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City's power shuts down; officials rev up

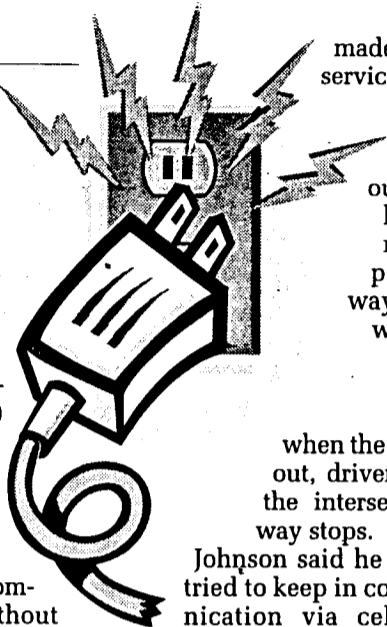
By Carol Klear

Throughout the city last Thursday afternoon computer screens went black, faxes refused to transmit, microwaves stopped, washers balked in mid-cycle and anything powered by electricity came to a halt.

North Ridgeville residents were among the 50 million people stunned by the blackout that swept northeast United States a little after 4 p.m. on Aug. 14.

While many other communities were still without electrical power on Friday, Ridgeville's outage lasted a little more than five hours-but enough to send city officials into emergency mode.

Mayor Deanna Hill was at home and Safety Service Director Jim Johnson was nearing the end of his workday when the power shut down. Hill said she immediately went back to her office, where a generator provided light, and Johnson



made a detour to the service garage on his way home. With the traffic signals out, Johnson said he wanted to make sure the portable four-way stop signs were installed.

Hill agreed and said that the law is that when the traffic lights are out, drivers are to regard the intersections as four-way stops.

Johnson said he and the mayor tried to keep in constant communication via cellular phones, however due to the volume of residents' calls, the phones were tied up a lot of the time. Hill said that from her office she updated the situation with both the fire and police chiefs, as well as with the safety service director. After stopping home to change clothes, Johnson said he began making the rounds at the fire and police stations, as well as the nursing homes to make sure their generators were on.

"We put a plan in place to direct traffic," Johnson said, calling in off-duty police officers and using auxiliary police.

"Despite all the controversy about police cars, all were in use," Hill said.

Johnson agreed, noting the auxiliary used the cruisers to assist in the situation.

Gasoline, or the inability to access it, was another problem for the police department.

"There was no gas," Johnson said. "The only place was on the turnpike at mile marker 139 and since we didn't know how long it (outage) would be, we had one guy shuttling cruisers."

The French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was another area of concern.

"They can go 11 hours without power," Johnson said. Beyond that, there is a potential for backup.

On Friday morning, he said a sprinkling ban was in place, because the water tower was "fairly well depleted" and the city was pumping water in from Elyria. A service department

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Marking places of safety

Both students and drivers should be on the "places of safety" flags like those being placed by North Ridgeville City Schools bus drivers/trainers Pat Kordish, (left) and Carol Blaser. Students arriving at bus stops five minutes early and drivers obeying posted speed limits are other important parts of the safety program. (Story on page 3)

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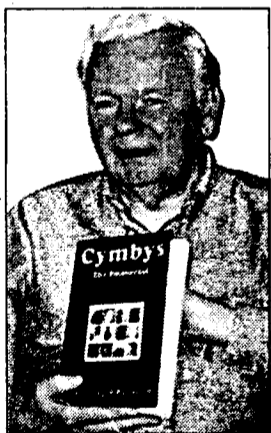
Ridgeville author's first novel, a sci-fi thriller

By Carol Klear

This morning an Alberta Clipper howled across the border from Canada into Montana and then Wyoming, splintering trees, tearing off roofs, downing power lines, and engulfing the highways with blinding white-outs...As dawn broke, hurricane-force gales rushed down the dizzying heights of Sacrosanct Mountain, slid unimpeded across the shimmering ice of Lake Viracocha and then laid siege to Kramer lodge.

And the scene is set for "Cymbys The Immortal," a science fiction book by North Ridgeville resident Garth Lambert that combines the age-old quest for everlasting life and a 4,600-year-old entity that seems to possess it.

The secret to escaping death's design is pursued by Anastasia Krebs, an elderly rich woman who doesn't want to die, archaeologist Albert



Lambert

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"What should you do if?" Part I

By Melissa Linebrink

Editor's Note: Over the next three weeks, *The Press & Light* will be taking a look at different scenarios children and adults may find themselves involved in under special circumstances. During this series entitled, "What should you do if?" you will discover ways to keep yourself and your family members safe.

Part I: School is in session

As the new school year approaches, it is important for parents and school teachers to make sure children are safe. This means children should be taught about strangers and wearing proper gear while riding a bicycle to and from school. It also means teachers should know the signs of child abuse.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, there are nearly 800,000 children reported missing each year. That is an estimated 2,000 per day.

With the opening of school, it is important for adults to know the way they can prevent their children from becoming statistics. During a recent interview, North Ridgeville Police Detective and

Youth Officer, Greg Petek, said that depending on the age of the child, the best possible way to ensure your child is not abducted is to keep him/her close by and visible as much as possible.

"Obviously as children get older, you will not be able to do this 24 hours a day," he said. "Parents should educate their children on the dangers that are out there, but should not use fear as a motivating factor."

Knowledge is key, he added.

Children should be educated as to the different types of techniques used by abductors such as asking children to assist in finding an address or a lost animal, and using money or animals to lure a child to them.

"Parents should teach their children to be alert and aware of their surroundings," Petek said. "Children should be taught that a 'good' or 'bad' stranger is not based on how the stranger looks, but on the way they act."

If a child is being forced into a vehicle, Petek said that depending on the situation, there are many options a child can take.

In the past, it was thought that if a child complied with the abductor by acting in a passive manner that

the child would somehow survive the ordeal. However, that is not always the case.

"There are now many documented cases where children have avoided being abducted by drawing attention to the event," he said.

A child's first response should be to run, preferably in the opposite direction the vehicle is facing. If an abductor grabs a child, he/she should yell, kick, scream or do whatever it takes to get noticed. Even if the abductor is armed, there is a greater chance of survival for the child if they run away, than to comply with the abductor's orders, Petek explained.

He said that Dignity Memorial Escape School suggests that if a child is abducted in a vehicle, he/she should attempt to disable the vehicle. This can be done by reaching under the driver side dashboard and pulling on wires as hard as they can. Other options taught by the Escape School are to put something in the ignition if the keys are out, such as a small pebble from the floor or a button from a child's clothing. A last resort could be for the child to attack the abductor while the abductor is driving.

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Student bus safety program marks start of school year

Place of Safety Program designed to help students and drivers

Safety has always been a "driving force" for the transportation department at the North Ridgeville City Schools (NRCS). "Bus routes are designed to minimize student travel time and to promote safety," Transportation Supervisor GERALYN Gulan-Hlavna said.

"As our community grows, more students travel more miles. More than ever, we need the help of parents and car drivers to maintain a safe transportation system."

This year, as an extra step for safety sake, the district will be marking designated "places of safety" with a yellow flag marked North Ridgeville City Schools Place of Safety.

A place of safety goes beyond the traditional bus stop. The concept means that students need to arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled bus pick-up time. This allows drivers to see waiting students as the bus approaches the stop and minimizes the need by students to run for the bus or to cross the street without looking.

The marked place of safety is the area where students need to stand and remain while waiting for the bus. They should remain there until the bus door opens and the driver signals that it is time for students to enter the bus.

After school, the students should go to their place of safety and remain there

until the bus pulls away from the stop. As a rule, where there are sidewalks, the place of safety is on the home side of the sidewalk, not at curbside. The flags will be used to mark these areas whether sidewalks are in place or not.

Safety rules are posted on each bus and reviewed with the students by each driver. Repeated failure to observe bus safety rules can result in a student losing their bus riding privileges. This is to protect the safety of all children and the driver on the bus. To help parents, the rules and procedures are in the latest issue of School Watch-the district newsletter that contained the bus route information. The Place of Safety plan will also be part of the orientation program for kindergartners and first graders.

Driver training and bus maintenance are other keys to bus safety. Each year driver/trainers, Pat Kordish, and Carol Blaser, train new drivers and review safe driving techniques with experienced drivers. Driver mechanics and cleaners work tirelessly to keep buses mechanically safe and ready for the road.

"While our bus fleet is a little older than the state average, each bus that transports students has passed an annual state bus inspection," Assistant Superintendent David Livingston said. "This level of efficiency and safety is a credit to our transportation team."

Planners recommend Dettore's request to zoning board

By Carol Klear

After a series of delays, developer Frank Dettore presented a "concept plan" for property on Center Ridge Road to the planning commission last week, including a request that the B-2 commercial area, west of All American Sports Center, be given R-2 conditional use.

The commission voted 5-0 to recommend a request to the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals (BZA).

According to Dettore, Meadow Lakes Boulevard, which runs south from his Meadow Lakes Development to Center Ridge Road would jog to meet Evergreen Road on the south side of Center Ridge.

However, commission members disagreed with the configuration and suggested aligning Meadow Lakes Boulevard with Evergreen.

Dettore said that would infringe on the sports' center drive and asked if Evergreen could be renamed, "Meadow Lakes Boulevard."

"We were interested in going to Race Road, but Lovece (Stewart Lovece, the former city engineer) put the water connection there," he said.

Responding to a question, Dettore said the original idea for a golf course is over.

"No golf course," he said. He said the road from his development at Barres Road would "become a main drive" and help with the traffic problem on Center Ridge Road.

Councilwoman Nancy Buescher

asked if the land that had been slated for a golf course would now be considered open space.

Evergreen," Young said.

"I'll go to All American Sports Center and try to purchase that land,"

Dettore said.

Councilwoman Bernadine Butkowski said that Dettore's plans included four-plexes, which are not allowed. She also said the city can't take any more housing units.

"It is zoned commercial; keep it commercial," she said. "We don't have to do this and send it on."

Following several other exchanges and specifics on language, the commission voted to refer the request to the BZA.

"This is not a full presentation... He'll get planning commission approval to go to the BZA and be back with further presentations."

~Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan

"We'll have open space in the PCD (planned community development)," Dettore said.

"He's just looking for conditional use," Planning Commission Chairman Ron Schwachenwald said. "We didn't have the footprint before."

"This is not a full presentation," Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan said. "He'll get planning commission approval to go to the BZA and be back with further presentations."

"Have you seen enough to go to the BZA?" she asked. "The BZA grants conditional use. They can put conditions on it."

"We don't have the design yet, we can't sell it," Dettore said.

Andy Young noted that the jog would add congestion to that area.

"We're trying to eliminate congestion," Dettore said. "If we ever need a light at Meadow Lakes, I'd pay for it."

"If the name's not an issue, connect it (Meadow Lakes Boulevard) to

Don't connect downspouts illegally

City Engineer Larry Griffith has some concerns about downspout connections, particularly on new home construction and notes that a city ordinance adopted two years ago states that downspouts should not be connected directly to footer tiles, but rather drain onto splash blocks and not onto sidewalks or driveways.

To ensure Storm Water Best Management Practices are adhered to, Griffith said the ordinance requires all storm water roof downspouts be directed to the splash blocks. This allows the run-off water to seep into the ground, evaporate naturally or lengthen the time it takes for water to get to the drainage course.

"It has been noted that after the

final grade inspections have been completed, some homeowners are making modifications to their downspouts," Griffith said. "We felt further clarification of the intentions of the ordinance was needed."

Restating the regulation, Griffith said that downspouts must drain to splash blocks, with no connections to footer tile, drain tile, ditch or storm sewers unless there is an extreme hardship and the engineer gives written permission.

The engineer reminds residents that there is a penalty for violating the ordinance and homeowners could be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned up to six months or both, for each offense. Each day of the violation is considered a separate offense.

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Angie McGuire, RPh.

Ridge Kids are looking for you at the Lorain County Fair

GOT MY ATTENTION.....The North Ridgeville Ridge Kids 4-H Club passed out flyers at the Corn Festival with these curious questions: "Have you ever seen a whog, borse, fishphent or a zebeep?" And my answer, "No...what the heck are they?" Well, according to the Ridge Kids Times, I'll have to head to the Lorain County Fair Grandstand, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. to see how regular animals are changed by a time machine. A zebra and a sheep formed a zebeep, a whale and a dog shaped a whog...oh my gosh, how very strange. Excuse me while I check my calendar, I want to see this.

OH SURE.....Now that summer vacation is almost over and the kids are about to head back to school, Mother

KLEARLY SPEAKING

Nature flips the switch on the big heater and makes it hot, hot, hot.

SPEAKING OF HEAT.....Did I or did I not see three fans whirling in the engineering department at city hall? Whatever happened to the days of air conditioning to stave off the heat?

BIRD OR MOTH?.....Did you ever see those tiny bugs...or birds...or whatever that have little furry bodies, but have wing-action like hummingbirds? You have? Well, Rosemary Berg said those

are called hummingbird moths. Now isn't that interesting and that's the entomology lesson for today.

BIRDS TO WORDS.....A little bird told me that North Ridgeville Branch Library Director Karen Sigsworth, couldn't find enough letters for the sign in front of the Ohio Town Hall to advertise the "Antique Vehicles" that were displayed on Sunday of the Corn Festival weekend. Undaunted, Karen arranged the letters to read, "Old Cars."

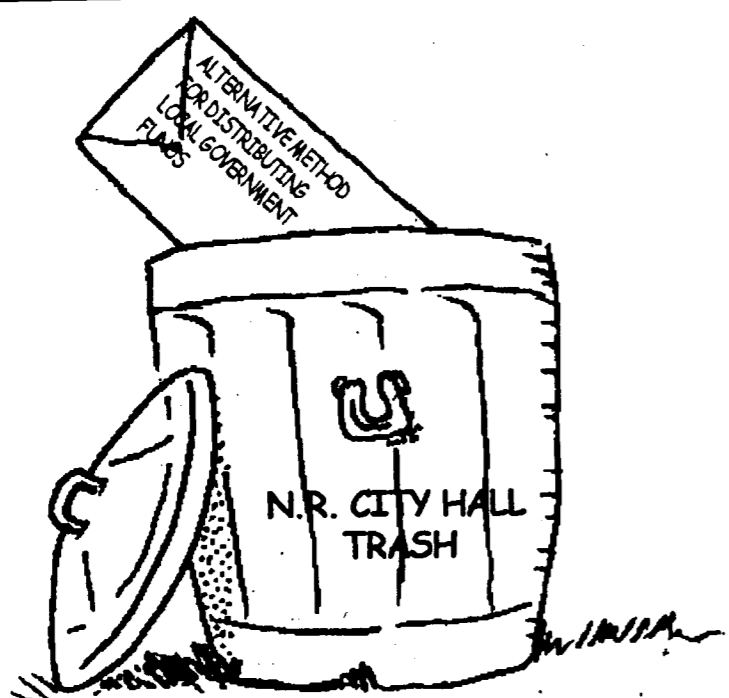
MORE ON KAREN.....There was a photo of Karen in the July 16, anniversary issue, playing the role of the "story lady" at the library, and right in front of

her, was little Jessi Horak, taking in every word. To refresh your memory, a grown-up Jessi was pictured with her husband and the USS Ronald Reagan, on the front page of the July 30 issue. How time flies.

A REAL JOKESTER.....During last week's planning commission meeting, developer Frank Dettore said he'd have to negotiate with the owner of All-American Sports Center about a piece of land. For those who may be new to North Ridgeville, Frank IS the owner of All-American Sports Center.

NO JOKE.....The blackout in North Ridgeville Thursday afternoon was no joke, but thanks to the cooperation of all city departments and most residents, we got through it with little more than inconvenience.

Ed Kelly



PRESSLINE

Caller: This was brought up by Melissa Linebrink's article about barking dogs. I live in a neighborhood where there are two barking dogs. They bark at the drop of a hat constantly while they are outside. I wonder about people who have dogs like this. Don't they have any consideration for their neighbors? I even wonder how they stand it. Is there any noise ordinance that controls barking dogs in North Ridgeville?

Response: According to a dispatcher at the North Ridgeville Police Department, there is a "barking dog" ordinance.

Five hours wasn't very long; but it was long enough

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep.

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

As St. Julie's choir sang this joyous conclusion to Sunday's Mass celebrating the 25th anniversary of the parish, I couldn't help thinking how the words also applied so fittingly to the events of just 70 hours before.

It was 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon and I was in my office rereading some notes for a story I was working on. My workplace is an interior room devoid of windows, so I'm never without the assistance of the fluorescent bulbs high above.

I was having a tad bit of difficulty deciphering what I refer to as my own brand of shorthand when the light above me flickered and died; in seconds it was back on.



Editor's Notebook

By Carol Klear

As I returned to my reading, the bulbs went out again and the computer screen faded.

The worst blackout in the history of the United States had begun.

Without power and phone service, there was little to do but go home.

As I headed south, I approached each traffic intersection gingerly, hoping I'd make it through without incident, while listening to radio newscasters who speculated on the cause of the failure as everything from terrorism to an explosion at Niagara Falls was discussed.

At home, late afternoon was becoming

early evening, and I saw the man across the street begin to rev up his generator, preparing to ride the blackout.

Several other neighbors were doing as we were and heating up the backyard grill for supper, while the electric stove languished in the kitchen...unplugged.

When I went to the basement for supplies, I found the water in the sump crock overflowing onto the floor. I forgot the pump runs on electricity, but for a time it was strictly bucket brigade.

Ed Kelly, the P&L cartoonist said everyone in his Cleveland neighborhood checked on one another to make sure that no one, particularly senior citizens, was in dire distress from the outage.

There were stories of long lines at the gas pumps, of people jamming restaurants that were powered by generators and of stores selling out of batteries and bottled water.

The blackness that shrouded the affected areas left no one untouched, not even

Mayor Deanna Hill.

"All my flashlights and candles were packed in boxes," she laughed.

Though I talked to a number of people during North Ridgeville's five hours of darkness, one of the most interesting calls came around 9:30 p.m. from a New York Times Magazine photographer who was in the area.

"I'm looking for pictures of a family in a farm community eating dinner by candlelight," he said, talking on a cell phone from a McDonald's in Oberlin.

"Well, we were sitting on our porch by candlelight, but our power's back on now," I said.

"Oh," he replied, obviously disappointed. "If your power's on, maybe it's not such a big story, after all."

With a subconscious smile at the comment, I set aside the daydream and returned to the choir's hymn, very happy to be out of the darkness and enjoying the light.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A message to residents

To the Editor:

I'd like to explain to residents my position on the economic problems our city finds itself in and my reasons for voting against a levy proposal to address the problem.

The poor national economy caught up with our community several months ago. Council reacted by cutting department budgets by 4 percent over last year's numbers, restricted overtime and rejected requests for major purchases and staff increases. It has become clear those cuts are not going to be enough.

We have seen a strong increase in housing in North Ridgeville, but those new homes have not yet had a major impact on funds available to city government. There are two reasons for this. Property tax levies, by Ohio law, can only collect the amount fixed when the levy is passed. As our homes increase in value and new homes are added to the tax base, the effective rate of a 2-mill property tax is reduced so the city collects the same dollar amount that was calculated when the tax began. In short, the new homes pick up a share of the tax burden, reducing the amount the rest of us pay.

Funds from our 1 percent income tax were expected to rise as new residents joined the tax base, but records show this is not happening. This is likely due to the large number of retired residents buying the new homes. Retirement and investment income is not taxed by the city.

So we find ourselves with an increasing demand on city services from new housing and new residents, and a stagnant tax base. Something has to give, and there are only two main options.

A tax increase of 2-mills was proposed for police department operations. Funds from this tax could only be used for police purposes, but it would replace general fund money now going to police operations, allowing the general fund money to be used for other departments and purposes. This proposal was rejected by council.

I cannot speak for my fellow council members, but I can give my reasons for voting against this levy proposal. The poor economy has hurt many residents. Some have lost jobs or faced pay reductions. Others see investment and retirement income falling. These residents and others are doing what they must to

make ends meet. I expect our city to do the same.

Council has asked the administration to outline cuts in expenses to cover the expected deficit. The reply was too general and did not come close to covering the deficit. It is now time for council to act. I speak only for myself, not my fellow council members, but I'd like to spend a moment explaining my priorities in determining where the necessary cuts should be directed:

The first priority is resident services; all cuts should be directed to areas of our budget that have minimal impact on resident services.

The second priority is jobs. While no job comes with a guarantee of continued employment, we have a responsibility to those who work for the city and their families. Every effort should be made to keep those people employed and productive.

I don't feel it is appropriate to discuss specific cuts until council has met with department heads to determine the best areas to make cuts. We will also need input from residents, city workers and businesses in the community.

The city must balance the budget, it is the law. The 2004 fiscal year is the real challenge so cuts made now need to cover our current expenses and provide a modest surplus to carryover into 2004. We cannot leave this issue for the next administration and council. It will be too late.

There may well be a need for increased revenue through a property tax levy or an income tax increase, but I will not support such an effort until we have changed the mindset and the budget from one of prosperity, supported by almost 10 years of good economies, to a more realistic mindset, reflecting our current situation.

Denny Johnson
North Ridgeville Council At-Large
Worcester-McRoberts family reunion

To the Editor:

The original Worcester family reunions were held in various Lorain County locations each year from 1904-1943. These gatherings included all descendants of Samuel and Polly (McRoberts) Worcester, who came in 1845 to Pittsfield Twp. from Vermont. In 1983, the "new" Worcester family

reunions were started at North Ridgeville and in 1994, the McRoberts branch of the family was also included.

About 75-100 attendees are expected at this year's reunion, which will be the 21st "new" reunion. It is now estimated that direct descendants of these early Lorain County settlers currently number in the thousands. Most are scattered around the United States.

Some area families connected with the Worcester/McRoberts family include: Almas, Avery, Bachman, Bing, Bradley, Carruthers, Clark, Coe, Crocker, Dengler, Eskins, Folk, Geist, Green, Greene, Harmeling, Hecock, Hibinger, Hogue, Hooper, Ives, Jenkins, Kelley, Kodysh, Lesnick, Lowery, Mann, Manzo, McConnell, Morlock, Norton, Ortnor, Post, Rathwell, Reising, Ritter, Rogers, Shipman, Sigsworth, Smith, Spadafore, Spencer, Stone, Tucker, West, Webber, Wheatley, Whitney and Widdowson.

The 2003 Worcester-McRoberts reunion will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 at the New Russia Township Complex on Butternut Ridge Road, one-quarter mile west of SR 58, north of Oberlin.

Participants should bring a covered dish, table settings and beverages. Coffee will be provided. A special white elephant auction to raise funds for reunion expenses will be held at the end of the reunion. Auction donations are welcome.

Jeff Sigsworth
Family historian
North Ridgeville

Siemientkowski picket in Elyria

To the Editor:

How would it make you feel to know that laws are in place to safeguard your health but no one wants to enforce them?

We know how it makes us feel. We are very upset and devastated that Lorain County does not care about us.

We can prove that they are deliberately not enforcing the law that could have made a difference in our lives four years ago.

We can prove that they still refuse to enforce those laws.

Why??? You tell us....

We are Americans forced to live with sewage. Why does Lorain County feel that sewage is safe for Ron and Sara

Siemientkowski?

The Lorain County Health District still will not enforce the law to force our neighbor to properly abandon her private household sewage system even after threatening her with legal action within 90 days of July 20, 1999 if she did not comply.

How would you like it if your "Dream House" was surrounded by sewage and everyone wants it to stay that way and no one is enforcing the laws for the health, safety and welfare of you and others.

We want our lives back!!! We picketed/demonstrated against the lack of concern and lack of action by the Lorain County Health District and the Lorain County Prosecutor on Aug. 14-15 at 226 Middle Ave. in front of the Lorain County Administration Building in Elyria.

It is all about SEWAGE, <http://saron.freeyellow.com/sewage.html>

Not pleased with overpass

To the Editor:

Just to let others know, not everyone is happy about this SR 83 overpass. We live on Westwood Drive and are not looking forward to seeing the overpass in the back of our house. Extra noise from the traffic isn't something I would have picked over train noise. But then again, the city didn't give us a choice. Only a few along SR 83 were notified of the project and its proceedings. Even though this project may not affect our land directly, it still will affect us in trying to get out of Westwood Drive.

This project may end up costing lives. Traffic is bad enough at rush hour and weekend afternoons. Now with no way to slow traffic down, it will take longer to get out of Westwood Drive. How is this overpass going to effect traffic at Sugar Ridge? It is dangerous enough as it is.

Why didn't the city give the residents of North Ridgeville a chance to vote on this issue? I realize we wouldn't be able to vote on all of the city projects. This one just seems a little unnecessary. I'm very disappointed in the manner that this project has come about.

Susan Barnes
North Ridgeville

Money, roads and maintenance; growing dilemma for council

What has been happening all around us has now come home to roost. The economic downsizing is now affecting our city. Council is hopeful that its request for cost-cutting in city departments will help alleviate this growing problem, but how much can be done remains to be seen.

The condition of our roads is a major concern for residents, council members and city administration alike. The overriding factor in maintaining our streets is how much our service department can do with the dollars available. Our current road improvement funds were used to address older residential streets leaving little to address the major roads.

Here are the interesting facts:

In 1989, voters approved a 2.15-mill levy for road improvements that raised \$2.1 million to keep streets in repair. This levy was renewed in 1994 and 1999, but under state law, at the same amount, \$2.1 million. This can be equated to asking a working family to maintain its household today on a 1989 family income—an impossible task for most. However, there is an upside for residents. With more households paying for the 1989 levy, the cost to the individual homeowner is somewhat less. The same is true for levy renewals for the school system. You can see these changes when comparing yearly tax duplicates. In reality, the 2.15-mill levy approved by voters 14 years ago doesn't provide half the



Council Corner

By Bob Olsen
Ward IV

funds that a new 2.15-mill replacement levy would provide today. A replacement levy would more than double the dollars we receive as all new money issues are based on the current tax base.

Major road improvements funded by NOACA (Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency), such as South Lear Nagle Road, must follow a strict time schedule and dollars must be appropriated when due. The total reconstruction of Lear Nagle, including adding a third lane, will cost an estimated \$4.7 million. The city's approximate share of this project is \$1.4 million payable over a six-year period and includes all related engineering studies such as hiring a consultant (2003), environmental clearance (2004), preliminary design and land acquisition (2005), final design (2006), bids (2007) and completion (2008). If one step is delayed or missed, it sets each following step and the entire project back one year.

To implement improvements on Lear Nagle, as well as Center Ridge Road,

close attention must be given to economic conditions affecting our city. Funding special projects is no longer a certainty. Therefore, city council, city administration, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce, as well as other

interested parties must continue efforts to attract new business and industry to North Ridgeville. Together, we can help guide our city's destiny and ability to move forward by additional quality improvements to our tax base.

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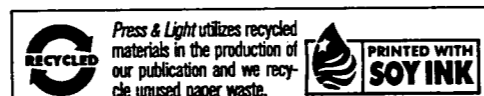
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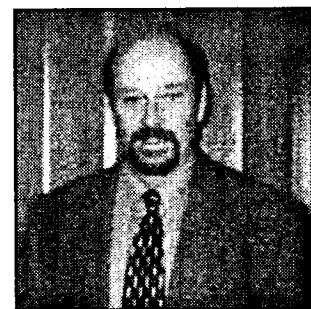
By Carol Klear

"Things have changed for the FBI since 9/11," agent Paul Graupmann told the senior men at Thursday's breakfast.

The North Ridgeville resident who has worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for two decades gave his audience an overview of the agency that began in 1908 when Theodore Roosevelt was president. It was in 1926 that J. Edgar Hoover, at the age of 29, took over the leadership of the FBI and continued that post until his death in 1972, Graupmann said.

Robert S. Mueller became the sixth director of the FBI on Sept. 4, 2001 and one week later the United States witnessed the unforgettable 9/11 terrorist attacks. Mueller began a reorganization of the agency—perhaps the most extensive since the agency began.

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Graupmann

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Helping a friend in need

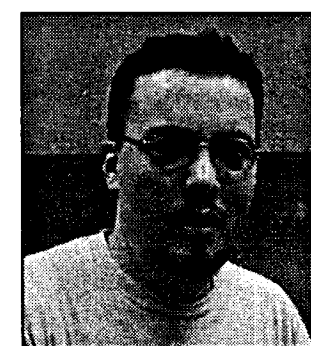
By Melissa Linebrink

On July 20, one of North Ridgeville's city employees found himself in a life-threatening situation.

Steve Lener, a data specialist for North Ridgeville who resides in Milan, was out in his yard attempting to use his water well. However, while he was in the middle of using the well, the pump motor quit. He reached in with a shovel and restarted the machine with the handle. Minutes later, the well exploded due to the amount of methane gas in the water, North Ridgeville Assistant Fire Chief Scott Bement said.

Shortly after the explosion, Lener was life-flighted to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, in Toledo. It was discovered that he received burns on his face, arms, neck and legs. Lener was sent to the Toledo hospital because, according to Mercy Medical spokesperson Sarah Bednarski, St. Vincent is one of the top medical facilities in the Northwest Ohio region that has a Burn/Care/Reconstruction Unit near Milan.

From July 20 to Aug. 8, Lener was in



Lener

Toledo, along with his wife who was staying at Home Away From Home—a facility where a relative of a patient may stay at a reduced rate during the patient's recovery period, Bednarski explained.

During this time, members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department thought Lener could use their assistance in cutting the grass at his home.

Bement calls Lener an "adopted member of the fire department" because he was there daily when the department was in the process of changing computer systems.

"He is a good guy," Bement said. Mayor Deanna Hill was impressed that members of the fire department stepped forward to help Lener in his time of need.

"Although they often go 'beyond the call of duty,' for our citizens, day after day and year after year, it is heartwarming when you find out the lengths they will go for fellow city employees," Hill said.

At The Press & Light deadline, Lener could not be reached for comment because he is staying with a relative until his house's new well was finished.

Slovak appeals five-day suspension

By Carol Klear

City employee Bob Slovak may have a hearing before the Civil Service Commission, to appeal a five-day suspension given to him by Mayor Deanna Hill. According to Civil Service Chairman Jim Yost, Slovak's attorney, Chris Crobaugh is expected to address the situation during the Aug. 26 meeting.

According to Crobaugh, there is an allegation that a recent confrontation occurred between Slovak, the grounds maintenance manager under the Division of Public Grounds and Cemeteries, and a resident while Slovak was on duty in South Central Park. It was reported to Hill, who Crobaugh said, leveled the suspension. The attorney disputes the five-day penalty, citing Ohio Revised Code.

Crobaugh raised other questions during the July 15 meeting of the Civil Service Commission, as well. According to a copy of the minutes of that meeting, Crobaugh alleged that Slovak, formerly under the parks and recreation department, had been transferred without an ordinance. He questioned who Slovak's supervisor is and if, in fact, Slovak's title is "maintenance manager," who he

place other than where they originated.

"The agents don't mind, the wives do," he said. "There are some sacrifices, but you know that going in."

Other missions include foreign counterintelligence; addressing cyber crime, which requires special training to deal with pedophiles, industrial crimes and fraud schemes; special operations group which deals with such issues as wiretapping; public corruption, including organized crime; the white collar squad like bank fraud; drug squads and acts of violent crime.

Graupmann said he went to the crime scene in Pennsylvania following the 9/11 tragedy and in 1995 he went to Oklahoma City, noting he was on the SWAT team for 12 years.

"The Bureau has changed over the years," he said. "Mueller has tried to change the focus to domestic terrorism."

Another change is in the caliber of people working in law enforcement.

"There are a lot more college-educated police officers," he said. "The police departments are more professional and the FBI has gotten out of some activities," he said, adding that they are not completely out and if requested, FBI agents will step in to help the local officers.

manages.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Jim Spaulding, Slovak worked for his department for many years. However when the city established the Division of Public Grounds and Cemeteries in 2001, Slovak's designation was changed from parks and recreation department maintenance supervisor to grounds maintenance manager and he was put under Gary Teel's supervision.

Spaulding said that Slovak is still in a supervisory capacity over work crews, as Teel assigns. He is also second in command and is in charge of the department when Teel is away.

This is not the first time Slovak has taken an appeal to the Civil Service Commission. On Sept. 23, 1999, the commission ruled on a 10-day suspension, involving Slovak's failing to stop at two stop signs near a school. At that time Slovak worked for the parks and recreation department as a maintenance supervisor.

The findings included that Slovak was in a classified position and though he did run the stop signs, the city had no procedure for the infraction and the suspension was reduced to five days.

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This should only be done at slow speeds in the hope that the abductor will strike something or get noticed by someone else. Jumping on the accelerator while the vehicle is stopped is also an option in order to draw attention to the vehicle.

If your child notices someone suspicious in the school or on school grounds, Petek said the student should notify the nearest teacher or employee of the school.

In 2001, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) launched the AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) Plan, a voluntary partnership between local law-enforcement agencies and local broadcasters to activate an urgent bulletin in child-abduction cases. AMBER refers to Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old Texas girl kidnapped and murdered in 1996.

On Sept. 18, 2002, Ohio Governor Bob Taft appointed 24 members to serve on Ohio's AMBER Plan Task Force, charged with implementing and developing the plan for the statewide AMBER Alert system.

In addition to keeping children safe and away from abductors, it is also important for children to know the proper way to protect themselves while riding a bicycle.

Petek said children should always wear a helmet while riding a bicycle as this can reduce the chance of head injuries by 85 percent. Elbow and kneepads are also recommended to reduce the chance of injuries. A bicycle should be equipped with an audible signal such as a bell or horn, along with reflectors to assist with visibility. Bicycles that are ridden at night are to be equipped with lights that can be seen from the front and rear of the bicycle.

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crew went door-to-door to ask people to refrain from using water, particularly in areas serviced by pumping stations.

Johnson called North Ridgeville's five-hour outage "a little bit of a wake-up call," while Hill termed it a "run-through," for city employees. The administration has scheduled a meeting with department heads to discuss recommendations and sugges-

As children prepare to return to school, it is important to remember these rules:

1. Whenever possible, cross the street at a crosswalk or intersection. It is also advised to cross with the assistance of a responsible adult, such as a police officer, parent or crossing guard.

2. Never cross the street while the light is green for traffic going across the intersection.

3. Always look both ways to make sure traffic is clear.

4. Never enter a street from behind a vehicle.

5. If you ride a bike to school, always walk the bike across the intersection or street.

6. A child should always ride his/her bike as close to the edge of the roadway and in the same direction that vehicles travel, obeying the same traffic laws as a vehicle, such as stopping for red lights and stop signs.

7. If your child rides his/her bike to school with a friend, remind them to never ride side-by-side.

According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, there were 4,882 pedestrian fatalities in 2001. Of those fatalities, 444 (9 percent) were from the infant-14 age group. In addition, 21,000 pedestrians under the age of 15 were injured by motor vehicles. A total of 728 pedal cyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in the same year. Children infant-14 years old accounted for 137 (19 percent) of those fatalities. In 2001, 36 percent of pedal cyclists injured in motor vehicle crashes were under 15 years old.

Mayor Deanna Hill reminds citizens to drive carefully, especially when school is in session.

"In North Ridgeville we have a unique situation in that children arrive at and leave school grounds by school bus

tions for handling situations such as the city experienced last week.

"The police chief has recommended a 500-gallon tank with unleaded gasoline be put at the service garage," Johnson said.

He also said that the chief offered the police station training room for anyone who needed to set up and use oxygen during the crisis.

"I think everyone did well," Hill said. "All the departments worked together."

and cars, while many walk," she said.

"As we know, children are not always aware of their surroundings or of the dangers posed by speeding or careless drivers. Therefore, it is our responsibility to exercise extra caution when near schools. Not only is it our duty to do so, should a driver fail to observe the speed limits posted in school zones, that driver is dealt with harshly in the courts. A speeding ticket in a school zone is punishable by a fine up to \$250, plus \$45 court costs and 30 days in jail."

While all students must deal with the safety procedures in dealing with strangers and riding a bicycle, not all students have to deal with a domestic problem-child abuse.

According to Petek, in the latest annual report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there

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Moore and the United States government.

Twelve strangers, at Moore's invitation and an enticement of a \$10,000 addition to their bank accounts, gather at the lodge. But the 12 aren't really strangers...they shared a bus tour of the Peruvian Andes six years before, but for some inexplicable reason, Moore is the only one with any recollection of the adventure.

The goal of the weeklong vacation is to unmask Cymbys, which Moore suspects is one of the 12. The group, including Maureen Fire, a government agent, and journalist Mike Spires, find themselves nearly scared out of their wits as messages of mayhem surround them at every turn in the lodge.

The structure itself groans eerily, hundreds of bees descend upon the guests as they dine, images mysteriously appear and disappear and the cold sets in.

A glistering, solid sheet of ice encases the door. icy breezes sweep the room, dropping the temperature.

Frost races across the walls and crusts the ceiling. Strings on the shag rug straighten up like sharp needles. A glass pitcher on the bar crystallizes and shatters. Every light bulb in the room explodes with loud pops!

The worst blizzard in years adds to the chaos, shutting down all contact with the outside world. But there are some "outsiders"—members of the Moche tribe—who are making plans to

were an estimated 2.8 million reports of possible maltreatment of children. Sixty-six percent of the reports were investigated and it was found that an estimated 903,000 children had been victims of abuse and/or neglect.

"Any school teacher or school employee is required by state law to immediately report any knowledge or suspicion of child abuse to a children's services agency or local law enforcement," Petek said.

Some students may feel ashamed or afraid to tell a teacher they are being abused at home, but sometimes they confide in another student. Petek suggests that if one student tells another that he/she is being hurt by a parent or other guardian, it is important to report the abuse to a teacher, school counselor, principal or parent.

lay siege to the lodge to protect Cymbys and his secret, even if it means the ancient blood feast.

Lambert's book can be described as a can't-put-it-down-thriller that keeps the reader racing through page after page with his talent for extraordinary descriptions.

He was born in St. Louis and went to Washington University where he studied graphic design.

"I just sort of fell into computers," he said, when he went to work for an insurance company, a prelude to his 50 years in information systems spanning experience as a U.S. Army machine records unit supervisor to owning his own computer consulting company.

"I was with Moen/Standadyne for 19 years," he said, before retiring in 1992. Lambert started his first novel five years ago and said he presently has three more in the works, explaining that the ability to "cut and paste" makes writing easier.

For "Cymbys" the author said he put the pertinent information on his computer in a few days, then let it sit for three or four months, before taking it up again.

"The characters just kind of come to me," he said. "Then I go back and give the characters a flow."

Lambert and his wife, Alyce, have been married for 46 years, have four children, one deceased, as well as four grandchildren, with one on the way.

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Sports

TIME OUT

Good luck fall sports teams

If you see me grinning this week, it's because I'm very excited about this year's fall sports preview. Ever since the Press & Light ran their first special sports preview issue last fall (and in the winter and spring seasons too), we've gotten



Joe Ostrica

responses from coaches, players, parents and fans of the North Ridgeville and Lake Ridge Academy communities. What's even more exciting about this year's edition is the fact that it is a separate section.

I have a lot of people to thank for this. Many thanks goes out to P&L general manager Janet Sanner, managing editor Mike Ferrari and sports editor Matt Thornicroft for having the faith in me to come through with this special issue. Toni Musgrove went the extra mile in taking care of advertising sales, guaranteeing us the 12 pages that were necessary to have a special section. A big thank you also goes out to Beverly Wilgor in the art department for her work on the cover and laying the issue out.

Putting together an issue that features 12 teams between two schools is a lot of work and I sure couldn't have done it alone. Ferrari, Ryan Gahagan and Lori Switaj took time out of their busy schedules to help contribute stories to the issue and I appreciate the work they've done.

I also need to thank NRHS' athletic director Jeff Schultz and LRA athletic director Steve Anderson for making sure I had everything I needed to get this issue finished.

Coaches and athletes have also been fully cooperative in taking time out for interviews and photographs to make this issue more than your standard "meet the team" edition.

I'd also like to welcome new coaches that are working with the Rangers or Royals this fall. Good luck to NRHS' cross country coach Kevin Drapcho, girls soccer coach Bill Fielder and volleyball coach Dan Coughlin. Good luck to LRA's golf coach Chuck Zvosec and tennis coach Keith Fridrich.

Good luck to all NRHS and LRA teams. I'll see you on the sidelines.

Locals run in 5K
The Lions Club Race wasn't the only event North Ridgeville running enthusiasts participated in recently. A few weeks ago, the 20th Annual Lorain County Cross-Country 5K took place in LaGrange.

The following North Ridgeville residents took part in the men's race: Bryce Basista, age 17; Bruce Schmidt, age 49; Geoff Schmidt, age 17; Brandon Soja, age 17; Tim Malinich, age 15; Andy Rusnak, age 15; and Dave Barr, age 65.

Self-defense demonstration

Rick Miller's Self Defense Academy will be performing a demonstration at the Lorain County Fair Friday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m. Students of the local martial arts school have been demonstrating techniques at the fair for several years. There are 25 students involved this year. Some of the demonstrations you will see are basic martial arts techniques including breaking boards as well as sword fighting. A musical with team kata called "The Power of One" will also be performed.

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New athletic trainer, McGinty, getting familiar with NRHS teams, community

By Joe Ostrica

When you attend a North Ridgeville High School athletic event this year, you'll see a new face on the sidelines. Maggie McGinty was recently brought on board as the new athletic trainer for the Rangers.

Employed by Ohio Physical Therapy, McGinty will spend an average of 30 hours a week at the high school when she's not doing physical therapy and rehab in Berea. During busy game weeks, she will spend over 40 hours at the high school in a six day period.

McGinty knew she was destined to be an athletic trainer. As an avid basketball and volleyball player growing up in Cuyahoga Falls, McGinty had three knee surgeries throughout her high school career.

"I spent a lot of time around trainers," McGinty said. "I have compassion for injured people."

McGinty graduated from Mount Union College in 2000 with an undergrad in athletic training. After spending the next year-and-a-half working with a chiropractor and getting her certification, McGinty realized she wanted to get her master's degree.

While attending Cleveland State University for her graduate work from January of 2002 until June of 2003, McGinty served as the athletic trainer at CSU for the men's soccer team, as well as the swimming and softball teams. McGinty also has some experience at the high school level. She filled in for the Parma city schools' trainer on an as-



McGinty

needed basis for football and basketball games.

McGinty was a late hire as NRHS' trainer, beginning the day before practices officially started for the fall sports teams.

"It was very last minute," she said. "With very, very little prep time. It wasn't too bad because the trainer who left kept everything pretty much in good shape. The majority of my supplies are here. There were only a couple of little things that I had to get."

McGinty spent the first two weeks of practices at the school all day, giving players conditioning tips and getting to know the coaches.

"The coaching staff has been great," she said. "They've been real helpful with everything. It's pretty much been conditioning, just trying to get to know everybody and figuring out where everybody is at and at what times."

Although she helps out with all of the athletic teams, McGinty will spend

most of her fall working with the Ranger football team.

"Obviously my main focus is football," she said. "They're more likely to get hurt because it's a contact sport. I'm making sure they are practicing properly with the guidelines. We've got to make sure they're getting enough water. The coaches are really good with giving them a lot of water breaks. I'm doing a little bit of first aid and taping and making sure the soccer and volleyball teams are squared away with everybody."

Standing next to McGinty at the sidelines of the Ranger football games will be team doctor Irwin Mandel of Orthopaedic Associates. Mandel recently finished a sports fellowship at Ohio State University and is an orthopedic surgeon. Mandel will be present at every home game and try to travel to as many away games as possible.

McGinty will spend days when soccer games and volleyball games are played floating back and forth between the soccer field and the volleyball court.

"There will days where I have tons of things going on," she said. "I'll have to communicate with coaches through walkie-talkies or cell phones so they'll know where I am at all times."

McGinty said her first impressions at NRHS have been very positive.

"Everybody is so nice," she said. "I'm so used to working at the college level where you don't talk to parents as much. It's nice that the parents are right there if there is a problem. Everybody is pretty easy going around here and trying to help me fit in."

North Coast Spirit goes 4-2 in World Series

The North Coast Spirit 14U, a fast-pitch travel team composed mostly of girls from Lorain County, including North Ridgeville players Jill Holava and Adri Bier, made a strong showing at the National Softball Association World Series in Schaumburg, Illinois. North Coast Spirit, which is coached by North Ridgeville's Jodie Holava, finished in the top 16 out of 64 teams.

Holava's father, Joe, serves as the Spirit's assistant coach.

North Coast Spirit's two losses in the double elimination tournament came at the hands of eventual World Series champion, Ohio Wolfpack (a 1-0 loss) and fifth-place finisher, Mt. Prospect Power from Illinois (a 2-1 loss).

Both games were decided in the final inning with runs scoring on wild pitches or passed balls.

The Spirit won its first four games of the tournament, defeating the Aurora Raiders from Illinois 1-0, North Ohio Heat 5-2, Great Lakes Gators from Indiana 5-0 and the Indiana Avalanche 9-0.

Kristie Malinkey, of Keystone, had a very good tournament showing, hitting .563 and pitching three shutouts along the way.

Catcher Sarah Auble, of Wellington,



Members of the North Coast Spirit 14U team include front row (L-R): Sarah Auble, Megan Coyne and Kristie Malinkey. Second row: Brittany Daugherty, Courtney Morlock and Holly Miller. Third row: Devon Skunta-Helmink, Monica Brasee and Jen Mudrak. Back row: Jodie Holava, Adri Bier, Joe Holava, Jill Holava and Wade Yarber.

turned in a fine performance behind the plate, hitting .375 and stealing a couple of key bases. Jill Holava drove

in three key runs in the 5-2 win over the North Ohio Heat, a team the Spirit had lost to earlier in the year.

2003 Corn Festival tournament results

Three teams featuring local players won their respective age division in the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the Corn Festival.

Jayson Graham, Kevin Fentner, Richie Baker and Jack McGervey of 4 Pete's Sake defeated Ankle Breakers 15-13 in the 14 and under division. Josh Rigsby, Andrew Frederick, Greg Kushner and Scott Palange of the Rangers defeated Team Elyria 16-14 in the 15-17-year-old group. Josh

Hill, Ryan Vorkman, Todd Weber and Al Maldonado of Whatever defeated Top Prospects 15-11 in the 18 and over division.

Horseshoe Tournament

Steve Smith and Rich Carter took first-place in doubles in Ken Carney's 13th Annual County Engineer's Horseshoe Tournament at the Corn Fest. Smith and Carter won by scores of 23-1, 21-1, a bye, 23-5

and 21-1. David Terry and Bill Terry finished second-place with scores of 24-14, 21-6, 21-11, 21-18 and 1-21. Third-place finishers, Denny Szczepaniak and Ron Golias, recorded scores of 21-5, 23-5, 21-11 and 18-21.

Steve Smith finished first-place in singles competition. Dan Reinke and Ron Golias placed second and third, respectively.

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City Baseball							
(through August 5)	Won	Lost	Tie				
H League (Ages 9-10)							
Yankees-Champs	8	1	1	Indians	5	6	0
Indians-Runner-up	7	1	1	Rockies	4	7	0
Athletics	8	3	0	Pirates	3	6	0
Dodgers	7	4	0	Athletics	3	8	0
Pirates	6	2	2	Cardinals	0	10	0
Rockies	6	5	0	E League (15 and over)			
Rangers	3	7	1	Pirates-Champs	9	2	0
Astros	2	7	1	Indians-Runner-up	7	4	0
Marlins	2	9	0	Dodgers	3	7	0
Reds	1	11	0	Orioles	2	8	0
G League (11-12)							
Braves-Champs	8	3	0	City Softball			
Tigers-Runner-up	7	5	0	(through July 31)	Won	Lost	Tie
Dodgers	6	5	0	Pigtail (8-10)			
Indians	4	6	0	Pirates-Champs	10	1	0
Reds	4	7	0	Rockies-Runner-up	6	5	0
Athletics	3	6	0	Dodgers	6	4	0
F League (13-14)							
Dodgers-Champs	12	1	0	Indians	0	10	0
Yankees-Runner-up	8	5	0	Ponytail Minor (11-13)			
Reds	11	1	0	Tigers-Champs	10	2	0
				Reds-Runner-up	8	4	0
				Rockies	7	4	0
				Angels	5	7	0
				Dodgers	3	9	0
				Indians	2	9	0

North Ridgeville and Lake Ridge golf and tennis results

The North Ridgeville High School golf team defeated Vermilion over the weekend. The Rangers low score of 161 was paced by top three finishers Brian Dodd (36), Kyle Nitschke (40) and Mike Seme (42). Vermilion scored 172.

NRHS placed fifth out of the 19 teams in the Admiral King Invitational (AKI) on Aug. 13. The Rangers scored 333, behind Fremont Ross (317), Keystone (319), Highland (330) and

Sandusky (331). Dodd led the Rangers with an 80, tying for eighth-place. Nitschke (82) just missed qualifying in the top 10 individual scores by one stroke.

Although Lake Ridge Academy finished in 17th place in the AKI, scoring 442, Royals golfer Brett Cannaday scored a 79, landing him at seventh-place for the top individuals. Cannaday finished first with a 35 in the Royals

loss to Open Door Christian over the weekend. ODC finished with 13 strokes better than the Royals.

LRA's tennis team tied for fourth-place along with Midpark out of eight teams in the Rocky River Invitational over the weekend. Rocky River (31), Brecksville (27) and North Royalton (21) finished ahead of the Lady Royals. LRA's Marissa Slany and Jane Limmer reached the championship match for

the first doubles teams.

NRHS' tennis squad had a rough week, losing 5-0 against two tough opponents, Strongsville and Elyria. Despite the losses, coach Carol Costanzo likes what she sees in her team.

"Overall play showed a nice improvement in our competitiveness," she said. "Hopefully practice and focus will reduce the number of unforced errors committed by us."

Lions Club 10 K, 5 K results

The following racers finished in the top of their division at the 24th annual 10 K race, 5 K race and kid's fun run at the Corn Festival:

10 K men's results

Clark Spears, 19, won the 15-19 division in 37:04.6.
Ken Kingery, 20, won the 20-24 division in 52:34.0.
Tim Curtin, 32, won the 30-34 division in 37:21.6.
Bill Rahlfs, 37, won the 35-39 division in 37:43.4.
Al King, 43, won the 40-44 division in 39:31.3.
Bruce Schmidt, 49, won the 45-49 division in 38:17.4.
Randy Barkacs, 52, won the 50-54 division in 40:26.9.
Jim Perry, 55, won the 55-59 division in 43:53.6.

10 K women's results

Virginia Gaunter, 21, won the 20-24 division in 1:03:06.24.
Debbie Kingsbury, 30, won the 30-34 division in 50:05.6.
Bridget Walker, 37, won the 35-39 division in 51:44.9.
Kelly Blazek, 40, won the 40-44 division in 47:53.5.
Rita Candito, 47, won the 45-49 division in 50:12.5.
Christine Perry, 50, won the 50-54 division in 50:47.2.
Pam Habenicht, 55, won the 55-59 division in 51:42.7.
Marilyn Olsen, 68, won the 65-69 division in 1:01:22.22.

5 K men's results

George Andrews, 13, won the 14 and

under division in 20:24.0.

Chris Hoban, 19, won the 15-19 division in 18:19.5.
Ken Nelson, 23, won the 20-24 division in 21:33.4.

Carl Bangham, 25, won the 25-29 division in 25:12.4.
Matthew Piskur, 30, won the 30-34 division in 22:01.7.

Christopher Dundlah, 37, won the 35-39 division in 18:47.2.
Bob Kretschmer, 42, won the 40-44 division in 20:48.8.

Bill McGrain, 45, won the 45-49 division in 23:39.8.
Epifanio Carrasquillo, 53, won the 50-54 division in 20:18.5.

Thomas Semon, 61, won the 60-64 division in 25:48.8.

5 K women's results

Jessica Bartholomew, 11, won the 14 and under division in 21:54.3.
Dana McNeil, 19, won the 15-19 division in 27:49.4.

Nancy Lamuth, 20, won the 20-24 division in 21:41.3.
Gina Gretchko, 25, won the 25-29 division in 26:00.1.

Beth Chuerukuri, 32, won the 30-34 division in 24:05.4.
Diane Schrenkel, 37, won the 35-39 division in 24:01.2.

Debbie Haynes, 44, won the 40-44 division in 25:16.8.
K.A. Zak, 45, won the 45-49 division in 25:16.3.

Fun Run

Adam Gundlah, 8, and Cassidy Leblanc, 11, placed first and second, respectively, in the fun run.

ON DECK

Ohio Emeralds softball tryouts

The Ohio Emeralds softball tryouts will be held Saturday and Sunday Aug. 23 and 24. Age groups 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under will be from 9 a.m.-noon. Age groups 16 and under, 18 and under and 23 and under will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All tryouts will be held at Weiss Field in Avon Lake. For more information contact Dave Winningham at dwinning8@aol.com or call 967-9155.

NRFL youth tournament

The North Ridgeville Football League will be holding a youth football tournament Aug. 30 and 31 at the Frontier Football Complex. The tournament will consist of three divisions: 13 and under tackle, 10 and under tackle and 8 and under flag. Participants must be of age as of Sept. 1, 2003 to be admitted to their respective divisions. The cost is \$200 per team with a two game minimum. All participants will receive rewards. For more information or to enter your team, call Brian Benes at (216) 408-8824, Bob Miscuda at 926-4779 or fax an entry form to (216) 267-1883. Please send entry fee, division and name and phone number of head

coach to NRFL, P.O. Box 39333, North Ridgeville.

Westlake softball

A Men's Last Chance Tournament will be held on Saturday Sept. 6 at Ranney Fields at Roman Park. The tournament is one day and double elimination. The cost is \$100 per team and includes game balls. Game fees are \$22 a game. The deadline for registration is Aug. 29 and the roster is limited to 18 players. For more information call Jim Dispirito at 808-5700 ext. 426.

N.R. Hot Stove golf outing

The second annual North Ridgeville Hot Stove Golf Outing is now accepting teams for a four-person scramble on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 9 a.m. The outing will take place at Brentwood Golf Course on SR 57 in Grafton. The cost is \$65 and includes door prizes, lunch, steak dinner, beverages and cart. All proceeds benefit North Ridgeville Hot Stove Baseball. Pin shots, long drive and 50/50 contests will also be featured. Skins games are available. Call Ken at 353-9822 or Mike at 353-9478 to reserve a tee-time.

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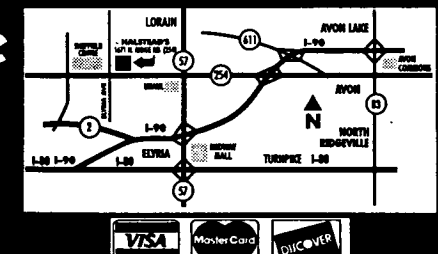
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TOWN CRIER

Thursday
9 a.m. Senior Center-Men's breakfast.
2:30-4:30 p.m. Lorain County General Health District-Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Road.
6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks and Rec. Dept.-Body sculpting class-Senior Center multi-purpose room.
7 p.m. NRFL-Senior Center.

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

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B.

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

Sunday
9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A.

Monday
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center-Craft group

and quilting.
6:30-8 p.m. Living Through Grief-New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria.
7 p.m. Football Boosters Club-N.R. High School cafeteria.

Tuesday
7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville-Community Care.
9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room.
6:30-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks and Rec. Dept.-Body Sculpting class, Senior Center multi-purpose room.

Wednesday
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Senior Center-Quilting, cards, lunch, bingo, watercolor class.
12:15-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497-Webster's Place.
5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.
7:30 p.m. Parks and rec. commission meeting-Senior Center multi-purpose room.
8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting-At the post.

CORN FESTIVAL WINNERS

Corn Festival Grande Parade winners Neidert receives doctorate

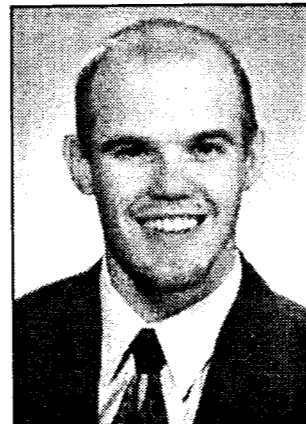
Best of Parade: North Ridgeville High School Band
Novelty: North Ridgeville Ridge Kids 4-H Club
Mayor's Trophy: North Ridgeville Garden Club
Commercial Unit: Tracy Veda Studio of Dance
Junior Corps: First-place-Shannonettes Baton Corps; second-place-Wahlu Winners Cheerleading and Dance Team
Non-Commercial Unit: North Ridgeville Historical Society
Juvenile Corps: First-place-Shannonettes Baton Corps; second-place-Wahlu Winners Cheerleading and Dance Team
Animal Unit: St. Peter's Church Mother's Club
Color Guard: Bay Village VFW Post # 9693
Great Corn Award: Lorain County Vintage Motor Scooter Club
Bands: North Ridgeville High School Band

Chamber of Commerce Business Trophy: Lifestyle Landscaping
Antique Vehicle: Herb Wood

Corn Eating Contest
 The winners from the Corn Eating Contest were:
2-12 (Junior)
 1st Place: Andrew Whalen
 2nd Place: Tyler Haynes
 3rd Place: John Flesher
 3rd Place: Paul Sonogo
 3rd Place: Tony Haynes
13-18 (Teen)
 1st Place: Alec Barker
 2nd Place: Marty Price
 3rd Place: Chris Reynolds
19 and over (Adult)
 1st Place: Geno Robinette
 2nd Place: Jake Hummel
 2nd Place: Ray Renes
 3rd Place: Matt Naugle
 3rd Place: John Borecki

Michael Ryan Neidert has received a doctorate degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Neidert graduated from St. Paul Lutheran School in 1989 as class valedictorian. He was an honor graduate and salutatorian of Lutheran High School West in 1993. He received a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in biomedical engineering from Case Western Reserve University in 1997. Neidert is a life-

time member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and past president of the Case Western Beta Eta Chapter. He was also awarded the Balfour Fellowship in 1997 at the University of Minnesota in May of 2003. Neidert is employed as a senior mechanical design engineer in therapy delivery at Medtronic in the cardiac rhythm management division in Minneapolis. Neidert is the son of Mary and Henry Neidert, of North Ridgeville, and



Neidert is the brother of Stephen and Christina.

NRHS open house

North Ridgeville High School will hold an open house on Aug. 28 from 7-8 p.m. At 6:50 p.m., schedules will be distributed. This will be a chance to meet teachers and tour the building. Those who cannot attend and want to speak to a particular teacher can call 327-1992.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Mark Payne, of North Ridgeville, recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. Payne was also named to the Dean's List for the spring quarter.

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For a registration form and official contest rules, visit www.ducktapeclub.com. All entries must be received by Oct. 10. Contest participants will be required to submit a song about duct tape with original lyrics and music, along with a color photograph of the entrants. The song must be submitted on a CD or audiocassette or as an mp3 or .wav file.

Submissions must be sent to: Rock About the Roll contest, Henkel Consumer Adhesives Inc., 32150 Just Imagine Drive, Avon 44011-1355 or e-mail entries to rockabouttheroll@ducktapeclub.com. Online voting will take place from Oct. 17-27. The winner will be announced around Nov. 5.

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LIFESTYLE



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nagorka

McMillen and Nagorka
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Kelly McMillen and Jim Nagorka were married July 15, 2003 in Las Vegas at the Wedding Bells Chapel.

Parents of the couple are Joseph and Linda McMillen, of North Ridgeville, and Paul and Betty Murmann of Brooklyn, Ohio.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. She is attending Cuyahoga Community College and currently works at NASA Glenn Research Center.

The groom attended North Ridgeville High School and works at Ctrac Computer Services.

A reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Brook Park on July 18. The couple resides in North Ridgeville.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Prajzner joins Coldwell Banker

Newly licensed realtor, John C. Prajzner, of North Ridgeville, has joined the North Ridgeville Coldwell Banker Hunter Realty office.

NASA honors team members

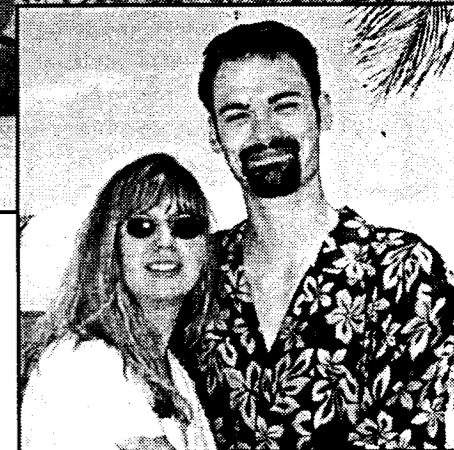
NASA's highest honors were awarded to a group of civil service, contractor employees and team members at NASA's Glenn Research Center on Aug. 8 at the annual NASA honor awards ceremony.

Thomas F. Niezgoda, of North Ridgeville, was honored for 40 years of service at NASA.



Sure sign of love

When Wendy Franko arrived at her Harris Court home on Aug. 3, she found this sign from her fiancé, Todd Smith. Although she admits she was overwhelmed, Wendy told The Press & Light she said "yes." A couple of days later, another sign let neighbors know, "the answer was yes." Wendy and Todd will be married in May 2004.



BULLETIN BOARD

Ohio First Ladies tea

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lorain County Community College will feature an Ohio First Ladies tea. Women in History will recreate the lives of these notable women in unique dramatic style. The event will take place Sept. 3 from 1-4 p.m. in room 227 of the College Center building. Registration is necessary for this free program by calling (440) 366-4148 by Aug. 27. In addition to the program, there will be vendors, prizes and refreshments.

Manning announces Thumb Buddy

Lorain County Prosecutor Jeff Manning has announced the release of Thumb Buddy, a new program to assist parents in the recovery and identification of their missing or abducted children.

Thumb Buddy allows parents to keep up to date, accurate records of their children. Each child is pho-

tographed with digital camera technology and a thumb print impression is taken. This information is stored on a laminated identification card and given to the parents for safekeeping. "Thumb Buddy" is the mascot for this program and will be available to parents at events throughout Lorain County.

To have Thumb Buddy at an organization or school event or for more information, call (440) 329-5375.

Northridge Health Center hosts program

The North Ridge Health Center, located at 35990 Westminster Ave., North Ridgeville, will hold a community education program series. The next program will be "Obesity: Our Nation's Epidemic" on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. with speakers Dr. Catherine Sementi and Sue Suglio, R.D., L.D., C.D.E. Pre-register by calling 327-8511. Refreshments will be served.

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 This could be just what you have been looking for. Lots of work already done. Newer windows and newer roof, and newer bath. Large enclosed front porch. Noreen Gerhardt 327-6511. #5778. \$89,900.

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TASTEFULLY DECORATED...
 3 bedroom Split level with 1.5 baths, large kitchen, newer carpet in living room, utility room and workshop, deck/porch off master bdrm, family room with fireplace, baseboard heat. David Long 327-6511. #5675. \$122,900.

SUPER SPLIT!!
 3 bdrms, 2 full baths, newer kitchen w/all appliances, newer windows and doors, lg. laundry area, woodburner in family room, newer gas furnace w/cent. air, det. 2 car garage. Janet Beane 327-6511. #5681. \$139,900.

LIKE A NEW HOME!!
 This Colonial has been refurbished. Newer carpet in living rm, hallway, stairs, & 1 bdrm. Both bathrooms have been remodeled. Newer kitchen w/oak raised panel cabinets, all rooms & ceilings freshly painted. Darleen Crow 327-6511. #5734. \$122,900.

TRIPS WITH THE OFFICE OF OLDER ADULTS

Call 353-0835 for reservations or more information.

Mystery trip

Take a fun-filled mystery trip Sept. 30 within Ohio. Lunch is included. The group will leave at 7 a.m. and will return at 7 p.m. The cost is \$51. Call early to make a reservation. This trip sells out quickly.

Bucyrus autumn adventure

Visit Bucyrus Oct. 9. Leave the center at 6:30 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$52. Stops will include D. Picking & Company, Cooper's Cider Mill & Jelly Factory and Carle's Market & Deli.

Events at Sandy Ridge Wetland Center

Butterfly survey

Jim Ciba of the Ohio Lepidopterists will review the local species and then lead a search for butterflies on Aug. 23 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Sandy Ridge Wetland Center is located at 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville.

LCCC Academy of Lifelong Learning

Birds and blooms

The group will travel to the Arbor at Penitentiary Glen Reservation on Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$54, which includes transportation, admission and brunch.

Bicentennial day trip to Columbus

Visit the 1852 Kelton House Museum. The house is the only documented Underground Railroad site in Columbus open to the public. The trip will be Sept. 17 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The \$28 fee includes transportation and admission.

Great Mohican Indian powwow

Visit the Mohican Reservation Festival Grounds, which will feature food, music and over 40 native craftsmen and artisans on Sept. 21 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The fee of \$32 includes transportation and admission.

University Circle walking tour

See 50 works of outdoor sculptures on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The \$24 fee includes transportation and honoraria.

Orthodox church tour and lecture

Join the group for a tour of some Lorain Orthodox churches on Oct. 6 from noon-3:30 p.m. The \$25 fee includes transportation and honoraria. For more information on any of these trips or to register, call (800) 995-5222 ext. 4148 or (440) 366-4148.

Escape School

Parents searching for ways to teach children how to be safe can enroll them in Escape School. The program provides elementary-age children with abduction prevention skills and kidnapping escape techniques.

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Cost is \$5 per participant and parents must accompany children. Early registration can be done at North Ridgeville Parks & Rec Office 7307 Avon Belden Rd.

Call for info: 440-353-0860

Abduction Prevention Skills for Kids.

Finger Lakes New York fall foliage

Visit New York's Finger Lakes Oct. 14-17. The trip includes four days by Motorcoach, seven meals and three nights of lodging. The cost is \$499 per person double occupancy.

Pittsburgh lights

Visit Pittsburgh on a tour of their Christmas displays Dec. 3. The group will leave the center at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$62. The tour will include The PPG Building, Phipps Conservatory and dinner at Blarney Restaurant.

San Antonio Christmas

Visit San Antonio Dec. 2-7 for \$1,109 per person double occupancy. The trip includes a cruise along the Paseo Del Rio, a trip to the Alamo, a tram ride of the LBJ Ranch, a visit to the German settlement of

Fredericksburg and more.

FUND-RAISERS

Big band sound

The Office for Older Adults has tickets available for the 11th annual dance/concert fund-raiser with the Doc McDonald Big Band sound at DeLuca's Place 1 the Park on Sept. 24 from 7-10 p.m. All proceeds will benefit senior citizens organizations.

Spaghetti dinner

The Senior Center's spaghetti dinner will be held Sept. 26 and Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include homemade spaghetti w/meatballs, garlic toa, salad and a beverage. The tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children under 10. Dessert is \$. Carry-out is available.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARK AND RECREATION EVENTS

Register at the parks and rec. office, 7307 Avon Belden Road, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 353-0860 for more information.

Migrating monarchs

Participants in second grade through adult can catch, tag and release monarch butterflies at the Sandy Ridge Reservation on Aug. 22 from 1-2 p.m. The cost is \$2. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and long pants.

Teddy bear garden tea party

Bring a favorite teddy bear and blanket to South Central Park for this City Youth Garden program sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #794 on Aug. 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. The program is free. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. In case of inclement weather, meet at the Community Cabin.

Spin, pop, boom

Budding scientists can experiment with physics, sound and exothermics in this Mad Scientist program on Aug. 28 from 7:30-8:15 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The cost is \$10 per child.

Make it/take it crafts

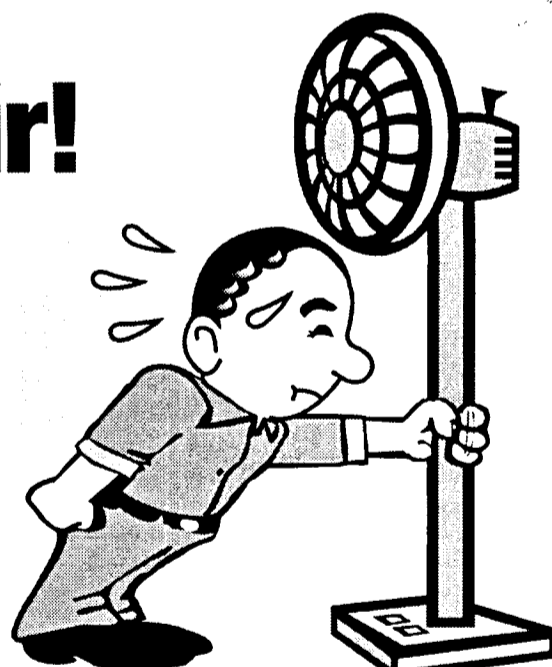
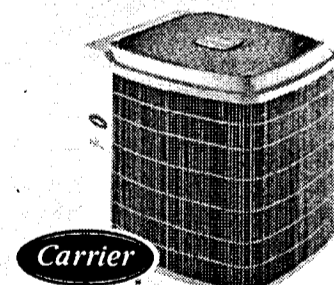
Make it/take it crafts will be held in the Community Cabin the third Saturday of each month September-March from 10 a.m.-noon for ages 5 and up. Crafts will vary according to seasons. The cost is \$10 per month, which includes all materials. Register by the first of each month.

Scuba diving classes

Ages 10-adult can learn scuba diving principles through video, slides and workshops then learn diving skills in a pool during this three-day workshop to be held Sept. 12-14. PADI open water manual, dive tables, log book and video/DVD are included in the fee of \$270. Participants must provide their own mask, fins and snorkel and are responsible for their transportation to the pool. Participants must have medical and liability forms filled out prior to program start. Open water training is needed for certification and is not included in the program. Arrangements can be made with the instructor. Register by Sept. 5.

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OBITUARIES

Florence "Flo" German

Florence "Flo" German, 91, of Castalia, died Aug. 10, 2003, in Providence Care Center, following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 20, 1912, in Lonsdale, R.I. Mrs. German worked at Bar 101 in Castalia for many years.

She was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, Sandusky.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Karbler of North Ridgeville; son, Scott German of Castalia; sister, Anita O'Connor of Pawtucket, R.I.; brothers, Oscar and Archie Dubois, both of Pawtucket; and five grandchildren and six great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert German, in 1978; her parents, Joseph and Zelka (nee Obershein) Dubois; daughter, Sharon "Bobbi" Van Cauwenbergh, in 2000; brothers, Roland Dubois and Peter Dubois; and sisters, Bertha Jenks, Rosabelle Chason and Lillian Chevalier.

Arrangements were handled by Ransom Funeral Home, Castalia. Services were held Aug. 13 in Holy Angels Catholic Church. The Rev. John Missler officiated. Burial was in Graves Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Ave., Sandusky 44870; Holy Angels Catholic Church, 1605 W. Jefferson St., Sandusky 44870.

Sheila A. Thompson

Sheila A. Thompson (nee Jereb), 54, of Elyria and formerly of North Ridgeville, died Aug. 12, 2003 at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born at Camp Lejeune in Wilmington, N.C., and was raised in Brunswick. She graduated from Brunswick High School in 1967.

Mrs. Thompson lived in Elyria for the past three weeks, after moving from North Ridgeville.

SHOWS

Patriots concert schedule

Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. at Elyria Apple Festival, Elyria. Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at State Theatre, Sandusky.

Stomp

Stomp will return to the Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square Center for eight performances, Sept. 16-21, with Tuesday-Friday performances at 7:30 p.m., Saturday performances are at 5 and 9 p.m. and Sunday performances at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$45-\$20.

Taste of Cleveland

The 8th annual Taste of Cleveland will be held at Tower City Amphitheater (TCA) Aug. 29-Sept. 1. There will be free admission from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Aug. 29.

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She worked for Avory Dennison Labels, Cleveland, as a customer representative for 14 years.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of Episcopal Church of the Advent, Westlake.

She loved flower arranging and motorcycling with her husband.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, Mark; a daughter, Misty Hwodeky of LaGrange; a grandson, Jacob James Hwodeky; her mother, Frances Jereb (nee Sherwood) of Boca Raton, Fla.; and a brother, Craig Jereb of Boca Raton.

Preceding her in death were her father, Jacob Jereb; and a sister, Cindy Jereb.

Arrangements were handled by Busch-Curtis-Scheffler Family Chapel. Services were held Aug. 16 at Episcopal Church of the Advent, Westlake. The Rev. Joe Maiocco officiated. Burial was in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman.

Memorials may be made to Episcopal Church of the Advent, 3760 Dover Center Road, Westlake 44145 or Hospice of Cleveland Clinic, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Valley View 44125.

Marcus N. Shoemaker

Marcus N. Shoemaker, 75, of Cleveland, died Aug. 13, 2003, at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Bryson City, N.C. He moved to

Cleveland in 1948 from Lenior, N.C.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Shoemaker was employed by General Motors for 33 years, retiring in 1981 as a dispatcher.

He was a member of United Auto Workers Union 45, Cleveland.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Doris (nee McCarthy); daughters, Marcia Perkey of North Ridgeville and Marilyn Sanson of Walhalla, S.C.; brother, Fred Shoemaker of Lenior; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Bertha (nee Barlow) Shoemaker; sisters, Pansey Walker, Pauline Walker, Estella Dula and Connie St. John; and brothers, Howard, Carl and Olan Shoemaker.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Aug. 16. The Rev. Bill Shomo officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Ruth H. Palmquist

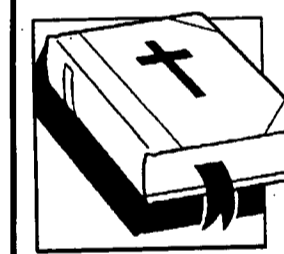
Ruth H. Palmquist (nee Hanson), died Aug. 1, 2003. She was a retired nurse at Cleveland Clinic.

Survivors include a son, Donald C. of North Ridgeville; two grandchildren; and a brother, David Hanson.

Services were held Aug. 17 at Shepherd of Ridge Lutheran Church, North Ridgeville.



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Calvary Ridge Church of the Nazarene, 34881 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039, Phone (440) 353-0758. Pastor William Falk. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group, Single Meetings, Prayer Meetings and Midweek Home Meetings.

Sugar Ridge Baptist Church, 36600 Sugar Ridge Rd., Rev. Bill Shomo, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sunday & Wednesday Evening Services 6 p.m.

Christ Chapel (non-denominational) 36300 Center Ridge Road, Phone (440) 327-6020. Ralph L. Palmer, Pastor/Teacher. Bible School for all ages 9:30 A.M.-Worship 10:45 A.M.; Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Church of Christ, 36350 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Jason Hardin, Evangelist. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, Rev. Scott Nicol, Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

North Ridgeville Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Rd., Rev. Gerald Flury, Pastor. Sunday Services - Sunday - Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m.; Children's Church 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

North Ridgeville First Congregational United Church of Christ, 35363 Center Ridge Rd. Worship 10:00 a.m.; Pastor - Rev. Ellen Palmer Marney.

St. Julie Billiant Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039. Phone: 327-1978. (Located between Center Ridge and Mills Road on the north side of Lear North Elementary School) Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Worship Schedule: Masses: Morning 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Saturday Confession 3-4 p.m. in Chapel or by appointment. Father Richard Gonsler, pastor.

St. Peter Catholic Church, 35877 Center Ridge Rd. Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass 8, 10:00, 12 noon. Reconciliation Saturdays 4-4:55.

Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church, 34555 Center Ridge Rd., Rev. Paul Oberhaus, Pastor. Sunday Worship Services 10:15 a.m.; Family Education 9 a.m. Midweek Worship Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

New Heart Community Church, 34899 Lorain Rd. (in Butternut Plaza) 327-7449. Service: 10:00 a.m. Sun. Nursery/Children's Church, Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Sun. Eve., Counsel: Marriage, Divorce, Relationships/Community.

Christian Soldiers Apostolic Church, 5298 Lear Nagle Rd. Rev. Patty Kiser. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.

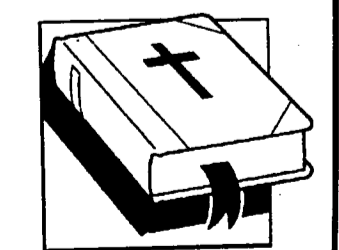
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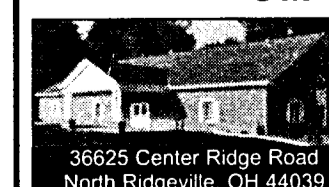
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- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all torn screens in your home.
- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
- Drain water from pool covers.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Clean ditches of obstructions so they drain properly.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Check trees for cavities that hold water and fill them with soil, gravel or sand.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

If you will be outside during evening, nighttime and dawn hours, consider the use of an insect repellent containing 10 percent or less DEET (N, N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide) for children and no

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DEET on infants or pregnant women and do not apply DEET directly to children. Apply it to your own hands and then put it on the child. Always use DEET according to the manufacturer's

instructions.

Remember that Vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense and bug zappers have not been shown to be effective in preventing mosquito bites.

POLICE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Maybe it was borrowed

A resident reported that a power washer was stolen from a shed on Chestnut Ridge Road.

Too young to drink

Police stopped a vehicle for a noise violation and the passenger was arrested for underage consumption.

Not the way to do business

A representative of Wolf Auctions filed a complaint about two bad checks.

Anybody find a cell phone?

A complainant reported that a cell phone was lost at Big Lots on Center Ridge Road.

Not very neighborly

Police were called for a neighbor dispute in which someone made a threat.

FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Pole fire

Firefighters went to Charles Avenue for a possible pole fire and found a fuse that burned through the top of the pole. The electric company was notified and the North Ridgeville Police Department was also notified for traffic assistance. Charles and Paula avenues were closed temporarily.

Be careful where you dig

A possible gas leak was reported in the Chadwick Development at Victoria Lane. Nothing was found there, but a leak was discovered at Minott. While on the scene, there was a leak when a crew was digging holes for mailboxes. The fire crew was told to leave when the gas company came on the scene and determined that the

leak was in a main. A backhoe arrived, dug up the main and clamped it off to stop the leak.

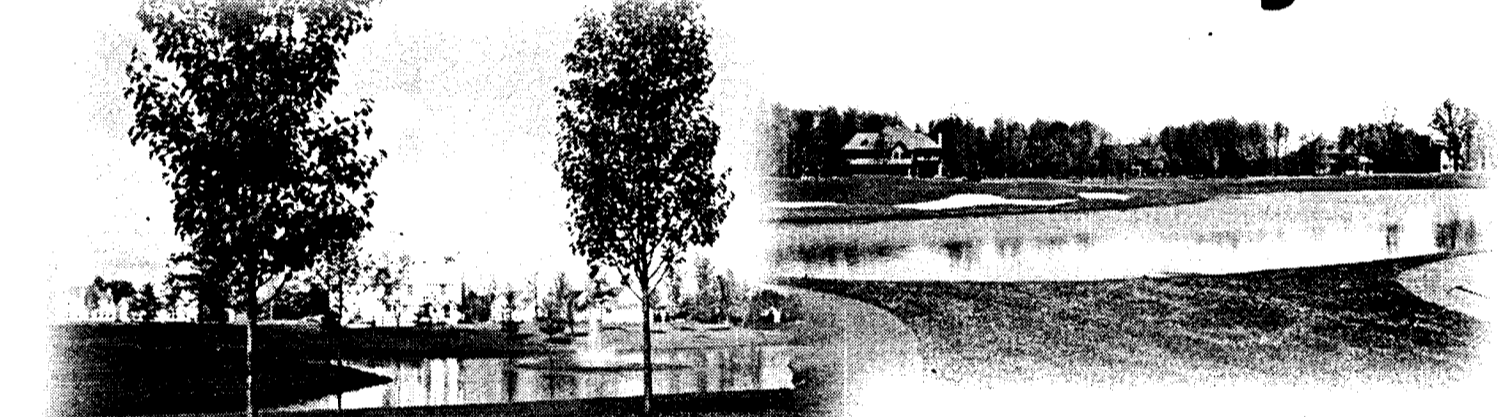
Follow guidelines

Firefighters found an Avon Belden Road resident attending to a smoking outdoor fire. The resident had obtained a permit, but was not following the guidelines. The crew extinguished the fire and explained to the resident that he had to follow guidelines.

Transports

The North Ridgeville Fire Department had 26 squad runs from Aug. 7-12. There were six to St. John West Shore Hospital eight to EMH Regional Medical Center and one to Fairview Hospital. There were 11 "no transports."

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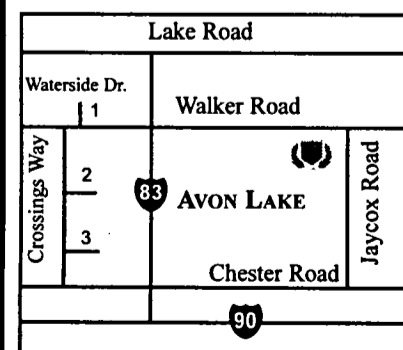
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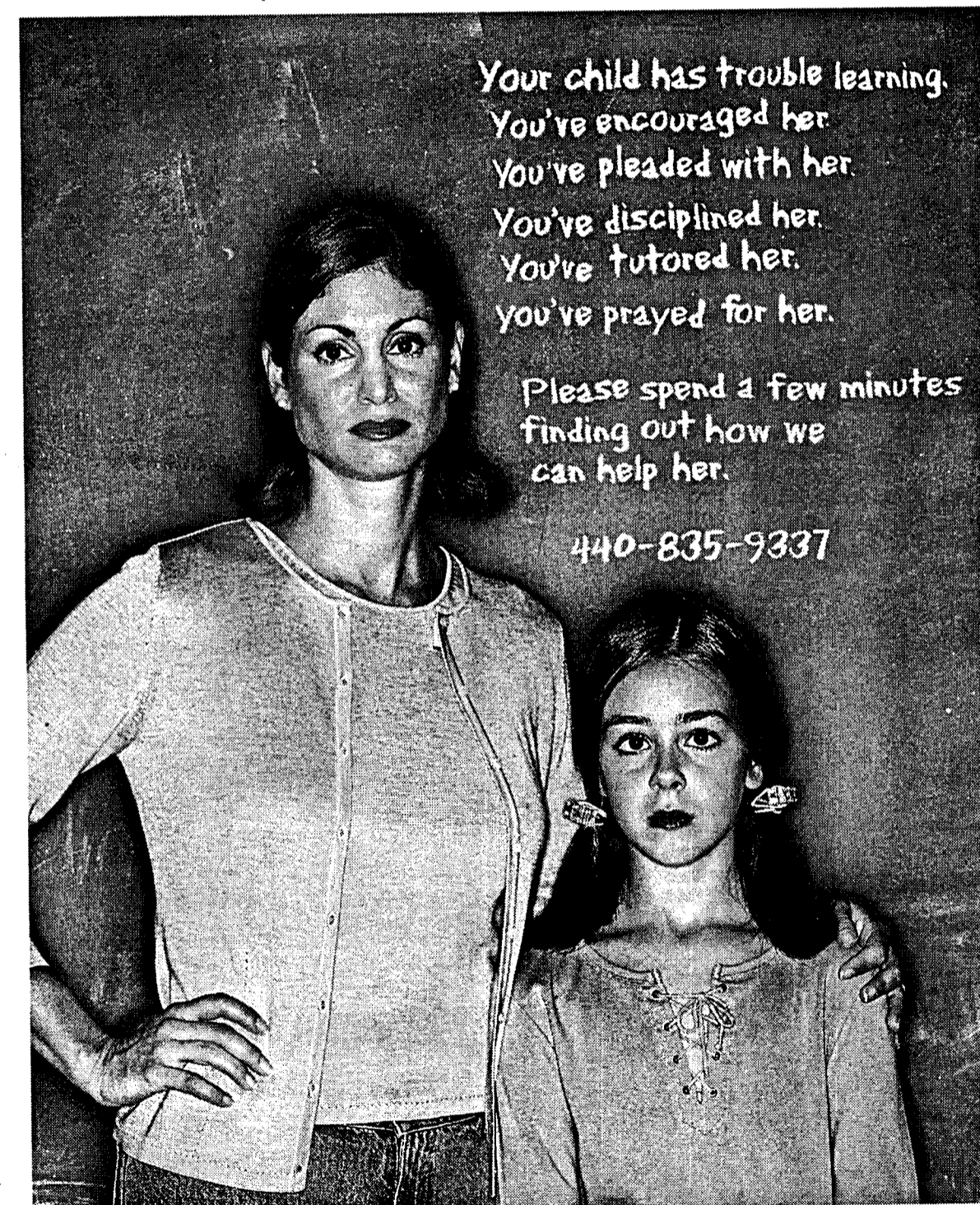
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AVON LAKE: 184 Sunset Ave., Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm, 8/23-24 & 8/30-31. Entire contents of home. Furniture, bedding, appliances, glassware, jewelry, sewing machines, tools and much more.

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NORTH OLMSTED: 27653 Blossom Blvd., Thursday, 8:00am-3:00pm. Back-to-school clothing, toys, bikes, household items and much more.

NORTH OLMSTED: 4322 Silverdale Rd. Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm. Furniture, books, toys, T.V. house hold and misc.

NORTH OLMSTED: 4522 Bailey Rd. (off Lorain by Light House Pools) Thurs-Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm. Computer game, D.C. & Videos, kids books, Toys, Clothes, Avon, Jewelry, holiday items, kitchen items, day bed, computer desk, knick-knacks, stereo, VCR, fishing poles/tackle boxes, chain saw (used once), bike, magazines. FREE BOX. Misc. Priced to sell.

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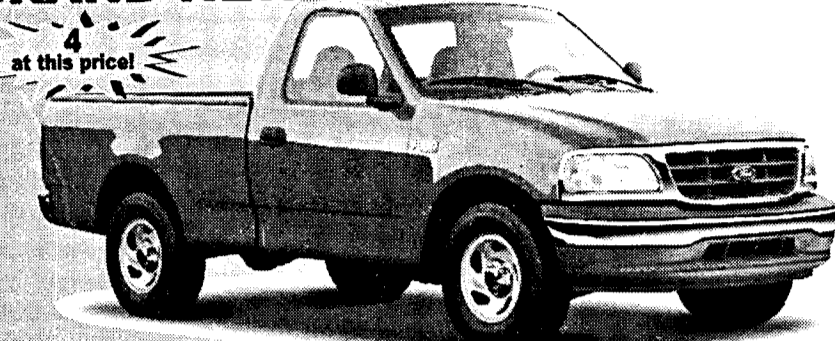
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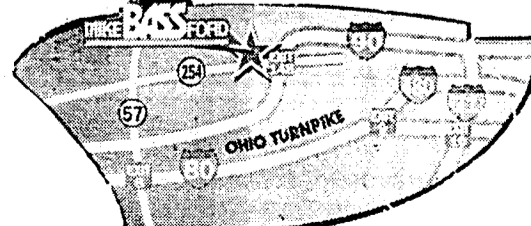
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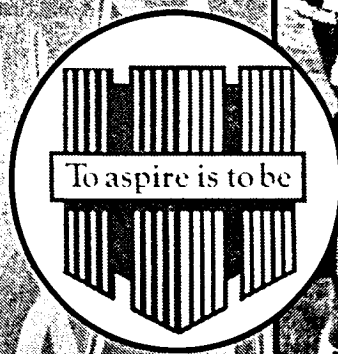
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NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Despite youthful team, volleyball coach expects winning record

By Joe Ostrica

Dan Coughlin, who was promoted from North Ridgeville High School freshman volleyball coach to head varsity coach this year, gets straight to the point of what he expects from his team this fall.

"This is one of those things you don't put in the paper because it's locker room material, but if we can win 10 or 12 games this year, I think we can win the conference one out of the next two years," he said. "Especially when we change conferences."

"We have a great group of kids that are eager to learn. They work their butts off at open gyms. They play hard. They want to be here. They want to learn. They want to win."

Coughlin admits he's excited about the West Shore Conference that kicks off in 2005. But he believes it's how well his team does this year in the Pioneer Conference that will have an impact when the WSC begins.

"I'm looking forward to the WSC," he said. "If we put together 10 or 12 wins this year and do very well next year, there's a good chance we can win the conference the next year and the year after that, depending on what these girls do. We've got a great setter in Jill Hansen and we have her for two years. Most teams have to find a setter. We've got a setter and we've got a very young, very tall and very talented group of girls. Now we've just got to teach all these kids how to win."

The Lady Rangers' starting core will be a youthful group. Hansen will be the veteran as she enters her junior year. Coughlin has high expectations for the PC second-team selection.

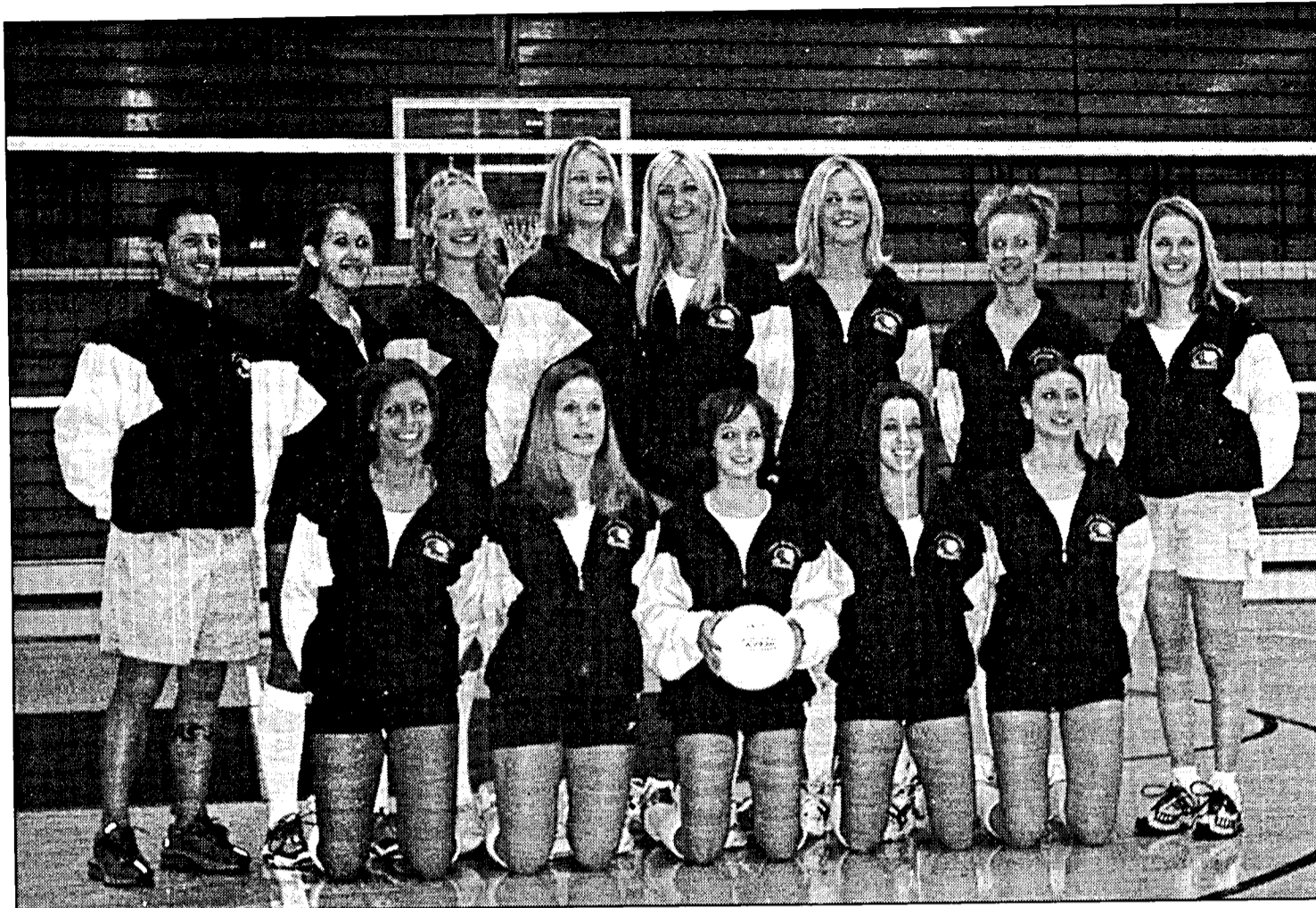
"Jill has been playing Junior Olympics on very high competitive teams for the past two years now," he said. "Her leadership and experience at more competitive volleyball will be valuable. I'm confident that she's not going to lose her focus in a game that gets close. I'm very confident in her ability."

The other five starters are all sophomores, including Laura Hammond and Jill Holava, who are both 6'2" middle hitters, and Liz Frindt (outside hitter), Susan Bing (outside hitter) and Trista Szocs (opposite hitter).

"Laura is coming around tremendously quick," Coughlin said. "She's starting to realize what her role is and she's learning to play smart. If the light totally comes on, she's going to be a very dominant middle for us. Jill split the summer between softball and volleyball. Now that she's spending more time playing volleyball, she's starting to click too. We're going to have two very solid middles and big blocking."

Coughlin is already comparing Bing, who played for the freshman squad last year and Junior Olympics in the off-season, to last year's team MVP.

"Susan has probably turned out to be



Front Row (L-R): Liz Frindt, Sarah Perrier, Colleen Bement, Kristin Bianca and Maddie Kwasny. Back row (L-R): Head coach Dan Coughlin, Jill Hansen, Erika Swanson, Laura Hammond, Jill Holava, Trista Szocs, Erica Braseman and assistant coach Laura Eland. Not pictured: Susan Bing.

the biggest surprise on our team," he said. "She will be the next Tricia Guggenbiller here. She is every bit as powerful and consistent as Tricia was. Once her mind catches up with faster volleyball, she's going to be unstoppable. She is amazing."

Coughlin is glad to see Frindt, who had a very successful pitching record during the softball season, get back into volleyball mode.

"Liz appeared in the sectional game against Strongsville," Coughlin said. "She's been playing softball all summer too, which I think made her grow up a lot as a pitcher. She's in control when she's on that mound by herself. I think she's starting to grow up a little and when it clicks for her, she's going to be great on the outside. Liz is extremely explosive and very strong with a very big arm swing."

Coughlin admitted Szocs has the difficult task of floating between two positions that are opposite from one another.

"I'm trying to teach Trista on the right side," he said. "She's tall, she's a big blocker and she can hit, which means she'll be blocking the other teams' biggest hitter. She's got a tough role because at any given time, she's got to float back and forth between strong side and right side. And that's not the easiest thing to do for the type of offenses we

run. I think she's going to be real solid."

Senior Kristin Bianca impressed Coughlin with the leadership she's developed and named her a team captain.

"Kristen has turned out to be probably one of the best little vocal leaders that I have," he said. "Her skills may not be as great as everyone else, but her attitude and positive energy makes up a ton. Sometimes positive energy is much more valuable than overall skill. She compliments Jill well. She's very vocal, very positive. Jill is very intense, very strong. Together those two make one big great leader on the court."

Seniors Sarah Perrier and Colleen Bement and juniors Erika Swanson and Erica Braseman and sophomore Maddie Kwasny round out the roster.

Coughlin said, next to Bing, Perrier was the biggest surprise he's had this year. Her play at a summer tournament in Cincinnati, in which the Lady Rangers went 19-5, blew him away.

"She came to Cincinnati to play," he said. "I was speechless and dumbfounded by the way she played all three days. I truly believe had she not gone there with us, we wouldn't have won half the games. Her defense was just amazing."

Coughlin is happy his assistants, JV coach Laura Eland and freshman coach Jackie Klinehens teach at the high

school and are available to the girls during the day.

"We're bringing a very young, very energetic coaching staff in that can help out with a bunch of stuff," he said. "Having teachers inside the school on the staff helps keep the lines of communication open and available. We get along real well. It's going to be a positive season with the new coaching staff. Hopefully we'll change the style of volleyball at North Ridgeville."

Coughlin believes the key to his team's success is showing them how to win, as they demonstrated last year when his brother, Brian, was head coach.

"North Ridgeville is filled with athletes," he said. "Just teaching them how to win is the trick. They've always had the athletes, the desire and the talent. As soon as we gave them a taste of winning, you could see the improvement. In Brian's first year here they improved a little bit. We put them on Junior Olympic teams and they got a taste of it more. Last year they won eight games and they tasted it even more. This past year we had 37 kids playing Junior Olympics. They know what winning feels like. They know how to get it. Now they've just got to bring it back to North Ridgeville. Hopefully we can put together 10-12 wins this year."

NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Coach hopes key changes equal wins for Ranger football team

By Joe Ostrica

Last year's disappointing 1-9 season for the North Ridgeville High School football team was a learning experience for both players and coaches. Head coach Keith Rybarczyk said the coaching staff had to make sure everyone was on the same page at the end of the year.

"Last year we had to make a lot of changes as far as attitude and what this program's direction was going to be," Rybarczyk said. "We basically set the guidelines for where the program wants to be in the future. Now it's just a matter of taking another step to where we need it to be."

The Rangers faced several obstacles last season. Starting quarterback Sean Knox went down with an injury in the first half of the season opener, throwing a wrench into Rybarczyk's offensive and defensive plans of the season. The injury moved Jon Harnish out of the linebacker and tailback spots as Knox's replacement.

The Rangers also had 45 players on their varsity roster, quite miniscule in the Pioneer Conference. After injuries, the team had just 38 players near the end of the season. These low numbers forced Rybarczyk to play several players on offense and defense. While the Rangers could play very competitively in the first half and often through three quarters, they were usually drained by the time the fourth quarter started. With 55 players on the pre-season roster, Rybarczyk is looking to cut down on that as much as possible.

"This year we are trying to limit the number of players that go both ways, so we're more fresh," he said. "We want to have an opportunity to talk to the offensive players when they are coming off the field about what's going on and what we're seeing. We are looking forward to some kids to be able to go in on defense and give a couple of plays or a series so we can talk to people. We won't do that in certain areas if we feel that it drops off too much. I think we have enough young kids and some upperclassmen to put together a defensive line front that should be able to go in so we can talk to the offensive line before they can get in the rotation. We are going to try to limit some kids that we know are going to be very important to us to playing both sides of the ball if we can find somebody else to play that other spot."

Sean Knox (quarterback), Pete Catavolos (wide receiver/defensive back), Mike Baumann (running back/defensive end) and Joe Cover (offensive line/defensive line) have been named senior captains.

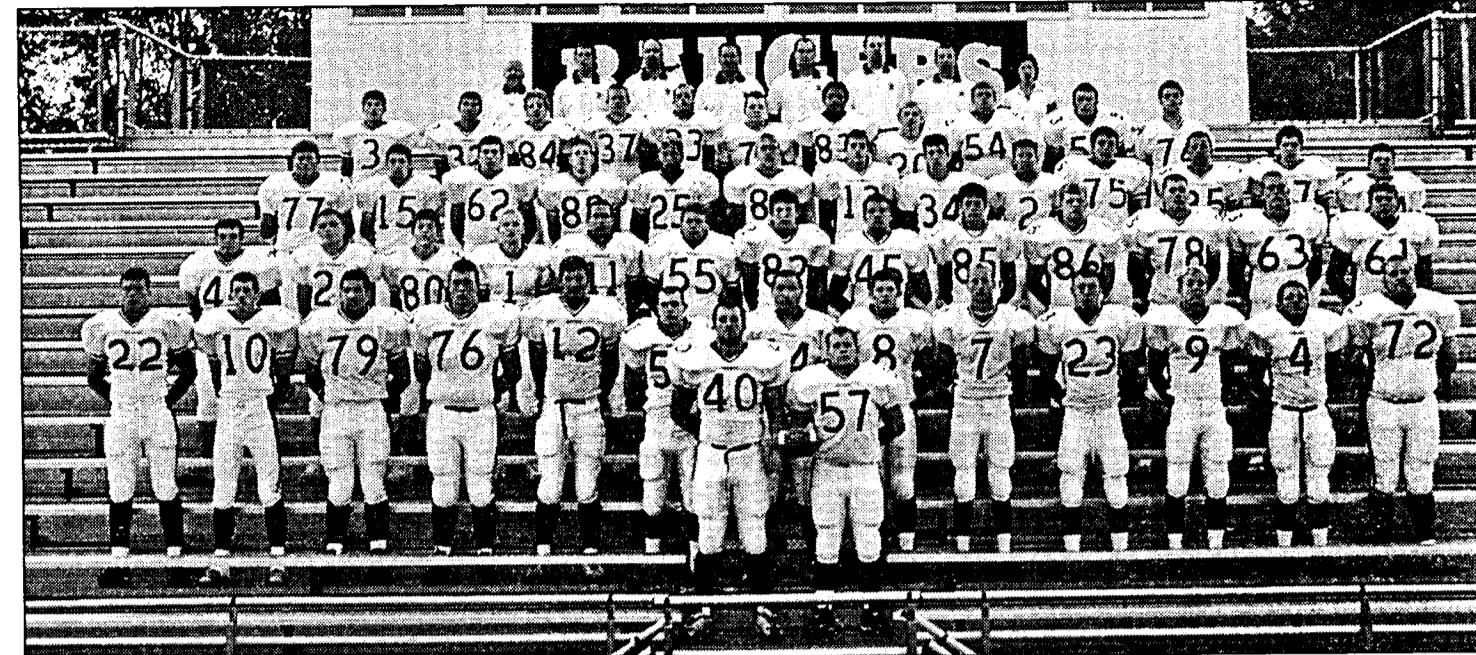
"Sean is our projected starting quarterback," Rybarczyk said. "We didn't get to see Sean at quarterback last year because he got injured in the first quarter. He's had a nice spring and summer so far, so he will definitely start against Westlake in the season opener."

Baumann and Catavolos are two offensive weapons Rybarczyk believes opponents will focus on.

"I think Mike is going to be one of the players that teams are going to look at to try to stop," Rybarczyk said. "Mike will see some action at defensive end, but not as much as last year. We want to save Mike for as much offense as we can. Pete is a top returner at wide receiver and cornerback."

Rybarczyk said Cover is an important part of the line.

"Joe is our number one returner on



Front Row (L-R): Mike Baumann and Joe Cover. Second row (L-R): Isiah Brewer, Dan Holliday, Chris Boron, Ryan Colin, Jon Harnish, Billy Wilkinson, Mike Jones, Pete Catavolos, Sean Knox, James Clarke, Rafe Lopez, John Wilhelm and John Phelps. Third row (L-R): Anthony Palange, Steve Cass, Zac Calamante, Ryan Traut, Josh Bunevich, Ryan Workman, James Hayes, Dan Priebe, Richie Waldecker, Dave Comerford, Matt Proszek, Chad Lawrence and Terry Branch. Fourth row (L-R): Chris Cagle, Matt Diefenbacher, Jared Stermole, Jordan Slack, Jeremy Ice, Spencer Leili, Max Rothacker, Frank Kotas, Dennis Priebe, Jeff Effinger, Johnny Stumpf, Paul Chambers and Ralph Leonard. Fifth row (L-R): Mike Roysden, Jimmy Waite, Kyle Armario, Scott Szczepanski, Tony Anderson, Donovan Paige, Jordan White, Jon McGraw, Doug Hall, Alec Barker and Jeremy Martin. Back row (L-R): coach Jamie Anderson, coach Dan Merrell, coach Charles Shope, head coach Keith Rybarczyk, coach Raymond Mohr, coach Jeffrey Sprague, coach Jason Ward and trainer Maggie McGinty. Not pictured: Joe Millgard, Rob Howells and Delmar Cunningham.

the offensive line," he said. "He has the most experience. He was a captain last year and will be this year too. Joe will see some action at a nose guard position."

Rybarczyk said Harnish is returning to the position he was intended to play last year. Junior Steve Cass will serve as Harnish's backup.

"Jon is getting reps at tailback," he said. "He will share some duties there, but he will be the one we give first looks to. Steve will be his backup. I think both of those guys are going to see a lot of playing time on Fridays. There will probably be a lot of alternating of running backs. Steve will be getting a lot of carries too."

Rybarczyk said he's looking forward to how two new players, junior Jordan Slack (linebacker) and senior Rafe Lopez (running back/defensive back), will contribute on the field.

"Jordan is a transfer coming back home to Ridgeville," Rybarczyk said. "I think he is going to help us out tremendously. He's a very good athlete and he'll be one of our outside linebackers. I think he's going to make an impact on our defense immediately. That's a nice thing to have happen going into a new year that you get a new kid that can help you immediately."

"Rafe is another kid that is going to see a lot of time on defense as one of our corners. He's a good athlete and very fast. He's probably one of the fastest kids on our team. That will definitely help when we play against the passing attacks. I think he can help us on special teams and the corner spot, giving the opportunity for Pete to get a breather if he's playing a lot of offense."

Junior James Hayes, senior James Clarke and sophomore Jordan White will look to get make an impact at the safety and cornerback positions.

"James Hayes hurt his wrist last year and was out for a while," Rybarczyk said. "He's back and will be one of the safeties. Another kid that has been training at that spot is James Clarke. He has good speed and likes to hit back there so

I think he'll help us out back there too. I hope for a big year from Jordan White. He is going to be one of our wide receivers and he's also contending for a corner spot."

"I think we have a nice rotation at corner and our safeties look pretty strong too. I think our defensive secondary will be pretty good. It's just a matter of getting a good defensive line together and getting kids that really want to push themselves to do the job. I think we'll be all right on defense."

Another sophomore, Max Rothacker, will be the Ranger quarterback of the future and Knox's backup this year.

"Max has been great the last three weeks," Rybarczyk said. "He's coming back from a back injury that he had to take care of over the winter, but everything seems fine. Max is going to compete. I think he understands his role is the backup right now, but he's getting himself ready. In our league it only takes one hit and then you're the starter. I think Max understands that his place is going to be the next two years. He'll take over as the starter the next two years. He's got a great arm, he's learned a lot and he understands his role. But that role can change in one night, so he's just trying to do his best to get ready."

Rybarczyk had a simple message regarding who will play on special teams.

"The best kids will play on special teams," Rybarczyk said. "If that means we feel some of our starters have to be on special teams, then that will happen. I think our special teams should be a lot better this year. Last year I think we weren't good at special teams, but I don't think it wasn't because we weren't teaching them the right things. I think we tried to work some younger kids in to try and get them on the field and they weren't quite ready. If you show that you want to be on special teams and you're the best at the spot, you will play."

Rybarczyk said solid special teams play will help the Rangers' defense.

"I really don't think we played bad on defense last year," Rybarczyk said. "I

think we just put ourselves in bad positions because of our poor kickoff game. We just made it too easy for the other team. A lot of times we played really great and maybe one mistake cost us six points. Defensively we played pretty good last year."

Rybarczyk believes the addition of line coaches Chip Shope and Jason Ward will help the offense improve.

"I think our offense is going to be a lot better," he said. "I think the line coaches we added this year are going to really make a difference in helping the offensive line out more this year. Chip was at Elyria Catholic the last few years and is a very good line coach. Jason is a good line guy coming over from the Midwest school system. Jamie Anderson and Walt Laveen have been doing a lot of work with the linemen during the pre-season summer. I think our linemen are going to be much, much better."

Rybarczyk said what happens in the first three games is going to be key to the team's success, especially the season and home opener against Westlake on Friday.

"Looking at our schedule, I think the first game against Westlake is probably more huge to this program than maybe some first games to other teams in the area," Rybarczyk said. "If we come out and play our game and play well and beat Westlake, I think it really opens the door for a great year for us. The momentum will go right into Toledo Libbey. I just think these kids are the type of kids that once they know they can win, going on the road to Bay should be a great game for us. We have a great chance to win. I think we match up with Bay. I don't think they're that much more above us than some people think."

"I think we're very capable of playing with the teams in the second half of the season. I think we'll be in those games and have a chance to win. I think we're very capable of playing with all of those teams and we did last year. We

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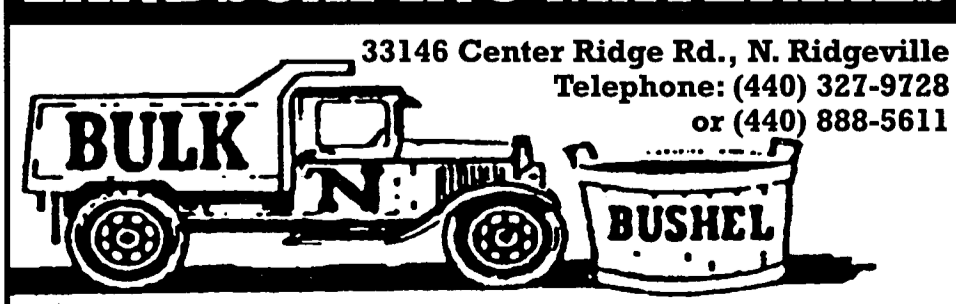
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NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Seniors prepare to lead balanced Ranger soccer squad

By Joe Ostrica

Despite losing five seniors and some key players, including their two leading scorers, starting sweeper and goalkeeper, the North Ridgeville High School boys soccer team is looking to improve on last year's 8-2 record. Rangers head coach Dan Blagojevic has several seniors this year and hopes their experience will lead them to a successful season.

"We have experience and 10 seniors," Blagojevic said. "There are seven returning lettermen. That's a plus for us. The experience is there. We just need to find out who our situational player is."

Seniors Ryan Carrick (midfielder/defender), Justin Christian (forward), Mike Urbanic (defender/midfielder), Dan Winslow (defender) and Dave Yesenko (midfielder) and juniors Mike Russo (defender) and Eric Yandura (midfielder/defender) are the returning letter-winners.

Seniors Scott Duncan (defender), Dan Holliday (midfielder/forward), Mike Jones (forward), Scott Palange (defender/forward), Bryan Papp (goalkeeper) and Abdiel Tombado (midfielder/defender), junior John Neiding (forward) and sophomore Dennis Franczak (goalkeeper) round out the roster.

"I expect big things out of Eric, Dan Holliday, Justin, Dave Yesenko and Dan Winslow," Blagojevic said. "They all have one year of varsity under their belts. They're the ones stepping it up in practices. Judging by their attitudes and the way they are, it seems like they're all going to have a good season."

The Rangers are returning most of their

key defensive players from last year's squad. But they still might have to change their defensive approach and not use the traditional sweeper position.

"Most of our defensive nucleus is back except our sweeper, Craig Yandura," Blagojevic said. "Just because of that, we might have to change our defense."

The offense must find a way to pick up the scoring slack. Last year's seniors Nathan Heck (17 goals) and Brian Evans (7 goals) combined for nearly half of NRHS' goals.

"Eric, Dan Winslow, Justin or Dave should be our key scoring threats," Blagojevic said. "Justin and Dave have been playing varsity for three years now. Their time is due. Eric scored six goals last year. If he can double that, that will be great. If I can get them to score 10 goals each, that would be great."

The Rangers have a tough schedule ahead of them this season. All but one of the teams they face are Division I schools. The Rangers are used to facing at least a few Division II teams a year.

"That's the first time I can recall that at least 90 percent of our games are against Division I teams," Blagojevic said. "There are no gimmes here. All the teams are good. There won't be any blowout games here. We have to prove ourselves again. The kids are ready to go."

Blagojevic said his team's strengths come from the returning players, their quickness and their unselfish style of play.

"I think we're definitely more balanced this year," he said. "We have more experience, a little more speed and we play well as a team. I think we can have a good year. It depends on how the season goes game to game."



Front row (L-R): Mike Jones, Scott Palange, Abdiel Tombado, Dennis Franczak, John Neiding, Dave Yesenko and Mike Russo. Back row (L-R): assistant coach Tony Dickson, Bryan Papp, Dan Holliday, Justin Christian, Eric Yandura, Ryan Carrick, Dan Winslow, Mike Urbanic and head coach Dan Blagojevic. Not pictured: Scott Duncan.

One area of concern is replacing goalkeeper Adam Franczak, who recorded five shutouts last year.

"The goalkeeper is in question with consistency," Blagojevic said. "Brian Papp and Dennis Franczak are the two candidates for the spot."

Playing against Pioneer Conference juggernauts like Strongsville, Medina and Brunswick will be difficult once again for the Rangers. Last year's squad finished 2-5 in conference action.

"The goal is to be as competitive as we can in the conference," Blagojevic said. "I

want to be in the middle of the pack in the PC if possible and to improve on last year's record. If we go 9-7 or 10-6 that would be great. How it happens and whom we beat, I don't know."

Despite some uncertainties, Blagojevic is confident this team is as good as last year's squad that finished with a sectional win.

"I feel our team right now is as good as last year's team ended," he said. "To me that's a plus. If I could play this year's team against last year's team, I think we would beat them."

Winning season is top goal for Lady Ranger soccer team

By Joe Ostrica

North Ridgeville High School's new girls soccer coach, Bill Fielder, is used to winning from his days coaching at soccer powerhouse North Olmsted. This fall he is expecting the Lady Rangers to become winners too.

"We have two major goals," Fielder said. "The first goal is to be above .500. The second major goal is to win a second playoff game and make it to a third game. If we can be above .500 and play in three playoff games, I think the North Ridgeville girls varsity soccer program is on the right path for the future."

Fielder is pleased with what he's seeing from senior captains Crystal Matjasic and Melissa Fetz, who were voted in by their peers.

"They're doing a great job of being leaders in the transition period leading from an old coach to a new coach," Fielder said. "They've done a nice job of keeping the new players and the current players up on what I'm trying to do here. They've been great leaders."

Fielder is also expecting great things from the team's two Heathers. Senior Heather Miller will look to be the team's scoring threat while sophomore Heather Milam, who earned Pioneer Conference honors as a freshman, will be a key player on defense.

"Heather Miller is a very strong offensive player," Fielder said. "Hopefully she'll provide us with a good offensive spark on a daily basis. Heather Milam is also going to be a big leader for us. She's a defender and midfielder that kind of plays everywhere. She's got great technical skills. She's great with the ball. You can tell that she's had some great training over the years leading up to this level. She'll be responsible for getting the ball up the field to create those scoring chances. Those two are going to be the anchors of the team as far as offense and defense."

Senior Jill Stewart, who was a PC first-team selection and Greater Cleveland Honorable Mention selection for her 174 saves last year, will return as goalkeeper.

"Jill is a solid goaltender," Fielder praised. "I'm a goalkeeper myself and she's got some good, raw talent. I think she needs to fine tune it a little bit but I have

all the confidence that she's going to play well in the goal for us."

Fielder has the luxury of another talented goalkeeper in sophomore Melissa Lee, who is competing with Stewart for the starting position.

"She's providing a good push for Jill," he said. "Melissa is right there with Jill. I can probably rely on either one of them to take us through a game, which is valuable. You can't just have one goalkeeper. If one goes down you're in trouble. Having two solid goalkeepers is very important and I have that already."

Fielder has been pleasantly surprised with the talent he sees in freshmen Devin Ballard and Stephanie Zeller.

"Devin looks really strong so far," he said. "She's got good ball skills and good speed. She's probably going to play in the midfield. Stephanie is another freshman that will probably play in midfield. Those two have been very impressive so far."

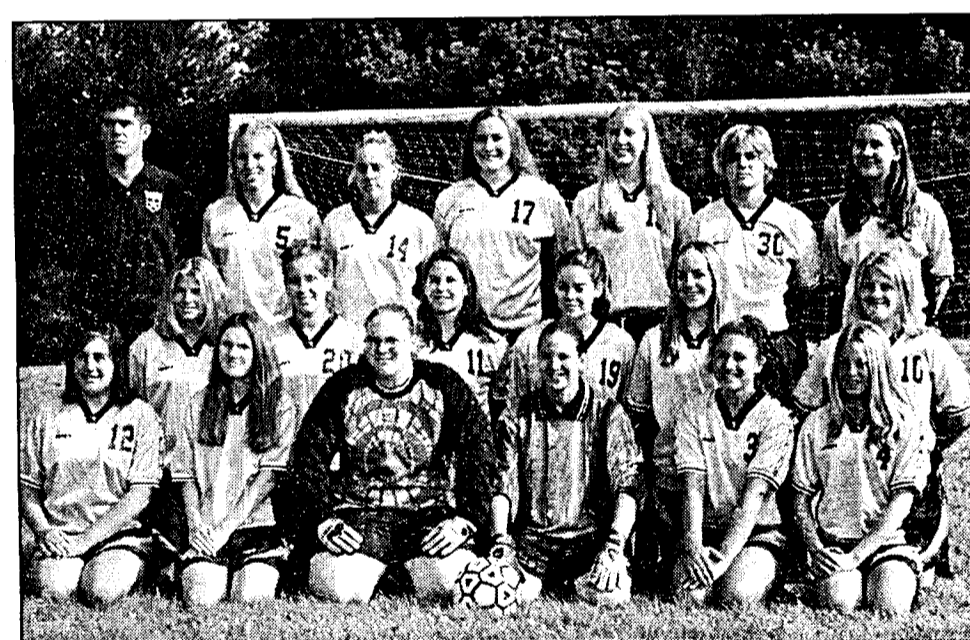
Other upperclassmen Fielder hopes to see some solid play from include seniors Allison Zupancic, Emily Gottschling and Meghan Summey and junior Niki Borecki. Sophomores Jen Kisel, Jessica Sas, Kelly Smalley, Tatiana Taleff and Alissa Rothgery and freshman Jackie Cassidy round out the roster.

While Fielder believes his players need to work on improving their first-touch ball skills, he's confident with the hard work they've shown him that they'll do well this season.

"The girls have really worked hard and stepped their level up to where I expect it," Fielder said. "The expectations are much higher than they've ever had before. And I know that because they're telling me that. They haven't complained or moaned. They've stayed right there with me. They've given everything they got every time I've asked. After the first week of practice, I walked away with a better feeling than I thought I was going to after one week. I feel much more confident about this North Ridgeville Lady Rangers team than I did not knowing anything before I came here."

"This team can only get better with hard work every day. The quicker every-

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Front Row (L-R): Tatiana Taleff, Crystal Matjasic, Melissa Lee, Jill Stewart, Devin Ballard and Stephanie Zeller. Middle row: (L-R): Meghan Summey, Jen Kisel, Niki Borecki, Heather Milam, Jackie Cassidy and Kelly Smalley. Back row (L-R): head coach Bill Fielder, Alissa Rothgery, Heather Miller, Allison Zupancic, Emily Gottschling, Melissa Fetz and Jessica Sas.

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF/CROSS COUNTRY

Rangers looking at depth translating into solid scoring starters

By Mike Ferrari

It has been said many times before when talking about team sports.

If the roster is deep, it is said that is a great luxury. If that is in fact the case, the Rangers are living large.

Once again this year, as similar to last, head coach Joe Sloboda is enjoying a bountiful crop of golf enthusiasts that are eager to prove they can make a run at the title in the highly competitive Pioneer Conference.

For the second consecutive year, the Ranger golf program has had over 30 golfers try-out for the varsity and junior varsity squads that are ultimately cut down to 16 players.

Sloboda is reaping the benefits of having a sizeable number of golfers to choose from as he trims the members down to those that will make his top 12 golfers.

He has coached Ridgeville golf on and off for close to 15 years and under his guidance, the Rangers won two conference titles in the early 1990s before entering the tough Pioneer conference.

The coach currently has four seniors, three letter winners among them, as well as five juniors, three of which also lettered in golf last year.

John Topeka, expected to be at or near the top spot in the line-up, as well as Andrew Kenney and Nathan Haag, each lettered their junior years.

Mike Hein, Brian Dodd and Mike Seme also earned letterman honors as sophomores in 2002.

Prior to making his final cuts (after P & L deadline), Sloboda had over 20 golfers on his two teams. Six sophomores, two freshmen and four young women were part of the Ranger team as well.

One of the female Rager golfers, Jennifer Baracz, was also a letter winner last year for Sloboda.

"We are pretty decent with seven returning letter winners as well as having four seniors on this year's team," Sloboda said. "I think we have a pretty good group of golfers right now."

Sloboda said that last year's record of 6-18 (including tournaments was expected with a younger group of golfers, particularly playing against perennial powerhouse teams such as Strongsville and Medina who are always near the top of the conference.

Sloboda said the Rangers' schedule has been revamped a bit this year. He expects to have a better record at the end of the season, gaining confidence playing teams of their caliber.

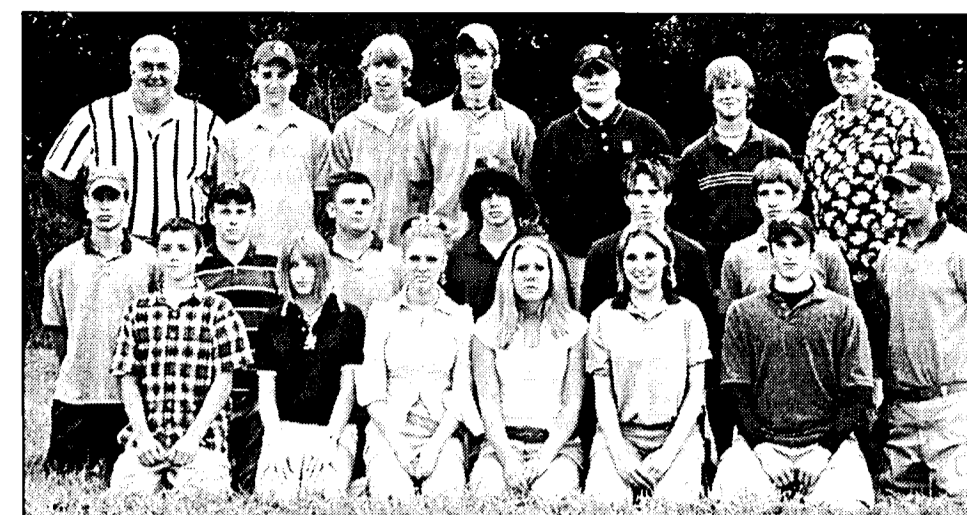
"We have split the schedule now with Parma and Berea schools," Sloboda said. "Coming in we are not playing a lot of the same teams that we did last year. We won't face off with the powerhouses, like Strongsville, Medina and (North) Royalton...they are there (at the top) all the time and Brecksville and Brunswick have a lot of kids that are country club kids."

Sloboda said that despite the staggered schedule, he knows the title road will eventually lead his Rangers through one of the aforementioned towns.

That is not to say that the Berea and Parma schools are going to be cake walks.

"The Parma schools have always had good golf and Berea could be decent," Sloboda said. "With the new schedule, instead of being out of it, we could be in a dog fight."

Sloboda knows that he has to have big things from Topeka, Kenney, Haag, Hein, Seme and Dodd if the Rangers are



Front Row (L-R): Nick Grazetti, Amanda Donelon, Katie Boose, Jamie Sklenicka, Jennifer Baracz and Ryan Kenney. Middle row (L-R): Brian Dodd, Chad Auner, Mike Hammond, Andrew Kenney, Nathan Haag, Zak Carlson and Mike Seme. Back row (L-R): Head coach Joe Sloboda, Sean Bunevich, Zak Logan, John Topeka, Kyle Nitschke, Greg Marsh and assistant coach Ned Koelliker. Not Pictured: Sean Might, Eric Viergutz and Mike Hein.

to even come close to reaching his expectations.

He also said that he expects sophomore Kyle Nitschke and senior Mike Hammond to be steady producers for the team throughout the year.

"I'm still feeling things out for the spots this year," Sloboda said of his line-up. "Topeka should be our number one and he can turn it up a notch. I'm expecting big things from all of the past lettermen. Topeka is the leader and the underclassman Seme is shooting great scores. Hein and Dodd had the combined low-stroke average last year."

Sloboda said one of the main problems the team faced last year was hitting

off of the tee. This year, that has changed.

"I think what we had last year was a disadvantage in that our kids didn't have the length off the tee," Sloboda said. "In that league, where some kids are driving greens we were out of it on the long courses. These kids are hitting long balls now because they got stronger from last year. That will help lower scores and they are not spraying the ball anymore, it is in the short grass."

The coach said that if his team needs work anywhere in their games it would be in their short games and with putting.

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Young harriers looking for challenge, growth with host of new runners

By Lori E. Switaj

This season marks not only a new challenge for first-year head coach Kevin Drapcho, but also a majority of his Ranger runners. Seventy percent of the team will be trying cross country for the first time this year.

"Fourteen of our runners did not run cross country last year," Drapcho said. "We are a very young team and we are looking forward to the challenge of competition."

Only four of the 11 members of the boys team are returning lettermen, including Tim Malinich, who received honorable mention last year in the Pioneer Conference. He is expected to lead his team again this year.

"Tim is one that we're really looking forward to developing," Drapcho said. "We're hoping to see great things out of him in the next couple of years. He's got great heart."

Drapcho, a teacher and counselor at the North Ridgeville High School since 1980, is entering his third year of coaching. Previously, he was the long distance coach for the track team, and is capitalizing on his connections to bolster both the boys and girls team's numbers.

"Basically it's the same training," he said. "Long distance is one-half to two miles. This is 3.1 miles."

Malinich, who also runs long distance in track, will join returning lettermen seniors Joe Downey and Brad Smith and junior Nick Rundle. Downey and Smith both pole vault for the track team.

Making the transition from the track team are senior Matt Poland, a long distance runner and hurdler, sophomore Chris Stelmarski, and junior Angelo Tombado and sophomore Micah Wall, both long distance runners. Freshman Chris King ran track as an eighth-grader.

"We're also excited about senior Michael Tague," Drapcho said. "He ran track as a freshman and then moved to Pennsylvania where he also ran track."

Tague recently moved back to North Ridgeville and will make his cross country debut.

"He is a half-miler, but he'll make the stretch to three miles," Drapcho said.

Freshman Jacob Nelson will also be joining the team this year.

Effectively quadrupling in size this year is the Rangers' girls team. Last year only two girls participated, and the addition of seven more harriers means the girls can participate as a team. Last year both ran independently.

Returning lettermen Amy Stermole, senior, and Laura Fulton, a junior, both received honorable mention in the Pioneer Conference last year, and are expected to help lead the team this year.

"Laura Fulton is a long distance track runner and ran the half-mile, mile and two mile events," Drapcho said. "I'm excited about Laura. Amy also throws discus and shot put on track and is keeping herself in shape. She ran last year and had a great time."

Drapcho will be looking at the team's youth not just for this year, but for seasons down the road.

"Freshman Kori Branscum has a lot of potential," he said. "So does Jessica Stiebing, also a freshman. She and Kori are hard workers. They set their own pace and push themselves."

Sophomores Dana Spangenberg and Kaitlyn McCarthy were also tapped for their potential. McCarthy ran long distance last year for the track team as did junior Tracey Lucas, who is expected to make the stretch. Drapcho has seen nothing but hard work from sophomore Katie Hrabik and Nicky Phelps, who as a freshman is "putting in the miles."

The girls are excited about the increase in number, Drapcho said, adding that runners tend to compete harder when they know a team score is on the line.

The coach knows that despite a deep roster, the students are still in for some serious opposition.

"The Pioneer Conference is a very competitive long distance conference," Drapcho said. "Every week you need to be up for it. There are no easy opponents."

Looking down the road, Drapcho sees both teams playing an integral part in the new West Shore Conference.

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Front Row (L-R): Amy Stermole, Kaitlyn McCarthy and Kori Branscum. Back row (L-R): Coach Nolan, Brian Smith, Matt Poland, Chris Stelmarski and head coach Kevin Drapcho. Not Pictured: Tracey Lucas, Tim Malinich, Jacob Nelson, Nicky Phelps, Nick Rundle, Dana Spangenberg, Jessica Stiebing, Michael Tague, Angelo Tombado, Micah Wall, Joe Downey, Katie Hrabik, Laura Fulton and Chris King.

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Tennis team looks to improve, gain valuable experience

By Ryan Gahagan

The North Ridgeville girls tennis team got off to a rough start last season going 0-7 after returning for the first time since 2000. This season the team, coached by Carol Costanzo, is back with confidence and hopes to turn things around.

Last year's schedule for the Lady Rangers included all seven matches against teams in the Pioneer Conference. This did not allow the girls much opportunity to play some lesser opponents in other conferences that may have been more on their skill level.

With the expansion of the PC this year, the Lady Rangers have added more matches to their schedule, giving them an opportunity to gain more experience.

Returning to the team this year will be seniors Amanda Fitzgerald and Christa McGuire who will be participating in first singles matches. Sophomore

Samantha Laufer will compete in second singles. Senior MaryBeth Lewton and sophomore Jennifer Flanigan will compete in first doubles and junior Mary Lash and sophomores Stephanie Litten and Misty Klinger will be competing in second doubles for the Lady Rangers.

New to the team this year will be sophomore Beth Prokay and freshmen Holly Matjesic and Brittany Beitler.

Costanzo, who is assisted by Dan Bing, is anxious for the approaching season even though the program is only in its second year back.

"We, as a team, will perform to the best of our abilities," Costanzo said. "We have more teams to match up against this year so that will give the girls more experience. The girls enjoy the game and will give it their best shot. Hopefully many of them will strive to be aggressive players on the court throughout the season."



Front Row (L-R): Mary Lash, Christa McGuire, MaryBeth Lewton, Amanda Fitzgerald and Beth Prokay. Back row (L-R): Assistant coach Dan Bing, Holly Matjesic, Stephanie Litten, Jenny Flanigan, Samantha Laufer, Brittany Beitler and head coach Carol Costanzo. Not pictured: Misty Klinger.

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proved that we could for three quarters. If we're a lot better than last year and if our kids have confidence and start the first half of the season off well, those are all games that our staff and the kids will say, 'Hey, we can go over there Friday and win.'

While the team's goals of winning the conference and making the playoffs might not happen this season, Rybarczyk said there are plenty of other achievements for them to make.

"The goal is to win a conference

championship and get North Ridgeville into the playoffs," Rybarczyk said. "But at the same time, we want to establish things within the program, such as pride, commitment, loyalty and respect among the players and respect from the players to the coaches. It's not only getting a better record and getting into the playoffs someday, but making these young men into good men and helping them grow up to be good men when they leave here and prepare for life. I think we're ready to make the next positive step to where we need the program to be. It should be a very exciting year."

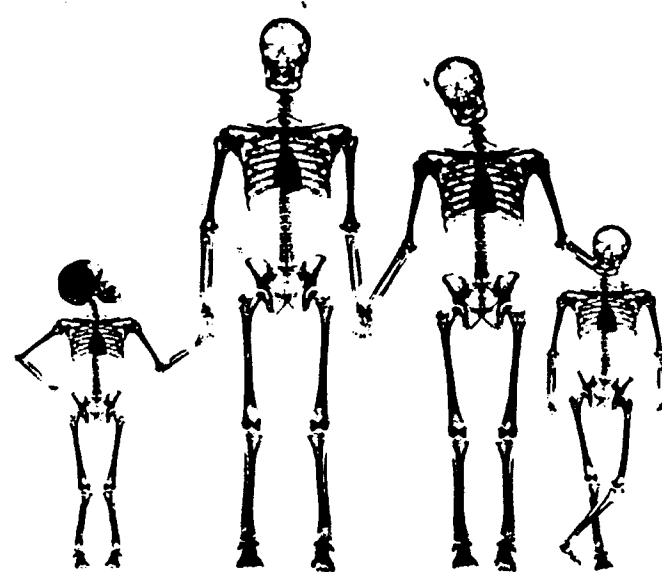
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Sloboda said he is confident that with work on the short game and teaching the students course management by hitting the greens in regulation, the upcoming season looks good for the Rangers.

The Rangers will have a full slate of 18 matches this year, playing their home tilts at Creekwood, the same place they practice.

He said the midway point of the schedule will be an accurate forecast of how the end of the season will play out for his Rangers.

"There is always that turnaround midway through," he said. "We will be through half way and we have to come

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body starts to buy into that, the quicker it's going to happen. We're going to step on the field every day and give a 100 percent effort until the last whistle against every team we play. I don't care who it is. We will never give up. We will never stop working. We're going to look like we are a legitimate varsity sport every single time we take the field. I don't care what the score is or if we're winning 10-0. We're going to look good and play professionally. We're not going to goof around."

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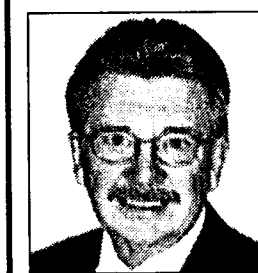
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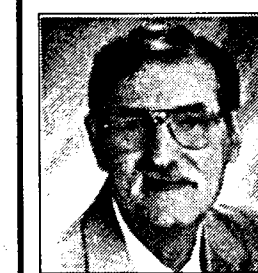
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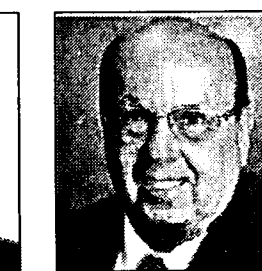
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NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Varsity Football

8/22	Westlake.....H	7 p.m.
8/29	Toledo Libbey.....H	7 p.m.
9/05	Bay.....A	7 p.m.
9/12	Strongsville.....A	7 p.m.
9/19	Valley Forge.....A	7 p.m.
9/26	N Royalton (Homecoming).....H	7 p.m.
10/03	Berea.....H	7 p.m.
10/10	Midpark.....A	7 p.m.
10/17	Brecksville-Broadview Hts.....A	7 p.m.
10/24	Normandy Parent Night.....H	7 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball

8/28	N Royalton.....H	6 p.m.
8/30	Vermilion @ Wellington.....A	10 a.m.
9/02	Berea.....H	6 p.m.
9/04	Midpark.....A	6 p.m.
9/06	Varsity - Quad @ Avon.....A	10 a.m.
9/09	Brecksville-Broadview Hts.....A	6 p.m.
9/11	Normandy.....H	6 p.m.
9/13	Tri L West/Brook.....H	9 a.m.
9/16	Strongsville.....H	6 p.m.
9/18	Valley Forge.....A	6 p.m.
9/23	Medina.....A	6 p.m.
9/25	N Royalton.....A	6 p.m.
9/27	Perkins @ New London.....A	10 a.m.
9/30	Berea.....A	6 p.m.
10/02	Midpark.....H	6 p.m.
10/07	Brecksville/Broadview PN.....H	6 p.m.
10/09	Normandy.....A	6 p.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

8/20	Valley Forge.....A	6 p.m.
8/23	Olmsted Falls.....H	1 p.m.
8/25	Midview.....A	7 p.m.
8/30	N Royalton.....H	1 p.m.
9/04	Lorain Admiral King.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/06	Holy Name.....A	TBA
9/10	Strongsville.....A	7 p.m.

9/13	Brecksville-Broadview Hts.....H	2 p.m.
9/16	Elyria.....H	7 p.m.
9/20	Amherst-Steele.....H	7 p.m.
9/23	Parma.....H	7 p.m.
9/25	Brunswick.....A	7 p.m.
9/27	Westlake.....A	1 p.m.
9/30	Midpark.....A	4 p.m.
10/04	Berea Parents Night.....H	7 p.m.
10/07	Normandy.....A	4 p.m.
10/09	Vermilion.....A	7 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

8/23	Olmsted Falls.....A	10 a.m.
8/25	Midview.....H	4:30 p.m.
8/30	N Royalton.....A	5 p.m.
9/02	Strongsville.....H	7 p.m.
9/06	Brecksville-Broadview Hts.....A	7 p.m.
9/09	St. Augustine.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/11	Lakewood.....A	7 p.m.
9/13	Elyria.....H	7 p.m.
9/16	Parma.....A	6 p.m.
9/18	Vermilion.....A	5 p.m.
9/22	Southview.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/27	Midpark.....H	11 a.m.
9/30	St. Joseph Academy.....A	4:30 p.m.
10/04	Lorain Admiral King.....A	11 a.m.
10/07	Berea.....A	5 p.m.
10/11	Normandy Parents Night.....H	7 p.m.

Boys Varsity Golf

8/11	Medina Kick-off.....A	11 a.m.
8/13	A.K. Invitational.....A	7:30 a.m.
8/15	Vermilion.....H	10 a.m.
8/19	Fox Creek Invitational.....A	TBA
8/20	Midview.....A	10 a.m.
8/21	LC @ Emerald Valley.....A	3:30 p.m.
8/25	Admiral King.....H	3 p.m.
8/26	N Royalton.....H	3 p.m.
8/28	Midpark @ Brecksville.....A	3 p.m.

9/02	Normandy/Parma.....H	3 p.m.
9/04	Berea.....H	3 p.m.
9/09	N Royalton.....A	3 p.m.
9/11	Berea @ Midpark.....A	3 p.m.
9/16	Normandy.....A	3 p.m.
9/18	Berea.....A	3 p.m.
9/22	Avon.....A	3:30 p.m.
9/25	PC @ Bunker Hill.....A	9 a.m.
9/27	LCAAA @ Bob-o-Link.....A	8 a.m.

Cross Country

8/27	PC Quad.....A	TBA
8/30	Avon Lake Early Bird.....A	8 a.m.
9/06	B Leach @ Brecksville.....A	9 a.m.
9/13	McDonough Invitational.....A	9 a.m.
9/20	CC Pack Invitational.....A	TBA
9/27	Obemour Invitational.....A	8:30 a.m.
10/04	Medina Invitational.....A	TBA
10/11	PC.....A	TBA
10/18	District.....A	8:30 a.m.
10/25	Regional.....A	8:30 a.m.
11/01	State.....A	8:30 a.m.

Girls Varsity Tennis

8/12	Strongsville.....H	10 a.m.
8/14	Elyria.....A	4:15 p.m.
8/19	Medina.....H	4:15 p.m.
8/21	Parma.....A	4:15 p.m.
8/26	Brunswick.....H	4:15 p.m.
8/27	Garfield Hts.....H	3 p.m.
8/28	Valley Forge.....A	4:15 p.m.
9/02	Midpark.....A	4:15 p.m.
9/04	Brecksville-Broadview Hts.....H	4:15 p.m.
9/05	LCAAA.....A	4 p.m.
9/06	LCAAA @ Avon Lake.....A	8:30 a.m.
9/09	Normandy.....A	4:15 p.m.
9/11	Berea.....A	4:15 p.m.
9/16	N Royalton.....H	4:15 p.m.
9/20	PC @ Medina.....A	TBA

LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY SCHEDULES

Varsity Field Hockey

8/25	Stow High School.....H	4:30 p.m.
8/27	Andrews School.....A	4:30 p.m.
8/29	Western Reserve Academy.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/9	Hudson High School.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/11	Magnificat High School.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/13	Laurel School.....H	10 a.m.
9/16	Orange High School.....H	4:30 p.m.
9/20	Andrews School (Homecoming).....H	11 a.m.
9/25	Cleveland Heights.....A	4:30 p.m.
9/29	Shaker Heights HS (Senior Day).....H	4:30 p.m.
10/01	Orange High School.....A	4:30 p.m.
10/03	Maumee Valley Country Day.....A	4:30 p.m.
10/04	Maumee Valley Country Day.....A	TBA
10/06	Kent Roosevelt HS.....A	4:30 p.m.
10/08	Hawken School.....A	4:30 p.m.
10/13	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	
10/20	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	

Boys Varsity Soccer

8/20	Lincoln West.....H	4:30 p.m.
8/22	Christian Community (scrim).....H	4 p.m.
8/25	First Baptist Christian.....H	4:30 p.m.
8/27	Sandusky High School.....A	5 p.m.
9/02	Open Door Christian.....H	5 p.m.
9/09	Independence HS.....A	7 p.m.
9/11	Columbia High School.....H	5 p.m.
9/15	Lorain Catholic.....A	5 p.m.
9/18	Cornerstone Christian.....H	5 p.m.
9/20	Admiral King (Homecoming).....H	1 p.m.
9/22	Olmsted Falls.....A	5 p.m.
9/36	Medina Christian.....A	4:30 p.m.
9/29	Oberlin High School.....A	7 p.m.
10/03	Maumee Valley Tournament.....A	3 p.m.
10/04	Maumee Valley Tournament.....A	TBA
10/07	Lutheran West.....H	4:30 p.m.
10/11	Amherst Steele (Senior Day).....H	2 p.m.
10/13	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	

10/20	OHSAA.....TBA
10/27	Regional Playoffs.....TBA
10/28	OHSAA Regionals.....TBA

Girls Varsity Tennis

8/20	Avon High School.....H	4:15 p.m.
8/22	Laurel School @Fairmont Campus.....A	3:30 p.m.
8/26	Lorain Catholic.....H	4 p.m.
9/02	Lakewood High School.....A	4:30 p.m.
9/05	LCAAA Tournament @Avon Lake HSA.....TBA	
9/06	LCAAA Tournament @Avon Lake HSA.....TBA	
9/08	Elyria Catholic.....H	4 p.m.
9/12	Vermilion High School.....H	4 p.m.
9/15	Lorain Catholic.....H	4 p.m.
9/16	Lakewood High School.....H	4 p.m.
9/20	Highland HS (Homecoming).....H	11 a.m.
9/24	Midview High School.....A	4:15 p.m.
9/25	Andrews School (Senior Day).....H	4:30 p.m.
9/29	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	
10/06	OHSAA Districts.....TBA	
10/17	OHSAA State Finals.....TBA	

Boys Varsity Golf

8/21	Cornerstone Christ. Acad.	Cherry Ridge/TBA
8/25	First Baptist Christian	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
8/27	Lorain Catholic	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/02	Lorain Catholic	Emerald Valley/4:15 p.m.
9/03	Lutheran West	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/08	Open Door Christian	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/10	Columbia High School	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/15	Brookside High School	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/16	Medina Christian Academy	Westfield C/4:15 p.m.
9/17	Columbia High School	Royal Crest/4:30 p.m.
9/19	First Baptist Christian	Royal Oaks/4:15 p.m.
9/22	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	
9/23	Medina Christian	Cherry Ridge/5:30 p.m.
9/27	LCAA Tournament.....TBA	
9/29	OHSAA Districts.....TBA	

10/10	OHSAA State Finals.....TBA
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Varsity Volleyball

8/25	Greater Clev. Christian.....H	4:15 p.m.
8/27	Andrews School.....A	5:30 p.m.
8/29	Oberlin High School.....H	6:30 p.m.
9/02	Lincoln West.....H	5:30 p.m.
9/11	John Marshall.....A	5:30 p.m.
9/18	Greater Clev. Christian.....A	4:30 p.m.
9/20	Medina Christian (Homecoming).....H	12 p.m.
9/22	Open Door Christian.....A	6:30 p.m.
9/25	Lorain Catholic.....H	7:15 p.m.
9/27	Clearview High School.....A	10 a.m.
9/30	Medina Christian Academy.....A	6:30 p.m.
10/02	Fuchs Mizrahi.....H	5:30 p.m.
10/03	Andrews School.....H	5:30 p.m.
10/06	First Baptist (Senior Night).....H	6:30 p.m.
10/08	Columbia High School.....H	7:30 p.m.
10/11	Open Door Christian.....H	11 a.m.
10/13	OHSAA Sectionals.....TBA	
10/20	OHSAA Districts.....TBA	
10/27	OHSAA Regionals.....TBA	

On the cover

Sports writer Joe Ostrica and the Press & Light staff would like to thank the following students for participating in the photographic shoot of this year's front cover: (Top, L-R) North Ridgeville volleyball players Sarah Perrier, Jill Hansen, Kristen Bianca and Colleen Bement; (Bottom, L-R) and Lake Ridge Academy soccer seniors Keith Rathbone, Andrew Miglietti, Court Flannery, Wes Corogin, Russ Smith, Jeff Ader and Aalap Narichania.

LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY SOCCER

Royals eye first soccer district title as number one goal

By Joe Ostrica

The Lake Ridge Academy soccer team is looking to bounce back stronger this fall after a 2-1 double over-time district semi-final loss to rival Open Door Christian left a bad taste in their mouth at the end of last season. Last year the Royals finished with a 9-7-1 record and a 5-0 district win over a tough Lutheran West team. Even more impressive was the fact the Royals had no seniors on their squad last year.

LRA head coach Steven Anderson has been telling his players what he wants since that game ended.

"I'm not going to shy away from saying our goal is to win the district title," Anderson said. "There are teams out there that we play this year that have won a district title and there's no reason that we can't take it this year. It's going to be tough. There are some very good teams standing in our way. Lake Ridge Academy has never won a district title, so that's our goal. They know it and they're very focused."

With seven seniors and six juniors, LRA is definitely not lacking the experience they were last year.

"We have a lot of senior leadership," Anderson said. "As a team, only losing one player really helps us. They all have a lot of experience and came into the first week of practice in great shape. I think they're very focused."

The one player LRA did lose, foreign exchange student Nicolai Gropper, scored 23 of the Royals 52 goals last year, which was more than the second, third and fourth leading scorers had combined. Gropper also led the team with eight assists.

"It can be a plus and a minus when you have someone that you rely on for scoring all the time," Anderson said. "I think, by not looking for that one person all the time, others will step up in different games. With the seniors and juniors we do have,

there could be a star every week in the tough games. I'm very happy to have the group back that I did last year."

Seniors Court Flannery, who was second in scoring (10 goals) and assists (7) last year, and Russ Smith (7 goals), will look to lead the scoring at the forward spots.

"Those two will definitely be in the forward position," Anderson said. "I think Court will lead off where he did last season. I think he really came along as a striker and worked well with Nicolai. He'll work well with Russ. Court is just going to get better. He's always given 100 percent when he's out there on the field. Russ came into practice in fantastic shape. I expect some great things from him."

Anderson likes the chemistry seniors Wes Corogin and Aalap Narichania have in the backfield. Senior Keith Rathbone and junior Chris Severs round out the defensive core.

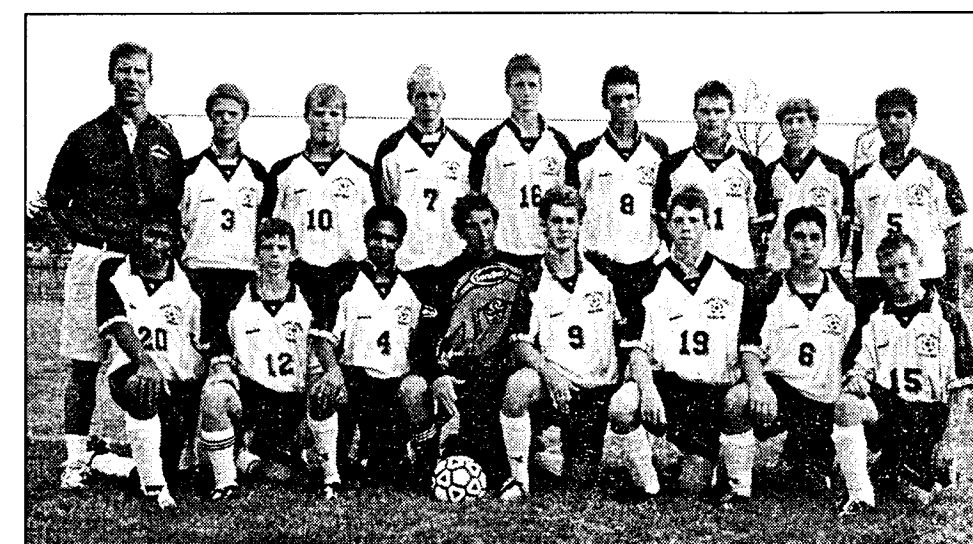
"Wes and Aalap have worked together for a while as our sweeper and stopper," Anderson said. "That's really going to help solidify our defense. Those four were pretty solid last year. We did have some leaks last year but hopefully we can stop them this year."

Junior goalkeeper Mark Hancock joined valuable experience last year, recording over 100 saves.

"Mark has been working hard and you can see his enthusiasm out there," Anderson said. "He's not a shy kid anymore like he was when he first started last season. He's looking to take charge and I think the other players respond to it."

Jeff Ader, who was a captain last year, returns stronger at midfielder.

"Jeff is starting to look, run and kick the soccer ball like his older brother did," Anderson said. "Last year he got pushed around a lot because he was light but he's put on some weight and has gotten taller. He seems very focused in what he wants to achieve this year and it's nice to see."



Front row (L-R): Garpal Pannu, Ethan Glor, Vishal Parikh, Mark Hancock, Chris Severs, Lee Pfeil, Tom Klein and Mark Vandevender. Back row (L-R): head coach Steve Anderson, Keith Rathbone, Andrew Miglietti, Court Flannery, Sam Maczuzak, Wes Corogin, Russ Smith, Jeff Ader, Aalap Narichania. Not Pictured: Jerry Hammerschmidt, Lee Howley, Sang Wook Lee, Tayler Rengel, Chris Walzer and assistant coaches Jim Doyle and Oumarou Hamadou.

Anderson is expecting junior Sam Maczuzak to deliver on the potential he showed last season.

"Sam has come a long way," Anderson said. "I think he's always had a lot of potential in every sport he plays here. But potential is nothing unless you make something of it. I think he has the opportunity this season to really make himself stand out. He does have the athletic ability, but now he has to start proving it."

Senior Andrew Miglietti is a new addition to the Royals soccer squad.

"Andrew transferred in from another school last year," Anderson said. "He may not be as skilled as some of the other players but he has the heart of a lion. He has a work ethic that I think is unmatched. You can tell he's a workhorse and I'm looking

forward to him frustrating some of the opposing top scorers."

Juniors Tom Klein, Lee Pfeil and Vishal Parikh, sophomores Jerry Hammerschmidt and Garpal Pannu and freshmen Ethan Glor, Lee Howley, Sang Wook Lee, Tayler Rengel, Mark Vandevender and Chris Walzer round out the roster.

Oumarou Hamadou will join Anderson on the sidelines again as an assistant coach. Another assistant, Jim Doyle, has joined Anderson's staff.

"Jim is our middle school soccer coach too," Anderson said. "He's a great asset to the program. He knows soccer very well and he's a very positive force with the kids."

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LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY TENNIS

Seniors prepare to lead Lady Royals on tennis courts

By Ryan Gahagan

The Lake Ridge Academy girls tennis team, under the new direction of first year head coach Keith Fridrich, is definitely ready for the upcoming season. The team did well last season, racking up a 9-5 record, and are packed with depth and experience this year.

The Lady Royals are returning seven letter-winners, including six seniors, and have added five new faces to the team. Senior Stephanie Kim went an impressive 21-6 last season and was the team MVP. She took first-place at the Rocky River Tournament, second-place at the LCAA and was a district qualifier in doubles.

Also returning will be senior Jessica Golski, who was a district qualifier in doubles. Seniors Marissa Slany, Jane Limmer and Lourdes Ramirez and junior Tiffany Guo will also be back on the court for the Lady Royals.

Senior Meredith Swayngim will also be back to the team after sitting out last season due to injury.

"Meredith is really excited about getting back into the swing of things," Fridrich said. "She is disappointed about missing last year but I definitely

expect a lot of contributions from her this year."

New to this year's team will be juniors Stacey Aiton and Jelena Lovric, sophomores Galya Olmsted and Claire Geiselman and freshman Ashley Yu.

Even though Fridrich is in his first year at LRA, he is confident about his team and is ready for the task that lies ahead of him this upcoming season.

"We have a lot of senior leadership," Fridrich stated. "With six starting seniors, we have a lot of experience and a lot of depth. I can say that all six seniors are capable of playing anywhere in the line up. It is however, a little bit difficult to project the outcome of the season now because I do not exactly know the type of teams we play. I can only go from what I have seen in practice and we have a group of really talented girls. We know there are some very talented teams out there that we play such as Rocky River, Lorain Catholic, Westlake and Elyria Catholic. We will certainly be up for those matches and do the best that we can do."

Fridrich also is enjoying his first few weeks on the job. He has no complaints and is pleased he chose Lake Ridge Academy.



Front row (L-R): Tiffany Guo, Jelena Lovric, Galya Olmsted, Stacey Aiton, Claire Geiselman and Ashley Yu. Back row (L-R): Lourdes Ramirez, Marissa Slany, Jessica Golski, Jane Limmer, Stephanie Kim, Meredith Swayngim and head coach Keith Fridrich.

"The girls work very well together and they are very fun to be around," he said. "They are very willing to work hard. I have always admired LRA and

how the athletes act not only to other players but to coaching staffs too. It was also just a great opportunity to work for a great program."

LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY GOLF

New coach's love, passion for sport rubbing off on LRA golfers

By Mike Ferrari

Of all the things that could lead to a career in golf, embarrassment is hardly a typical response.

That is exactly the reason that new Lake Ridge Academy (LRA) head coach Chuck Zvosec is where he is today with the game of golf.

As a salesman, Zvosec would often find himself on the golf course during the year at different golf outings with clients. He was so bad that he couldn't stand the embarrassment of his high scores any more and made a crucial decision about the game.

Either he was going to quit golfing or he was going to attack the sport in the same fashion he does everything else-with unmatched commitment and passion.

He chose the latter and after logging his last high score in 1994 at the age of 36, Zvosec made it his mission to become a better player.

He did just that, passing the player eligibility test for the Professional Golf Association just two years after he dove head first into golf.

"I'm an oddity," Zvosec said with a laugh about his golf career. "I wasn't introduced to golf until my mid-30s and it was for customer relations. I decided to take it more seriously."

His then-instructor, Tony Dulio, helped him learn the nuances of the technical swing. Now he continues to hone his craft under Fred Schiller, despite not pursuing a professional career at this time because of his closeness to his family.

Zvosec now has the next best thing. He can't wait to get his first formal year of coaching under his belt with LRA and to pass on all of the instruction and dedication that has helped him with his game to his students on the golf team.

"The type of person that I am, I am successful at everything," Zvosec said. "Golf has been the only thing that I cannot master and I need the challenge."

"The game has taught me to control my temper, how to win and how to be humble. It has taught me how to be a mature adult."

Zvosec admits that the coaching gig is somewhat self-serving as the void left from not playing is being filled through the students he is now coaching.

"I have to present myself as a professional to the junior golfers and it gives me a reason to sharpen my skills and improve on a regular basis," Zvosec said. "And yes, it is filling my 'Jones'."

Zvosec was introduced to the program while he was teaching the junior program

in Amherst at Deer Track Golf Course. He took advantage of the coaching opportunity at LRA when it came his way via a high school reunion that eventually led him to the school's athletic director who hired him.

Zvosec has been with the team since July 1 and has had several voluntary meetings prior to the first session starting on Aug. 4. It comes as no surprise that his group of golfers have been practicing ever since.

Zvosec has seven Royals out for the team this year, but don't underestimate the squad based on the numbers.

It is no surprise, especially after last year, that when the topic of LRA golf is being discussed, Royals' star Brett Cannaday is at the heart of the conversation.

Cannaday, a returning letterman, is the horse on the team and it didn't take long for Zvosec to see the unlimited potential the young sophomore has for the game.

"Our team is anchored by Brett Cannaday," Zvosec said. "He is a sophomore this year and he has the capability of playing nearly close to par on all of the golf courses around the area. He has some pretty good skills."

Despite the expectations weighing heavily on Cannaday's shoulders, Zvosec knows that he can't do it alone.

The new coach said he has talent in the top four positions of the card that should be able to keep LRA competitive throughout the bulk of the 15-match schedule.

"Ian Anderson (returning senior letterman) is raw but has a lot of enthusiasm," Zvosec said. "He is a powerful swinger but he needs to develop a little more and work on his skills a bit. He has volunteered to be the leader by becoming the most improved."

Zvosec also said that he will be expecting big things from sophomore Troy Hatcher.

"He has an incredible ability to be coached," he said. "He is learning the golf swing from the beginning for the proper technique."

The coach said that he is also looking for steady contributions from Brian Veber, Sebastian Chahda, Adam Bruer, Troy Hatcher and Will O'Neill.

Zvosec said that he knows the year is shaping up to be a learning experience for the young group, but believes the foundation is being put in place that will solidify golf at LRA for many years to come.

"I think that we are going to have to look within and grow and build the program," Zvosec said. "We are going to try



Front row (L-R): head coach Chuck Zvosec, Sebastian Chahda and Troy Hatcher. Back row (L-R): Brett Cannaday, Adam Bruer, Ian Anderson and Will O'Neill. Not pictured: Brian Veber and assistant coach Lee Cannaday.

and reset the standards at LRA by being a winner with work ethic and not necessarily wins.

"I expect to compete everyday," Zvosec said. "We could be overwhelmed by numbers but we are going to compete. This is an opportunity to build the program. We are going to arrive 30 minutes early to

matches and will go into our pre-practice routine...I think we can get better by the middle of the season and surprise some people."

The Royals practice and play their home matches at Cherry Ridge Country Club in Elyria. Lee Cannaday will help Zvosec this year serving as his assistant.

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LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey team looks to build on last year's improvements

By Joe Ostrica

One might not expect a 3-11-1 record to be very impressive, which is what the Lake Ridge Academy field hockey team finished with last year. But the squad improved immensely in several areas.

In 2001, the Lady Royals managed to score just two goals the entire season. Last year LRA quadrupled that amount in one game alone, an 8-0 win over Andrews. Six of their losses were by two goals or less. The Lady Royals managed to score six more goals in the season and avenged a 1-1 overtime match with Stow in the regular season with a 1-0 sectional win.

"We made amazing progress last season and are looking forward to continuing our success," fourth-year head coach Kelly Sullivan said. "I'm excited about this year."

Sophomore forwards Maya Ranganathan and Georgia DiOrio emerged as scoring threats for the Lady Royals their freshman year.

"Maya is a quick mover up the field that sets up for more offensive attacks," Sullivan said. "Georgia is a very strong and talented field hockey player. She has so much potential to be an aggressive goal scorer. Her drives and hits are powerful. They both played in all games as freshmen."

Sullivan said senior, Laura Chun, and sophomore, Emily Evans, will play different positions.

"This is Laura's third year playing," Sullivan said. "She is a flexible player and plays wherever we need her. She will

often rotate between the forward line and midfield."

"Emily plays both forward and midfield. She's a very positive and hard working player. She is always helping others out and cheering on those who are struggling. She has shown improvement in stick skills since last season."

Junior Lilly Walleck appears ready to step up in the role of center midfielder.

"Lilly is ready for the challenge of controlling the ball on the offensive side," Sullivan said. "She is in shape and a leader with improved stick skills."

Senior Morgan Szulewski-Francis will be the team's goalkeeper and junior Marissa Serrano will be a key defender.

"Morgan is our one and only goalkeeper," Sullivan said. "I expect that she will continue to improve, like she did last year. She is doing a better job at controlling her defensive end. Marissa is an amazing defender that maintains her composure when pressure is around her. She is quick with getting the ball out of our defensive end."

The Lady Royals hope junior Katie McClusky, who has battled knee injuries and illnesses in the past, will be healthy for the season.

"When Katie is healthy, she is very quick and energetic on the field," Sullivan said. "She has a desire to please."

Sullivan has been impressed with freshman MaryElise Topp, who is new to the game.

"Mary has only played a few days and shows interest and determination to understand the game and to improve her



Front row (L-R): Sierra Grasso, MaryElise Topp, Marissa Serrano and Amanda Soliman. Back row (L-R): Head coach Kelly Sullivan, Laura Chun, Maya Ranganathan, Morgan Szulewski-Francis, Emily Evans, Georgia DiOrio and assistant coach Carl Chang. Not pictured: Lilly Walleck, Mari Wagner, Katie McClusky, Katie Gardner and Britteny Overstreet.

skills," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Amanda Soliman and freshmen Sierra Grasso, Katie Gardner and Britteny Overstreet round out the squad. Mari Wagner, an exchange student from Germany, will join the team when she arrives later this month.

Sullivan has a new assistant coach, Carl Chang, to help her on the sidelines this year. Chang has 13 years of experience playing on club teams.

"I think his playing expertise and field knowledge will really help us out," Sullivan said. "He's focusing the girls' attention to certain details like hitting, form and passing, all the fundamentals. The girls are excited to have Carl aboard."

Sullivan said team chemistry is on top of the team's list for goals.

"If we continue to have team unity, we will be able to achieve the goals we set for on field play," she said.

LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL

Lone senior leads youthful Lake Ridge volleyball squad

By Joe Ostrica

Although there is just one senior, Katie O'Grady, returning to the Lake Ridge Academy volleyball team, coach Sue Bus expects to see a lot of improvement in her young team by the third week of the season.

"From the first game to the fifth game there's going to be a huge difference," Bus predicted. "We've got a lot of good leadership on the floor with Katie. The rest of the kids are not all-stars at any one position, but they can pretty much perform well in the back row and front row. We're going to keep the ball off the floor. We're not going to win a lot of points by big kills and things like that. Serving is probably one of our strengths and obviously defense is probably our second strength. I think we'll surprise a lot of teams."

O'Grady, who was a first-team All Lorain County and all conference selection, has been starting varsity for the Lady Royals since her freshman year and will be the team's lone captain.

"There's not many kids that have done that here," Bus said. "There probably have been two others since the 10 years I've been here. She'll be hitting out of the back row or the front row wherever we can get her the ball. We don't have the hitting or the blocking that we've had in the past. That can be frustrating for a more experienced player. We're going to look for her to keep everyone encouraged out there. We want to see these other kids improve and contribute."

O'Grady knows there is some pressure on her to be the team's main leader, but she looks forward to the challenge.

"I think we can do really well, but I know that I'm going to have to step it up," she said. "I've got to help everybody else out, get a lot of help from my juniors and just show as much leadership as I can."

Juniors Rebecca Cleeton, Sarah Cleeton, Lakshmi Mahajan, Sarah Vandevender and Yanna Voutsiotis, sophomores Geneva Tavakoli and Helana Lang and freshman Quay Roberts round out the varsity squad.

"Rebecca has really improved in her

setting," Bus said. "Geneva, Sarah, Katie and Quay played Junior Olympic ball this winter. These kids are now going to use that experience to play better on our team now. Geneva and Sarah have both improved in their hitting."

Bus hopes to add another player to her varsity roster and may have to bring one of her JV players up.

"Right now we have identified nine varsity players," she said. "I hope to have 10 kids on each the varsity and JV teams. We're always looking for somebody on the JV team to step up, especially in blocking and hitting."

Despite what the team is lacking, Bus says consistent competitive play is at the top of the list for team goals.

"We know that we have some huge deficits in the front row," Bus said. "But we know with a lot of hustle and hard work, we can play some pretty good defense. We're going to give some of these teams some good games and surprise a few along the way."

"I would really like us to have a winning season," O'Grady added. "I would like for us to do as well as we possibly can. I want everyone to learn more and improve and grow as a team."

Bus said she's encouraged about her team's dedication and chemistry.

"These kids get along well on and off the court," Bus said. "That makes it special. They realize our limitations because of our height, but they don't let that get them down. They've been working harder than I've seen kids work in the past."

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The Division III Royals will have their work cut out for them as they take on several bigger schools in the regular season, including Division I opponents.

"I intentionally made the schedule very tough for us," Anderson said. "I expect some ups and downs but the players know the teams we're playing are very tough. We're playing a lot of Division I teams and we're the smallest school by far out of everyone we face. I think it will really help us come playoff time. Being in tight games and against tough opponents will build character."



Front row (L-R): Yanna Voutsiotis, Lakshmi Mahajan, Geneva Tavakoli, Rebecca Cleeton and Sarah Cleeton. Back row (L-R): assistant coach Sue Haendiges, Sarah Vandevender, Helana Lang, Quay Roberts, Katie O'Grady and head coach Sue Bus.



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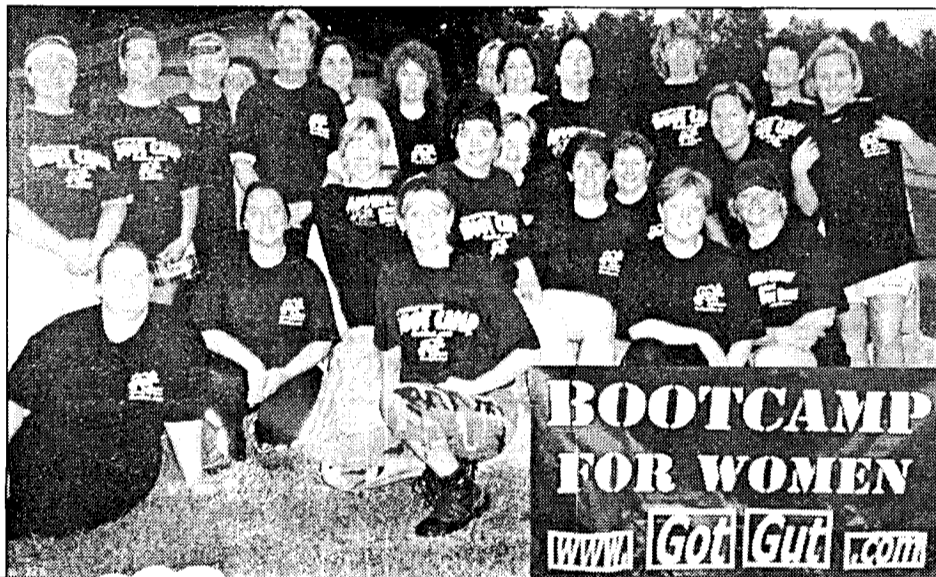
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