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School district asks community input during forum at Education Center

By Carol Klear

Schools have changed over the years, as has the process of educating students. To keep pace with the adjustments requires planning, Superintendent Larry Bowersox told the audience at the March 25 Community Forum at the Education Center.

"Planning becomes crucial," he said and community input is important.

The 60 people attending were divided into two groups and encouraged to share ideas on how the district could build on its strengths, make improvements where needed and discern when teachers, administrators and support staff are doing a good job.

Lively discussions also addressed the best use of Fields Sweet School, as well as the district's potential for investing in some of the older facilities. The

city's anticipated growth is another concern and diverse opinions surfaced on how best to handle the additional students, including the possibility of clustering.

There seemed to be a consensus that updating the curriculum, text-books and courses of study is paramount to maintaining the district's effectiveness. Emphasizing technology and replacing outdated equipment is another way of keeping in step.

One mother said she would like to see the schools work toward "character development" in grades K-12 and teach children how to respect adults and classmates, alike. With many parents working, she said, children are not taught things at home as they had been in the past.

Communication is a good yardstick for determining the district's success and Becky Campbell, said she thinks the schools do a "fantastic job" in that area. She noted that the public could learn a lot through the "School Watch," the proficiency issues and general information that come from the schools.

Maria Sycz said the school report card is a good barometer, as well, adding it can be obtained on-line.

Councilman Dave Gillock said what he hears throughout the community is positive and a "good indicator" of residents' perception of the district.

In the area of improvements, Campbell, a library aide at Liberty Elementary, said she felt there is a need for staff development.

Nancy Kubiak, a first-grade teacher at Wilcox School, suggested additional full-time guidance counselors, stressing the difficult situations teachers must deal with today.

"The problems (today) are more serious and more complex,"

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Long may they wave

These American and Bicentennial flags billow in the breeze in the front yard of the Lee Doverspikes' home on Eastview Avenue. (P&L photo by Carol Klear)

Brownies learn about their state and earn special 'Celebrate Ohio' patch

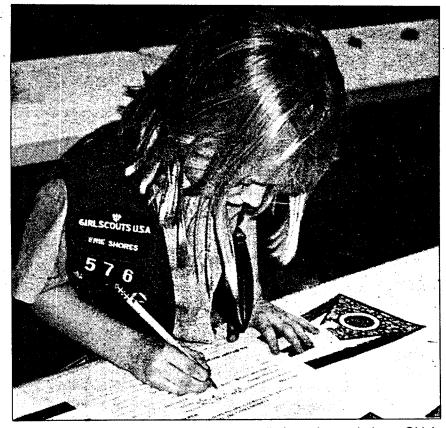
By Carol Klear

Chris Elkanick calls herself "a relatively new Brownie leader," but she obviously has learned quickly what it takes to keep little girls interested in a project. In keeping with Ohio's Bicentennial, Elkanick organized a plan to help Brownie Troop 576 earn a "Celebrate Ohio" patch, learn about its state and share what they learned with others.

Recently Elkanick set up a display in St. Peter's gym with a variety of facts about the State of Ohio. The Brownies made their way from station to station, reading informative clues then jotting down the correct answers. To earn a patch, the girls had to have the right answer to each question.

Some questions were much easier than others, such as "What is Ohio's state bird?" Most Ohioans know that the cardinal is the state's signature feathered friend, known for its brilliant red plumage, but what about the Great Seal of the State of Ohio? Though residents have seen it often, how many know the symbolism behind the design.

Just ask the girls in Brownie Troop 576 and they'll tell you the sheaf of wheat represents farming in Ohio and the bundle of 17 arrows stands for Ohio being the



Brownie Nora Elkanick works hard to learn all about the symbols on Ohio's state flag.

17th state admitted to the union. The huge sun with its 13 rays represent the 13 original colonies and the background of Mt. Logan, sym-

bolizes that Ohio was the first state west of the Allegheny Mountains.

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Fire department awarded \$51,000 grant for fitness program

By Carol Klear

When North Ridgeville Firefighter Tony Carrozzino learned that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was offering grants to fire departments across the nation, he figured the North Ridgeville Fire Department should give it a try.

Carrozzino was on the mark and thanks to the grant application he submitted, the department received \$51,327. A portion of the grant money went toward a wellness and physical fitness program, including equipment for both the Avon Belden and Lorain Road stations, while one-third of the award was used to purchase a second thermal-imaging camera, which provides cameras at both stations.

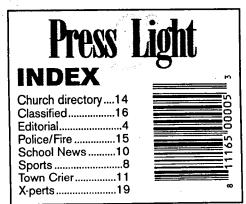
Carrozzino said FEMA's U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) gave out \$360 million last year in the Assistance to Firefighters competitive grant program which was geared toward improving fire department operations, services and equipment, with the amount of grant funds received to be augmented by a 10 percent match by the local departments. Fire departments could apply in one of four different programs including fire operations and firefighter safety, fire prevention, emergency medical service and firefighting vehicles.

The 27-year-old firefighter/paramedic said that for some time he has thought it would be a good idea for the fire department to have some physical fitness equipment that was the focus of the grant request.

"Of course there was no way to put that (fitness apparatus) in our budget," he said, particularly in

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After nearly four years, the battle over the house on Gloria goes on

By Carol Klear

For nearly four years Ron and Sara Siemientkowski have waged a legal battle over the house at 33975 Gloria Ave. that they initially considered their "dream home." In voluminous court documents, Ron and Sara have steadfastly insisted that not long after moving into the house in July 1999, they began experiencing health problems, some of which they attribute to the presence of

Initially the couple said, they attempted to discuss the situation with the developer and the builder, which seemed to get them nowhere and the longer they stayed in the house, the worse their physical conditions became.

However, as they tried to investigate the situation themselves, hoping to get to the root of the problem, they seemed to uncover more and more persons or companies who they felt had not done their jobs in constructing or inspecting the completed house, or had any part in their problem.

The Siemientkowskis have filed several lawsuits, including one in March 2001 in U.S. District Court in Cleveland,

naming a long list of defendants including developers, builders, banks, savings and loan companies, city and county officials, charging them with numerous violations such as fraud, extortion, libel, harassment and mental anguish, as well

In May of that year the suit was dismissed, but in July the Siemientkowskis filed an appeal and vowed that if it took them 20 years they would continue the battle over the wrongs they say were done to them, filing "Pro Se"-on their

Gloria Avenue," but the house, utilities and insurance payments continue.

More than a year ago, Ron and Sara took their case to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court where they hoped to find some solution to their problem. In February the judge recused herself and a new judge was appointed, however a month later, based on venue, the judge asked that the Siemientkowskis'

as violations of federal and state law.

Ron and Sara long ago moved from what they term their "Nightmare on

Last October, Ron told The Press & Light, "We are in an over three-year nightmare we can't seem to wake up

case be sent to the Lorain County Common Pleas Court. And the scenario continued.

However, someone in Lorain County seems to be questioning why the case was referred from Cuyahoga County and presently Ron and Sara feel almost in limbo, but still refuse to give up fighting for their day in court.

A recent letter from Mark Needham, administrator for the radon licensing program of the Ohio Department of Health, to Chris Teater, Moreland Homes' legal counsel, has given the Siemientkowskis a glimmer of hope that someone is taking their complaints seriously.

The letter stated that the agency had learned a representative of Moreland Homes, Inc. "performed radon mitigation on a home by sealing the floor/wall joints," after the owners and Moreland Homes closed the house sale.

Needham stated that individuals may not perform radon mitigation without a valid radon mitigation contractor

He also reminded Moreland Homes that "all radon mitigation systems must be installed using Radon Resistant New Construction techniques..." and violations could result in a civil action against the company.

Parks commission considers master plan for Shady Drive

By Carol Klear

Gary Teel presented a master plan for the Shady Drive Complex to the parks and recreation commission last Wednesday, telling members it may take five or 10 years to complete, but it's time 'to get started."

Teel, the city's grounds and maintenance supervisor, said he would like to get the baseball diamonds up to par.

"We've come a long way, but we've got a long way to go," he said. Another priority in Teel's proposal is the installation of a water line, which will

run along the west side of the complex. "It's a good time to do it because the

sewer line is going there," he said. If a five-year timeline is adopted, Teel said it would probably cost \$23,000 per year, but if the cost were stretched

over 10 years, it would be approximately \$11,500 each year. Teel's department is fairly new and Commission Chairman Larry Overby questioned the portion of the funding that would come from his budget and

the amount that would be the parks and recreation department's responsibility.

Teel said his budget covers items like employees' wages, telephone and utility bills, while improvements to the complex would come from the parks and recreation department's Improvement

"If we get the improvements we can

bring in more tournaments and make more money," Teel said. "Make more money for who?"

Overby asked. "We should raise prices for the tournaments," Teel said.

"I have no problem with them (teams holding tournaments) making a profit, but it shouldn't cost us money for what we are trying to do for them," Overby said.

Teel reminded the commission that this is his third season in this job and people that come to the complex compare it to other places they've been.

"This is the plan we need," Teel said. Overby recommended that members review the proposed plan and discuss it further at the April meeting.

Teel invited the commission to walk through the complex with him on April 5.

"I'll buy pizza," he said. "I hope that's not a bribe," Overby

During the lobby, Dennis Tenney, president of the North Ridgeville City Baseball Boosters, said an alarm system is needed to protect the new concession stand and restrooms that have been con-

structed at Shady Drive. He said the Boosters have offered to pay for the installation of an alarm system, as well as the first three months of operation, which runs approximately \$29 per month.

The commission voted unanimously to accept the proposal.



Thanks for the memories

Raspberry the Clown, (Edwin B. "Bud" Urban) made the Corn Festival crowd laugh for the last time, when he took his final bike ride along Center Ridge Road in the 2002 Grande Parade. The 84-year-old Raspberry, died recently. Committee member, Bernadine Butkowski said he was part of the parade for many years. He will be missed.

By: Scott W. Arndt, D.D.S. Ask Dr. Arndt **TOOTHACHE**



If I can't get to my dentist, what can I do at home for a toothache?

There's never a good time for a toothache, but sometimes one comes at a very inopportune time, like in the middle of the night or when you're on a trip and can't get to a dentist immediately. There are some things you can do. The

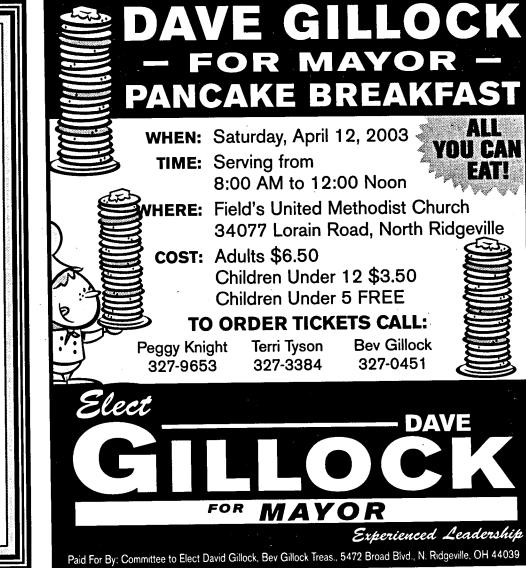
cause of the pain may be as simple as a particle of food that is trapped between your teeth and is irritating the gum. First, rinse your mouth vigorously with warm water to see if that might flush the debris. Second, try The more serious situation is when the pain is coming from irritation of

the tooth pulp, the delicate tissue that is inside the tooth. If you have pain accompanied by swelling, it's almost certain the pulp is irreversibly injured. In other words, it's not going to get better on its own. Until you can see a dentist, use cold-not hot- compresses on the outside of the cheek. Do not put an aspirin on the gingival tissue, the gum, of the aching tooth. You can give yourself a severe aspirin burn.

Over the counter pain medications such as Ibuprofen or Naproxen (Aleve) can be used because of their anti-inflammatory effects as well as pain relief. Be sure to follow all over the counter medication

If the pulp is infected, the dentist may have to perform a root canal, also called endodontic therapy, to fix your problem. Presented as a community service by Dr. Scott Arndt, at

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City is flying the red, white and blue, how about the rest of us?

going to call city hall about hoisting the American flags along the main thoroughfares, I looked up and some were waving in the breeze. I couldn't be happier to see the support for our troops in Iraq. Though it's been many years since The Press & Light teamed up with North Ridgeville's VFW to initiate the flag fund to buy U.S. flags (of course the original ones have been replaced), I somehow still feel responsible for the red, white and blue banners. Long may they wave.

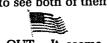
WHERE IS YOURS?.....The red, white and blue was out everywhere after 9/11, and our men and women in the Armed Services have that the same support. Buy those flags and fly them proudly.



NEW ONE UNFURLED.....Mr. K. took advantage of the Chronicle's recent offer and purchased an Ohio Bicentennial flag. It's sort of hard to be as excited about the Bicentennial as we should be with the horrendous war going on, but it's still Ohio's birthday and I love having a birthday flag.

PAYING A VISIT A couple of special people were on hand when the North Ridgeville City Schools held the education forum last week. Former superintendent Tom Rockwell and Martha Wise of the State Board of

Education joined the discussion group. It was nice to see both of them.



IN AND OUT It seems we could add something to the old saying, "March comes in like a lion." With the weather we've had recently, I think March went out like a lion, as well. (Oh, well, just so it's gone.)



BETCHA MISSED IT Did you see the leftover Christmas trees sort of hovering on the iced-over fishing lake recently? According to firefighter Mike Pitts, after the holidays some firefighters gathered the trees, bundled them together and stood them up on the frozen lake. When the weather warmed and the ice

melted, they sank into the lake, providing a natural habitat for fish.



WON'T BE LONG.....Believe it or not summer's coming, along with some great weather for fishing. Did you know that you don't need a license to fish in the pond at South Central Park? How about that for a bargain?



HOW TIME FLIES and all that iazz. Who woulda thunk that when I answered an ad in the Light newspaper years ago, it would lead me on the path I've had for 23 years. My first North Ridgeville story appeared in print 23 years today. My, oh my. And you know what, it's still fun, thanks to all of you.

PRESSLINE

Caller: I was reading my Press & Light about the family here in North Ridgeville that has family members in the military. It would be nice if the Press & Light invited other people in Ridgeville who have military personnel in the war to send them in and their names could be published and we could do something for these young men and women from North Ridgeville. There's nothing going on in this town to even recognize we have hometown men and women there. I don't see any ribbons, very few flagsthey're all worn out from 9/11 and no one's bothered to show a little dignity and replace them. In other communities they have their names at the fire station and in Ridgeville, nothing.

Response: We applaud and agree with your suggestion and under the graphic on the front page of last week's paper we did invite readers to share news of our hometown heroes, and we issue the invitation again. Pictures are also welcome.

Ed Kelly Press & Light "MY UNCLE, WHO'S A SOLDIER IN IRAQ, SAYS SOMETIMES THEY EAT THEIR FOOD WITH SAND SPRINKLED SAND BOX

Two forums in one week; one good and the other, well...

In the span of one week North Ridgeville residents had an opportunity to participate in two forums-one featuring candidates running for local office and the other a meeting on education, with school officials inviting public input.

Both sessions were held at the Education Center and each attracted approximately 60 or 70 people, but that was where the similarity ended.

I admit I wasn't particularly enthusiastic about heading to the Ed Center on a dank, rainy March 25 to discuss education for two hours, but the time went by quickly. It seemed the organizers refrained from cramming too much into one evening by splitting the group and sending it into two classrooms where participants were guided through discussions of seven main topics, along with a few sub-issues.

A half-hour wrap-up concluded the evening and everyone was free to go, but interestingly several small groups



Editor's Notebook By Carol Klear

remained, mingled and chatted.

Despite my initial misgivings, the evening was well worth the time and it was obvious the administrators did as they had promised when touting the event...they listened.

Maintaining the leadership role it has been trying to hone for several years, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a candidates' night, March 20, inviting the mayoral and council hopefuls whose names will appear on the May and the November ballots. The event brought a large number of people

And that was the mistake. What should have been a glimpse into the heads of the people hoping to lead the city for the next two or four

to the table, though a few chairs

recognizable, having held office previ-

ously, but this year there also are a num-

ber of newcomers hoping to win elec-

Prior to the forum, I checked with

the chamber office to get a heads-up on

the agenda and learned that each panelist was to supply biographical infor-

mation, as well as answers to two ques-

tions the chamber asked. The data

would be compiled into handouts for

the public. It sounded pretty routine,

however what I didn't learn until almost

the last minute was that each candidate

also had been given nine additional

questions-questions to be answered

publicly during the two-hour session.

Some of the contenders were easily

remained vacant.

years, was instead, an embarrassing exercise in paper-shuffling as candidates scurried to find prepared answers to prepared questions, including one concerning the Chamber.

Where was the spontaneity-the kind of thinking-on-your-feet that is so much a part of elected office?

When asked, a Chamber member pretty much said not all the candidates are equally as sharp and the format was used to spare them if they had no response.

A shocking answer and a worse idea. Voters have the right to know how contenders handle themselves and field tough questions, and candidates' nights are to aid voters in making decisions at the polls.

And what about the chamber asking candidates a question about the chamber? Another bad idea.

Applause to the chamber for attempting a candidates' forum, but the presentation fell short.

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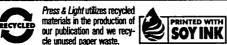
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Make new friends, but keep the old PRESS & LIGHT FORUM

Candidate forum well run

To the Editor:

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the candidate forum on March 20. It was very well run and I think beneficial not only to those in attendance but also to those who may have a chance to watch the event on Channel 32 (to be broadcast every Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.) If you were not present; I encourage you to watch the taped program.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Special thanks need to go to Dayle Noll and Kevin Corcoran for making this

I was very pleased that the event was held in the evening rather than at a noon lunch. The change in time afforded more people opportunity to attend.

Such events are very useful for making sure that the voters know who everyone is and where they stand. I would like to see more such events and see more people attend.

Thanks again to the Chamber of Commerce for letting our voices be heard.

Mark S. Zajaros, Candidate for council-at-large North Ridgeville

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By Shannon Fagan

In a day and age when it appears youth have lost respect for their elders, St. Peter's Brownie Troop #172 is learning differently from their new friends.

For the last year, 17 third-grade girls, one fifth-grader and one sixth-grader have been involved in an intergenerational pen pal program with residents at Oakridge Nursing Home, in Westlake.

"I am thrilled with it," Brownie leader, Carla Jalowiec said. "It is a wonderful intergenerational experience for both the women and the girls."

Jalowiec, a physical therapy assistant at the home, decided to begin the pen pal program last year. The girls were asked to write a letter to different ladies at the nursing home in the fall of last year. They were able to meet with their pen pals at a Halloween party hosted by the facility.

In December, the facility threw a Christmas party for the pen pals, girls and their mothers. The Brownies will also participate in an Easter egg hunt with their pen pals the day before Easter.

"The girls see their pen pals more than they write to them," Jalowiec said. "The girls were apprehensive at first but



Brownie Abbey Vogel visits with her pen pal Ursula Montague, a resident at Oakridge Nursing Home.

now they go to visit their new friends on their own.

Lifecare in Texas began the Adopt-a-Nursing-Home program. The program then spread to Lifecare in Elvria, the sister home to Oakridge Nursing Home. The girls will earn their Adopt-a-Nursing-Home patch while writing to the residents of the home.

"I would like to continue next year even though we earned our patch,"



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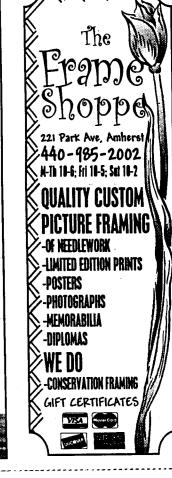
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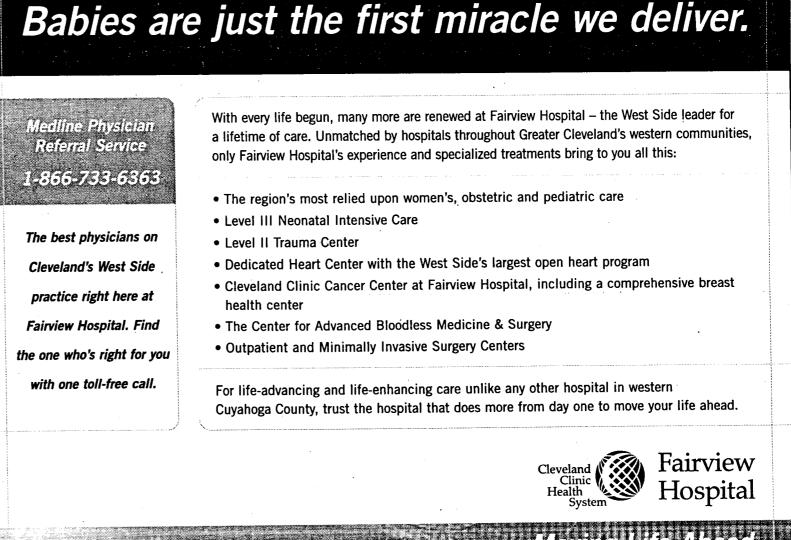
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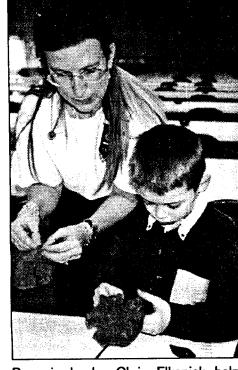
One little girl studied the question about the state animal, but when she looked up and saw the picture, she recognized the white tail deer.

Most everyone knows the state tree is the buckeye, but what about the state insect (the ladybug) or state beverage (tomato juice)? And just how many adults know that Ohio has a state fossil, called a trilobite or that Ohio's gemstone is a flint.

The Brownies found some questions a little tougher than others, but one-byone, they got through the test. Just as they finished, Kathy Hepp's secondgraders from St. Peter's School arrived to enjoy the exhibit and work their way through the questions with a little help from the Brownies.

As she went from table to table, Hepp said she was thoroughly enjoying herself and learning things about Ohio she hadn't known previously.

Elkanick said she got the idea from a tour she had taken through a large field maze in which she had to identify Ohio's various symbols before moving on. She thought it would be a fun way to help her troop learn more about their state and obviously she was right.



Brownie leader Chris Elkanick helps Tommy Zeigler, 7, make a bright red carnation, in honor of Ohio's Bicentennial.

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light of the declining economy. Recently City Auditor Chris Costin requested all North Ridgeville department heads to plan their 2003 budgets based on figures equal to a 4 percent decrease of the 2002 appropriations.

However, Carrozzino said muscle strain, sprains, problems with lower back and the neck account for 78 percent of firefighters' injuries, which translates into additional overtime pay to cover absences when injured men are off.

Another problem is the incidents of heart problems. According to information from the USFA, the leading cause of death for firefighters is a heart attack, which stands at 44 percent.

"Firefighting requires a superior level of fitness," Carrozzino said and department officials would like to reduce the frequency and severity of ill-

"We take an entry-level physical," he said, as well as another one every two years, but he feels the department should do more.

"I think we should take a very proactive approach to this."

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) apparently agree and want to implement a wellness/fitness program, Carrozzino said, which would benefit the medical, physical and emotional well being of the

"We're going to use their blueprint as a guide," Carrozzino said.

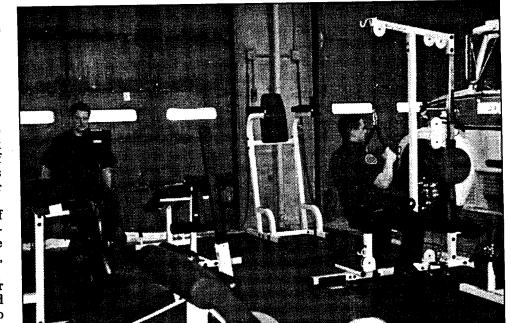
"The fitness apparatus purchased through the grant is available to all firefighting personnel." "We're going to encourage physical fitness, and the men will be less likely to have heart attacks."

He also noted a disturbing statistic that life expectancy is just two years after retirement.

Carrozzino said he and firefighter Jon Graf hope to become certified as personal trainers, which will take the fitness pledge to another level.

North Ridgeville's population is expanding, thanks to the surge in new home construction which means manpower in the fire department is in short

are constantly running," Carrozzino said. "We decided we need to do something for ourselves...a holis-



Firefighters Mike Williams, left, and Tony Carrozzino, right, work out on the fire department's new physical fitness equipment.

Space is at a premium, especially in station one, but by relocating an old fire rescue truck, the men were able to eek out enough room in the back portion of one bay to set the equipment on flooring made of interlocking plastic tiles. And station two also is outfitted with the

It's a good idea for the men to work out about an hour per day, but if duty calls, Carrozzino said, they're off the machines and onto the fire or rescue vehicle. Though the exercise period might be shortened, it helps keep the

"It's preventative training," he said. The firefighter disallowed that he is a proficient grant-writer, but said he attended an informational grant-writing semi-nar, along with Graf and Chief Rick Miller and what he learned, earned the grant. "I just lucked out," he said.

Last year was not the first time USFA offered the grants, but it was the first time the agency had accepted applications on-line and found itself swamped by the 19,500 on-line submissions.

The funds distributed were based on several items, such as population and whether the community requesting the grant was rural, suburban or urban. Carrozzino said, which meant a description of the geographical area had to be included with the application.

Thanks to Carrozzino, Graf and Miller putting their heads and ideas together, the North Ridgeville Fire Department has obtained some added equipment, which in turn benefits the

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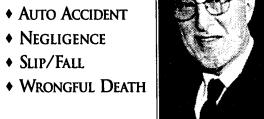
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Superintendent Assistant Livingston said.

School Board member Rev. Mike Gibson said that youngsters are sometimes forced to make decisions they are not ready to make.

"They should be in less political positions," he said.

Gibson also said the schools are facing state funding cuts and financial hardships, and the money is less than it had been previously. Adding programs or personnel is difficult.

"Nothing comes without costs," he

The future of Fields Sweet School was discussed, and Livingston said that some of the classrooms are being used for pre-school handicapped students.

Kubiak said she felt the school buildings shouldn't be segregated, such as might be considered for Fields Sweet and said the district should consider cluster schools.

"We have clustering," Sycz said. "We have the kindergarten and the middle school."

Some schools in North Ridgeville are aged, such as the middle school, which was constructed in the 1920s and a portion of the forum centered on how much the district should invest in them.

"Handicapped students should be offered accessibility," Gibson said, and the system will be forced to install an elevator in the middle school. In some buildings there is no choice but to replace items like roofs, he said.

With the large number of houses going up in North Ridgeville, the school district also must determine where to house the additional students.

"All the buildings are clustered in this part of town," Livingston said, while the new houses are being constructed in the west.

Sycz said when she was in school the art and music teachers visited the classrooms rather than having separate rooms. She said she didn't like the idea of "going back," but said it might be the

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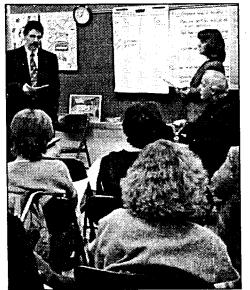
Board member Tom Dake said some districts are using state funds for new buildings, however North Ridgeville isn't scheduled for that money for approximately nine years. Some districts, however, are borrowing the money against the anticipated funds, he said.

"There's no guarantee the money will be there," board member Ross Mitchell said.

"We're looking into enrollment studies," Livingston said, noting that Bob Schmitt's development has added very few children to the system.

He said the district did a study five years ago that projected very close to the number of students that would enroll. This project would look at the numbers over a 10-year period, Livingston said.

It may be necessary in the future to ask for financial support from the public, but the question remained whether it would be wiser to request funds to improve conditions in small amounts or to ask for a larger sum and get more done at once.



School board member, Ross Mitchell (left), high school administrator Michelle Kocar and Assistant Superintendent David Livingston listen to input from those attending the March 25 Community

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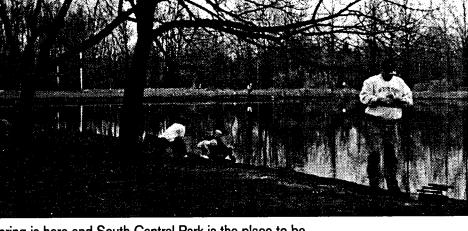
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Spring is here and South Central Park is the place to be.

Full-time employee to be assigned to South Central Park

By Carol Klear

South Central Park will be getting some improvements, including a new pavilion near the former swimming ake, as well as some new picnic benches, a drinking fountain and color coating for the tennis and basketball courts.

The parks and recreation commission has been discussing what to do about the present pavilion, located next to the concession stand, for some time. During last week's meeting members approved a proposal by Midview Xcavating to demolish the structure at a cost of \$2,980, as well as a proposal by Kilby Enterprises to construct a new wood pavilion at a price tag of \$14,800. The defunct swimming hole is going to be used for fishing and the new pavilion will enhance that site.

Presently there is a fence around the lake, which will be removed.

Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Gary Teel expressed concern about the

old diving platform, noting that the water at that spot is 9 feet deep. He recom-mended handrails be attached and a throwable ring be purchased.

"Get the railing on, the fence down and get this thing rolling," Commission Chairman Larry Overby said.

Parks Director Jim Spaulding said a new handicap-accessible drinking fountain is needed at the park. He said he would like both the basketball and tennis courts to have color coating.

Spaulding also said the department will be getting a \$15,000 grant and, with the commission's approval, he could get matching funds for up to \$10,000 from the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District to use for items of recycled material, such as park signs, trash cans and picnic tables.

Teel also said he is assigning one of his employees to South Central Park full-time, due to the amount of work there is to do at the park.





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TIME OUT

Murray deserves fair shake

I heard a rumor recently that shocked me regarding the eighth-

grade head football coaching position at North Ridgeville Middle School. Terry Murray, who has been coaching the Rangers the past two years and has been a football coach in the North



Joe Ostrica

Ridgeville community for several years, might not get to renew his contract for next fall. The old rule of "a teacher who applies and gets the position over a non-teaching coach" might be the reason.

This doesn't make any sense. All the man did was lead the Rangers to a perfect 6-0 record this past fall and a Pioneer Conference championship, a feat that has not been done by any Ranger football team, whether at the middle school or high school level. Not only did Murray guide the

eighth-graders to a spectacular season, he gave up any spare time he had to coach the Mini-Rangers, North Ridgeville's fifth and sixth-grade football players too. The Mini-Rangers finished 5-1-1 and were the runner-ups in the Mini-Southwestern Conference. In his previous six seasons with the Mini-Rangers, Murray's teams have compiled a 34-6-2 record, winning the conference twice. He's never had a team finish lower than second place.

Murray also coached for four years in the North Ridgeville Football League, where he coached several of NRHS' varsity players when they were first starting out in the sport. NRHS senior Andrew Tyson, who recently received a full-ride scholarship to play football at Ohio University, said Murray was his first football coach and was responsible for teaching the fundamentals of the game to him early on. Tyson said he still talks to Murray all the time.

I know for a fact Murray's players, past and present, love and respect the man and pay close attention to when he speaks. He's a fair person who listens to his kids, even occasionally letting them call the plays in a game. Murray's kids are football-savvy and capable of reading the opponents and playing the game at a high level.

I've heard rumors that Murray didn't want his eighth-graders playing any ner sports and to stick with just foo ball. Murray wouldn't discourage his players from being active in other athletics. In fact, I saw him at every NRHS basketball game this season, cheering on his former football players. He definitely wants his athletes remaining active in the off-season and has said if they don't play a winter sport they better lift weights and/or keep physically active so they stay in shape. If a football player dedicates himself to just football that's his decision not Murray's.

If for some bizarre reason Murray can't continue coaching at the middle school, it could turn out to be a blessing. His resume alone should demand he be given a coaching position at the high school level. He's already familiar with all the players. With his eighth-graders coming up next year, some who may go straight to JV or varsity. Murray would be a great addition to Keith Rybarczyk's staff.

This classy winner deserves better treatment from the community he pours his heart and soul into.

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Nelson, Rechin enjoy all-star moment

By Joe Ostrica

Senior Dan Nelson and head coach Mark Rechin represented the North Ridgeville High School basketball community in the first game of the 2003 Legeza Classic Boys' All-Star Game at Avon High School on Sunday. Nelson came off the bench for the East team as Rechin called the shots along with Wellington coach Tom Eibel in a showdown with the West.

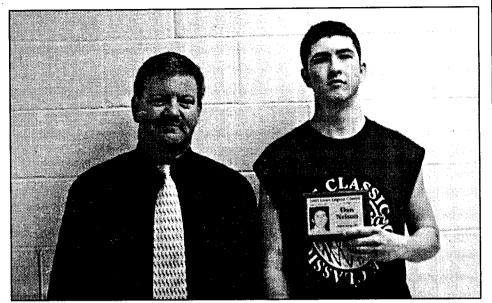
"I loved it," Rechin said. "I think it's great honor and these kids really enjoyed it. I think it's good for North Ridgeville. Any exposure we get is good, whether it's on the coaching end or the playing end, just to hear North Ridgeville out there with a bunch of players is something nice."

The East defeated the West, 75-72, although it was a blowout victory until the final minutes became a slam-dunk contest and the scorekeepers added an extra two minutes to the clock to allow the players to have more fun.

"You know how all-star games are," Rechin said. "Everybody wants to get out there and do their own thing, but Danny's been unselfish all year. He was just looking to distribute the ball that's all. I doubt the assists even reached double digits in the entire game. I'm real proud of him."

Nelson, who finished with four points, four assists and two rebounds in 15 and-a-half minutes, was happy he could carry on the Nelson family tradition of playing in the all-star game. His cousins, Kenny and Matt Nelson of Elyria Catholic and Chad Nelson of North Ridgeville, played in the all-star game their senior year.

"It was real exciting for me," he said. "I grew up watching my cousins play the game. I was real happy I got accepted. It was fun. It was nothing different than the regular season except I haven't shot a basketball since our last game so it was a little bit rough."



North Ridgeville coach Mark Rechin (left) and senior Dan Nelson represented the victorious East squad in the 2003 Legeza Classic Boys' All-Star Game.

Rechin said many of the players, who just had one practice session prior to the game, haven't played since their last game of the season.

"I saw some good things out there," he said. "They shot the ball pretty well. I think they were a little winded too. Our substitutions were based mainly on when they got tired, we would get somebody else in and then they could get back in when they caught their

East was dominating West early on while most players were concerned with getting their points on dunks and three-pointers. At times it got out of hand and sloppy with players taking three-point attempts when they had two teammates wide-open under the basket. But Nelson didn't let it bother him and still played his unselfish game to help the team win.

"I knew coming in this game that everybody wanted to score," Nelson said. "I really didn't care. Anything

extra after the regular season and the tournaments is a bonus for me, so I wanted to give everybody else what they wanted."

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With the East leading 69-50 with just under three minutes remaining, the game turned into a slam-dunk contest with players standing around watching the more athletic and taller players throw it down. Leading 71-62 with nearly 20 seconds remaining, the scorekeepers tried to make things interesting when out of nowhere two minutes were added to the clock.

"These guys wanted to come out and win this game here and they added time to the clock," Rechin said laughing. "But it was fun. We told them just get out there, play hard and have a good time with this.'

Despite the West's help from the clock, the East managed to hold on and win 75-72.

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Montgomery, Rothacker hit double figures in all-star game

By Joe Ostrica

North Ridgeville seniors Adam Montgomery and Andrew Rothacker did their school proud as they helped lead the North team to a 80-66 victory over the South in the second game of the 2003 Legeza Classic Boys' All-Star

Montgomery and Rothacker both started for the North squad and played the first four minutes of the game together. Rothacker finished out the quarter on the floor while Montgomery was subbed for and the two did not share the court for the remainder of the game. Both finished with 20 minutes of playing time.

"It feels pretty good to come out and represent North Ridgeville," Rothacker said. "It's a good thing."

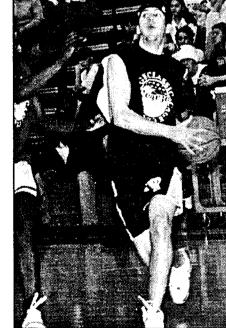
Montgomery gave the crowd what they wanted with some of his signature moves like the no-look pass and up-andunder scooping layups.

"You can't be boring," Montgomery said. "You want to try and be a crowdpleaser. It feels great. All the elite players are out here.

After trailing 15-14 in the first period, the North opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run, which included a basket and two assists by Montgomery to take a 22-15 lead. Rothacker followed an offensive rebound with a layup near the end of the first half to give the North a 5-for-6 shooting, five rebounds and an 35-27 advantage. The South managed to pull within five points (56-51) early in the fourth quarter, but the North, backed by four three-pointers, finished with a 24-15 run to seal the win.

Montgomery finished with 10 points on 5-for-10 shooting, four assists, three





NRHS seniors Andrew Rothacker (left) and Adam Montgomery combined for 20 points. eight rebounds, five assists and one steal in their North team's 80-66 victory over the South in the 2003 Legeza Classic Boys' All-Star game.

rebounds and one steal.

"At first I didn't know how I would do, but once it started it was just entirely for fun," Montgomery said. "But when I play I want to win.

Rothacker finished with 10 points on

"It was just fun being here," Rothacker said. "I wasn't trying to do too much and just go out and play."

Rothacker is amazed about all the post-season accolades he's received, including being a unanimous all firstteam Pioneer Conference selection.

"I was pretty surprised," he said. "I didn't think I would get first-team. thought I had a pretty good season, but I didn't realize how good it was. We did good as a team and that's what really counted."

While Montgomery is currently playing AAU basketball with several other players from the PC, his athletic career at NRHS is officially over. He's exploring attending Wilminton, Heidelberg or

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ON DECK

Mills Creek Swim Team

North Ridgeville's recreational Mills Creek swim team will have open registrations and a mandatory parent meeting April 3. The meeting will take place from 7-8 p.m. with registration being held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mill Creek Association North Clubhouse, 5175 Mills Creek Lane (north of Center Ridge). Registrations must be completed and paid in full prior to any swimmers participating in any practices or meets. Contact Judith L. Slebodnik at millscreekswimtm@aol.com or call 327-7737 for further questions. You can also visit their website at www.millscreekswimteam.org.

N.R. fastpitch softball tourney

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North Coast Spirit is bringing an NSA World Series Qualifier Tournament to North Ridgeville July 11-13. Eligible age groups will be U-12, U-14,

> attempt to be a walk-on for either the baseball or basketball team.

Nelson, who will play baseball this spring before his high school athletic career ends, said he will miss his pregame ritual and the Rangers fans the

"I'm going to miss getting pumped up before the games and during warm-ups," he said. "I'm going to miss our fans cheering. I love our fans. They're the best."

Nelson said his most memorable moment in basketball was taking St. Edward to the limit in a 55-51 second round sectional loss last month.

"The St. Ed's game is my fondest memory because nobody gave us a chance and we stuck with them the whole way," he said. "That's by far my most exciting game. I was pumped up the most for that one."

Nelson, who will be attending the University of Findlay in the fall, will

Ohio Wesleyan with hopes of play bas-ketball and possibly football. In addi-

tion to missing football at NRHS, the

thing he's going to miss most about bas-

teammates and practicing everyday," he

said. "It's hard to believe it's over. It has-

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the team going," Rothacker said, "That's

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what you need. Someone to pump you up and get you going. There were times when we would come out sluggish but

"He helped us out during practice by

The two players had different views when asked what the most memorable moment was of their basketball careers.

"For me it was the (St.) Ed's game in a way, because it was the best game that we played as a team," Rothacker said. "It was a horrible thing to lose but we only lost by four and they're a really

"When I dribbled the ball over (Amherst all-star Nick) Mihalic's head," Montgomery said. "Yep. That was prob-

U-16 and U-18. Up to 750 girls are expected to participate. The tournament is open to established travel teams as well as recreation league teams (usually all-star teams are formed) as long as they register for a nominal fee with NSA and complete the tourney application form. Discounted entry fee of \$280 for the tourney ends on April 1. There is a three game guarantee. All tournament information can be found at www.northcoastspirit.com. For more information, contact Lisa Simpson at (330) 855-9406

or e-mail her at lsimpson@neo.rr.com. Youth baseball/softball

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"I like baseball a little more, but Mr.

Rechin really got me to like basketball a lot this year, so I'm not sure yet," he said. "Mr. Rechin is the best coach I've ever had in my life. My dad coached me earlier and I've had other coaches but he just makes the game fun to play. Being on his team he pretty much gives you the freedom to do whatever you want as long as you don't totally screw up or do something stupid. I love playing for him."

Rechin said he's going to miss Nelson's unselfish play the most.

"I'm going to miss the kind of kid that he is, what he showed out there today," he said. "He wasn't at all interested in anything other than playing his game and making sure he got the ball to whoever had the best shot possible. That's irreplaceable kind of stuff, so that's what I'm going to miss."

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making us give it our all and not slack off," Montgomery added. "He helped open up a summer league and made it a year-round sport now.

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Adult softball registrations

The Westlake Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the 2003 adult softball season. The season, which runs from May-August, features leagues for men, women and co-ed teams. For more information, please call (440) 808-5700 ext. 426.

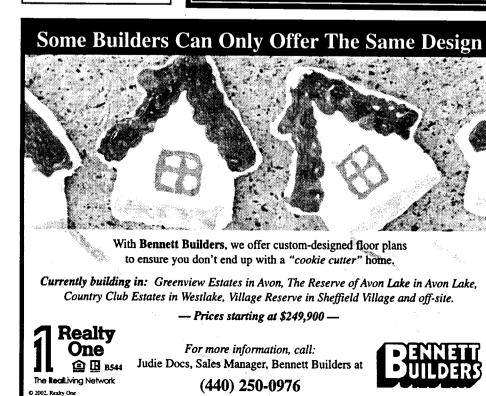


Ranger bowlers repeat in conference crown

The North Ridgeville bowling team recently won their second straight North Shore Conference crown this season. The Rangers advanced to the regionals, placing fifth, falling just three pins shy of qualifying for states. The bowling squad expects to be strong again next year and hopes to be a varsitysanctioned sport before the season kicks off.

The Rangers are (left to right) front Row: senior captains Carl Jackson and Bob Evans. Middle Row: freshman Andrew Gorzelanczyk, coach Maryl Hammel, freshman Bryan Cioffoletti, freshman Frank Kotas and freshman Aaron Klein. Back Row: sophomore Kyle Oliva, senior Dave Findlay and coach Tim Hall.





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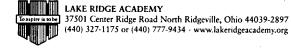
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The North Ridgeville PTA is sponsoring the reading event, "Cuddle Up and Read" on April 3, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the education center.

Kindergartners and pre-schoolers from Fields Sweet School are invited to the event where three of six rooms will feature activities and the other three will have books for the children to cuddle up and read.

DECA on to Orlando

North Ridgeville sent 17 members to the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference held March 14-15 in Columbus to compete in the state level DECA competition. Four senior men have qualified for the international competition in Orlando to be held April 26-29.

Seniors Bob Evans and Jeff Surella won first place in the Sports and Entertainment Team Management Decision-Making Event. Senior Brian Evans placed third in Ohio in Business Services Series. Senior Kyle Knox received an honorable mention award, placing in Ohio's top 10 in the Apparel and Accessories Individual event.

American Mathematics contest

North Ridgeville High School math students recently participated in the American Mathematics contest. The contest was conducted at two levels: the AMC-10 for freshmen and sophomores and the AMC-12 for juniors and seniors. Freshman Trista Szocs finished third on the AMC-10, freshman Susan Bing finished second and sophomore Erika Swanson and freshman Jared Stermole tied for first place.

Finishing on the AMC-12 were junior Aimee Muntz in third place, junior Joe Downey in second place and senior Tom Boatwright in first place. Boatwright qualified for the next level of competition and competed in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination held March 25.

NRHS band, choir compete in contest

Three choirs under the direction of William E. Davis III and two bands under the direction of Joshua P. Cutting recently participated in the Ohio Music

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Education Association District Level Large Ensemble Adjudicated Event contest.

The Symphonic Band performing in Class B, the Soprano Alto Chorus performing in Class B, the Concert Band perfoming in Class C and the Freshman Choir competing for the first time in Class D all received the second highest rating of II.

The A capella choir, performing in Class A, for the 14th time in 16 consecutive years, qualified for the state level competition by receiving an overall superior performance rating of I. The state adjudicated event will be held in May.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Janelle M. Brosky, of North Ridgeville, has been named to the Dean's List at Ohio Northern University. She is a freshman majoring in management. She is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Brosky, of North Ridgeville.



Fourth grade has new flag

VFW Post 9871 and its Ladies Auxiliary presented a flag to Mrs. Corn's fourth-grade class at Wilcox Elementary School. Pictured with the class are Mary Ann Shanko and James Pettit.

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What's new at North Ridgeville Branch Library

Book Sale

The Friends of the North Ridgeville Library will sponsor a twoday weekend book sale. This last book sale at the library's 6401 Jaycox Road location will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 5 and from 1-5 p.m. on April 6. Hardback and paperback books will be sold for 50 cents each and there will be titles for all ages.

'Fahrenheit 451' book discussion

Join this community-wide book discussion on April 9 at 7 p.m. as North Ridgeville Branch Library participates in the North Coast Neighbors Share-A-Book program. Join in the program by reading Ray Bradbury's "Farenheit 451." Copies are available at the library. Stop in the library or call 327-8326 to register for the special book discussion that will be led by North Ridgeville staff member Betty Smith. The program will be held at the North Ridgeville Branch Library, located at 6401 Jaycox Road.

Library closed during move

The North Ridgeville Branch Library will be closed from April 19-May 3 to move to its new location at 35700 Bainbridge Road. A grand opening celebration featuring a building dedication ceremony, entertainment and more, will be held May 4 from 2-5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

TOWN CRIER

THURSDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Senior Center multi-purpose room. Cost is \$40/month. Call 353-0860/info.

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

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 Road, room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre at 236-8841/info.

THURSDAY NIGHT CARING AL-ANON, 8 p.m. New Life Church, 38079 Center Ridge Road Call 366-6913/info.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Senior Center multi-purpose room \$7/class. 353-0860/info.

ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office for Older

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m. St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

SATURDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. Cost is \$7/class. Held in the Senior Center multi-purpose room from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ongoing karate class for children and adults. Cost is \$20 for four lessons. Held in the Safetyville Building. Call 353-0860/info. SAFETYVILLE REGISTRATION, 9 a.m.-

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FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, 9 a.m. St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium

JAMES J. ROTHGERY FUND-RAISER, 3-6 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Senior Center. Tickets are \$10. Call 353-0243/info.

N.R. PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERGENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, from 6:45-7:30 p.m.-Taize prayer service, 34869 Lorain Road. Call 353-0944/info.

MONDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft club, quilting, computer classes. Soup for 35 cents. Call 353-0828/info. ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL,

12:30-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings. Free hearing screenings are held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Both held at Community Outreach Center, bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by

CSA/St. John Ministries

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria. WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., Council chambers.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 8 p.m., Council

TUESDAY

KIWANIS CLUB OF N. RIDGEVILLE, 7-8 a.m. Community Care. PTA COUNCIL MEETING, 9:30 a.m. at the

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

class. Call 353-0828/info.

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

middle school.

Road, Elyria.

chambers.

Watercolor classes.

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

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30-11 a.m.

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Sculpting class. Cost is \$40/month. Both

classes held at the Senior Center multi-pur-

TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. North Ridgeville

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m.

Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge

PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Council

WEDNESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2

p.m. Quilting, cards, bingo. Lunch is \$3.25 by

reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor

WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497,

SHHH GROUP, 1 p.m. Hearing Impaired

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pose room. Call 353-0860 for more details.

LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., Webster's Place.

Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Road.

WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge

Road Call (800) 487-4777 for further details. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE, 7:30 p.m., parks and rec. office.

BAND BOOSTERS, 7:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Middle School band room. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., Old Town

VFW POST #9871 MEN'S MEETING, 8

FIRST PRIZE \$25

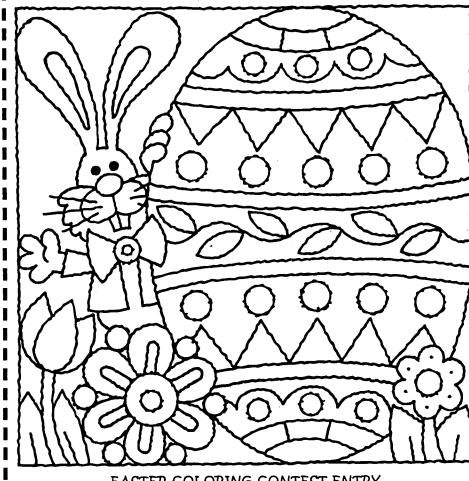
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Pancake breakfast

The North Ridgeville Knights of Columbus will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13 from 8 a.m.-noon. The breakfast will be held at St. Peter's Kitt Hall. The cost is \$4.50 per person, \$2 for children under 14 and \$12 for a family spe-

Rothgery to hold fund-raiser

James J. Rothgery, candidate for council-at-large will hold a fund-raiser April 6 at the North Ridgeville Senior Center from 3-6 p.m. Special musical guest is singer/songwriter/guitarist Jeff Varga who trained at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and are available at the door or by calling 353-0243. Children are admitted free of charge.

Safetyville

The North Ridgeville Safetyville sponsored by the North Ridgeville Police Department (NRPD) will be held the weeks of June 9-13, June 16-20 and June 23-27. Sessions will be from 8:30-10 a.m. and 10:15-11:45 a.m. daily. The cost is \$20 per child, which covers all classroom material, instruction and a Safetyville t-shirt. Payment is due upon registration. Class registration will be held at the North Ridgeville Police Department from 9 a.m.-noon on April 5. All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information. call the NRPD at 327-2191.

Sandy Ridge Wetland Center

Salamanders: Review Ohio's species with a short slide program and search the park for living representatives April 12 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Sandy Ridge Wetland Center is located at 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville. **Girl Scouts collecting donations**

The North Ridgeville Middle School eighth-graders of Girl Scout Troop 801 are collecting donations of Easter items to make baskets for underprivileged children in the area. Donation boxes are located at Fields Methodist Church, St. Julie's Catholic Church, the parks and recreation office, the Senior Center,

Becket Gas, Convenient Food Mart on

Center Ridge and Pitts and Marathon Gas Stations on Lorain Road. The boxes will be at the locations until April 15.

The troop is asking for items such as baskets, Easter grass, toys, stuffed animals, candy, music CDs, movies, hair accessories, books, art supplies or anything else that is suitable to put in an Easter basket.

Anyone wanting to make a cash donation can make checks out to Girl Scout Troop 801 and place the check in any donation box. For more information, call Kim Messer, troop leader, at

Spring Fever collection

The employees of the City of North Ridgeville are sponsoring a "Spring Fever" collection. City hall will be collecting Easter basket "goodies," as well as non-perishable foods and new or gently worn clothing. A box will be in the main lobby of city hall until April 11. All donations will be given to Community Care.

Country breakfast

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9871 will host a country breakfast April 13 from 9 a.m.-noon at the post. The menu will include eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, pancakes, sausage gravy, biscuits, coffee, orange juice and tea. The cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2.50 for children 10 and under. The previously scheduled bloodmobile has been postponed to a later date. For more information, call Vi Elrod at 327-3644.

Easter centerpiece class

Hales Florist, located at 33699 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, will hold an Easter centerpiece class April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Call 327-6341 for more infor-

Garden Club to meet

The North Ridgeville Garden Club will meet April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Ridge site of the Lorain County Park System on Otten Road. Shelly Hill, master gardener at the Ohio State Extension office, will speak about keeping a garden journal, pruning bushes and caring for bulbs after blooming. New members

ENGAGEMENTS

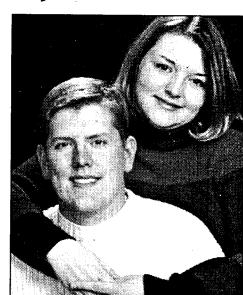
Ashton, Lillevik Jr. to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ashton, of Olmsted Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Beth Ashton to John Olaf Lillevik Jr., son of the late John Lillevik and Colleen Lillevik of Liberty

The prospective bride is a 1998 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. She graduated from The University of Toledo with a bachelor of education degree. She is employed as the junior high language arts teacher for Swanson, Holy Trinity Elementary School.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Liberty Center High School. He received his bachelor of medical engineering degree from The University of Toledo. He is employed by Thermeq, an engineering firm in Waterville, Oh.

The ceremony will he held June 28, 2003 at St. Peter Church, North



John Olaf Lillevik Jr. and Sarah Beth Ashton

Dehlinger, Sprague to wed

Mark and Annette Dehlinger, of Strongsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Dehlinger to Jeff Sprague, son of Ed and Marion Sprague, of North Ridgeville.

The prospective bride is a 1996 graduate of Strongsville High School. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2000 with a degree in dietetics. She is employed as the dining services director at Mount Royal Villa in

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. He received his bachelor of science degree in education from Bowling Green State University in 1999. He is currently a tutor and coach for North Ridgeville City

The ceremony will be held May 17, 2003 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Strongsville. They will reside in Parma.

<u>Birth</u>

Emily Frances Kradlak

David and Amy Io Kradlak

announce the birth of twin baby girls

born March 18, 2003 at Fisher-Titus

Medical Center in Norwalk. Adelynn

Elizabeth, weighing 6 pounds, 15

ounces and 20 inches long, was born at

12:28 p.m. Emily Frances, weighing 5

pounds, 5 ounces and 18 inches long,

Grandparents are David and Gloria

Kradlak of North Ridgeville and Joe and

was born at 12:30 p.m.

Ruth Ann Cook of Kenton.



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Jeff Sprague and Dawn Dehlinger

PARK & REC DEPT. EVENTS

A day at the stable

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department will offer a day at the stable at Pony Tale Farm May 3 from 1-2 p.m. for ages 4-12. The cost is \$12. Learn horse care, safety, grooming and saddling plus ride a horse. Register by April 25.

Junior pony camp

A junior pony camp at Pony Tale Farm will be held May 13 from 3-3:45 p.m. or May 17 from 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 2-6. Cost is \$35. Children will play games, have story time, groom, play and ride the ponies. Registration deadline is May 9.

Little scientist

A little scientist program will be held Thursdays May 8-29 for ages 3-5 from 4-4:45 p.m. and ages 6-9 from 5-5:45 p.m. Cost is \$45. Registration deadline is May 2.

Tot 'n tumble

A Tot N Tumble program for 2-3 year-olds who want to dance, stretch and tumble will be held at the Jillian Rians Dance Studio, Grafton, on Saturdays April 19-May 31 from 12:30-1 p.m. Cost is \$40. Registration deadline

Pre-dance

A pre-dance program incorporating ballet, tap, tumbling and coordination skills from 3 1/2-4 1/2 year-olds at Jillian Rians Dance Studio Thursdays May 1-June 5 from 4-5 p.m. The cost is \$60. Register by April 25.

Register at the Parks and Recreation Department, 7307 Avon Belden Road, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 353-0860 for more information.

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Red Cross health and safety courses

The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, will offer the following health and safety courses during April:

Standard First Aid

An American Red Cross Adult CPR certificate (valid for one year) and Standard First Aid certificate (valid for three years) will be issued upon successful completion of the course. Saturday class participants who only wish to complete the First Aid portion must attend the entire day (five-and-ahalf hours) to satisfy course requirements. Courses will be held April 1 and 3 from 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 22 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and April 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Infant and child CPR

An American Red Cross Infant and Child certificate is valid for one year after completion of fiveand-a-half hour course. The course will be held April 29 and May 1 from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Adult CPR

An American Red Cross Adult CPR certificate is valid for one year after completion of a three-and-ahalf hour course. Courses will be held April 1 from 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 22 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and April 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adult CPR re-certification

CPR/First Aid re-certification will be held April 9 at 5:30 p.m. and April 25 at 9 a.m.

Babysitting basics

This babysitting course is designed for young people 11-15-years-old and will be offered April 22 and 24 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. The cost of the class is \$35, which includes a textbook and first

All classes are held at the Chapter building, 2929 W. River Road N., Elyria. Pre-registration is required. Family and senior discounts are available

For more information, call the American Red Cross Health Education Department at 324-2929.

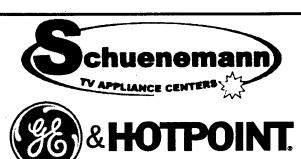
Stay-at-home moms

Meet other stay-at-home mothers at the Mom's Club of Lorain County, a national group that meets once a month for a general meeting and have other activities and field trips throughout the month. The chapter meets for the general meeting the first Tuesday each month at noon at Hosanna Christian Fellowship (no affiliation with them) at 34899 Lorain Rd, North Ridgeville.

For more information, call Lara Monyak at 458 8885 or Michelle Crowder at 366-0223.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald E. Bickel

Ronald E. Bickel, 51, of Lorain, died unexpectedly March 14, 2003, at his home. He was born Nov. 18, 1951, in Elyria. He lived most

of his life in Lorain. Mr. Bickel was employed in the casting department

of Republic Engineered Products, Lorain, for 30 years. He enjoyed fishing and playing darts and was an avid Cleveland Browns fan. Survivors include his daughter, Brittany Bickel of

North Ridgeville; stepson, Brad Bickel of North Ridgeville; a sister, Frances Beetler of Daytona Beach, Fla.; brothers, Delmar Bickel of Springfield and Steve Bickel of Pennsylvania; his former wife, Bernice Bickel of North Ridgeville; and nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, Ray D. and

Ida L. (nee Mertz) Bickel; and a brother, John Mertz. Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal

Funeral Home, Elyria, where services were held March 19. The Rev. David Hockney, pastor of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, officiated.

Norman R. Frindt

Norman R. Frindt, 77, of Avon Lake, died March 24, 2003, at Fairview Hospital, of complications of Parkinson's Disease.

He was born Oct. 24, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., and moved to Cleveland as a child. He lived in Avon Lake since the early 1950s. Mr. Frindt served on Avon Lake City Council and

remained active in city politics, serving on various He was employed by National Cash Register for

more than 30 years, before retiring as a service manager in 1988. He was a member of Elks Lodge 1301, Lorain, and was an avid softball player. He enjoyed fishing and

family reunions. Survivors include his son, Norman I. Frindt of North Ridgeville; a daughter, Dana Scott-Dickey of Bridgewater, Mass.; and two granddaughters.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Albert and Martha (nee Goeldner) Frindt; and a brother,

Arrangements were handled by Busch-Burmeister Family Chapel, Avon Lake.

Rose A. Plesko

Rose A. Plesko (nee Smith), 83, of Elyria, died March 16, 2003, at Elyria United Methodist Village, following a brief illness. She was born in Thompson and lived on the West

Side of Cleveland for many years. She had lived in Elyria for three months.

She was a 1937 graduate of West Tech High School,

Mrs. Plesko was employed for 25 years as a saleswoman in the women's shoe department at the former

Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon, with military honors by VFW Post 9871. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria 44035.

ing and camping.

13 great-grandchildren.

Robert; and a sister, Betty Huffman.

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Mary L. Vargo Mary L. Vargo (nee Allison), 87, of North Ridgeville, died March 24, 2003, at the North Ridgeville home of

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She enjoyed making jewelry and sewing. She regu-

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy A. Franks of

Preceding her in death were her brothers, Frank,

Arrangements were handled by Liston Funeral

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Albert Holly Hollingshead Jr., 75, of North

He was born March 30, 1927, in Saxton, Pa. He

Mr. Hollingshead was employed by Alltel

He was a charter member of Veterans of Foreign

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Nancy L.

Ridgeville, died March 23, 2003, at New Life Hospice

Center of St. Joseph, Lorain, following a lengthy illness.

moved to North Ridgeville 42 years ago from Elyria.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Telephone Co., for 33 years, retiring in 1989 as a line

Wars Post 9871, North Ridgeville, and served on its

color guard for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fish-

(nee Nagel); sons, Donald Eugene of Windbur, Pa.,

Chet, Robert "Buck" and Bill, all of North Ridgeville,

and Tim of Parma; a daughter, Mary Lugar of Avon; a

sister, Jean Suter of Elyria; and 12 grandchildren and

and Pauline (nee Price) Hollingshead; a brother,

Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where ser-

vices were held March 26. The Rev. David J.

Wojnarowski Sr. and Deacon Frank Meade of Pearl

Brook Baptist Church, Parma, officiated. Burial was in

Preceding him in death were his parents, Albert Sr.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner

Home, North Ridgeville. Services were held March 27

at First Congregational United Church of Christ, North

Ridgeville. The Rev. Ellen Palmer Marsey, pastor, offi-

Heart Association, 1689 E. 115th St., Cleveland 44106;

or National Geographic Society, Development Office,

1145 17th St. NW, Washington D.C. 20036-4688.

ciated. Burial was in Lutheran Cemetery, Cleveland.

larly met her classmates from Thomas Jefferson Junior

North Ridgeville; a son, John N. Plesko of Conroe, Texas;

and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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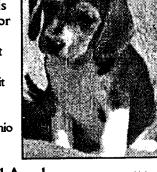


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her daughter Lillian's companion, Josip Grgic, following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 30, 1915, in Lorain. She had lived in New York, Lorain, Amherst and Oregon before returning to North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Vargo had been employed as matron for the Lorain city high schools.

She was an avid quilter and crocheter and enjoyed crafts and playing bingo.

Survivors include her daughter, Lillian V. Harvey of North Ridgeville; a son, Jess A. Vargo of Wilmington, Del.; and five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jess A. Vargo, in 1985; her parents, Robert and Lillian (nee Marsh) Allison; and brothers, Archie and Clifford Allison.

Arrangements were handled by Reidy-Scanlan-Chambers Funeral Home, Lorain, where services were held March 27. The Rev. Kenneth Blystone Sr., Mrs. Vargo's great-nephew, pastor of New Covenant Lighthouse Church, Milan, officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Lorain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Covenant Lighthouse Church, 11001 SR 250 North, Milan 44846; or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 424 Middle Ave., Elyria 44035.

M. Alice Deubel

M. Alice Deubel (nee Ingraham), 94, of Elyria, died March 24, 2003, at Center Ridge Nursing Home, North Ridgeville, following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 26, 1908, in Cleveland. She lived much of her life in Elyria, moved to Florida in 1966 and returned to Elyria in 1988 to live with her daughter. Mrs. Deubel and her late husband, Philip, owned

the former P.R. Deubel Nursery in North Eaton. She was a member of Old Glory Grange in

LaGrange. In Florida, she was a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Orlando, and sang in the choir.

Survivors include her daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Pleban of Wakeman; sons, Philip W. of Orlando, Raymond E. of North Ridgeville, Richard G. of Nederland, Colo., and William H. Deubel of LaCrosse. Wis.; sisters, Ethel Mace of Eustis, Fla., and Jean Dilas of Orlando; and 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Philip R. Deubel, in 1983; sisters, May Offenberg, Florence Roig and Dorothy Henderson; and brothers, Harry and Robert Ingraham.

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria. Services will be held April 19 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 46 E. Main St., Wakeman. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Gotha, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, 7445 Deer Trail Lane, Lorain 44053; Girl Scouts, Erie Shores, 6111 S. Broadway, Lorain 44053; Easter Seals Society of Northwestern Ohio. 1909 North Ridge Road, No. 6, Lorain 44055; Salvation Army of Elyria, 716 Broad St., Elyria 44035.

Rita M. Bockmiller

Rita M. Bockmiller (nee Burkart), 84, of North Ridgeville, died March 22, 2003 at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake after a short illness.

She was born in Cleveland and lived in North Olmsted for 36 years before moving to North Ridgeville four months ago.

Mrs. Bockmiller was a member of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in North Ridgeville.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and gardening. Survivors include daughters, Mary Ann Milliken of North Ridgeville and Joanne Bockmiller of Middletown R.I.; sons, Jacob of Elyria and James of Fairview Park; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and sisters, Bernice Szucs of Cleveland and Dorothy Buehner of Mentor.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jacob, in 1992; sons, Jacob and Thomas; her parents, William and Anne (nee Boutton) Burkart; brothers, Jack, William, Robert and Edward Burkart; and a sister, Coletta Burkart.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was held March 29 at St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, North Ridgeville. The Rev. Richard Gonser, pastor, officiated.

CHURCH NEWS

Taize' service

The North Ridgeville Presbyterian Fellowship would like to invite any seeker to join in a fellowship and worship April 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a light meal, community, songs and stories followed by a Taize' service. Taize' is an interdenominational Christian worship service involving prayer and song.

For more information, call 353-0944. All are wel-

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park.

Memorials may be made to St. Julie Billiart Religious Education Fund, 5500 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville 44039.

Marion Mills

Marion Mills (nee Warren), 96, of North Ridgeville, died March 26, 2003 at North Ridge Health Center in North Ridgeville after a long illness. She was born in Toledo and moved from Toledo to

North Ridgeville in 2000. Mrs. Mills was a member of Memorial United

Church of Christ, Toledo. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, gift-wrap-

ping, knitting and preparing food baskets for the needy.
Survivors include her caretaker and daughter-inlaw, Sandra Mills of Grafton Township; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Glenn D., in 1971; a son, Robert Gene Mills, in 2002; a grandson, Kyle Mills; her parents, Walter C. and Emma (nee Bates) Warren; and sisters, Helen Block and Doris Colby.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville.

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Christina M. Connell, 100, of New Castle, Pa., died March 27, 2003, at Golden Hill Nursing Home in New Castle, following a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 27, 1902, in Ginter, Pa., and moved to New Castle 30 years ago from Charleroi, Pa. She attended Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Mrs. Connell retired from a clerical position at Charleroi-Monessen Hospital in 1964 and had also worked for the federal government in Pittsburgh.

She was an avid bridge player and a member of the American Contract Bridge League. She did volunteer work for St. Mary's Church, the American Cancer Society and Goodwill Industries.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty D'Antonio of North Ridgeville; a son, David Connell of Alexandria, Va.; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchil-

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Joseph Julius, in 1929; her second husband, Joseph Connell, in 1943; a son, Joseph Julius; and several brothers and sisters.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was held March 31 in St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, North Ridgeville. The Rev. Richard A. Gonser, pastor, officiated. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Christ Chapel (non-denominational) 36300 Center Ridge Road. Phone (440) 327-6020. Ralph L. Palmer, Pastor / Teacher. Bible School for all ages 9:30 A.M.; Worship 10:45 A.M.; Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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

Springs of Life Church. 31860 Bagley Rd. N. Ridgeville. Family wor-ship 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 Sheffler, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6:30 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 Services 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 worship service is at 9 & 11 a.m. at 10:00 a.m. Crib and toddler room

Harvest Ridge Assembly of God. 35600 Lorain Road. Pastor Kevin L. Crow. For details or direc-tions, call (440) 327-0024. Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:45 am (Children's Ministry & Nursery Provided) - Sunday School 9:45 am - Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm (Royal Rangers, Missionettes & Youth Ministry)

Hosanna Christian Fellowship Adsana Christian Fellowship, 34869 Lorain Rd. Located on the corner of Lorain & Island Rds. Pastor Jim Neece. Sunday Worship Service 9 &11 AM; Wednesday Service 7:00 PM; Small Groups meet throughout the week

Northridge Christian Life Church, 8877 Avon Belden Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039, Phone (440) 353-0758. Pastor William Falk. Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m & 6:30 p.m. Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group Single Meetings, Prayer Meetings and Midweek Home Meetings.

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. 38079 Center Ridge Rd., No. Ridgeville. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights; Youth Group at 6:45 on Wednesday.

Calvary Christian Center Pente-costal Church of God. 6001 Lear Nagle, North Ridgeville (440) 353-3593. Rev. Scott Nicoll. Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School 10 a.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 Cong-regational United Church of Christ. 36363 Center Ridge Rd. Worship 10:00 a.m.; Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Pastor - Rev. Ellen Palmer

St. Julie Billiart 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.; 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, 10:00, 12 noon. Reconciliation Saturdays 4-

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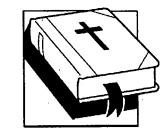
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POLICE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Stolen car found at motel

A patrolman noticed a black Saturn parked in the rear of the Ridge Motel lot around 7:30 p.m. A check of the registration revealed that the vehicle was listed as stolen from the Strongsville Police Department.

The patrolman contacted the motel clerk and asked if she knew who had driven the car into the lot. She said she did not know, but provided the name of the person in the closest rented room. The officer dispatched the information and learned that the suspect had two felony warrants, one from the Ohio State Highway Patrol for a patrol violation with charges of aggravated robbery, robbery and theft. The second was from Strongsville for vehicle theft.

Another patrolman arrived on the scene and a dispatcher called the room. letting the phone ring 20 times, however there was no movement inside. The patrolmen found the motel door unlocked and went inside, but no one

was there. One of the officers disconnected the ignition cables on the Saturn, then retrieved his K-9 dog and waited at the rear of the motel, where he could see the vehicle and the room.

Two other officers took positions east and west of the motel and near 9:30 p.m. a green Mercury pulled into the lot and female got out of the driver's side and a male exited the passenger side. The female went into a room, while the male got something out of the Saturn.

All three officers moved in and confronted the subjects. They ordered them onto the ground. The subjects complied and were taken into custody. The female knew nothing about the stolen vehicle and was released. The male was transported to the police station. The Strongsville P.D. took custody of the suspect and had the vehicle towed.

Not a kiddie crime

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that when the children and staff left the playground at 3:30 p.m. three days before, all the equipment and toys were there and intact. However, staff members noted that a toy push mower, picnic table and merry-go-round had been taken from the fenced-in playground and tossed into the creek behind the playground.

There are no suspects and nothing else damaged.

The investigation will continue if a suspect can be developed.

Who stole the Sony?

A male went to the police station to report that his Playstation was missing from his home, though it had been there the week before.

He said he questioned his sons, but

they knew nothing about it. He told police he heard in the neighborhood who may have taken it and that it had either been turned in or about to be turned into the Elyria Record Exchange. The store refused to give him any information without a police report.

The man told police he thought one of his son's friends had taken the Playstation, but refused to give the name. He also refused to write out a statement.

Police contacted Record Exchange, but the manager said the Playstation had not been turned in at that time.

There will be no further investigation due to the lack of co-operation from the victim, unless Record Exchange recovers the system.

FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Looked like smoke

Firefighters answered a call to Noll Drive for a fire complaint. No fire was found, but the weather was wet, hazy and overcast, which could have accounted for the appearance.

No permits; fire put out

Someone called the fire department to Westwood Drive. There was a recreational fire burning in the backyard, but the resident had no permit. The fire was put out and the resident was issued a written warning.

Check for carbon monoxide

Firefighters investigated an elevated level of carbon monoxide in the kitchen and dining room of a Sugar Ridge Road home. The homeowner said her son warmed his car up in the garage prior to leaving. The house was ventilated and the homeowner was advised to leave the windows open for approximately 30

Odor located

A crew was called to York Crescent to investigate a natural gas smell. They found the smell and reassured the resident that everything was fine.

Checked for gas

When firefighters arrived at a Boulder Drive home, scme kids riding bikes told them they smelled something. They found a natural gas smell in front of the same location in the front yard by the street. They checked inside the house but found no smell. They contacted the gas company and were advised someone would be there in approximately 30 minutes. There was no life hazard.

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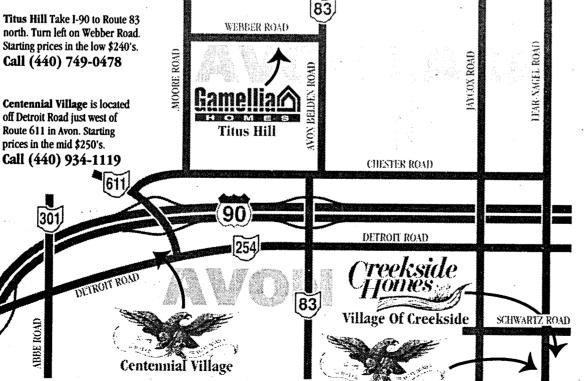
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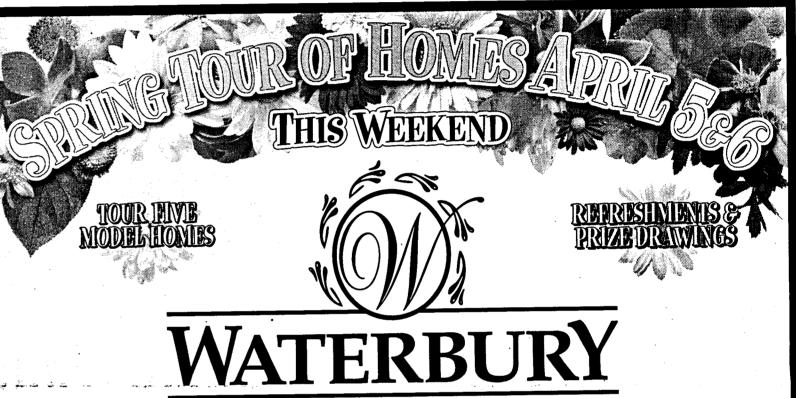
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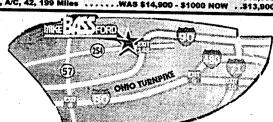
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