This Week:

Don't Forget to Vote

The Primary Election is May 8 and two issues of special interest to North Ridgeville voters are Issue No. 1, a 1.8 mill additional tax for Mental Retardation for Murray Ridge School and Issue 17, a .4 percent city income tax increase for North Ridgeville residents for a Family/Senior Center.

Brief sketches and photos of the North Ridgeville council candidates are featured in today's Press & Light.

Tonight, tonight

Karen Borocz has scheduled a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Bridge Committee for May 2 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of City Hall.

Get Your Reservations In

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will take a behind-thescenes tour of the three Beckett companies May 10 at 8 a.m. The tour will begin at Beckett Gas, proceed to Beckett Air and conclude at R.W. Beckett at 10 a.m. Call the chamber office, 327-3737, no later than May 8.

Make a Mother's Day Craft

May 6 through May 12, children of all ages can make and take home a Mother's Day craft during regular library hours at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Materials will be pro-

In Brief:

Grab Your Fishing Poles

The annual Fishing Derby for kids in grades 1 through 12 will be held May 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is free but a \$5 donation for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children will be accepted. Take your own pole and bait. Prizes will be awarded. The Fishing Derby is cosponsored by the North Ridgeville Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ohio Kids Card

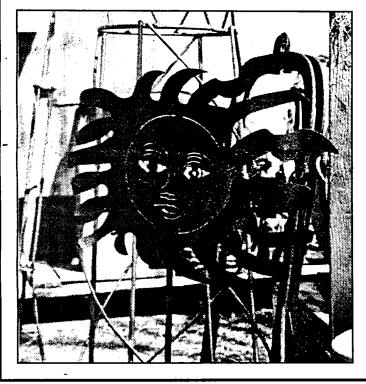
Ohio families with children under the age of 6 can apply for the Ohio Kids Card at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. The card can be used for discounts on products and services throughout Ohio. Businesses voluntarily participate and provide discounts to Ohio Kids Card members.

LCCC Honors Top Grads

The top 2001 graduates of Lorain County high schools will be honored during a special "Salute to Scholars" at LCCC's eighth annual FamilyFest, May 12 at 2 p.m., hosted by Mark Nolan, WKYC-TV, Channel 3, meteorologist. The festival will be held from noon to 6



Lots to see during Growing Arts & Antiques Tour



Above: Janet Shulz and Kathy Spencer offered tour visitors some lovely flowers for gardens, while, left, Blue Barn Interior and Antiques featured some interesting garden décor. (Photos by Mike Yatcko)

Fire Department offers child safety programs

Fire

With adult CPR classes firmly rooted in Creek homeowners. the North Ridgeville Fire Department's education agenda, Fire Chief Rick Miller said the department will begin offering the Child Safety and Injury Prevention Program, May

The three-hour class, which is free to all North Ridgeville residents, targets parents, guardians and grandparents of infants and toddlers, and will consist of learning child and infant CPR and airway obstruction maneuvers based on the American Heart Association guidelines. There will also be instruction on properly installing a

child's car seat in a vehicle, as well as inspections on seats already in place.

"We have been giving adult CPR classes for about three years," said the Fire Chief, "and people began asking about CPR for children. Although there has been a sizable drop in class enrollment for adult CPR classes held at the fire station, said Miller, a lot of CPR classes are held off-site, including some instructions at PTA meetings and for Mills

The child safety classes are limited to 10 persons and will be held at Fire Station One, 7090 Avon Belden Rd. from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19, June 30, Sept. 1, Nov. 3 and Dec. 15. Call 327-5311 for more infor-

mation or to register for any of the classes.

Community groups or organizations wishing to hold a class at their facility can contact Joe Gavlak, EMS coordinator at the Fire Department, 327-5311 to schedule a date and time.

Check the safety of a child car seat

If you have purchased a new child car seat or want to check the installation of a seat in your present car, call the North Ridgeville Fire Department to arrange an appointment with the Child Passenger Safety Technician for correct installation or recalls.

According to a new leaflet put out by the North Ridgeville Fire Department, child car

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volunteers

"I am overwhelmed by the depth and breadth of OhioReads in Lorain County," Gov. Bob Taft told the overflow crowd at the volunteer luncheon, at DeLuca's Place in the Park, April 26.

Taft's initiative is geared toward helping children from kindergarten through fourth grade to improve their reading skills. To accentuate his goal of putting reading first, Taft signed the OhioReads bill into law in March 1999, which provides grants and volunteer tutors for the reading program.

In commending the Lorain County volunteers for their part in OhioReads, Taft said that he, too, has been participating in the program as a tutor for two years.

Emphasizing the need for reading skills, Taft said, "There are no longer any unskilled jobs," then cracked, "I have the last good unskilled job in Ohio.'

Though some industrial plants use robots, said the Governor, the jobs still require the ability to read. Nothing is more important, he said, "If children can't read, they fall behind, become disruptive or drop

The OhioReads program is making progress Taft told the audience, with 60 percent of fourth graders passing the reading portion of the proficiency tests, however there are still 20,000 across the state who make up a margin of failure.

"I want to thank all of you personally," he told the volunteers, "so many things are happening in Lorain County." He praised the county for knowing how to "rise to a

He also thanked the businesses that give their employees an hour off each week to volunteer to help children improve their reading skills.

To everyone, Taft said, "There's no telling what the children in Lorain County will do because of your gift of time."

Before introducing Taft, Cynthia Tinsley, news anchor on Channels 19 and 43, told the audience to applaud one another and the work they do. She said, "When you help a child or an adult, you change the world."

North Ridgeville City Schools Superintendent Tom Rockwell explained that to become part of the program, it's necessary to apply for a grant that helps to pay for materials.

"The whole concept (OhioReads) is great," he said.

Wilcox School has four OhioReads volunteers, two of them North Ridgeville residents - Kim Bacisin and Tom Klear - who spend time each week in Dana Reigles' third grade class. Reigles is as enthusiastic about the volunteers, as the tutors who help the children, and appreciates the volunteers'

Bacisin, the mother of three and an education student at Lorain County Communi-

See *OhioReads* on pg. 16

Did she ever think she would

"I had always hoped to. I

Residents will gather tomor-

honor. Her son is organizing a

bash for relatives on May 19.

Besides her son, Stephens has

two grandchildren and three

Ridgeville, visits his mom every

day. He and his mother have

always had a close relationship.

Every Wednesday, he'd go to her

house for lunch. She'd come to

his on Sunday for dinner and a

visit. And he'd pop in for visits

milestone, Licking drew up a list

of historic events that happened

during his mother's lifetime: Pres-

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Licking, who lives in North

great-grandchildren.

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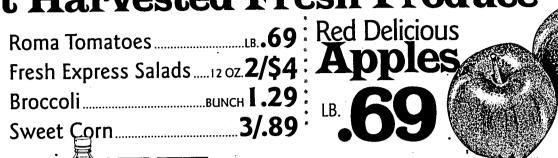
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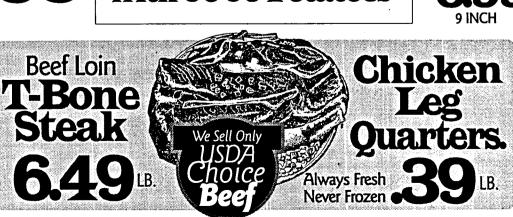
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Former NR resident celebrates 100 years

By Mary Swindell

WESTLAKE -- Catherine (Kay) Stephens's eyes — no, make that her entire face - light up when someone asks her if she liked to dance.

"Oh, I loved to dance! Did I dance!" she says.

Stephens turns 100 tomorrow, an event that will be marked by two birthday parties at the Corinthian Skilled Nursing Center on Crocker Road where she has been living since January.

Maybe it was all that dancing she did in her younger days that has endowed Stephens with an attitude towards life that seems to pep up others around her. This includes Margie Metzger, activities director.

"She makes me feel good," says Metzger, smiling. "It's interesting to watch Kay help out other residents who may be 20 or 25 years younger than she is."

Stephens was born in Connellsville, Pa., to a family that included a sister, Clementine, nicknamed Tiny, and a brother, Tony. She was in the sixth grade when she lost her mother to typhoid fever. Her mother caught the often-deadly dis-

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ease while nursing others who were suffering from it. Her mother's death occurred around her birthday. Her thoughtful sister organized a party of neighborhood children to celebrate her birthday, she recalls.

Stephens married Herman Licking, her first husband, and gave birth to her only child, Mel, now 79, in 1921. In 1942, she moved to Elyria where she lived until she moved in with her son and his wife in 1998. Her second husband, Jim Stephens, died in 1956. Mrs. Stephens worked for many years at Seghey's Nuts and Candy Store and then as a supervisor at the I.B. Discount Store in Elyria. She retired in 1973.

Mrs. Stephens was an avid crocheter of afghans and her family tomorrow.



Kay Stephens will be 100 tomorrow. (Photo by Larry Bennet)

ident McKinley's assassination in 1901, the start of World War I in 1917, passage of the Women's Suffrage Amendment in 1920, Charles Lindberg's solo flight across the Atlantic in

1927, the Great Depression, World War II. Licking is a veteran of World War II. He enlisted in August 1941, and served with the Air Force for four

years, including two in Europe. Like his mother, he vividly recalls the Depression. "We all just got along as best we could. Families stuck pretty close together. There were no checks in the mail, just relief centers where a family could get a 25-pound

Connellsville. Very few people had jobs," he said. But it'll be happier memories for Kay Stephens and

sack of flour. I remember going to the relief center in

Accident takes life of North Ridgeville woman

Three North Ridgeville residents were involved in an accident at the intersection of state Route 83 and Sugar Ridge Rd on April 22.

Tina L. Jarrel, 35 and Norman Wohlever, 44 were lifeflight-Metzger displays a doll weared to MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, where Jaring a crocheted outfit Stephens rell died the following day. Wohlever remains in serious made. Arthritis, however, has condition in Cleveland.

Velma Batton, 76, was treated at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake.

According to reports, Jarrell, and Wohlever were riding a motorcycle south on state Route 83, when a vehicle driven by Batton turned left in from of the cycle.

The accident remains under investigation.

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seats are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities, 67 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization and 50 percent effective in preventing minor injuries, when installed correctly. Studies done nationally show that eight out of 10 cars equipped with car seats have seats that have been installed incorrectly.

To be sure your child's car seat is properly installed and secured make an appointment with the certified technician at the fire station, who will check the installation, the child restraint and inform you of any problems discovered or recalls needed. The car seat checks take approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

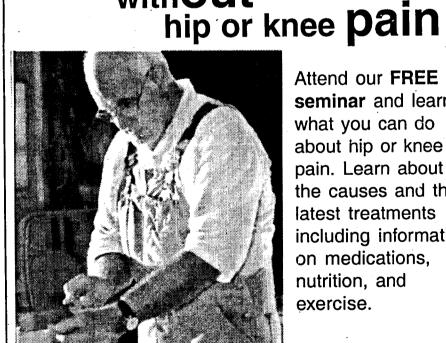
CPR for family and friends

Non-certified three-hour AHA courses to teach the public CPR and airway obstruction maneuvers for adults will be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Station One, May 26, July 28, Aug. 25, Oct. 27 and Dec. 1. Class size is limited to 10 participants.

The Fire Chief said that thanks to education on fire safety, the incidences of fires has dropped over the past 20 years, and he wants the same type of public education for car seat

Miller said if his department never had an ambulance or fire run, due to the effectiveness of public education, "I would be the happiest fire chief in the United States.





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Get ready to cast your ballots May 8

By Carol Klear

COUNTDOWN IS ON.....There is less than one week until Primary Election Day. Of course I guess I didn't need to make that proclamation, did I. All you have to do is read the ads and the letters to the editor in today's paper to get the idea. So whatever you do, go to your favorite (well, maybe not your favorite, but your proper...) voting site to admit it but I spent a half-hour at and cast your ballots. And may the best candidates win and the best decision made about the Family/Senior Center.

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT.....I must say this year's Primary has got to be one of the liveliest I've seen in a while I also must commend the "thinking public" in Ridgeville. Every election has its rabble rousers and this year is no exception, but many of you did a heck of a job on research-

Pressline:

Caller: Regarding

Councilwoman Min-

nick's abstention on

the sewer vote April

16, I'm glad to see one

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to make him a coun-

Caller: If you do

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the entire year, paying my North Ridgeville

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then I get a flier in the

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cilperson. Right.

Klearly Speaking:

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Press Line call, or taking pen to paper to write a letter. Good job, and thanks for giving me some (more) food for thought, as

ON THE SUBJECT, SORT OF I hate www.loraincounty.com over the weekend, and my, oh my, talk about lively. What a hoot! Some of you e-mailers go for the jugular, so to speak. I really had to hold myself back on setting some of you straight about your writings, but I think I'd best restrain myself...or, come up with an absolutely unidentifiable moniker. No, no, no, forget I said that.

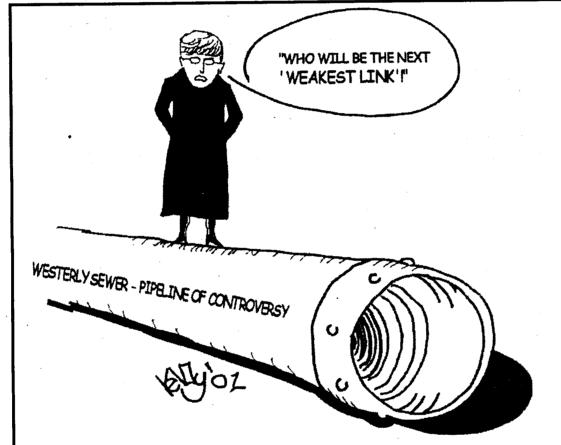
GET AWAY FROM ing, before picking up the phone to make a IT....Ridgeville politics absolutely permeate

the city. In fact there were the usual politicos at the Historical Society dinner last week and some even contributed door prizes, like Councilwoman Butkowski, who donated a hanging basket (I think). Guess who won it...Councilman Dave Gillock. Darn, wish I had volunteered to deliver it. Bet the Councilman was surprised. Then there was council-wannabe Dick Brent, who won a huge set of tools and decided he's too busy to use 'em and donated 'em to the Parks and Rec maintenance department.

OH WELL.....Soon Primary Election, 2001, vill be history...and let me say Amen! to that But I will have my predictions...for this tire, let's make that guesses...about the May 8 election, in the May 9 issue.

P.S....Just got a notice about the Planning Commission meeting on May 8. One question, will there be a quorum?

Press & Light



Letters to the Editor:

Citizen endorses Family/Senior Center

To the Editor:

Since I am a senior citizen I decided to keep my opinion regarding the Family/Senior Center to myself because it will not be my responsibility to help pay for it. I then realized that this was not fair

I have had no children in the North Ridgeville school system since 1978, but I have consistently voted for all school levies. I have an interest in commercial property and the schools receive the greatest portion of the real estate

In fact, I cannot remember a levy that I have voted against even as the increase would cost more in real estate tax. Each proposal of these types increases the value of my property. I have decided to publicly endorse the Family/Senior Center as presented by the hard-working commit-

It really gives me pride that we have so many civic-minded people willing to volunteer for the benefit of all citizens of North Ridgeville.

At this time I would like to thank all those who assisted with the campaign for a WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Rosalice Pszenitzki North Ridgeville **Vote vour conscience** To the Editor:

I think it is a sad state of affairs when candidates in a North Ridgeville election are afraid to speak their mind for fear of being labeled: Rabble rousers, negative thinkers, or obstructionists to city progress. The citizens of our city are certainly tired of listening to the one sided discussions in the city councilmeetings, or in the newspapers.

Because a citizen shows interest in the city government in a negative way should not cause concern to the city unless the city is doing something that is not legal. Often the only way to improve the way the government is operating is to vote against the project and offer a different way to accomplish the same result. Some who oppose many of the methods used by city council to achieve their goals, especially in constantly using the emergency clause, have agreed to be a candidate for council in hopes of changing the situation.

It is time to bring integrity and trust back to government in the city of North Ridgeville. I urge all voters to read about the candidates, check their good points and bad points. Then vote your con-

Josephine L. Perryman North Ridgeville

Be realistic, no money left for community center

Plans look really nice for the community center. It would be great for North Ridgeville to have one after all these years, but let's be realistic here.

Over the past year, heating and gas prices have increased dramatically. My budget bill just went from \$74 a month to \$149 a month. How about yours? Electric budget bill increased as well, by about \$23 and you just know that deregulation will make them climb even higher.

My water bill averaged \$40 last year. My bill this month was \$50. (And we went from a three-adult household to two adults. Go figure.) Gasoline prices have caused one tank full for me to go from about \$23 to \$35. That lasts about 12 days if I only use the car to go to work and back. And now they're talking about gasoline prices hitting \$3 per gallon this summer. So all told, my gasoline will cost me from \$30 to \$80 more per month. But wait! My husband also drives to work, so we need to double that to \$60 to \$160 more per month. So far, expenses that we have no control over add up to \$168 to \$268 more per month, roughly. Not including any weekend trips or vacation driving of course.

Property tax increase? \$300 annually. Proposed income tax increase somewhere between \$400 and \$500 annually. (By the way, what happened to the increase in homes helping to ease the tax burden?) If I want to actually USE the center when it's ready, the figure mentioned a few weeks back was \$295 for membership. Let's not even talk about increases in food prices and every other commodity out there! And the economy is not booming, folks. Lots of places are letting employees go, or putting hiring freezes back in place.

I will be voting a resounding 'no' on the tax increase issue. Can you afford to vote 'yes'? Let's look for better ways to finance the community center, and then maybe they'll get my vote. Please vote 'no' on the income tax increase if you are also tired of everyone having hands in your wallet, and let's force more creative financing to be found.

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Liberty teacher disagrees with Nagorski

To the Editor:

As a first year teacher at Liberty Elementary School, I would like to respond to the article published regarding the resignation of first year teacher Joseph Nagorski. In the article it was stated that Liberty School has a hostile work environment. Nagorski was even quoted saying that "Liberty School is not a place you want to be." I totally dis-

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Letters to the Editor:

agree with these statements.

The environment at Liberty School is not hostile at all. Liberty School is a place where the staff is close-knit, friendly, and supportive. I wake up every morning looking forward to going to work because I enjoy my job and the people I work with. As a first year teacher, I have received so much guidance and support from our principal, Karen Frimel, and the other teachers at Liberty School. I am proud to say that I teach at Liberty Elementary School.

· Donna Shoenfelt Third Grade Teacher Liberty Elementary School

No new center; take care of what

To the Editor:

So the city of North Ridgeville wants to build a recreation center. It sounds like a great idea, right? Some citizens have even written to the papers to express their support for this project. I'm sorry to say I cannot. The reason why reminds me of a childhood wish to have a dog.

When I was five and my brother was seven we asked our parents for a puppy. Our parents' reply was this: If you can grow and maintain a plant, you may have a dog. If we didn't take care of our plants and they failed to thrive we were told we were not ready for the responsibility of having something that required even more care. Well folks, our plants did not survive and we did not get a puppy that year.

The reason I have told you this story is simple. The city is unable to maintain its current recreational areas. The softball complex is a disgrace. This complex is also home to our Mini-Rangers traveling football team. All of the complexes' fields are in need of repair as well as proper regular maintenance. If you think I'm making this up, watch a home game of the Mini-Rangers after it has rained a day or two before a scheduled game. The standing water has been as high as six inches deep in areas on the field. The parents from the other teams have been heard making comments about how terrible our facilities are when their children come to compete.

If you are an avid softball or baseball player and it rains on Friday or Saturday you probably won't play on Sunday. Why? Standing water and muddy outfields. Have you ever washed your hands at our ball complex after having to use a filthy port-a-potty? You can't, because there are no facilities for washing them!!

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es is: "It's a manpower issue." I've even heard that the city is waiting for developers to put sewers in these areas before it will build bathrooms at the complexes.

Why would the people of this city vote for another facility that no one wants to properly maintain or update for public safery? Some residents have expressed the need for a rec center so that our youth will have a place to go. If they had this facility they would not engage in illegal or inappropriate behavior. I have to say that I grew up in North Ridgeville from the age of 10 and my parents never felt it was up to a rec center or others to keep me out of trouble! We have other parks and activities yet kids are still running the streets without supervision.

Sorry boys, I will not vote for you to get your 'dog' when you can't take care of your

Barbara Whitlock North Ridgeville

Editor's Note: Due to errors in this letter last week, it is being reprinted.

Should be a better way to fund center

To the Editor: I think our residents and city officials need to know about Oberlin's proposed recreation facility, which will be operated by Lorain County Metro Parks. Oberlin's, Eric T. Nord, rallied family and friends to contribute \$2 million toward the aquatic center. Oberlin College contributed \$500,000, the Metro Parks raised \$1 million, and Oberlin residents approved a 0.2 percent income tax increase that will raise \$1.4 million over five years. The 27,000 sq. ft. covered facility and outdoor water park will sit on 25 acres. Outside

same problems. The response that I have will be a 6,000 sq. ft. water park with tumble heard from city employees that are paid to buckets and spray toys in a splash pool, which maintain our parks and recreation complex- will be up to 4 ft. deep. The inside facility will have an eight-lane pool perfect for high school swim meets and a tot pool to lure families. It will also house a workout room with exercise equipment, space for fitness classes, lockers and a concession stand.

North Ridgeville residents are being asked to permanently increase their income tax by 40 percent (.4 percent). There will be no tax credits for anyone, and seniors will not have to pay for it unless they have an income. Even seniors' memberships will be lower priced. Our Center will have two "leisure" pools. The indoor leisure will only be 4 1/2 ft. deep with a few lap lanes. The outdoor leisure pool will have a slide section. Neither will be good for a swim team but ideal only for water aerobics - what a waste. There will be a fitness center, gymnasium, climbing wall (with a potential for personal injury), senior rooms, and community rooms. We have a fitness center in town that people can pay to use if they choose.

Our mayor, rather than finding creative ways to pay for our Center like Oberlin did, prefers to increase taxes on the residents, give a tax abatement to a wealthy company. negotiate deals with developers to increase their revenues, and finance the Westerly Sewer. I don't know about you, but I prefer the Oberlin plan. Ours is too expensive, won't be of much use to our young adults, neither pool will support a swim team, I don't plan to use it, and I don's want to be forced to pay for it. Take the time to learn what our Center won't offer and how much it will cost you, and you may feel the same way I do. There has to be a better, more eco-

June Lanning North Ridgeville

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Fed up with high taxes?

page 2-B.

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tax and spend.

To the Editor:

fee to use or walk on.

higher taxes.

even worse.

Do you know how high they really are?

Look at The Plain Dealer, April 15, 2001

If you pass that new tax levy, the tax rate

You and your neighbor's houses are both

worth \$100,000. You both make \$50,000 per

year. You work outside of North Ridgeville.

He works in North Ridgeville. You pay \$950

I say we all pay the same or revolt...by

From a Democrat that doesn't believe in

'Semi-rural living' called oxymoron

The incumbents on North Ridgeville

City Council who voted for the PCD devel-

opments say they are against urban sprawl

and congested living. One of these develop-

ments has as many as six houses on an acre

and the only green or open space is a public

golf course that residents will have to pay a

One of them called this "semi-rural liv-

ing". What these incumbents are saying can

best be explained by the word "oxymoron".

That is a figure of speech where the opposite

of what is said is true. It was these kinds of

statements that motivated me to run for city

council. With these PCD developments as

presently allowed the future of North

Ridgeville is predictable - crowded living,

more congested traffic, more schools and

defeated by an overwhelming margin the

Kingston PCD they were sending a message

to council. Council didn't listen. They voted

for two more PCD developments that were

The only way to stop this travesty is to

replace those who refuse to listen to the cit-

izens. If elected, I will work to bring an

orderly, controlled growth to our neighbor-

hood and city. I cannot do it alone. There

must be a majority on council who will

respond to the wishes of the citizens. Make

Candidate, Ward 1 Council (Democrat)

Thanks to everyone who attended the.

Rotary Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at

Ranger Stadium. The weather was wonder-

ful and we had a great turnout! All the

excited participants scooped more than

Congratulations to all the prizewinners of

the lucky eggs and the coloring contest.

More than 400 prizes were given out. Victo-

ria Koski, Cherish Ashcraft, and Kevin

Shaw won bicycles. Mason Berkheimer,

Steven Vernak, and John Mundell were also

Joseph N. Antush

the right choice when voting.

12,000 eggs up in record time

To the Editor:

grand prizewinners.

Thanks for Easter Egg Hunt

When the citizens of North Ridgeville

Scott Allen

North Ridgeville

saying no to all new taxes. 196 other com-

more in taxes per year than he. Why?

will be higher than 196 of the 199 surround-

ing communities. Read and weep.

It's almost time for the Memorial Day parade

The North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871 will again sponsor the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade and ceremonies will take place on May 28. The parade will start at the North Ridgeville Post Office parking lot on Center Ridge Road and proceed to the High School Football Field behind the Middle School on Center Ridge Road. There the traditional Memorial Day ceremonies will be conducted.

The parade units and participants should assemble at the Post Office parking lot at 9 a.m. so they can be lined up accordingly. The parade will start promptly at 9:45 a.m. and should arrive at the High School Football Field for the start of the annual ceremonies at approximately 10 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11 a.m.

Following the conclusion of the day's ceremonies, the VFW would like to invite those who wish to observe the additional ceremonies at St. Peter's cemetery, old Town Hall and Stoney Ridge cemetery to feel free to join them.

We call upon all citizens and organizations in North Ridgeville to take part in the parade or observe this memorial dedicated to our war dead. We invite marching groups, floats, decorated bicycles, and classic or antique cars to participate. Spectators are welcome along the parade route and at the High School football field for the ceremonies. Prizes will be awarded to the three best floats and trophies to the best-decorated bicycles and classiest cars. Please keep in mind the solemnity of the occasion, all floats and participants are requested to dress and decorate in a manner that will not lose sight of the purpose of the parade and ceremonies.

The theme of this year's parade and ceremonies: "What Price Is Freedom?"

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Lion Andy Steirer Parade Marshall

Letters to the Editor:

Who's looking out for taxpayers?

The people of North Ridgeville are being asked to approve a 40 percent income tax increase in May. At the May 2 council meeting, legislation was introduced to give Beckett a 100 percent, 10-year tax abatement. Beckett plans to build a 60,000 sq. ft. facility and donate \$20,000 a year to the Community Center (if it is approved) or to the schools. That would amount to \$200,000 over a 10-year period while Beckett will avoid paying over \$1,000,000 in taxes! Meanwhile, our citizens are being asked to increase their income taxes by 40 percent. Our infrastructure needs attention and our schools could use more money. What a sweet deal for Beckett. What a slap to the taxpayers. Who's looking out for us? Jeffrey M. Madisen

Chicken dinner was wonderful

To the Editor:

A big "thank you" to all the volunteers that participated in making and serving such a wonderful chicken dinner for the Community Care at the Congregational Church in North Ridgeville on April 21.

The food was so very good, the service was superb, it was so very pleasant to see everyone making this project such a real success.

I would also like to say good luck to Community Care as it moves into its new home behind Arby's in the near future

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North Ridgeville

Only a foolish or self-punishing homeowner would vote deduct the cost on our federal and state income taxes to boot!

I don't know yet how little or how much I will use this facility. But I will be delighted to vote Yes on Issue 17 and

Alan J. Willoughby North Ridgeville

Family Center will enhance city

Bringing Issue 17 to the ballot will raise funds for parks as well as give the citizens of North Ridgeville something for their money - a new recreation building. North Ridgeville is growing and should be keeping pace with the most progressive cities in the area, but one thing is holding the city back

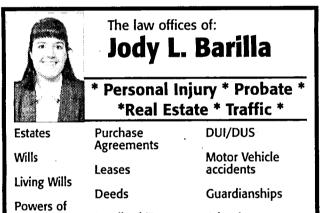
So, where does North Ridgeville find the funding for the new Family and Senior Center? Of course, no one wants a tax increase, but to stay competitive in today's world money must come from somewhere. It would be easier to add an

Building a Family and Senior Center in North Ridgeville would

the city unity and be a shining example of community spirit. The families of North Ridgeville would no longer need to Jean K. Brown look outside our community for healthy and safe places for

> **Bob Slovak** North Ridgeville

years have been a time of great turmoil for the City and City hear the voice of the people. Vote!



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Vote for Issue 17 and pay yourself

To the Editor:

against North Ridgeville's Issue 17. A modern Family and Senior Center will drive our property values up, probably as soon as it is approved. That's a big return on a small cost. The return is real money in home equity or sales price. And, we can

pay myself for a change!

To the Editor:

Did you know that North Ridgeville never has had a park levy? Isn't it time?

- lack of a modern Family and Senior Center.

increase to the city income tax.

be a great enhancement to the city. It would create jobs to bring

our children to grow into successful adults.

Vote on May 8

The election on May 8 is very important. The past 1 1/2 Council. Now we need a time for healing a time for change. Your vote is important, every vote counts. Let City Council

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We'll see you again next year! Kerry Mueller and Pat Blakely Easter Egg Hunt Co-Chairmen

Taxes and membership fees too?

Please can you enlighten me - if a city cannot properly care for the baseball fields. how can it possibly manage a multi-raillion dollar sport complex?

And while I think on that, why vote myself to be taxed for unlimited years and than pay to join the facility?

Joyce Solomon North Ridgeville



Retinitis pigmentosa is a rare disease which the light-sensitive retina of the eye steadily and progressively degenerates, eventually causing blindness. The condition is most often inherited. As a result of the disease, rods-the lightsensing cells of the retina that are responsible for vision in low amounts of light-slowly break down.

Warning signs or reunius promones are deteriorating night vision and a nar-Warning signs of retinitis pigmentosa rowing field of vision. This disease often starts in early childhood and advances throughout the years. During later stages of retinitis pigmentosa, a small area of central vision remains, along with slight peripheral vision. Although there has been no treatment or cure for retinitis pig-mentosa, studies are being conducted to find surgical or medical ways to remedy the condition. Your eye care specialist will have additional information on this condition.

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The Sun Newspaper 4/12/01

This mulit-purpose center is an idea whose time has come, and we urge residents to vote FOR the 0.4 percent increase in the city income tax.

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce Resolution of Support 4/5/01 ...proposal to be in the public interest, and beneficial to enhancing the quality of life of the residents of our city... hereby expresses its support for the proposal and urges its timely adoption by the residents of our city.

The Morning Journal 4/15/01

It is right to devote part of your pay to enhance opportunities for rest and recreation. We urge North Ridgeville voters to say "yes" to the Community Center proposal.

The Press and Light Newspaper 3/21/01

...there is little question that with a recreation center, North Ridgeville residents will be getting something for their money.

Senior Center Advisory Board Chairman Dick Noll 4/18/01

The board unanimously voted to support Issue 17. The construction is this facitlty would be a trememdous asset not just for seniors, but for all the residents in this city.

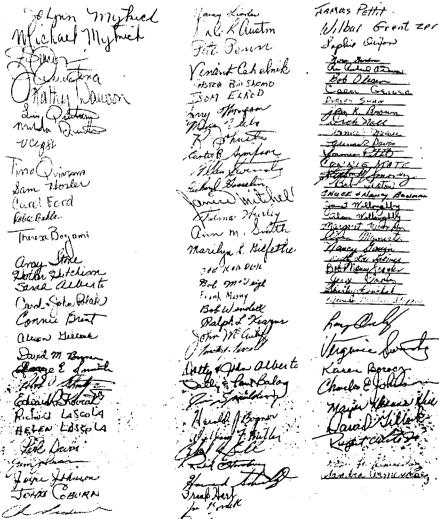
The Chronical Telegram 4/21/01

The family and senior center will be a welcome addition to North Ridgeville and deserves your vote.

The Plain Dealer 4/19/01

A new family and senior complex planned on Bairbridge Rd. would give this city what it has never had: a town center.

We, the undersigned, wholehearedly support the Family & Senior Ceiter. Please vote YES on Isue 17



Please vote **YES** on Isue 17

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In The Sportlight

The measuring stick of coaches

By Jerry D. Dudek

Coaches are measured by several sticks --- how well they get along with their players, how well they are respected by the public, how many games they win, and how long they coach.

But there is one measuring stick that is usually applied only by the media and that is how well coaches deal with sports writers and broadcasters.

In professional sports there tends to be a hate-hate relationship between the media and the coaches (and players.) Coaches and players look at the media with disdain and the media looks at sports personalities with envy and sometimes rage. It seems that you can't be a good sports columnist unless you are willing to rip into a sports hero or legend. Knock them off their pedastil, they deserve it. And sometimes, sports commentators are even worse. They know everything about everything They are the kings of the second guessers. While coaches and players eat, sleep and die baseball (football, basketball), sports commentators base their opinions on hearsay, innuendo or pure foolishness. No wonder they don't get along with coaches and players. To be an expert writer or broadcaster of baseball, you better put in the time to learn what is going on. Watching a game on television or going to a few games at Jacobs Field doesn't qualify someone to have a valid and valued opinion on the Indians.

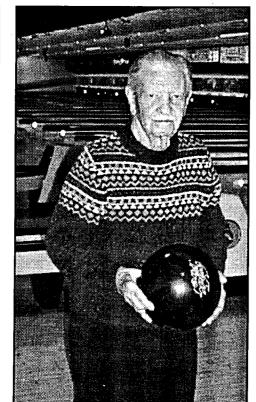
At the local level, there shouldn't be any difficulties with coaches dealing with the media and vice versa. Especially with high school sports, where both coaches and sports writers have a duty to promote the athlete and the school, the goal of the coach and the sports writer seems to be identical---get and give good press to the dedicated athletes.

Historically, there is a problem and it is more widespread than what you might think. Too many coaches think that dealing with the media (sending in results, returning phones calls, that sort of thing) is not part of their job. I remember one girls basketball coach, when I was sports editor of the Piqua Daily Call 20 years ago, who would only call in results when his team won. We were covering about eight different schools and this one was an outlying one. I did notice that his team won something like five games without a loss and asked him what his record was. He told me it was 5-12. He never called in the 12 losses!

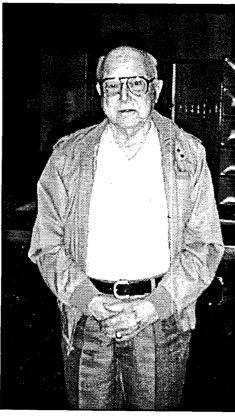
The problem with that mentality is that in those 12 losses, he refused to promote his athletes, even in a losing cause. Someone was the leading scorer for his team in those losses. Someone had to have played a good game in defeat. There is no shame in losing only not trying. Why would a coach not want to give his athletes as much ink as he could?

Perhaps it's just me, but sometimes I think coaches believe their responsibilities end when the game ends. It doesn't. Perhaps some coaches believe that the media holds them overly accountable for a lackluster program. In high school sports, that is not the job of the media, although some publications may do it.

Like everything else, the kids must come first. They are the ones who are trying, they are the ones who are representing their schools and communities and they are the ones (especially in times of tribulation) that need our support. It's tough for the media and the community to give that support when nobody knows about them.







Sims averages 109. Her high game this

Ted Wyer is also 92 years old. He is a reg-

Wyer started bowling when pins were set

season was 188. She also had a 412 three-

ular at the lanes even though he sat out the

final week of bowling with a leg ailment.

Wyer averaged 139 for the season with a

high game of 183 and a high series of 475.

by hand, but thinks the innovations such as

automatic scorers have helped increase the

Over the years, his delivery has remained

"If you can stay out of the doctor's office,

relatively the same, even though now he

throws a 12-pound ball, when before, he

bowling at this age isn't hard at all. I enjoy

the people. They are friendly and everyone

ems to have fun," Wyer, of Elyria said.

high series this year, a 595 set (Eli Gallagher

had the league's only 600 series, 610) said

that senior leagues tend to bring out the best

a trophy, everybody wants to win," he said.

"But we don't have anybody getting angry

when they lose. Everybody's always friend-

Kordek said that it is obvious that the

"I've already had many of them come up

and ask me when the summer league will

"When it's roll off, and you're bowling for

Kordek, who had the league's second

popularity of the game.

threw 14 or 16 pounds.

The Solid Senior league at Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes features three nonagenarians including left to right, Paul Olah, 92, Vi Sims, 92,

Seniors bowling for more than just strikes

By Jerry D. Dudek

Forget about perfect games, visions of making it on the pro tour and win-at-allcost attitudes, members of the Solid Seniors bowling league at Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes have something more ethereal on their minds --- companionship, friendship and a sense of accomplishment.

The league, which features bowlers from North Ridgeville, Elyria and several other cise.' Lorain County communities, recently completed its 2000-2001 season. Participants range in age from 66 to 96. In fact, three members of the 36-member league are in

North Ridgeville's Joe Kordek is the league president.

"I quit evening leagues to be with the seniors," the 76-year-old Kordek said. "I look forward to it so much.

The Solid Senior league is one of five leagues at Center Ridge Lanes that caters to senior citizens. The Tuesday league has 30 teams with five members per team.

Kordek and league secretary Bob Zumstein credit the management at the lanes for . not only caring about the bowler, but also about the senior citizen. Automatic scores, computerized calculating of league scores and averages and an atmosphere of encouragement has made Center Ridge Lanes the place to be if you are a senior citizen interested in bowling.

making a renaissance of sorts, and bowlers in their 70s, 80s and even 90s are glad to be a ful spares and strikes.

Take Paul Olah for instance. The Elyria she said with just a slight British accent. resident is the elder statesmen of the league. "And bowling is the best game there is."

Why does he bowl? That's easy, Olah said.

"Because I'm able to. I'm healthy. I've never been in the hospital. How many 96year-olds can say that? I thank the Lord for my health. I bowl for the sociability and mix with my fellow seniors. Plus, it's good exer-

Olah averages 135 in the Solid Seniors League. He had a high game of 184 this year automatic pinsetters, synthetic lanes and and a high series of 468. He throws a 12pound ball. His team, the Pin Rockers, won the first half championship. In his younger years, Olah averaged in the 190s.

Olah has bowled for so many years he's lost count. Originally from Toledo, he moved to Lorain County to find more stable employment. He never left.

Vi Sims, 92, is a relative newcomer to the sport of bowling. She moved to Elyria a dozen years ago from Florida. Her last year in Florida, she decided to take up bowling. She's glad she did.

started bowling because I enjoyed watching others bowl," the former model born in England said. "I still like it better than anything I do. When I bowl, I feel like I'm 40 again.

If there were a Ms. Congeniality Award handed out for the league, Sims would be ly.' the winner hands down. She brings plenty of Bowling, even among senior citizens, is candy for her league mates, and is quick to seniors are sorry to see the season end. reward fellow bowlers with hugs for success-

"The companionship is just wonderful," start," he said.

North Ridgeville's Perry named to All-Ohio Academic first team "Coach (Dave) Dudik told me he was ers on the team this year that had a grade

in bowlers.

By Jerry D. Dudek

In her four years at North Ridgeville High School, Sara Perry has average 4.35 points in her athletic career --- that's 4.35 grade points. Combining that academic said. achievement with her noteworthy basketball career, the 18-year-old became the first Lady Ranger to be selected to the first team All-Ohio Academic team by the Ohio High School Basketball Association.

Perry, the daughter of Bill and Marcia Perry, joined nine other girls from around the state on the Division I team, including two fellow Pioneer Conference players.

The honor came as somewhat of a shock honors this year, as she led the Lady Rangers team's point guard.

much about it. The next thing I know I'm on the first team. I was surprised," Perry said.

She shouldn't be surprised, her coach

"Sara is a very good student," Dudik said. "She works hard in the classroom and on the court. She doesn't let her participation in sports affect her grades. She's just an ideal student athlete."

The All-Academic honor requires students to not only hit the books hard, but also the court hard. Dudik said other seniors may have been nominated for the honor in the past, but Perry is the first winner of the to Perry, who also earned All Lorain County award at North Ridgeville. It's been a while since he's nominated someone, but this year, in scoring with 12.2 points per game as the felt pretty good about Perry's chances. She was one of four Lady Ranger basketball play-

nominating me, but I really didn't know point average of over 4.00. Dudik said this year's squad was a very intelligent one, with the lowest grade point average on the team just under 3.0.

"It was just a good group of girls who were tremendous students. And that helps as a coach. They were able to pick things up quickly at practice and were very knowledgeable," he said.

Perry was a very busy student athlete at North Ridgeville. She played four years of volleyball as an outside hitter, four years of basketball as a point guard or shooting guard and three years of softball as a second basemen. (She decided not to play softball this season as school winds down.)

See *Perry* on pg. 9

Round Up

Rangers win first of year with thriller over Admiral King

Don't tell North Ridgeville baseball coach Tom Kubuski and his Ranger nine that 13 is a lucky number, but it's certainly a lot luckier than zero.

The Rangers, after dropping their first 13 games of the season, put one in the win column Monday afternoon, defeating Lorain Admiral King, 6-5 in extra innings.

The Rangers led most of the way, something they haven't done this season, but saw a 3-0 lead slip away as Admiral King scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning and once in the bottom of the seventh inning to

The score would stay that way until the 24 singles and two doubles. 11th inning when the Rangers would push

The Spring/Summer Program for the

North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation

Department is out and residents, both

young and old alike, have plenty to keep

For youths, classes include bowling, fish-

ing, karate, instructional baseball, volleyball,

tennis, baseball and softball. Students can

take a class on Water Study and Birds of

Fencing, a boys basketball camp, a Mini-

Rangers football camp, a baseball skills com-

petition and a class in photography are also

Adults are being offered many of the

Other adult programs include a comput-

er class, geri-fit body class, women's open

gym volleyball, bodysculpting, North

Ridgeville Duplicate Bridge Club, bow mak-

ing, weekend warriors and men's softball

Perry was recently accepted at the Col-

"Ever since I was a little girl, I've loved

animals. I've always been more outdoorsy. I

Current pets include Molly, the family

dog, and Murphy, a bunny. But Perry said

she has taken care of all kinds of pets includ-

especially in today's world of athleticism, but

answer. The answers will be given next week.

ing guinea pigs, fish and a hermit crab.

in high school, it comes in handy.

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was never into make up and dressing up Bar-

lege of Wooster and has received a \$10,000

academic scholarship there. She plans on

majoring in pre-veterinarian medicine. She

same programs including fencing, karate and

them busy until autumn.

being offered.

Perry from pg. 8

also wants to play basketball

bie dolls," she said.

North Ridgeville residents will get their chance for

recreation during the spring and summer months

also make use of the Metro Parks as they Rangers three-on-three basketball tourna-

score a single run.

the season.

The victory was welcomed relief for the team that entered last week's play at 0-9. then lost four more games, 7-3 to Vermilion, 9-6 to Midpark, 6-3 to Berea and 11-1 to North Royalton. With the exception of the North Royalton game, the Ranger offense was more productive than it has been this season. Through the first nine games, North Ridgeville batters had just 26 hits, including

In the first three games last week, the

Special events include a Fishing Derby

on May 19 as well as Pride Day on May 19;

Fourth of July fireworks at South Central

Park, Fourth of July musical entertainment

by the Patriot Community Band at the

South Central Park Gazebo; a July 22 con-

cert in the park by the Keystone Alumni

Band; the second annual North Ridgeville

ment on Aug. 22 at South Central Park:

Unity Day at South Central Park on June 9

and the 27th annual Corn Festival, Aug. 10

through Aug. 12 at Route 83 and Bainbridge

Road. The Lions will again host a 5K and 10

Participants must register for programs

through the Parks and Recreation office,

although some registrations can be made

over the phone. Registrations are accepted

during open office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. The office is locat-

ed next door to City Hall on the corners of

Route 83 and Bainbridge Road. Call 353-

be smart about your approach. It also helps

try to, when that is needed," she said.

you settle down your teammates, or at least

Joining Perry on the first team were Jenny

Slater of Westlake, Lisa Homing of Glen

Oak, Tami Gheen of Piqua, Robin Davidson

of Ameila, Megan Mencer of Hudson, Celi-

na Depoulos of Strongsville, Meredith

Baugher of Berea, Angela Cope of Holland

and Kelly Witzhen of Ashland. There were

All-Academic teams named for Division II,

Coach Dudik said the honor was particu-

"I'm so happy for her. She's a good kid.

Clue: Golf Jacket

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HEAVE

By Jerry D. Dudek

III and IV teams as well.

athletes to chose from.

Intelligence, she said, is can be an over- larly noteworthy for Perry because it came in

"I think good players have to have court She's small and feisty and has a heart of gold.

sense. It helps you play very controlled and She'll make a good college player," he said.

Add a letter to the spelling of each of the above words to create a new word.

The added letters should be placed in the highlighted box. The highlighted let-

ters will spell out a sports-related word (top to bottom). Letters can be added

to the beginning, middle or end of the words. The words can begin in any box

to the left of the shaded area, or in the shaded area if you add a letter to the

beginning of the word. No"S" plurals please. Several new words can be formed

from the above words, but only one correct word will be spelled out to fit the

clue. Only when you add the correct letters will you come up with the correct

looked attribute on the basketball court, Division I, where there are more student

K race at the Corn Festival.

0860 for more information.

across two runs. Admiral King rallied in the Rangers banged out 17 hits. They managed bottom of the 11th, but only managed to just one hit against North Royalton.

Admiral King's record dropped to 5-8 on

late innings after trailing 6-1.

several unearned runs to score.

As has been the case all season, the Ranger bats seemed to come alive after the game was no longer in doubt. Against Midpark, for example, North Ridgeville scored all six of its runs in the sixth and seventh inning after trailing 9-0. Trailing 7-0 against Vermilion, the Rangers rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to make the game respectable. Against Berea, North Ridgeville scored two of its three runs in the

Defense was also a problem last week as the Rangers committed 15 errors, allowing

■ The Lady Rangers picked a good time to come up with their third win of the season as they handled, Cloverleaf a 3-1 in the Divi-

sion I Sectional opener at North Ridgeville. Becky Durst, 2-9, limited Cloverleaf to just one hit through the first six innings of play. Ashley Bier pitched a scoreless seventh inning and picked up the save.

■ The Lake Ridge Academy tennis team rested its top four players but was an easy winner over Avon, 4-1 last week. The two teams meet again today.

At first singles Wes Corogin defeated Adam Decker, 6-0 and 6-2 to lead the Roy-



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Terry Zirzow

- 1. Name: Terry Zirzow (Theresa Marie
- 2. Address: 5287 Broad Blvd. 3. Education: 1962 graduate Wickliffe
- High School 4. Public Service Experience: N/A 5. Community Associations or Activi-
- ties: Federation of Democratic -6. What qualifications do you bring to
- the position of councilperson? Ability to listen and hear all sides of an
- Ability to make decisions on facts Ability to make impartial decisions Independent thinker 28-year resident of North Ridgeville
- 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you

like to see for the city over the next decade?

I would like to see North Ridgeville be a city that will accommodate the housing needs of various family structures (i.e. newlyweds, young families, young adults leaving the family home, single people ever married, divorced, widowed or widowers) as well as those families wishing to upgrade to larger housing.

I would like to see North Ridgeville expand its environmentally friendly indus-

I would like to see North Ridgeville increase the number of roads that are kept in good repair, sidewalks where students must walk to school, service in proportion to our population growth.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's. most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Traffic congestion in the city due to the new growth we are experiencing. The main north-south and east-west roads should have additional lanes to accommodate the heavier traffic.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

I am not in favor of a community center at this time. The city will be experiencing a large growth in population. The city will need to provide more police and fire protection along with the responsibility of the upkeep of more roads. The school system will also need increased funds. These increased services will need more tax dollars.

The city income tax is not fair to all its citizens. The current proposal of payment for the community center increases this



Jean Schroeder

- 1. Name: Jean Schroeder 2. Address: 5550 McKinley Ave.
- 3. Education: 1995 graduate of Wright State University, Dayton with Bachelor's
- degree in social work 4. Public Service Experience: None 5. Community Associations or Activi-
- ties: None 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

I am honest and hard-working and would take the responsibilities of council very seriously. I am an independent thinker who is committed to make the best, unbiased decisions on the issues that come before council. I am open-minded and I work well with others.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

In the next decade, I see eminent growth by way of more housing and indus-

try. I hope that it is decided on conscientiously and with forethought regarding traffic, street safety and an overall impact on all residents. We need to have the numerous pothole-ridden roads paved and made drivable. Furthermore, I would like to see vacant buildings inhabited or torn down to make way for other businesses or

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

A major problem for residents has been that their concerns for city issues have fallen on deaf ears. The behavior of the administration and some council members has created an environment in which residents distrust elected officials to make educated decisions on city growth and spending. An already high tax base has not provided the city with overdue and much needed services. It is unlikely that they (residents) would put more money and faith into the hands of current administration and council members. Therefore, I believe that electing new people with fresh ideas would be the first step to gaining back trust and respect.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project? Although I would love to have a Com-

munity Center with an indoor pool and other amenities, I cannot agree to the current funding proposal. A 40 percent income tax increase is too steep for residents who are two-income families because they have to be. I would like to see alternative financing such as business donations, grants, fundraising, etc. exhausted before asking for a moderate income tax increase to support a community center. I would like an indoor pool design that could host a swim team and swim competitions.

Meet the Democratic Council at Large Candidates



Patricia A. Dreger

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

- l. Name: Patricia A. Dreger 2. Address: 35820 Lorain Rd.
- 3. Education: Lorain County Community College, 1988 (AA); Cleveland State University, 1990 (BA, history); University of Akron, 1993
- (MA, history) 4. Public Service Experience: Planning Comm., appt. 2000; Secretary of Planning Comm. and Zoning Bd., 1983-1990; Clerk of Council, 1978-1979; Council at-large candidate, 1985 (unsuccessful)
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: No response.
- 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

In 18 years as C-T reporter including several covering NRCS and Council, I became versed in the city's workings. As council clerk and planning and zoning board secretary I also became informed about legislation and codes. As a current member of Planning Commission, I participate in decisions affecting the

development of the city.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

With the completion of the westerly sewer, the western end of the city will open to industrial and commercial development, as well as residential. The I-480/SR-10-Lorain Road sewers have paved the way for commercial development in the southeast and once solutions are found to the existing traffic problems, progress can occur.

As the city grows, sufficient safety forces and latest equipment will be needed. Services and road maintenance also must be priorities and sufficient funds for manpower and equip-

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, how should it be addressed?

The same one that has faced Republicans and Democrats since the city was incorporated - the small vocal group of naysayers, who object to anything that threatens major change. It is the right of citizens to become familiar with issues and speak out on them. Council and administration must work with citizens' groups and assure a respectful forum for the public to voice opinions. Often objections have to do with personal animosity, which interferes with running the city. Lawsuits are demoralizing and take time and money away from daily operations. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to

construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project? If the voters approve funding then

obviously it is the right time. In the best of worlds the project would be financed by membership fees, rather than by an increased income tax bill.



land State University

- 1. Name: Jim Rothgery 2. Address: 36484 Schafer Dr.
- 3. Education: 1977 graduate Avon High School. Miscellaneous class work at Lorain County Community College, Cuyahoga County Community College and Cleve-
- 4. Public Service Experience: None 5. Community Associations or Activi-
- ties: Knights of Columbus 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

As a small business owner with 20 years of sales and management experience, I can offer an innovative and common sense approach to problem solving. Because of experience as a free-lance writer, I am also a skilled communicator, which should prove invaluable in dealing with the city and the community at large. 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next

With even modest growth, our community will have a population of close to 30,000 people, almost double the population of other west side communities. Some of the structures we will need to deal with this increase in population are in the works, like a sufficient water tower and a grade separation at state Rt. 83 and the railroad tracks, as well as a sewer to serve the western end of town.

Center Ridge Road needs to be at least four lanes to keep traffic flowing. We need sidewalks and crossing signals along Center Ridge to insure safety. A stepped-up program to improve the old city streets should be initiated.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

With a population of over 22,000 people, we are already one of the largest communities on Cleveland's west side, yet we maintain a small town image and feel. Continued sustainable growth is the most important issue facing our city. Improvements to our infrastructure to accommodate growth, attracting sound business and encouraging creative low-impact residential development are some ways to address this problem.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

Who doesn't like the idea of Community Center? Unfortunately, asking our citizens to impose a 40 percent income tax increase is perhaps not the best way to fund the project. North Ridgeville already has the highest combined income and property tax rate in the county and this increase could devastate many of the working class in our community. We need to investigate other funding possibilities.



Re-Elect Dave Gillock Council-At-Large

Council-At-Large

- Member Rotary Club of North Ridgeville, President 1993-94
- Trustee of NR City Schools Endowment Foundation, **Chairman 1996-98**
- Lay Leader Fields United Methodist Church
- Member Master Plan Committee, and Chairman of **Zoning Sub-committee**
- Member of Board of Zoning Appeals 1995-1999
- Member of Fair Housing Board 1994
- Trustee Lorain County Public Library Board 1997-99
- Director Olde Towne Hall Theatre 1998

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Jean K. Brown

1. Name: Jean K. Brown

2. Address: 9327 Avon Belden Rd.

3. Education: 1955 graduate of Lincoln High School, Cleveland 4. Public Service Experience: Four years decade?

serving as Council at-large; two years as

Council President President of Local 276, Ohio Association of Public School Employees; President

of NE District for 2 years 5. Community Associations or Activi- most significant problem, and how ties: Master Plan Committee; Democratic Women's Club; Various school committees;

retired bus driver (311/2 years) 6. What qualifications do you bring to construct a Community Center? Is an

Senior Advisory Board; member AARP;

the position of councilperson? Understanding the needs of Ridgeville; working well with the city administration; knowing so many people.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next Rec Center, more parks, more roads,

better roads, wider roads; also a new and improved Ridgeview Shopping Center sewers will make this come true. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's

should it be addressed?

Taxes. People living here need more credit if they work out of the city. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to

income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

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Meet the Republican Council at Large Candidates



Jeffrey M. Madisen

- 1. Name: Jeffrey M. Madisen 2. Address: 6610 Nicoll Dr.
- 3. Education: Cuyahoga Community College and Villanova University - earned a degree in law enforcement Basic Peace Officer training and instructor training -Ohi Peace Officers Training Council Medic training - U.S. Navy
- 4. Public Service Experience: No formal
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: Member NR Republican Assoc., member STAMP Committee; NR Parks & Recreation Dept. - soccer coach, baseball
- 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?
- I have been politically involved in North Ridgeville for the past nine years on a variety of issues, which can be viewed at www.maxpages.com/myopinion.
- 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in ser-

vices, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

I would like commercial business and industry to provide a good tax base, and the infrastructure strengthened and main roads updated and widened to handle a growing population. We should continue to support our safety forces and ensure quality services for taxpayers. I would like sewers throughout our city, but not by allowing high-density developments.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

I think our city's most significant problem is poorly planned residential development. We need council members who will allow citizen input and who will not be influenced by developers offering large campaign contributions. Current legislators allow development without coisidering cost to roads from added populaion.

9. In your opinion, is this the tine to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

No. There are streets that need javing and widening, before a luxury we can't

Some cities, like North Olmsted lave a good tax base, yet it seems the city aks for a new levy for their center every couple of years. If they can barely afford a recenter with the commercial business they have, then North Ridgeville does not quaify for this type of facility.

No. Many citizens work in Clevland, pay Cleveland tax, and pay North Ridgeville tax with no credit from leveland. A 40 percent tax increase is nt fair. If the city wants a center, then othr creative ways of funding are needed, sch as grants, private and commercial dontions and fundraisers.

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- 1. Name: Linda Dunham 2. Address: 33302 Bagley Rd.
- 3. Education: Graduate of North Olmsted High School
- 4. Public Service Experience: Member Fair Housing Board, January 1996 to January 2000; Board of Zoning Appeals, February 2000
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: None
- 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

I will bring sincerity, honesty, truthfulness, attention to detail and thoughtfulness. 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you

like to see for the city over the next

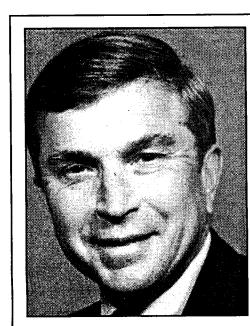
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8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Lack of unity and purpose; by communication, which is the key to putting political differences aside so we may work together to insure the city's responsible growth.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

A Community Center is a great way to build and grow community ties.



Ronald A. Schwachenwald

- Name: Ronald A. Schwachenwald 2. Address: 5634 White Oak Way
- 3. Education: 1956 graduate Cleveland Lutheran High School 1972 graduate University of Tampa, BS degree, business/economics 1979 graduate Indiana State University, MS degree, industrial professional technology
- 4. Public Service Experience: U.S. Army, 1959 to 1994; 45 years, including 33 in the Army and five volunteering in North Ridgeville
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: NR Republican Club, Assoc. of the U.S. Army (state president); Greater Cleveland Safety Council; Center for Employment Training, Cleveland; Chairman of the NR Planning Commission, Smart Growth; Education Foundation, VFW, American Legion, Military Order of World Wars (Cleveland Chapter Commander)

6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Belief in people, selflessness, loyalty, dication and above all communication. I have had experience at every level of government, international, national, state, county and local, and have developed and reviewed laws at all levels. I currently work with national-local governments.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

Our city will grow because we border Cuyahoga County, which has reached maturity, and growth will move west. I see us as a World Class City, with the services and infrastructure in place for the 21st Century. I see a forward-looking community and government that have developed comprehensive policies and communications between people and government.

To achieve the vision we need continued dialogue and public forum on our growth management and to establish an economic development and planning office. We need a stronger relationship with neighboring communities, the county and state.

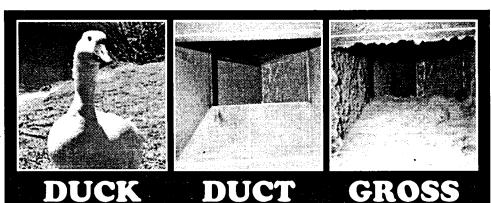
What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Physical; Infrastructure. Without improvement and expansion we will fail. Mental: Good communications, with

out it we will fail. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

A center is long past due. We need one that serves all citizens - youth who have no place to focus energies and adults who need programs to support and offer activities at the local level.

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G. David Gillock

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

- 1. Name: G. David Gillock
- Address: 5472 Broad Blvd.
- 3. Education: BS in engineering technology, Southern Illinois University, 1971
- 4. Public Service Experience: Fair Housing Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Master Plan Committee, Trustee Lorain Public library, Member of the North Ridgeville City Schools Strategic Planning Committee
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: Rotary Club of North Ridgeville, North Ridgeville City Schools Endowment Foundation, participated in several levies and political campaigns, Republican Club, past director of Olde Towne Hall Theatre 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Experience from Fair Housing Board, BZA chair for three years, one term as council at-large.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in ser- pay for a better place.

vices, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next A community of 27,000 to 28,000, with

one additional elementary school, a new middle school, most new residential in PCDs, city fully sewered, civic campus on Bainbridge Road with library, community and City Hall, Center Ridge Road

Would like to see more sidewalks and street upgrades to sidewalks and curbs; leaf pick-up.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how it should it be addressed?

Development. We need to control residential growth through innovations such as PCDs. Try to follow Master Plan, but be willing to adapt when a better idea comes along. Develop a tool to control commercial development at key locations. We need a community economic development effort to purchase properties and attract desirable businesses and work with a city planner to control growth at key locations. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

North Ridgeville is on the verge of booming growth. We need to be able to attract people willing to support their community, be involved in it and have the ability and desire to pay for extra services that a community can provide. The question is, do you build the center and hope they come, or do you wait until people start moving in and then respond. I think the time is now, and hopefully we attract those more willing to support a communi ty center. We have to compete with surrounding communities for those willing to



Bernadine Butkowski

- 1. Name: Bernadine Butkowski 2. Address: 36341 Behm Dr.
- 3. Education: Graduate of North Ridgeville High School; attended Lorain County Community College
- 4. Public Service Experience: Council atlarge, 1996-1997; Utilities Comm. Chair; member of Finance and Administrative committees, North Ridgeville Library Advisory Board Chair, over 10 years as member; past member of Flood and Drainage Bd., member of Charter Review Board. Current Chair of Administrative Comm., member of Finance and Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges committees
- 5. Community Associations or Activities: Member of St. Peter's Church; active with fish fry; formerly with Teen Club, served on PTU board; charter member of NR Women's Club, president three times; charter member of Corn Festival Committee and co-chair of the parade; Arts Council member; volunteer at Ridgeville Theatre 6. What qualifications do you bring to

the position of councilperson?

I have lived in the city for more than 50 years, and active in church, school and city, which have allowed me to work with and listen to residents' concerns. I know residents who have lived here a lifetime and also have welcomed new ones.

We will grow, but I hope it can be controlled so we don't experience problems of the '70s. My ancestors moved here and got involved to make the community a great place, I would like to carry on the

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

We need to widen Center Ridge to four lanes the entire length of the city. Lear Nagle must be widened from Lorain Road to Center Ridge to enable traffic to move and to develop available land. We have to use caution in all development to control flooding.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

The respect of council. We have to listen to residents' opinions and work with them to solve problems. The city has to become "user friendly."

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

Industries are downsizing and closing. I have concerns when we talk of building a center. Everyone has to look at their own budgets and see if they can afford the 40 percent income tax increase. If you don't pay income tax, ask your children if they could afford the increase before you make your decision.

Income tax is just another tax with a different name.



Denny Johnson

1. Name: Denny Johnson 2. Address: 33581 Bainbridge Rd.

3. Education: 1968 Graduate West Tech High, Cleveland Courses at Cuyahoga Community College Corporate training at Lucent, Siemens, NEC

4. Public Service Experience: U.S. Army, 1969-72, Vietnam, two Tours; Charter Review Commission

5. Community Associations or Activities: life member VFW Post 9871; Past Chair. NR Republicans; secretary NR Republicans; Telephone Pioneer; Lorain County Republican Executive Comm.; NR Republican Club; Lorain County Republican

6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

A keen interest in city issues for 20 years know the procedures; I know the problems. 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, how leaders perceive us. It will change how ing outside the city; a modest plan.

facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

Conditions depend on directions we take today. If we encourage large residential developments, police, fire and paramedic services will be understaffed; roads will be more crowded and taxes pushed to the limit.

Shifting to commercial and industrial development, we can afford services without always raising taxes. Don't stop residential development, but manage the growth.

Widen Center Ridge Road to handle traffic. Put sewer installation on an affordable schedule. Don't cause uncontrolled residential development. Expand parks and rec facilities. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

It is lack of confidence in our community. We jump at offers instead of negotiating strongly.

others perceive us. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to con-

struct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project? We are long overdue in constructing a

center! We closed our only public swimming facility. Instead of building a Senior Center to be proud of, we adapted one that never really fit the need.

I don't believe the .4 percent income tax hike is the best way of financing. Much of the cost could have been paid with taxes already collected. We spent \$1.5 million on a City Hall expansion and renovation and over \$2 million on a water tower, both without a tax increase.

I could support an income tax issue, but several issues should be addressed first: a big part of the cost absorbed by current rev-Change how we perceive ourselves and enue; tax credit adjusted for citizens work-



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eet the Ward 1Democratic Candidates



JAntush

1. Name: Joseph N. Antush

2. Address: 38500 Otten Rd. 3. Education: Lore City High School 1950 graduate Central High School (Columbus) Attended Bliss Business College

4. Public Service Experience: Prison Ministry 5. Community Associations or Activities:

Knights of Columbus; St. Peter Church 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Various union offices for 20 years; union president for eight years; contract negotiator; presented and settled union grievances; common sense

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

That the city grows in a planned, orderly, controlled manner, develops distinct commercial and industrial area, attracts industry that is not a threat to health and safety.

To provide infrastructure that will accommodate the growth before it becomes a problem. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's

most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Traffic congestion - widening, repaving and adding roads.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way o financing the project? It is my belief that the widening and

repaving of roads should be considered first. Since I will not have to make that decision if I'm elected to council and I will not have to pay for it, as I am retired, I will support whatever the voters decide.

An income tax increase should not be the sole source of financing the project.



Larry D. Overby

1. Name: Larry D. Overby 2. Address: 5230 Manchester Circle

3. Education: 1966 graduate of Collinwood High School, Cleveland; electronics courses while in U.S. Marines

4. Public Service Experience: Six years as Ward 1 Councilman; Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission; Capt. Of North Ridgeville Auxiliary Police; served on all council committees, except administrative

. Community Associations or Activities: Life member VFW; former member North Ridgeville Lions Club; involved with the City Baseball Program; member St. Peter Church; life member of Marine Corps League

6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Experience and the desire to be nvolved. I feel I have the experience needed to be able to make the tough decisions on items that come before council. I also have the experience to work with residents and with their every day concerns. 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

I feel that when sewers are in place on the west side of town, there will be a big change on the west end of Center Ridge Road. I see the business section growing and bringing more jobs to town, and that is very important to the city.

I see North Ridgeville in 10 years as being an even better place to live. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how

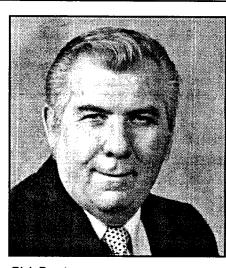
should it be addressed? Growth. Growth is a good thing if done with control and planning.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

I feel the time for this project is overdue. The senior population is growing and their needs have to be addressed. The young people have things they need. This complex will have something for everyone.

Is an income tax increase the best way to pay for it? Is there a best way? I feel this is a good plan and a fair way to pay for it.

Meet the Ward 3 Democratic Candidates



Dick Brent

1. Name: Dick Brent

Address: 8659 Harris Dr.

3. Education: High school graduate; St. Joseph College; Kent State University, degree in business administration, major in economics 4. Public Service Experience: Ward 3 councilman, 1998-99; precinct committeeman for precinct 3D, secretary North Ridgeville Democratic Party; Charter Review Committee, 1996-97; Flood and Drainage Committee 5. Community Associations or Activities: Parks and Recreation Building Committee; of financing the project.

Community Center Feasibility Committee: volunteer North Ridgeville Senior Center 6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Two years experience as the Ward 3 councilperson.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

If we can get sewers to the zoned industrial park on Race Road and Taylor St., extended from its present location to Race Road, I see our city as finally coming into its own among the more progressive communities in Lorain County.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Sewers to the industrial park and Taylor Street extended to Race Road. The first part is underway, the second should be negotiated with Beckett along with their request for tax abatement.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

I am for a Community Center, but I think the present state of the economy might hurt the passage of the project. would like to investigate alternative ways



Karen C. Borocz

l. Name: Karen C. Borocz Address: 36260 Westfield Dr.

Education: High school graduate

Public Service Experience: Serving first term as Ward 3 councilperson

5. Community Associations or Activities: 14-year member of Western Cuyahoga FOPA Lodge 28; secretary for 12 years; member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 9871

the position of councilperson?

Practicality. I will endorse, support and vote for projects, plans and proposals that 9. In your opinion, is this the time to support of residents and financial viability. 7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in financing the project? 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to this time, that is all I wish to comment on

see for the city over the next decade?

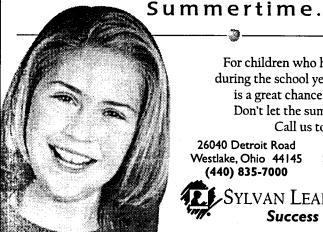
With the promise of Westerly Sewers, feel that we are now at the crossroads of growth. This growth will take monitoring and control, ever mindful of the impact on our residents and the environment. With sound planning practices, public and private partnerships that will limit the financial impact on our residents, North Ridgeville will be able to provide for the present needs of the city, its existing neighborhoods and the people in those neighborhoods. With those needs in mind, I see North Ridgeville prospering and all of its residents being happy with the way we will grow. North Ridgeville is a community that looks out for its residents of today and those of the future. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Division. We need to put the problems of the past aside and all strive to work for a brighter tomorrow. The city has been torn apart and needs to be put back together before it becomes too late. Residents need to know that councilpeople are there to represent their interests and concerns. We do our jobs based on the input of our resi-6. What qualifications do you bring to dents. When legislation comes before me, I ask questions and cast my vote based on information I receive and research.

meet the tests of common sense, majority construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of

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Meet the Ward 4 Republican Candidates



Gail Minnick

1. Name: Gail Minnick

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

2. Address: 6193 Mills Creek Lane 3. Education: 1962 graduate West Tech

High School 4. Public Service Experience: Second council term, Administrative and Streets, Sidewalks and Bridge committees, Safety Comm. Chair., former Utilities Comm. Chair, Drainage and Flood Control Board, Parks & Rec Commission, Street Repair chair, 1995, worked three years to lower phone rate and get optional toll-free calling to Cuyahoga and Lorain counties and to reduce per-minute rate. I help Ward 4

representatives do no meet their needs. 5. Community Associations or Activities: Mills Creek Board of Trustees, Girl Scout leader, school and nursing home volunteer. I maintain a website to keep residents informed of legislation and decisions. I got areas cleaned up; oil contamination at CVS. illegal dumping at two sites, barn at Lear Nagle and worked to alleviate Xerxes hazard. 6. What qualifications do you bring to

residents and other residents when own

the position of councilperson?

I am approachable. I am honest and bring common sense to decision-making. I work full time in this post to help residents and scrutinize issues for decisions. I'm undaunted by large companies, government or attorneys and speak out on research and make hard decisions.

7. Where do you see North Ridgeville in 10 years? What improvements in services, facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

I want Lear widened and Center Ridge between Lear and state Rt. 83 with sidewalks on major roadways. With PCDs, state Rt. 83 needs to be widened. The railroad overpass/underpass will be constructed and Taylor Woods put through to Race Road. I see I-480/Ohio Turnpike area developing. Eastern Center Ridge and South Barton would be sewered. Prioritize to avoid more debt and higher taxes. 8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's

most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

Growth. I see population from PCDs bringing infrastructure problems and higher taxes. We must prioritize spending, have a rainy-day fund, campaign to develop the I-480/Ohio interchange area, insist on Taylor Woods Pkwy. extension and allow partial tax abatement for struggling or fledgling companies only.

9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an income tax increase the best way of financing the project?

With the cost, size and type, it's premature to build such a facility. We should build an enclosed pool for recreational swimming and a city swim team, financed through grants or bonds or increased fees on new construction, and build from there in the future. Added tax would be less desirable.



Robert Olesen

. Name: Robert Olesen Address: 6053 Field Stone Circle

Education: Lane Technical High School (Chicago); Barrington Consolidated High School (Barrington, Ill.); B.S. degree in journalism, Bowling Green State University

4. Public Service Experience: NR Planning Commissions

5. Community Associations or Activities: NR Senior Advisory Board; Master Plan Committee; Library Levy Comm.; NR Lions Club; Community and Senior Advisory Comm.; Past member, Easter Seals Speakers Bureau; NR City Baseball; Hot Stove; NR Amateur Soccer League; 1999 Pride Day chairman

6. What qualifications do you bring to the position of councilperson?

Involvement in civic and professional activities during 35 years, appointment to Planning Commission by four mayors, two Republicans and Two Democrats. My retirement gives more time to serve our community. 10 years? What improvements in services, income tax is best; I bow to their expertise.

facilities or structures would you like to see for the city over the next decade?

I see two avenues. If we don't end political antagonism, the city may become an also-ran. Regardless if parties work together, there will be natural growth, but we'll fall farther and farther behind.

The second scenario is a non-confrontation arena where Republicans and Democrats unite to do what is right for their constituents.

I would like to see focus on infrastructure. Something must be done about road. Sewers are a continuing issue. The main trunk of the westerlies is a start, not a solution. We must plan laterals so that all areas can be served.

I would like to renew efforts to develop the I-480 Interchange, and also work toward performance zoning. Finally, establish an architectural review for commercial sites to insure new construction meets the Western Reserve approach.

8. What do you see as North Ridgeville's most significant problem, and how should it be addressed?

The inability of some council members to rise above party lines or personal animosities to work for the community. Partisan politics and personality conflicts should not be part of decision-making. 9. In your opinion, is this the time to construct a Community Center? Is an

income tax increase the best way of

financing the project? If this isn't, when is? It will never be less expensive. A professional team has given its best recommendations based on residents' input. The question we might ask is whether or not we deserve a facility now or

wait another 10 to 20 years. Is the income tax the best way to finance the project...it depends on who Where do you see North Ridgeville in you ask. The planners involved believe the

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OhioReads from pg. 1

cation student at Lorain County Community College said her participation in OhioReads at Wilcox stems from a child development course she is taking at LCCC, which requires eight hours of time.

Explaining what she does for the one hour, 15 minutes each Wednesday at Wilcox, Bacisin said, "I listen to what they're (children) reading, review what they have read and help with vocabulary."

Klear helps in Reigles' class each Tuesday afternoon and said he gets satisfaction in hearing the children read. "Their teacher said it helps them participate in class," he said,

and "they genuinely look for you each week." Besides helping the children read, Klear also listens to the youngsters' tales from home, like stories about their pets or siblings. "Out of the mouths of babes, as they say," he stated, adding. "That's what it's all

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Chris McCully, principal of Wilcox, said that he obtained an OhioReads grant for this year and has applied for \$2,000 for next year, which will help obtain more reading materials, as well as the services of Reading Specialist Terry Grills. "The largest amount is for materials and for Grills' training," said McCully.



Gov. Bob Taft stops to chat with North Ridgeville's Tom Klear, an OhioReads volunteer, helps out at Wilcox Elementary School on Tuesday after-

It's time for a change.

orth Ridgeville residents are being held hostage by a small band of renegade council members with questionable agendas.

In the past year STAMP, led by asmall group masquerading as a residents' interest group, has filed 6 lawsuis and caused 2 referendums. Fortunately, one of the referendums failed. They also failed on a third referendum attempt and they are still attempting a recall referendum of the mayor. They continually disrupt city coincil meetings with criticisms and accusations that seriously hinder Council's ability to conduct city business and, more importantly. curtails the city's ability to attract new On May 8th, you have the opportunity to choose what you want in North Ridgeville - STAMP candidates with their continued vigilante tactics, or candidates who know the real concerns of North Ridgeville residents and who will allow your voice to be heard instead of suppressed by STAMP-engineered stalling tactics and frivolous referendums that delay or cancel projects important to North Ridgeville's future.

Now is the time to help North Ridgeville move forward. Vote for the people that will get things done. This is a nonpartisan issue. STAMP has planted candidates in both parties.

STAMP could cost Ridgeville a promising future

Behavior of city officials, group is viewed as 'nasty'

"...Never have I seen such nasty and downright mean behavior as I have seen by Councilpersons Bernadine Butkowski and Gail Minnick and their little group of political antagonists called Stop Abusing the Master Plan - all led by Gerald Phillips..."

– Sun Newspapes 3/8/01 Letter to the Editor from Olin R Cousino

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Without sewers, some businesses may leave city

- N. Ridgeville Press & Light 3/27/01

There are STAMP candidates running in Wards 1, 2 and 4 and there are 4 STAMP candidates vying for the "At-Large" positions. The following list shows the slate for the May primary with STAMP members indicated. Vote for a prosperous North Ridgeville by canceling all STAMPS on the May ballot.

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North Ridgeville Prosper

Vote May 8th

Service Department to get addition and new salt shed

By Carol Klear

The Service Department is in line for a much-needed renovation and addition, as well as a new salt storage building.

Supervisor Jerry Krueger said the expansion to the service garage off Bainbridge Road will be 3,410 square feet and set back 40 feet from the right-of-way at Kenssington Drive. The total cost of the work is not to exceed \$425,000, which includes \$35,000 architect's fees and \$40,000 for contingen-

Employees have been working in cramped quarters far too long, said Krueger, and the addition will provide not only space, but a more professional atmosphere, as well.

Presently the second-floor lunchroom doubles as a conference-employee training room, and Krueger's office adjoins the garage, which means conversation must overcome the clanging noise of a mechanic's work. In addition, some of the sensitive computers in Krueger's office and in the secretary's office are subjected to dust as vehicles and service equipment is repaired but a few steps away.

In his request for funding to the Finance Committee, Krueger said, "If this environment is causing damage to our computers, what is it doing to the health of our employees who breathe this air?"

Though his office has an air filter, tons of salt could be used up in no time. Krueger pulled out what he described as his

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"most valuable tool" — a feather duster — shed, but we can't do that," he said, "We

The present building also is not ADA compliant said Krueger, however, that will be corrected with the addition.

Summing up the situation, Krueger said, 'We're running out of room."

In addition, security will be bolstered when the new structure is complete. Though Krueger cautions employees to keep things secured in lockers, public accessibility to the present building is still a problem.

With the addition, "People will not be able to walk right in," he said, instead there will be separate offices, wash rooms, a training room, lunch room and patio and an intercom to contact employees at other locations, instead of just giving a yell. Both Krueger and his secretary will have much larger offices, befitting the space necessary for their equipment.

With the Kenssington Development accessed off the same drive as the Service Department, Krueger said he hopes the planned addition will be "neighbor-friend-

The new salt shed will have the capability to store five times the 500 tons the present one holds. Why, the expanse? Krueger explained that when Mother Nature socks the city with a violent winter storm, 500

"We started piling the salt outside the

car gar., C/A. Sparkling new. Veronica Keesee at 327-6511 #1017177. \$153,600

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which he uses religiously on the supplies in need to correct that." In addition, with the salt outside, there is the possibility that it could leach into the creek adjacent to the department's site.

Plans for a new shed began under former safety service director Dan Zirzow, said Krueger, and the project is finally beginning to get off the ground, and will be constructed as a salt dome.

The Supervisor said that using poured walls and footers had been considered, however, at \$103,000 it was too expensive. After much research, Krueger has decided that the walls won't be poured, but rather will be concrete blocks. "We can get that done for \$50,000," he said.

The dome will feature "two open ends so trucks can pull right in," said Krueger. The structure will be approximately 60 feet high and 60 feet across and situated north and

A tough covering, called Duraweave II, over the top will protect any excess salt until it is needed, he said.

When the new salt shed is completed, Krueger said the old one would be painted and used to store topsoil.

Drive Safer America coming to Kmart

Drive Safer America! Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) Skid Pad Challenge is coming to Lorain County, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the KMART Super Center Parking Lot at the corner of Rt. 58 and Cooper Foster Park Road. There is no charge and participation is by appointment only.

Lorain County drivers will get an opportunity to experience first-hand the effects, benefits and proper use of an anti-lock braking system. Driving specialists will instruct participants on the Stomp, Stay and Steer method of using an ABS braking system.

Driver Safer America! Is sponsored by Continental Teves, a leader in the development and manufacture of automotive safety systems. To find out more about Continental Teves, Drive Safer America! And ABS brakes, checkout www.drivesaferamerica.com

This event is being coordinated by the Lorain County Safe Community Coalition, which is conducted through the Lorain County General Health District. Don't miss out on this exciting safe driving experience. To schedule an appointment, call the Health District office at 322-6367, 244-3418 or 236-8722.



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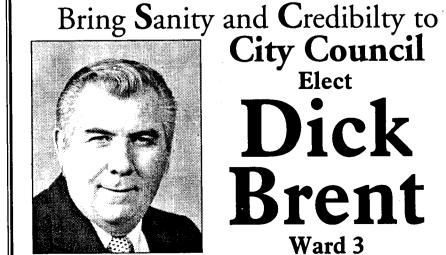


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Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.

- OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m. for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics Men's Breakfast. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Grief to and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain ■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m. Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria.

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11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for chil-

dren and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Pur-

■ ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For

LY IMPAIRED, 1 p.m. Westlake Sr. Center,

SATURDAY

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ing Karate class for children and adults.

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pose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.

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ing. 353-0860/info.

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MONDAY

■ OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft Club, Quilting, Computer

Classes. Soup for 35 cents. 353-0828/info. ■ ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Free hearing ADULT CPR RECERTIFICATION, 5:30 screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

■ HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT ■ WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6p.m.-7 p.m. Hearts" support group for parents who have Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info. lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have School Band Room. experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St.,

■ CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. at the post.

TUESDAY

■ TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM

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■ OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Water-

■ WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497,

p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain

CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning First Congregational Church, 36363 Center

■ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAUGE, 7:30 p.m. Park & Rec. Office

■ VFW #9871 MEN'S MEETING, 8 p.m.

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

11a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.

■ SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUAL - FIRST AID BASICS, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-

Church, Lorain Rd.

a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and ■ PRE-SCHOOL PTA, 7:30 p.m. Middle adults. \$7/class. Held in the Sr. Center

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.

County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

■ BAND BOOSTERS, 7 p.m. Middle

■ ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 ■ HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. Old

■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-

■ ADULT CPR and ADULT CPR with

■ PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m.

■ VFW #9871 MEN'S COUNTY COUN-

CIL, 7:30 p.m. at the post.
■ GARDEN CLUB, 7 p.m. Spring Pruning.

color class. 353-0828/info.

■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Ongoing Karate held at the Safetyville

Nice Beaver Detective Sgt. Kenneth Beaver took a report concerning a robbery at Teska's Marathon, Avon Belden Rd. Pontiac Grand Am. The clerk working at Teska's April 25 was facing a beer The incident is still under investigation. cooler when a man came in the store a little before 9 p.m. He

greeted the clerk, then grabbed her by the neck and ordered her to give him all of the money. The money was placed into a bag and the suspect left the store. No weapon was seen and no threats were made. Before he left he ordered the clerk to lie down on the floor. The clerk was uninjured.

Police Department Reports:

The suspect is described as a black male in his mid-40s to early 50s. He is over six feet tall and heavy-set. He has a deep voice. The direction he left in is unknown.

There is no other information at this time.

Pick-up (clothes) line

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

By Mark Maier

A man approached a woman at the Center Ridge Laundromat on April 24 and said that he takes pictures of women in many activities but he has never photographed anyone in the laundromat.

The woman was doing her laundry when the man engaged her in a casual conversation. and asked if she would be interested, but she declined. The man said he wanted to show her his photo album and then left to get the photo album from his vehicle. Returning from his vehicle, the man showed her several pages of women either partially or completely nude. The woman informed police that the women in the photographs appeared to be between the ages of 17- and 25-years-old.

She informed the man that she was under 18. The man replied that was fine and nobody needed to know. The man made reference that some of the other girls in the photographs were under 18. She insisted that she was not interested while he continued to persuade her. He didn't have any luck and eventually left. The man did not specifically ask to take a nude photograph of the complainant.

He is described as a white male in his early to mid-30s. His short, crew cut style hair is dark. He is approximately 6 ft. 2 in. and is described as overweight with a big belly. He was unshaven with a couple days of facial growth and wearing a red and white vertical stripe long sleeve shirt.

He was driving a red jeep approximately a 1994, described as dirty and rusty. The photo album had a tan color fabric cover with flow-

There is no further investigation at this time. However, if anyone has any information, please notify the police.

Patrolman Medina was dispatched to the Ridge Motel on April 21 in regards to a theft from a woman who was a man

Upon arrival, Medina met with the victim, who advised a large sum of money was taken from her. She went to the police department with the officer to file a police report.

She advised she was a male during the evening of April 20. At around 1 a.m. on April 21, she and a man had checked into the Ridge Motel and said they consumed alcohol. She advised the police that she passed out. When she woke up later, she discovered that the man was gone and a large sum of money was missing form her purse. She advised

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the door to the room was cracked open after she noticed that the man was gone.

The suspect is described as a black male with a medium build, facial hair and wide eyes. He was driving a burgundy

Fire Department Reports:

Rockin'

A resident called the fire department on April 26 about a gas smell in the house.

The fire department arrived on Ridgeview Blvd. at 8:10 a.m. to find the resident was putting a new floor in the kitchen. The resident had pulled the stove out, which may have caused the leak in the flex line. The gas was shut off

to the stove and the fire department checked the crawl

space. No sign of gas was found. While returning from the scene, the fire department struck a rock at the corner of Sycamore and Rosebelle. The fire chief was immediately notified. The service department and police department were also notified.

The boat

On April 22, Firefighters arrived to a residence on Center Ridge Rd. to find a boat fully enveloped in flames. The owner was injured as a result of the fire.

The boat was located about 300 ft. from the road. The owner was doing a check up on the boat.

The fire department used five gallons of foam and 750 gallons of water to put out the fire. The boat was damaged, but so was the barn it was sitting in front of.

The owner states he loosed the fuel line to see if it was pumping. He attempted to start the boat when the fire was ignited. When the fuel line had ignited, the owner jumped Paramedics examined the victim. He was injured from

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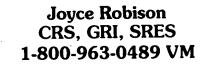
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The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Williams will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for

He is the son of Susan A. and Robert A. Williams of Clear Creek Drive, North Ridgeville.

Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Christopher B. Casarez, 1998 graduate of North Ridgeville High School, North Ridgeville, OH, recently completed two weeks of active duty training while assigned to the 25th Marine Regiment, Akron, OH.

Casarez deployed with his unit to Fort McCoy, WI, for cold weather training. Heparticipated in operations and livefire exercises, using weatons such as the MK19 Automatic Grenade Launcher. During the training, Casarez was able to use his knowledge of corbat tactics, tactical movement and survival techniques in su-zero temperatures. The two-week training period culminatd in a three-day exercise, during which his knowledge andskill level were put to the test.

He is the son of Albeto and Debra K. Casarez, of North

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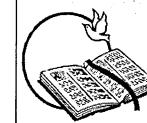
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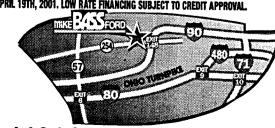








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