

Shout It Out Loud to perform Friday

As Larry Kane puts it, "Things just fall into place nicely sometimes and sometimes it's like pulling teeth. I've been in both places, and the one is way cooler than pulling teeth."

Kane, who fronts the Christian adult contemporary rock band Shout It Out Loud, clearly puts Friday's free 7:30 p.m. concert at Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road, in the former category.

And he also counts an upcoming United Kingdom release of two of the singles off the group's CD, titled "Beyond Sensational" and "Uncommon Love," in that same category. "That will be at the end of the month. Before it makes it to the U.S., our marketing outfit wants it to go to Britain. That way, you can get some momentum going, especially if it does well someplace else first."

Released on the indie label Railway Records, the CD is being promoted by the Nashville-based Mission House Music. "And a DJ in Germany wants a copy too, so we'll see what happens," Kane said.

While a Christian-driven group, Shout It Out Loud incorporates elements of jazz, blues and pop, with a hint of R&B into passionate, edgy songs with themes of love, life and God.

Reviewers have compared the group's music to that of Jack Johnson, Sting, Paul Simon, Toby Mac or Roxy Music.

Friday night's show will be staged in an outdoor concert on church grounds as a pre-release party for the band's new CD coming out July 15.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the show. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the church's Fellowship Hall.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

Learn more at www.shoutitoutloudband.com.

For more information, call (440) 327-8753.

Talk about being efficient

North Ridgeville was awarded an Energy Master Award from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council for its community involvement and leadership in energy efficiency projects.

The award follows an energy conservation grant the city received earlier this year from the council to



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Shout It Out Loud, a Christian rock band, performs Friday at Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road. Members of the band are Larry Kane, upper left, and bottom from left, Justin Lowther, Matt Deulley and Rick Scacco.

make energy efficient upgrades at public facilities which is estimated to save the city about \$23,000 per year.

Energy-saving improvements include traffic signal upgrades, installation of wall and ceiling insulation in City Hall and the Olde Town Hall, plus replacement of inefficient windows and doors at City Hall, the senior center, and Parks and Recreation Department offices.

The energy conservation awards are part of nearly \$16 million in Powering Our Communities grants that the council distributed to its 129 member communities in the nine Northeast Ohio counties it serves.

Quarter-century reunion

The North Ridgeville High School class of 1986 will host its 25-year reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 13 at Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Road, Westlake.

Cost is \$40 per person and includes cocktails, dinner and dancing. Reservations are due July 20.

For information, questions or comments, visit www.facebook.com/pages/NRHS-class-of-86-Official-25th-Reunion-Info.

'A New Beginning'

The North Ridgeville Senior Center, LifeCare Centers of America and

Cleveland Clinic Hospice will launch their Bereavement Support Group "A New Beginning" 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 18.

Individuals interested in joining this group will meet at the North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road.

The group meets every third Monday of the month.

Reservations are required. Call (440) 353-0828.

Chamber announces new officers and board

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce has announced its slate of officers and board of directors for 2011-12. They are:

President and CEO — Dayle Noll
 Chairman of the Board — Julie Cantrell, Lorain County Community College

First Vice Chairman — Jason Jacobs, Center Ridge Health Campus
 Program Chairman — Sara Markle, Fifth Third Bank

Visitors Bureau Chairman — Chris Teater, Moreland Homes
 Assistant Treasurer — Tim Sherman, Aut-O-Rama Drive In Theatre
 Treasurer — Jack Smith, L.C. Smith Co.

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