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## This Week:

### Take the Tour

The 10th annual Growing Arts and Antiques Tour is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Get Registered

There are still a limited number of openings for this year's Safetyville Program. Anyone interested in registering their child may call the North Ridgeville police Department at 327-2191, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. for more information.

To attend Safetyville, children must be entering kindergarten in the fall. There is no residency requirement.

### Friday's the Day

Don't miss the spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center on April 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6; seniors, \$5 and children under 10, \$4.

### Join 4-H Now

Sign up for 4-H before May 1 to enjoy full membership benefits. Youth joining after May 1 will be enrolled in the summer 4-H membership option with a limit of signing up for only one project in a non-animal project category. Any person five years through 18 as of Jan. 1, 2001 may join 4-H. For more information, call 326-5851.

### Safety Committee Meeting

Councilwoman Gail Minnick will have a Safety Committee meeting, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall. The public is invited.

## In Brief:

### Mother's Day Craft

Children of all ages can make and take home a Mother's Day craft, May 6 through May 12 during regular hours at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Materials are provided.

### Pruning Spring Favorites

Learn how to prune your spring favorites. Join North Ridgeville Garden Club at Sandy Ridge Metro Parks on Otten Road, May 8 and meet Chuck Behnke from the OSU Extension. Meeting time is 7 p.m. For more information, call Debra Haynes, new member coordinator, and 327-2997.

### Food Addicts Anonymous Meet

Food Addicts Anonymous meet every Friday at 7 p.m. at St. John West Shore Hospital, Building B, Auditorium B. A group also meets every Sunday at 9 a.m. at the hospital, Main Building, Conference Room B. The organization deals with recovery from bingeing, anorexia and bulimia, which are all forms of food addiction. For more information, call Gloria at 327-9492.

## Will voters pass income tax increase? The answer on May 8

By Carol Klear

A sign on Bainbridge announces the site of a proposed community center and on May 8 North Ridgeville voters will decide if a Family and Senior Center is in the city's future by supporting or defeating a .4 percent income tax hike. The tax increase will not affect retirees who have no earned income.

For months a committee has been working on plans for the proposed 100,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility that, if residents approve, will be situated on 17 acres of city-owned land and is being touted as offering something for everyone from Ridgeville's youngest residents to its oldest.

The recreation portion of the center will feature indoor and outdoor leisure swimming pools, with slides, lap lanes and separate sections for children. There will be gyms, a fitness center, a walking track, a climbing wall and a game area for youngsters.

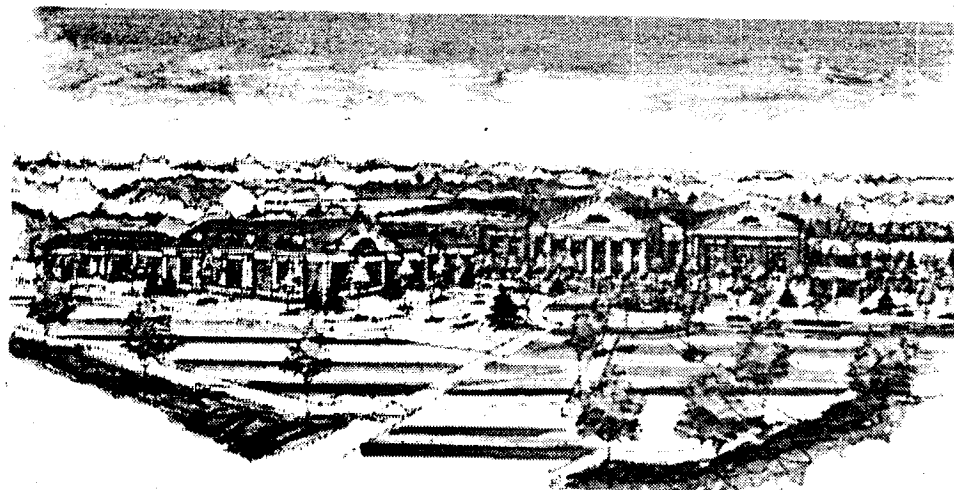
The city's seniors will be treated to their own space in the center which will include a social lounge, game room, arts and crafts, woodworking room and rooms for health screening and a computer room.

In addition to providing attractions for young and old, community rooms will be set up for special events, meeting rooms and activity rooms.

If voters support the facility, membership fees will be established for the recreation center and will be set up in a variety of ways to provide for everyone.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Spaulding said the No. 1 reason for voter support is that presently "we have no indoor facilities and residents deserve a quality facility."

New families move into North Ridgeville



This is a rendering of the proposed Family and Senior Center that will be constructed on Bainbridge Road, across from South Central Park, if North Ridgeville voters pass a .4 percent income tax increase on May 8.

and are surprised and disappointed to learn that the community has nothing in the way of recreational facilities to offer, said Spaulding, especially for swimming.

The planned community room, he said, will provide a rental facility for the public to use, as well as providing "significant income." There will be one large room that will have the capability of being divided, said Spaulding, and offer a full-service kitchen.

A new recreation center would mean additional employment opportunities. "We'll need 10 to 15 full-time employees," he said, as compared to the four presently working for the Parks and Recreation Department. "The lion's share of employment will be part-time and be contracted services," said Spaulding.

North Ridgeville has a "tremendous opportunity" to provide fitness equipment with machines that provide such things as

cardiovascular workouts, he said. Based on the equipment in new facilities such as Westlake and Middleburg Heights, said Spaulding, "there are a lot more people working out."

Swim lessons are also a huge draw, he said, and can be offered from tots right through to senior citizens. Though some oppose the income tax increase to pay for the facility, Spaulding said, "We've been working on this plan for three years and looking at the financial end, this is the best plan."

If the issue passes on May 8, Spaulding said that he expects the center to be up and running in about 18 months.

Though he is confident voters will approve the tax hike, Spaulding said, "It's a

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## Three-wheeler gives NR resident a bumpy ride

By Carol Klear

When Dorothy and Herbert Rimmer were married many years ago, they promised the union would last "till death do us part," and until that final separation, the Broad Boulevard couple kept that vow, all the while raising a family and working for the good of one another.

The early part of last year, Dorothy received a letter stating that if she entered her name in a drawing, she might win an Electric Mobility 'Rascal.' Herbert had been suffering from emphysema, along with some heart problems, which kept him from getting around, and Dorothy thought that winning the electric three-wheeler would be a godsend for her husband. Without a second thought she entered her name.

"Maybe I was being naive or just a dizzy



This is a photo of the three-wheel seat, manufactured by Electric Mobility that Dorothy Rimmer purchased from an in-the-home salesman for her husband. (P&L Klear).

blond, but my husband couldn't walk," she said, "and I mailed the letter back."

In early March 2000, Dorothy received a call from Electric Mobility, informing her

that she had not won, however drawings are held monthly and the caller told Dorothy she could double her chances in the next month's contest by watching a demonstration when the representative stopped by the next day.

"They said, 'you don't have to buy anything,'" Dorothy recalled, "and when the salesman came, I told him, 'before you sit down I want you to know that I entered to win one, I can't afford to buy it.'"

According to Dorothy, her protests fell on deaf ears and Mike Ridinger, the Electric Mobility representative, spent more than five hours in the Rimmer home demonstrating the scooter. Dorothy

said she remembers that it was Primary Election Day and she was concerned that if

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## Minnick abstains; special Council session called

By Carol Klear

Though mired in controversy for months, it appeared recently that construction of the Westerly Sewer might be underway soon, however during the April 16 Council meeting the project hit another snag when Councilwoman Gail Minnick R-4 balked at agreements over sewer line easements between the city and property owners, and abstained from voting to allow first readings.

With Minnick firm in her decision, the process was halted as both Al Swindig, D-2 and Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large were absent from the meeting. Five affirmative votes were needed to permit the suspension.

Earlier in the session City Engineer Stewart Lovece told Council that the Ohio EPA had approved the city's permit to construct the trunk line and requested the legislators pass the two ordinances — one concerning easements with various property owners and the other regarding easements with the City of Avon Lake and Sunrise Development Co. — by emergency to ensure the bid price.

Following the 4-0-1 vote Law Director Eric Zagrans cautioned Council that if the ordinances were not passed that night, the 60-day deadline for the original construction bid would not be met, and "would substantially increase the costs of the project."

Following the meeting Mayor Deanna Hill said that if the easement pacts were not in place, the cost of the Westerly Sewer Project could increase by \$1.4 million, with interest.

Despite added discussion on the possibility of an accelerated cost, Minnick stood fast in her abstention, insisting that she was not against the sewer, but rather the handling of the project.

"Meadow Lakes and Waterbury are still in court," she said. "You can have a special meeting next week," she said, "I can't vote for it. That's the way it is."

A special session was held April 19 three days after the regular meeting. Swindig, who had returned from vacation, and Butkowski were present. Minnick was absent.

Prior to the 6-0 suspension of the bylaws and adoption of the first statute, an angry Swindig stated, "It's a crying shame that a person cannot go out of town for a week, and have to come back, and that a person can't make up their mind about \$20 for a savings of \$1.4 million." According to the legislation, each of the property owners will be granted \$1 for easements.

Before the vote on the second ordinance, Swindig said, "It's a shame a certain person cannot spend \$5 on easements and can spend money on other things." The agreement between the city and Avon Lake and Sunrise Development was passed by emergency 6-0.

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personal choice."

Sally Balog, director of the Senior Center said that she also hopes voters will pass the income tax increase which will provide the revenue for a new and expanded Senior Center.

"We want to put on more programs," said Balog, but space is cramped. When North Ridgeville senior citizens visit other communities, they find those seniors have more room for activities.

Even some of the health clinics offered to local seniors are difficult to hold due to a lack of space. "We have health clinics every other week," said Balog, and blood pressures are taken once a month and a foot clinic is offered to the seniors. But there is no room, so Balog and the case manager are forced to vacate their offices for the services, "and we don't get our work done," she said.

Presently the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) have grant funds to set up Healthy Town, said Balog, and they would like to have it at North Ridgeville's Senior Center because they recognize the center is very active. However, said Balog, it would require a special room for phone screening and the center just doesn't have it.

Some of the men have repeatedly asked for a pool table, said Balog, but again the problem is space. "We don't offer much for men," she said, "we offer lots of crafts, but men like woodworking and enjoy pool."

Balog is optimistic about the May 8 election and is hoping the outcome will be a good one so she can begin planning for a bigger and better Senior Center.

Marian Gardner Stafford is a strong supporter of the proposed Family and Senior Center. "We have a great many youth and a huge senior population," she said, "and the Center would meet the needs of both."

Stafford who was on the first Parks and Recreation Board in 1960 and spent 25

years on the board, said that she remembers when a center was talked about at that time. She said she is "vitaly interested" in the city's parks system. She also plays cards at various senior centers and stressed, "ours is totally inadequate to what others have."

The fees that will be put in place will not be that much, she said, noting that she sometimes goes to Five Seasons and that some people think nothing of paying \$50 per week. Her daughter, who lives in Berea pays \$400 for a membership, which includes only Monday through Friday and no weekends.

Addressing the income tax increase as the means toward financing the Community and Senior Center, Stafford said, "We've tried three times in different ways." She also takes issue with the dissenters who say the city income tax will increase 40 percent. She also acknowledged that for some people the added tax will be difficult, but as a realtor, Stafford said that a Community Center would add "a great deal of value to their real estate."

"It's going to cost no matter what we do. This will reach the most people," she said, "the facility will reach everyone. It's a wonderful, wonderful fruition of a plan."

Councilwoman Gail Minnick R-4 does not share Stafford's enthusiasm for the proposal and was one of the first to point out that the .4 percent income tax increase translates into a 40 percent rate hike, which she feels is too much.

Minnick said she is also "bothered about building two leisure pools." She said, "Mills Creek supports a city swim team." The private pool was opened to the public after many youngsters wanted to join a swim team.

Reiterating her position on leisure pools, the Councilwoman said, "They're building two leisure pools, they're not functional for everyone. Start with one indoor pool and expand...build from there."

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## See you at the Growing Arts &amp; Antiques Tour

By Carol Klear

I CAN'T WAIT....Saturday is the annual Growing Arts and Antiques Tour, and I just love it. This is one of the most fun events in North Ridgeville and if Mother Nature cooperates, we can just leisurely go in and out of the garden centers, the antique shops and the combination gift-flower sites. Watch for the signs. But one word of advice...or maybe pleading...let me get to the Garden Club sale FIRST. The rest of you sleep in on Saturday morn until I make my selections. (Yeah, right!) But, that is my favorite place to start the day and they get going early, so I can buy stuff, take it home and then get on with the rest of the tour. (Oh great, I just gave away my secret.)

AND....If you're not really into the growing part of the tour, you can go from shop to shop and find all kinds of things for

## Klearly Speaking:

inside or outside your home. Some are even neat for decorating your garden.

**SPEAKING OF....**Remember when I moaned about having Christmas cactus blooms at Easter, Bernadine Butkowski goes me one better and has LOTS of flowers on hers...and she gets 'em different times of the year and not just at Christmas.

**GOOD NEWS....**I was soooooo glad to hear that the North Ridgeville Library is hoping to build the new library behind City Hall. I really like that 'campus' idea, I have to admit there is more than a bit of selfishness built into my enthusiasm, since I live about a tenth of a mile from the site. Yes!!!

**ANOTHER GOODY....**Saturday night,

Mr. K and I went to the Palace Theatre for "An Evening with Ronan Tynan" (one of the Irish Tenors). What a wonderful concert and to think one man could sing for three hours, with just a brief 15-minute intermission. St. Patrick's Day revisited, to be sure.

**CHANGE OF PACE....**On Sunday, I went to the country concert at the Education Center, a fundraiser for the Senior Center. And gosh, Bill Shomo, pastor of Sugar Ridge Baptist Church, got almost as much attention as the entertainers. He seemed to know everybody and they all said 'hi.'

**RUMOR OR FOR REAL?....**The buzz around is that if County Prosecutor Greg White goes to Washington, Jeff Manning will run for that post. Interesting, since Manning was just elected State Rep. In politics, you just never know.

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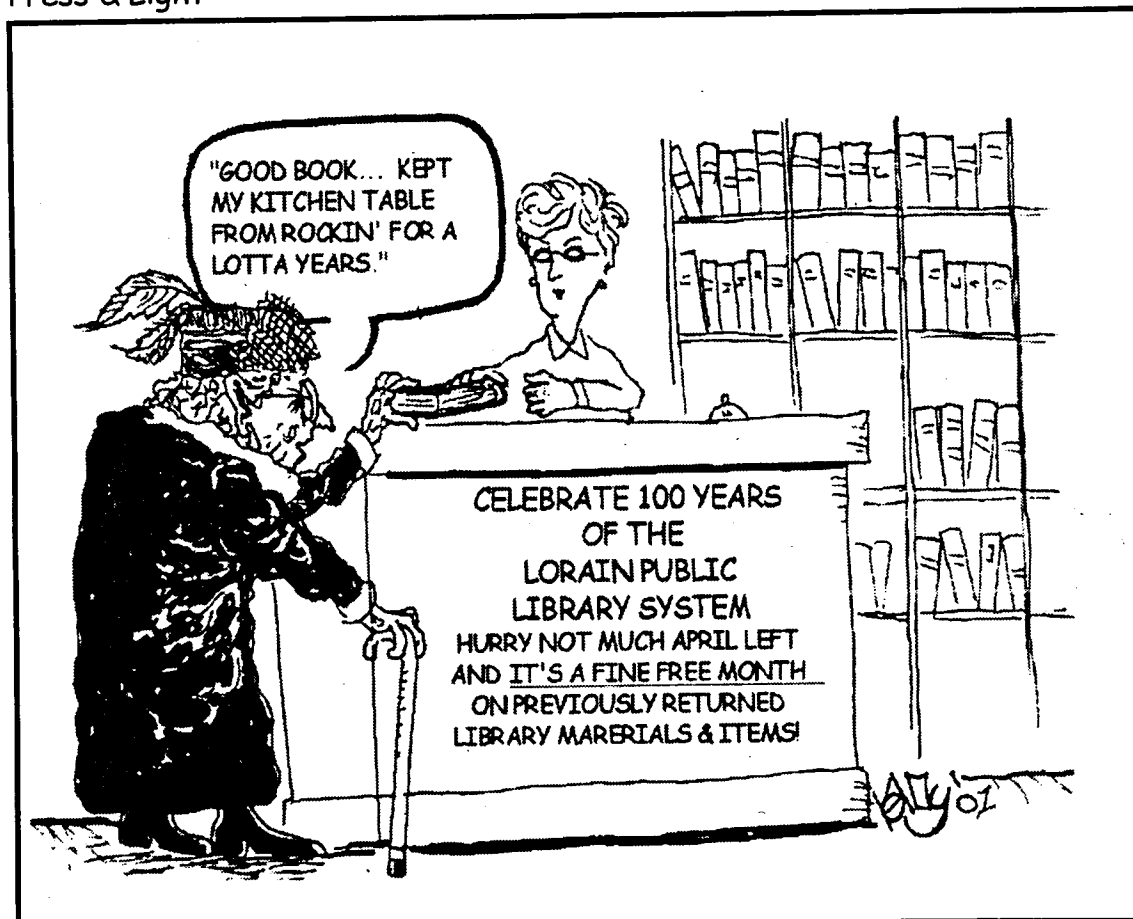
**Caller:** It's a shame that some are using the tax abatement issue as a crutch to vote against the community center. No one likes tax abatement, but we should keep in mind that Beckett has been a good citizen of our city for over 50 years and is already adding over \$1 million to payroll taxes to the city treasury. They are in a highly competitive business and just maybe the break we give them today will keep them here another 50 years.

**Caller:** Concerning the back charges for trash collection. Who inspected the house there should have been permits. The city should have known the house was there.

**Response:** According to a spokesperson from the Building Department, when the house was built seven years ago, the only way the Utilities Department

was aware of a new house was when the inspector went out to inspect the water tap, however the Chalkwaters did not have North Ridgeville water. For the past two or three years, said the spokesperson, the Building Department issues a certificate of occupancy, which also signals the Utilities Department. "We didn't have the same procedures then," she said.

**Caller:** Thomas Kaskas did not start the Key Club at North Ridgeville High School. School Board member Robin Hrabik began the Club.



## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

## Family &amp; Senior Center, another step toward adulthood

Mulling the issue of whether or not North Ridgeville should construct the proposed Family and Senior Center — and foot the bill with an income tax increase, of course — a somewhat paraphrased biblical quotation kept running through my mind. It went something like, when I was a child, I spoke (and thought) like a child, but when I grew, I put away the things of a child and spoke and thought like an adult...or something like that.

Anyway, I'm sure you understand the message, though the verbiage may be less than exact. Just over 40 years old, the City of North Ridgeville has begun to expand, whether we like it or not. More and more people are relocating to the 25-square-mile community, and the former farming town squished between Elyria and Westlake is growing up and residents must accept the responsibilities of a grown-up city.

But, it's not easy. How often have we watched children romping and playing without a care, and wistfully recall our own youth when all our necessities were taken care of by mom and dad.

As youngsters, we would pull a chair up to the kitchen table and breakfast was there.

When school began each fall, pencils and notebooks filled backpacks, and very often new shoes — or in today's world, sneakers — were purchased.

Even the more financially draining items like braces, were paid for as the need arose during childhood.

When we graduated from high school, some were fortunate enough to have parents pay for college, while others began experiencing the financial facts of life, paying their own way, credit-by-credit.

Today, with the help and example of our parents, we have become responsible adults.

Developing a community parallels the child-to-personhood progress, and North Ridgeville, too, must grow in wisdom, grace and prosperity. The road is not easy to be sure, but we have taken great strides in the evolution.

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## Letters to the Editor:

## This is where Borocz stands

## To the Editor

On North Ridgeville's City Council it doesn't matter where you sit. It matters only where you stand. I write to plainly and unequivocally tell you where I stand and why.

I came to Council with wide-eyed anticipation. To take care of the everyday concerns of people and families, guide progress and help fulfill the aspirations of individual citizens and realize the collective dream of helping our city mature as we build our community and our future.

That was 16 months ago. I have tried along with a majority of councilpersons, and in large measure, I think, we have succeeded. But it has been frustrating to say the least and be as kind as I know how. Council has had to endure venomous, personal attacks and a campaign of intentionally distorted information as we tried to answer the "\$10 million question": who will pay for our tomorrow and the infrastructure and improvement we clearly need?

We are in the middle of a wonderful time that we must take advantage of. Farmers and their families are finding that their fields have become problematic to maintain. They are looking toward a retirement condo where they won't have to work the rest of

their days, trying to eke out a living in an industry that is becoming increasingly more commercial. So they sell their land to a developer who has plans to put in hundreds of homes that will overcrowd our roads, city, schools, etc.

Until this past year we have had no alternative for controlling the onslaught of "grid style housing." Developers relying on 30-year old laws and ordinances, plopped down plans and built homes on top of each other, more three per acre. Well the time has come to put a stop that type of development. It is past time to work toward "smart growth," proven and recommended planning concept that preserves open space, saves city service costs and can shift the cost of improvements from government (you and me) to private companies.

I am certain that I've just lost a percentage of you with that statement. But before you jump off the train, the truth of the matter is, I DO NOT promote growth in North Ridgeville. I DO promote conservation and controls on growth through sound planning.

Planning is our only hope of avoiding the urban sprawl that plagues other, older suburbs and cities. It is the only way to provide our residents with a quality, semi-rural lifestyle, good housing, neighborhood shopping, better roads, better funded schools, a lower or at least stabilized tax base for our residents, a north and south corridor and an

east and west corridor. The only kind of growth I promote is the type that will signal to everyone that we are smart in North Ridgeville because we planned, prepared and preserved the flavor of our city.

There is a constitutional right for a property owner to develop his land...within certain limits. An outright ban or "just say no" effort will only cost taxpayers legal fees, heartache and a loss in a court of law.

We will also lose the opportunities that are present today to have our roads repaired or replaced because we won't be able to partner with private companies to provide us better infrastructure. We almost lost the sewer trunk line that private companies will pay 75 percent of. If that had happened, you and I would be picking up the \$10 million tab and everyone along the route would be forced to tap in. Fortunately that won't be the case. The city's portion is \$2.25 million and that will be paid by future tap-ins...not existing property owners and taxpayers. There will be no forced assessments and for the first time sewer service will be available in western North Ridgeville. I say Hallelujah! It appears that government negotiated the closest thing I've ever seen to the proverbial "free lunch."

Only when you and 60 percent of your neighbors want to tap into the trunk line will a lateral sewer line be run. Then and only then will existing property owners

have to pay to tap in. The timing and choice is theirs. That, friends, I'd call self-determination. Is that bad? Not in my book.

The PCDs that are proposed for North Ridgeville are a small step toward "Smart Growth." Development is not what I want. It is, however, going to happen. We can only be smart and determined "how" and then pass the laws that will demand private companies pay the cost of improvements and necessities that will preserve and add to our quality of life.

We have started working toward smart planning and growth in order to protect, our city and ourselves from danger, financial burden and unattractiveness of urban sprawl. We must take advantage of this present day opportunity if we are to hold onto what all of us cherish most...the North Ridgeville we call our hometown.

I vote for what I believe is right for each and all of us. I intend to be part of the effort that is sound and sensible and preserves the lifestyle, health and safety of the people who make up our community.

Finally, I am running for re-election because I am not finished. There is more to be done and I intend to do it.

That's what I believe. That is where I stand. That is why I vote the way I do on your City Council. Thank You.

Karen Borocz  
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# North Ridgeville needs decent roads, not rec center

## To the Editor:

Before you nonchalantly, and in good faith, vote to increase our city income taxes for a new recreation/senior center, please read The Plain Dealer, April 15, 2001, page 2-B. It shows what I already knew; North Ridgeville already has the highest taxes in Lorain County without the proposed 40 percent increase in our city income tax. If you live in a typical North Ridgeville home, and work in a typical city outside of North Ridgeville (as most of us do), your total property tax and income tax bill is the highest in the county at \$3,071.

What do we get for living in the highest taxing city in Lorain County? We have septic tanks, no sidewalks on major thoroughfares, crumbling streets, abandoned strip malls, overtaxed major streets that are insufficient for the traffic on them, untimed lights on Center Ridge (despite what the city engineer tries to claim) etc. Don't forget, we already pay the highest license plate surcharge fee in the county at \$15, and this was to have gone strictly to street repair.

Before I vote to raise my already very high taxes, I want to see some progress on things we really need - and so should you. Recreation/Senior Centers are "nice to have things", but decent roads are "need to have" things. Tell your City Council people to stop the silly bickering and start doing something

about the roads.

Thomas H. Higgaon  
North Ridgeville

## Should be a better way to fund center

### To the Editor:

I think our residents and city officials need to know about Oberlin's proposed recreation facility, which will be operated by Lorain County Metro Parks. Oberlin's, Eric T. Nord, rallied family and friends to contribute \$2 million toward the aquatic center. Oberlin College contributed \$500,000, the Metro Parks raised \$1 million, and Oberlin residents approved a 9.2 percent income tax increase that will raise \$1.4 million over five years. The 27,000 sq. ft. covered facility and outdoor water park will sit on 25 acres. Outside, there will be a 6,000 square-foot water park with tumble buckets and spray toys in a splash pool, which will be up to 4 feet deep. The inside facility will have an eight-lane pool perfect for high school swim meets and a tot pool to lure families. It will also house a workout room with exercise equipment, space for fitness classes, lockers and a concession stand.

North Ridgeville residents are being asked to permanently increase their income tax by 40 percent (.4 percent). There will be no tax credits for anyone, and seniors will not have to pay for it unless they have an income. Even seniors' memberships will be

## Letters to the Editor:

lower priced. Our Center will have two "leisure" pools. The indoor leisure will only be 4 1/2 ft. deep with a few lap lanes. The outdoor leisure pool will have a slide section. Neither will be good for a swim team but ideal only for water aerobics - what a waste. There will be a fitness center, gymnasium, climbing wall (with a potential for personal injury), senior rooms, and community rooms. We have a fitness center in town that people can pay to use if they choose.

Our mayor, rather than finding creative ways to pay for our Center like Oberlin did, prefers to increase taxes on the residents, give a tax abatement to a wealthy company, negotiate deals with developers to increase their revenues, and finance the Westerly Sewer. I don't know about you, but I prefer the Oberlin plan. Ours is too expensive, won't be of much use to our young adults, neither pool will support a swim team, I don't plan to use it, and I don't want to be forced to pay for it. Take the time to learn what our Center won't offer and how much it will cost you, and you may feel the same way I do. There has to be a better, more economical way.

June Lanning  
North Ridgeville

## Boosters say 'thank you'

### To the Editor:

The Lady Rangers Volleyball Boosters would like to pay "Thank You" to the players, parents, supporters and organizers of the basketball league for patronizing the concession stand during your Sunday games. You support will allow us to help purchase needed items and equipment for the team. We've enjoyed seeing all of you and hope you liked our stand. We plan on being there next year and hope all of you will be too. Thank You!

Lady Rangers Volleyball Boosters  
Christ Mollenkamp  
Helen Guggenbiller  
Vicki Rechner

## Make city accountable for money

### To the Editor:

As a 20-year resident it greatly concerns me to hear the current administration endorse a 40 percent income tax increase for a Family & Senior Center. Additionally, as I read about the proposed tax hike, I also read about tax abatement being considered for area businesses.

One has only to go as far as the April 15, 2001 Plain Dealer to note that North Ridgeville currently has the highest combined property tax and income tax rate in Lorain County. Beside Lorain County, North Ridgeville also far exceeded suburbs such as Mentor, Beachwood and Westlake, who by the way, per an earlier Plain Dealer article dated Dec. 19, 2000, have schools systems ranked near the top while ours was at the bottom just two points away from

"Academic Watch." The poor quality of our schools over the 20 years I've lived here has been a factor in my sending my children to private schools.

For the excessive taxes we already pay we get:

- 1) A school system mired at the bottom with a ranking of 15 out of 27 possible points.
- 2) Traffic and roads that are worsening daily with no plans for improvement.
- 3) Unchecked growth that is wasting our resources and making North Ridgeville a joke to other Greater Cleveland residents.

Seniors who believe they should vote for the center as they were told it will not cost them a dime are mistaken. If property values increase as others have indicated, every homeowner, including seniors, will pay additional property taxes.

How long will it be before the school board or the city requests additional funds for "needed" improvements? While I am not naive enough to blame the current administration for all of the city's problems, I feel that their lack of recognition as to the needs and priorities of this community to be disturbing at best.

As a resident who works outside the city and has long ago seen North Ridgeville's tax credit reduced from three-tenths of one percent to one-tenth of one percent I believe it is time for the residents of North Ridgeville to realize what little they have benefited from paying the highest combined rate in the county and to start making the city accountable for our money.

Mark Tarase  
North Ridgeville

## Refused to compromise integrity

### To the Editor:

Regarding the April 16 North Ridgeville council meeting, Mrs. Minnick did abstain on legislation concerning the westerly sewer project. However, I feel some people have missed the point! From the first introduction of this proposal Mrs. Minnick has made her objections crystal clear. Had she voted for the passage, she would have compromised her integrity. An abstention is neither a yes nor a no vote. In this way she kept her integrity, her convictions were intact. Also remember there is pending litigation regarding this project. If this project goes forward, and the Supreme Court rules against the city, what do we do then? I feel the sewer project should never have been started until these legal issues were resolved.

If our administration had done this project differently none of this would have taken place. Many people voiced their objections to the manner in which this project was handled. Again, their objections fell on deaf ears.

What the April 16 council meeting boils down to is a councilwoman who will not compromise her integrity and an administration who throws caution to the wind.

Mary Ann Miles  
North Ridgeville

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# HHW Collection Day, April 28

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Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria and Lorain County Joint Vocational School, 15181 State Rt. 58, Oberlin.

The household hazardous waste materials that will be accepted at the site will include:

Corrosives - acids and caustics; car batteries; pool chemicals; bleach; 12 volt batteries; other household batteries  
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Toxics - rat poisons; smoke detectors; mercury; roofing tar; antifreeze; flares; medications; driveway sealer; weed killers; insect

killers; fluorescent bulbs

Residents should take materials to the collection site in their original packaging, if possible. Each item should be labeled to clearly identify materials. If any material cannot be identified, it should be labeled "unknown." Make sure all lids are fastened tightly. Leaking containers should be packed in a large more secure container and surrounded by an absorbent material such as cat litter to soak up any leaks.

Materials that will not be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program include the following: radioactive waste; ammunition; PCB capacitors and transformers; general recyclables; incandescent light bulbs; biomedical waste; explosives; compressed gas cylinders; tires; general trash; home-based business waste; commercial or industrial waste.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials will not be accepted at any Pride Day activity.

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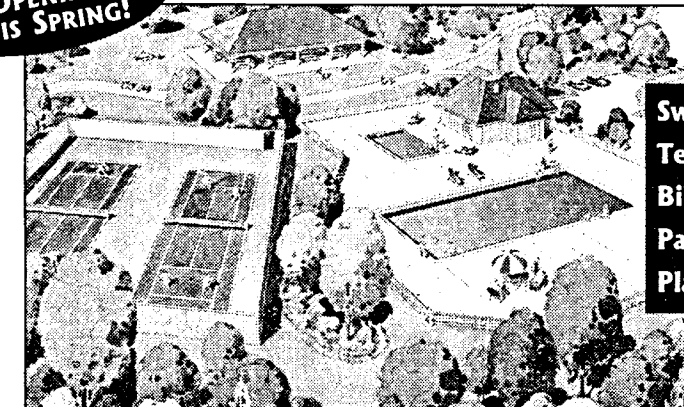
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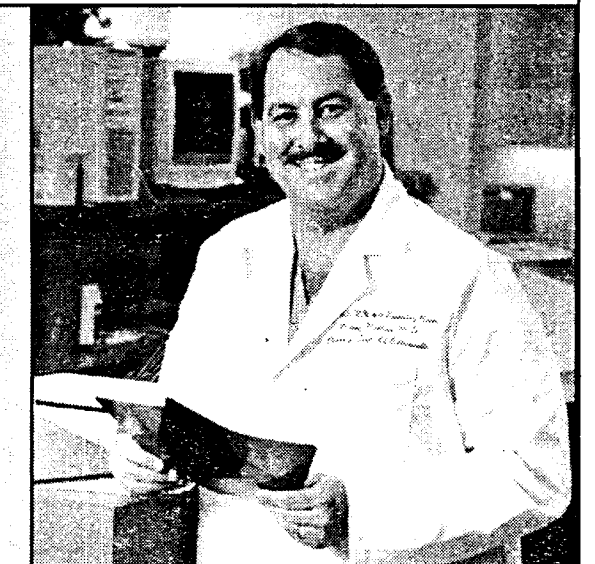
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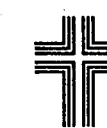
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Baseball is the true team sport

By Jerry D. Dudek

Baseball season is just about here and soon hundreds of North Ridgeville boys and girls will be participating traveling, Hot Stove and recreation baseball leagues. Talk about your annual rite of spring!

Baseball may not be as fast as hockey, as flashy as basketball or as strategic as football, but to me, it is the greatest of team sports. To be certain, a pitcher can dominate a team one day, but not every day, not the way a basketball player can do it daily and not the way a quarterback or a running back can do it every Sunday. Not only does baseball require contributions from all nine players on the field, it requires those contributions from Little League all the way up to the Major Leagues.

From the state youth baseball leagues, through their rules, require those contributions. Everybody must play, everybody must bat, everybody must contribute. If a ball is hit to right field, the rightfielder must catch it or the team suffers. The shortstop (usually the best player on a youth team) can't run out to right field to catch a long fly ball or a line drive. The best player on a baseball team can cover some ground, but he cannot protect all of his teammates, the way a basketball player can. In youth basketball, there are no rules that require every member of the team to shoot the ball, or bring the ball up the court. Weaker players can basically stand around and watch the star player take control of the game. But not in baseball. In football, a star player can run the ball every time and his team will succeed. On defense, he can roam the field and make every tackle and his team will succeed. Although football requires 11 players on offense and perhaps another 11 players on defense, not all of those players, in fact, not even the majority of those players, need to contribute to the team's success. It is not as much of a team sport as baseball.

Baseball, I believe, teaches humility. It is a sport where if you succeed just one third of the time at bat, you're a shoe-in to the Hall of Fame. If you make just one of three shots in basketball, about all you can expect is a contract offer from the Cleveland Cavaliers! If you drop two of three passes in football, or complete just one of three passes as a quarterback, you don't have much of a future. But baseball is different.

In the course of the first three weeks of the Major League season, in the Indians wins, a different player could be credited for almost each of those wins. Jim Thome hits a game-winning homer in the bottom of the 11th inning to win one game, Einar Diaz gets a game-winning single in the bottom of the tenth inning, Bartolo Colon goes eight strong innings giving up just one run, Marty Cordova hits two homers against Baltimore to win another game, Russell Branyon hits a grand slam to put a game out of reach, Juan Gonzalez gets a key two-out, two-run base hit to win a game and so on and so on. The Boston Red Sox win games without Pedro Martinez pitching, the St. Louis Cardinals win games without Mark McGwire in the line-up, much less not hitting a home run. Baseball is a team game in which a team or a franchise can dominate for a long period of time, but not a player.

You can pitch around a dangerous batter in baseball, but how can you keep the ball out of the hands of a dangerous basketball player? How do you prevent a dangerous running back from getting the ball in football?

No, baseball is the team game. So whether you're seven, seventeen or 70, when you strap up your spikes or oil your glove as you get ready to take the field, remember that you are part of a team, a real team. What each member of your team does determines in great part, the outcome of that game. And not many sports can make that claim.



Ranger pitcher J.D. Potting fires a strike in a recent Pioneer Conference contest. The North Ridgeville pitching staff has been pitching from behind most of the season as the Rangers offense has struggled in its first nine games, getting just 26 hits. (Photo by Mike Yatchko)

## Are some conference titles in North Ridgeville's future?

By Jerry D. Dudek

There should be more Pioneer Conference championships in North Ridgeville's future, thanks to expansion and reorganization of the league, set for the 2003-2004 season.

By that time, the league will consist of two divisions, one for smaller schools such as North Ridgeville, and one for the larger schools, such as Medina, Strongsville and Brunswick. That trio of teams has won 205 of the last 224 conference championships in the dozen or so sports offered by league schools.

So far, three teams have decided to leave the Lake Erie League and join the expanding Pioneer Conference. Parma, Normandy and Midpark high schools will start competing in the conference in all sports beginning in 2003. One more school is being sought so that the conference will have an even balance of large schools and smaller schools.

Tentatively, North Ridgeville, North Royalton, Berea, Brecksville, Normandy and Midpark will be in the small school division, while Medina, Strongsville, Brunswick, Parma and Valley Forge will be in the larger school division.

Details on how conference play will be scheduled haven't been fully worked out yet, North Ridgeville athletic director Ed Klaehn said, but there will definitely be some play between schools in opposite divisions.

"I think the new alignment will give us a chance to win some conference championships," Klaehn said. "For instance, last

year, our wrestling team was 6-1 with the only loss to Strongsville. They were 7-0. Two divisions will allow our kids to compete and bring championships back to North Ridgeville."

This is the fourth year North Ridgeville has been in the Pioneer Conference and it has yet to capture and conference championship.

"The changes are definitely a plus for our kids," Klaehn said.

By state standards, North Ridgeville is considered a larger school in that it competes in either Division I or Division II sports (football has six divisions, basketball, four wrestling, three, tennis, two and hockey just one). But in the Pioneer Conference, with the tremendous population growth, especially in Strongsville, North Ridgeville, the only Lorain County team, is out of its league in many sports.

Klaehn said North Ridgeville offers a large number of sports for a school of its size. The Rangers compete in boys and girls soccer, football, volleyball, boys and girls golf, boys and girls cross country and girls tennis in the fall; boys and girls basketball, swimming and wrestling in the winter; and boys and girls track, baseball and softball in the spring. Other sports could be added in the future and the new alignment may provide the impetus for new varsity sports at North Ridgeville, the athletic director said. Students, it seems, are more willing to participate in programs that have a better chance of success than those that are not competitive.

See Divisions on pg. 9

## Rangers in monumental hitting slump

By Jerry D. Dudek

In 25 years of coaching baseball, Tom Kubuski has never experience a streak such as the one his North Ridgeville Rangers are going through. It's not so much that the Rangers are 0-9, 0-7 in the Pioneer Conference, it's that in those nine games, batters have only batted out 26 hits. That's less than three per game. Throw out the game in which North Ridgeville had six hits and the offensive statistics are even more alarming.

"We've been no hit one game and against Medina, their pitcher had a perfect game going for four and two-thirds innings. In a lot of the games, we've only gotten our hits in the final two at bats," Kubuski said.

No player has more than three hits on the season, there's only been two extra base hits, (both doubles), the rest have been singles and the Rangers have led just one inning the entire season. Some teams have individuals who have nearly as many hits on the season as the Rangers do as a team.

All teams go through hitting slumps, the coach said, but this is ridiculous.

"I've never seen anything like it. We're hitting the ball, but it is always at someone. I could understand it if we were striking out all the time, but that's not the case. We're not striking out that much. The kids are making solid contact. We're just not getting hits," Kubuski said.

Hitting isn't the only problem. Defensively, the Rangers have struggled. They have as many or more errors as hits in most of their games, even the 10-3 loss to Brecksville, when the Rangers had a season-high six hits.

Entering that game at 0-7, Kubuski told his troops to become a little more aggressive at the plate. His batters had been getting in the hole by taking the first pitch for a strike and then were fed a steady diet of curveballs, putting them at a distinct advantage. The strategy seemed to work (they batted out six hits, Kubuski said it felt like 15), but then they only had two hits in a loss the next game to Medina.

"We're just not getting runners on base enough. Sure, some of that has to do with pitching, but we don't have many scoring opportunities. We've tried switching the line-up around, but everyone is hitting about the same. If I had a 300 pound player who was getting hits, I'd put him in leadoff spot just to get him at bats," the coach said. "When you don't get hits, you don't score runs and when you don't score runs, you don't win games."

The Rangers inability to put runs on the scoreboard has put undo pressure on the team's pitchers, who must completely shut down an opponent's offense for North Ridgeville to be in the game. But with the defense struggling as well, sometimes, even the ball is out of the pitcher's hand.

Kubuski said he can't get a good read on his pitchers because of the situations they have been in most of the year, behind, but not necessarily their fault.

"We need to get our pitchers some kind of support," the coach said.

Exactly when the bad hitting luck will

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## Boys third, girls fourth at Warriors Relays

The North Ridgeville boys track team finished third and the girls team finished fourth in the six-team Fairview Warriors Relays held Saturday.

The boys team finished with 82 points, just 14 less than winner Olmsted Falls. Berea was second with 95 points; Fairview had 66 points, Bay, 63 points and Midpark had 51 points.

The girls scoring wasn't as close as Olmsted Falls ran away from the competition. The Lady Bulldogs had 141 points, Midpark was second with 85 points, Berea, third with 68 points, North Ridgeville with 55 points, Fairview with 52 points and Bay with 38 points.

The Rangers two-man discus team was victorious with a combined toss of 175'6", nearly 16 feet better than the second place team. Mike Bauman and Jim White were the winners. The shuttle hurdles team of Josh Daniels, Mike Tague, Kyle Knox and Dave Carter were also victorious, running the course in 1:05.2. In the sprint medley, Daniels, Aaron Fingerhut, Matt Messer and Eric Draper were winners in 1:45, just .2 ahead of the team from Bay.

The boys also finished second in the C-medley, second in the shot put and second in the 4 x 400.

Olmsted Falls girls team captured first places in all 12 events. The Lady Rangers did get a second place finish in the Distance Medley, 4 x 100 relay and the 4 x 400 relay and third place finishes in the discus, 4 x 1600 relay and shuttle hurdles.

## Slump from pg. 8

end is anybody's guess. North Ridgeville is scheduled to play four games this week and that kind of regularity might do the bats some good.

"If we bang out ten, 11 hits one of those games, I'm sure our thoughts will be 'bring it on' for the next game. But if we continue to get just two or three hits a game, I'm not sure playing a lot of games in a row will be beneficial," the coach said.

All through the pre-season, the Rangers spent hour after hour in the batting cages in order to get ready for the season. Even now, at practice, they spend "90 minutes with their bats in their hands."

"The kids are making contact with the baseball, but good hitters don't place the ball like in softball, where you can pick out an opening and slap the ball there for a hit," Kubuski said.

The Rangers have tried to make the most out of their opportunities. If they get a runner on base, he is likely going to be sacrificed to second base. But when a team is trailing by five or six runs late in the contest, sacrifice bunts aren't going to help win games. Kubuski said that bunting for base hits is not as easy as it sounds and the lack of Ranger baserunners has made it easy on opposition pitchers because they aren't ever forced to pitch out of trouble.

The coach fears he may need a tarot card reader to predict when his team will get out of its hitting funk.

Through it all, though, the character of his players has never come into question.

"They've got a good attitude, they're a nice bunch of kids and there is no question to me that they are trying their best. They hustle on and off the field. But what do you do when they don't hit. I'm out of answers. I just don't know," Kubuski said.

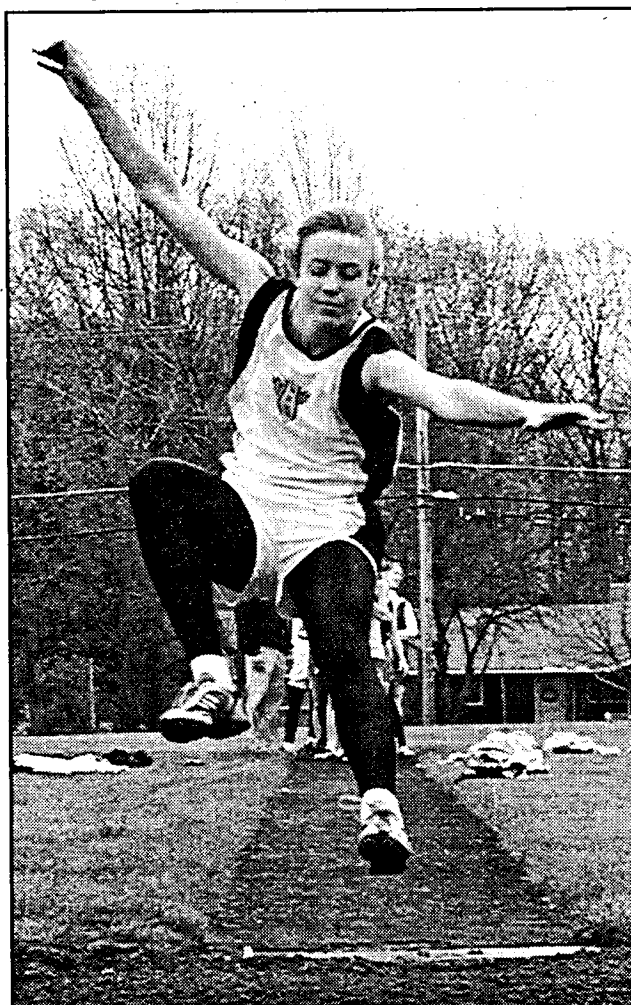
## Divisions from pg. 8

Last fall, a group of athletic directors and principals got together to consider expansion and realignment of the conference in an effort to level the playing field, so to speak, among all schools. The goal was to align schools by geography and similarity.

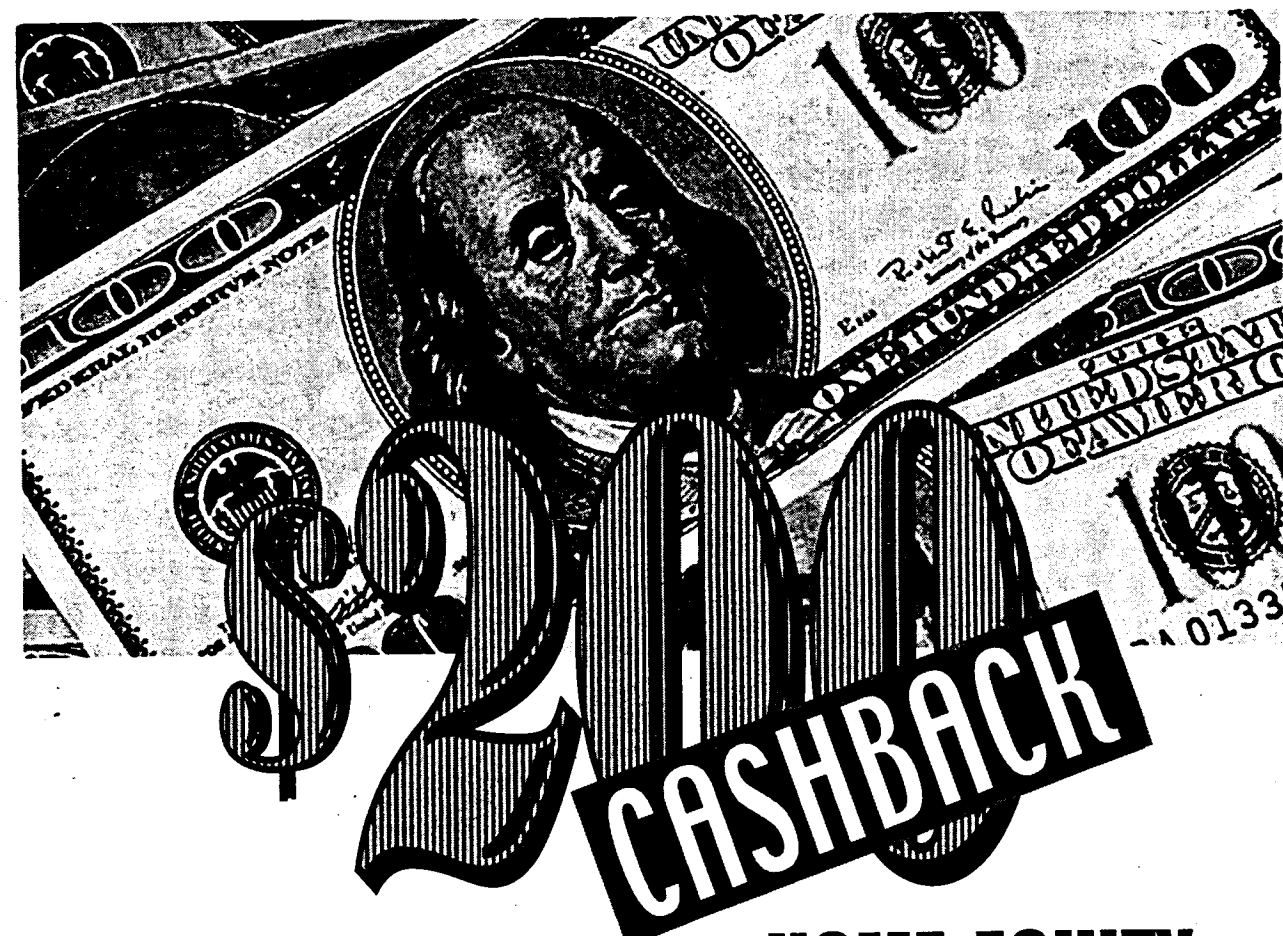
The group of athletic directors and principals will be meeting over the next year or so to work out some of the details of scheduling. In most sports, that won't be a problem but in football, where only some of the teams qualify for the post season, scheduling could be touchy. Larger schools may not want to play the smaller schools because of the relatively few computer points they would receive. Smaller schools with strong gridiron programs, may want to play larger schools in an attempt to garner more computer points.

Athletic directors will also discuss whether schedules should include a final game (whether it be baseball, softball, basketball, whatever) between the winner of the large school division and the winner of the small school division.

"As athletic directors, we're ready to discuss all kinds of things. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but it should be



April Frederick, left, and Amanda Fitzgerald, right, fly through the air with the greatest of ease in the long jump at the Fairview Warrior Relays last Saturday. Along with teammate Kristen Rasanow, the girls finished fourth in the event. (Photos by Mike Yatchko)



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## Board votes to build new library on Bainbridge Road site

By Carol Klear

During its April 19 meeting, the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees decided that the new North Ridgeville Branch Library should be constructed on a site adjacent to City Hall, subject to an acceptable lease with the city.

Mayor Deanna Hill is happy with the Board's decision and said, "I'm very pleased to create the campus we want." If voters pass the proposed .4 percent income tax increase on May 8, a Family and Senior Center also will be constructed on the wooded city-owned land on Bainbridge Road across from South Central Park, next to the new library.

The mayor is enthused about the prospect of having both facilities on common ground. "It will bring all the generations together - the kids, the seniors and in-between," she said. "They can have a picnic in the park, then the seniors can go to the library and the grandchildren can go swimming. It will be for the whole family. This is wonderful for the community," said Hill.

An agreement must be worked out between the library and the city, said the Mayor, and then it must go to Council.

According to Terri Frederick, public relations officer for the Library System, relocating the library to the city site will allow plans

to be expanded from the original 25,000 square feet to 27,625 square feet. In the future, the property will also allow the library more room to grow, if necessary. It will also be more central to the population as the western half of North Ridgeville develops.

Frederick said that the Bainbridge Road site lends itself to the more traditional style architecture the public prefers. She said it also would enjoy "a more park like setting."

The new building project will total \$4.7 million, which is less than the projected cost of \$4.8 for the same size facility at the Jaycox Road site. These costs include the estimated funds to be recovered with the sale of the Jaycox Road property and the estimated cost of purchasing additional land for future expansion on the existing site.

"The architect did a lot of considerations," said Frederick, "he was looking at apples and apples."

Money for the library construction is primarily from the Lorain Public Library System, with approximately 75 percent of the construction costs to be paid from a portion of state funding (the Library and Government Support Fund). Operating funds for the new library will be generated from the levy passed by North Ridgeville voters in November 1999. Only about 25 percent of the levy funding is earmarked for construc-

tion.

The Library System had expressed interest in the city-owned site two years ago, however at that time city officials were unsure what plans they might have for the land. In January, the city approached the library about constructing the facility on land between City Hall and the proposed community center with the hope a civic center complex could be created.

The Library Board decided to explore the possibility of locating the library there, and began further study on the feasibility of moving to the site. The Board also was concerned about the potential of additional site preparation costs, and directed the administration and architect Duane Van Dyke to review the costs and evaluate the site.

The North Ridgeville Citizens Committee was invited to a public informational meeting on March 21 and Van Dyke, Board member Garalynn Tomas and Library System Ken Cromer led a discussion about the proposed Bainbridge Road property.

When details between the Library System and the city are worked out and Council approves the agreement, the Board expects to break ground for the new North

## Police Reports:

### Flaming auto

This is more than just a fancy paint job of flames up the side of a vehicle. There were actual flames coming from every orifice of the automobile.

The vehicle was about a quarter of a mile from Lorain Rd. on I-480 heading eastbound. The evening was Friday, April 13. It was a dark night, but probably not spooky, at least not until the driver noticed that the engine area of the vehicle was smoking. She pulled the car over to the side of the road, where it became fully enveloped in flames.

Firefighters arrived about 10:26 p.m. to find the vehicle fully enveloped in the fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined. Nobody was injured in the incident.

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## A View from the Hill

By Mayor Deanna Hill

### May 8, Election Day

Tuesday, May 8 is Election Day for the primary races for Council candidates. If you want to vote in the primaries for candidates, you must declare either Democrat or Republican. This gives you the opportunity to make the decision about which candidates will appear on the November ballot for the final selection of Council members. Undeclared voters may vote on the ballot issues.

One of the issues is the proposed Family/Senior Center. Please be sure to read the information about the Center before you go to your polling place. Some who are opposed to the Center are telling you that the funds can be used for other purposes and is therefore open to abuse. They are not telling you the truth!

According to our bond attorney and city auditor, two ordinances had to be passed. One ordinance permits the collection of the funds should voters approve the issue. The other guarantees that the funds can be used for the Center and parks ONLY. The ordinances were carefully explained to Council and the public at a Council meeting. There is no way to misunderstand or misinterpret those ordinances.



Mayor Deanna Hill

### The Reality of Abatement

As a former teacher, abatement is hard for me to accept. However, the reality is that every community across the nation is competing for jobs and businesses that help relieve the tax burden on residents. Tax abatement is a major tool used to attract new business or to support financial investment in expansion.

New business or expansion translates to increased taxes paid for our city services and schools as well as employment opportunities. Vacant or underused property provides very little property tax and zero personal property tax to the city and schools. But, if a business builds or expands, approximately 62 percent of the tax goes to the schools and 17 percent to the city for services. The current abatement proposal for our city's largest employer is on a sliding percent scale over 10 years with cash contributions annually to our schools and to our senior center.

As your Mayor and your Council, it is our responsibility to take steps beneficial to our community for years beyond terms of office. The final decision of elected officials regarding any abatement really comes down to either short-term "just say no" thinking or planning for the long-term future benefit of a community and its families even when it is difficult.

## Police Reports:

By Mark Maier

### Lewd load

A family inside their Mills Creek Lane home on April 18 observed a neighbor performing lewd acts in his front yard. The suspect stopped briefly and headed into the back yard. His mother came to the front door as though she were looking for him and then went back inside the residence.

Several minutes passed before the suspect returned to the front of the house where he committed the same acts again and the complainant phoned police and advised that similar incidents had happened numerous times previously.

No charges were pressed and no complaints were signed. The reporting officer made an attempt to contact the suspect at his residence, but there was no answer. The incident is still under investigation.

### Take me as I am

The defendant in this case openly admitted that he had too much to drink and asked the officers to take him in. On April 19, Lt. Accorti was on patrol in the parking lot of the Speedway station on Lorain Rd. where he observed the defendant unsteady on his feet as he exited the store. As the defendant entered his vehicle, a citizen advised the officer that the defendant should not be driving.

The defendant drove his vehicle out of the station and headed west on Lorain Rd. He cut the turn short and drove off the right side of the roadway. While driving on Lorain Rd., the defendant never

reached the speed limit of 35 mph.

On the east side of the railroad overpass, the defendant slowed and began signaling to turn left onto Bagley. He turned very slowly and was stopped on Bagley just off of Lorain Rd.

When Accorti made contact with the defendant, a strong odor of alcohol was detected. The officer inquired about how much the defendant had to drink. The defendant responded that he had too much to drink. The officer then asked the defendant to perform some field tests, but the defendant asked to be taken in.

He did agree to take just two tests. He was asked to recite the alphabet. He was asked to letter G, but then stopped and looked confused. The other test was the horizontal gaze. The officer observed a lack of smoothness in the defendant's coordination.

The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the police station where he was issued a citation and held when he could not arrange for a sober ride home.

### All washed up

When the crew constructing the new water tower behind the fire department returned from a weekend, they found that the Mantis Crane was damaged.

The crew left the site about 2:30 p.m. on April 13. When they returned a little after 8 a.m. on April 16, they observed the windows on the Mantis Crane had been broken out. A total of five windows were damaged, possibly struck by rocks and a fire extinguisher on site was damaged also. Nothing else was reported damaged or missing at the time the police report was made.

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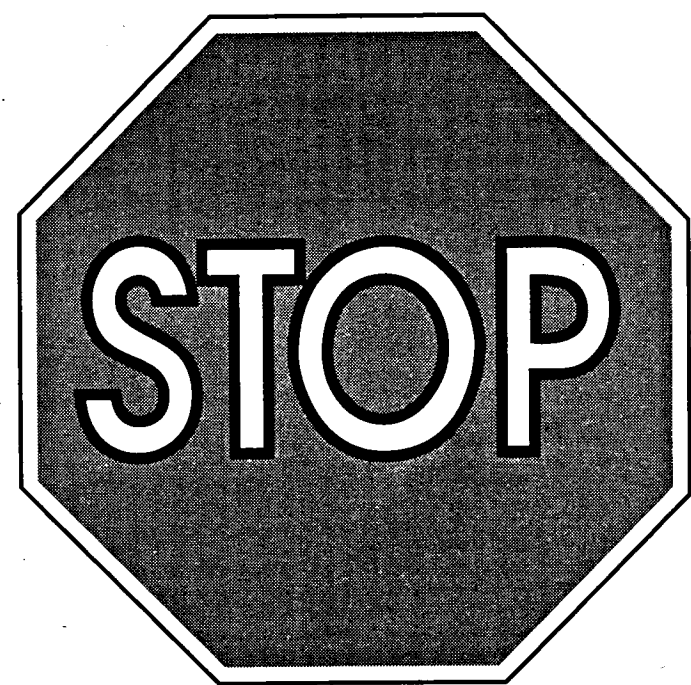


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# Plan for a fun day at the North Ridgeville Growing Arts and Antiques Tour

By Thea Steinmetz

As a group, gardeners are really an impatient lot. In case you can't wait for spring forever, we have a wonderful suggestion for you.

The North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau is celebrating the Tenth Annual Growing Art's Tour and last year renamed the event the Growing Arts and Antiques Tour to reveal a better picture of what the community has to offer.

Since its inception 10 years ago this self-guided tour has grown from only a few stops to a 12-stop open house for the community. The participating commercial entities are mostly garden-related. Florists, landscapers, greenhouses and garden centers, along with antique and collectible dealers, issue an invitation to join in the fun.

We are highlighting a few of the dealers and you will want to explore some of the additional venues. Some of the participants are offering special tours, discounts, demonstrations and give-a-ways.

Candy's Weatherlane and its owner, Candy Brenneman are ready at the Center Ridge Road location to join in the fun. This company opened its door five years ago and serves a niche market. One of its specialties is finding primitive furniture, and had to be made before 1900 to be given this designation.

The price range at Candy's is quite varied. There are items for as little as \$1.98 to well over a \$1,000, and the proprietor offers a 30 percent discount on purchases made on this special day.

Candy is pleased that her inventory has a relative short turn around time. What is on hand for a long time gets placed in the 75



Sue Wright, owner of Balloons and Flowers for Now, 32486 Center Ridge Rd., puts a few finishing touches on her shop to get ready for this year's Growing Arts and Antiques Tour. This is the first year Wright has participated in the event. (P&L Klear)

percent reduced room, enabling a budding collector to find an item even with the tightest of budgets.

Garden-related items and statuary are available here as well as in the other antique and collectable shops. There are many choices for garden ornamentation, besides the over-painted garden gnome.

Touring a greenhouse bursting with flowers ready to be planted is always a welcome spring thing. Schrauf Landscaping is inviting the public to tour their nursing and production facility. Although primarily known as

an award-winning design and maintenance company, they offer annual and perennial plants for sale.

Water gardening has exploded over the past few years and is the in-thing for landscaping. To help the homeowner get a better idea of what the possibilities are, Schrauf Landscaping will present a water garden demonstration at 2 p.m.

Garden lighting is another big trend in today's gardening scheme. At Don Mould's Plantation, Ohio Edison has a low voltage landscape lighting installation in place to be

examined.

One of the stops indicated on the map is the Sandy Ridge Reservation. This is Lorain County Metroparks' newest addition. Neal Jenne, a local wildlife artist, is exhibiting his work to share with the public.

The related events at Butternut Corners Plaza, 34837-34885 Lorain Rd. will be worthwhile attending, as well as this is also the location for the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau where copies of the schedule and location for the day's activities may be picked up.

Members of the North Ridgeville Garden Club are holding a plant sale. For those who come early, there will be a good selection of plants from members' gardens.

Gary Bowers, considers growing hostas and daylilies his favorite pursuit and will offer rare and unusual specimens from his own collection for sale.

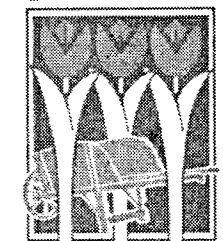
Ohio State University Extension Agent, Fran Blank, will answer gardening questions between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Lawn care and Dan Schultz of U.S. Garden Sales will answer weed control questions.

With 12 locations to visit there is plenty to do, see and hear to get in the mood for a wonderful spring.

Mark your calendar for April 28 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and take the family to this multiple event day.

**Calling all Garden Clubs:** Please let us know when you have a special garden-related event you would like us mention. We need to have at least a three week lead time to be sure we can get the information out before the event. Address it to Thea Steinmetz in care of this paper.

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### Schultz's Flowerhouse

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### Sandy Ridge Reservation

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### N. Ridgeville Antique & Collectible Shoppe

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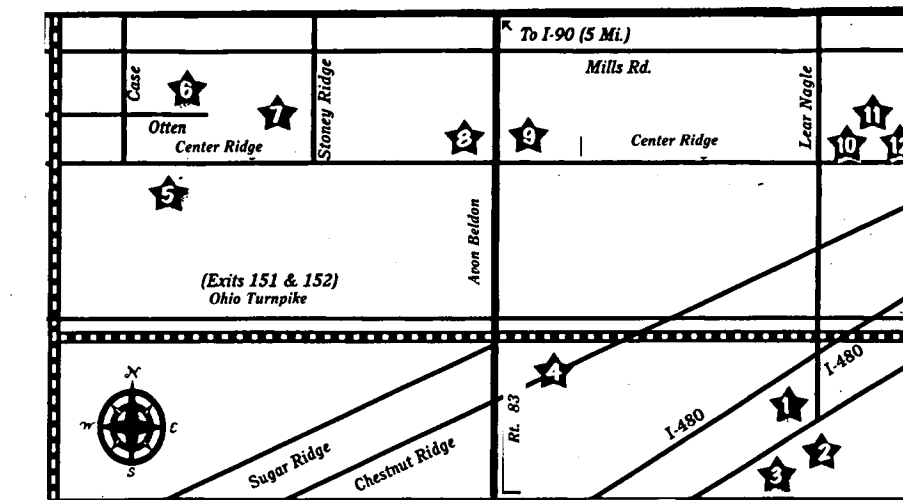
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# Welcome to North Ridgeville's 10th Annual Growing Arts and Antiques Tour Saturday, April 28th, 2001 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 12 Locations to Visit



### Candy's Weatherlane Antiques

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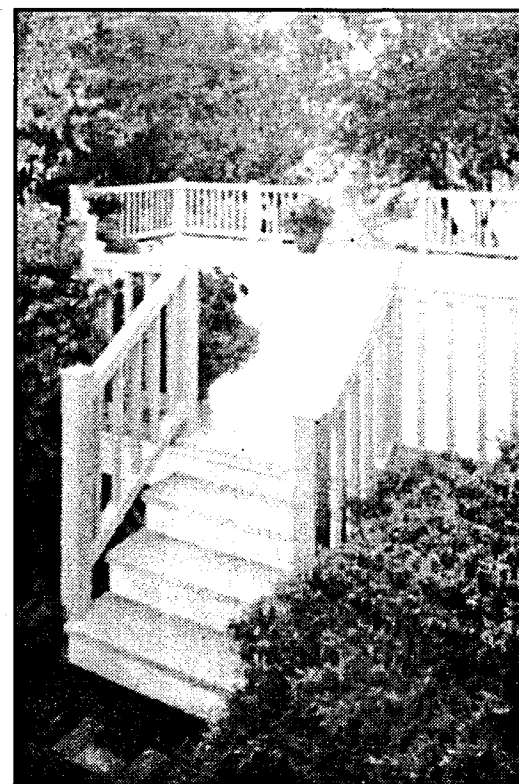
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# North Ridgeville's Community Calendar for May

## Tuesday 1

■ 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 12 p.m., Sr. Club - Sr. Center.  
■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.

■ 6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.  
■ 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

## Wednesday 2

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
■ 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. N.R. Park & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.  
■ 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church,

36363 Center Ridge.  
■ 8-9 p.m. SHHH Group - St. Mary's Hall, 250 Third St., Elyria.  
■ 8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball - Palmer Field.

## Thursday 3

■ 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Grief to Hope Group.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center

Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 8-9 p.m. Al Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.

## Friday 4

■ N.R. Schools - Interim Reports.  
■ 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.  
■ 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
■ 7:30 p.m. Pre-School PTA - Middle School Cafeteria.  
■ 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's County Council - at the post.  
■ 7 p.m. Garden Club - Spring Pruning.

## Saturday 5

■ 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.

## Sunday 6

■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. LRA - Fine Arts Fest, Bettcher Convocation Center.

## Monday 7

■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.

■ 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.

## Tuesday 8

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## Thursday 10

■ 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Women's Breakfast.  
■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinochle Club.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.  
■ 8-9 p.m. Al-Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.  
■ 8 p.m. NRASL - Sr. Center.

## Wednesday 9

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
■ 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
■ 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. N.R. Park & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.  
■ 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church,

36363 Center Ridge.  
■ 7 p.m. Band Boosters - Middle School Band Room.  
■ 7:30 p.m. Baseball/Softball League - Park & Rec. Office.  
■ 7:30 p.m. Historical Society - Old Town Hall.  
■ 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

## Friday 11

■ 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.  
■ 7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters - Park & Rec. Office.  
■ 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - At the post.

## Saturday 12

■ 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.  
■ 9 a.m.-noon. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Country Breakfast Buffet. Cost: adults/\$4.50, seniors/\$4, children under 10/\$2.50.

## Monday 14

■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.  
■ 7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters - Park & Rec. Office.  
■ 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - At the post.

## Tuesday 15

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■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
■ 6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
■ 7:30 p.m. Dads of Foreign Service Veterans - at the post.  
■ 7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting - Education Center.

## Wednesday 16

■ N.R. Schools - Early Release Day.  
■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
■ 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
■ 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. N.R. Park & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.  
■ 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church,

## Thursday 17

■ 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.  
■ 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Lorain Cty. Gen. Health Dist. - Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Rd.  
■ 6:15 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Visit to Brecksville Hospital.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
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## Friday 18

■ N.R. HIGH SCHOOL - Early Release Day.

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■ 6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission - Council Chambers.  
■ 7 p.m. Mini Rangers Football Boosters - South Central Park Community Cabin.  
■ 7 p.m. LRA - All School Instrumental Concert, Bettcher Convocation Center.  
■ 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

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■ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.

## Sunday 20

■ 9 a.m.-1 p.m. VFW #9871 Retirees/Honor Guard - Pancake Breakfast at the post.

## Monday 21

■ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.  
■ 7 p.m. Alzheimers Support Group - Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.  
■ 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.  
■ 7:30 p.m. NR Arts Council - First Congregational UCC Church.

## Tuesday 22

■ 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class. 1 p.m.-3

p.m. - Book Club.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
■ 7 p.m. Survivors of Suicide and Attempted Suicide - EMH Conference Room A (8th floor).  
■ 7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.

## Wednesday 23

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
■ Blood pressure check. Fishing Club.  
■ 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
■ 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. N.R. Park & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.  
■ 7:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission - Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7:30 p.m. LRA - May Fayre, Bettcher Convocation Center.

## Thursday 24

■ 8 a.m. Visitor's Bureau Committee - 34845 Lorain Rd.  
■ 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinochle Club.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.

## Friday 25

■ 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - On Target Fencing, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.  
■ Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.  
■ LRA - Reunion Weekend.

## Saturday 26

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## Monday 28

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■ 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

## Wednesday 30

■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
■ 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. N.R. Park & Rec. Dept. - Karate, Safetyville Building.

## Thursday 31

■ 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's and Women's Breakfast.  
■ 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class, Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room.

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## ROSS P. MANNING JR.

Ross P. Manning Jr., 38, of Elyria, died April 13 at EMH Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born in Joliet, Ill. He had resided in North Ridgeville and Elyria since 1962. Mr. Manning was a graduate of North Ridgeville High School class of 1980.

He enjoyed playing the drums and guitar in several local bands.

Mr. Manning is survived by his son, Ross Manning III of North Ridgeville, his father Ross Sr. and mother, Maria Manning of North Ridgeville; one sister; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; and maternal grandparents.

Private services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

Burial was in Sugar Ridge Cemetery.

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

## THOMAS JAMES WATERS

Thomas James Waters, 61, of Morriston, Fla., and formerly of North Ridgeville, died March 29 in Florida following a lengthy illness.

Born in Bald Knob, W. Va., he previously lived in Ocala, Fla., North Ridgeville and Cleveland and had lived in Morriston for the past six years.

Mr. Waters was a chemist and electrician who worked for the Chromium Corp. of America in Cleveland for several years. After moving to Florida, he owned and operated his own company, T.J.'s Electric and did construction work.

He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed gardening and singing.

Survivors include daughters Arlene Tabor of North Ridgeville and Darlene Rorck and Patricia Joyce, both of Elyria; sons Michael of Canton, David of Cleve-

land and Thomas J. of Vermont; several grandchildren; sisters Shirla Finley of Cleveland, Patricia Arnold of North Ridgeville, Nancy VanNiel of Parma and Alice Zupan of Georgia; and a brother, Robert B. Workman of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Waters, in 1970; his second wife, Fern Waters in March 2001; his parents; a sister; and two brothers.

A memorial service was held at the Busch-Bogner Family Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Oberhaus, pastor of Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church in North Ridgeville, officiating.

Burial was in a family cemetery in West Virginia.

## FRANK A. GUTAUCKAS

Frank A. Gutauckas, 79, of North Ridgeville, died April 14 at his residence following a lengthy bout with cancer.

Born in Cleveland, he had resided in North Ridgeville for 46 years.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a painting foreman with George D. Cornell Painting Co. For 35 years before retiring in 1987. Mr. Gutauckas was a member of the Christian Unity Church in Grafton. He enjoyed big band music and ballroom dancing.

Survivors include his daughter Fran Wondrak of Avon Lake and Rose Dean of North Ridgeville; seven grandchildren; and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Evelyn H.

Funeral services were held at the Kacirek Funeral Home in North Olmsted.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Unity Church, 447 Chapel Rd., Grafton 44044.

Interment was at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted.

## LARRY G. GRAHAM

Larry G. Graham, 45 of North Ridgeville died April 14 following a brief illness.

Born in Parkersburg, W.Va., he lived in Bellpre, Ohio, before coming to North Ridgeville, where he lived most of his life.

Mr. Graham worked as a landscaper. He enjoyed attending stock car races, gardening, fishing and caring for his cats.

Survivors include his brothers, Charlie and Jerry both of Marietta, Ohio, Therald and Bruce, both of North Ridgeville, Rodney and Roger, both of Elyria, and Mike of Wellington; and sisters, Elisebeth Sarnesky of Florida, Patsy Glover and Martha McKee, both of North Ridgeville and Bonnie Demario, Pauline Baine and Wilma Taylor.

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

A memorial service was held in the home of Patsy Glover, with the Rev. Bill Shomo, pastor of Sugar Ridge Baptist Church officiating. Cremation was by Busch Crematory.

The Busch-Bogner Family Chapel, handled arrangements.

## ETTA M. CHLEPCIAK

Etta M. Chlepciak (nee Johnson), 76, of Elyria died April 17 at her daughter's home following a long illness.

Born in Vermosa, Ariz., she lived in Elyria most of her life.

Mrs. Chlepciak was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Elyria.

She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Debra Horvath of North Ridgeville, with whom she made her home; a son, Nick Chlepciak of Huron; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1989; three sisters; and three

brothers.

Visitation and services were private. Sister Rita Costello of New Life Hospice officiated.

Burial was in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township.

Memorials may be made to New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria.

The Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria handled arrangements.

## ALFRED MOEN

Alfred Moen, 84, of Destin, Fla., died April 17 at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Moen, the inventor of the single-handle faucet, headed Moen Inc.'s research and development group until his retirement in 1982.

He held more than 75 patents including the replaceable cartridge which eliminated washers, the screen aerator, push-button shower valve inverter, swivel spray, pressure balancing shower valve and flow control aerator. Many of his patents were in fields totally unrelated to plumbing.

A man of varied interests, he was a champion skater and learned to fly a twin-engine plane in 1960. Rather than learn on a conventional aircraft, Mr. Moen learned to fly in a floatplane. At age 78, he piloted his plane from his retirement home in Destin, Fla., to attend Moen Inc.'s, dedication ceremony for the new headquarters in North Olmsted, located on Al Moen Drive.

He was a member of the Elks Club and the A.O.P.A.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Moen of Destin, Fla.; a son Eric of North Ridgeville; a daughter-in-law, Edie Moen of Gibsonsia, Pa.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Florida.

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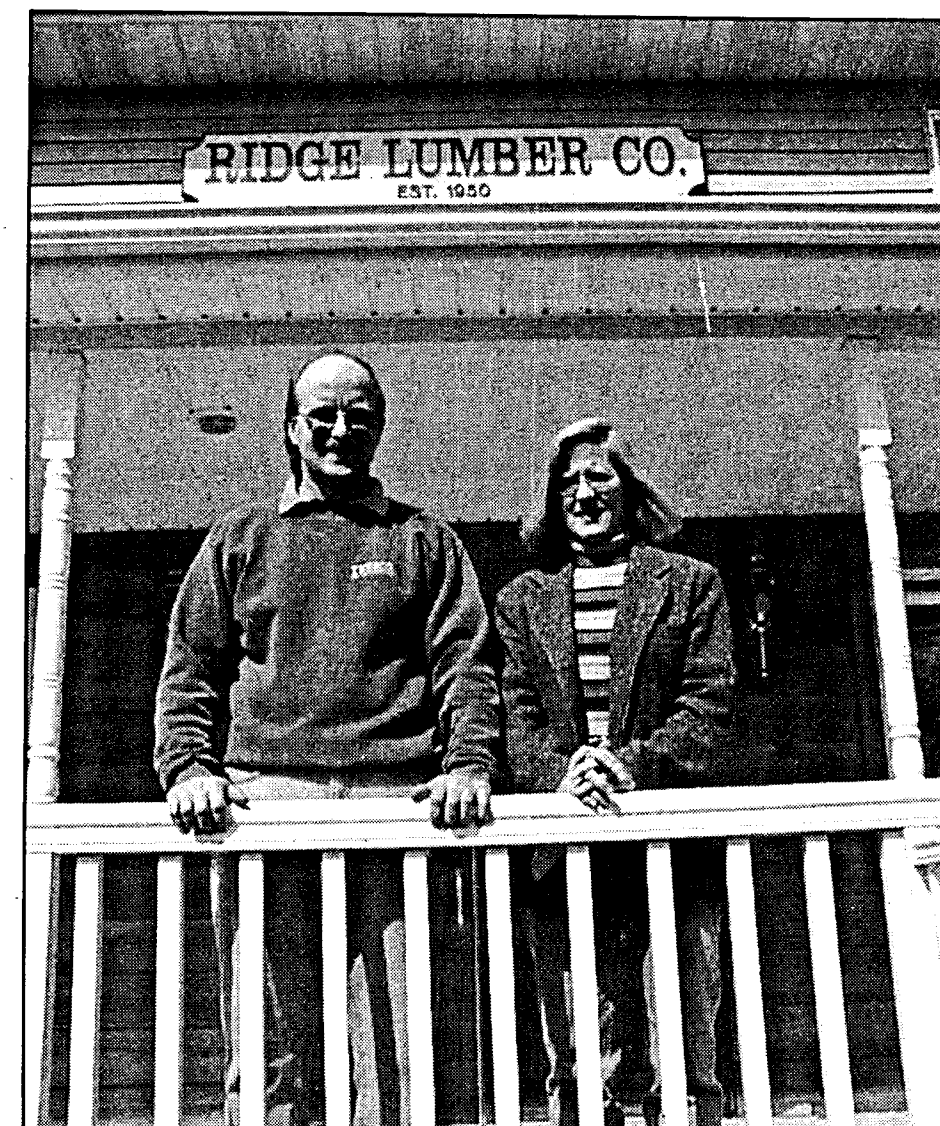
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## Three Wheeler from pg. 1

Ridinger didn't leave she wouldn't get to vote.

During his stay, Ridinger's cell phone rang several times, said Dorothy, and at one point he said his superior wanted to talk to her. "He said, 'I hear you're a living doll,'" Dorothy said. Recalling the conversation, she scoffed at the flattery and laughed, "I'm 66 years old..."

She repeated to the person at the other end of the line what she had told Ridinger, "Thank you, but I can't afford to buy this, though it's lovely." She also told him she had to get to the polls before they closed, but before she was able to get off the phone, the man offered her another, less expensive way of owning the Rascal — rather than buying a brand new one, Electric Mobility could sell Dorothy a refurbished vehicle.

As Ridinger's lengthy stay was winding down, Herbert Rimmer became more interested in the three-wheeler and told Dorothy that since he no longer smoked, perhaps they could make the payments. And then, said Dorothy, the salesman "told me Medicare would pay for it."

Dorothy was emotionally spent. She wanted more than anything to help make her husband's life easier, and the idea that Medicare would foot the cost of the three-wheeler made the purchase seem a possibility.

She signed on.

But things are not always as they seem and life sometimes can be very cruel. Two or three weeks after Dorothy agreed to purchase the Rascal, the three-wheeler was delivered. Five months later, after driving the unit around the house just five times, Herbert Rimmer died, leaving Dorothy with a chair on wheels for which she has no use, and four years of monthly payments.

"If I don't make the payments," she said, "they'll put a lien on my house."

She also said that when the chair was ordered, she was told a lift would accompany it, "but I had to order it separately," and

she also purchased a hoist to permit the chair to be transported in her van.

Dorothy has no criticism of the three-wheeler chair, and noted that the battery plugs into an electrical outlet, and stays charged for eight hours. She does, however, have a problem with the company's sales tactics. "I think this company just preys on older people," said Dorothy, adding that she was sure Ridinger did not plan to leave her house until he closed the deal.

Dorothy's daughter, Debbie Bowers, was been trying to help her mother with the situation, and provided Ridinger's name to The Press & Light.

When contacted Ridinger denied ever using high pressure on the Rimmers or anywhere else, and also said that he had not been there five hours, possibly three. "If you knew me," the Medina resident said, "you'd know I don't pressure. I gave a price on a brand new model and they said they couldn't afford the \$4,000," he said. "They (company) had a refurbished one...she saw the need for her husband, she saw the light," Ridinger said.

The sales rep, who had been with the New Jersey Company just three months before he visited the Rimmers, sympathized with Dorothy on the death of her husband, but said that the company has approximately 150,000 satisfied customers.

"We just give them the price of the top of the line," he said, and if they can't afford it, but there is still some interest, he said he offers the refurbished models, which, "come from customers or are demonstration models. We do call back and forth (during the demonstration)," he said.

"We do not high-pressure, Ridinger insisted, "we're No. 1 in the world for happy customers."

Debbie Bowers said that Ridinger "lied" to her mother about getting financial help from Medicare for the Rascal. "We submitted all the papers to Medicare and we were turned down," said Debbie.

In order for Medicare to consider it, said Debbie, a paper of medical necessity would

have had to be submitted by one of four types of physicians, including a neurologist or orthopedic surgeon. "My dad had a heart condition and emphysema," she said, which disqualified him for the electric three-wheeler.

Dorothy said that another daughter recalled seeing a report on Inside Edition a couple of months ago about the sales tactics used by Electric Mobility. In checking with the program's web site, it showed that results of an investigation by Inside Edition had been aired on Feb. 8, 2001, and included some complaints from customers, one of who lived in Ohio.

Joe Buck, sales compliance coordinator for Electric Mobility, returned a call to The Press & Light on Friday, and acknowledged having had some telephone calls from Inside Edition, but said that the program had told only one side of the story. "In 25 years (the company has been in business), we've had 200,000 customers," said Buck, "there was not one unhappy, satisfied customer on that show."

During a half-hour telephone conversation, Buck detailed the company's sales practices, including the information that the sales representatives are independent contractors "who represent us in the home." However they are given extensive training, said Buck, "and nowhere do we train to high-pressure anyone."

He also explained that the company does not "cold-call anyone." Rather there are sweepstakes drawings each month, and a chair is given away free. Someone entering the sweepstakes is called. It is explained that the person entering could double their chances of winning a scooter by observing a demonstration. "There is no obligation," said Buck, adding that the customer can also opt to buy a chair at some future date. He also stated that if at any time a salesman is asked to leave, he is to leave. Most demonstrations, said Buck, take two or three hours, but some can take longer.

"We show a video," he said, "we go through a questionnaire, and explain the equipment." Buck said the demonstration could include a ride, which could lengthen the house visit.

In checking his records, Buck said he found paperwork signed by Dorothy and Herbert Rimmer. With their permission, at that time it was run through a credit bureau and then several lenders for financing.

There was also a signed purchase agreement, he said, adding that the document stated in bold letters that the deal could be canceled in three days. It was also submitted to Medicare. "We try to make sure every avenue is covered," he said, however, "Electric Mobility cannot guarantee any benefits or whether it's approved or not." And if Medicare denies the claim, the purchaser is responsible for the cost. If Medicare had honored the request, it would have paid just 80 percent, he said, and the customer would have had to pay 20 percent.

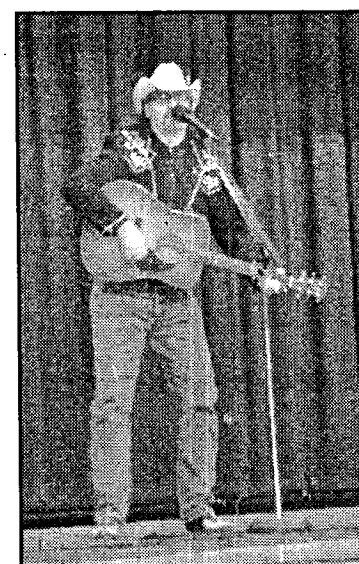
Then the family purchased the scooter, said Buck, and Herbert Rimmer died.

He was sympathetic to Dorothy Rimmer's situation, but said, "We don't have a buy-back policy, they have to pay off the loan."

Buck also said that if the Rimmers had contacted them within the three-day cooling-off period, the company would have canceled the order, or if the order had been refused when the three-wheeler chair was delivered, the company would have charged only for the delivery.

Addressing the complaint of high-pressure sales, Buck said that if someone had complained about Mike Ridinger, it would have gone into his file and would have resulted in Ridinger's termination.

Though Dorothy Rimmer and her family still feel she was pressured into buying the Rascal, they say the chair is sound and would like to sell it to someone else who has mobility problems. Anyone interested in purchasing the chair on wheels can contact The Press & Light at 1-888-871-6784.



(Left) Terry Lee Goffe, country singer and music director of WOBL was a crowd-pleaser during the "Little Bit of Country" show, April 22.



(Right) The Junior Kerns Bluegrass Band entertains during the April 22 country concert at the Education Center. Ray Gilpin plays guitar, Bev Humphrey plays bass, Junior Kerns plays mandolin, Linda Kerns sings tenor and Paul Fran plays rhythm guitar. (P & L Klear)

## Education Center goes country for an afternoon

By Carol Klear

The audience clapped and sometimes sang along during the April 22 "Little Bit of Country" show at the Education Center.

This year's fundraiser for the Senior Center was sponsored by Center Ridge Nursing Home and featured some area singers, such as the well-known country gospel singer, Gary Dorsey.

Dorsey's ease and comfortable style set the tone for the Sunday afternoon show with songs like "Livin' with Heaven in Mind" and "I've Never been Homesick Before." He got the crowd going as he asked them to join in the verse, "Cov-

Poke for Jesus," then offered a solid musical message with "Nobody Cares How Much You Know, Till They Know How Much You Care."

The well known "It is No secret What God can Do," got the entire audience singing.

Junior Kerns' five-piece Bluegrass Band turned the show lively with four stringed instruments and Linda Kerns singing tenor, with their opening number, "Take Me in the Lifeboat," followed by the popular "I Saw the Light."

The fingers continued to fly over the strings through the rest of the group's part of the program with such songs as "He Did it all for Me," and "Fly Away."

Terry Lee Goffe, who has earned such credits as Male Vocalist of the Year, Christian Country Artist of the Year and Artist of the Year, is also the music director of radio station WOBL. Decked out like the "Rhinstone Cowboy" in a sparkling vest over country duds, Goffe gave the audience a bit of George Jones in "He Stopped Loving Her Today," a taste of Don Gibson with "Oh, Lonesome Me," his own rendition of Patsy Cline's "Crazy," and an unexpected vintage selection, "Over the Rainbow."

The entire show was a hit and for those who didn't want it to end the performers offered tapes and CDs for sale.

## Campus Notes:

Tiffany Rogala, a junior in the nursing honors College at Kent State University, is among 150 nursing students throughout the United States to be selected by the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., to participate in its summer nursing internship program. The fully paid internship is a 10-week program to begin in June. Rogala is the daughter of Jim and Pat Rogala of North Ridgeville.

Daniel Kubiak has been selected as a member of the Philosophy Club at Ashland University.

Charles Hemann has been named to the Phi Sigma Alpha political science honor society at Baldwin-Wallace College. Hemann, a 1999 graduate of North Ridgeville High School, was an honor student and member of the golf team at the high school. He is also an honor student at B-W. He is the grandson of David and Margaret Foerster.

Jessica Finkbone, a junior majoring in biology, has been named to the Ohio Northern University Dean's List for the winter quarter. She is the daughter of Harry and Ann Finkbone, Hickory Trail.

Jennifer Harrison also has been named to the Dean's List at Ohio Northern. Harrison, a first year pharmacy major, is the daughter of John and Darlene Harrison, Miller Drive.

David Downey was named to the fall Dean's List at Malone College. Downey is the son of Al and Sue Downey.

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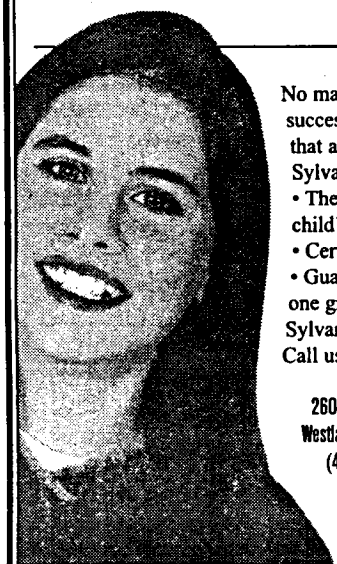
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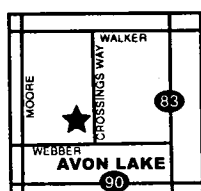
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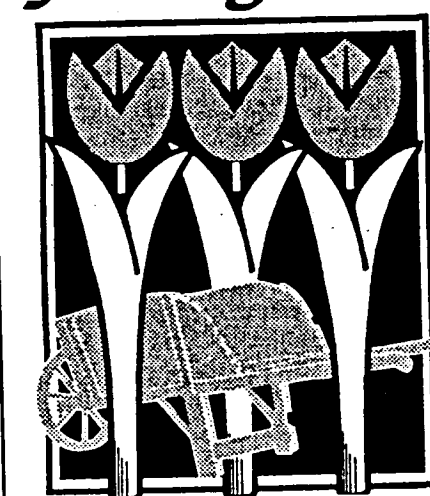
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 ■ OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Pinochle Club.  
 ■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$40/month. 353-0860/info.  
 ■ HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.  
 ■ ZONING BOARD MEETING, 7 p.m. Council Chambers.  
 ■ 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.

## 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.  
 ■ ADULT CPR RECERTIFICATION, 9 a.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.  
 ■ 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.  
 ■ ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults.

## SATURDAY

■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. Held in the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ongoing Karate class for children and adults. \$20/4 lessons. Held in the Safetyville Building. 353-0860/info.  
 ■ ADULT CPR, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and ADULT CPR with FIRST AID BASICS, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

## MONDAY

■ N.R. SCHOOLS - Kindergarten Testing.  
 ■ 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.

■ WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.  
 ■ HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.  
 ■ ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.

## TUESDAY

■ OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, Noon, Sr. Club. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.  
 ■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.  
 ■ LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant.  
 ■ TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

## WEDNESDAY

■ OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. 353-0828/info.  
 ■ WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.  
 ■ N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Ongoing Karate held at the Safetyville Building.  
 ■ WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info.  
 ■ SHHH GROUP, 7 p.m. St. Mary's Hall, 250 Third St., Elyria.  
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Nearly New Sale and Bake Sale

Bay United Methodist Church corner of Lake and Bassett Bay Village

9:00am-1:00pm  
Thursday, April 26

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V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, 17" 10 spoke aluminum wheels, sport captain's chairs.

Sale Price

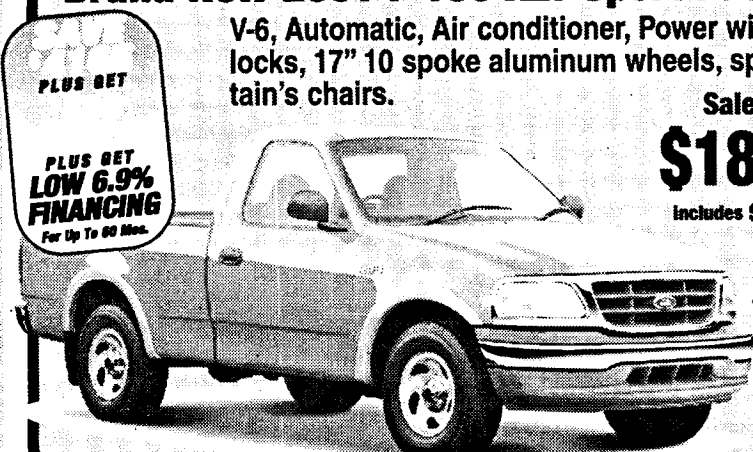
**\$18,480**

Includes \$1500 rebate

**\$199**

plus tax  
24 month  
lease

**\$2979** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Taurus SE Sedan

V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, Cast Aluminum Wheels, 4 wheel ABS

Sale Price

**\$16,480**

Includes \$1500 rebate

**\$199**

plus tax  
24 month  
lease

**\$2824** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Ranger Supercab 4x4 Edge

V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, 6CDX Stereo, Remote entry, Edge Plus Group

Sale Price

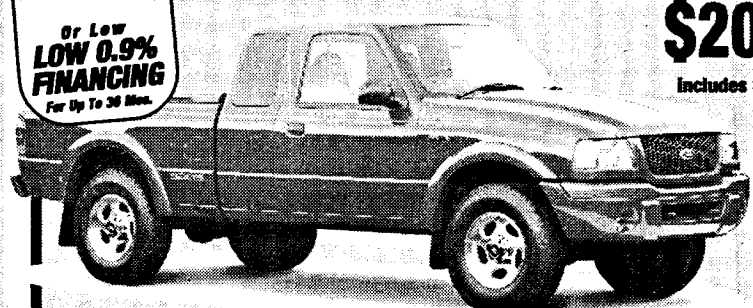
**\$20,480**

Includes \$2000 rebate

**\$229**

plus tax  
24 month  
lease

**\$2759** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 F150 4x4 Supercab XLT

5.4L triton V-8, Automatic, Power windows, locks, Trailer towing, Limited Slip, CD player

Sale Price

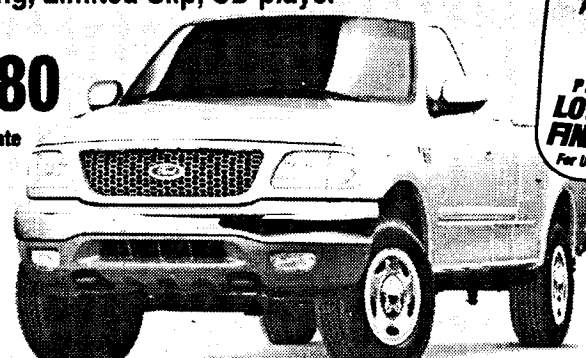
**\$24,980**

Includes \$500 rebate

**\$299**

plus tax  
24 month  
lease

**\$2739** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Windstar Wagon

V-6, Automatic, Air Conditioner, Power Windows, Locks, 7 Passenger Seating, Floor Mats

Sale Price

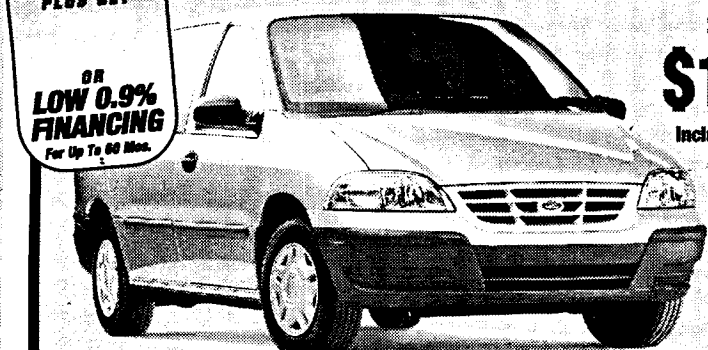
**\$19,480**

Includes \$2000 rebate

**\$269**

plus tax  
36 month  
lease

**\$2069** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Luxury Conversion Van

Quad Captain's Chairs, Illuminated Entry, Fiberglass Running Boards, Power Windows, Locks

Chassis  
**\$19,955**

Conversion  
**\$5,525**

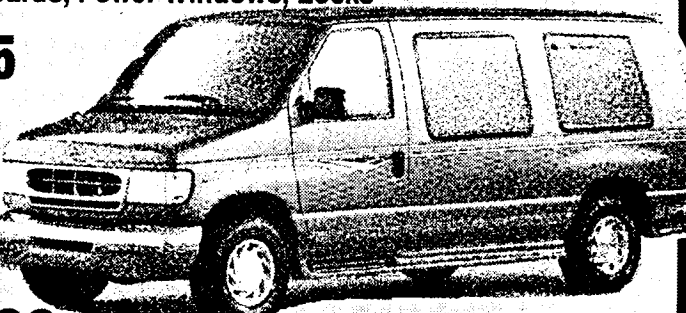
Rebate  
**\$2,000**

Sale Price  
**\$23,480**

**\$369**

plus tax 36 month lease

**\$2993** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Ford Focus ZX3 Sport Coupe

16V Zetec, Automatic (or 5 Speed), Air conditioner, Power Group, Premium Group, Tilt Telescoping Steering Wheel.

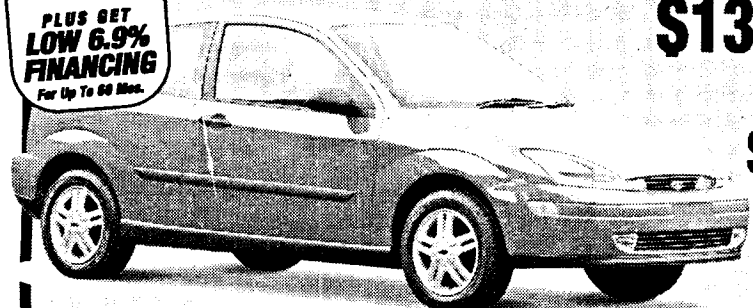
Sale Price

**\$13,980**

**\$199**

plus tax  
36 month  
lease

**\$1704** plus tax and plates due at lease start



### Brand New 2001 Explorer XLT 4 Door 4x4

205 HP V-6, Automatic, Air Conditioner, Power Windows, Locks, Keyless Remote Entry, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel.

Sale Price

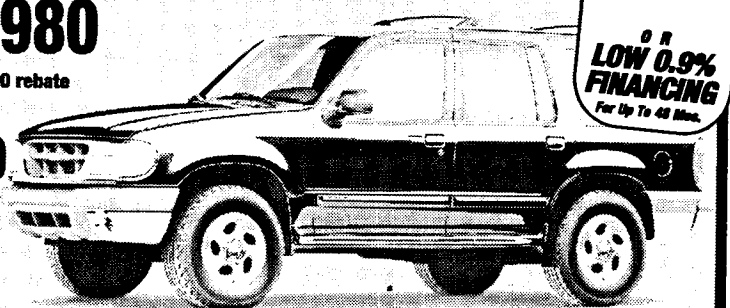
**\$25,980**

Includes \$2000 rebate

**\$349**

plus tax  
36 month  
lease

**\$2724** plus tax and plates due at lease start



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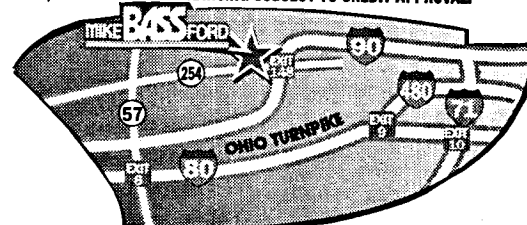
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