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Steve and Valerie Bevelhymer are this year's Founders Day Parade grand marshals. The couple, who live on Fancher Road just outside the New Albany-Plain Local School District, sat together in their home Monday.

Founders Day

Popular celebration back with new twists

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN
New Albany News Reporter

Event organizers are busy taking care of last minute details for this year's Founder's Day parade and festival on Saturday.

It's arguably one of the largest "family" reunions in Central Ohio – drawing residents from both within village limits and beyond.

The event, which was founded in 1976, begins with a parade at 11 a.m. Saturday and finishes with carnival food, rides and games as well as a bake sale and display by the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society. The day concludes at 5 p.m.

"It's a great New Albany tradition," said Mayor Nancy Ferguson, who will read a proclamation during the parade in front of grand stands erected in front of Eagle's Pizza. "It's kind of like a family reunion in many ways for people who have grown up in New Albany and left. They come back every year for Founder's Day."

Jennifer Knore, a 2001 New Albany High School graduate and current Vanderbilt college student, is coordinating the parade for the first time this year.

Her mother, Becky, serves as treasurer for the event.

"They kind of twisted my arm into doing it this year," she described. "It's been tricky being down at school and doing everything via satellite."

She said the route will be the same as it was in year's past and will feature a lot more politicians than usual due to the election year.

"The parade really reminds you of how community-oriented New Albany is."

–Jennifer Knore
parade coordinator/college student

■ **Founders Day runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in New Albany, beginning with the annual parade**

The parade, which begins at the high school at 11 a.m., will travel south down Fodor Road and onto Market Street.

They'll head north on state Route 62 and will make a left onto route 605, near the grand stands at Eagle's Pizza, before heading into New Albany Intermediate High School where the fun and festivities are.

She said the parade has 41 entries so far and usually takes about an hour to travel through the parade route.

This year's parade features staples like the New Albany High School marching band and the Broadway Bound Dance Center.

"They're usually a hit in our parade because the girls are from around the community," Knore said. "The parade really reminds you of how community-oriented New Albany is."

She recalled marching in the parade when

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Bevelhymers take the lead of Founders Day parade

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN
New Albany News Reporter

When the parade begins for New Albany's annual Founder's Day celebration, two former residents with a prominent name will be leading the way.

Steve and Valerie Bevelhymer were recently named as grand marshal's of the parade for their involvement in both the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society and the community-at-large.

The couple lived off of Central College Road for fifteen years before moving to their new home which lies just outside school district lines on Fancher Road.

Steve, 53, has lived in New Albany for virtually all of his life.

"He really pitches in and does all the hard manual labor that others are unable to do."

–Mayor Nancy Ferguson

He is a 1969 graduate of New Albany High School and is now retired from Ross Products Division.

He serves as the historical society's vice-president.

"The Bevelhymers are great people," said Mayor Nancy Ferguson. "Steve has volunteered so many hours to the New Al-

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Student work off to auction

■ *The auction also features art crafted by OSU football coach Jim Tressel.*

By DANIELLE DILLON
New Albany News Reporter

Matisse. Van Gogh. Degas.Tressel. One of these artists will be featured at the New Albany Student Art Show and Silent Auction this weekend.

According to Mary Kaiser, co-chair of the fundraising event, Ohio State Universityhead football coach Jim Tressel created a scarlet and gray glass bowl for auction.

The football coach's contribution, however, is one work among many.

At last count, Kaiser estimated more than 200 art pieces will be displayed at the show. Almost all of the works were created by art students at New Albany school buildings.

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News photo by Tim Norman

New Albany High School sophomore Troy Graves (right) and junior Erinn Bessler work on their New Albany Monopoly board Tuesday. Their game table will be auctioned this weekend.

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"The students and their art teachers have been working hard for this. Every art student, from K-12, was encouraged to submit work for the show," she said.

This year's featured work includes eclectic furniture, paintings, and "Celebrity Glass."

The Celebrity Glass, made by Tressel and OSU football players, will be auctioned live Friday evening. The proceeds will be divided among the art departments at New Albany Schools.

"We hosted a Celebrity Glass Blowing event earlier this month. A Grandview art studio, Glass Axis, donated their space and resources," said Kaiser..

The glass event was intended to host members of the Columbus Blue Jackets, who volunteered to create artwork for New Albany's fundraiser.

But when plans for the Blue Jackets fell through, the Buckeyes were able to step in.

"The players really seemed to enjoy making each item. I think it was a treat for them, and they definitely pulled through for us,"said Kaiser.

Among the glasswork created, Kaiser noted, was player Michael Jenkin's contribution.

"He made a huge wine goblet," she said.

New Albany students, meanwhile, aim to make a distinct impression at this year's show.

High school students Matt Burns and Rob Riddle built furniture with crayon shapes, according to their art teacher, Morgan Rose.

The chairs were then decorated by fellow art students Zack McKeever and Marrissa Mare.

The table and chair set is meant to be "a coloring station for small children," said Rose.

The show and silent auction will begin Friday at the Intermediate Elementary Building on High Street.

The Liu family, owners of the Columbus restaurant Haiku, will provide a sushi chef for the event's opening reception, which begins at 6 p.m.

The "Celebrity Glass Auction" will be held live, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The reception will conclude at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, the art show begins at noon, closing at p.m. The silent auction co cludes at 4 p.m.

The event a features "Make & Take" craft table f children.

The auction is free a open to the public.

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bany-Plain Township Historical Society."

"He really pitches in and does all the hard manual labor that others are unable to do," she continued.

"A lot of members of the historical society are older and aren't able to climb on roofs, so he's volunteered to replace roofs and haul furniture."

She recalled a time he helped tear off a flimsy porch from the Kern-Harrington house and said he was instrumental in moving the historical society's offices to the Dryer House on Walnut Street.

Valerie, 50, is an adopted daughter of the village as she has lived in the area for 23 years and has taught kindergarten in New Albany for the past 17 years.

When she first started teaching, New Albany had only one kindergarten teacher.

This year, the school district has six and might have a couple more when school begins again in August.

"We certainly have a lot more students than when I began," Mrs. Bevelhymer said.

She was born in Washington State, but grew up on a farm outside of Dayton.

The Bevelhymers have volunteered to help out with children's games at Founder's Day for the past several years.

"I think my former st dents will think it's pret cool," Mrs. Bevelhymer sa when she described the ro the grand marshall plays the parade.

She and her husband wi ride in a car and lead the pa rade around town until the reach New Albany Interm diate Elementary School.

"We just wave and pas out candy," Mrs. Beve hymer said. "I hope its a nic day. We'll keep our finge crossed."

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she was five years old with her Girl Scouts troupe.

"As soon as everything comes into the school, the festival begins with rides and festivals," said long-time Founder's Day chair Linda Honaker.

"Founder's Day is a celebration that is a festival with rides and games, art shows and different displays for all aspects of the family.

"The purpose is to bring families together, to see neighbors and people you haven't seen in a long time. There's something for everyone."

This year's event will feature some new attractions including a tent with children's games, a palm reader, magician and expanded rides, concessions and displays.

It also includes fan favorites like a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, balloon art, clowns, climbing walls, obstacle courses, jousting and virtually every kind of sugary snack imaginable.

The fire department is setting up a safe house, which teaches children how to escape a smoke filled house.

This year's historical society display spotlights the Swickard Grove Picnic – a community gathering that first started in 1902 and has since fallen by the wayside.

The picnic, which changed names several times, first was held on the site currently occupied by Church of the Nazarene.

They played baseball and held a number of different races.

At the end of the day, the community assembled and a panoramic photograph was taken and sold to anyone wanting a copy.

The historical society has several copies of the old photos and will display them along with quilts during Founder's Day.

"There has been some talk lately about perhaps starting that (picnic) tradition again," Ferguson said.

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Almost Wendy

New Albany resident Gretchen Cooper, 15, performs during the talent competition of the 2004 "Looking for Wendy" pageant held at the Dublin Community Center. Cooper was one of 15 finalists for the event.

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Founders Day celebration is May 15

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

This year's Founders Day celebration will be held May 15 on the grounds of the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School off state Route 605.

Linda Honaker, one of the event's organizers, said this year's celebration's theme is "Celebrate the Magic."

The fun begins Friday, May 14, with an art show opening and art auction of student and celebrity art pieces. The show begins at 6 p.m. in the elementary school's cafeteria. Glass items created by members of the Ohio State University football team will be auctioned off at 7:30 p.m. The event continues until 9 p.m.

Art displays will continue to be open May 15 during the main part of the celebration.

A Founders Day parade will be held at 11 a.m. Some 50 to 60 entries will travel from New Albany High School via Market Street, U.S. Route 62 and state Route 605 to the elementary.

Founders Day will continue from noon to 5 p.m. with entertainment, food and rides open all day long, Honaker said.

This year, there will be a talent show and performances by the TCB Band, which features local performers. The TCB Band and karoke opens the entertainment at noon. At 3:30 p.m., the Broadway Bound Dance Centre dancers present the talent show.

A new addition this year is bingo games. Honaker said two games will be held at 1 and 3 p.m. Entrance is free to the first 50 people. Winners will receive cash prizes.

A new petting zoo from Horsepower in Delaware, Ohio, will be on

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New Albany Founders Day parade

Bevelhymers named grand marshals

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Valerie and Steve Bevelhymer have strong ties to the New Albany community: he through deep family roots and she through the number of families she has touched through teaching.

Those are two of the reasons the couple was chosen as New Albany Founders Day parade grand marshals for 2004.

Both were born in other states and their families migrated to Ohio.

Steve was born in California, the son of a naval officer who returned to the central Ohio area where his family lived.

Valerie was born in Washington state, where many of her family members still reside. She came to Ohio to attend the Ohio State University. After three years at OSU, Valerie packed up and moved back west to Wyoming. Work brought her back to the state and a co-worker talked her into going back to school.

She had taken many classes at OSU in fine arts but always wanted to be a teacher. She finished her teaching degree at Otterbein.

A friend at work introduced Valerie to her brother, Steve.

The couple was married in 1981 and moved into Steve's house on Central College Road in New Albany.

At the time, New Albany was not much more than a spot on a map.

"I had never heard of New Albany and it seemed a long way from everything," Valerie

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Steve and Valerie Bevelhymer

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Art auction features student art, pieces created by celebrities

Proceeds will benefit New Albany Schools art classes

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The second annual Founders Day Art Auction opens from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, in the New Albany Intermediate Elementary cafeteria.

Parent Mary Kaiser started the auction last year as a way to help the district raise money for special art projects. Last year, the auction raised $10,000.

Founders Day always has included an art show, held in honor of the late Ethel Schleppi. Students created works of art and then displayed them during the Founders Day celebration.

In 2003, Kaiser thought the show might be turned into an auction and

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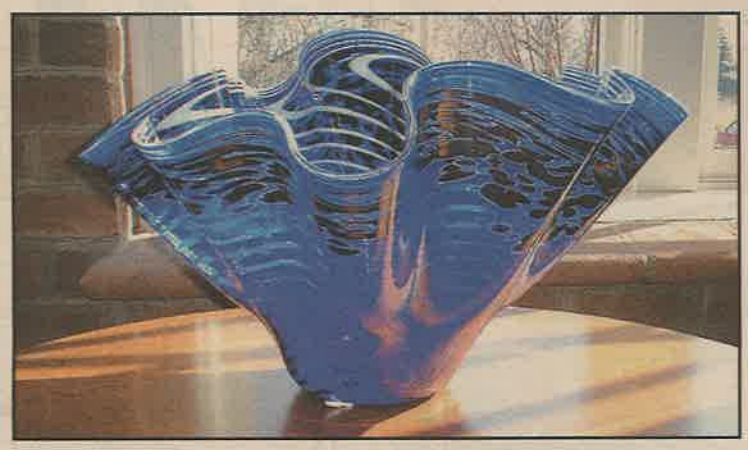

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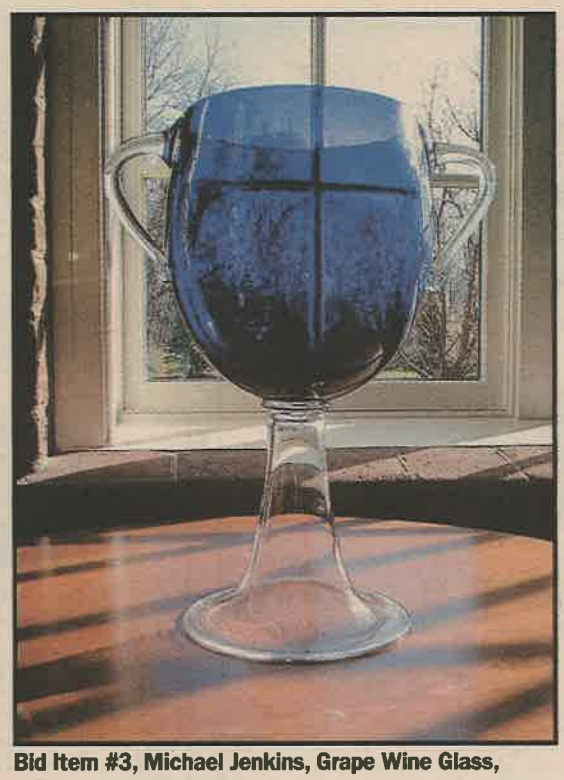
Bid Item #1, Ben Hartsock, Blue/Green Vase, width 8", height 22"



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Auction features student art, pieces created by celebrities

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her idea turned out to be a great success.

Kaiser said the students sold 99 percent of their work, about 200 pieces. Each art class donated at least one piece to be auctioned. Other pieces were included in the show for display only.

This year, students again have painted donated pieces of furniture, and created everything from original paintings to floor mats that look too pretty to walk on.

All art teachers in the New Albany-Plain Local School District work with the students and some local artists also participate, helping the students with their work.

Last year, Mel Kennis and Christine Neal both helped out.

This year, a new component has been added to the show. Kaiser organized an evening at Glass Axis, where local celebrities could work with glass blowing artists to create several pieces that will be offered during the auction.

Kaiser recruited Ohio State Football Coach Jim Tressel, a New Albany resident, and some of his team players to create the art. The glass pieces will be auctioned off at 7:30 p.m. May 15.

Several glass blowing packages from Glass Axis also will be up for auction, Kaiser said.

Not pictured is bid item #6, Red Flaming Tower, width 7", height 33" which was donated by Dawson Kellog.

Bid Item #5, Coach Jim Tressel, Scarlet & Grey Bowl, width 21", height 10"

A closer look

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Firefighters to host Founders Day breakfast

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Plain Township's firefighters are joining the Founders Day tradition in another way, by hosting the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 15.

Members of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3850 will cook pancakes and sausage at the fire house, 9500 Johnstown Road, from 8 to 10 a.m. that day. Jim Carney, union president, said the firefighters will accept donations for the breakfast and use the proceeds for their charity fund. Firefighters adopt local families during the holidays and contribute funds to many charities throughout the year.

The breakfast will be set up in the fire department training room and Carney said the firefighters can feed up to 100 people at a time.

The firefighters already have practice in preparing a breakfast. They held one during Fire Prevention Week last October and raised $500, Carney said.

During the breakfast, Carney said the department will have a slide show running, showing pictures of things the firefighters have accomplished in the past year.

The pancake breakfast held on Founders Day has been hosted by the New Albany United Methodist Church for many years, Carney said. Because the church decided not to host the event this year, the firefighters stepped in to carry on the tradition.

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site for kids and free children's games will be held in a tent on site, operated by local Girl Scouts.

A palm reader will be working on site, the Darimar School of Martial Arts of Gahanna will be performing demonstrations and rides will again be provided by Michael's Amusements.

"They change every year and bring something different," Honaker said of Michael's.

Rides will be set up in front of the elementary gym.

Other featured acts on site include: High Winds Farms pony rides, a fire department safe house, a wall climb, Koonts the Clown, New Albany Police's Jail and Bail, Super Obstacle, Jousting, Putt Putt, balloon art, Dr. Eldoonie's magic and face painting.

The New Albany Police Department will be fingerprinting children for identification and the Plain Township Fire Department will be offering child seat safety checks.

Food will be provided by vendors, including local churches. Honaker said people can find brats, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, pies, pastries, pizza, nachos, funnel cakes, elephant ears, and Philly steak sandwiches to eat during the celebration.

Founders Day is organized by a committee which includes representatives from the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society, Plain Township Fire Department, New Albany Police Department, Broadway Bound Dance Centre and others.

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Parade to kick off at 11 a.m. May 15

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Founders Day in New Albany celebrates the village's founding fathers and this is the third year the Founders Day parade has been organized by a descendant of one of the celebration's long-time participants.

Jennifer Knore, currently a junior at Vanderbilt studying mathematics, is the daughter of Beckie Knore, who is marking her 10th year organizing the local celebration.

Jennifer Knore took over planning and execution of the parade from Stacy Honaker, daughter of Linda Honaker, who also is in her 10th year organizing the local celebration. Stacy Honaker organized the parade for the last two years while she was attending the Ohio State University.

The parade normally features 50 to 60 entries.

This year's grand marshals are Valerie and Steve Bevelhymer. They will be recognized by New Albany Mayor Nancy Ferguson, who will read a proclamation at the Eagle's Pizza grandstand.

Parade entrants will line up at 10 a.m. at New Albany High School. The three New Albany Elementary School principals — Chris Briggs, Robin Ryan and Deloris Croxall McCafferty — will judge the contestants.

Beckie Knore said there will be four prizes given for:

- Best representation of the celebration's theme, "Celebrate the Magic"
- Most enthusiastic entry
- Gold medal award for the most precise and detailed entry
- Most imaginative entry

Four volunteers from Broadway Bound Dance Centre will march in the parade carrying a sign in front of each winning entry so viewers will know which entries took a prize.

Local author and business owner Dennis Keesee will serve as parade emcee at the Eagle's Village Pizza grand stand.

Another grand stand may be set up on Market Street.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at New Albany High School. The entries will cross Dublin-Granville Road and travel southeast on Market Street, northeast on U.S. Route 62, north on state Route 605 to New Albany Elementary School.

People watching the parade are encouraged to stay clear of the roadways. New Albany police officers will have roads cleared before the event.

There are sidewalks along much of the parade route. Viewers are encouraged to stay on the sidewalks.

Bevelhymers named grand marshals

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remembered.

The couple eventually moved from their spot across from where Discover Card Financial Services is now located. As growth came to the area, they moved farther north and now live on Fancher Road in Delaware County, still close enough to appreciate what has happened to the place Steve grew up.

"I was surprised what a great place this is to live and it really has only gotten better," Valerie said.

Steve is a native — a descendant of Jacob Bevelhymer, the first Bevelhymer to move to the area. He graduated from New Albany High School in 1969. At that time, the high school was located in the Columbus Jewish Day School on state Route 605.

Many of his high school friends also remain in the area, as do some of his family, including his sister, Linda Honaker.

He took a job after high school with Abbott Laboratories in the firm's maintenance department. "The company put me through college," he said.

He took classes at OSU, Columbus State Community College and the University of Chicago and earned an electrical engineer's degree.

He retired from Abbott and now works part time for the Royal American Golf Course. He is also vice president of the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society.

Steve maintains a hobby that combines his previous career and his love of history: He has a machine shop at his house and restores antique tractors that he often drives in parades such as the one he is serving as grand marshal for. "I have the Zarley's old original tractor and Kenny Bevelhymer's," he said.

Valerie began her teaching career in New Albany as an art instructor. She also taught kindergarten during four of the five years she spent as an art teacher and she now teaches kindergarten exclusively.

Though they plan to travel in final retirement, Valerie said she is not ready to leave the schools just yet.

"I like my job, so I'm not ready to quit," she said.

She now teaches in New Albany Primary Elementary School off Swickard Woods Boulevard.

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Founders Day art winners are: (first row, left) Emily Rowland, Carol Vitellas, Carly Gundlach, Evan Cullinan, Grace Souder, and Corrine Buuck; (second row, left) Will Russell, Jason Weir, Mark Schubert, First Place Winner - Kristen Hopson, Brooks Hays, Sarah Dressel, Megan Carter, Ameen Farwana. Missing from the photograph was Kate Macchi.

Youth art winners chosen

Fifteen elementary students had their art chosen by the Founders Day committee this year. Students were challenged to create a piece of art around this year's Founders Day theme: "Celebrate the Magic."

The first-place winner was Kristen Hopson.

The other winners are: Corrine Buuck, Megan Carter , Evan Cullinan, Sarah Dressel, Ameen Farwana, Carly Gundlach, Brooks Hays, Kate Macchi, Emily Rowland, Will Russell, Mark Schubert, Grace Souder, Carol Vitellas and Jason Weir.

Linda Honaker, one of the Founders Day organizers, said Kristen Hopson will ride in the Founders Day parade.

Her design will be featured on the T-shirts volunteers will wear during the May 15 celebration.

All winners will receive a Founders Day T-shirt and ride tickets good for the Founders Day rides.

Parking

Recommended parking areas for people attending Founders Day are:

- New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.
- First Baptist Church of New Albany, 6484 New Albany-Condit Road.
- New Albany Elementary School, parking off state Route 605 and at the Dublin-Granville Road entrance.
- New Albany Middle School, east parking lot off Dublin-Granville Road.
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Gala highlights creation of art for Founder's Day silent auction

By KATIE LOMBARDI
New Albany News Reporter

An upcoming event is taking the New Albany Plain Local School District's student art show and silent auction to the next level.

This year, in addition to raising money for the art departments through the Founder's Day Art Show and Silent Auction, another idea came to the table.

Event chairwomanMary Kaiser is throwing a private glass blowing event into the mix, where locals will have a chance to watch artists in action as they work to create glass art for the silent auction.

"Last year we just jumped in feet first and didn't know what to expect," Kaiser said.

This year, Kaiser came up with the idea to extend fundraising efforts further out in the community.

"This year we promised it would be bigger and better," Kaiser said. "We're expecting a big crowd at the silent auction."

Kaiser also said the glass blowing event will be a good segue for the district into the art show.

"Columbus has many premier artists and they have volunteered to do this with us," Kaiser said.

The event, which takes place at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Glass Axis, 1341-B Norton Avenue, will feature four local artists who specialize in glass blowing and six area celebrities who will help design the work.

One of the featured artists is Brian Becher, who has been working at the Glass Axis and renting out studio time to make his designs.

Becher sells his work to galleries in the Short North.

Becher graduated from Ohio State University in 2003 with a degree in Fine Arts and said he has been working with "soft" glass for about five years.

"With glass the option are really limitless," Becher said.

Becher said glass blowing is a process of cooling and shaping molten glass.

Local celebrities will work with Becher to add their own color combinations and design ideas to the glass at the event.

"I'm excited about it and think it will be a neat thing to do," Becher said. "I'm interested to see what these local celebrities come up with."

Pam McDowell, an art teacher at the New Albany 2-5 Intermediate Elementary School. said last year the silent auction made more than $10,000 through the sale of student artwork.

McDowell said the money was divided and distributed to all of the art departments in the district and the extra cash helped her out a lot.

The money McDowell received went toward clay slab rollers, jewelry-making equipment, pasta machine used to roll out clay, paint brushes and other supplies.

Individual classes from every grade level are working on a project to donate to the auction.

Some of the pieces are decorative and some are more functional, McDowell said.

"We try to tie the project into the curriculum," McDowell added.

One of the second grade classes is painting a chair that looks like Mone's "Water Lillies."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

DeSales to honor departing principal

After 33 years, Patrick Rossetti is graduating from St. Francis DeSales High School.

Rossetti, the high school's principal, will retire in June, at the end of the school year.

An open house to honor Rossetti, who began at DeSales in 1971 as a teacher, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. April 25 in the DeSales gymnasium, 4212 Karl Road.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Rossetti's departure isn't the only one for the school.

Friday was the last day of work for Deidra Schwartz, DeSales' director of school and community relations.

Schwartz, a Westerville resident, is a DeSales graduate. She worked at the high school for five years, before deciding to return to her previous job at Prentice Hall as the production manager working with the career, health, education and technology division.

Schwartz said she won't be gone for long, though. She'll be "coming back as a parent" as daughter Kaitlyn starts at the school.

A replacement for Schwartz has not been named.

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United Way's 2003 donations top $52 million

■ *The annual campaign topped the previous year's total by $600,000.*

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN
New Albany News Reporter

United Way of Central Ohio raised $52.5 million during its 2003 campaign – a slight increase over the $51.9 million received in 2002.

The organization receives donations through workplace campaigns, public sector donations, direct mail, individual gifts, endowments, foundation and community grants and government support of United Way initiatives.

Results of the 2003 campaign were scheduled to be announced today by David Meuse, chairman of the 2003 campaign, at United Way's Annual Meeting, a breakfast held at the Center of Science and Industry.

In 2003, United Way officials chose not to set a financial goal for donations after falling short of their 2002 goal of $55.1 million. Contributors donated $53 million in the 2001 campaign.

This year, leaders said, the organization focused on stabilizing the campaign and strengthening relationships between the fund-raising organization and its donors.

The largest 2003 contributions came from the following organizations:

■ Limited Brands employees kicked in $9.4 million – an increase of 14.5 percent more than the previous year.

■ Nationwide conducted a national campaign and raised $7.2 million locally – up 4.5 percent from 2002.

■ Ohio Civil Service Employees Association-American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees generated $2.54 million in 2003.

■ Bank One, Huntington National Bank, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Ohio State University each raised more than $1 million.

The top 100 workplace campaigns raised a combined $45.7 million, representing 85 percent of the total revenue.

There were 91 new $10,000 donors, 23 new $25,000 donors and two new $100,000 donors – which brought the major gifts total to $6.55 million.

United Way's Young Leadership Group, made up of donors under the age of 46 who give at least $2,500 annually, gained 127 new donor households and reached a record $2 million.

African-American households involved with the Key Club program grew and for the first time passed the $1 million mark, hitting $1.19 million in donations.

The one-hour Annual Meeting also was scheduled to include a recognition of retiring United Way board members, re-election of current members and voting on new members.

Newly elected board members are Jon Ricker, president and chief information officer of the Limited Technological Services, and Greg Overmyer, president and CEO of Berwanger Overmyer Associates.

Re-elected board members are: Ronald Barnes, president and CEO of Central Ohio Transit Authority; David Caldwell, Sub-District 3 director of United Steelworkers of America District 1; Patricia Hatler, executive vice president of general counsel at Nationwide; Randy Wilcox, chairman of Sarcom; and Walter Workman, executive secretary-treasurer of Central Ohio AFL-CIO.

Joan Malarkey, executive director of Community Connection for Ohio Offenders Inc., and Mary Passaglia, executive director of the Columbus Literacy Council, were selected as representatives to the board from the Professional Advisory Council – a panel made up of the heads of United Way's 69 member agencies.

Retiring board members include: DeeDee Glimcher, community volunteer; Jack Kessler, chairman of the New Albany Co. and past chairman of the United Way board; Nick LaHowchic, president and CEO of Limited Logistics.

OBITUARIES

James Chun.

James Sung Ho Chun, 1, died March 18 at Children's Hospital.

James is survived by his parents, Andrew and Soo Mi; twin brother, Thomas; grandparents, Dong Won and Jae Sook Chun, Kyung Chul and Myung Soon Lee; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home.

Ryan Rudolph

Ryan Rudolph, 34, died March 20 at Riverside Methodist Hospital of complications from knee surgery.

Mr. Rudolph was a certified resource officer with the New Albany Police Department.

A graduate of West Jefferson High School and the Police Academy, he was a member of First Baptist Church, Fraternal Order of Police and West Jefferson Post Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

He is survived by his daughter, Caitlin; parents, Jerry and Carolyn; brother, Jerry (Jeanne); grandmother, Goldie Boerner; niece and nephew, Regan and Trey; girlfriend, Andrea Murphy and her son, Chaz; aunts and uncles.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Easter Seals.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel.

David Van Matre

David Samuel Van Matre, 73, formerly of Columbus, died March 3.

Mr. Van Matre retired after 20 years in the U.S. Navy and nine years as a firefighter at Defense Construction Supply Center.

He formerly was a member of Caledonia Lodge 416 F&AM.

Survivors are his wife, Rose; daughters, Diana (Paul) Heine of Gahanna, Janet (Dennis) James of New Albany; grandchildren, Vanessa Hoover, Paul Jr. and John Heine, Jonathan, David and Jeremy James; great-grandchildren, Michael, Tyler, Gregory and Alexander, Milburn, Kiley James.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

GALA

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Last year one of the classes painted a cabinet with Van Gogh's "Starry Night" that sold for $1,000 at the auction.

McDowell said all of the schools will contribute work to the silent auction and they will range in price and style.

Other pieces of artwork donated from the 2-5 building include canvas paintings of Van Gogh's work, mosaic mirrors, paintings that follow in the style of Henri Matisse and a platter decorated with African patterns.

The Founder's Day Student Art Show and Silent Auction will be held May 14 and 15 on the New Albany school grounds and all proceeds will go to the district's art departments.

Tickets for the event cost $50 per person.

For more information about the auction or glass blowing event, call Mary Kaiser at 614-855-3456.

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Council moves on key street upgrades

■ *Discussions on a new police station site continued behind closed doors.*

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN
New Albany News Reporter

New Albany village council voted to set the wheels in motion for two key intersection improvement projects Tuesday.

The projects address the intersection of Dublin-Granville Road and High Street as well as the realignment of U.S. Route 62, Thompson Road and Harlem Road.

Council unanimously passed two resolutions allowing village administrator Joe Stefanov to begin working on an easement for the High Street project and to prepare the project to go out to bid.

"My goal is to try to resolve this easement and get it out to bid really quickly to get the project started this summer," Stefanov said.

The six-month $900,000 project will mirror improvements made to the intersection of route 62 and Dublin-Granville Road several years ago.

It will be funded by a combination of grants and a 20-year, zero-interest loan made possible through a small government grant.

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Township seals land deal

■ *Nothing is final, but the plot could become parkland or township facilities.*

By DANIEL BROWNSTEIN
New Albany News Reporter

The Plain Township Board of Trustees sealed a deal that's been years in the making as they unanimously voted to purchase 33 acres of land on the north side of Walnut Street during a special meeting Friday.

Trustees Don Cameron and Don Shoemaker voted to move ahead with the purchase.

"When we originally looked at it, believe it or not, we were thinking about putting in a park."
–Don Cameron
township trustee

Trustee Janis Bobb was absent.

In October, the trustees made an initial offer for $944,997 to the property's owners Clyde and Betty Garrett, who currently live in

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News photo by Tim Norman

Shiny happy marchers

Ashley Jordan, 9, leads the Broadway Bound group along Market Street during the New Albany Founders Day parade on Saturday. The group was given the parade's enthusiasm award. Photos, Page 22.

News photo by Tim Norman

Slings and arrows

Actors Theater Artistic Director John S. Kuhn asks a question about Shakespeare as third-graders raise their hands to answer during a presentation Tuesday at the New Albany 2-5 Intermediate Elementary School. Kuhn spoke about play preparation and Shakespeare. The students will be perform Shakespeare's works at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and next Wednesday.

Alliance lines up partners

By DANIELLE DILLON
New Albany News Reporter

There is a list of names hanging on the wall next to New Albany Superintendent Ralph Johnson's office.

Scrawled in red and black ink, the list could seem menacing. It is not, however, an enemies list. Nor is it a list of all the things the school district owns. It is, according to Johnson, a list of cultural partnerships.

Including the Thurber House and Columbus Museum of Art, the list represents the handiwork of the New Albany Arts Alliance.

The Alliance, formed last year, is an arts network which aims to connect the New AlbanyPlain Local School District to arts and educational organizations throughout Central Ohio.

"We want to establish relationships with these organizations before the actual bricks and mortar of the arts center are in place."
–Ralph Johnson
superintendent

"We want to establish relationships with these organizations before the actual bricks and mortar of the arts center are in place," said Johnson.

The alliance met on Thursday, at New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main St., to discuss the arts center's progress.

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Rainy day parade

■ *Locals gathered under darkened skies Saturday for the New Albany Founders Day activities.*

Photos by Tim Norman

New Albany High School sophomore Erin Meadows leads part of the drill team down Market Street during Saturday's New Albany Founders Day parade.

TOP RIGHT: Agnes Morgan Campbell (left) tries to identify people in a photo with the help of Naomi Fodor in the Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show. The photo is from the 19th Annual Plain Township Picnic in August of 1921.

RIGHT: Having run out of candy to give away, Big Walnut resident Anthony Grist, 12, walks with a bucket on his head along U.S. Route 62 during the parade.

FAR RIGHT: Miss Herb Queen Jessica Potts, 17, walks along High Street in New Albany during Saturday's parade.

BELOW: Covered from the rain, (from left) Quinn Devillers, 7, Anna Wolfe, 7, Jack DeVillers, 3, and Emme Wolfe, 3, wait for the start of the New Albany Founders Day parade along Market Street.

New Albany Founders Day fun goes on

Story by Lori Wince/Photos by Patrick White

Saturday's unpleasant weather did not keep people from Founders Day in New Albany.

"It was nasty, but we had a pretty good crowd of people," said Linda Honaker, one of the celebration's organizers. "I was surprised."

All events were operational and all entertainment performed except the local talent show, Honaker said.

Some new additions, including the new petting zoo and a palm reader and psychic, were well received.

Honaker said one thing organizers may continue to alter is the reading of the Grand Marshals proclamation by the New Albany mayor.

This year, Mayor Nancy Ferguson read the proclamation in front of Eagle's Villa Pizza at the grandstand during the parade. But Honaker said it is difficult to do without stopping the parade.

Another new ing in front of each winning parade entry or float.

There were four winners in the parade. The New Albany 4-H Lucky Clovers Club won the best representation of the parade theme "A Celebration of Magic." Club members dressed as magicians, Knore said.

Broadway Bound Dance Centre won the most enthusiastic category for having dancers dressed in top hats perform to songs containing the word "magic" while the float was moving.

First Baptist Church won the most imaginative category for its Asian theme, which will be the theme for the church's vacation Bible school this year, Knore said.

The New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society won the gold medal award for having its members also dressed in a magical theme, Knore said.

Each winning entry received $50.

"It was kind of

(Above) Max Bangler drives two Belgian horses pulling the Heartland Bank float during the parade. (Left) 12-

Krebs ride the "Roundup" during the Founders Day celebration May 15.

was a way for people to identify winning parade floats.

Jennifer Knore, parade organizer, said they had youth carrying signs stating the prize walk-

worked out O.K. ... I'd like to thank everyone who did come out. It seemed like everyone had a lot of fun," Knore said.

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(Above) Four-year-old Alea Sprouse makes spin art by squeezing paint onto a spinning piece of paper in the Make It and Take It arts and craft area. (Below) Six-year-old Max Adams seems impressed with pieces of pottery made by sixth-graders that were on display at the school during the Founders Day celebration.

(Above) New Albany Middle School students Tyler Wootton (left) and Patrick McBride share a laugh while Megan Findley makes bubbles aboard the Destination Imagination float during the Founders Day parade. (Left) Six-year-old Abigail Gosdonian, her brother seven-year-old Evan and their mother, Amy, watch the Founders Day parade from the back of their Ford Expedition. The wet weather forced many to break out their umbrellas and ponchos to enjoy the celebration.