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Biggest expo ever opens tomorrow

By Jennifer Mitchell

ROCKY RIVER

Where can you find hot soup, cool businesses and the networking opportunity of the year? The Rocky River Chamber of Commerce will host its fourth Business to Business Expo from 2 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, and organizers say it's going to be bigger, and better, than ever.

More than 100 businesses will be on site and among them, eight restaurants with free food. Again, among them will be Salmon Dave's with its ever-popular lobster bisque.

The idea behind the day is for business to support business. Rocky River's Economic Development Director Kory Koran, event co-chairman, said that as far as he knows, the show is the only one of its kind on suburban Cleveland's west side.

As event chairman Jim Riedl explained, if you're a caterer who needs your lot plowed, someone who offers that service will be there. If you're a bank that needs a caterer for business meetings, the expo has a variety to offer, and, if you are a snowplow driver that needs a place to stow your cash, several banks will give you the opportunity to do just that. There's likely something for everyone.

"It's to help businesses grow their own business and get connected to others," Riedl said.

It seems to be working, he added. The Chamber of Commerce does an exit survey every year and for three years, more than 95 percent of partici-

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MARCHING TO THE HOMECOMING BEAT

Sophomore Kevin Boettler and the rest of the Bay High Marching Band get into their routine during the school's Homecoming Parade Friday evening. (Photo by Larry Bennet)



New I-480 sound barriers due in July

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMDSTED

City officials have been presented with the good news-bad news scenario by their state counterparts about the aging sound barrier walls on I-480.

In the good news, instead of repairing the current run down walls, the state will instead replace them.

However, the bad news is the state won't be able to begin replacing them

until July 2007, instead of beginning the repairs this month as they were originally scheduled to do.

State officials sent out letters recently saying they would not be able to do the repairs and instead would have to build new walls. The initial letters said the state would not be able to replace the barriers for three years. However, after hearing this, city officials said that was unacceptable and contacted Ohio Department of Transportation officials about the situation.

Both Nicole Dailey Jones, the chairwoman of council's streets and transportation committee who had lobbied earlier for the repairs, and Mayor Thomas O'Grady made contact and fired off letters.

Jones, who worked with the entire council to get off a joint letter, said there wasn't any choice for the city officials.

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NASA identified as source of strange night noises

By Kevin Kelley

FAIRVIEW PARK

Fairview Park officials have identified a strange nighttime noise several residents inquired about as coming from NASA's Glenn Research Center.

"We had complaints of some strange noise coming in the middle of the night," Mayor Eileen Patton said. "After many phone calls to the airport and to

NASA, we were able to identify where it was coming from."

It turns out the noise was testing Glenn was conducting on an F-100 fighter engine at the center's Propulsion Systems Laboratory. The tests, being run for the Air Force, are intended to address safety issues regarding the engine used on fighter aircraft.

The tests are being run five nights a week, Monday through Friday, during the third shift from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Glenn is conducting the tests during the third shift due to power limitations on the center and to avoid drawing loads during the day that could affect power distribution to area residents.

Glenn officials say the tests are expected to continue at audible frequencies through Thanksgiving or mid-December at the latest.

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