# Hey Kids!

Check out
our coloring
contest!
On page 15

# **Easter Coloring Contest**

This Week:

Hey kid, don't miss the Easter Coloring Contest in today's Press & Light. Color the picture then take it to the annual Rotary Easter Egg Hunt, April 7 at 2 p.m. at Ranger Stadium.

# Dem. Women Meet Tonight

The Democratic Women's Club will hold a special meeting tonight (Wednesday) at FirstMerit Bank at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming fund-raiser and May Primary. For more information, call Betty at 327-8960.

# **Communal Penance Service**

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church invites everyone to the annual Lenten Communal Penance Service, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. This is an excellent way for those who have been away from the church or the sacraments to be welcomed back. Fathers Neil Walters, Charles Ryba and Ed Schwet will assist Father Richard Gonser. St. Julie's is located at 5500 Lear Nagle Rd. For more information call 327-1978.

# In Brief:

# Car Parts Swap

The North Ridgeville Lions will hold the third annual All-Make Car Parts Swap Meet, April 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mike Bass ford at I-90 and Detroit in Sheffield Village. Admission is \$2; children under 12, free Refreshments will be available. Vendor space is \$15 per 10-foot space and the items must be 80 percent car-related. For more information, call 353-9303.

# **Caregiving and Loss**

Hospice Foundation of America's eighth annual 'Living with Grief Teleconference, moderated by ABC News Correspondent Cokie Roberts, will be presented live via satellite on April 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lorain County Community College, Conference Room 227B at the College Center Building: CEUs are available. For more information, contact New Life Hospice, 934-1458.

# District buys AED devices for cardiac arrest care

By Carol Klear

The North Ridgeville City Schools has purchased eight automatic external defibrillator devices (AED), at a cost of \$3,000 each, to upgrade the district's safety operation, Assistant Superintendent David Livingston said during the March 20 School Board meeting. "I would be happy if we never have to use them, but they will save lives," he said.

To date, 65 district administrators, teach-



School secretary Gail Minkiewicz practices a rescue method during a recent class in CPR and AED at the School Board office.



The North Ridgeville City Schools recently purchased eight automatic external defibrillators as another step in making the district safer. (P&L)

ers and support staff have been trained to use the devices and have received two-year certificates from the American Heart Association.

During a recent training session, a dozen staff members gathered in the conference room at the board office for a three-hour training session in CPR and AED, presented by Pete Theodore and Doug Huffman, representatives of LifeServers of Northeast Ohio Inc.

The devices are part of a "new standard of care in northeast Ohio," Theodore, "the district has taken a pro-active approach to AED." The portable, computerized defibrillator analyzes the heart rhythm of the victim of cardiac arrest and advises the user, through voice prompts and indicators if a shock should be administered. "They provide an easy way to save lives," he said.

More than 1 million people suffer heart attacks annually, with 225,000 adult Americans dying each year from cardiac arrest. Though incidents of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) are more common in senior citizens, even youngsters can be victimized by heart conditions. The chances for survival depend

on immediate help, said Theodore, which the AED offers.

"AED is not a replacement for calling 911," Theodore told the class, however "early access, early CPR, early defibrillation and early advanced care" can be crucial to saving lives.

Some community police departments are studying the possibility of purchasing AEDs, he said, and most senior malls have implemented them. While in office, Bill Clinton mandated that every federal building have an AED, he said.

He explained that administering CPR is not to start the heart, but rather to circulate the blood. "A new link in the chain of survival is early defibrillation followed by early advanced care," he said.

In taking the school personnel through the various emergencies that can arise and explaining how to handle them, Theodore noted that there are at times obstructions in a victim's airway that must be cleared. He listed the tongue as the number one block-

See *Cardiac Care*on pg. 14

# Library has choice of sites: Location...location...location

By Carol Klear

The Lorain Public Library System is making plans for the new North Ridgeville branch, but whether it will be constructed on the present Jaycox Road site, or on land east of the City Hall Complex, is still to be decided. Last Thursday approximately two dozen residents gathered at the city-owned property to view the architect's proposal for site.

The group followed architect Duane Van Dyke as he walked along the edge of the forested parcel off Bainbridge Road, and explained the position of the library on the plot, as well as the ingress, egress and parking area, noting "the entrance will be from the parking lot." Windows will allow library patrons to view the park and fishing lake at South Central Park, he said.

Following the walk-through, the assembly returned to the Senior Center and Library Board member Garolynn Tomas explained that when plans for the new library were unveiled in December, public

sentiment ran high for the interior design, but it seemed residents wanted a redesign of the exterior. After the holidays, she said, the city offered another site - property adjacent to the proposed Community and Senior Center.

Presently the board and administration must determine the feasibility of constructing the branch library on city-owned land, rather than on property owned by the library system.

Tomas said that when the library board was investigating sites for a new structure, the city's land "was not a viable option," and there was nothing else available except the Jaycox Road parcel. "Now the opportunity has presented itself," she said.

"Everyone wants to see the shovel in the ground," Tomas laughed, but plans must be done the right way. "The final decision rests with the library board," she said. Kenneth Cromer, director of the Lorain Public Library System, explained that it is necessary to determine what is best for the library.

Van Dyke said that if everything is com-

pleted, he expects to have a working drawing by early summer and get the project underway by fall. 'We're behind by three or four months, but that's O.K.," he said.

The architect stated that though the library would liked to have had the proposed site two years ago, the city didn't have a game plan for the other parcel. Today a Community Center is being planned for a large part of the wooded city-owned land. The 26,500-square-foot library would be built west of the Center. "They (city officials) took the approach they needed," he said. The present proposal, said Van Dyke, "needs serious consideration."

The architect briefly compared the two sites, including aesthetics, visibility and costs involved. Accessibility to both sites is approximately the same, he said. Nearby facilities will draw people to the library in either place, including the Community Center on Bainbridge Road and the Northview

See *Library* on pg. 3

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# St. Julie Billiart announces winners

St. Julie Billiart Parish announced the winners of its 2001 scholarships for Catholic Education and Life-long

Since St. Julie's does not sponsor a Catholic school of its own, students wishing a Catholic education may attend one of the neighboring Catholic schools. To aid their pursuit of a Catholic education, scholarship funds were established last year in memory of Dave Hoffman, Connie Costanzo, and Mary Alison Kubiak. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of the merit of the scholarship application.

The winners for 2001 are:

Maggie Rodriguez, Grade 2 - Holy Trinity School, Avon, \$500

Grace Gilles, Grade 6 - St. Richard's School, North Olmsted, \$500

Katie Elmore, Grade 8 - St. Peter's School, North Ridgeville, \$500 Josh Elmore, Grade 12 - Elyria Catholic High School,

\$1000 Claire Plummer, Grade 9 - Mother of Divine Grace

Catholic Home School, \$1000 The new Costanzo/Kubiak Life-long Learning schol-

arship of \$1500 is awarded to a parishioner who plans to continue his/her education. This year's recipient is Marta Flood, who will use the funds to help obtain her degree as a registered nurse. Currently Flood is employed at Elyria Memorial Hospital and is attending LCCC. She hopes to complete her studies this year.

# NR property owner mulls annexing land to Avon

By Carol Klear

A North Ridgeville property owner has had just about enough of the controversy surrounding the city's development and is "exploring" the possibility of annexing his 120

In a telephone conversation with Alfred Porkolab, 86, who lives in Maineville. Ohio in Warren County, the landowner explained that annexation is just one of the options he is investigating for property he has owned for 40 years. He cites what he terms "the malcontents in North Ridgeville" as the reason, adding, "those STAMP people are living in the past."

Porkolab had some harsh words for STAMP attorney Gerald Phillips. "We cannot let Phillips rule North Ridgeville...neither rule, nor ruin.'

Porkolab's property is part of the land option slated to be included in the proposed planned community development,

The landowner said that it appears North Ridgeville does not want development, while Avon continues to expand. According to the recent census, he said, North Ridgeville's population has grown just 3.6 percent since 1990, while Avon has experienced a 46 percent increase.

"I started putting this land together 40 years ago," said Porkolab, "and I've been paying taxes all these years. If North Ridgeville doesn't want us, we'll go somewhere else." Avon Mayor Jim Smith is not exactly putting out the wel-

come mar for Porkolab and said, "I think we're kind of full up" and not considering adding more. Smith said the property owner's idea is "unique," because it's usually townships that annex to cities, rather than cities to cities, however he has no problem with Porkolab going through the process. However, when Porkolab contacted Avon about the possibility, Smith said, "I told him...when pigs fly."

A spokesperson for the Lorain County Commissioners office concurred with Smith that the idea of annexing North Ridgeville land to Avon is unusual, and that more often townships and villages are annexed to cities of the utilities offered.

She said the steps necessary for annexation to be considered would include filing a petition with the county, submitting maps of the property along with a legal description to the auditor and engineer. Public hearings would be held approximately 60 to 90 days after filing.

Mayor Deanna Hill said she had talk to Porkolab previously, however she was not at liberty to discuss real estate transactions.

She said the property owner told her that he wants to enjoy life and is upset about the conflict going on in North Ridgeville. It isn't just the developers who are having prob-

ems, private landowners are being affected, as well, she said. The Mayor said one of her biggest fears that the sort of situation that has developed with Porkolab may spread. "He is very concerned," she said. "He seemed very kind, but very adamant that he's had it."



Shopping Center if the facility remains on Jaycox Road, Van Dyke said.

If the library is built on the Bainbridge Road site, there will be costs regarding the drainage ditch, tree removal and soil checking. On Jaycox Road there will not.

The visual impact of using the city's land is that there is a lot to see, said the architect, "the site is pristine and beautiful." On Bainbridge Road it would be a civic site, while on Jaycox, is a retail site, he said.

Several persons questioned whether or not the library could still be constructed on the city land if the Communithe city land. Cromer said that the library would "lease it for ty Center income tax issue does not pass in May.

Cromer said that it could, adding that if voters do not approve the Center this time, they will sometime in the future. The library construction is not tied to whether or not the income tax passes.

Steve Smith questioned where the proposal to use city-

owned land for the library was two years ago. "Why are the politicians getting their fingers in it?" he asked.

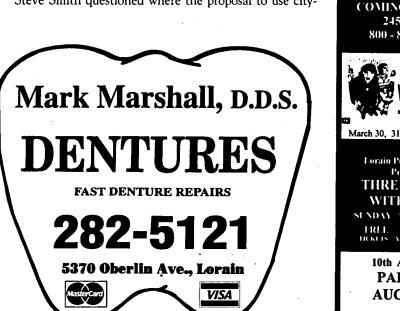
Cromer restated what Van Dyke had said earlier that two years ago "the city did not have a game plan." The director said, They couldn't promise land when they didn't know what they were going to do. This is a natural evolution of projects."

Following the meeting Smith said he has heard a number of people complain that allowing the library to use the property is

just a "carrot" to get people to vote for the Community Center. Connie Mate asked if the library would have to pay for

Harry Larsick, the father of three children and a Boy Scout leader, said he hopes the Community Center issue is approved. He feels that with all the housing being constructed in North Ridgeville that more schools will be needed and the Center will be an asset.

Tomas told the group, "We want a showcase for North Ridgeville. We're like a kid in a candy store, but we have to do what's best for North Ridgeville. There will be more meetings," she said, "but there will be no change in taxes. We will put the pieces together."





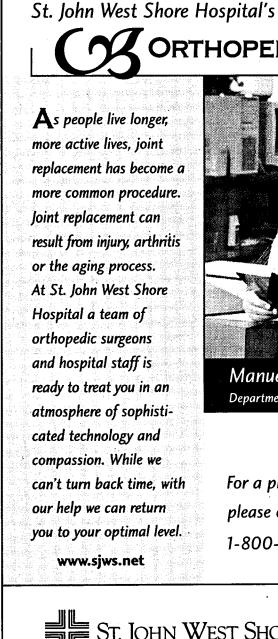


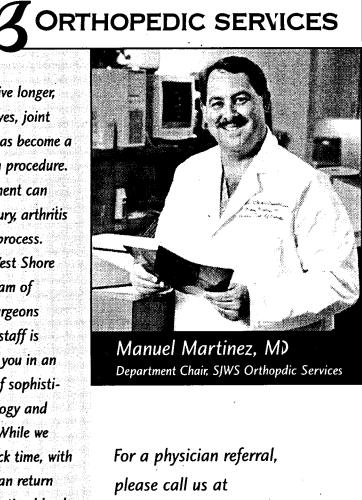
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# Press Light It's time for the Rotary Easter Egg Hunt

By Carol Klear

TIME FOR EASTER EGG HUNT....Calling all kids from 1 to 9, it's time for the annual Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt. Grab those baskets for the April 7 Easter fun at Ranger Stadium. The excitement starts at 2 p.m. when boys and girls try to collect as many colored eggs as they can. Each one is filled with candy and one egg in every 36 has a special prize. Everybody looks forward to this event, so get there early and beat the crowd. See you there.

YES, EASTER'S ON THE WAY.....Last week Daughter No. 3 turned over the Easter candy I ordered from No. 1 grandson's pre-school...and a good thing, too. Last year, she stashed the purchases in her car for so long, the bright, bright sun turned several orders of chocolate bunnies, eggs and chicks **Klearly Speaking:** 

into one solid lump of who-knows-what, and Daughter No. 1 (and probably Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7, as well) was none too happy with

HOWEVER.....I, too, have an Easter confession. About four weeks ago when cleaned out an upstairs closest I discovered a strange-looking blue plastic bag. On closer inspection, I found...are you ready for this...two bags of jellybeans left from Easter 2000. Oh, yeah, that's right, I did do Easter baskets up there and away from everything.

IT IS, REALLY....Spring is in the air...and on the ground...and in the bird feeders. I suppose by the time you read this we'll have a foot of snow out and about, but right now I

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facilities, and capital improvements, includ-

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This ordinance could compliment pro-

posed legislation (T 14 2001) implementing

the town center concept. I believe this legis-

and enter into agreements for the sale,

Both ordinances may be viewed on

A town center could be considered city

parkland. Approval of the income tax levy

gives the Mayor the funds and T 14 2000

gives the Mayor the freedom to use those

funds without council approval. Do we want

Before you decide whether or not you

want a community center, make sure you

know exactly what you are voting for, how

much it will cost you, and what you will be

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see patches of green stuff where the lawn is supposed to be, cardinals snatching seeds from the wooden perch outside my window and I feel a gentle warming of the air.

HERE'S A SPRING THING .....Lorain County is hosting the lake Erie Wing Watch Weekend, April 6, 7, and 8 and will include birding lectures, bird-watching programs, exhibits and birding hikes in Lorain, Erie and Ottawa Counties. For more info, call the Lorain County Visitors Bureau 1-800-

REALLY UP THERE.....If you get a chance, take a jog, a bike or a car to the site of the new water tower, presently under construction. According to City Engineer Stewart Lovece, the center pipe reaches 165 feet into the air. "It's the tallest thing in town,"

# Letters to the Editor:

# Know what you're voting for

To the Editor: There is a proposed income tax increase

slated for the election this May. If approved by the voters, the city income tax rate will increase from one percent to 1.4 percent. That is an increase of 40 percent! This means that if you currently pay \$1000 per year, with the increase you will be paying \$1400 a year. This is not a temporary tax this is a permanent tax. Add \$295/year fee for the family membership.

development, lease, study, or other option of We are being led to believe this levy is for said property at or near fair market values the construction of a new community cenfor the purpose of development of a town ter. There's more to it than that. This tax center. When a property within the town increase will also fund "the cost of concenter area comes under the control of the structing, furnishing, equipping, operating, city, the mayor is authorized to negotiate maintaining and improving municipal park and recreation facilities, including a new development, lease, study, or other option multipurpose community center complex for said property at or greater than fair marwith recreation, activity and meeting spaces ket value for development of a town center." and related supporting facilities for senior citizens and all other city residents, and principal of and interest on securities issued and public obligations incurred to pay costs of that complex and other park and recreational facilities. There is nothing in the ordinance to earmark the 40 percent for the community center. The ordinance is open our Mayor to have that much freedom with

The portion of this legislation that concerns me the most is Section five, 880.14 Allocation of funds (d) The balance remaining after payment of the refunds, claims and expenses referred to in subsections (a) and (b) hereof and the allocation provided in subsection (c) hereof, shall be allocated and

for interpretation and abuse, in my opinion.

Eighty-five percent of that balance shall be transferred to the general fund and used to pay costs of general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment, extension

Frank Dettore: I apologize for my

arrogance, I didn't mean to block the

camera (during the Feb. 20 Council

meeting). I didn't realize the camera

meant that much to people. I was going

to smoke a cigarette and I turned

around and I didn't want to hear that

negative stuff. I'm a positive kind of per-

son. I apologize. The town needs a lot of

Mary Ann Miles: In response to a

Press Line call (March 21), my husband

does take his hat off during the invoca-

Caller: Jerry Dudek did a beautiful

job on the story of Ed Grochowski and

his baseball memorabilia. I also liked the

story on bowler Samantha Hamilton; I

tion and the Pledge to the Flag.

wondered where she has been.

healing and to stop throwing stones.

Pressline:

Once a tax, always a tax to the Editor

our tax dollars?

In the March 7 issue of the Press & Light, Olin R. Cousino writes that the mayor is "bringing business to our city to reduce our taxes". Is this the same mayor that is asking us to vote for a 40 percent income tax increase in May? I would be interested in knowing (in a specific way) where Mr. membership for when your grandchildren Cousino's taxes have been reduced. I have come in to town and their Cedar Point trip only seen an increase in ours since Mayor Hill has been in office. No matter how much new business is brought into North Ridgeville, I doubt there will ever be a true reduction in our taxes. Once any tax is on instead of North Ridgeville envying everythe books. I cannot imagine the city saving one else. that they have "too much" money and then giving it back to the taxpayers! Don't be fooled by the rhetoric. Once a tax has been imposed it is here to stay.

North Ridgeville

Selling candy; stealing scooters To the Editor:

My grandchildren came to visit me from Toledo on March 10, bringing with them, their brand new scooters. Two boys came to to get old someday and you will want a the door selling Malley candy bars and with- Senior Center to occupy those golden years. in 10 minutes, one of the scooters had been removed from my garage. Although I never

allowed my children to sell items door to door, I still always try to purchase whatever children are selling. To be sure, never again securities issued or public obligations will I buy anything from these door-to-door junior sales persons. I find it unconscionable that a child could come home with a scooter and parents would not question from where it came. I telephoned the N.R.P.D., who responded very quickly and tried to help, but the bottom line is that my grandlation, if approved by council, would give the Mayor "authorization to negotiate and son went home to Toledo the next day, without his scooter. enter into agreements for the purchase,

Beware of children selling things door-to-

Barbara J. Milota Muirwood Village Resident

#### Center promotes healthy lifestyle To the Editor:

We have an opportunity to add something really nice to the city of North Ridgeville. Of course it is going to cost money to get what is proposed. But let's look at what we will have.

- \* An indoor/outdoor pool for all ages to use with a beach-like feel.
- \* A gymnasium that can house and expand what parks and recreation already offers. \* A gathering place for teens with supervi-
- \* A fitness area with childcare, for all of our New Years resolutions.
- \* A large community room with kitchen access for parties for all occasion which can also be a source of income for the center.

\* Senior areas and activities to accommodate the growing population in that age category.

What does this give to our town? It promotes a healthy lifestyle, builds children's confidence and self-esteem through activity. It helps everyone age more gracefully and ward off osteoporosis and high cholesterol. So when it comes time to buy your child a gift, think of a membership to the family and Senior Center instead of Nintendo 64 or Dreamcast (similar in price). This is a way to fight the trend of overweight kids. Buy a gets rained out. Why give your money to facilities in other towns when we can support our own Center and give North Ridgeville something they can be proud of,

Lastly, this is not a political issue; let's not make it one. Republicans and Democrats support this facility and it is not only our current mayor who wants this facility, it was the Barbara Foster past mayors who laid some of the groundwork to get us where we are today. I challenge the younger generations to get out and vote for something we never had and give something to yourself and your kids so they can enjoy, and remember you are going to get old someday and remember you are going

Brett Milner and Family

# A View from the Hill

By Mayor Deanna Hill

Spring...Mosquitoes

Jim Boddy from the Lorain County Board of Health explained at a recent Council meeting that the West Nile Virus is expected in Ohio this summer. The North House mosquito, which carries this virus, is known to lay its eggs in sewage and other contaminated water.

As explained, we are working as quickly as possible to begin to sewer the west side of North Ridgeville. While there is no need to panic, we must protect ourselves against any mosquito bites because a variety of diseases may result from many breeds of the insect.

You can take action to protect yourself 1) Eliminate standing water in your yard and home. Get rid of old tires, jars and other containers. Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Change water in birdbaths at least once a week. Drain water from pool covers.

2) Wear light-colored, long sleeves and long pants - especially at night.

3) Use insect repellent and follow directions on the label. Do not apply directly to children - apply to your hands and then put it on your child. It is not recommended to apply repellent on children less than 3 years old.

Recognize symptoms of the West Nile virus Symptoms: Fever, muscle weakness, body ache, skin rash with swollen glands.

Extreme cases: High fever, stiff neck, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, paralysis and rarely death.

Other: Dead crows and blue jays. Crows and blue jays are more likely to die from the virus than any other mammal or bird. If you find a dead crow or blue jay on your property, contact the Lorain County Board of Health at: 322-6367.

#### Community Newsletter

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Saturday, APRIL 7, 7:30 PM

The City budget was recently approved by City Council. I had requested that provisions be made for a quarterly community newsletter. We contacted several nearby cities and some from different areas of the state to ask if they had a newsletter and if they felt it was well received by residents. The response was 100 percent positive.

After explaining the research and presenting examples from other cities, the concept was approved by Council's subcommittee. I believe you will be pleased with yet another effort to better communicate the activities, progress and programs of your city government.

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I also requested and received approval for



Mayor Deanna Hill

a professional development program for your elected officials. I had contacted five agencies that provide conflict resolution services. It was recommended that the first step in the process be a thorough understanding of the functions of the branches of government as well as the roles, requirements, responsibilities and professional conduct expected of council members and the administration. It is my sincere hope that this first step will result in a more productive and positive city government for you - the people we serve.

# 'I Can Cope' series for people facing cancer

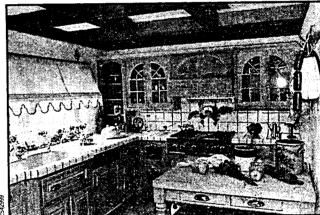
The American Cancer Society, EMH Regional Medical Center, Community Health Partners, and Lorain County Community College have joined together to present "I Can Cope" a series of educational classes for people facing cancer.

The classes are held on four consecutive Thursday's beginning April 19, from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Lorain County Community College, College Center Room 228.

The "I Can Cope" series will provide factual, straightforward cancer information and answers to questions about: human anatomy, how cancer develops, diagnosis and treatment, side effects of treatment and many more practical hints and encouragement for living with cancer. There is no charge for attending these classes but registration is required. Please call the American Cancer Society at 324-2211 or 233-5216 to register.

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# Press Light Wednesday, March 28, 2001 Gala celebrated Chamber's 25th anniversary



Guests enjoy some conversation at the Chamber of Commerce anniversary celebration. Seated front left, Marijean Mitchell, at right, her mother, Rosalice Pszenitzki; back left, Connie Mate, right, Pam Stultz.



Charter businesses of the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce received plaques for their continuing support of the organization. From left to right; Rosalice Pszenitzki, accepting for Ridge Cleaners; Carol Klear, The Light now The Ridgeville Press & Light; Gary Krone, Animal Clinic Northview; Judy Platek, First Federal of Lakewood; Bill Comerford, Hovey-Kaiser St. Marie Insurance; Claire Ibosh, HGM Realtors now Realty One; Bob Liston, Bogner Funeral Home now Busch-Bogner Family Chapel. Representatives of EST Bank, now FirstMerit Bank, and Northern Savings and Loan were absent.



camera, from left; State Senator Jeff Armbruster, Dr. Roy Church, president of Lorain County Community College and John Beckett, president of R.W. Beckett Corp.



Kathy Bogner tries her luck at opening the treasure chest during the anniversary party, while Bill Gardner looks on. Joyce Johnson had the winning key and took home jewelry donated by jeweler Matt Elkanek, a North Ridgeville resident who has a jewelry store in Cleveland.



Obviously enjoying the 25th anniversary gala are from left; developers Frank Dettore and Bob Schmitt, Toni Musgrove, advertising manager for The North Ridgeville Press & Light, and Bill Comerford, president of Hovey-Kaiser St. Marie Insurance Co.



David Bogner, past president of the Chamber of Commerce presents a certificate of recognition to Jo-Ell Jacobson, who served five terms as the organiza-

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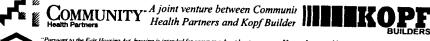
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# Requests change and 'take time' in property taxes

In November of 1998 I appeared before City Council and presented some facts and figures about the money being spent by the residents of this community on the N.F.I.P., to ments from residents and it was my duty to share residents which this city voluntarily belongs to, but they themselves do not pay for.

I questioned why the city would belong to a program that gotten back in 22 years. The only answer I got was that it was joined a long time ago and the city receives grants for belonging to it. Council did vote to look into it, and F.E.M.A. would be notified

One year later, in Nov. of 1999 an article appeared in the Sun News quoting the Mayor that the flood zone in the area where I live had been virtually eliminated, saving the people who pay flood insurance much money. I was overjoyed. I called the engineering dept. to find out if I could see the new flood map, only to find out that F.E.M.A., in fact, did not approve the map yet, it would be about a year I was told.

I attended a flood and drainage committee meeting the next week and again questioned why North Ridgeville belongs to this program. The answer I received was that its residents couldn't purchase flood insurance without North Ridgeville belonging to it and it's also a good program to belong to. My reply to that is "I don't see the people in this town busting down any insurance company's door to purchase it, just the contrary, they are trying to get out of it, and if it's so good, why doesn't the city themselves have a policy?"

I have called the engineering department periodically to takes time," no one is in a hurry. Why would they be? F.E.M.A. gets their money, the city gets their grants, insurance companies take their cut, and every month I, along with everyone else, pay our flood insurance.

In an effort to hurry things up, I have contacted the Board of Revisions and requested a change in my property tax equal to the amount of flood insurance that I pay yearly. I am urging any resident who pays flood insurance or whose property lies in a flood zone to do likewise. Perhaps then we will see some movement on this subject.

David Glacken North Ridgeville

# Wants to correct misunderstandings

There have been some inaccurate letters to the editor recently. I dislike writing so often, but I must make sure the community knows the accurate facts.

A few years ago, as Chairman of the Utilities Committee, I held a public meeting to hear Bagley Road residents' concern about the sewer that was being planned for their area. Mayor Hill had promised financial assistance for those needing it. When council was presented with the ordinance to construct sewers on Bagley Road, I voted for them.

Regarding the AutoNation project, as representative of Ward 4 it is my duty to relay residents' concerns to the proper entities. The Army Corps of Engineers solicited com-

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concerns regarding the planned wetlands mitigation with the Army. Additionally, while the project was tied up in the courts, rainstorms were causing severe erosion because suffiits residents pay more into in three months, than they have cient measures were not taken to protect the land. That had to be reported.

If residents will recall, city council rezoned Staubach's property from R-1 to B-3 before required access was available to Lorain Road. Q-Panel owned the only property allowing access to Lorain Road, and AutoNation was unable to secure a purchase agreement with them. The city and developer teamed together and the process of Eminent Domain began. A lengthy court battle followed, and five members of council who voted for approving the rezoning were named in the lawsuit. I was not in favor of rezoning the land before proper procedures were met, did not vote for the rezoning, and was not named in the lawsuit. During the time the land was tied up in court, apparently AutoNation began having financial difficulties. A decision was made by them not to construct the facility in our city. AutoNation was the only store that planned to build here. The promised movie theater and restaurants were never named and one has to wonder if they ever existed. The Staubach property, along with others in the interchange area, is now for sale.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that I am not opposed to the Westerly Sewers. I am opposed to financing the entire find out the status of the map change, always to be told, "it project by issuing bond debt and having the agreement

dependent on PCDs. Tap-in fees will pay the city's portion of the debt. Normally, tap-in fees are put into the French Creek Repair and Improvement Fund and the sanitary sewer

improvement fund. Now we will lose that revenue. Thank you for allowing me to clear up any misunderstandings that the residents who wrote those letters may have had. North Ridgeville

# **Chamber supports Westerly Sewer project**

As a group of concerned business people in the city of North Ridgeville, we are writing this letter as a strong showing of support for the westerly sewer project that has been proposed by the city administration.

We applaud the city administration for the excellent work that was done on their part by getting the developers to agree to pay for 73 percent of the project cost. It goes without saying that this will be a huge savings to all residents. We all agree that this is a very solid plan both financially and environmentally.

Most importantly, we know that this will only help to build a stronger business base in our great city, and foster economc growth. We implore all residents and business people in the city of North Ridgeville to take a long look at the facts. because when the facts are analyzed, it becomes clear that this is an excellent project for both the businesses and residents.

The Board of Directors of the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce Robert J. Liston, President

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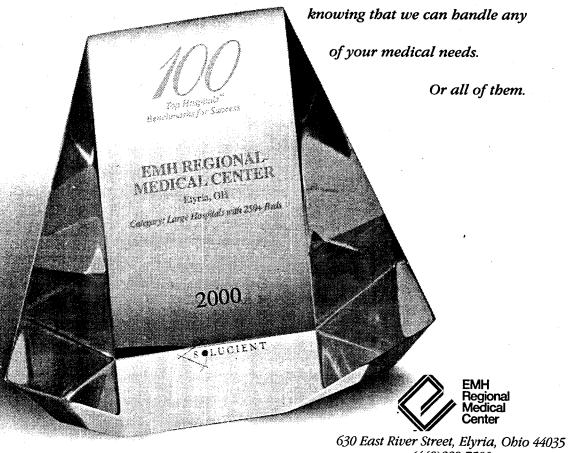
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By Jerry D. Dudek

# IN THE SPORTLIGHT Final Four memories

By Jerry D. Dudek

Has anyone asked you what was the greatest sporting event that you have ever attended?

For many, it was a Cleveland Browns playoff win or a World Series game at Jacobs Field. But for me the answer is simple---I was at the final game of the 1973 NCAA basketball championship in St. Louis. That was the year when Bill Walton hit 21 of 22 shots in beating Memphis State.

I was a senior in high school at the time. Richard Nixon was in the White House, Watergate was a household word and my sister was a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis. Somehow, she scored two tickets to the finals. which back then meant the consolations as well as the final game. She was a chemical engineer major, so she wasn't that interested in basketball, so my father and I were happy to drive to St. Louis from Toledo, pay her a short visit, and take the pair of \$25 basketball tickets off her hands.

The venue was an old building called The Arena and it held probably 20,000 people, not much considering that in these modern times, the Final Four is played in a domed stadium that can hold two to three times as many fans.

Our seats weren't the best, but we were just glad to be there. We sat in the top row in one of the corners of the building, so high up that we needed monitors to see the scoreboard. (At least we were close to the concession stands and restrooms.) The players looked mighty small from up there, but they were easily visible and the despite being in the nose-bleed section, we were able to follow the game and watch Walton make shot after shot.

When you're at a history-making performance, you never realize its importance. What was the big deal? We got seats for the finals of the NCAA tournament that UCLA won. Yea, Walton was good, scored a lot of points. John Wooden was a great coach. I remember even rooting for UCLA (my dad said I always root for a winner!)

Probably the most mileage I get out of this story is asking friends who were the other two Final Four teams that year. I got to seem them play-each other. It was Indiana and Providence, though I don't remember Bobby Knight being there. He must have behaved himself. I do recall seeing a sea of red shirts near the floor, the IU pep band. I remember thinking to myself that in high school tournament play, pep bands aren't allowed. Funny that they are allowed in college.

It wasn't until recently that I realized e magnitude of Walton's performance. Not only did he score 44 points in the final game, to this day the highest total ever scored in an NCAA tourney final, it was also the seventh-straight NCAA title for UCLA and Coach Wooden. We think of Duke as being a dominant team today, but the Blue Devils last NCAA championship was in 1992! The Bruins won nine titles in a little over a decade with Wooden as the coach. Of course they had the likes of Walton, Sidney Lowe and Lew Alcinder.

In the final two games of the 1973 NCAA tournament, Walton averaged 29 points, 15 rebounds and hit .824 percent from the floor. The only blemish on his record was that he hit just two of five from the foul line in osthe two games. He was named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament for the secondstraight year in 1973.

I have never attended a World Series game or been to a Super Bowl, but I would be hard-pressed to match my experience at The Arena when I was just 18 year olds. Bill Walton's son now plays for Arizona, which makes me feel much. much older when I relate this story.

# Middle school wrestlers show improvement

By Jerry D. Dudek

The North Ridgeville Middle School wrestling team made vast improvements this season, a credit not only to the Ranger Wrestling Club, which helped train many of the young wrestlers, but also to the dedication of the seventh and eighth grade wrestlers and their coaching staff.

The Ranger wrestlers were honored on March 10 with a banquet at McNamara's Grill. The wrestlers received certificates, special awards and the praise from their coaches Curt Bolin, John Brown and Mike Calamante.

A total of eight wrestlers placed in the Pioneer Conference tournament including two seventh grade champions, Alex Walls at 94 pounds and Mike Janik at 98 pounds. Ryan Kenney finished second at 116 pounds in the seventh grade tourney. Three eighth grade wrestlers, Mike McGlothlin (98), Kyle Gustley (110) and Eric Yandura (142) were runners-up. Placing third was Zac Calamante (104) and Ryan Sandidge (116) in the eighth grade tournament.

The team showed marked improvement from last year finishing fifth among ten teams at the Avon Lake tournament. Last season, North Ridgeville finished ninth.

Yandura was the team's sole champion at 142 pounds. Other placers included McGlothlin, second at 98 pounds, Janik, third at 98 pounds, Calamante, third at 104 pounds, Gustley, third at 110 pounds and Sandidge, fourth at 122 pounds.

"Our improvement came from wrestlers being in the program a second year and by first-year wrestlers, who made steady improvement throughout the year," coach Calamante said.

"We're starting to see some of our younger wrestlers coming through the Ranger Wrestling Club and that should help solidify the varsity wrestling program in the coming years," he added.

The Ranger Wrestling Club is for youths five years old up to sixth grade.

A total of 40 wrestlers started out the



North Ridgeville wrestling team honorees included (front row, left to right) Ryan Kenney, Kyle Gustley, Mike Janik, Zac Calamante and Rachel Sandidge. (Back row) Kevin McNamara, coach Curt Bolin, Ryan Sandidge, Eric Yandura, Jimmy Waite, coach Mike Calamanter, Donna and Jack Sandidge and coach John Brown.

season with the Middle School team and 32 finished the season.

Special awards were given to the following: Kenney and Janik received seventh grade captains awards and Yandura and Calamante were given eighth grade captains awards. The wrestlers, not the coaches elected the captains, after the first few weeks of practice.

Jimmy Waite was named the seventh grade's Most Improved Wrestler. Gustley was named the eighth grade's

Most Improved Wrestler. Calamante and Yandura were the recipients of the Coaches' Award, given to

wrestlers who "lead by example." A new award created by the coaches this year stressed the importance of academics. Winners of the Student Athlete Award

were Kenney, with a 3.82 grade point aver-

age and a season record of 9-5; and Calamante, with a GPA of 3.66 and a 14-5 record. The coaches are installing a plaque in the school's trophy case and names will be added each year.

The Sandidge Family received the Ranger Pride Award. Jack and Donna Sandidge, along with their daughter Rachel, not only attended every match, but frequently brought oranges and other food to tournaments for the wrestlers.

"Anyone who has ever been to an all-day tournament knows what this means to the team and coaches," coach Calamante said. The coaches also thanked scorekeepers

Angela Auner and Rene Chapman, as well Locations offering Bereavement Supas Kevin McNamara, owner of McNamara's Grill, for donating the used of his private dining room for the event. The restaurant is expected to open to the public on April 16.

An octet of eight-graders finished third at the Eastern Cheerleading Association Finals, earning second runner-up honors at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia earlier this month.

Shaina Berghous, Kelly Kearney, Michelle Lopez, Ashley McGraw, Rochelle Patrick, Stacie Peters, Megan Walling and Season Winchel earned their third place finish in the Junior Non-Mount Division. They competed against larger schools, including two high schools, and placed higher than two former champions in that division. "They didn't just come home with a tro-

phy, they came back with a lesson that despite the odds, and lack of support and negativity that you get from some individuals, it's important to believe in yourself and your team members, because together, you can achieve your goals," Betsy Patrick-DeLaCruz, who helped coach the squad told the North Ridgeville Board of Education recently.

The girls were members of the North Ridgeville Middle School cheerleading squad, but competed in Virginia under the initials RMS, because school officials wouldn't allow them to make the trip under the auspices of the school district. The name

school cheerleading outfits featuring the leaders in the seventh grade. RMS logo, for the competition.

Cheerleaders bring home trophy, but not for school

The octet had qualified for the finals in November, cheerleading at a competition in to be invited to the prestigious ECA Finals Cheerleading Competition, which attracted 245 squads from 20 states.

The girls held one fundraiser, a dance, and parents footed the rest of the bill in order for the squad to travel, stay overnight formed in Elyria, with some modifications and compete at the college. Because the and improvements. The squad was judged squad went to the competition under a new on its overall performance as well as techniname, it wasn't allowed to practice at the cal difficulty and other criteria. DeLaCruz middle school and had to purchase a \$250 liability insurance policy in order to use the North Ridgeville Educational Center for its practices. The team's coach was also unable to be a part of the out-of-state experience or to help get the girls ready for the competition because the team was no longer sanctioned by the school district.

"The girls hearts were broken that they could not represent their school at the competition," DeLaCruz said. "All of the other squads there were from junior high or high schools or were all-stars. Unfortunately, cheerleading isn't recognized as a sport in our school system and this truly saddens

RMS was used because the girls used their been together. All eight girls were cheer- win such a significant award again.

"There are a lot of individual girls who are very talented and take cheerleading very seriously. They really came together when Elyria. The girls earned a high enough rating they needed to. They learned from each other. They practiced all the time. The became close as a team," DeLaCruz said.

> The team's routine lasted just over two minutes and didn't involve mounts (pyramids). It was the same routine the girls persaid the three-day trip was well worth it, even though the girls were on stage for just a short period of time.

The octet performed in front of thousands of fans, which filled the William and Mary gymnasium, which DeLaCruz said, was about as large as Gund Arena.

The trophy the girls won will not be displayed at the middle school, DeLaCruz said, although it would've been if the team had been sanctioned by the school district. Instead. it probably will be displayed in City Hall and all eight names will be inscribed on it.

DeLaCruz said some of the members of the cheerleading squad will not be attending North Ridgeville High School next year, so This was the second year the squad has the team may never get another chance to

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A bad day in the boat is better than a good day out of the boat, Kirkpatrick con-

His best day was several years ago when with just two casts, he landed a 46-inch muskie in Leesville Lake. He used a six-inch plastic worm with a ten-pound test line and hooked it just right. The fish, which battled hard, died in the boat, but Kirkpatrick hadn't planned on throwing him back anyway.

Last year, he caught a hybrid striped bass in the lake, a fish which is currently having

That kind of fish wasn't even supposed to be in the lake, Kirkpatrick was told.

But not all fishing trips turn out that

"We've gone fishing and caught nothing at all. But that's the beauty of fishing. You can have a bad day fishing and you can still enjoy nature. But there is nothing better than watching the water explode when the fish hits it," he said.

Most of the club members release the fish they catch unless they're perch or crap-

"You're never too old to fish. And even if you think you are, you can still sit in the boat, listen or reminisce," Kirkpatrick said.



# Bereaved are offered ways to heal grief with support groups

Adjusting to the death of a loved one can be a difficult, and often a lonely expere we offer support groups to meet the rience. Bereavement support groups can offer a safe place to share feelings and concerns with others who are experiencing similar emotions. Busch Family funer-Support Groups as a community service.

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# THE OL' FISHIN' HOLE

# Senior anglers pass the time in the off season with monthly meetings, good stories

By Jerry D. Dudek

If you haven't heard a good fish story lately, head on out to the Senior Center for the monthly meeting of the North Ridgeville Senior Fishing Club. You won't is that you get to meet certain people. I and just get out and relax," Gibson said be disappointed.

The club is a loose band of about 50 men and women, all either senior citizens or retirees, from around the area. Members come from North Ridgeville, Elyria, North Olmsted, Avon, even Amherst and get together once every month from January to May, mostly for something to do when its not the fishing season.

"We tried to meet in the summertime once," founder Bob Kirkpatrick said, "but all anyone wants to do then is fish."

The meetings are more than just a gathering place for fishing stories, many of which have been told over and over again. Guest speakers have included wildlife officers, American Red Cross employees, Coast Guard officials as well as fishing experts. The group has made the most of its collective knowledge. Several years ago, it put together a program featuring all the fish that can be caught in Ohio and presented it to various groups such as the but a fisher of fish!). For four years now, fishing. When the kids get to be 16 to 18 Rotary Club and other service organiza-

tions. It was quite a catch. When it's not possible to fish, the next best thing is talking about fishing. Over the four dozen or so people on the mailing list, meetings usually attract 50 to 65 per-

cent of the members.

Fishing isn't necessarily a competitive sport, but sometimes the talk gets that

fish," Kirkpatrick said. Meetings are nice, but there is nothing

like the real thing. The five monthly meetings are merely a tune up for what is to come the rest of the year.

"A number of the guys fish together," Kirkpatrick, 69, said. "We have a cottage at Leesville Lake in Carroll County and we are always inviting friends down there. Some of the group fishes Lake Erie together. It's more or less like playing golf, we usually take a foursome out to fish."

There are no official club-sponsored fishing trips during the summer months. The club ends its meeting schedule with a

picnic and fish rodeo in May. Mike Gibson, pastor of Fields United Methodist Church does take a regular group up to Canada for a summer fishing trip, (making him not only a fisher of men it will be Quebec) for a week of fishing, felenjoy it," he said. lowship and introspection. Fishermen

range in age from 24 to 75 years of age. Gibson, 51, has fished all his life. His

father taught him and the two still go fishing on occasion.

"The water's peaceful, there's an opportunity to be away, you can separate your-"The nice thing about this organization self from the normal hectic things in life wouldn't say we are overly competitive, about fishing. "It's just very peaceful and but everyone likes to catch the biggest quiet. The trip gives us men as a group, or by twos in boats, the chance to communicate, and men need that opportunity."

"It is also interesting that Jesus' disciplines, or many of them, were fishermen so t gives a whole different context to the topics that may come up when we are fishing," Gibson, a member of the North Ridgeville Board of Education, said.

The pastor gets to see relationships and friendships being formed through the fishing trips, and then nurtured throughout the year.

Kirkpatrick couldn't agree more. There's nothing like a quiet afternoon on the lake, he said.

"With us, it's a family sport. We always took our children (son Chuck is a Methodist minister in North Canton and daughter Colleen lives in Wellington) fishing and now we take our grandchildren groups of six to 14 men make the mid-Sep- years old, they tend to lose interest, but tember trip to Northern Ontario (this year eventually, they come back because they

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Golf is a sport requiring endurance, explosiveness, and flexibility. Golfers need to make sure their off-season exercise program includes these components especially the closer the golf season gets.

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Explosiveness can be achieved with weight training. Consult your fitness professional for specific exercises. You want to choose those that most accurately mimic the golf swing. Overall muscle conditioning is important but your fitness expert can show you more specific exercises.

Flexibility is KEY. Muscle range of motion directly affects the golf swing, its efficiency and ease. The shoulder, back, hips and groin are under a lot of stress in the mechanics of the swing. It is critical for the golfer to include stretches in the exercise program to guard against injury. Regularly warm up first, and stretch prior to each golf experience. Stretching cold muscles can do more harm than good so make sure to warm up first.

Consult your physician before beginning an exercise program if you have never exercised, if it has been a long time since you last exercised, or if you have chronic or acute health conditions.

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# Family carrying on legacy of Sammon Fence Co. founder

A hard-working businessman, John Sammon realized the dream of a lifetime when he moved his business, the Sammon Fence Co., into a new location at 34040 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, last November.

Tragically, Sammon died of a heart attack in January. He was only 54.

Is this the end of the family business?

Now his widow, Georgette, and their three sons, John R., 29, Scott, 28, and Steve, 25, along with Ron Buckwald, commercial sales manager, are carrying on in the tradition of John Sammon by providing the best service possible to customers.

Her husband had worked for many years for other fencing companies and, in 1986 with her encouragement, struck out on his own.

"He started with \$500 and a \$500 truck," said son John R. "I told him he'd be better off working

for himself than for somebody else," said Georgette. "For the first six years we never took a

vacation. We worked out of our home for several years. The business was doing very well, thanks to all our hard work, and we were able to move here."

"Here" is a charming white frame house easily accessible to customers, both residential and commercial, in eastern Lorain and western Cuyahoga Counties. "Ron, the boys and I figure we owe it to John to carry on

the way he would have and the way he would have wanted us to," said Georgette.

The Sammon Fence Co. is well established and has accounts with major companies and institutions, including Rini Realty, Fairview General Hospital and the Presrite Corp. The firm recently did all fencing work for the new

Carrying on the business traditions established by John Sammon are (front, left) John R., Georgette and Steve Sammon; (rear, left) Scott Sammon and Ron Buckwald. Mrs. Sammon holds a recent picture of her late husband.

Savannah development in North Ridgeville, and created new fencing for the North Ridgeville Cemetery.

The company also installed new fences for Safety Town, the street safety program for preschoolers and kindergarteners run by the North Ridgeville Police, erected fencing for the All-American Sports Center, and is under contract to erect swimming pool fences for Decca Pools of Elyria.

"John built a tremendous business. He loved what he did, had great enthusiasm for his family, life and his business. This is his legacy," said Georgette. Since the three boys grew up in the business, they know

it inside and out. "I started out working summers to earn money when I Friday.

was in college," said Steve. "Then I decided I enjoyed doing this very much."

"When the boys were little, their dad used to take them on sales calls in his truck," said Georgette with a smile. She also has two older children not affiliated with the company. They are Kathryn Smola, 35, and Jerry Hallowell, 34.

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John Sammon

This year, Center Ridge Nursing Home celebrates its 15th year of care in the western part of North Ridgeville. At the time of construction, a filtration plant was built, as sew- Their sewers were installed about 25 years ago. I am amazed ers were not available. However, in 1987, city administration believed that sewers would be installed within two-three

In 1990, the EPA reluctantly issued a permit to increase the size of the filtration plant to facilitate the construction of our Alzheimer Unit. The permit was issued for a very expensive system, with hesitation, because of pollution in the Ridgeway Ditch. There are times when the flow from the Ridgeway Ditch contains more pollution in it than our discharge does.

Eleven years later, we still have no sewers, and have been denied the ability to expand our business and enjoy the same prosperity that most businesses in other sections of North Ridgeville have enjoyed for some time.

Business owners make both a personal and financial commitment to a community and bring with them goods and services valuable to its residents. We now ask the residents of North Ridgeville to make a commitment in a return - support the Westerly Sewer System and allow us to once again envision the future for the businesses we have established in

## Support sewers to ensure progress

I write this letter in support of the Westerly sewer project. I support this project for my friends who live along or near the Ridgeway ditch who cannot enjoy their yards due to the stench from the ditch caused by drainage from failing septic systems. I support this project for the business owners who are unable to expand or sell their businesses due to the lack

I recall, growing up in North Ridgeville, when sewers were installed in my parents' neighborhood. Although my parents weren't thrilled with footing the bill, they were happy to have their septic tank upgraded to the sewers they were accustomed to having when they lived in Cleveland.

# **Letters to the Editor:**

that 25 years later, such a large portion of our city still exists without basic sanitary sewers.

To help businesses expand we should support sewer project

The residents and business owners on our west side have had years of empty promises and it is now time to make good on those promises. There will surely never be an offer available that is as financially feasible as the one before us now.

It seems to me that most people who oppose this project are doing so because they have issues with our city administration - not necessarily with the idea of the sewer system. To these people, I say, "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face!" Deal with the issues you have with administration at election time. While it may seem quite costly to tie into a new sewer line, it is far less expensive than replacing an antiquated septic system or the financial loss suffered when with a basic, taken-for-granted item, such as sewers.

Support the Westerly Sewer project to ensure the potential for progress and a cleaner environment for our neighbors on the western side of town.

Nancy Partyka North Ridgeville

# Administrator STAMP's war, misguided

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Joseph Antush, Bernadine Butkowski, Gail Minnick, John Prajzner and all the members of the North Ridgeville group that calls itself STAMP (Sop Abusing The Master Plan), on their recent court victory.

In case you missed it, the Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that STAMP's attorney, Gerald Phillips of Avon, is to be awarded the sum of \$22,356.25 for the group's lawsuit against the city, and blocking the planned community project formerly known at Kingston Place. This money will come from the pockets of the city's taxpayers, and roughly amounts to \$1 for every man, woman and child living here.

So, what did we get for our dollar? Instead of an environmentally sound, low impact community (with lots of open space and walking trails, similar to Avon's Red Tail develop-

ment), a small portion of the property is now being developed in standard R-1 zoning fashion, 119 homes on 76 1/2' wide lots. When added to the adjoining property currently being developed with 177 homes, a burden will be placed on already strained city services. Thanks STAMP we needed

And yet STAMP's misguided war against development rages on. Two more lawsuits still exist with threats of a third leveled at every opportunity. How many more of our taxpayer dollars will this group extort from us before they are satisfied? Isn't it time to work for the betterment of this

Thanks again to Mrs. Butkowski, Mrs. Minnick, Mr. Prajzner and Mr. Antush, I probably didn't need that dollar anyway. However, \$22,356.25 worth of taxpaver monies could no doubt have been used in far better ways to benefit the community. Should your attorney, Mr. Phillips, run out of room in his pockets for all that money, attempting to sell a home or business that is not equipped I do have a suggestion as to where he can stick that dollar you took from me.

> Jim Rothgery North Ridgeville

# STAMP members are knowledgeable

The amount of money, time and effort expended by builder/developer, Bob Schmitt, to defeat STAMP (Stop Abusing master plan) in an attempt to convince the community that STAMP members just don't know what they are talking about, is the perfect testimony that STAMP and others are quite knowledgeable, indeed, and therein lies his

> Nancy Buescher North Ridgeville

## Thanks from STAMP

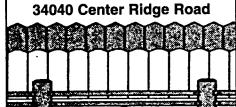
I would like to thank everyone involved for making our recent STAMP fund-raiser an overwhelming success. We really appreciate your support.

> Terri Tyson North Ridgeville

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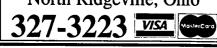
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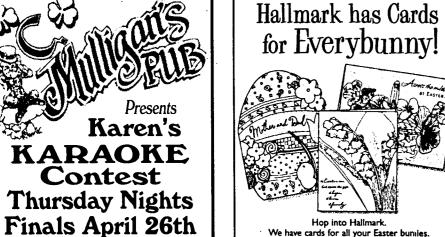
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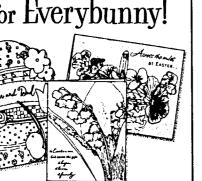
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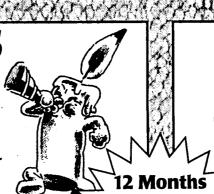
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RECOVERY, INC., 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre, 440-236-8841/info. ALANON, 8-9 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., N.R.

277-6969/info.

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ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Free hearing screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CEN-TER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL. 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria. CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

## **TUESDAY**

PTA COUNCIL, 9:30 a.m. Middle School. OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info. ADULT CPR and ADULT CPR with FIRST AID BASICS, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. -The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria.

LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant. TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

# **WEDNESDAY**

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

WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place. WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6p.m.-7 p.m. First

Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info. SHHH GROUP, 7 p.m. St. Mary's Hall, 250 Third St., Elyria.

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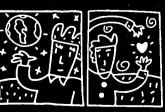
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# **Police Department Reports:**

#### By Mark Maier

# Gas tank surprise

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

After pumping gas, some people forget to close the covers to their gas tanks. They can be seen driving down the street with the covers open and it is apparent that they may have come from a fill-up.

On March 16, an 18-year-old man forgot to close the cover after fueling his car, but he also forgot to do another vitally important thing to take the nozzle out of the fuel compartment prior to driving away from the gas station.

Patrolman Roth was dispatched to the Marathon gas station located at the corner of Mills Creek and US 20 in regards to a theft of gasoline. While en route, the officer was advised by dispatch that the vehicle was a white Ford Tempo that was heading eastbound on US 20 with a gas pump hose attached to the fuel compartment.

Arriving at the station, Roth was advised that the driver was at Marco's Pizza.

The officer was speaking to a witness, who was giving a written statement, when the driver came out of Marco's then spoke with the officer. The defendant stated he prepaid for the gas and he did not realize he had the gas pump hose still attached to his vehicle. He then provided the officer with the gas hose. Patrolman Young returned the

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the defendant had prepaid for the gas.

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## Why'd you call?

A 26-year-old female called 911 and claimed that she was assaulted, but ended up arrested for disorderly conduct.

Shortly after midnight on March 18, the dispatcher received a 911 call from a cellular phone from the parking lot of Buckeye's Night club on Center Ridge Rd. A woman stated she needed the police because she had been assaulted.

Dispatch notified Patrolman Freeman and informed him that the woman was yelling, swearing, sounded highly intoxicated and was difficult to understand.

Freeman and Patrolman Larkin made contact with the female caller. She was standing alone in one of the parking lot aisles, still talking on the phone with the dispatcher. The officers observed the subject to have poor balance, slurred speech and glassy red eyes.

The officers asked if she had been assaulted. She told them she had not been.

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hose to the gas station and was advised that The officers observed that there were no obvious physical injuries or marks indicating she had been attacked.

> She went on to say that she was very drunk and had no way of getting home. Apparently, during the conversation she was yelling obscenities and racial slurs. The officers had asked her several times to stop saying such things, but she refused to do so. The officers placed her in the back of the

patrol car for her own safety. Freeman attempted several telephone calls to family members in attempts to have her picked up, but the attempts went unanswered except for one who stated he would come and get her, but that he was coming from Cleveland. He later arrived to pick her up at the police department.

While in the back of the police car, she made statements that she wanted to harm herself. At 2 a.m., and still unavailable to get a family member or friend nearby to pick up the subject, she was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and transported to

the police department. At the police department, she was asked to empty her pockets, and she brought out a white ceramic smoking pipe. The bowl had apparent burnt residue within it that smelled like marijuana.

Along with disorderly conduct, she was also charged with one count of possession of drug paraphernalia

During the booking, the family member arrived at the police station. The defendant was released to him.

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# Restaurant owner helped raise Tigger

By Carol Klear

When Webb Boyles heard the news that a Siberian tiger named Tigger had bitten a North Ridgeville resident at Burnette's Pet Farm in Olmsted Township, he had more than a passing interest.

Boyles, the owner of Webster's Place on Center Ridge Road, said that he had helped raise the 500-pound animal from the time it was three months old. Not only that, but Russell "Rusty" Shuey, the man who suffered 2 inch wounds in his neck and shoulder as a result of the bite, is a carpet cleaner and has done work for Boyles.

Shuey was reported to have been dumping gravel in the tiger's cage, while doing community service at the pet farm on March 19 when he said Tigger jumped on

Jim Burnette, owner of the farm, tried to hit the tiger in an attempt to make it get away. After workers carried Shuey out of the cage, Burnette pinched the neck wound to halt the bleeding and he was flown to Metro-Health Medical Center for surgery. On Friday, a hospital spokesman reported Shuey to be in stable condition.

Boyles said, "Rusty's a nice guy, but he marches to a different drummer." The restaurant owner surmised that Shuey was supposed to take the gravel to the front of the cage and "he got a little impatient. He spooked Tigger." said Boyles, "Tigger is a wild animal."

Boyles said he has worked at Burnette's and that the owner has had the farm for 30 years and often has kindergarten groups visit or holds private parties. He also said that Jim Burnette is a well-educated man who holds a doctorate degree and has taught school.

Stories circulating seem to infer that the cage was unlocked, said Boyles, but the exotic animals are locked

"Tigger was a good tiger," said Boyles, who has worked with exotic animals for years, including wallabies, black bears and others. On Wednesday Tigger was shipped off to Indiana and to a wildlife preserve. Though Boyles wasn't happy to see Tigger removed from the farm, it said the animal would be a larger, perhaps better place.

"I was there when they loaded him up," said Boyles, "I climbed inside the traveling cage to help get him

Boyles said Burnette was trying to protect Shuey, after the media reported that Shuey was doing courtordered community service at the farm for failing to pay

"He was trying to be fair," said Boyles, "now Rusty's got a lawyer and wants to sue everybody.

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# Canfield sings arias to Broadway

selections from Arias to Broadway in the next Concert the Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Opera, the Cleve-Recital Series at Fields United Methodist Church in North Ridgeville. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. on March 31, in the sanctuary of Fields U.M. Church, 34077 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville.

Canfield is assistant professor of voice and assistant director of the Conservatory at Baldwin-Wallace College and soprano soloist at the historic Church of the Covenant in Cleveland. She has extensive performance experience in a liturgical music, art song, chamber music and musical the-church.

Soprano Nanette Canfield will perform a variety of vocal ater. Canfield has appeared as a soloist with, among others, land New Music Associates, the Robert Page Singers, the Canton Symphony and the Baldwin Wallace Bach Festival.

The final Spring 2001 concert features two harpists from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Nuiko Wadden and Yinuo Mu will present both solo and duet musical selections. They will perform on April 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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age, particularly when a victim is relaxed.

"Respiratory arrest means the victim is not breathing, but has a pulse," he said. Youngsters normally have very strong hearts, but probably quit breathing, he said. In cardiac arrest, the victim is not breathing and has no pulse. "Kids stop breathing and the heart stops," he said.

To prepare for emergencies, Theodore said it is necessary to know the phone number of the local EMS, give the location and telephone number of the call, the nature of the emergency, advise that there is an AED on the scene and don't hang up on the dispatcher.

Last year the AHA released new guidelines for CPR, including information that the lay rescuer should provide two seconds of breath; the rescuer should look for signs of circulation rather than a pulse to determine if chest compressions and the use of an AED are needed; the new rate for chest compressions should be approximately 100 compressions per minute; 15 compressions to two breaths and a simplification of rescuer management of foreign-body airway obstruction in the unresponsive victim.

Huffman noted, "mouth to mouth is no longer recommended by the Heart Association. It's a choice, especially if you know the person." However, presently there are masks that provide barriers between the rescuer and the victim.

Before beginning the procedure, Huffman said to observe the chest for an up and down movement. If there seems to be none, he said, put your face to victim's mouth to determine if he is breathing.

In determining a fallen victim's situation, Huffman advised the lay rescuer to shake the victim, tilt his head back, put your cheek to the victim's mouth and lift the chin so the tongue isn't obstructing the airway. Huffman said, "look, feel, listen."

Theodore said, "If a person hasn't been breathing, give breaths every three seconds. If the victim is unresponsive, he said, use the A, B, C, D checklist - open Airway, Breathe for victim, Circulation, Defibrillation.

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He also said to check the victim's color. A good way to evaluate is if there is blueness around the mouth. "The gum line should be pink all the time," he said. If the person cannot be wakened and is not breathing, "Apply AED," said Theodore.

"Bring the AED to the site of the patient as rapidly as possible," he said. "You need to give defibrillation the first three or four minutes of sudden cardiac arrest," he said. The chances of survival are 80 percent, he said, and are reduced to 50 percent after five minutes.

If two people are available, one calls 911 and gets the AED, while the other one performs CPR.

The AED device, which is encased in a box, is opened immediately. Press the power button on, and lights and computerized voice indicates it is on. Remove the victim's clothing and attach the adhesive electrode pads to his chest - one on the right shoulder and the other on the left side. Allow the device to analyze the victim's rhythm. When ready, the device will announce, "Stand clear." The AED is charged and delivers the shock to the victim.

It won't shock while CPR is being administered, said Huffman, and sometimes the voice will say, "No shock advised." He added, "Once you get the AED, turn it on and

Some things that need to be checked before using the AED, said Theodore, "Is the victim in water? Is the victim less than eight years old? Is the victim wearing a medication patch on his chest? Does the victim have an implanted defibrillator?'

Theodore stated that the device checks itself out every day. It has a non-rechargeable battery and if something is wrong, a beep will sound. "When you turn the device on, it goes through a series of self-checks."

Following the explanation of the AED, Huffman and Theodore divided the group and allowed each person the opportunity to practice what they had been told. Only persons who have taken the class, passed the test and have been certified, may operate the AED.



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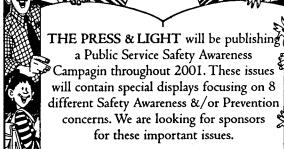
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#### WILLIAM J. GRIFFITH Mrs. Sterling was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. She Josephine Piazza had been an Avon resident since 1988, prior to living in William J. Griffith, 64, of North Ridgeville, died March Avon, she resided in Illinois, Connecticut, Kentucky and Josephine Piazza (nee Campagna), 86, of Elyria died March 19 at Center Ridge Nursing Home in North 10, at the new Life hospice Center in Lorain. Born in Winslow, Ark., he had been a resident of North She was a 1950 graduate of Berkely High School in Ridgeville following a brief illness. Berkley, Mich. Ridgeville for many years. Born in Chicago, she made her home in Elyria most of Mrs. Sterling was primarily a homemaker. From 1990 to her life. He was employed by Continental Can in the mainte-1991 she worked as a sales associate at K-Mart in Westlake nance department and retired after 35 years of service.

Along with her husband, she owned and operated a greenhouse on Gulf Road for many years. Mrs. Piazza was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in

Elvria, where she was a charter member. She also belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society of the church and was an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jane Palmer of Elyria; sons Charles A. of North Ridgeville and Michael and Robert, both of Elyria; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, August Piazza, in 1991; her parents; and three sisters.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church, with the Rev. Frank P. Kosem, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Elyria. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Building Fund 590

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WILLIAM E. CARR

Summersville Memorial Hospital in Summersville, W.Va. Mr. Carr was born in Braxton County. He had worked as a machinist, a farmer and horseman. Mr. Carr held no church membership, but he was a Baptist. Survivors in clued a son, William of North Ridgeville;

daughters Carala Casey of Valdosta, Ga., and Kimberly

William E. Carr, 76, of Belfont, W.Va., died March 18 at

Brozy of Canvas, W.Va.; three brothers; and three grand-He was preceded in death by his son; and his parents.

# **Campus Notes:**

Services and burial were in W.Va.

Christy Gliniak, Creek- to the Dean's List for the side Lane; Megan Kelly, 8600 Gatewood Dr.; and Julie Schneider, Sugar Ridge Rd. were named to the fall's Dean's List at Miami Uni-

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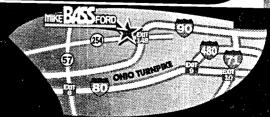
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