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This Week: Democratic women meet

The North Ridgeville Democratic Women's Club meets May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at East of Chicago Pizza on Center Ridge Road. All Democratic women voters are urged to join. Dues are \$6. For more information, call Betty at 327-8960.

Celebration of Memories

Busch-Bogner Family Chapel will host a Celebration of Memories, May 20, beginning at 1 p.m. The commemoration will include music, a moment of remembrance and reading of the names of those who have died, a message by clergy and patriotic celebration. Members of the community are invited to attend. For more information, call 1-800-252-8724.

Day of Reflection

St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., will host a Women's Day of Reflection on May 20, featuring Sister Loretta Patsva SND of Notre Dame College, on the topic, "Women of the Scriptures." The day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with the celebration of the Mass at 5 p.m.

Project Passages

Project Passages, a non-profit organization to help people plan for the last stage of life, will host a free public forum, entitled "Living at the End of Life," at LCCC Stocker Center on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Denis Radefeld will facilitate a question-and-answer discussion with doctors, nurses, social workers, clergy and others on such topics as financial and cultural issues at life's end, preparing important legal documents and questions to ask your doctor. For more information call Nancy Stoldt, 1-440-934-1300.

Accountants meet

The Institute of Management Accountants, Lake Erie Central Chapter will have a dinner and technical education meeting on May 23 at the IAB Club in Sandusky, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call Brian J. Miser, 871-7906 for more information.

In Brief: Talking bluebirds

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sandy Ridge Wetland Center on May 27, Bob MacGillis of Black River Audubon Society will present the life history of the bluebird and tips on maintaining nesting boxes.

Golf Classic

The American Cancer Society's Nev Chandler Golf Classic will hold its sixth annual tournament on Aug. 21 at Spring Valley Country Club in Elyria. For more information, call Jeannine at the American Cancer Society at 1-888-227-6446.



Who will be NRHS prom king and queen?

Eight North Ridgeville High School seniors are vying for the royal titles for this year's prom, "Take my Breath Away," to be held Friday at Wagner's Country Inn. From left to right, queen candidates, Angela Lash, Michelle Cruzado, Amy Cameron and Corey Haag; king candidates, Scott Cassidy, Brian Lamoda, Dave Palange, Josh Hudgens. (P&L Klear)

Former fire chief, Bob Dreger, dies

By Carol Klear

The Fire Department's ladder truck stood at attention in the funeral home driveway, the ladder extended to its fullest. An American flag affixed at the very top billowed in the breeze as a proclamation of respect for the city's former fire chief, who had died but a few days before, on May 8.

Bob Dreger had joined the North Ridgeville Fire Department in 1950 and retired in 1982. The shiny badge in the lid of the casket was a symbol of the rank he had achieved in 1972. The vivid red carnations atop the casket made a statement of Bob's loyalty to his department and to his job. Carefully tucked into the spray was a basket of apples, symbolizing the apples he grew on his Lorain Road farm.

Among those who were bidding a last good-by, were an honor guard of firefighters,

including Chief Rick Miller. Some retired members of the Fire Department were on hand, as well.

Pastor Kevin Crow listed Bob's many accomplishments, including his service in the U.S. Army in World War II, in which he received an American Theater ribbon, as well as a bronze star, a good conduct medal and a victory medal from WW II. The minister related that Bob belonged to the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the Great Lakes Historical Society. He studied chemical engineering at Fenn College in Cleveland and enjoyed reading and traveling.

A granddaughter, her voice breaking from time to time with emotion, read a poem entitled, "Firemen's Prayer," which asks God to watch over the fireman in his line of duty.

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Robert Dreger

Jim Johnson appointed Safety Service Director

By Carol Klear

Former Ward 1 councilman Jim Johnson began his duties as North Ridgeville's Safety Service Director, on Friday, after resigning his Council seat a week earlier. Johnson succeeds Dan Zirzow who was relieved of the post on May 12.

Earlier in the week Johnson said he was mulling the idea of accepting the position as the city's second-in-command, but after discussing it with his family, decided to accept Mayor Deanna Hill's offer.

"I kept asking myself, 'am I qualified,'" he said, and still wonders if he can fill the "big shoes" of former safety directors, such



Jim Johnson

as Wil Krueger. It was important to have his family's support, as well, Johnson said, stressing that the hours the position entails can be grueling.

After wrestling with the pros and cons, of the issue, Johnson said he decided he wants to serve the city as he watches it grow and develop.

"I know a lot of the plans," he said, but feels it may take him about a week to get up to speed on the job, with the biggest hurdle

remembering, "I'm out of the legislative side (of government) and into administrative."

In November Johnson won his second term as the Ward 1 representative, over his Republican rival, veteran councilman Gil Cornish. Johnson, subsequently was named chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, served on other Council committees and was also Council's liaison to the Planning Commission.

Johnson has been part of North Ridgeville's business community for many years as the owner of North Ridgeville Tire Center, Inc. With his step up into a full-time job in city government, Johnson will turn the reins of his tire business over to his son, Greg Johnson.

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Planning the future: 10 easy ideas to set up your estate

By Mike Powers



Mike Powers

Creating your estate plan is an important task for you and your loved ones. Only through careful planning can you be assured that you and your beneficiaries will be cared for, as you desire. Here are 10 ideas for you to consider as you plan.

1. Establish Your Objectives

Estate planning really is lifetime planning. It should focus on planning for life more than for death - your life, the lives of family and friends, and finally the lives of your heirs. Estate planning involves not only financial and tax matters, but also making sure family members will be secure. Discuss your objectives with your professional advisers, who can help you implement the appropriate plan.

2. Create a List of Your Assets

In order for professional advisers to assist you in designing an effective estate plan, they will need an accurate list of the assets you own. Your Edward Jones investment representative can provide you with a "Personal Financial Inventory" sheet, a comprehensive checklist you can use when creating an inventory of your assets.

3. Minimize Administrative Details

When settling your estate, your family members may find themselves buried in a barrage of paperwork. Keeping your list of assets up to date will help, but all of your securities will have to eventually be registered, which can be time-consuming, expensive and an administrative nightmare. By consolidating your assets and keep a detailed inventory of your securities. More importantly, your survivors will only have to provide information to re-register your securities one time, and there is no charge for the service.

4. Draft a Will

A will is a written document that provides for the distribution of your property when you die. A will must go through probate. Wills are important because they allow you to determine how and to whom your assets will be distributed. If you die without a will, the distribution of your estate will be governed by state law. A will is also important if you have minor children, because it allows you to designate a guardian. Your will needs to be reviewed and updated periodically.

5. Reduce Your Probate Estate

Probate is a process whereby the courts help carry out the provisions in your will. The probate estate consists of assets titled in a deceased person's name. It does not involve assets that pass to a beneficiary by contract, such as a life insurance policy, or assets that are owned jointly with another person. Unfortunately, in some states, probate can

result in additional cost and delay in the administration of an estate and a lack of privacy, since probate records are open to public scrutiny. With proper planning, you can keep the majority of your estate from probate and simplify the process for your heirs. Ask your advisers whether special planning techniques should be used to avoid probate.

6. Determine Your Taxable Estate

It's important to distinguish between your probate estate and your taxable estate. Your taxable estate consists of the value of your gross estate (the fair market value of all your assets), less any deductions. The estate tax is a transfer tax the U.S. government imposes on the assets or property you transfer to other people at the time of your death. These taxes can consume up to 55 percent of your estate. Discuss estate tax planning with your professional advisers.

7. Take Advantage of Estate-Tax Exemptions

The Unified Tax Credit allows you to pass \$650,000 to beneficiaries' estate tax free in 1999. A married couple who plans carefully can take advantage of two exclusions, effectively passing \$1.3 million to beneficiaries free from estate tax. The amount of the exclusion will increase to \$1 million per person in 2006. The exemption can be used while you are living or after you are gone; however, it is important to keep in mind that this is a "use or lose" credit. Married couples must have the proper planning in place to use both available exclusions, or one will be lost.

8. Plan For Incapacity

We've talked about planning for your survivors upon your death, but what if you are unable to manage your affairs while you are alive? A durable power of attorney allows you to designate someone to manage your financial affairs. This

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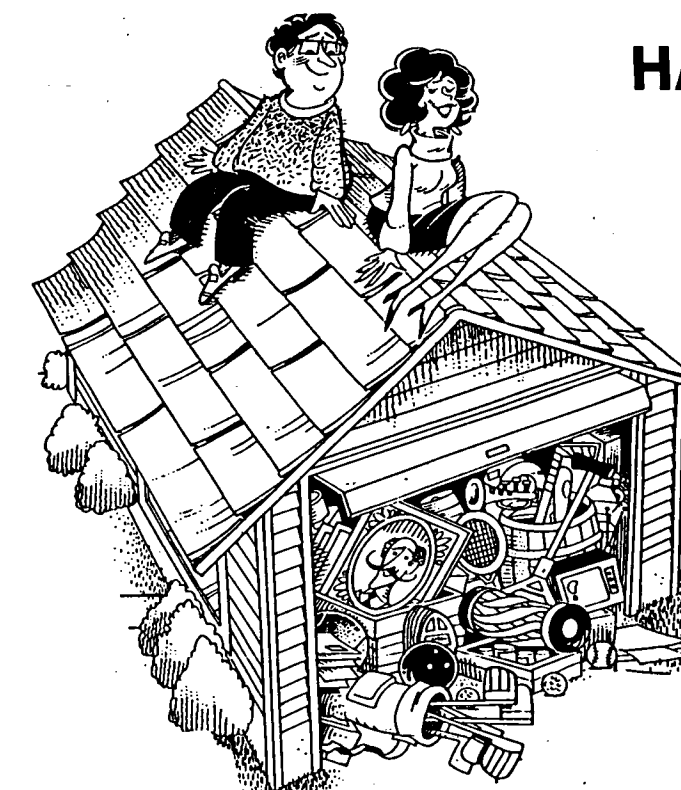
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Project not finished; but part of road open

By Carol Klear

OPEN SESAME.....Bainbridge Road between 83 and Root opened for travel on Friday. A word of caution, when the ENTIRE project is finished, the whole street from end-to-end will get a final coating.

MAYOR CALLING.....Got a call from Herroner about last week's "Mayday, mayday" column, pointing out that according to Council's bylaws lobby speakers have just 2 minutes to speak. Mea culpa, mea culpa. She's right. HOWEVER, if Council can make that bylaw, Council can make an occasional exception, as well. I stand by my feeling that calling the cop on Mr. Phillips was extreme.

BEOOOTIFUL.....Have you ever known of such terrific weather for the Growing Arts Tour as we had May 5...Whoops! I mean the Growing Arts and Antiques Tour. I have "weathered" some real yuk, some pouring-down-rain stuff and some years it's been downright chilly, but this year...oh my, the garden gods were really smiling down for the

Klearly Speaking:

annual event. Visitors Bureau Director Dayle Noll called the 2000 Tour, "the best year ever," and said that it was the first NR visit for many tourists.

AND HERE'S ANOTHER.....On May 20, there will be a plant sale at the Schoepfle Garden in Birmingham, off Rt. 113, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The garden is part of the Lorain County Metro Parks and if you've never been, you really must. It's lovely. And even if you bought all the plants you'll need this year during the Growing Arts, you can still stroll through the gardens. You will love it, trust me.

FORGIVE ME, BUT.....I know, you're probably tired of my talking gardens by now, but I have to tell you this one. You know all the rain we had a couple of weeks ago, well my wannabe butterfly garden got wetter than wet. How wet was it? It was so wet that I saw a robin splish-splashin', not in one of the bird baths provided for such necessities,

but in a MUD PUDDLE right where the posies are headed.

MORE ON ROBINS.....(I had better get out of this mode soon, or you'll all start searchin' for a butterfly net...or maybe even turn to "Just Joshin'"). Anyway, as I sipped my hot, steaming cup of eye-opener, one morning last week, I spotted two robins flitting madly outside the screened porch. As I watched, the two of them (a lady and a gentleman, perhaps?) dived into the large bush and that was the last I saw of them, although I certainly heard lots of little robin noises coming from within the shrub. Seeing what I think I saw, made me feel a tad like a robin-voyeur, which is just a bit racier than a bird watcher, thank you.

GOOD NEWS.....Police Chief Ron Bauer is back at his desk after his brief hospital stay. Welcome back, Chief.

BAD NEWS.....Ward 4 Councilwoman Gail Minnick chipped a bone in her arm last week. Been there and done the arm thing...it's not fun.

Here's a solution to the funding mess: no more school!

By Josh Cable

Ohio's schools are back in the news after last week's monumental Supreme Court ruling that the statewide method of funding is unconstitutional.

What a news flash. Most people would agree that an overhaul of the statewide funding mechanism for our public schools is long overdue. Even in seemingly wealthy suburbs on the Westshore, school districts from Bay Village to Fairview Park to Rocky River have had to get down on their knees and beg for levy funds at one point or another.

As much as it seems that dedicated, civic-minded volunteers enjoy washing cars and holding bake sales to raise money, it's emasculating to the quick when you think about it. The whole principle of it is an embarrassment.

For anyone who is an employee in a public school district, they know that "unconstitutional" is Latin for FUBAR. Which is Latin for just about any derogatory adjective you can think of.

The fact of the matter is, when it comes to funding our schools—when it comes to public education in general—it's last on our priority list in this country.

I'm not sure who to blame. Politicians are an easy target, of course. I find it particularly intriguing that the mayor of Cleveland was able to orchestrate a complicated, multi-layer deal and bring together investors and all the right funding mechanisms to build three brand new sports facilities downtown.

Yet his solution for the schools was to hire a superintendent from New York City and slap her with an officious title: CEO.

I don't know too many CEOs who are expected to clean up a company where the employees are more comfortable wielding knives and guns than pencils, where group sex goes on in the conference rooms and supervisors are commonly assaulted by their subordinates. On a budget, nonetheless. If I'm pointing fingers, I guess it's only fair to point them at everyone else, too. We all should have been bombarding our state senators and representatives with letters, faxes and e-mail demanding a better solution. That goes for me, too—even though I'm still a whippersnapper with no kids in school.

The vexing thing about it is that there just aren't too many good solutions being bandied about right now. Ohio's republican-controlled legislature already wants to cut

Just Joshin':

property taxes, but an increase in income and sales taxes seems imminent.

Not if I can help it.

As public service, your friendly neighborhood columnist has been working 'round the clock to come up with some REAL solutions to the school funding conundrum. That's why they pay me the big bucks.

Lest I cause any more unnecessary anticipation, I'd like to share a few of the ideas I've been working on to solve this problem once and for all.

For starters, I think we should privatize all schools. No, I'm not talking private in the sense that schools like St. Ignatius and St. Edward are private. I'm talking about corporate America taking over our schools. This would completely shift the burden from the taxpayers to shiftless corporations. It's a win-win situation for everybody. Corporations get all kinds of free advertising and good PR, and the schools don't have to worry about passing levies every four years.

Of course, we all would have to make a few adjustments.

First of all, you be sending your children to schools that would undoubtedly bear the names of their corporate sponsors. If you lived in Bay Village, for instance, you might send your children to Bay Village Pepsi-Cola Middle School. Or you may opt to live south of town, where your kids can get a quality education at the Brunswick Brueger's Bagels High School.

In schools that have morning announcements, the kids may have to put up with a few commercial breaks. Or they might just integrate them right into the announcements: "Good morning North Olmsted, and welcome to the Hanes Underwear Morning Announcements. Go Eagles, and remember, they don't say Hanes, until I say they say Hanes."

Sporting events, obviously, would change dramatically in their presentation. Uniforms would have corporate logos and there would be live commercials in between the plays. And the team mascots would change. The North Ridgeville Rangers might become the Nokia North Ridgeville Cell phone-Pagers. The Westlake Demons might become the Hefty Westlake Cinch Sacks (with convenient drawstrings). The Rocky River Pirates would become the MP3.com Rocky River Pirated CD Bootlegs. You get the idea.

On the flip side, corporate-sponsored scholastic sports sets up the possibility for

some intense symbolic rivalries. Pepsi vs. Coke, Anheiser-Busch versus Miller and MTV vs. VH-1 are just a few that come to mind.

If privatization doesn't work, I figure we could always take the professional sports approach to raising money.

While I admit I am a sports fan, it always strikes me as odd that we can scare up the money to build three brand-spanking new sports facilities in downtown Cleveland ... and yet many of Cleveland's public school buildings are ghetto-like rat traps that are about as conducive to learning as the seventh circle of hell.

While some lawmakers may indeed revert to raising the income and/or sales taxes to fund our schools, I say we raise money for our school districts using the exact same methods that we built our impressive new stadiums and arenas. We could hit up investors. We could tap into the booming population of smokers and drinkers with another sin tax (sales from the students alone could probably raise billions). We could charge exorbitant prices for high school sporting events, upwards of \$100 for a front row seat, and thousands for corporate loges—which would actually be a few damp towels and a cooler full of pop sitting in the top row of the bleachers.

An even bolder step would be to funnel all the profits from professional sports, under the auspices of a Supreme Court ruling, into the schools. That way, professional sports franchises like the Cleveland Browns can hold bake sales, raffle drives and levy campaigns to pay for their facilities and bankroll their players' cocaine habits and luxury car payments every year.

In deference to those professional athletes who are good citizens, let me just say that not all players drive luxury cars. Some of them drive sports cars.

If the aforementioned funding mechanisms fail, I have an emergency plan that would completely and decisively eliminate the entire problem:

No more school.

The initial response to this idea has been overwhelming. Nine out of 10 kids that I surveyed told me that this is the most equitable solution for everyone. (Note: The 10 percent of kids who said they liked school were standing with their parents when I asked them).

They also told me to ask you if you could up their allowance and loan them the car this weekend. But I'll let you all hash out the details.

Letters to the Editor:

Get on with city business

To the Editor:

Mrs. Minnick and her regular cronies keep harping in, shrill and incoherent ramblings that our Mayor and Council members have insulted the people who circulated and signed the petition about open space development because people called our elected officials for explanations of the petition. As usual when it comes to this small group of people, what was said by our Mayor and Council members has been distorted and exaggerated.

But let's talk about insulting people. How about when Mrs. Minnick learned the November election results - you know the actual vote of the people for our Mayor and Council representatives - she said, "I cannot believe there are that many uninformed people in this town" and that she was in "a state of shock".

Or - when our elected Council members, Democrat and Republican, do not agree with Mrs. Minnick, again and again she publicly accuses them of violating their Oath of Office. Does this mean we were stupid because we voted for these people or that they break the law just to spite her? Please let us know, Mrs. Minnick, since you make it clear you are so often right and the rest of the world is so often wrong.

Over and over, we witness Mrs. Minnick's name-calling and manipulating of our citizens because someone has the audacity to disagree with her. What's next - foot stomping in a fit of rage? It is time to get on with the business you were elected to do in a civil manner.

Debra J. Kvatek
 North Ridgeville

City owes Mayor gratitude

To the Editor:

For more than 30 years, I have involved myself in programs to improve the quality of life in this community. I have been appointed to the Planning Commission by four different mayors, two Republicans and two Democrats. I have tried to avoid the lime-light but now feel the importance of coming to the forefront to express my concerns about the future of our city and the good people who live here.

I have grown weary of being patient with those who create controversies that obscure our primary focus of taking care of today's needs and planning for tomorrow. It is absurd that the work of dedicated community leaders has been clouded by manufactured hysteria. Should we fall into this cleverly designed trap, we might well miss what could be a one-time opportunity to create a wonderful life for ourselves and our families.

I was one of scores of people helping develop a master plan for our city, a dream begun by the past Republican mayor Jeff Armbruster, and finalized by Democratic mayor, Deanna Hill. It is a good plan, please read it. In it you will discover that gaining concessions from builders to leave land open and natural, to build new sewers and new roads to ease traffic congestion, is good business. The Plan is the dream of those who worked very hard to help guide our city. Please don't let it turn into a nightmare.

Because the waters were muddied too long, we have already lost our movie theater. What a shame for the people of N. Ridgeville who have cried out for new venues of entertainment, restaurants and shopping choices. By continuing to cast doubts about our city's commitment to

progress, we will lose much more. Don't let N. Ridgeville become a city without a future.

As I looked at signed petitions, I saw the names of area homeowners and friends, who are obviously concerned about this legislation and how it may affect the lifestyles they enjoy. I also saw the names of a hardcore political group, small, but vocal, who have maintained a political vendetta against the mayor since the day she stepped in office. This is really the shame of it all.

Mayor Hill...As a lifelong Republican, and on behalf of a growing legion of moderate Republicans, Democrats and Independents, I want to thank you for continuing to preserve for programs that are right for the future of our city. You have responded with dignity and restraint to a carefully orchestrated program of abuse, which could have easily wilted the resolve of a lesser leader. The concerned citizens of N. Ridgeville owe you a debt of gratitude.

Bob Olesen
 North Ridgeville

They don't get it

To the Editor:

It appears some proponents of PCDs just don't get it. People, in general, think a few PCDs could be an asset to the city. However, not all PCDs are created equal. Kingston Place is not a question of whether or not a PCD is good for N. Ridgeville. It's a matter of upholding our charter, ordinances, Master Plan (which was over four years in the making), and the process of approving this PCD.

City Council members are sworn to faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of their office and uphold N. Ridgeville's Charter and ordinances. The

Kingston PCD violates three portions of the Master Plan-Mills Road extension (which can be put through entirely in N. Ridgeville without the consent of Avon or the gas company), density requirements (Low Density of 1.78 to 2.40 dwelling units per acre), and no commercial in that area. Also, this PCD does not conform to our ordinances and that information may be obtained on my website (<http://www.maxpages.com/minnickward4>).

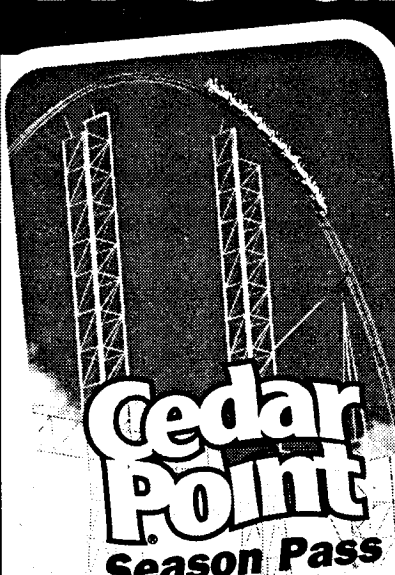
I live in a planned community development, which was built before the PCD designation existed. I love it and encourage more of them. Mr. Schmitt built two in N. Ridgeville with our present ordinances.

Ultimate Control? Along with residential, a developer may place 10 percent commercial (which is 20 acres for each 200-acre PCD) wherever he feels would best suit his project. 900 Acres would allow 90 acres of commercial (Great Northern Mall is approximately 86 acres). In Kingston's PCD, seven acres of commercial are proposed at Stoney Ridge and Mills Road. To put that into perspective, three standard lots in Mills Creek make up approximately one acre. Seven acres would be the equivalent of approximately 21 homes on standard-sized lots. The Master Plan does not place commercial at Stoney Ridge and Mills.

Open Space: Let's ask how much usable open space there will be. Kingston's open spaces include wetlands, detention basins and some parking areas.

Free Sewers: Sewers will not be free as touted by some. My understanding is the only people who will receive free sewers are those living along the main truck - about seven. All others will be served by laterals

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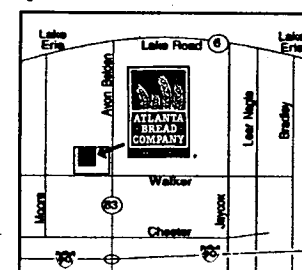
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and will have to pay for them if and when they are constructed. The proposed sewers are going through developer's land, benefiting developers.

Additional Revenue for French Creek: the mayor chose not to contract

With LORCO, which would have helped provide sewers to existing residents. Instead, Avon Lake will receive \$600,000 annual revenue to treat LORCO's sewage and their sewers will run through N. Ridgeville without the possibility of tap-ins.

Proper Procedure. According to the PCD ordinance, Planning Commission shall evaluate the application and reports issued by the City Engineer, City Planner and Law Director and issue its own report to City Council. I have received no such report. No public hearing was held on the preliminary plan, which is required by ordinance if this is to be considered an "automatic rezoning issue."

According to our Charter, Planning Commission is to provide the coordination of streets with other streets and with the official Municipal plan.

It is impossible to address every issue in this limited space. This is a multi-faceted project which affects residents in a variety of ways and that's why it is so important that the issues be brought forward. I have listed just a few. If done correctly PCDs can be a wonderful asset to our city. I will continue to keep residents updated with the facts.

Gail Minnick
North Ridgeville

Appalled by Council meeting

To the Editor:
I was appalled after attending the May 1 Council meeting. It is apparent that discrimination is the hallmark of

council and the administration.

Notices were posted as to occupancy of council chambers. Never in the 25 years that I have attended council has this been done. Police and fire were there to enforce and maintain order. Does the council or administration think the citizens do not know how to act like ladies and gentlemen? Apparently Mrs. Brown doesn't. She reminded us of what appropriate behavior is. Mrs. Brown, we are not children on your school bus! We do know how to conduct ourselves properly.

Mrs. Hill, it was very generous of you to allow Ms. McKew to speak on PCDs in place of the Mayor's report. However, don't you feel it was discriminatory not to have given the opposition the 17 3/4 minutes Mrs. McKew received? The police were ready to escort Mr. Phillips, the residents' attorney, off the floor after two minutes. Makes one wonder doesn't it?

There was an endorsement for PCDs in the May 3, 2000 Press and Light by Bob Schmitt. It states Kingston will extend the 36-inch trunk line sewer. Also Kingston has agreed to pay all assessments and fees for any person forced to tap into this trunk line. The citizens on Lorain and Bagley Roads were made to pay their fees and tap in.

I'm sure tap-in fees and assessments were not waved for other homeowners in North Ridgeville. More discrimination or is it just amenities to pacify the residents, so the opposition will back down.

Mary Ann Miles
North Ridgeville

Chamber supports PCD

To the Editor:
Resolution of Support
WHEREAS, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce is an organization which is established to promote growth in commerce, industry and the general welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Council of this City has passed a Planned Community Development (P.C.D.) ordinance that directly impacts the proposed Kingston neighborhood, a 203 acre P.C.D. project near the intersection of Mills Road and Case Road near the border of neighboring Avon;

WHEREAS, the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce believes the P.C.D. zoning, and the Kingston project in particular, to be in the public interest and will positively impact the aesthetics and economic growth of the City, in addition to its sensitivity to the directives of the Master Plan of the City of North Ridgeville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Officers and Board of Directors of the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce hereby expresses its nonpartisan and unanimous support for the P.C.D. zoning and the proposed Kingston P.C.D. Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand of the Officers and Board of Directors of the said organization, this 9th day of May, 2000.

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce
David Bogner, President

State finalist in teen pageant

Angela Bevelacqua, daughter of Deano and Gayl Bevelacqua has been chosen a state finalist in the Miss Ohio American Junior Teen Pageant to be held June 17-18 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.



Miss Bevelacqua's activities include playing varsity soccer with the North Ridgeville Lady Rangers and singing in the high school choir. She also enjoys spending time with her family, playing bass guitar, volunteering her time for youth soccer and volunteering for community benefits.

She thanks her sponsors, friends, teachers and family for their support.

Fire Chief from pg. 1

"It's appropriate for him," she said.

Retired captain Bob Gilder recalled his days at the North Ridgeville Fire Department with Bob Dreger, detailing how Bob moved up through the ranks to chief, and had "to fight tooth and nail" to get anything for the department.

Gilder reminisced about the old Chevy with its 80,000 miles the city provided for the chief. It wasn't long before "she unloads the motor," said Gilder, but still Bob couldn't get money to replace it.

It was time for the city's annual Memorial Day parade, said Gilder, and Bob Dreger rode a bike in the parade, a piece of cardboard strapped to his back, that read, "Chief's car."

"Shortly after," said Gilder, "Bob got a new car."

A retired fire chief from Carlisle Township talked about the rides he and Bob Dreger shared as they went to chiefs' meetings between Ridgeville and Pennsylvania. He remembered one time especially, when he asked Bob, "What exit

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person is known as your attorney-in-fact. A health care directive, or proxy, can be drafted to allow someone to make certain health care decisions for you if you should be unable to do so for yourself.

9. Protect Your Assets With Insurance

Medical expenses in your later years can devour the estate you've worked so hard to accumulate. Even worse, you may end up drawing on your children's or family's resources as you struggle to pay for nursing home care. Long-term care insurance and life insurance can help. For example, life insurance can protect your survivors from the loss of your earning capacity and can provide cash for your family to help pay taxes and/or expenses when settling your estate.

10. Assemble Your Team

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do we get off?" Bob replied, "The one we just passed." He said, "We saw parts of Ohio we never saw before."

Chief Rick Miller said he knew Bob Dreger as a fire chief. And years ago, Miller viewed Bob as a tyrant who thought "the only way was his way." But as Miller matured, he realized that Bob had taught him a lot. When the chief visited Bob in the hospital and got to talking about the "headaches" of the job, Bob advised him, "You gotta have discipline. If you command discipline, you'll get rid of the headaches." Miller took the advice. He said, "I salute him for it."

Pastor Crow, whose church is not far from the Dreger farm, described the farm as "meticulous" and Bob Dreger as a man who "cared about the details of life...he cared about people."

Bob Dreger is survived by his wife of 28 years, Patricia A. (nee Pieper) formerly Isaak; three daughters, Candace Yonkings of Lorain, Constance L. Saponetti of Akron and Carol A. Mondra of Streetsboro; two sons, Joseph A. Isaak of Elko, Minnesota and Scott T. Isaak of North Ridgeville; six grandchildren; one sister and one brother.

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Flanked by two of their dartboards are Mike and JoAnn Vetrano, owners of C. Mulligan's Pub & Grill. In the background are several of the awards and trophies dart teams from C. Mulligan's have won.

C. Mulligan's — it's a fictitious name — opened in 1981. When the Vetrano's bought the bar in 1995, they expanded it into a former pizzeria next door. This allowed them to add a dining room, full kitchen, dance floor, stage, second bar and handicap-accessible restrooms. They paneled the interior in

rough-hewn cedar and put down new carpeting. Automatic dartboards are placed throughout the bar and dining room.

Besides live music, the Vetrano's are proud of the kitchen supervised by Tim Baker, famous for his tacos, a regular Thursday night feature. Baker, a former chef at the

Brickyard Café in Ridgeville and several restaurants on the Lake Erie islands, produces a full line of burgers, sandwiches and appetizers for lunch and dinner, either to eat in or take out.

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C. Mulligan's, the Vetrano's emphasize, is a wholesome place to relax and have fun. The pub currently is holding a five-week karaoke contest, with the finals to be held on Thursday, June 8. Contestants are chosen on karaoke night, which is Thursday. Prizes of \$250, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners respectively.

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NRHS football player honored as scholar-athlete

By Carol Klear

May 4 was a big night for Johann Sebastian Kocinski. The North Ridgeville High School senior was one of 22 high school football seniors, selected from a roster of 88 schools, honored at the annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, and the only one from NRHS. Nearly a dozen college football players were also honored.

The whole thing came as a complete surprise to Sebastian — he goes by his middle name — and he didn't have a clue that head football coach Jeff Weisner had submitted his name. "I didn't know he put in for it until a letter came addressed to my parents," he said. After talking to Weisner, Sebastian learned that the honor was based on players' football talent, academics and leadership both on and off the field.

Each award winner was honored at a dinner at Lost Nations Sports Park in Willoughby, said Sebastian, and presented with a plaque. In addition, they enjoyed the featured speaker, Joe Paterno of Penn State University, known as one of the most successful and most popular coaches in college football history. Another plus was seeing Cleveland Browns coach Chris Palmer, who was given the Distinguished American Award at the dinner.

Sebastian, who played both offensive tackle and defensive tackle for the Rangers, joined the team in his sophomore year, when he and his mom and dad, Richard and Gertrud Kocinski and his "little brother" Alan, moved to North Ridgeville, from Alaska. "We came on Sunday and I went to football practice on Tuesday," said Sebastian. Alan is in sixth grade at the middle school.

The NRHS senior has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team, especially under Coach Weisner, who has only been at NRHS for a year. "This coach is totally involved," said Sebastian. "He watches our grades — he wants to send as many kids to college as possible," he said.

How a teen from Alaska began going to NRHS is story of its own.

"My dad is retired from the Air Force," said Sebastian, and just before moving to Ridgeville, he was stationed in Anchorage, which is where Sebastian spent his freshman year in a high school with an enrollment of 2,300.

There were eight major high schools, he said, and the school he attended was located next to the Air Force Base.

Being an Air Force family, the Kocinski's learned that relocation was a fact of life and Sebastian said he was used to moving around, and liked it. His parents met when his dad was stationed in Germany, he said. Sebastian was born in Heidelberg, Germany and the family stayed there until he was "five years, eight months old," he said.

His father, a systems analyst, secured an after-retirement position in Cleveland, which led to the family moving to

Ridgeville. His mother, formerly a phlebotomist, made a career change and presently is a manager with the Good Will Store in Lorain.

Beginning his sophomore year at North Ridgeville High, Sebastian was acutely aware of a major difference — the amount of time per period. "In Alaska we were on a block schedule," he said, which allotted 85 minutes class time. "I loved that schedule," said Sebastian, especially for biology, which meant more time for lab.

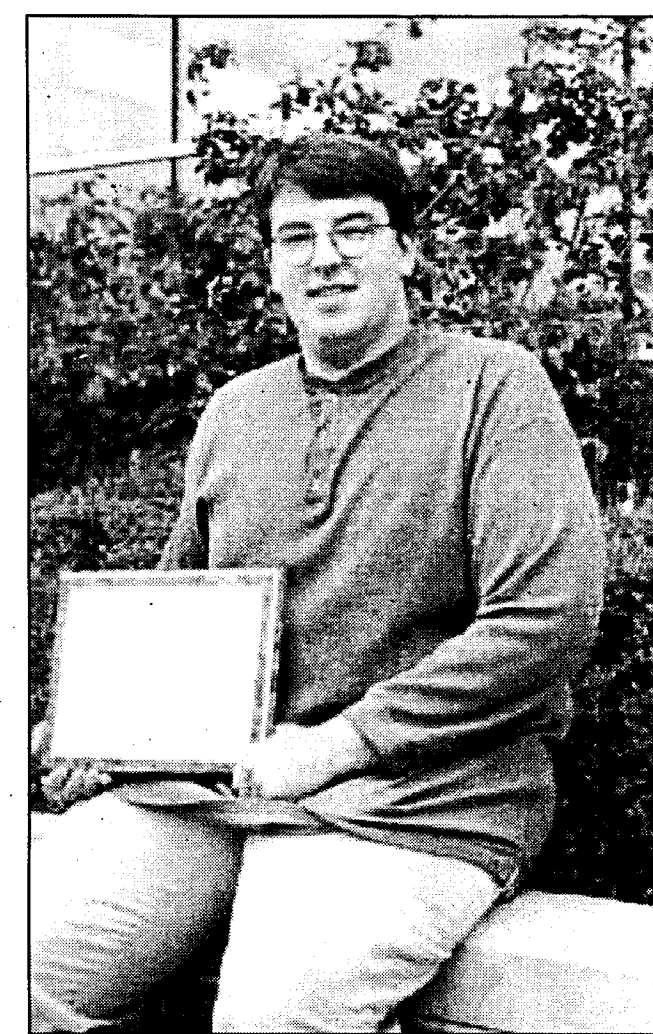
He also found he was ahead in mathematics. "I had taken algebra II as a freshman," he said, and then took advanced math in his sophomore year. Calculus was not available to him last year, so after discussing the situation with NRHS counselor, Joseph Sloboda, Sebastian enrolled in the Post Secondary Education Option, which meant he could attend Lorain County Community College, while enrolled in NRHS and earn dual credits — those needed for high school, as well as college credits. The program is subsidized by the state, he said, which meant no additional charge.

"I took the entrance exam," said Sebastian, and last year, he split his class time between LCCC and NRHS. As a junior, he took four classes at the high school — U.S. History, Spanish II, physics and speech — while at LCCC he studied calculus, psychology and art appreciation. This year, as a senior, all his classes are at LCCC. To Sebastian, it's like having the best of two worlds; he's earning college credit, while still in high school. "I've earned 30 credits at LCCC," he said, but six at North Ridgeville High.

The down side of the arrangement is that his grade point average is frozen at what it was at the end of last year. He's sure it's somewhere around 4.0 or better, where it's had to stay this year.

Though he takes no classes at NRHS this year, he still participates in after-school activities, such as the National Honor Society, and last year, Sebastian said he went to Boys State. In addition to football, he also enjoys track, but splitting his schedule between two schools kept him from joining the Ranger track team. But Sebastian has no worries about a social life, "I have friends in both schools," he said. When kids at the high school are studying and he isn't, he links up with one of his LCCC pals and does what any teenager would do...go to the movies or hang out at the mall. And yes, the high school prom does figure into his plans, as well.

After graduation Sebastian will be returning to the land of his birth, Germany for a five-week visit. "My mother is from Germany," he said, and his grandfather, Johann, for whom he's named, and some aunts and uncles live there. Language will be no problem, despite the fact that the last time Sebastian was in Germany, he was nine years old. "I'm bi-lingual," he said, and though he has studied Spanish, French and Russian, which he confides "is very hard," his second language is German, which will come in handy in conversing with relatives.



North Ridgeville High School senior Sebastian Kocinski was one of 22 high school football players honored as a scholar-athlete by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. (P&L Klear)

By summer's end, Sebastian will be heading to Oberlin College and football practice. He plans to major in political science, followed by further education at law school. He has already checked into the possibility of attending either Harvard or Yale.

Johann Sebastian Kocinski has packed more into his 18 years than most of his peers. He has lived abroad, as well as in Alaska, mastered a second language, earned college credit while still in high school and gained honor as a scholar-athlete.

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Fire Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

Firefighters responded to a call from the Olmsted Township Fire Department May 9 to assist in the recovery of a drowning victim.

Antonio Rivera, 23, of Lorain, died when a small fishing boat he and two relatives were in capsized in a pond at 2745 Sprague Rd.

The North Ridgeville dive team was suited up and ready to enter the water when Olmsted Township firefighters, searching the pond in a boat with a pike-pole, announced they had found the body.

The body was in about ten feet of water, said Mario Bellido, assistant Olmsted Township fire chief.

Rivera, a cousin and an uncle were visiting relatives whose land includes the pond, said Olmsted Township Police Chief Dennis McCafferty.

The men had been fishing all day when, at about 7 p.m., their boat began taking on water and sank. The uncle and cousin swam back and began diving in an attempt to save Rivera but couldn't, McCafferty said.

He described the boat as shallow, about ten feet long but with three seats, big enough to accommodate three men.

The Police Department is awaiting

results of tests from the county coroner to determine to what extent alcohol was involved. Rivera's relatives said they had been drinking earlier.

The Olmsted Falls Fire Department also sent firefighters and extra water rescue equipment.

CO alert

When her carbon monoxide detector showed a reading of 48 parts per million, a Center Ridge Road resident opened the windows and called the Fire Department, this on May 8 at about 6:45 p.m.

On arrival, firemen found the CO level below ten ppm. Source of the toxic gas was the oven which had been on for two hours in a home shut up with the air conditioning on. The stove was only a year and a half old, according to reports. Firefighters advised the resident to have it looked at.

Ten ppm or more indicates potential danger.

Backyard bonfires

Firefighters doused a pile of burning building materials, including shingles and drywall, in a backyard on Chestnut Ridge Road May 5 at about 10:45 p.m.

The unattended fire measured five feet by five feet and was two feet high, according to reports.

Smoke from the fire could be seen on Lear Nagle Road.

A firefighter said he would have issued a ticket but nobody was home.

Firefighters extinguished another pile of blazing construction materials behind a home being built on Walnut Street. That fire measured three feet by three feet and was three feet high. The home is being built by Ryan Homes.

Grilling wire

A resident of the Ridgewood Trailer Park on Center Ridge Road wanted to get rid of some old electrical wiring so he fired up his propane grill and barbecued it.

The fire was out when firemen arrived at 6:50 p.m. on May 8.

It is not known whether the occupant marinated the wiring first or brushed on sauce as the wiring neared doneness.

Kerosene destroys grass

Firefighters surveyed a patch of dead grass in a yard on Sugar Ridge Road May 4, the turf apparently killed by home heating oil or kerosene that had leaked onto the property from a neighbor's yard on Race Road.

The patch was two feet by 12 feet and was saturated by a combination of rainwater and the chemical agent.

The neighbors will try to work out a settlement, according to reports. The complainant was referred to the state Environmental Protection Agency and the county Emergency Management Assn.

Police Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A report of a bar brawl sent police to the Boot Scoot'n Saloon, 38929 Center Ridge Rd., May 7 shortly after 2 a.m. When police arrived, though, employees were locking up and the only person in the parking lot was a man who said that the fight, involving 15

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people, had broken up.

But a couple of hours later, personnel in the emergency room of Elyria Memorial Hospital notified a dispatcher that they were treating a man who'd been stabbed in a fight at the saloon.

Interviewed at the hospital, the man, 24, of Lorain, said he was in the dance hall section of the bar when a woman he had known in high school accused him of staring at her. He said he was not staring at her, but was only looking her way because she was standing next to his friends.

Then the woman's boyfriend began staring at him, the victim said, and the next thing he knew a group of six to eight men had him surrounded near the dance floor. They all ganged up on him, he said. He and the hostile boyfriend fell to the floor and it was during this struggle that he felt a sharp pain in his right side.

Employees ordered the entire crowd outside where, he said, the gang of men again tried to assault him. He managed to get into his car and drive off, and it was then he realized he'd been stabbed.

Police took note of a cut about a half-inch long, possibly caused by a pocketknife. Now they're trying to track down the alleged assailants.

Hoop-de-do

A West Point Drive man told police in recent days that his neighbor doesn't like his basketball hoop and chainlink fence.

His neighbor has threatened to bounce his children "like the ball" if they ever venture into his yard, the man complained. But he accused his neighbor of trespassing when he - the neighbor - trims his grass near the fence.

He didn't file a report, but wanted the police to be aware of the situation.

Controlled Substances Dept.

Unfortunately for the occupants of a car that went through a red light at Center Ridge Road and Rte. 83 May 6 at about 10 p.m., a patrol officer happened to see this and pulled them over.

When the officer asked the driver, 18, of Avon Lake, to produce his license, he noticed some flakes of green stuff on his shirt. This looked like marijuana.

"I don't see anything," said the driver, brushing off his shirt.

When he stepped out, the officer asked if there was any more marijuana in the car. No, said the driver, and told the policeman to go ahead and search it. The driver insisted that the last time he had smoked any pot "was a really long time, like a couple months ago."

The officer searched the driver, but turned up no contraband. Then he told the passenger, an 18-year-old Avon Lake woman, to step out. She appeared nervous and avoided eye contact with the officer, according to reports. She too denied having any pot and offered her purse for a search.

No weed was found in the purse, but a looksee into the car revealed a cup with a small amount of loose marijuana and some flakes on the driver's seat.

Now the driver was saying that this was from "a couple of weeks ago."

Asked if she had anything she'd like to turn over, the woman pulled a small baggie with marijuana out of the front of her underwear. She said her companion had given this to her to hide.

Both were cited for possession of marijuana. The driver was also given a citation for going through a red light.

Need witty head

A 21-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman who live on Jaycox Road complained

to police in recent days that they've been getting harassing e-mails from the man's brother.

The man said he has been estranged from his family for several years and that he only recently had located his mother and brother. Despite re-establishing family ties, he and his 17-year-old brother have not been getting along well, he said.

On April 30, the complainant's girlfriend got some threatening and harassing e-mails, evidently from the younger brother, according to reports. The couple said they will file a formal complaint if the alleged harassment continues.

Identify theft

When a Gina Drive woman requested a credit report last month, the credit agency told her that she had a past due account from Sprint. She always pays her bills on time and has never received a notice of an unpaid account, she told police.

When she called Sprint about this, she was told that an account had been opened in her name in North Collins, N.Y. She suspects the person who did this may have been her sister, who lives there.

Police advised the woman that if a crime has been committed, the police in North Collins would have jurisdiction. Local police sent information on the woman's complaint to police in that city.

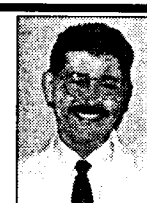
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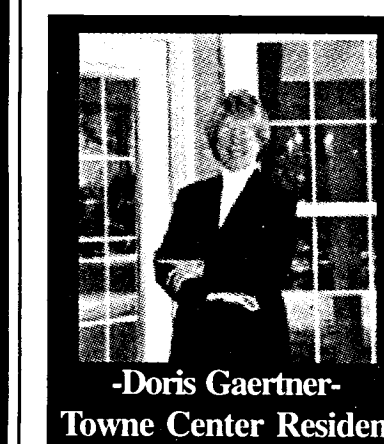
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When a dental emergency occurs, the best advice is, of course, to call your dentist. However, as it seems with so many physical problems, dental emergencies often happen at night or on weekends. Here are some practical first aid procedures that can usually take care of most problems on a temporary basis. If a tooth is chipped or cracked, avoid chewing on it and don't consume foods or liquids that are either very hot or cold. Most pain from dental emergencies can be treated with a common pain reliever such as Tylenol or Advil. Bleeding caused by a bitten tongue or cheek can usually be stopped by applying pressure to the affected area with ice wrapped in gauze. If you have a toothache, your pharmacist should be able to recommend some special soothing applications in addition to a regular pain reliever that you probably already have. One of the most serious dental traumas is loss of a tooth by some type of accident. A knocked out tooth can possibly be replaced successfully if done within 30 minutes or so of the accident. The best thing to do is recover the tooth, rinse it off with cold water, replace it in the socket and get to a dentist as soon as possible. At our practice, we always respond as quickly as possible to emergency situations. Don't hesitate to call us.

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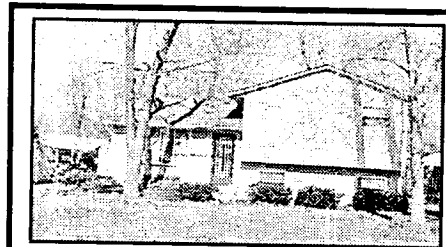
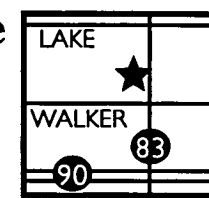
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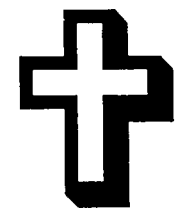


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For more information, or to register for the seminar, call Mary Beth Bogner, 327-2955.

Obituaries:

ALBERTA TRIPLETT-BEACH

Alberta Triplett-Beach (nee Whalen), 85, of Elyria, died May 4 at EMH Regional Medical Center following a short illness.

She was born in Keister, Pa. and grew up in Mount Sterling, Pa.

She had been a resident Elyria for most of her life, spending five years in North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Beach had worked as a painter at Precise Models and Topping.

Assembly, Elyria for many years retiring in 1974. She enjoyed shopping, flower gardening, camping, traveling and dining out.

Mrs. Beach was a member of VFW Post 1079 Ladies Auxiliary, Elyria.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Sullivan (Betty) Burnsworth Sr., of North Ridgeville, and Mrs. Richard (Karen) Schoerwerth Jr. of Elyria; two sons, Fred Triplett of Elyria and Ron Triplett of Elyria; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frederick Triplett; her second husband, Cecil Beach; her parents; one brother; two sisters; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Oberhaus, pastor of Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Ohio Valley Affiliate, P.O. Box 182039 Dept. 013, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2039.

RUTH L. SIMKOVICH

Ruth L. Simkovich (nee Finegan), 75, of North Ridgeville died May 5 at Amherst Hospital Grace Unit after a short illness.

Born in Elyria, she was a lifelong resident of North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Simkovich was a cook for North Ridgeville Schools for over 20 years and retired from North Ridgeville Middle School in 1989. She had previously worked at Timms Springs in Elyria.

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville and Isabella's Guild and a former member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

She enjoyed bowling and was in several leagues, including the Senior League at Brunswick Lanes in North Ridgeville. She also was an avid Cleveland Indians fan.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, George J.; daughters Susan Zmuginsky of Grafton, Carolyn Tite of Wakeman and Janet Thompson of Ash, N.C.; a son, George E. of Grafton; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Thelma Jalowiec of North Ridgeville and a brother, Louis Finegan of Elyria Township.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother and two grandchildren.

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

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter Renovation Fund, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

ARLIS P. 'MICK' NORTHOUSE

Arlis P. "Mick" Northouse, 80, of Vermilion died May 6 at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph after a short illness.

Born in Fillmore County, Minn., he moved from North Ridgeville to Vermilion in 1982.

He was a driver for Norwalk Truck Line and Commercial Motor Freight for 33 years before retiring in 1982.

He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific theater.

Mr. Northouse belonged to AMVETS Post 22, VFW Post 7576 and the Monday Senior Citizens Bowling League at Lake Erie Lanes, all in Vermilion and the Eagles Lodge in Huron.

Survivors include his wife of five years, Midge; a son, Philip of North Ridgeville; a brother; and a sister.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret E., in 1989; a brother; and a sister.

Memorials may be made to the New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, 3700 Kolbe Rd., Lorain 44035-9905.

Town Crier:

THURSDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m. Lorain's Breakfast.

MORAN CTY GEN. HEALTH DIST., 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Rd.

COMMUNITY CPR, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N. Elyria. 324-2929.

VFW #9871 LADIES AUX., 6:15 p.m. Visit to Brecksville Hospital.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$40/month. 353-0860/info.

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

NRFL, 7 p.m. Senior Center.

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

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

N.R. LIBRARY, Open Hours. Friends of the Library Book Sale.

FRIDAY

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at

Community Outreach Dept., Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

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

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OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft Club, Quilting, Computer Classes. Soup for 35 cents. 353-0828/info.

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Free hearing screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

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FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB, 7 p.m. High School Cafeteria.

VFW #9871, 7 p.m. Ladies County Council.

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

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

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NORTH RIDGEVILLE: 5840 Jaycox, 5/18, 8:00am-2:00pm, 5/19, 8:00am-12:00pm. Baby items, boys', men's, ladies' and maternity clothes, dressing table, Cardio-Glide, camcorder, toys, household, electronics, and much more.

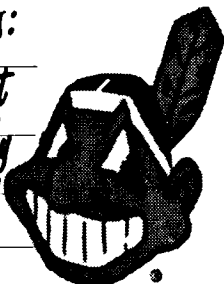
NORTH RIDGEVILLE: 35810 Chestnut Ridge, May 18-19, 9:00am-6:00pm, May 20, 9:00am-4:00pm. Mothers, babies and like new tent, dresser, crafts, much misc.

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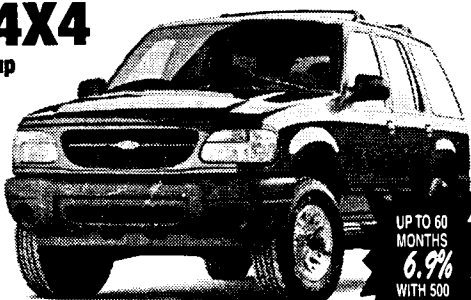
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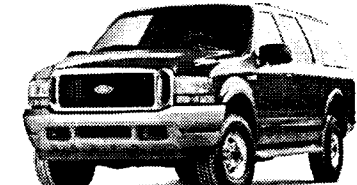
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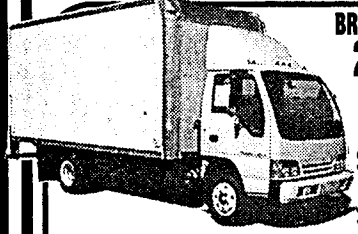
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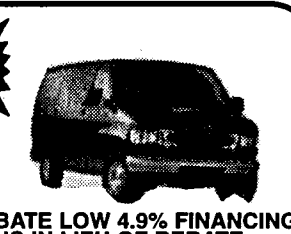
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