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**Getting ready to celebrate the holidays**  
Senior models at a recent holiday fashion show are lovely to look at in their festive outfits. From left, Ann Cooper wears a sparkling royal blue sweater over her black pants. Martha Flanagan goes red and black in her outfit. Connie Brent is ready for an evening out in the always-popular black gown.

## Ask and you shall receive; perhaps more than you ever intended

By Carol Klear

There's an old saying, "Be careful what you wish for." City officials hoped residents would respond to the survey that went out with this month's water bill...and did they ever.

"The response is really good," Mayor Dave Gillock said. "We sent out 10,000 and approximately 5,000 (questionnaires) came back. I've been told 10 percent is a good

response. We've got a stack about 2 feet tall." Gillock called some of the responses "interesting," but also noted how difficult it is to communicate with the public at times because many people don't understand that the city and school district are separate entities.

Some of the comments returned reflected a misunderstanding of which is responsible for what, but regardless, Gillock is impressed with the number of surveys returned.

The survey prepared by the Community Development Advisory Committee focused on some issues of concern including a new rec center, industrial and commercial growth, road maintenance and housing. Those topics required residents to rank them by importance, but the bottom half of the assessment gave residents a chance to

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## Grafton inmates help themselves as they try to help others make good choices

By Carol Klear

Pacing back and forth on the stage, microphones in hand, the two men exuded all the confidence of CEOs of large corporations, as they talked about themselves and the lives they lead.

But instead of the traditional dark suits, colored shirts and the complementary ties of today's businessmen, 34-year-old Nick Nageotte and Glen Ewing, 27, wore khaki pants and shirts—the uniforms of inmates of the Grafton Correctional Institution where they are presently incarcerated.

Nageotte and Ewing were speaking to students at

North Ridgeville High School as part of the "Dope is for Dopes" Youth Outreach Program, that allows minimum security inmates to give presentations to children about their choices and how drugs and alcohol affected their lives.

"We're not trying to scare you," Nageotte said. "We don't want you to wind up where we are."

**Glen Ewing**  
Ewing, who has served seven of his 11-year sentence for dealing drugs, said he came from a home where both parents had good jobs.

"I had a good family," he said. "I went to school, got good grades and played sports, football and baseball. I

took Karate. "When I got to junior high school, my father started doing drugs and alcohol," he said. "Things changed."

Ewing said when he got home from school he'd find his father home drunk and arguing with his mother.

"He was also high on cocaine," he said. The teenager, his brother and sister witnessed the arguments, "but mother wasn't into arguing," he said, especially when his father was high.

The verbal fighting was hard enough for the family, but

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## Ace Hardware holds grand opening at new N.R. store

By Carol Klear

Last Thursday dawned dark and dank, but people began lining up well before the new Ace Hardware opened, anxious to get into the brightly lit retail center and take advantage of its specials.

Owner, Greg Gathy, put some finishing touches on some of the merchandise before the doors opened. But as customers continue to queue up, store employees rewarded their patience with a long table set with steaming hot coffee and dozens of donuts.

Finally a saw horse was set up just outside the entrance and as Gathy and some of the employees held a piece of wood, Mayor Dave Gillock welcomed the store to the community and with a new twist on the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, sawed through the wood.

Ace Hardware was officially open.

Although the new store at 35111 Center Ridge Road has been serving customers for several weeks, the official three-day Grand Opening was held Dec. 9-11, with freebies for the first customers who made purchases on each of the three days.

On Thursday, the first 100 customers received a free extension cord with their purchases, on Friday the first 200 people received free light bulbs and on Saturday the initial 100 got a free 32-gallon trash can, plus 20 percent off all items that fit in the trash can.

In the same shopping strip, adjacent to Ace Hardware, another new store, Dollar General Store, opened Nov. 20 and has been serving a steady stream of customers ever since. The store offers low prices and value to its customers with national brands, as well as private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies and more, many priced at \$1 or less and some a little higher.



Mayor Dave Gillock saws through a piece of wood to mark the official opening of Ace Hardware. P&L photo by Carol Klear

## Call Community Care to 'adopt' a child for Christmas

By Carol Klear



As the saying goes, "Christmas is for children," but this Christmas many North Ridgeville children may not find a single thing under the tree, June Yost director of Community Care said.

"We have so many more children to provide for this year," she said.

There are many reasons that this is possibly the worst year for families wanting gifts for their children.

"More people are needing help," she said. "There are the unemployed, the ill and the underemployed."

Whatever the reason, Community Care needs assistance and Yost is pleading with residents to adopt a child this Christmas.

"We have at least 40 boys and girls from infants to teenagers that we need help with," she said.

The youngsters' wish lists are simple, Yost said, noting that the only things two little girls asked for were backpacks and pajamas.

This year Community Care's food supply is in

good shape, she said.

One reason is that many stores offer "buy one, take one," and customers often give the extra one to Community Care. Several schools also held food drives including St. Peter, Lake Ridge Academy and the middle school. Yost called the middle school's food contributions "remarkable."

"In November we fed over 1,022 people," she said. And donations from the coupons in the Press & Light generated approximately \$2,000. But still the need for gifts for children remains, she said.

If there is anyone in the community who feels they could "adopt" a child for Christmas, call Community Care, 353-9716 and a volunteer will provide you with the child's "wish list." But hurry, the distribution of Christmas gifts will be Dec. 21.

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## Ranger wrestlers edged by Berea in close match

The North Ridgeville High School wrestling squad lost a close match to Pioneer Conference Heritage Division (PCHD) opponent Berea last week. The Braves edged the Rangers 35-34. It was a nice improvement for North Ridgeville, who lost 44-21 in 2003 to Berea.

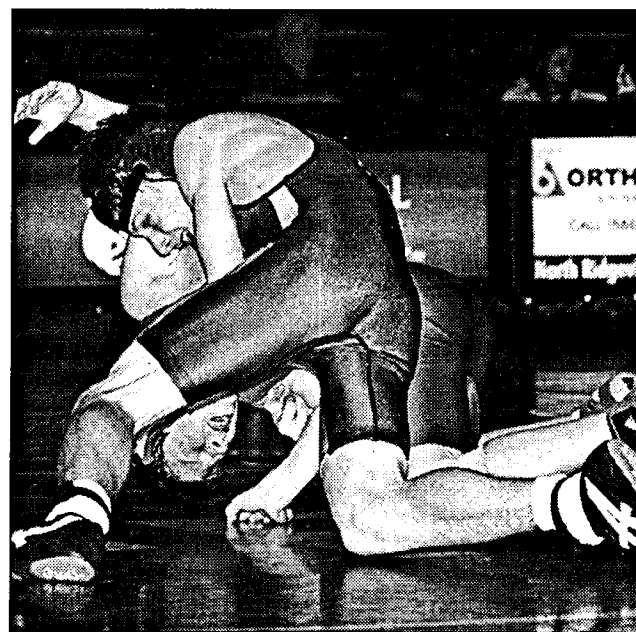
Junior Joey Asp was the only Ranger to win with a pin. He took down Berea's Bill Cherry in 3:37 in the 152-pound weight class.

Micah Wall (103 pounds) won a 17-8 major decision over Chris Yutzy. Nick Rundle (145) won a 5-2 decision over Nick Schneider. In the 215-pound division, Johnny Stumpf won a 6-2 decision over Jon Rogowski.

Ranger standouts Kyle Gustely (119) and Alec Barker (heavyweight), as well as Mike Koenig (125), won by forfeits.

The Rangers will take on two Pioneer Conference teams in two days this week. After hosting the Frontier Division's Brunswick on Thursday at 7 p.m., Ridgeville travels to Brecksville for a PCHD matchup on Friday.

NRHS will return home Dec. 22 when the Rangers host their own Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Cleveland Central Catholic, Lakewood, Lutheran West, Midpark, Open Door Christian, Orange and Valley Forge will compete with the Rangers in the tourney, which Ridgeville hopes to make an annual event.

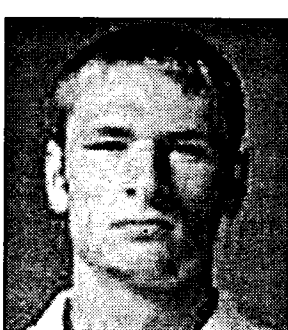


NRHS junior Micah Wall (top) defeated Chris Yutzy with a 17-8 major decision. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

## Christian named to All-Great Lakes Region team

North Ridgeville native and Baldwin-Wallace College goalie Nate Christian has been named to the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) Division III All-Great Lakes Region team.

Christian was instrumental in leading the Yellow Jackets to a 14-5-1 finish and 5-3-1 in the Ohio Athletic Conference, helping B-W set a single-season record for wins and the school's first-ever berth in the four-team OAC Tournament.



Christian

"Nate had an outstanding season and is very deserving of the honor," B-W head coach Reid Ayers said. "He is among the best at his position in the OAC, the region and in Division III. We are also happy that Nate will be back next year."

In goal, Christian played in all 20 games and a total of 1,804 minutes. He faced 223 total shots, including 104 on goal. He has a 0.96 goal-against-average with the school-record-tying eight shutouts and 84 saves. Christian has 16 shutouts in two years as a starter.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004

**Girls Basketball**  
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Strongsville

**Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004**  
**Wrestling**  
7 p.m.: Brunswick @ NRHS

### Friday, Dec. 17, 2004

**Girls Basketball**  
6 p.m.: LRA @ EFBC

**Wrestling**  
7 p.m.: NRHS @ Brecksville

**Boys Basketball**  
7:30 p.m.: Brecksville @ NRHS

7:30 p.m.: LRA @ EFBC

### Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004

**Girls Basketball**  
6 p.m.: Valley Forge @ NRHS

### Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004

**Wrestling**  
TBA: Holiday Tourney @ NRHS

**Boys Basketball**  
TBA: NRHS @ DiFranco Tourney

**Girls Basketball**  
6 p.m.: NRHS @ Vermilion

### Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004

**Boys Basketball**  
TBA: NRHS @ DiFranco Tourney

## ON DECK

### Softball clinic

The North Coast Spirit will be hosting a softball pitching clinic for girls on Dec. 28 at North Ridgeville High School. Carla Brookbank, owner of an instructional school and a professional player, will be conducting the clinic. Registration is limited. Complete information, registration form and bio information on the instructor can be obtained at [www.northcoastspirit.com](http://www.northcoastspirit.com) or by calling 327-4361.

### 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.

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## ACADEMIC NOTES

Kathleen Smith, of North Ridgeville, recently graduated from the dental assisting program at the Ohio Institute of Health Careers.

Abigail Dodd and Chris Dodd, both of North Ridgeville, were named to the Dean's List at Ohio University. Abigail is a psychology and biology major. Chris is a mechanical engineering major. Their parents are Doug and Marilyn Dodd, of North Ridgeville.

Sonya Cseke, of North Ridgeville, will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Cleveland State University on Dec. 19. She is 2000 graduate of North Ridgeville High School. Cseke plans to continue her education.

### JVS Honor Roll

The following North Ridgeville students were named to the Honor Roll at the Lorain County JVS: Ronald Davis, Karl Frederick, Dana Gabel, Douglas

Kozar, Madelyn Kwasny, Matthew Lazarek, Gregg Lehart, Jonathan Rosado, Hanna Toth, Alex Walls.

### ARC accepting nominations

The North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee will accept nominations for the 17th annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame induction. To be eligible for this nomination, the person must be a graduate of North Ridgeville High School a minimum of five years. Nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame should include the

### EC After-Prom committee hosts breakfast

The Elyria Catholic After-Prom Committee, with Elyria Catholic SADD Chapter will host a pancake breakfast Dec. 19 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage,

following information: alumnus name, current address, year of graduation from the North Ridgeville school system, age, occupation and biographical information about the nominee listing distinguishing honors, community service and other accomplishments. The nomination must also include the nominator's name, address and phone number. Nominations should be sent to Patricia Bahr, principal, North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville 44039. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 21, 2005.

orange juice, coffee or milk for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Santa will be there, so bring a camera. Kids can get their face painted. Proceeds will help with the cost of After-Prom.

## What's for lunch?

For Dec. 16-Dec. 22, 2004

### North Ridgeville Middle School/High School

Thur: Turkey w/gravy, dinner roll, potatoes, corn, peaches, cookie, milk.  
Fri: Fish or chicken sandwich, potato and cheese pierogies, cole slaw, fruit cocktail, milk.  
No school until Jan. 3

### North Ridgeville Elementary

Thur: Turkey w/gravy, dinner roll, potatoes, corn, peaches, cookie, milk.  
Fri: Fish sticks or chicken nuggets, fries, fruit cocktail, milk.  
No school until Jan. 3

### St. Peter Catholic School

Thur: Manager's choice.  
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## The Wahlu Winner's Cheerleading and Dance Team now accepting registration through Christmas!

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## A Message to Our Readers...

Please Note: The Press & Light will NOT be publishing a Wednesday, December 29, 2004 issue. Our regular weekly schedule will resume with our Wednesday, January 5, 2005 issue.

### LRA BOYS, from page 10

this is something these young guys are going to build from.

"They're upset and disappointed in the way they played tonight. I guarantee you the next time we play these guys it will be a different ballgame. You just have to learn from your mistakes and get back in the race. We're down right now but we'll be back up."

Januzzi said he expects a much different contest when the teams face again, especially if the 6'5" Maczuzak returns along with point guard Cannaday.

"We expect a different game because they'll be healthy," Januzzi said. "I think Patrick Lange does an excellent job for Lake Ridge. He's going to bring his team along. He's missing his big guy, they have some injuries and they're going through some adversity. I think as time goes on, that team will be

playing well as the year progresses. I'm certain that's going to happen."

The Royals will look to get their first victory this Friday when they travel to Elyria First Baptist Christian.

"This is a game we can definitely win if we play well," Lange said. "We will continue to work on all phases of the game. I am scouting them on Tuesday and that will give us an idea of what our game plan will be."

After playing EFBC, the Royals will have an 18-day break over the holidays before resuming play on Jan. 4 against Medina Christian Academy.

"The break will give us an opportunity to go back to the drawing board and focus on what we need to work on," Lange said. "It gives the injured players a chance to get back into shape and learn what they missed. I plan on doing a lot over break that will help the team grow and learn."

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POLICE & FIRE BLOTTERS

By Carol Klear

Too drunk to drive

Police officers stopped on Lorain Road at I-480 to check on a disabled vehicle on the entrance ramp. The driver was arrested for DUI.

Getting to the root of it

A Root Road resident reported that her husband had pulled her hair and threatened physical harm. The husband was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

Caught!

A male on Sullivan Drive was arrested and referred to Lorain County Juvenile Court for theft.

Camping out

A female was arrested at Crystal Springs Campgrounds for domestic violence.

Campgrounds for domestic violence.

Doggone!

A Nicoll Drive resident reported a missing dog.

Bang-up job

An adult male was riding a bicycle on SR 20 and shooting fireworks at other individuals in the parking lot of Changa World in the Ridgeway Shopping Center. He was arrested and charged with unauthorized discharge of fireworks, OVE and excess blood alcohol content.

Inside job

The manager of AutoZone on SR 20 filed a theft report with police and a store employee was arrested.

Gottcha!

A Center Ridge Road resident complained to police that neighbor children were shooting paintballs at people. A juvenile was identified and the incident referred to Juvenile Court.

Speakers stolen

A Garrett Road homeowner's vehicle was entered during the night and two stereo speakers and three amplifiers were taken from the trunk.

'Doling' it out

Police were called to a Burns Road address when a man reported that his wife threw a pineapple at him and hit the left side of his face.

No problem

A citizen called from the area of Root Road and the railroad tracks about smoke. Nothing

was found on the north side of the acks, but there was some smoke coming from a stack on Gary Sweet's barn. A neighbor ated that Sweet had just left the site and kees a wood burning stove going to keep equipment from freezing. There was no fire.

Knock down drag out

A motor vehicle accident occurred when a car traveling on Center Ridge Road went off the road and struck the corner of a house. No hazards were found, but a corr of the exposed foundation was knocked ut. There were no injuries.

Transports

From Dec. 3-8, the North Ridgeway Fire Department had five fire runs and 30 EMS runs. There were nine runs to EMI Regional Medical Center and 15 to St. John Vest Shore Hospital. There were six "no transports."

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS EVENTS

The Office for Older Adults is located at the North Ridgeway Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road.

Activities

Craft group The group meets on Mondays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A soup lunch is available for 35 cents.

Wednesday luncheon

Cards are played from 9 a.m.-noon. Lunch is served, by reservation, at noon for \$3.25 with bingo following.

On the third Wednesday of the month, free blood pressure checks are offered.

Super Thursday luncheon

On the fourth Thursday of the month, a luncheon will be held for a cost of \$5. Reservations must be made by calling 353-0828 by Wednesday by 10 a.m.

Men's breakfast

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month for a cost of \$2.50. Reservations

are required one day in advance. Call 353-0828 to make a reservation.

Women's breakfast

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month for a cost of \$2.50. Reservations are required one day in advance. Call 353-0828 to make a reservation.

Men's and women's breakfast

When there is a fifth Thursday in the month, a breakfast will be held for both men and women at 9 a.m. at cost

of \$2.50. Reservations are required one day in advance. Call 353-0828 to make a reservation.

Computer classes

Beginning computer to specialized computer classes are held by Web Wise Seniors on Mondays at the Senior Center. The cost is \$42 for each series of classes. The instructor specializes in teaching seniors. For more information or to enroll, call 953-2443.

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS EVENTS

Firelands Symphony Orchestra

Firelands Symphony Orchestra will present a Christmas concert, "An Old-Fashioned Holiday" at the Daniel Ross Center for Performing Arts at Avon Lake High School on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Music director, Santos Perez, and the orchestra will combine music, theater, dance and song. For ticket information, call (440) 610-5755.

Clay Aiken

Clay Aiken will perform with a full orchestra on his "Joyful Noise Tour," coming to Playhouse Square's Palace Theatre on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Aiken will perform his hits as well as celebrate songs from his new holiday album. Tickets are \$60, \$45 and \$25. Tickets will be available at the Playhouse Square ticket office; online at playhousesquare.com; and by phone at (800) 766-6048.



'Finding Nemo'

Disney on Ice will present Disney/Pixar's "Finding Nemo" at the Gund Arena Jan. 12-23. Tickets are available at the Gund Arena Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com and Ticketmaster outlets. To order by phone, call (216) 241-5555. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20 with a limited number of \$40 and \$60 seats.

'Movin' Out'

"Movin' Out," a new musical by Tony Award-winner Twyla Tharp based on the songs of Billy Joel opens in Cleveland for a two-week engagement at Playhouse Square Center Feb. 8-20. Tickets are on sale at the box office, by phone at (216) 241-6000 or online at www.playhousesquare.com. Ticket prices range from \$32.50-\$77.50 (plus handling). Discounts for groups of 20 or more available by calling (216) 771-4444.

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Josh Groban

Josh Groban will be at Gund Arena on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$68.50, \$48.50 and \$38.50. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Plain Dealer Holiday Spirit Campaign. Tickets are available at the Gund Arena ticket office, all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com or via charge by phone at (216) 241-5555.

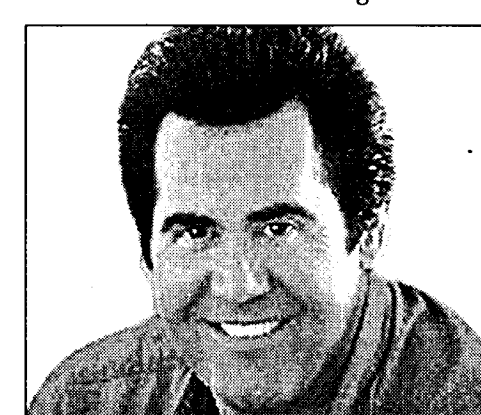


2005 Cleveland Sport, Travel & Outdoor Show

The 68th annual Cleveland Sport, Travel & Outdoor Show will be at the I-X Center March 12-20. Tickets are \$9.95

Holly Hill Farm advertisement featuring horse riding lessons, boarding, and holiday special events. Includes contact information for reservations.

for adults, \$4 for children and free for children 5 and younger. Discount tickets good for \$2 general admission are available at most AAA offices. Any Boy or Girl Scouts attending in full uniform will be admitted free of charge.



Wayne Newton

"Mr. Las Vegas," Wayne Newton will perform a holiday concert at Playhouse Square's Palace Theatre Dec. 17. Tickets are \$50, \$40 and \$35 at the Playhouse Square Ticket Office, www.playhousesquare.com or call (216) 241-6000.

'Guess How Much I Love You'

"Guess How Much I Love You" will be presented Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Ohio Theatre. Based on the award-winning children's story by author Sam McBratney and illustrator Anita Jeram, Guess How Much I Love You is a magical puppetry piece depicting the unique bonds between parent and child. Tickets are \$14.50 each and can be purchased by calling (216) 241-6000, by logging

onto www.playhousesquare.com or by visiting the Playhouse Square Center ticket office.



Motley Crue

Motley Crue Red, White & Crue Tour 2005 will stop at the Gund Arena Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$57 at all Ticketmaster locations, the Gund Arena ticket office or charge by phone at (216) 241-5555.

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J.W. DOVER Beer & Wine Making Supplies advertisement. Includes address, phone number, and list of services.

AccuCare Home Medical Equipment advertisement. Features wheel chairs, scooters, beds, and lift chairs. Includes a holiday sale coupon.

Save at B&B advertisement for Maytag Neptune washers. Features a 'Lowest Price Ever!' of \$799.00 and contact information for Euclid and Middleburg Hts. locations.

Galehouse Plants & Gifts advertisement for Christmas trees and wreaths. Includes a list of tree varieties and contact information.

North Ridgeville Press & Light subscription advertisement. Promotes 52 weekly issues for \$12.95.

Gale's Westlake advertisement for holiday gifts. Features 'The Natural Choice This Year' and lists various gift categories.

Sue Beez Gift Shoppe advertisement for gift baskets and embroidery. Includes a photo of gift baskets and contact information.

North Crest Equestrian Center advertisement for horseback riding lessons. Features a photo of riders and contact information.

Subscription form for North Ridgeville Press & Light. Includes fields for name, address, city, state, zip, and payment information.

Gift guide for Gale's Westlake. Lists various gift ideas for greenhouses and gardens, such as plant sets and gift baskets.



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