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CITY NEWS

Centennial Closing Ceremony—Sunday, August 17 3:00-9:00 P.M. at Mack Hummon Stadium

Happy 100th Birthday Oakwood! Make plans to bring your family to the fun-filled Centennial Closing Ceremony. Combined with the annual Ice Cream Social, this event will open at 3:00 P.M. and includes old-fashioned games dating back 100 years,

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Update on Sugar Camp and Pointe Oakwood

Sugar Camp: Work on the reuse of the former NCR Sugar Camp property is progressing very well. Reuse of the buildings primarily includes creation of

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SCHOOL NEWS

Oakwood Schools Education Foundation (OSEF) Thankful For The Spirit Of Giving In Our Community

As a parent, grandparent, neighbor, alumni or friend, you make a difference in the lives of Oakwood students. Thank YOU to all the many generous donors who made the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation's Grants Endowment Fund Campaign, *Visions for Tomorrow*, a success!

The Foundation is pleased to announce its spring grant awards. Initiatives ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 will support Harman, Smith, Oakwood High School, and administrative needs and will stretch the boundaries of learning for all Oakwood students. Funded projects include:

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LIBRARY NEWS

T. Rex—Read Like a Rock Star! Blanket Concert August 11

For the final Blanket concert of the summer, Wright Library presents "T. Rex—Read Like a Rock Star!" Blending the energy of rock with the sensibility of folk, Thaddeus Rex's concerts are "part Monty Python, part Dr. Seuss" (Washington Post). A PBS veteran and acoustic rock musician, Thaddeus passionately endorses the power of reading with original songs that have won multiple awards and been hailed "a sincere celebration of reading" (The Los Angeles Times) and "a detour off the beaten path" (Parenting Magazine). The concert begins at 6:30 P.M. on the north lawn of the Library. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating and a picnic supper if you wish. Rain site is the meeting room. Blanket Concerts are sponsored by the

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food, the "Oakwood's Got Talent" talent show showcasing some of Oakwood's most talented residents, the OHS band and the grand finale including a fly-over and a full concert by the United States Air Force Band of Flight.

Event times are as follows:

Opening – 3:00 P.M.

Games – 3:00 to 6:30 P.M.

Talent Show – 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Dinner – 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

Oakwood High School Band – 6:00 P.M.

Air Force Band of Flight – 6:45-9:00 P.M.

Look for more details in upcoming editions of the *Oakwood Register*. Be a part of Oakwood history!

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professional office space and the Beth Abraham Synagogue. Work on the Synagogue was completed this spring and improvements to the remaining buildings that will be used as offices continues as the developer leases the available space. Exterior work on the site including construction of the new public roadway (Sugar Camp Circle), enhancing the parking lots, and major landscaping is expected to be completed within the next few months.

Pointe Oakwood: The new residential neighborhood being constructed at Schantz and Far Hills is called Pointe Oakwood. This housing development includes condominiums, patio homes and townhomes with floor plans designed for empty-nesters and retirees. Pointe Oakwood will offer a housing product not currently available in our city. The housing is being created to address citizen desires for homes that conveniently accommodate their leisure and travel lifestyles and will include a homeowner's association to address, among other things, maintenance of exterior areas. Oakwood has very few housing options of this type, far fewer than neighboring suburbs, yet many long-time residents (and some newer residents) are looking for it. They want to stay in Oakwood, but want available housing choices to match their needs.

A majority of the required tree and vegetation removal on the Pointe Oakwood development has been completed, but much earthwork remains. Although the development required some changes to the landscape, many of the existing old-growth trees are being retained. These trees can be seen along the property frontage on W. Schantz Avenue and within the interior areas of the property. As the new neighborhood is constructed, hundreds of new trees will be planted and other major landscaping will be added. Of the total 36 acres at Sugar Camp, about 12 acres was already developed as part of the former NCR training facility. Even considering that existing use, trees and natural areas are being preserved on approximately 8 acres, about 22% of the land.

Far Hills Improvements: In order to accommodate the new residential development and to provide roadway access from Far Hills Avenue directly to Oakwood's Old River Athletic Fields, the city is making roadway improvements on Far Hills Avenue. These improvements will take place in an area starting a few hundred feet south of W. Schantz Avenue and extending northbound a few hundred feet past Springhouse Road. The improvements will include movement of the existing roadway curb lines on the east and west sides of Far Hills, installation of an additional turn lane on eastbound W. Schantz at Far Hills Avenue, and installation of a traffic signal at Springhouse Road.

Mark Your Calendars**Labor Day Closings:**

City offices, including the Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2008 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day late that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday's route will be collected Friday. The Community Center offices, Health Center and Teen Center will be closed on Sunday, August 31 and on Labor Day. Gardner Pool will be open from Noon – 8:00 P.M. daily through September 1.

August/September City Council Meetings:

Regular Sessions—Monday, August 4 and Monday, September 15 at 7:30 P.M.; Work Session—Monday, August 18 at 5:00 P.M. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers and conference room, 30 Park Avenue. Citizens are invited to attend or view meetings live on cable television, Channel 6. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for rebroadcast times. Recorded monthly council meetings may also be viewed on the city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood/

Flu Shots—News From Dayton and Montgomery County Health

The Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County agency has notified the city of Oakwood that they will no longer use the Oakwood Recreation Center for a Flu Shot Site. The following reasons were given. In the past, they have provided influenza immunizations at multiple sites around the Dayton area. Over the past few years, attendance at those sites has steadily decreased. This may be due in part to the influenza immunization being so readily available at many other locations throughout Montgomery County. In order to continue to provide this service in the most cost effective manner, the Public Health Department has restructured the Influenza Program by reducing the number of sites from eleven to five. While they regret no longer being available to come to Oakwood, the modified program is able to save tax dollars and also improve staff efficiency and productivity. They will continue to accommodate Oakwood citizens effectively and efficiently at larger sites.

In addition to the downtown clinic located in the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main Street (corner of Main and Fifth Street), they will be providing Influenza Immunizations at these five alternate sites throughout the County:

- Charles Lathrem Senior Center, 2900 Glengarry Drive
- Miamisburg Senior Center, 305 E. Central Avenue
- Huber Heights Senior Center, 6428 Chambersburg Road
- Hithergreen Senior Citizens Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive
- Ellison Senior Citizens Center, 2412 W. Third Street

As arrangements are completed, the Public Health Department will notify us of dates and locations.

Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program is designed to recognize residential, business and rental property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community through the use of flowers, shrubs, trees, and other landscape improvements; or by making architectural modifications or building improvements to existing structures. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Oakwood Environmental Committee and Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

If you would like to nominate a residential, business or rental property for consideration, simply pick up a nomination form at either the Oakwood City Building or Community Center, call the city offices at 298-0411, or email rich@oakwood.oh.us.

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties which were selected to receive awards for May and June:

May Beautification Awards

- ⊗ Donald & Anna Langhorne, 300 Volusia Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. William Frapwell, 400 Hathaway Road
- ⊗ Ms. Janet Cavender, 4 Spirea Drive/1104 Far Hills Avenue
- ⊗ Jenny McKinnon, 405 Corona Avenue
- ⊗ Ruth Etter, 35 Hadley Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. E. Everett Jones, 445 Forrer Boulevard
- ⊗ John & Beverly Jones-Arthur, 329 Monterey Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Wonders, 106 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. William A. Jividen, 223 Oak Knoll Drive
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Drew W. Cronenwett, 2403 Hillview Avenue

June Beautification Awards

- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Brad Bachman, 211 Northview Road
- ⊗ James & Jennifer Back, 144 Patterson Road
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Aaron S. Delidow, 227 E. Dixon Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Tom Williams, 133 Lonsdale Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Charles McElligott, 236 Telford Avenue
- ⊗ Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Nolan, 114 Hadley Avenue
- ⊗ Ms. Lauren Beach, 216 Hadley Avenue
- ⊗ Dr. & Mrs. Christopher Wille, 820 Oakwood Avenue
- ⊗ Michael Sanders, 447 Wonderly Avenue

If you know of someone who has enhanced the beauty of our community by either planting shrubs, flowers, trees or with other landscaping improvements, or by making architectural or building improvements (including painting) to existing structures, and is deserving of recognition, we encourage you to take a minute and complete a nomination form.

Oakwood Community Center Information and Dates to Remember

Junior High Dances

Junior High Dances are as follows: Friday, September 5 and September 19 from 9:15-11:00 P.M. after home football games.

Recipes for "Talk of the Town" Cookbook

As a part of our Centennial Celebration, we will be adding an additional section to our "Talk of the Town" Cookbook. Do you have a family recipe that's been passed down for years and years? Is there a dish that has been a tradition for generations? Then share it with us and the rest of the community by being part of the Centennial Cookbook Addition. The addition will fit in the back of the current Talk of the Town Cookbook and can be purchased for a nominal fee.

If you have a recipe (or two!) that you would like to share, please send it along with a brief description with the recipe age or family tradition held with each recipe. Entries can be emailed to occ@oakwood.oh.us or sent in the mail to the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. Entries must be received before 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 31.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The City of Oakwood and Oakwood Environmental Committee will again offer the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project to Oakwood homeowners. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in mid to late September from the OCC or by calling 298-0775. Property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2" in diameter and will be discounted at 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price and must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted the latter part of November or the beginning of December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season.

Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Library, is pleased to present another fun season of "Story Hour at Smith Gardens". Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian, Jennifer Sommer, reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 22. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Garden House.

Smith Gardens Blanket Concerts

The final concert for the season is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 24 featuring "Jim McCutcheon" and is free to the public. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Oakwood Community Center.

Safety Department Information

The Oakwood Public Safety Department wants to remind the citizens of Oakwood about the Crime Tip Line. The tip line is available 24/7 and is easily accessible by dialing 296-5150. Tips can be left anonymously or a caller can leave information to be contacted. The tip line is checked daily by the Criminal Investigations Section. Just a reminder, the tip line should only be used in cases where there is not an immediate risk to the safety of persons or property within the community. Any crime in progress or suspicious activity should be immediately reported via 911 to the Safety Department's Communications Center.

Brush and Branch Trimming

Do tree limbs hang over your sidewalk or the street? Do your bushes obscure stop signs or other street signs near your home? Tree and shrub maintenance by homeowners keeps Oakwood safe and beautiful – and it is the property owner's responsibility. Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and bushes along your property frontage. City ordinances require all property owners to trim any tree, plant or shrub so that it measures no less than 8' above the sidewalk and 14' above the street. Vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Anyone residing near stop signs and other street signs must be certain that the signs are not obstructed by vegetation.

The Public Works and Leisure Services Departments periodically trim trees in tree lawn areas (the space between the street and sidewalk), but your help goes a long way to help keep our city safe and protects you from liability.

Brush and Branch Collection

Brush and branch material may be placed between the sidewalk and curb, or on the property side of the curb in places without sidewalk for collection by public works department crews according to the schedule below. Brush and branches must be no longer than 6 feet in length and in manageable piles. **Please do not place any debris in the street.**

Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (sofas, stoves, etc.), please contact the public works department at 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on driveway or paved surface and must be accessible to city equipment. Special pickups will once again be suspended for leaf collection beginning in mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.

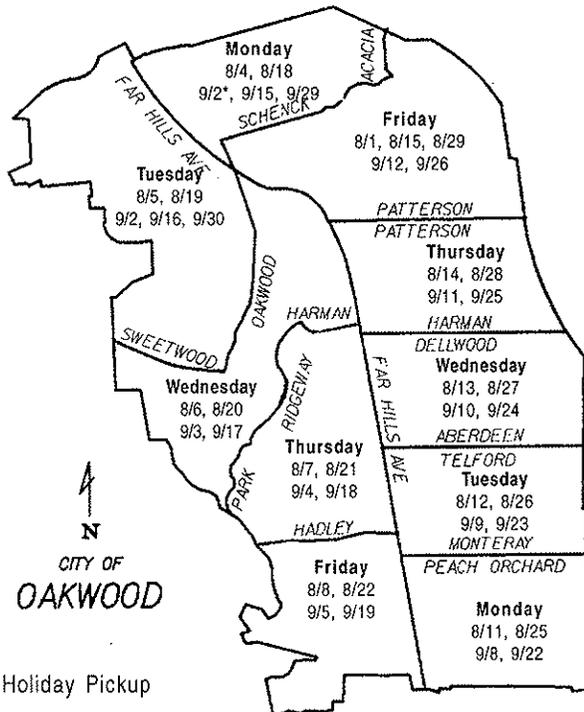
2008 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2008 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will continue through the summer with the goal of substantial completion early in the fall. This year's project is the area east of Far Hills Avenue between Patterson and the north corporation limit. The contractor is Double Jay Construction. Please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 with any questions.

Keep Oakwood Beautiful

From time to time, residents contact city offices to discuss the ongoing problems of pets, specifically owners not cleaning up after their animals while walking them. Don't allow your pet to use your neighbor's lawn and tree lawns as a "dumping ground." Please clean up after your pets on all tree lawns and boulevards. Many residents already do so by carrying plastic bags or other clean up devices that can help keep Oakwood beautiful. Please help.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
 Far Hills Avenue: 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2
 Shroyer Road: 8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25

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Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation. The program will be fun for all ages and great for families to attend together.

A Ready-to-Read Tip

Most people would agree that it is good for parents to read to their children, but do you know why? Research conducted over more than a forty-year period by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has shown that children who became good readers were most often read to by their parents or caregivers. Children need to know many words to give them a "database" of words to recognize as they are learning to sound out words as new readers. Being read to exposes children to a greater variety of words than normal talking. In everyday conversation, a preschooler may hear nine unusual words for every thousand words spoken, but authors use a much wider vocabulary in writing. This vocabulary boost helps prepare children to learn to read when they enter kindergarten.

New Home and Garden Magazines, and More...at Wright Library

The library is a great place to relax and read your favorite magazines without the cost of ordering your own subscriptions. There are over 200 magazine titles available, covering a broad range of interests and viewpoints. Each current issue is reserved for reading in the library and past issues may be checked out for three weeks at a time. Several new subscriptions are starting this fall. *Elle Décor*, *Organic Gardening*, *Romantic Homes*, and *Veranda* will be available for home decor and garden lovers. Food and wine enthusiasts will enjoy *Everyday Food* and *Wine Spectator*. Parents of preschoolers will want to read *Highlights High Five*, a new magazine which has read-aloud stories and activities to encourage learning from the earliest ages. The content is based on early childhood development and education principles. For those with an interest in women's health, the library is starting a subscription to *Harvard Women's Health Watch*. The intellectually inclined with an interest in literature and the arts will enjoy *New Criterion*. For the business-minded, there will be *Entrepreneur*, for the news-minded, *The Week*, and for the craft-minded, *Woodsmith*.

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Public Libraries Return \$3.69 in Value for Every Tax Dollar

This spring Wright Library worked with the Dayton Metro Library, Washington-Centerville Library, and Germantown Public Library on compiling data for Return on Public Investment: Valuing Montgomery County's Public Libraries. The report concluded that the public libraries in Montgomery County return at least \$3.69 in value for every tax dollar. This does not even count the non-quantifiable and intangible benefits, such as the pleasure a vision-impaired person gets from listening to an audio book, or the amount of money saved by patrons who use library information to make better consumer or career choices. The complete report is available on the library's web site at www.WrightLibrary.org.

Strategic Plan for 2008-2011

A committee of community stakeholders met late last year with representatives from Wright Library's administration, board, and staff to work on the library's plans for the next four years. A consultant from the State Library of Ohio guided the group through the process of envisioning how the library can best serve its patrons in the coming years.

The advisory group identified six purposes for the library to fulfill for its patrons: to stimulate imagination, help students succeed in school, create young readers, satisfy curiosity, to be a comfortable place to visit, and to furnish access to the online world.

A summary version of the Strategic Plan for 2008-2011 focuses on the services and improvements that the library plans to offer patrons. A longer version of the plan also includes detailed objectives and representative staff activities for achieving each of the library's goals. Both versions of the plan can be viewed at the library or on its web site at www.WrightLibrary.org. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee, Library Advisory Council, Board of Trustees, staff, and library patrons for all of their helpful input into creating a plan for providing excellent library service to the community.

While the library's mission statement remains the same, a new vision statement was created:

"Wright Memorial Public Library has a distinctive role in the community as an institution that fuels the intellect

and imagination of people of all ages. Wright Library recognizes that libraries are no longer just physical places containing inventories of books, but have become channels through which knowledge flows to patrons from many sources. The Library strives to serve all patrons, whether on-site or virtual, by providing the resources they seek promptly, completely, accurately, and in a comfortable environment. The Library partners with other organizations to project its reach in the community and strives to expand physical and virtual access to its resources. Wright Library seeks to play an active role in preparing preschoolers to learn, helping students succeed in school, and supporting lifelong learners by providing a broad range of viewpoints, formats, and programs. Wright Memorial Public Library actively works to connect patrons with resources that will enrich their lives."

The overall direction of the 2008-2011 Strategic Plan is to enhance some of the library's offerings to serve the community better, to maintain current services, and to accomplish needed property maintenance and technology upgrades. The improvements are aimed at encouraging more library use by making it easier and more convenient, and by providing more desirable services, while staying within budget by careful planning and management of resources.

The major features of the plan are to:

- create a more inviting and child-friendly Youth Services Department on the lower level of the building and move the Audio-visual Department to the upper level, a remodeling project that will make it practical to re-open the library's back entrance for patrons' convenience.
- acquire more copies of popular titles to reduce waiting time for holds.
- replace floor covering and repaint walls.
- upgrade automated catalog and circulation system.
- provide additional patron access to the Internet and hands-on computer training.
- enhance the library's Web site with interactive features and provide more functions on public computers.
- increase the library's hours by at least six hours per week by the end of the planning cycle in 2011.

*School News (continued from page 1)***Creating a 21st Century Library Media Center**

This is a pilot project to modernize Harman Elementary's mid 20th century library. Components include:

1. adoption of INFOhio, an on-line statewide cooperative school library and information network, and
2. on-site electronic media to facilitate on-line researching, class based interactive web projects, instructional development for teachers, and pleasure reading.

Non-Fiction First Grade Readers for Smith Elementary

Funds will be used to purchase 1st grade non-fiction Science and Social Studies "readers" to actively engage students in high-interest reading, both at home and in school.

Compound Microscopes for Multi-subject, Multi-grade Level Science Use

Funds will be used to purchase an additional set of 20 compound microscopes to accommodate significant enrollment increases in the Sciences and greater course emphasis on cellular microscopic analysis.

Inside The Oaks: Oakwood School District Newsletter

The Oakwood School district will publish a quarterly school district-specific newsletter that depicts in pictures and stories the contributions of the many stakeholders in

the district's Culture of Excellence and highlights the many and varied ways in which students are engaged in meaningful learning. OSEF funds will be used to help launch this initiative.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation appreciates the outstanding vision of Oakwood teachers and administrators who submit innovative project proposals, and recognizes that while property taxes provide the major source of funding for a quality education, the cutbacks in state funding mean that many high-quality initiatives would go unanswered without the Foundation's discretionary support.

If you are interested in more information, making a gift, or serving on one of the Foundation's committees, please contact the Foundation office at 297-5332.

Please note that the *Visions for Tomorrow* endowment fund is still open to future gifts to increase the amount available for investment in coming years.

Thank you...The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation sincerely appreciates the community's interest and continued support of Oakwood students.

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Ceremony and Luncheon September 19, 2008

Retired Oakwood educator Richard Grigsby will be inducted into the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor on Friday, September 19, 2008. Mr. Grigsby taught Social Studies at Oakwood Junior/Senior High School from 1981-2003. Mr. Grigsby resides in Oakwood.

A luncheon will be held at The Mandalay Banquet Center at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, September 19, 2008 where Mr. Grigsby, as well as previous recipients of the award, will be honored. The public is invited to attend the luncheon (cost is \$15). To make reservations please call the Board Office at 297-5332 by Wednesday, September 3.

On Friday evening (September 19) at 6:45 P.M., prior to the home football game with Eaton, Mr. Grigsby will be present at the Alumni Terrace on the southwest corner of Mack Hummon Stadium to meet with friends and colleagues. A brief ceremony will be held prior to the start of the game.

Staying in Touch Through Neighborhood Meetings

The Oakwood School District's *Staying in Touch* Program is designed to provide community members with opportunities to talk with the Superintendent and representatives of the Board of Education about school matters in comfortable, informal settings. Residents are invited to host meetings in their homes and invite their neighbors.

Neighborhood Meetings are scheduled for August 26, September 17, and September 26.

To volunteer to host a neighborhood meeting or to let us know you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Mrs. Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education Office: 297-5332, maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us.

Athletic Booster News

Booster Days - August 14 and 15: Booster Days kick off August 14 with girls soccer at 5:00 P.M. and boys soccer vs. the Alumni at 7:00 P.M. On August 15 at 7:00 P.M. the OHS football team scrimmages Minster. Events are at Oakwood Stadium and admission is free.

Athletic Tickets: View season tickets, reserved seating and ticket price information at the school website, www.oakwoodschoools.org. Select athletics and ticket information.

Booster Membership: Families with children in grades 7–12 received information in July. We welcome and encourage all community members to support our OJH/OHS athletic programs by joining the Athletic Booster Association. Membership forms are available in the school registration packet, fall sports program, or by calling Jeff Breidenbach at 293-2767 or Diane Scott at 294-8469.

Spirit Shop: 2008 Lumberjack Spirit-wear will be premiered at Booster Days and the Ice Cream Social. Items are sold at all home football games.

Homecoming Tailgate: The Boosters will sponsor a Tailgate on October 3 at 6:00 P.M. before the Homecoming game vs. Milton Union. Join us for a hamburger cookout in front of the stadium.

Spring Booster Fundraiser: Mark your calendars – Saturday, March 14, 2009

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