

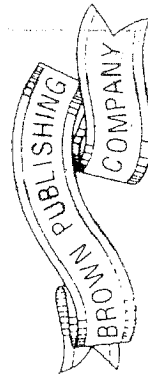
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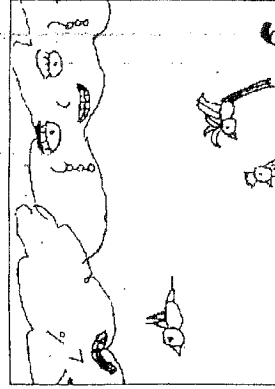
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COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

WEATHER



Weather drawing by Emily Simpson, Wilmington City Schools.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy. Patchy dense fog developing after midnight. Low around 60. Light and variable wind. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High 80 to 85.

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SPORTS

Brave errors

ATLANTA — The Reds took advantage of Braves errors Sunday to post a 6-4 win in 10 innings.

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Worried Wilhelm

CINCINNATI — Erik Wilhelm's concerns are over; he's made the Bengals roster. But several other players weren't as fortunate Sunday as the team cut down to 53 players.

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Walker winner

BEAVERCREEK — Colleen says life begins at 40. After winning the LPGA Star Bank Classic Sunday at the Country Club of the North, she may be right.

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Mind over Firestone

AKRON — Greg Norman's brain not his brawn overcame Firestone Country Club Sunday to win the World Series of Golf.

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STATE

State sells data

Many businesses around the state depend greatly on information they purchase from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Last year, the bureau sold more than 500 million copies of records from Ohio's 7.7 million driver's licenses, 11 million vehicle registrations, accident reports and other data.

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Fatal boat crash

DAYTON — One driver died and two others were ejected into the water after their racing boats collided at the annual Dayton Record Run Races at Eastwood Lake. The Montgomery County coroner's office on Sunday identified the dead driver as Richard Engler, 56, of Glendale, Wis.

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NATION

Teens on welfare

Teen-agers were having babies long before welfare reform, yet even as states charge ahead on changing the rules for adults, there's little consensus on what helps the youngest

WILMINGTON

NEWS-JOURNAL

Library holds open house

By GARY HUFFENBERGER
Staff Writer

When a town's library grows, it's a good day for the community.

That sentiment was expressed by speakers and others in attendance Sunday at the Wilmington Public Library for the dedication of an expanded and renovated facility. The additions — to both the north and south sides of the original Carnegie building — nearly double the space in the library.

While there are still some furnishings to be acquired, "The curtains are up. The pictures hung. We feel like we're in business," said Bruce Buckley, president of the library board of trustees, during his welcome remarks.

Remodeling work took a year at the library, said Buckley, but the public continued to be served throughout that time except for five weeks when the library had to be closed.

Buckley said there were two reasons to keep the place open despite the noise and inconveniences of large-scale renovation work: keep the reading public reading, and keep the employees employed. "Temporary walls sometimes were sheets of black plastic. It sufficed, though," he said.

D. "Mack" Fife, board vice president, introduced dignitaries present for the occasion. Among those recognized were former members of the library board. Those were Charlotte Fisher, Mary Kathryn Hilberg, Jean Keiter, Dorothy Kirk, Robert Moyer, Sandy Cammack Pidgeon, Patrick Smith and Clifford Hardie.

Dr. Judith K. Meyers, library director, said Sunday's dedication was the "culmination of 18 years of effort." She mentioned that the first year the library applied for a grant, it was not successful. Meyers also said that no bond issue was used to finance the \$1.5 million project.

Before the ribbon cutting, Building Committee Chairman Ralph Rannells honored former library trustee Dorothy Kirk, and officially dedicated the Dorothy M. Kirk Community Room. A board member from 1978-92, Kirk led the fi-



News-Journal/Gary Huffenberger

Ralph Rannells dedicates Dorothy M. Kirk Community Room, with Kirk at right

nance and budget committee.

"Through her leadership, the board was able to build up the funds to make this project possible," Rannells said.

For the ribbon cutting, Robert Moyer, former library trustee and former Wilmington mayor, along with the current board of trustees, lined up and cut a gold-ribbon. Everyone was invited inside to view the new areas and other changes.

The Clinton County Community Band played prior to the 2 p.m. dedication program. U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland was invited to say a few words during the ceremonies and said the enlarged library

shows "you value learning, and are determined to preserve your history."

Carolyn Matthews, president of the Friends of the Library, delivered a brief history of the library.

In addition to Chairman Rannells, the Building Committee was comprised of board member Mary Thomas Watts, and in an ex officio capacity, board President Buckley.

The current library trustees are M. Ann Hunt (secretary), Robert Beck, Jane Stokes, Buckley, Fife, Rannells and Watts. In administration, Director Meyers is assisted by Clerk-Treasurer Lora Harp.

College classes start

Fall semester at Wilmington what appears to be a new crop of freshmen and sophomores arrived for the start of the school year.

New freshmen returned to campus after a summer break. White officers will not be back for the start of the school year.

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Schools face utility tax loss

The Clinton County Community Band played Sunday afternoon in Galvin Park, adjacent to the library



Belle of Louisville listing