School district saves nearly $2M by refinancing bonds

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The New Albany-Plain Local School District recently refinanced three bond issues to save money on interest payments.

District officials announced last week they had saved taxpayers $1.9-million by refinancing bond issues the district had sold to raise money for construction and expansion projects. The district's decision to refinance was prompted by recent low interest rates, district treasurer Brian Ramsey said.

> *Through collaboration and planning, we are able to save our school district almost $2-million. We continue to emphasize being faithful stewards of the community's tax dollars while at the same time providing quality opportunities, protecting property values and addressing growth.*
>
> **STEVE CASTLE**
> superintendent

Bond issues are the mortgage loans of the school and government business; instead of taking out a mortgage from a bank to build a new building, schools and government entities such as cities are rated by bonding agencies based on the organization's credit rating and then issue bonds to sell to investors. The sale of those bonds then finances the building projects.

New Albany-Plain Local already had an excellent bond rating, and it recently improved.

Superintendent Steve Castle on Jan. 22 told the school board that the district has saved nearly $2-million by refinancing bonds the district owes.

The district refinanced $33.9-million in bonds originally sold in 1998, 2002 and 2003. The refinanced interest rates on the district's bonds sold at about 3.77 percent, 4.14 percent and 4.29 percent, respectively. Those rates compare to the 4.96-percent, 5.14-percent and 5.05-percent rate on the original bonds, Ramsey

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Founders Day

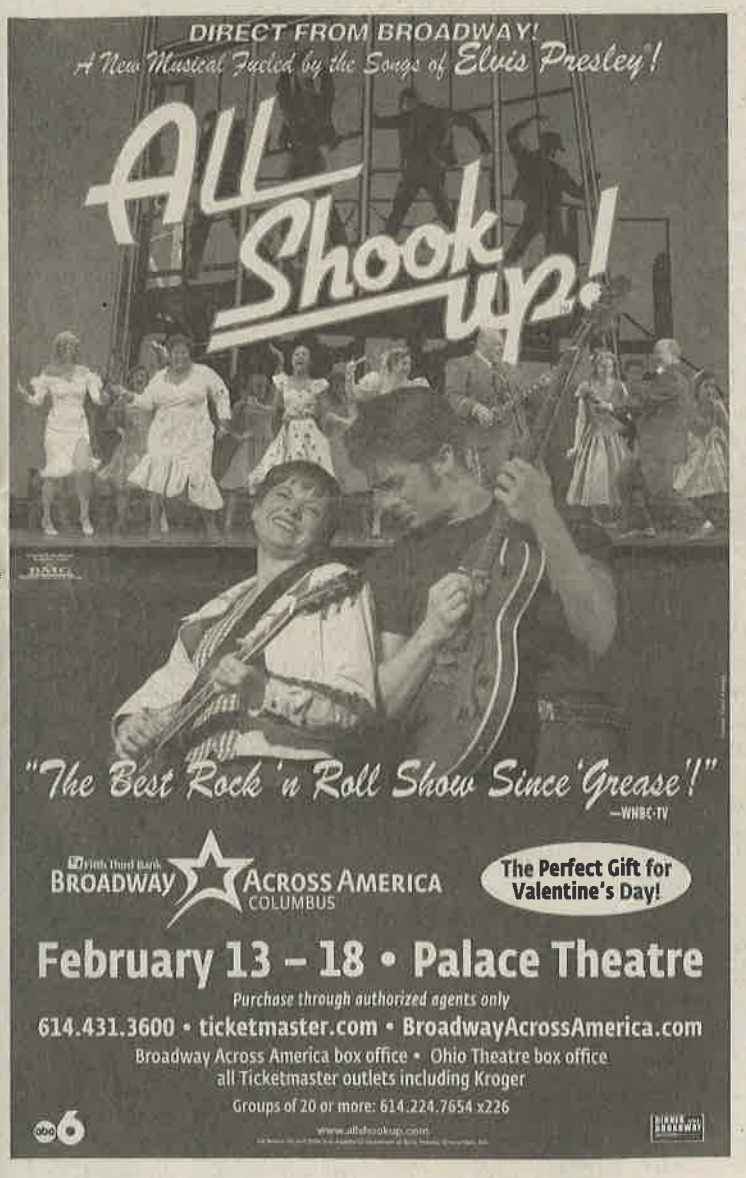
Committee seeks grand-marshal hopefuls

For the first time, the New Albany Founders Day committee is taking nominations for the honor of being named parade grand marshal. Founders Day will be held Saturday, May 19, with the parade kickoff at 11 a.m. Founders Day festivities will begin at noon, according to event chairman Stacy Honaker.

"We simply would like people to nominate someone by writing a small paragraph, letting us know why this person, or persons, should be the 2007 grand marshal. We are looking for people of all ages who have had an impact in New Albany in some way," Honaker said.

Nominations can be sent via e-mail to nafoundersday@yahoo.com or mailed to Honaker, 7841 Kiowa Way, Worthington, OH 43085.

— Gale Cady Williams



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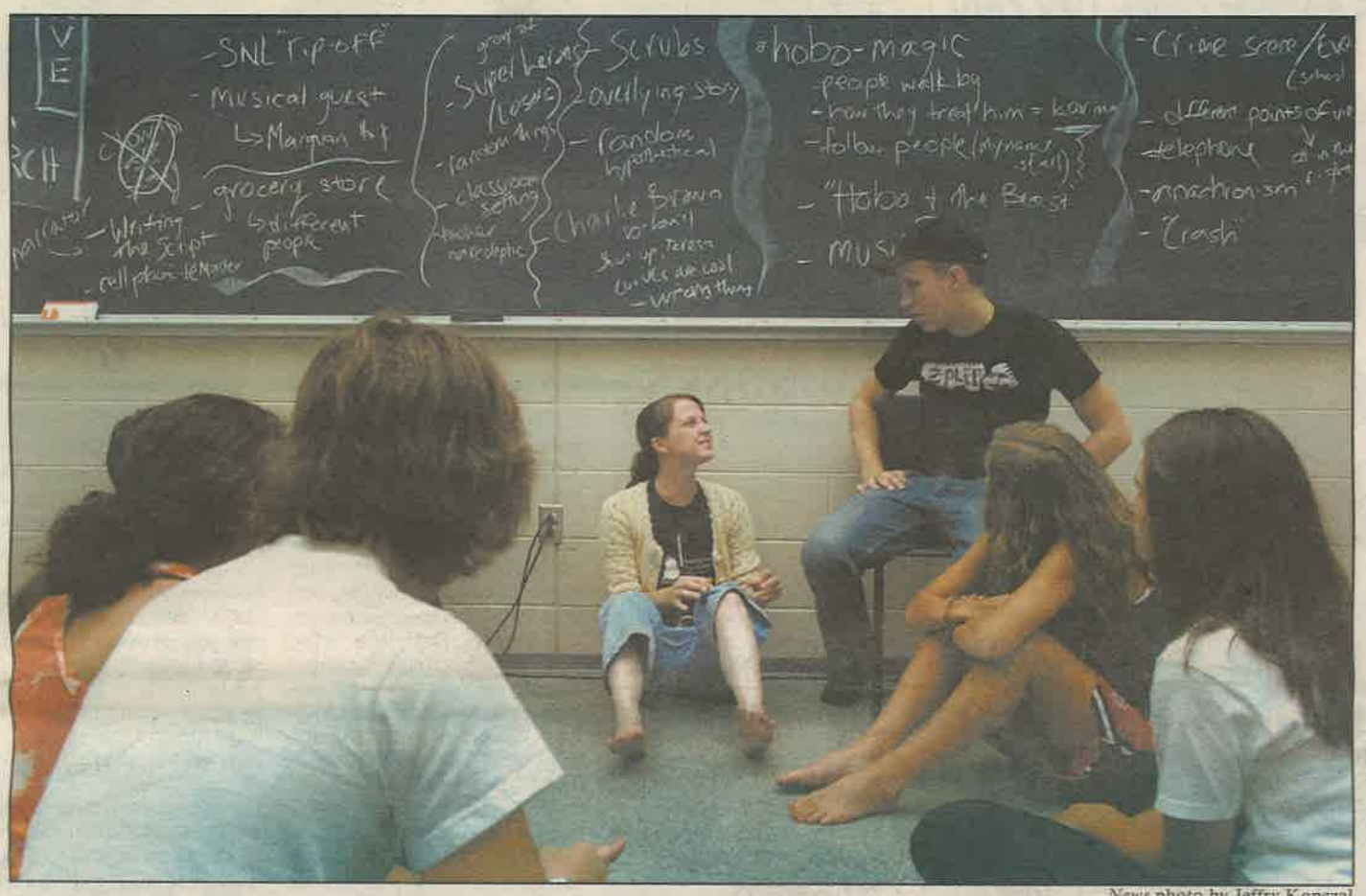

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New Albany seniors Abby Groseclose (center) and Clay Howard (right) talk over the details of a collaborative play they and 20 other New Albany High School students created during a 24-hour lock-in held Friday at the school. During it, students had to script, cast, create costumes and a set for, and direct a theater production at New Albany High School.

Students whip up play in 24 hours

By MEREDITH SOMERS
New Albany News Reporter

It all started when New Albany Senior Clay Howard wanted a magical hobo included in the performance. The request would lead to clown operations, an Amish mafia, a high-heeled male president, and one tired school teacher.

This past Friday and Saturday, New Albany High School students spent 24 hours "locked" in the school's mini-theater building. Their mission was to produce a play from start to finish. The students had to script, cast, design, direct, and edit their production, with only one day, and very little sleep, to do it in.

> *"We realized the only way to incorporate all of our ideas, was to mimic what we (were) doing."*
> **–Abby Groseclose**
> New Albany senior

High school music teacher Karrie Horton said she brought the idea back from the International Thespian Society Conference she attended at Westerville-North High School. Groveport High School had completed its own performance, and had even posted video online that the New Albany students could watch for ideas.

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Celebrating history

Founders Day event to honor fun, family

By LISA AURAND
New Albany News Reporter

It may not be the greatest show on earth, but the Community Events Board hopes residents will "Come one, come all," to celebrate New Albany's Founding Saturday.

There won't be animals "Under the Big Top" – this year's theme – but there will be free popcorn. Free for some, at least, community events board member Jeff Steckman said.

Founder's Day organizers are giving away 500 free boxes of popcorn. They tried to get animals, too, Steckman said, but the plans fell through.

Founders Day kicks off with at parade beginning 11 a.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

Those planning to attend won't be too disappointed, Steckman said.

Long-time Founders Day activities such as the parade and newer favorites like the Cash Cube will rain or shine, for Saturday.

Founders Day festivities begin with the start of the parade at 11:30 a.m. Parade Grand Marshals, Tom and Nancy Maraseks will lead the parade along its route from the Church of the Resurrection at 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road. The parade heads east on Dublin-Granville Road, south on Market Street, east on West Main Street, and north on North High Street to the 2-5 New Albany Elementary School building.

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Village Council reviews money-saving option

By LISA AURAND
New Albany News Reporter

Village residents could expect six-figure interest savings if the New Albany Village Council votes to combine its long-term and short-term debts into one account.

Council heard the first reading of an ordinance at Tuesday's regular meeting that would combine bonds issued for the construction of Village Hall, the new service facility, police station and performing arts center, and the construction of a sewer line.

Consolidation of over $25.4 million in debt could save taxpayers $800,000 to $900,000 over the life of the loan, Village Finance Director Jamie Nicholson said Tuesday.

Current low interest rates make this a good idea right now, Nicholson said. His savings estimates are based on mid-April interest rates.

Council member Dave Olmstead asked Nicholson and Village Administrator Joe Stefanov to consider adding the money the Village has committed toward the MetroParks plan into the debt consolidation.

The village agreed to pay a maximum of $2.5 million in the deal with Plain Township and the City of Columbus, Stefanov said, though deals with the New Albany Company for land could decrease their contribution.

"I was hoping we could come out with something less than that," Stefanov said.

Stefanov agreed to investigate that possibility and will report on his findings when council votes on the ordinance at their next regular meeting June 5.

Council also unanimously approved a charge for the Joint Growth Management Committee, which is made of three appointees each from the Village, Plain Township and the New Albany Plain Local School District. The statement charges the committee to collect and analyze residential growth data within the district, and explore community interest in open space and investigate the acquisition of property and development rights.

In other business, council passed two ordi-

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Township's 'outdated' land use plan to get facelift

By LISA AURAND
New Albany News Reporter

Thursday's Plain Township Zoning Commission meeting ran for almost three hours when a representative from urban planning company Bird Houk Collaborative visited to give an update on revisions to the township's land use plan.

Township trustees agreed earlier this year to pay the Dublin firm $24,500 for their services in revising the plan.

Discussion of revising the land use plan began in October following a trustee consensus that it needed to be changed to reflect the area's current economic climate.

Thursday, Bird Houk representative Gary Smith showed a presentation detailing Bird Houk's discussions with the township's neighbors.

"They've contacted those entities that adjoin the township – the New Albany Company, the village, the school district – all those that would have a vested interest in changes in the land use plan," Commission chairman Rybski said.

Also contacted were nearby Jersey, Monroe and Harlem Townships, township Zoning Officer Cathy Gray said.

Information Smith presented on the zoning and ownership of township tracts larger than 10-acres could help Township Administrator J.B. Bowe determine which land to pursue for the MetroParks project, Gray said.

Though the firm has made progress and gathered much information, there's still much to be done, Rybski said.

"At this stage of the game, they're still fact-finding. It's early in the game, and there's a lot of good information that Bird Houk ... shared," he said.

Rybski agrees with the trustees that the current land use plan is outdated.

"The (plan) we have now is from 1996. It's old, given the significant changes that have occurred in the township, the growth," Rybski said.

The next step, according to Rybski, is another open house for township residents to see what the planning firm has heard from others and for them to give their own input, as well. Gray said she expected the open house would be held sometime in June.

The Zoning Commission will be the first to vote on any proposed revisions to the land use plan. Revisions that pass the commission would be forwarded to township trustees, who have the final say.

"The process is moving along well," Rybski said Monday. "I think that the meeting on Thursday was extremely productive and look forward to moving along aggressively and concluding on revised land use plan for the township."

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Activities at the New Albany 2-5 Elementary building, 87 N. High St., will start after the arrival of the parade, around noon, Steckman said.

Mayor Nancy Ferguson will make a 1 p.m. proclamation declaring the day Founders Day.

Three raffle ticket holders will get a turn in the Cash Cube, a plexiglass box filled with fake bills and $500 real cash, Steckman said.

"They have a minute to spend in there and grab as much as they can," he said.

Cash Cube raffle tickets cost $1 each and each drawing has its own tickets exclusive, so entrants don't have to stick around all day to see if they've been chosen.

Students from Broadway Bound dance studio will perform twice, and Darimar Martial Arts will be doing demonstrations in front of the main stage.

Expect more large carnival rides and inflatable games than in past years, and look out for clowns and other performers.

"We've hired people to do some unique entertaining stuff," Steckman said enigmatically.

Tickets for the rides can be purchased at on-site ticket booths, but inflatable games, such as jousting, are free.

Founders Day is a celebration of Village history, beginning with the construction of Main Street in 1837. The Village of New Albany was incorporated almost 20 years later, in 1856.

To honor the village's historical roots, the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society displays historical village artifacts at the 2-5 building. And from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., historical society members will be giving tours of the historic Ealy House, built in 1860, which the historical society and area volunteers have been working to restore.

"This is our 32nd year (celebrating Founder's Day)," Steckman said. "It's one of those events that started off pretty small and it keeps going every year. It's a great community event were people can come out and enjoy a great atmosphere."

Spots in the parade are still available Steckman said.

Those interested in participating should contact Steckman by Friday at nafoundersday@aol.com or at (614) 747-2029.

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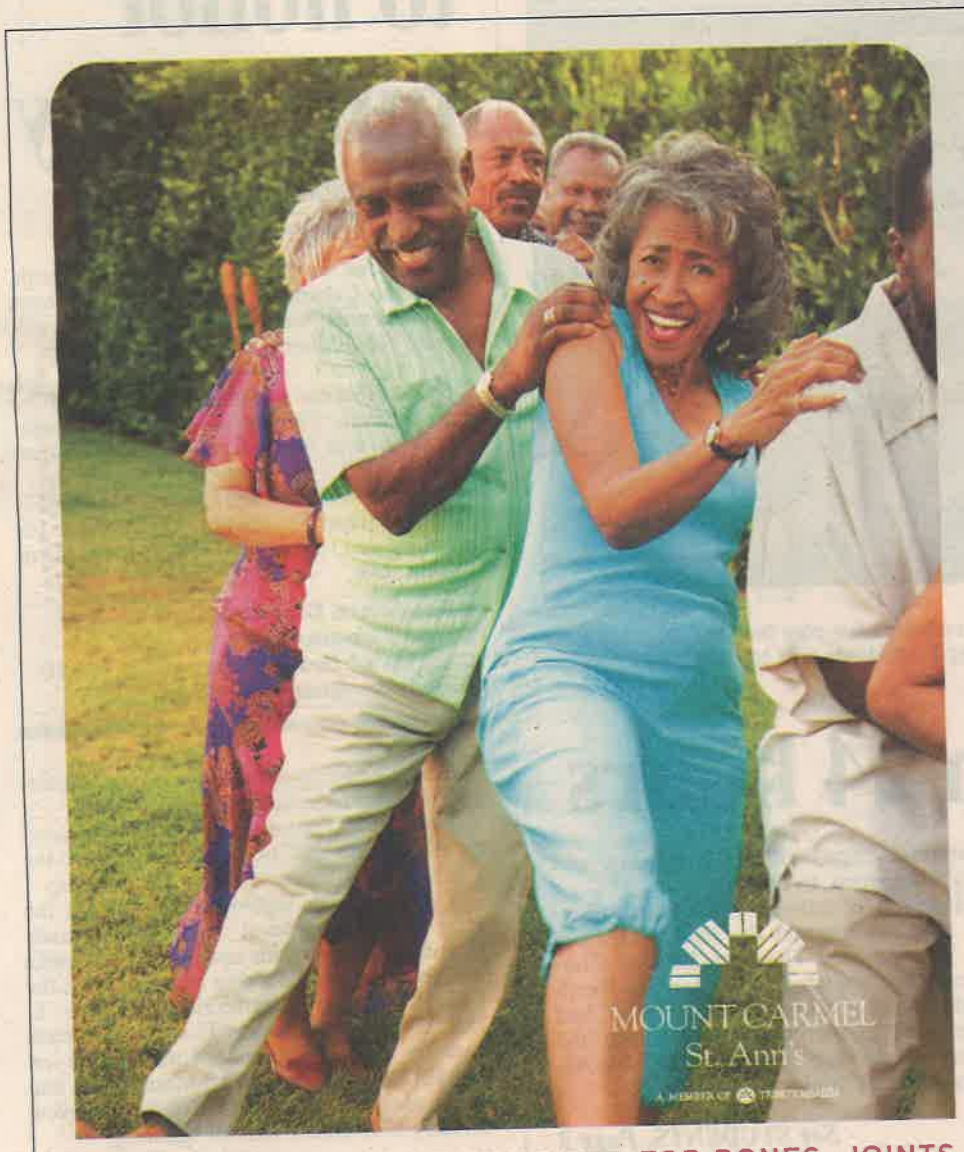

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Weatherman Jym Ganahl part of 2007 Founder's Day parade festivities

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Everybody loves a parade.

According to Parade Organizer Jeff Steckman, there will be lots to love at this year's New Albany Founder's Day parade, which he estimates will include anywhere from 60 to 80 entries, two grandstands with play-by-play parade announcers and treats for onlookers.

The parade will step off at 11:30 a.m. from the Church of the Resurrection. Grand marshals Tom and Nancy Marasek will lead the parade.

"They have been active in the community for many years," said Founder's Day Organizer Stacy Honaker. "They were even a part of the very first Founder's Day in 1976, known then as 'Old Fashioned Days.' "

The Maraseks were nominated by their daughter Amanda (Marasek) Christian, who now lives in Michigan. Craig Marasek, of Johnstown, and Marc Marasek, who is serving in the Navy and stationed in San Diego, are the couple's sons.

The New Albany marching band, Ronald McDonald, Elmo, Spongebob and other characters will be marching in the parade,"Steckman said.

Onlookers can take lawn chairs and station themselves along the parade route or near the two grandstands. Steckman estimates 90 percent of the parade route has sidewalks.

The optimum parade spots? Steckman suggests the grandstands. One will be located on Market Street (in the area between the Rusty Bucket and Starbucks), and the other will be at Eagle's Pizza, at the corner of Main Street and High Street.

"On Market Street, people can put their lawn chairs there, and Ganahl will be doing our announcing," Steckman said. "He lives in West Albany so he's a New Albany person. He has done a good job for us in the past.

"The New Albany Community Choir will sing at the beginning of the day at the Eagle's Pizza grandstand," Steckman said. "That's kind of a central place to watch from. The announcer there is Jennifer Sage, a high-school and middle-school social-studies teacher. She's also a member of the organizing committee," Steckman said.

A warning to would-be candy throwers: The police department asks that you don't throw candy from parade vehicles because children could be hit by cars as they gather candy. Anyone who throws candy from parade vehicles will be removed from the parade by the police, Steckman said. Children will still be getting sweet treats, though, because parade walkers can hand out candy instead.

There are three parade awards this year. The grand prize will be tied to the theme, which is "Under the Big Top."

The grand prize winner will take away a $75 cash prize and free entry for next year's parade. The "Enthusiasm" award will come with a $50 cash prize and will go to the team who displays the most enthusiasm. The "Most Imaginative" award also will win a $50 cash prize.

Judging will be done before the parade start. As entries go by, paradegoers will recognize winning floats by their displayed ribbons.

Entry judges weren't

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By Lorrie Cecil/ThisWeek

Three-year-old Maddie Gull has her bag out and is ready to start collecting candy as the Plain Township Fire trucks roll by during the 2006 parade. This year, the police department asks parade participants to not throw candy from vehicles. Instead, parade walkers can hand out candy.

Parade route

The parade will step off at 11:30 a.m. from the Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., cross Dublin-Granville Road, head down Market Street and proceed to Main Street/62, turn left onto 62 and wind back up through the village. The parade will then turn left at High Street/605 and left at the 2-5 elementary, where the day's festivities will take place.

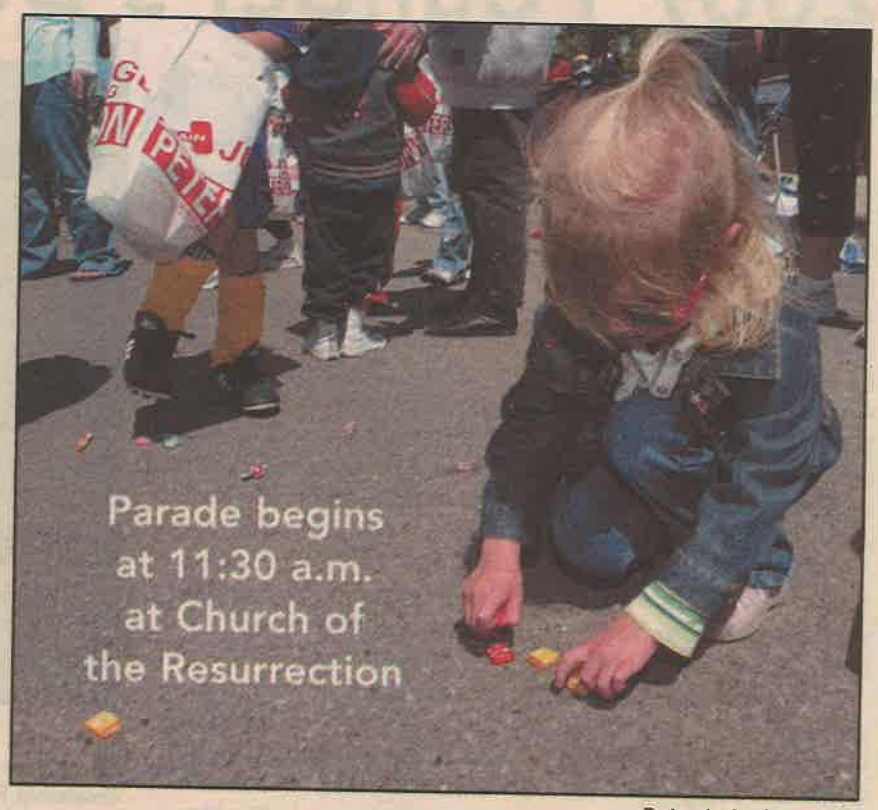
Founder's Day schedule of events

The 2-5 Elementary School
87 N. High St.

11:30 a.m.	Parade begins at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.
Noon	Rides and vendors open
12:30 p.m.	Silent auction

Founder's Day performances
Front entrance of The 2-5 Elementary School

1 p.m.	Mayor's proclamation
1:05 p.m.	Broadway Bound dance performance
1:30 p.m.	Darimar Martial Arts Academy performance
2 p.m.	Cash Cube
2:30 p.m.	Broadway Bound dance performance
3 p.m.	Cash Cube
3:30 p.m.	Darimar Martial Arts Academy performance
4 p.m.	Cash Cube



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decided by press time. "That hasn't been decided yet. We try to kind of keep it a little secret so while everyone is lining up, the judges will be mingling throughout the parade," Steckman said.

Steckman expects several thousand people out for the parade and is hoping for good weather. He believes that Ganahl's presence helps. "For three years we've had sunny days. And we always think that if we have him, we'll get good weather," Steckman said.

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Circus-themed event to feature rides, food, clowns ... and $500 cash prizes

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

P.T. Barnum would be proud.

The 2007 Founder's Day community celebration will boast a circus theme and a carnival-like atmosphere.

Longtime Founder's Day Commissioner Linda Honaker said it has taken about 15 people more than seven months of planning to create the day of fun Saturday.

This year's event, "Under the Big Top," will be a mini-circus featuring clowns, jugglers, mimes and balloon animals, Honaker said.

Several large, furry and famous characters will stroll the grounds, including Shrek and Elmo, as well as some other surprise visitors who will be there for the children's entertainment.

"We like to have a few things that are free for the community, too, like the bouncy ride," Honaker said.

There also will be chances to win as much as $500 during the Cash Cube event, which is scheduled to pay out three times on the event stage.

Eventgoers will pay $1 for a ticket that may win them 60 seconds in the cube.

The Cash Cube will hold $500 in cash. If your ticket is drawn, you'll go into the windy booth to try to grab and hold on to as much cash as possible.

At the end of each session, another $500 will be put into the cube for the next lucky winner, according to Jeff Steckman, committee member.

What else is on tap?

Free popcorn. "This year's theme is popcorn, so we are giving away up to 500 free boxes," Honaker said.

A dunk tank featuring village and school officials will add to the excitement.

What else?

Raffles; face-painting; a silent auction; bake sales; carnival games and rides; free areas for kids, including a Superman obstacle course; and a 'Super-obstacle' for older kids all will be available. And listening to its guests, the committee will bring back the popular Joust.

"It's sort of a blow-up toy that has two pedestals with two inflatable spears, and they try to knock one another off their pedestals," Honaker said.

There also will be a miniature-golf course, and the local tennis club will offer children mini-tennis lessons, Honaker said.

Bring your appetite. All the traditional fair food will be available, including elephant ears, funnel cakes, French fries, hamburgers, brats and more, Honaker said.

By Lorrie Cecil/ThisWeek

Ryan Dunn, 9, facing, and Nathanael Henry, 8, take a turn on the now-popular Joust during the 2006 festivities.

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Youth art show revived for 2007 Founder's Day

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Art lovers can acquire artwork created in every media — from oil paint to sculpture to photography — while enjoying local young people's artwork during two art shows named in honor of a former resident when visiting this year's New Albany Founder's Day event.

The Ethel Schleppi Art Show and Sale will offer some works for sale as well as exhibit, and the Ethel Schleppi Youth Art Exhibit will offer a peek at the talents of local art students during the Founder's Day celebration.

The two art exhibits are scheduled to run alongside one another from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, in the gymnasium of The 2-5 Elementary School, 87 N. High St., New Albany.

Those aficionados have a local woman to thank for the revival of the youth art show. Local artist Juli Hess revived a longstanding Founder's Day tradition this year by bringing back the former annual judged Ethel Schleppi Youth Art Exhibit for this year's event. Hess organized the event under the auspices of the New Albany Historical Society.

Photo courtesy of Juli Hess

Juli Hess, art-show organizer, is shown here with one of her youngest art students, her daughter Jillian Hess, 6.

The youth art show was a successful fund-raiser for the elementary schools' art programs, but the last one was in 2004, according to a records archive search.

"Ethel was an art teacher and a member of the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society," Hess said. "I know she went to Otterbein and was one of the few women of her time to get a degree and devoted her life to art."

The youth show will feature about 100 pieces from 40 students. Hess said she expects two or three pieces from each student. Youth artists range in age from 3 to 18, Hess said, and ribbons will be awarded to the top four artists in each category whose works are judged to be among the "best in show."

Adult artists will have the opportunity to display or sell their works alongside the youth show in the Ethel Schleppi Art Show and Sale, which will offer both arts and crafts in all media forms.

Rules governing the children's exhibit are different from those for adults: young artists may enter in more than one category but are limited to no more than a total of three pieces of art per child, and all submitted work must have been created during the past 12 months.

Judging will take place on Saturday morning before the exhibit opens, Hess said, with ribbons for first, second, third and honorable mention honors awarded for each of five categories. Children's art will be judged in age groups in the categories of Budding Artist (for ages 3, 4 and 5) and four groups of artists ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18.

Hess said she has taught private art lessons out of her home and at some home-school co-ops over the years but this was something new.

"A couple of years ago, one of my home-school moms came to me about a week before Founder's Day and told me there used to be a student art show and wanted to know if I could get something together," Hess said.

Hess put her own students in a show with no honors the following year. People commented on the show so Hess wanted to revive the show with ribbons and awards.

The children's art will not be up for sale but adults' art will, Hess said.

Children can win ribbons for first, second and third place for each age group and category of art. Adults will not be competing.

Artists have an advantage displaying their work in the Schleppi exhibit and sale because the historical society will not charge artists an exhibit or display fee, Hess said. Artists will pay a $25 fee to sell their art or craft.

Hess is a professional artist herself, concentrating on creating acrylic paintings in the realism style. She said she paints "a lot of portraits" and for the last two years has created paintings that Columbus Children's Hospital selected to turn into a Christmas card, the sale of which benefits the hospital.

For more information on Juli Hess or the exhibit, contact her at 614-933-8807.

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Last year's New Albany Founder's Day celebration started with a parade, which was followed by a festival. The parade goes to the dogs — literally — as the Animal's "R" Special Veterinary Clinic marches by.

Book on history of Ealy House to launch at Founder's Day

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

John Saveson has written a short book, *The Ealy House*, on the historic Ealy House's history, architecture and importance to the community.

Appropriately, the 20-page book will be launched at Founder's Day and offered for sale at both the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society booth and at the society's bake-sale table. Profits from the sale of the $3 book will go to the historical society to help complete the restoration of the Ealy House, Saveson said.

The retired English professor said he first became interested in the 1860 Ealy House when he moved to New Albany in 1982 to settle into his family's ancestral home, which was built in 1861 by the same builders as the Ealy House.

After 25 years of learning about the Ealy House and his own home and collecting history on the New Albany area, Saveson said it likely took him about two weeks to organize the information into his book. He and his wife, Marilyn Saveson, later decided to officially launch sales of the work during Founder's Day festivities. For now, they have 100 copies available for sale.

> *We know who the builders were because the guy who built it wrote (in pencil) on the attic wall the names of the builders, carpenters, brickmasons and a plasterer*
>
> – JOHN SAVESON
> AUTHOR

The local history book's chapters include a narrative description of the property, the Ealy family, the architect and architectural-style influences on the home with illustrations and a look at the local craftsmen who worked on the home.

The book also contains several photographs, including a look at the inside and outside of the front door and of early inhabitant Peter Ealy in his Civil War uniform. Additionally, there's a drawing of the type of kiln that was erected on the building site. Saveson said build-site dirt was often used to make homes' bricks; the bricks were fashioned and fired right on the property.

Saveson said he did not write the book solely for the money it may raise for the society. "Interest in the house is growing," he said.

In August 2006, Saveson applied to have Ealy House registered in the National Registry of Historic Homes and received encouraging comments.

While talking about how he traced the house's history, Saveson is clearly delighted. "We know who the builders were because the guy who built it wrote (in pencil) on the attic wall the names of the builders, carpenters, brickmasons and a plasterer," he said.

The Ealy House, located at 6359 Dublin-Granville Rd., will be the new home of the historical society. The society bought the house from the New Albany Co. in 2004, but until restoration is finished — a long process that's still underway, according to the couple — the group is housed in the Kern-Barrington House at 107 E. Granville St.

The society hopes to move to Ealy soon but much work remains to be done. The couple hopes to open it to the public by the Fourth of July.

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Worthington prepares for Memorial Day celebration

The city's parade, one of the biggest around, steps off at 10 a.m. Monday.

By MEREDITH SOMERS
Suburban News Reporter

As the temperatures rise this month, so does the anticipation for Worthington's Memorial Day parade.

This year will mark the 87th annual parade, and the American Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239 is promising another quality community tradition.

"It's pretty decent," said parade Director Dan Murphy.

For many, Murphy's words are a strong understatement for one of the largest Memorial Day parades in Ohio. Since 1921, the post has organized the parade that winds more than two miles through Worthington each year.

"It's quite a day," said Legion Auxiliary President Cheryl Smith. "It's a big weekend. There's always family coming in."

What began as a simple recognition of soldiers by local residents now stretches across the city. Beginning at 10 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Morning Street and state Route 161, the parade marches to High Street's intersection with 161, then south down High Street to Walnut Grove Cemetery.

While the specifics of the parade lineup are still being solidified, Murphy and Post Commander Tom Eshelman said this year's parade will be similar to last year's. The Lima Company 3rd Battalion 25th Marines, who have served in Iraq, will march the parade route, as will numerous Boy Scout troops, veterans, color guards, Worthington students, elected officials, police officers and firefighters.

The two men stressed that this year's parade would not be an opportunity for those wishing to be elected into office to solicit support. While candy-throwing is not being condoned, the legion post does expect some sweets to make their way into eager little hands.

In the weeks leading up to the parade, Smith has continued to work with volunteers, crafting poppies and plates to remember friends and family who have served the country.

The memorials can be purchased through a donation, and once a name is written on the plate, it will hang on the wall of the legion hall, which will be open to the public during the legion's picnic after the parade.

Crepe paper poppies also

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File photo

Claire Densmore of north Columbus shows her patriotism during last year's Memorial Day parade in Worthington.

One for the history books

Founders Day organizers (from left): Marcy Steckman, Jenny Sage, Jeff Steckman, Stacy Honaker, Becky Knore and Linda Honaker are all smiles Saturday at the annual celebration of village history. The event kicked off with an 11 a.m. parade and continued with activities held on school grounds at the 2-5 New Albany Elementary School.

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To bring attention to importance of teaching children about safety tips that can avoid potential tragedies, the Ohio Missing Children's Clearinghouse, located in the Office of the Ohio Attorney General, in partnership with Grace Christian School, will hold the National Missing Children's Day Balloon Release at 1 p.m. Friday at the school, 7510 E. Broad St., in Blacklick.

The 210 students at Grace Christian School will pray for children who are missing in the United States, then release balloons, each labeled with the name of a missing child.

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Founders Day

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(Above) Kathryn Remer of New Albany and her 3-year-old daughter, Samantha, enjoy the Founders Day parade as it heads down Market Street.

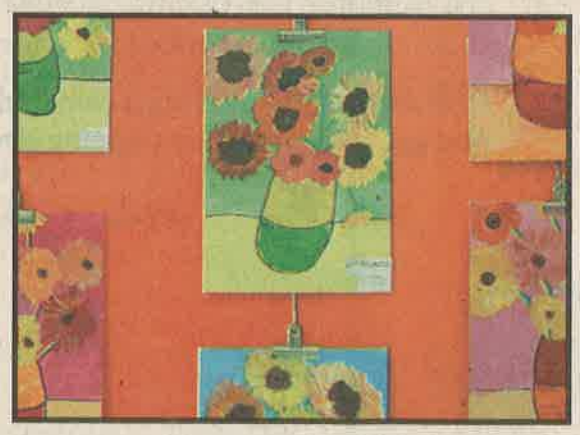
(Above) Ohio's Teen 2007 Brooke Billingsley waves to the crowd as she travels down Market Street as part of the Founders Day parade. (Below) This antique car was also part of the parade.

12-year-old Amy Steckman of New Albany shops for jewelry while at the Founders Day celebration May 19.

(Right) Tractors with the Land of Legend Antique Tractor Club, led by Jim Fell of New Albany, head south on Market Street as part of the Founders Day parade Saturday, May 19.
(Above) 2006 Franklin County Fair

Albany smiles to the crowd as she rides down the street in the parade. (Below) 4-year-old Kayla Badyna of Gahanna and her cousins, 7-year-old Emma Pierce, 3-year-old Elena Pierce and 7-year-old Elizabeth Pierce, of New Alnbany, take a spin on one of the rides at the celebration.

Six-year-old Lonnie Kelley of New Albany walks across the elevated walkway on the "Curtain Climber" at the celebration. The annual event offers rides, vendors and an art show.



(Left) 10-year-olds Katie Lanahan and Gabby Kahn, both of New Albany, look at the student art work on display (above) at the Founders Day celebration.

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State Route 161 and Hamilton Road

Casto fails to file deed restrictions for land

By RANDY NAVAROLI
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Casto Corp. officials apparently overlooked a step when they started planning to develop hundreds of acres near Albany Park: According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the company did not file a required perpetual deed restriction at the Franklin County Courthouse for at least two of the parcels on the site.

It's an oversight that wetlands advocates have cited as their latest reason to delay development of close to 500 acres near the intersection of state Route 161 and Hamilton Road.

The wetlands proponents have already slowed Casto's rezoning requests on property to the west of Albany Park with a series of objections about the size of the wetlands in that section of the massive development area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has ordered Casto to conduct a new wetlands delineation study before it does any work on the site to the west of the subdivision.

The New Albany Co. also earlier committed a similar oversight by failing to secure a perpetual deed restriction on a site adjacent to Casto's. The company wound up being required to protect a heron rookery that covers nearly 70 acres.

Wetlands advocates and Corps of Engineers officials say Casto never filed a required perpetual deed restriction on the wetlands restoration at the Franklin County Courthouse, as ordered to do so by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps on March 5, 2001.

The property in question this time is in subareas 8 and 9a to the north of Albany Park, across Dublin-Granville Road and east of Hamilton Road. Subarea 6, adjacent to 8 and 9a, is the site tentatively designated to

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SPIN CONTROL

District backs school-funding constitutional amendment

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

The New Albany-Plain Local Board of Education agreed Monday to support a constitutional amendment for the Nov. 6 ballot that would change the way Ohio schools are funded.

"This is our official kickoff of our petition effort to gather signatures to get this amendment on the ballot Nov. 6," said Debbie Klug, a member of New Albany-Plain Local's legislative committee.

Superintendent Steven Castle said the district supports the amendment because of several positive effects it would have. For example, he said, the amendment would reduce school districts' reliance on property taxes and offer a tax break for senior citizens on their first $40,000 in property taxes.

He said it allows the Ohio Board of Education to set educational costs per pupil and requires the state to fund

By Ann Tormet/*ThisWeek*

6-year-old Caitlyn Conley of New Albany goes for a spin while at the Founders Day celebration Saturday, May 19. The annual event, held on North High Street, features rides, vendors and an art show. ***For more pictures, see page B1.***

are funded by a combination of state and local taxes.

"We see this as a better way to fund schools," Castle said.

The resolution the school board passed Monday was in support of the "Getting it Right for Ohio's Future" campaign, which initially suggested the amendment. The resolution states the board "extends its full support to the Getting It Right For Ohio's Future constitutional amendment for the good of public education in the state of Ohio and the best interest of our children." It goes on to state that the district will "embrace this amendment by supporting the signature drive to place the initiative on the general election ballot."

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Local schools noted for energy education

By LORI WINCE
ThisWeek Staff Writer

New Albany-Plain Local's schools have been recognized at the state and national level for the way science teachers teach students about energy, the school board learned Monday.

"We tied Westerville for the top energy program in the state," said Ron Whitacre, New Albany elementary science teacher. The school was recognized last Tuesday for that award through the Ohio Energy Project (OEP).

The portfolio submitted to OEP was forwarded to the National Energy Education Development (NEED) program, where New Albany was chosen as the rookie school district of the year. That award will be presented in late June in Washington, D.C.

Whitacre said district teachers were surprised by both awards, as this is the district's first year participating

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Johnstown Road

Storage-units appeal delayed again

By GALE CADY WILLIAMS
ThisWeek Staff Writer

Plain Township trustees voted May 16 to continue to June 6 a public hearing that would decide a zoning appeal sought by BBL Holdings LLC to allow the company to build a complex of storage units at 11681 Johnstown Road.

David Goodman

BBL, which is co-owned by state Sen. David Goodman (R-New Albany) and Vadim Borash, wants the nearly 5-acre site to be rezoned from agricultural to commercial (SCPD) to allow the project.

The property currently has a 2-story brick Victorian home and outbuildings and is near a sharp curve on U.S. Route 62/Johnstown Road that has been the site of numerous accidents. The property is less than a mile west of the Licking County line.

BBL plans to leave the house as a residential unit whose occupants would serve as caretakers of the property, company representatives have told trustees at past meetings.

The trustees' decision to continue the appeal came at the request of Smith & Hale attorney Aaron Underhill, representing BBL.

Underhill told the panel he was appearing in place of attorney Jack Reynolds, who has handled the BBL case since September but was unable to attend Wednesday's meeting.

Plain Township zoning inspector Cathy Gray provided a presentation during the hearing that outlined previous rulings on the site from the Franklin County zoning commission, the Plain Township zoning commission and the Plain

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Inside

With prom season in full swing and graduations fast approaching, The Century Council, the Ohio attorney general's office, local alcohol distributors and law enforcement officials this week launched a public awareness campaign to prevent underage drinking. "We Don't Serve Teens," developed by The Federal Trade Commission and The Century Council, a national, not-for-profit organization funded by the nation's leading distillers, is a new initiative designed to inform adults that providing underage youth with alcohol is unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible. The launch took place at Club Carry Out on North Stygler Road. **See story, page A2.**

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