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## Bender Road extension paves the way to future development

By Carol Klear

Mayor Dave Gillock and John Beckett opened the extension of Bender Road, Nov. 10. The ceremonial ribbon cutting was the culmination of a partnership between the city and R.W. Beckett Corporation leading to the new half-mile road off Sugar Ridge Road.



Mayor Dave Gillock and John Beckett cut the ribbon to open the new Bender Road extension. P&L photo by Carol Klear.

Gillock said that both the city and R.W. Beckett are winners in the project, that was discussed more than a year ago, noting that it's a good example of the public and private sectors working together.

"It's a priority of our administration to keep businesses here," Gillock said.

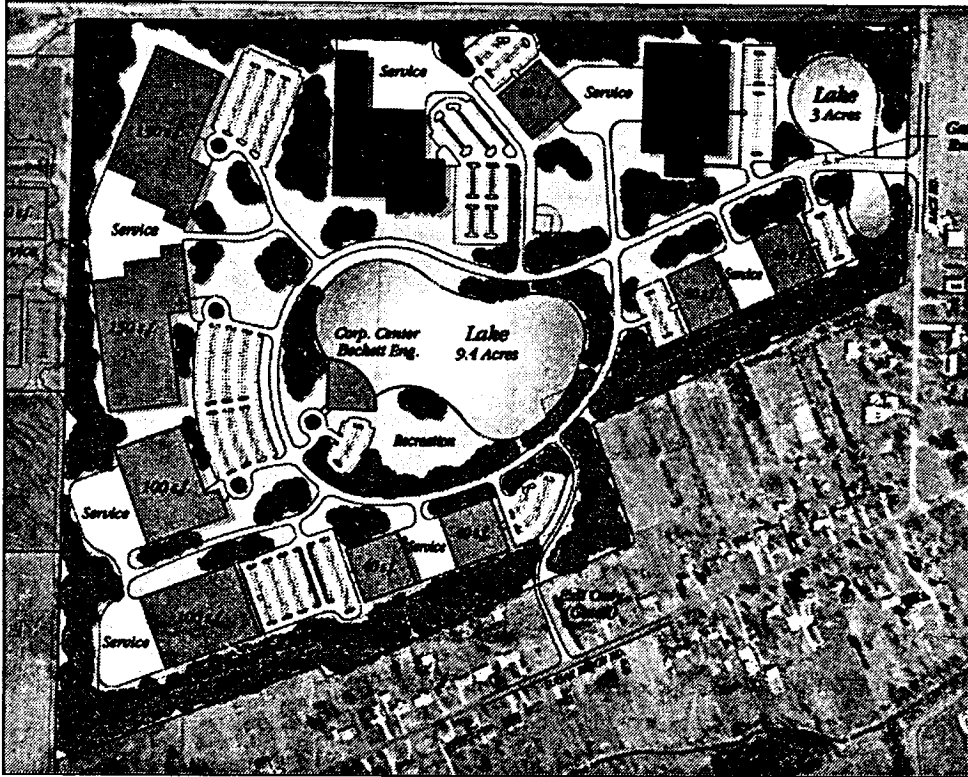
In exchange for agreeing to Beckett's request that the city vacate the concrete street off Race Road that leads to Beckett's property, the company built the Bender Road extension.

"It gives direct access to Taylor Industrial Parkway," Gillock said. The new road provides for easier admission for emergency vehicles and equipment.

Beckett called the partnership a "privilege."

He told the small group gathered for the road opening, that he has had a "long-term vision." The idea is the creation of Beckett Technology Park, which will cover 160 acres, including approximately 30 acres available for sale, accessible via Beckett Parkway, the street the city vacated. The master plan calls for 11 buildings and for Beckett to have direct interest and/or involvement in all businesses in the technology park, through outright ownership, joint ventures, etc. The companies will be linked by value-based, cultural considerations.

"It will mean well over 1,000 jobs," he said. "We'll develop parcels with the residential setback. There will be two



The Beckett Technology Park, to be located east of Race Road and north of Sugar Ridge Road, includes 160 acres, 11 buildings and two lakes. Plans call for a campus-like setting.

lakes on the property to enhance the feel of a campus. Eventually it will have a recreation facility and help service organizations.

"It will be a continuous partnership." As the oversized scissors snipped the ribbon, Beckett said, "I declare the road open."

## Ridgeville puts out welcome mat for relocated businesses

By Carol Klear

Elyria's loss is, as the saying goes, North Ridgeville's gain. And soon 205 employees of Invacare Corporation presently housed on Cleveland Street will relocate to Taylor Parkway.

This is the fourth business in the past several months in the process of moving from Elyria to Ridgeville. Mayor Dave Gillock said the city is not aggressively trying to take business from its neighbor, "but we're glad to have them here."

Gillock said he's known for some time about the move to the vacant Marconi building, but it didn't become public until during last

week's planning commission meeting when Ron Thomas, director facilities engineer for Invacare, requested and received approval to install 12-strand fiber optic cable and voice cable between the buildings.

Gillock said he attends the Taylor Woods meetings and the Marconi building is zoned for office-type use.

"It (Invacare) had to come to planning because of the fiber optics," Gillock said.

Space, or the lack of it, seems to be a factor in the businesses that are shifting from Elyria to North Ridgeville, such as JBC Technology,

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## Just call Ray Diederich a 'man for all seasons'

By Carol Klear

"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor dark of night..." is a phrase usually associated with postal workers. But it could just as easily apply to Ray Diederich, who recently was honored for 55 years as a Cooperative Weather Observer for the National Weather Service.

William M. Comeaux, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Forecast Office in Cleveland, presented Diederich with the Benjamin Franklin Award, a prestigious honor from the National Weather Service.

For more than five decades, Diederich, 75, has made a daily trek to his instrument panel behind the J.P. Diederich Sons Inc. greenhouse to check a thermometer, barometric pressure and rain

gauge. With the weather data about temperatures and other conditions calculated, he goes inside and records his findings as a volunteer for the National Weather Service.

Diederich's knowledge of weather has been pretty much self-taught, but he may have had an edge on some weather observers, growing up in the greenhouse business where climate is crucial. J.P. Diederich Sons Inc. began in 1924 and is the oldest family-owned business in North Ridgeville. Diederich is one of 12,000 weather observers in the country.

In a letter, David L. Johnson, director of the National Weather Service told Diederich, "The observations you fur-

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# Know the Law: Part III-Bizarre laws and ordinances

*Editor's note: This is the third of a four-part series focusing on the criminal justice system. The first week's installment centered on juvenile crime. The second week focused on adults in the criminal justice system. Today's part will allow readers the opportunity to take a firsthand look at some of the outrageous ordinances or laws in their respective city. The fourth article will concentrate on what type of emergency calls local fire departments respond to on a daily basis.*

In virtually every state across the nation and in at least one city in every state lies an outrageous law or ordinance that most people do not even know exists.

For example, according to the website www.dumbblaws.com, which is operated by Andy Powell, if you live in Richmond, Va., it is illegal to flip a coin in a restaurant to see who pays for a coffee. If you reside in Daytona Beach, Fla. and have a car that is no longer in use sitting on your property, you may get fined. And, if you live in Normal, Ill. it is illegal to make ugly faces at dogs.

Think those laws are weird? Think "nothing like that would take place in your city in Ohio?" Think again.

According to Sheffield Lake Clerk of Courts Francine Shover, it is illegal to spit upon the city's sidewalk or "public floor."

"I guess you can't spit in Sheffield Lake, unless it's your own yard," Shover said with a laugh. "I have been employed by the City of Sheffield Lake since 1982 and no one has ever been charged with 'spitting' in public."

Shover said the ordinance was put in place in 1974, but is not sure why.

And, if you think it might be a cute prank to color or sell colored baby rabbits or chicks during Easter season, you may also find yourself in trouble with the law.

Yes, in Sheffield Lake, it is against the law to color or sell colored baby rabbits or chicks any time during the year.

"These are the weirdest ordinances," Shover admitted.

And, as with every city, Sheffield

Lake has ordinances regarding animals. "You are not allowed more than four cats at any one location," Shover said during a recent phone interview.

Furthermore, you cannot have more than four dogs at one location, otherwise it is



considered a "kennel" and residents must follow the rules and guidelines for owning a kennel.

Speaking of animals...cat lovers beware. If you live in Avon Lake and if your cat is outside, it must be on a leash, Avon Lake Police Chief Dave



Owad said. "Who puts a cat on a leash?" Owad asked. "No one, but it's a city ordinance."

And, for those fisherman who like to spend time on Lake Erie, they are allowed to carry a knife for fishing purposes, but there is no specified length of the knife according to Owad. Furthermore, if a person is pulled over and the police officer notices a knife that appears to be concealed, the person can be cited.

However, there is no specific length of the knives carried on a person in Avon Lake. The two knives that are prohibited in Avon Lake are a spring blade and a switchblade.

Also in Avon Lake, if your neighbor is blaring his/her stereo too loud for your ears, you can call the police department, but there is no specific time listed as to when music cannot be played-it can be in the middle of the day, but if the person finds the music to be a "nuisance"

he/she can call the police.

Furthermore, if your neighbor is also working on his/her house, there is no specific time as to when work can begin, but according to Det. Sgt. Jack Hall the contractors and residents of Avon Lake follow a "respectable time" and are asked to not start construction until 7 a.m.

"The city can say there is law regarding noise, but there is no time frame on it," Owad said.

In North Ridgeville, Mayor Dave Gillock said one of the most odd ordinances on the books read, "No person shall do either of the following: Knowingly throw an object at, or drop an object upon any moving aircraft. No person shall knowingly shoot with a bow and arrow or

knowingly discharge a firearm, air gun or spring-operated gun, at or toward any aircraft."

When asked why this ordinance was adopted, Gillock said, "I suspect it was adopted as part of a generic code when our enforcement laws were first put into place. It's part of the Weapons and Explosives Code of our General Offenses Code."

Remember the 1960s when "juke boxes" were popular? Well, if you lived in Sheffield Village in the "Hippy Era," you could not have one in your home or business unless you obtained a license from the mayor.

Sheffield Village Police Chief Mike Gurich is not sure why this ordinance was adopted, but said it was passed in 1966 under the heading "Business Regulations." Ordinance 735.02 reads: "Display; License Required—No person shall display a mechanical amusement device or juke box within the Village without having first obtained a license from the Mayor."

Also in Sheffield Village, there is an ordinance against throwing or shooting missiles. Again, Gurich is not sure why this ordinance is on the books, but it reads that no person shall throw, shoot or propel an arrow, missile, pellet, stone, metal or substance capable of causing

physical harm. "I don't know why these were set in place, I did ask around and nobody can recall," Gurich said.

And, in Avon, until recently, a person who was 18 years of age was not allowed to hold a seat on city council despite the fact a person is considered an adult at the age of 18 and can join the Armed Forces.

That is when Avon resident Larry Hoekstra decided to change the law.

"The law stated that you must be a resident and qualified elector of the City of Avon for at least two years. A qualified elector is a registered voter, thus requiring a city council member to be registered to vote for at least two years, making the minimum age 20," Hoekstra said. "The state law for unchartered cities permitted 18-year-olds to run for city council and the requirement for state representative was only 18. This inconsistency led me to approach council to get the age requirement changed."

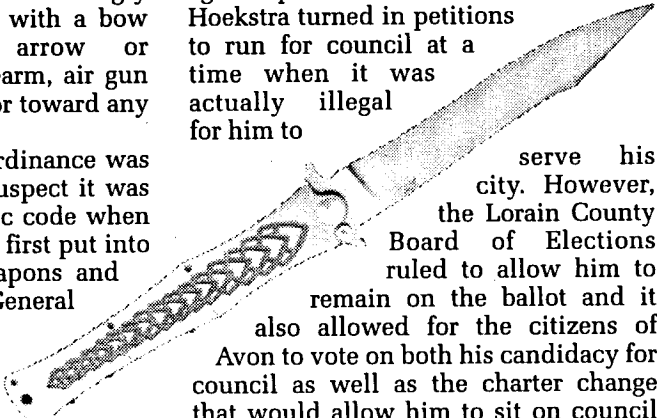
Avon City Council eventually passed the ordinance submitting the change of age requirement to voters and Hoekstra turned in petitions to run for council at a time when it was actually illegal for him to

serve his city. However, the Lorain County Board of Elections ruled to allow him to remain on the ballot and it also allowed for the citizens of Avon to vote on both his candidacy for council as well as the charter change that would allow him to sit on council legally. While he did lose his first race for city council, the voters of Avon agreed that the age requirement should be changed and 85 percent of the city voted for the change.

"A year later, I asked the Avon Lake Charter Review Commission to put a similar charter amendment on the ballot, they did and it passed with a very high approval rate as well," Hoekstra said.

And, for those of you who may not know what Hoekstra is doing today, he is serving the City of Avon as its council president.

"Upon bringing the issue before council I had no political ambition other than to change the age requirement for council but when the issue received stiff opposition for what I felt was political reasons I decided I would run for council if I was able," Hoekstra said.



# Middle school students honor veterans in a special way

By Carol Klear

At a time when so many families are being touched by the ravages of war, two teachers at North Ridgeville Middle School rallied students to pay special homage, beginning Nov. 11, to families and friends who are veterans of various conflicts.

Eighth-grade English teachers, David Pritt and Lisa Harrelson, helped the youngsters create a red, white and blue Wall of Honor throughout the school's first floor, with additional displays on the second floor.

Harrelson said she and Pritt gave each student a large white star with space for information about the veteran, including his/her name, branch of service, number of years and the country where the service person served.

When the star was returned, it was attached to either a red or a blue background. The day before Veterans Day, Pritt, Harrelson and members of the Builders Club lined the halls with more than 300 stars, some containing photos of those in service.

Pritt led by example and prepared stars honoring both his dad, Donald Pritt, who served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1969 and was stationed in Thailand and his brother, who was in the Navy from 1992-94.

John Borecki is listed on a star with the information that he was in the Army in WWII. Cheryl Glor has been in the Army since 1999 and has served tours in Alaska, Germany and Africa.

There are some old photos on display including a wedding photo of James Wilcox Crow and his bride. Crow was in the Army for four years during WWII.

A picture of Elliot Rodriguez shows the young man, a member of the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, who served in the Persian Gulf.

Sixth-grader Nathan Lucas' photo stirred a lot of conversation. It shows a picture of his dad with Elvis Presley.

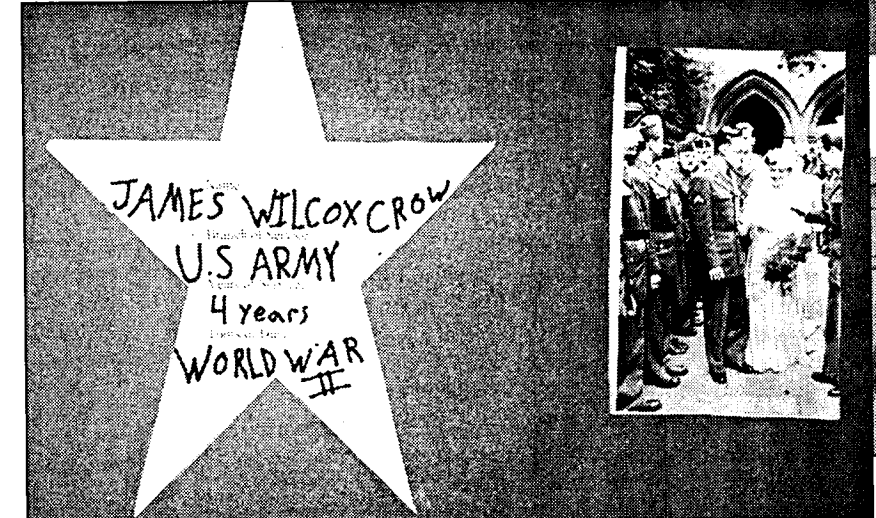
Harrelson said the youngster told her, "Elvis Presley was in the Army with my dad."

Besides honoring veterans of many wars, the project initiated conversations between parents and students and grandparents and their adult children or grandchildren.

"I told the children, 'ask your grandfather,'" Harrelson said. "My husband called his dad in Mississippi and they talked for 30 minutes (about the war)."

Sixth-grade teacher, Cathy Benford said, "This is the best thing I've ever seen the middle school do."

The display will remain for a while, Harrelson said, and invited the public to the middle school to see it.



Eighth-grader Allison Tester's dad, Lloyd Tester (picture on wall), served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-67 and was in Vietnam and the Cuban Blockade. At right, teachers David Pritt and Lisa Harrelson. P&L photo by Carol Klear

An old wedding picture is among those displayed on the Wall of Honor at the middle school.



Elliot Rodriguez was in the Air Force for 20 years.

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### RIDGEVILLE ROUNDUPS

#### JENNY MILLER

The North Ridgeville graduate and Baldwin-Wallace College sophomore forward has been named as a second-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference player for the second straight season. Miller led the Yellow Jackets in scoring for the second straight season in 2004. This fall she had 12 goals and five assists for 29 points. She led the team in both total shots with 84 and shots on-goal with 42. After two years at B-W, Miller has tallied 19 goals and six assists for 44 points to rank 10th on the all-time scoring list.



#### MIKE HASZTO

Points and positive recognition continued to flow for North Ridgeville native Mike Haszto this past weekend, as the defenseman added an assist and was +5 in the two victories over a nationally ranked Dubuque, Iowa team from the Minnesota Junior Hockey League. Haszto was a large part of the two game sweep as a strong and stingy defense contributed heavily in the 4-1 and 6-2 victories on the road in Dubuque. Haszto, who has two goals and six assists in 10 games, is currently listed as the number-one defenseman on the team on the depth chart.



### ON DECK

**Junior Ranger basketball**  
The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation office is now taking registrations for the Junior Ranger basketball camp to take place Jan.-March of 2005. Boys and girls in grades 3-6 can learn the rules, strategies, fundamentals and sportsmanship from North Ridgeville High School varsity coach Mark Rechin and his staff. The goal is to promote, support, develop and improve basketball opportunities for the youth of North Ridgeville. Registration deadline is Dec. 17. For more information, contact the parks and recreation office at 353-0860.

**KSU softball camp**  
The Kent State University softball team is sponsoring a fastpitch skills camp on Nov. 21 for girls in grades 6-10. The camp will provide instruction on pitching, hitting, bunting, base running and defensive position work. There will also be information sessions on speed and mental training. Athletes must pre-register. Enrollment is limited. Cost is \$90. The camp will take place at the Kent State Field House from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, please call the Kent State Field House at (330) 672-2421 or check out the website at [www.kentstatesports.com](http://www.kentstatesports.com) and click on sports camps.

### EDUCATION

**Study in Germany**  
AFS Intercultural Programs/USA announces that 50 full scholarships will be awarded this year to high school students who want to study in Germany through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. These prestigious scholarships cover a year of study in Germany, which is equivalent to more than \$8,800 per student. Established in 1983, and jointly sponsored by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, the program is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

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remains largely a volunteer effort with more than 8,000 AFS Volunteers in the U.S., 100,000 worldwide.

To qualify for Congress-Bundestag scholarship consideration, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; be U.S. Citizens, or national or permanent residents; and be between the ages of 15-18 at the start of the program. Students will depart in September 2005.

Students must submit completed applications post-marked by Dec. 16.

For more information, visit <http://www.afsonline.org/afsupresskit.nsf> and click on Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Release, October 2004.

### What's for lunch?

- For Nov. 18-Nov. 24, 2004
- North Ridgeville Middle School/High School**  
Thur: Turkey w/ gravy, roll, whipped potatoes, fruit, corn, milk.  
Fri: Fish filet sandwich or chicken patty sandwich, potato and cheese pierogies, coleslaw, mixed fruit, milk.  
Mon: Pizza or shaved turkey on a bun, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.  
Tue: Taco mega snack or chicken fingers, roll, green beans, applesauce, milk.  
Wed: No school.
- North Ridgeville Elementary**  
Thur: Turkey w/ gravy, roll, whipped potatoes, fruit, corn, milk.  
Fri: Fish filet sandwich or chicken patty sandwich, fries, fruit, milk.  
Mon: Cheese pizza, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.  
Tue: Taco mega snack, roll, green beans, applesauce, milk.  
Wed: No school.
- St. Peter Catholic School**  
Thur: Breaded chicken w/ stuffing and dinner roll or hamburger, mashed potatoes, apple, milk.  
Fri: Fish sandwich or cheese pizza, fruit and nut nutrition bar, oranges, milk.  
Mon: Pizza bagel or chicken nuggets, green beans, grape juice, milk.  
Tue: Nachos w/ meat, cheese or tortilla chips or hot dog, corn, pears, milk.  
Wed: No school.

#### HISTORY, from page 11

Amherst scored on them. The scores of those contests were 35-12 and 38-8, respectively.

"It was hard for teams to run on us," Laveen recalled. "Number one, they usually found they were behind early. If we get them three and out on a punt, after a while they would have to throw the ball. And we had two outstanding defensive backs in Tom Berthold and Terry Pickett. Both of them were about 6'1", 6'2". We just ran the 5-2 and they would slash in. Dave Dennis and Frank Dennis were our linebackers. Dave might have been a better linebacker

than a fullback. We had a lot of talent on the defense."  
"The defense played a 5-2 monster," Harnish said. "It was possibly the most active defense that you could imagine. Pickett and Berthold were so quick, nothing was able to get outside and they contained everything. With Dennis and Dennis at the linebacker spots, they didn't let much get by them."  
With 13 all-conference players and 12 all-county players, the Rangers had a lot of depth. The team was more than just Best, Dave Dennis, Frank Dennis, Sheehan, Gardner, Pickett, Piccolomini and Berthold. Jim Twearid, Mark Heuser, Curtis Season, Kevin Peepers and Eric

Buterbaugh were other standouts for the Rangers. According to Harnish, they were also a close unit.  
"We haven't seen a team where we had good people coming in to spell the ones they are playing," Harnish said. "We haven't seen that in ages. On the varsity squad alone, we probably had 60 individuals back then. That's not counting the freshman team."  
"Those kids played well together and hung together. They were a really tight team."  
Despite all their success, the only thing the Rangers weren't that year was a playoff team. In 1978, only one team per region was chosen to play in the state playoffs. Berea, who was ranked second in the state that year, was the region's one selection.

"Westlake played Berea and us," Harnish said. "The Westlake coaches said we were by far the better team. But the strength of our schedule was what did us in. Westlake said we hit harder and our blocking was better. Were we the better team? We'll never know, but we felt we were state caliber. We thought very few teams could stay with us because we had so many weapons."

**1978 NORTH RIDGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**10-0 overall, 7-0 Lakeland Conference**

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NRHS 35.....East Cleveland Shaw 12 | NRHS 40.....Vermilion 0  |
| NRHS 18.....Westlake 0             | NRHS 19.....Midview 0    |
| NRHS 47.....Avon 0                 | NRHS 35.....Oberlin 0    |
| NRHS 23.....Clearview 0            | NRHS 42.....Wellington 0 |
| NRHS 38.....Amherst 8              | NRHS 77.....Brookside 0  |

**Team Rankings:**

|                           |                               |                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No. 1 Lakeland Conference | No. 1 Chronicle Telegram Poll | No. 4 Cleveland Press Poll |
| No. 5 Plain Dealer Poll   | No. 7 Computer Region One     | No. 17 State AP Poll       |

### NATIONAL DEANS LIST

**North Ridgeville students, teachers included on National Deans List**

Meghan Baker, Lorain County Community College; Julie Blythin, Lorain County Community College; Katherine Breier, Lorain County Community College; Megan Clark, Bowling Green State University; Sarah De Laat, Bowling Green State University; Rebecca Deamon, Lorain County Community College; Abigail Dodd, Ohio University; Patricia Dunn, Lorain County Community College; Jerrold Federer, Bowling Green State University; Shawna Green, Otterbein College; Randal Grose, Lorain County Community College; Naomi Halasz, Boston University; Kristy Hawk, Lorain County Community College; Janelle Johnson, Lorain County Community College; Jessica Kearney, Lee University; Susan Lewton, Purdue University, West Lafayette; Jeannette Martin, Lorain County Community College; Gary McCully, Lorain County Community College; Hoa Q. Nguyen, Lorain County Community College; Roseanna Parsons, Clark State Community College; Jennifer Pollarone, College of Wooster; Jessica Rothschild, Kent State University; Judy Selee, Lorain County Community College; Kristalyn Sheveland, De Paul University; Kyle Sittar, Miami University; Maren Worley, New England College.

**Who's Who Among American High School Students**

Melissa Barner, Allison Bartolozzi, Rachel Bass, Vivian Baughman, Michael Baumann, Melissa Beaver, Colleen Bement, Kristin Bianca, Lindsey Bodjanac, Katherine Boose, Adam Bowers, Sean Bunevich, Victoria Burdette, Mario Caruso, Aaron Costin, Brittani Craft, Michael Crow, Kimberly Fekete, Rachel Firak, Julie Gardner, Melanie Gardner, Sarah Gudgeon, Marissa Hausler, Jill Holava, Andrea Jones, Matthew Keller, Kevin Klanac, Katherine Klima, Matthew Kory, Samantha Lauffer, Melissa Lee, Courtney Lore, Jena Lowe, Tracey Lucas, Crystal Matjusic, Christa McGuire, Laura McGuire, Shawn Mills, Grace Mole, Michelle Moschner, Daniel Mulhall, Johnathan Mulhall, Brianna Murray, Sarah Nulter, Amber Pierce, Amanda Ramsey, Joshua Rodriguez, Alissa Rothger, Michael Russo, Tina Samaroo, Geoff Schmidt, Tiffany Smith, Kristen Schreimm, Sarah Scott, Dylan Smith, Amanda Snodgrass, Alicia Songer, Danielle Stampfer, Jared Stermole, Beth-Ann Stizaker, Meghan Sumney, Brit Swanson, Erika Swanson, Tatjana Taleff, Katherine Tracey, Patrick Vargo, Alex Vasilevskiy, Chris Volny, Megan Walling, Allison Zupancic.

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WEDDING

Proper, Littlejohn wed

Rebecca Lynn Proper and Willie Rondale Littlejohn were married Oct. 2, 2004 at the Middleburg Heights Community Church. Pastor Randy Phillips, senior pastor of Oak River Church, officiated. He was assisted by Pastor Bill Martin of Oak River Church and Dr. Kent Knife of Middleburg Heights Community Church.



Rebecca and Willie Littlejohn

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Judy Proper of North Ridgeville. The groom is the son of Melvin Sr. and Diane Littlejohn of Cleveland.

A reception was held at the UAW Hall in Brook Park.

The bride is a graduate of Westminster College in Pennsylvania and is employed as an associate recruiter for Key Bank.

The groom is a graduate of David N. Myers University and is employed as an assistant controller for Sunnyside Auto in Middleburg Heights.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas. They reside in Parma.

IN THE SERVICE

Broome completes basic training

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Luke D. Broome has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.



Broome

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Rodenda Biro of North Ridgeville. Broome is a 2004 graduate of North Ridgeville High School.

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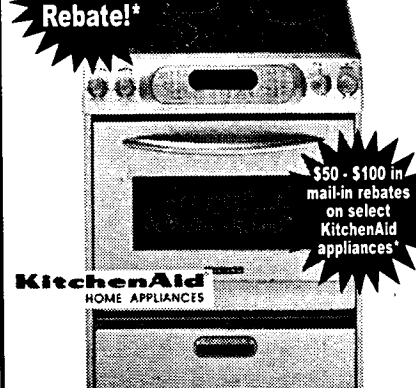
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LIFESTYLES

Easter Seals offers help

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Easter Seals is also taking referrals for children with reading delays in third-grade and up. Service for reading assistance, including phonics and comprehension, will begin in January 2005. Spaces are limited. The reading clinic will be held in the Avon/Avon Lake area.

Junior Achievement receive national honor

Junior Achievement (JA) of Lorain

County has been awarded the non-profit organizations' Bronze Summit Award. The Summit Award is one of Junior Achievement's highest honors. It is given by the National Junior Achievement organization to local JA offices that have reached outstanding success in financial health, program quality, management effectiveness and program growth. JA of Lorain County was recognized for this accomplishment on Oct. 19 at the Junior Achievement North Central U.S. Regional Training held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Representatives of the area office will attend the seminar to accept the award. This was the first time in three years that the office has received the Summit Award.

Calling all alumni for class reunions

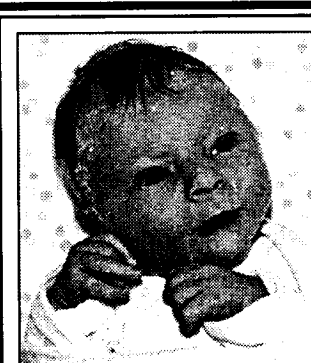
Class of '85 reunion

Plans are underway for the 20-year reunion for the Brunswick High School Class of 1985. A dinner is planned on July 23, 2005 at the Wyndham Hotel, Cleveland Playhouse Square. The committee is looking for area classmates. Please e-mail Christi Chizmar-Patrick with your mailing address, and those of any classmates you still keep in contact with to: BHS85REUNION@aol.com. A formal

invitation will be sent in the coming months with more details.

NRHS Class of 1994 reunion

North Ridgeville High School Class of 1994 will celebrate its 10-year reunion Thanksgiving weekend. Sign up on Classmates.com for more information and to update your contact information. Anyone needing more information, or to help with the reunion, e-mail Gloria at GloriaKarban@yahoo.com.



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Lorain County Solid Waste awarded grant

The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, under the direction of the county commissioners, has been awarded a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$52,700.

The monies will be used to strengthen recycling and litter prevention programs in rural communities with a population of 10,000 or less. This grant will focus on the illegal dumping of tires and household hazardous waste (HHW). The USDA Rural Development's Solid Waste Management Grant Program has awarded \$495,100 in grant funds to eight counties in Ohio for the purpose of enhancing their recycling education and awareness programs. This grant will run from now-Sept. 30, 2005.

For more information, contact Dan Billman at 329-5442 or at dbillman@lorcounty.com.

Russell/Kiefer merger

Russell Realtors recently announced a merger with Kiefer Real Estate Inc. in Medina County. Kiefer will now operate under the Russell name. Russell, serving all of Northern Ohio has offices in

Amherst, North Ridgeville, Westlake, Parma, Strongsville and now Medina.

Salespersons rank in Top 10

Sales associates from Coldwell Banker Hunter Realty were ranked in the Top 10 for the third quarter of 2004 in the state of Ohio for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation.

EMH recognized for clinical excellence

EMH Regional Medical Center and the Hospital for Orthopedic and Specialty Services have received top ratings for clinical quality in cardiac service and joint replacements, respectively, according to a new study released today by HealthGrades, a leading independent healthcare quality company.

As part of its seventh annual "Hospital Quality in America Study," HealthGrades analyzed 5,000 hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for its 2005 ratings, assessing clinical outcomes, performance and quality.

The HealthGrades ratings measure whether patient outcomes for each of more than two dozen procedures

and diagnoses are better than expected (5-Star), as expected (3-Star) or worse than expected (1-Star). Earning a 5-Star designation indicates that a hospital has scored in the Top 15 percent or better in the nation for clinical quality.

According to Sarah Loughran HealthGrades executive vice president, in Lorain and Western Cuyahoga counties, EMH Regional Healthcare System stands out in providing quality care.

The 2005 HealthGrades ratings for all hospitals nationwide are available, free of charge on the web at www.healthgrades.com.

Local funeral home receives award

David Bogner Family Funeral Home Inc., of North Ridgeville received the 2004 National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Pursuit of Excellence Eagle award. This mark of excellence honors funeral homes for their outstanding community service, technical ability and professional integrity. David Bogner Family Funeral Home Inc. is one of 245 funeral homes that were presented a Pursuit of Excellence award during the 2004 NFDA Convention & Expo in Nashville.

What's new at Lorain Public Library System's North Ridgeville Branch

Preschool story time

Sign up for preschool story time at the library. The 30-minute story program will be held Mondays, now-Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, now-Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Thursdays, now-Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., or Saturdays, now-Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. The program is open to 3 1/2-5-year

olds and features stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Pre-register by calling 327-8326.

Join the classics book discussion group

The "classics" book discussion group will meet Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the library. This month's selection is "The Heart of the Matter," by Graham Greene. Anyone inter-

ested in joining the discussion can pick up a copy of this book at the library's information desk.

Library closed for Thanksgiving

The library will be closed Nov. 24 at 5 p.m. and all day Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will open for regular hours Nov. 26.

Government contact numbers

Table with Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety Service Director Denny Johnson, Council members, Council President Dr. Ron Arndt, Ward 1-4 contact info, Asst. Clerk of Council Paula Cope, Clerk of Council Charles A. Norris, At-Large: Bernadine Butkowski, At-Large: Andy Young.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Brinker

Patricia A. Brinker (nee Bailey), 63, of Elyria, died Oct. 30, 2004, at New Life Hospice Residential Center, Lorain, following a long illness.

She was born in Cleveland and raised in North Ridgeville. She lived in Elyria since 1965.

She graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 1958.

Mrs. Brinker loved animals and gardening. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, John Brinker; stepsons, Daniel Brinker of Girard and John Brinker of Vermilion; stepdaughters, Anne Marie Linden of Wellington and Jodi Brinker of Oberlin; her brother, William J. Bailey of Middleburg Heights; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Mae (nee Prince) and William J. Bailey Sr.; and her brother, Robert L. Bailey, in 2002.

Arrangements were handled David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was celebrated Nov. 3 in St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lorain County Animal Protective League, 3303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria 44035; or American Diabetes Association, 155 Ken-Mar Parkway, Broadview Heights 44147.

Timothy J. Grambley

Timothy J. Grambley, 78 of North Ridgeville, died Nov. 7, 2004 at EMH Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born January 9, 1926 in Lakewood. He had resided in North Ridgeville for most of his life.

Mr. Grambley served in the US Army Air Corp during WW II. He received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with four bronze stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with one bronze star and the WWII Victory Medal.

He owned and operated the Lorain Travel Bureau for 20 years before retiring in 1972.

He was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in North Ridgeville, where he formerly had served as a deacon and the moderator. He enjoyed reading, traveling, doing electrical work and had built his own home on Maddock Road in North Ridgeville. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts Troop 155.

Surviving are his wife, Velma (nee Hopkins); two sons, Tim P. Grambley of Berkley Springs, W.Va. and Michael Grambley of Geneva, Switzerland; one daughter, Sandra Auner of North Ridgeville; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one brother, William Grambley of Mesa, Ariz.

Preceding him in death were his parents, William J. Grambley and Nellie Huffman; two sisters, Ruth Myers-McGrieger and Nell Laubenthal-Rehling; his twin, James Grambley, and brothers, Willard and Andrew Grambley.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. Funeral services were private. Interment was in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Donald C. Gutzeit

Donald C. Gutzeit, 75, of North Ridgeville, died Nov. 5, 2004, at Westlake Healthcare Center following a brief illness.

He was born Dec. 30, 1928, in Norwalk and lived in North Ridgeville most of his life.

He was employed by the city of Elyria as a foreman in the forestry department for 22 years. He had also been employed as a forester for the Union Line Clearance Co. in Cleveland.

Mr. Gutzeit attended St. Paul United Church of Christ, Elyria, and was a former member of the Elyria Moose Lodge and the Elyria Eagles Club. He enjoyed playing billiards, ballroom dancing, playing cards, hunting and woodworking.

Survivors include his daughters, Christine Sallay of Avon Lake and Kathleen Gutzeit and Linda Campana, both of North Ridgeville; son, Ken Gutzeit of Livermore, Calif.; and nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ernestine, in 1989; sisters, Dorothy Gill and Mary Lieb; and brothers, Wilbert, Kenneth and Alvin Gutzeit; and a grandson.

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria, where services were held Nov. 8. Burial was at Sugar Ridge Cemetery, North Ridgeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120; or the American Cancer Society, 43099 North Ridge Road, Elyria 44035.

George Charles Yasher

George Charles Yasher, 80, of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., died Oct. 2, 2004, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

Mr. Yasher was born April 1, 1924, in Mammoth, Pa.

Before retiring, he was a supervisor at the Ford Motor Co. Cleveland Casting Plant.

Survivors include his wife, Carroll Marie Cuhns Yasher; daughters, Susan Durham of Arab, Ariz., Mary Philemon of Ocean Isle Beach, Roxanne Schenk of Frederick, Md., Kathleen Larkin of LaGrange and Georgia Farmer of North Ridgeville; sisters, Marcella Ridenour of Sheffield Village, Betty Jean Ward of Lorain and Regina Davies of Elyria; and 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George J. and Mary Doslack Yasher, and his brother, Regis Yasher.

Services were held Nov. 8 at St. Agnes Church, Elyria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Eastern NC Chapter, Overland Road, Suite 208, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

Jane M. Husbands

Jane M. Husbands (nee Frost), 79, of Elyria, died Nov. 7, 2004, at her home, following a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Bellevue, and lived most of her life in Elyria.

Mrs. Husbands was employed by Timms Spring Co., Elyria, for 30 years.

She was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star Stone City Chapter 325 and a member of the Elyria Moose Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1079 Auxiliary. She enjoyed camping and travel.

Survivors include her son, Terry M. Husbands of North Ridgeville; daughter, Shirley Rallo of Enterprise, Ala.; brother, Forest Frost of Sandusky; and six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Vernon Jacobs; by her second husband, John V. Husbands; her parents, Joy M. and Florence L. (nee Boyer) Frost; sister, Vivian Keller; and brother, Donald Frost.

Arrangements were handled by Reichlin-Roberts Funeral Home, Elyria, where services were held Nov. 11. The Rev. Paul Jaster, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Raffalena Angela Fortino

Raffalena Angela Fortino (nee Rocco), 81, of North Ridgeville, died Nov. 9, 2004.

She was born in Cleveland, where she graduated from West High School and attended Fenn College.

She was past commander of an American Legion Post in Cleveland and a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Sheffield Lake. She enjoyed ceramics, bowling, crocheting and knitting and collected dolls.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Silvio Fortino; sons, John Fortino of North Jackson, Gene Fortino of Martinez, Ga., and Tony Fortino of Amherst; daughters, Mary Severin of North Ridgeville, and Theresa Grife of Sheffield Lake; and 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Eugene and Frances (nee Imbrogno) Rocco; brothers, Dominic, Americo and Joseph Rocco; and sisters, Mary Medaglia, Helen Dietz, Nancy Davis, Frances Lengen and Jean Roth.

Arrangements were handled by Corrigan-Berry Funeral Home, Westlake. A Mass was celebrated Nov. 13 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Your community newspaper... The Press & Light

POLICE & FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Bike found

Police recovered a bike on Olive Street near the power lines.

Out of office

An officer stopped a vehicle for an expired registration at the intersection of SR 20 and Barton Road. The driver was then arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic stop; then DUI

An adult female was stopped for a traffic violation at Barton and Woodland roads and was subsequently arrested for DUI.

Hefty heist

Boards and plywood valued at \$1,700 were stolen from a construction site on Victoria Lane.

Lots of violations

Police stopped a black Chevy Geo Tracker on Chestnut Ridge Road at Forest Glen Way and arrested a male for DUI, possessing more than one driver's license, driving in marked lines and under-age consumption.

Doin' drugs and violent

Officers responded to a domestic situation on Lear Nagle Road. They arrested a 19-year-old female for domestic violence and drug paraphernalia.

Shoplifter...almost

Police answered a call on Giant Eagle security that had detained a shoplifter. An adult female was arrested.

No smoke; no fire

Firefighters went to Lear Nagle and Chestnut Ridge Road concerning a possible brush fire next to the road. The crew was unable to locate any smoke or fire in the area. No hazard was found.

Where's the fire?

Firefighters drove through the area near Main Avenue checking for fire, but found none. They talked to the resident that smelled smoke, but did not know the source. They were unable to find the fire.

Put it out!

The fire department received a call about unauthorized burning from Dorchester. They found a smoldering leaf fire that was 5 feet from a shed that were unattended. It was also 5 feet from a wood-fence. Homeowners were unaware of the city's burning ordinance. The crew witnessed the fire being extinguished.

Just a bunch of leaves

Firefighters went to Barton Road to investigate a brush fire, but found nothing but a small pile of leaves that had burned itself out.

Clean it up

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Avon Belden Road home. The BFI crew applied an absorbent to the leak and spill that was mostly on the road and berm. The owner was advised that BFI was to clean up the spill. There was no contamination in the waterway or in the sewer.

Who set the fire?

There was a fire in the woods next to the high school on Pitts Boulevard. Approximately one-half of an acre was burning. The crew used water to put it out, but was unable to locate the source of the ignition. School had let out a few minutes before and high school students might have set the fire.

Transports

The North Ridgeville Fire Department had 29 EMS runs and 10 fire runs Nov. 3-11. There were 12 runs to EMH Regional Medical Center and 13 to St. John West Shore. There were four "no transports."

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