinerator along the riverbanks of East Liverpool. The Ohio EPA has a tremendous number of other concerns.

We the people need a safe, clean and renewable source of energy.

Solar energy may be a healthy part of the solution. The cost of this technology has dropped 75 percent in the last 10 years. I am convinced that mass production will significantly reduce the costs even further.

The National Audubon Society has launched a simple but bold campaign, through their "Solar Brigade" program. The idea is that people send a notice along with their monthly electric bill, demanding 10 percent solar in 10 years. They let the National Audubon Society's "Solar Brigade" know their name and address. (SOLAR Brigade, NAS, 950 Third Ave., New York City, NY 10022 or by calling (212) 759-6354).

Registration is free and your name will not be sold to mailing list companies.

Audubon uses the number of participants to negotiate with the electric utilities.

Bud McCafferty
Columbus