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## This Week:

### Have child immunized

Children from birth to 18 years of age, needing immunizations can go to the Lorain County Health Department today (July 5) until 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, however no one will be denied an immunization due to inability to pay. Parents must accompany the child and provide a record of previous immunizations.

### Beautiful butterflies

Learn to identify butterflies at Sandy Ridge Reservation, July 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Appliance Round-Up

Take appliances for the recycling collection to the service garage on Bainbridge Road, July 10 to July 14 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The collection is free to Lorain County residents. Proof of residency is required. Acceptable items include washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, microwave ovens, bikes, small appliances and scrap items.

## In Brief:

### Chambers get together

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will join 10 other area chambers in a Business After Hours on July 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Promenade at Crocker and Detroit in the garden adjacent to Borders. There will be live entertainment and snacks.

### NRHS 15-year reunion

The NRHS Class of 1985 will hold its class reunion from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake. The price is \$30 per person.

Send updated information and names of those attending to: Shannon (Lyle) Pavlich, 6245 Jaycox Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Phone number is 353-3568.

### Looking for E.C. grads

The Elyria Catholic High School Class of 1970 will hold its 30-year reunion on Sept. 9. Anyone with information about the following missing classmates should contact Bette Pesco at 327-7044 (evenings) or Ron Rybarczyk at 366-4020: John Barringer, Rick Brosky, Kathie Clayton, Janice Conrad, Robert Dobski, Pamela Fayer, Terry Finegan, Dale Frey, Bill Geierman, Jean Henry, Jody Humphrey, Gregory Janik, Margaret Kasper, Denis Kaszubinski, Keith Klekora, Dale Korolowski, Samuel Mandolesi, Rob Mate, Rosemary Myers, Mary Lou Picklo, Susan Schellhammer, Deborah Schmidt and Joanne Szabo.



### Ready, get set, be safe

Nearly 35 pre-kindergarten children and 11 volunteers participated in last week's Safetyville class held at the miniature village on Bainbridge Road. According to North Ridgeville Police officer Larry Swenk, who coordinated the project, next year the number of sessions will expand from four to five. (P&L Klear)

## Conditions at Shady Drive captured on video tape

By Carol Klear

It was show time at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting last Wednesday, and the pictures weren't pretty.

With the help of a television monitor, Dennis Tenney, president of both the North Ridgeville City Baseball Board and the Baseball Boosters, played a homemade video of the Shady Drive Complex showing many of the concerns that have been reported to the commission repeatedly, including standing water on diamonds, damaged benches, a portion of a fence in disrepair after having been struck by a maintenance tractor, ruts where a grounds crew had dragged a field, still muddy from a heavy rain, a broken lock on a shed where equipment was kept and a pipe sticking out of the ground, creating a safety hazard. Footage near the end of the video showed commission member Dennis Boose standing knee-deep in water near a drain that he said was clogged with debris, preventing flow.

As the video concluded, Boose said that the intention was not to "condemn" anyone for the situation, but to have a record of what corrections must be made, "especially safety issues."

Earlier in the meeting Kenneth Bly complained of many of the issues shown in the video and told the commission that North Ridgeville's leagues called a rain-out when teams in Westlake and Bay Village played. He said, "Somebody's got to take the bull by the horns...we have a gold mine there...put money in it, it will pay for itself."

At the conclusion of the video, neither Parks Director Jim Spaulding, nor commission members made comments, though Spaulding had a few remarks while it was being shown, including, "kids don't play when fields are in that condition." And seeing the rutted fields, Spaulding insisted that it was best to work the field despite the mud.

On Thursday Spaulding said he had seen the video prior to the commission meeting and stated, "there was nothing on there I

wasn't aware of." When asked about the damage shown on the tape, Spaulding said, "some was unavoidable," but in other instances the person causing the damage should have been more careful, adding that most of the maintenance work at Shady Drive are seasonal.

The Parks Director also noted an attachment to Wednesday's agenda that listed concerns about the Shady Drive Complex, as well as possible solutions as follows:

1. **Concern:** Tractor operation - Fences being struck by maintenance staff during operation.

A. Hire experienced full time staff for heavy equipment operation.

B. Increased training and supervision of operators.

C. Inspect and repair damages immediately.

2. **Concern:** Playing field water drainage

See *Shady Drive* on pg. 10.

## Safety Service Director continues to answer questions from citizens

Safety Service Director Jim Johnson continues to respond to questions that were unable to be answered during the June 15 Town Hall meeting due to a lack of time.

Q. I would like to address the issue of sidewalks. Are sidewalks required on both sides of the street in a PCD. How about the rest of North Ridgeville? Why are there no sidewalks on Center Ridge west of Mills Creek where the new strip shopping and storage facilities are built?

A. Sidewalks are required on public streets. Private streets may or may not be required.

Q. Why have self-assessments (on sewers) not been offered to any other taxpayers in the city? When we got our sewer (on Lorain Road) we were not offered assessments.

A. Self-assessments have been offered to all residents for many years by ordinance.

Lorain Road residents were given the option of a lien at 0 percent for five years or a payment plan with interest. We passed legislation in 1999 to allow 10 year-0 percent liens for low income residents.

Q. How much more manpower will be needed for city services? Who will pay the extra cost?

A. Manpower will be provided as needed. New homes mean more people paying taxes to offset additional services.

Q. Will there be legislation regarding how strict the homeowners associations will be?

A. No.

Q. Does the PCD require that all open spaces and recreation areas in the development be owned by an association governed by the owners and attached to each PCD property owner's property deed?

A. No. PCD Ordinance 3491-99 (sec.

B.06,4-6) reads:

4: **OWNERSHIP:** The type of ownership and land dedicated for common open space purposes shall be selected by the owner, developer or sub-divider, subject to the approval of the City Planning Commission and City Council. Type of ownership may include, but not necessarily limited to the following:

a. Homeowner or cooperative associations or organizations;

b. Shared, undivided interest by all property owners in the subdivision; or

c. Privately owned land subject to environmental easements or restrictive covenants.

5: If the open space is held in common by all of the residential planned development

See Q & A on pg. 10



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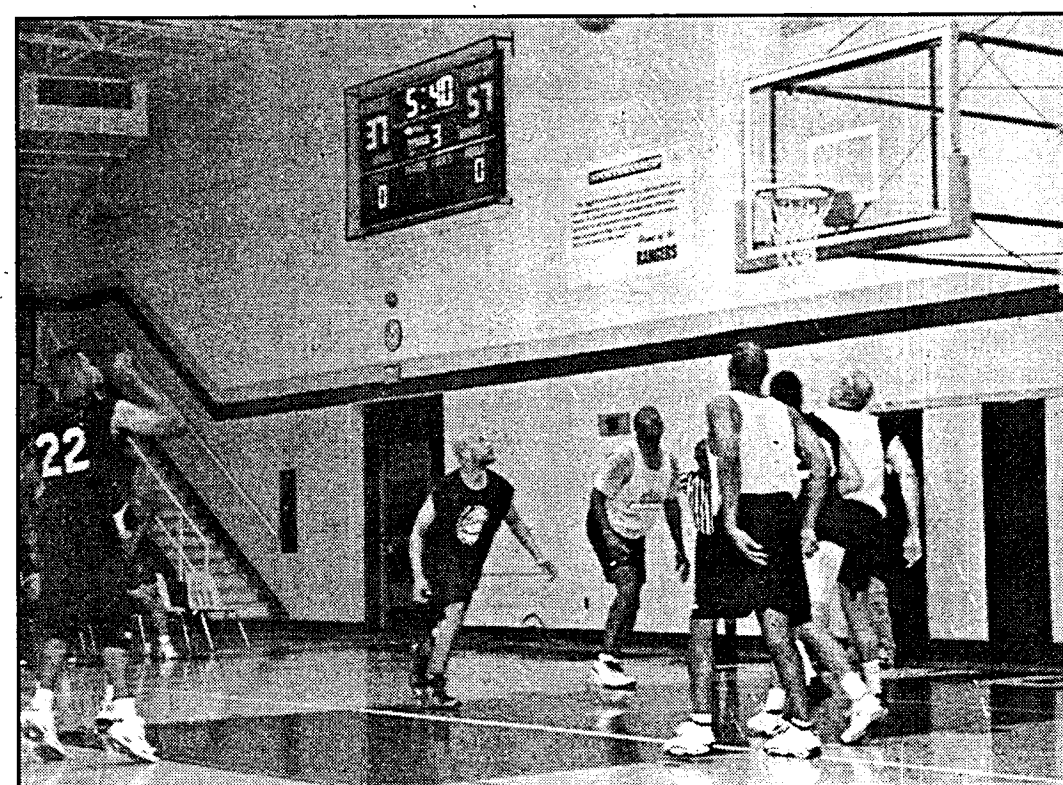
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## Don't anybody move

Will the ball drop into the basket? That was the question in the recent Cavs Legends game against some North Ridgeville players at North Ridgeville High School. It was a good battle, but the Cavs won, 87-72. The event was part of the city's annual Unity Day. (P&L Klear)

## Nagle or Nagel; which should it be

By Carol Klear

And how do you spell it? Nagle or Nagel?

If you live in Avon, your version is probably different, than that of Ridgeville residents, and at least one Avon man thinks Ridgeville ought to change its habit.

George Bliss of Avon told the Building and Lands Committee last week that Nagel Road is named for Jacob Nagel who came to America in 1812 and settled in Avon. "It clearly has been N-a-g-e-l," said Bliss.

In Avon, it's "Nagel," while in North Ridgeville, the street is Lear Nagle - with the last two letters reversed.

North Ridgeville resident, Charis Sparks, who has lived on Lear Nagle for many years takes issue with Bliss' recommendation the spelling be amended, noting that the change would affect driver's licenses, property deeds, financial documents, wills and numerous other things. She also said that angle is pro-

nounced "ang'gl" while angel is sounded, "an'jel," which means Nagel would rhyme with angel.

Though Sparks disagrees with a spelling change, but if a majority of Ridgeville residents want it, she said, "I would go along."

Councilwoman Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large, said Sparks makes a good point about the possible legal ramifications of a spelling change. "Most people don't even see the difference," said Butkowski, "but we could have feedback from people through the water bill."

Bliss said that city engineer Stewart Lovece told him the street is spelled both ways on deeds.

"It is very confusing the way it is now - it should be corrected," he said.

Committee Chairman Karen Borocz D-3 suggested getting feedback from the law director on the effects of a change in spelling.

If the spelling is changed and the deed remains the same, said Borocz, "you'd be living on a street that doesn't exist."

## Two persons on Olive Street arrested in heroin-smuggling operation

By Carol Klear

When two North Ridgeville police officers were dispatched to 6196 Olive Street the morning of June 15, they weren't alone, they were part of a team, which included an agent from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification, a U.S. Customs officer and two officers from the Cleveland Police Department. The temporary partnership was set up to arrest two persons - Cheryl Hruby and Joe Glass - named in federal warrants for conspiracy to traffic in heroin. Hruby was also charged with obstructing justice.

According to a report from the North

Ridgeville Police Department, at 7:30 a.m., Ptm. Corey Sabo spotted a green Ford Taurus pulling into the driveway of the Olive Street house. A white male fitting Glass' description walked into the house.

At 8 a.m. Sabo and Sgt. Kenneth Beaver, along with the other units, "converged on the house" and the agent from BCI&I knocked on the door. Glass answered the door. Hruby was still in bed. She got up and dressed and she and Glass were advised of the warrants and arrested.

Hruby's 15-year-old son was in the house and Hruby arranged for her sister-in-law to pick him up. Declining a request by agents for permission to search the house because it

was a "pig sty," Hruby said there were no drugs there.

Hruby, a secretary for the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Probation Department, and Glass, who worked as a stock person at the North Ridgeville Giant Eagle, were transported to the Federal Building in Cleveland and later taken into custody by U.S. marshals.

The arrests in North Ridgeville were part of "Operation Tar Pit," a yearlong investigation by federal, state and local law enforcement agents, resulting in the arrests of nearly 200 persons, in 12 cities in connection with a Mexican-based multi-million dollar heroin smuggling operation.

Beaver's and Sabo's part in the arrests, began when they were sent to the Cleveland Police Department on June 15 for a 5:30 a.m. meeting involving approximately 100 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, who coordinated multiple arrests to occur simultaneously across the county at 8 a.m.

Following the arrests, a press release from the Drug Enforcement Administration quoted Attorney General Janet Reno as saying, "This organization operated in a dangerously efficient manner." Reno said it showed not only a disregard for the law, "but their peddling of this powerful and addictive drug showed an even greater disregard for human life."

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## It's been a long time coming... so here it is folks

By Carol Klear

Memorial Day has come and gone. July 4th is but a memory. Flowers are in full bloom. Summer has settled in.

It's been more than a year since Klearly handed out Bouquets and Briquets for people, places, things or events in North Ridgeville that are worth a special note...it's time.

**Bouquets:** To Otis Noble, the Senior Center's new cook and the delicious meals he's creating. Trust me, um-um. (And by the way, seniors, for just \$3.25 you can enjoy one of his special noon lunches on Wednesdays, but call by 10 a.m. on Tuesday to make a reservation.)

**Bouquets:** To Sharon Kuchenrither, of the Building Department, who was weeding and planting posies in front of City Hall after working hours. Seems not all the gardening got finished on Pride Day.

**Briquets:** To homeowners and business owners alike, who refuse to replace the

## Klearly Speaking:

American flags they fly, despite the faded and tattered condition of the red, white and blue banners.

**Briquets:** To the truck drivers who jake-brake as they pass along the city's thoroughfares. The noise is jarring and unnecessary. (The SSD says he's working on putting a stop to it.)

**Bouquets:** To the North Ridgeville business owners who continue to upgrade, expand and improve their businesses. They're displaying a real sense of pride in the community.

**Briquets:** and lots of 'em: To would-be letter writers who refuse to sign the communications they send to The P&L. If you don't sign it (and provide a phone number), we don't print it.

**Bouquets:** To the Lorain County Parks District for adding Ridgeville to its ever-growing list of park sites. (If you haven't been to Sandy Ridge Reservation on Otten

Road, you're missing a treat - and it boasts a wonderful community room, as well.)

**Bouquets:** To the organizers of this year's Chamber of Commerce June luncheon for holding it in the community room at Sandy Ridge. Great idea.

**Briquets:** To people who insist on setting their garbage on the curb two days before collection day, making their street look like a mess.

**Bouquets:** To all the volunteers (young and a tad older) who help out at Safetyville. The program is so important and the miniature village is terrific.

**Bouquets:** To all the 'green-thumbs' throughout the city. Take a drive just about anywhere in Ridgeville and you'll find all sorts of beautiful flowers, bursting with color...and the garden doesn't have to be huge, either, some of the prettiest are very small plots, or maybe just a couple of window boxes.

**Bouquets:** To whoever got the idea for the patriotic bunting at the gazebo in South Central Park. Great addition for 4th of July.

## The real scoop on fireflies (since they're trying to kill me)

By Josh Cable

I've long suspected that people are out to get me, but I never realized they might not come in human form.

I don't know what started all this really. Maybe it was the time when I woke up in the middle of the night in a semi-conscious state and realized that I was lying under a massive operating table, with a complicated network of needles and metal clamps and other alien torture devices, hovering above my bed. I remember feeling like I couldn't move for about a minute.

I also remember having a lot to drink that night. But that's beside the point.

Convinced that aliens had stolen my house key when I was drunk, slipped an anesthetic into my drink and then attempted to perform a series of diabolical tests on who they thought, understandably, was the perfect human specimen, I became paranoid.

What are you looking at?! My paranoia once again reared its ugly head the other night. This time the would-be assailant used the most cunning form of attack I've ever seen. I awoke to a bright, lime green laser beam darting around the foot of my bed.

When I turned on the lights, it disappeared.

I went back to bed and thought nothing of it. Probably just a reflection from somebody's glow-in-the-dark socks. Or, more realistically, a rogue beam of negatively charged cosmic dust that escaped from a wrinkle in the time/space continuum that just so happens to pass through this spot in my bedroom once every 4,000,000,000 years.

So I went back to bed. Sure enough, as soon as the lights were off, the laser beam was back—brighter than before.

Only then did it become clear to me that someone was trying to assassinate me.

Finally, I thought, I had alienated and/or infuriated one of my readers to the point where they were using sophisticated laser technology to kill me. I had pushed someone over the edge, with my too-frequent references to genitalia, bodily ejections and other grossities.

I just made that word up, right now. "Grossities." It's not really a word.

After canvassing the yard for snipers and checking all doors and windows for signs of forced entry or rotten eggs, I went back to bed. I started to drift away, with visions of giant inflatable marshmallow playground toys dancing in my head—until I saw it again.

That same laser light was flitting about the ceiling. Then the walls. Then my bed again. The mystery assailant was continuing his attempt on my life, even after I walked around the backyard with my robe open.

Apparently, the sniper was having a hard time finding his target. Personally, I didn't think my head could get any bigger. But per-

## Just Joshin':

haps he was one of those perfectionist late-night laser-guided machine gun-columnist snipers who wanted to get it exactly right and take out the various parts of my anatomy in alphabetical order. That being the case, I tried to go to sleep on my stomach.

That didn't work though. So I turned on the light again and crawled around on my hands and knees, avoiding the windows.

After checking the entire room for any type of hidden microphones, guns or incendiary devices, I realized that I had spent the last half hour cowering in fear because of a firefly. The kind that kills columnists in their sleep, I bet!

Over the past week or so, I've been doing some research on this seemingly harmless little outdoor insect. Sure, people like them because they don't carry 400 diseases like mosquitoes and they glow in the dark. But you might be interested to see what I've found out about these sinister little creatures since they made an attempt on my life just a few short days ago.

Fireflies, or lightning bugs as they are popularly known, don't have any magical powers (as I have vehemently argued on college campuses for years). In fact, they produce light via a chemical reaction where an enzyme called Luciferase combines with adenocytine triphosphate and oxygen. When all these components come together, the firefly glows in the dark.

Now, come closer so they won't hear what I'm saying about them (they're watching us, you know).

Did you know that entomologists widely believe that fireflies use their luminescence as a warning signal so that potential predators will think they contain chemicals that make them taste bad? That's right, boys and girls. And get this: when they're agitated, they glow even brighter and more frequently.

So odds are that, when you crumming that 372nd firefly into an empty mayonnaise jar, and they're glowing like crazy, you have one ticked-off jarful of luminescent insects. And they're plotting against you, I just know it.

Here's something else I found out: fireflies have active sexual lives. They use their little light pulses to attract members of the opposite sex, who will mate with them if they particularly like what they see.

Although not all species do this, a common scenario might be taking place in your backyard right at this very moment. Picture this, and cue some 1970s funk with a prominent bass line and wah-wah guitar:

A male firefly goes cruising for chicks, flashing his little lights for all to see. The females, on the other hand, are cool, and find a spot to chill out on a bush or a tree. When a female likes what she sees, she starts blinking back, and a dialogue ensues—the

fiery equivalent of flirting.

If they hit it off, it's not long before the male is flying over to her spot, and...

Turn up the volume on 1970s funk with a prominent bass line and wah-wah guitar.

Innocent little backyard insects? I don't think so!

And for those of you who buy into this "fireflies must be flies because that's part of their name" propaganda need to rethink your positions.

Fireflies are actually beetles.

While flies, as entomologists know them, have one pair of wings—like the common housefly—fireflies have two pairs of wings. Technically, they are beetles in the Lampyridae family. In fact, most insects that have the word "fly" included in their one-word names are not true flies—which have two wings—because they have two sets of wings (four wings total). Dragonflies are another example.

It's also interesting to note that fireflies are vicious predators when they are young. That's right. Vicious predators—they are to earthworms, snails and slugs what Mike Tyson is to people's children.

In fact, the firefly larvae can sniff out a snail or slug's slime trail from some distance, and then follow it to its prey. I don't know what's more disturbing: the fact that firefly larvae feed on snails and slugs, or the fact that snails and slugs leave a slime trail.

Eeeewwww!

It gets worse. Once they locate the exact location of their meal, they inject an anesthetic-like substance into their prey so it won't wriggle around when they eat it. That's the firefly equivalent of letting an ax murderer smoke a cigarette before they fry him in the electric chair, as far as I'm concerned.

If that's not bad enough, fireflies have also been observed ganging up on poor, defenseless earthworms and eating them!

The humanity of it all!

Let this be a warning to you all. Fireflies have kept all this information quiet for years, and now I'm exposing them for what they really are—at great personal risk.

If anybody is capable of organizing a massive conspiracy to overthrow the government, cripple the Internet or convince Mr. T to come out of the closet, these guys are. After all—they're actually beetles!

And we all know what kind of mayhem that beetles can inflict on the populace.

Don't be scared, though. I've developed the ultimate firefly antidote that will soon make me famous the world over. It's full-proof and it all but guarantees you can thwart their despicable nighttime activities, with only minimal disruption of your daily life:

I've been sleeping with the lights on all week.

Better safe than sorry, I've always said (what are you looking at?!).

## Letters to the Editor:

## Other side of the fence

To the Editor:

Your article titled "Not anti-baseball; pro neighborhood" prompts my neighborly response.

When a 'not-so-nice' older couple moved next door to us seven years ago, we chose, as a solution, to put our house on the market and move. We were fortunate to purchase a home on Nicoll, in the Wil-lou Park subdivision. Our children were 11 and 14 years old at the time and had been playing North Ridgeville Hot Stove for several years. Although it was not the type of house we wanted (the inside was overly neglected), it was exactly where we wanted it, behind the ball fields, in our own field of dreams.

We had a gate put in the back fence for easier access to Palmer Field, and we have never owned a lock for it or any no trespassing signs. We have always welcomed the kids that have "cut through," which have also included adults; after all, we are all neighbors! We have met many terrific, dedicated people and have established some wonderful friendships through Hot Stove. For those of you who are unaware, the North Ridgeville Hot Stove league is a City baseball league, conducted under the supervision of the Park & Recreation Commission. (Ordinance No. 2182-87)

It's unfortunate that not all children are the little angels we try to raise (some will ignore a no trespassing sign and jump a fence); but as an organized league we continually strive to teach the importance of being a team player. Along with this hopefully comes respect—which is a two-way street—children need to see this from adults and be able to give it back. This was probably not something the kids encountered when they were told to "leave."

While I do not condone the actions of the kids, I seriously doubt anything would have come about if the kids were permitted to continue on without recourse. As Keith Payne, President of North Ridgeville Hot Stove, had stated, "We try to provide an outlet for kids." These are the children that will grow up and be our future.

My children are now both over eighteen, but I continue to stay active in the league. I am currently a board and booster member. If a time should come when I can no longer enjoy the sound of, or watch, a good baseball game (or tolerate kids for that matter), then I would find a solution to the problem, which would probably be just like the one I made seven years earlier. For I believe you should love where you live, like I hope to for years to come.

In closing, Palmer Field existed before the houses that were built around it. One makes a decision to live behind a ball field and then, for whatever reason, perhaps your kids have grown or the ball field is no longer useful to you as it apparently was when you moved in, it's time to make another decision and move, and in so doing give someone who would appreciate it, without having to complain about it, a chance to enjoy their own field of dreams.

Sincerely,  
 Linda Greiner

## Spending before thinking

To the Editor:

Every week as I read the Press & Light all I read is "Let's spend money we don't have," let's pave roads that don't need to be re-paved and let's keep the citizens of the city confused. Let's spend money on putting an issue on the ballot not once but many times till the citizens get sick of it and either just don't go out and vote or give in

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and vote the issue in just to make everyone happy.

The issue I am writing about is offices under the new water tower. I don't know about everyone out there but I would hate to go to work every day knowing that there are millions of gallons of water just over my head. A water tower that stands several hundred feet in the air and a giant lightning rod on top of that. They talk and say, "Oh it's only \$300,000 to add on and it's only this much more to do this and this much more to do that."

Folks where is that money coming from? Yep, you bet out of our own back pockets, every one holding this paper and reading my words of wit. We have water problems or lack of water problems how ever you look at it. We have water where we don't need it i.e. ditches and roads and drainage, and drinking water or lack of it in the western part of the city. Our fine developers of this fair city could care less for they will get their money and officials of the city get theirs.

My question concerns the proposed office space under the new water tower. We have in this city many new and old shopping centers and buildings that should be thought of first. For City Hall needs more space for the various departments Why not look into buying or renting one of those building instead. Rent for 100 years with options to carry on after we are long gone. One store I am thinking about is the IGA building on Center Ridge Road.

First, I have no interest in any of them this is only a suggestion. The US post office has the right idea and I was wondering why the city does not do the same. The IGA building has plenty of parking, is large enough to house several offices, is easy to get to and is pleasant on the eyes. Akin & Akin had the right idea, buy next to an existing business and add on and clean up existing eyesores. The police need more room for training and could use a building like IGA and have room for meetings and even a workout center as well. It is sad when all I read is let's build and spend more on what is already there. Why not buy and expand or modify and use up space that is

just sitting there right now and not being used for anything. Again this is only a suggestion and maybe something to look into for the future.

Dave Krieger

North Ridgeville resident more than 30 years

## Pressline:

**Caller:** A statement in the June 28 issue of the Press & Light concerning the 20 acres of commercial permitted in every 200 acre-PCD is misleading because it gives the impression the homeowners association, Planning Commission and City Council can decide down the line if commercial will be permitted. Once preliminary approval is given on a PCD, up to 20 acres of commercial is automatically included and at that point it's a done deal.

Response from Mayor Deanna Hill: Ten percent maximum, or 20 acres of a 200-acre PCD is for commercial and can be put in preliminary plans, but the developer can always change his mind, if he chooses. 'Preliminary' means just that, preliminary. Final is final. Presently Kingston is planning for eight acres of commercial. There must be 20 percent of the PCD for open space.

**Caller:** More threats and double talk — at the Town Meeting residents were told we need sewers because they would be mandated in a few years. Later at the same meeting we were told that if people on Case want sewers they would have to petition the city for them. The truth is without sewers developers can't build housing developments.

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### HONORS

Jennifer Ammons, Christopher Appleby, Michael Arnold, Matthew Carter, Victoria Danforth, Jacqueline Decapite, Rebecca Durst, Adam Franczak, Keith Garson, Lindsey Goring, Heather Gough, Holly Hayes, Shannon Huffman, Leonard Karpinski Jr., Shannon Marsh, April Neumann, Dawn Piatak, Richard Rawlings, Brye Roth, James Schnitz III, Jamie Stemmer, Jacquelyn Stewart, Jeffrey Surella, Amanda Welfe.

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Coyne, Chaz Gatian, Tricia Guggenbiller, Jason Hallman, Jessica Hessoun, Lisa Hixson, Sandra Horval, Steven Hruby, Kathleen Joseph, Jason Kassil, Kyle Knox, Jessica Koberna, Rachel Kocin, Amy Kost, Malinda Lazarek, Christie Llado, Terri Long, Billy Madden, Lisa Marlon, Alexios Marounta, Elisabeth Minko, Daniel Nelson Jr., Stacey Perry, Ryan Schumacher, Ashley Smith, Sarah Snyder, Eric Spangenberg, Christopher Sroka, Robin Telenko, Andrew Tyson, David Vegal Jr., Kristen Waryk, Jillian Woodard, Christopher Young.

## GRADE 10

### HIGH HONORS

Sara Bacinis, Justin Bly, Sarah DeLaat, Matthew Dodd, Daniel Forpahl, Jeffrey Gionfriddo, Joy Kearney, Kimberly Kilby, Bethany Krone, Molly Lamuth, Melissa Lett, Jessica Luskin, Jennifer Miller, Elizabeth Molnar, Steven Potting, Elizabeth Scadden, Matthew Schreiner, Amy Seymour, Christina Sitar, Courtney Szocs, Brook Tracey, Mallory Yager.

### HONORS

Renee Allen, Natalie Bartolozzi, Ashley Bock, Jennifer Corley, Leslie Federer, Jacqueline Felumlee, Nicole Haag, Mark Keiser, Bridget Kubacki, Laura Manville, Andrew Payne, Jonathon Rice, Tabitha Sellards, Julia Smajdek, Kristin Smajdek, Elizabeth Swenk, Richard Thompson, Jennifer Ulicky, Muhammad Usman, Jennifer Workman, Adam Zacharias.

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Justin Attinoto, Brooke Bender, Gregory Bianca, Ashley Bier, Austin Bishop, Justin Bowden, Nathaniel Christian, Andrew Dodd, Jared Emery, Dustan Fair, Carl Fesler, Kelly Friedel, Sarah Goode, Emily Hadaway, Rebecca Joseph, Daniel King, Christina Klein, Matthew Lehman, Megan Leightner, Alicia Linquist, Eric Lucas, Crystal Macaulay, Lisa Moodt, Lisa Myers, James Oreilly, Rebecca Radeff, Tara Reese, Jessica Rothschild, Edward Scott, Robert Spencer, Jennifer Thompson.

## GRADE 11

### HIGH HONORS

Jane Blasius, Elizabeth Calamante, Crystal Core, Jessica Cunningham, Donald Dennis, James Downey, John Eddy, Adrienne Fedor, Kathleen Hansen, Philip Hayes, Kristen Hicks, Bridget Jones, Erika Klinger, Erin Krueger, Nancy Lamuth, Dan'el Laurent, Christine Lewton, Eric Livingston, Gregory Manke II, Chester Nabus, Sara Perry, Matthew Pischel, Alexander Quinones, Jason Reynolds, Kristen Rigby, Diana Singleton, Michael Vanoverbeke, James White, Jennifer Wilson.

### HONORS

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### MERIT ROLL

Michelle Bacskey, Jonathan Beebe, Antoni Chopinski, Nolan Clingan, Adam Covey, Brian Davidson, Amy Dain, Amanda Dempsey, Aaron Fingerhut, Richard Friedel, Deborah Gill, Thomas Habenicht, Shannon Horval, Kelly Hrabik, Shannon Hutton, Kelly King, Erin Lange, Sarah Lash, Michelle Lerch, Kristina Macdonald, Melissa Marino, Brandi Maser, Daniel Mercier, Angeline Nagy, Colleen Ondrejcek, Fred Oneal, Vincent Petonic, James Potting II, Gregory Powell Jr., Stephanie Riccardi, Nicole Rosiu, Jeremy Rudy, Margaret Ryan, Jacquelyn Selee, Jennifer Stewart, Douglas Svoboda, George Tiller, Shannon Todd, Angela Toich, Brianne Vanek, Adrienne Volin, Megan Walker, Crystal Wegman, Matthew Zemantaski, Amber Zuberly, Krystal Zuk.

## GRADE 12

### HIGH HONORS

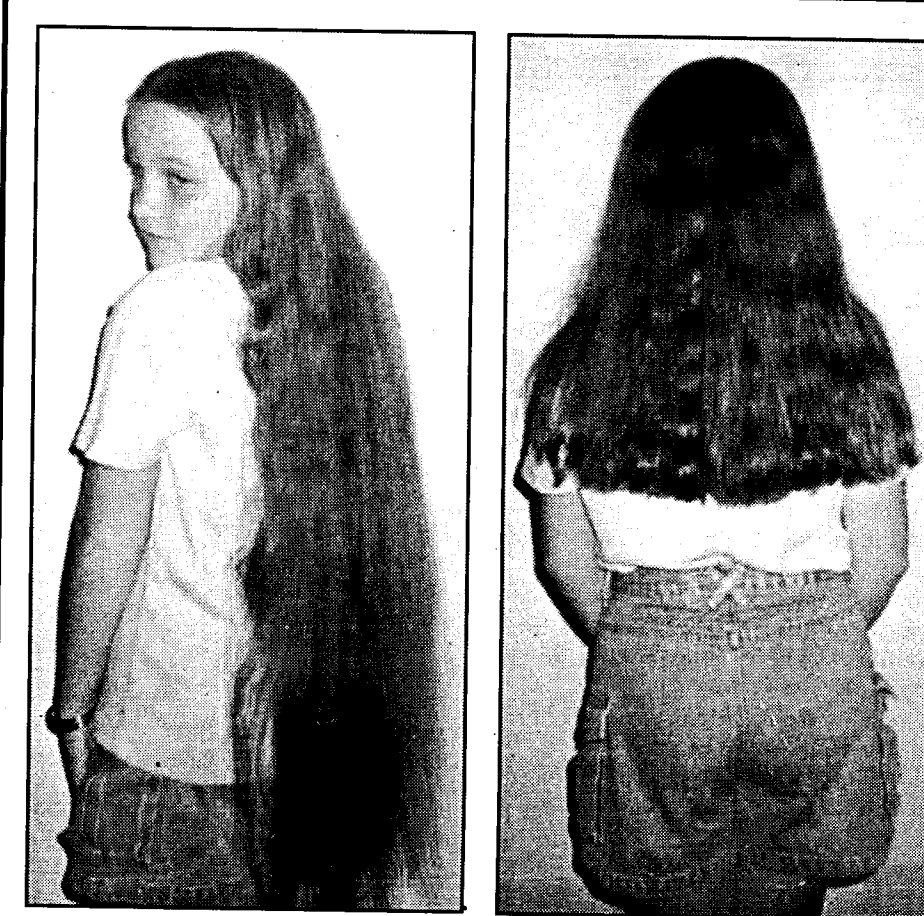
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Jennifer Artim, Erica Baughman, Molly Casper, Kimberly Cheon, Sarah Chemi, John Cleary, Michele Cruzado, Raymond Didonato, Kerri Gast, Megan Goode, Anthony Hospodavis, Thomas Hudson, Jacqueline Jackson, Amanda Koenig, Lisa Langood, Christopher Lavery, Jaclyn Light, Nathan Manning, Misty Marcum, Joshua Martinez, Kevin McGreevy, Stephanie Nosal, Jamie Qualkinbush, Jodie Qualkinbush, Lorien Reese, Jessica Rudlowski, Jessica Seme, Erin Shaffer, Stephanie Shepherd, Jason Shumney, Vincent Skrzypek, Tisha Smith, Aaron Swenk, Rachel Taubler, Stephanie Taus, Erik Von Hoch, Jessica Wilhelm, Amanda Wrinkle, Jonathon Wysochanski.

### MERIT ROLL

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Before After

After letting her hair grow all of her 12 years, Nicole Rajher decided to have it cut, but not before making another decision - what to do with it.

## 'Some other kid would enjoy it...'

By Carol Klear

Nicole Rajher is a pretty normal 12-year-old and likes to do all the stuff girls her age like to do, especially swim. From the time she was born, Nicole never had her hair cut, and at 12, the locks reached all the way down her back and according to Nicole's grandmother, Rosalice Psenitzki, of North Ridgeville, "it was below her knees."

More and more Nicole became tired of caring for the lengthy tresses whenever she wanted to take to the water for a swim. "It was just getting too long," said Nicole, who was visiting the area from her home in Texas recently. Though deciding to cut her hair, the youngster wasn't going to toss away a lifetime of growth. She had a better idea, she would donate it to children who had lost their hair through illness.

Psenitzki said Nicole's mother and Psenitzki's daughter Patricia Rajher, has Hodgkins Disease, but has been "in a

very long remission." Even a CT scan seemed to indicate that the young woman is free of the disease, but the illness has taken its toll on Rajher, said Psenitzki, including her hair, which may have been the impetus behind Nicole's decision to donate her hair.

Nicole said, "I put it in a ponytail and then braided it, so it wouldn't tangle." Once cut, Nicole took the hair to Wigs for Kids, located in Rocky River, and said, "I figured some other kid would enjoy it as much as I did."

According to a message on the answering machine at Wigs for Kids, donated hair must be 10 inches long, clean and dry. A braid or ponytail is optional, but appreciated. The hair is to be put into a plastic bag and sent to:

Wigs for Kids, Executive Club Building, 21330 Center Ridge Rd., Suite C, Rocky River, Ohio 44116. For more information call 333-4433 or visit the website, at [www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org).

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### GRADE 9 SECOND HONORS

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### GRADE 10 SECOND HONORS

Tamara Leonard

### GRADE 11 SECOND HONORS

Danielle Doria, Joseph Knapik, Peter Pappas

### GRADE 12 SECOND HONORS

Keri Dobrovic, Elaine Eggelmeyer, Ernie Fesco III, Michelle Winson

### GRADE 9 THIRD HONORS

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### GRADE 10 THIRD HONORS

Joshua Elmore, Maureen Nagg

### GRADE 11 THIRD HONORS

Christopher Kurianowicz, Amanda Rodgers

### GRADE 12 THIRD HONORS

Eric Burdette, Sara Forthofer, Lauren Hoban, Catherine Karl, Erika Kleinholz, Lisa Laveen, Stephen Yano.

## Police Dept. Reports:

### Winning awards in Akron

June 12 to 16, four North Ridgeville police officers competed in the State of Ohio Police Olympics, bringing several medals back to North Ridgeville.

Ptlm. Donald Moore capped a gold medal in the Master's Class Individual Category of PPC Pistol Match. Moore then teamed with Ptlm. Calvin Cross to take a third place bronze in the two-man version of PPC Pistol Match.

In the four-man team event, Moore, Cross, along with Ptlm. Matt Downing and Ptlm. Matt Gorski walked off with a first place gold medal. Moore, who is also a firearms instructor won still another gold

medal, this time in the tactical pistol event, scoring 467 out of a possible 480.

Teaming up again, Moore and Cross paired with officers from another law enforcement agency for a pick-up team for a four-man High-powered Rifle event and garnered another first place and gold medal.

### Noisy get-away

Sometime between June 24 and June 26, someone drove off with a 1988 black two-door Chevy Beretta from the Main Street Auto Sales, 38070 Center Ridge Rd. The owner reported that the car was parked there Saturday noon and by Monday morning, it was gone, but with its loud exhaust, it might not be for long.

## Fire Dept. Reports:

### Fire on Rt. 83

Firefighters were called to 6829 Avon Belden Rd. on 3:42 a.m. on June 26. Thirteen firefighters were on the scene for approximately three hours.

When they arrived on the scene they found smoke coming from the northeast corner of the home in a second floor bedroom. It appeared a short circuit in the wall

pocket ignited the fire. Damage was sustained on an upstairs wall and there was smoke damage throughout the rest of the house.

A report from the Fire Department stated that the structure was uninhabitable and that the Red Cross put the occupants in temporary housing.

Damage to the building was estimated at the \$40,000 and \$5,000 to the contents.

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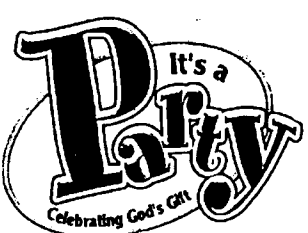
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## Weddings and Engagements:

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Julie and John Coburn of North Ridgeville, announce the marriage of their daughter Christa to Abram Roisman, son of Florence Wagman Roisman and Anthony Roisman at St. Peter Church on May 13, officiated by Rev. Thomas Hyland, pastor. A reception was held at the Cleveland Airport Marriott.

The bride is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and of Boston University with a master of science degree in occupational therapy.

The groom is a graduate of Washington University with a bachelor's degree in finance. The couple work in the Chicago area. The bride is an occupational therapist and her husband is a computer programmer.



Mr. and Mrs. Abram Roisman

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Petras of North Ridgeville, announce the engagement of their son, Mark Petras to Kendra Lucas.

She is the daughter of Dave Lucas of Dripping Springs, Texas and Michelle Lucas of Austin, Texas.

Mr. Petras attends Dallas Baptist University, Dallas. He is employed as a resident director with Dallas Baptist University, Dallas.

His fiancée is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University with a BA in English literature and a minor in psychology. She is employed as an assistant director of freshman recruitment with Dallas Baptist University.

A December wedding is planned.



Kendra Lucas, Mark Petras

## MARRIED, MAY 27

Danielle M. Clark and Jason B. Smith were married on May 27 at St. Peter Church in North Ridgeville with the Rev. Thomas Pajk, associate pastor officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Terry Clark of North Ridgeville. The bridegroom is the son of Stephanie and William Martin of Rocky River and Thomas and Gloria Smith of North Royalton.

The maid of honor was Cheryl Clark, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Megan Clark, sister of the bride, Julie Shields, sister of the groom, Susan Oliver and Nicole Saelter.

James Graham was the best man. Groomsmen were Sean Bogner, Phil Mehallick, Dave Schneider and Justin Shields.

A reception was held at Tom's Country Place in Avon.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1998 with a BS degree in marketing education. She is employed as marketing coordinator at March FIRST in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bridegroom graduated from NRHS



Danielle and Jason Smith

in 1994 and from BGSU in 1998 with a BA in sociology. He is a corporate security representative at Fidelity Investments in Cincinnati.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. They reside in Cincinnati.

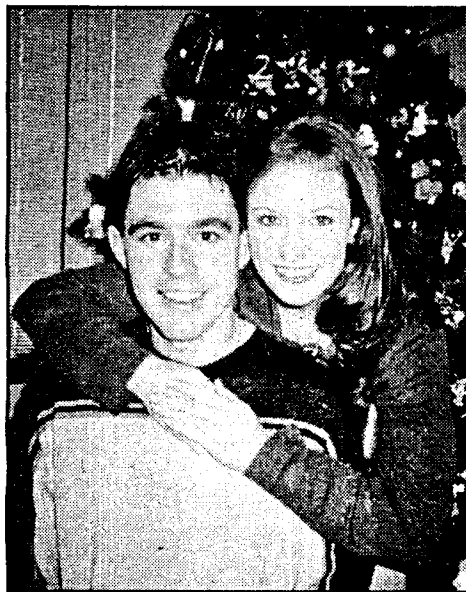
## WEDDING PLANNED

A. J. and Peggy Hill announced the engagement of their son, Andrew J. Hill, to Dawn L. Bertram.

Mr. Hill is a 1994 graduate of North Ridgeville High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Toledo with a BS in biology. He is currently a teacher at Rosary Cathedral Catholic School in Toledo. He is also pursuing a masters degree in education at the University of Toledo.

Miss Bertram is a 1995 graduate of Massillon Washington High School and a recent graduate from the University of Toledo with a degree in elementary education. She plans to begin teaching in the fall.

The couple will exchange vows on July 22 at St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville with the Rev. Thomas Hyland officiating.



Dawn Bertram, Andrew Hill

## Campus Notes:

Tiffany Rogala was awarded a scholarship from the EMH Auxiliary and Foundation. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing at Kent State University.

Jeremy Michael Sikora graduated magna cum laude from Youngstown State University on June 17.

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HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.

N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.

RECOVERY, INC., 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre, 440-236-8841/info.

ALANON, 8-9 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., N.R. 277-6969/info.

## FRIDAY

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at Community Outreach Dept., Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries. N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.

ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults. SUPPORT GROUP FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 1 p.m. Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

## SATURDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Ongoing Karate class for children and adults. \$20/4 lessons. Both classes held in the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.

## SUNDAY

VFW #9871 AUX., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country Breakfast Buffet.

SANDY RIDGE, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Butterflies on the Wing.

SCHOEPLF GARDEN TOUR, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

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APPLIANCE RECYCLING ROUND-UP, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. City Service Garage, 25010 Bainbridge Rd. For more information call 1-800-HHW-LINE.

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 screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL BOOSTERS, 7 p.m. Park & Rec. Office.

N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.

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

## TUESDAY

APPLIANCE RECYCLING ROUND-UP, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. City Service Garage, 25010 Bainbridge Rd. For more information call 1-800-HHW-LINE.

N.R. LIBRARY, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool Story Time.

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

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.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. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info.

TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd. PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Council Chambers. PRESCHOOL PTA, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Cafeteria. VFW #9871, 7:30 p.m. Men's County Council at the post. GARDEN CLUB, 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

APPLIANCE RECYCLING ROUND-UP, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. City Service Garage, 25010 Bainbridge Rd. For more information call 1-800-HHW-LINE.

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch (Tomato Tortilla Turkey Wrap) \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. 353-0828/info.

WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.

WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6p.m.-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info.

BAND BOOSTERS, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Band Room. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. Old Town Hall.

VFW #9871, 8 p.m. Men's Meeting at the post.



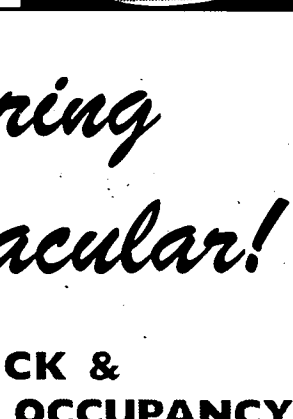
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## Horoscopes:

July 2-8

Aries March 21/April 20

You have big dreams this week, Aries. Unfortunately, a loved one has his or her own plans for you on Monday and Tuesday. This person needs your help with a family matter. While you don't want to get involved, you must. Don't get discouraged though, because you'll have plenty of time for yourself later in the week.

Taurus April 21/May 21

Don't let a minor error by a loved one drive you crazy this week, Taurus. This person doesn't mean to create any problems. It is an honest mistake. Just let it go; it's not worth getting upset about. A close friend turns to you for advice. Be honest with him or her - even if what you have to say won't be appreciated.

Gemini May 22/June 21

A business associate gets into trouble at work early in the week. Instead of letting this person flounder, help him or her out. Your efforts will be appreciated and rewarded. That special someone wants to talk to you on Thursday. Don't get ner-

vous - this is going to be a positive conversation.

Cancer June 22/July 22

Keep your emotions in check when a loved one says something to upset you, Cancer. Instead of getting angry, try to stay calm, and ask this person what he or she really means. This can lead to an honest conversation that actually will enhance your relationship. Scorpio plays a key role.

Leo July 23/August 23

A close friend turns to you for help with a personal problem on Wednesday. While you realize that this person got into this mess on his or her own, he or she needs your assistance to get out of it. Do what you can. That special someone has a surprise for you during the weekend. Enjoy!

Virgo Aug 24/Sept 22

An important business associate is counting on you to get something done this week, Virgo. Don't let him or her down. Work diligently to accomplish the task. This person is sure to be impressed with your efforts and will reward you.

An interesting person asks you out late in the week. Say yes, because it will be a good time.

Libra Sept 23/Oct 23

A loved one offers you constructive criticism regarding your career. While this may hurt your ego, listen to what he or she is saying. It makes sense and can help you to reach your full potential. Sagittarius plays an important role on Friday.

Scorpio Oct 24/Nov 22

You are faced with an interesting dilemma early in the week. Don't back away from this challenge. You certainly can handle it, and you can make some important financial gains from it. A close friend reveals his or her true feelings for you. Let this person down gently, because you don't want to damage your friendship.

Sagittarius Nov 23/Dec 21

Your professional life is getting to be too much to handle right now, Sagittarius. Before making a drastic decision, take time for yourself to think about what you want. Taking a break from the stress will help you to see things more clearly.

That special someone asks you an important question. Be honest.

Capricorn Dec 22/Jan 20

A loved one introduces you to an interesting person during the middle of the week, Capricorn. Don't be shy. This person is sure to like you. Just be yourself, and you'll make a good impression. Business associates ask you out late in the week. Say yes, because it's sure to be a good time.

Aquarius Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't get upset when you find yourself with an incredibly long to-do list this week, Aquarius. You can handle it. All you have to do is prioritize things and work diligently. Then, you're sure to make great strides. Those close to you will be impressed with your organizational skills.

Pisces Feb 19/March 20

Try not to turn your back on a friend in need this week, Pisces. This person comes to you, because he or she doesn't know what else to do. If you stay calm, you're sure to find a solution to this problem.

## Shady Drive from pg. 1

Fields do not drain as quickly as desired after heavy rains.

A. Have playing fields evaluated and recommendations submitted by sports turf specialists.

B. Drains and ditches inspected and cleaned routinely.

3. Concern: Vandalism - Building and vending machines have been broken into at night.

A. Building should be constructed of block with metal doors.

B. Increased police patrols.

4. Concern: High grass around fences and benches.

A. Weed whip around fences and benches routinely.

An added noted stressed that heavy rain this year caused drainage problems and also that recommendations for solutions must go to City Council via the Parks and Recreation Commission.

In another issue, during Wednesday's meeting, Dennis Boose reported a conversation with Safety Service Director Jim Johnson on the question of responsibility for the Parks and Recreation Department, stressing his own opinion that "day-to-day is not what the Parks and Recreation is involved in."

Boose said Johnson cited section 18.5 of

the City Charter to back up the Safety Service Director's contention that the commission should oversee the daily operation. "I don't agree," said Boose.

In attempting to discuss the concerns at Shady Drive with Johnson, Boose said Johnson "spent more time saying it's not their (administration) fault, it's our fault." Boose said that Johnson's view "is a totally different interpretation than a year ago."

Boose recommended that the commission request that the law director review the Charter and give a ruling on who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the department.

Commission member Chuck Kreppel stated that the request should come from Spaulding and said, "I would support a motion to have Jim ask the law director."

Section 18.5 of the Charter lists the powers and duties of the parks and Recreation

Commission including providing for development, maintenance and operation of the city's parks, playground and recreational facilities; assisting organized groups conducting recreational programs; develop and approve recreation programs under the direction of the city within budget; encourage and recommend donation of money and equipment for parks and recreation purposes and recommend the sale or exchange of equipment no longer required; encourage and recommend acquisition of land for recreation as well as the sale of land no longer needed; make a joint recommendation with the mayor for the appointment of a Parks and Recreation Director; assist in preparing the annual budget request for the Parks and Recreation Department; approve all capital improvements, property and equipment purchases and projects over \$1,000.

## Q&A from pg. 1

property owners, all subdivision property owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the maintenance of the open spaces. If the open space is not allowed in common by all of the property owners, an agreement concerning the maintenance of open space acceptable to the Law Director, the Planning Commission and Council must be achieved.

6. If such maintenance is not performed adequately, the Director of Service may, at his or her option, perform the necessary maintenance after serving a five day notice in the same manner as set forth in Section 660 of the General Offenses Code. The reasonable costs thereof shall be paid to the City and if not paid such costs shall be assessed. The City is not bound by such alternative and if the owner or owners fails to comply with the requirements that the common open spaces be maintained as required, an action at law by the City may be commenced against them for the purposes of enforcing compliance. If an action at law is required, at the discretion of the Mayor, reasonable attorney's fees and other costs and expenses incurred in such action by the City shall be paid by the property owners.

Q. Let's get the streets widened on Center Ridge and Lear Nagle before we start to build more homes. The streets are a parking lot.

A. We are constantly searching for economic ways to correct traffic problems through the City.

Q. Waterbury Development is planned to release traffic onto Bender Road, however, the snake curve on Bender Road will remain despite the increased population. Who will clean up the automobile crashes that will follow the increase in traffic?

A. The Administration will address this issues, or any issues which pose a safety haz-

ard to our residents.

Q. Was there a meeting with Dr. Rockwell to discuss PCDs? Was this meeting outside of a School Board meeting?

A. School issues were discussed with Dr. Rockwell, via telephone.

Q. How is a PCD not a "carte blanche" for developers?

A. PCDs give the City and public more control. There are several checks and balances such as hearings, Planning Commission, Building and Land Committee and council approvals. Standard R-1 and cluster subdivision zonings have much less control and public input.

Q. When can we see blueprints for homes in the PCD? What are we going to agree to look at every day?

A. Kingston Place PCD presented pictures or approximately 10 home designs to the Planning Commission and Council at various times. The actual home plans will have to be presented to the Building Department before construction.

Q. Why are parking lots and streets considered "green space?" How can that be if they are concrete or asphalt?

A. They are not considered green space by the PCD Ordinance 3491.99 (sec. B.06, 2-B) that reads:

2. In determining if the proposed open space is in compliance with this section, the Planning Commission shall consider the following criteria

b. The open space should not include private yards, streets, private drives, center island of streets, private parking areas, required setbacks between the project boundary lines and buildings or parking areas, minimum spacing between buildings, landscaping in parking lots and areas required for accessory uses other than open space.

## Police cards send anti-drug message

By Carol Klear

They're colorful little pictures, about the size of the sports cards kids love to trade. They feature a well-known person on one side and a brief profile and personal message on the reverse. The difference is that the personalities shown aren't famous athletes, but rather seven members of North Ridgeville's Police Department and two - Shadow and Basco - part of the NRPD K-9 unit.

The cards were created through funding provided by Lorain County Prosecutor Greg White's office and paid for with confiscated drug funds.

According to North Ridgeville Police Captain Richard Thomas, 10 percent of the seized money goes toward drug education, and the North Ridgeville officers pictured work toward educating youngsters on the effects of drugs.

White credits Thomas with coming up with the idea to help build relations between the police and youngsters in fighting drugs. He concurred with the police captain that the money for the cards came from the forfeiture of drug money.

"North Ridgeville has a great police department," said White and said the concept of the trading cards is a good one. "It's Rick's project," he said.

Patrolman/DARE officer Dean J. Mraz has been a North Ridgeville police officer since 1995. He currently works as both a detective and a DARE instructor. He previously worked as a police officer in a Washington, D.C. suburb and as an M.P. in the Marine Corps. Mraz enjoys golfing and snowmobiling with family and friends.

His personal message, "Think before you act and always remember there are consequences in every choice you make in life. Stay drug free and continue to say 'No!'"

Patrolman/DARE officer Mike Freeman has been employed with the North Ridgeville Police Department since 1994. He is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau and is a DARE officer. Freeman enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter and likes to participate in sports and outdoor activities.

His personal message, "Life is about choices. To make good choices, you must consider the consequences. It's your life, make the smart choice and just say 'No' to drugs and alcohol."

Patrolman Tony Lee has been with the North Ridgeville Police Department since 1994. He is a member of the Community Policing Unit and is responsible for the Explorer Program. Lee was a Scout/Sniper with the U.S. Army and served in Somalia. He enjoys playing most sports and spending time with his family.

His personal message, "Invest in yourself, not in drugs."

Patrolman Corey Sabo has been employed with the North Ridgeville Police Department since 1996. His current assignment is Fields Training Officer

and the Community Police Unit. Sabo enjoys spending time working out.

His personal message, "A hero is one who hangs on one minute longer, so be a hero and say 'No' to drugs."

Patrolman/K-9 Handler Kevin Jones has been with the North Ridgeville Police Department since 1990. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division as a K-9 handler. Jones had previously been assigned to the department's Detective Bureau. He spends most of his free time with his family, but also enjoys baseball and weight-lifting.

His personal message, "When you are drug-free, you control your life."

Patrolman Rick Neiman is a graduate of Lorain County Community College and joined the NRPD in 1987. Neiman's duties have included assignment to the Detective Bureau and to the tactical unit of the department's Crisis Management Team. Neiman is the latest addition to the Community Policing Unit.

His personal message, "If you can see how chemical dependency destroys a person's life and the lives of those around them, then you have the ability to prevent the destruction of your life and of those around you. Choose to get involved."

Patrolman/K-9 Handler Jim Larkin has been employed with the NRPD since 1993. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division as a K-9 handler. Before joining the police department Larkin served in the U.S. Army as a K-9 military policeman. Larkin's hobbies include fishing and spending time with his family.

His personal message, "It is a lot more cool to be drug-free than to try to fit in with losers that use drugs. Don't give in to peer pressure to try drugs when you know it's wrong. Be strong, and just say 'no.'"

K-9 "Basco" is a four-year-old Belgian Malinois who was born in Holland and has been with the NRPD since 1996. He works and lives with Ptlm. Larkin and is trained to locate lost or missing persons and to locate hidden drugs in cars and buildings.

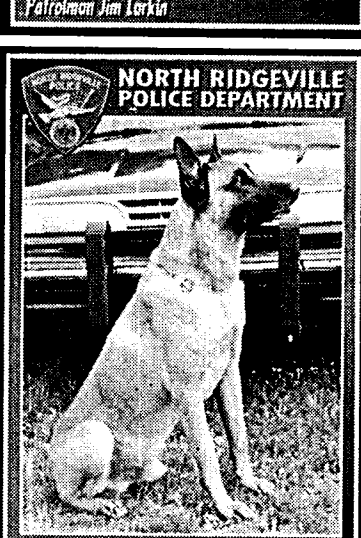
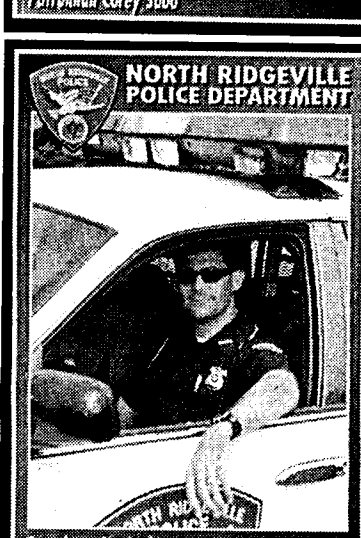
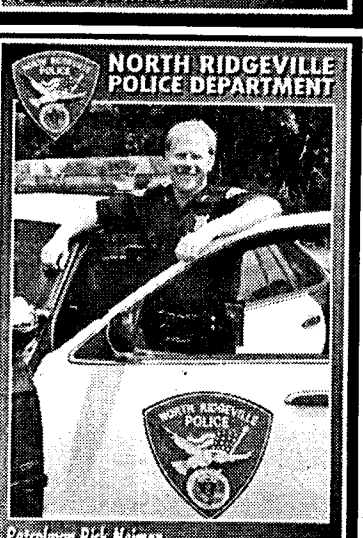
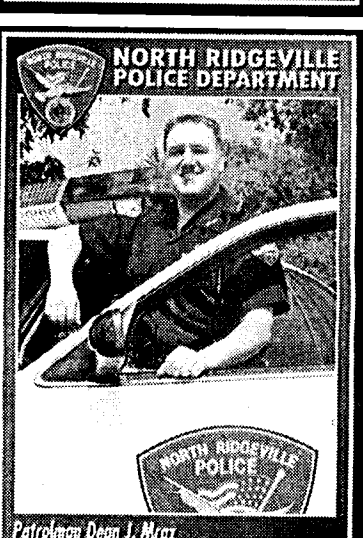
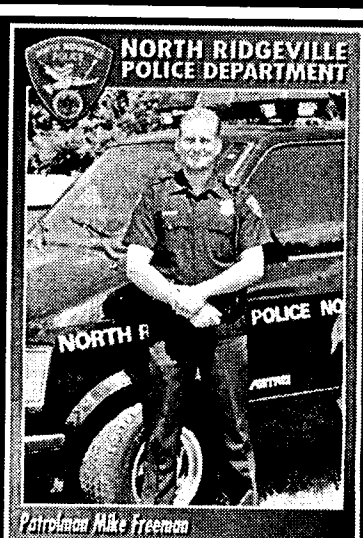
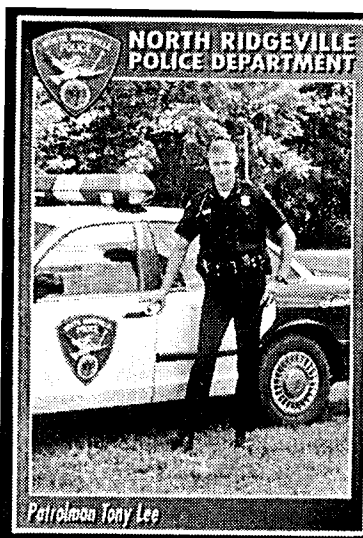
His personal message, "Only losers use drugs. The reason they are called losers is because they lose their friends, families and a chance at a successful life. Be a winner and just say 'no.'"

K-9 "Shadow" is a four-year-old Dutch Shepherd who was born in Germany. He began his law enforcement career in 1996 when he was partnered with Ptlm. Jones. Shadow is certified through the State of Ohio for both narcotics and patrol.

His personal message, "Let others know you say 'no' to drugs."

The police cards are available in limited supply at City Hall.

Not pictured are Ian Wilkshire, a Community Police Officer and Adam Freas, a school resource officer.



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8520 Spencer Ct	Jeremy & Tabitha Reed	Karl Kiesel	\$95,000
36303 Westfield Dr	Brian Dyer & Carolyn Cassidy	Herbert Marshall	\$158,400

## Sports Shorts:

## Speed Camps

Kent State University track staff will conduct two speed camps this summer at the Kent State Outdoor

Track. Session 1 will be on July 22 and session 2 will be Aug. 5. Both camps will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at approximately 4 p.m. Walk-up registration will end at 8:30 a.m. Complete infor-

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## Bankruptcies:

Filed June 6, 2000  
00-14142 - Ryan, Carol Ann, 34423 W. Point Dr., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 7.

Filed June 8, 2000  
00-14252  
Nowakowski, Gregory T. and Nowakowski, Lillian M., 32600 Bagley Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 13.

## Obituaries:

## FRED R. ALLEN

Fred R. Allen, 66, of LaGrange, formerly of North Ridgeville, died at his home June 27, following a four-month battle with cancer.

He was born in Beaverton, Ala. and was raised in Fulton, Miss.

He had been a resident of LaGrange Township for the past 11 years, moving from North Ridgeville where he lived for 30 years. He previously lived in Cleveland for five years.

Mr. Allen retired in 1989 from Ford Motor Company Engine Plant No. 1, Brook Park after 32 years.

He was a member of United Auto Workers Union Local 1250.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pearly Sue, (nee Newton), three sons, John R. Allen of Baldwin, Wis., Victor D. Allen of Stow, Ohio and Joseph M. Allen at home; three daughters, Nellie S. Gisbrecht of Woodville, Wis., Patricia L. Miller of Bay Village and Juanita K. Klinger of Elyria; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his mother; two brothers; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his father; and one brother.

Funeral services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

Burial was in River Road Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arrangements were by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

## JAMES LEONARD SLOAN

James Leonard Sloan, 77, of Wellington, died June 28 at the Elms Retirement Village in Wellington following a long illness.

He was born in Snyderstown, Pa. He resided in North Ridgeville from 1960 to 1971, then LaGrange from 1971 to 1979. He moved to Wellington in 1993 from Port Charlotte, Fla. Where he resided since 1979.

Mr. Sloan was a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946.

He was a telephone repairman for the Elyria Telephone company retiring in 1976 after 17 years.

He was a former member of St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville.

He was an avid sports fan, especially enjoying baseball, softball and football.

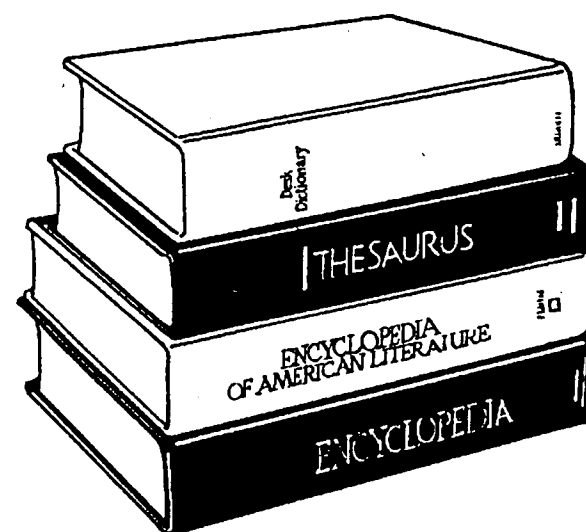
He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dora E. (nee Redwine); one stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert (Lois) Knittel of North Ridgeville; five stepsons, Vollney Ferguson of Grafton; Vennis Ferguson and Kenneth Ferguson, both of Crossville, Tenn; Steve Ferguson of Penfield and Terry Ferguson of Wellington; two sisters.

He was preceded in death by a stepson; two brothers; and his parents.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Church, with the Rev. Thomas J. Pajk, associate pastor officiating.

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

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

**Springs of Life Church, 31860 Bagley Rd.** N. Ridgeville. Family worship and children's church. Sun. 10:30 am; Sun. eve 6 p.m.; Wed. eve 7 pm. Springs of Life Bible College and Shalom Seminary Tue. and Fri. at 7 pm, Sat. at 9 am.

**Church of God, 6000 Lear Nagle Rd.** Rev. Larry Sheffer, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Services 7 p.m.

**Faith Baptist Temple, Rt. 10 & Root Road.** Sunday School for Children & Bible Study for Adults 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Services 7 p.m.

**Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Rd.** C. Michael Gibson, Pastor. Sunday our summer worship service is at 10:00 a.m. with church school for children age 3 through 6th grade beginning at 10:00 a.m. Crib and toddler room available.

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

**New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.** No. Ridgeville. Liberty Center. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Sept-May 9:00 a.m. Christian Education.

**New Life Pentecostal Church of God, 5001 Lear Nagle Rd.** (440) 353-3593. Rev. David Kradlak. Sunday Christian Education 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening service 7:00 p.m.; Second Wed. Women Ministry 7:00 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

**North Ridgeville First Congregational and United Church of Christ, 10000 a.m.; Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Pastor - Rev. Phil Kunz.**

**St. Julie Billart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd.** North Ridgeville, Oh 44039. Phone: 327-1978. (Located between Center Ridge and Mills Road, on the north side of Lear North Elementary School) Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Worship Schedule: Masses: Morning 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Saturday Confession 3:45 p.m. in Chapel or by appointment. Father Richard Gonser, pastor.

**St. Peter Catholic Church, 35877 Center Ridge Rd.** Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass 6, 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Reconciliation Saturdays 4-4:55.

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

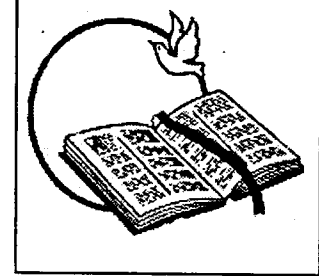
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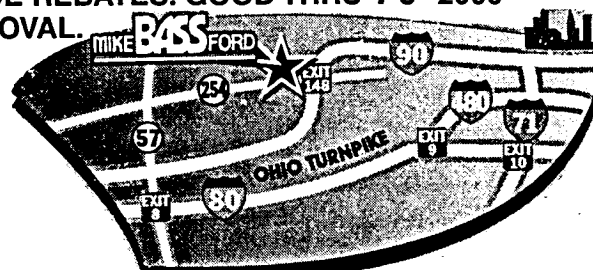
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