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Rangers get first win over North Royalton

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NORTH RIDGÉVILLE

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Opposition to opening local FPS clinic based on 'values'

By Carol Klear

Nearly 70 people gathered at St. Julie Billiart Church, Nov. 29 to discuss Family Planning Services (FPS) of Lorain County-what the agency does and why the group opposes the satellite office that is slated to open in North Ridgeville next year.

"The real key issue, is what kind of values are being represented to our young people and teenagers," Dr. Kenneth DeLuca said.

DeLuca, a former North Ridgeville school superintendent, is a psychologist with a longtime practice in North Ridgeville and is also a deacon at St. Julie's Church.

"We have to raise the level of con-

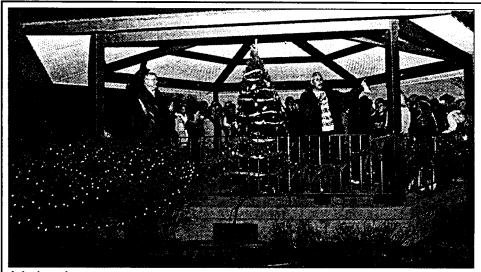
sciousness," he said, adding that we have to consider how people and children especially, are affected by what they are surrounded with.

This is not a case of we're right, they're wrong," DeLuca said. "But what kind of values do they offer?"

DeLuca said FPS ascribes to safe sex, protection and the "morning-after" pill and asserts that everything is OK.

John DeLaat, a pro-life advocate, who at one time was president of the Lorain County Right to Life Society, provided background information about FPS, including the fact it was founded in the 1960s and originally

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Light the tree

Mayor Dave Gillock and Parks and Recreation Director Jim Spaulding joined North Ridgeville residents at the gazebo, for the annual Christmas tree lighting Saturday afternoon. P&L photo by Frank Corsello.

Career Connections program allows students to interact



Eighth-grade OWA students travel to Wilcox Elementary School once a week to help strengthen the third-graders reading By Melissa Linebrink

The slogan of North Ridgeville City Schools (NRCS) is "Building on Success-One Individual at a Time" and nine students who are part of the Occupational Work Adjustment program, also known as OWA, have taken that slogan to heart.

Career Connections is a joint venture between NRCS and Lorain County Joint Vocational School that allows students the opportunity early on in their education to see if vocational training may be right for him/her in the future.

One of our main goals is to help students achieve success," North Ridgeville Middle School OWA instructor Dennis

Walters said.

All students who participate in Career Connections, which is in its second year, do so on a volunteer basis. This year, one of the main service projects is helping students at Wilcox Elementary School improve their reading skills one day per week.

'Our students listen and encourage the third grade students," Walters said. "The Career Connections students gain satisfaction in helping others. They usually think back to when they were in elementary school and the good experiences they had when they were at that

Students who are participating in the

program include Branden Taucher, Mirza Gusic, Curtis McCormick, David Knoblauch, Dana Muncey, Don Regulalll, Patrick Ennis, Jeremy Stevens and Alex Yommer. Barb Regas, a school aide, assists in the program as well.

The Career Connections students learn about giving praise to others because they are modeling part of the role of a teacher," Walters said. "Last year's students gained a new respect for what school is about. The third graders are always excited about their 'older' visitors with whom they can share their learning. This has been a very beneficial program for both younger and older



Hi Santa

Wilcox first grader, Christina Yard, tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas, when the jolly man in the red suit paid a visit to the party the Interact Club held for the youngsters last week. P&L photo by Shannon Dillon

Background checks for volunteer coaches to commence in January

By Carol Klear

Beginning in January, the Parks Department will require volunteer coaches to submit to a criminal background check. Failure to provide the requested information will mean dropping the coaches from the roster.

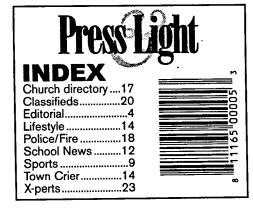
The issue of mandating background checks has been discussed for a long time and Parks Director Jim Spaulding announced during the Dec. 1 Parks

and Recreation Commission meeting, that the procedure would be implemented next year for all volunteer youth coaches.

The commission has adopted the recommendations of the National Alliance for Youth Sports Association. According to notices given to the volunteers, "information received during a volunteer's background screening

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Joe Buescher (top left) and Curtis Ambrose play a

game of checkers at Buescher's Hardware,

between customers. J.P.

Diederich Sons (top right)

was a wonderland of

Christmas ponsettias.

Blue Barn featured holiday antiques and collectable

(left). P&L photos by

Carol Klear

Costin gets two more years

NRCS levy committee gears up

for Special Election in February

City Auditor Chris Costin received council's unanimous support for another two-year term during Monday night's (Dec. 6) meeting.

Al Swindig, D-2 said he has worked with Costin for years and initiated a motion to retain Costin as city auditor for another two years.

Finance Chair Bernadine Butkowski commended Costin for keeping the city out of financial trouble.

Although Costin appreciated council's praise, he said the job is "too big for one person," and accepted reappointment on behalf of his staff.

Costin has been city auditor for more than 20 years. The auditor's base salary for the part-time position is \$30,000.

During a recent finance meeting, Costin recommended that the 85/15 income tax split be extended to 95/5 for one more year.

Andy Young, D at-large, disagreed with Costin's recommendation, but Monday night said he would vote for the finance committee's report concern-

The levy committee has just over two

months to convince North Ridgeville

voters to support the school district's

request for new money, as well as renew

the present tax in a Special Election,

Sandy Gasior, Joel Keller and Tissy

Simon, the levy co-chairs in the General

Election will lead the effort for the

dollar of property valuation. If passed, it

will generate \$2.71 million per year and

A Message to

Our Readers...

Please Note: The Press & Light will NOT

be publishing a Wednesday, December

29, 2004 issue. Our regular weekly

schedule will resume with our

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 issue.

The renewal is for 4.86-mills for each

ing the split despite reservations about doing so, noting that this is "the third year in a row" the 85/15 split has been amended to 95/5. Young said that next year he would like to do the split "incre-Costin's suggestion to eliminate the

10 percent of 1 percent income tax credit beginning Jan. 1 was well received by the majority of legislators, however Swindig and Young voted against dropping the tax credit. Following the meeting, Swindig said

he feels eliminating the tax credit spells failure for the income tax increase proposed for the May 2005 ballot.

During lobby Carol Blaser thanked city officials for clearing the property along the railroad tracks of overgrown weeds and foliage. The North Ridgeville City Schools bus driver complained to council several weeks ago about visibility problems due to the tall growth, noting it presented a safety hazard when crossing the tracks.

"Now when you stop at the Chestnut Ridge Road tracks you can see the cross-

The new 5-year-request is for 4.94-

"It's a very short amount of time," Superintendent Larry Bowersox told

mills and will raise \$2.75 million annu-

board members, during the Nov. 23 work

session. "The co-chairs are chomping at

the bit. Some (committee members will

work on voter registration. We need to

tion will be included in PTA newsletters,

as well at some of the holiday concerts.

Gasior said voter registration informa-

'We need to get the information out

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OH. CHRISTMAS TREE....Did vou hear what the wind did to that umpteenfoot high Christmas tree in Cleveland's Public Square last week? It sheared it right off, toppling the thing, lights and all, onto its side. Heading home from work that night, I heard someone call Mike Trivisonno's show and shrug off the demise of the holiday tree, saying, "Now

Press & Light

KLEARLY SPEAKING

we have a Hanukkah bush."

HELPFUL.....If you've been to city hall recently, you might have noticed something new. A sidewalk has been installed along the driveway in front of the building, so walkers won't have to worry about getting hit by drivers passing through. Good idea and we understand it came out of council's safety committee. Kudos.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE....Although a number of Press & Lights are dropped off at city hall each Wednesday and Mayor Dave Gillock has easy access to

any one of them, he told Klearly that he recently renewed his home subscription. Thank you, very much Mr. Mayor, for doing your part in keeping Ridgeville's economy healthy (to say nothing of my paycheck continuing to show up).

MISSED IT.....Speaking of the mayor, I forgot that his one-year anniversary as North Ridgeville's CEO, was Dec. 1, but Deputy Auditor Donna Kiraly remembered and stopped by his office with anniversary wishes. In other news (as they say on TV), Sandy Hall, the mayor's administrative assistant and Safety Service Director Denny Johnson, both celebrated birthdays on Dec. 1. Congrats

NEW ADDITION.....Parks Director

Jim Spaulding announced that Melissa Williams is the new recreation program supervisor.

AND AN AWARD.....Jeff Lavigne presented Spaulding with the "Outstanding Park Award" from the National Softball Association in recognition of the Shady Drive Ball Complex. Jeff said it was the result of voting by NSA teams.

GOOD WORK.....North Ridgeville Patrolman Joseph Roth was listed in the October Hot Sheet News from the Ohio Public Safety Dept. for arresting Owen Holbert 41, for his eighth DUI offense.

HURRY, HURRY.....Just 17 shopping days 'til Christmas.

PRESSLINE

Caller: It seems like the Support Car Program (Police Department) will never disappear. Instead, it has just gone farther. What about unmarked cars, can they be taken home, even out of town? How can they be a deterrent to crime in another town? Don't insult my intelligence. Get the cars back where they should be and save on gas, insurance and upkeep. When you talk about passing levies, they should learn to live within their budget first. I have no problem with guys in town taking the cars home, but the police chief should give a direct order to return the cars.

Response: Police Chief Richard Thomas said the Support Car Program has become a "political football." He said detectives (using unmarked cars) have taken their cars home for years ed on a crime scene. He also said he cannot, as the caller stated, arbitrarily issue a directive about the cars because nance. He also said he won't say the

YOUR RESUME INDICATES YOU HAVE A TALENT FOR PINCHING PENNIES... MAYBE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CAN USE SOMEONE LIKE YOU....

Ed Kelly

and it just saves time, if they are needthe program was created through ordi-

SEE PRESSLINE, next page

the spring. Until then the exterior of our

house looks like (excuse the expression)

crap, thanks to work barely begun and

definitely not done. There's now a com-

plaint in that company's file at the build-

and poor customer relations by two

North Ridgeville companies, however

there are many, many others in the com-

that opted to open facilities in the com-

munity, such as Ace Hardware, Dollar

General and most recently Conrad's, as

well as some firms that have relocated

planted neighbors but we are disgusted

with the idea that while city officials, the

Chamber of Commerce and the

Community Development Advisory

Committee work their tails off to attract

new business some trades that already

call Ridgeville "home," don't appreciate

We welcome all the new and trans-

There are also several new companies

munity that provide five-star service.

These are examples of inefficiency

ing department.

their operations here.

what they have.

Service and courtesy are hard to come by in some places

North Ridgeville has a problem. Nothing earth shattering about that

pronouncement, but before you weigh in with trashing and bashing of your own,

We're not talking about the same old, same old...lack of sidewalks, slashed school busing, ragged roads...and a plethora of other plagues. No. It's just a matter of time (maybe a long time) before some of those issues are resolved.

We're painting with a broader brush today.

Contractors who want to do business in Ridgeville are first expected to drop in at the building department and register.

There are a couple of forms to fill out, luding an application, an attidavit attesting to training and experience and one for posting bond to ensure they'll do right by the city and the people who live

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Editor's Notebook By Carol Klear

Recently a homeowner contacted the Press & Light in total frustration. Although contacting the newspaper was the last thing she wanted to do, it seemed the final resort after all attempts at reasonable dialogue with a local company

Toward the end of summer, the resident and her spouse contracted with said company for work the firm advertises it does. They also forked over a few hundred bucks, up front money, to boot. After a couple of weeks of inactivity, Mrs. Homeowner called the business to inquire about a start date.

Well...the hemming and hawing

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included things like, "the city didn't issue the permit yet."

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called the building department to find out what the heck the hold-up was. Surprise! The permit had been issued:

A little more time passed and she

the delay wasn't the city's fault. To make the scenario fit this space, the homeowners are thoroughly disgust-

ed, they want out of the whole deal and their deposit returned, thank you very The company is balking. In fact when

we called on the reader's behalf, the rep was downright rude. But between the resident, the newspa-

per, the mayor, the law director and very possibly, the police department, we plan to get this taken care of.

We too, had an unsatisfactory experience with another local company within the past few months, however we had no signed contract and no money changed hands. So, we're finished with that firm. In fact we have signed an agreement with another company for work to be done in

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Letters for publication on Wednesday must be in The Press & Light office on the prior Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Holidays offer time to reflect on what we have and how to help others

The holidays are in full swing and while it is a hectic time, it does present an opportunity for reflection. The holiday season brings us closer together, with our families, co-workers and friends. It is a time to be thankful for the things that we have and the time that we have to share with others. It is also a time to reach out and help those less fortunate to attempt to bring some joy and peace into their lives. Community Care, serving more families than ever before, desperately needs cereal and peanut butter and whatever other donation you might see fit.

Our city has much to be thankful for this year. Our mayor and his staff have been making the most of a difficult financial period and have helped bring in new jobs and tax revenue. Our council has taken an initiative to be a positive force in

By Kevin Corcoran, President of North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce

our city. Our library received the support of the people so that it may continue to be a source of pride for our community. Our schools have been providing an excellent education despite diminished funding but they clearly need the help of our state and our local community. Our expanding neighborhoods have brought more taxpayers to our city providing additional tax revenue, which has helped lessen the

paigned in my neighborhood for its

My wife and I take turns taking him

to school every morning and certainly

miss the convenience the busing once

provided. We have noticed that several

students that live approximately two

city blocks west of us (closer to the

school) walk past our home each day to

catch or depart from a school bus on

Nicoll and Gail. One specific student

in this group lives at the corner of Pitts

and Gail and is in sixth grade at the

not permitted to take this same bus.

Please explain to me why my son is

Note:

Superintendent Dave Livingston said

he has talked to Mr. Regal about the sit-

uation. He also said letters went out to

parents of the students referenced, ask-

ing their cooperation on the issue of

the students not riding the bus since

The National Association of Letter

Carriers, Branch 196, would like to

thank the businesses of Elyria and

North Ridgeville who contributed to

our successful campaign to raise funds

Muscular Dystrophy

they live within the 2-mile limit.

MDA fund-raiser a success

John Regal

Assistant

North Ridgeville

middle school.

Editor's

burden of our city's budgetary shortfalls. Despite the challenges, our city is in an excellent position for the future.

The chamber also has many reasons to be thankful. Our membership has increased to its highest levels in years. Our fundraising events such as our annual golf outing and sports nights have been financially successful. Our membership is saving thousands of dollars as a result of our workers compensation and health benefits. Our partnership with the city in publishing our new City Magazine was well received by the residents and membership and the support of our advertisers was outstanding. We take our position as proponents of the city's businesses very seriously and next year we hope to surpass our successes of this year.

Our endowment fundraiser will be a

comedy and dinner at Dave and Buster's on Feb. 12, 2005 at 6:30 pm. The Sopranos Last Supper is a comedy show featuring the last meal of a crime boss before the beginning of his jail term. All are invited to attend and more information can be found in our newsletter, on our web site or by calling Dayle Noll at 327-3737. Please join us for what should be a memorable evening.

Our city's greatest strength is its people. There are many who dedicate a portion of their lives to help those in need throughout the year. There are many who are selfless and give back to their community without remuneration. To them, to all the businesses and to all the residents of North Ridgeville, we at the Chamber of Commerce wish you Happy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salting would save money

To the Editor: I read in the story "Defeat of police levy means cutbacks," that Mayor Gillock is quoted as saying," We will not make cuts that directly affect the

residents' safety." I would like to know how, in order to save money he could then say in the same breath, "We may...do less salting this winter..." Does the mayor not consider salting our streets and keeping them clear of snow a safety issue?

By keeping our streets clear this winter it would save money by decreasing the number of responses by our police and other safety forces to accidents caused by dangerous road conditions. Not to mention the potential for bodily injury and damage to personal property and their associated costs.

Remember, mayor, "An ounce of prevention, is worth a pound of cure." Keep this in mind when you make your decisions this winter. David Peak

North Ridgeville Not eligible for busing

To the Editor: My name is John Regal and I reside

at 33973 Gail Dr. My son is a seventhgrade student at St. Peter's. We were notified by mail that he was not eligible to ride the bus this year due to the failure of the education levy. I was sorry to learn this even though I cam-

PRESSLINE, continued

however, if he would issue a directive

stopping the program immediately, he

feels he could be subject to charges of vio-

America's letter carriers have helped lead the search for cure for neulating working conditions. "I can't say, 'do this," Thomas said, "There would be a

To the Editor:

the

Association.

men who take the cars home "don't price to pay." He personally does not take derive a benefit," although they are not allowed to use the cars as transportation to non-police related side jobs. Thomas has said on several previous occasions, a car home," he said. he is working to phase the program out,

a car home because of the turmoil surrounding the program. "I am one of the few chiefs in the county who doesn't take

E-mail: (This refers to the story of the fire in the Dec. 1 issue) I am glad to hear no one was hurt by the prank fire. I would like to explain what these idiots were try-

romuscular diseases for half a century. The NALC was the first national sponsor of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and letter carriers are among MDA's top fund-raisers, collecting more than \$20 million in the past 15 years alone to finance research and provide care and services for children and adults with muscular dystrophies.

This year, local letter carriers hosted a "Night at the Races" where goods and services, donated by area businesses, were raffled to raise additional funds. The concerted effort netted a donation amount exceeding all past fund raising events by local Branch 196. Our thanks to all who have made this event a terrific success.

Perry J. Sprachrnann, Secretary MDA Event Coordinator Cascade Branch 196 National Association of Letter

Consider all FPS offers To the Editor:

I would like to write regarding the proposed Family Planning Service coming to North Ridgeville.

First the notice about an information session to be held at St. Julie's says that the center "promotes lifestyles that are contrary to Biblical standards."

I assume they are referring to the counseling they do with pregnancy and availability of birth control. I get the impression from letters to the editor and the way things are worded that people think an abortion clinic is coming to North Ridgeville. FPS does so much more than that-and things I believe the Bible would actually support-such as prevention of child abuse and helping those dealing with a drug or alcohol problem.

According to Family Planning Services literature they provide many services to the people of Lorain County. "Family Planning Services of Lorain County exists to promote personal wellness and to encourage healthy lifestyle choices through health education and accessible, quality reproductive health care services."

While they make birth control services available to those who need it that is not all they do. The center provides services to reproductive health but also general women's health such as annual physicals and Pap tests that they may not have access to otherwise. They provide education to women and men and offer alternatives such as adoption resources. Also, they offer

education and resources on: STD's and HIV/AIDS Substance Abuse Women and Men's Health Concerns How to communicate about healthy sexuality Child Abuse Pregnancy

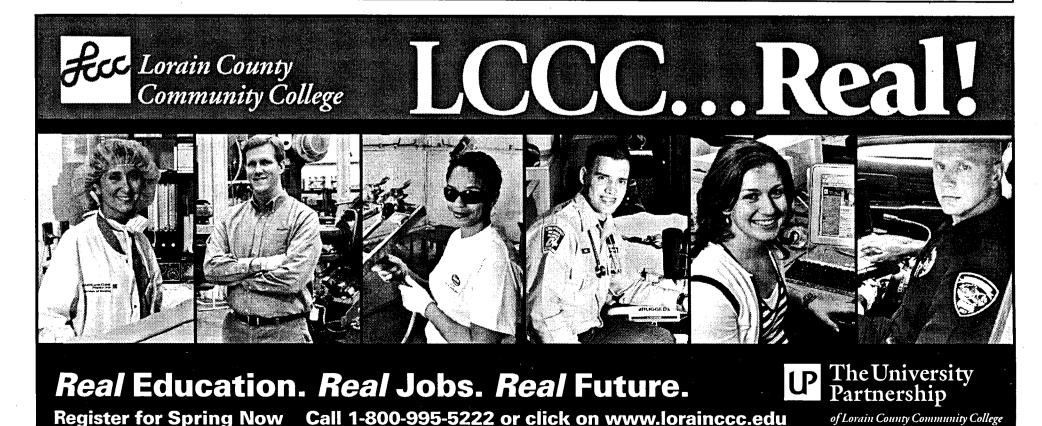
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ing to do. "Flaming Poo" is a fairly common prank. The idea is to put dog excrement in a bag, put it on someone's doorstep and light it on fire. The pranksters then ring the doorbell and hide in bushes near the home to watch the homeowner answer the door, notice the fire and them stomp it out with their feet. As you can guess "poo" goes everywhere and no real damage is done.

E-mail: What is with the ridiculous

traffic tie-up on Center Ridge Road when the middle school students are released? It takes four-five light changes for one car heading east on Center Ridge to get through the traffic light, and 15-20 minutes to get from that intersection to Pitts Boulevard. I'll never plan my appointments at that time of day again.

Helen Lingruen: Thank you for the nice story on the cat situation in North



I hope that when we consider "do we want them in our neighborhood" as a reader wrote, that we consider all they do, not simply looking at the birth control side of it.

Family Planning Services has been around for 30 years and people from North Ridgeville have been going to Elyria. Not allowing them in North Ridgeville won't keep women from obtaining birth control and it won't make it any easier. Allowing these services is not going to increase teen sex-that will always be here. It will however, allow education to all people to make informed decisions. It will allow a pregnant woman, perhaps considering abortion a place to turn to become educated, hopefully changing her mind and most importantly not to feel alone.

If we educate people we can change things, not educating people and simply casting everything to a Biblical or religious decision will get us nowhere. I hope before people jump on the conservative bandwagon that they consider ALL that Family Planning has to offer.

Rebecca Tiller North Ridgeville

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Turn those boos to cheers To the Editor:

On Saturday, Nov. 13 for the first time ever, boos were heard at the end of a North Ridgeville High School Drama Club production. However, these boos were not due to poor acting or because of a vile character. At the end of the production, director and teacher, Craig Cohan (affectionally referred to as "The Captain"), introduced the seniors for our final bows. This is a tradition normally saved for the spring show, where seniors receive plaques as well. When Cohan announced that due to budget cuts there would be no spring play, boos echoed through the Education Center. The audience, cast, crew and students were upset and saddened by this

announcement.

Days after the failing of the school levy, former North Ridgeville teacher, Gary Hrush, wrote a letter to your paper telling "yes" voters to pay for the levy out of their own pockets. Mr. Hrush fails to realize that those most effected by the failing levy are not the teachers or community, but we, the students. The overwhelming majority of us are not old enough to vote, nor can we pay for the cost out of our own pockets. All students from kindergarten to twelfth-grade take the brunt of these budget cuts by losing activities, bussing and clubs. It is sad to see these active students having to look elsewhere, rather than at the schools, for entertainment and extracurricular involvement.

We know how expensive it can be to run and maintain a school system. However, cutting and eliminating popular and successful programs is not the answer to solving money issues. Unfortunately, there is little choice for school administrators, and there is nothing we can do. We only hope that funding can return to the schools so that the Drama Club (and other groups and activities) can return in full force.

The Drama Club would greatly appreciate our voices being heard and bringing back the spring play! As is tradition, before we go on stage, we do our club call to promote spirit, energy and enjoyment. Hopefully the community will hear our voices as the boos turn to cheers once again. So, from the North Ridgeville High School Drama Club, thank you for listening, and a big Hoo-Haa!

North Ridgeville High School Drama Club (80 members strong)

Wrong values

To the Editor:

I have had the opportunity to review the web site of the Family Planning Service and I have also heard that this entity may be opening up a "clinic" in North Ridgeville, where they do offer chemical abor-

hese holiday savings won't last!

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tions. I believe this business and the values they portray to young people are not in the best interest to the families in our community. It would be a greater service to the community if the North Ridgeville Press & Light would stop running the weekly ad for this business. Thank you.

Mary Jurco North Ridgeville

There are other ways

To the Editor:

I understand that most school systems are in need of more funds. However, increasing property taxes is not the answer. I refuse to vote in favor of a school levy to fund our schools.

Funding schools through property taxes has been ruled unconstitutional on four occasions. How can anyone in his or her right mind support an issue that is illegal?

We must decline all school levies and force the state to come up with a legal and practical method to fund our schools. I believe the state charter says that the state is responsible for educating our children. Well then!

For information on alternative ways to fund our schools please go to FlanneryForOhio.com

Jeffrey Madisen North Ridgeville

Didn't mention everything To the Editor:

Family Planning Services of Lorain County neglected to mention a few things in their letter to the editor. Parents should know that their young children can receive free birth control and even emergency contraception, which FPSLC neglected to tell you, IS

abortive. Yes, any child of "reproductive age" can sneak behind your back. avoid communicating with you about their lives, and even murder their unborn children. FPSLC will happily provide "emergency contraception" or refer young girls elsewhere to receive clinical abortions, all without your knowledge.

They also neglect to mention that "emergency contraception" has been responsible for the deaths of at least three young women, and medical problems for others. Yes, in a day and age where a teacher would be fired and sued for giving a teen an aspirin or Tylenol, your daughter can receive a drug that may kill her, and will certainly kill her unborn baby-all with-

out YOUR knowledge. They neglect to tell you of the emotional consequences felt by young people who know they are lying to their parents, and the severe emotional pain that can result after having aborted a child.

Parents need to talk with their kids about sex. It is important that they be able to be open and honest and keep the lines of communication open with their teens. But we do not need FPSLC to encourage our kids to be secretive and to lie to their parents. We do not need FPSLC to make decisions for our children that they have no right to make.

I realize that not every parent is doing the job they should. I realize that sex is a difficult topic for teens to discuss with their parents. Nevertheless, free and easy contraception and abortion is not the answer. Providing a way to make it even easier for teens and parents to avoid communication and for teens to be secretive will only exacerbate the situation.

On Nov. 13, I was at the parking lot the Ridgeville Center Plaza with other peaceful protestors. On Nov. 20, I participated in a prayer gathering in front of the parking lot. We were forbidden to park in the parking lot. You can be assured that I will never park in that lot or support any of the businesses that refused us parking in order to protest and pray.

Parents, don't let FPSLC take over your role as a parent. Do your job, and keep FPSLC out of our town!

Sharon Dominguez North Ridgeville



PRESS & LIGHT, DECEMBER 8, 2004 Toy Story: Popular toys for infants, toddlers and early childhood create excitement

By Melissa Linebrink

Counting Pal

from Leap Frog

Barbie, you have buy into the

for her 4-year-old grandson.

laughter for her as well.

for the

Editor's note: This is the second of a four-part series focusing on toys. Last week's installment focused on historic toys from the early part of the 20th Century. This week's article will spotlight what toys are popular for children in his/her early years. The third week will center on the toys that appeal to the adolescent population. And, the fourth week will concentrate on the dangers of some toys, such as video games.

During each holiday season, there are certain toys that appear on children's "wish lists" that parents struggle to find and purchase. And this year is no different. The year 2004 is the year for electronic toys.

Tammy Smith, of Sheffield Lake, is buying her 4year-old grandson, Cody Hastings, an interactive

"His mom gave me the idea," Smith said. "The interactive video uses gloves and shoes and will allow Cody to interact with Spiderman through his televi-

According to Leapster Multimedia Learning System, the interactive video teaches children a different way to play action-packed learning games and encourages children to interact with the video.

Smith said she also plans on giving her grandson a Nerf football and baseball since he enjoys sports.

"I was thrilled when I got tinker toys and a Barbie for Christmas," Smith said with a laugh. "But now, you can't just buy one

whole scheme, such as the Barbie Laptop. Everything

Smith said for her older grandchildren they usually

"I get a thrill seeing them open their gifts on

However, Smith added that before she purchases

Chris and Georgia Zambataro, of North Ridgeville,

have a 16-month-old daughter named Magdalene and

they are focused on getting her toys that not only have

an educational purpose, but will provide fun and

Christmas and it's worth every penny," Smith said,

adding the interactive video for Cody cost around \$38.

any video games for her grandchildren she reads the

labels first to make sure they are age appropriate, even

has gone electronic and it's more expensive."

each receive one video game and an outfit.

"I watch what I buy," Smith said.

buy gifts for this holiday season and each one is at a cult, but fun.

> be constructed outside to allow him to work on his dribbling, shooting and

improves. Lauren, 8 and Madeline, 6, are

bought them teacher supplies,

Madeline is

doll. "They (Bratz dolls)

This year, the Zambataros will be buying Magdalene an item from the Leap Frog collec-

"I feel that I should at least have something educational for her to allow her to learn," Georgia said.

Georgia said the Leap Frog item she purchased cost about \$30 and is for ages 6 to 36 months and will help Magdalene learn her colors, numbers and letters.

"What is good about Leap Frog is I can buy additional cartridges at a later date," Georgia

Additionally, both Georgia and Chris know Magdalene enjoys "playing mommy" to her stuffed animals, so they also bought her a "Mommy Doll" for Christmas.

Steve and Kristi Donat, of Avon, have four children to

different age level, which makes buying the toys diffi-

Steven, age 9, is very interested in sports his dad, Steve said. To appeal to the athlete, his parents bought him a basketball hoop that will

passing skills when the weather

into crafts this year. "They love to play school, so we

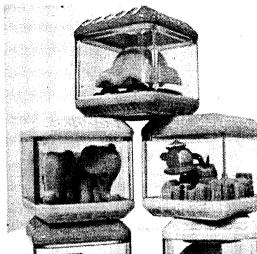
like a teacher's desk," Kristi said. However, Kristi added that

also asking a Bratz

are so ugly," Kristi said with a laugh, but added it is what Madeline wants this year. And, for Adam, their 10-month-old, Steve and Kristi plan on giving him a talking house. Both sides of the house have a variety of music, speech and sounds, plus it teaches letters, numbers, counting, shapes, opposites and colors.

"The kids also love coloring and sticker books," Steve said.

Both Steve and Kristi agreed that since three of the four children are in school, they try to buy them toys that will provide entertainment and joy.



Peek-A-Blocks Incrediblock

them to get burned out. They need the toys to get away from the 'school day,'" Kristi said. However, she added that when they were infants and toddlers, she focused more of the toys on learning.

"Three of them are now in

school and we don't want

Joe and Casey Watson, of North Ridgeville, have an 18month-old daughter named

"I try to focus on toys that teach her and provide fun." Casey said. For example, this year Casey bought Maya a Magnadoodle that will allow her daughter to draw shapes and learn how to draw. Additionally, Maya will be receiving Legos that will allow her to build while having fun.

"She will also be getting a basketball hoop, which will

teach her coordination, but she also simply loves to play basketball," Casey said. Casey said her girlfriends are into buying their chil-

dren Leap Frog items, but said she is not. "Let kids be kids right now," Casey said.

But, that is not to say that Maya does not like toys similar to Leap Frog.

"Maya has this ABC caterpillar that allows her to dance and learn the alphabet and other songs," Casey said. She loves it!"

This year at Toys "R" Us, there are more than 30 new toys hitting the shelves for the 2004 shopping sea-

"We know that there are toys-and then, there is the perfect toy. This is the toy that puts a look of pure joy on a child's face," President of Toys "R" Us in the

United States John Barbour said. Toys ages birth-12 months that are popular this year include: • Baby Counting Pal from Leap Frog

Baby Einstein Discover & Play

Activity Gym Baby Playzone Kick and Whirl

Carnival Toys for ages 13 months-2 years

that are in-style include: Dance Along Boobah Peek-A-Blocks Incrediblock

Toys that are popular with children ages 2-4 include:

• Dora the Explorer Talking

• E-L-M-O

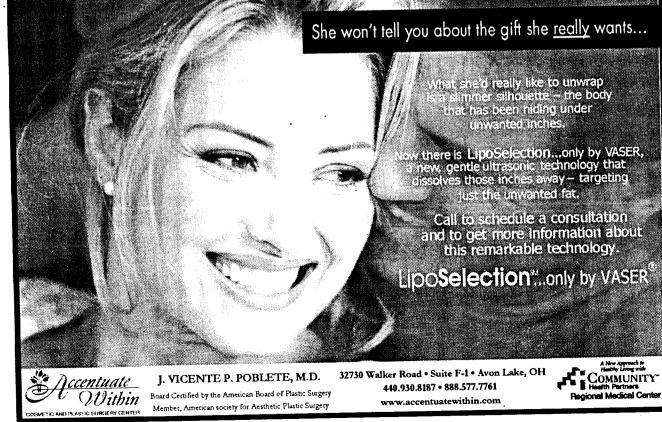
Toys that are targeting children ages 5-7 include:

 Game Boy Advance Videos • Videonow Color Personal Video

• Operation: Shrek







have signed a petition concerning the location of the

clinic, Crow said he has learned that the petitions

carry no "legal power." They do represent the voice of

When several people questioned why residents

weren't notified of the clinic until the three-year lease

had been signed, Mayor Dave Gillock said city offi-

cials were "pretty much in the dark" about the clinic's

ness district and FPS followed the code, there was no

way the city would have known what was going in

He explained that since the building is in a busi-

"Technically, there is nothing the city can do,"

At the end of the session, the group discussed sev-

eral plans to combat the proposed FPS clinic in North

Ridgeville, including keeping the issue before the

the community however, he said.

Gillock said.

Married 60 years, couple renews their wedding vows

With their family around them, Bernadine and Roman Jalowiec renewed their wedding vows in St. Peter Church, 60 years after repeating them for the very first time, Nov. 23, 1944.

"I was in the Air Corps, stationed in Africa," Roman, 84, said. And when he came home on leave the couple married.

The long-distance wedding plans were handled via airmail.

"There was no e-mail," Bernadine, 80. said, adding that today she has a computer and though by no means is a computer whiz, she can e-mail.

the most important event that day, Nov. 23 is also Roman's birthday and that year, it was Thanksgiving as well.

Though getting married was probably

They had a big wedding and rented a hall for the reception.

"And we had turkey," Bernadine said. For their 60th anniversary, they had a quiet family dinner, she said.

"We had a big party for our 50th," she said. So this year it was a family affair.

Bernadine and Roman share a love of baseball, in fact they first met when each played on ball teams-Bernadine on a

"The doctor said, 'There's something wrong."

As it turned out something was very wrong. Roman's appendix had burst.

But that wasn't the only time he was sick. During the 3 years and 3 months he was overseas he suffered through a number of ailments, including malaria, he

Speaking of wartime isn't something Bernadine likes to think about, especially today when the couple's grandsons are of the age to be drafted, if the draft is ever reinstituted, she said.

Bernadine said she didn't work outside the home while their five children were at home, but when the youngest one was in second grade she began working in the high school cafeteria and retired in 1988. At that time the high school was located where the middle school is today. In addition to their children, they have 14 grandchildren and an 8-month-old great-

Although Roman said he worked "all over Elyria," he spent 40 years at Timms Spring Company before retiring.

Roman feels that in today's world

"people are out to make too much money," especially business owners.

"Mr. Timms was very generous," he said. "He went to Florida and sent home some jellies, oranges and grapefruits."

Since retiring Roman keeps busy working in his garden.

"He's a gardener; I'm a picker," Bernadine said. "I learned gardening from my dad,"

Roman said. "He loved gardening." The Jalowiecs also enjoy playing cards and remember some good card games

with friends, who are now deceased. Although Bernadine said the couple had their "ups and downs" like others, she said for the most part their 60 years of marriage hasn't been too bad.

"We always had our family," she said. "And faith played a role."

Roman relied on his faith, as well, especially when he was overseas and sick. "I prayed the rosary and asked the Lord to get me home," he said.

But he also credits his wife for their

"If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't have made it this far," Roman said. "I've had five major surgeries, including one for

Glancing at her husband, Bernadine

Cingular Wireless to construct new tower on Dettore's property

Roman and Bernadine Jalowiec

Ridgeville girls' team and Roman played

for Elyria. And after all these years they

still enjoy the game, but now they let the

Cleveland Indians do the playing and sit

back and watch. Bernadine admitted she

was disappointed by the recent departure

remembers his stint in service, only too

well, especially getting sick while in

got a bellyache," he said. "It got so bad

that I couldn't stand it. We stopped the

first jeep (they saw) and went to the hos-

Recalling their courtship days, Roman

"I was a truck driver on a convoy and

of Omar Visquel.

By Carol Klear

A new cellular tower will be added to North Ridgeville's landscape following approval by the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals (BZA) during the Nov. 18 meeting. Planning Commission approved the request last month contingent on BZA support.

Members approved conditional use of a Cingular Wireless tower in a residential district at 37000 Center Ridge Road, including a variance of a 750-foot setback within the R-1 District. In his proposal, engineer Edward Block of GPD

Associates, showed two orange and green maps of the area proposed, demonstrating the existing cellular coverage and the expanded coverage with the new tower.

The specific location on the property owned by developer Frank Dettore is "Mr. Dettore's preference," Block

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said. The closest neighbor is approximately 900 feet from

He told the board that in August GPD performed a balloon test to determine the tower's visibility. A red balloon, 4-feet in diameter was attached to a mast on the end of a crane and extended to a height just under 200 feet, which is comparable to the proposed tower when it is completed.

When the balloon was in place Block said he "drove around to see where the balloon was visible." He drove along Center Ridge, Stoney Ridge, Barres, Otten and Case roads, as well as into the new developments on Stonecreek and Meadow Lakes Boulevard and even walked into the Sandy Ridge Reservation. He also drove down Race, Evergreen, Maddock, Aurenson, Noll and Ridge Plaza roads and SR 83.

"Most of the tower could barely be seen above the treetops," he said.

Responding to questions of cellular companies colocating on towers, Block said the proposed tower is designed to carry three more companies.

There was some confusion about the tower being no closer than 750 feet to residences, when plans call for it to be erected in a residential district.

"If we grant this variance, how do we prevent the owner from building homes within the 750 feet," Chairman John Gasior asked.

Jim Hurst said Dettore has no plans "in the foreseeable future to build homes."

"The 750 feet is to protect the homeowner," Gasior

Gasior suggested that perhaps the site should go farther

BZA members voted 3-1 to approve the project with

North Ridgeville Owned and Operated

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was called Maternal Health Association.

DeLaat said the organization is also linked to Planned Parenthood, "the largest provider of abortions in the United States."

FPS presently has three offices in Lorain County, one in Lorain, one in Elyria and one in Oberlin, as well as a clinic at Lorain County Community College and Oberlin College.

DeLaat said FPS offers objectionable values, such as the fact that sex and marriage are not related, and "sex is OK if you're ready and protected." He said he had gone into the FPS web site and found a lot of information about sex, but not about marriage.

Although representatives of FPS state that the clinic does not do abortions, DeLaat said they do "chemical abortions."

Kevin Crow, pastor of Harvest Ridge Assembly of God Church said he recently visited a clinic and spoke to the FPS director who told him that one-tenth of the

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process will not be disclosed outside of the Parks and Rec Department." Although, if government agencies request, certain types of information will be disclosed

The volunteer consent/release form authorizes the department to obtain information concerning employment records and references, fingerprints, driver's license check, automobile insurance check, personal references and addresses.

The application form for prospective volunteers requires basic information such as name, address, birth date, social security number, driver's license number and phone numbers, and the affirmation that all information is true.

Commission member Dennis Boose, who has been a strong advocate for implementing background checks, asked if the process includes Hot Stove volunteers.

Spaulding told him probably not, calling it a "gray

However, Mayor Dave Gillock immediately corrected Spaulding and said, "If they (Hot Stove) get city funds, it's not a gray area." "We have to cover ourselves," Boose said.

The issue of drinking and littering at the Shady

Drive Complex that has been smoldering appeared to be resolved during the commission meeting.

During the Oct. 27 meeting, Boose complained that there is drinking during the adult softball weekend games, as well as strewing trash. At the time Boose recommended that Jeff Lavigne, who directs the adult league, "not be in charge."

Gillock told the Press & Light Spaulding had discussed the situation with Lavigne and he (mayor) had a lengthy talk with the parks director.

"The director is to make a conscious effort to police

NRH art teacher creates award-winning work

Sean Crum, art teacher at North Ridgeville High School, recently won the "Ann Over Printmaking Award" for his print, "Dragon Fight" in the Valley Art Center's 33rd Annual Juried Exhibit and Competition at the Valley Art Center Gallery in Chagrin Falls.

"It's the second highest award I have won for my work and the fourth award I have received in the last two years," Crum said. "I also have work in the Holiday Show at FAVA in Oberlin which runs until

The Chagrin Falls exhibit runs until Dec. 17. In addition to his other work, Crum is one of four featured artists in a special group show at the Mosaic Gallery, 16860 Lorain Road, just east of Kamm's

"I have 32 of my etchings exhibited in that show, including the award winning prints, "Dragon Fight and "Joan of Arc," Crum said. "Joan of Arc," also won two awards recently.

The artist said the Excalibur Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas purchased 28 of his prints to sell in the

"They are now sold out and I am busy working on a new series for them plus a show for Pentagon Gallery in Cleveland Heights, scheduled for fall 2005," he said.

Crum has taught art history at the high school for more than 20 years.



5,000 women who went to the clinic were given "emergency contraceptives."

One of the major concerns of people who oppose a clinic opening in North Ridgeville is that girls can go to the FPS office and obtain contraceptives without their parents' knowledge.
"Teen sex is not a problem (for FPS), teen pregnan-

cy is," DeLaat said, adding that there are places girls can go for help when they discover they are pregnant, such as Cornerstone and Birthright.

Responding to a question from the audience, concerning funding for FPS, DeLaat said that a portion comes from United Way in Lorain County. According to Tina Clark of United Way, the agency allotted \$69,888 to FPS for the year beginning July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Clark said that is approximately 10 percent of the FPS annual budget. She said however, each year the organization must reapply for funding.

"It is not guaranteed," she said. Although many of those attending last week's meeting, as well as other North Ridgeville residents,

the park," Gillock said. "It's not just Jeff's responsibility We have to start enforcing the program."

Boose asked who would determine if the fields would be playable.

public, picketing and praying, getting information into church bulletins and encouraging pastors to promote the action in their churches.

"We'll sit down and get things to work better," Teel

Gary Teel, grounds maintenance supervisor said he and Lavigne would talk about the situation.

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Vernice Shoup, Resident Rae-Ann Center

Born and raised in the small mining town of Crucible, Pennsylvania, Vernice Shoup came to Cleveland with her nine brothers and sisters when the mine closed. She has lived on the West Side and worked for over seventeen years at several of the area hospitals as an aide. Vernice's husband has passed away, but she has three children, 2 daughters and a

Vernice has lived at Rae-Ann Center for a little over a year and she enjoys all of

the activities for the residents, especially the ones with music and games. When asked what is her most favorite, she replied "Bingo, especially when I win!"

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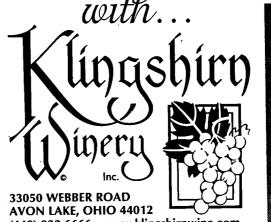
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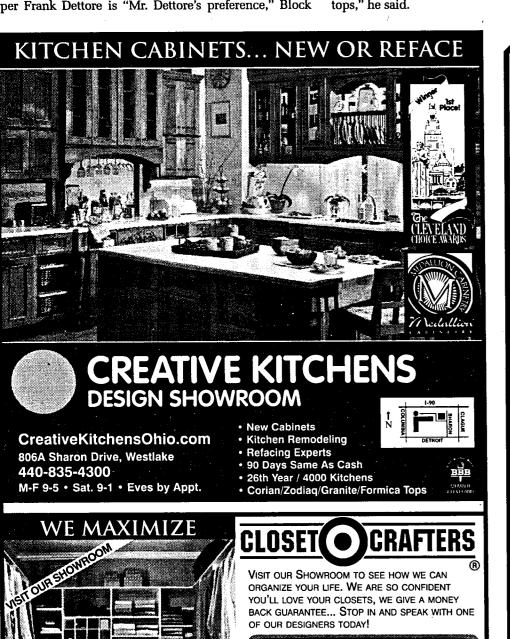
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7:30 p.m.: Black River @ LRA

7:30 p.m.: Brecksville @ NRHS

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004

TIME OUT

LRA looks to bounce back from injuries

The Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team started the season off with back-to-back losses to Medina Christian Academy (44-40) and Brookside (54-38). Although the Royals managed to



Joe Ostrica

play competitive first halves, going into the locker room tied in both games, their inexperience showed in the crunch.

With Sam Maczuzak out, LRA has no seniors on the roster. With junior guard Brett Cannaday out for a week with an injury, the Royals have to play nearly mistake-free basketball to pick up their first win.

"We're learning on the job that we cannot take one play, one quarter or one half off if we want to win," LRA head coach Patrick Lange said. "We have learned a lot from the first two games. We need to be consistent and play hard for the whole game. We missed several front ends of one-for-one free throws. We also missed opportunities for easy baskets. The mistakes we are making can and will be fixed. The coaches and players both know this and will do their best to get the job done."

On a positive note, junior shooting guard Moudy Farhat has shown a nice scoring ability. Against Medina Christian, Farhat led the Royals with 17 points. Against Brookside, he scored 14 points, including three three-pointers.

"Moudy has stepped it up so far and has been one of our leaders," Lange praised. "Kevin Klanak and Greg Norton have done their part rebound ing and controlling the paint. We just need to keep focused and stay positive and things will start to work out for us with all the hard work we are putting into the season.

The Royals will look to rebound Tuesday (after P&L deadline) at Fuchs Mizrachi. Then they'll travel to rival Open Door Christian on Friday for a 6:30 p.m. contest.

NRHS wrestling notes

The North Ridgeville High School wrestling squad finished 11th out of 17 teams at the 24th Annual Knights of Columbus/Avon Lake tournament last weekend. Alec Barker finished second in the heavyweight class. Micah Wall placed fifth in the 112-pound division. Dan Priebe (189) and Nick Rundle (145) finished sixth for the Rangers.

Football awards

The football season may be over, but North Ridgeville still has some players receiving recognition for their outstanding play in 2004. Junior wide receiver Jordan White and senior linebacker Dan Priebe were recently named to the Division II All-Ohio honorable mention list.

North Ridgeville resident and Elyria Catholic junior Matt Haszto has also received numerous postseason football awards. Along with the Captain's Award for 2004, he also received firstteam honors from the All-North Coast League, All-Lorain County and All-Northeastern Ohio. Haszto was nominated for the Lombardi Award. He was also named to the All-Ohio team as a special mention. The 6'2," 180-pound outside linebacker and defensive end led EC in numerous defensive categories this season.

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Dispirito wins 100th as LRA beats MCA

By Joe Ostrica

Lake Ridge Academy girls basketball coach Jim Dispirito secured his 100th career victory as the Lady Royals defeated Christian Academy 43-25 last week. It was LRA's first victory of the season.

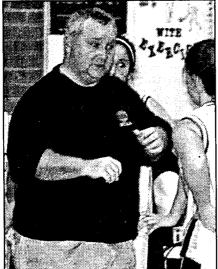
"The first win of the season is always special, especially with this young of a group," Dispirito said. "They played two tough games and both were close games and fourpoint losses.'

After the victory, LRA with a plaque to signify his 100th career win.

Dispirito now has 20 wins in his third year at LRA. He earned his previous 70 victories at St. Joseph Academy, where he coached from 1993-1996, and St. Augustine Academy (1996-2002).

"This was special," Dispirito said. "When I've coached, I've always wanted to build programs. I didn't want to jump into somebody else's work and live off of the cream. I like going in and building a program. But this was not just me-I've had assistant coaches along the way and this is theirs also. My current coaches, Francesca (Peterson) and Malisha (Richardson), this is as much as theirs as mine. But it's special. I really thank the school today. It was a real surprise that they had a plaque to give me. That's special. We look for the rewards with the kids but every once in a while it's nice to be recognized and that's something I really appreciate."

One of the players that is deserving of an award herself is freshman Alex Hansen. The point guard put on an amazing performance, racking up a



Athletic Director Jim LRA coach Jim Dispirito (left) picked up win number-100 last week. Freshman Doyle presented Dispirito Alex Hansen (15) snags one of her 15 steals against Medina Christian. P&L Gardner added seven

> the potential Hansen has to be a special player over the next four years at LRA.

> "It all starts with Alex Hansen, our point guard," he said. "She's a special player. She actually made some freshman mistakes too with a couple of long passes and trying to force some things. I think her mind is working so fast that her body hasn't caught up to her yet. But she's going to do some great things for us over the next few years."

> The Lady Royals got off to a slow start as they scored just three points in the first four minutes of the contest. But three long jumpers, two by Hansen and one by Georgia DiOrio, got them back on track. LRA did a good job of dominating the boards and the defensive end as they held MCA to just five first quarter points. The team picked things up in the second quarter as they scored 10 of their 16 points on layups, taking a 25-10 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"We had a good second quarter," Disprito said. "Some things started to gel for us and that got the momentum triple double (12 points, 15 steals and 22 assists). Dispirito is thrilled about 23 good defense tonight. We missed a lot

good tonight. We adiusted at halftime. I think we involved our inside game a little more than in the last two games. We really tried to emphasize that and get away from the "It wasn't a pretty

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win, but it's a win. Anytime you get that this early, it's nice. It was against a team we were supposed to beat. If you want to be a good program, you've got to get those wins."

Sophomore Katie points and led the team in rebounding.

Diorio and Yanna Voutsiotis scored six points apiece. Freshman Erica Laksy sparked the Lady Royals when she came off the bench to score four points and provide some big play in the post with her tough defense and rebounding. Mary Elise Topp (four points), Megan Bus (two points) and Mallori King (two points) rounded out the scoring.
"We had some real special play from

the team today," Dispirito said. "Eight different players scored. Katie Gardner played well for us inside today. Georgia gave us some good defense with steals and she had some shots falling. Yanna finally got going and we were able to give Alex a break and let Yanna play the point a little bit. We really got the opportunity to let everyone play. Some young kids got a nice amount of time on

Dispirito was pleased how new players, like freshmen Laksy, Bus and Sarah Mays, as well as junior transfer Katie Gallier of Sandusky, were able to pro-

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Rangers rebound in win over North Royalton

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School boys basketball team bounced back from a disappointing season opening loss to Westlake with an impressive 64-54 win over North Royalton last week. It was the first victory over the Bears in three

After leading with a 28-20 cushion at the half, the Bears began to turn up the pressure in the second half, outscoring North Ridgeville 17-15 in the third quarter. Midway through the fourth period, North Royalton pulled within two (48-46) after hitting a couple of three-point-

But the Rangers were able to remain focused and put together a run of their own. They knocked down clutch free throws and mounted defensive stops, things they failed to do in the 69-54 season opening loss to Westlake.

"It's really satisfying," NRHS head coach Mark Rechin said. "We needed to win, first of all, no matter who it was. I thought the team shows it's most improvement between the first and second game. You see everything you need to correct after that first game. That was positive, seeing improvement on things that we didn't do against Westlake."

For three quarters, the game between the Rangers and Westlake was a good contest. In fact, the lead changed 10 times before three minutes remained in the third quarter. Then the Rangers lost control as Westlake outscored them 20-9 in the fourth quarter.

Entering the fourth quarter down by just four (49-45), the Rangers turned the ball over in their first two possessions.



NRHS junior Jordan White (left) scored a team-high 18 points in the Rangers' 65-54 win over North Royalton last week. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

The result was five more points for the Demons, giving them a nine-point cushion (54-45).

"One of the things I addressed after the Westlake game was we needed to be a tougher team," Rechin said. "We have to be able to withstand runs by the other team. You need to pay attention and run exactly what we need to do and not get so panicky. Royalton, in the second half, cut it to two points. They scored a couple times in a row and we were able to hold them down. We got the ball inside three times in a row and Joe (Faragher) came through for us twice and Jordan (White) did too."

Faragher and White were also able to

knock down crucial free throws in the final period against North Royalton. Compared to the 11-for-20 shooting in the season opener, the Rangers knocked down 14-of-22 free throw attempts against the Bears, including 8-of-12 in the fourth quarter.

Faragher went 3-for-4, Mike Nelson shot 3-for-5 and White went 2-for-2. White led the team with 18 points to go along with nine rebounds. Nelson scored 16 points, including one threepointer. Faragher had a game-high 12 rebounds to complement his 10 points.

"I think Joe is the most improved player in the span from one season to the next," Rechin said about the 6'4" junior. "It's due to all the hard work he put in during the offseason. He missed half of last year with an injury so he's really got something to prove out there. He makes things happen when he catches that ball in the post.'

Junior shooting guard Nick Carpenter rebounded from a scoreless performance against Westlake with nine points and one trey against North Royalton.

"Nick came through with a couple of shots," Rechin said. "Nelson was hitting from the outside and inside for us. But the post is going to be our strength. We have to keep going at it and going at it and be very unselfish about it. Our guys realize we don't have the outside threat we may have had in the past. I think we have three good post scorers with Jordan, Joe and Max (Rothacker)." NRHS senior Josh Logan finished

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JOE FARAGHER

School: NHS Grade: 11 Sport: Basketball Faragher scored a career-high 15 points and snagged career-best 12 rebounds in the Rangers' 69-54 loss to Westlake in

North Royalton.

racking up a triple double (12 points, 15 steals, 12 assists). Hansen, who scored a game-high 13 points, to go along with 11 steals and eight high 12 rebounds to go along with 10 points in the Rangers' 64-54 win over assists in LRA's win over Brookside, leads the team with 11.3 points per game.

"They're all very quick people,"

Disprito said. "Erica did a very nice job.

Megan was able to come in and help out

too. Katie is a transfer from Sandusky,

so this is a whole new system she's

learning and she's just starting to get in

the flow of things. She is very quick on defense. Sarah, with the long arms, did

well. When Mary Elise got her third

foul, Erica was able to come in and per-

form. She really complements Katie

Gardner. They're two nice inside play-

ers who can rebound the ball. As they

get older and more experienced, then

Reminded he almost didn't reach

the 100-win milestone when he retired

after the 2001-02 season at St.

Augustine, Dispirito reflected back to

the itch to still coach," he said. "That

summer the former AD at Lake Ridge,

Mr. (Steve) Anderson and I talked about

with seven points while Rothacker and

Things were much different in the

fourth quarter against Westlake. After

Jordan White scored on a layup with

6:05 remaining in the contest to pull NRHS within seven (54-47), the Rangers

shut down, failing to score a basket for

nearly five minutes. They could only

manage 3-of-6 free throw attempts in

that span while Westlake scored eight

strong," Rechin said. "Mentally we were

not strong because if we turned the ball

over once, it turned into two or three or

four turnovers. If we turned the ball

over a few times or just didn't make a

play, Westlake just scored in a hurry.

You go from one point down to all of a

sudden being 10 points down. It was a

"Our guys started hanging their

heads. I'm not happy with that. We've

got to be stronger with that and be able

to handle a little adversity. We've got to

understand if we give up a run or two

with two or three baskets in a row, that

next possession vou've got to have a

good possession. You can't rush it. You

can't be scared of it. You've just got to

have a good possession. Get on the free

throw line or something. We just didn't

learn the rules, strategies, fundamen-

tals and sportsmanship from North

Ridgeville High School varsity coach

Mark Rechin and his staff. The goal is

to promote, support, develop and

improve basketball opportunities for

"I don't think we looked very

more points.

domino effect.

Josh Kehl scored two points apiece.

Demons dominate in fourth

"I retired, but that summer off I had

his hiring as coach for Lake Ridge.

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their offense and points will come."

ALEX HANSEN

School: LRA

Sport: Basketball

The freshman point

guard put on a daz-

zling performance in the Lady Royals' 43-25 victory over

Medina Christian,

LRA, from page 9

vide energy off the bench.

Grade: 9

building something and they were able to afford me the opportunity and I've been fortunate to work here. So I got to return to coaching basketball without actually taking a season off. But without the help of my assistant coaches, who helped pick up the slack, especially this year, it would have been a lot more difficult."

the season opener. The 6'4" junior also had

a block. Faragher followed up with a game-

LRA beats Brookside

The Lady Royals improved to 2-2 after rallying to defeat Brookside in a tight 33-32 contest last week. With LRA trailing 12-8 at halftime, both teams scored 11 points in the third quarter. Down 23-19 entering the final period, LRA got a big boost from Mays, who substituted for Voutsiotis after the senior turned her ankle.

"Sometimes some things happen for a reason," Dispirito said. "Sarah came out and hit a three-pointer, then Hansen hit a three. Then Sarah made another basket. Before we knew it, we were even.'

Mays scored seven points in the

seem strong enough to stop that little run of turnovers."

That little run of turnovers equaled a total of 24 for the Rangers, compared to just 13 for Westlake. Against Westlake, Faragher led the Rangers with 15 points, 12 rebounds and one block. White (12 points, 10 rebounds, one block) and Nelson (nine points, eight assists, one steal) also had impressive performances. Josh Logan (seven points, one block), Rothacker (seven points) and Kehl (four points, seven rebounds) rounded out the scoring for Ridgeville.

This week

The Rangers will face a big challenge this weekend as they have back-to-back road games against Pioneer Conference Heritage Division (PCHD) foes Berea (2-0) on Friday and Midpark (3-0) on Saturday. The rivalry with Berea is typically a heated one and always a physical matchup. Berea is coming off a 71-61 win over Normandy. Midpark, who is the favorite to win the PCHD, is coming off of blowouts over Brecksville (67-40) and Max Hayes (63-38).

"Berea will be very tough," Rechin said. "They've played well in their first two games, maybe better than expected. Midpark beat Brecksville by nearly 30 and Brecksville was supposed to challenge them for the title this year. We have our work cut out for us. We'll be able to see where we stand after this weekend."

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Junior Ranger basketball

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The North Coast Spirit will be host ing a softball pitching clinic for girls on Dec. 28 at North Ridgeville High School. Carla Brookbank, owner of an instructional school and a professional player, will be conducting the clinic. Registration is limited. Complete information, registration form and bio information on the instructor can be the youth of North Ridgeville. obtained at www.northcoastspirit.com Registration deadline is Dec. 17. For or by calling 327-4361.

JORDAN WHITE

School: NRHS Grade: 11 Sport: Basketball In the early going of the season, the 6'3" post player is averaging a double-double (10 points and 10 rebounds). White followed up



his 12 point, 10 rebound, one block effort in a season-opening loss to Westlake with a team-high 18 points in the Rangers' win over North Royalton. White also snagged nine rebounds.

fourth quarter. The final two points came with 25 seconds left with clutch free throw shooting. She was fouled with the game tied 31-31. After she made both shots, the Royals led for the first time (33-31).

LRA fouled Brookside with 15 seconds left but the Lady Cardinals only converted one free throw to pull within 33-32. After a LRA turnover, Brookside had their chances, but missed a few shot attempts before the clock expired.

"We kept going at them and they had their opportunities," Dispirito said. "They missed a lot of shots at the end. We were holding our breath. It was a huge win to beat a Division II school like Brookside.

"We only scored two points in the first quarter. But we knew we had to rely on our defense and team speed. We kept putting pressure on them and thev couldn't handle it. Our half court defense did well too. We shut they're post play down too."

Hansen finished with a game-high 13 points, 11 steals and eight assists.

Wrestling 7 p.m.: Berea @ NRHS Friday, Dec. 10, 2004 Girls Basketball 5 p.m.: LRA @ Open Door Boys Basketball 6:30 p.m.; LRA @ Open Door 7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Berea

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004

11 a.m.: NRHS @ Bellevue Boys Basketball 7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Midpark Girls Basketball 7:30 p.m.: Normandy @ NRHS

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004 Girls Basketball 7:30 p.m.: Rittman @ LRA

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004 Girls Basketball 7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Strongsville

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 Wrestling 7 p.m.: Brunswick @ NRHS

Friday, Dec. 17, 2004 Girls Basketball 6 p.m.: LRA @ EFBC Wrestling 7 p.m.: NRHS @ Brecksville

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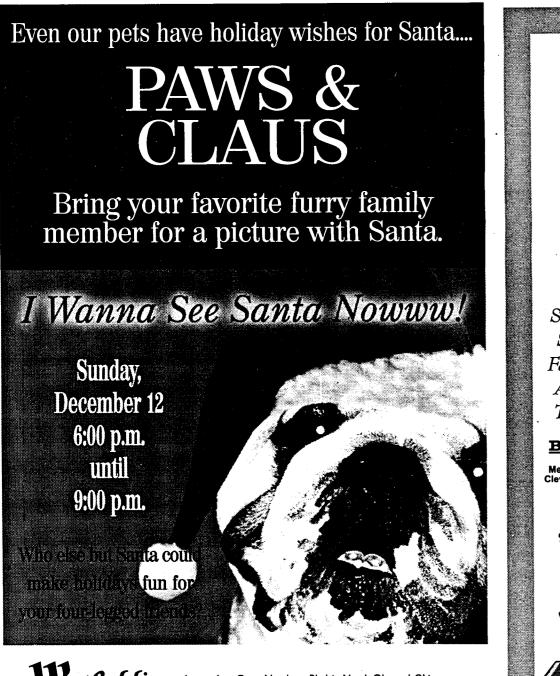
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This year's top collector was Derek Lozano who collected a total of \$66. Other students collecting \$30 or more were: Morgan Dyer, Emily Bailey, Justine Keenan, Sarah Stacey, Amanda Rigutto, Cassie Collins, Amanda Coombs, Meaghan Camp, Arielle Fazekas, Kristen Rohrer, Debra Thompson, Kashia Kuczynski, Daniel Smith, Rachael Dyer, Aunna Regas, Andy Hammett, Brooke Visalden, Emily Szabo, Nicole Smith, Sam Doll, Bethany Rakovan, Darby Graham, Gwen

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Students who collected \$10 or more received certificates appreciation and those who turned in at least \$30 were also treated to a pizza party.

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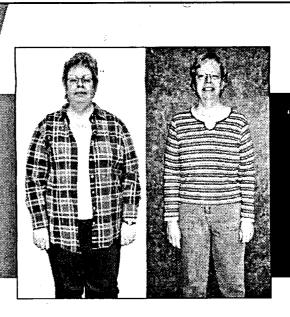
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Friday

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. 10:30 a.m. History tile mural-NR Library. Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center. 5-7 p.m. Fish fry-VFW.

Saturday

9-11 a.m. Breakfast with Santa-Fields United Methodist Church. 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety

Sunday

Building.

9 a.m.-Noon Country breakfast-VFW Post 9871, 6805 Lear Nagle Road. 7 p.m. Moravian love feast-North Ridgeville First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Monday

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafting and quilting-Senior 7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters-Park and

7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux-at the

Tuesday

Wilcox Market Day pick-up 7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville-Community Care. 9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior

Center Multi-purpose room. 1-4 p.m. Watercolor class-Senior Center. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting-Senior Center Multi-purpose room.

p.m. Planning Commission meeting-Council Chambers.

7 p.m. Tops Club #656-North Ridgeville Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Road. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge Road, Elvria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info.

Wednesday

5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers-First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Road. 7 p.m. Mini Rangers Football Boosters-South

Central Park Community Cabin. 7:30 p.m. NRHS choir concert-Ed Center.

LIFESTYLES

Fish fry at VFW

The Ladies and Mens Auxiliary of VFW Post 9871 will sponsor a fish fry on Dec. 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Post. The cost is \$8, which includes Lake Erie perch, fries, cole slaw and roll with butter. The post is located at 6805 Lear Nagle Road.

Parents' night out

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On Dec. 10 from 7-9:30 p.m., parents can drop their kids off in Fellowship Hall at the church and give themselves the gift of a few hours of alone time. Kids ranging from infants-sixth-graders are welcome. There will be sufficient adult and teen supervision, with games, crafts, videos and snacks. Parents can go out for a meal, do some holiday shopping or just enjoy the quiet time together while the youth entertains the kids. There is no cost for this service, however for those who choose, there will be a free will offering taken and all proceeds will go to support the

Community Care of North Ridgeville adopt-a-child/family project.

For more information about parents' night out or the Community Care North Ridgeville adopt-achild/family project, call Penny Smith, Fields UM Church youth advisor at 327-8753. Fields UM Church is located at 34077 Lorain Road. Additional information is also at the Fields website http://www.field-



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Girl Scouts stress community service

Community service is this year's focus for Girl Scout Troop 436. The girls, along with their parents, have cleaned up the back walkway/easement of Lear North School. They also made Halloween cards and sent them with bags of candy to our troops overseas. They have also made Christmas cards to send overseas as well with some treats.

Their most recent project was the food drive at Giant Eagle for

They received food products and many people were generous and helped out with financial donations. The girls delivered all the donations to Community Care on Nov. 11, where they received a tour of the building and learned about all that goes into our own community.

With many more projects to complete such as adopting a

The Lorain County Board of Commissioners Betty Blair Mary Jo Vasi David J. Moore

has declared Monday, December 6 through Sunday, December 12 as

Appliance Recycling Awareness Week

Recycling an old appliance is easier than you might think. Here are the answers to a few frequently asked questions:

• Which appliances require special handling and why?

Any unit that contains a pressurized refrigerant. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are the most common types. The refrigerant is harmful if released into the air, so the law requires that it be collected and recycled by a certified technician using the proper equipment.

- What are the ways to properly dispose of these appliances?
- 1. Have the dealer take it when your new appliance is delivered.
- 2. Give the appliance to a dealer, repair shop or recycler.

3. Have the refrigerant removed by a company with the pr dentials and equipment, then take the shell to a recycler or a local recycling collection or have it picked up by your local trash hauler (availability for the last two varies by community).

REMEMBER: Any person or company that accepts one of these appliances with refrigerant still in it becomes responsible for removing it properly. Be sure to ask if they have the ability to do so.

What about other appliances?

Washers, dryers, stoyes, dishwashers and many smaller items are primarily made of steel and easily recyclable. They can be taken directly to a recycler or a local recycling collection or picked up by your local trash hauler (availability for the last two varies by community).

• How do I find the right people or companies to do these things? Look in the Yellow Pages for the main heading of "Appliances – Major" or "Appliances, Household - Major". Under them will be subheadings for Dealers, Parts and Repairs. Recyclers are listed under "Recycling Centers" or "Scrap Metals". Any of these may be able to help you. Information about local recycling collections or pick-up at the curb can be obtained from your local city/village utilities department or your township clerk.

For more information or assistance call 1-800-449-5463 (toll-free) or 440-329-5612

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LIFESTYLES

UMM breakfast with Santa

The Mens Fellowship of Fields United Methodist Church will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa program at Fields on Dec. 11 from 9-11 a.m. The program will include breakfast from 9-10 a.m., Christmas videos and coloring pages until 10:15 a.m. and then a visit from Santa Claus. The cost of the program is \$3.50 for children over 12, \$2.50 for children 12 and under, and babes in arms are free.

Photos with Santa are available for a nominal fee. Each child will receive a goodie bag as part of the program. Members of the North Ridgeville Senior Choir will provide seasonal music as visitors await the arrival of Santa Claus. The Breakfast with Santa program is a community service project and donations are appreciated.

Fields UM Church is located at 34077 Lorain Road. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the church office at 327-8753, or chairman Michael Kelley at 235-6853. Visit http://www.fieldsumc.org/.

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coming into the world. All are welcome to this special church service. For more information, contact the church at 327-2921. The church is located at 36363 Center Ridge Road.

Stop smoking or lose weight hypnosis program

Stop smoking or lose weight with the American Lung Association of Ohio's (ALAO) group hypnosis program. The next program will be held Dec. 14 at St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. #2, auditorium A, 29000 Center Ridge Road. The stop smoking clinic will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the weight loss session at 6 p.m. Each session is \$50 and includes a self-hypnosis tape or CD and oneyear free reinforcement at any ALAO clinic in Ohio. Registration is required by calling the Lung Association of Ohio at (800) LUNG-USA or visiting www.ohiolung.org.

After hours event

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce members will wrap up the holiday season at a progressive After Hours, Dec. 16, from 6-8 p.m. Participating businesses having open houses will be Blue Barn Interiors and Antiques, Fifth Third Bank and Dairy

Call the chamber office for reservations, 327-3737 or e-mail nrchamber@eriecoast.com.

Russell Realty continues holiday tradition

As the holiday season approaches, our thoughts turn to giving and sharing what we have with friends and family and sometimes total This year Russell Realty will take

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Right to Life essay/art contest

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Raffle tickets are available from any Russell agent or at any of the six offices, including the one in North Ridgeville. For additional information, call the manager at any Russell Realty office.

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Left to Right: Dr. Daniel Zanotti, Dr. William Stanfield,

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LIFESTYLES

Country line dancing

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering country line dancing in the old cafeteria at the middle school. Classes will be held from 6:45-8:15 p.m., Jan. 3-Feb. 14. The cost is \$24 or \$5 walk-in rate. Register at the parks and rec. office or call 353-0860 for more information.

Readyman badge lab Jan. 8

On Jan. 8, the Lorain County Red Cross Chapter and local Boy Scout leaders will host one of their annual Readyman Badge Labs. The hours of this event are 9 a.m.noon. At this Badge Lab, Webelo Scouts will complete the requirements for the Readyman pin. The cost is \$7 per scout, which includes the Readyman pin and a hot dog lunch.

Scout leaders can drop off their payment for this event at the Lorain County American Red Cross any weekday between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., or mail it to the

Lorain County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2929 West River Road North. Elyria 44035, Attn: Readyman registration.

For more details, contact Edward Mennell, health education coordinator at

Private security officer training The Lorain County JVS Adult Career is

offering a new private security officer training program beginning Jan. 10. The program will be taught by instructors certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The 152-hour course will include unarmed self-defense techniques, firearms, safety and protective services, loss prevention, communications, human relations, legal and administrative issues. Upon completion of the course, participants will be eligible to take a test that upon passing, will certify them as a private security officer. To register call 440-774-



Kevin McDaniel.

for Community Care. As part of the ceremony, each boy presented Eagle Scout parent pins to

their parents. The boys' fathers, Rav Iachini and Dave McDaniel were active in the troop as well with Ray 【 Iachini, assistant den leader, den leader and scoutmaster with the troop and Dave McDaniel, the speed bumps around North Joe lachini, right, and assistant den leader and secretary. The fathers were

> Both boys continue to be active in their troop.

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What can I do to avoid bleeding in the mouth?

Bleeding is a scary experience for many people. Sometime it happens as the result of an accident, as with a bitten tongue or cheek. It can be a symptom of a problem,

as with gums that bleed after brushing. And sometimes it's a normal development after a procedure like a tooth extraction. If bleeding is sudden and you don't know the source, rinse your mouth out with water and use a mirror to determine the source of the blood. Depending on how heavy the bleeding is you may want to contact a dentist. Gums that are sore and ooze blood can be symptoms of periodontal, or gum, disease. You definitely want to contact a dentist before periodontal disease advances. Slight bleeding after a tooth extraction is normal. A blood clot will generally form within an hour or so. You should leave the clot undisturbed for a day or two until the wound begins to heal. If bleeding continues after an extraction, try pressing a gauze pad on the wound for 20 minutes to stop the flow. Talk to Dr. Arndt about how to handle incidents that result in bleeding in the mouth.

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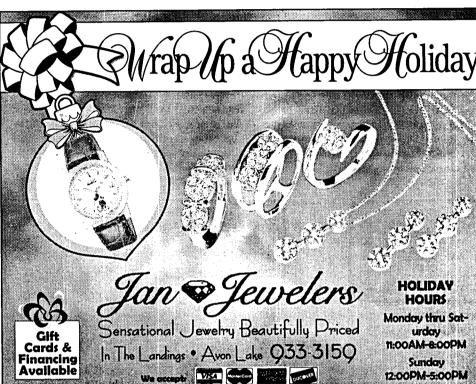
N.R. boys earn Eagle Scout badges

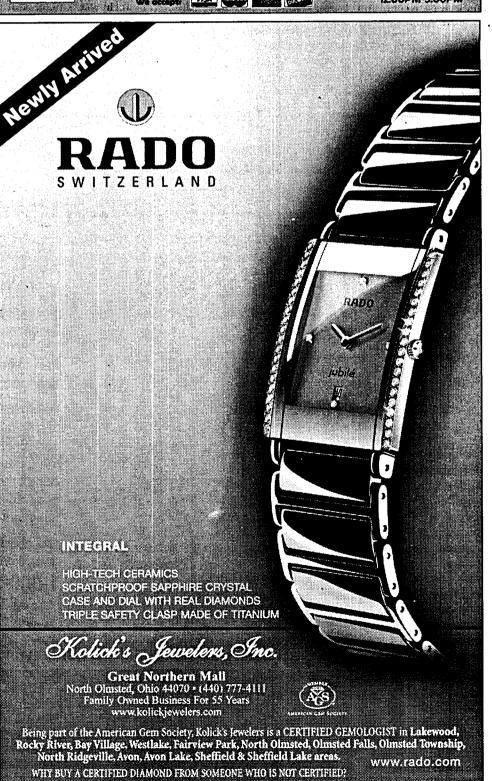
Joe Iachini and Kevin McDaniel of North Ridgeville Boy Scout Troop 153 were awarded Eagle formal Eagle Scout ceremony held at the Rocky River Nature Center.

ber of the troop since 1994. He earned his badge by spending a couple of weekends painting curbs and Ridgeville High School.

McDaniel, who has been part of the troop since 1995, put flyers from the Boy Scouts of America. round his neighborhood one week and several days later collected food

also given mentors' pins





OBITUARIES

Ralph Edward Price

Ralph Edward Price, 47, of North Ridgeville, died Nov. 22, 2004, at Community Health Partners in Lorain following a long illness.

He was born June 2, 1957, in Lorain, and has been a lifelong resident of the county. Mr. Price worked as a laborer for 27 years at Ford Motor Co. Lorain Assembly Plant. He was a member of UAW Local 425 and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, sports and NASCAR.

Survivors include his son, Eric Price of North Ridgeville; daughter, Tanva Price of Hawaii; brother, Charles Price of Oklahoma; and sisters, Margie Sheppard of Spencer, Linda Shreves of Lorain, Sally Price of Ohio, Penny Hamel of Jupiter, Fla., Gwen Fox of Elyria, Georgie Karkellie of Paradise, Calif., Hazel Hall of Amherst, and Charlotte Key of Alexandria, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Charles Henry and Hazel (nee: Hazzard) Price: brother, Richard Price; and sister Genalda McKenzie.

Arrangements were handled by Hempel Funeral Home, Amherst, where services were held Nov. 24. The Rev. Carson Fraley, pastor of North Lake Missionary Baptist Church of South Amherst, officiated. Burial was Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township.

Patricia J. Blazina

Patricia J. Blazina (nee Carlson), 73, of North Ridgeville, died Nov. 23, 2004 at her home following a brief illness.

She was born in Elyria and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1972 after moving from Avon Lake. She was a 1949 graduate of Elyria High School. She worked as a bartender at the Aqua Marine Resort, Avon Lake for 30 years before her retirement in 1992. Mrs. Blazina enjoyed gardening, cooking, crocheting and caring for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy Ann (Michael) Tracey, of North Ridgeville. Nancy Kay Keller and Susan W. (Jeff) Anderson; both of Elyria; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William in 2001; grandson, Scott Drwal; her parents, Walter and Mary (nee Esaias) Carlson; brother, Fred Carlson and sister, Anne Kirby.

Arrangements were handled David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Nov.

26. The Rev. C. Michael Gibson, pastor of Fields United Methodist Church, North Ridgeville, officiated. Burial was in Fields Cemetery, North Ridgeville.

Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, The Hanna Building, 1422 Euclid Ave., Suite 239, Cleveland

Melvin E. Manning

Melvin E. Manning, 57, of North Ridgeville, passed away Dec. 1, 2004, at his home following a short illness.

He was born in Elyria and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past 28 years. He previously lived in Euclid, Sheffield Lake and Lorain. Mr. Manning served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as an Internal Revenue Agent for the past 30 years. He was president of the National Treasury Employees Union Chapter 37 of the Northern Ohio area. He enjoyed coaching North Ridgeville City Little League Baseball, camping and traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years Laura (nee Buchanan); daughter, Jocelyn Dudek of Elyria; son, Keith of North Ridgeville; brother, Dean of Hamilton and one grandson.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Melvin and Evalyn Manning and his brother, Jeffrey Manning in February 2004.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 4. Burial was in Fields Cemetery, North

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

John R. Evans

John R. Evans, 55, of North Ridgeville. died Nov. 27, 2004 at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born in Whiteville, W. Va., and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1988 after moving from Elyria. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Mr. Evans was a tow motor and crane operator over the past 32 years at the US Steel Lorain Tubular Plant. He was a member of the UAW Local 1104 District 1. He enjoyed camping, open wheel racing and NASCAR. He is survived by his wife of 21 years,

Beverly F. (nee Wilford) Evans: sons. Robert F. Evans, of Grafton and John D. Evans, of North Ridgeville; mother. Edith (nee Harris) Evans, of Elyria; brother, Jack Evans, of Florida and sister, Jewel Evans,

Preceding him in death was his father. Harry Evans.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 1. The Rev. Sharon Kiesel, Christian education director, at the North Eaton Christian Church Disciples, officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon, with the North Ridgeville VFW Post 9871 conducting the military service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, The Hanna Building, 1422 Euclid Ave., Ste. 239, Cleveland 44115

Kathaline Lassen

Kathaline "Eleanor" Lassen (nee Nehmey), 77, of Elyria, died Nov. 28, 2004, at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elyria, following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Lorain, graduated from Lorain High School in 1947 and moved to Elyria in 1960. Mrs. Lassen was employed at the former Tudy's Restaurant for 27 years as a waitress. She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Elyria, and the American Lebanese-Syrian Club, Amherst. She enjoyed cooking.

Survivors include her daughter, Deborah Finger of Colorado; sons, Robert E. Jr., Michael and Tim, all of Elyria, and Jim of North Ridgeville; brother, Sam Nehmey of Milwaukee, Wis.; sister, Mary Sharik of Lorain; and 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert E. Lassen Sr., in 1995; and her parents, John and Cecelia (nee Sharaban) Nehmey.

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria, where services were held Nov. 30. Elders Wetzell Hartin and Charles Keiper of Kirtland Restoration Branch of Church of Jesus Christ officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Lorain.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kidney Foundation of Ohio, 1370 W. Sixth St., Suite 201, Cleveland 44113: or Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland, 3601 S. Green Road, Suite 100, Cleveland 44122.

Catherine L. Accorti

Catherine L. Accorti (nee Scaffa), 77, of Rocky River died Nov. 30, 2004, at Fairview General Hospital, Cleveland, following a short illness.

She was born in New York City and raised in New Jersey. She had resided in

Rocky River the past three years after moving from Westlake. She had previously lived in Philadelphia, Bay Village and Vero Beach, Fla. She worked as the Secretary to the Principal at Kensington Elementary School, Rocky River in the 1970's. She was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Bay Village. She enjoyed spending time with her family, walking and

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, A. Robert, three sons, Barry of Wellington, Bob of North Ridgeville and Pete of Bay Village; four grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Gendregiz of Hillsdale, N.J. and one brother, Francis Scaffa.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Anthony and Anna Scaffa.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. Services were held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Cleveland 44131. Online condolence may be made at davidbognerfamilyfuneralhome.com

Harry R. Bell

Harry R. Bell, 74, of Nova, formerly of Grafton, died Nov. 29, 2004, at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elyria, following a long illness.

He was born in Mullins, W.Va., and moved to Nova four years ago from Grafton. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Bell, selfemployed as a food service vendor, owned Harry's Lunch from 1975 until he retired in 1992. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Eloise (nee Morrison); daughter, Shirley Firestone of North Ridgeville; son, Clinton R. Bell of Louisville, Texas; sister, Geraldine L. Pace of Nova; brothers, Posie Bell Jr. of Morresville, N.C., and Ralph Bell of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; and four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Posie C. and Ibra Lee (nee Collins) Bell; sisters, Blanch Bell, Mae Helmick and Ethel Carlisle; and brothers, Clinton, Raymond and Herbert.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. Graveside services were held Dec. 2 at Nova Cemetery on SR 511, Nova. The Rev. William Mullins, pastor of the North Eaton Church of God, officiated.

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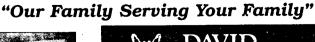
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under the car. As she reached under the car to retrieve it the driver began to pull away and the rear tire rolled over her arm.

Quite a ride

A driver on Sugar Ridge Road swerved to avoid hitting an animal and lost control of the vehicle. He then attempted to turn south on Bender Road and drove off the south corner of the intersection onto the lawn and struck a fence. After getting back on the road and heading south on Bender, he tried to turn into a driveway and missed it, and instead drove onto the lawn. The driver and some passengers changed a flat tire and drove away.

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The owner of Joe's Motor Sports on SR 20 reported that someone had broken into the business and stole a dirt bike, computer and gear.

Gobble, gobble

An Avon Belden resident went to the police station to sign charges against a neighbor for letting a turkey run at-large on numerous occa-

New detector recommended

Firefighters went to Olive Street to check a CO detector. It was not in alarm mode, but it was determined that it was working properly. It was suggested that the homeowner purchase a new detector with a digital readout and also have the furnace checked.

Holy smoke!

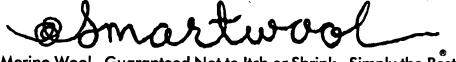
An Oakwood resident reported smoke in the home after starting a fire in the fireplace. There was nothing showing, however firefighters found a small starter log in the fireplace back drafting through the screen and entering the home. A salvage tarp was in place and a water can was used to knock down the fire in the firebox. The flue was only open 1/4 inch. When it was opened fully the smoke drafted upward. The crew also checked for an extension, but none was found. The firebox was emptied and removed. There was some smoke

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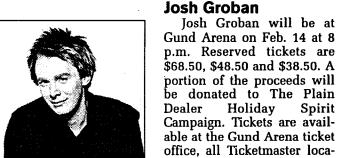
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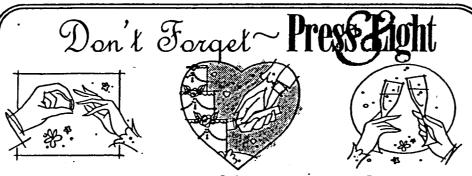
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