



The News Source

"News you would never hear, except in this paper!"

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Above is a screen shot of our newly relaunched website. The website is located at www.thenewssource.org.

TNS 2007 Revamp

By John F.

Thank you for your interest in the August 2007 edition of The News Source. If you have read The News Source in the past this edition will surprise you. Since our last printed edition in 2004, we have decided to drop several columns and include brand new columns and new columnists. One of the most noticeable changes to The News Source is a section just for the Pleasant View Youth. The section has all the PV Youth news for the month.

Another change we have

made is a refresh in our website. We have gotten rid of all the ads on our site and have more content on our site than ever before. We now have a more complete computer help section. Our website can be found at www.thenewssource.org. Newsletters are also available online as soon as they become released in the PDF format. Past editions can be found in our archive section.

*John's website is thenewssource.org/john

PV Youth Leadership Plans Bike Ride

On Wednesday, July 18 the Pleasant View Youth Leadership Team met at "The Dahlia" in Ada. We discussed volunteering at several different places and several ways we could volunteer.

Another topic we discussed was a bike ride. We will be riding from YMCA to Heritage Park and back on the River Walk. The whole congregation is invited to attend

our carry-in dinner at Heritage Park and are welcome to ride with us. The tentative date for the bike ride is the afternoon of Sunday, September 2.

Full leadership team minutes and previous minutes can be found on the youth group's website at pvyouth.tripod.com in the members' area.

Software Review

By John F.

A little over two years ago when I built my first computer, our family's first computer had a major problem. I had to erase everything and start over from scratch. When I reinstalled I noticed that Microsoft Office was not there. "What was I going to do without Office," I thought. I went without any office suite for a few months. One day when I was reading Yahoo Technology News I found out about OpenOffice.org. OpenOffice.org is a full office suite that is compatible with

Microsoft Office and will be familiar to anyone who has used Microsoft Office before. The suite has programs similar to many MS (Microsoft) Office programs. OpenOffice.org has programs compatible with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel. OpenOffice.org even does some things MS Office can't do, such as creating PDF (Adobe Reader) files. Unlike MS Office which limits the amount of computers it can be installed on, with OpenOffice.org users are invited to share the program with other users and install it on as many computers

as needed. OpenOffice.org is open source software, so users can improve the software if needed. You can get the program for free at www.openoffice.org. Since finding OpenOffice.org, I have installed it on all our home computers, shared it with many friends, and never looked back at Microsoft Office.

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Movie Review- "Harry Potter"

By Amanda F.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is about Harry's fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In this movie "He who must not be named", Voldemort, returns and tries to kill Harry once again. The Ministry of Magic does not believe he has returned which puts Hogwarts in danger. Hogwarts students are no

longer taught how to defend themselves, so Harry and his friends form a secret class, Dumbledore's Army, to teach students how to defend themselves from evil. Harry has to learn to control his feelings so Voldemort cannot control him. In the end, Harry, with the help of his friends and the Order of the Phoenix, has to battle Voldemort and his followers for the Prophecy which says that either Harry or

Voldemort must die. Although Harry wins the battle once again, he loses a close friend while doing so. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is exciting and has great special effects. It is a movie the whole family can enjoy and I recommend it.

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"An Apple a Day"

By Rachel B.

Imagine this: It is 2:00 or so in the morning, and you are driving a motorcycle down the road. (Even if you can't or don't, just imagine it for moment if you will.) It is pouring, it is cold, you are soaked, and you haven't had the best week to say the very least. You need to get to your destination and just when you thought it could not possibly get any worse you are out of gas. Now you are cold, soaked, and stranded. Who on Earth is going to answer their door to a soaked biker at 2:00 in the morning? Just imagine how thrilled their faces would look. Yet, you don't have much choice. After no answer from two houses (what a surprise...)

someone stirs and answers at the third house. "Oh thank goodness..." you think to yourself.

Expecting a door to slam in your face soon, you explain the situation hoping and praying that these folks will trust you and help you out. To your surprise they are more than willing to help you and they greet you with a smile. They invite you in out of the rain and offer a towel along with a whole slew of other things. "Just let me know if you need anything else in the meantime," a woman says.

A kind man fetches the gas for his lawnmower from a shed out in the same rain that you just got soaked in. "A couple cups of gas will do sir. Thank you so much. I really can't thank you

enough," you say to him. Then, as if he had not done enough, he fills your tank. You offer him money to pay for the gas and the man humbly refuses. "Hey it is no problem. Better safe than sorry," he assures. After a few last goodbyes and thanks you ride off to your destination with a full tank of gas and a memory to last a lifetime.

*Based from a true experience my parents had helping a stranded biker one late rainy night.

"The first key to making a difference is one random act of kindness at a time."

-Anonymous

*Rachel's website can be found at thenewssource.org/rachel

Did You Know?

These and many other facts can be found on-line at <http://www.didyouknow.cd/>

This month's category is music.

To win a gold disc, an album needs to sell 100,000 copies in Britain, and 500,000 in the United States.

The CD was developed by Philips and Sony in 1980.

The world's largest disco was held at the Buffalo Convention Centre, New York, 1979. 13,000 danced a place into the Guinness Book of World Records.

In August 1983, Peter Stewart of Birmingham, UK set a world record by disco dancing for 408 hours.

The LP (long-playing) record was invented by Paul Goldmark in 1948. The LP is not dead yet: more than 10 million LPs are sold every year.

The first pop video was Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen, released in 1975.

DVD discs are the same diameter (120mm) and thickness (1.2mm) as a Compact Disc but a DVD can store 13 times or more data.

Sports and Activities

By Andrew F.

Elida's band camp was July 29 through August 3 this year. Drew and Andrew survived carrying sousaphones this year. This year the band learned their first and second shows and pre-game. Elida band welcomed Mr. John Stetler to the podium. Mr. Stetler came to Elida from Celina. The counselors overcame last year's softball game loss to win 30-5 over the current seniors in three

innings since the seniors called the game early. After the counselors agreed to stop the game at the end of the third inning, the seniors offered the counselors a "good game" handshake and then open fired on the counselors with waterballoons. Since the temperature was in the 90s the counselors didn't mind and tossed the unbroken waterballoons back at the seniors. This year was also the first annual volleyball tournament. The boys beat

the girls in this year's competition. The first marching performance will be at the Allen County Fair on Friday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

In other news, Julie and Tahler are playing volleyball, Adam is playing football, and Amanda has also started band practice. Amanda plays saxophone for Ada High School.

*Andrew's website can be found at thenewssource.org/andrew

About TNS

The News Source was originally started by John F. in 2001. The first website was established in 2001 and the current website originally created in 2002. The News Source website continued to expand and was updated regularly even though the last print edition of The News Source was released in 2004. In July 2007 online meetings were held to reorganize The News Source. In August 2007 The News Source newsletter was released with new columnists and articles. The website's official domain became www.thenewssource.org, the site was significantly remade, and ads were removed from the site. Past editions of The News Source are available on our website at www.thenewssource.org in the archive section.



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