

This Week:

Check Your Mailbox

The School Watch from the North Ridgeville City Schools will be mailed out this week. Watch for it in your mailbox.

Digital cameras & computers

The Erie Shores Photography Club's Feb. 14 meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Lake Public Library, will include a program entitled Digital Cameras and Computers given by a representative from Van's Camera store who will demonstrate the latest in digital cameras and show how easy it is to plug the camera into the computer get the image and put it on the monitor. There will be a question and answer period.

For more information, call 365-7476 or view the web page at http://erieshoresphotoclub.homestead.com.

Preschool Story Time

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Preschool Story Time for 31/2 to 5year-olds, began Monday at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Monday session meet weekly at 7 p.m. through April 9. Tuesday sessions meet at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. through April 10. The Thursday sessions begin tomorrow and meet at 7 p.m. through April 12. To register, call the library at 327-8326.

Who Wants to be a Naturalist

Part 1 of Who Wants to be a Naturalist will be held Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Sandy Ridge Wetland Center. There will be lots of hands-on activities including an owl pellet dissection.

In Brief:

AARP Helps Taxpayers

Lorain County's Tax-Aide District has approximately 52 Lorain Count volunteers who have completed an IRS Tax Counselor training and are participating in the Taxpayer Assistance Sites. The North Ridgeville Senior Center offers appointments on Tuesday and Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m. Call 353-0828.



TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION

Daisy Troop.577 recently visited Fire Station 1 and learned what North Ridgeville Firefighters do for residents. Decked out in fire hats, from left to right; Jessica Ebenschweller, Tasia Tanner, Sara Tague, Laura Petroff, Jessica Payne, Rebecca Allen, Madison Muir and Rachel Fazekas. Troop leaders are Alecia Tanner and Cathy Ebenschweller.

Streets Dept. battles wicked winter

By Carol Klear

According to some of Cleveland's weather forecasters Northeast Ohio has "turned the corner on winter." And at least one North Ridgeville department head is hoping that prediction's correct.

Jerry Krueger, who's in charge of the Service Department, said this winter has been a tough one, especially when it comes to keeping the city's streets repaired.

We're having a hard time with potholes," said Krueger, stressing the main thoroughfares like Lear Nagle south, Center Ridge Road, Rt. 83 from Center Ridge to the Turnpike bridge and Rt. 10. Krueger said the crew seems to be fixing spots on those streets every other day, but the patch just doesn't hold.

Krueger also stressed that the stree ment repairs and maintains the streets all summer and then the winter takes its toll. "It's discouraging," he said, adding, "I like a nice clean city."

er responsibility recently, keeping the police cars in good shape. The regular police mechanic presently is out on disability leave.

Another problem unique to this year is having the Bainbridge Road bridge out, which has meant rerouting trucks and costing additional gasoline for the extra miles. "But we made alternate plans," said Krueger.

Krueger said that, as in past years, Mayor Deanna Hill is concerned about the condition of North Ridgeville's streets, and Krueger is mulling an idea he may implement in the summer. As an example the department head said that to restore and maintain Mildred would cost approximately \$23,000, however, to do it according to his proposal would cost much less, and would include doing everything but the overlay, which would be done the following

*******ECRLOT **C-015 44039 Hill and Minnick **Carry** Oh war of words

By Carol Klear

The war of words continues between Mayor Deanna Hill and Councilwoman Gail Minnick with Hill criticizing the Ward 4 legislator with disregarding procedure and Minnick charging the Mayor with wanting "total control."

When Minnick sent Streets Supervisor Jerry Krueger an e-mail on Jan. 17, complimenting his department on the snow removal this winter and requesting some street repairs in her ward, Krueger replied that he too, had been considering work on Mills Creek Lane. Krueger's Jan. 18 e-mail concluded, "Nice to hear from you."

That night Minnick e-mailed a thank you to the department head, with an added, "Thanks, too, for not forwarding my message on to.....It's nice to know I can go directly to you...'

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But Krueger did forward Minnick's e-mails and on Jan. 23, the Mayor sent her own e-mail to the Councilwoman; "I have attached a copy of your e mails to Jerry Krueger and his reply. All employees are directed to respond politely and I am pleased that Mr. Krueger did so. I am sorry that you mistakenly thought any department head would not communicate with `....' whom I assume to be the Mayor - or the SSD, his direct supervisor...'

Minnick views Hill's message as one more example of her desire for power, and does not feel that communication between Councilpersons and departments should be rerouted through the administration's office. Hill said a simple question does not have to go to her, however something that "requires a work assignment" must have proper authorization. It is stipulated by the City Charter, said Hill, and "the Mayor or the SSD must know." Employees wonderhow many bosses they have, she said. The Mayor recalled an instance in which the Councilwoman called the Building Department about trees that allegedly were being "illegally cut down at Cypress." Hill said, "Two employees from the Building Department left work and ran out there and spent one hour walking the property. There was not a sign of anyone." A few weeks ago, said Hill, "Mrs. Minnick called and said there was mud all over the street. They (employees) left an inspection site and there was none there. "The employees have schedules," said Hill, adding that there are also complaint/referral forms to be used

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OWS 2000

FAVA is presenting an exhibition of the Ohio Watercolor Society at the Gallery in the new Union Center for the Arts in Oberlin now through Feb. 25. FAVA is the only Lorain County site for this exhibition.

Close Ups

Erie Shores Photography Club will host a competition entitled, "Close Ups" at the Avon Lake Public Library. A close up shot is taken within a few feet or inches of the subject. Members and visitors may enter up to three slides and a total of three prints. For more information, call 365-7476,

A major part of the problem is that the snow falls, the streets freeze, then between the heavy traffic and higher temperatures, they thaw. The freeze-thaw-freeze plays havoc with roads.

This winter has also been an expensive one for North Ridgeville in terms of the amount of salt used. In addition to the salt in the storage shed. Krueger said that the city has half again that amount in reserve outside the shed.

"We salt nearly every day," said Krueger, however, sometimes it's difficult to determine how much salt to use due to the lack of computers on the trucks. However, he said, so far this year, the city has tripled the amount of salt used last year. Although there is a bright spot in the salt story and that is the price. Despite prices rising on just about everything else, salt prices are actually less this year, said the streets supervisor, dropping from approximately \$38 per ton to around \$22 per ton presently. Why the decrease? "Competition," said Krueger.

In addition to keeping salt in good supply, "fixing equipment is our first priority," he said. order, the service department has added anoth- are still quite a few weeks before spring arrives.

With this plan, Krueger said, "We can do Dorchester for \$6,000 rather than \$16,000...we can do a lot more streets, then do the overlay next year."

Krueger said he learned a lesson when he did Shady Moss, and would use top asphalt, rather than bottom asphalt, this time around.

Krueger does feel his department is "making dents" in the road repair problem, and credits his employees with the work done.

With the added hours the service department has worked, which translates into dollars paid, it would seem that Krueger had better keep his wish list low when appropriation meetings begin, but there are some things that must be addressed, such as an addition to the service garage. It's too small and it also is not ADA compliant, he said.

The lunchroom is not big enough, especially when meetings are called. "We need a salt bin," said Krueger, noting that the EPA is cracking down and outgoing water is monitored even more. "A salt box costs about \$160,000," he said, "but when it rains, salt probably goes into the pond."

Last week Old Man Winter seemed to take In addition to keeping their vehicles in working -a respite, but let's not get over-confident, there



By Carol Klear

Have you heard about Our Place ... well, it's really Ken Hartzell's place ... but it's in

For 22 years Hartzell and his wife, Lydia, North Ridgeville ... that means it's Our operated Our Place in Westlake, but with Place ... and it's opening soon. eight years to go at his King James location, Our Place Restaurant and Lounge is "we lost our lease," he said. After being out located on Center Ridge Road at Emerald, of business for a year, and having his old cuswhere Pizza Hut was located formerly, and tomers asking when he'd re-open, Hartzell features oak booths with green leather seats decided to buy a place, and found that the for dining comfort and a huge oak bar on the Pizza Hut building was for sale. The Our other side for socializing. "The bar is all Place owner can't wait to open the business in North Ridgeville. "We're hoping our old customers will follow and new ones will wood and gives a warm and cozy atmosphere," said Hartzell. Separating the dining room and bar are ' come," he said.

two beautiful leaded glass windows with a brightly colored macaw in the center of each against a background of diamond-shaped pieces of glass in shades of green, blue, orange and yellow. Longtime friend and owner of Wood

Images in Valley City, Michael Neal, designed the glass partitions years ago for Hartzell. "I have a bobby of exotic birds," said Hartzell, "and have a scarlet macaw and a blue and gold macaw," which is the reason for the motif. were part of Hartzell's place in Westlake, too." and for the past year he said he's been storing them in his garage until he found another spot.

work," she said. it's nothing new."

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ight to limit quantities and correct printing errors. Specials available at participating stores



Dur Place to open very soon

In addition to Neal, another friend, Pat

Burke, the owner of Centaur Construction in North Royalton, is the general contractor, he said.

Hartzell said that when he first got into the restaurant business, "I couldn't boil water." He started out with the Master Pizza franchise, where Stein Mart is presently. Then he broke away from the franchise and along the way there were some legal tangles which ended up in court.

"We went to court and won," said Hartzell and on the way home his wife said, "Well, now it's our place, what should we call it?"

"We'll call it Our Place," said her has-Along with the windows, most of the bar . band, "It is our place and the customers

Hartzell compared Our Place to "something like an Applebees or Fridays," but of course better. The entire place will hold approximately 120 people, he said, with around 70 or 80 in the dining room.



Michael Neal (left) and Ken Hartzell, owner of Our Place, stand behind the oak bar in the new restaurant and lounge that will open soon on Center Ridge Road. (P&L Klear).

There will be a full menu, with special kids' fare. "Dad can have steak," he said, "and the kids can have pizza." The menu will feature filets, pasta, fried chicken ribs, 32 sandwiches and salads, said Hartzell, with prices from \$15 for a filet, down to \$2.50 lunches.

"We'll have party items too, like party cold cuts, trays of rigatoni, chicken breast and salads," he said.

A special event that's being planned for Wednesdays when the weather gets warm is a Cruise-In, a classic car show, said Hartzell,

which ought to attract car buffs. Hartzell said he and his wife will continue to be a team in the new location. "I'll run the kitchen and she'll take care of the register and up front."

Obviously anxious to open Our Place, Hartzell said, "We love people."

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for concerns. "Then we can schedule the chain of command, and proper procedures,

In checking with the Council Clerk's should go, I send it there, but the Mayor and the Safety Service Director get copies."

Minnick acknowledged she has some of there, but insisted, "Gil (former councilman "I have sent out many memos about the Gil Cornish) and I had always gone to the department heads...now whenever I call for information I can't get it."

Hill also had some terse comments about office, it was learned that the forms are avail- the recent update to Minnick's web site, able. Assistant Council Clerk Paula Cope noting that in it the Councilwoman called said that when she gets a complaint, she the olive tree "hollow and useless," in refertypes it out, prints it "and if I know where it ence to the Mayor's offer of meeting with members of STAMP or other adversaries during last month's State of the City address. courts.

On her web site, the Councilwoman stated, "...however, it appears the Olive tree is hollow and useless. In other words, it's business as usual and no meetings are scheduled ... " In a telephone conversation with Minnick, she

said that Hill has "no intention of meeting." The Mayor said she has not heard from one person requesting a meeting to work toward resolving differences, with the exception of Joseph Antush, and, said Hill, what he wanted to discuss is presently in the

Hill recalled that several weeks ago following a Council meeting as Minnick was talking to a reporter, the Councilwoman called her "a liar."

Minnick does not deny the incident and said, "I did call her a liar, she stood there shaking her finger in my face. Why did she extend the olive tree...it was good P.R. When push comes to shove, it's business as usual. She's not willing to do anything. It's really interesting ... Hill wants total con-



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By Carol Klear

SORRY FOR THE SNAFU If you tried to call The P&L office last week and got the voice mail DURING WORKING HOURS, you weren't alone. Somehow, for some reason, our phone was out. Not my fault, but anyway I apologize. If that ever happens again, call 871-5797 and I'll get a message.

AND THEN.....Got a call from a reader last Friday, and guess what, our fax number was misprinted in the paper...of course the week before (and probably all the weeks before that) it was correct, so wha hoppen last week. Go figure!

WHATTAYA THINK Could all this stuff be happening in 2001 when we were expecting it in 2000??? Recently somebody suggested the problem started on 01-01-01. Now there's a thought.

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IT'S OFFICIAL....Linda Dunham called last week to confirm that she IS running on the GOP ticket for council at-large. I guess Linda previously had been a Democrat and has switched parties, which, she said pleases her husband greatly. "We had a mixed marriage," she laughed.

MORE ON DUNHAM When Linda Dunham was named to represent the BZA on the Drainage and Flood Control Board, BZA Chairman John Gasior quipped, "She'll have to go, come hell...or high water." Yuk, yuk, yuk, John. Some nerve, talking about high water in Ridgeville.

IS THIS CUTE OR WHAT Got a press release AND a picture of a new idea "for dogs who are going places." Pooch Pads replaces old newspapers to soak up pet's accidents while man's best friend is confined to a crate at home or during travel. The promo says it's reusable and washable and from the photo included, it has little doggy designs all over it. Awwww.

SHARP SPELLERS Winners in the recent Spelling Bee at CornerStone Academy are; Aaron Sayre of North Ridgeville (1st grade); Devin Betts (3rd grade); Kyle Bradley (4th grade); June Stephens (2nd grade); and Jacob Townsend (kindergarten). Congratulations to everyone.

FREE TREES.....You can get 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees if you join the National Arbor Day Foundation this month. To become a member, make a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 28 and the trees will be shipped postpaid between March 1 and May 31.

Letters to the Editor:

Councilwoman claims info denied

To the Editor:

It's unfortunate that only portions of stories are told in newspapers. As a councilperson I should be able to go to departments and request information without hassle. That isn't happening at our City Hall. For this council member, all requests for information must go through either the mayor or safety service director's office, per the administration's interpretation of our City Charter.

It is difficult to obtain information, even when it pertains to me. As a result of my efforts to help residents in my ward get work completed on their new homes, on Feb. 7, 2000, I was informed that the builder was threatening me with a lawsuit. Several times I asked for a copy of the threatening letter. On March 15, 2000, I sent a certified letter to the law director asking for a copy of the developer's letter. To date, I still have not received that copy. Does it exist or was it an attempt to stop me from helping the residents with their problems?

Recently a constituent called and asked some questions about the CHIP grant, which was awarded to our city in the summer of 1999. I asked Mayor Hill for the names of the recipients and the amounts awarded. I was given the last names of 29 people showing that approxi mately \$298,000 had been awarded. The grant was for \$600,000. The Press & Light was apparently given information I was unable to obtain. Mr. McVeigh (City Treasurer Jim McVeigh) reported that funds had "been awarded to five firsthome buyers, 20 homes were approved for emergency repairs and 26 rehab projects on private homes were given the go ahead." That's 51 residents that were helped - not 29 as reported to me by the mayor! (I'm very happy so many residents benefited from the CHIP grant and certainly hope we are awarded additional

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money this year to help even more people.)

According to The Press & Light, "all the money was spoken for." A check of the unaudited preliminary Financial Report of Dec. 31, 2000, shows 83.28 percent of the money has been collected from the state. I questioned the mayor about the discrepancies and that started the flurry of e-mails reported in last week's P & L. Am I not entitled to receive accurate and complete information? After all, I have been elected to represent the people. How can I do my job if I'm given partial information or no information at all?

Whatever happened to accountability? Why is it so difficult to obtain public records information - a right given every citizen under the Constitution? It wasn't that long ago Deanna Hill was employed by North Ridgeville City Schools, applied for a \$400,000 technology grant from the or tree was just an empty statement. State, abused some of that money and was fined.

Here in North Ridgeville, our freedom only a few on council who dare ask questheir voices heard. Yes, I am running for to those with opposing views. council again. Not because it is a lifelong sight of that fact.

> Gail Minnick Ward 4 Councilperson North Ridgeville

'Olive branch' viewed as game-plaving

To the Editor:

I read the articles in the newspapers. about North Ridgeville Mayor Deanna Hill in her state of the city address offering an olive branch - and even an olive tree - to the city's citizens who oppose the PCD developments. That included members of STAMP and the opposing members of council.

I believe the theme was that she was reaching out and offered to meet in the hope of finding common ground. I responded as she asked, and called to find out what exactly did she have in mind, and was told that what she said in her state of the city address was "just a synopsis." She didn't relate any plan to me about having meetings or talking to the citizens. So the offering of an olive branch

We of the STAMP Committee have made it known that we are willing to discuss our reasons for opposing PCDs. And is being eroded and it appears there are we are willing to make our views known on how the PCD zoning needs to be tions or speak up. Members of our com- changed so that the citizens wouldn't be munity have united in an effort to have opposed to it. We are also willing to listen

If we are not able to solve our differdream, but because I understand what is ences, then the reasonable thing to do is happening in our city. I care about my to let the people decide the issue at the neighbors, and I am trying to give each ballot box and put this to rest once and and every person the representation they for all. Forcing the citizens to go to court deserve. Wars aren't always carried out in to get the issue on the ballot and using the battlefield nor are we immune to cor- the ploy of passing the PCD zoning ruption. Sometimes battles are carried out change ordinances as an emergency to in our own backyards. It's the price to be deny the citizens the right to referendum paid for the freedom our forefathers when the city charter specifically profought and died for. May we never lose hibits that is not offering an olive branch. I believe those actions would best be described as playing games.

> Joseph Antush North Ridgeville

Pressline:

Caller: I am really disappointed about the row houses that Forest City is going to build on Case Road. These people (STAMP) can't fathom what they've done. I feel like if the city was a person walking down the street, it would be like they had a ball and chain.

estate tax and the marriage

penalty.

Targeting unfair tax penalties

By Sen. Jeffry Armbruster

We all know that we have to pay taxes. But let's face it, our tax code is utterly complicated and at times unfair - it is no wonder that an estimated 36 million taxpayers across the country will wait until the last minute to file their tax returns. How can we blame them when they work so hard to make ends meet only to fall victim to unreasonable taxes such as the

There has been a lot of talk in Washington about eliminating the estate tax, which taxes the inherited properties passed down from a loved one, despite the fact that these properties were already taxed throughout the life of that loved one. Congress has yet to pass a bill, but we remain hopeful. In Ohio, we have made some progress on this issue and have already begun to phase out the state portion of the tax. I will also be sitting on an estate tax committee this year to ensure that any changes that the federal government may enact will not have a negative effect on our bill and to make adjustments to state law, if needed.

I am pleased about the progress we are making and proud of the work we did last General Assembly to reduce the burden of the estate tax. That's why this General Assembly, I plan to introduce legislation that targets the equally unfair marriage penalty.

Marriage penalty refers to the fact that married couples who file jointly can often end up paying more in taxes than married individuals who file separately. Currently, if an Ohio married couples files their federal

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Sen. Jeffry Armbruster

income tax jointly to save money, they must also file their state income tax jointly. They must do so even if it is to the couple's financial advantage to file the state income tax separately. For instance, we calculated that a family of four with each spouse earning \$30,000, filing joint tax returns would owe \$1,800 in taxes. If each spouse filed separately, they would each owe \$729 or a total of \$1,458. This amounts to a total savings of \$342 and as

many of us know, for a family of four, \$342 extra dollars can go a long way.

I don't profess to be a tax expert, so my bill will be very simple - it will give married couples the choice of filing a joint or separate state income tax return, regardless of their federal filing status. Under this legislation, families would finally have the flexibility to determine what is in their best financial interests and they will no longer be strapped with a code that penalizes them for being married. We have a lot of work to do this session

on a number of important priorities, but l will continue to push for fairness and common sense in our state tax code. It is just wrong for taxpayers to be penalized when a loved one dies or for simply getting married, and I hope that in this new session we can begin to make things right. Working families deserve nothing less.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and input on state government issues. Please feel free to contact me by mail (State Senator Jeffry Armbruster, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, OH 43215), or by phone (614-644-7613).

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Aries Ð March 21/April 20

Keep your temper in check when an acquaintance purposely tries to upset you early in the week, Aries. Don't let this person get to you. If you do, you're sure to say things that will get you into a lot of trouble. So, just stay calm. A close friend turns to you for romantic advice. Be honest with him or her. Gemini plays a key role.

Taurus D April 21/May 21 Don't be stubborn when it comes to

making plans with that special someone this week. Listen to his or her suggestions; they're not as bad as you think. Remember that the important thing is for you two to be together -no matter what you end up doing. A loved one needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

Gemini D May 22/June 21

A fast-talking acquaintance gets you involved in a difficult situation on Wednesday. You have to react quickly if

problems. Just stay calm, and you're sure to rectify everything easily. A close friend needs your help with a personal problem. Do what you can.

Cancer D June 22/July 22

Don't let your sadness show when a loved one shares some important information with you. Just keep your feelings o yourself. This person doesn't mean to hurt you; he or she just wants your advice. Try to stay objective. That special someone has a surprise for you on Tuesday. Enjoy!

Leo Ð July 23/August 23

You meet someone interesting when out with business associates this week, Leo. Get to know this person better, because he or she can offer you a lucrative week. Be there for him-or her. Aquarius opportunity. Don't let this slip away. A close friend gives you some romantic advice. Take it, because it's sure to help.

Virgo D Aug 24/Sept 22 Be honest when an acquaintance asks your opinion about a personal matter.

Don't try to spare this person's feelings; he or she deserves to know the truth. Your forthrightness will be appreciated. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Say yes, because this is exactly what you want too.

Libra D Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't take a close friend's ribbing to heart. This person doesn't mean anything by it; he or she is just making a joke. Try to understand that. A loved one turns to you in a time of need. While you're reluctant to help, you must do all that you can for him or her.

Scorpio D Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let your pride get in the way of asking for help this week. There is a lot to do, and you can't accomplish every-thing on your own. You need some assistance. Ask for it. That special someone plays a key role.

Sagittarius Ð Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't back down from a challenge on Thursday, Sagittarius. You know that you are right. If you just stay calm and present the facts, you're sure to win this

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disagreement. Those around you will be impressed with your composure. An acquaintance asks to borrow money. Say yes, because this person is very reliable.

Canricorn D Dec 22/Jan 20 Don't be shy when you run into an old flame early in the week, Capricorn. Fate brings the two of you together again; take advantage of this opportunity. A loved one asks for your help with a family matter. Do what you can for him or her. Your efforts will be appreciated.

Aquarius Ð Jan 21/Feb 18

Be realistic when planning your week, Aquarius. There is a lot to accomplish, but you can't do it all by yourself. So, don't try. You have to prioritize things if you want to make any progress at all. Turn to a loved one for encouragement and help if you need it. Leo plays a key role.

Pisces D Feb 19/March 20

Keep your sense of humor about you this week, Pisces, because you're going to need it. Things are going to be quite hectic for a while. Laughing at the obstacles you encounter will make everything much easier to deal with. Don't forget that! For entertainment purposes only

he's dead from AIDS."

Don Henry lived in San Diego and was one of McCain's four brothers. Though she felt close to him emotionally, the geographic distance between the siblings prevented her from knowing he was ill. Her brother wasn't gay, said McCain, he was just a nice looking man who attracted women.

employer had not told him.

brother's death.

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Press Light -Wednesday, February 7, 2001 J. Holly McCain finds comfort in her 'Star'

J. Holly McCain was devastated when she learned, that her brother, Don, was dead at 34, and she took refuge in the one area that would offer solace for her grief - writing.

In the introduction to her recently-published paperback, "Star," McCain said that the book had a dual-purpose, to comfort others and to afford her the vehicle to "grieve, cry, get mad and hopefully go on with my life." What developed is a powerful message for anyone who has lost a loved one. While struggling with the intense anguish over her loss, McCain discovered that her brother had been buried three months before her father told her of his death, and was shocked when he said. "He must have been sick and now

"Don liked to roam," McCain said of her younger brother and at one time he lived in Hawaii where he worked in a hotel. In 1994 he returned to the states after being inexplicably fired from his job. It was later revealed that a blood test showed him to be infected with AIDS, something his

"I had never seen Don sick," said McCain, and finding out in 1996 that he was dead, shrouded her in grief. Trying to cope with her pain, McCain probed the depths of her being, expressing her sorrow through a piece she

called "Star," which she wrote a week after learning of her In a portion of the first poem, McCain wrote of her 'star;'

My star did dare the world, but he stood his ground each day His nights were traveled; star I hope you found your way! My star was taken from my view, and his glow did not stand

My star, my brother Don, lost his life one night.

"Writing a book about AIDS is taboo," said McCain. "I wasn't writing to publish," though admittedly, all her life she has wanted to be a writer. But the first poem was, she said, "just a way to get it (grief) out, just to get it out."

But as the days after Don's death unfolded, McCain began to write more and more about his life and how it intertwined with hers, following the first entry "Star," with "Birth," a writing about how her younger brother came to be.

Succeeding writings describe the author's pride in her brother, and his accomplishments, along with a special





When her brother, Don, died, J. Holly McCain wrote "Star" as a way of honoring Don and working through her grief. (P&L Klear)

respect for him in their trials with an abusive father.

In the piece "Gun" McCain writes: you showed me courage

the evening father asked you for his gun. the rest of us hid in the corner

your body later lay bruised... I hope I thanked you

for that day

that piece of metal 'accidently fell in the sewer."..

The book also contains several personal letters to Don, signed with the affectionate tag, "Buzz," such as the "Tribute for Memorial Service."

Still trying to deal with Don's death, McCain and a friend went to San Diego for what she described as "unfinished business," and to locate her brother's grave. While in California, by chance she met Wally Kurth, who played Stone on General Hospital, a character, also afflicted with AIDS. A friendship with the soap opera star developed and McCain continued the contact as she wrote her book, which she said "took two years off and on."

Before McCain's book was available to the public, she visited health class in Amherst, the Lorain County AIDS Task Force, read at grief support groups and trained to co-host a writing group at Nord Center.

Since "Star" arrived in stores last December McCain has had book signings at three B. Dalton Book Stores, as well as at Borders in Westlake. Recently she was interviewed by Joan Lowry on AT&T Broadband.

She has also begun working on two children's books, one focusing on children who are picked on and another to

do with weight problems. The final two pages of "Star," contain a letter from Don Henry, and the final paragraph of "Dear living," tells it all; "My name is Donald Henry. I am now free of AIDS and childhood abuse. This all took the life of my thirty-four-year-old body.

Do not let it take a single precious moment of yours." Published by SterlingHouse Publisher, "Star" is 57 pages

and sells for \$9.95.



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Wednesday, February 7, 2001 Press Light Bundle up, it's time to go hiking at Sandy Ridge

By Carol Klear

Zip up your jacket.

Put on your hat. Pull on your boots.

We're going on a hike.

We meet naturalist Chris Grame and a dozen or so other hikers at the Sandy Ridge Wetland Center, off Otten Road. It's not quite as frigid as it had been, but cold enough to make your nose tingle and your feet break into a skip-to-my-lou for warmth.

Chris greets everyone and shares the news that we'll be hiking about three miles. Three miles! That snippet of information was not included in the press release, but we'll be tramping through parts of Sandy Ridge usually restricted to the public, and that's the fun.

We're off.

Stopping for a minute, Chris explains that the acreage known as Sandy Ridge was particularly selected to be part of the Lorain County Metro Parks because of the natural wetlands.

At the fork in the path, we follow our guide to the left and around the gate that usually keeps the public out, instead of the more-traveled footpath. We were almost like trailblazers making fresh prints in the snow. One hiker, obviously an old hand at winter walks, is dressed in heavy camouflage wear, and carries a walking stick to help his footing in the slippery snow.

"Look over there," Chris says, pointing to a couple of trees, "Most trees like wet conditions

And Sandy Ridge does have trees, to be sure...tall, tall trees, and many of them around 60 or 65 years old, according to the naturalist.

The birds that usually fly hither and yon at the park must have decided against tag-



Winter is a great time for a hike at Sandy Ridge Metro Park. (P&L Klear)

ging along on this three-miler, but during the warmer weather, the presently-frozen marsh is a main attraction for the winged friends

Chris says that a real plus for the area near the woods is that it appears not to have been farmed, as evidenced by the wild flowers that fill the ground in the spring and summer.

Time to pause and look. Chris notes some spots that ducks have anything. built nesting sites, and he explains that muskrats have huts in the marsh. "The marsh gently slopes to discourage burrowing," he explains.

I nearly take a tumble as I try to write, snap photos and lift my legs high enough to keep the snow from filling my boots. I slip, but maintain my stance, however, the cam-

era drops into the white stuff. I wonder how that will affect the snaps I've already taken. We spy deer tracks leading away from where we're walking. Looking around we don't see any of the four-legged creatures.

Maybe we scared them away. Continuing our jaunt, I feel like I'm lagging a tad. Gosh, is the snow getting deeper or what.

Gotta get moving, I didn't want to miss

Coyotes? What's this about coyotes? Chris repeats, "covotes are common

here." Now there's a piece of news...I wonder how far we are from the car. We make a turn in our path, and there's

traffic up ahead. Well, what do you know, it's Center Ridge Road. This definitely isn't on the regular routine of Sandy Ridge walks. Chris explains that in addition to the regular birds, "several endangered birds nest here." On our right, we see more frozen terrain,

but in the summer, Chrissays, a water garden develops, with a number of water flowers providing color, "There are seeds in the soil and they germinate once the water appears...There's not much depth," says Chris, "maybe eight to 10 inches."

There are some flowers that, attractive as they are, tend to overwhelm everything around them, if left untamed, he says. However, their numbers can be reduced, "but you can't get rid of them," he says.

On the left an apple orchard lines the park property and below a small black blob seems to be prancing around in the snowfilled ditch. On closer inspection, it proves to be a mole running round and round in circles. He looks kind of silly, but maybe he's trying to keep warm.

At the service road that's accessed from Center Ridge Road, we turn right and head north, and I'm feeling the effects of the first two miles on my legs. I thought the snow on the service road would be packed down from the heavy equipment that probably rumbles back and forth. But it seems nothing had driven over the path in a while. Marching along, I am sure that soon my knees are going to hit my chin from trying to move in the stuff that seemed less fluffy than it had an hour ago.

Not far ahead I see the regular hiking path. The snowman that had greeted the group when we started out, seems to wave good-bye as we finish the walk and head out. Back at the car I take one last look around and decide to check out the Metro Parks' schedule for the next hike ... maybe I can even do five miles.

And maybe not.



tion, the annual Ohio Mock Trial Competition allows over 3,000 students from 340 high schools to compete at 25 district sites around the state. This year, for the first time, the Lorain County Bar Association is sponsoring a district competition site at the Elyria Municipal Court. According to schools will argue their cases before panels of local judges and attorneys. The winning team will advance to the State Finals in Columbus on March 8 through March 10.

might be interested in a legal career", says Judge Musson. "Students play the part of attorneys and witnesses, and must argue both sides of the hypothetical case which involves issues of profiling, sobriety checkpoints, and the legality of an automobile search." Team members will spend weeks

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Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Service News:

CPL. FRANK VOLNY, IV

Marine Corps Cpl. Frank Volny, IV, son of Elaine Zajaczkowski of 34644 W. Point Dr., and Frank Volny, III of Reminderville, Ohio, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unite (MEV), home based at

Camp Lejeune, N.C. During the deployment, Volny's unit defended U. S. policy and supported

international interests in the Middle East and Europe. Volny's unit visited cities in Croatia, Italy and Spain, where Marines had the

Press Light

Obituaries:

HARRY E. NORTON

Ridgeville, died Jan. 28 at Ohio Veterans

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Harry E. Norton, 81, of North

He was born in New Haven, Conn. And

Mr. Norton served in the United States

Army Air Force during WW II. He retired

in 1982 from Eaton Corporation after 27

years of service where he was an assistant

He graduated from New Haven College

He was a member of Holy Trinity

Church, Avon, former member of St. Julie

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Press Light

Indulge your sweet tooth

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A favorite for any social setting is fondue, a warmed pot of rich, melted chocolate served with a variety of fruit for dipping. According to tradition, if you drop your fruit into the fondue you must kiss the person opposite you - an ideal way to sneak a kiss from your favorite someone! Enjoy this simple recipe for chocolate fondue, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Chocolate" (Periplus Editions). All you need is a double boiler, some fruit, a sweet-tooth, and a few

Chocolate Fondue

whipping cream 3 tablespoons milk 1 vanilla bean

pound semisweet chocolate, finely

4 slices fresh or canned pineapple pint strawberries

1. Place the cream and milk in the top of a double boiler. Split the vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape the seeds into the mixture. Place the boiler insert over direct heat and slowly heat until just at boiling



Satisfy your inner choco-holic with this easy recipe for chocolate fondue.

point. Remove from the heat, discard the vanilla bean and stir in the chocolate until melted and smooth. Keep the fondue warm by placing the insert over lukewarm water

2. Cut the fruit into large slices or chunks, depending on the type of fruit. Leave the strawberries whole.

3. To serve, skewer a mixture of fruits for each person and serve with a small dish of fondue on each individual plate. Alternatively, serve the fondue in the center of the table with the fruit and allow each person to dip one piece of fruit at a time into the fondue.

Chefs tip: Vary your fruit selection to take advantage of each season.

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Police Department Reports: By Mark Maier

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Patrolmen West and Abt responded to a call regarding to a report from a bus driver that a 15-year-old male student had threatened another student of the same age with a knife.

The officers responded about 3:03 p.m. on an. 26 to Rose St. and Broad Blvd., but both students had already been dropped off at their respective residences prior to their arrival.

They arrived to the residence where the male subject lives. In conversation with the officers, the suspect stated that his parents were not at home and he denied brandishing a knife. However, he did admit having a verbal argument with the 15-year-old victim while riding home on the school bus.

Contact was then made with the victim, who stated the circumstances of the argument that took place on their way home. The verbal argument occurred between the two students when the male suspect took a knife out of his coat pocket and threatened the victim with it. The knife was described as a folding-style knife with a 4-inch blade.

West then made contact with the bus driver at the bus garage. She advised that, at approximately 3 o'clock, one of her passengers came to the front of the bus and informed her that the male subject had made a threat with a knife. She then asked the subject to come to the front of the bus and instructed him to empty his pockets, displaying their contents. No knife could be located.

The bus is equipped with a video camera, but it was not recording at the time of the incident. This circumstance was referred to the school resource officer, Patrolman Freas, for further investigation.

Fleeing not an accident

Patrolman West was kept busy on Jan. 26. Several hours after the school bus incident, he was on patrol heading westbound on I-480 near the Ohio Turnpike entrance ramp when he observed a tractor-trailer stopped in the center lane.

A white Ford Escort was lodged on the front bumper of the tractor-trailer. The passenger side of the vehicle was smashed all the way into the center of the vehicle. After making these observations, West notified dispatch of the accident.

The driver of the tractor-trailer informed West that the driver of the Escort had just fled the scene and that he was heading northbound

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over the embankment on foot. West informed dispatch of this incident and requested assistance.

West then headed in the direction the driver of the Escort had headed and located the defendant laving on his back at the bottom of the embankment. The male subject had blood on his neck and ear. Though he was awake and conscious, the defendant did not stand up. West requested paramedics to the scene and then instructed the defendant not to move until the ambulance arrive.

The defendant appeared confused and asked if West was going to help him. He began to stand up as Patrolman Larkin arrived to assist in the situation. The officers could detect . a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the defendant's breath.

The officers assisted the defendant to his feet, who was very unsteady. The defendant then became uncooperative, upon which the officers put him in handcuffs and escorted him back to the scene of the accident.

Officers placed him in the rear of West's cruiser until the fire department arrived and transport the defendant to Elyria Memorial Hospital. West went to the hospital to have the defendant sign papers, which he refused to sign.. He also refused to submit to a blood or urine test

While at the hospital, the defendant displayed mood swings, from being cooperative to yelling obscenities at the hospital staff. He even became confrontational with West and had to be restrained several times.

After being treated for minor injuries, he was released and transported to the station. He was cited into Elyria Municipal Court for driving under the influence, failure to control, and leaving the scene of an accident. He was then realized into the custody of his wife.

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29694 Center Ridge Rd. FAA, FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m. St. John West Shore Hospital Bldg. B, Auditorium B. For more info call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384.

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TUESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.

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BAND BOOSTERS, 7p.m. N.R. Middle School Band Room.

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Police Blotter from pg.11

Jones was patrolling Avon Belden Rd. when he observed three young males standing near the roadway. As he continued to drive closer, the three amigos ran into one of the yards and attempted to conceal themselves behind a pine tree.

Jones pulled into the driveway and exited his cruiser. The subjects exited their hiding spot as Jones approached the area. He then instructed the three to place their hands on the cruiser to pat them down.

During them pat down, he noticed a very strong odor of alcohol from the three subjects. Jones questioned them about what they had been consuming, but no one responded.

He continued to pat them down and located a small video camera in the pants pocket of one of the subjects. The camera was taken into custody and Lt. Accorti transported the three males to the police department.

While interviewing one of the subjects, Jones observed his eyes to be glassy and that a moderate odor of alcohol was on his breath. Being questioned about this, the defendant admitted having only four beers while at his residence. The defendant was given an alcosensor test, which indicated his blood-alcohol level to be between 0.05 and 0.099 percent.

The other two subjects denied consuming any alcohol, but informed officers that this was not an every day occurrence. They are right, it's not every day that you get stopped by the police for underage consumption.

The video camera was then returned after the tape was viewed and no criminal activity was observed on the tape. The defendants were released to their parents' custody. Officers informed the mother of the one defendant who had been drinking about his referral to the Lorain County Juvenile

Fire Department Reports:

Electrifying legislation

The fire department responded to a call a short time before noon on Jan. 24 a short distance up the street from where they are located — to the police department.

Press Light

There was an electrical smell in the dispatch office, but the source was unable to be found. The detectors never went off and there was no sign of smoke, just the sign of the smell

Three cubic feet

A few days before their incident in the dispatch office, the police department called in a burning complaint on Avon Belden Rd. regarding a fire that could be seen from the road

The fire that the fire department found near the residence upon their arrive about 10:30 in the morning of Jan. 19 was a slightly bigger than three cubic feet. They put the fire out with a garden hose and requested that the resident get a permit if he wants to have such a fire.

Not a fan of fire

Upon arrival on Jan. 29, firefighters were shown by the resident of a Lear-Nagle Rd. home that a combination of a

stated that there was a smell of smoke was prominent in the Firefighters took one light apart to find that the switch

fan and light had suddenly stopped working. The resident

was burnt and melted. Upon further investigation, they found that the breaker for this particular room had been tripped. They advised the homeowner to have an electrician check fan and replace the switch.

Another emanating odor

A homeowner of a residence on Reed Rd. claimed to have smelled plastic burning. When firefighters arrived at 11:09 in the morning of Jan. 23, they checked the house with a carbon monoxide detector.

Upon checking the residence with the CO detector, they eceived a 1 and 2 ppm (parts per million) reading. They observed that the house is brand new and there is still a new house smell, like that of new concrete or sealer, prominent within the structure.

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