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# **Lorain County celebrates grand** opening of new Justice Center

By Carol Klear

County officials, along with representatives from many communities were on hand to witness the official ribbon cutting for the new Lorain County Justice Center, Sept. 2.

It was a grand occasion and everyone was in a festive mood. The 90minute program included a welcome by County Administrator James Cordes, brief comments by several judges and commissioners, music by the Southview High School Band and the highlight of the morning, the ribbon cutting, followed by tours of the new building.

The new structure located on Court Street in Elyria is a seven-story, \$45 million building that features a sleek towering design, that is modern, but blends in with the surrounding offices.

It houses offices for the Lorain County Common Pleas, Lorain County Prosecutor and clerk of courts, as well as other county offices.

Plans for the center stemmed from a citizens committee formed 15 years

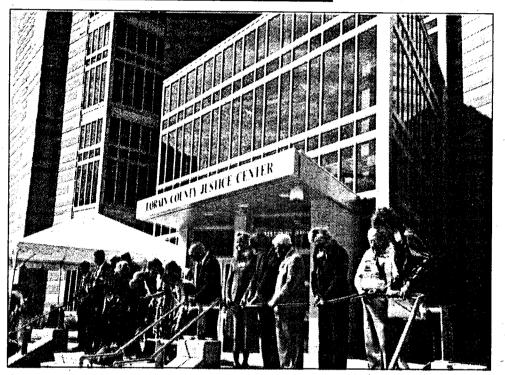
ago and in 1995 the property was purchased. The next three years were devoted to studies, including how best to use the building. In 1999 contracts were approved and the project broke ground on May 3, 2002.

Speakers at the ceremony reflected on their quarters in what they referred to as the "old building," as well as some thoughts on the new structure. The following are excerpts from their comments.

Pastor Terry Barriss Invocation-"God administrates justice, but also mercy, love and compassion. God bless what the Justice Center represents."

County Commissioner Betty Blair-Blair said "Vision to Reality" didn't really tell the story. It was more like, "We talked and walked the city of Elyria. Our original goal was to add more parking...we made a \$45 million investment," she said.

Common Pleas Judge Lynette McGough-"We love our new building with all the bells and whistles that



County officials and special guests cut the ribbon, marking the grand opening of the new Lorain County Justice Center. P&L photo by Carol Klear

Common Pleas Judge Debra Boros-Reflecting on how far she has come with the new building said, "My first desk (in the old building) was in the hallway with a chair.'

Common Pleas Judge Paulette J.

Lilly-When the discussions started in 1998 "we were skeptical about being able to finance it," she said.

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# Escalating prescription drug costs a confusing issue for seniors

By Carol Klear

What the handful of senior citizens at the Sept. 1 forum lacked in numbers, they made up for in interest in one of the most complex and confusing issues facing them today, the high cost of prescription drugs.

The program, held at Lorain County Community College and sponsored by U.S. Congressman Sherrod narrated by Walter Cronkite, sprinkled with testimonials from several seniors about their daily dilemma to keep up with the cost of the medicine they need,

Through their stories, Cronkite offered a closer look at the impact on today's senior population of legislation originally signed into law, July 30, 1965.

More seniors can't afford the cost of the medicine they need, he said, leading them to cut their daily pills in

half or skip a day altogether. Sometimes, it's a choice between food and medicine.

The two-hour session continued with Brown telling the audience that though President Bush signed legislation in 2003 that added a prescription benefit to Medicare, it won't be totally effective until 2006 and comes with a hefty price.

"I voted against the Medicare bill," Brown said.

Chris Reeg, representing the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP), and Julie Leonard, Medicare education manager, took turns explaining the ins and outs of the new discount drug cards for seniors, as well as other issues concerning Medicare.

Reeg said the 2003 Medicare Moderation Act offers seniors drug cards, which are slated to be replaced in 2006. There are a number of discount drug cards offered presently, however, "the only ones endorsed by Medicare are the ones with the Medicare logo," she said.

Calling the cards a "band-aid," Reeg said they are voluntary and some seniors who retired with pensions covering their health care costs, cannot get them.

There is also a \$600 medicine credit available to some older adults in 2004 and 2005, however there are stringent parameters for qualifying for the \$600, including the amount of money an individual or couple

"The \$600 (credit) is not like a gift card," Reeg said. "You still have a \$5 or \$10 co-pay."

The remainder of the prescription cost will be deducted from the \$600 until the credit is gone, then you use the discount card, she said. For additional information, Reeg said seniors could call OSHIIP at (800) 686-1578 or log onto www.Medicare.gov.

On the down side, Reeg said each card has a "formulary," which allows drugs to be dropped from those covered, though substituted by generic drugs. Not all pharmacies take all the discount drug cards that are available, as well. People under certain medical plans cannot get the discount drug cards either.

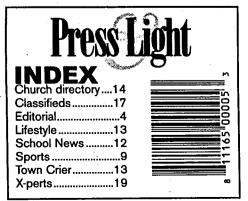
When Reeg told the audience the cards have a \$30 enrollment fee, a man asked who gets the \$30.

"It goes to the card company," Reeg said. "If you have a better discount someplace else, don't get one of these

Leonard, the second half of what Reeg called their "tag team," took over and listed some of the items that would disqualify seniors from getting the \$600 credit and the things that are not counted in calculating eligibility.

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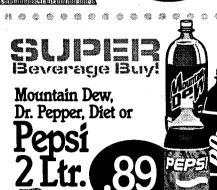
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By Andrea Price, age 12

I was there, On September 11th

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Mrs. Morrison ushered us into our room and had us stand by our desks. "Some planes crashed into a building,' she told us. "I don't know how it tuned out yet, so let's say a decade of the Rosary for the people

But not me. I thought, "What? Don't planes crash into buildings everyday?" But I prayed. And I was still there.

in the building.'

The class panicked

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I don't remember Sister's words. But I was still there

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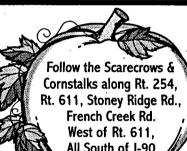
to Afghan schools We supplied two schools. I know I was there

I don't think these scars will ever heal from that day. **Emails about** 9/11 flood my inbox. will ever recove: from it. How do I know? I WAS THERE

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# Harvest Ridge Church to honor police, fire and military, Sept. 11

NEVER FORGET.....Harvest Ridge Assembly of God Church will honor our heroes at its first annual American Patriots Commemorative Breakfast on Sept. 11. The free pancake and sausage breakfast will start at 9 a.m. at the church, 35600 Lorain Road, and will offer a way of expressing gratitude to police, fire and military personnel. Everyone is invited and asked to call 327-0024 to make a reservation. Dignitaries from the police and fire departments are expected to attend, as well as many representatives from the VFW.



OUCH, OUCH,....I can't believe I did this, but, about a month ago I changed my bulletin board (actually a large family photo board) at home, dropping the KLEARLY SPEAKING

straight pins that held the pictures, into a nearby juice glass. Of course it was supposed to be temporary, but you know how that goes. Well, last Sunday as I was fixing breakfast, I grabbed a couple of the glasses, filled them with O.J. and, you guessed it. Mr. K. got no pulp with his juice, but he did get 17...count 'em...17 straight pins. Luckily he looked before he leaped...er...a...drank. He said I've been watching way too many whodunits.

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SOUNDS LIKE FUN....Every year I promise I'm going to Barberton to the

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annual Mum Fest, but for some reason it never happens. But in case any of you get the chance, the organizers are promising that over a million mum blooms in rainbow colors will welcome visitors to this year's fest, Sept. 25 and 26. Now here's another big reason to go, there will be Irish music four times on Saturday and three times on Sunday. Enjoy.

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AT IT AGAIN ..... Why doesn't the drinking-while-driving gang stay out of Ridgeville cuz they're gonna get snagged. North Ridgeville Police Lt. Mike Freeman recently arrested Alan Wise, 44 for his ninth DUI offense. Wise tested .155 BAC. Now I'd call that unwise. This was also his second

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felony DUI. Congratulations, Lt. Freeman, on a job well done.

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CONGRATULATIONS.....I attended the opening ceremonies and ribbon cutting for the new Lorain County Iustice Center on Thursday morning what a beautiful building. and Although I was working, I also walked and chatted a bit with former county prosecutor Greg White, now U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, county commissioner candidate Rita Canfield, County Recorder Judy Nedwick and County Commissioner Betty Blair. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful occasion. Every Lorain County resident can be proud of the new facility.

# LATE BREAKING NEWS

## NREA contract settled

On the Press & Light deadline Superintendent Larry Bowersox announced that the North Ridgeville Board of Education and the North Ridgeville Education Association reached an agreement on a new labor contract to run through July 2007.

Portions of the new contract include: No increase in base salary this

school year. An increase in retirement contributions by the district

A freeze on employee healthcare contributions.

A provision for reopening negotiations next year.

Common standards of teaching considered in the evaluation process.

Increased time for staff professional development. Further details in next week's

Press & Light.

# Parenthood: Sleepless nights equal exhausted moms, dads

Ed Kelly

Whoever coined the phrase "sleeping like a baby" clearly has never stepped foot inside my house in the past two months. I am not sure where this phrase originated, but in my opinion, it's highly unlikely the person had a toddler, or in my case, pre-tod-

Until about two months ago, my son, Ethan, would occasionally wake up in the middle of the night and we were able to give him his pacifier and he would fall back asleep. Somewhere between 16 and 17 months, something went terribly wrong.

We are not sure what happened and we are praying this is a phase, but our bed. somewhere between those months, we. made the mistake of bringing him into our bed when he woke up in the middle of the night. With me working a second job that requires late hours and my husband having to wake up early in the morning, bringing him in with us seemed like an easy solution. I was



Reporter's Notebook By Melissa Linebrink

able to sleep soon after I got home and Seth would never have to wake up with Ethan in the middle of the night. We now regret that decision and are trying desperately to get him out of

The pediatrician suggested letting him "cry it out." I wonder if she remembers parenthood. I wonder if she knows how difficult it is to try to sleep while your child screams his head off in the room across from your own. It's not possible.

The pediatrician also reassured me

that if I allow Ethan to "cry it out," for four days to a week, he will get the idea he is no longer welcome in our bed. It is now Sept. 1, and we have been keeping him out of our bed since Aug. 29. And there seems to be no end in sight of Ethan getting the hint that he is no longer welcome to sleep with mom and dad.

The other night, he was up from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

We tried consoling him, we tried rocking him, we gave him a nightlight, we gave him a teddy bear, we gave him his blanket and I even put an old pillowcase in his bed to remind him of us. Nothing worked. The minute we rock him back to sleep and head for the crib, he automatically wakes up as if he were never sleeping. I even put myself in his crib to let him know it's a "safe place to be." Imagine a 26-yearold woman climbing over a rail into a crib. It didn't work anyway.

The night of Aug. 31, we resorted to

being what I call "terrible" parents. After being awake with the child from 2:44 a.m. to 4:15 a.m., we agreed to let him cry it out for good. I put in a set of earplugs (whoever invented those devices is a lifesaver) and Seth managed to tune him out. We are not sure when he actually fell back to sleep or how long he cried. I guess the only good news is, he did go back to sleep on his own.

So, I hope by the time this column is published we have our "old" son back who used to sleep through the night with the occasional waking up for his pacifier. If not, and you happen to see Seth or me walking around like zombies with bags under our eyes, please do not ask if we are tired. The looks on our faces should tell you.

Story ideas needed. Do you have an interesting story to share with readers of the Press & Light? If so, send it my way via e-mail at melissalinebrink@excite.com.

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# Chamber gearing up for General Election with Candidates' Forum, Oct. 13

Our country is getting deep into the political season as this year brings us a presidential election. While the presidential race garners most of the attention, there are state and local races that will affect us as well. On the plate for North Ridgeville voters is a state representative race, many county races including county commissioners and county prosecutor and local issues such as police and school levies. All of the races from the presidential to the local levies, will have an impact on our com-



On Oct. 13, starting at 7 p.m. at Lake Ridge Academy, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will conduct a Candidates' Forum. The event will be

taped and rebroadcast by Comcast. Both candidates for the state representative race have already committed, current State Rep. Earl Martin and former North Ridgeville mayor Deanna Hill. Letters inviting other candidates from the other races are in the mail. While we would love to invite all of the candidates running for every office, it is an impossibility due to time and space constraints. Please join us as the North Ridgeville Chamber expands its horizons to discover more information about candidates whose decisions affect our future.

The forum will be similar to the forums sponsored by the chamber over the past several years. It will be a question and answer format with the audience able to provide questions. While the chamber welcomes questions from the audience, we reserve the right to review those questions and we will determine the questions that are asked.

Finally, the City Magazine is scheduled to be printed and mailed mid to late September. Please look for this important publication in your mailbox!

Have a great month, North Ridgeville!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Well-deserved thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of my parents and myself, I would like to extend a very well deserved thank you to the men and women who work for Life Care of Elyria and the North Ridgeville Fire Department. These people have done so much for us for the past several years. They have always provided us with excellent service.

The one particular time that has prompted me to write this letter is my mother's passing away and her funeral. When my mother, Helen Nemec, passed away at my home, the North Ridgeville paramedics were there to try and revive her. They were very professional and assisted the family in any way they

After my mother passed, Life Care, which includes some of our North Ridgeville paramedics, provided us with a special service. I was able to have my father attend my mother's funeral. Anybody who knows my father and his condition would know that this is not an easy task considering my father's condition. He was able to go to both the funeral home as well as the burial. For this, we are deeply grateful. It gave him a chance to say goodbye and hold her hand one last time after 52 years of marriage.

I know that my mother always appreciated everything that anyone would do for her. No matter how small or large a task was she would thank you. I am sure that it is safe for me to say, that she thanks you for having her husband there by her side. She also thanks you for taking care of him for his several trips to the hospital and doctors.

Although my father, George, is unable to speak, I know that he also extends his thanks. His eyes spoke for him that day when he was able to be with his wife. I thank you for helping me to be able to spend as much time as I have been able to with my parents. Thanks to all of you!

Janet Lowstetter. George Nemec North Ridgeville

#### **Developers should pay**

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**BGS** It's All About
Making The Right Choice

Editor's Note: Thomas Higgason sent the following e-mail to Ward I Councilwoman Nancy Buescher. Her response follows the e-mail.

Just as I predicted, North Ridgeville city workers have been repaying Barres Road. We taxpayers paid to do this same job a few years ago, and the road was in great shape until the area's developers moved in and destroyed the roads.

Are they paying to fix the roads? I doubt it. They just throw up a thousand homes, pocket millions of dollars in profits, and leave the taxpayers to pick up after them. There have never been any politicians in North Ridgeville who have had the knowledge, ability, gumption or backbone to stand up to the developers who have the city in their hip pocket. They grow even wealthier while the taxpavers of North Ridgeville pay and pay. Of course, we have the cleanest hands in Ohio because one hand keeps washing the other.

Thomas H. Higgason North Ridgeville

#### **Buescher responds**

Mr. Higgason,

You are correct in that the city should be requiring amenities and impact fees when new developments are being proposed and brought before the planning commission for approval.

Well before I made the decision to run for city

council, I worked for the protection of the taxpayers n the city when I brought important information to the council and Hill administration while they were in the process of making a decision on the PCD (Planned Community Development) legislation. I had the "ability, knowledge, backbone and gump-

tion" (which you feel is lacking in all politicians in this city) to stand up for the people by pointing out the problems associated with the ordinance. My experience serving on the Building and Lands Advisory Committee during the Armbruster administration and simple logic, made it clear to me that the city was heading in the wrong direction. However, city council went forward with the plan placed before them, unwilling to look deeper into the proposal and its ramifications.

Now the predicted problems are quickly becoming a reality. Hundreds upon hundreds of acres of land for two Planned Community Developments were

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approved to PCD status at the very beginning of the process, making it impossible at any point beyond the original approval, to make sensible changes or to require impact fees to benefit the city.

Upon acceptance of the PCD ordinance by city council, the power of council itself became drastically diminished, because beyond that point in time, the only control the council has had or will have over the situation (throughout the entire process to total buildout several years down the line) is the responsibility to see that each phase of the development meets the requirements of the loose, original agreement.

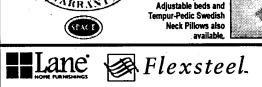
However, developers who, along with their attorneys, composed and submitted the PCD legislation, have the ability to make changes as they go along. And land contiguous to existing PCDs can be automatically added to the original agreement.

Last week, I submitted legislation to council to repeal the PCD legislation for any future PCD proposals. The legislation was on the agenda for the Sept. 7

Nancy Buescher City Council Ward 1

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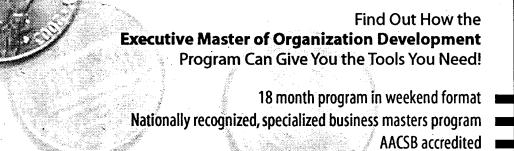




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# Food allergies affecting greater number of Americans

By Melissa Linebrink

Today, food allergies are affecting one out of 25 people in the United States.

According to Todd Rambasek, M.D., a clinical allergist/immunologist, who works for Lorain Community Health Partners in Lorain, there are two types of food allergies. The first type is IgE-mediated food allergies that are typified by immediate reactions to peanuts. IgE is a type of antibody. This type of food allergy occurs immediately, usually before 60 minutes, but may occur as soon as three minutes, after consumption of the food the person is allergic to.

Symptoms of this type of reaction include hives, flushing of the skin, itching, vomiting, diarrhea, wheezing or

For most people with IgE-mediated food allergies, the reaction is severe enough that the patient often has a good idea of which foods they are allergic to, Rambasek said.

The second form of a food allergy results from non-IgE mechanisms, which may take several hours to days to

Rambasek explained that non-IgE-mediated food allergies are occasionally more difficult to diagnose because of the time frame between the ingestion of the food and the reaction, and because there are fewer tests for non-IgE-mediated food allergies than there are for IgE-mediated food allergies.

Rambasek noted that people with IgEmediated forms of food allergies can have severe reactions, which may be life threatening. Non-IgE mediated food allergies are rarely life threatening.

Proving whether or not a patient is allergic to a certain food is simple for the lgE-mediated food allergy, Rambasek said. A protein from the type of food a person thinks he/she may be allergic to is placed on the skin of the back and it is then pricked with a small device that does not penetrate the skin. The test is done in the office and takes 15 minutes. If a hive appears at the site of a specific food then the patient may be allergic to that food. There is also a blood test, known as the RAST test, for food allergy but it is often more expensive and in some cases may not be as accurate as a

used for food allergy testing," Rambasek said. "It is a relatively pain free procedure that we often perform on children

as young as a few months of age." Rambasek said the reason people have food allergies is because they have IgE type antibodies that are directed at the food. When these antibodies, which are normally used by the body to fight infection, bind to the food, they cause the allergic reaction.

The top five foods that children are allergic to include eggs, milk, peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, cashews) and soy.

Rambasek said if children have an allergy to cow's milk, their parents may switch them to soymilk or hydrolyzed cow's milk. In hydrolyzed milk, the milk protein has been changed to a non-aller-

The good news, according to Rambasek, is that 50 percent of children who are allergic to milk will grow out of it in one to two years. However, 80 percent of people who are allergic to peanuts will not outgrow the allergy. He also noted that people can develop a food allergy any time in their lives. The

most common foods for adults to develop an allergy to are shrimp and peanuts.

"The best way for people to avoid an allergic reaction is to avoid the foods he/she is allergic to. This usually involves careful label reading which an allergist can assist with," Rambasek said. "Right now, allergy shots are not being used to treat food allergies, but hopefully within the next 10 years a food allergy shot will be available. There is a type of medication that is FDA approved for asthma, but not yet for food allergy, called anti-IgE therapy. This type of medication has been shown to increase the amount of peanuts that a peanut allergic patient can ingest before having an allergic reaction. This type of therapy offers hope that there are new treatments on the horizon for people with food allergies."

For more information on food allergies or to contact an allergy specialist at Community Health Partners, call (440) 282-5910. In addition, the American Academy of Allergy web site (www.aaaai.org) enables patients anywhere in the country to find the allergist

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By Deb Wentz

Olde Towne Hall Theatre (OTHT) will open its 25th anniversary season Oct. 8 with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.'

"Forum" is a play that is simultaneously something old and something new. The farce takes place in ancient Rome, and is based on three ancient Greek comedies. The cast includes a hen-pecked husband, a conniving slave, a pompous military captain, a pair of young lovers, a lecherous old man and a group of courtesans.

From the opening refrain of, "Something familiar, Something peculiar, Something for everyone-a comedy tonight!" through chases, mistaken identi-

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ties, and burlesque comedy, to the old fashioned show-stoppers, Forum is considered by many to be the funniest of all Broadway musicals.

The authors are Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart. Shevelove was a writer/director/producer who worked with Judy Garland, Jack Paar and Victor Borge. Gelbart began his writing career in the late 1940s, writing for the radio shows of Bob Hope, Jack Paar and Danny Thomas. His later TV credits include the Danny Kaye Show before hitting the pinnacle of his career, writing the TV show "M\*A\*S\*H\*." His theatre work includes "Angels in America," while his movies include "The Notorious Landlady," "The Thrill of It All" and "Tootsie."

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Stephen Sondheim wrote music and lyrics for Forum. Although Sondheim had previously written the lyrics to "West Side Story" (with music by Leonard Bernstein) and "Gypsy," Forum was Sondheim's first opportunity to write both the lyrics and music for a Broadway musical. He subsequently wrote such musicals as "A Little Night Music" (which includes the hit song "Send In the Clowns") and this past year's Tony winner for Best Revival of a Musical,

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, starring Zero Mostel, debuted on Broadway in 1962 and ran for 964 performances. The show won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical. In 1972, the first revival played on Broadway, star-

ring Phil Silvers, who would later star in the movie along with Buster Keaton and Jack Gilford. Most recently the show was revived on Broadway in 1996, where it ran for an additional 715 performances.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum will run from Oct. 8 through Oct. 30 at Olde Towne Hall Theatre, 36119 Center Ridge Road. There will be two special Sunday matinees, Oct. 17 and 24. The opening night performance will conclude with a special encore featuring actors who have appeared in past performances at OTHT, followed by a 25th anniversary reception of cake and ice cream. Tickets for all performances are \$10, and \$8 for seniors. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 327-2909.

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Pagel: The job I now have is the pinnacle of my career

When you meet Josanne Pagel, you can feel her joie de vivre...the wide smile, the laughing eyes and the rapid, but precise, conversation.

She seems to have energy that knows no bounds, evidenced by the numerous phases of her 47 years, including two years on North Ridgeville's City Council, a stint in the Peace Corps, a degree as a physician assistant (PA) and most recently, certification as a Reiki

But the love of Pagel's life lies in the world of health and healing and she bubbles over as she talks about her job as director of Physician Assistant Services at the Cleveland Clinic.

"We are the largest single employer of PAs across the United States...104 PAs," she said with no small amount of

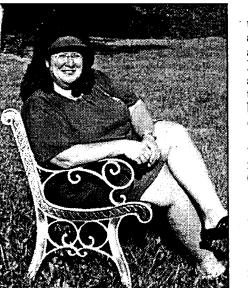
The physician assistant profession began in the mid-1960s as the result of a shortage of primary care physicians. Pagel said she's been a PA for some 30 years, "in some form or another." But she has been head of the Clinic's PAs for less than a year.

"It's a brand new position," she said, and she loves every minute of it.

Her office is the central contact for PAs and she handles questions about what they do and where and how to use them. And she's created an in-house web page specifically for what she calls,

An excerpt from the PAs home page defines physician assistants as "health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. PAs employed by the federal government are credentialed to practice...PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery and in most states can write prescriptions."

The average PA educational program,



Josanne Pagel, in a rare moment of relaxation in the backyard of her Chestnut Ridge Road home. P&L photo by Carol Klear

accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), runs approximately 26-months. After graduating, PAs must take a national certification exam and maintain their certification by earning 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years. They also must be recertified every six years. Most PAs also have a background in health service, as well as some college, usually a bachelor's degree.

It seems Pagel always wanted to be part of the health world and in 1979 she graduated from Cuvahoga Community College with a two-year degree in surgi-

But then what?

"I was very young, about 21 or 22 and I went to the Peace Corps," she said. "I always wanted to go to the Peace

Although joining the Peace Corps usually means a two-year commitment, as volunteers simultaneously attempt to adjust to a new country and a new lifestyle and do the work they have signed on to do, illness often takes its toll. Pagel was no exception. She became "very sick with cholera" and dungee fever.

"I lived on the beach in a grass hut in the Philippines," she said. "Cholera was rampant, but that was part of it (Peace Corps)."

But she also learned to speak fluent Sebuano, the native language, and even taught it.

When she returned to the United States, "life was tough," Pagel said, and jobs were hard to come by. Though she was looking for a surgical job, she took a position in a women's clinic in Cleveland.

"I was a medical person, but I did not work as a PA for two years," she said.

But in 1984 she was hired by a surgeon at Fairview Hospital and worked in open-heart surgery.

"I stayed 12 years, got my bachelor's degree at Baldwin-Wallace in two years going every weekend," she said. She also went on to earn her master's in physician assistant through distance learning from the University of

In 1996 then Ohio governor George Voinovich signed a law that allowed PAs to be employed by hospitals, nursing homes and other health agencies, where formerly their employment was based with supervising physicians. The law also established the Physician Assistant Policy Committee within the state medical board.

By 1997, 49 states and the District of

Columbia passed legislation concerning PAs. Today, all states, plus the District of Columbia and Guam have laws regulating PAs. Forty-eight states, D.C. and Guam authorize PAs to prescribe medicines, however Indiana and Ohio have not adopted that authorization.

If passed, a state bill would mandate that by Jan. 1, 2008, a PA would have to have a masters degree or higher to be certified to practice.

"There are 1,400 registered PAs in the State of Ohio," Pagel said. "I hope when it comes out of the senate, I hope it goes through the house. It will increase patient access to quality care."

Pagel seriously considered going into private practice as a PA, but now, she said, "The job I have is the pinnacle of my career.'

"It's a wonderful position...an incredible job.'

The only drawback is that it is "strictly administrative," Pagel said, and she occasionally yearns for the hands-on interaction with patients, although she does see some from time to

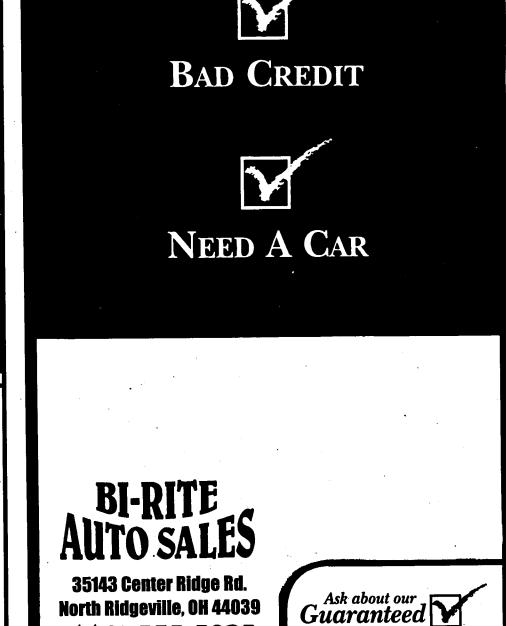
But Pagel is a leader and is accustomary to leadership roles, which is why her new role at Cleveland Clinic fits her like the proverbial glove. She plans conferences and special PA programs and is headed to Arizona soon for a skills building conference and to participate in a strategic planning conference. The trip is all volunteer on her part and she will use vacation time to do it, hoping to share what she has gained with the PAs at the Cleveland Clinic.

Responding to a question about her always-buoyant outlook, Pagel said, "I choose every day, and I think everyone can choose, to have a good day."

Credit Approval

IN THE **PRESS & LIGHT**  Rangers take on Toledo-Libbey See Sports, page 9





She also warned against fraud or abuse, stressing that the discount drug cards are not sold door-to-

"They (sellers) can't knock on residents' doors and they can't call you," Leonard said.

She explained that on Jan. 1, 2006, part D of the Medicare plan kicks in, noting that if someone has a benefit through a pervious employer they do not have to apply for that benefit. However, if you wait

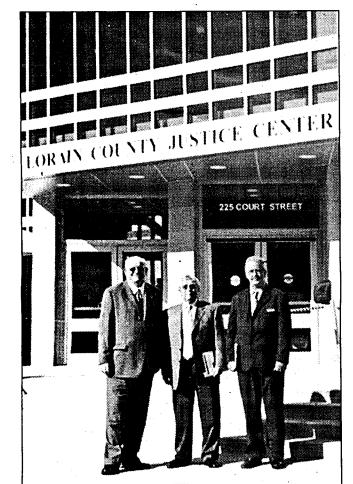
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County Commissioner Mary Jo Vasi-A commissioner since 1989 she too, remembered talks about where a new building should be built. She also invited comments from former county commissioners.

Clerk of Courts Ron Nabakowski-He listed his favorites of the new center from 10-one, with 10 being that "all the legal offices are together in one building" and number one being "windows." He also ticked off the things he won't miss at the old court house like falling plaster, bees, bats and mice, with pigeons earning the distinction of being the number one thing he won't miss.

Prosecutor Gary Bennett-He said it was a "glorious day," but that the new Justice Center is not just a building, but "a living, breathing building seeking justice."

County Commissioner David Moore-He said the building was proof that "anything is possible in Lorain County."



Mayor Dave Gillock, Planning Commission Chairman Ron Schwactenwald and Safety Service Director Denny Johnson stand on the steps of the new Justice Center prior to the riblon cutting. P&L photo by Carol Klear

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to join part D, there is a 1 percent penalty for each month's delay.

The estimated monthly cost of participating in part D is \$35, Leonard said.

From there, the "first \$250 is your responsibility," she said. After that deductible is met, Medicare will pay 75 percent of the covered prescription drug cost for the next \$2,000, with individuals to make a 25 percent co-pay.

Beneficiaries who have used \$2,250 are responsible for 100 percent of the next \$2,850, which is

called the "donut hole," Leonard said. When the individual tab reaches \$5,100, Medicare will pay 95 percent of the prescription costs for the rest of the year.

The two-hour session concluded with questions from the audience, with a final statement by one man, who excluded Brown from his contention that "representatives we are sending to Washington are not representing us."

"Give them a time limit or remove them from office," he said.



Lucky winners

Three children won bikes in the North Ridgeville Branch Library Summer Reading Program, from left, Megan Beals, Madison Carr and Stephen Bickford. Youngsters who read at least 20 hours over the summer could enter the bicycle raffle. Bikes and helmets were funded by the Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System Inc.

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# Sports

## TIME OUT

# Mini-Rangers hosting LWSC scrimmages

The Little West Shore Conference (LWSC) will kick off its inaugural season this Saturday with an all-day scrimmage at North Ridgeville's Shady Drive Complex. The LWSC was created to help younger ath-



Joe Ostrica

letes from the West Shore Conference (WSC) schools become familiar with one another before they compete at the junior and high school levels.

The scrimmages, which begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 6:30 p.m., will feature teams from North Ridgeville, Avon, Fairview, Bay Village, Midview and Rocky River. Firelands and Vermilion are the only WSC communities not represented in the LWSC. Other communities that will not be in the WSC next year but do compete in the LWSC include Elyria, North Olmsted and Sheffield. Thirteen of the 16 LWSC teams will participate in Saturday's scrimmage. Three teams from North Olmsted will not attend the scrimmage.

"The kids are all excited about this change," North Ridgeville Mini-Rangers coach Terry Murray said. "It's exciting we're going to be playing a lot of Lorain County teams again. I think it's going to play huge dividends for all the kids in this league. They're going to get a feel for each other and compete one another for the rest of their careers. Not only in football but other sports too. I thought it would be nice to get these kids introduced earlier."

Although there are 16 teams in the LWSC, with several cities having multiple teams, the league will not be split up in two divisions. Each team will play seven games during the regular season. The two teams with the best records at the end of the season will play each other for the league championship, to be held Nov. 6.

"We're going to have the top two teams play in one playoff game so we can crown a champion at the end of the season," Murray said. "Hopefully we'll be good enough to be one of the teams in there. I think we're the biggest league in the area with 16 teams. That will also step up the level of competition. The kids are going to be challenged more."

All regular season LWSC games will take place at one location every Saturday. The Mini-Rangers will host eight games Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and the regular season finale Oct. 30. The Mini-Rangers open their season against the Elyria Mustangs on Sept. 18 in Sheffield at 2 p.m.

#### Miller time

North Ridgeville graduate Jenny Miller started her soccer season with a bang last week. The sophomore All-Ohio Athletic Conference forward scored four goals to lead the Baldwin-Wallace College women's soccer team to a 4-2 victory over Shawnee State University (SSU) last week.

After the Bears scored first, Miller scored an unassisted goal to tie it up. Miller then gave the Yellow Jackets a 2-1 lead when she found the back of the net off an assist from sophomore midfielder Emily Lawrentz. After SSU tied the score 2-2 at the end of the first half, Miller took control. She scored two goals in the second half to seal the win.

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# Rangers rebound with romp over Libbey

By Joe Ostrica

What's the best way to get over a disappointing loss to Westlake? For the North Ridgeville High School football team, it was beating Toledo Libbey 35-6 in convincing fashion last Friday.

It was the fifth straight year the Rangers rebounded from a season opening loss to Westlake with a win over Toledo Libbey. It was the Rangers' biggest win against the Cowboys in three years, and their second highest offensive output since they defeated Libbey 40-6 on Aug. 31, 2-1, 2001.

Sophomore tailback Jeremy Workman propelled the Rangers' offense with 112 yards on 28 carries. Although he didn't score, he helped the Rangers score on their first three possessions to take a 22-0 lead in the locker room at halftime.

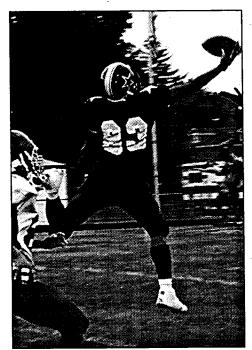
Junior Frank Kotas put Ridgeville on the board with a 10-yard run in the first quarter. Spencer Leili added a two-point conversion off a pass from Zac Calamente.

Kotas followed with his second touchdown, this time on a 17-yard run, on Ridgeville's next possession. Eric Grandier followed with a PAT, his first of three. Kotas finished with 57 yards on nine carries for the contest.

Junior Johnny Stumpf ended the Rangers' first half scoring drive with a two-yard run.

Workman said it was a great team effort, as the Rangers displayed their desire for the win from the opening kickoff.

"We just wanted to get the team at time back on track and get the winning started," Workman said. "Everyone was alwas working hard all week, making mates."



North Ridgeville wide receiver Jordan White (83) had four catches for 88 yards, including a 21-yard TD reception, in the Rangers 35-6 win over Toledo Libbey. *P&L photo by Frank Corsello* 

sacrifices and doing everything they could so we could get our first win." Filling in for fellow classmate and

tailback John McGraw, who is out for the season with a knee injury, Workman has turned out to be the surprise for Ridgeville this season. His 220 yards in the first two games gives the Rangers a running threat they haven't had since 2001.

Workman admitted he's surprised at times with how well he is playing at this stage in his varsity career. He was also quick to credit his teammates.

"I am surprised, but I'm not at the same time," he said. "I didn't think I'd be doing as well, but the line has been doing a great job giving me holes. Our fullbacks Frank Kotas, Johnny Stumpf and Elliot Rodriguez are doing a great job blocking too. I couldn't do anything without them."

The passing game was also clicking for North Ridgeville. In his second varsity start, quarterback Max Rothacker surpassed 150 yards again. The junior went 9-for-13 for 151 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Junior Jordan White was his main target once again, gaining 88 yards on just four catches and one touchdown in the third quarter. Sean Bunevich had two catches for 31 yards.

The defense was just as impressive, shutting Libbey out-for the first three and a half quarters. When Libbey finally did score on a five-yard run by Jay-Lon Kaynard, the starting unit was resting on the sidelines.

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Junior Scott Szczepanski led the
Rangers with 11 tackles. Dan Priebe
had 10.5 tackles and shared a sack
along with Zac Calamante. Jordan
Slack finished with eight tackles and
a fumble recovery. Delmar
Cunningham recorded an intercep-

The Rangers will host Bay (2-0) Friday. It will be the last time the two teams play in a non-conference situation. Next year they will become rivals in the West Shore Conference. The Rangers haven't beaten the Rockets since they squeaked by them 33-32 in a 2001 overtime match.

"We definitely want a win," Workman said. "It's an important win. We might get a rivalry going with them in the future."

# Girls soccer finally arrives at Lake Ridge

By Joe Ostrica

Lake Ridge Academy is ready to begin a new tradition in its athletic department. For the first time in school history, there will be a soccer team available for girls. In the past, girls have played on the boys varsity team, but now, the girls have a team all to themselves.

With the increased popularity in the sport, and the decline in popularity of field hockey, the former replaced the latter at LRA this fall. They Lady Royals open their season Friday when they host the varsity teams from Open Door Christian, a major rival for Lake Ridge's athletic teams. For its inaugural season, the Lady

Royals soccer team will begin as a club sport. Mike Besu, who has coached boys soccer at Westlake High School for the last 16 years, will coach the Lady Royals this season.

"I'm hoppy to be bore and to help start

"I'm happy to be here and to help start the girls soccer program," Besu said. "I think the success of the program is going to be phenomenal down the road. There are so many girls that play soccer. With me helping them start this program, I think they can be one of the best teams right off of the bat. We're looking to be one of the best teams in the area for years to come and fight for state titles."

Besu said although his squad could compete with other varsity teams now, they won't be varsity sanctioned for at least a year.

"We could play the same schedule as varsity, but pretty much everything is exhibition," he said. "The goal is to be a varsity team as soon as we can. Once we turn this program around and become a varsity team, we don't want to just compete. We want to be one of the best teams that steps on the field and win games.

"Even though we have 13 girls with some of the girls I brought in we can play at the varsity level. We are talented. Even though we're a club, we're looking to pretty much win every single game we play



The LRA girls soccer team includes, front row (L-R): Marla Badilla, Alex Hansen, Sara Mays, Jacqui Pelsey and Shannon Matuszny. Back row (L-R): Mary Elise Topp, Katie Gardner, Stephanie Rafiroiu, Dayna Wolchko, Stephanie Midgley, Megan McGervey, Georgia DiOrio and coach Mike Besu. Not pictured: Missy Sulick.

this year. I've been around girls soccer for the last 20 years. I know what the rest of the schools have and I know what we have here. Not only can we play with everybody, but I think we can win most of the games."

LRA athletic director Jim Doyle thinks Besu is the perfect choice to head the girls program at it gets started.

"I think Mike is about as good a soccer mind and a soccer talent as we could have hoped for to build our girls program," Doyle said. "He knows just about anybody there is to know that has anything to do with soccer in the Cleveland area and northeastern Ohio. He's well connected and that abodes well for us as a young fledgling program for a number reasons. One, because he's got the talent to teach kids how to play soccer as a team and the individual skills. Two, he's a good recruitment tool for us. Who wouldn't want to

play for a guy like that?

"We've had girls come to Lake Ridge before girls who asked about a soccer program. Now we can say 'not only do we have a team, but coach Besu is our head soccer coach.' That's a very comforting thing to say."

There are nine LRA upper school students playing for the Lady Royals this year. Sophomore Shannon Matuszny, who was the lone female on the Royals boys team last fall, will be a key player for LRA. Last year was the first time in three years LRA had a female on the soccer team. She recorded an assist in a 2-0 victory against Lutheran West. Junior Georgia DiOrio, an all around athlete at LRA, is also expected to be one of the team's leaders. Junior Marla Badilla, sophomores Jacqui Pelsey,

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# Rapids Rule

U13 Rapids are champions for the AASL and the Nick Valentine Tournament The core of the team has played together for six years and will no longer be playing together. The Rapids had a fabulous season and tournament run, finishing the season with a perfect 13-0 record.



Front row (L-R): Doug Klinger, Jordan Kisel, Brian Meinert, Anthony Grazetti, Danny Koniarczyk, Luke Koniarczyk and Conner Friss. Back row (L-R): Coach Tom Wagner, Ben Lerke, Eric Blotzer, Brandon Asp, Russell Armbruster, Brandon Becka, Tyler Williams, Josh Abend and assistant coach John Koniarczyk.

Sports Roundup

After a rough 0-5 start, the Lake Ridge Academy girls tennis team entered the win column with

back-to-back victories last week. After a tension filled 3-2 win over Open Door Christian on Aug. 31, the Lady Royals defeated Valley Forge 4-1 on Sept. 2.

Although singles players Bijal Shah and Fallon McNally lost to ODC, the LRA doubles teams and third singles won to secure the win. Sarah Cleeton won 6-3, 6-3 at third singles. Galya Olmsted and Tiffany Guo won 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4) at first doubles while Stacey Aiton and Ashley Yu won 7-5,6-0 at second doubles.

"It was a great match all around," LRA head coach Keith Fridrich said. "It was great to get our first win of the season against one of our biggest rivals."

Shah rebounded with a 6-3, 6-4 win at first singles against Valley Forge. Although Yu lost 3-6, 4-6 at second singles, Aiton won 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 at third singles. McNally and Cleeton won 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 at first doubles while

Olmsted and Guo won 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 at second doubles.

"Valley Forge is a big school," Fridrich said. "When we pulled in and saw 16 players we were a little worried. Bijal played a lefty with a unique style but persevered and got the win. That was her third win at first singles this year, truly amazing for a freshman. Ashley played a very tough player and played well, but could not quite get over the hump.

"Stacey was a late addition to the singles lineup when Megan Bus could not play due to illness, and Stacey played by far the best tennis I have seen from her in my two years with the program. She was down 3-0 in the first set and got close but dropped the set. She was bummed she lost the set but did not get down on herself and made a small strategy adjustment in the second set that worked very well for her. She was determined to play well the rest of the way and get the win, and that she did. It was her match that assured the team's win as it was the third point.

"Both doubles teams got off to poor starts, as we trailed 0-4 in both first sets. Galya and Tiff almost made it all the way back but were just a bit too far behind. They dominated the second set and after an early 2-0 deficit in the third set came back to win that one as Galya won the last game on her serve with three aces along the way. Fallon and Sarah's opponents were both good volleyers and once we started to keep the ball deep, things turned around for us, and although Fallon and Sarah did have a win together earlier this year this was by far the best doubles they had played. Their pairing was unexpected but it has worked out well as they complement each other well."

Fridrich said he's was proud with his team's perseverance. He said it should get

# Lake Ridge, Ridgeville volleyball

The Lake Ridge Academy volleyball team opened its season with a nice start. earning wins over Cleveland Central Catholic and John Marshall.

The Lady Royals outlasted CCC 16-25, 25-23, 25-15, 14-25, 15-8 in an epic battle. North Ridgeville's Natalia Reis led Lake Ridge with 14 kills. Senior Becca Cleeton had 14 service points. Freshman Megan Bus had 22 assists.

"Cleveland Central Catholic walked in and they were like tall trees," LRA head coach Sue Bus said. "Our kids were a little nervous in the first game. Then they realized they could beat them and they played really well."

The Lady Royals didn't have as much trouble with John Marshall, winning 25-20, 25-14, 23-25, 25-11. Senior Yanna Voutsiotis led LRA with 14 service points. Bus added seven aces along with her team high 28 assists. Reis finished with 18 kills and senior Sarah Vandevender collected 12 kills.

"Our middles are playing really tough," Bus said. "Our setters are getting the ball to the right hitters at the right time. We're passing the ball well. I'm looking for good things to happen this year. Our passing is there. Our serving is 90 percent in the first two games. I can't ask for much more."

Lady Rangers split two

The North Ridgeville High School vollevball team opened its season with a sweep against Hathaway Brown, winning by scores of 25-10, 25-11, 25-17.

Junior Ashley Tyson had 36 assists. Junior Trista Szocs led the attack at the net with eight kills. Senior captain Jill Hansen was solid at the service line, going 14-for-15 with four aces.

"I was really proud of the girls," NRHS coach Jennifer Urban said. "I was happy they only went three games against them. We played strong all the way through."

The Lady Rangers followed up with a tough 25-15, 25-22, 27-25 loss to Pioneer Conference rival North Royalton.

"We didn't show up our first game," Urban said. "In the second game we did better and by the third game, we played like we do in practices. It was a much better effort the last two games. It gives me hope the next time we fact Royalton."

After playing at Berea Tuesday (after P&L deadline), NRHS will host Midpark

"It's very important because we're down 0-1 in the conference," Urban said. "I hope we can rebound and get our confidence back up like we did in the third match against North Royalton."

# Lake Ridge tennis, soccer, golf, cross country results

impressive showing in their season debut at the Avenue of Champions at the Bedford Reservation on Sept. 2. The Royals placed fifth out of six teams.

his team up for

Thursday's match with Lakewood

and the LCAAA on

Saturday.

"I was quite happy that we showed

the physical and mental toughness to win

three matches in which we dropped the

first set," he said. "This week's results

have given the girls a morale boost and

should give us confidence for upcoming

The LRA boys soccer team defeated

Cleveland Heritage Christian 2-0 last week

to improve to 2-2. Senior forward Chris

Severs scored one goal in each half. Junior

forward Jerry Hammerschmidt assisted on

both goals. Goalkeeper Mark Hancock had

seven saves for his second shutout of the

season. Royals coach Jim Doyle was proud

of the team's defensive play.
"We have Ethlan Glor back in the line-

p which is significant," he said. "Samie

Farhat has also been pretty strong for us.

Doug Sylbert had a good game too but the

defense is really about Gurpal Pannu and

Vishal Parikh. Those two are very differ-

ent in style. Vishal's recovery speed was

amazing. He's able to rotate so quickly, it's

really an asset for us. Gurpal is really

bright when it comes to playing defense.

He makes the right rotations all the time

and very seldom gets caught off guard.

third and fourth goals for the season, was

first goal was off a really sweet assist from

Jerry. The second goal was all Severs. Jerry

got him the ball and then Chris blew by all

year so far. We played a lot of possession ball and brought a lot of good passing.

Something our team hasn't done yet. It's

really significant for us to continue play-

The LRA golf team continues to show

dramatic improvements week by week.

After losing its opening quad match, the

team has won four in a row before suffer-

ing a 154-183 loss to Lutheran West on

Sept. 1. In each match the Royals have

seen their total scores drop. Brett

Cannaday has been medalist in all of

ments in all facets of their game," LRA

coach Lee Cannaday said. "The freshmen

are showing rapid improvement in their

Open Door Christian on Sept. 7 (after P&L

The Royals, who are now 4-4, will play

The LRA cross country team had an

"All players are showing improve-

the defenders to make a nice shot.

Doyle said Severs, who scored his

"Chris was amazing," he said. "The

"This was our best team effort of the

He's been playing very well."

terrific on offense.

**LRA** golf

LRA's matches.

short game and putting."

LRA cross country

leadline) at Cherry Ridge.

matches and the LCAAA."

Royals soccer

LRA freshman Kendall Gregroy placed second (18:04) in his first varsity race. Beachwood's Kevin Silver finished first (16:49) while St. Peter Chanel's Patrick Coyne rounded out the top three (18:17).

Other LRA runners placing in the top 25 include Vishal Parikh (20th, 20:54) and Tom Klein (24th, 22:04). Isaac Jilbert and Matthew Culley also ran for the

"I was impressed," LRA head coach

Keeon Gregory said. "For two of our freshmen, Isaac and Matthew, who have only practiced two days, they did pretty well. They didn't start running with us until school started. I thought it was wonderful they wanted to compete. They ran hard and were able to beat several runners from other teams, which was very encouraging.
"Tom and Vishal showed a lot of lead-

ership getting the guys pumped up to run. Kendall did a nice job finishing second and he has a nice trophy to show for it."

LRA will compete at the Open Door Christian Invitational on Sept. 9.



## **BRETT CANNADY**

School: LRA Grade: 11 Sport: Golf

Cannaday led the Royals to a fourmatch winning streak, medaling against Cornerstone

Christian, Brookside, Medina Christian and Elyria First Baptist Christian. After medaling at the season opening Lutheran West Quad with a 78, Cannaday finished second in the Lorain Admiral King Invitational at the Fox Creek Golf Club, which had a total of 19 schools participating.

## NATALIA REIS

School: LRA Grade: 11 Sport: Volleyball

The transfer from North Ridgeville School High helped the Ladv defeat Cleveland Central

Catholic 16-25, 25-23, 25-15, 14-25, 15-8 with 14 kills. In a 25-20, 25-14, 23-25, 25-11 win over John Marshall, Reis recorded 18 kills.

## MAX ROTHACKER

School: NRHS Grade: 11 Sport: Football

In the season opener against Westlake, Rothacker completed 11 of 24 attempts for 181

yards and one TD in his first varsity start. He also threw 9-for-13, 151 yards and one TD in the Rangers' 35-6 victory over Toledo Libbey.

#### DAN PRIEBE

School: NRHS Grade: 12 Sport: Football

> The Rangers' linebacker and co-captain leads the team with tackles in their first two contests. Priebe had a team-

high 13 tackles in the season opener against Westlake. Last Friday, he added 10.5 takedowns against Toledo Libbey. He also combined for a sack in the 35-6 win.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 8 Boys golf

10 a.m.: Well/Ver @ NRHS 3 p.m.: LAK/Elyria @ NRHS 3:30 p.m.: LRA @ Columbia

Girls tennis 4:15 p.m.: Midpark @ NRH

Volleyball 5 p.m.: Andrews School @ LRA

Thursday, Sept. 9 **Cross Country** 

TBA: LRA @ ODC Invitational **Boys Golf** TBA: Berea @ NRHS 4:30 p.m.: LRA @ MCA **Girls Tennis** 4 p.m.: Lakewood @ LRA

Volleybali 5:30 p.m.: Open Door @ LRA 7 p.m.: Midpark @ NRHS

**Boys Soccer** 7 p.m.: Fairview @ NRHS Friday, Sept. 10 Football \*

7 p.m.: Bay @ NRHS Saturday, Sept. 11

**Cross Country** TBA: LRA @ Tiffin Carnival **Girls Tennis** TBA: LRA/NRHS @ LCAAA | 4:30 p.m.: LRA @ Vermilion

Volleyball

**Girls Soccer** 1 p.m.: Brecksville @ NRHS

Monday, Sept. 13 Girls Tennis 4:15 p.m.: NRHS @ Brecksville

**Boys Soccer** 4:30 p.m.: Avon @ NRHS Volleyball 5:15 p.m.: Clearview @ LRA

Tuesday, Sept. 14 **Boys Golf** TBA: N. Royalton @ NRHS **Cross Country** 4 p.m.: NRHS @ Vermilion **Boys Soccer** 5 p.m.: Cornerstone Christian @ LRA Girls Soccer 5 p.m.: NRHS @ St.

Augustine Volleyball 5:15 p.m.: Christian Heritage @ LRA 7 p.m.: Brecksville @ NRHS

Wednesday, Sept. 15 Boys golf 4:30 p.m.: Columbia @ LRA Girls tennis 4:15 p.m.: Normandy @

#### SOCCER, from page 9

Mary Elise Topp and Katie Gardner and freshmen Alex Hansen, Sara Mays and Stephanie Rafiroiu round out the LRA students on the roster.

Because the team is a club sport, they are allowed to use players from other schools too. Avon junior Dayna Wolchko, Magnificat juniors Stephanie Midgley and Megan McGervey and Strongsville junior Missy Sulick will be a positive force in LRA's first season.

"Just by being with Shannon for only a week, she could play varsity for any high school in northeast Ohio," Besu praised. "She could start for pretty much any high school team. She's a great player and can play many positions.

"Georgia has played field hockey the last two years

and she's very athletic," Besu said. "She used to play soccer for me when she was younger. She's going to be one of our key players. She's a tremendous athlete. Alex and Sara are just freshman but they'll be a force to be reckoned with down the road. They'll be here for four years. We have no seniors on the team so all of the girls will be back. The future is very bright. We have a lot of good talent here already. It's a new program and a club program,

but we have better talent here than a lot of schools' varsi-Right now LRA has an 11-game schedule. They will

play both varsity teams and some JV teams.

"With this being our first year and starting so late, we're just trying to get whatever games we can get," Besu said. "We're doing the same thing varsity teams do except we can't qualify for the playoffs at the club level. We still treat it like it's a varsity sport. The kids practice and work hard every day. They expect to be very exciting on the field and bring a lot of success to this program."

Besu believes the amount of wins the girls generate this year will help make the program even stronger next

"Obviously the success of the program is going to dictate its future," he said. "Having an early success and great players is only going to help the program for next year and years to come. Everybody wants to have a winner. Once you win, they will come here. We won't lose kids who go to other private schools to play soccer. Before we didn't have a girls program so they would leave here after the eighth-grade. Now we can keep the girls here in the program and build on it."

### ON DECK

**NRFL** signups

Registrations are now being accepted for the North Ridgeville Football League. Cost for all three divisions, Flag (ages 6-8), Junior Tackle (ages 9-10) and Senior Tackle (ages 11-13) is \$65 an individual. Family plans are also available. For more information, contact Bob Miscuda at (440) 926-4779. Cheerleading spots are also available for girls ages 5-11. Cost is \$45 per cheerleader. For cheerleading information, contact Diane Mahoney at

Fall baseball league

The North Ridgeville Baseball League is seeking teams to compete in a fall league. The teams will be

divided as 14 U, 12 U and 10 U. All games will be played on weekends with the season lasting eight-10 weeks. For more information, call Bill at 327-0481 or Dale at 327-

NRHS hoops golf outing

The 3rd Annual North Ridgeville Boys Basketball Golf Outing will take place Sept. 18 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club on Nickel Plate Diagonal Road (off SR 301) in LaGrange. Registration is at 7:15 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Foursomes only. Cost is \$70 per player. Coffee, donuts and beer are available. Lunch is available at the turn and a steak dinner will be at the end. Cash prizes for first and second place teams.



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Wed: Fiestada pizza w/roll or grilled chicken sandwich, green beans and carrots, applesauce, milk.

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Tue: Salisbury steak w/gravy, roll, whipped potatoes, peaches, milk. Wed: Chicken fingers, roll, green beans and carrots, applesauce, milk.

#### St. Peter Catholic School

Thur: Hot ham and cheese sandwich or hamburger, fries, pineapple, milk. Fri: Macaroni and cheese, sunflower seeds and hot pretzel or cheese pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk. Mon: No school.

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Lorain County Community College (LCCC) has named the following fulltime students from North Ridgeville to the Dean's List for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Dean's List honors those students whose scholastic achievements have been outstanding.

The following students were recognized: Nicole Blaser, John Cleary, Joseph Corley, Carrie Cover, Shelby King. Jillian Knable, Melissa Lett, Gina McNamara, Heather Perry, Sally Snyder, Sara Steed, Marco Young, Alfred Zander, Mark Zuberny, Angel Alford, Sara Bacisin, Meghan Baker, Rebecca Blasius, Athena Boone, Patricia Bosworth, Domenic DiFrancesco, Herb Fleming, Jeffrey Gionfriddo, Sarah Henderson, Charles Hill, Shawn Hodgins, Gregory Kemp, Kelly King, Amanda Klimack, Cari Mandley, Brandy McConaughey, Gary McCully, Elizabeth Molnar, Jade Murray, Christina Neidert, Hoa Nguyen, Dawn Piatak, Amanda Powers, Jacquelyn Selee, Thomas Warner, Katie Wenz, Jennifer Wilson, Krystal Czechanski.

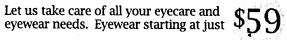
The following are part-time North Ridgeville students at LCCC who were named to the Dean's List:

Anthony Aguirre, Louis Quintana, Eduardo Quinones, Ermelindo Castro, Joseph Downey, Jordan Baker, Matthew Kory, Thomas Griffiths, Amy England, Barbara Zauner, Danielle Zielger, Debra Collins, Helen Rasanow, Jacqueline DeCapite, Jennifer Gerres, Jodi Kilby, Kristen Rasanow, Laura Miakisz, Michelle Adkins, Laurie Lee.

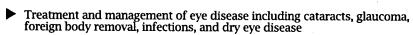
Danielle Wysomierski, of North Ridgeville, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Findlay, where she is a pre-veterinary medicine/biology major.

William Skoviak, of North Ridgeville, graduated from Wright State University with a bachelor of arts

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## TOWN CRIER

#### Thursday

9 a.m. Women's breakfast-Senior Center. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. 8-9 p.m. Al-Anon-New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Road.

#### Friday

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

#### Saturday

9 a.m. Free pancake and sausage break- 960-5384/info.

fast-Harvest Ridge Assembly of God Church, 35600 Lorain Road, Reservations are encouraged. Call 327-0024.

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety

#### Sunday

9 a.m.-noon. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. country breakfast-at the Post. Cost: adults/\$5, seniors/\$4.50, children under 10/\$2.50

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

#### Monday

7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters-Park and rec. office.

7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux.-at the

#### Tuesday

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville-Community Care. 9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center Multi-purpose room. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting-Senior Center Multi-purpose room.

7 p.m. Planning commission meeting Council Chambers. p.m. Tops Club #656-North Ridgeville

Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Road.

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info. 7:30 p.m. Pre-School PTA-Middle school cafeteria.

#### Wednesday

Kindergarten open house-6:30-7:30p.m. Kindergarten vision/hearing screening. NREC Market Day pick-up. 5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville

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

Ridge Road. 7 p.m. Mini-Rangers Football Boosters-South Central Park Community Cabin.

#### LIFESTYLES

#### Free breakfast

Harvest Ridge Assembly of God Church invites the community to a free pancake and sausage breakfast on Sept. 11. The occasion is the first annual American Patriots Commemorative breakfast to honor and express gratitude to police, fire and military personnel. The breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. at the church, located at 35600 Lorain Road. Reservations are encouraged. Call 327-0024 to reserve seating.

#### **Country Living and Antique** Fall Festival

The Country Living and Antique Fall Festival will be held Sept. 11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the French Creek District shops in Avon. There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving and wreath making, entertainment, food, sidewalk sales and flea markets. Call 934-6119 or 937-5204 (evenings) or visit www.frenchcreekdistrict org for more information.

#### Country breakfast

The Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 9871 will host a country bazaar on Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. The menu will include eggs, sausage, hash brown potatoes, sausage gravy, biscuits, pancakes, coffee, tea and orange juice. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for children 10 and under. Donations will be accepted for the boxes sent to American troops in the war zone. Boxes are sent each month. Anyone with relatives serving can leave their name and address with any VFW member and a box will be sent to them.

#### 4-H Family winners

Members of North Ridgeville Ridge Kids participated in project judging with winners announced at the annual 4-H Style Revue at Lorain County Community College. Their projects were on display during the Lorain County

Caitlyn Tripple won the outstanding award in I Spy in the Kitchen. Jessica Anderson won third place in Mini Meal Magic. Robin Garvin won first place in Tripple won first place and Robin

Garvin won second place in Laundry for Beginners. Stephanie Malinich won first place and state fair participant in Becoming Money Wise. The North Ridgeville Ridge Kids group project members Lauren Bigler, Luke Hyer, Caitlyn Tipple, Kelton Anderson, Greg Hyer, Clara DeVine, Courtney Tipple, Stephanie Malinich and Robin Garvin, won second place in the Family and Consumer Science Self-determined Project. Sarah Gerhart won second place in Collectibles. Michelle Bing won second place in Tops for Tweens. Jennifer Johnson won first place and state fair participant in Accessories for teens.

#### **Elvria Methodist Village** open house

Join in tours and refreshments at Elvria Methodist Village's open house on Sept. 17 from noon-5 p.m. The Village is located at 807 West Avenue,

#### Reiki level I class at EMH

The Healing Connection will present a Reiki level I class at EHM on Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Reiki complements traditional medicine in the healing process. Seven-and-a-half contact hours are available for nurses. Call Peggy at 930-7722 for more information or to register for the class. Payment and registration are required.

#### Readyman badge labs

On Sept. 18, the Lorain County Red Cross and local Boy Scout leaders will host a Readyman Badge lab from 9 a.m.noon. Webelo Scouts will be able to complete the requirements of the Readyman pin. The cost is \$7 per scout, which includes the Readyman pin and

Scout leaders can drop off payment for this event at the Lorain County American Red Cross on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. or mail it to the Lorain County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2929 West River Road North, Elvria 44035 Attn: Readyman registra-

For more information, contact Let's Bake Quick Breads. Courtney Edward Mennell, Health Education Coordinator, 324-2929.

# BIRTH ANNOUNCMENT

## Mikayla Hope Coyne



Mikayla Hope Coyne was born July 24, 2004. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Amber and Eddy Coyne of North Ridgeville.

## WEDDING

## Schneider, Prescott wed

Lora Lvnn Schneider and Richard James Prescott were married June 19, 2004 in Holy Trinity Church, Avon, by Rev. Fr. Gerard

Parents of the couple are Tim and Linda Schneider, of North Ridgeville and Bill and Denise Prescott, of Avon.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Elyria Catholic High School. She graduated from Kent State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She is employed as a second-grade teacher in the Berkley County School System in South Carolina. She is attending The Citadel in

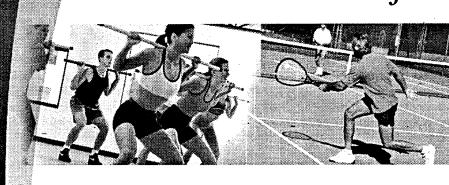
Charleston for her master's degree. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Elyria Catholic High School. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from



Ohio State University in 2003. He is currently serving as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy as an instructor at the Navy Nuclear Power School in Charleston. The groom is attending The Citadel in Charleston for his master's degree.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. They will reside in North







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**Arthur F. Petrie** Arthur F. Petrie, 88, of North

Ridgeville, died Aug. 25, 2004, at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elvria, following a sudden illness. He was born in Cleveland and lived in

Palm Gardens, Fla., for 30 years. Mr. Petrie moved to North Ridgeville four

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1933-

Mr. Petrie was employed as a machinist for many years until his retirement.

He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and attended St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in North Ridgeville.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Stephanie "Steffie" (nee Stefancic); sons, Thomas F. of North Ridgeville, Donald A. of Palm Springs, Fla., and Frank F. of Willowick; and six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three nieces.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Florence (nee Schoeffel) Petrie; and sister, Dorothy Linnert.

Arrangements were handled by Liston Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was celebrated Aug. 21 in St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, North Ridgeville. The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Gonser, pastor, officiated. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery,

#### Mildred V. Jones

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Mildred V. Jones (nee Quinn), 82, of North Ridgeville, died Aug. 27, 2004, at her home following a long illness

She was born in Cranberry Ridge, W. Va. and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1954. She had previously lived in Cleveland

Mrs. Jones had worked as an assembler for Bendix-Westinghouse and Accurate Electronics.

She was an avid gardener and loved to

Survivors include daughters, Sheila War, of North Ridgeville, Carol Howard, of Spencer; sons, Danny Powers, of North Ridgeville, Dennis Powers, of Elyria; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Edna Coe, of Cleveland; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Donald Powers, second husband Bobby Jones; son, Eugene Strader; sisters, Eleanor Tenney, May Fletcher, Madeline Short. Pearl Johnson, Josephine

Short, Maggie Quinn, Thelma Bailey; brothers, Ralph, Edward, Herbert, Claude Quinn and parents John and Lydda Quinn.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. Services were held Sept. 31 at Dodd-Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, W. Va. Burial was in Powers Cranberry Cemetery, Ridge, Camden-on-Gauley, W. Va.

#### Robert W. Mack

Robert W. Mack, 75, of North Ridgeville, died

Bay Health Center, Bay Village, following

**OBITUARIES** 

He was born in Middlebury, Vermont and grew up in Graniteville, Vt. He had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1996 after moving from Willoughby. He previously lived in Michigan and

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of

Mr. Mack was an auditor for TRW in Lyndhurst for over 20 years.

He enjoyed snow skiing, traveling and playing baseball. Survivors include his wife of 54 years,

Annie "Teta" (nee Smith); son. Iim. of

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Grand Haven, Mich.; daughter, Carol Heilman of Bay Village; six grandchildren, brother, Kenny Mack of Miami and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Ardelia (nee Tricell) and Frank

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Aug. 31. The Rev. Stephen Kaminski, pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church officiated. Burial was in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in

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Police responded to a call to a West Point address for a reported underage consumption party. Five adults and four juveniles were arrested and one adult was arrested for allowing underage consumption.

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By Carol Klear

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Victoria Lane concerning a report that a van had been defaced with spray paint.

#### Suspicious

Police checked a suspicious vehicle in the Ridge Motel parking lot. An adult male was arrested for possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. A female juvenile was referred to Lorain County Juvenile Court for having a temporary driving permit

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#### Trouble at the club

Police went to Club 20 where an adult and two juveniles were arrested for disorderly conduct. Within a few minutes a large number of people had congregated and several males were arrested for disorderly conduct.

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#### Baggin' a brew

Officers went to Sheetz on Lorain Road to investigate a report about the

POLICE & FIRE BLOTTERS

Firefighters went to Beckett's on Taylor Industrial Park, however the call was a false alarm. Nothin' wrong there

Firefighters answered a call to Root Road where a small fire was burning in a tire ring. The owner had a permit and was burning seasoned wood. It was determined the fire was OK and it was not necessary to put it out.

#### Don't let smoke in

A call from Noll Drive came in for smoke in the house. A resident was complaining about the neighbor's backyard fire and said there were neighbors with health problems. The person doing

the burning had a legal fire with a permit, however the homeowner put out the fire due to smoke getting into neighbors' homes.

#### Let it alone

Firefighters answered a call concerning a fire on Fern Tree Lane, but were unable to locate anything. Someone told them they needed to go to Shady Moss Drive where a burning pit had green cedar branches and other green branches. The homeowner also was burning some well-seasoned wood.

#### **Transports**

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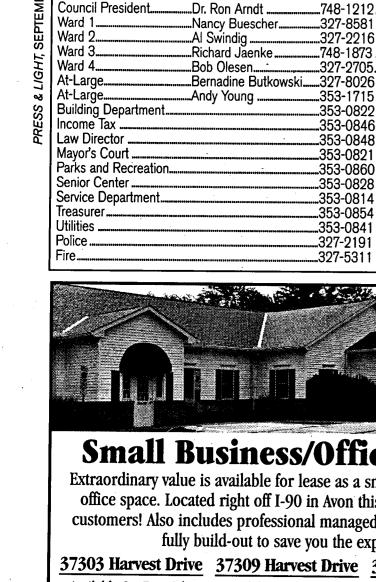
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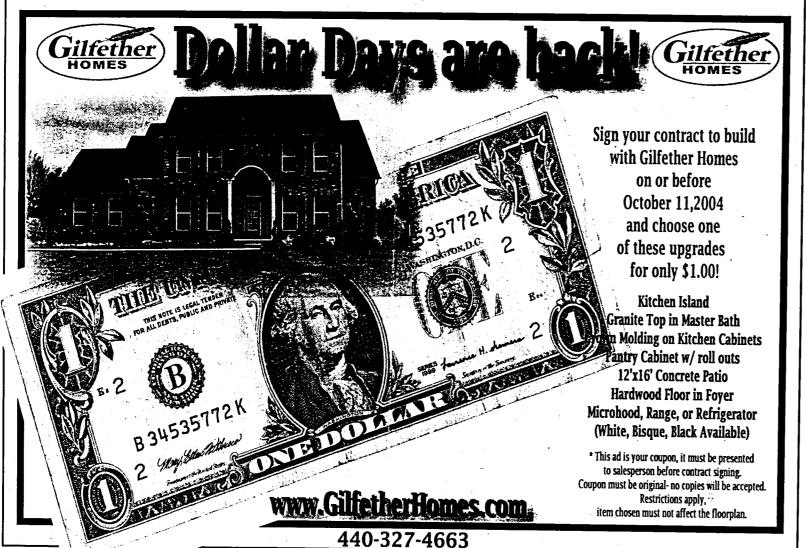
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