# NEWS BRIEFS

## New Albany trees suffer from storm

Despite severe weather, thunderous skies and ample winds, the New Albany area escaped recent storms with barely any scratches, according to the New Albany Service Department.

Many local areas suffered the wrath of the storms that blew through Central Ohio this weekend.

Grandview was home to a tree that was knocked down and there are reports that a tornado possibly touched down in the southeastern portion of Franklin County.

But, New Albany has relatively little to worry about this week.

"We sent guys out in a truck this morning to pick up limbs," New Albany Service Department Director Mark Nemec said.

"We don't know of any power outages, there's nothing other than limbs falling down."

Even if higher winds blew through New Albany, causing destruction and driving hazards the service department would be prepared.

"We always have schedules out three months in advance for call-ins," Nemec said referring to those on call in case of emergency.

"Each person has a week and they come in and respond."

If the emergency necessitates more than a one man crew, one of the other six department employees will be called in, according to Nemec.

**–COURT SQUIRES**

## Pancake breakfast held Saturday

The Plain Township Fire Department Firefighters Union International Firefighters 3850 will host a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. this Saturday at the Plain Township Fire Department.

There is no set fee, but donations are welcome.

"We use our money for lots of things like cookies for the holiday tree lighting festival, donuts and cider when we check candy for Halloween, we sponsor little league teams and we bought Easter eggs and candy for the egg hunt," IFF 3850 President Jim Carney said.

Tables will be set up in the training room and the pancakes will be hot off the griddles. Pancakes are free, but home first aid kits will also be available and will be sold for a nominal fee.

For more information contact IFF 3850 at 855-7370.

**–COURT SQUIRES**

## 'Foundations' honors temple, Founders Day

In conjunction with the New Albany Founders Day celebration and in honor of the 25th anniversary of Temple Beth Shalom, "Foundations in Israel" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the synagogue, 5089 Johnstown Road.

Centering on the theme for the day, which explores the state of Israel and America's connection to it, children's activities will include an "archaeological dig," a visit from Columbus Zoo desert animals, henna painting and hamsa making; a moonwalk, obstacle course and giant slide.

The Jewish Teacher Resource Center will present a family activity using a giant map of Israel; tutors from the Zionist Seminar will provide information about Israel and perform Israeli music, both traditional and modern; and Marlene Robbins will lead a variety of Israeli dances.

The event is free and open to the public.

# NAMES IN THE NEWS

**William Miller**, son of William Miller and Constance Morgan of New Albany, received the 2003 Pace-Setter Award from the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University.


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# SNP lists Top 100 Real Estate Deals this week

Which area of Central Ohio has the hottest real estate market right now? How much did that house sell for down the street? How much are homes in your community going for, and how does that compare to prices across town?

You'll find answers to those questions, and more, in SNP's exclusive list of the area's Top 100 Real Estate Deals. This weekly list picks out 100 of the area's home and condominium transactions for a given week. All sales occurred within the SNP circulation area.

Listed here is the address of the property sold, the buyer's name, and the sale price. All information is provided by CompuName of Westerville.

### Blacklick

1313 Elkhorn Dr; Leon McDougle, Natasha J. Jones-McDougle; $474,900.

103 Strathsprey Dr; Sarah L. Tharp; $201,900.

### Dublin

8107 Summerhouse Dr E; Michael D. Holmes, Renee L. Holmes; $394,620.

7735 Windsor Dr; Patrick A. Holden, Laura A. Holden; $332,955.

7486 Windsor Dr; Douglas J. Dicocco, Linda M. Dicocco; $331,376.

7748 Windsor Dr; Rajendra M. Patel; $260,025.

### Dublin

6181 Memorial Dr; Joseph G. Schutt; $513,000.

7015 Brodie Blvd; Timothy W. Rager, Nicole R. Rager; $430,000.

224 S High St; James A. Caputo, Louis F. Caputo; $420,000.

7009 Willow Run Dr; Barry A. Gorelick, Mary E. Gorelick; $380,000.

6146 Wigeon Ct; Eric J. Stenta, Amy M. Stenta; $374,900.

5517 Preswick Dr; John Kirk Bunner; $300,000.

5715 Newgate Rd; Mary Kay Hink; $275,000.

5393 Haverhill Dr; Brad A. Johnson, Donna W. Johnson; $272,000.

4937 Applecross Dr; Kathryn L. Younker; $254,000.

### Galena

6510 Red Bank Rd; William D. Wells, Jacquelyn Wells; $527,500.

5211 Finch Ln; Carla M. Wallace, Adam R. Wallace; $220,000.

### Hilliard

4669 Raven Ct; Zaher A. Abdelmajid, Jenan Z. Abdelmajid; $352,000.

6064 Joneswood Dr; Andrew J. Inman; $295,935.

3165 Jergens Pl; David E. Bowersox, Barbara A. Bowersox; $292,459.

### Lewis Center

2537 Aikin Cir S; Steven L. Striker, Kimberly A. Striker; $435,380.

1820 Tucker Trail; Francis G. Curran, Jr., Ann M. Curran; $314,500.

3795 Kelsey Ct; Leslie R. Janczek, John A. Janczek; $295,000.

7933 Charline Ct; Jeanne E. Roe; $261,500.

6203 Beaumont Sq; Steven D. Schneider, Mindi A. Schneider; $256,650.

### New Albany

7216 Lambton Park Rd; Richard S. Langdale; $2,475,000.

7235 Biddick Ct; Edward C. Hertenstein, Cindy W. Hertenstein; $1,125,000.

3742 Prestwould Close; Eric D. Corti, Lisa M. Corti; $476,000.

1132 Gwyndale Dr; Taissa B. Nichols, Christopher A. Nichols; $275,000.

4399 Greyhill St; Rajas S. Shukla, Swati R. Shukla; $265,859.

### Powell

434 Nathan Dr; Brian T. Gammon, Kim A. Gammon; $431,250.

381 Ashmoore Cir W; Eugene Huber, Eileen M. Huber; $380,000.

7541 Liberty Rd N; Stephen R. Young, Cynthia M. Young; $370,258.

3948 Laurel Valley Dr; Louis L. Ferrara, Jr., Linda A. Ferrara; $359,935.

256 Bluff Ridge Ct; James A. Browning, Judith K. Browning, co-trs.; $354,500.

4020 Kodiak Ct; Robin F. Demyan, Randall J. Demyan; $315,000.

3717 Hickory Field Ln; Vickie L. Reynolds, David J. LeMasters; $280,537.

225 Stamford Dr; Zino Chendra, Ellen S. Chendra; $263,500.

499 Delaneys Cir; Terry B. Stone, Susan I. Stone; $258,000.

2204 Bryton Dr; Michael J. Coffey, Ranelle Y. Coffey; $256,000.

### Reynoldsburg

7788 Quarry Cliff Ct; John W. Robison, Darrolyn J. Robison; $329,900.

7176 Bennell Dr; Lisa M. Redd; $166,500.

### Sunbury

14071 Centerburg Rd; Jeremy Smedley, Shannon McKnight; $217,000.

4841 Locust Dr; Todd D. Sterling; $147,000.

### Westerville

5256 Springfield Dr; Jae C. Kauh, Theresia S. Kauh; $260,000.

4976 Conifer Dr; Donald T. McGowan; $182,000.

### Westerville

6368 Spring Run Dr; Stephen E. Kile, Suzanne E. Kile; $459,000.

6842 Meadow Glen Dr; Donald A. Fitzgerald, Jr.; $445,000.

6917 Regency Dr; Robert E. Daniels, Nancy K. Daniels; $368,000.

6853 Regency Dr; Vincent M. Condon, Sandra R. Condon; $349,000.

5887 Highland Hills Dr; Stephanie J. Dorsey, D. Brian Dorsey; $347,245.

5700 Cali Glen Ln; Joyce A. Falk; $296,389.

1050 Barrington Ct; John H. Vanhassel, Patricia A. Vanhassel; $272,500.

### Worthington

787 Tweed Ct; Jeffrey L. Appel, Heather H. Appel; $245,000.

293 Franklin Ave; Buck R. Mills; $180,500.

### Canal Winchester

7682 Laurelwood Dr; Paul J. Johnson, Denise R. Johnson; $345,225.

46 E Columbus St; Michael E. Green, Jr., Kathryn F. Green; $278,500.

### Galloway

2619 Kunz Rd; Robert G. Zahler, Kathy L. Zahler; $289,900.

815 Drill Ct; Jeffrey L. Eckert, Wendy R. Eckert; $236,580.

### Grove City

745 Hennigans Grove Rd; Geoffrey R. Schafer, Amy R. Schafer; $209,350.

6033 Platinum Dr; Billy R. Mollett; $209,300.

### Groveport

199 West St; Katy K. Huber; $144,900.

3896 Crestfield Dr; Deanne L. Barnett; $124,800.

### Pickerington

13369 Canyon Ln; Stephen Boisseau, Eileen Boisseau; $368,065.

8906 Oakshire Dr NW; Charles R. Teters, Carleen J. Teters; $297,970.

13752 Mottlestone Dr; Newton L. Burris, Katina M. Burris; $289,087.

215 Carson Ct; Michelle Webster; $280,662.

12366 Raintree Ave; William R. Chandler, Jan M. Chandler; $279,000.

### Clintonville/ North University)

183 E Pacemont Rd; Mark A. Snow; $167,000.

2632 Glenmawr Ave; Jeffrey K. Borisch, Erin E. Publow; $155,000.

### German Village

157 E Deshler Ave; Brian L. House, Lisa R. House; $670,000.

542 Mohawk St; Gregory S. Baker; $275,000.

### Bexley/E. Columbus

309 S Ardmore Rd; Matthew D. Minkin, Rebecca C. Minkin; $425,000.

2574 Bexley Park Rd; Andrew W. Bartz, Sarah S. Saxbe; $380,000.

155 S Roosevelt Ave; David Ornstein, Michelle A. Ornstein; $257,500.

### TriVillage/Arlington

1289 Elmwood Ave; J. Garret Mouser; $191,500.

879 W 10th Ave; Ryan D. Baumwart, Alvin L. Baumwart; $118,450.

### Whitehall/ E. Columbus

6312 Alissa Ln; Ming Zeng; $266,000.

5809 Bastille Pl; Roberta Kohn, tr.; $210,000.

### Beechwold/ Clintonville

95 Blenheim Rd; Bruce L. Edwards, Patricia S. Edwards; $237,000.

233 Charleston Ave; Michael A. LaMorte, Constance T. Reichert-LaMorte; $210,000.

### Arlington/ NW Columbus (N. of Fishinger)

4655 Haymarket Ct; Talal Attar; $372,000.

3832 Woodbridge Rd; Patrick J. McGonagle, Jennifer H. McGonagle; $340,000.

1801 Grace Ln; Ryan D. Braet, Nicole F. Braet; $317,000.

### Upper Arlington

2286 Abington Rd; Kevin K. Buckbee, Dana A. Buckbee; $473,500.

2430 Ledge Ln; Walter J. Engel, IV, Theresa L. Engel; $322,855.

### Northland (S. of Morse)

1163 E Cooke Rd; Paula K. Coulter, Matthew A. Coulter; $175,000.

4456 Densmore Rd; Nicholas A. Wagner; $97,500.

### Far East Side (N. of Refugee)

1069 Bernhard Rd; Richard K. Shuster, Judith G. Kazee-Shuster; $150,000.

1041 Bernhard Rd; Mitiky G. Haile; $126,000.

### Northland (N. of Morse)

6392 Falkirk Pl; Wayne R. Rolsen, Nancy L. Rolsen; $158,900.

2133 Kilbourne Ave; Todd A. Tedrow, Jennifer L. Tedrow; $122,900.

### Gahanna

1215 Venetian Way; Robert F. Jeannotte, Jr., Nora J. Jeannotte; $260,000.

5582 Big Timber Ct; Frances K. Mast, Steven L. Mast; $189,900.

### Northland/ Minerva Park

3537 Jonathan Noble Way; Hal W. Cooper, Kathy A. Cooper; $182,875.

3209 Minerva Lake Rd; Barbara J. Lataster; $125,000.

### Far East Side (S. of Refugee)

2949 Tracer Rd; Alemayehu T. Tobo, Million T. Dheressa; $129,000.

2900 Schwartz Rd; Eric Sims; $129,000.

### Worthington West

7620 Beechlake Dr; Barbara R. Saunder, Frank F. Saunder; $220,000.

5606 Maleka Ct; Mary F. Lorms; $193,000.

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# Group begins planning for 6-acre park

## *Goal is to integrate park with other sites*

By LORI WINCE
*ThisWeek Staff Writer*

A steering committee representing New Albany, Plain Township and other local boards and organizations met May 7 to plan the future development of six acres at the southwest corner of Market Street and Dublin-Granville Road.

In July 2002, New Albany learned the village and joint entities could obtain $600,000 from the Clean Ohio Greenspace Funds to purchase the land from the New Albany Co. The grant has been approved, but at this time there are no funds designated for developing the property.

At the committee's first meeting May 7, the group discussed recommendations on how the area could be developed.

Village Planner Jason Sudy outlined the area on a map for the group. He recommended the group also take measures to ensure the park is connected to neighborhoods, leisure trails and other future green spaces.

"We need to set the stage for what's happening and agree on a way to proceed," Sudy said.

Sudy and Keith Myers, who both are employed by Myers Schmalenberger MSI of Columbus and work with the village through a contract for planning services, prepared a list of objectives. They include:

• Creating a conceptual plan with an internal trail system and coordinating the use of the Ealy house on the property.

• Preserving and enhancing the natural features on the land, looking into stream alignment and being environmentally sensitive.

• Integrating the park with other green spaces within the center of the village and studying local flood impacts.

• Linking to area trail systems.

Bill Resch, a member of the New Albany Parks Advisory Board and environmental consultant to New Albany-Plain Local Schools, said the area used to contain a local swimming hole called Campbell Lake. A sawmill was operated there by the property owners in the

*See* **PARK PLANNING**, *page A2*

## IN JEOPARDY

# Dickendeshers to lead parade for Saturday's Founders Day

By LORI WINCE
*ThisWeek Staff Writer*

***See the New Albany Founders Day tab on pages C6, C7 & C8***

Between them, Bob and Ileane Dickendesher have lived more than 100 years in New Albany.

Their commitment to the village and surrounding Plain Township is one reason why they were chosen as this year's Founders Day parade grand marshals.

Ileane (Benton) Dickendesher came to New Albany from Westerville with her family when she was 14. Bob moved from Gahanna to the village in 1956 when the couple got married.

"I was old enough to know better," Bob joked about the move.

The couple met through mutual friends and have spent their lives working in a series of local businesses and with different local organizations.

Ileane was a sale's clerk, farm bureau file clerk, a riveter at the Curtiss-Wright airplane factory in Columbus during World War II and at one point built detonators for bombs at another factory.

By Joy Parker/ *ThisWeek*

**Kevin Wolf, as Sam Security, gives the audience a warning during "Ohio Jeopardy," a production by the New Albany Elementary School drama club. The club presented five plays in classrooms throughout the school Tuesday to celebrate Ohio's bicentennial. Also pictured are Molly Kusma (left), Abby Barwig, Jordan Ankerman and Chelsea Robbins.**

# Dispatching services discussed

By LORI WINCE
*ThisWeek Staff Writer*

In planning the future expansion of the New Albany Police Department, the village of New Albany needs to know if the Plain and Jefferson township fire departments will continue to contract with the NAPD for emergency dispatching services.

The two-year contract — in which Plain and Jefferson townships pay the village $30,000 annually — expires July 1, 2003, the same month the needs assessment for the police department's new facility could be completed.

Representatives of all four entities met Monday to work through some unresolved issues, which included implementing an emergency operations plan in case of a power failure at the NAPD.

When the police station lost power April 4, the department was operating with only cell phones, a situation Jefferson Township Fire Chief Dale Ingram called "unacceptable."

Lightning struck a phone line at Reynoldsburg-New Albany and Dublin-Granville roads, causing the power outage and damaging the radio console at the police department on Dublin-Granville Road.

Anita Mercer, dispatch supervisor, said the police station lost all of its radio contact with portable radios that day. All but two radio channels were repaired the next day. It was two weeks before the other two channels became available again.

While the phone lines were completely out April 4, a temporary dispatching system was set up in the Plain Township Fire Department on Johnstown Road. Police dispatchers worked at the fire department until midnight April 5, when phone use was restored.

Mercer said while the two channels were down, the Jefferson Township fire fighters were forced to use one of the Plain Township radio channels.

Ingram said he was not notified that there was a power outage until 4 p.m. that day, more than five hours after it happened. As far as he knows, Jefferson Township did not miss any emergency calls, he said.

In negotiating the existing contract, he said, there was talk of purchasing a second radio console for fire dispatching.

Village Administrator Joseph Stefanov said there could have been a miscommunication on that point, because he did not have that in his notes. But he did say the discussion included having two dispatchers on duty, which was the case most of last year.

*See* **DISPATCHING SERVICES**, *page A3*

## Environmental trade show

# Program to help local governments

**A closer look**

**Twenty-two exhibitors from around the country will show products and information, and several speakers will discuss new environmental strategies and policies at the trade show to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Blendon Woods Metro Park.**

By LORI WINCE
*ThisWeek Staff Writer*

Cities and townships are being invited to send representatives to an erosion and sediment control and stormwater management trade show to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Blendon Woods Metro Park.

Twenty-two exhibitors from around the country will show products and information, and several speakers will discuss new environmental strategies and policies. Admission is free.

Dan Strawser, of Alpine Stormwater Management Co., was one of the organizers. Strawser will speak about safe construction practices.

Other speakers will be Paul Parsons, who works with the city of Columbus, and Anthony Robinson of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).

Robinson, an environmental specialist with the OEPA division of surface water, said he will speak about the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), which includes two new permits that went into effect this year.

"This is the next step in the United States Clean Water Act's non-point source pollution elimination from municipal sources," Robinson said.

Non-point sources often cannot be directly identified as a cause of pollution. Robinson explained that pollution can run into streams from parking lots or roads, making it harder to identify than if an inspector sees an

*See* **ENVIRONMENT**, *page A3*

Wright, but eventually the high school football fields he walked by everyday on his way to work called him back.

He did eventually graduate from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1947, though he took another leave from high school during for a 16-month stint in the service. The end of the war sent him back to high school for the second time.

Bob spent most of his life working as an electrician, installing electrical systems for contractors. During his 39 years in the business, he traveled to Pennsylvania to work at a nuclear power plant and to Idaho where he worked at the Titan missile site, two accomplishments of which he is very proud.

Ileane claims Bob's work history is more interesting than hers, but she herself has an electrical background, of a sort.

She fell into it when the couple purchased Tucker Electric, the building north of Eagle Pizza on U.S. Route 62 in New Albany. They opened Dick's Hardware and Appliances there and Ileane soon learned how to fix everything from clothes dryers to irons.

"I gave her a Sears catalog, which had a description of what everything did," Bob remembered. "She would sit and test (television) tubes until she found the right one, just through trial and error."

Ileane said she helped fixed several televisions, changed deficient cords on irons and helped bread leap from local toasters once again.

"Do you know what an insulator is? I once spent half a day looking for an insulator and now I can tell you what it is," she said, laughing.

In between all that, she raised two children from a previous marriage, Gene Swickard of Johnstown and Nancy Swickard Haniwalt of Gahanna. She and Bob also have a child, Mary Beth Dickendesher Fry of North Carolina. The couple has five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

With all those mouths to feed, it is not surprising that one of their final local business ventures was to open Eagle's Villa Pizza. They sold it to the Keesee family in the 1970s.

Ileane did her duty as room mother, school volunteer, and scout leader while the couple moved around within the village. They have lived in several homes in New Albany, including the house where Wayside Florists is located and the old home surrounding a log cabin that once stood behind Willy's BBQ on Dublin-Granville Road.

Ileane and Bob Dickendesher

Both are involved with the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society and Bob served on New Albany Village Council in the 1960s.

He said at the time council was made up of, "a gas station owner, a plumber, a milk truck driver and a garage mechanic."

Oddly enough, he re-

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## Inside

Join *ThisWeek* on a trip down High Street. The journey begins in southern Delaware County. See pages A6 and A7 for the first installment of an eight-week series.

## Scouts

New Albany Village Council honored several local scouts May 7. Mayor Colleen Briscoe read a proclamation for village resident Michael Coppel, a junior at Worthington Christian schools, who earned his Eagle Scout award. Briscoe also commended six Cub Scouts in Cub Scout Pack 163 who helped pick up litter in the village April 5. **See story, page B1.**

## Sports

New Albany High School's Andrew Rumberger returns a shot during first-doubles play last Saturday at the MSL tournament. The tennis team will compete Friday and Saturday at the Division II sectional at Gahanna. **See sports, page D1.**

built Dublin-Granville Road and U.S. Route 62 came from that quarry Resch said. Once the quarry was abandoned, it filled in naturally.

Village council member Nancy Ferguson said she would like to keep the historical perspective of the site, even if the dam is taken out.

Resch said the six acres could be developed similar to Creekside in Gahanna, as a park incorporating wet areas. He said there may be a way to reestablish Campbell Lake and promote some natural waterfalls on site, for example.

The area would attract the community and he suggested the New Albany students who currently study the wetlands around the school sites could use the park as another location for class study.

Paths through the woods on site could also attract people, he continued. Resch called it one of the few remaining woods in the area.

The group discussed connecting the

# PARADE

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members discussing ways to get sewer and water to village residents, something the current village council continues discussing today.

Bob also served in many roles with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 683 and was elected the local delegate to national conventions three times.

He was awarded a national life-saving award for once giving CPR to a man who was electrocuted in Sunbury.

"That man could never face him after that without breaking into tears," Ileane said.

In their spare time over the years, the couple has traveled and camped. Bob used to hunt and fish and Ileane did lots of crafts, while collecting old glass pieces.

They have stayed in New Albany, though they could have moved out of the area. Bob said he likes living in a small community but he needs elbow room. They have found such a place in northern Plain Township, where they plan to stay and continue working in their local community.

Look for Bob and Ileane Dickendesher at 11 a.m. Saturday in the New Albany Founders Day parade.

local historical society is negotiating the possibility of trading the Kern-Harrington House at 107 E. Dublin-Granville Road to the New Albany

with a plan. The next work session is slated for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main St.


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# Art auction brings in around $10,000

By MICHELLE EVERHART
*New Albany News Reporter*

A last minute idea to raise money garnered more than $10,000 this weekend.

Two months ago, New Albany parent Mary Kaiser began organizing the first annual Founder's Day Art Show and Silent Auction.

The turn-out from the community and the items up for auction amazed Kaiser, she said.

"We had hundreds of people come through," Kaiser said. "And the quality of student art work was exceptional."

A third-grade class project brought in more than $1,000 for the fund-raiser. Local artist and parent Mel Kenis helped Cindy Minick's class pain Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Nights* on a cabinet.

Of the 225 pieces of art work for sale, Kaiser said 99 percent of them sold.

Besides the art work, Kaiser said she was impressed by the parent volunteers and the district's art staff who helped pull everything together.

"I'm amazed by the art teachers because not all teachers are willing to do what they did," Kaiser said. "I didn't expect everything to look that nice or go that well."

All proceeds from the silent auction will be used to buy art supplies for New Albany teachers and students.

Items needed include paper cutters, potter's wheels, sewing machines, power tools, a spray booth for glazes, laminators and photo supplies.

In the future, Kaiser hopes to raise enough funds to open an art building on campus dedicated to ceramics and pottery although nothing has been approved by the district.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

New Albany students who received Faculty Award scholarships to attend the Columbus College of Art & Design are: **Kimberly Miller**, daughter of Ron and Connie Miller; and **Zachary Creadon**, son of Bill and Pam Creadon.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School for Girls

Sonal Patel of New Albany was recently inducted into the Columbus School for Girls chapter of the Cum Laude Society.

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the Olympics.

After a 6½ hour drive to Tennessee today, the caravan of 28 teachers, students and family members will have until Friday, the first day of competition, to be tourists and meet other students from across the nation and world.

One of the favorite pastimes of the entire team is pin trading.

Each state has their own pin and the students swap with one another to get a varying collection, WIlliams said.

"It's a totally different ball game in Knoxville," he said.


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# Founders Day raises $10K for arts

By LORI WINCE
*ThisWeek Staff Writer*

**The rain didn't dampen the spirits of Brownie Troop 2188 as its members marched in the Founders Day parade Saturday.**

Founders Day attracted many people this year and helped raise $10,000 for the art programs at the New Albany-Plain Local Schools.

"It was amazing," said Linda Honaker, one of the event organizers. "It was rainy and nasty all day and we had the best attendance ever."

Honaker estimated that between 7,000 and 8,000 people turned out for the event.

"The corn dog vendor said she thought every single person in New Albany must have eaten a corn dog," Honaker said. "The food vendors had lines all day."

The day began with a long parade. Jennifer Knore, one of the awards organizers, said the winning entries were:

• The New Albany 4-H club for best representation of the celebration's theme, "Young at Heart."

• Broadway Bound Dance Centre for the most enthusiastic entry.

• Kids Village, a store, won the gold medal award for the most precise and detailed entry.

• New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society for the most imaginative entry.

The Founders Day events took place at New Albany Elementary School from noon to 5 p.m. and the crowds never stopped:

"It always dies down about 3 p.m. and this year it didn't," Honaker said.

Founders Day includes a small silent auction with items donated by local businesses. That raised $500 this year to benefit the free event for children that organizers sponsor each year.

This also was the first year the New Albany-Plain Local School students held a silent art auction, organized by parent Mary Kaiser.

She said the students sold 99 percent of their work, about 200 pieces, and earned $10,000.

"We're thrilled. It's not bad at all for a first-time event," Kaiser said.

The auction was very well attended and there was a constant crowd to see the art, which was displayed inside the elementary.

One of the pieces that local artist Mel Kennis assisted on — a hutch painted in the Van Gogh "Starry Night" theme — brought in the largest bid of more than $1,000. Another piece, an antique circular oak desk painted by three New Albany alumni, earned a $500 bid.

Kaiser thanked parents for help and the eight art teachers in the school district who worked to make sure the art was displayed properly for the auction.

All of the art in the auction was done by students who worked for two months preparing for the show. Their efforts will be rewarded when their teachers use the money raised to purchase new items they can use in art classes.

Kaiser said they were so successful, she hopes the students can find a small building on the school campus to use as an art studio that they would renovate.

Honaker said Founders Day and the silent art auction worked together and each supported the other.

"It was a nice combination," she said.

Kaiser said the silent student art auction will now be an annual event.

# Thursday storm a stunner for residents

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cue cruisers and personal vehicles parked in the lot east of the police department off Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road.

Two Columbus police cruisers that park there overnight were damaged by water and at least one New Albany police officer's vehicle had to be towed off the site the next day. Mercer said water was flowing inside the vehicles from the lake that once was a parking lot.

No roads were officially closed May 15, but several were blocked by cones to warn motorists of high water. There was high water at Lambton Park Road and U.S. 62, state Route 605 at the Columbus Jewish Day School, U.S. 62 at Whyte House Lane, Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road

was beginning, and Mangione was called by police around 8 p.m. because water was filtering into the store.

"The (Plain Township) fire department did a fantastic job. They put sandbags and plastic around our doors to try and help keep some of the water out," she said.

Railroad ties had floated from the New Albany Mill warehouse out and across the road and a dumpster, the origin of which couldn't be determined, was lodged under the bridge on U.S. 62 at the mill's east entrance. The dumpster was removed the day after the storm.

Mangione said a couple of the mill's customers were seen picking water troughs that had washed away out of Rose Run later that evening. They were returned to the mill.

Two homeowners reported their homes were struck by lightning, one in Alban Mews and one in the New Albany Links. Both had holes in the roof, Hoovler said.

Mercer said one of the homeowners reported the electrical sockets had blown out of the walls.

Lisa Poulin, who lives west of Market Street on Dublin-Granville Road, said her driveway was completely submerged and what looked like a second creek was flowing south from the New Albany Church of the Resurrection to the Rose Run Creek, which runs in front of her property.

Stefanov said the village is equipped with a stormwater system and an above ground flood system that handles excess water when the rainfall is too heavy for catch basins to handle. But nothing could have caught all the water that came


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Granville Road, Mercer reported.

Stefanov said at least one culvert was damaged May 15. When clearing debris from catch basins the next day and checking bridges and culverts, village employees noticed that about three feet of a culvert on U.S. 62 north of Fenway Road had broken off. Representatives of the Ohio Department of Transportation were evaluating the damage Friday.

The water damaged several businesses. New Albany Mill owner Betty Mangione said the mill lost a semi-tractor trailer load of plastic pipes and fittings in the Rose Run creek.

The business closed at 6 p.m., just as the storm 1 a.m. Friday, cleaning mud off the store's porches and from around its merchandise.

"I hope this is it. This was the worst storm I've ever seen," Mangione said.

At the Plain Township Aquatic Center, ready to open on Memorial Day weekend, pools filled with mud after the storm. Hoovler said the pools were filled with conditioned water ready for swimming before the storm hit. But the storm carried mud and debris into the pools and the pump house was partially under water.

"I don't think it ruined any of the motors because they were not totally submerged," he said.

Homes were also damaged during the storm.

"A storm that intense, there's not much you can do," he said.

"It would be very costly to design a system that would regulate or handle a storm of the magnitude that we had yesterday and it would not be very efficient," he said Friday.

The day after the storm, village crews were busy removing debris from catch basins, cleaning up and assessing damage.

The ran came down hard and fast, and it disappeared just as quickly.

Hoovler said by 11 p.m. "You could hardly tell it had rained except for the mud that was all over the roads."

# Around the town(ship)

## Connie Carr

In this day and age when we hear so much about divorces and lowering of family values, it's nice to report about a happy marriage of 50 years. Congratulations to **Gordon** and **Felice Schiffman** of Ashton Green who were married on April 26, 1953, in Chicago (Felice's hometown).

The two met on a blind date at Ohio State when they were both students there. They were engaged for two years while Gordon was in the service.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a delightful family dinner. Both of their sons live in Columbus. **Bill Schiffman** is the host of "In The Know" on WOSU and is also a CPA. Their other son, **Andrew**, is a CEO of Saks in the human resources department. The Schiffmans also have a dog Charlie and four granddogs.

Gordon graduated from Bexley High School, and he and Felice lived in Bexley for 26 years before moving here to New Albany. They love this community, which has been their home for almost ten years.

Gordon was the owner of White Furniture Company, which Central Ohioans will remember for its quality furniture. He is now enjoying his work for the New Albany Realty Company. Felice has always kept busy as a mother and wife.

Gordon and Felice admit to being "good partners" for these 50 years. And this year they have found a way to make a contribution to the New Albany Schools together. Every Tuesday they spend an hour at the elementary school mentoring a few fourth-grade girls. The two find great satisfaction in seeing the students progress as they help them with homework and tutor them in math or reading.

Congratulations to two of the nicest people you will ever meet, and here's wishing them many more years of happiness.

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Two 1999 graduates of New Albany High School are having fun at Columbus State.

**Fred Moses** and **Chris McKinney** are both on the Cougars' winning baseball team. Columbus State won two out of three games against Joliet College on Mother's Day weekend to advance to the NJCAA World Series held in Batavia, N.Y. — something the Columbus State baseball team has accomplished for three straight years.

Fred Moses, who holds a number of pitching records at NAHS, is ranked 20th among junior college pitchers and has the record for most completed games at Columbus State. Fred, the son of **Ron** and **Kathleen Moses** of Alpath Road, pitched a winning two hitter game against Joliet.

Playing short stop and batting fourth for the Cougars, Chris is the son of **Doug** and **Vicki McKinney**, both New Albany alumni. Vicki works for the village of New Albany in the finance department. Chris is the fourth generation in his family to graduate from NAHS, following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, **Clark Cubbage**.

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Somebody had his 60th birthday this month … and his name is **John Quigley**. He and his wife Donnie went to Florida to celebrate the big event with family and to avoid harassment here. The Quigleys live in Pembrook, and John is the general manager of WTTE-Fox (channel 8) and WSYX-ABC (channel 6).

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**Suzanne** and **Neil Goeren** recently spent some time in Greece. The occasion was a friend's 50th birthday celebration. Suzanne, a realtor for the New Albany Realty Company, said the Greeks were very friendly and the country in general had an extremely relaxing atmosphere.

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And our son **Michael** had his 32nd birthday this week. I'm not sure when it happened, but somewhere along the way I quit feeling as old as I am. Birthdays are little reminders that neither I nor my son is a kid any longer. One of life's mysteries is how the years fly by so quickly!


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