By Kim Riesbeck/*ThisWeek*

Don and Carol Shoemaker, pictured at their home on May 9, will serve as the grand marshals in this year's Founders Day parade in New Albany.

Shoemakers chosen as grand marshals

Couple recalls preparing for village's first Founders Day celebration

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Don and Carol Shoemaker, this year's Founders Day parade grand marshals, remember the first Founders Day celebration 30 years ago.

Don spent days before the celebration making sure vendors would have power, while Carol worked to make an outfit for their youngest daughter.

"He's hooked up electric for years and years," Carol said. Of the first celebration, she said, "I remember working on a float."

Don and some other residents built a schoolhouse on a wagon for school principal Jim Doran to ride in.

"We made it too tall, though, and I had to ride along and hold the utility lines up as we went under them," Don said, laughing.

At that time, the celebration lasted for two days and required a lot of preparation beforehand. Don said it was held different places: For many years, it was held at the former New Albany High School, now occupied by the Columbus Jewish Day School on state Route 605. One year, it was completely removed from the local school district and held at a site off U.S. 62 and state Route 161, now Dublin-Granville Road.

Don said he thinks it is handled much better now and he supports the change to a one-day event.

"I think it works better. Two days was way too long," he said.

The couple has been a part of every Founders Day celebration and has been heavily involved in the community since moving to Plain Township 30 years ago. When they arrived in New Albany, they were the parents of two daughters, Beth and Amy. A third daughter, Emily, was born after they moved.

They have been members of the New Albany United Methodist Church for the last 30 years. Don now is a trustee on the church's board.

Both are members of the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society.

Dona nd Carol met at a summer church camp the year before they were seniors in high school. Carol said they have been married for 42 years and have lived most of their lives in central Ohio.

Don graduated from Worthington High School and Carol from West High School. He attended Ohio State University, and they lived in Milwaukee for a time after he graduated. He worked for a manufacturing company, writing manuals, then came back to Ohio to teach for a while. He eventually ended up joining a family member in the electrical business. Once he was certified as an electrician, he eventually opened his own business.

"When we moved here, there was nothing but a farm across the road," he remembered.

There were a few houses on the same side of Peter Hoover Road as the home they purchased, but the area was very rural. Don said he could drive into Worthington or Dublin and never see another car.

While raising their children, the couple supported the New Albany High School Marching Band, transporting instruments to away games.

"I think we figured out we didn't miss an away game in 11 years," he said.

Carol said the couple also chaperoned school events and were part of local scouting organizations. They didn't do more than any other parents., Don said.

Don Shoemaker is a Plain Township trustee; he ran for office 12 years ago, hoping to make a difference in his community, and was elected at a controversial time, when the village and township were discussing a merger and the community was split.

Since then, he said, the township built a new firehouse on U.S. Route 62 and a new pool south of state Route 161, and improved its relationship with the village.

"I think we are working better with the village," he said. "That relationship has improved."

Despite all they have seen and done, the couple said the area retains something that it had when they first moved here 30 years ago: The

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By Patrick White/*ThisWeek*

Scenes from last year

12-year-olds Madison Barlett (left), Molly Hamilton and Emily Krebs ride the "Roundup" during last year's Founders Day celebration.

Parade to feature lots of youth, animals and fun

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

This year's Founders Day parade features a different route, some of the area's best athletes and some cute critters. "We have a lot of animals this year," said parade organizer Jeff Steckman. This is his first year to work with the Founders Day committee.

Steckman said as of May 6 he had more than 25 entries and was waiting to hear how many of the winning New Albany High School sports teams could participate. He said he hopes to have the 2003 New Albany High School State Baseball champions, the 2004 New Albany High School football team that attended the state finals, and the 2004 boys and girls high school basketball teams there.

"We already have 600 kids involved," he said.

The New Albany youth lacrosse team, Broadway Bound Dance Center, Junior Gahanna Drill Team and the an after-school dance group from Columbus will be in the parade.

And then there are the animals. Steckman said a group that rescues basset hounds will be there, along with animals from the Animal Hospital at Polaris. Dr. Sue Zinni and the Animals R Special veterinary practice of New Albany will be in the parade.

Founders Day committee member Beckie Knore said the event also features the Citizens for Humane Action.

Along with those entries, some familiar faces will be marching or riding floats. That list includes New Albany Mayor Nancy Ferguson and the New Albany Village Council members.

The parade costs $25 to enter and entries were accepted in the following categories: business or commercial vehicle, elected official or candidate, float, nonprofit organization, horse drawn entry for a business or private individual, walking group or individual street performer.

Steckman said there will be three awards given out this year:

• Best representation of the celebration's theme, "Hometown Heroes." The winner of this award will receive $75 and will be guaranteed free entry in next year's parade.

• Most creative or imaginative entry. This winner of this award will receive $50.

• Most enthusiastic entry. This winner of this award also will receive $50.

The parade will follow a new route this year. Because of events taking place at New Albany High School, the parade will line up at 10:30 a.m. at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection at the corner of Fodor and Dublin-Granville roads, Knore said.

The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. and move onto

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state Route 161. It will head east, then turn south on Market Street. The parade will pass by the grandstand at Market Square, where television personality and "Hometown Hero" Jym Ganahl will be announcing the entries.

The parade will continue to U.S. Route 62 and turn north. It will turn east on 161 and west on state Route 605, passing in front of author, local businessman and "Hometown Hero" Dennis Keesee at the second grandstand in front of Eagle's Villa Pizza.

Just before the parade begins, the New Albany Arts Council's community chorus will perform at that grandstand, said Founders Day committee member Linda Honaker.

The parade will continue to the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School, where the annual celebration begins after the parade.

Best places to view the parade

The best places to view the Founders Day parade will be on Market Street and near Eagle's Villa Pizza, according to parade organizer Jeff Steckman.

There will be one grandstand at Market Square, where television personality and "Hometown Hero" Jym Ganahl will be announcing entrants.

A second grandstand will be in front of Eagle's Villa Pizza at the corner of U.S. Route 62 and state Route 605, where author, local businessman and "Hometown Hero" Dennis Keesee will also announce entrants.

Another good viewing site is in front of New Albany Village Hall, at 99 W. Main St. (U.S. Route 62).

The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. and is expected to take about one hour. Roads along the parade route will be closed after the parade kicks off.

The route begins at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection and heads east, turning south on Market Street. The parade will continue to U.S. Route 62 and turn north. It will turn east on state Route 161 and west on state Route 605 and continue to the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School, where the annual celebration begins.

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small-town feel of New Albany and Plain Township is what drew them here and what keeps them here, the Shoemakers said. They have witnessed the growth and boundary changes as pieces of Plain Township have been annexed into Columbus and have watched the village of New Albany expand to near city status.

Don said New Albany was one of the last suburbs in central Ohio to grow, and most of the people who lived here 30 years ago knew it was coming. The couple watched as farm after farm was sold.

"It's the kind of community where everybody gets to know everybody. Even though it's grown, it's a friendly place and people really do go out and meet other people," Carol said.

Don said community celebrations such as Founders Day and the annual Fall Harvest Fest at Doran's Farm Market are two things that help the area keep the small-town feel.

Don and Carol Shoemaker hope to be riding in the Founders Day parade May 21 with all six of their grandchildren.

Their children and grandchildren have remained close. Amy and her husband, Doug Flowers, and their two children live in New Albany, Beth and her husband, Brad Curtis, and their three children live in the Northridge School District and Emily and her husband, Derek Mills, live in the Northland area with their first child.

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Founders Day calendar

Below is a listing of all the events available during Founders Day.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

11:15 a.m. - **The New Albany Community Chorus** will perform at Eagle's Villa Pizza before the New Albany Founders Day parade.

11:30 a.m. - **The 30th annual New Albany Founders Day parade** will begin at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection and finish at the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School on state Route 605.

Noon - **The 30th annual celebration of Founders Day kicks off.** The silent auction to raise money for next year's celebration closes at 3 p.m. The 18th Annual Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show will be in the elementary cafeteria. The rest of the following events will be in front of the elementary through 5 p.m.: the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society displays, High Winds Farm pony rides, the New Albany Police Department's Jail and Bail, the Super Obstacle Course, children's games, face painting, the Plain Township Fire Department's child safety seat check and fire safety house, Karaoke, a talent showcase, Koonts the Clown, a wall climb, a putt-putt golf course, the U.S. Army Recruiting basketball game, the dunk tank and Bingo.

Founders Days events include entertainment, food and rides

By LORI WINCE
This Week Staff Writer

Founders Day, the annual celebration of the founding of New Albany, is scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

"Hometown Heroes" is the theme of this year's 30th annual celebration.

New Albany was founded by William Yantis and Noble Landon in 1837 on "72 fifty-by-one-hundred-foot lots east and west of a principal north-south highway ... Much of the original configuration of lots survives in the old town center (at U.S. Route 62 and state Route 605)," according to the "Founders of New Albany, Ohio," publication. It was written by the two founders' descendants, John Saveson of New Albany and Richard Yantis of Westerville.

The first Founders Day was organized by the New Albany-Plain Local Historical Society. The celebration eventually became too large for one group to handle. Now, the historical society and other groups such as the New Albany Area Chamber of Commerce help the Founders Day Committee, chaired by Beckie Knore and Linda Honaker.

The celebration is funded with donations only, Knore said. Money collected from parade entries and other fund-raisers helps. This year's event sponsors are Abercrombie & Fitch, Key Bank and McDonald Financial Group. Other sponsors include the Village of New Albany, the New Albany-Plain Local Historical Society, Eagle's Villa Pizza, Kroger, Shoemaker Electric and the New Albany Area Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration will be held at the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School on state Route 605. It features entertainment, information on local groups, rides, games and food.

A silent auction, held annually, will be set up in front of the school cafeteria. Knore said it includes prizes donated by local businesses, with all proceeds going to help fund next year's celebration. One of the special donations this year is one-year's tuition to the Broadway Bound Dance Centre of New Albany.

New to this year's celebration is the United States Army Reserve Set Up basketball game for all ages, Kettlecorn popcorn, a talent show by Broadway Bound Dance Centre of New Albany and participation by several animal groups.

Rides by Michael's Amusements will be set up in front of the elementary gymnasium, Honaker said. Games

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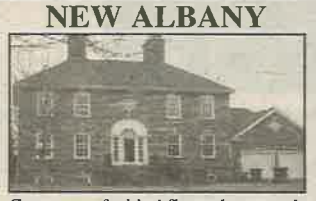

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Scenes from last year

Six-year-old Max Adams seems impressed with the pieces of pottery made by sixth-graders on display at the middle school during last year's Founders Day celebration.

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will be placed throughout the event grounds. The super obstacle course and wall climb are back. A new race game has been added, too, she said.

Informational booths and food will be set up around the parking loop in front of the building. Honaker said there will be enough food to please everyone. She said the air will be filled with the smell of pastries, cookies, pies, bratwurst, elephant ears, sugar waffles and pizza, to name just a few.

Honaker said the dunk tank, which has not been on the grounds for several years, has been brought back this year and will be operated by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Some of the animal organizations that participated in the parade will be on the grounds for the celebration, too. Honaker mentioned the Animal Hospital of Polaris, which will be handing out information on treatments and diseases.

The Plain Township Fire Department will have the fire safety house on site and the department will test child car safety seats, which has become an annual event, Knore said.

The event is held rain or shine. Mayor Nancy Ferguson remembered last year's celebration as the wettest ever. "Hopefully, we'll have better weather than last year," she said.

Ferguson said all area residents appreciate the celebration. "It's a great community celebration and a tremendous amount of work. Everybody enjoys it," she said.

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This year's art show won't include auction

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The Ethel Schleppi Memorial Art Show is held annually in conjunction with Founders Day.

For the last two years, the show has been part of an auction of local students' art, which raised money for art programs in the New Albany-Plain Local School District.

This year, it has returned to an art show only, said Founders Day chair Beckie Knore.

"Last year, they held the auction," she said. "This year, they decided to do the auction every other year."

Knore said the event has also changed from a two-day to a one-day event. Instead of opening the night before Founders Day, the show will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Art work by both students and local artists will be displayed in the New Albany Intermediate Elementary School cafeteria.

One historical photo that will be on display during the show was submitted by the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society. Mayor Nancy Ferguson said the photo, taken in the early 1900s, shows the Plain Township annual picnic. She said it has been displayed in previous years and historical society members eventually hope to identify all the people in it.

So far, between 15 and 20 people have been identified. Ferguson said this year, the society has placed a number on each person so people who recognize an individual can write their name on paper beside the number.

The New Albany Area Chamber of Commerce held a photo contest this year in conjunction with the show, requesting the work of amateurs and professionals. Winners are to be announced during the art show and their photos will be displayed as part of the show, according to chamber information.

Photographers with the best pictures chosen in the following categories will receive $25 each:

The categories are: residential architecture, commercial architecture, animal, nature, health and fitness, historical award, people at work, people in leisure, sports and events.

The photos will become property of the chamber.

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Recommended parking areas for viewing the Founders Day parade are:

- Anywhere on Market Street or in Market Square.
- New Albany High School, 7600 Fodor Road, after the morning sporting events.
- Behind the businesses along U.S. Route 62, including New Albany Village Hall, the Medical Building, Fifth Third Bank, Insurance Office of Central Ohio and CVS Pharmacy.

Other recommended parking areas are:

- New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 S. Third St.
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According to the "Founders of New Albany, Ohio," by John Saveson of New Albany and Richard Yantis of Westerville, New Albany was founded in 1 837 on "72 fifty-by-one-hundred-foot lots east and west of a principal north-south highway ... Much of the original configuration of lots survives in the old town center (at U.S. Route 62 and state Route 605)."

Noble Landon has strong ties to both Franklin and Licking counties, being the first clerk and justice of the peace in St. Albans Township, which was organized in 1813.

Saveson described Landon as having "a persistent and sometimes curious association with hard liquor."

That fact figured into Landon's election of clerk of St. Albans Township. According to the publication, "Our Early Times," "at this election they (the clerk and three trustees) received the consideration (or salary), which was four gallons of whiskey, and this seems a liberal allowance as there were but seventeen electors."

Landon's association with alcohol continued even after, in 1834, he purchased 40 acres in Plain Township where U.S. 62 and state Route 605 intersect. A carpenter by trade, he operated a tavern there, where the abandoned Shell station now sits, and had built a hotel there by 1835. He operated the establishment the rest of his life.

William Yantis, a farmer, had a long an interesting family history. As an example, the Yantis family had a connection with the parents of Francis Scott Key, who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner."

William Yantis' family was originally from Maryland. He served three stints in the War of 1812. After the war, William Yantis and his family moved to Ohio, "probably in response to positive information about Ohio received from relatives who had moved to Fairfield County about 1809," Richard Yantis wrote in the publication.

William Yantis had moved north to Franklin County sometime between 1817 and 1819 "probably in search of land of higher quality and/or development potential."

Pieces of Yantis' character also are included, such as the following account from the Westerville "Review:" "He was an eccentric man, who claimed some knowledge of medicine. Good hearted, to one who was a friend he would give up most everything he possessed, but with one he disliked he would have nothing to do."

Yantis bought his 100 acres in Plain Township for $400 in 1819. According to a map from the Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society, he resided on the north side of state Route 161. Richard Yantis surmised that Yantis' home was near the New Albany-Plain Local School campus, between state Route 605 and Fodor Road, north of Dublin-Granville Road.

The publication about the founding fathers of New Albany is available through the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society.

Best places to park

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- New Albany High School bus loop off Dublin-Granville Road.
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By ANTHONY DILL
New Albany News Reporter

Heroes that inspired 12 New Albany Elementary students to portray them on paper will get a permanent tribute – they will be displayed on a T-shirt during this year's Founder's Day celebration.

The students were charged with picking a hometown hero, whether it be a firefighter, policeman or their own family, and create a piece of artwork for the contest.

The winners are New Albany 2-5 Elementary students Olivia Shull, Camilla Suarez, Magali Valenete and Santiago Martines, Alison Schaffir, Therese Rajasekera, Emily Lowe, Amanda Cooper, Justine Emig, Piper Hill, Paige Kovach and Kira Weisend.

The Founder's Day committee selected the 12 winners from nearly 300 entries. The winners' art will be compiled into a collage and transferred to T-shirts sold during the Founder's Day celebration.

In addition to having their art on a T-shirt, the students also received and all-day ride pass for amusement rides at Founder's Day and will be a part of the Founder's Day parade.

"I'm excited to be in the parade," second-grader Olivia Shull said. "My whole family is going to go watch me be in the parade."

The winners all thought their projects were good and were ecstatic to have their designs put into a permanent form.

"I felt really excited (to win)," third-grader Emily Lowe said. "I worked really hard on it and I never really won a contest before. It was fun to do it."

The students picked their hometown heroes for a variety of reasons.

Lowe chose four people to draw for her picture – a firefighter, dentist, teacher and veterinarian – because of the way they help people and animals.

Fourth-grader Justine Emig selected a firefighter because they protect people.

Second-grader Camilla Suarez created art of her hero Abigail Wexner because of the help she gives families of violence through the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence.

Shull was selected as a winner because of the heroes she selected – her family.

"I put them on there because they take care of me and feed me," she said. "They're always there when I need their help."

The 30th annual Founder's Day event will be held May 2. Another exhibition of elementary student art will be held during Founder's Day in the elementary dining hall, 87 North High Street.

News photo by Tim Norman

New Albany Founders Day T-Shirt Design winners gather are (from left): row 1-Olivia Shull, Camilla Suarez, Magali Valenete and Santiago Martines; row 2-Alison Schaffir and Therese Rajasekera; row 3- Emily Lowe, Amanda Cooper, Justine Emig and Piper Hill. Paige Kovach and Kira Weisend are not pictured.

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Saturday ceremony marks 30th year of Founder's Day

By SCOTT TAKAC
New Albany News Reporter

Saturday will mark the the 30th anniversary of Founder's Day in New Albany.

Linda Honaker, who has co-chaired the event for the past 10 years with Beckie Knore, said Mayor Nancy Ferguson is expected to issue a special proclamation marking the anniversary.

This year's theme, "Hometown Heroes," will see several military groups at the head of the parade line, said Jeff Steckman, parade chair.

Steckman said the parade – which will also feature New Albany's winning sports teams – will start at 11:30 a.m. at Church of the Resurrection, located at Fodor Road and E. Dublin-Granville Road, and end at the New Albany 2-5 Elementary School.

"We're still getting entries every day," Steckman said, adding that 40 groupshave entered the parade by Tuesday. "Hopefully, I'm hoping for 60."

■ Parade starts 11:30 a.m. at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, and ends at the New Albany 2-5 Elementary School, where carnival rides, concession and games will be offered, among other activities.

He said that the Ohio State Marching Band turned down an invitation to march this year, but the parade will feature music of the New Albany High School bands along with floats sponsored by several New Albany businesses.

Leading the parade as grand marshals will be Plain Township Trustee Don Shoemaker and his wife Carol, who were selected for the honor by the New Albany Historical Society.

"Don has done a tremendous amount of work around the township and the village itself," Knore said. "He's always doing things for no gratitude."

"I hope everybody comes out and has a good time, talks to some people they haven't in a while and meet some new people," Honaker said of the event, which celebrates New Albany's heritage.

Honaker said at the end of the parade route, as in years past, carnival rides, concessions, games, crafts and entertainment will be featured, with a few new twists.

She said the addition of a Scooby-Doo obstacle course should make the younger ones happy while new concessions including gyros, ice cream and kettle corn should please the hungry ones.

"We're hoping for maybe 8,000 this year," Honaker said of anticipated attendance. "If we have a really nice day, we're expecting a large crowd."

Knore said it's not the crowds or the weather that have kept her volunteering for the past 10 years.

"I love seeing my neighbors," she said. "I know that sounds corny. And I love seeing the new people."

"It's really mainly for the community to get together and relax and get ready for summer," she said. "It's a good time to kick it off."

OBITUARIES

William Connolly

William "Bill" Alfred Connolly, 76, died May 7 of colon cancer.

Mr. Connolly worked as a wholesale food representative for several companies. After retiring, he started his own advertising business.

He was a veteran of U.S. Army with the 40th Infantry Division during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952.

A 1946 graduate of Arlington High School, he received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University in 1951.

He was a member of University Lodge 631 F&AM, ARAT Shrine Temple of Kansas City, Mo. and the Medina Temple of San Francisco.

Survivors are his wife of 35 years, Lucille; sons, Rodney and Scott Connolly, both of Denver; grandsons, Will and Kyle Connolly.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Fla. 34478-4860.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Roberts Funeral Home.

Scott Donaldson

Scott E. Donaldson, 47, died May 11.

Mr. Donaldson was the owner of Acclaim Financial Services and a member of St. Mary's American Macedonian Orthodox Church.

He was a graduate of Walnut Ridge High School, class of 1975 and attended Ohio State University.

Preceded in death by his mother, Bea Donaldson; grandparents, Mary Wetherholt and James and Marie Donaldson, mother-in-law, Sophie Milenkovich and brother-in-law, Frank Milenkovich, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Marlene; children, Alexander, James, Michelle and Andrea; his father, Dr. Edward Donaldson; sister, Mary Beth (Dr. Paul) Buck; father-in-law, James Milenkovich; sister-in-law, Nancy (Jove) Prculovski; brother-in-law, John Milenkovich; nieces and nephews, Kelly, Matt and Andrew Buck, Anthony, Nicholas and Christopher Prculovski; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Children's Hospital Foundation.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Schoedinger Northeast Chapel.

4 chain saws reported stolen from truck

POLICE

New Albany police said four chain saws valued at $3,050 were reported stolen

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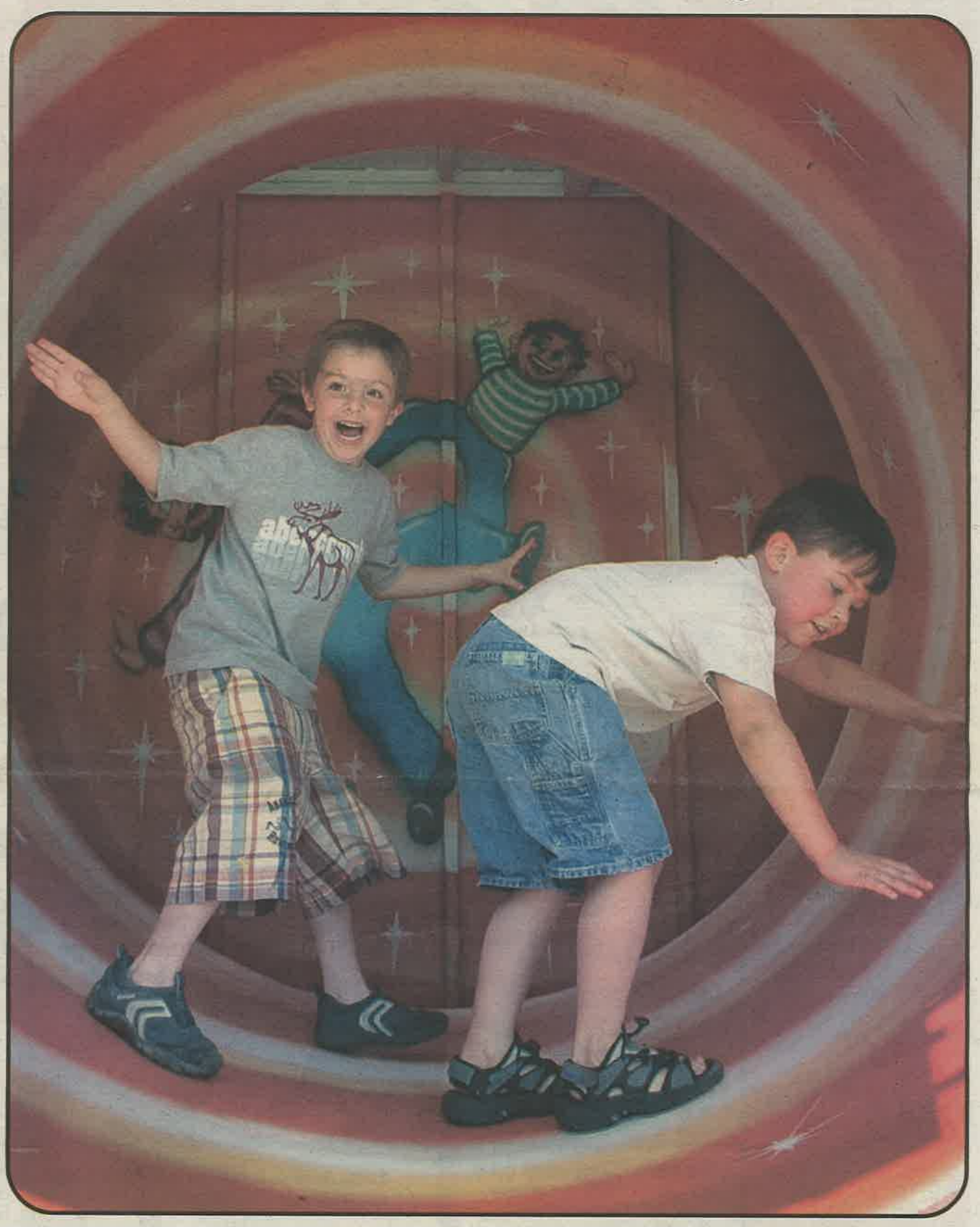
Founder's Day

Hundreds turn out for the 30th annual celebration of New Albany's heritage

Photos by Ann Tormet

Alyssa Hock, 5, of Plain Township takes a ride during New Albany's Founder's Day celebration Saturday.

BELOW: The celebration at New Albany 2-5 Elementary School attracted a large crowd Saturday.



Nicholas Bango, 7, of New Albany (left) and Johsua Thatcher, 5, of Johnstown take a spin in the Alpine Fun House during the celebration Saturday. Carnival rides, activites and more were offered at the New Albany 2-5 Elementary School.

LEFT: In the role of a dental patient, Kristopher Paakanen, 9, of New Albany is about to get an tooth pulled. Paakanen was in on the act with the magician Johnny Scarecrow (a.k.a. Bruce Koonts of Worthington) at Founder's Day.

FAR LEFT: The Ethel Schleppi Memorial New Albany Founder's Day Art Show on display in the school Saturday.

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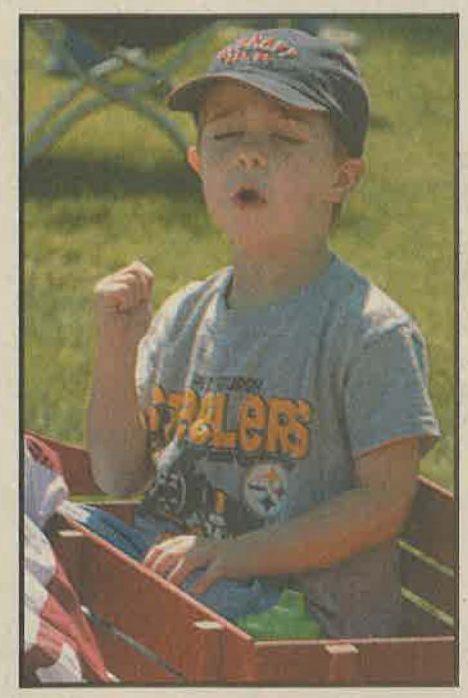

(Above) 11-year-old Danielle Mormol of New Albany plays on the Fun House during the Founders Day May 21. (Right) Four-year-old Zack Weaver of New Albany cheers on the fire trucks during the Founders Day parade.

(Right) Three-year-old Peyton Hanze of New Albany learns the difficulty of eating ice cream while wearing a football helmet. (Below) 11-year-old Keyona Shank, a member of the Pickerington Jr. Drill Team, leads the group as they march in the parade.

(Above) Richard Courter is reflected in the mirror of an old fire truck as he drives the float entered by OSU Family Practice at New Albany during the parade. (Right) The Heartland Bank float makes its way down Market Street during the parade.

(Above, left) 12-year-old Mia McKown, with Broadway Bound in New Albany, dances alongside the group's float during the parade. (Above, right) Eight-year-old David Carter of New Albany captures still images while his godmother, Rikki Webber of New Albany, records the parade and Carter's sister, 10-year-old Rebecca, looks on.

(Above) Eileen Leuby of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce casts out a bag of snacks to the crowd from the group's float in the parade. (Left) 12-year-old Tosha Walls of Johnstown plays a game with fellow resident, 11-year-old Sarah Hoover, while they wait for the start of the parade.