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Lorain County prosecutor clears Johnson in sewer tap-in allegation

By Carol Klear

Lorain County Prosecutor Jeff Manning has cleared Safety Service Director Jim Johnson of any criminal act concerning a request that the city evaluate a tap-in fee for the Ridgeville Tire Center, the business Jim Johnson owns.

However, the prosecutor sent the case to the Ohio Ethics Commission for review regarding whether or not any ethics laws were violated.

The situation stemmed from charges by Councilman Denny Johnson, earlier in the year, that Jim Johnson might have gotten special treatment when he paid for a sewer tap-in fee for the tire center, saving himself more than \$6,000.

Jim Johnson said he's happy about the decision from the prosecutor's office, however, he said he feels Manning dragged his feet on making a ruling on an issue that began in March, insisting that it was politically motivated.

The safety service director said that referring it to the Ethics Commission still leaves a cloud over the situation.

Jim Johnson is running as the Democratic candidate for mayor against Republican Dave Gillock, president of council.

"I haven't lost a night's sleep over this," Jim Johnson said. "I've never done anything wrong. This was just a stall tactic. This decision could have been made in March. Thomas (Police Chief Rick Thomas) found no charges. This is all B.S."

"If there was any politics in it, he (Johnson) would have been indicted," Manning said. "We looked at it thoroughly and found there was no intimidation by Mr. Johnson. There were no threats or force."

As for the safety service director's charge of foot-dragging, Manning noted that the allegation against him was in the prosecutor's office before he took over as Lorain County prosecutor.

"We completed our investigation and we moved expeditiously," he said. Manning also said the inquiry ran through the summer when people were taking vacations, which slowed things. His office was trying

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Royal couple

Andrew Kenny and Hayley Hibjan were crowned homecoming king and queen before North Ridgeville High School's win over North Royalton, Friday night. Press & Light photo by Frank Corsello

100 guns discovered in NR residence

By Carol Klear

When North Ridgeville Police Lt. Barry Accorti and Det. Greg Petek went to a house on Avon Belden Road last Thursday, it was to check out a citizen's complaint that marijuana was being cultivated. But, as the saying goes, Accorti and Petek "got more than they bargained for."

According to Accorti, when the two officers arrived at 5931 Avon Belden Road and began searching a wooden barrel for marijuana plants, Jason Gerron, 34,

scissors in hand, stepped outside and snipped off plants that were 4-5 feet tall and tucked in among tomato plants.

"He (Gerron) tried to run back in the house," Accorti said, but the officers apprehended him and Gerron gave them permission to search the house.

"We found over 100 firearms in there," Accorti said. There were some questionable chemical materials, as well, including ammonium nitrate, which can be used as a fertilizer and in explosives. Ammonium nitrate was one of the major ingredients in the bomb

that caused the explosion at the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, killing 168 people injuring hundreds more.

Accorti said he called Humane Officer Tom Schultz to the Avon Belden Road house because of Schultz' expertise with guns. In addition to the large number of firearms, police officers also discovered a hand grenade and called the Lorain County Bomb Squad to

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Beutler resigns from Sandusky job

By Carol Klear

Former North Ridgeville Engineer Thomas Beutler resigned from his position as Sandusky's city engineer, just nine months after accepting the job last December.

According to news reports, Sandusky's City Manager Gerald Lechner asked Beutler to resign, citing a lack of expertise and communication skills on Beutler's part. He also alleged that Beutler was often late for meetings and late with necessary paperwork.

While employed full time in Sandusky, Beutler also worked on an as-needed basis and under contracted services on specific projects for North Ridgeville. According to copies of pur-

chase orders obtained from the engineering department, from April 4-Aug. 5, 2003, Beutler was paid \$21,000.

When asked if Beutler would continue part-time work in North Ridgeville, Larry Griffith, the present engineer said that if it were up to him, he would use Beutler's help as he was needed and as long as there was work to be done.

"But things are slowing down now," Griffith said.

Mayor Deanna Hill said Beutler was used to help finish projects and agreed with Griffith that at this time of year the momentum has begun to lag.

"There are no plans (for Beutler) at

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Beat the drums

The North Ridgeville High School Band drummed up enthusiasm for last Friday's homecoming game, as a huge bonfire lit up the sky. Press & Light photo by Carol Klear

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Elementary students perform in LCCC production of 'Carmen'

By Melissa Linebrink

"Carmen," a story of romance, death and tragedy, will be debuting at the Lorain County Community College (LCCC) Stocker Center Oct. 10-11. The opera is about factory workers, soldiers and many "regular" people who are involved in a tale of love and adventure.

However, in addition to the "normal" cast, this production will also incorporate 14 students from North Ridgeville's Wilcox Elementary School. North Ridgeville High School choir director Bill Davis, who is also Carmen's musical director, spoke to Wilcox music specialist Wendy Norris over the summer and asked that she compile a list of stu-

dents she would recommend for the experience of performing in the show.

The students are in grades three through five and include Derek Berger, Megan Tuckosh, Alexis Jalowick, Marissa Sheehan, Nick Vilagi, Laurel Kennett, Tom Sweeny, James Firak, Christian Watkins, Kelsey Watson, Nicole Genley, Sarah Ladrach, Jimmy Bradley and Marli Harrelson.

"I selected Wilcox because I travel to there after I teach four choirs at the high school," Davis said. "I could have approached one of the fine children's choirs in our area, but I knew the talent existed in North Ridgeville and felt our students should have this opportunity."

Davis has been helping the students learn the

music two days a week to prepare them for the performance and the stage director works with them on stage direction.

"The students are a very energetic group," Davis said. "They are enthusiastic and eager to present a good performance. I am impressed at how quickly they learn and retain their parts. The parental support for this undertaking has been outstanding."

Davis explained that it is not common for students, especially elementary students, to participate in an LCCC production.

"I could have approached one of the fine children's choirs in our area, but I knew the talent existed in North Ridgeville."

~Bill Davis
 NRHS choir director

"Since a large portion of the cast are not students, but sing with the Civic Chorale at the college, I felt it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in a stage production," Davis said.

This is not the first time that North Ridgeville students have taken the stage at a LCCC production. The last time elementary students were involved was when the college performed Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." That production was performed in Latin.

Carmen will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 and 11 at LCCC's Stocker Center, 1005 Abbe Road N. Elyria. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at (800) 995-5222, ext. 4040.



Christian Watkins and Marli Harrelson, center, along with other students from Wilcox Elementary School, will be part of the production of "Carmen" at Lorain County Community College.

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WERE YOU SCARED?...From what I've heard, last Wednesday's fireworks scared everybody for miles around...including some Avon residents.

TOMORROW, TOMORROW.....Plan to meet North Ridgeville's candidates for mayor and city council Oct. 2 at Lake Ridge Academy from 7-9 p.m.

up for Friday's homecoming game. Even before the loud bangs! students were dancing around a huge bonfire in the empty field behind the police station, under the watchful eyes of members of the North Ridgeville Fire Department.

LITTLE FYI.....When you run in to city hall to pay your utility or tax bill, slow down a bit and check out the pamphlet rack just inside the front door.

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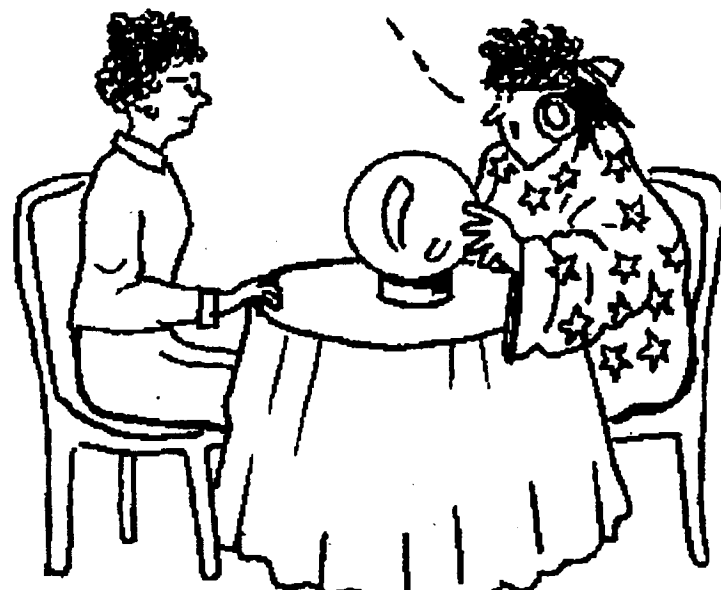
JUST FOR KIDS.....The annual Tots Trick or Treat for little ones 2-5 years old, will be Oct. 31, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

SEND THOSE STORIES.....Still waiting for stories on your haunted house or what you do for fun on Halloween or what you did when you were a kid.

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Ed Kelly

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PRESSLINE

Response to (Sept. 24) article by Larry Bowersox: My husband and I make a modest income and live in a modest home on Barton Road and we have no children in the school system.

Regarding Melissa Linebrink's (Sept. 24) article on cell phones: I agree with most of her points but one thing regarding the 1997 article on cell phone use.

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Words are my business, but they can surprise even me

Words. Long ones. Short ones. Nouns. Verbs. Words of all kinds, that's what I'm about.



Editor's Notebook By Carol Klear

And I love it. But I especially enjoy the way others put words together-in books, tapes, movies or whatever.

Recently my husband and I went to the Apollo Theater to see the much-acclaimed movie "Seabiscuit," the story of an unlikely racehorse that captures the love of racetrack fans.

It had been a long day and seeing a movie seemed a good antidote. The previews were nearly over when the screen went black causing moans all around. But 40 minutes after the initial darkness, the movie began.

One of our daughters, Kathleen, has earned her livelihood in and around horses and racetracks since she graduated from Ohio State University campus in Wooster, which gives us more

than a casual interest in horse racing. "Seabiscuit" is the kind of story that requires no interpretation and young and old can enjoy it.

Nearly half way through the film, the word "Pimlico" flashed on the screen. Suddenly without warning, tears began streaming down my face.

To those around us Pimlico represented the site of Seabiscuit's next race. For me the word evoked one of the

worst times of my life.

About a dozen years ago, Kathleen was working at the Pimlico Race Track in Maryland when we were notified that she had fallen and needed surgery.

I wanted to go, but we had another crisis at home. In addition to the children, my mother, who was plagued by Alzheimer's, also lived with us. I could not go.

Tom called from the hospital. The doctor had put a plate in Kathleen's ankle. After talking to her and making sure she was comfortable, my husband and daughter left telling Kathleen they'd be back in the morning.

The next day they were at Kathleen's bedside trying to offer comfort, when suddenly, for no apparent reason, Tom collapsed, and subsequently was admitted to the hospital, leaving our oldest daughter to handle

two patients.

At home, I called my mother-in-law with the upsetting news and she insisted I should be with my husband. She didn't understand. I could not leave my mother, who was alternating between rational and irrational behavior.

When she arrived, things were far worse than she expected. My angry mother didn't recognize her and as the day wore on mother began a tirade. With no other choice, I had to restrain mother in bed, where she yelled and screamed for hours, until totally exhausted she fell asleep.

I have suppressed thoughts of that horrific ordeal for years. But with just one word, the old wounds were reopened, as were the floodgates of tearful recollections. Again I was reminded that we never really know the impact words can have.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Superintendent convinced her

To the Editor: Larry Bowersox's column in the Sept. 24 Press & Light pushed me right off the fence. Do I want an income tax levy? No. Will I vote for an income tax levy. Yes. Yes. Yes.

The members of our board of education and school administration have done an excellent job of handling the finances of North Ridgeville City Schools. It was, I believe, our community's hope that the state legislators would reasonably and fairly reapportion funds to support our state's public schools-but they failed.

Now, as to Gary Hrusch's missive: Mr. Bowersox asks for the income tax levy to "sustain current programs, continue academic progress and prepare for enrollment growth." No one is asking for the "latest and greatest" although wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have it?

P.S. to Scott Ross: Put me on the list for a yard sign, please.

Kathy Chafetz North Ridgeville

McMillen not quitting race

To the Editor: I'm not quitting. I decided to run for the North Ridgeville School Board and although my name is no longer on the ballot, I've filed as a write-in candidate.

Why vote for me? First off, I spent 11 years on the school board. I have the experience of making tough decisions. When I first ran for school board over 12 years ago, money was tight and the school superintendent lost the confidence of the community.

Don't get me wrong; I believe that academics are the most important product we produce. The North Ridgeville City Schools provides an education for those who want it. The schools have excellent teachers and excellent administrators. I applaud all the hard work by staff, students and parents that went toward improving our proficiency scores.

How do you do a write in candidate? On voting day, when you are handed your ballot, you are also given a gray secrecy envelope. Open it up and inside in bold letters, it states write-in candidate, please write "North Ridgeville School Board" as office and "Linda McMillen" as candidate.

I promise you I will dedicate myself as I did the 11 years I spent on the board, serving the community. Linda McMillen North Ridgeville

Lack of enforcement

To the Editor: It seems to me and many others, that it's high time the North Ridgeville power structure and that of Lorain County finally get off their butts and do what they are being paid for.

This includes from the office of the mayor down to building inspectors, and above all, the county health department.

For years we have been reading of the plight of the Siemientkowski family and their fight to have city hall right the wrongs that have been inflicted on them regarding the sewer problem with their "dream house" by the builder.

My question could be, is the payoff so great as to ignore an obvious health hazard, or have this young couple just expected too much from their elected officials? Why have health and safety laws if they are not going to be enforced?

In my opinion, some heads should roll on this one, and I would not hesitate to expect the City of North Ridgeville to be liable for the added expenses to this couple due to lack of action on their part by the city, and don't forget to include the total lack of enforcement by the Lorain County Health Department.

Robert J. Sharp North Ridgeville

Board must justify the need

To the Editor: There is no good way to spread the "pain" of additional school taxes evenly throughout the community. Whether it's a property tax or an income tax, it's coming out of many of the same pockets, as most homeowners also pay income tax.

My family lived in another Lorain County communi-

ty for some 24 years prior to moving to North Ridgeville two years ago. When that community's schools projected increased student enrollment and pending financial problems, they spent two years developing a plan using lots of community input.

There were planning sessions, meetings, focus groups, coffee klatches and other public events to draw the community into planning for their future needs. Then, a \$20 million-plus bond issue, financed through a property tax increase, was proposed to fund their educational projects and needs. It passed overwhelmingly with a 58 percent majority.

Has the North Ridgeville community been involved in the development of this income tax proposal by the board of education? Have there been public meetings outside of those the school board holds? Has there been any lay community input? I'm asking because I truly do not know.

Does the school board understand that most retirees do indeed have income that will be taxable under this tax proposal? The article states, "...interest, dividends...pensions, annuities, IRA distributions...alimony and non-exempt bond interest..." will be taxable. Most retirees depend on income from one or many of these sources, in addition to Social Security.

Further, the article mistakenly states that "...school district income taxes can be deducted from federal income taxes." This is simply not true. Any new school tax, whether on property or income, may be part of a taxpayer's federal itemized deductions, but only if the taxpayer itemizes. And these deductions may offset income, but not federal income tax, as your article states.

Depending on their income level, a taxpayer would see a decrease in federal income taxes of between 15 cents and 36 cents for each dollar of school income tax paid, but only if they itemize. Those taking the "standard deduction" will pay the new taxes but not see any decrease in their federal income tax obligation. And let's remember that the proposed tax will be on gross income, before those deductions, if any, are taken.

While I remain neutral regarding this proposed school tax, I want to know how the school board has managed its financial affairs since the last levy was passed in 1995. What's the income and spending per student? What's the ratio of administrators to total employees? How do salaries in our schools compare to others in the region? Is there room for improvement in business efficiency or are they running a really "tight ship" now? How are computers being used to maximize the efficiency of the school system's overall operations?

Whether the community supports this income tax issue or not will depend on how well the board justifies the school's needs and explains its current financial situation. I hope they are up to the task of providing this information in a cogent and understandable manner. It's not up to the community to force this information from the board but for them to provide it to us.

Joel S. Keller North Ridgeville

Meeting the taxpayer challenge: Fairness and accountability

By Biagio Sidoti, CPA Treasurer, North Ridgeville City Schools

not grow-even as a community grows. Because of HB 920, property tax revenues in North Ridgeville have remained fixed over the past seven years. Even with all the new housing, the schools have not received any new property tax revenue. In fact, property taxes have gone down over the past seven years for most homeowners. This trend will continue as more people move here.

Even with the low inflation of the past seven years, the district's costs, like those in your household go up. We have been extra diligent in controlling costs: we have retired a \$7 million dollar debt, negotiated cost effective purchases of books, supplies and utilities and instituted effective budget and cost control practices that have been approved by the state auditor; and have a "Certificate of Excellence" for financial reporting from the Government Finance Affairs Association. Even good cost control measures like ours cannot offset the increases in cost caused by growth and inflation.

Who pays a school district income tax? The cost of the school district income tax for most families is about a \$5 weekly deduction that comes directly from your paycheck. Social Security benefits are not considered income and are not taxed. If you are over 65 and earn less than \$10,000 per year in income over Social Security (\$12,500 if you are a couple) you

pay no tax. If you are over 65 and earn \$30,000 in pension or investments in addition to Social Security the income tax cost is \$1.69 per week. We invite you to go to our website: www.nrcs.k12.oh.us and click on "levy info" to calculate your own tax and learn more.

Education and jobs were listed as the top two domestic concerns of Americans in a recent nationwide poll. The school tax vote on Nov. 4 has a direct effect on both education and jobs. As one of the largest employers in North Ridgeville, passage of this levy is needed so we can continue to attract and keep the faculty, staff and other resources needed to provide quality instruction. Many of our employees are local residents who support the community by paying taxes that pave roads, hire police, firemen, EMS staff and other community services.

Education is about people: Teachers, students, parents and grandparents. As treasurer, it is my job to make sure that we are fiscally responsible as we meet the educational expectations of the community. North Ridgeville is attempting to join over 120 other school districts in Ohio that use the school district income tax as a fair method of raising funds for education while remaining accountable to residents. As a treasurer and as a taxpayer, I urge you to support the school district income tax-a fair and accountable means of preserving the value of education in our community.

the rural setting gone, they feel left out.

E-mail: I like how my name and address is imprinted on my NRPL when they come now. No more of the mail labels slapped over half a story!! Someone should get a raise for that.

Editor's Note: The following E-mail has been edited for space.

Tom Higginson: I don't often agree with Ms. Butkowsky or Buescher, due to their STAMP proclivities, but I must commend them this time for stand-

ing up to Mr. Dettore. I only wonder where the other five little dwarfs on city council were. As for the water-less Barres Road residents, I don't sympathize with them about the lack of city water; they made their bed many years ago, and as a taxpayer, I do not see why I should now pay for them to get city water. I do agree with them about the condition of Barres. Again, Mr. Dettore is in the middle of that. As for the Gloria Avenue folks, with the supposedly unlivable house, isn't that Mr. Dettore again?

PRESSLINE, continued

distractions in the car such as adjusting the radio, conversing, adjusting the heating and ventilation, than cell phone use. FYI, it's not just cell phones that cause car accidents, most of the time it's driver inattention, regardless of the activity.

Caller: I beg to differ with the people on Barres Road. They have had an opportunity to tie in to the water line for years. Now, with the development and

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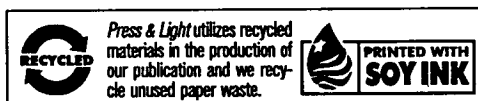
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this time," she said. Beutler worked as North Ridgeville's city engineer from Sept. 14, 2001 until Dec. 14, 2002, succeeding Stewart Lovece who had held that post for seven years.

When Beutler resigned from his position in North Ridgeville last November, Hill was quoted as saying she was sorry to see him leave, but understood his decision considering "the political uncertainties" in North Ridgeville and the fact he has a family to support.

She also termed Beutler a "valuable asset" to the city and that his professionalism, commitment and knowledge would be missed.

In turn, Beutler complimented Hill, and said the mayor had accomplished much in her tenure, despite some controversy.

Hill said she did not know what went wrong for Beutler in Sandusky, but considering that he was that city's third engineer in three years, she said it sounded as though that city's politics might rival North Ridgeville's.

When Beutler took the job in Sandusky, he also relocated to that community. His base pay in Sandusky was \$70,000 per year. His salary in North Ridgeville was \$71,260.80.

When Lovece left the post, he was earning a base pay of \$67,849. Griffith's salary is \$74,152.

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to get necessary documents, as well. Referring to a possible ethics violation, Manning said there were two areas of concern, one the intimidation, which was cleared and the other a possibility of a conflict of interest, which would be handled in Columbus.

When asked to respond to the prosecutor's decision on the issue, Gillock said he was glad it's over.

"It will have no effect on my campaign or how I campaign," Gillock said. "I'm running on my experience and platform and my vision for North Ridgeville."

Jim Johnson claims Gillock knew about the decision before last week and that Gillock told his barber about it. When Jim Johnson went to the same barber a short time later, the barber reported it to him.

"When the barber tells you before you hear it officially...that's nice," Jim Johnson said.

He pointed to that incident as just one of the reasons he's running for mayor on a bipartisan platform, to change North Ridgeville's reputation for being "a very political city."

Larry Overby, the chairman of the North Ridgeville Democratic Party, said he, too, is glad the investigation is over and that the outcome was favorable, however he agreed with the safety service director that politics played a role.

"If it had been Joe Smith, nothing would have been done," Overby said.

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the scene. Two members of the Cleveland Bureau of the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) arrived to examine the paperwork attached to the firearms. They found some high explosive rounds, as well, Accorti said, which were subsequently taken to be X-rayed.

"Most of them (guns) had the paperwork," Accorti said. "But we saw enough parts to put machine guns together."

Those attracted the attention of the ATF and were taken to Cleveland for examination.

"There was also an MG42 capable of being mounted on a tripod," Accorti said. "It must have weighed about 40 pounds."

Schultz said a lot of the guns in Gerron's house are legal, however he agreed that the gun parts found raised some questions.

He said he gave the gun collection a thorough going-over and saw a number of different types including an M2-a machine gun used in WW II.

"An M2 can cost about \$16,000," Schultz said.

Accorti said the situation is still being investigated. On Press & Light deadline, no charges had been filed against Gerron.

An attempt was made to contact Gerron, but after asking for the caller's identification, the person answering the phone hung up.



Close enough He didn't make a hole-in-one, but Richard Whitesell of Elyria, left, was close enough to win \$500 in a contest during the United Service Clubs pig roast. Rotarian, Bob Liston, presents Whitesell with a check. Press & Light photo by Carol Klear

TOWN CRIER

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TIME OUT

LRA coach on Cannaday's quest

Everybody knows Lake Ridge Academy sophomore Brett Cannaday is a uniquely gifted golfer. This season Cannaday has medaled in 11 of his 12 matches and took second place in the Division III sectionals. He missed the top spot both times by just one stroke. Not bad for a 15-year-old.



Joe Ostrica

The only thing that seems to worry Royals' coach Chuck Zvosec is the people Cannaday is playing against.

"The only thing that I'm concerned about with Brett is the level of competition," he said. "I think competition breeds development. He is such a bright star. He's planning to play in tournaments this winter and I hope his environment continues to provide him the support that he can get the competition he needs to push him. I see Brett as highly gifted and developed, but capable of so much more."

That winter tournament, the Future Collegiate World Tour, will feature Cannaday playing at Virginia, Duke University, South Carolina and Sacramento.

Despite the competitive fire Cannaday holds, Zvosec says he's still a kid that enjoys having a good time.

"He's got a great attitude and a very good demeanor for a young guy," Zvosec said. "He's relatively mature. He's having fun still. He'll do his golfing and you see him hook up his music. He doesn't get all tied up in knots over this thing. It's just coming natural to him, which is very important. I think that's what happens with the best ones."

Berea comes to Ridgeville

After getting their second win of the season, the North Ridgeville High School football team is looking forward to Friday's home game against Berea. Last season the Braves showed zero class in running the score up in a disgusting display of poor sportsmanship in a 60-6 blowout.

Want proof? After going up 35-6, Berea coach Bob Cistolo called a timeout to set up one last play to take a 41-6 halftime lead. Did Cistolo put the second string in the second half? Heck no. He showed what class he lacks by keeping his star tailbacks, Marlon and Myron Jordan, in until four minutes remained in the contest. The word "brave" doesn't deserve to be mentioned in the same breath as Berea after such a revolting act.

The Rangers will be up for this game, but they're going to have to play a lot better than they did in the 10-0 win over the weak North Royalton team they shut out last week. Berea has bounced back from an 0-3 start to win three straight.

Who knows if the Rangers will get win number three Friday night, but you should be able to count on one thing: the Rangers defense will not allow 60 points Friday. NRHS' defense has been solid for the most part this year, recording two shutouts and not allowing Bay's offense to score in a third game. They've also held opponents to 61 fewer points than they did last year after six games.

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Defense leads the charge in Ridgeville's second win

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School football team opened Pioneer Conference Heritage Division play with a 10-0 shutout over North Royalton in a special victory.

"It's homecoming and it's great to get a victory," NRHS head coach Keith Rybarczyk said. "Homecoming is a big week for the entire school. We've been a part of a lot of homecomings on the road the last two years where the other teams ended up celebrating. I told them, 'It's your homecoming. You deserve to celebrate and not be the doormat.' This means a lot for this club to get over the hump. Who knows? Maybe it can snowball into something really good for us."

The fans were on their feet cheering when sophomore Jordan White appeared to score on a 73-yard punt return in the second quarter. A late flag for illegal participation against the Rangers gave the ball back to the Bears.

But the Rangers wouldn't let the call deter them and the defense led the charge.

A sack by NRHS' Mike Baumann forced the Bears to attempt a 37-yard field goal, which they missed. A fumble recovery on a punt by co-captain Joe Cover set up the Rangers' 25-yard field goal by Chris Boron with 3:3 seconds remaining in the half.

A fumble recovery by Jordan Slack gave the Rangers great position on the Bears' 11-yard line. Four plays later, Baumann scored his fifth touchdown of the season on a one yard run to put the Rangers up 10-0 with 3:34 remaining in the third quarter.

"Offensively we did some good things at times," Rybarczyk said. "We could have maintained some drives that we needed to but we took advantage of that turnover and put it in the endzone. That was important."



NRHS senior Jon Harnish, who returned from an illness that sidelined him for 10 days, ran well in the Rangers' 10-0 homecoming victory over North Royalton. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

But the defense wasn't done. Pete Catavolos snagged an interception near the end of the third quarter while junior Zac Calamante got one himself in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Frank Kotas and Slack recorded back-to-back sacks in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense really did a great job shutting them out," Rybarczyk said. "They put a lot of pressure on that quarterback. We made some good halftime adjustments. They were getting some plays on us with their fullback and we did a good job to shut them down. Our whole defensive line came through. We had some pressure up

front which led to their quarterback throwing it off, and our defensive backs and safeties did a nice job of taking it away. It was a nice defensive game for us."

Baumann led all rushers with 43 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown. Steve Cass had 20 yards on six carries. Quarterback Sean Knox was 6-for-13 and 78 yards. Jordan White (four catches, 42 yards) and Pete Catavolos (one catch, 27 yards) led the receivers.

Jon Harnish, in his first game back in

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Cannaday takes second, advances to districts

By Joe Ostrica

Lake Ridge Academy's Brett Cannaday finished in second-place at the Division III sectional tournament at Pine Hills in Hincley last week. The Royals' sophomore shot a 74, just one stroke behind medalist Chris Robertson of Rittman.

According to LRA coach Chuck Zvosec, Cannaday's competitive spirit wasn't exactly celebrating his performance.

"He's satisfied with it but not happy with himself," Zvosec said. "He found a lot of places where he could have improved out there. That's the kind of player that is going to keep getting better."

Cannaday, whose goal was to shoot between a 70 and 74 and be the medalist, was quite critical of his play.

"I didn't play that well actually," Cannaday said. "The only thing that were great were my drives. Anything inside 100 yards I wasn't doing well today, except for my putting. I had a lot of one putts."

Cannaday was paired up with friend Scott Blackburn of Lutheran West. Blackburn was the player who ended Cannaday's perfect streak of 11-straight medals when the Royals played Lutheran West and Columbia in a tri-match the previous week. Blackburn finished with a 79 at the sectionals.

"I wanted a little revenge," Cannaday said. "I was glad I played with him today. It's a lot easier to play with people you know. It was good competition for me."

Brett's father, Lee Cannaday, who also serves as LRA's assistant coach, was pleased to see Brett and Scott paired up before the tournament started.

"I'm happy that they are playing together because they will push each other and bring out the best in each other," Lee said. "They have had a great relationship all year. They've played in several tournaments throughout the



Lake Ridge Academy's Brett Cannaday was critical about his second-place finish, one stroke behind the top spot, at the Division III sectionals.

state. Scott is a good kid. He and Brett hit it off from day one."

Ian Anderson (104), Brian Veber (108) and Troy Hatcher (110) rounded out the scoring for the Royals. LRA's 396 landed them in 10th place, ahead of Mapleton (417), Cuyahoga Heights (441) and Lorain Catholic (467). Lutheran West (332) finished in first-place, followed by Dalton (341), Columbia (342), Rittman (349), Hillsdale (354), Central Christian (358), Norwayne (369), Independence (370) and Open Door Christian (381).

"I've seen improvement in our players coming more together as a team," Zvosec said. "They are recognizing that one shot or one player's score doesn't win a match. They've all tried working

towards that." Zvosec had several encouraging comments about his golfers.

"When I first took on the program, Ian said he wanted to be the leader of the team," Zvosec said. "He was willing to take the risk of changing his swing to get better. He's a very brave young man. He's drawing the ball instead of hitting it. His senior leadership helps get the team organized and he's the most improved player on the team."

"Troy has a natural understanding of fundamentals: the swing, gesture and shoulder turn. He's very coachable. He soaks it up like a sponge. He just needs more experience with his short game."

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Four Rangers make all conference golf teams

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School golf team finished in second place in the Heritage Division of the Pioneer Conference tournament last week at Bunker Hill in Medina. Mike Hein shot a 79 to lead the Rangers to a third-place finish in the Heritage. John Topeka (83), Mike Seme (84) and Kyle Nitschke (85) added to the Rangers' 331 score.

North Royalton finished first with a 324 while Normandy (341), Brecksville (345), Midpark (346) and Berea (368) trailed the Rangers. Medina won the Frontier Division with a 315, followed by Brunswick (319), Strongsville (320), Elyria (337), Parma (344) and Valley Forge (356).

NRHS head coach Joe Sloboda said getting that close to the crown and not capturing it was the only downside.

"I'm a little disappointed but we played well today," he said. "We came in fifth overall and second in the division. It's our best finish yet. It's nice to have a piece of the pie. We did well."

Although junior Brian Dodd shot an 88 at the PC tourney, he did manage a 42 in the back nine and still left with a smile on his face. Dodd was selected to the All-Pioneer Conference second-team.

"Coming into this year my goal was to make second-team," Dodd said. "I made it and I'm happy. I had a good year. I got lucky. Fortunately, I played number-one a lot this year. I had a lot of good rounds."

"This is definitely my best year. Last year my average was 44 and this year it's in the 30s. It's a real good year."

Dodd wasn't alone with the PC honors. Senior John Topeka, junior Mike Seme and sophomore Kyle Nitschke were honorable mention selections.

"That's very good," Sloboda said. "For sure. They did very good."

Seme said Nitschke has been a pleasant surprise for the team this fall.

"We needed somebody to step up in that sixth spot and Kyle is doing it," he said. "He's playing really well, especially for a sophomore."

The Rangers finished the season 10-5 overall and 6-4 in the PC, good enough for a third-place tie with Brecksville in the Heritage. Midpark (8-2) finished first, followed by North Royalton (7-3), Normandy (3-7) and Berea (0-10) trail the Rangers and the Bees.

The Rangers will play at Bunker Hill again tomorrow for the Division I sectionals.



North Ridgeville's Mike Hein (left) led the Rangers to a second-place finish in the Heritage Division with a 79 at the Pioneer Conference tournament last week. Teammate Brian Dodd (right) was named to the all-conference second team for his efforts this year.



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Homecoming busy day for Stewart in Lady Rangers' loss

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School girls soccer team suffered their first loss in five games in a 5-1 contest to Midpark on Homecoming day. But the game was actually closer than the final score indicates.

Playing on a muddy field drenched from the storms the previous night, the Meteors had a couple of shots that had a lot of luck backing them up. One bounced off the top of the post and another slipped through the hands of senior goalkeeper Jill Stewart. Stewart, who was obviously upset about the mishap, had nothing to be ashamed of. She was busy all day recording 21 saves to increase her season total to 99.

"Jill Stewart was outstanding," NRHS head coach Bill Fielder said. "Twenty-one saves is outstanding. It's a great day for her. Even though she made a mistake, so what? Everybody makes mistakes in the field. She made one in the goal."

After trailing 3-0, freshman Stephanie Zeller put the Lady Rangers on the board with 30 minutes remaining in the contest. Senior Heather Miller recorded her team-leading fifth assist on the play. Zeller, who now has three goals for the season, trails Miller (five) and Devin Ballard (four) on the scoring list.

"In the second half we tightened up in the back defensively and had more chances and scored once," Fielder said. "When you put Stephanie, Devin and Heather in, eventually something is going to give offensively."

The Meteors secured the victory when the two lucky shots found the back of the net to end the Lady Rangers' hopes of a comeback.

Fielder said his team's play in the first half was the difference.

"I thought we started off a little flat defensively," he said. "We gave a couple of quick goals away. We didn't mark tight. When we started to clean that up we looked a little better. We got a few chances in the first half. We

didn't score on them but we had some chances to score in the first half."

The setback was only the second loss for the Lady Rangers' in the last seven games. NRHS, now 4-7-1, have already reached the number of victories they finished with at the end of last year's regular season.

"I thought that was a very impressive effort for these girls," Fielder said about the stretch. "We have to get better every day and do our best against every team we play. It's a tough schedule."

The Lady Rangers will play at St. Joseph Tuesday (after P&L deadline), Admiral King Saturday and Berea Oct. 7. North Ridgeville will finally return home to host Normandy for Senior/Parent night at Ranger Stadium Oct. 11.

"I think they'll be up for that," Fielder said. "Normandy is pretty good. They've got Lisa Paris. She's one of the top players in Greater Cleveland. We'll be up for it. We'll do our best."



Homecoming was a busy day for North Ridgeville senior goalkeeper Jill Stewart (with ball). Stewart, who had 21 saves in a 5-1 loss to Midpark, has 99 saves for the season. Teammates Jackie Cassidy (8) and Melissa Lee surround her. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

Ridgeville boys soccer team hopes to end scoring draught

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School boys soccer team dropped back-to-back games last week against Brunswick and Westlake. Adding insult to injury was the Rangers' inability to score a goal in both games.

"We're struggling for a goal," Rangers head coach Dan Blagojevic said. "We had several opportunities. It's been like this for a while."

While all of North Ridgeville's victories have been shutouts, the Rangers

have been shutout five times themselves. NRHS is consistent in one manner: when they score three or more goals, they win.

"We need that first goal," Blagojevic said. "Once we get that first goal, they seem to pile on after that."

After a 2-2-1 start, the Rangers have lost five of their last seven games, slipping to 3-7-2. After a 1-1 tie against Parma last week, Blagojevic said the team looked different each half.

"We weren't aggressive enough in the first half," he said. "We weren't creating anything. We were just kicking the ball

down field."

The Rangers finally got on the board with 6:49 remaining with a penalty kick to the right corner by senior Dave Yesenko.

"It was nice and cool," Blagojevic said about the shot. "He's had two (penalty kicks) so I'm going to stick with the man."

Blagojevic said junior defender Mike Russo has been reliable every game so far this year.

"Mike Russo played a great game," Blagojevic said after the Parma contest.

"He's been steady all season long. That's why the games we've been in are even close. Whenever we make mistakes, he makes up for it."

After a four-game home stand, the Rangers complete their regular season schedule playing five of six games on the road. The Rangers will host Berea for a Senior/Parent Night Saturday at 7 p.m. at Ranger Stadium.

"Maybe we need to get away on the road and be in a different atmosphere," Blagojevic said. "They're all going to be like the Parma game. Close games."

North Ridgeville JV, Mini-Ranger and Saints football roundups

The North Ridgeville High School JV football team was shutout in a 31-0 loss to North Royalton last week. The loss dropped the Rangers to 4-2.

The JV squad had an outstanding game the previous week, defeating Valley Forge 12-0.

"The team was short a few key players, so we had to call up a few freshmen," JV head coach Jeff Sprague said. "Elliot Rodriguez, Jeremy Workman and Jeremy Howells all played well and gave us the energy boost we needed at times."

Both the offensive and defensive lines for Ridgeville controlled the game. Max Rothacker threw the ball extremely well, completing two touchdown passes to Mike Roysden. Spencer Leili came up with a clutch catch on a scoring drive and Delmar Cunningham had three pass deflections in the fourth quarter alone.

It was the third shutout of the season by the JV's defense, which played extremely well coming off a disappointing loss to Strongsville.

Mini-Rangers improve to 2-1

The North Ridgeville Mini-Rangers improved their record to 2-1 on the season with a 13-3 victory over North Olmsted White last week. Matt Zepp led the way offensively, scoring the Mini-Rangers' first TD on a 6-yard scamper. Quarterback Mike Edwards scored their second TD on a sneak, while Jeremy Gassman kicked the extra point.

Defensively the Diamond Dog defense showed up again holding North Olmsted to just a field goal. Alex Lovasz, Ryan and Ricky Fayak, Gassman, Kevin Sheard, Zepp, Jonathon Rodgers and Jon Fletcher led the attack. The Mini-Rangers will play North Olmsted Black Saturday at Fairview High School.

Saints beat St. Joseph

The seventh and eighth-grade St. Peter football team bounced back from their only loss of the season with a 36-30 victory over Strongsville Sts. Joseph and John Vikings. The win improves the Saints to 3-1.

Richie Baker scored from the 2-yard line with a few seconds left to cap off the game winning drive. After the Vikings went up 6-0, St. Peter's Pat Flanagan hit Nick Nelson in the endzone from 27 yards out. Baker's kick put the Saints up 8-6. After the Vikings gained a 14-8 lead, the Saints went back up 16-14 on Baker's 41-yard TD run and kick.

The lead went back and forth a few more times, but with the Saints trailing 30-22, another Baker TD and kick would tie the game at 30 with 3:53 left. The Saints defense took over and forced the Vikings into a three-and-out that would eventually set up the game winning drive.

Baker (20 carries, 160 yards, 4 TD's) and Jayson Graham (11 carries, 84 yards) led the Saints offense. Other players having great games were Chris Taljan, who had an interception, and Anthony Valletta,

who blocked a PAT attempt.

On defense, the Saints had great line play from Tim Ice, Michael Becker, Drew McGhee, Tom O'Malley, Micheal Oradini, Joe LaLond and Joe DeCapite. Zach Hice, Joe Julowics, Daniel Accorti, Brian Dowdell, Zach Narowitz and David Frangellas also had solid efforts.

Junior Saints defeat St. Francis

The St. Peter fifth and sixth-grade football team defeated St. Francis DeSales of Parma 15-6. Conner Sullivan had 10 solo tackles for the Saints, most of them for losses. Eddie Sikora had two touchdown runs of 25 and 27 yards behind the great blocking of Jonathan Mahilo, Jonathan Harrison, Dylan Hanna, Logan Mohn, Bryan Wolfe, Tim Strunk, Mitch Haszto and Devon McConville.

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two weeks, had 38 hard earned yards on 11 carries. Rybarczyk was impressed by the senior's performance after coming back from an illness.

"Harnish ran the ball great for really being sick the last week-and-a-half," Rybarczyk said. "This was a big game for him because he had to get his game-wind back. I think he'll even be better next week."

Friday is a matchup with Berea, who improved to 3-3 after a 20-15 win over Normandy last week.

"We've got a lot to work on this week," Rybarczyk said. "Berea is putting up a lot of points lately. They got off to a slow 0-3 start but they've put up 75 points the last few weeks. We'll have to take a good look at what they do. They definitely have some playmakers that we have to contain. We need to do some things better offensively and maintain some more drives. It will be a hard, intense week."

It should be even more intense considering the final score of last year's contest against Berea.

"I won't need anything for motivation this week," Rybarczyk said. "All I have to say is 'They beat us 60-6 last year.' Some people feel they rolled it up on us a little bit. The kids remember that so, motivation-wise, I won't have to say a word."

But for now, the Rangers are enjoying being 2-4 and improving over last year's 1-9 mark with four games left to play.

"It's the first game of our Heritage Division so we're 1-0," Rybarczyk said. "This team is lot better than last year. I think some fans and people were getting a little antsy with where this program is headed. A win always helps. We've been close in games and couldn't get over the hump. Now the kids feel a little bit of what it takes to win and they got a victory."

"They know they can win but they've got to get better. What I like from this game is the kids realize it's got to get better this week or it won't be the same result."

Punter Nick Marinkov had punts of 25 and 30 yards to help keep SFD pinned deep in their own territory. The defensive line of Cody Mikonsky, Nathan Carson, Ryan Sheppard and Travis Sojka shut down SFD's running game. Other players on defense with outstanding games were Darren Merkosky, Gabriel Cintron, Matt Pierce, Micheal Ols, Tim Farnor, Nolan Foster and Bryan Shultz.

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He has attributes you can't teach. You just get lucky to get a player like that.

"Brian has been working on his swing this year too. He's got a pretty good short game but he's been working on his full swing and he's starting to hit the ball down the line more. He's taken several lessons and he's definitely better."

Cannaday advances to tomorrow's districts, which will take place at Seven Hills Country Club in Hartsville.

"I hope to win districts and get to state," Cannaday said. "That's my main goal this year. Last year (districts) was not hard; I just played bad. I think I'm doing a lot better this year and that I can probably get to state."

Zvosec had plenty of high praises for the young wunderkind.

"I think Brett Cannaday is a young guy who has a great gift of athleticism and enthusiasm for the game of golf," he said. "He's very fortunate to have a support system like his father and his school. With that environment and with those kind of personal abilities and the way he develops it, he's turning into a fine young golfer."



Cheering for a homecoming win

Elementary students ride in the homecoming parade before cheering on Ridgeville in a victory over Royalton. P&L photo by Frank Corsello



NRHS senior co-captain Justin Christian gets the ball past a defender in the Rangers' 1-1 tie against Parma.

LRA volleyball off to solid start

By Joe Ostrica

Despite having just one senior, the Lake Ridge Academy volleyball team is off to a terrific start, winning five of their first seven matches. Last year it took eleven games until the Lady Royals reached their fifth victory before finishing the season 8-11.

"I think playing all those young kids last year in the varsity games, we knew we were going to lose them, so we decided we would let some of these kids get some experience and it's paying off now," head coach Sue Bus said. "It was painful last year but it's paying off now. The team is a really close-knit group of kids and they're working hard."

Senior Katie O'Grady and juniors Rebecca and Sarah Cleaton, Sarah Vandevender, Yanna Voutsiotis and Lakshmi Mahajan look for their younger teammates to continue to back up their own solid play. Sophomores Alison Cagley, Geneva Tavakoli, Helana Lang and freshmen Carrie Pfeil, Quay Roberts, Mercedes

Ulaszewski, Alexia Voutsiotis, Katie Warren, Elisa Whiteman and Ariana Rainbow round out the roster.

"We just don't have any height and we have a couple of kids that don't have any experience yet," Bus said. "The freshmen are starting to come along. They're really right on where they're supposed to be."

Although the Lady Royals followed up a disappointing, but thrilling, 16-14, 16-14 loss to Open Door Christian with a 15-3, 15-2 loss to a very strong Lorain Catholic squad, Bus feels her team is going to finish with a winning record and has a great shot of winning every match left on the schedule.

"I really think we're going to finish well above .500," Bus said. "Either we're going to be very competitive with the rest of them or we're going to win."

LRA will begin a five game home stand tomorrow when they host Fuchs Mizrachi followed by matches against Andrews School (Friday), Elyria First Baptist (Oct. 6), Columbia (Oct. 8) and Open Door Christian (Oct. 11).

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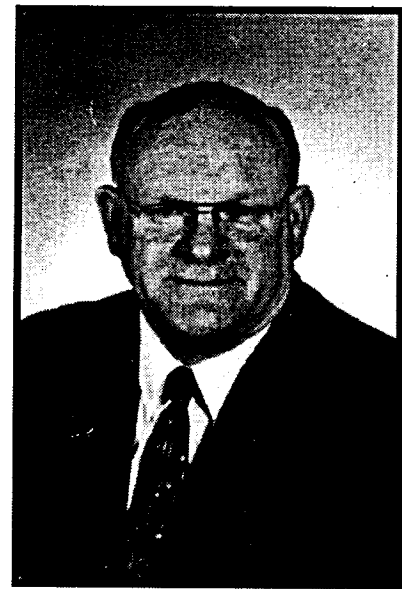
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Health program

The Northridge Health Center will host the community education program series "Better Health for Better Living." Mike Carlin, R. Ph. clinical consultant pharmacist from NCS HealthCare will present part III of "Cold/Flu/Pneumonia: Differences and Vaccine Facts" on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. Pre-register by calling 327-8511.



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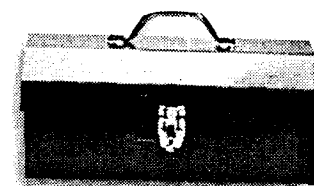
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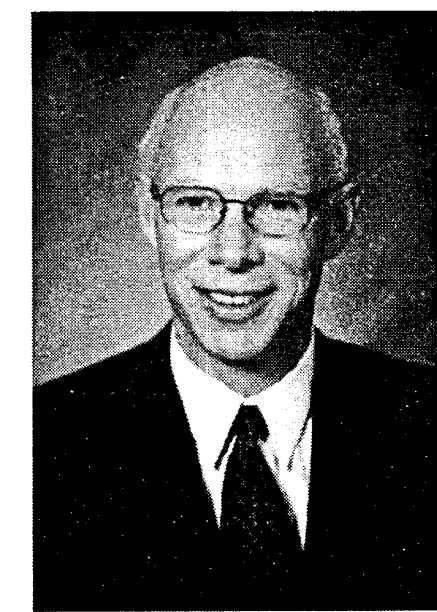
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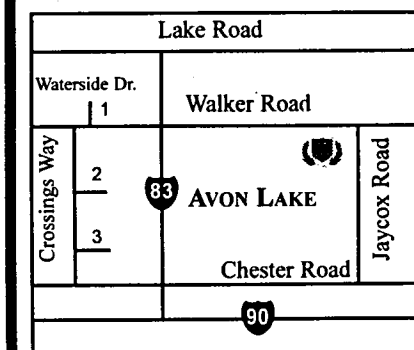
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POLICE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Gasoline stolen

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Dog bite; dog flight

An Eastview Avenue resident reported to police that a neighbor's dog had bitten his wife. On the same day an Oxford Court resident complained to police that two dogs were running at large. The owner of the two dogs was located and cited.

Parking permit stolen

A Main Avenue resident reported that someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a handicapped-parking permit from the car.

Broken window

A complainant advised police that the window on the driver's side of a vehicle had been broken while the owner was parked in a handicapped spot in the Marc's parking lot.

And another

A rock went through a window at Lil' Darlin's Gifts and More on Center Ridge Road, but it was not determined if someone outside the shop threw the rock or if it had been thrown by someone in passing traffic.

FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Smoke reported; nothing found

Firefighters were dispatched to Cornell Boulevard to answer a report of smoke from an electrical transformer box on the other side of the street. The homeowner said there was a short power outage prior to seeing smoke from the transformer. When firefighters arrived on the scene, there was no smoke showing and the transformer was cool to the touch and in working order. There were no lines down and all power was restored to homes prior to the crew's arrival. There was no sign of heat or fire to the unit. The homeowner was advised to call the fire department again if necessary.

Burning leaves a no-no

When firefighters answered a call to Root Road for a burning complaint, they found a homeowner burning green leaves in a barrel. The owner was advised to let the barrel burn out and to mulch the rest of the leaves.

Transports

The North Ridgeville Fire Department had five fire runs and 25 EMS runs from Sept. 18-24. There were nine runs to EMH Regional Medical Center, nine to St. John West Shore Hospital, one to Fairview Hospital and one to Southwest General Hospital. There were five "no transports."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Table with 4 columns: Seller/Property, Buyer/Property, Price, and Date. Includes entries like N. Ridgeville Real Estate Transfers, WSH HOME REFURB. LLC, etc.

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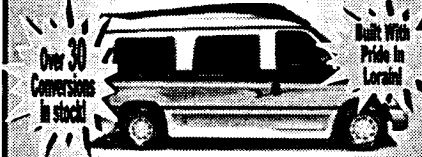
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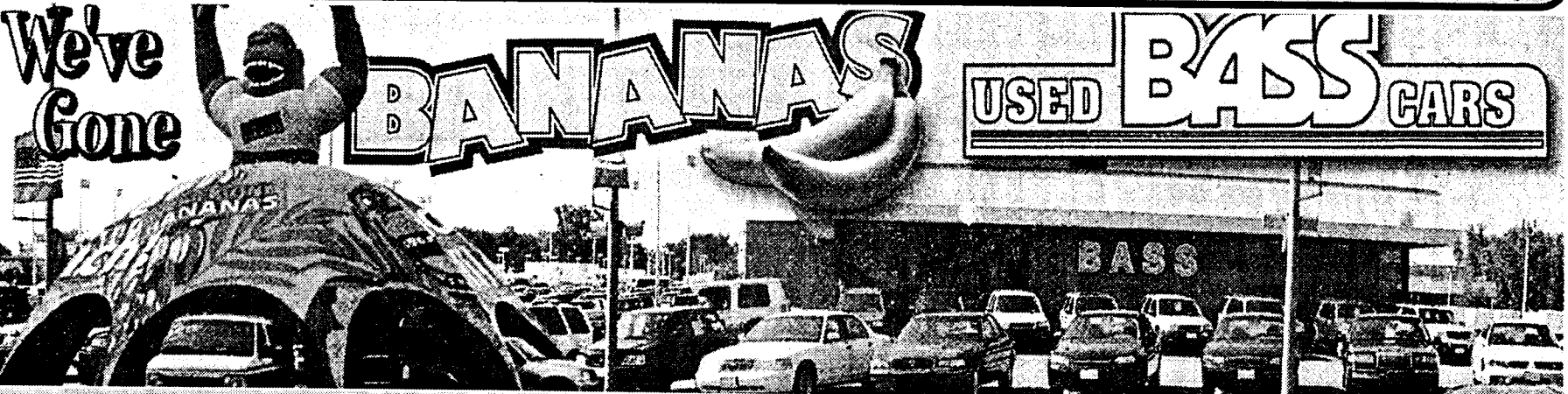
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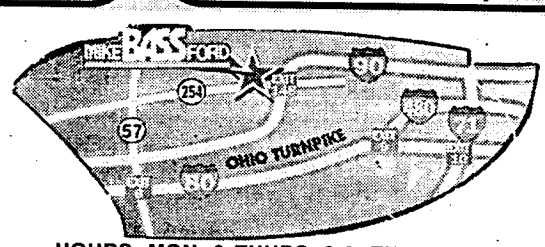
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