New Albany Founders Day

May 17, 2000

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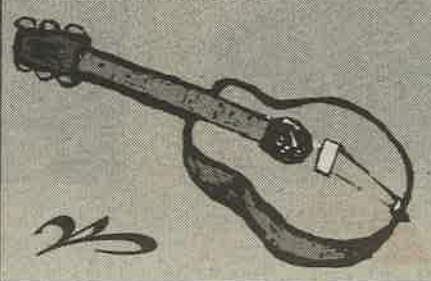

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Maddi Leuby, left, and Molly Veerhoff carry the 1999 New Albany Founders Day banner in the parade.

Ex-grand marshals to view Founders Day parade

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The New Albany Founders Day Parade features a special tie to the past with previous grand marshals being recognized and seated in a grandstand at Nonni Le Rose's in Old Mill Village.

The grandstand faces the New Albany Police Department on Dublin-Granville Road and all musical acts will stop and perform in front of the marshals.

Though many of the past grand marshals cannot attend, New Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Director Eileen Leuby said she expects several to show up including: Florence Bevelhymer, Aziel Shockley, Arloia and Cecil Walton, Teresa Martindale and Walter and Bernadine Daily. They will sit among red, white and blue decorations, Leuby said.

Leuby and Plain Township resident and television weatherman Jym Ganahl will be the emcees of the parade.

Old Mill Village opened at the corner of state Route 605 and Dublin-Granville Road in New Albany Oct. 29, 1999. The former House of Furniture now contains a coffee shop called Nonni Le Rose's, a restaurant named Olivia's and private party space for up to 100 people. Old Mill Village's gift shop, J. Augenstein's, was moved across the street.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NEW ALBANY FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

Friday, May 19, 2000
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. **CAR CRUISE & LIVE BAND**
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8:00 am.-11 a.m.
• **New Albany United Methodists Pancake Breakfast**
9:00 a.m.
• **Parade Registration Begins**
10:00 a.m.
• **Float Judging** - Children's Parade Section - Entry Judging - *prizes sponsored by Joe Dotolo of Salomon Smith Barney*
10:30 a.m.
• **Hot Air Balloon Launch from Market Street!**
11:00 a.m.
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First Founders Day Festival was 'A Time to Remember'

By ARLOIA WALTON
ThisWeek Contributor

"A Time to Remember" was the first New Albany Founders Day Festival Theme.

The local newspaper published a special edition for our nation's bicentennial. One article read, "This day, May 8, 1976, has been chosen by the Bicentennial Committee to honor people that are living in the Plain Township area and who are descendants of the founders of this community. People riding in the parade are either descendants or are 80 years old and over."

Eleven people rode in antique cars and led the parade.

Entertainment that day included speeches, trophies presented to parade participants and a May pole dance by the elementary students. In the evening, a square dance brought together the young and the young at heart. After dark, fireworks were displayed and were enjoyed. Mayor Jerry Cherry was part of that committee as was the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, adult and youth organizations, businessmen and representatives from the school. Karen Davis, a local merchant, was the chairman.

In 1977, festival interest was high, but not many were interested in organizing it. The New Albany Plain Township Historical Society decided

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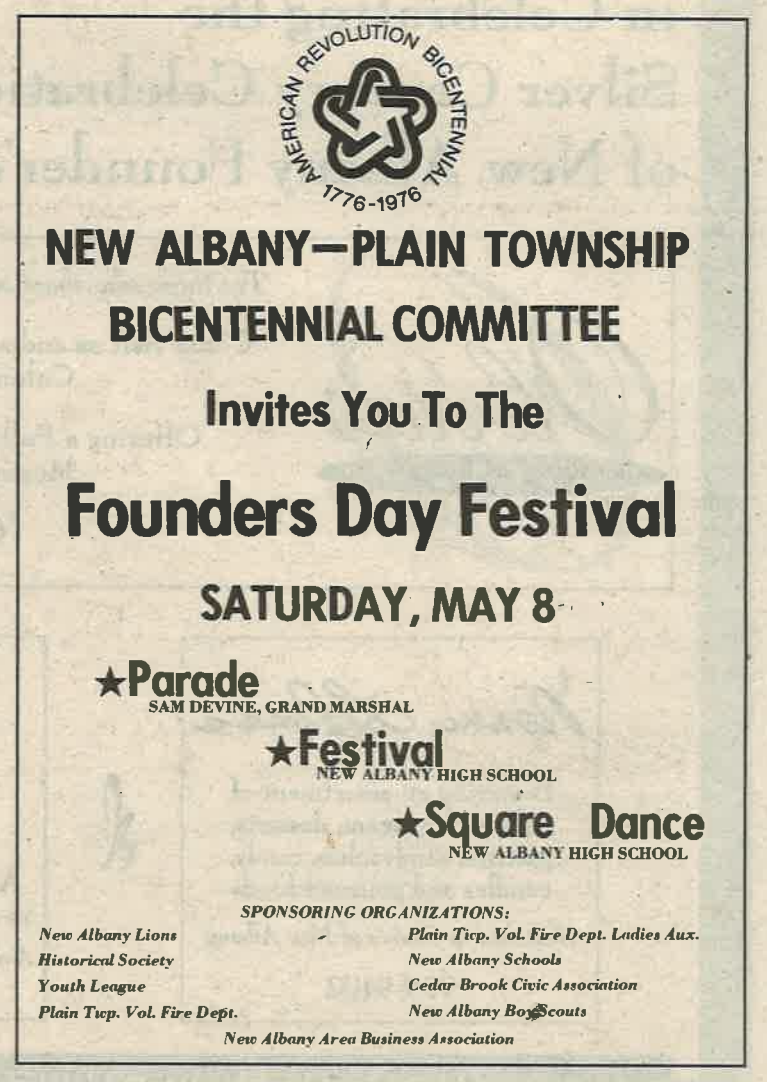

This is a poster advertising New Albany's first Founders Day Festival, which was held Saturday, May 8, 1976.

By Lori Wince/*ThisWeek*

Rudy and Elaine Sever have been named grand marshals for the 2000 New Albany Founders Day parade.

Grand marshals Rudy, Elaine Sever devoted to history

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

History is never far from the minds of Rudy and Elaine Sever, this year's Founders Day grand marshals.

The couple has worked to preserve area history through the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society, which Rudy started, and by helping start the original Founders Day celebration 24 years ago.

Rudy's profession prompted him to be involved with both events. As a history and government teacher at New Albany High School for the last 29 years, Rudy said he realized local history was disappearing and he wanted to help save it.

"I've always been interested in oral history and pioneer crafts, the lost arts," he said.

People were leaving the area and information about their families and histories went with them, he said. He felt his students would never know about their past so he did what any teacher would do: He got the students involved in preserving their own history. As a class assignment, Rudy required students to interview relatives or other people about their past. Three-hundred cassettes later, Rudy feels the tapes were well worth the effort. He keeps them at his home and former students often return and ask to listen to their tape.

Elaine said some of the information is not specific to New Albany and Plain Township, but it is still useful.

"They tell you about the period," she said.

Getting students involved in historical preservation was a start, but Rudy felt there was more to do. He generated interest for a local historical society through a newspaper advertisement and the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society was born.

"I always believed that you get what you give. You can't expect anything from the community if you don't have something to give," he said.

Elaine said now that Rudy has seen people returning to Plain Township and he is teaching his former students' children, he realizes how much influence his historical lesson have had.

"I think the big thing he tried to accomplish was that the community did something (historical) instead of nothing," she said.

And what better way is there for the whole community to become historically minded than to celebrate the community's founding?

Rudy said Founders Day was meant to be more of a tradition that was organized like some of the original Founders Days, held in Plain Township in the early 1900s. The original event was a large picnic. People gathered and panoramic photographs were taken annually.

Rudy said the idea for Founders Day was similar to those early picnics, only the first resurgence of those celebrations in 1976 featured fireworks, a parade and a flea market.

"I think it's still a nice way for the community to come together," he said.

Rudy said he always thought the celebration would become larger and draw people from outside Plain Township. Even though it has not become a large festival, Elaine said is an impressive community event.

"I don't think that there's anything else at all that the whole community does," she said.

The Severs have influenced the community both by starting Founders Day and through their other work. Rudy has coached local teams, been a Civil War re-enactor and a Sunday school teacher. He was the New Albany Student Council adviser for 22 years and started a Jaycees club in town that was operated by his students for three years. He started the school's In the Know team and initiated the school's mock trial system. He also is credited with starting senior seminar, a community project each New Albany High School senior must complete before graduation.

He has worked with young people as much as possible and always included his two daughters, Cynthia and

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Where to park

The New Albany Founders Day committee has recommended the following parking areas for people attending the event:

- New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.
- First Baptist Church of New Albany, 6484 New Albany-Condit Road.
- Plain Township Pool, 4656 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, and adjacent vacant lots.
- Empty parking across from the New Albany Mill.
- New Albany High School bus loop, off Dublin-Granville Road
- New Albany Elementary School rear parking, off the Dublin-Granville Road entrance.
- New Albany Health and Wellness Center, 55 N. High St.
- The Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

Additional parking will be available in the grass lot on Fodor Road, across from the New Albany high and middle schools. Parking in the school lot will be available after the morning track meet.

Shuttles, provided by Life Care Center of New Albany, will run all day from noon to 5 p.m., taking people to and from their cars.

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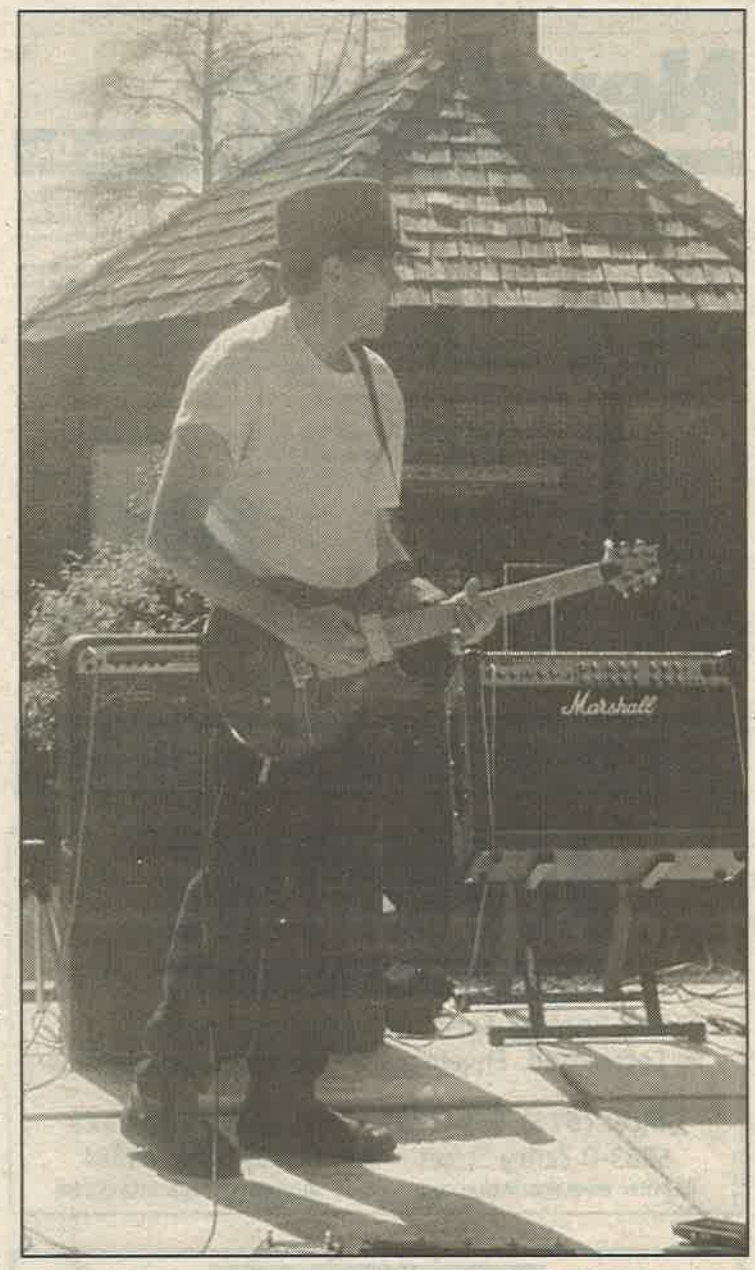

Blues guitarist Peter Horvath and the rest of Local Mojo will be taking the stage between 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Local Mojo's 'magic' returns

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

One of the newest Founders Day traditions began last year when two New Albany residents dusted off their guitars and performed with a couple friends.

This year, Peter Horvath and Keith Dennis, have chosen a name for their group, Local Mojo. Mojo means magic, and that is what happened last year when Horvath and Dennis performed.

New Albany Chamber Executive Director Eileen Leuby said the group thrilled crowds last year and she was pleased to see them back this year.

Horvath and Dennis will perform this year with two other friends between 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Horvath says he never really learned to play until he took one the guitars he collects and headed over to the Blue Dolphin Lounge in Gahanna, which has an open blues night.

Someone finally convinced him

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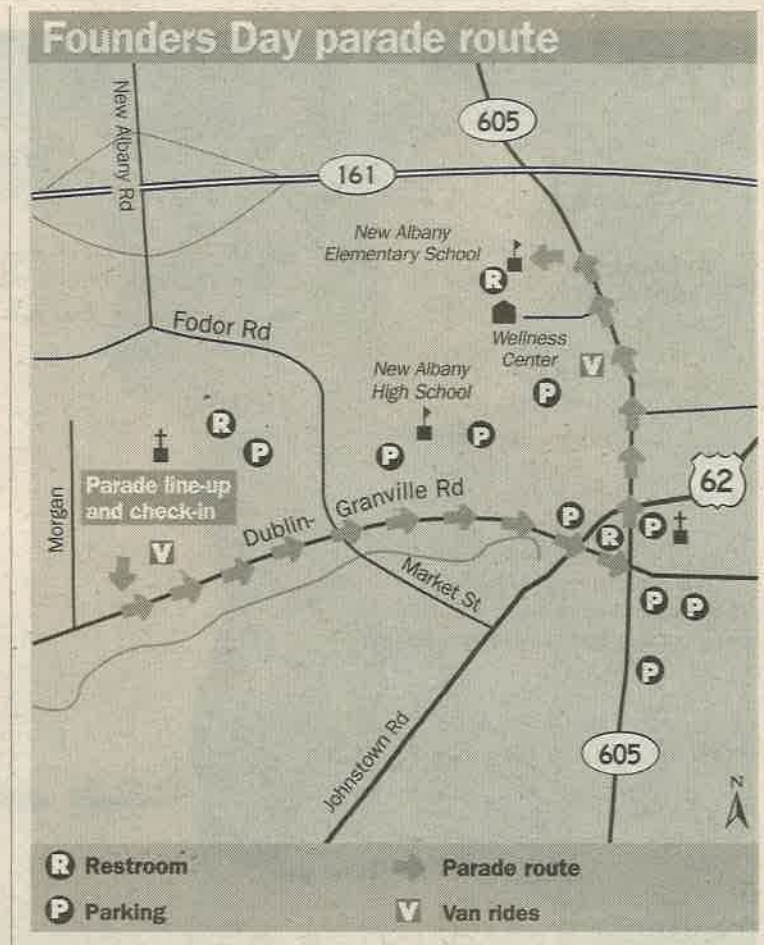

By Erin Holl/*ThisWeek*

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Olivia's Manager Todd Tuller said Old Mill Village is glad to be participating in Founders Day, and the restaurant will be open all day May 20. Chef Fred DiBiasio is preparing a special for that day that could reflect a dish New Albany's founders would have eaten, Tuller said.

Many acts will be going by the grandstand May 20. Entrants will line up at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection on Dublin-Granville Road. Check-in begins at

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Johnson, 3 others win 'Miss' titles

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

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Sixteen girls vied for four titles in the Miss New Albany pageant on Saturday, April 29, in the New Albany Elementary School cafeteria.

Organizer Norma Massie said attendance was low because many other events took place that day.

"There was a softball game that day and a track meet. We had a lot of competition. Some others wanted to be in it but they had to go to the track meet," Massie said.

Despite small numbers, pageant judges were able to pick four winners in four different categories. The girls were judged on talent, interview and modeling.

This year's winners were as follows:

- Heather Johnson, 16, a junior at New Albany High School, was crowned Miss New Albany. She is the daughter of Karen Johnson.
- Alyssa Sgandurra, 12, an eighth-grader at New Albany Middle School won Teen Miss New Albany.
- Erin Cameron, 11, a sixth-grader at New Albany Middle School won Junior Miss New Albany.
- Alexis Lewis, 8, a third-grader at New Albany Elementary School won Little Miss New Albany.

Winners receive a trophy, crown, banner, flowers donated by Wayside Florists and gift certificates from The Limited. Each winner will ride in a convertible during this year's parade.

Heather Johnson was crowned Miss New Albany 2000.

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Local Mojo

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to get up on stage and he's been strumming away ever since.

"I waited my whole life to play in a band and I still haven't done it yet," Horvath jokes.

During their jam sessions at the Blue Dolphin, Dennis sings and plays guitar and Horvath plays guitar. The two are usually joined by a bass player and drummer and Horvath said the other musicians make he and Dennis sound good.

The group does not practice together unless they are jamming at the Blue Dolphin and Horvath said they will probably just have to "show up and decide what we're going to play" on Founders Day.

> *We want to try to get people from the community to come up (on stage) and belt one out, like an open jam.*
>
> **PETER HORVATH**
> —Local Mojo guitarist

That open spirit of playing what you can when you can is something Horvath hopes rubs off on the crowd. He is going to be watching for other budding musicians to show up with instruments in hand.

"We want to try to get people from the community to come up (on stage) and belt one out, like an open jam," he said.

Horvath is specifically expecting Tim Butsko, who played music in high school. And he hopes others will join them also.

Other events include the following:

- A car cruise and the Buckeye Tailgators band Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.
- The New Albany United Methodists Pancake Breakfast Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m.
- A hot-air balloon launch Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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Little Miss New Albany

Little Miss New Albany is Alexis Lewis, center. Alexis, 8, a third-grader at New Albany Elementary School, is the daughter of Ron and Lori Lewis. Shown with her are runners-up Olivia Eyestone, left, and Alyssa Blankemeyer. Eyestone is a first-grader, and Blankemeyer is a third-grader.

Junior Miss New Albany

Junior Miss New Albany is Erin Cameron, center. Cameron, 11, a sixth-grader at New Albany Middle School, is the daughter of Don and Mary Cameron. Shown with her are runners-up Ashley Hilyard, left, and Chelsea Meredith. Hilyard is a fourth-grader, and Meredith is a sixth-grader.

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Teen Miss New Albany

Miss Teen New Albany is Alyssa Sgandurra, right. Sgandurra, 12, a seventh-grader at New Albany Middle School, is the daughter of Frank and Cindy Sgandurra. Shown with her is runner-up Sabra Householder, an eighth-grader and daughter of Robin and Victoria Householder.

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that the community deserved to have a special day, so why not have an annual Founders Day Celebration? Rudy Sever, Mike Chappelear and June Runycon volunteered as a planning group. On May 10, the second annual parade had 37 entries. Dave Logan, an announcer for 610-WTVN station, described the parade as it passed the judge's wagon. That night a big fireworks display was shown. The Jaycees continued to sponsor a fireworks show for many years.

In 1981, the celebration had its first rainy day. At that time a "rain or shine" policy went into effect and still continues.

The fireworks were canceled and the crepé paper decorations used in the parade became strange-looking mixtures.

In 1985, the community had two days of fun and food. Jack Hanna and his animals came with a display. Concessionaires offered fair-type food and rides and there were pie-eating contests (with no hands). The Columbus police provided helicopter rides over the village, arranged by pilot Roger Barron. Roger also was the leader of Boy Scout Troop 450. Enough funds were raised for the entire troop to take an out-of-state camping trip. An original and popular ride was the "Riding Lawn Mower Express," with historical society member Hersch Boesch the driver.

We enjoyed seeing an encampment of the Civil War on the high school football field. Car cruises always were well attended. Phil Dirt and the Dozers performed. The Muzzle Loaders dressed in their buckskin outfits and carried rifles and powder horns. They shot three rounds in the parade that made babies cry and horses buck.

There were talent shows, choruses, crafters and artists. A wonderful display of World War II memorabilia included a Jeep, uniforms, guns and enemy souvenirs was shown by Stan Condon.

A young group of cloggers came from Tennessee and danced two nights. Their overnight accommodations were in the old middle school gym floor. The Muffins Baseball Team from the Ohio Village in Columbus played different type baseball games, watched by ladies who wore beautiful dresses of the 1880s and '90s era.

Throughout the years, parade entries included llamas, dogs, ponies, horses and miniature mules. Weldon Kitzmiller often drove a covered wagon, or an old-fashioned carriage. Our own New Albany Mill owners brought show horses and different types of rigs. An 1872 school bell was rung by the students as they rode down the street. Ohio State University sent band members to furnish music. Each year the crowds would see and applaud the New Albany High School Band, Drill Team and Cheerleaders.

Entertainment was planned for day and evening, and in some years musical productions were presented. The Art and Quilt Shows attracted many people. Live auctions, silent auctions, displays by organizations and businesses and different kinds of music provided people with plenty to see and do. Cakes and pies were sold at the bake sale, home cooked food was found at the church tent and the grill smells were tempting. The Muzzle Loaders always cooked a huge piece of beef on a spit and sold out much too soon.

In 25 years there have been 47 grand marshals. Ethel Schleppi was 100 years old in 1985 and was mentioned on Willard Scott's weather spot on the "Today" show.

In 1988, the Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show was named for the talented lady who died at age 102. We also had three honorary marshals: Jerry Chessman, New Albany High School music chairman; Stanley Doran, a native of this area who founded the Seeing Eye Dog organization; and Bill Harrington, one of the former owners of the Kern-Harrington Museum. Dignitaries in the parade have included U.S. congressmen John Kasich, Sam Devine and John Ashbrook, plus Ohio House Speaker Jo Ann Davidson and many other politicians. Forrest Tucker, a movie and TV star, rode in the parade in 1983.

Many people can take credit for each celebration but there always has to be one to hear complaints and pay the bills. Beside the afore mentioned planners, the list included Arloia Walton, Dennis Keesee, Cecil Walton, Nancy Curtis, Sue Ferrell, Kathy Mayhorn, Janice Stafford and current commissioners Linda Honaker and Becky Knore. Many other hard workers include the organizers of the parade, art show and quilt show.

On May 20, the 25th Founders Day Celebration will kick off at the 11 a.m. with a big parade. This year's Grand Marshals are Rudy Sever and his wife Elaine. What better persons to see an honor than the ones who were here at the time it all started.

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Severs

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Shannon, in the mix.

"Whenever I could find something for the kids to do, I made them do it," Rudy said.

Dennis Keesee, one of Rudy's former students, said Rudy has always been a good role model who made learning fun.

"Rudy had a way of bringing it (history) to life by telling you little bits of information that were not in the books," he said.

Keesee remembers Rudy setting up a blacksmith shop behind the high school to show students how things were made. It was that special attention he gave to projects that got students interested.

Rudy has been honored for his work, both by students and educators. Keesee said his graduating class of 1977 dedicated their year book to Rudy, calling him their favorite teacher. And just two years ago Rudy was given the 1998 Alumni Award for service to schools.

"Even the early classes that Rudy had respected him," Keesee said.

Rudy said he could not have done all those things without Elaine's help.

"Her contribution is that she let me do all this crap," he said.

But Elaine's involvement is more than that. She admits she is a behind-the-scenes person, which means she has been indirectly involved with all Rudy's projects. Elaine has spent many hours volunteering at the local Kern-Harrington House Museum and baking goodies for historical society fund-raisers.

In between volunteer work, she used her business and computer degrees to work for a variety of companies and has traveled extensively in Europe for her current employer, GE Co. of Worthington.

The two Cleveland natives got their first taste of Columbus when Rudy was in the service and stationed at the former Lockbourne Air Force Base, later called Rickenbacker.

They liked Columbus so much they decided to move here when Rudy left the service. They live on the western edge of Plain Township, just across the Delaware County line.

Though they already have accomplished much in their lives, Rudy and Elaine each have a few more things they want to do.

Rudy's passion is to see a log cabin restored for use in the area. Rudy helped rebuild a cabin in Harlem Park several years ago but there was not enough money to finish it. After it was vandalized, the township eventually tore it down.

His restoration hopes now fall back on his students, who are interested in restoring a cabin that was dismantled in November 1999 from the corner of Dublin-Granville Road and U.S. Route 62. The cabin, which was probably built in the 1800s, was taken from inside the home of former New Albany Mayor Cally Kardules after the property was purchased by the New Albany Co. The New Albany Co. paid to have the cabin taken apart piece by piece and Rudy worked with New Albany High School senior P.J. Hodge to teach him how the cabin was built, so P.J. or other students could eventually put it back together.

Rudy's hope is that the cabin be restored somewhere near the school campus so it could be used as a resource.

"It would be a nice teaching tool for the school," he said.

Elaine's most immediate project also involves youth. She wants to see more young people get involved with the historical society.

"I'd like to see that new generation taking over the historical society," she said.

With a commitment from young people in the area, the historical society would be guaranteed a long future, she said.

Rudy and Elaine Sever will be featured in the Founders Day parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

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9 a.m. Floats will be judged at 10 a.m. and the following four awards will be given:

- Grand Marshal award for the best historical unit.
- Chamber award for the best business entry.
- Mayor's award for the most imaginative entry.
- New Albany Founders Day Award for the best interpretation of the 2000 theme, "New Albany Steppin' Out — Silver Century Celebration."

Award winners will each receive $50, Leuby said.

The parade features a variety of participants this year including local youth groups, the New Albany High School Band, local politicians, the K-9 Response Unit, the Trojan 4-H Horse Club and an old fashioned calliope.

Elementary age children who are not riding on a float can march together, and are encouraged to decorate their bikes, wagons and strollers. Younger children can participate but must be accompanied by an adult, Leuby said.

New to the parade this year are the Kroger truck featuring Pepé the penguin, COTA bus trolley, Sunny 95, Maggie Moo's of Easton and Heartland Bank's coach and horses.

Before the parade begins, around 10:30 a.m., two hot-air balloons will be launched from Market Street and Kroger will send up its balloon from the store's parking lot on New Albany and Fodor roads.

Around 70 volunteers from the New Hope Bible Church and New Albany Christian Church will help the entrants get organized for the 11 a.m. kickoff. The parade will head east on Dublin-Granville Road past the grandstand, turning north on state Route 605 to the New Albany Elementary School, where Founders Day festivities begin at noon.

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New Albany Founders Day

Above: Eric Martin, 8, practices while awaiting his turn on stage as his father, David, in the background, performs with the band Local Mojo during the 25th annual New Albany Founders Day Festival, which is the village's only annual celebration. The first-ever event, called "A Time to Remember," was held on May 8, 1976, in connection with the nation's bicentennial. In 1977, the New Albany Historical Society planned the Founders Day Celebration as an annual event.

Right: Four-year-old Miles McCollum volunteers for a tooth extraction from Koontz the Clown (a.k.a. Bruce Koontz). The event also included Buckeye Tailgaters, which featured Ohio State University pep rally songs; a show featuring the artwork of all New Albany students in grades kindergarten to 12; a parade; a hot air balloon launch; food; and concessions. This year's grand marshals were Rudy and Elaine Sever. Also presiding over the event were Heather Johnson, 16, Miss New Albany; Alyssa Sgandurra, 13, Teen Miss New Albany; Erin Cameron, 12, Junior Miss New Albany; and Alexis Lewis, 8, Little Miss New Albany.

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Weiler proposal approved by panel

Gas station, businesses, condo may go up at Warner-Hamilton

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

A gas station, car wash, convenience store, other commercial businesses and 216 condominiums are one step closer to being built on the corner of Warner Road and the future extension of Hamilton Road north.

On May 18, the Robert Weiler Co.'s 22.7-acre proposal gained the blessing of the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Implementation Panel by a 4-2 vote. The panel makes rezoning recommendations to New Albany and Columbus.

The commercial businesses would be built on the corner of Warner and Hamilton roads and the residential condominiums would be east of the commercial businesses, bordered on the west by the Rocky Fork Creek.

Members Lynda Serafin and Bill McKinney dissented, mainly because of the gas station.

McKinney said the station should be moved farther north to a busier intersection, such as the Hamilton Road extension and Central College Road.

"Warner Road is not a thoroughfare," McKinney said. "I don't think it (a gas station) would be good for the community at that location."

David Perry, a development specialist with Thompson, Hine and Flory, spoke for the Weiler Co. He said that Warner Road is planned to be a collector road, funneling traffic from Harlem and Ulry roads to Hamilton Road. Because it will not remain a township road, Warner Road will be able to handle extra traffic generated by commercial businesses, he added.

Other accord members said the gas station could be a welcome addition

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Founders Day to mark 25th celebration

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Founders Day, a celebration of the founding of New Albany, is scheduled for Saturday, May 20.

This year's event, New Albany Steppin' Out, A Silver Century Celebration, will mark the 25th year of the event. New Albany was founded by William Yantes and Noble Landon in 1837. The New Albany-Plain Local Historical Society organized the first Founders Day in their honor. The celebration eventually became too large for one group to handle. Now, the historical society helps the Founders Day Committee, chaired by Beckie Knore and Linda Honaker, and the New Albany Area Chamber of Commerce plan activities.

This year the fun will start at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19 with the annual car show. Cars will be parked on the west side of the New Albany Elementary School gymnasium off state Route 605. Registration will continue until the event, which usually features 30 cars in all classes. The show was moved from Saturday morning to Friday night so there would be more event parking Saturday and to entice more vehicles to enter, Honaker said.

Friday night entertainment will be provided by the Buckeye Tailgaters, which features Ohio State University pep rally songs performed by four people playing a tuba, trumpet, trombone and drums. The Buckeye Tailgaters will perform from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Founders Day art show, a memorial to former resident Ethel Schleppi, will be unveiled Friday night in the elementary school's dining hall. It will feature the artwork of all New Albany students in grades kindergarten to 12. Participation ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

Some food and concessions will be open Friday night in the bus loop in front of the elementary school.

Saturday's events will kick off with the annual parade, beginning at 11 a.m. Entrants will line up at the Church of the Resurrection on Dublin-Granville Road and work their way east on Dublin-Granville, north on state Route 605 and to the elementary school.

Chamber Executive Director Eileen Leuby and Jym Ganahl, Plain Township resident and TV weatherman, will act as emcees. Entertainers will stop in front of Nonni LeRose's Coffee Shop, part of Old Mill Village, to perform before this year's grand marshals, Rudy and Elaine Sever.

Leuby said she also expects past marshals Florence Bevelhymer, Aziel Shockley, Arloia and Cecil Walton, Teresa Martindale and Bernadine and Walter Daily to attend.

Two hot-air balloons will be launched that morning from empty lots on Market Street and one from Kroger on New Albany Road.

The festivities will continue after the parade at the elementary school, with concessions, games and food. Honaker said new attractions will include an Indian food stand and a walking taco salad prepared by local Brownie Troop 2478.

Events like the dunk tank, which gives peo-

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Life of parks district may be extended

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The New Albany-Plain Local Joint Parks District has worked out disagreements in leasing Bevelhymer Park from New Albany, but legislation that created the district has to be changed before the district can get a loan and start work in the park.

On May 3, the district's three-member board learned it cannot take out a 10-year loan against the permanent 0.75-mill levy that passed March 7 until the district is guaranteed existence for the term of the loan.

The parks district was established by New Albany, Plain Township and the New Albany-Plain Local School District in April 1999 to operate and manage parks and to develop more park land. The agreement organized the district for three years, with provisions for extension.

"The reason why we did three years, basically, was it was an experiment to see if we can make this thing work because there aren't any communities around doing this," said parks board member Jon Yarger.

Parks district members want to borrow money against future levy collections to start developing much-needed athletic fields at Bevelhymer Park this year. But that cannot be done unless the original agreement between the village, township and schools is amended.

Plain Township trustees briefly talked about extending the district five or more years at their regular meeting May 3, but members had concerns about the word "permanent."

Mayor Colleen Briscoe, who had not discussed the issue with village council, said there may not be a problem with an extension. But she also has concerns about making the district permanent.

"That's awful long-range thinking that's going to take some more thought," she said.

Yarger said the district should be made permanent because it has permanent funding.

"From a fiducial standpoint, it would be inappropriate for us to sign the (Bevelhymer) lease if the district is not turned into a permanent parks district," he said.

The Bevelhymer Park lease terms that were batted back and forth in April between council and the parks

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German students visiting New Albany met with Olga Hesch, right, administrative assistant in the Ohio Senate on May 1. Hesch was born in Germany. Pictured with her are, left to right, host parent Donnie Quigley and German students Julia Heimberger and Angelika Faeth.

Some German visitors say they're not ready to go back

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Two weeks of life in New Albany was not enough for some visiting German students.

"I want to stay," said 17-year-old Claudia Hirtbach.

Hirtbach was one of 11 students from Johannes Butzbach Gymnasium in Miltenberg, Germany, who visited New Albany High School April 23 to May 6.

The students and their school director Dietmar Andre, chaperone Alois Schloth and teacher Rudiger Horn stayed with New Albany families, some of whom had sent their children to Germany in October 1999.

Six New Albany High School students were in Germany from Oct. 26 to Nov. 8 last year and some of the things they found interesting during their trip were echoed by their German peers who left for home Saturday.

Hirtbach said the food containers in the United States are too large and there is too much that gets thrown away.

"Americans don't feel as responsible for the environment or nature," she said.

Hirtbach said Germans use recyclable bottles and fewer cans than she saw here.

New Albany student Barry Fulton told *ThisWeek* in November 1999 when he returned from Germany that the Germans recycle everything. They separate bottles, cans, newspapers, paper towels and tissues for reuse. Paper products are put with other organic materials and made into fertilizer for farmers, he said.

Another New Albany student Ryan Dardis said after he returned in November that it was difficult to find a trash can in Germany.

The German students also marveled at the size of American cars.

"There are so many cars and so many parking lots," said 18-year-old Andreas Holzmeister.

Most of the German students walk, ride bicycles or take trains because they cannot obtain their driver's license until age 18.

Holzmeister noted that Americans are much friendlier and the service in restaurants is much better.

"People are very nice here, especially in the shops," he said.

Hirtbach said she asked a person for directions one day and he came out of his

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Exploding transformer disrupted service locally

By GAYLON VICKERS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

A fire at an old Columbus & Southern Ohio substation cut electricity to 12,800 homes in Gahanna, Jefferson Township, Reynoldsburg and New Albany until, in some cases, 3:40 a.m. Monday.

Terri Flora, spokeswoman for the Columbus division of American Electric Power, said that about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, a mobile transformer in the Gahanna station on Headley Road caught fire.

Flora estimated that about 2,800 of AEP's approximately 9,000 customers were affected by the outage. She said she could not give precise figures because AEP circuits overlap municipal boundaries.

The cause of the fire is as yet unknown. Flora said the mobile transformers are moved about to various substations in the AEP system to help out as needed with electrical demands. They look like a transformer sitting on the back of a flatbed truck, she said.

That fire caused an outage for all customers served by the Gahanna station and two additional circuits that serve Reynoldsburg.

Mifflin Township Fire Chief DeConnick said that AEP is in the process of upgrading the Headley Road substation.

"That's why the temporary unit was there. It was supposed to come out this week," he added.

After the firefighters put the fire out, customers began to get their electricity back. Throughout the evening, customers came on line. About 2:30 a.m., power was restored to the entire circuit, Flora said.

But everyone may not have had electricity by then, she said. "When there is an outage of this magnitude, there are some circumstances where customers might have been out longer."

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house with a map and spent time making sure she and her friend knew exactly where they needed to go.

Eighteen-year-old Caroline Helmstetter also noticed that more sports are offered at New Albany High School and she said the support system for sports is better in America. Hirtbach said the school days are different here. German students attend school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and do not break for lunch. They do not study the same subjects every day either, she said.

Hirtbach liked the quiet nature of New Albany and Helmstetter and Holzmeister agreed they will keep in contact with the people they met here and they all hope to come back someday.

"We've found new friends and relations although we were only her two weeks," Holzmeister said.

While in visiting New Albany, the German students spent time with their host classmates in school and toured many Columbus sites, including The Ohio State University, the Ohio Historical Society and Ohio Village, the Statehouse, COSI (Center of Science and Industry) and Amish areas of Homes County.

Bill Resch, New Albany-Plain Local Schools environmental consultant, helped begin the exchange program and called it "one of the most satisfying experiences of my life."

New Albany High School recently added German to its foreign language curriculum. Resch said the district is working to set up a video conferencing network with Johannes Butzbach Gymnasium, so New Albany students can study German classes via satellite.

The two schools also are working to provide exchange programs for students like New Albany student Courtney Marx, who will work at Deutsches Bank in Berlin next summer.

"We're working with the Berlin consulate on that," Resch said.

Both Resch and the German school director said the start of the exchange program has been successful.

"The teachers and students have friends here and it's a good base for growing for the future. Our partnership can grow and prosper," Andre said.

Resch said the program is one more way New Albany-Plain Local Schools can offer opportunities to its students.

"This cultural internship and exchange program represents a goal of the New Albany learning community to tap the intellectual and social resources of the world," Resch said.

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ple the opportunity to saturate local officials, will be set up, along with a children's tractor pull, hair and face painting, free caricatures and temporary tattoos. The New Albany Chorus will perform at noon and the MoJo band, which features two local musicians, will perform during the day.

A tent will be set up on the lawn in front of the elementary for shade.

Suggested parking areas will include: New Albany United Methodist Church, Plain Township Pool and adjacent vacant lots, empty parking across from the New Albany Mill, the New Albany High School bus loop and New Albany Wellness Center. Shuttles provided by Life Care Center of New Albany will run all day taking people to and from their cars.

Events are expected to continue through 5 p.m. Saturday, Knore said.

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district were hashed out April 25 between attorneys representing the two entities.

Yarger said the village agreed to schedule all days mutually with the township and schools through the district. A dispute clause was added giving the Franklin County Probate judge or the Columbus Bar Association's Arbitration Referral Services jurisdiction to step in during scheduling conflicts.

The village will not be able to sell or lease the property without mutual consent of the parks district, Yarger said.

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Around the Town(ship)

ARLOIA WALTON

New Albany's 25th **Founders Day** celebration is only a month away. A big time is planned for the community to honor its founders. They came here in 1803 and in May 1837, a village was founded and called Hope, Ohio.

The Miss New Albany Pageant is early this year and will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 29, in the New Albany Elementary School cafeteria. Four divisions of girls will be judged and crowned. There will be prizes for all girls. For more information, call Norma Massey 855-7836.

Rain or shine, on Saturday, May 20, come see the parade that will be led by grand marshals **Rudy and Elaine Sever**. Beginning at 11 a.m., the parade route will step off from Resurrection Church on old Route 161, traveling east to state Route 605, and will end at the New Albany Elementary School.

This year, the past grand marshals (there are still 25 among us) will be recognized by having reserved seats on the patio of Nonni Le Rose's Coffee Shop, which is next to Olivia's Restaurant on South High Street. The parade will be include floats, music, antique cars, walking units, bikes, students, scouts and a grand showing of people in our local government, police force and fire department, plus much more.

Festivities will kick off on Friday evening with a car cruise and live band music. On May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., all this will take place in the newest parking lot of the New Albany Elementary School, just east of the cafeteria wings. The area is paved, well lighted and there will be prizes.

The celebration will continue on Saturday, May 20, at the oval in front of the New Albany Elementary School. There will be three hot air balloons on hand during the day for you to see. You can enjoy the **Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show** in the cafeteria. Featured will be students' and community members' artwork, a quilt show and a historical display. Plan to take part in "dunking" some of your well-known citizens.

A silent auction, bake sale, concessions for food and rides, children's games, tractor pull for (children), pony rides, live music and displays will be there for all to see until 5 p.m.

Commissioners **Linda Honaker, Becky Knore** and their committee cordially invite all residents to be in the village for the event, which has the theme of "New Albany Steppin' Out — Silver Century Celebration." You can be comfortable by wearing the official Founders Day T-shirt, thanks to the talents and great job of **Kathy Mayhorn**, who had them made.

The shirts are gray background with a navy blue logo and the theme printed on them. They may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, 9500 Johnstown Road, or J. Augustine's next to Olivia's Restaurant on South High Street.

The cost is $10 and they come in all sizes. See you on the 20th.

Speaking of Becky Knore, she, **Frank** and **Jenn** are all back home in their Harlem Road house after months of repair due to a wind storm.

The Kern-Harrington House Museum will re-open for public visiting on Sunday May 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Due to renovations to the upstairs, the building was closed for three months. The 1881 Victorian farm house is at 107 E. Granville Road in New Albany.

The museum will be opened the first Sunday of each month, June 4, July 2 and Aug. 6, or by appointment by calling 855-9861.

A glass exhibit is being planned for May 7, with members loaning their antique and collectible glassware.

Come and see some of New Albany's and Plain Township's past.

The Historical Society is in need of bedroom furniture, preferably from the Victorian Era, 1880 through 1915. The plan is to furnish the master bedroom with antique furniture.

Available now are a few pieces that will make the room look very nice.

Please call 855-9861 or 933-0594 if you can help.

You still have to April 30 to order your summer annual plants from the the New Albany Middle School PTO. For $15 a flat you may order begonias, impatiens or petunias in many colors.

Please call Annette Lusenhop at 855-5036. They can be picked up Saturday, May 13, at the school.

New Albany oldies

ThisWeek in New Albany's sister publication, *The Rocky Fork Enterprise*, has collected some of the highlights and lowlights of the past 60 years from its library. *The Enterprise* was founded in 1964, but a predecessor newspaper, *Tri-Community News*, dates back to 1930.

10 years ago today: Property owners in the area of the New Albany Co. development continued to ask for liquor permits. James Ryan had asked for a D-1 permit to allow for on-premises consumption of beer and a D-6 which would allow for on-premises consumption of liquor at 5190 and 5212 Morse Road.

The Plain Local Board of Education had challenged the non-profit status of the Christian Voice of Central Ohio, the owner of WCVO.

On the diamond, the Eagles boys' baseball team was 7 and 3 for the year. In recent games, Jim Wharton went 3 for 5 against Centerburg and drove in four runs.

20 years ago today: Parents who didn't want the contract of the New Albany High School principal renewed continued to arrive at board meetings. This week, they came to a committee meeting to express their displeasure with the principal's policy which they denounced as too strict on student athletes eligibility requirements.

30 years ago today: The Ohio Highway Department disclosed that there would be no access to the new U.S. Route 62 from Nelson Road. The move came during a public hearing on a plan to build a four-lane limited access route between Gahanna and Nelson Road.

40 years ago today: New Albany Board of Education president Robert Underwood resigned to take a position in California.

50 years ago today: Mrs. Otis Parsons, Marian Doran and Shirley Dennis had attended a downtown Columbus meeting of the YMCA. At the meeting, Beverly Bernsdorf was welcomed into the Tri-Hi-Y as president for the coming year and Marian Doran as treasurer.

60 years ago today: The WPA was considering a project to improve Harlem Road between Walnut Street north to the county line. Meanwhile, other roadway projects included oil treatment being applied to Harlem-Delaware Road in an effort to keep the dust down.

Neighbors extinguished a fire that broke out in the partition wall of the house of Mrs. Audrey Swafford last Friday. No great damage was done

Plain Township trustees had awarded the J&L Snouffer Co. the summer contract for providing stone for roadway repairs at a cost of $1.55 per ton, delivered. Marble Cliff Quarries had bid $1.60 a ton.

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Around the Town(ship)

May 20 is the date for "New Albany Steppin' Out-Silver Century Celebration." To mark the 25th annual celebration of Founders Day, the commission co-chairs, **Linda Honaker** and **Becky Knore,** along with their committee, are planning an event that will please everyone.

There will be a big parade, clowns, kids games, rides, Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show, bands, car cruise-in, talent show, tractor pull, food, drinks, and, yes, "the dunk tank."

The Miss New Albany Pageant will be Saturday, May 6. Watch for more details in the local news.

Marty Saveson is enjoying her husband's cooking and will be for a little longer. After having foot surgery on Tuesday, Feb. 1, she only has one working foot and leg.

However, she finds the use of a walker, formerly used by John's mother, most helpful. We wish her a speedy recovery as she is missed by many who see her often doing errands in the village.

Seeing the yellow ribbons in honor of **Laura Raines** coming home is exciting. Laura, a third-grade student at New Albany Elementary, suffered an accident on New Year's Eve while in Florida visiting her father.

The door on an elevator she entered failed to close and she fell two floors. Miraculously, she is recovering fully after having gone through several surgeries, and more will be performed.

We commend the wonderful neighbors and school for their support of this little girl. Never before in New Albany have we seen so many yellow ribbon bows that were tied to trees and signs.

To reach **Joe and Michelle Ciminello**, you now have to dial an 855 number. They have sold their home on Maebell Way in Westerville and are living The Reserve, just off New Albany-Reynoldsburg Road. They are building a home there.

ARLOIA WALTON

Welcome to them and hope that they will enjoy living in New Albany.

If you read the "Accent" section in *The Columbus Dispatch* on Thursday, Feb. 3, you would have seen a local name. An article called "Thrifty Through and Through" featured a couple of hints from **Theresa Kemper**, 4653 New Albany-Reynoldsburg Road. When Theresa has leftovers from her meals, she wraps and freezes them. It's a real time-saver and according to her, better for the family than the grease and the sauce on the food one buys for quick meals.

Sincere sympathy to the family of **Rodney Emmons**, who died on Jan. 29. Rodney moved his family to Plain Township in the early 1970s, making their home on Bevelheimer Road.

His loving wife of 43 years, **Betty,** and he had been faithful contributors to their church for 28 years.

For years, they have organized the annual pancake breakfast that is served the morning of Founders Day Celebration.

Their children, **Tom and Donna**, are graduates of New Albany High School. When Tom was in Boy Scout Troop 450, his dad was active with him. Rodney also coached softball, baseball and football. Rodney was a quiet person but friendly and courteous to all he met.

He was the nephew of former Columbus Mayor Sensenbrenner. The mayor often came to functions in the village for that reason.

We all can be grateful for the opportunity of having known him.

From village reports, here are some snow removal statistics:

There are four trucks for snow removal. There are three full-time employees and one part-time; three are males and there is one female and all are licensed to drive heavy trucks.

There are 70 miles of roads in New Albany, including 150 to 160 lane miles since some roads have four or five lanes.

During heavy snow storms, the service department employees work 15 to 16 hours, sometimes with only two hours sleep.

So far this year, they have spread 500 tons of salt.

They have received 11 calls, two complaint.

Had you been a village resident in 1875, a mandatory ordinance stated, "All males, 40 years and under, are required to do street maintenance." The job description mentioned in particular grading roads and filling chuck holes. My guess is that there was some snow removal included in the job.

New Albany oldies

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60 years ago today: Elsie Belknap of Babbitt Road had been confined to her home, suffering from a broken hip. To help out, 24 men came to her residence for a "chopping bee." Albert Haegele brought in his tractor to run a buzz saw with which the wood was cut after others felled and trimmed the trees. Others helping out were: Louis Doersam, Ray Geiger, James and P.W. Doran, Robert Krumm, Lee and Dalton Smith, Brance Slane, John Walsh, Orville and Ralph Belknap, Richard Worley, Dale Tharp, John Mauger, Charles McOwen, Fern Farber, Clarence Heischman, Lawrence Myer, Leonard Murphy, Carroll and Clay Kirkpatrick, Charles Althauser and Herman Swickard.

The Eagles defeated the Lions on the basketball court. The varsity won 24-22 and the reserves took the game 17-15.

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Around the town(ship)

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Founders Day 2001 is scheduled for Saturday May19.

The 26th community celebration will start with a parade and promises to have entertainment for all ages.

At a meeting of the committee on Sept. 9, the theme, "As Years Go By: Family, Friends and Neighbors" was chosen. Names for grand marshals have been received by the historical society, which has the pleasure of honoring people who have contributed to and served this community for many years.

Our area has had the privilege of giving back some happy times to its people who for generations will talk about Founders Day.

In 2001, we will have photos and information of the 1902-1925 Plain Township Reunion that brought folks back home for a day to visit with old friends. **Linda Honaker** and **Beckie Knore** will be the chairpersons of the Founders Day Committee, and this will be their eighth year.

With permission from the fire department, the historical society had a fire.

Thirty-three members and guests enjoyed a wiener and marshmallow roast on Sept. 7. Committee members **Ileane Dickendesher, Kenny and Norma Massey** and **Donna Parrill** served a complete picnic supper. Kenny built the fire and **Bob Dickendesher** stayed until 11 p.m., when the fire finally burned out.

A bonus was that the landscaping at the museum is free of unwanted wood that was piled on the premises.

A renewal levy for the Columbus Public Library will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The Chamber of Commerce is organizing a committee that will urge New Albany residents to vote "yes."

We have a branch of the Columbus library in the high school library on Fodor Road. This will not raise your current taxes. You have been paying a tax for the use of the library for some time.

Would you consider making sure that we continue to have a library in New Albany? Perhaps one day soon, hours that serves the community will be extended.

Our thanks to **Ted and Helen Pestel** for making the meeting with less than 24 hours notice.

There is a need for volunteers to get the word out. You can volunteer by dialing **Eileen Leuby** at 855-4408.

Residents of the Inn at Chestnut Hill lunched at Olivia's Restaurant on Tuesday Sept. 12. The assisted living facility provides "getaways" for those who no longer drive. Members of the historical society presented some history by bringing their work book and holding a class with questions and answers from the book, whose editor is **Theresa Kempker.** There was a display of WWII memorabilia.

Alumni Night at the first home football game saw old grads renewing friendships. The raffle was most successful. Donations included a teddy bear, a mini wagon, a gift from the Waltons, a gift box, Britney Spears CDs, a Doran Farm Market Basket candy jar, a certificate from Olivia's Restaurant, skate passes from Johnstown, four Eagle Pizza gift certificates, Wayside Flower gift certificate, camera and photo album, Alley Graphics notes, a Plantland certificate, a New Albany Mill bird feeder and a Yatzee game.

The best part of the Alumni Night was that **Myrna Sturgill** and **Tim Butsko**, members of the Class 1976, volunteered to represent their class at the 2001 annual meeting.

Speaking of winners at the Sept. 1 football game, little **Rose Leuby** won a football. The little boy next to her was sad that he didn't win one, also. Rose was very sweet to give him her prize after she learned that she also had won a Yatzee game at the raffle.

The first day of school at the elementary went very well according to **Lynn Pendelton**, the principal. The projection of 1,088 students was met. There were 14 new teachers, nine additional classrooms and 40 more visitor parking spaces. The front parking lot by the school entrance has spaces reserved for pregnant moms, four handicapped spots and six visitor spaces.

There is a new driveway that leads from old 161 to the south loop of the school. The north loop is open only to school buses.

There are 12 classes of kindergarten, nine classes each of the first, second and third grades, eight fourth-grade classes and seven fifth-grade classes. In other words, there are a lot of students, teachers and support system people at the elementary school located on North High Street.

The elementary Parent Teachers Organization is off to a great start with **Linda DeWitt** as president. From that group, 25 ladies are involved in the school.

They have met and have formed their volunteer committees.

New Albany oldies

ThisWeek in New Albany's sister publication, *The Rocky Fork Enterprise*, has collected some of the highlights and lowlights of the past 60 years from its library. *The Enterprise* was founded in 1964, but a predecessor newspaper, *Tri-Community News*, dates back to 1930.

10 years ago today: *The Rocky Fork Enterprise* and the Gahanna Lions Club was sponsoring a "Gifts to the Gulf" campaign, proving care packages for the soldier stationed in the Persian Gulf in response to Iraq invading Kuwait. The goal was to supply soldiers from the New Albany-Gahanna area with candy, snacks and magazines from back home.

20 years ago today: The Plain Local Board of Education had issued a list of performance demands for superintendent Dr. John Gaskins. The list contained 19 points, including having the budget for the coming year prepared and fully researched by December.

30 years ago today: New Albany Village Council, after several months of working on it, passed the first-ever update of the zoning code created in 1960.

One of the reasons for the update was that Edward R. Hurley and Associates and local developer Larry Wade were looking at developing a 121-acre track of land along U.S. Route 62. The plan called for a 16-acre commercial component to the site, 74.5-acres for residential development and an 11-5-acre site for a potential elementary school.

Council also waived the residency requirement for village Constable Henry Fichtelman, who lived about 100 yards outside the village. Fichtelman was known as the village marshal.

Gertrude Thompson was the focus of a story in the *Tri-Community News*, dealing with her days growing up on the 13-acre farm with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thompson. The farm was in New Albany.

Another memory Thompson shared was that of her brother-in-law, Charlie Jones, writing his name on the back of a turtle around 1925. In 1963, she said, a neighbor, Dick Yank, was plowing his field and found the turtle bearing Charlie Jones' name.

40 years ago today: Plain Local Schools reported an opening day enrollment of 643 students. That was an increase over an enrollment of 580 on opening day, 1959.

50 years ago today: Otto Lindenbolt, New Albany High School class of 1950, had enrolled in Bliss Business College in Columbus. He had just returned from a tour of the eastern states.

The New Albany Mill was offering stock powder, a common sense conditioner for all poultry and stock.

60 years ago today: A total of 286 students were enrolled in Plain Local Schools this fall. The number was lower than last year, but more were expected to sign up as the year progressed.

Plain Township farmers elected George Cubbage as the chairman of the community representative contingent for federal farm programs. Other members were: Robert Buchwalter, David Storey, Clarence Dean and Walter Sigale.

Franklin U.B. Church, north of New Albany, was to hold its annual homecoming on Sept. 15. There was to be a morning and an afternoon service with a basket dinner to be served at noon on the church lawn.

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