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This Week:

Club Meets Tonight

The Erie Shore Photography Club meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Lake Library and will feature Composition and Prize Photos by award-winning photographer Dimitri La Zaroff.

NRHS Featured

A quiz program featuring academic teams from area high schools is in its 11th year on WEOL (AM 930) on Monday nights from 6:10 p.m. to 7 p.m. North Ridgeville High School faces Firelands High School on March 19. Tune in and hear the fast-moving rounds of questions and answers.

Stop Smoking or Lose Weight

The American Lung Association will hold stop-smoking and weight loss clinics on March 19 at St. John West Shore Hospital. The stop-smoking clinic is at 6 p.m. and the weight loss clinic is at 7 p.m. Hypnosis costs \$50 per person, including a cassette tape for home. For more information, call 1-800-231-LUNG.

Heart of Avon

The Heart of Avon Antique Show will be held at Tom's Country Place, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., on March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Brief:

JVS Students Take Honors

North Ridgeville residents take honors in the regional Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) competition at LCCC on Feb. 24.

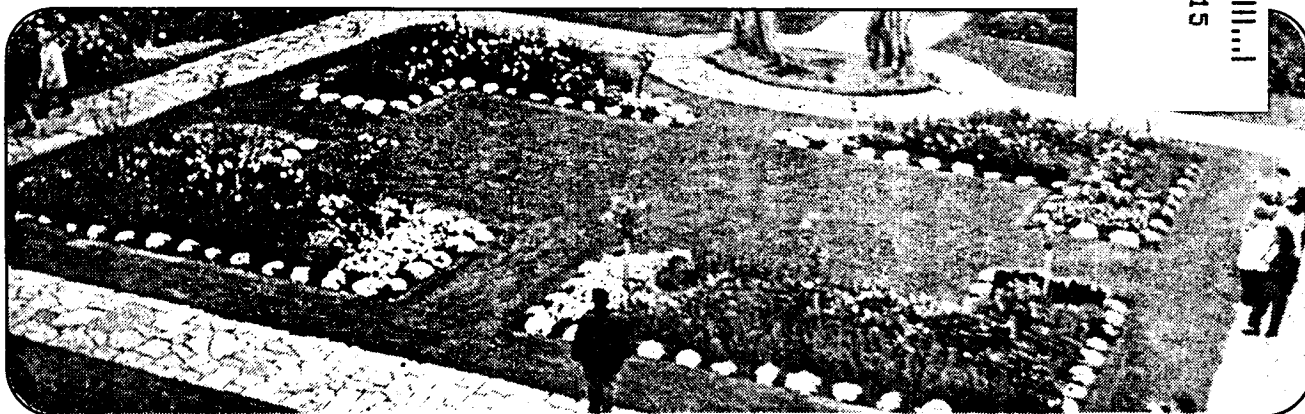
Shannon Hutton took First place in First Aid/CPR; Adam Zacharias won Second Place in the Team Building Competition; and Matthew Noll took Second Place in Action Skills.

Car Parts Swap

The North Ridgeville Lions will hold its third annual All Make Car Parts Swap Meet on April 8 at Mike Bass Ford at I-90 and Detroit in Sheffield Village from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$2, children under 12, free. Refreshments available. Vendor space is available at \$15 per 10-foot space. Must be 80 percent car-related. Call 353-9303.

Casino Night

The Wilcox School Playground Committee is hosting a Casino Night on March 31 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Lear Nagle Road. There will be many games, including Black-jack-poker, money wheels and instant bingo. Advance tickets, \$10 per person, and \$12 at the door, which includes food, beer and pop. Call 327-7806.



This is a window view of the gardens at the Muckross Estate and Gardens in Killarney and is often referred to as the "Jewel of Killarney."

Erin Go Bragh!

By Carol Klear

The Irish mist was more of a drizzle, and strain as I might, I couldn't distinguish the glorious greens that are said to herald the Emerald Isle. As we neared the runway at Shannon, I detected a bit of the hue, but blended with the murkiness of the day, it reminded me of split-pea soup. But it didn't matter...we were about to touch down in the land of leprechauns and shamrocks; castles and claddags, seasoned with an ample helping of Gaelic blarney.

We were in Ireland - and would be there for 10 days.

Never in my wildest did I believe I would ever go to Ireland. In fact the closest I ever thought I would get to the Old Sod is the family trek to St. Columba's on March 17, followed by a curbside view of Cleveland's true Sons and Daughters of Ireland as they parade along Euclid Avenue.

But three years ago, my husband and I began dreaming of crossing the ocean in celebration of our 40 years of marriage, blessed by a family of seven daughters, Eileen, Maureen, Colleen, Kathleen, Bridget, Erin and Megan. And dreams can come true.



Kylemore Abbey, a convent school, is framed by the bending bough of a tree. In the foreground some of wild fuschia that is common to Ireland can be seen.

We weren't about to travel through Killarney, Dublin or Galway on our own, to be sure. Rather, we joined a group of about 40 other tourists and our guide, Joe Clancy, a rather dapper fellow in his uniform and cap, quite efficient and not altogether bad looking, as well.

Our hotel, The Fitzpatrick, was lovely, and a healthy jaunt from our first Irish venture, Bunratty Castle, a towering history of stone, originally built in 1277 and rebuilt several times, the most recent in 1450. The

mighty fortress is located in the Folk Park, a collage of thatched-roofed cottages and shops featuring a variety of craftsmen.

Touring the castle for an hour or so, was fascinating, but returning later that evening to share a medieval banquet with our group was a rollicking good time. The grand dinner included ribs, chicken, soup, bread and Irish potatoes - all to be consumed using nothing more than a knife and our hands, and washed down with fruit wine sipped from stoneware chalices, all the while Madrigal singers serenaded.

Following a very good night's sleep - thanks in large part to having no shut-eye for 30 hours straight the previous day - we devoured our "Irish Breakfast."

Fortified for the day's tour, we headed to what turned out to be my favorite part of the entire trip - the Cliffs of Moher, one of County Clare's most spectacular attractions. The cliffs rise 650 feet from the Atlantic breakers and stretch for five miles along the shore. Oh, if only we had had the time to walk along the entire shore and drink in the magnificent view.

Leaving the cliffs, we caught the ferry

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Finance Committee considers 'wish lists' during appropriation hearings

By Carol Klear

For two days last week members of Council's Finance Committee met with city department heads to review the monies that had been appropriated last year and how much was spent and listen as one-by-one they presented their "wish lists" for 2001, which included not only additional wages, but added personnel or supplies.

No new personnel for NRPD

Police Chief Ron Bauer told the committee the department was not requesting more personnel this year, however he reminded city officials that two officers are planning to retire.

Some of the equipment the department needs, said Bauer, includes additional used cars, mobile data terminal and VHF mobile radios, as well as a film scanner, video equipment and additional breath testers to determine DUIs.

Fire Dept. asks for 3 new firefighter/paramedics

The Fire Department needs three more

firefighter/paramedics, said Fire Chief Rick Miller, which would mean one additional person per shift.

For some time Miller has been talking about establishing a central dispatch through the Police Department and asked Council to consider it for this year, and said he had discussed the idea with the Police Chief. Miller said the Police Department has the capability of setting up the central dispatch.

The present dispatcher at the Fire Department would not lose her job, because she does most of the secretarial duties and is an asset to the department, he said. "She does a lot of work," said Miller, including billing non-residents for ambulance transport.

City employees need I.D. tags

Jim Whitlock, who heads the Utilities Department, explained that his department needs an I.D.-maker. Very often homeowners will not permit meter readers into their homes because they are fearful. "The I.D.s would be good to have," he said.

Deputy Auditor Donna Kiraly noted that some people have the identification tags they received when they started working for the city 20 years ago, and agreed new ones might be a good idea. "They could turn them in when they leave (employment), and they could have an expiration date on them."

Whitlock recommended having the identification equipment in the Police Department for security.

Lawsuits take lion's share of Legal Dept. budget

In his request for an increase in salary for himself and a step-raise for his assistant, Law Director Eric Zagrans explained that he anticipates the budget for his department to increase 14 percent in 2001, with most of it due to heavier-than-usual litigation.

"Litigation is not something we can control," said Auditor Chris Costin.

During the discussion, Zagrans also took

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Ireland (from pg. 1)

across the Shannon River. It began to rain, but it wasn't unwelcome and only added to the experience. Several of the group treated themselves to snacks from the concession stand aboard. I debated whether to buy a cola or ice cream, but when I saw the counter girl take a can from a tower of warm containers, I decided I didn't really care for an ice-less beverage. Another lesson on our trip to Ireland - if you don't ask for ice, you won't get any. It's not a staple.

Though there had been many options, our tour combined lodging in both hotels and Bed and Breakfasts, and the next day we shared Colleen Burke's B&B with four from our tour, as well as three Chinese businessmen, who were on a golf holiday.

For some reason I had expected the Irish B&B to be a little hut with a thatched roof and sheep ba-a-ing near the door, but Colleen Burke's home, like a later accommodation, was a modern stucco structure, lovely and warm, and Colleen, the perfect hostess.

Each day Joe Clancy would pick us up at the previous night's lodging and we'd travel to another wonderful Irish site, like the Ring of Kerry, with brief stops here and there for shopping. The Irish woolens, linens, crystal and jewelry were such temptations, but we told ourselves we were there to see Ireland, not to embellish our credit cards.

Joe was a wonderful guide and treated our 40-plus crowd to tales of Ireland's history, as we traveled the countryside, or poems about some of the Emerald Isle's most famous people, and jokes, oh how the man from Limerick could tell them.

As the bus went up and down the mountainside and around the narrow roads, we became used to Joe's sudden outbursts of "Oh ma gawd, Haa-ry!" Just as we were enjoying the pastoral scenes of sheep standing or lying on the green velvet hillsides, the bus would give a little lurch and then it was "Oh ma gawd, Haa-ry!" and Joe would depart from his usual jovial self to glare at the driver in the little car that was trying to squeeze us off the road. We learned later that on a previous tour Joe had had, every time he'd turn a curve a 70-ish woman would grab her husband's arm and scream "Oh my God, Harry." From then on, it became Joe's battle cry.

Joe's bus carried us from peat fields to castles to fairy rings where groups of tall trees stand huddled in a circle, never to be touched by a woodman's ax for fear of evoking bad luck. Very often Joe would slow the bus and call out, "Kodak



Our last full day in Ireland we stopped at a cottage with a thatched roof, the home of Thomas and Patrick Conlan.

Moment," and we'd all scurry off to capture yet another wonderful scene on film. One Kodak Moment was at the Conlan Brothers' cottage - the thing I had been waiting for the entire trip. We visited with Patrick and Thomas Conlan, had our picture taken in front of their home, and at Christmas time received the nicest letter from Thomas.

We were fascinated with the churches and the picturesque Irish cemeteries with their Celtic crosses and stone dividers between graves. Standing in the midst of the tomb-

stones - many, hundreds of years old - was awe-inspiring.

One of our most touristy things was kissing the famed Blarney Stone. From the time we got off the tour bus, walked back to Blarney Castle (once again in the rain), climbed the 125 steps to the top, stood in line to kiss the stone and trekked back to the bus, took over an hour. But we did it and we have the pictures to prove it, though I'm not sure that kiss has changed our luck all that much.

From Blarney Castle we went to the Jameson Distillery and enjoyed a whiskey tasting (enjoyed was a poor choice of words - I tasted it, and yuk!).

Of course we visited the Waterford factory (bought nothing), and on the last day visited another crystal factory - Celtic Crystal, very lovely and much more affordable.

Another favorite stop was at Kylemore Abbey, a beautiful castle-turned convent school of Balmoral-Gothic Architecture set on a lovely lake. The grounds were beautifully serene, a place I could easily savor as a retreat.

Our visit to Dublin was nice, though the city is a tad too commercial. We walked around the downtown, visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, which, surprisingly, was not a Catholic Church, and hand in hand walked across the H'ae Penney Bridge, which spans the River Liffey. We even surprised The Press & Light receptionist with a 30-cent telephone call from a booth outside one of Dublin's shopping malls.


The last two days before heading home we spent in Galway, where the "Queen Mother's" ancestors were born. Though we saw little of the city, itself, the feeling of belonging enveloped us.

It is still hard to believe we have been to Ireland, where the road rose to meet us, and we feel blessed.

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Press Light

Happy St. Patrick's Day, me friends

By Carol Klear

THIS IS THE WEEK.....Ah Faith 'n Begorrah, Saturday is St. Patrick's Day. The Klear Klan (at least the ones who can) will be gatherin' at the Irish son-in-law's house in Fairview for an Irish breakfast (unless the doesn't-cook-much-daughter decides we're all lucky enough and passes out bowls of Lucky Charms).

FROM THERE.....Then it's on to St. Coleman's and if you've never been to that grand Irish church, you're missin' out, it's a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime experience to attend St. Patrick's Day Mass there with the pipes, the marchers the drummers, the floor shakin' like it's about to drop out from under ye. But a wee bit o' warnin' now, the Mass begins at ten-thirty, but you have to get there by nine to be sure of gettin' a seat.

AND THEN.....After the Mass it's time to jump on the Rapid and head downtown

Klearly Speaking:

for the parade. We'll be prayin' for good weather, to be sure, after many a March 17 of bein' frozen in the spot from the winter winds.

OTHER STUFF.....In case you missed it in today's paper, the week after St. Patrick's Day, the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a nice evening at Ridgefield Center. The special guest speaker is Roy Church, of LCCC. For more information and tickets, call the Chamber office, 327-3737.

AND COUNCIL.....I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired of the same old, same old at lobby, but I'm glad the podium's been put back where it belongs. If the speakers are going to speak publicly, let the public see 'em.

ABOUT SPEAKING.....Did you hear Councilwoman Karen Borocz at the last meeting...or maybe you didn't. Her throat was so raspy, it hurt ME to listen to HER.

QUIP-SPEAK.....The city held appropriation meetings with department heads last week. While City Auditor Chris Costin is known for saying very little during Council meeting (kind of a speak only when spoken to kind of thing), during the money meetings he got in a couple of zingers, like when Council Clerk Jim White said his plea would take no more than 10 minutes, Costin jabbed, "Isn't there a two-minute rule?"

WHITE'S TURN.....When talk turned to Council tapes, White complained, "I'm accused of erasing tapes, now why would I erase them when I'm up under the table trying to get the damn things to work?"

SLAINTS!

Pressline:

Caller: At the Feb. 20, 2001 City Council meeting, Council President Jean Brown ask Jerry Phillips to "cease and desist." Does she really want him to stop and die? We need to tell her the term is "cease and desist."

Caller: If Mrs. Johnson is so worried about the Westerly Sewer System than why is it rumored that her and her husband are moving up on Bagley Road to the Bob Schmitt development?

Caller: The Mayor wants STAMP to meet with state officials whose opinions will most likely be in line with members of STAMP. Instead let's meet in public forum with the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Ohio Municipal League, the ACLU and the Lorain County Prosecutor to discuss the pertinent issue of taxpayers' rights vs. North Ridgeville City Hall policy.

Caller: Please tell Mr. Spaulding that I oppose the Community and Senior Center. I see no reason for us having a large complex with just meeting rooms and a swimming pool. There are other meeting rooms that can be utilized in the city and they're building a brand new water tower with all those meeting rooms. We have several schools with meeting rooms and cafeterias that aren't used. I don't see a need for .04 percent increase in my taxes. Let Mr. Spaulding know that I oppose it and if he wants he can call me. My name is David Antczak.

Caller: I'm extremely tired of Lord Schmitt of Bagley Road military-type housing constantly thinking we need his expertise on the development of this city.

Caller: The ultimate intimidation was Thursday night when Zagran's office served papers on people at 11 o'clock at night. This is getting ridiculous. They served at 11 o'clock.

Caller: According to Safety Service Johnson the city is now in the business of rezoning land without notifying property owners. This should be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Correction:

The Rotary Club's March 24 event is not a Night at the Races, as reported last week. It is a Reverse Raffle. We regret the error.

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the individual as a higher and independent power, from which all its own power and authority are derived, and treats him accordingly."

Maybe we should take into account the writings and thoughts of those that are among us as well as those that have preceded us.

Respectfully,
Renée L. Regula

Help Culinary Academy Boosters

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Lorain County Culinary Academy Boosters, I enlist your support for the benefit of the hospitality industry. The first annual Scholarship Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on March 31 to benefit Lorain County Joint Vocational School Culinary Academy students. We ask for your help in donating the time and space to help us publicize this worthwhile event.

The Culinary Academy is growing to meet the needs of both the students and the food service industry. The LCJVS has recently earned certification from the American Culinary Federation, the largest food service governing organization. Although many of our students are regularly awarded scholarship funding as a result of their performance at culinary and ice carving competitions, there remains the need for additional support for

training and education for the majority of our students.

Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 to support the continuing education of these students. The proceeds from the \$75 per person event will be invested and the dividends used to support students in their pursuit of higher education. Students must meet the eligibility standards that will include an evaluation of their academic and culinary performance, and financial need.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping the Lorain County Culinary Academy Booster Association provide opportunities to our students through supporting its continued education. If you have additional questions, please contact our Chairperson, Chef Kieran Dillon at 440-236-5051.

Cate Smith
PR Committee
Lorain County Joint Vocational School

Betty Blair's Bulletin Board

To the Editor:
Spring in Lorain County - Spring officially arrives on March 20. This is also the birthday of my Mother, Loretta Webber Yunker, who would be 104 years old. How lucky I was to have such a wonderful woman to nurture my six siblings and me. Being the youngest of seven certainly had its advantages. And what

was life like over 100 years ago? My Mom often told the story of a group of friends going on a sleigh ride. They traveled from the Lorain area to the Sheffield area and stopped to enjoy refreshments at a home there. Imagine their surprise when they tried to return home and the snow had melted leaving them stranded and with no phone service available. We often take our modern conveniences for granted. Welcome, Spring!

Investment Income - For the third year, Lorain County's General Fund has benefited from record high interest income generated by the County's Portfolio. Total 2000 interest earned amounted to \$7.8 million. 1999's total was \$6.8 million; 1998's total was \$7.09 million. In October of 1995, the County approved a contract with United American Capital Corporation to provide Investment Advisory Services. United American has worked closely with Treasurer, Dan Talarek, and the Investment Advisory Committee to achieve this record investment income. Our positive financial picture is also enhanced by the Bond Rating assigned the County, which has increased from Baal in 1995 to today's A-1 status.

Partnerships - continue to flourish in Lorain County and are proving good. The Lorain County Chamber of Commerce is pooling its resources with other area organizations, including the Cleveland Growth

Association, the Akron Regional Development Board, the Stark Development Board, and others in an attempt to develop a seamless, barrier-free network for the technology transfer that will enhance the competitiveness of Northeast Ohio, and certainly enhance the competitiveness of Lorain County. Two of the Chamber's 2001 goals include raising the skills of entry-level employees and developing a countywide workforce training model.

Lorain County Community College's GLIDE (Great Lakes Incubator for Digital Enterprises) program, located in the Patsie C. Campana, Sr. Engineering and Development Center at the College, offers day to day business support and technology training for entrepreneurs who are involved in digital start-ups. A partnership between the Commissioners, the College and Ohio State University Extension Service, created the job of employee, Brian Bonham, who said that it is the role of local government to educate people about the new digital economy and attract businesses to the region. According to Roy Church, LCCC President, the LAMP (Lorain County Microenterprise Loan Program) recently approved by the Commissioners will provide assistance for capitalization,

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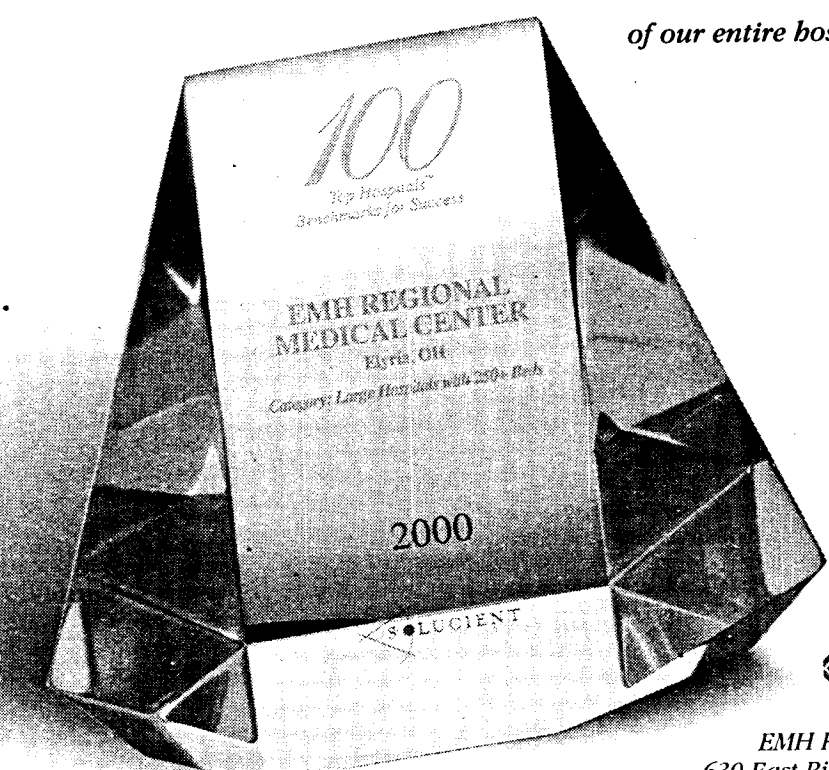
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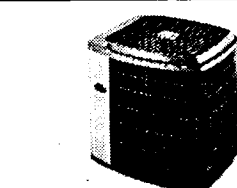


Is it hard to regulate the temperature in your home?

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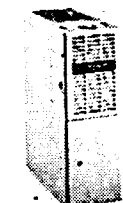
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business processes development and training in critical business functions. LAMP funds will be effectively used as part of the repertoire of services available to help create successful start-ups.

For further information on GLIDE, contact Joe Sarnovsky at 440-366-4051 (e-mail jsarnovs@I-GLIDE.org) or Brian Bonham at 440-366-4966. For information on LAMP, contact the Lorain County Community Development Department at 440-329-5302, 329-5166 or 329-5372.

Concluding Thoughts - "To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?" "Stack every bit of criticism between two layers of praise."

Betty Blair, President

Lorain County Board of Commissioners

Beckett backs sewer project

To the Editor:

The R. W. Beckett Corporation will soon observe the 50th anniversary of our company moving from Elyria to its current North Ridgeville location on Center Ridge Road. There was a tension in the community as we moved in. Would this mark the beginning of the end of North Ridgeville's rural flavor? Would smokestacks replace cornstalks and tractor-trailers replace tractors?

Now, looking back, I believe most North Ridgeville residents would agree that as we've grown and become three separate Beckett companies, we have been positive contributors to the community. But both our community and we need to continue to progress. It is ironic that our companies have the most modern, high-speed Internet access. We have microwave telecommunications linking our businesses and leading edge products coming out of our development efforts. Yet, we do not have sewers.

The county ditch running through our property (I still prefer to call it a stream) has unacceptable levels of bacterial count. In spite of major expenditures for our septic systems, we are always just a step ahead of tightening EPA regulations. It's time to bring closure to our community's 30-year effort to bring sewers to the west side of North Ridgeville.

Will sewers bring change? Yes. Will change occur without sewers? The answer is

still yes, but it will be a less desirable kind of change. If we want to have a community to be proud of, we must attract leading homebuilders, homeowners and businesses. This simply won't happen without proper infrastructure.

As a community, I urge us to get behind the single highest agenda item for this new year in a new millennium. Let's get behind the Mayor and the majority of the North Ridgeville City Council. Let's back the Westerly Sewers project.

John D. Beckett

President

Recall is citizens' last right

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor, Mayor Hill summed up her administration quite eloquently. "It's not what you do but the way you do it that counts." Time and time again, residents have voiced their concerns on different projects and issues. Time and time again they were ignored and plans were implemented without taking their concerns into consideration. Time and time again information was skewed or withheld from decision makers and residents.

Frustrated, a citizens' group was formed and referendum petitions circulated to have a voice at the polls on issues that would profoundly affect the entire city. But their votes didn't count because the law director kept changing the rules and council added frivolous emergency clauses. Even appealing and winning in the Ohio Supreme Court was of no avail because the Administration continued to forge on. The Administration and majority on Council kept doing it their way - residents, laws and courts be damned.

The administration said sewers must be constructed because the EPA will mandate them - there is a health hazard in our city. Yet, homeowners have been told they will not be required to have sewers unless the trunk line goes by their house. If they want sewers, they will have to petition the city and request that laterals be constructed. The Mayor also stated that the sewer would serve 65 percent of the city that has no wastewater treatment. In reality, the 30-inch trunk sewer will serve only 11 existing homes on Race Road. (Resi-

dents have been led to believe the entire trunk line is 36 inches, but actually just a very small portion of the trunk of 36 inches). The project runs through 93 percent of developers' property. Why are developers paying only 73 percent of the trunk line with so few residents benefiting?

The Mayor believes her projects are financially beneficial. Sewers were put up to Lorain Road and Lear Nagle several years ago in the hope of developing the interchange area. Why isn't the interchange area being built up? What happened to AutoNation, the movie theatre and restaurants we were promised? Why are so many strip stores on Center Ridge unoccupied?

We're told septic systems are failing on Center Ridge. If they are, the EPA could mandate that they be replaced rather than mandate sewers. Are developers clamoring to put commercial projects on western Center Ridge? If so, why should build additional empty commercial areas?

The Mayor said she doesn't take risks. Why is the city issuing bonds for the entire Westerly Sewer Project and not requiring developers to pay the debt back for five years? If the economy cools and home building slows down; if developers take out construction loans and use their land as collateral; if the developers can't begin paying their debt in five years, who will pay the bond debt? Why would anyone put our residents at such risk?

What will our infrastructure be like at build-out? How much will it cost taxpayers to widen our roads, build new schools, hire additional employees, add to our safety forces, etc., etc? It is proven that residential developments are not economically feasible for cities. We are told a north/south collector road will be built to keep traffic that is generated by Meadow Lakes and Waterbury off existing streets. But, the collector road goes nowhere! Who will pay to finish the collector road to I-480 (Rt. 10) and Chestnut Ridge?

Legislation was written for a Community Center and the concept of a Town Center. Hidden in that legislation are words that take away the checks and balances that are supposed to exist in our city but rather give the mayor spending privileges with taxpayer money.

Mayor Hill claims she is not a politician. The well-greased political machine has raised thousands of dollars from political allies and developers. She routinely accuses residents of being political terrorists and against development. Debate is healthy but not if you disagree with the mayor; and her personal attacks on individuals and groups cannot disguise her smarmy politics.

The list goes on and on and on. The Mayor extended an olive tree but the residents have been clobbered with it. The problems in North Ridgeville have been escalating for five years and have reached the point where drastic measures must be taken to ensure individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution of these great United States. Despite repeated attempts to have their voices heard, people have been ignored, gavelled down, belittled, insulted, alienated, threatened, and lied to. Recall is a drastic, unpleasant measure to be sure. But it is the one last right that residents can use under the law to obtain justice with an out-of-control administration that does what it wants the way it wants. That's what counts. As one resident so aptly put it, "God help North Ridgeville."

Gail Minnick
North Ridgeville

Asks Mr. Kessell to use best judgment

To the Editor:

I feel the need to respond to a letter to the editor from Earl W. Kessell. STAMP is a diverse group of people, brought together by the desire to improve our city. If Mr. Kessell feels we are a disgrace it may be because he is Mayor Hill's father. I understand family loyalty. I am a father also. However, I wish he would stick to the issues! The only lies and innuendoes he has mentioned may be coming from the administration. I know the STAMP committee has not tried to mislead or tell the citizens a falsehood. If Mr. Kessell feels we have nothing constructive to offer then why does he feel the need to criticize us?

As far as Mr. Prajzner, I feel he represents the best of North Ridgeville! He is a decent

hardworking man, one who takes pride in his town and its citizens. This city should thank Mr. Prajzner for his diligence and hard work.

Mr. Kessell's statement that Mr. Phillips wants to stop development in North Ridgeville is the most preposterous statement in his letter. How can one man stop development? The city of Avon is already developing quicker than North Ridgeville. I have often wondered why Avon has been able to attract the business and beautiful developments. I do not understand why North Ridgeville could not do the same.

I would implore Mr. Kessell to use his best judgment and take time to reflect on the difference between family and city. What is in the city's best interest should be left up to the citizens.

Robert D. Miles
North Ridgeville

Minnick has memory lapses

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor by councilwoman Gail Minnick, she states that the sewers to the Lear Nagle interchange have not brought development as might be expected. She wants to know what happened to the AutoNation - movie theater and restaurants that were to be built. She has a very short memory. Mrs. Minnick, you are the one that stirred up so much controversy and harassment to the developers that they decided to pull out and build elsewhere.

You now say you are not against sewers. Why did you fight against sewers for Bagley Road. Is this is another memory lapse?

You were against an emergency exit at the Shady Drive complex. You now think it was a good idea. Is this another memory lapse? How many more memory lapses do you have?

You are against any improvements the city administration has on the agenda to further improve our rating as one of the best cities in Ohio to live in.

The easiest thing to do is to second-guess all the decisions made by the administration and the rest of council. Why don't you and your fellow second-guessers come up with some positive ideas once in a while?

Don't ask an attorney who resides in Avon for advice, when all he thinks about is the dollars he can squeeze out of the people of North Ridgeville.

He has squeezed enough!

The mayor we now have has done a remarkable job in making this city a place to be proud of, in spite of your nasty intentions to hold back progress.

I hope the people of Ward 4 remember this at election time, so this city can operate in a way that we can all be proud of.

Virginia Robinson
North Ridgeville

Don't let STAMP speak for you

To the Editor:

I have been promised sewers for over 30 years, starting with Mayor Chuck Stuart and every mayor after that! In the past 10 years our country's economic growth has flourished and businesses in North Ridgeville have been stagnant. Empty buildings on the west side of the city cannot be filled because of the lack of sanitary infrastructure. Commercial development in our neighboring communities has grown by leaps and bounds, while west side business expansions cannot happen without sanitary sewers.

How dare the members of STAMP and their attorney, Gerald W. Phillips, take away sewers that are promised. This small group of people and their attorney do not represent the people of North Ridgeville, nor my business. I resent that they assume that they do. I hope that the STAMP members who hired Gerald Phillips are paying his wages and not the residents (taxpayers) who did not hire him. I know that I will not pay wages to someone I did not hire.

If there is to be a recall, let the city of Avon, recall Gerald Phillips. The Avon taxpayers have been forced to pay him \$22,000 for lawsuits against that city.

I am asking all concerned west side business owners and residents to contact this newspaper and your council representative to voice your opinion.

Do not let STAMP speak for you!

Joyce Johnson
North Ridgeville

Our Future... Facts Not Fraud, Please.

A small group of poorly informed people are attempting to write the latest chapter in the story of North Ridgeville. That is the best I can say because I want to give these people the benefit of not questioning their political intentions or their personal integrity.

The latest chapter will dictate how we will live as a community and how much it will be indelible as well as detrimental.

The possible story lines are American Dream or American Tragedy.

Here is the story so far. North Ridgeville, having learned from the experiences and mistakes of other cities, is realizing its goals through planned growth, reserved open space, neighborhoods that provide a broad mix of housing needs, walking trails connecting neighbors and neighborhoods, other amenities, well-funded schools, sanitary waste service to every resident and a cooperative relationship with developers to gain city-wide and area benefits. The initiative for this progress started with former administrations and has been carried forward by the present one.

If a few people, who aren't wise enough to understand city business, private business and a type of planning that is recommended by every level of government and its agencies, write our story and our laws, we will face a future laden with predictable, traditional, cookie cutter developments, and it will be existing residents paying more for the sewers, roads and improvements.

Let's make sure that what is being written is not a comedy and not the punch line to a joke that clearly will be on us.

STAMP has a right to challenge, block, petition and protest. I, for one, will protect it. However, we reserve our right to say "no" and turn our backs on nonsense.

The attorney for STAMP wants North Ridgeville taxpayers to pay him \$31,000 for his work on behalf of STAMP in destroying Kingston Place. In its place we are getting and inferior R1 subdivision with less tax value.

There is an old saying, "Everyone has a right to his own opinion... but not his own set of facts."

We are used to people putting a "spin" on political issues. But the dizzying spin that STAMP's spokesperson put on the Planned Community and sewer issues in an advertisement in this newspaper boils down to outright dishonesty.

It is curious that the person or organization responsible for this advertisement on the Westerly Sewer and Recall Petition did not register the person or organization responsible and the source of payment, which the law requires.

If you care, read STAMP's ad contents and compare the with the Truth. Our future must be based on TRUTH.

Bob Schmitt

Bob Schmitt

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THE TRUTH

STAMP'S AD CONTENT		
1.	27% of the total cost of the sewer project will be paid by the City, \$2.25 million dollars.	The City's cost will be paid from existing sewer funds. The tap-in fees from the proposed 3,500 PCD homes will, at current rates, amount to \$4,081,000, almost twice the city's share. The 3,500 homes' sewer use revenue will be at least \$450,000/year. The plants' capacity is more than adequate for the present & future of the three communities it serves and is fully owned by North Ridgeville who will greatly benefit from this revenue.
2.	The \$2.25 million dollars will be paid by either bonds supported by a tax increase or from funds from the City;	"
3.	All residents, those on the east side as well as those on the west side, will pay directly or indirectly the \$2.25 million dollars, which won't be available to pay for other services.	"
4.	Homeowners on the west side will have to pay for sewers in the future, there will be no free sewers for them.	The approximately 3,500 homeowners on the West Side that will live in the Planned Communities will pay for their sewers plus 6 million dollars for the trunk line capacity provided to accommodate their sewers and the sewers of every other west side present & future homeowner. Of course, they will pay for their sewers, everyone has and will, either by assessment or in the price of their home.
5.	In a normal development the Developer pays for all the sewers and deeds them to the City as part of the Subdivision, and passes the cost on to the homebuyer, the Developers will pay only 73% of the costs of the westerly sewers, but 93% of the sewers go through their property.	The cost of sewers is not primarily their length but their size and depth. A trunk sewer must be much larger and deeper than the proposed PCD development requires in order to serve the other 75% of the area it is designed to serve. If the developers build a sewer to serve only themselves, then the City, all its residents, the west side land owners, and all businesses will be the big losers. STAMP's statement is a deliberate lie.
6.	The assessments upon the Developers for the sewers will be delayed for five (5) years during this five (5) year period if the Developers go out of business and bankrupt the City will be obligated to make the payments on the debt without revenues from the assessments.	The City has a first mortgage on the developers' land. When a home is sold, its share of the debt will be paid off. This means STAMP's statement is simply not the truth. The value of the land with the trunk sewer is at least 3 times the sewer debt. This statement is irrelevant as the debt will be paid or funded long before the projects are complete by tap-in fees collected with the building permit. (See Statement 1).
7.	The Developers will make millions of dollars from their developments and additional millions if the PCDs are approved.	Everything we buy is from large and small businesses. Our system of private enterprise succeeds only if they offer goods and services people choose to buy. If they don't make a profit, they can't survive or offer improved services and products. This comment makes no sense at all.
8.	The City will only get the street improvement the Developers are promising, the new East-West Road, Called Barres Road, if their PCDs are approved.	The Barres Road Improvement has nothing to do with the trunk sewer or the PCDs. This will be done by installers of the Avon Lake waterline which is running through North Ridgeville to Medina.
9.	The City may be obligated to pay more than the 2.25 million dollars if the Developers PCDs are not approved.	If Planned Communities are abandoned and the developers offer to pay 73% of the cost falls by the wayside, the present sewer financial plans will terminate. Any new west side sewer proposal will be financed by property owner assessment. Until that occurs, no new numbers will be available. Under this new scenario, near 100% of the cost will be paid by landowners.
10.	The Developers could have paid 100% of the total cost in a separate agreement, separately agreeing to reimburse and hold the City harmless for the \$2.25 million dollars.	It is incongruous that when owners of 25% of the land serviced by the west side sewer are willing to pay 73% of its cost, which will be passed on to their future residents, isn't appreciated as a very good deal. It is against the law for a private company to pay a city's portion of an assessed project.
11.	The Developers did this exact arrangement with approximately 10 homeowners on Race Rd., who were assessed, but who are not going to the assessments. The developers will reimburse them or pay the assessments for them, holding them harmless.	An EPA regulation requires anyone within 200 ft. of a newly installed sewer must connect. These 10 homes are the only ones affected. The developers, in addition to the 73%, are paying for these connections to avoid time-consuming arrangements. If any of these 10 are not able to pay. Again, why can't we appreciate a good deed?
12.	Why wasn't a similar arrangement negotiated for the City's portion, the \$2.25 million dollars?	See Number 10 comment.
13.	The mayor has been the sole negotiator with the Developers. City Council has been totally left out of the negotiations for the Westerly Sewer Agreement. The mayor's negotiations have been non-public meetings, closed the the public, with the Developers.	This is totally untrue. Every affected department in the City Administration and the City's bond counsel were a part of every meeting.
14.	This is the same mayor who has received campaign contributions from the Developers. Who's interest was the mayor looking out for, the City's or her own and the Developers?	This is unfair. It was the Mayor who put the contribution list on public record. Hundreds of people contribute to many candidates because of their approval or expectation of their performance. It is not done in secret and the amount is insignificant. No sane person would give or expect favors for a hundred dollars. It is not uncommon to contribute to both sides.

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'E-I-T-C' spells tax relief for thousands

By Congressman Sherrod Brown

Taxes are always a prime topic this time of year. In the next few months, Congress will be debating many plans on how to best reduce tax rates without jeopardizing key programs, such as Social Security and Medicare.

As Congress debates the merits of various tax proposals, you should not forget about an existing tax benefit that's available to thousands of Northeast Ohio residents.

In 1973, Congress passed a tax break called the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which we expanded in 1993.

Designed to provide a wage supplement to low-income working people, the tax benefit expansion led to the following achievements:

- * In 1998 alone, 688,000 Ohio families filed claims for the EITC, according to the nonpartisan Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

- * Combined, those taxpayers received a total of \$1 billion back from the federal government, an average of \$1,500 per taxpaying recipient.

- * Overall, the EITC has helped an estimated 4.8 million people rise above the poverty line, including 2.6 million children, according to the Center for Human Needs.

Keep in mind, the EITC is not a government handout. Only working individuals are eligible for the EITC, making it an ideal incentive for moving people from welfare to work. It's not too late to file for the EITC. If you meet one of the following qualifications, you and your family may be eligible for this tax benefit:

- * If you have lived with two or more children in 2000 and your family earned less than \$31,152, you may be eligible for a credit of up to \$3,628.

- * If you have lived with one child in 2000 and your family earned less than \$27,413, you can get up to \$2,353.

- * If you didn't have children in your household and you earned less than \$10,380, and you were between the age of 25 and 64, you may receive a credit of up to \$350.

You must file a 1040 or 1040 A federal tax return and schedule EIC. If you have questions, please contact the Internal Revenue Service's live telephone assistance center at 800-829-1040.



Congressman Sherrod Brown

Police Department Reports:

What's love got to do with it?

By Mark Maier

An 18-year-old female and her 21-year-old boyfriend arrived at the police station on March 4 to file a report regarding them being harassed by her ex-boyfriend.

The woman informed police that the couple broke up the day after Valentine's Day. A few days later, she arrived home with her now current boyfriend and they found her 18-year-old ex-boyfriend waiting outside the house. The ex-boyfriend demanded they get out of the vehicle, which they did, and the three ended up talking for approximately 45 minutes.

During the nearly hour long conversation, the only threat that the 18-year-old suspect made was when he told the 21-year-old that his back side should be beaten, but added that the older man would then hate him for it.

Before the woman's current boyfriend left, the suspect asked for his cell phone number. The man then gave the number to the ex-boyfriend.

After the 21-year old left, the woman and her ex-boyfriend spoke for a while. She stated in the police report that she felt something in his coat pocket that she saw what looked like the back side of the butt of a gun. However, the suspect never showed her what it was. He had stated to her that he had taken his father's gun and he planned on using it, but did not say on who.

Since the night this incident took place, her ex-boyfriend had called the woman and made attempts in getting back together with her. She made it abundantly clear to the suspect that she has no intentions of getting back together with him and that he should stop calling.

He made threats of killing her current boyfriend. He has also made harassing phone calls to her current boyfriend's cellular phone. When he received the harassing calls, he had been at home in Middleburgh Heights. He has signed charges in Middleburgh Heights against the suspect for telephone harassment before he came to the North Ridgeville police station to file the report with the woman.

Patrolman Wilkshire called the ex-boyfriend and informed the suspect that he should have no contact with the couple. The suspect stated he had been under the assumption that he was on a friendly relationship with the couple, but the officer reiterated that he should have no contact with them.

Officers asked the woman why she had not reported the gun incident to police when it happened. She stated she felt that her ex-boyfriend was just upset because of their break-up and believed that the problem would go away in time. Based on recent events of school shootings, the threats may turn into reality.

Canned

A 19-year-old male thought he could avoid being caught from having a couple beers by having the drinks at a Baldwin-Wallace College fraternity party being hosted at Crystal Springs banquet hall.

Patrolman Freeman and Patrolman Mraz were working off-duty at the event at the hall on March 3. About 10:30 p.m., Freeman spotted the defendant speaking with other people, all of whom were close in proximity to where the officer was standing. The officer observed the speech of the defendant to be slurred, his reflexes to be slow, and that his eyes were red and glassy. At the time, the officer was unaware of the defendant's age, but observed that the defendant appeared not to be of legal age to be consuming alcoholic beverages.

Upon making contact with the defendant, Freeman could smell an alcoholic beverage on the defendant's breath. The defendant admitted that he was 19-years-old and that he drank at least beers at the event. Mraz stated he had observed the defendant drink from one can of beer just prior to Freeman making contact with the young man.

The defendant agreed to submit to an alco-sensor test. He was then cited into the Mayor's Court on March 7 for underage consumption.

Weathered accidents

Several vehicle accidents occurred last week as a result of the severe weather conditions. If these weather conditions continue to persist, the chance for vehicle accidents occurring from it remains high unless precautionary safety measures by drivers are taken.

Fire Department Reports:

Permitted, but not for this

The fire department was called to a house on Main St. early in the afternoon on March 3 regarding a resident burning a large pile of brush.

Firefighters arrived a few minutes before 1 p.m. and spoke with the resident, who claimed he was burning branches and logs he had cut down last fall. The resident has a permit to have fires burning, but it is one that allows recreational fires.

The size of the fire was decreased by firefighters. They informed the resident to let the fire burn out. They also advised him that his permit was for recreational fires only and that he was not following those requirements.

Obituaries:

WENCES F. RAK

Wences F. Rak, 84, of North Ridgeville, died March 6 at his home after a brief illness.

Born in Lorain, he had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past 32 years.

He worked at U.S. Steel's Lorain Works for 42 years before retiring in 1978.

Mr. Rak was a former president of the Lorain County AFL-CIO; Grievance Committee for United Steel Workers Local 1104; and Chairman of the Blood Bank of Local 1104. He also was a past trustee of Lorain Community Hospital and Union Eye Care Center.

He was a former member of the United Polish Club of Lorain.

Mr. Rak was in the Naval Reserve and the Civilian Conservation Corps. He was an officer in the Knights of Columbus Council 7970 of North Ridgeville.

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

He enjoyed his family, church and country living.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lillian (nee Czarny); daughters, Barbara Rosso of Rock Hill, S.C. and Connie Woods of North Ridgeville; sons, Lawrence Rak of Avon, Norman and Andrew Rak, both of North Ridgeville; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother; his sister.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the St. Peter's Restoration Fund, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

GEORGE W. McBRAYER JR.

George W. McBrayer Jr. 67, of North

Ridgeville died March 2 at EMH Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

Born in Whitesville, W.Va., he lived in Cleveland for 40 years before moving to North Ridgeville three years ago.

He was a crane operator at the LTV Steel Plant in Cleveland for 28 years before retiring in 1980.

Mr. McBrayer was a member of Cleveland Free Will Baptist Church and United Steel Workers Union Local 188.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Barbara (nee Tyree); sons Thomas, George III and James, all of Cleveland; daughters Kelly Connor of North Ridgeville and Jeanie Sessler of Adolphus, Ky.; six grandchildren and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother.

Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Carpenter, pastor of Faith Baptist Temple in North Ridgeville and the Rev. Bob Pritchard, pastor of Cleveland Free Will Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Fields Cemetery in North Ridgeville.

Memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Temple, 34361 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville 44039.

SHERYLL R. VASI

Sheryll R. "Sherrie" Vasi (nee Sanders), 43, of North Ridgeville died March 3 at her home after a long illness. She is the daughter-in-law of Lorain County Commissioner Mary Jo Vasi and Joseph C. Vasi.

Born in Coeburn, Va., she had been a resident of Elyria before moving to North Ridgeville, where she had lived for the past 18 years.

Mrs. Vasi was co-owner and operator of the Victorian Parlor and Gift Shop in Elyria. She was also a cake decorator for Finast Grocery Stores and Cakes, Candies and Flowers in Elyria.

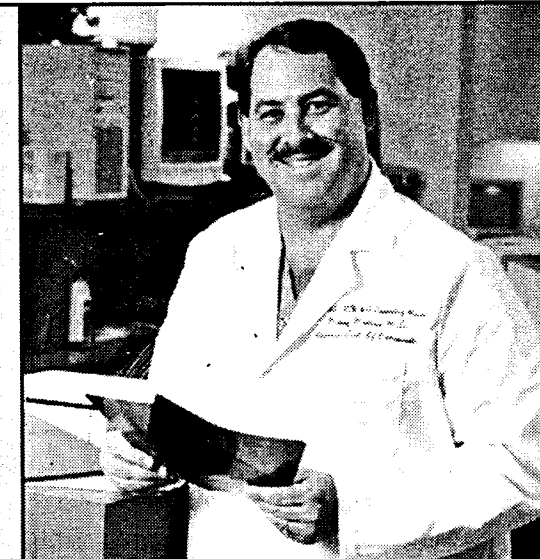
She held membership in the Women of Moose Chapter 907 of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 778 and Teamsters Local 19.

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WALTER H. HOWARD

Walter H. Howard, 95, of North Ridgeville, died March 6, at the Northridge Health Care Center in North Ridgeville following a short illness.

Born in Cincinnati, he lived in Fremont for many years prior to moving to North Ridgeville in 1994. He was a 1926 graduate of Clyde High School in Clyde.

In 1971 he retired from Whirlpool Corp., where he was an assembler for 17 years.

Mr. Howard was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont for many years.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing and hunting.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandra Hoover of North Ridgeville; son, Jack of Cleveland; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Alice (nee Rosenberger) in 1986; his parents; and two brothers.

Services and burial were in Fremont.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Busch-Bogner Family Chapel handled local arrangements.

BEVERLY ANNE GLEEBA

Beverly Anne Gleebea (nee Mielcarek), 63, North Ridgeville died March 5 at her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Gleebea was born in Lorain, but had lived in Cleveland and attended John Marshall high School before moving to North Ridgeville, where she had lived since 1987.

She was a member of VFW Post 6676 Auxiliary in Berea.

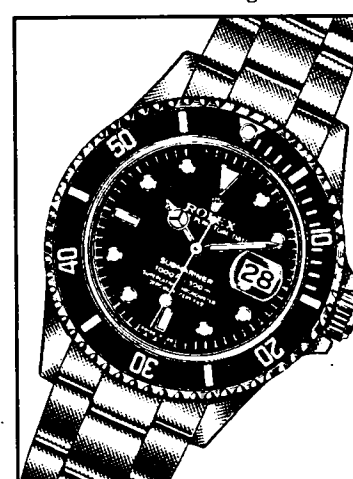
She enjoyed playing cards and bingo, fishing, bowling and cooking.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Fred; daughters, Elizabeth Martin of Stow, Helen Pidmore, Debra Roush and Linda, all of Elyria, Karen and Mary Jane, both of North Ridgeville, Anne Sabo of Avon, Rebecca Kohl of Lodi and Denise of North Olmsted; 16 grandchildren and a brother.

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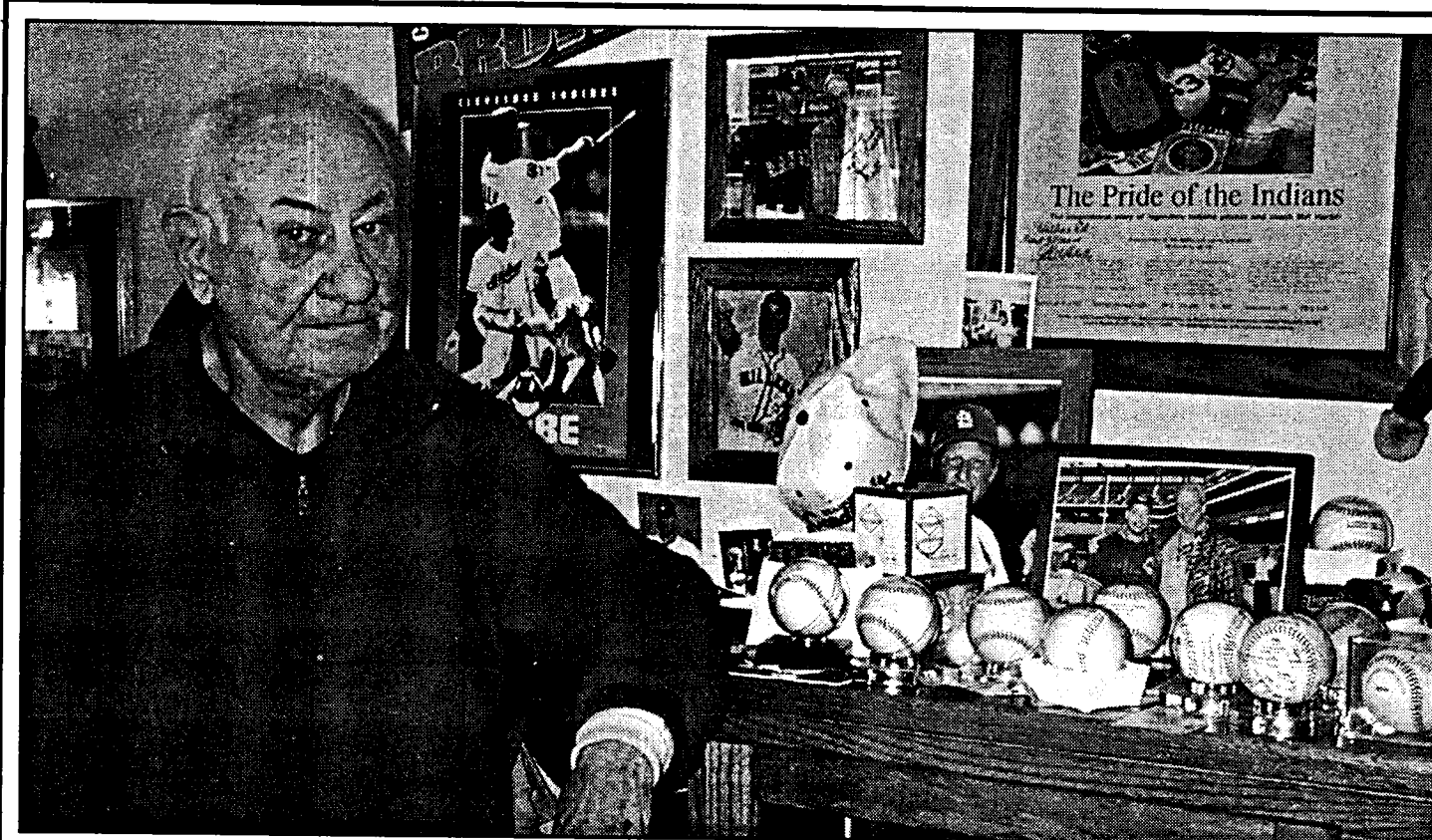
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North Ridgeville's Ed Grochowski has always been a big fan of baseball, both professional and amateur.

An 80-year love affair with baseball

By Jerry D. Dudek

Eighty-seven-year-old Ed Grochowski is one of baseball's most loyal fans. He's not a fan in the sense that he supports just one particular team, or goes to Jacobs Field to be seen or be part of the crowd. No, Grochowski loves baseball, the game of baseball. Major Leagues, high school, Hot Stove. It doesn't matter.

For 80 years, he has been in love with baseball. He discovered the game as a seven-year-old back in 1920.

He recalls Ray Chapman dying on the diamond after being struck in the head by a baseball.

He remembers the 1920 World Series. He went to the opening game at Cleveland Municipal Stadium to see Mel Harder lose a three-hitter to Lefty Grove, 1-0.

He went to the final two games of the 1948 World Series, the last time the Indians won the fall classic.

He was at the game when Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak came to an end.

He was at the 1954 World Series.

He caught a foul ball hit by DiMaggio in 1956 ("I almost lost my fingers!") The ball went to his nephew, who used it to play catch and sandlot ball.

He has been at 11 opening day games in Cleveland.

He was also a part of North Ridgeville baseball teams in the 1970s and 1980s, sitting in the dugout with the teams.

Not bad for a guy who never played an inning of organized baseball in his life.

"I played very little baseball," Grochowski said, "and what I played was in pickup games. I went to work at a very early age during The Depression. I think that is one of the reasons why I love baseball so much. I never really got to play it as a kid."

Grochowski grew up in Garfield Heights but has been a North Ridgeville resident for more than half of his life. He came from a large family, four brothers and four sisters, (all of whom are now deceased) and helped his family out during tough times, working odd jobs during his adolescence. Two of his brothers got to play baseball.

"One was a pitcher, the other was a catcher in high school. My one brother pitched a no-hitter in high school. I'll never forget it. The score was 7-6. The other team scored six runs because of all the walks and errors," Ed said.

But Grochowski loves the game for other reasons as well.

"It's an interesting game and it's not an

easy game to play or watch. You have to know the game to enjoy it. Either watching it or playing it, you have to concentrate," he said.

Of all his fond memories of Cleveland Indians baseball (remember that he has been a fan for 80 of the Tribe's 100 years in existence), Grochowski says it has to be the time he was a seventh-grader at St. Stan's in Garfield Heights. Opening Day in Cleveland was just a day away and the 13-year-old asked his teacher, Sister Orenica, if he could miss school the next day.

"Why?" she asked. "Don't you know what day it is tomorrow?" he said. "It's Opening Day."

"She looked at me and said 'go.' I'll never forget that. She didn't even ask me to give her a legitimate excuse to miss school like going with my grandparents to a funeral. She was my eighth grade teacher, too. The next year I walked up to her the day before Opening Day and asked her if she knew what day it was tomorrow. She said 'Opening Day. Go.'" Ed recollected. Those were the first of 11 Opening Day games at Cleveland he has attended.

Grochowski's love of baseball transcends leagues and talent. Although he rarely misses watching an Indians game on television ("I have a reserved seat, right here," he said pointing to his livingroom recliner) but he also channel surfs to catch other games that might be on the tube.

And he is also interested in youth baseball.

A collection of baseballs, photographs, hats, jerseys and model baseball bats dominate his livingroom. The baseballs are from North Ridgeville high school teams or Hot Stove teams that Grochowski helped guide. The balls sport the names of all the players on those particular teams (he has more than a dozen of them). Some of the balls date back to the mid-1970s and some of the ballplayers are now close to 40 years of age. Grochowski is in the process of giving the balls away. He searches for recognizable names on the balls and gives them back to a team member he recalls as a memento of the time they spent together so many years ago.

Grochowski has a special shelf of baseball memorabilia that contains books about baseball players, photographs, ticket stubs from baseball games and bats given to him by good friend Dell Bethel, former Tribe scout. In a security box at a local bank, Grochowski keeps his most prized baseball possessions, an autographed baseball by St. Louis Cardinal Hall of Famers Red Schoendienst and Stan Musial. He also has balls signed by Bob Feller and Mel

Harder, along with a baseball signed by the Cleveland Indians war team of 1943. He received that baseball when stationed in Italy as a mail clerk with the 776 Squadron during World War II. He asked a man named Bradley to send him a dozen scuffed up balls so that the troops in Italy could play baseball. He also asked for an autographed ball and a new baseball, so that those playing in Italy could sign it. In a short period of time, all of the baseballs arrived.

He is probably one of the few Cleveland Indians fans who has a framed poster of Albert Belle on his wall. The poster also features Kenny Lofton and Omar Vizquel. "I thought about blacking out Albert, but I never did," he said jokingly.

Another reason why Grochowski loves baseball so much was because his wife Millie, who died four years ago, loved the game as well. Grochowski is quick to tell the story about how Bethel and Millie used to have heated discussions about the sport.

He hates to say it, but baseball may be doomed if player salaries continue to escalate. Born and raised in a time when players played for the love of the game, Grochowski has a hard time understanding the baseball finances of today.

"I don't like the high salaries and I blame (New York Yankees owner George) Steinbrenner for it. All the other owners just copied after him. They should have nipped it in the bud ten years ago," he said. Now it's happening in other sports, too."

Grochowski is not against players making a good living, but he sees a rudimentary problem with high salaries. "It's causing a lot of disruption in baseball. It seems that players are more concerned about salaries than playing the game. They are trying to outdo each other off the field. Back then, it was more for the love of the game. Now it's money."

High salaries are creating a residual problem for true baseball fans as well. Grochowski, for the first time in nearly five decades, didn't attend a Cleveland baseball game last season. The reason—the fans.

"Dell would take me to games all the time. Two years ago we went to a game and sat behind the plate. I didn't get to see the umpire, catcher or batter for ten minutes because people were standing up, going to the bathroom or the hucksters were selling something. I would have had a better seat watching it on television," he said.

Grochowski may take exception to the trendy Cleveland Indian fans, the exorbitant baseball salaries and the high cost of attending a baseball game, but he is not quite ready to give up on baseball.

"It's still the game I love," he said.

New league exciting idea for Lake Ridge

By Jerry D. Dudek

It should be an interesting and exciting basketball season in 2001-2002 for Scott Fasick and his Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team. Not only will his team play a more up tempo game and launch more 3-pointers, the Royals will be involved in something entirely new to them.

Lake Ridge Academy, for the first time, will be competing in a league after being independent for so many years. The Royals, along with Open Door Christian Academy, Elyria First Baptist, North Coast Christian Academy and Lorain Catholic, will be the charter members of the North Shore Athletic Conference. Each member will play each other twice in the double round robin format.

Only the boys basketball team, which went 7-13 a year ago, will be participating in the league. None of the other Lake Ridge sporting teams, boys or girls, are in a league.

Playing the teams in the conference will be nothing new for the Royals. Open Door, First Baptist, North Coast and Lorain Catholic were on Lake Ridge's schedule this past season. Lake Ridge was 4-5 against those four teams. Lorain Catholic, the largest of the schools, is expected to dominate the league in its infancy, but joining the conference will do the North Ridgeville-based school a lot of good in the long run.

"We're about in the middle of the pack," Fasick, who has a career mark of 18-22 at Lake Ridge, said. "Being in a league will help build excitement during the regular season. It will also get the kids some recognition for all-league honors. Right now, all they can get is All Lorain County or All District honors. And for smaller schools like us, a league like this is nice because finding different Division IV schools to play close to home can be tough. This should cut down on our traveling."

This past season, Lake Ridge played teams such as The Wellington School and Jonathan Altar and traveled as far as Columbus.

Being a conference member should give his players more motivation during the regular season. Because the eight conference games will be especially significant, players are expected to approach them with some added incentive. For players, facing the same team during the regular season three times (Lake Ridge was 0-3 against Open Door and 2-1 North Coast this past season) takes some of the wonderment and novelty out of the regular schedule, and for an independent team, that's not good.

Fasick hopes the new league not only creates excitement for players, but also for fans. He hopes it can generate the kind of excitement that the Royals final game of the regular season did, when 600 fans packed in the Lake Ridge gym to watch a closely contested and hard fought match-up between Open Door and Lake Ridge.

Eventually, another school may be added to the league but for now, a five-team conference is just fine for Fasick.

Looking for players

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Spring coaches battling Ohio weather again this season

By Jerry D. Dudek

After four months of nothing but indoor athletic activity, participants in high school spring sports can't wait to get outside and practice. But they will have to wait a little longer thanks to Ohio's infamous March weather.

Spring practice for baseball, softball, tennis and track officially started on March 5 (even though spring doesn't arrive for another 16 days) and now ten days into the pre-season, most coaches have yet to venture outside.

It's especially bad for softball and baseball teams because even with good weather, their fields are rarely in good shape for use after the winter thaw.

About the only good thing about the bad weather, coaches say, is that no team is immune from it.

"Let's face it, if it's 40 degrees here, then it's 40 degrees everywhere else in Lorain County," veteran North Ridgeville baseball coach Tom Kubuski said.

Now in his fifth year at North Ridgeville, and his 25th coaching baseball, Kubuski is very philosophical about the spring season and about the weather.

"Even if the weather was nice, we would still be doing our work inside at this time," he said. "Last year it was 75 degrees the first official day of practice and he stayed inside."

I don't start worrying about the weather until the first week of April."

Inclement March weather produces a good news, bad news situation for Lake Ridge Academy softball coach Sue Bus. Bad weather means the team practices inside, and she gets to spend more time teaching fundamentals to the newcomers on the team. But by the same token, the underclassmen don't get an opportunity to watch and see how upperclassmen use those fundamentals on the diamond.

"We do a lot of station work indoors and all that needs to be done in the preseason, but playing outside is totally different. It's like playing basketball half court. There are just only so many things you can do inside," she said.

Bus probably has to give more instruction on fundamentals than most coaches. This is just the second year that Lake Ridge is playing fast-pitch softball and the difference between fast-pitch and slow-pitch is like night and day. In fast-pitch, there is a premium on bunting, stealing bases and pitching. Many of the girls participate in a fast-pitch indoor league and the team has scheduled some practice time at an indoor facility with batting machines, something Lake Ridge doesn't have.

"We're lucky to get four practices outside before our first scrimmage," Bus lamented.

Lake Ridge baseball coach Craig Moro

said inclement weather creates different problems for different schools. At small schools such as Lake Ridge, with just one gym, the facility has to be shared by the softball, baseball and track teams.

"It's really a challenge for the players and for the coaches," Moro said about the weather. "We haven't been outside this year. And even when we get the opportunity to go outside, it won't be on a field, it will be on asphalt."

The beginning of the baseball (or softball) season can be tepid at best, especially for pitchers whose arms are in need of strengthening. Pitchers have never been fans of cold weather, especially at the start of the season. Coaches take extreme precautions to protect their pitchers' arms—Kubuski won't let his pitchers go more than two or three innings at the start of the season even if it is warm out, Moro limits his pitchers to about 45 pitches.

"You can't simulate game conditions in a gym, so we do keep a close eye on our pitchers. In the beginning of the season, you want to see a lot of people pitch anyway," Kubuski said.

Moro, in his second year at Lake Ridge, was the pitchers and catchers coach at Bay Village. He has his pitchers throw off a portable mound every five days in an effort to get them ready for the season. When the team finally goes outdoors, Moro requires his pitchers to wear long-sleeved jerseys and

jackets, do a lot of running and make sure they stay warm.

"I'm sure we will be playing in a lot of cold weather this season," he predicted.

Moro would like to see the baseball season start later and go longer in an effort to make better use of practice time.

"The thing I would recommend is to start the season in mid-April and end in June and have the state playoffs when school is out. I think there would be more quality baseball. It would give us a lot more practice time and would be a better situation for Ohio baseball," he said.

States such as Wisconsin, where weather is a factor, starts later, Moro pointed out.

His softball counterpart at Lake Ridge takes the opposite view.

"We have AP (advance placement) and honors classes the second and third week of May for seniors and it is a tough time for them. I would be against the season going any longer," Bus said.

Allowing spring sports to start a week earlier (four weeks of practice instead of three) is an intriguing idea, but it wouldn't help either baseball or softball because the diamonds are unplayable in February, even if the weather is nice.

"The only good thing about this weather is that we are all in the same boat," Kubuski said.

Next year's Lake Ridge basketball team will use speed, pressure defense to win

The Lake Ridge boys basketball team will have a very different look next season as the Royals will lose their two top scorers and rebounders to graduation.

Head coach Scott Fasick called the recently-completed 7-13 season "a tough year," not so much because of the team's sub-.500 record, but because of the strong competition all year long.

"Open Door (Christian Academy) had a great year and

beat us three times. We also lost to teams such as The Wellington School twice and to Jonathan Altar."

The Royals were led by senior Chris McCullough, who averaged 16 points and 14 rebounds per game. McCullough hopes to continue his basketball career at Skimore College. Fasick called the 6'5", 160-pound McCullough a "hard worker and a good defensive player."

"Throughout this career he never was a prolific scorer but we asked him to be the scorer this year and he responded," the coach said.

McCullough was a first-team All-Lorain County player. Lake Ridge got most of its other points from another 6'5" senior, David O'Neill. He averaged 12 points and eight rebounds per game.

The duo scored 60 percent of Lake Ridge's points on the season.

Two other Lake Ridge seniors saw plenty of action including Adam Gonsiorowski, the team's point guard, who "did everything he was asked to do" and Eyad Zahra, who was one of the hardest working players on the team.

Scoring enough points was a major problem for Lake Ridge all year long.

"We would get the ball inside quite a bit, but we didn't put the ball in the basket all that much. We only scored about 47 points per game. We gave up just 50 points a game

and played excellent defense at times," Fasick said.

The Royals outside shooting suffered as a result of their offensive philosophy.

"You get focused on pounding it in, because even good teams go cold from the outside. You want to take the high percentage shot and that's from in close," he said.

But next year will be much different because the Royals won't have the luxury of two 6'5" players.

"We will have to be a team that gets up and down the floor, a team that pressures the ball, a quick team that outscores our opponents," Fasick said.

The coach will be counting on improved play from four players next year. Junior Kusha Tavakoli was an honorable mention All-Lorain County player who average seven points, four rebounds and three assists per game. Also back for his senior season will be Brandon Cannaday, one of the team's top defensive players. He averaged five points per game.

Fasick has high hopes for two freshmen, Aalap Narchania, who started most of the year and Court Flannery, who played just two games last season before breaking a leg in a snowmobile accident on Christmas break.

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team's leading scorer. Wyser was an honorable mention All-PSL player averaging nine points per game from her small forward position. Freshman Jane Limmer was also an honorable mention All-PSL player. She had 31 rebounds in the seven league games and led the team in blocked shots.

Wingfield was the team's best defensive post player and had 37 rebounds in the seven conference games. Also making a contribution to the team was sophomore Caitlin Whiteman, an off-guard, who was the team's best defensive player. Freshman Morgan S. Francis also saw plenty of action at the post.

"We were a very, very young team and a lot of the inexperienced girls got schooled by upper classmen. You don't want them to

become discouraged and quit, but you also realize that gaining experience is very valuable," said Plas, who previously coached the freshmen and JV teams at Elyria Catholic.

Lake Ridge had a difficult time controlling the boards this past season and most teams got second and third scoring chances from in close.

"That's where we got beat bad," he said. If the numbers stay healthy, in a few years, the Lake Ridge girls hoops program will be very competitive, the coach said, as those ten freshmen and sophomores mature. But the girls will take their lumps getting there.

"This is a program that has had difficult times because of the number of girls at the school (53). If you are going to compete, you are going to have losses," Plas said.

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N.R. ARTS COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m. First Congregational UCC Church.

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

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Education Center.

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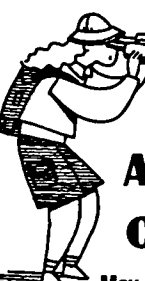
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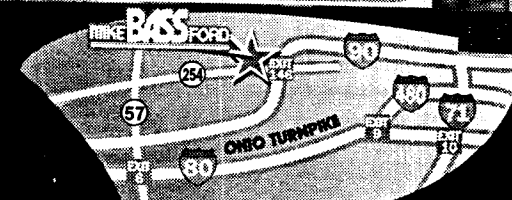
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