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## Future of fireworks display is in limbo

By Melissa Linebrink

As of May 9, the City of North Ridgeville had not signed a contract with a fireworks company for the Fourth of July show, which means the fireworks show many residents annually attend is in limbo.

According to Fire Chief Richard Miller, there have been major changes in the way insurance companies handle pyrotechnic shows.

Approximately five years ago, companies did insure the North Ridgeville Fire Department (NRFD) that allowed its employees to shoot off fireworks. Then, three years ago, word was received that the city's insurance company would not cover the NRFD employees.

"We are not part of the policy any more," Miller said. "We had to go to an outside insurance company and get a \$1 million bond because the city's insurance would not cover (the fireworks display)."

Now, Miller said, the city's insurance company will no longer insure the surrounding buildings or vehicles if city employees are shooting off fireworks.

One of the main problems with hiring an outside company to handle the display is instead of using all of the fireworks funds for the show, a portion of the

money will now have to be paid to the company. "I am worried about the show this year," Miller said.

Miller said while the fire department has approximately \$8,000 for this year's show, that will decrease once the company is hired-meaning, not all of the money will go toward purchasing shells. As a result, the fireworks display may not be as large as it has been in the past years.

On The Press & Light deadline, Miller said there is a company in Hudson, Ohio that is available to shoot off the fireworks; however, they are only available on July 5.

Miller said he is disappointed the fire department cannot shoot off the shells this year because it was something they did together and it brought them recognition. However, he knows the show must go on.

"We will have a show this year no matter what because we already have the funds," he said.

The fireworks fund is still accepting donations from local businesses, organizations and residents. To make a donation, people can either drop off their donation at Fire Station 1 or mail it to the station at 7090 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville.



When it rains, it pours...  
After a weekend of heavy rains, Mills Creek began to rise, threatening to swallow the trees and brush along its bank. P&L photo by Shannon Fagan.

## Jacobcik defends election night delay

By Carol Klear

North Ridgeville and Amherst went hi-tech in last week's Primary Election when, for the first time, voters used the touch-screen method of casting their votes in a trial run with the new technology.

From random comments, it seemed most voters liked the touch screens and found them easy to use, though a few felt the screens did not provide adequate privacy.

Although the voting process was swift, the wait on election night seemed longer than usual in North Ridgeville, causing some grumbling among the hopefuls waiting for the outcome.

Marilyn Jacobcik, director of the Lorain County Board of Elections, said the delay was "by design."

"We're testing various systems for purchase," she said.

Two board members were overseeing the counting process and they waited to observe how it went, she said.

"In this particular evaluation process, it was more important, especially when we're spending \$2 million, than the candidates seeing the results," Jacobcik said.

"Our board was not going to

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## Gillock, Johnson face-off in November election

By Carol Klear

Republican Dave Gillock will face Democrat Jim Johnson in the mayor's race in November following last Tuesday's Primary Election in which Gillock beat out opponents, Tom Dake and Rosemary Berg. According to unofficial election results, Gillock received 1,052 votes, to Dake's 887 and Berg's 293.



Gillock

It was near 9 p.m. before the final votes were tallied and Gillock's supporters alternated between conversing with each other and huddling around a

laptop computer to wait for results.

Gillock was pacing outside when a radio station announced the news. The council president threw his arms up in air and yelled; "The radio said Jim Johnson will be facing Dave Gillock in the fall."

Racing inside to share the news and kiss his wife, Bev, Gillock was met with a standing ovation from the crowd.

The mayoral candidate admitted to having a few jitters when the numbers began trickling in initially and it looked as

though Dake might overtake him. "The first set of numbers made me a little nervous," Gillock said. "I'm just glad we won."

In hindsight is there anything Gillock would have done differently in campaigning for the Primary Election?

"I might have walked more," he said. "I really enjoyed that."

There are six months until the General Election, but Johnson said he's not concerned about facing his mayoral opponent at the twice-a-month council meetings.

"I've been doing that for two years," he said. "We've got a city to run until November and we'll run the city."

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## Arndt is top vote getter in at-large race

By Carol Klear

Republican Ron Arndt topped the list of all the candidates for council-at-large in the May 6 Primary Election, collecting 1,529 votes. Republicans Bernadine Butkowski and Denny Johnson followed Arndt with 1,096 and 990 votes respectively.



Arndt

The Democratic slate showed newcomer Andy Young with 637 votes, Dick Brent with 631 and Jim Rothgery with 608 votes.

Arndt said his overwhelming victory, particularly in his first attempt at an elected office, left him feeling positive and encouraged, but humbled by the

knowledge he didn't do it alone.

"Like all my other careers, my success is largely attributable to people around me," he said. "They did a fabulous job."

Arndt said his campaign was well planned from the beginning.

"I took it seriously," he said.

"If you really think about it, people are trusting you to do the appropriate things for them in the city; it's an awesome responsibility."

The top vote getter seemed almost incredulous that 1,529 voters chose him from the other candidates.

"What a gift," he said. "I feel good

about myself."

Arndt said that with the Primary Election now history, the race toward the General Election is going to heat up and the number of quality people running will raise the bar for the November campaign.

"They've (Democrats) got a slate of capable folks," he said. "And in my own party there are two incumbents."

In addition to the at-large races, there were contests in Ward III and Ward IV.

In Ward III, two newcomers, Republican Dick Jaenke and Chris Rangus went head-to-head, with Jaenke coming out on top with 370 votes to Rangus' 209. Jaenke will face Democrat John Zywczyk in the fall. Zywczyk ran unopposed.

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## Meals on Wheels volunteers exceed all expectations

By Melissa Linebrink

Approximately eight years ago, Gerald Mayer decided it was time to give back to his community by way of delivering meals for the North Ridgeville Meals on Wheels program. Then, five years ago, his wife, Maxine, decided to join her husband and began volunteering with him.

Today, Gerald and Maxine deliver meals to residents in Grafton and both relish the experience that has come with being a volunteer.

"I enjoy volunteering for Meals on Wheels because someday I may need its services," Gerald said.

Maxine said volunteering one day a week gives them the opportunity to meet new people and they thought it would be a "nice thing to do" for area residents who cannot cook on their own or who have no means of transportation to buy their own food.

Maxine added that it is nice to exchange a few words with their clients who may otherwise have no contact with people during the day.

According to Office for Older Adults director Sally Balog, clients and volunteers come in all different sizes, colors, nationalities, ages, etc.

"Some of the drivers are employed and deliver meals on their day off," Balog said. "Some of them are retired. Some are stay-at-home parents who bring their young children along to indoctrinate them at an early age to community service. The only common thread is that they are all selfless, good-hearted people who care about their neighbor and demonstrate it with actions, not just words."

There are an estimated 40 Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers and 10 substi-

tute drivers, Balog explained. A majority of the drivers live in North Ridgeville, Elyria, Oberlin, Columbia Station and Grafton.

"These drivers are remarkable," Balog said. "They understand that this meal is a significant part of the diet for many of our clients, and they travel in snow, sleet, hail or rain and great distances to insure the delivery."

Balog is not sure how long the Meals on Wheels program has been in place in North Ridgeville, but she remembers first learning about it in the early 1980s.

"I first heard about it when I read an article in the local paper about Ruth Storch who was a neighbor of mine when I was growing up in North Ridgeville and at the time there was a Meals on Wheels driver for the North Ridgeville Senior Center," Balog said. "I was living in New York at the time, and my mom thought I might be interested in the article and saved it for me to read."

There are 40 to 50 meals prepared each day at the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

Balog said the center has a full-time cook and an assistant cook on staff that prepare all the meals. These include not only home-delivered meals, but also all of the meals that are served at the center including breakfasts, lunches or refreshments for various clubs that use the center.

As noted by Maxine, often the Meals on Wheels driver is the only person the client will see that day.

"If there is no answer at the door, the drivers call back to the center and we put a series of steps in motion," Balog said.

These steps include speaking to the "emergency contact" on the client's file.



Gerald and Maxine Mayer load their car with meals to deliver to area clients. Press & Light photo by Frank Corsello

Sometimes the client is supposed to be at home, but by accident left and did not call the center and cancel his/her meal for that day.

"In rare and extreme cases, if we are concerned with reason and unable to reach anyone, the case manager will drive to the home and contact 9-1-1 if it's warranted," Balog said.

If the driver discovers that the client has fallen or is in need of medical attention they have been instructed to contact 9-1-1 immediately and then notify the center, Balog explained.

"These drivers are remarkable,"

Balog said. "They are some of the most unselfish people I have ever had the privilege of knowing."

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## Memorial Day brings early deadlines

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# And I thought the ice cream issue would be a meltdown

**I DON'T BELIEVE IT....** A sweet treat like ice cream kept me from making 100 percent in my Primary Election prediction. After all the fuss Lia Muir's idea to peddle ice cream from an old-fashioned ice cream truck got from council and lots of residents as well, I was sure that election issue would suffer defeat. Ah ha, but many of you just couldn't resist ice cream, so you voted in favor of it. Although I was sure that I would make a perfect score at last, (I correctly guessed winners in the mayoral and council races) if I had to miss one, I'm glad it was a question about yummy ice cream (make that strawberry, please). The final vote was 2,649 to 1,311.

## KLEARLY SPEAKING

**and GOPs are meeting on opposite sides of the city, like this year. But I try to keep track of the radio results while driving so if I have to make a sudden return to the scene of the winner, I can. But this year I happened to be in the right place at the right time.**

**INTERESTING....** When I asked Dave Gillock if he would have done anything differently during his campaign, he said he would have walked more. Maybe he had better check with Tom Dake before he starts stumping for the General Election and outfit his feet with the right shoes.

**THANKS....** A brief thank you to John Polak, activities director at the Senior Center for providing us with two photos the past two weeks-one was the picture of some senior women making masks and the other is in today's paper featuring the Singing Angels. Sure helped when I couldn't be in two places at once.

**LUCKY DAY....** While I was slaving over the hot election results, Mr. K. was attending an all-day funeral directors' seminar (gotta keep up those continuing education credits, you know). Along with the talks, there was a 50/50 drawing and guess who won? Himself! What a pleasant surprise.

**ONE MORE....** I have written plenty about the new library, but I finally got to just visit and Karen Sigsworth said that the first day it was open for borrowing, 4,330 books went out. She said if they reached 1,000 in one day on Jaycox Road, it was a WOW!

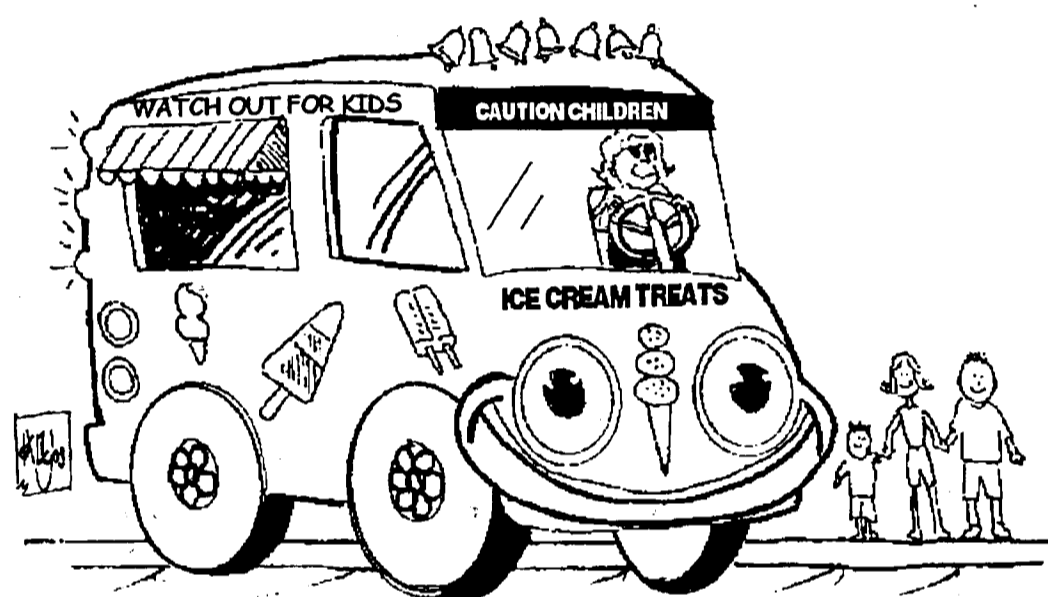
**TRIALS OF THE TRADE....** While stumping across North Ridgeville in hopes of winning the mayoral race in the Primary Election, Tom Dake said he went through two pairs of shoes and in the last eight days of the campaign, he got two haircuts. What price politics?

**REALLY FUN....** Election night is fun, but tough, especially if the Dems

Press & Light

Ed Kelly

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## PRESSLINE

**Tom Higgason:** I heartily agree with the letter writer who wondered why some folks refuse to maintain their lawns. It isn't just lawns, however. It seems like my neighborhood, for example, continues to attract younger people who were never taught by their parents what it means to be a good, responsible neighbor. Dogs run loose and poop right in the middle of the sidewalks. Cats are allowed to roam freely. Snow isn't shoveled in the winter. Leaves aren't picked up in the autumn. Weeds aren't eliminated in the summer. Kids are allowed to run all over others' property. Trash is stacked up all around houses. Campers are parked in front yards. Sidewalks are allowed to deteriorate. Bushes crowd out sidewalks. Some folks belong in apartments or condos because they cannot, or will not maintain homes.

**Caller:** I'm calling about Melissa Linebrink's (May 7) column. I certainly did not need to know the details of her birthing.

# Party chairs, the unsung workhorses of the political scene

Signs are down. Flyers have been stashed as memorabilia or dumped in disappointment. Speeches have ceased; letters likewise. North Ridgeville's 2003 Primary Election can be recorded. And what a primary it was. The number of candidates for council and the mayor's post was surprising, but it offered voters a definite advantage this election year. However, the people behind-the-scenes, the ones who don't get much press-the party chairs - were put to the test and Helen Hurst, who heads the local Republican Party and Larry Overby, who leads the Democrats were up to the task. Hurst said she's been involved in Ridgeville politics for 40 years and had previously been chairman for 10 years, before relinquishing the reins. But this year she was the one the GOP candidates turned to for advice.



Editor's Notebook  
By Carol Klear

Overby said this is his second stint at overseeing the Democratic Party in North Ridgeville and he too, was in an advisory capacity for the candidates. Despite different political persuasions, Hurst and Overby agreed that though the number of candidates made their jobs tougher, for voters it was a good thing. The candidates get all the attention during a political campaign, but the party chairs spend a lot of time in the trenches, as well-more than most people realize.

Hurst said she met with every candidate and tried to "help without betraying" each to the other. She said she tries not to back anyone, but rather "create an even playing field" in the primary. But come the General Election, she'll be there for the fight. Both Overby and Hurst reach out to potential candidates. Sometimes, Hurst said, a wannabe will file a candidacy on his or her own and then she'll try to contact them. Or she meets them through a party member. Overby said he sometimes gets a call from a county Democrat, suggesting a person who might be a viable candidate. Occasionally he observes someone becoming politically active at council meetings and he approaches them. "But I do it slowly," he said. "I like to see if they're really interested and will do the job properly." "The bottom line is to do what's best for the community. And that they play

fair." Hurst said when she has a slate of hopefuls, she tries to get them together and have someone from the Lorain County Board of Elections explain the political ropes to them. Returning to the number of candidates in contention this May, Hurst said she views it as a "good flurry of patriotism." The tragedies of 9/11 and then Iraq, hit them hard, she said. The number of houses going up in the city, with new families moving in could be another reason. Hurst said when she and her family moved in, she wanted to do something to make the community a better place to raise children. And there you have it, a closer look at two people who lend helping hands to candidates who want to be part of Ridgeville's political scene. While on different playing fields, they agree that the 2003 primary provided what the city needed-some fresh air.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Believes in democratic system

To the Editor:  
I, Jim Johnson, the Democratic candidate for mayor of North Ridgeville would like to thank the residents who voted on May 6, for their support and encouragement.

Maybe it's because of 9/11, the war against terror and the showdown with Iraq, but I caught myself daydreaming about this system we call democracy. It dawned on me that it is not only a system we believe in but also it may be the only system of government that believes in us. Our democratic system not only believes in our right to vote, but it believes that all of us together have the wisdom to choose wisely and to govern ourselves. Quite a system, don't you think? We call it "the American way." It's so basic and good that we are even exporting it to Iraq.

We may disagree at the polls but there is not a person who voted or who is taking the time to read this short letter that does not believe in our democratic system. There are only two working parts, government and the people. If we do our part and vote, then government should do what we want it to do. That is my goal.

That's why I believe in this system...because it dawned on me that it is not only a system we believe in but also it may be the only system of government that believes in us. Our democratic system not only believes in our right to vote, but it believes that all of us together have the wisdom to choose wisely and to govern ourselves. Quite a system, don't you think? We call it "the American way." It's so basic and good that we are even exporting it to Iraq.

Jim Johnson, director of safety and service Democratic candidate for mayor of North Ridgeville

### Importance of sidewalks in N.R.

To the Editor:  
Pedestrian safety is an issue that all cities have to face. In my hometown of North Ridgeville this is especially true. Most roads lack sidewalks, and have just a small shoulder for people to walk on or none at all. Development of sidewalks has started in some areas of the city but the most dangerous and congested streets such as Lear Nagle Road, which is the easiest way in and out of North Ridgeville to the south, still lack them. People walking or riding a bike are at risk on such streets. This problem is prevalent throughout the city on some of the older roads. It is important that the city realize that sidewalks are a vital part of pedestrian safety and should be incorporated into our roads in order to keep the population of North Ridgeville safe. As many as 6,500 pedestrians and 900 bikers are killed as a result of being hit by a motor vehicle each year. Also, pedestrians account for as much as 40-50 percent of traffic fatalities in some urban areas.

The danger is increased when there are not enough sidewalks for pedestrians to use for walking, and frequently, they must walk out into the street with cars that are moving at 25-45 miles per hour. These statistics show how essential it is for sidewalks to be built in order to keep people safe. Many streets in North Ridgeville have sharp curves and blind areas. Chestnut Ridge Road between Lear Nagle and Root Road has several curves and this is one of the many streets in North Ridgeville without sidewalks and even a large shoulder. People are forced to walk on private property to travel safely.

Another potential problem on this road is that in some areas, a walker or a biker cannot be seen until the motorist is very close and if the driver is off the pavement, it is already too late. An area should be cleared for pedestrians and bicycles in this area to provide safe travel.

In the United States, one out of every seven crashes involves a pedestrian. Most of the time, neither the pedestrian nor the driver has broken a law to cause the crash. The accident is a result of motorists and the pedestrians being forced to share a small area of road. When an accident between a 3,000-pound car and a 100-200-pound person takes place, it is usually the pedestrian that loses out. Just a few days ago, I was driving home from work and I saw three bikers on Chestnut Ridge approaching on the opposite side of the street. Another car was also passing me at the same time, and the driver swerved into my lane in order to avoid the bikers who had to ride on the edge of the road. Such a close call could have been avoided altogether if there had been a sidewalk available for the boys to ride on.

Another reason for building sidewalks is to promote better health for all citizens. Health can be improved immensely by just adding an extra half hour of exercise every day. Walking and riding a bike is healthier than riding or driving in a car. However, the structure of the roads in North Ridgeville discourages walking or riding a bike as an alternative. Walking can be an easy way to lose weight as well as diminishing some of the risks of heart disease, breast cancer, colon cancer, diabetes and stroke. Walking also helps to strengthen bones; strengthen the mind and aid memory, planning and scheduling; improving sleep and mood and contributing to weight loss.

Some people also have pre-existing health problems that make it difficult for them to participate in other forms of exercise such as running or aerobics; walking is a safe convenient way to maintain an exercise regimen. Moreover, gas-powered vehicles contribute to air pollution while walking can reduce it. According to a CNN study, low Air Pollution Index is one of the factors that make an area a good place to live.

North Olmsted is a city with sidewalks in most areas including the busiest sections of the city. Despite the fact that the population of North Olmsted is considerably higher than that of North Ridgeville and the city of North Olmsted has Great Northern Mall, an auto mile, many other shops, strip malls, restaurants and a highway cutting through the center, the pollution index in North Ridgeville is 144 on a national average of 100, while North Olmsted is only 138. This illustrates that there is a direct correlation between the accessibility of sidewalks to the local population and the amount of pollution generated by motor vehicles. The more sidewalks a city has, the less pollution and thus the healthier the citizens because of breathing cleaner air and increased exercise due to greater availability-I feel that sidewalks are an important addition to any city, especially North Ridgeville. There have been several beneficial new additions to the city: a new water tower, library, Safetyville, K-9 unit to the police department, purchase of a new road paver and many more. Sidewalks have been discussed, and a few have been built around the city. Additional sidewalks will be helpful in busier sections of the city in order to keep all of our citizens safe, as well as give them a public area in which to exercise as well as enjoy what the city has to offer.

In the future, citizens of North Ridgeville, given the choice of walking on safe sidewalks or driving, may to the surprise of the North Ridgeville government, select walking as their preferred mode of transportation.

Tamara Leonard North Ridgeville

Editor's Note: Tamara Leonard accompanied her letter with sources for the data she used.

### Support appreciated

To the Editor:  
We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the entire community and to our family and friends for their support on the recent death of John Anthony Necci.

We thank all the people who contributed food, gave donations and offered words of condolence. We especially thank Father Thomas Hyland, pastor of St. Peter Church and the priests who co-celebrated the funeral Mass, the Reverends John Lyons, Thomas Pajk and David Durkee.

Rose Marie (Mary) Necci  
Daughter Debbie Kalbrunner and her family  
Sister, Nancy Cummings

### Message to voters

To the Editor:  
My sincere thanks to all the voters who gave me the opportunity to be your candidate in the general election. I will continue to support efforts that can improve the quality of life for Ward IV residents and the citizens of our community. A special thank you to all who let me put up yard signs and the special friends that were so important to my re-election.

Bob Olesen 4th Ward Council

### Dandelions are beautiful

To the Editor:  
I think dandelions are beautiful. They are also a very nutritious food to eat, but I wonder if the chemicals they put on lawns can cause cancer.

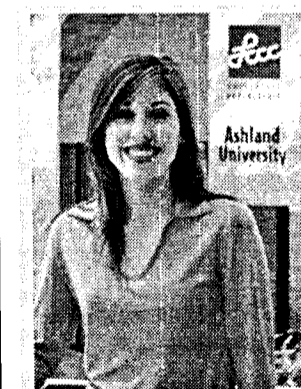
Wanda Jurco North Ridgeville

### Nothing else to worry about

To the Editor:  
I was wondering if all Sharon A. Campbell has to worry about is other people's dandelions. If this is the most imperative issue in her life, I certainly hope she thanks whatever god she subscribes to every day of her life.

While I can well afford a couple of bags of fertilizer,  
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# BOE postpones decision on lunch prices

By Carol Klear

During the April 1 work session, Biagio Sidoti, treasurer for the North Ridgeville City Schools, told board members that the food service program is "running in the negative," with part of the problem rooted in salaries and the state budget.

The food service department occasionally must borrow money from the school district's general fund, however Sidoti said, "the money borrowed is expected to be paid back."

Participation in the lunch program has increased, Assistant Superintendent Dave Livingston said, however when personnel raises are approved, the overall program takes a financial hit.

Tom Dake said he did not favor raising lunch prices, noting that it is difficult for families with several children in schools.

At the time, Sidoti said he would check the prices surrounding schools are charging for lunches.

Last week, the board studied a comparative lunch price survey taken in a number of schools, including North Ridgeville, and updated for the month of April. It showed that North Ridgeville students paid less for lunches than some schools charged, but more than others.

## Lunch Price Survey

School District	High School	Middle School	Elementary
Amherst	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.00
Avon	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$1.75
Avon Lake	\$2.25	\$2.00	\$2.00
Bay Village	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$1.90
Clearview	\$1.75	\$1.55	\$1.40
Columbia Station	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.80
Highland	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.00
Fairview Park	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.10
Midview	\$1.75/\$2.50	\$1.75	\$1.50
North Ridgeville	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.75
North Olmsted	\$2.25/\$2.50	\$2.25/\$2.50	\$2.10
Olmsted Falls	\$2.25/\$2.55	\$2.20/\$2.55	\$1.85
Rocky River	\$2.00/\$2.25	\$2.00/\$2.25	No lunch service
Strongsville	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.00
Vermilion	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.70
Westlake	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.00

\*Rocky River also offers a \$1.30 lunch composed of commodity foods only with the smallest allowable serving size offered for each component

This lunch price survey compares the prices of a number of surrounding school districts with the cost of lunches in North Ridgeville City Schools.

The school board decided to postpone a decision on what action to take on the issue until the end of the school year.



## Martin confirmed at new library

Earl Martin speaks before his confirmation May 5 at the new North Ridgeville Library. Both Sen. Jeffrey Ambruster and Lorain County Prosecutor Jeffrey Manning offered Martin words of encouragement. P&L photo by Shannon Fagan

## MAYORAL, from page 1

At his gathering, Dake said he was "disappointed" in the outcome of the primary race, but said there was nothing in his campaigning he would have changed and he thanked the committee that helped him.

"We went in with class and we ended with class," Dake said.

"I worked as hard as I could and talked to as many people as I could."

Dake also said he set a precedent with the information he provided via his website, noting that he received a lot of positive feedback, as well as questions e-mailed to him.

"My hat's off to Dave, he worked hard," Dake said, "We gave him a good run."

Will Dake support Gillock in November?

"At the Republican meeting I said I would do that," he said. "I am a Republican."

After the last election results were in, Dake went to the Gillock celebration and congratulated him.

"We talked and he was cordial and friendly," Gillock said. "He said he would support me (in the General Election)."

Berg thanked the voters who supported her, but expressed disappointment that she didn't get as many votes as she had expected.

"I've been out of it (politics) so long and name recognition is so important," Berg said of her loss. "But I tried."

Despite "mixed emotions," Berg, like Dake, said she would support Gillock in the General Election.



The Democratic candidate for mayor, Jim Johnson and his wife, Joyce, wait for the results on election night to learn who Johnson's opponent will be in the fall. The final tally showed Johnson and Republican Dave Gillock will face-off in November.

## AT-LARGE, from page 1

In the hotly contested race in Ward IV, incumbent Republican Bob Olesen beat former councilwoman Gail Minnick by 379 votes to 274 to face first-time candidate Democrat Mike Whitlock.

Though Olesen was hoping to win the Primary Election, he said he was "concerned" about the outcome.

"I knew she (Minnick) was a good competitor," he said.

Olesen said he hasn't changed his stand on anything since the last time he ran for council and his concerns are the same—taxes, interchanges and running sewers to the west.



Minnick admitted she is disappointed about losing the election, particularly because she feels "residents won't be represented in the manner they deserve." However, she is grateful for the support she received.

Democratic at-large candidate Andy Young (center), his wife, Michelle visit with another Democratic at-large candidate, Dick Brent, while waiting for election returns.



## And the angels sing...

The Singing Angels, sponsored by the Office for Older Adults, performed before a nearly full audience, May 4, at St. Julie Billiard Church.

## LETTERS, from page 5

I'm a little busy with more important things in my life. I am a single mother of a second-grade boy, who's the greatest; I work full-time, including a minimum of a one and a half hour daily commute to and from downtown Cleveland and occasional out-of-town trips; I attend college full-time at the University of Akron and LCCC; and I am a homeowner who tries to maintain a presentable home and lawn. My parents died many years ago and I moved to this state in 1994. My relatives live in other states, so I do not have the benefit of family to help me out.

There are barely enough hours in the week for me to spend quality time with my child, help him with his homework, put in a minimum eight-hour workday (I'm an accountant), finish my homework, study and keep up on the housecleaning, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, etc., much less to give two seconds worth of thought to whether or not my neighbors are freaking out about the dandelions.

And no, a lawn is not supposed to be green. Apparently, you have never traveled outside of the confines of North Ridgeville. Weeds, including dandelions, leaves, twigs, rocks and pine needles are natural; grass is not. That is why it takes so much work to maintain a lush, green lawn—it's not natural. I manage to squeeze in a lawn mowing often enough to keep my

lawn "presentable," but I refuse to worry about the dandelions. Trust me, eventually, they will die. And thank you to everyone who does not put fertilizer on their lawns, which contributes to the poisoning of the water table.

My next-door neighbors, who are also my son's surrogate grandparents, were actually kind enough to mow my lawn a couple of times last year, as they knew I was so busy. My neighbor across the street was kind enough to take his snow blower to my driveway once this winter, as he knows I do not own one. When my neighbors are out of town, I watch their house and take in their newspapers and mail, as they do for me. Here's a thought, why don't you volunteer your lawn care expertise? I must say, I have the world's greatest neighbors unless Ms. Campbell is one of them.

Maureen A. Murphy  
N. Ridgeville

## VOTING, from page 1

shortcut it," she said. "It's part of an ongoing process." She also said some candidates did not leave telephone numbers where they could be reached on election night.

Jacobcik stressed that the results were announced two hours after the polls closed, as they had been in previous elections.

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## Morning storms fail to keep youths away from fishing derby

By Joe Ostrica

Things didn't look too good early Saturday morning for the children of North Ridgeville that were planning on participating in the fishing derby. With thunderstorms hovering over South Central Park's fishing lake, it appeared the event would be cancelled. Fortunately the skies cleared up just in time for the 9 a.m. start of the event co-sponsored by the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department and the North Ridgeville Fire Department (NRFD).

"Last year we had 150 people and we've got about 80 today," NRFD's Mike Williams said. "We weren't really sure what the turnout would be like because of the weather, but we still have a nice crowd." Williams, along with Mike Pitts, is instrumental in making the fishing derby a big event for the kids every year.

"I've always enjoyed fishing and my kids really like it too," he said. "I thought it would be a fun thing for the community. It also gives the people a chance to see the fire department. We've got guys on duty right now and if they get a call, they just leave from here instead of the station. It's nice that they could come down and help."

Pitts, who was once a park director in Aurora has experience in running fishing derbies.

"Mike and I wanted to try and make this bigger every year so we've been working with the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department," Pitts

said. "This is the ninth year we've been involved with the fishing derby but the city has been having it for quite a while."

The North Ridgeville Senior Fishing Club joined the parks and recreation and fire department this year to donate some prizes and help run the event. Donations were being accepted for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children.

"It's a nice opportunity to get the kids out fishing, eat lunch, give them some prizes and we're raising money for burned children, so we're doing two things at once," Pitts said.

The city and fire department covered costs for stocking 100 trout and 300 blue gills for this year's fishing derby.

"We used to just do the trout, but we weren't getting all the catches," Williams said. "The kids loved when we put the blue gill in last year because they caught a lot of fish so we brought in more this year."

Craig Weaver caught the biggest fish of the day, a 16 1/2-inch trout. Matt Porsz, Erica Rawbon and Tony Woodhall caught 16-inch trout. For total inches of fish caught, the winners in the 5-and-under group were Amanda Worcester (426.75 inches), Alisa Tombin (49.25) and Leah Limpach (30.5). In the 6-8 year old group, the winners were Matthew Feirabend (180.6), Danielle Henderson (153) and Macey Feirabend (97.25). Winners in the 9-10 year old group were David Mytnick (328.25), Jeffrey Pitts (137.5) and Luke Williams (3.52). Top finishers among 11-12 year olds



Shawn Myers (left), 9, and his brother Barry, 7, were just a couple of the 80 children that participated in the fishing derby last weekend at South Central Park.

included Darby Graham (164.75), Kelsey Rogers (76.75) and Drensel Limpach (26.75). Shanon Greif (36.5) and Jon Nesson (28.5) caught the most fish among 13-14 year-olds and Jeremy Martin (70.25) caught the most fish for the 15 and older group.

## North Ridgeville boys, girls win Vermilion Invitational

Both the North Ridgeville High School boys and girls track and field teams took first-place at the Vermilion Invitational over the weekend. The boys finished with 105 points, followed by Vermilion (101), Bay (94), Admiral King (93), Southview (47) and Brookside (42).

The boys' 1,600 relay team of Joe Downey, Nate Heck, Matt Poland and Dave Nelson finished first in 3:41.0. Heck finished first in the 800 (2:05.05) and was runner-up in the 1,600 (4:54.53). Nelson placed second in the 400 (52.78) and third in the 200 (24.0). B.J. Coyne took first in the pole vault (10-6) while Dan Holliday finished second in the high jump (5-10).

Poland finished second in the 300 hurdles (42.81), James Hayes placed third in the 110 high hurdles (16.97) and Colin Ryan placed third in the discus (119-8) and placed fourth in the 100 (12.16). Other Rangers having good days included Steve Jarema in the long jump (16-9.25) and Jared Stermole in the shot put (42-3.5).

The Lady Rangers finished with 106 points, finishing ahead of Regina (94), Southview (91), Vermilion (82), Brookside (66) and Admiral King and Bay (both with 63).

Crystal Matjasic, Michelle Lopez, Melissa Turner and April Frederick led the Lady Rangers to a first-place finish in the 400 relay (53.21) and a third-place finish in the 800 relay. Matjasic, Frederick, Kay Schreiner and Kelly Hughes finished third in the 1,600 relay (4:34.36).

Susan Bing placed first in the 200 (26.66) and second in the 400 (64.24).

Other first place finishers included Kathy Ulicky in pole vault (7-0), Courtney Zupancic in discus (105-0) and Amy Stermole in shot put (35-5.5). Laura Fulton finished second in both the 1,600 (6:15.64) and 800 (2:46.26). Schreiner placed fourth in the 300 hurdles.

Hughes placed second in the high jump (5-2), sixth in the 100 hurdles (19.56), Frederick placed fourth in the long jump (14-6.5) and Melissa Turner finished sixth in the 100 (13.63).

## Wilcox students participate in ACES

By Joe Ostrica

Last week 425 students from Wilcox Elementary School participated in an exercise program along with millions of other children across the country and around the world. ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) With-a-Friend is a celebration of physical activity observed on the first Wednesday in May all over the world, beginning at 10 a.m.

When Wilcox physical education teacher Heather Hulec learned that the state of Michigan implements the program in all of their schools, she wanted her students to be a part of the fun.

"Michigan wants to spread this across the nation and I'm helping them by participating," Hulec said. "I did it because I believe in it."

"It's just getting involved in believing the idea that exercise is important in a child's life. I believe in that philosophy. Physical education teachers across the country are aware of this program and 50 countries are participating this year."

Originally scheduled to have their second ACES With-a-Friend on May 7 outside, Wilcox students in grades 1-4 (fifth-graders were on a field trip), along with 25 students from a North Ridgeville High School physical education class that helped coordinate and organize the activities, were forced to cram inside the gymnasium as a rainstorm arrived. After a whistle was blown, the groups would jog to a station and work at an activity for two minutes. There were 18 different stations available, including jump rope, sit-ups, jumping jacks, soccer ball passing, basketball dribbling, Frisbee passing and many more.

Hulec was appreciative that the Wilcox staff was in full support of taking time out from class to participate in the event.

"My staff is real supportive," she said. "This just shows the importance that teachers took time out of their regular day to bring the kids down and stimulate their brains through exercise. I think they believe that kids need to be in better physical shape so that's why they support it too."

Hulec said in addition to getting exercise, the children learn what it is to be healthy as they all get a sticker and information packet to take home.

"They need to have a healthy heart and a healthy mind and if they exercise daily, they're going to do better in school," Hulec said. "If you exercise, you're able to concentrate more and you're healthier."



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#### Fastpitch softball hitting clinic

North Coast Spirit will be sponsoring a hitting clinic in Oberlin at the new Oberlin Recreation Complex (next to Splash Zone) on May 25 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jodie Holava, head coach of the U-14 North Coast Spirit, will be the lead instructor for the clinic. This event is open to both beginners and advanced players, grades 3-12. Cost is \$15 for pre-registration by May 19 and \$20 after. Each participant is required to bring a bat and softball shoes or tennis shoes to wear in the drills session. The clinic will cover all aspects of power swing mechanics as well as providing drills to improve skills. Parents are welcome to attend all lectures.

In the event of rain, all money will be refunded if the clinic is completely rained out or if only one hour is completed. Registration forms are available at [www.northcoastsport.com](http://www.northcoastsport.com) or one will be sent to you by calling 327-4361.

#### Men's summer basketball

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for an adult men's summer basketball league. Games will take place Tuesday and Thursday at South Central Park at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per team (\$10 additional fee for non-resident players) plus \$25 per game official fee. Registration deadline is May 29. Register at the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation office, 7307 Avon Belden Road, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 353-0860 for more information.

#### NRFI golf outing

The North Ridgeville Football League will be holding a golf outing and steak fry May 31 at Pheasant Run Golf Course, 711 Pheasant Run Drive, LaGrange. Registration for the four-man scramble is at 7 a.m.

Cost is \$65 per player or \$250 if registered as a foursome. For information or reservations, call Brian Benes at (216) 267-1436 or (216) 408-8824 or Bob Miscuda at (440) 926-4779.

#### Basketball camp

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for basketball camp for children in grades 3-8.

North Ridgeville High School boys varsity basketball coach Mark Rechin and his staff will instruct the camp which places an emphasis on the developmental and fundamentals of basketball skills.

The camp will run at NRHS June 9-13. Cost is \$50. Register at the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation office. Call 353-0860 for more information.

#### Ranger soccer clinic

North Ridgeville High School varsity soccer coach Dan Blagojevic, assistant coach Tony Dickson and returning varsity players will be holding the Ranger Star Soccer Footskills and Goalkeeper Clinic on Thursdays, beginning June 12 at the N.R. Soccer Complex.

The clinic is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. All participants must bring a soccer ball, water bottle, cleats and shin guards. Cost is \$6 a day or \$20 for the month. Call 327-0959 or e-mail [blago4@juno.com](mailto:blago4@juno.com) for registration information.

#### Baseball/softball camps

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for baseball and softball camps for children ages 7-15 to be held at the Shady Drive Complex. Session I runs June 16-18 and session II is July 15-17 with camps running from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$65.00. Register at the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation office. Call 353-0860 for more information.

#### Wooster boys basketball camps

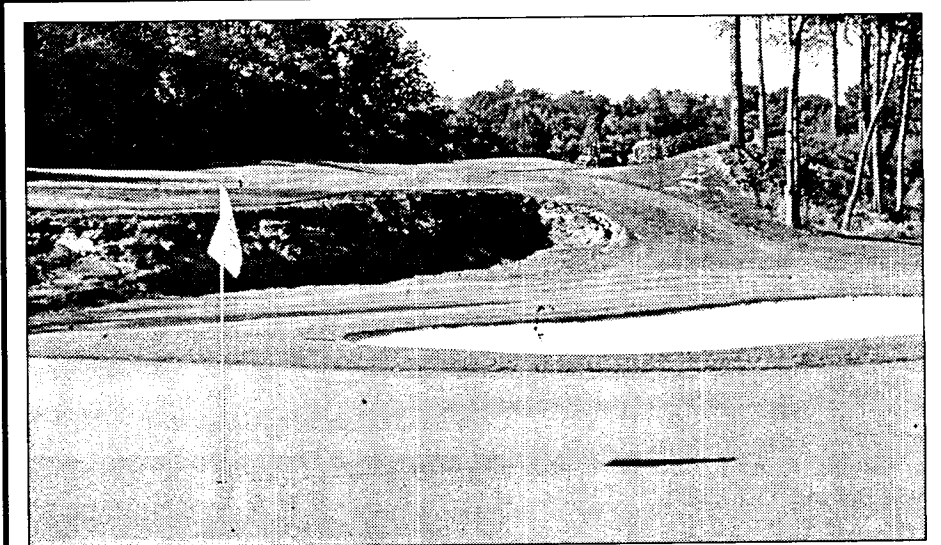
The College of Wooster is hosting a basketball camp for boys in grades 5-12. There will be four sessions of camps, June 22-26, June 29-July 3, July 20-24 and July 27-31. Enrollment is limited. The College of Wooster also has openings for their Big Man/Perimeter Camp, which runs from June 11-12.

This specialty camp is for high school

boys entering grades 10-12. Enrollment is limited for both camps. Call head coach Steve Moore at (330) 263-2176 or assistant coach Doug Cline at (330) 263-2518 for more information.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday, May 14, 2003</b>
<b>Baseball</b>
4:30 pm: LRA vs. Lorain Catholic (Away)
<b>Thursday, May 15, 2003</b>
<b>Boys and Girls Track</b>
4 pm: NSAC Meet @ LRA (Home)
4:30 pm: NRHS/PC @ Strongsville (Away)
<b>Baseball</b>
4:30 pm: Medina vs. NRHS (Home)
<b>Softball</b>
4:30 pm: Medina vs. NRHS (Home)
4:30 pm: LRA vs. Open Door (Away)
<b>Friday, May 16, 2003</b>
<b>Baseball</b>
4:30 pm: Cornerstone Christian vs. LRA (Home)
<b>Saturday, May 17, 2003</b>
<b>Boys and Girls Track</b>
10:30 am: NRHS/PC @ Strongsville (Away)
<b>Monday, May 19, 2003</b>
<b>Baseball</b>
4:30 pm: Clearview vs. LRA (Home)
<b>Softball</b>
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**BLOOD DRIVE** at Center Ridge Nursing Home from 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
**N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT.**, 6-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Senior Center multi-purpose room. Cost is \$40/month. Call 353-0860/info.  
**HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER**, 6:30-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. The group meets at 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Call 934-1482/info.  
**RECOVERY INC.**, 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Road, room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre at 236-8841/info.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT CARING AL-ANON**, 8 p.m. New Life Church, 38079 Center Ridge Road. Call 366-6913/info.

**FRIDAY**

**ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL**, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at Community Outreach Dept., bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.  
**N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT.**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Senior Center multi-purpose room \$7/class. 353-0860/info.  
**ROTARY CLUB**, noon at the Office for Older Adults.  
**FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**, 7 p.m. St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

**SATURDAY**

**N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT.**, 9-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. Cost is \$7/class. Held in the Senior Center multi-purpose room from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ongoing karate class for children and adults. Cost is \$20 for four lessons. Held in the Safetyville Building. Call 353-0860/info.

**SUNDAY**

**FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**, 9 a.m. St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

**MONDAY**

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE ARTS COUNCIL**, First Congregational UCC Church.  
**OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft club, quilting, computer classes. Soup for 35 cents. Call 353-0828/info.  
**ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL**, 12:30-2 p.m. Free

blood pressure screenings. Free hearing screenings are held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Both held at Community Outreach Center, bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.  
**HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER**, 7-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. At 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Call 934-1482/info.  
**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St, Elyria.  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, 7:30 p.m. Council meetings.  
**COUNCIL MEETING**, 8 p.m. Council chambers.

**TUESDAY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**, Education Center.  
**KIWANIS CLUB OF N. RIDGEVILLE**, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Place.

**OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS**, 1-4 p.m. Watercolor classes.  
**N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT.**, 9:30-11 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. Cost is \$40/month. Both classes held at the Senior Center multi-purpose room. Call 353-0860/info.  
**BLOOD DRIVE** at Webster's Place from 5:30-9 p.m.  
**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m. Council chambers.

**TOPS CLUB #656**, 7 p.m. North Ridgeville Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Road.  
**FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS**, 7 p.m. Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info.  
**NORTH RIDGEVILLE GARDEN CLUB**, 7 p.m. Sandy Ridge.

**WEDNESDAY**

**LORAIN CITY GENERAL HEALTH DIS-**

**TRICT**, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Road.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m. Council chambers.

**MINI RANGERS FOOTBALL BOOSTERS**, 7 p.m. South Central Park Community Cabin.

**OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, cards, bingo. Lunch is \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. Call 353-0828/info.

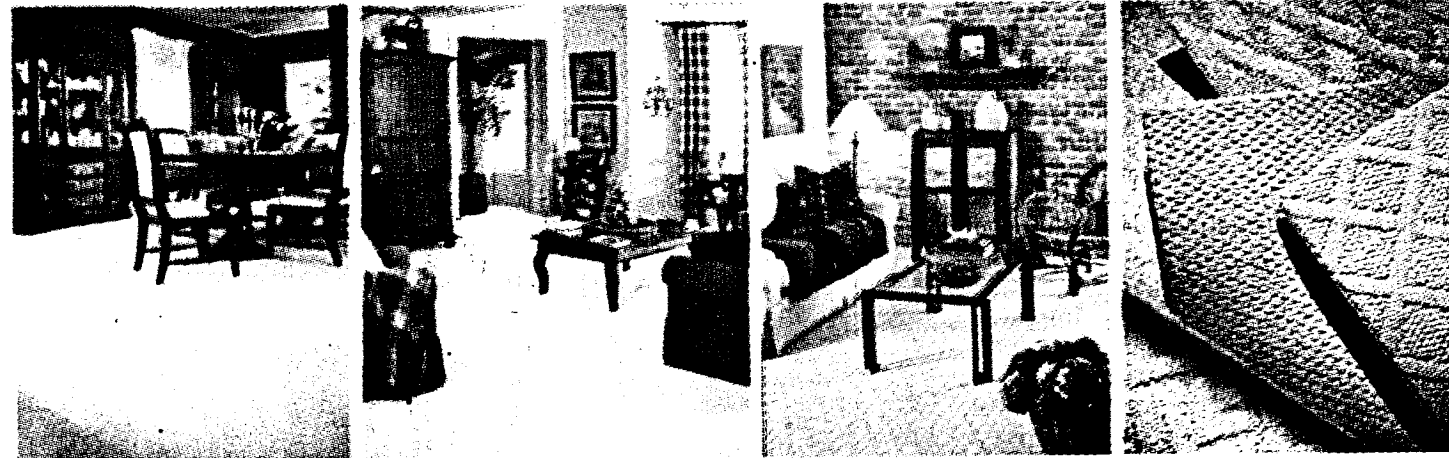
**LARCORTA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**, noon at DeLuca's Place-in-the-Park. Call May at 327-8237 for reservations by May 15.

**WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497**, 12:15-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.

**N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT.**, 5-6:30 p.m. Ongoing karate class held at the Safetyville Building.

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**NRHS National Honor Society inducts members**

The Torch Chapter of the National Honor Society at North Ridgeville High School held its annual induction ceremony April 7. The ceremony included the traditional candle lighting ceremony and a performance by the A Cappella choir. Senior English teacher, Lois Butkowski, was the evening's guest speaker. Students inducted as members are selected based on the attributes of leadership, character, service and scholarship.

The following students were inducted as new members of National Honor Society: Heather Arbogast, Anna Bacisin, Yvette Ballou, Allison Bartolozzi, Colleen Bement, Kristin Bianca, Christopher Boron, Alexandra Bowden, Heather Campbell, Brittany Ciofoletti, Brian DeLaat, Christopher Dodd, Joseph Downey, Elizabeth Filbin, Alana Grant, Christina Hodges, Matthew Keller, Britney Kichurchak, Joshua Klimkowicz, Randall Klingler, Sean Knox, Mary Beth Lewton, Crystal Matjasic, Bailey McLinn, Aimee Muntz, Amanda Nass, Kristen Rasanow, Sarah Scott, Bradford Smith, Sabrina Spielhaupter, Danielle Stampfer, Amy Stermole, Natasha Strande, Colleen Walker, Paul Wojdacz, Gretchen Ziolk and Allison Zupancic.

**Woodard named to National Honor Roll**

The United States Achieve Academy announces that Jillian Rae Woodard, of North Ridgeville, has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll award winner. She is a student at North Ridgeville High School. Woodard is the daughter of Matt and Tanya Woodard of North Ridgeville.

**West a semi-finalist in competition**

Lake Ridge Academy senior Joanna West, of North Ridgeville, was a semi-finalist in the 2003 Young Playwrights Festival National Playwriting competition. West's play "From Concentration" is a trilogy of fruit juice related stories illustrating relationship complications.

**ARC assembly**

The Academic Recognition Committee at North Ridgeville High School will hold its annual awards assembly May 21 at 1 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Students who achieved a grade point average of 3.3 or higher during the first three quarters of this school year will be recognized.

**What's for lunch?**

For the week of May 15-21, 2003

**North Ridgeville Middle School/High School**

Thur: Beefy, cheesy nachos or chicken patty sandwich, vegetables, peaches, milk.  
 Fri: Chicken nuggets or meatball sub, milk.  
 Mon: Pizza w/roll or deli sub, carrots, pears, milk.  
 Tue: Sausage links w/French toast or ham and cheese on English muffin, hashbrown, orange juice, milk.  
 Wed: Chicken fajita or ravioli, roll, corn, applesauce, milk.

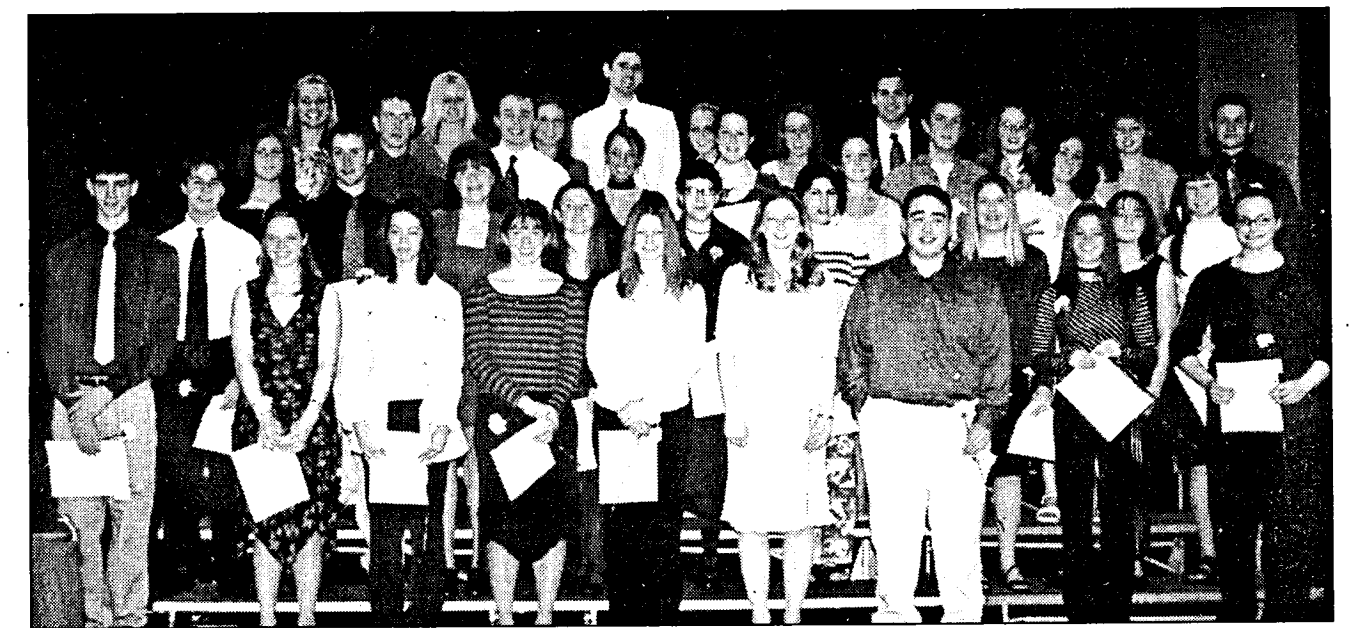
**North Ridgeville Elementary**

Thur: Beefy, cheesy nachos, roll, vegetable, peaches, milk.  
 Fri: Chicken nuggets, roll, fries, pears, milk.  
 Mon: Pizza, roll, carrots, pears, milk.  
 Tue: Sausage links, French toast, hashbrowns, orange juice, milk.  
 Wed: Ravioli, roll, corn, applesauce, milk.

**St. Peter Catholic School**

Thur: Chicken fingers or hamburger, fries, oranges, milk.  
 Fri: Toasted cheese sandwich or cheese pizza, broccoli, tomato soup, milk.  
 Mon: Cannelloni or chicken nuggets, green beans, lemon ice, milk.  
 Tue: Manager's choice.  
 Wed: Taco meat w/tortilla chips or chicken patty sandwich, peach cup, corn, milk.

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North Ridgeville High School 2003 National Honor Society inductees. Photo by Woodard Photographic.

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EDUCATION

LRA students get their cars ready to race

By Carol Klear

Car racing at its best is underway at the Lake Ridge Academy (LRA) Middle School as seventh-graders partner with science teacher, Meg Doerr and art instructor, Byron Souts to design and build miniature solar-powered cars.

"We started the project weeks ago," Doerr said, in hopes of having a trial run on Earth Day, April 22. However, the day dawned dark and dreary and the sun refused to cooperate, so the big race was postponed until solar energy could propel the little models on their way.

The 21 students involved pulled together what they learned about generating electricity, wiring, acceleration and solar panels and applied it creatively to the little cars that are no bigger than shoeboxes.

They fashioned the autos from "card stock and anything they could find in the art room," Doerr said. When painted, they resembled colors of the rainbow, she said.

Using the lessons on renewable energy forces and other elements of physics, students calculated the speed of the cars, she said.

Doerr, who teaches both chemistry and physics to seventh and eighth-graders, said this is the first time the idea has been tried at Lake Ridge, though she previously worked on the project in England where she taught school for two years.

In addition to the lessons learned, Doerr calls the idea a "great springboard," especially for girls who discover they could have a future in engineering.

After relocating her teaching career to the United States, Doerr was

enthused about attempting the solar car assignment.

"There's usually more sun here," she said. And when the spring weather looked more like a day in fall, "the kids were crestfallen."

To alleviate fears that grades rest on whether or not the cars run, Doerr said she has explained that grades are based on students' understanding of the project.

If you happen onto the Lake Academy Campus some sunny day during the next few weeks, don't be surprised to find yourself in the middle of a solar-powered car race. You might just want to stick around to cheer on your favorite auto.

Seventh-grader, Nicholas Marinik, shows off the solar-powered car he made in class at Lake Ridge Academy.



Durda receives top art award, several students honored

By Melissa Linebrink

With the North Ridgeville High School (NRHS) cafeteria walls resembling an art gallery, a number of students took home awards during the art exhibition and awards reception held May 8, including senior John Durda. Durda received the Senior Art Gallery Award.

NRHS art teacher Sean Crum commended each student on his or her performance thus far this school year and art department chair Sharon Aunchman and art teacher Georgann Blair agreed.

"Take hold of your life, apply your gifts and talents, work with discipline and have high expectations of yourself," Aunchman said.

Awards were given in the following categories: Youth Art Awards Month, Merit Awards, Exhibition Awards, Golden Paintbrush Awards and the Senior Art Gallery Award.

Throughout the evening, the following students were recognized for their talent: Rob Burdette, Amanda Fitzgerald, Christina Hodges, Shannon Huffman, Heather Perry, Katie Sebrasky, John Durda, Megan Gallagher, Dan Nelson, Vincent Pocsik, Adam Rios, Melissa Sekata, Jessica Sobolewski, Jackie Decapite, Chris Halke, Alex Kac, Ameryst Maslyk, Lindsay Regal, Brittany Smith, Stephanie Snyder, Robin Telenko, Keith Blair, Rachel Firak, Kristen Holliday, Mike Jones, Kelly Kearney, Michelle Moschner,

Abbey Nagaj, Zach Perry, Jason Ruebensaal, Erica Swanson, Shannon Syarto, Coletta Uliano, Heather Weisart, John Neiding, Roger West, Adam Wade, Joel Mangan, Nick Lancaster, Sheena Lapinskas, Shannon Marsh, Lacey Regal, Corena Green, Katie Linch, Beth Adams, Chris Appleby, Vanessa Armario, Victoria Arnold, Allie Battin, Emily Basalla, Jessica Becker, Amanda Bier, Tim Comerford, Richard Cummings, Bob Evans, Dave Findlay, Karl Frederick, Laura Fulton, Mary Heathcoat, Kelly Hudson, Julie Kacr, Ryan Kenney, Brian Kory, Jeremy Lucas, Priscilla Nagy, Audrey Nagel, Sarah Outrich, Stacey Perry, Dawn Piatak, Jenna Reese, Chase Ripley, Max Rothacker, Danell Sayre, Amanda Snodgrass, Sarah Snyder, Chris Sroka, Derek Sylvester, Jackie Terry, Tracey Turinic, Megan Walling, Brittany Ward, Rostik Yaremko, Brianna Murray, Anthony McNamara, Alissa Rothgery, Alison Zupancic, Jackie Zeller, Katie Klima, Nicole Martin, Courtney Lore, Tina Hodges, Nicole Gray, Demitrus Burks, Steve Reichel, Steve Hurley, Christina Hodges, Courtney Zupancic, Matt Clark and Kelly Fulton.

In addition to these award-winners, during the Board of Education meeting on May 20, a number of students will receive recognition if their work won county, regional, state and/or national awards. The art department is the only department where its students will



North Ridgeville High School senior John Durda accepts the Senior Art Gallery Award from art teacher Georgann Blair.

receive such recognition, Aunchman said. The meeting will be held in the North Ridgeville Education Center and begins at 7 p.m.

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LIFESTYLE

Three members of NRRFD add memento to 9/11 tribute

By Carol Klear

When three members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department went to the New York-New York Hotel in Las Vegas recently, they took along a T-shirt picturing a rescue truck, and carrying the Local 2129 emblem and added it to other articles at the front of the New York City-themed resort.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Bement, along with Capt. John Reese and firefighter Corey Stearns, spent four days in Las Vegas in the early part of April and saw some of the thousands of items placed there in honor of the victims of the 9/11 tragedies in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

The display was started after 9/11 when so many people began leaving objects on the fence in front of the resort in remembrance of the horrific day and to honor those whose lives were lost.

"There were a lot of New York City work uniforms, shirts and old pictures," Bement said. "There were shirts with messages written on them."

The three men placed one of the shirts from the North Ridgeville Department with some others.

"They're the off-duty shirts," Bement said.

The New York-New York tribute is a

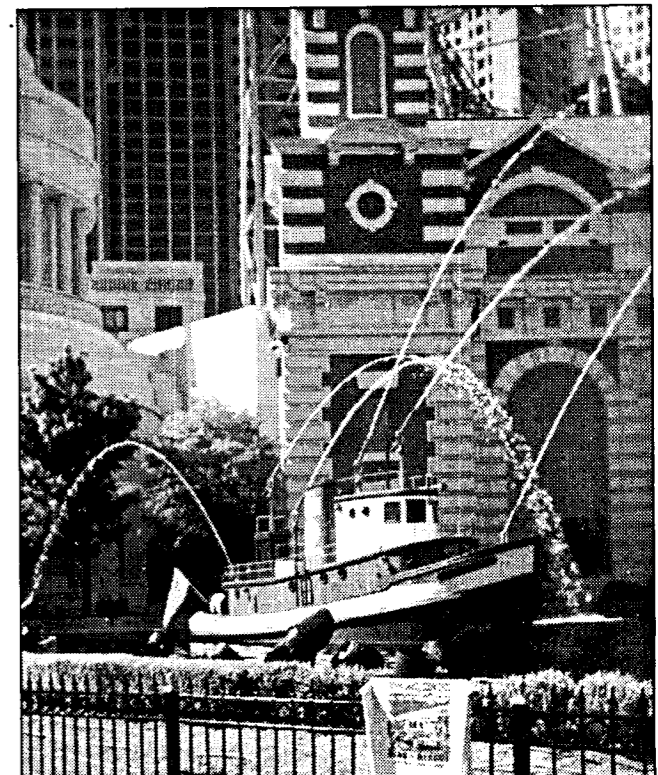


Three members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department, Capt. John Reese (left), Firefighter Corey Stearns and Assistant Chief Scott Bement (right) show the Local 2129 T-shirt they added to the 9/11 display in Las Vegas.

granite structure base lined with shadow boxes that hold some of the items left there as memorials.

"They rotate the displays," Bement said, and the extra items are kept in airtight storage.

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## Spice Cake with Cherry Orange Sauce

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. each baking soda and salt
- 1/2 tsp. each ground cinnamon and allspice
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

### Cherry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)

Whipped cream, optional  
In large mixing bowl, thoroughly combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt and spices. Add buttermilk, eggs and melted butter. Mix until all ingredients are thoroughly combined. Spread batter in greased and floured 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm or cold with Cherry Orange Sauce. Top with whipped cream, if desired. Makes 12 servings.



Spice cake with cherry orange sauce

## Cherry Orange Sauce

- 2 cans (15 to 16 oz. each) dark sweet cherries\*
- Orange juice
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. grated orange peel

Drain cherries, set aside; reserve liquid. Add orange juice to reserved liquid to equal 2 cups. Combine reserved liquid mixture, sugar, cornstarch, salt and orange peel. Bring to boil over medium heat. Cook and stir 1 minute or until mixture thickens. Add drained cherries and heat thoroughly. Serve warm or cold over spice cake. Makes about 4 cups.

\*Four cups pitted Northwest fresh sweet cherries may be substituted. (Substitute 1 cup each orange juice and water for cherry liquid-orange juice mixture.) Combine 1 cup each orange juice and water, 1 cup fresh sweet cherries, 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 2 teaspoons orange peel. Bring to boil over medium heat. Cook and stir 1 minute or until mixture thickens. Add remaining 3 cups fresh sweet cherries; cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes or until cherries are thoroughly heated.

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★Grilled meats can be seasoned with Chef Paul Prudhomme's seasonings in advance to enhance flavor or basted with your favorite sauce or marinade during cooking.

## Barbecued Ribs with Balsamic Cherry Glaze

- 4 racks baby back ribs, about 2 pounds each
- 3/4 cup Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
- Balsamic Cherry Glaze (recipe follows)

Season ribs evenly, using 1 1/2 tbsp. Meat Magic on each side. Place ribs on medium-hot grill over indirect heat; close grill hood and grill until ribs are tender, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. (Add more charcoal briquettes to fire, if necessary, to maintain grill temperature of about 325° to 350°F.) Finish by turning and basting ribs generously with Balsamic Cherry Glaze for last 15 minutes. Cut into serving pieces and serve with extra Balsamic Cherry Glaze. Serves 8.

## Balsamic Cherry Glaze

- 1 (15-oz.) can dark sweet cherries, in heavy syrup, pitted
- 2 tbsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
- 1 cup honey
- 1/2 cup tomato paste
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup minced ginger

Drain cherries. In blender, combine all ingredients; process until smooth. Set aside; reserve 1/2 cup to serve with ribs.

## Firecracker Pork Chops with Cherry Sauce

- 3 (15-oz.) cans dark sweet cherries in heavy syrup, pitted
- 8 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 3 to 4 tbsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic, divided
- 1 tsp. cornstarch, dissolved in a little water
- Vegetable oil
- 6 bone-in pork chops, 1-inch thick

In large skillet over high heat, add cherries and syrup. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to medium. Add butter and 3/4 teaspoon Barbecue Magic; stir until butter is melted and incorporated. Continue to simmer until syrup is reduced by half, about 6 minutes. Gradually stir in cornstarch mixture until sauce thickens. Set aside.

Lightly oil grill and preheat until very hot. Season pork chops generously and evenly with Barbecue Magic, 3/4 teaspoon per side each chop. Grill over medium-hot coals 9 to 12 minutes, turning once. Remove and serve with cherry sauce. Serves 6.

## Patriotic Pork Spread with Cherries

- 1 pound ground pork
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp. finely chopped garlic
- 2 tsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Pork and Veal Magic
- 1 cup dry, unseasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 cup Royal Anne or dark sweet cherries, in heavy syrup, pitted
- 1/4 cup port wine (optional)

In large skillet or pot, combine pork, milk, onion, garlic and Pork and Veal Magic. Bring to boil over medium heat, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add breadcrumbs and cherries; stir well to make thick paste. Continue to cook over low heat, stirring frequently and scraping sides and bottom of skillet to prevent sticking, until the mixture is very thick and cooked through, about 30 minutes. Stir in port wine and continue to cook until liquid is absorbed, about 2 minutes.

Place mixture in food processor and process until smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Process mixture in several batches. Place mixture in lightly buttered bowls or ramekins; refrigerate until cold. Makes about 4 cups.

Serve with melba toast, crackers, artisan breads, etc. This also makes a great filling for sandwiches.

## Midsummer Salad with Cherry Vinaigrette

- 2 (10-oz.) bags mixed salad greens
- 1/4 cup Cherry Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
- 4 oz. Swiss cheese, cut into very thin strips, about 2 inches long
- 4 oz. baked ham, cut into very thin strips, about 2 inches long
- 4 oz. Genoa salami, cut into very thin strips, about 2 inches long
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, shelled, cut into wedges
- 2 ripe Roma tomatoes, cut into wedges

1 cup croutons  
1/2 cup fresh bacon bits  
3 tsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Pork and Veal Magic  
16 fresh cherries, halved and pitted  
In large mixing bowl, toss greens with 1/4 cup of Vinaigrette. Divide greens into 6 serving bowls. Arrange cheese, meats, eggs, and tomato on top of each salad. Scatter croutons and bacon bits on top. Sprinkle each salad with 1/2 teaspoon of Pork and Veal Magic. Garnish with fresh cherries. Serve, accompanied with remaining dressing on the side. Serves 6.

## Cherry Vinaigrette

- 2 tsp. pepper medley (see Note below)
- 1/4 cup cherry preserves
- 2 tsp. Chef Paul Prudhomme's Pork and Veal Magic
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar with tarragon
- 2 tsp. brown mustard
- 3/4 cup olive oil

Note: Pepper medley is a mixture of whole black, white, green and pink peppercorns. They can be found in the spice section of many supermarkets or gourmet stores. Or you may make your own by combining the four types of pepper.

Coarsely grind pepper medley. Set aside. In blender, combine cherry preserves, Pork & Veal Magic, vinegar and mustard. Process at medium speed, about 15 seconds, until ingredients are combined. With blender running at medium speed, slowly pour in oil in a thin stream. Add reserved ground peppers and pulse briefly until completely mixed. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

## LIFESTYLE

### Events at Sandy Ridge Center

**Birding hike:** Hike in search of birds May 17 from 8-9:30 a.m. and May 24 from 8-9:30 a.m.  
**Sandy Ridge Wetland Center** is located at 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville.

### Senior Fest 2003

The 20th anniversary Senior Fest will be held May 20 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Westfield Shopping Center/Midway. Entertainment will begin at 10 a.m. in the food court. Informative displays and demonstrations will be in progress throughout the day. For more information, call 326-4800. Senior Fest 2003 is presented by The Lorain County Office on Aging.

### Scholarship luncheon

The Lorain County Association of Retired Teachers (LACORTA) will hold its annual scholarship luncheon May 21 at noon at DeLuca's Place-in-the-Park. Punchbowl will begin at 11:30 a.m. Scholarships will be presented to the winning recipients of the Finley and May Elizabeth Keller Scholarships. For reservations, call 327-8237 by May 15.

### Memorial Day parade

The North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871 will sponsor the annual Memorial Day parade May 26. The parade will begin in the North Ridgeville Post Office parking lot and will proceed to the football field behind the middle school. Parade units and participants will assemble at the post office parking lot at 9 a.m. The parade will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m. Ceremonies will follow at the football field.

Prizes will be awarded to the three best floats and trophies to the best-decorated bicycles and cars. The theme of this year's parade is "Freedom's Obligation."

For more information, call Andy Steirer at 327-9930.

### Program recognizes local military

Special recognition will be given to North Ridgeville's young men and women currently serving in the military during Memorial Day ceremonies. The event will begin at approximately 10 a.m. May 26. It is co-sponsored by the North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871. Ceremonies will be held at the football stadium behind the middle school.

The main purpose of this solemn event is to commemorate those who died for this country. The Lions are asking the community to provide the names of sons, daughters or other loved ones currently in military service so that they are included. Call Andy Steirer at 327-9930 or Bob Olesen at 327-2705 with the information.

### Gotta sing, Gotta dance

Gotta sing, Gotta dance, featuring the female show choir Steppin' Out, will perform May 30-31 and June 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rocky River Senior Center, 21014 Hilliard Blvd. For ticket information, call (440) 235-8984.

### Jack Johnson

Jack Johnson with special guest Ben Harper will be at the Tower City Amphitheatre June 29 at 6:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$30 and \$35 available through all Ticketmaster locations.



### Anyone for tea?

A cottage setting in the Blue Barn on Center Ridge Road, displayed some of the shop's antiques during the May 3 Growing Arts Tour. P&L photo by Carol Klear

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OBITUARIES

Maurice Mumford

Maurice Mumford, 92, of Lorain, died May 3, 2003, at Anchor Lodge Nursing Home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1910, in Plymouth England. He lived in Lorain since 1927.

He was a member of the Delaware Avenue United Methodist Church.

Mr. Mumford began his law enforcement career with the Lorain Police Department in 1937. He served in every L.P.D. department, including a stint as a motorcycle officer. He was then promoted to sergeant and placed in charge of the newly created traffic department. He was promoted to lieutenant and then to inspector; as inspector, he was second-in-command of the entire police department.

He was then appointed chief of the Detective Bureau by then-Mayor Patrick Flaharty and remained in that position until his retirement in 1977 with 40 years of service. After retiring, Mumford continued his L.P.D. service for an additional two years by training police cadets.

Before his police career, he was employed at the former National Tube Co., Lorain, as an apprentice and achieved journeyman status as a machinist.

Mr. Mumford was a member of the Black River Masonic Lodge 786, Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland, Al Koran Shrine, Fraternal Order of Police and the Lorain Lions Club. He enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his daughter, Marilyn Jeffries of North Ridgeville; a son, David Mumford of Lorain; two grandchildren; and a brother, Reginald Mumford of Plymouth, England.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Nell (nee Garland), in 2002; his parents, William and Lucy Mumford; a sister, Muriel; and brothers, Roy and William.

Arrangements were handled by Schwartz, Spence, Boyer & Cool Home for Funerals, Lorain. Services were held May 6 at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lorain Police D.A.R.E. Program or Lorain Police Canine Unit

at Lorain City Hall, 200 W. Erie Ave., Lorain 44052.

Agnes T. Barnes

Agnes T. "Aggie" Barnes (nee Bacher), 78, of North Ridgeville, died May 5, 2003, at her home, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Cuyahoga Falls. She lived in North Ridgeville for 70 years, moving there from Avon.

Mrs. Barnes was employed as a night manager of the East River Convenience Food Mart in Elyria for 30 years. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church North Ridgeville, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, serving as treasurer for many years. She enjoyed flower gardening and working in the yard.

Survivors include her sons, Tim Barnes of Elyria, Joe and Ken Barnes, both of North Ridgeville, and Jerry Barnes of LaPorte; brothers, Bernie, Robert and LeRoy Bacher, all of North Ridgeville; a sister, Vera Huffman of North Ridgeville; and two grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William Barnes, in 1975; and her parents, Ephron and Clara Bacher.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was held May 8 in St. Peter Church. The Rev. Thomas Pajk, associate pastor, officiated. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life

Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria 44035.

Florence T. Michalak White

Florence T. Michalak White (nee Bryda), 70, of Elyria, formerly of North Ridgeville, died May 5, 2003, at her home, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Berea. She moved to Elyria three years ago from Sullivan. She had lived in North Ridgeville for many years.

Mrs. White retired from Dresco, North Ridgeville, in 1986, after 14 years as a machine operator. She enjoyed listening to polka music.

Survivors include her husband of 16 years, Columbus White; a daughter, Bernadette F. Ramirez of Painesville; her mother, Bernice Bryda of Berea; brothers, Eugene and Donald Bryda, both of Middleburg Heights, and Andrew Bryda of Hudson, Fla.; a sister, Bernadette Dienes of Mobile, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Bernard Michalak; father, John Bryda; and three children in infancy.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held May 8. The Rev. Bill Shomo officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 424 Middle Ave., Elyria 44035.

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POLICE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Found what...where?

An officer went to a Lear Nagle address where the homeowner had found a large bone in her backyard under a shed she was dismantling. The policeman saw the bone at the bottom of the shed, however no other bones were found. The bone was collected and placed into evidence. It was sent to the county coroner to be checked.

Kind of scrappy

Police received a call concerning a theft at the North Ridgeville Tire Center, located at the intersection of Race and Center Ridge roads.

The complainant said his wife woke him up around 6:30 a.m. when she heard someone loading scrap metal onto a trailer. The house is adjacent to the company. When he looked out of the window, the complainant saw a dark-colored Dodge

pick-up truck backing toward the rear of the building. He rushed to his car and noted a scrap metal pile was missing. His wife advised him the suspect was headed west on SR 20.

He caught up with the suspect near the Tops supermarket and dialed 9-1-1 to give the police dispatcher the license number of the truck and also the utility trailer, which contained a number of metal items. He also described the driver.

Later he told police he never allows anyone to remove the scrap metal except the scrap hauler, who usually arrives between 4-5 p.m. He said there were two truck rotors, as well as numerous car rotors, exhaust pipes, mufflers, shocks and struts on a pallet.

The police found mud tracks from the pick-up truck to the west entrance/exit onto Race Road and also found the owner's name.

Two officers went to a suspect's home

FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Hit by lightning bolt

Firefighters answered a call to south Reed Road at the city limits, after a utility pole was struck by lightning. On arrival, a resident told the crew he saw a pole hit by a lightning bolt and saw a wire fall to the ground.

The electric company was notified.

Phone wire down

The fire department was called for a downed wire on Olive Boulevard.

On arrival, firefighters found a phone wire hanging over and under a bus because the top of the bus had ripped the wire, which was hanging very low.

The wires were pulled off the bus and there was no damage, although a couple of nearby houses were without phone service for a period of time.

The phone company was called.

Transports

From May 1-7, the North Ridgeville Fire Department had nine fire runs and 31 EMS runs with 10 to EMH Regional Medical Center, 12 to St. John West Shore Hospital and one to Fairview Hospital.

There were eight "no transports."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

All real estate transfers listed here can be found on the internet at www.loraincounty.com/real\_estate\_data/. Data provided by Lorain County Auditor's Office, Mark Stewart, Auditor.

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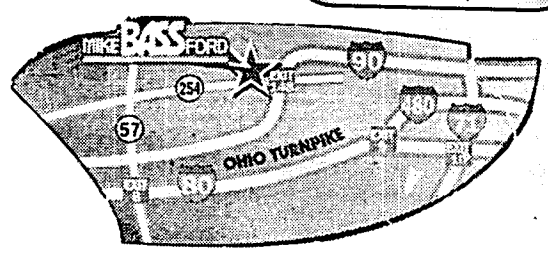
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