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Candidates officially file petitions for May Primary

By Carol Klear

The deadline has passed for candidates to file for the May 6 Primary Election and though not every ward will have a race for council, those vying for the chance to move up to November's General Election are many.

The Democratic ticket has former councilman Dick Brent and Jim Rothgery, who ran two years ago, as well as two newcomers, Timothy Sas and Andy Young running at-large.

The Republican Party hopes to maintain control of the at-large seats from among the six candidates battling it out in May, first-timers, Ronald Arndt, Richard Backman and Mark Zajaros and incumbents Bernadine Butkowski and Denny Johnson, as well as John Prajzner, who ran an unsuccessful race in the last local election and also lost in his bid for county auditor.

Ward III and Ward IV have campaigns in the GOP camp, with Richard Jaenke going up against Christopher Rangus in the Ward III. Neither Jaenke nor Rangus have run for political office in North Ridgeville previously.

In Ward IV two archenemies from the last election-Gail Minnick and Bob Olesen-go head-to-head again, as the former councilwoman tries to regain the seat she lost to Olesen the last time around.

There is no contest among Democrats in the Primary in Ward III and Ward IV, with just one Democratic candidate in each, John Zywczyk and Michael Whitlock respectively.

There will be no contest in the Primary Election in Ward I as just one candidate from each party has filed petitions, Democrat Karen Evans and incumbent Republican Nancy Buescher. Candidates in Ward II, incumbent Democrat Al Swindig and Republican newcomer, Lia Muir, also will not face-off until November.

In the mayoral contest there are three Republican challengers, former councilwoman Rosemary Berg, novice. Tom Dake and veteran Dave Gillock.

Former councilman, Jim Johnson who is presently the safety service director, is the only Democrat to file petitions for mayor, which means no primary race in the Democratic Party for mayor.



Kindergartners celebrate 100 days

The kindergarten class at Shepherd of the Ridge recently celebrated its 100th day of school. Each student was asked to make a creative project using 100 things. They are wearing colorful headbands and eyeglasses in the shape of 100, and necklaces that they made. Pictured with their teacher, Marian E. Wrona, standing from left to right is Kevin Gilmore, Travis Spillane, Jarod Wade, Jessie Sudik, Frankie Howell, Madeson Lamlein, Kayla Pettry and Savannah Miscuda. Kneeling from left, Vince Gargaro, Emily Whitehill, Billie Jo Sakalo and Jacob Smith.

Ridgeville's Corn Festival joins in celebrating Ohio's Bicentennial

By Shannon Fagan

Ohio will turn 200-years-old on March 1, but the Bicentennial celebration will last all year and the Corn Festival Committee will join in the fun.

According to Jo Ell Jacobson, president of the committee, this year's Corn Festival will feature floats representing the Bicentennial.

Jacobson said the committee is asking that all float entries use the state theme for the floats. She also said that although the planning is still early, the Corn Festival Committee is looking at other ways to celebrate Ohio's 200th birthday and is hoping to work with the North Ridgeville Historical Society on some phase of this year's festival.

To keep up with the committee's plans, Jacobson suggested checking in on the festival's website www.nrcornfest.org.

In 1803, Ohio became the 17th state to join the Union and will celebrate its birthday with a variety of activities on March 1. Events planned by the Bicentennial Commission will



include a prayer breakfast, a black-tie ball and a special joint session of the Ohio General Assembly.

The U.S. Postal Service will also introduce a stamp that day to recognize Ohio's statehood. The Postal Service will print approximately 50 million Ohio stamps to be available to the public. The stamp will represent the first Ohio statehood stamp since the Sesquicentennial stamp was produced in 1953 to celebrate Ohio's 150th birthday.

Adena, the home of Thomas Worthington, recognized as the father of Ohio statehood, will be re-opened.

Statehood Day is only the beginning of the Bicentennial celebration. Upcoming events include a Tall Ships festival on Lake Erie in July, a

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Local-resident spending two years as Peace Corps Volunteer

Editor's Note: February is Peace Corps Month and families of Peace Corps Volunteers have been encouraged to write about them-the reason they joined and some of the experiences they have had. The following is an article by North Ridgeville resident Lynn Halasz, whose son Patrick is a Peace Corps Volunteer.

We always knew Patrick was special and Mrs. Nastel, his kindergarten teacher at St. Peter School, said Patrick's strength was his ability to get along with other people. From St. Peter, he went on to St. Edward High School, where he graduated with honors in 1997. He continued his education at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

During college Patrick played several intramural sports, taught in the "English as a Second Language" program and did volunteer work during spring breaks. His senior year, he studied in China for six months. Shortly after his graduation on Mother's Day 2001, he traveled to Benin, West Africa for a two-year stint as a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV). He journeyed from home to an area with no electricity, plumbing or running water. We anticipate his return in July and in the fall he will go to law school at Boston College.

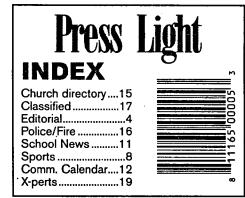
I was fortunate to visit Patrick twice in West Africa, once traveling with his older brother, Benjamin, where we met some of the other PCVs, visited the villages where they live and work and met the people there. The PCVs share a commitment to give something back to help others who are less fortunate, to share experiences with people from other cultures and a willingness to undertake a massive challenge in less than ideal circumstances.

Benin, about the size of Pennsylvania, is an extremely poor country with an average per capita income below \$400. It was a colony of France until 1960, so the official language is French, though a number of local languages are spoken. The primary source of international trade is cotton that provides for foreign exchange currency, but depletes the soil. A significant program is deforestation since wood is the primary cooking fuel. The country had experimented with socialism, but recently decided to open up to democracy and a market economy.

The country's leaders believe that education is the best way to grow out of poverty and emphasizes its expansion through the countryside. With teachers and health care workers in short supply, the gap in these areas is being supplemented by PCVs. Because of his previous experiences, Patrick was assigned as an

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They are making a difference at St. Peter School

By Shannon Fagan

Five teachers at St. Peter School were former students at the school. Many of them pursued various routes in life, but each was drawn back to the school of their youth. Each shares memories of attending the school as students and why they chose to return to teach the next generation-perhaps a generation that will follow in their footsteps.

Cristy Albers attended St. Peter, School from 1980-1988. She did not attend kindergarten there, but completed first through eighth grades at the school. Sister John Paul and Sister Patricia were principals at that time.

She attended Ohio University for one year and then completed her education at Cleveland State University. Albers currently teaches sixth grade. She has taught for five years, four of them at St. Peter School.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to be able to teach in the same school I attended," Albers said. "At first it felt strange teaching with teachers who had once taught me."

Albers was looking for a teaching job closer to home and wanted to teach at a Catholic school and she found both at St. Peter.

"I felt it was the best place for me," she said. Kathy Hepp attended St. Peter School from first through half of her third-grade year then returned for fifth through eighth grades. While she was there, Monsignor Halloran was pastor and Father Jacoby was associate pastor. After graduating from St. Peter School in 1961, Hepp attended Magnificat High School and graduated from Ohio State University (OSU) in 1969.

She currently teaches second grade at St. Peter where she helps the second-graders receive two sacraments: Penance and Holy Eucharist.

"I have been teaching for 18 years," Hepp said. "I taught kindergarten for four years for the North Ridgeville Schools. I have been teaching at St. Peter for 14 years."

Hepp returned to St. Peter School where her three children were enrolled. She volunteered in Sally Mante and Ann Fitzpatrick's classes. It was then she decided to go back to full-time

"I was delighted to teach second grade," she said. "At that time my sister, Denise Ratusz Gorske, another St. Peter School graduate, was also teach-

ing at St. Peter." Hepp found the students at both North Ridgeville and St. Peter School wonderful and eager to learn. There was one main difference, Hepp said.

"Our method of teaching at St. Peter is different because each class is Christ-oriented," she said.

Ann Marie Hice attended St. Peter School first through eighth grade from 1971-1979. At that time, there were no kindergarten classes. Sister Mary Agnes Marie was the principal. Hice attended Lorain County Community College (LCCC) until

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looked for a permanent position until her mother ran into Sister Patricia, who mentioned she was looking to fill a teaching position. "A few phone calls and a couple

of meetings later, and I was setting up my classroom for the new school year at St. Peter," Welsh said. "I had spent all of my elementary and secondary school years in a Catholic school environment, so St. Peter was a natural fit for me. I adore the students as well as the people I work

with, in particular, Sister Patricia." Welsh encourages others to pursue their educations and become teachers.

"I feel very blessed to be where I am today and I hope that some of my students follow in my footsteps and someday become teachers at St. Peter School," she said.

Janis Van Dyke attended St. Peter School from 1975-1983 in grades one through eight. Sister Agnes Marie and Sister John Paul were the principals at

"St. Peter School brought wonderful childhood memories to me," she said. "So many people have touched my life at this school. That thought kept

driving me as I was looking for a job." Van Dyke received her education/teaching degree from Baldwin Wallace College.

During her first year in the job market, she substituted at many different schools, mostly public. She was also invited to teach at St. Peter School. "The students were different," she said. "I actu-

ally got respect and felt good about myself." The following year, Sister Jean asked her to take over the sixth-grade position.

"I remembered how great I felt about the school and accepted gladly," she said.

She currently teaches sixth grade. Of the 11 years Van Dyke has taught, she has spent 10 of them at St. Peter School.

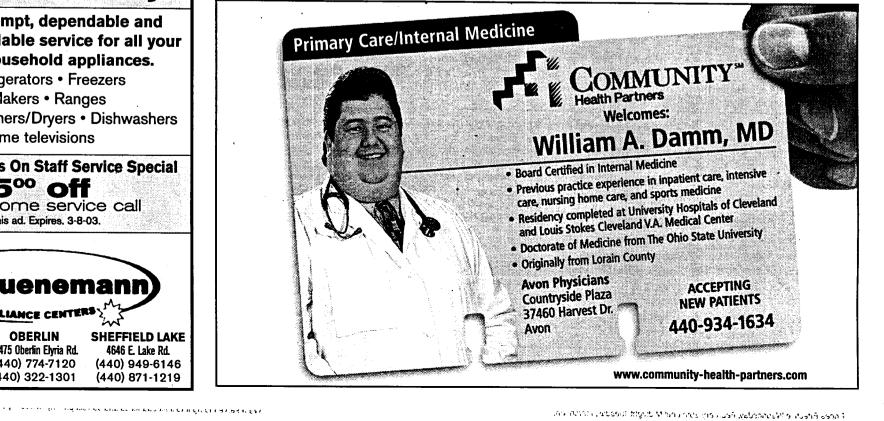
"At St. Peter School, I know I am making a difference," Van Dyke said.

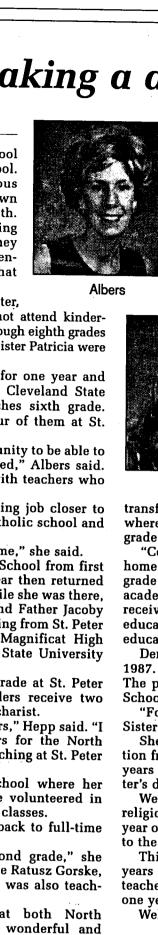
Sister Patricia, the principal of St. reter School is very proud to have each of these teachers among the school's staff.

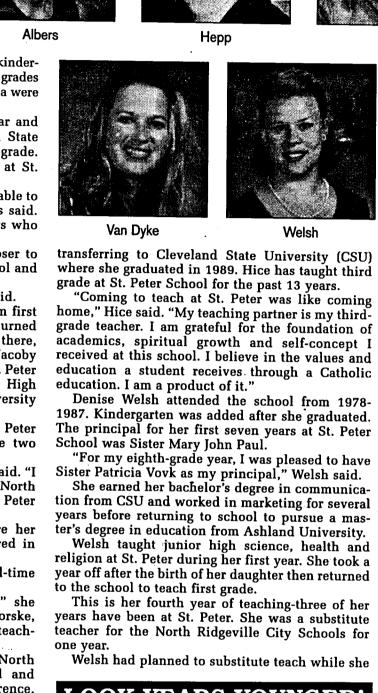
"Each one of these teachers is a treasure beyond monetary value," she said. "Their commitment to St. Peter mission and philosophy is evident in their professionalism, consistent instruction, attitude of love and care for each child and tremendous hope that each child will be a successful and caring adult. The St. Peter School community is very blessed to have these teachers among us."











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NRPD offers residents different websites of interest

By Carol Klear

TAKE NOTE.....The North Ridgeville Police Department suggests four Homeland Security websites that might be of interest to residents: Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov), Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov), State of Ohio (www.state.oh.us click on homeland security) and National Red Cross (www.redcross.org). Thanks for the tips.

EASY DOES IT Last week was not one I would care to repeat and I was running on high most of the time, but when I nearly backed into one of North Ridgeville's finest in the city hall driveway, I decided it was time to slow down.

Press & Light

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KLEARLY SPEAKING

ALMOST HAPPENED.....The first day I drove to work after the new bumper on my little white Ford was affixed and painted, managing editor Mike Ferrari inferred it was all ready to be crumpled again. Oh noooooooooo But when I looked in my rear view mirror at the cop in the driveway. I wondered if the "Ferrari Forecast" was about to be fulfilled.

SORTA SAUNTERED.....Before things got so hairy last week, Mr. K and I went to this year's Home and Garden Show at the I-X Center and just sort of walked around and

enjoyed the plants and flowers.

This year was a special tribute to Ohio's Bicentennial, which made it really special. North Ridgeville landscapers capped a couple of the show's prizes. Schrauf Landscaping Inc. took fourth place in the commercial garden category and Lifestyle Landscaping took second and also took the top prize for the best overall garden.

In our meanderings we chatted with Don Hoffman of Lifestyle who told us this was his 60th garden. Wow! If you've ever been to any of the shows, you know the work that goes into them and this year two gardens had lighthouses as part of their displays...unbelievable.

MORE N.R. FOLKS Just as I was

Ed Kelly

about to snap a picture of a garden, who should appear in my little lens but Nita Baker and her sister-in-law Karen Buescher. Would you believe they were trying to steal the spotlight from the garden I was trying to photograph? Honestly, some people will do anything to get into the newspaper.

CELEBS, AS WELL....Some local TV and radio personalities spent time at the weeklong event and while we were there Mr. K spotted meteorologist Dick Goddard tippy-toeing among the displays. Too bad we didn't have his latest book with us, we could have had it autographed.

PRESSLINE

Caller: Thank you for your report on the Old Town Hall Theatre, I would have been embarrassed to take a friend to see it. I have been to many plays at the Old Town Hall, but I will not attend this one.

Notice of public hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled in accordance with City Charter Section 9.1 and Ordinance No. 3491-99. This public hearing will be held at North Ridgeville City Hall, Council Chambers, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, March 3 at 7:15 p.m. to consider changes and/or modifica-tions to the final plat of Meadow Lakes PCD Phase II as approved by Ordinance No. 3735-2001.

The application for the changes and/or modifications and the Planning Commission's report and recommenda-tion to Council for the changes and/or modifications to Meadow Lakes PCD Phase II, in its entirety may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of Council during regular working hours. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to changes and/or modifications to Meadow Lakes PCD Phase II.

The Queen mother is dead; long live The Queen

The word "mother-in-law" has a somewhat dubious reputation. In fact, the very phrase can send shivers up and down the spines of the less hearty. Though Frances Klear was my husband's mother, I never thought of her as a "mother-in-law."

We met long before I became a "Klear" and we became linked through marriage. I remember the day, though not the date, as though it were 24 hours ago.

Tom and I had begun dating and his parents, his mother in particular, wanted to meet his "friend." And so it was more than 45 years ago that I met The Queen Mother.

The Klears lived in a big house in Toledo's Old West End, and as I stepped inside for the very first time, I was overwhelmed by the number of siblings that appeared in every doorway and down the staircase, each one ready to gawk and giggle at their oldest brother and his friend.

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Editor's Notebook

By Carol Klear

I had just two parents and one younger sister and was not at all prepared for the goings-on of this large only too eager to initiate me. And if it weren't for the slim, 40ish woman with the deeply, dimpled smile and very blue eyes who showed up to quash their fun, I might have turned to run for my life. But Frances Klear could settle her offspring with a look that said, "Stop it and stop it now."

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Thus was my introduction to the woman who has been anything but what the term "mother-in-law" sometimes implies. She was my husband's mother, but she was my close friend and for the past 10 years, the only mother I have had.

Oh, we did not bond immediately...far from it. We had some sorting out to do. She would chide me about not "dusting itself. And she reveled in the memory of my plants," which irritated me. And at times I would carp about "her son," and she would say, "My son? Why Carol, he is one of the finest...all my sons are." She

was right. Somewhere along the way, I don't remember when, Frances Klear was unceremoniously dubbed "The Queen," and with her Irish humor she would remind all of us-children, children-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that she was indeed, The Queen.

She and I shared wonderful times, like the births of our seven daughters-her granddaughters; and we shared tremendous sorrows-the death of my father-inlaw, her beloved husband, "Red," and the loss of her two adult children to cancer.

Frances Conroy Klear was enormously proud of her heritage and loved everything Îrish-the color green, Galway Bay, a Guinness or a bit o' Bailey's in coffee or by her trip to the Emerald Isle a few years ago.

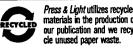
She was a strong woman and was deeply religious. She relied on God and His Blessed Mother to see her through the rough waters of life. And even after 87 years, her spirit remained feisty...but last Tuesday her body reneged and she joined Red in heaven.

I have from time to time written about The Queen Mother, but this is probably the last, and words cannot convey the sorrow I feel.

The Queen is dead. Long live The

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The responsibility of the Press & Light, as a communi-

ty newspaper is predominately local, however there are

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question focusing on athlete Lebron James, the war on ter-

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some interesting responses.

Additionally, local issues such as a new outdoor swim-

ming pool, or the Westerly Sewers could garner valuable

exchanges that could provide solutions, more concerns or

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Share your thoughts in the P&L Forum

Ridgeville has much to offer To the Editor,

Three cheers to Mrs. Klear for her Editor's Notebook of Feb. 19. More than 200 years ago, political philosopher Edmund Burke wrote, "It is a general popular error to imagine the loudest complainers for the public to be the most anxious for its welfare." Because of this, it is often easy to overlook the hundreds of citizens who are already involved in subtle ways in our community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Although our city has a host of clubs and organizations like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club and Community Care to name but a few, I know of none that aren't always eager to have new members and associates. The suggestions offered by Mrs. Klear in her editorial are a great place to start for anyone looking to become involved and the Press & Light's pages are constantly filled with information on new groups that are forming. Did anyone notice in the same issue of the paper that a new poet society has formed in North Ridgeville?

I am reminded of another quote from William Jennings Bryan, "The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error."

Our already wonderful city has so much to offer to anyone and everyone and being involved will only make our community a better place.

Jim Rothgery North Ridgeville

Take another look

To the Editor:

So-called constructive criticism is an oxymoron. No one likes criticism of any kind. The normal response is a desire to kill the messenger when the message is unpleasant. Protection of one's turf is also a natural response to criticism. Sure, North Ridgeville is a nice place to live. I have been here 15 years, and I'm moving to another North Ridgeville place in a few months.

Also, I believe that virtually all city council people are honest, hard-working people who have the best interests of the city at heart. Having a good heart is not enough though, and although a college degree does not guarantee intelligence, or wisdom, or an ability to think clearly and govern well, I believe it says something about a person, as does a lack of higher education (for whatever it's worth).

Also, long-time residents are often blinded by familial and social considerations and may be bound by ties to the past. Fresh eyes are often able to see problems, which others have learned to live with. When no one is willing to tell the king he has no clothes, what is left is a village full of naked idiots. Maybe Ms. Linebrink is a carpetbagger and maybe she's a little naive, but maybe she sees warts others consider beauty spots. When a city stops changing and growing, it starts dying.

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All interested readers who choose to respond to the questions should send them to thepandlforum@hotmail.com. Simply read the forum question, log onto the Internet and reply via the e-mail address.

Additionally, readers who do not have access to the Internet can respond to the question of the week via mail or fax. Selected submissions will be part of the Forum.

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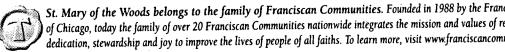
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English teacher in Cobley, Benin. The other PCV in the village is a health care worker, focusing on education of women in areas such as childcare and AIDS awareness.

To get from Cotonou, on the Atlantic coast, to Cobley in the northwest of the country, we traveled by bus for 11 hours along one of the two paved roads to Natitingo where there is a Peace Corps station. We spent the night there, and then traveled the gravel road by taxi for two hours to Tanguietta, then two more hours to Cobley. Patrick makes the trip, usually by bicycle, to Natitingo once a month so we can talk with him, since there are no telephones in his village. The water supply is a large hand pump operated by the children, with water carried on top of their heads in large buckets and basins. The village houses are made mostly of mud bricks, although Patrick has a cement-faced home. In spite of their difficult conditions, the people of the village make an enormous effort to keep clean and keep their clothes spotless.

The school where Patrick teaches is open for a few hours in the morning and then again in the afternoon. It is too hot during the middle of the day to do much of anything. His students are in the seventh and eighth grades and most of the eighth-graders are looking forward to finishing school and working in the fields, though some will continue their education.

As in the United States, getting students to do homework is problematic and to encourage an enjoyment of school, Patrick focuses on sports. He had us ship badminton racquets and birdies. He put up a badminton net in the library (there weren't any books there so there was room) and taught them how to play. He purchased a soccer ball and organized a group to build goals. He also picked up a basketball and is now working on getting some of the local villagers to erect baskets.

Many of the people have not been out of the village, so students have a limited idea of the size of the world. To help put things in perspective and to explain where the United States is located; Patrick obtained a "paintthe-world" kit and had students paint a map on the side of the school.

These anecdotes introduce the problems faced and some of the creative ways in which the Peace Corps Volunteers try to help. They are truly ambassadors of peace to the world for the United States. Their commitment is genuine, their efforts difficult and the results impossible to measure.



Patrick Halasz (right) and his co-teacher, Jermaine in Benin, West Africa.



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re-enactment of a wagon train crossing the state in June and July, a riverboat festival on the Ohio River in October and a month-long celebration of the centennial of flight during July in Dayton. A two-day celebration July 3-4 will also include two days of fireworks and entertainment in Columbus.

The Ohio Historical Marker program began in 1953 for the state's sesquicentennial. The program has been given new life and emphasis leading up to Ohio's 200th birthday.

Fifty-three significant Ohio people, places and events were selected to receive Ohio Historical Markers by the Bicentennial Commission. Ohio now has 298 markers. There is at least one marker in each Ohio County.

One Lorain County historical marker is located at Brownhelm School in Vermilion to honor John Mercer Langston, the first African-American elected to government office in the United States, as clerk of Brownhelm Township, on April 2, 1855.

Another historical marker is located in Avon and honors Norton S. Townshend, M.D., who worked as a country doctor and farmer and later served as a U.S. Congressman and Ohio State Senator.

The Bicentennial Commission has painted its logo on barns in each of Ohio's 88 counties. The Lorain County Bicentennial barn is located on Leavitt Road on Lorain and SR 58 in Amherst Township and is owned by Gerald and Janet Eschtruth.

Two 150-pound bronze Bicentennial Bells will be cast on sites in each of Ohio's 88 counties. The Lorain County bell will be cast at the Lorain County or by calling (888) OHIO-200.

Fairgrounds in Wellington at a date to be announced.

Two educational programs will take place at Lorain County Community College through the Center for Lifelong Learning. Cultures of Northeast Ohio will be held Tuesdays, March 4-March 25. Participants will explore the rich history and tradition of various ethnic cultures and their impact on Northeast Ohio, particularly Lorain County and the Cleveland area.

This series consists of three separate video programs. The videos will examine the efforts to preserve a cultural heritage in the face of powerful forces toward cultural assimilation. Admission price is \$29. The course will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. A trip to the National First Ladies Library in Canton will be held March 28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

To register for either course, call (800) 995-5222

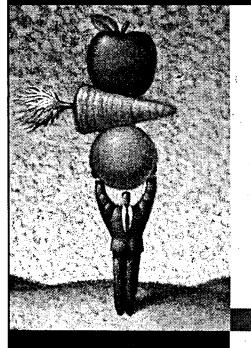
The French Creek Reservation of Lorain County Metroparks in Sheffield Village will hold walks along the Ohio timeline April 11-June 8. The exhibit will feature live plants, a working waterwheel, numerous artifacts and appropriate text for various levels of interest. There will also be videos shown and additional exhibits outside for the main time-

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A full list of all Bicentennial activities, including a monthly calendar of events, is available at the Ohio Bicentennial Commission website, www.ohio200.com:

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Nick Abraham Auto Group where customer care and service are what's important

Tom Huckelberry, Internet sales manager at Nick Abraham Auto Group has left Lorain County a few times, but always comes back.

He isn't quite sure why but it could be because he wanted to return home to his friends and family, and it could be that he wants to work with people in the auto sales industry and take care of his cus-

Huckelberry is the Internet Sales Manager of both locations for the Nick Abraham Auto Group and updates web pages with information as well as handling sales and management responsibili-

The dealership has been a staple of Lorain County since the early 1980s and they have no designs on leaving the area, as being a part of Lorain County is something the group prides themselves on.
In 1980, the dealership was located on Cleveland

Street but as a result of quality customer service and care, along with bringing the best deals for vehicles to the area, Nick Abraham built a Buick, Chrysler, Jeep dealership in 1986.

In the last year, they rewarded their faithful customers with more choices with the addition of a Ford dealership in March of 2002, a franchise they purchased from J.R. Dall.

Customers looking for new or used vehicles need not look any further than Tom Huckelberry and the Nick Abraham Auto Group as both the Buick, Chrysler, Jeep and the Ford dealership are located adjacent to each other located at 1111 and 1115 East Broad Street respec-

tively.

Their pre-owned vehicles are some of the finest in the county, all vehicles are fully safety inspected, many



Nick Abraham Chrysler Buick Jeep on the corner of East Broad Street and SR 57 in Elyria.

> still have factory warranties in effect while others come with a no-charge war-Huckelberry said the group has

> enjoyed a successful year despite the recent downturn in the economy. In fact, Huckelberry said, last year was record year for sales and the Nick

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"We are having a stellar year," Huckelberry said. "Our customer service sets the bar for other dealerships and that is why we are enjoying the success we are.

"We don't look at the customers as numbers or dollar signs. We want to make sure they eventually come back repeat customers and tell their friends and family about the great deal they received and about the way they were treated."

Huckelberry said a great deal of his success is based



Nick Abraham's Ford dealership is located adjacent to Nick Abraham Chrysler Buick Jeep.

on his lifetime sales experience, 10 of which came from Fortune 500 compa-

Huckelberry is a 1983 graduate of North Ridgeville where he also graduated from the Lorain County Joint Vocational School specializing in auto mechanics. He also has eight years of military service in the Army and National Guard.

"Maybe that is another reason why I came back to Lorain County," Tom Huckelberry, Internet Sales Manager at Nick Huckelberry said. "I enjoy doing business Abraham Auto Group with local people and local companies." If customer service and individual

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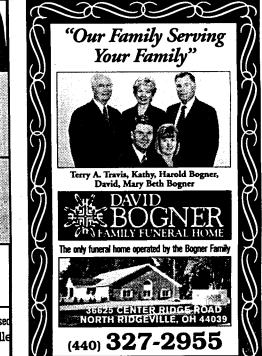
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TIME OUT Wanna play? Join the team!

Something startling happened to the Lake Ridge Academy boys

basketball team season. Recently a game had to be cancelled because of illnesses to four players. You would assume that there are still plenty of other players to



Joe Ostrica

pick up the slack, right? Not at LRA. At the beginning of the season,

there were just nine players on the team, including five freshmen. Normally these freshmen would be on a JV team, but since LRA has a hard time finding players to play varsity, there is no JV squad.

In the middle of the season, one player quit and another was out of the lineup a month later. That leaves the team down to just seven players. That's just two subs (both freshmen) to give these exhausted kids a breather. After two players fouled out in a recent game at Medina Christian Academy, the Royals were forced to place just four players on the court against five MCA players. The MCA home crowd gave LRA a standing ovation to show their appreciation for LRA's guts and determination as the Royals played an impressive fourth quarter in a 59-51 loss.

Another startling fact is there are no seniors on the squad. Sure, LRA is a small Division IV school with just 137 high school students and 67 boys, but don't tell me there aren't a few seniors that can't try out for the team. Where's your school spirit and pride, seniors?

And where are all those soccer players once winter arrives? There are five juniors and six sophomores that played soccer (again no seniors), yet juniors Court Flannery and Aalap Narichania and sophomore Sam Maczuzak are the only three athletes that play both sports. LRA doesn't have a wrestling squad and with basket-ball being the only winter sport, there doesn't seem to be an excuse. You don't have to be the greatest basketball player to join the team. If you're athletic and work hard, I'm sure the squad will welcome you with open arms.

Adding insult to injury are some of the boys who attend the basketball games. I'm not upset that they come to support their fellow students, but these boys are a little too eager to shoot baskets on the court before the team's warm-ups, during halftime and after games. Hey, is you want to shoot hoops and play basketball, join the team! They need more players if you haven't noticed. The Royals, who were 7-4 before losing their last six games, are obviously suffering with a thin, inexperienced bench. Unless you're wearing a team uniform, no high school student should be allowed to touch a basketball on the court on game nights.

LRA could have a very good team next year, especially if they get more depth and players. I just hope to see more seniors joining Flannery and Narichania and more juniors playing alongside Maczuzak.

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Coach, Rangers struggle to find answers

By Joe Ostrica

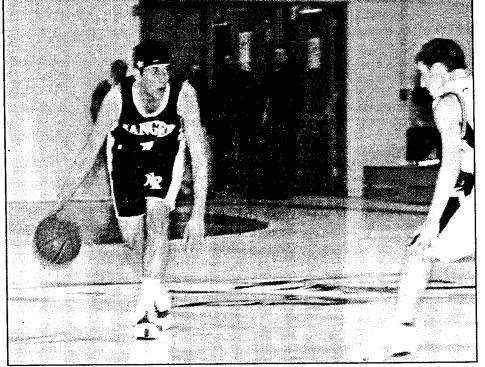
After securing the school's first winning record in 20 years, the North Ridgeville High School boys basketball team's game has taken a nosedive. After losing just two games in their first nine contests, the Rangers have dropped seven of their last 11, including three straight heading into sectionals.

The worst blow came against Medina last weekend on senior night. Coach Mark Rechin started all five of his seniors (Anthony Mayweather, Adam Montgomery, Dan Nelson, Andrew Rothacker and Andrew Tyson) in what would be their last home game in a Ranger uniform. After an exciting pre-game introduction of all the seniors along with family members, the mood was quite somber when the Rangers walked off the court after a 55-41 loss.

"Anybody can beat us right now," Rechin said. "We weren't ready to play. I'm accountable for that. I'm at a loss right now as far as what I need to do. Tonight is just going to be a big-time reexamination of myself. I apologize. I apologize for not having them ready."

The Rangers, who haven't suffered a home loss since January 7, had not played in a week but it looked like their time off was much longer. The 41 points scored was a season-low for Ridgeville. The starters average close to 58 points a game themselves and the team as a whole averaged 63.3 points in the first 19 contests.

Ridgeville saw their 24-23 halftime lead disappear as Medina opened the second half with a 9-0 run. It took the Rangers nearly four minutes to get on the board when Nelson drained a threepointer, but the Bees responded with a trey of their own, followed by a layup to keep a comfortable 10 point lead (37-27). The closest the Rangers could get was within three points in the fourth quarter (40-37), but Medina finished



North Ridgeville High School senior Adam Montgomery was one of two Rangers to lead the team in scoring with 11 points in a 55-41 loss to Medina.

the game with a 15-4 run to send the Rangers off the court quietly. Nelson and Montgomery finished with 11 points apiece followed by Rothacker's

"This has been going on more than a couple of games now," Rechin said. "Somehow the things that I thought we were able to do, we just can't do anymore. We're not ready and that falls on my shoulders. I'm embarrassed with

To show just how much parity there is in the Pioneer Conference one has to look at the records of the eight teams. Sitting on a 5-8 record just a few weeks ago, Medina managed to win five of their last seven games to finish 10-10 in

regular season play.

North Royalton (16-4), Brunswick (15-5), Strongsville (13-7) and North Ridgeville (11-9) finished in the top half of the conference while Brecksville (10-10) joins Medina at .500. Only Berea (5-15) and Midpark (6-14) finished with losing records.

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Rechin hopes he and his players can find their winning ways in Tuesday's (after P&L deadline) sectional showdown against Cloverleaf. If they win, they will advance to play St. Edward Saturday at 6 p.m. at Midview High School.

"Now it's a crapshoot," Rechin said. "I have no idea. I just hope that we can do it on Tuesday or it's all over."

Lange takes over Royals baseball program

The Lake Ridge Academy baseball team will be under the leadership of new head coach Patrick Lange this spring.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to do this," Lange said. "It's been a dream of mine to coach and have my own program to work with. It's going to be a challenge and I'm looking forward to it. I don't know too many kids or parents or the staff at LRA yet, but I'm excited to meet them and build relationships with

While he's just getting to know the LRA community, Lange is very familiar with Rocky River. The 27-year-old, who teaches at St. Christopher Elementary School in Rocky River, grew up playing baseball at Rocky River from little league all the way through high school where he pitched for the varsity team.

After graduating from Ashland University, Lange spent the past five years coaching at Rocky River. After serving as an assistant coach to the IV squad for one year, Lange took over head-coaching duties for the freshman team where he remained for four seasons. He also served as an assistant for the varsity team all five years, including the 1998 and 1999 teams that finished second in the state.

"One of the reasons I liked coaching freshmen is you had your own team, you travel by yourselves and when the game is over, you just do your own thing," Lange said. "I preferred staying with them because it felt like they were my team, my program."

Lange knows it's going to be quite a transition going from a respected program like Rocky River to a relatively new one at



Patrick Lange, who will be taking over coaching duties for the Lake Ridge Academy boys baseball team, is looking forward to building a new tradition for the Royals program.

LRA. That's just the way he likes it. "The baseball team has been around for just five or six years and they've had a couple of different coaches and haven't really set up a program," he said. "It's a challenge for me to start up a new program with new traditions and start building from there. I'm a young guy and want to start from the bottom and build it up. It's going to be a good experience for me to do that. They won their first sectional game last year and I want to build on that. Next are the districts, then regionals and state. I want to build it up

step by step. They've started the groundwork and now it's working it's way up. It's going to take a lot of commitment from not just me, but people around me the players and parents."

LRA athletic director Steve Anderson is confident Lange will have no problem getting acquainted with the Royals family.

"I think he understands the type of student athletes we have here," Anderson said. "Academics are very important at LRA and the students need someone to help them balance academics and athletics and understand that there's a commitment to both and that they can be successful in both. I like his communication skills and the fact that he's currently a teacher. I see him fitting into the LRA community very easily."

For now, Lange is preparing to get his players enthusiastic about the work they have ahead of them.

"I want to get these kids excited, get them involved and get them ready to go," he said. "You always want your players committed, you want role models and they just want to be good baseball players, but you have to get excited. There has to be a reason why they want to come to practice, why they want to spend all these hours doing drills and working and conditioning. I just want to get them motivated towards winning and being successful and competitive.

That's the big thing. "I see a lot of young faces out there. There's going to be freshmen and sophomores playing at the varsity level. I just want to keep them focused and try to improve. They're a great group of kids and I can already tell they're going to step up to the challenge."

Season ends for Ridgeville wrestlers

ON DECK

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School wrestling season officially ended last weekend at the Division I districts at Mentor High School. Senior Matt Rabung (119 pounds), junior Dan Yesenko (103) and sophomore Kyle Gustley (112) saw their 2002-03 campaigns come to a close after participating in what is probably the toughest Division I sectional in the state of Ohio.

Rabung suffered a possible shoulder dislocation in his match against Brett Thomas of Mayfield. Rabung attempted to go back out but Thomas went right for Rabung's shoulder and his career as a Ranger was over. Rabung finished with the team's best record (29-3) and most career victories (124).

"He had close to a 30-win season and that's great," head coach Ed Haller said. "He's a good kid to work with and has a lot of talent. He'll be missed. It's going to take a freshman with over 30 wins a year to break his record."

Yesenko lost to the projected state champion Lance Palmer of St. Edward in the first round. Yesenko came back and wrestled Wes Streiter (Anthony Wayne), winning by a technical fall 17-1. Yesenko followed with a 6-5 win over Ramero Parker (Southveiw). In his third

The North Ridgeville High School Boys Soccer

Booster Club is hosting the Fourth Annual Ranger

Shootout Mini-Ball Tournament April 12 at North

Ridgeville High School. This high school round-robin

tournament is open to junior varsity and varsity players.

It is a five-side mini-ball tournament played in Europe for

training and tournament purposes. All games will be

played in two gyms at NRHS. Teams are guaranteed at

least three games. Contact tournament director Dan

Blagojevic at (440) 327-0959 or send an e-mail to

blago4@juno.com. The deadline for registration is April 2.

Department is offering the following sports this winter:

School for ages 18 and up on the second Friday of

every month until May from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$1 each

night. Women's open gym volleyball at Wilcox

Elementary every Monday until May 19 from 6:15-8:15

Register for all sports at the parks and recreation

office, 7307 Avon Belden Road, Monday through Friday,

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 353-0860 for more information.

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation

Open gym co-ed volleyball at the NR Middle

Ranger mini-ball soccer tourney

match, which was for placement, Yesenko fell to Adam Tilocco (St. Ignatius) 23-8, who also defeated him the week before. Yesenko finishes the season at 26-10.

"He had a good year too," Haller said. "It's a hard weight to keep down in. He's kind of a big 103 and it's probably the last year he'll wrestle there. I'm sure he'll move up next year in weight."

After Gustley was pinned (1:38) against projected state finalist Caleb Metcalf of Anthony Wayne, he was pinned again by Matt Curley (Lakewood) in 4:41 in the consolation match to finish 24-14.

"That was a close match until the third period." Haller said. "Kyle had a good year. He ended up with 24 wins for us."

With just four seniors on the squad this season, Haller was forced to put a lot of underclassmen, including several freshmen, against some tough seniorladen Pioneer Conference teams. He feels the early experience will just make them stronger.

"It should help them bounce into next season," he said. "But we've got to work to improve. A lot of the work happens in the off-season. They do different workouts on their own. Some lift weights, some go to tournaments and some go to camps. You just have to be positive and look forward to next year.'

tion is postmarked by March 10 and \$70 after. Each

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LRA gymnast scores well at districts

By Matt Thornicroft

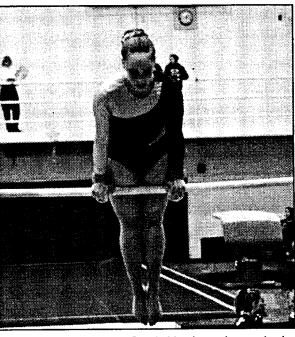
Lake Ridge Academy's lone gymnast, Sarah Vandevender, gave it her best shot at Saturday's district gymnastics meet at Medina High School.

Vandevender, a sophomore, placed 46th allaround with a score of 29.650. Her first year representing the Royals, Vandevender put up a solid effort against a very formidable field of gymnasts.

"I'm happy with how I did," Vandevender said. "I felt I did pretty good for a district meet."

Though she missed advancing to states, she scored a 7.600 in the vault, a 6.900 in the uneven bars, a 7.550 in the balance beam and a 7.600 in the floor exercises.

Vandevender competes as a member of Lake Ridge, but trains with Buckeye and Midpark head coach Rick Smetana. Involved with club gymnastics since the sixth grade, this is her first year in high school competition.



Lake Ridge sophomore Sarah Vandevender works her way through her routine on the uneven bars at Saturday's district meet at Medina. She placed 46th all-around.

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is holding registration for baseball and softball Feb. 28 and March 7 from 7-9 p.m. and March Giacomo Puccini's 1 and 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Boys Madame and girls ages 6-18 may participate. Call 353-0860 for more information. Butterfly Adult softball registrations The Westlake Recreation Department is accepting

registrations for the 2003 adult softball season. The season, which runs from May-August, features leagues for men, women and co-ed teams. For more information, please call (440) 808-5700 ext. 426.

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Youth baseball/softball

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Cost is \$60 for one parent and one child if registra-

Saints advance to championship game

The flu bug and the St. Bernadette Blue (SBB) team couldn't stop the North Ridgeville St. Peter seventh grade boys basketball team. The Saints defeated SBB 25-11 Sunday to advance to the championship game of the St. Peter Tournament Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The Saints had four players battling the flu and it showed with some lethargic first quarter play until Pat Flanagan ignited the spark that set the team on a roll in the second half.

Flanagan (eight points, six rebounds, three steals) led the Saints followed by Jayson Graham (seven points, nine rebounds, two steals). Joey Andulics and Richie Baker each scored four points and grabbed nine rebounds. Tim Ice rounded out the scoring with two points to go along with his eight boards. Matt Healy, Joey DeCapite and Michael Becker were instrumental on defense and rebounding. The Saints can lay claim to the tourney title this week by defeating the SBB/Avon Lake St. Joseph winner from the losers bracket.







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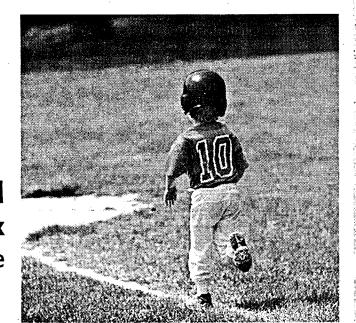


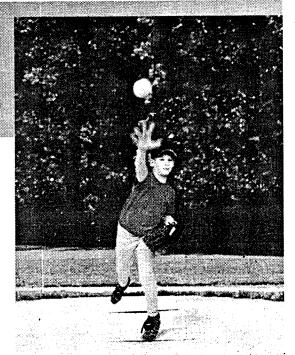
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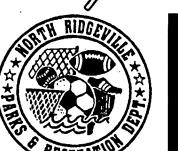
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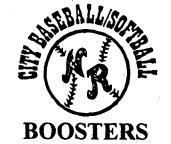
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EDUCATION

JVS class collects videos for area hospitals

Childhood Education class sponsored a video drive to help refresh the video libraries in the pediatric units of local hospitals. Over 200 new or slightly used family-oriented videos were collected from JVS staff and students. The students received donations from local Girl Scout chapters and the toddlers who attend the JVS preschool operated by the students.

The videos will be distributed to Community Health Partners, EMH Regional Health Center and Allen Medical Center in Oberlin.

Jenny Tatarowicz, Danielle Temesvari and Tori Cain, all juniors from North Ridgeville High School, designed and cochaired the service project for their vocational youth club FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America).



Jenny Tatarowicz, Danielle Temesvari and Tori Cain, all from North Ridgeville High School designed and co-chaired the service project.

LRA students win scholastic art awards

Four Lake Ridge Academy upper school students received Scholastic Art Gold Key Awards. There were 1,700 entries for the 35th Annual Nordson Corporation Scholastic Art Exhibition at the Stocker Center Gallery at Lorain County Community College (LCCC). Upper school students honored with Gold Keys were Jeffrey Ader, Lakshami Mahajan, Samantha Mittelstaedt and Morgan Szulewski-Francis. Gold Key award selections will be sent to New York City for display.

Upper school Silver Key second place winners were Sachin Garg, Steve Hudac, Laura Jones and Marissa Slany. Upper school honorable mention winners were Ian Anderson, Laura Jones, John

Olmsted and Kori Zurawski.

Matt Nahorn was a middle school Silver Key winner. Middle school honorable mention winners were Nicholas Marinik, Drew Sykes and Alexia Voutsiotis. Junior Jeff Ader received a nomination for the

American Visions Award. His work was one of five chosen from the top 50 entries.

The judges in New York will select one of the five to be the recipient of the \$100 American Visions cash award. At the close of the Scholastic Art Regional Exhibit at LCCC, Lake Ridge Academy's Gold Key finalists will represent Lorain County in the New York competition.

What's for lunch? For the week of Feb. 27 to March 5, 2003

N.R. Middle School/High School

Thur: Soft taco or cook's choice, veggies, pears, milk. Fri: Fish filet sandwich or chicken patty sandwich, potato ■ and cheese pierogies, coleslaw, peaches, milk. Mon: Pizza, chef salad, breadstick, veggies, applesauce, milk. Tue: Beefy cheesy nachos w/roll or chicken patty sandwich, carrots, fruit, milk.

Wed: Fish filet sandwich or chicken fajitas, pears, milk.

North Ridgeville Elementary

Thur: Soft taco, veggies, pears, milk. Fri: Fish stick sandwich or chicken patty sandwich, tater tots

Mon: Pizza, breadstick, veggies, applesauce, milk. Tue: Beefie, cheese nachos, roll, carrots, fruit, milk. Wed: Fish or chicken nuggets, roll, fries, peaches, milk.

St. Peter Catholic School

Thur: Taco salad boat or hamburger, corn, milk. Fri: Fish sandwich or cheese pizza, fries, carrot w/dressing, milk. Mon: Pepperoni pizza snacks w/dipping sauce or chicken nuggets, pears, corn, milk. Tue: Steak nuggets or hotdog, fries, milk.

Wed: French toast w/yogurt or grilled cheese, strawberries, orange juice, milk.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Ann Wallenhorst Gorman, of North Ridgeville, recently graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a master of business administration degree.

Kevin Lawson and Charles May, both of North Ridgeville, have been named to the Academic Honors List at Owens Community College.

Melissa Marino, of North Ridgeville, has been named to the Dean's List at Lorain County Community College.



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Saturday 1

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multipurpose room

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

Sunday 2

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay

6-7:30 p.m. N.R. Presbyterian Fellowship-Safetyville Building. For info call Gordon Blasius at 777-3412.

Monday 3

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Craft group and guilting. 7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. Call the library at 327-8326/info.

7:30 p.m. Work session city council-Council chambers. 8 p.m. City council meeting-Council chambers.

Tuesday 4

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of N.R.-N.R. Community Care. 9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multipurpose room.

9:30 a.m. PTA council-N.R. Middle School.

10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more information, call the library at 327-8326. 12 p.m. Senior Club-Senior Center.

1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Watercolor classes.

6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class, Senior Center multi-purpose room.

7-8 a.m. Lions Club-Community Care.

7 p.m. Tops Club #656-N.R. Baptist Church, 5400 Lear-Nagle Road.

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church. 9300 West Ridge Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info.

Wednesday 5

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Quilting, cards, lunch, bingo, watercolor class.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497-Webster's

1 p.m. SHHH Group-Hearing Impaired Services of Lorain County, 1917 North Ridge Road, Lorain. 5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers-First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Road.

8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball-Palmer Field.

Thursday 6

9 a.m. Senior Center-Men's breakfast. 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class,

Senior Center multi-purpose room. 6:30-8 p.m. Marsh hike-Sandy Ridge Wetland Center. 7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more

information, call the library at 327-8326. 8-9 p.m. Al Anon-New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Road.

Friday 7

9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-

Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center.

1 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired-Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Road.

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

Saturday 8

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

Sunday 9

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Aux.-Country breakfast buffet. 6-7:30 p.m. N.R. Presbyterian Fellowship-Safetyville Building. For info call Gordon Blasius, 777-3412.

Monday 10

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-craft group and guilting. 7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters-Park & rec. office. 7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. Call the library at 327-8326 for more information. 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux.-At the post.

Tuesday 11

9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-

10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more information, call the library at 327-8326. 1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Watercolor class.

6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club of N.R.-Webster's Place. 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class,

Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. Tops Club #656-N.R. Baptist Church, 5400 Lear-Nagle Road.

7 p.m. Planning commission-Council chambers.

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info.

7:30 p.m. Pre-school PTA-N.R. Middle School cafeteria. 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's County Council-At the post. 7:30 p.m.-Garden Club.

Wednesday 12

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Quilting, cards, lunch, bingo, watercolor class.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497-Webster's

5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building. 7:30 p.m. Baseball/Softball League-Park & rec. office. 7:30 p.m. Band Boosters-N.R. Middle School band room. 7:30 p.m. Historical Society-Old Town Hall. 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's meeting-At the post.

Thursday 13

9 a.m. Senior Center-Women's breakfast. 1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Pinochle club. 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class,

Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more

information, call the library at 327-8326. 8-9 p.m. Al-Anon-New Life Community Church, 34100 Center

Ridge Road. 8 p.m. N.R.ASL-Senior Center.

Friday 14

9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-

Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center. 1 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired-Westlake

Senior Center, 29694 Center Ridge Road. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay

at 960-5384/info. 7:30 p.m. Lorain County Beekeepers Assoc.-Agricultural Center, 42110 Russia Road, Elyria.

Saturday 15

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center mutli-11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetvville Building.

Sunday 16

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

6-7:30 p.m. N.R. Presbyterian Fellowship-Safetyville Building. For info call Gordon Blasius, 777-3412.

Monday 17

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Craft group and quilting. 7 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group-Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.

7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. Call the library at 327-8326 for more information. 7:30 p.m. N.R. Arts Council-First Congregational UCC Church. 7:30 p.m. Work session city council-Council chambers.

Tuesday 18

8 p.m. City council meeting-Council chambers.

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of N.R.-Community Care. 9:30-11a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-pur-

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Babysitting basics course-2929 W. River Road N., Elyria. Cost is \$30. For more information call 324-2929. 10:30a.m. or 1p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more information, call the library at 327-8326.

1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Watercolor classes. 6:30 p.m. Lions Club-Webster's Place.

6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class, Senior Center multi-purpose room.

7 p.m. Tops Club #656-N.R. Baptist Church, 5400 Lear-7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church.

9300 West Ridge Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info. 7:30 p.m. Board of Education meeting-Education Center.

Wednesday 19

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Quilting, cards, lunch, bingo, watercolor class. Blood pressure check.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497-Webster's 2:30-4:30 p.m. Lorain County General Health District-Free

blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Road. 5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission-Council chambers. 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.

Thursday 20

9 a.m. Senior Center-Men's breakfast. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Lorain County General Health District-Free blood pressure screenings at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center

6:15 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux.-Visit to Brecksville 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class,

Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. N.R.F.L.-Senior Center.

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Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center. 9492/info. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call

Saturday 22

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

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Friday 21

9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior

Center multi-purpose room.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Sunday 23

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info. 6-7:30 p.m. N.R. Presbyterian Fellowship-Safetyville Building. For info call Gordon Blasius, 777-3412.

Monday 24

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Craft group 7 p.m. Football Boosters Club-N.R. High School cafeteria.

7 p.m. VFW #9871-Ladies Cnt. Council.

Tuesday 25

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of N.R.-Community 9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior

Center multi-purpose room. 1-3 p.m. Senior Center-Book club. 1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Watercolor classes. 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body

sculpting class, Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John 7 p.m. Survivors of Suicide and Attempted

Suicide-EMH Conference Room A (8th floor). 7 p.m. Tops Club #656-N.R. Baptist Church,

Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-

Wednesday 26

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Senior Center-Quilting, cards, funch, bingo, watercolor class, fishing club. 12:15-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497-Webster's Place. 3:30-6 p.m. Child immunization-Child

immunization clinic, St. Julie Billiart Church, Lear Road. 5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville

Building. 7:30 p.m. Parks & recreation commission-

Multi-purpose room. 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's meeting-At the post.

Thursday 27 8 a.m. Visitor's Bureau Committee-34845

Lorain Road. 12 p.m. Senior Center-Super Thursday lunch/entertainment, \$5.

1-4 p.m. Senior Center-Pinochle Club. 6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class, Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting-Council chambers.

7 p.m. Pre-school story time-N.R. Public Library. For more information, call the library at 327-8326.

Friday 28 9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room. Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center.

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Saturday 29

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety Sunday 30

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info. 6-7:30 p.m. N.R. Presbyterian Fellowship-Safetyville Building. For info call Gordon Blasius, 777-3412.



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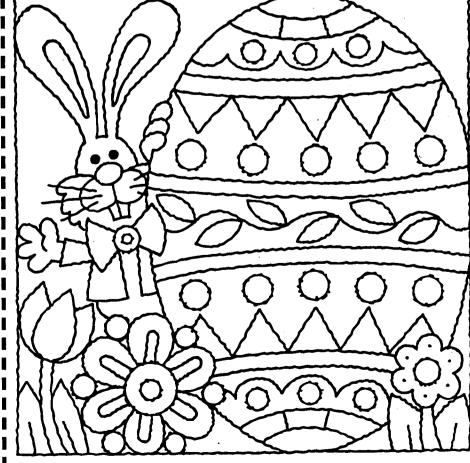
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He is the grandson of Robert and Barbara Vick of North Ridgeville and William and Rosemary Arkey of Avon Lake.

IN THE SERVICE

Jordan J. Hines

Marine Corps Cpl. Jordan J. Hines was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

Hines is a 1995 graduate of Lakewood High School. He joined the Marine Corps in January 1999. Hines is the son of Robert J. Hines, of North Ridgeville.

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The bloodmobile will be at Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville, March 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Events at Sandy Ridge Wetland Center

A marsh hike will be held March 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. Sandy Ridge Wetland Center is located at 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville.

Asthma support group meeting

The Lorain County Asthma Support group will meet tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at Lorain County Community College room 227A of the College Center building. The meeting will focus on asthma in the cold months. Dr. Amy Chuang, M.D. Medical Advisor will answer questions. Meetings are informal and informative.

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Irish play presented at LCCC

"The Cripple of Inishmaan," a hilarious dark comedy by Martin McDonagh will be at the Stocker Center Studio Theatre of Lorain County Community College, Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1, and 3-6 at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$5 and senior citizens, students and staff tickets are \$4.

For ticket information call the box office at (800) 995-5222, ext. 4040.

Bureau seeking board members

The Lorain County Visitors Bureau is seeking affective board members with a desire to promote travel and tourism in Lorain County. Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. The board recesses during the months of July, August and December. Criteria for board members include: trustees must reside in Lorain County, are required to attend six of nine board meetings during the first year, serve on at least one standing committee and trustees must set aside personal and business interests when making decisions on behalf of the Lorain County Visitors Bureau.

Submit a written letter stating your willingness to serve on the board, along with your biography by March 14 to the Lorain County Visitors Bureau, 611 Broadway, Lorain 44052-1803 or fax your letter to 245-5342.

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OBITUARIES

Frances L. Klear

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Frances L. Klear (nee Conroy), 87, of Perrysburg, formerly of Wakeman, died Feb. 18, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee, following a brief illness. She was born in Cleveland and raised in

Wakeman. She lived in Toledo for many years until moving to Perrysburg several years ago to be with her daughter.

She graduated from Wakeman High School and attended St. Vincent School of Nursing in Toledo. Mrs. Klear was employed for many years as a hotel banquet waitress in Toledo.

She was a member of The Historic Church of St. Patrick and KCettes Knights of Columbus Council 3122, both in Toledo; and a past member of Most Holy Rosary Cathedral parish, Toledo.

She enjoyed travel and was proud of her Irish heritage. Survivors include her sons, Thomas E. Klear of North Ridgeville and John "Mike" Klear of Maumee; daughters, Marilyn of Perrysburg, Carolyn of Rossford and Joyce Brock of Oak Harbor; a sister, Sister Gertrude Marie of Toledo; and 27 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, L.R. "Red" Klear, in 1980; a son, James Klear; a daughter, Mary "Trudy" Bogue; sisters, Helen Nolan and Mary Alice Conroy; and brothers, Thomas B. and Lawrence Conroy.

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A Mass was held Feb. 22 in The Historic Church of St. Patrick. Burial was in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery, Wakeman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ursuline Retirement Fund, 4045 Indian Road, Toledo 43606.

Michael F. Krase

Michael F. Krase, 85, of Oberlin, formerly of Lorain, died suddenly Feb. 11, 2003, at his home. He was born July 17, 1917, in Braddock, Pa. He

lived in Lorain from 1922 until he moved to Oberlin nine months ago. Mr. Krase graduated from Lorain High School in

1936 and received an engineering degree from Fenn

College, Cleveland. He was employed by U.S. Steel of Pittsburgh for 48 years before retiring in 1984 as a project control engineer.

He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lorain, Lorain County Shrine Club, Lorain County Scottish Rite Society, Al Koran Temple in Cleveland and American Slovak Club. He was a charter member of the Cosmopolitan Dance Club and life member of Elks Lodge 1301 and the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

Mr. Krase worked with Boy Scout Troop 306 for 20 years, the last eight years as assistant leader. He served as treasurer for Michael Scherach's

election campaigns.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mildred (nee Schuller); a son, James M. Krase of Amherst; daughters, Michele K. Becker of Wakeman and Susan L. Salter of North Ridgeville; a brother, John Krasnobrucky of Elyria; sisters, Mary Krasnobrucky of Lorain and Irene Krase of San Clemente, Calif.; and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank Krasnobrucky in 1946 and Julia (nee Krezman) Krasnobrucky in 1974; and a sister, Julia Bresak, in 2000. Arrangements were handled by Dovin Funeral

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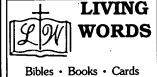
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POLICE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Ready to club somebody

The police department responded to a call from the Convenient Food Mart on Center Ridge Road at Pitts concerning a white male in his 40s, carrying a black bag, and was threatening and harassing customers with a club.

When officers arrived they saw the man walking out of the front door. When they told him they wanted to speak to him, he became verbally abusive, calling them obscene names. When the policemen told him to calm down and told him he would have to stay at the store while they investigated, he became verbally abusive again.

Finally the defendant told the officer that someone had gotten in his face in the store and he was dealing with it. When asked, the subject said he had another club in his bag and said he was going to use it to break someone's neck.

The employees told police that when the defendant went into the store to purchase something, he emptied some of the contents of his black bag onto the floor in front of the doors. When customers attempted to get by, he became upset, pulled out what appeared to be a table leg and waived it at the customers.

The assistant store manager allowed police to view the incident on the store's surveillance tape, which was taken into evidence.

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He said the only people who have access to the office are his staff who he trusts and a woman who cleans the office for him and has worked for him for many years. He said there is a new cleaning company that cleans the rest of the building, but he did not know the company name. The owner of the building could not be reached.

The complainant said the locks are the original ones and are not very secure. He said he has entered his office previously with a credit card when he has forgotten his keys.

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FIRE BLOTTERS

Fire at NRMS investigated

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Alarm malfunction at LRA

A fire alarm went off in the middle school at Lake Ridge Academy. The

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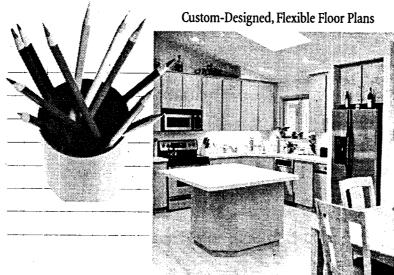
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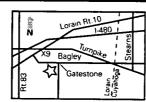


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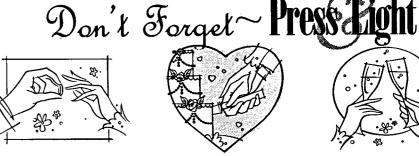
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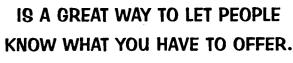
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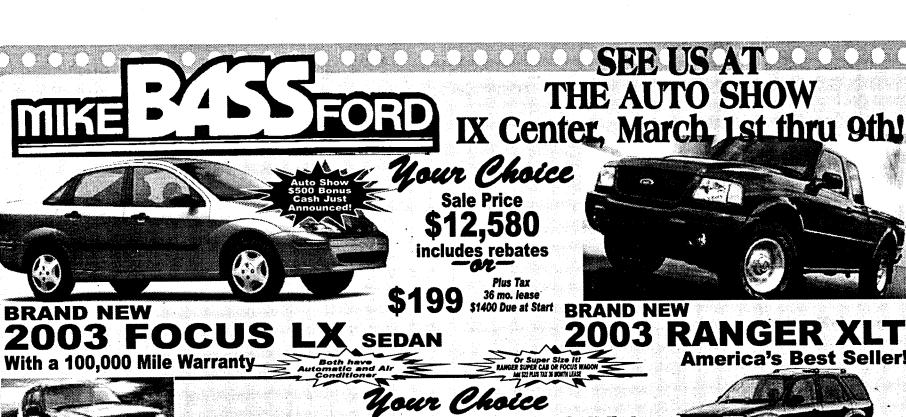
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