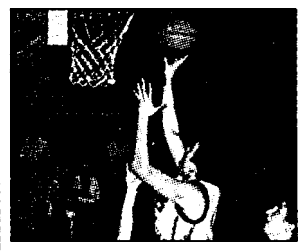


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'We had a lot of plans; that's the hardest part'

By Carol Klear

Mandy and Austin Bishop went to North Ridgeville High School (NRHS) together and as Mandy put it, "dated off and on." But after the two graduated in 2002, the times together became more frequent and last June they were married in St. Peter Church.

Like many young couples, Mandy, 21 and Austin, 22, had hopes and dreams for the future–a new home, successful jobs and eventually perhaps, children.

Beginning their new life together, Mandy and Austin moved into a high rise apartment near Great Northern mall, where, from their 17th-floor balcony, a view of heaven and earth appear to merge somewhere near downtown Cleveland.

Austin is an operator at Ross Incineration and Mandy divides her time between the family printing business and some part-time hours at United Dairy Farmers. Between his junior and senior years at NRHS, Austin joined the Army Reserve in what he termed a "sort of split-up program," and now follows the Reserve regimen of spending two weeks a year at Army camp and attending monthly meetings, as well.

The young man is no stranger to the military.

"My mother and father and both grandfathers were in service," he said, adding that his mother and father had served in the Navy. His late father, Kent Bishop, had been in the Navy for 18 years and his mother, Renee Bishop, served for four years.

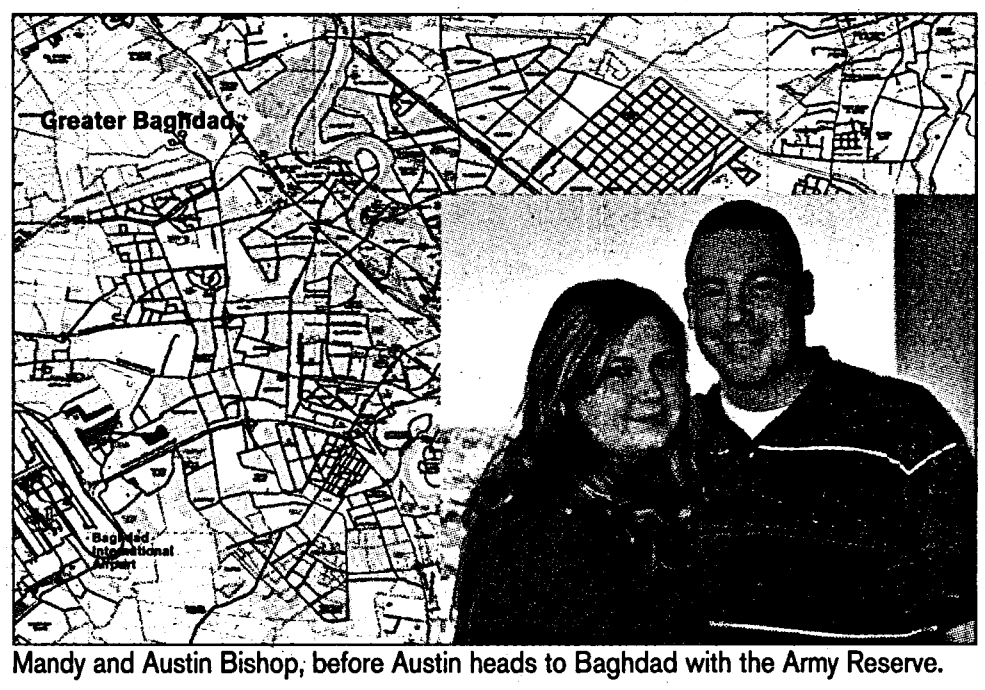
Although she wasn't an "Army brat," Mandy said both of her grandfathers had been in service, in fact, "they fought against each other." She had tried the service, as well, but after four months, she knew it was not for her.

And so, the young couple settled into a daily routine.

Three months ago their lives took an unexpected turn.

"I had signed up (in the Reserve) for eight years–six years active duty and two years inactive," Austin said. "In October, I got a phone call."

Mandy and Austin were on the verge of exhaling over the possibility that



Mandy and Austin Bishop, before Austin heads to Baghdad with the Army Reserve.

Austin would not be called into active duty because he was near the end of the fifth year when the call came.

"I wasn't expecting it," he said, but there it was. In February the Army Reserve sergeant will leave his job at Ross and his wife of less than a year and head to Baghdad. It was a tough fact of life, but one thing Austin feels secure about is that his role will not be in front line.

"I'm in computer administration," he said, adding that he will be stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad for a year, doing what the Army has prepared him to do, computer networking.

Since that unexpected telephone

SEE **BAGHDAD,** page 9

It's been a long road but persistence may have paid off for builder

By Carol Klear

Tony Valore was back before the Planning Commission, Jan. 10, for what seemed like his umpteenth appearance before one North Ridgeville panel or another in an attempt to get permission to construct storage units on property off Center Ridge Road. But with the commission's blessing and council's approval to rezone the particular parcel, Valore's persistence may have paid off.

The owner of Valore Properties Inc. has been trying for months to make use of the land he owns that abuts homeowners' yards on Debbie Drive. His initial plan to build housing units set off a veritable firestorm among some of those residents, many of whom complained that the project would destroy the solitude they presently enjoy in their backyards.

The builder then asked that the property be rezoned from residential to commercial to allow him to put up storage units. Some Debbie Drive homeowners more readily accepted that idea, especially when Valore explained that many of the trees would be left standing and a 75-foot buffer would surround the project.

However, a previous council had removed storage units from permitted uses in B-3 districts, but the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals (BZA) determined that storage units could be considered of a "similar character" as other approved items.

When Valore appeared before the Planning Commission last week, he gave a brief summary of the storage units' project, stressing that the buildings would be in a "secluded " part of the property and also would not impact Center Ridge Road. He restated his plan to create a 75-foot buffer around the units, adding that he is "trying to create a campus look," with Providence Square that is under construction north of the proposed storage units site.

Mayor Dave Gillock agreed with Valore, noting that the units don't front Center Ridge Road.

Debbie Drive resident Blair Mumau said he supports Valore's plan.

"I believe Mr. Valore will do everything he said he would do," Mumau said. "I fully support it."

Lavern Porowski of Debbie Drive said that if the plan goes through as promised, she has no problem with it, however her concern is what would go in there if the proposed project "falls through."

Bob Pemberton of Debbie Drive shared Porowski's feeling about B-3.

"Once it's changed, it's difficult to change back," he said.

Although the possibility is there, Law Director Andy Crites said that with the increased buffer and the buildings, it would be almost "absurd" to bulldoze everything down, if someone else bought it.

"We can't guarantee it (won't happen)," Gillock said. "But if someone wanted to do something, we'd all be here. We're trying to resolve this although it's not the best use of the land. The city won't get any taxes from this. Houses would have brought taxes, but it was not what the majority (of homeowners) wanted."

Debbie Drive homeowner, Richard Harrison said he had been to so many meetings on the issue, he expects to be called to vote. Harrison also said that with everything Valore has promised to do, it is all they can ask for.

"You can never guarantee the future," he said.

The commission voted in favor of the storage units and referred the rezoning petition to council for approval. The last time council voted on the rezoning, the issue was defeated because one council member was absent and the vote ended in a 3-3 tie. Valore has since reapplied and requested a vote from the "full council."

According to Chief Deputy Clerk of Council Paula Cope, a majority approval of council was needed for the rezoning to be approved. Due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, the council meeting was shifted to Tuesday night and could not be included in today's paper. However, based on comments from several council members prior to the meeting, it appeared the majority of the legislators planned to support the request.

Dennis Boose D-2 said he favored the rezoning, noting the Valore had gone "above and beyond" what was necessary to gain approval. Boose said his personal belief was that storage units were not

SEE **REZONING,** page 9



New school board team

Maria Sycz, Manuel Dominguez and William Harnish were sworn in as members of the North Ridgeville Board of Education on Jan. 10. The full board from left, President Ross Mitchell, Vice-President Robin Hrabik, Dominguez, Sycz and Harnish.

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Relocation of animal clinic welcomed; traffic problems near site are concern

By Carol Klear

Plans for a new animal clinic took another step forward on Jan. 10 when the Planning Commission referred a petition for a zoning change from B-3 commercial to B-5 architectural business district to council. The property includes a parcel at 36400 Center Ridge Road at Stoney Ridge, as well as vacant property north of Center Ridge Road at Stoney Ridge. Council was expected to approve the rezoning during Tuesday's meeting.

Mayor Dave Gillock told the commission that the rezoning would allow "one of our premier businesses to remain in North Ridgeville." Despite three additions, Animal Clinic Northview, located at 34910 Center Ridge Road, has outgrown its present site and owners have proposed plans for a new clinic farther west on SR 20.

Commission member Jim Rothgery said he favored the zoning change, noting that it would "make the center of town more appealing."

Bob Liston, owner of Liston Funeral Home, which is located directly opposite the site of the new animal clinic said he supports the plans, however he expressed concern about adding another business without addressing the traffic problems that exist.

"The intersection is dangerous," Liston said. "There needs to be a better flow."

He said that perhaps the construction of the clinic could be incorporated with assisting the traffic situation at that corner.

"It's my number two priority," Mayor Dave Gillock said. "Sugar Ridge and SR 83 are number one. We've got to get it done."

Dr. Gary Krone, one of the owners of Animal Clinic Northview, said he was willing to work with the city in helping with the traffic situation.

A Cottage Circle resident asked if the clinic would include boarding kennels, stressing that he would not like to have dogs barking at night.

Krone said that the clinic does not presently board dogs and the new one will not offer boarding, either.

Giles and Eileen Norrington; two lives of service

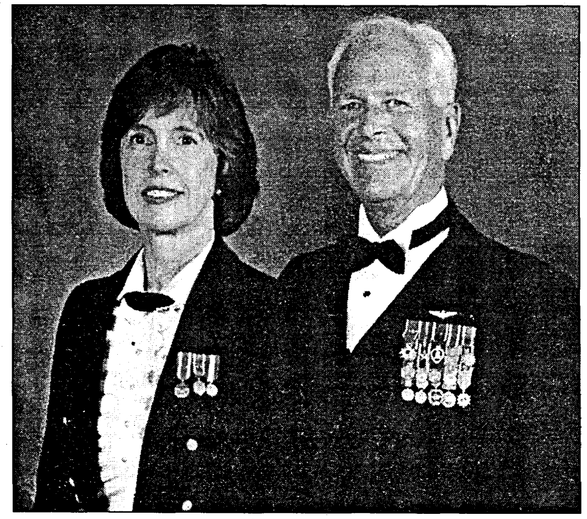
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Ridgefield residents, Eileen and Giles Norrington, at different times and for different reasons, found themselves attracted to careers in the Navy. Today, they look back with pride on a combined total of over 57 years of service.

In Giles' case, what ended up being a 34-year naval career started in the U.S. Marine Corps. First an enlisted infantryman, Giles won his commission and went on to become a Marine pilot. After 11 years, he transferred to the Navy and spent another 23 years of service. Among his "tours of duty" were two commands and a number of Pentagon staff assignments. As an, "oh, by the way," he spent nearly five years as a prisoner of war in the Hanoi Hilton. Aside from that one tour, he says that it was a pretty good career. Giles retired in 1988 with a rank of Navy captain–"bird colonel" to his Army and Air force friends.

For Eileen, it was more a calling than a career. Commissioned in 1978 as only the fifth woman chaplain in the Navy, she found herself a reluctant "pioneer," whose list of firsts might fill a page. She had stateside tours, an overseas assignment and a sea duty tour aboard a Navy submarine tender–a sort of floating factory. She also takes great pride in having worn "Marine green" as chaplain to Marines at Camp Pendleton, California. She, too, retired with the rank of Navy captain, the first woman chaplain to rise to that rank and the first to complete a full 22 years of Navy and Marine Corps service.

Eileen and Giles are living testimonies that veterans come in all shapes and sizes. They are very proud of the young vets who today carry the flag and serve well and proudly at sea, in the air and on the ground in harm's way. Their sweat and blood help to pay for our freedom as Americans.



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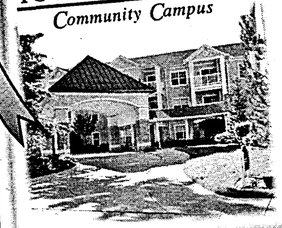
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KLEARLY SPEAKING

NOT FUNNY.....I swear every time I scanned the sky last week, that "Old Devil Moon" was looking down with one of the biggest smirks I've ever seen, obviously enjoying all my trials and tribulations as I slogged my way through the week,tripping and falling (figuratively, that is) every step of the way.

QUITE A MESS.....One of my mishaps was right in my own kitchen. I still have a few powdered-sugar Christmas cookies left and was transferring them from a large carryall plastic box to the cookie jar. With the deed done, I accidentally nudged the container, which in turn klunked to the floor–upside down, of course–and what powdered sugar had remained in the box immediately dusted the floor. I mean the powdery white stuff was everywhere. Yuk!

AT CITY HALL.....I was waiting for a meeting to begin in the conference room on the first floor when I saw a couple of heads bobbing in the building department in the "lower level" (actually it's the basement, but I don't want to sound tacky). I waved, but noticed a couple of the ladies were mouthing something. Hmm, what did they want? I went downstairs to check it out and found they were teasing me about getting a traffic ticket, because they figured I was with the bunch heading up to Mayor's Court. Back to work girls...no ticket!

GO IRISH!.....Planning Commission member Roger Galippo was expecting to have the time of his life, accompanying his 16-year-old grandson to the University of Notre Dame. Christopher Galippo attends Servite High School in Anaheim, Calif. and is being scouted for the Fighting Irish football team when he leaves high school. Of course college officials can't really talk to Christopher right now, but at least he and grandpa can check out the campus...oh, yes, don't forget "Touchdown Jesus."

SHE'LL BE JEALOUS....Wait until Daughter No. 7 hears about Roger's trip to N.D., she wanted to go there at one time. Now she and her husband want Grandson No. 3 to make that his alma mater, but he's only 2 so it will be a while.

HOW COME?.....The price of postage stamps lurched up a few more pennies on Jan. 8 and according to one Ridgeville resident, by Jan. 9, customers were rationed to 10, 1-cent stamps and by Jan. 10, the P.O. was out of 2-cent stamps. How come? We all knew the hike was coming, didn't postal employees? Hard to figure.

North Ridgeville Press — Ed Kelly



PRESSLINE

Caller: Here it is the middle of January and the tree lighting sign was just taken down at South Central Park. We've had temperatures ranging from 10-50 degrees since Christmas, you would think somebody could have taken it down soon after the event was over. That's the sort of thing that makes the city look hokey.

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It may be a new year, but it's still the same old, same old politics



Editor's Notebook

By Carol Klear

The new year is a little more than two weeks old and already I'm wondering, "What's new about it?"

Five of seven council reps have returned to their favorite chairs in city hall...ho-hum I was hoping there would be more than just two new legislators.

Although most of the names and faces remained the same, I was confident that the experience of the previous term(s) would bring a fresh outlook, some fresh ideas and most of all a fresh leader.

Talk about naïveté.

On Jan. 2, while many people were home celebrating OSU's victory over Notre Dame, council held its 2006 organizational meeting.

Since Ron Arndt had presided over council for the past two years, I was sure that Bernadine Butkowski would be elected president for the next two. The councilwoman has been on council for a number of years, served as president pro-tem last term and should have moved up to the president's post this time.

Instead, the veteran council rep was given a verbal slap in the face, as Arndt was nominated and re-elected to the throne. Then as the saying goes, "To add insult to injury," Butkowski wasn't even returned as pro-tem. Instead, a well-orchestrated maneuver put Gayle Manning–one of the newcomers to the semi-round table–in that position.

Seconds later Arndt was delivering an acceptance soliloquy and outlining plans for the future with phrases like "exciting opportunities ahead" and "expand the declared vision of the mayor."

"Expand the declared vision of the mayor?" What happened to checks and balances between legislation and administration?

But the real scorcher was when Arndt challenged everyone, including the mayor, "to set yourselves on fire," reminiscent of an old-time fire-and-brimstone evangelist.

Then he handed out the committee assignments. Another sham. After claiming that his appointments took into account the legislators' talents, Arndt ignored Butkowski's finance expertise, including four years as finance chair and dropped her from the committee altogether. Instead, Mr. President named Manning to head the money matters group–doing her no favor.

Three days after the first council session, Manning called a finance meeting to discuss adding a new assistant law director position. As I recall, just the before Christmas the former committee told Law Director Andy Crites to hold his horses and wait until the February appropriation hearings. But barely into a new year and a new group in charge, the L. D. got on the phone and pleaded his case to the finance chair. And dogone he was convincing despite rumors that the person topping his short list for the post was Manning's daughter.

After a question of ethics began swirling over the issue, Manning called another meeting and just minutes after it started, the session ended, with the entire matter tossed out.

Good for Manning. It was a tough lesson, but it's over and let's hope she's a little more cautious whom she regards as "friends" over the next two years. And shame on the law director for creating this whole brouhaha with his I-want-what-I-want-when-I-want-it attitude.

And my question remains, "What's new about the new year?"

As far as North Ridgeville politics are concerned...not a da...er...a...darn thing.

Oh yes, one more item, Mr. President, could you cut the "Good evening," routine. It's a council meeting, not a gathering of Toastmasters.

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Council Corner

By Bernadine Butkowski
At-large

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Agrees with column

To the Editor:

I read your article with interest (Melissa Linebrink's Jan. 11 column). I agree with you on your views in regard to the tree cutting along Center Ridge Road. My daughter used to live east of the All-American Sports Center. Now the house sits on empty land that used to be abundant with trees. It looks like a sore thumb. All the lilacs that lined the driveway are gone, along with all the trees. I know that Dettore (developer Frank Dettore) owns this property. Why the house was not taken down I do not know.

I agree with you, in that we do not need any more new homes built–not when you read the Chronicle Telegram that there are four pages of foreclosures on homes, many in North Ridgeville. Let's not forget the homes currently on the market in Ridgeville, which are not sold.

What North Ridgeville needs are more manufacturing companies like E.J. Tobin. Invacare isn't going to carry the load. North Ridgeville has to give a little to get more companies in. Shopping centers are not working, which by the way, only hire on part-time basis. We do not need any more gas stations, pizza places, or car washes.

I am an 81-year-old retiree, looking around–not the smartest by far, but I do observe.

Thank you for the article.

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Service department prepares for inclement weather

By Melissa Linebrink

When inclement weather is due to hit North Ridgeville, Service Department Superintendent Chris Rangus needs to make sure his team is ready to go at a moment's notice, especially if a large snowfall is expected.

One information avenue that Rangus turns to is www.intellicast.com, a free web site which forecasts the weather that may head toward the city. What is special about www.intellicast.com is it has a surface chart which allows Rangus to see what type of weather, including snowfall, that is likely to affect our area within 12, 24, 36 and 48 hours.

"We use (a total) of eight different sites," Rangus said, adding that he also turns to local news channels to see what the Dominion Dual Doppler Radar is predicting in terms of weather. "All of them interpret the weather differently and none of them are 100 percent accurate all the time."

On Jan. 13, Rangus took a moment to look at www.intellicast.com and noticed that snow could be heading toward Lorain County in the next two days.

"The plow trucks are always ready," Rangus said, adding they are stored in a garage, with several of them already filled with salt. However, since there is limited space in the garage, the plows are kept outside until needed, directly in front of where the truck is kept inside the garage. Each truck and plow is numbered, so for example truck No. 45 uses plow No. 45.

Currently, there is an estimated 1,700 tons of salt stored onsite at the North Ridgeville Service Department. Rangus expects the salt to last to mid-February of this year. On an average snowfall, which may last two to three days, 400 tons of salt are used on the roads in North Ridgeville.

Within the city limits, there are 14 plow zones with 261 "plowable" miles, Rangus said. For example, Ridgeview Boulevard is 1 mile going north and 1 mile going south, hence Ridgeview Boulevard has 2 "plowable" miles.

Two years ago, the service department added 60 lane miles which needed to be plowed, but did not purchase new trucks or hire additional employees.

Rangus said he hopes City Council will approve the purchase of two more trucks because on average, he believes there will be between 11 and 15 new plowable lane miles added each year.

"We are tight on equipment for snow plowing," Rangus said.

And, when it does snow, everyone who is employed at the North Ridgeville Service Department becomes a snowplow driver–including the foremen and mechanics. In fact, even the secretary, Darlene Kozel, has her CDL–she is one of four women who are licensed to drive the snowplow trucks.

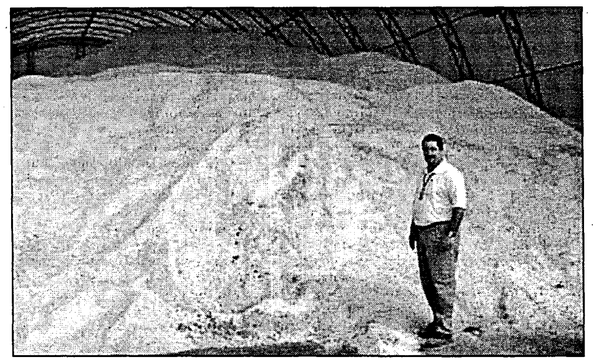
"Each plow zone has first and second priorities," Rangus said. "It is the driver's responsibility to clear the first priority streets before plowing the second priority streets."

For example, in Zone 3, drivers are responsible for clearing SR 83 from "end-to-end" (in the city limits); Mills Road from Stoney Ridge to Jaycox; and Stoney Ridge (in the city limits).

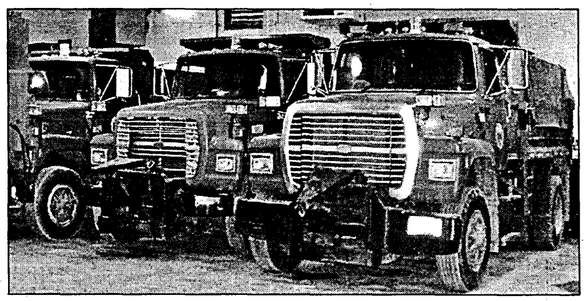
Rangus said often times plow trucks may have to return to the service department to refuel or obtain more salt. Eight hundred gallons of diesel fuel are used when there is an average two to three day snowfall, Rangus noted.

There are currently 30 service department employees who all pull together when inclement weather heads toward North Ridgeville. When snow falls in North Ridgeville, there two crews–afternoon and night–which plow 24 hours per day. Some employees may work their regular shift, which is 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then stay until 11 p.m. when the next shift arrives. The night shift works from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. and then continues on until 3 p.m.

"It's pretty amazing what we do for the little amount of people we have," Rangus said.



North Ridgeville Service Department Superintendent Chris Rangus stands in front of 1,700 tons of salt stored onsite off Bainbridge Road. *NRP photo by Melissa Linebrink*



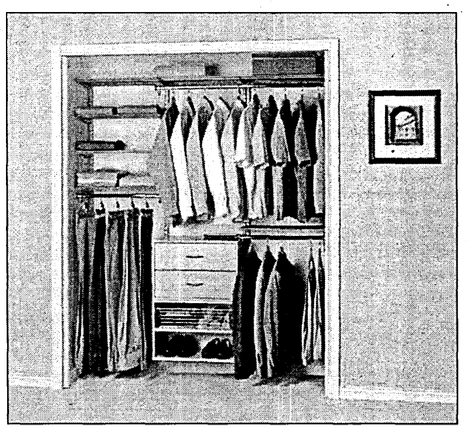
Service Department trucks are ready to plow the streets of North Ridgeville when snow starts falling. *NRP photo by Melissa Linebrink*

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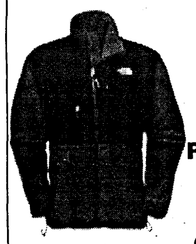


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Making hospital stays/procedures bearable for young patients

By Melissa Linebrink

When North Ridgeville resident Shannon Sonnhalter's brother was in the second grade, he was hospitalized after he broke his leg that left him immobile for eight weeks. During that time, parents were not allowed to stay overnight with their children and he would often call home crying.

Eventually, Sonnhalter's brother was released, but the stress that the hospitalization put her family through never left her mind and she did not want other families to experience the same outcome.

Sonnhalter always knew she wanted to help children, but it wasn't until her friend was a student at the Medical College of Ohio (now referred to as Medical University Hospital) in Toledo that she learned of a field of study that allowed children and parents the opportunity to cope with the stress and anxiety of a hospital experience.

Today, Sonnhalter is a certified child life specialist at the Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic where she prepares children and their families for either a hospital stay or visit. She also serves as an advocate for children and families.

Child life specialists prepare children and their families for hospital stays or visits by pre-admission tours; explanation of procedures; support and distraction during procedures; helping children understand his/her diagnosis; teaching coping skills; and preparing for sibling visitation.

"Child life specialists also help ease the emotions of parents, siblings and grandparents who often feel uncertain and anxious," Sonnhalter said.

According to Sonnhalter and her colleagues, Rakhi Hoffer and Jeff Detorre, the following are common fears of children based on certain age groups:

Children ages 1-3

- Separation from parents–Most hospitals offer "rooming in" with their children for overnight stays. And, some hospitals will allow parental presence during the induction phase of anesthesia before surgery.
- Stranger anxiety
- Children in this age group may view pain as punishment–Child life specialists emphasize to the patient that he/she did nothing wrong.

Children ages 3-5

- Fear of separation from parents
- Believe they are being punished–"I pushed my sister yesterday and now I am in the hospital."
- Fear of needles and pain

Children ages 6-11

- Fear of unknown
- Fear of loss of control
- Fear of loss of body parts

Adolescents age 12 and older

- Fear of loss of control and independence
- Fear of waking during surgery or not waking after surgery
- Worried about changes in physical appearance

"An important way in which child life specialists help calm patient's fears is by preparation," Sonnhalter said. "If a child knows what to expect and in what order, it can possibly make the event less scary."

Sonnhalter noted that preparation is done based on assessments of the following: child's age, developmental level, previous medical experiences and family structure.

"Preparation is tailored to meet the needs of the patient based on the assessment made by the certified child life specialist," she said. "Preparation should be simple, honest and straightforward."

Child life specialists at the Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic explain to the child what he/she will experience by addressing all the senses–what he/she will see, feel, hear, taste and/or smell.

Tools that child life specialists use prepare children and families for hospital procedures and stays include dolls, puppets, pictures, real medical equipment and art media.

"It is important to validate the child's fears and concerns about the procedure," Sonnhalter said. "Child life specialists stay throughout the procedure (when possible) and help the child cope by doing deep breathing, counting, talking, guided imagery, blowing bubbles, listening to music or even playing a video game for distraction. Studies have shown that if kids understand what is happening to them, they need less anesthesia, recover faster and have shorter hospital stays."

Another part of a hospital stay that may scare young patients, as well as their parents/guardians, is medical terminology.

"Language and its usage is a key component of successful preparation. Words and phrases often have more than one meaning," Sonnhalter said.

For example, the phrase "put to sleep" is often used to describe anesthesia induction. However, some children may associate the phrase with death.

"Language and how it is used varies with the child's age and developmental level," Sonnhalter said. "Therefore, child life professionals can help parents determine what language is appropriate to use with their child(ren)."

Sonnhalter, who has been a child life specialist since 1997, said she often visits with the patient after surgery or a procedure on the inpatient unit.

"By visiting with the patient and families, I can address questions they may have regarding their hospitalization and dispel any misconceptions the child(ren) may have about their diagnosis or treatment," she said.

Sonnhalter said she takes pride in her job because she has the ability to support a child and his/her family at a very vulnerable time.

"My role is specifically to meet the psychosocial needs of the family. Child life specialists help make the hospital a more bearable place for patients and their families," she said. "We may be teaching the patient and families skills to help cope with a hospitalization or medical procedure but the skills they acquire can be utilized in the outside world as well. It is about empowering the child and family to recognize their own strengths which they can tap into in any time of need."

If any family is interested in scheduling a preoperative/preadmission tour for their child or would like to speak to a child life specialist about their child, call the Child Life Department at Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic at (216) 444-0087 or (216) 444-5059. Additionally, there are books and videotapes available at local libraries and most children's hospitals offer educational web sites that provide additional information to patients and families. Child life specialists can also assist in this process.

If you are interested in serving as a child life specialist, the education requirements include a minimum of a bachelor's degree in child development, child life, education, psychology or a related field. There is a minimum of a 480-hour clinical internship supervised by a certified child life specialist. The person must also pass a professional certification exam administered by the National Child Life Council. To find out more information about the child life specialist career, reach the Child Life Council web site at www.childlife.org.



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Crum loves the rush of playing live with the band

By Melissa Linebrink

It was February 1964 and the Beatles had just appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show when North Ridgeville High School art teacher Sean Crum first became interested in playing the electric guitar.

"I was 12 at the time and from that moment on (after seeing the Beatles perform on television), I loved rock-n-roll and I wanted to play the electric guitar," the Avon Lake resident said, adding he started with an acoustic guitar and received his first electric guitar when he was 15-years-old. At the age of 16, he began playing in area bands.

Crum met Mark Bluhm when he was 21-years-old and the two have played together ever since. The duo formed the current band, Tumbling Dice, which Bluhm named, in the mid-1990s.

"We had just broken up from another band and we were looking to form our own project," Crum said. "After several personal changes at lead singer and drummer, Tumbling Dice became set when lead singer and keyboard player Dan DeCarlo, and drummer, Mike Kovacs, joined the band about four years ago."

And today, Crum is the lead guitar player for Tumbling Dice, a rock band that specializes in "good time dance music" from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. He also plays the harmonica for a few songs.

"They (DeCarlo and Kovacs) saw music as (myself and Bluhm) did–that is to play the popular dance songs and rock music that all people are familiar with and still leave room for instrumental improvisational solos. These musicians I play with are some of the finest musicians Cleveland has to offer," Crum said.

Tumbling Dice performs a few songs which are more recent, but added that a lot of the selections come from Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Doors, The Animals, Van Morrison, Tom Petty, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, John Lennon and Neil Young.

"We love to play power rock that features (a lot) of improvisation," Crum said. "We do one original song, a blues song called, 'It's a Hard Life' which I wrote."

Tumbling Dice meets about twice a month to practice new songs that are added to the frequently updated set lists. The band performs two times per month at westside venues, such as the Savannah Bar and Grille on Detroit Road in Westlake; Doc & Louie's and The Stop-on-Inn, both located on Lorain Road in North Olmsted; Smitty's Fairview Tavern on Lorain Road in Fairview Park; and The Upper Deck on Bagley Road in Berea. Performance times and exact locations of each show can be found by logging on to www.tumblingdicemusic.com.

"I love playing live," Crum said. "I have always been driven to master my instrument, the electric guitar, to the point where people would want to come and hear me. It is exciting to play live with a band, where all are feeding off each other, and people are clapping and cheering when we finish."



Tumbling Dice–from eft, Dan DeCarlo, Mike Kovacs, Mark Bluhm and Sean Crum

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the best use of the property, however, he found it "encouraging" that citizens became so involved in the issue.

Council President Ron Arndt said that nearby residents were very supportive of the storage units and he was pleased that the issue is being resolved.

During a recent building and lands committee meeting, Gayle Manning, R at-large expressed her support, stressing that she had supported the project when she was on Planning Commission and she continued to do so.

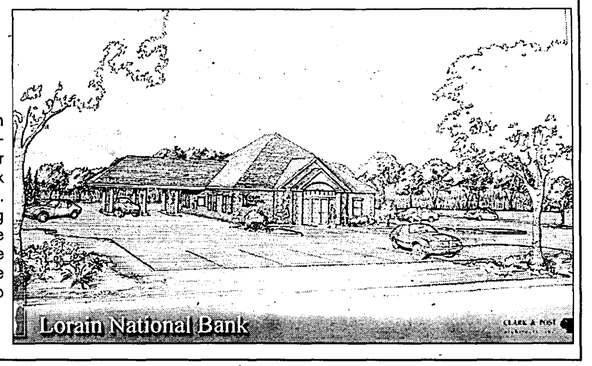
"Sometimes we have to listen to the people," Bob Olesen R-4 said, adding that he planned to vote for the rezoning.

Ward 1 Councilwoman Nancy Buescher voted against the rezoning previously and said that would not change.

"My opinion stands that storage sheds do not belong under business 3 zoning," Buescher said. "I will vote no to the rezoning of residential property to business 3 to

Lorain National Bank coming soon

The Planning Commission approved the site development and building for Lorain National Bank during the Jan. 10 meeting. The new bank is going to be part of Valore Properties' Providence Square on Center Ridge Road east of the Get Go station.



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call, Austin has been attending programs, some of which included Mandy, like Family Day held in Lakewood and designed to make families more comfortable. He has also been to traveling to various sites in preparation for going to Fort Bragg, where he'll stay until flying overseas.

Austin's last day at Ross Incineration was Jan. 11.

"They were real understanding about it," he said, adding that his job will be there when he returns from his assignment. "My only concern is for my wife and family."

Via telephone calls, the computer and cameras, Austin plans to stay in touch with them every day. The only challenge is the 8-hour time difference. When his family in the states is able to talk, he may be working

Do religious beliefs play a role in seeing Austin and Mandy through the next year?

"I've always believed in God," Austin said, although he's not a regular churchgoer.

Mandy on the other hand said that she has "total confidence" that everything will be all right for two reasons. She was raised and married in the Catholic faith and her mother's father was killed in an accident, since she has always felt her grandfather was watching over her in a special way.

Although the couple seems to be handling their situation well, Mandy admits, "It threw us for a loop," adding that her husband is more concerned about her than he is about himself.

"But he'll get two weeks to come home," she said. "We're hoping it's around our anniversary."

In addition to her jobs, while Austin is gone, Mandy will attend classes in computer programming at Cuyahoga Community College.

"We had a lot of plans," she said, her voice tailing off. "That's the hardest part."

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Ranger fans big part of the excitement



Joe Ostrica

Entering a new league like the West Shore Conference is an exciting event for fans of North Ridgeville athletics. Not only are the Rangers able to compete better with more evenly matched opponents than they were able to in past years in the Pioneer Conference, they are also forming (or renewing) rivalries with teams closer in proximity.

Playing teams like Midview, Avon, Bay and Vermilion gives fans plenty to discuss all week leading up to the game. The Ranger faithful were there to cheer their football team to a WSC championship in a thrilling season that came down to the final game of the year.

This winter, Ranger fans are represented strongly at the boys basketball games. Although North Ridgeville played six of its first nine games on the road, there were plenty of blue and gold painted faces cheering their team on. Opposing teams, even when they are hosting the game, have a hard time being heard over the loud and proud Ranger fans.

Opposing coaches don't hesitate to admit playing at North Ridgeville is a difficult task. Fairview head coach Eric Smith, whose team escaped with a 51-49 win at North Ridgeville last Friday, said the Ridgeville gymnasium is a great place for basketball fans to go for an exciting night of entertainment.

"This is a great place to play," Smith said. "It's a great atmosphere. The kids are all here and they are loud. If you can come into North Ridgeville and get a win, you've accomplished something. (North Ridgeville head coach) Mark (Rechin) does a great job, the kids play hard and their fans are tremendous."

With the WSC even more competitive in boys basketball, the Rangers will need their fan support more than ever for the second half of the season. With a 5-5 overall record, including 3-3 in conference play, the Rangers are in a three-way tie for third place. Half of those games will be played at home. Midview and Rocky River, teams that beat Ridgeville at their place earlier in the season, will now have to face the wrath of Ranger fans in their house.

Midview, who is second in the WSC (7-4, 4-2) thanks to a three-game winning streak, will play at North Ridgeville this Saturday. The undefeated Pirates will face the Rangers on Feb. 10. These are definitely teams the Rangers can beat and should make for some exciting basketball.

The Rangers will need their fan support to travel with them on the road too. First up is Friday's game at Firelands. While the Falcons are just 2-4 in the WSC, they are 5-5 overall and are capable of beating anyone, especially at home. A Jan. 24 non-conference game at Elyria should be interesting too. This border skirmish between the former Pioneer Conference rivals should always be a part of North Ridgeville's non-conference basketball schedule. Competition among the fans should be fun to watch too.

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Lions turn season around, win five out of seven

By Joe Ostrica

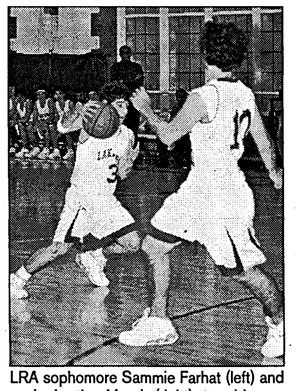
After opening the season with four straight losses, the Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team has made a dramatic turnaround, winning five of its last seven games. According to first-year head coach James Knight, the 5-6 Lions are beginning to gel under him.

"I think one of the big differences between us now versus back then is we have more experience playing together under a new coach," Knight said. "I think the first four games we weren't sure how to win, but now we are learning how to win and put teams away.

"Four out of our five losses we have been up on the teams going into halftime, but for some reason we were just not doing what we needed to do to put teams away in the second half. Now after 11 games I believe we are learning the importance of defense and rebounding. That is going to be something that wins games for us."

The Lions proved they are a changed team with its second overtime win in three games with a 68-67 victory over Grand River Academy last Friday. They followed up with a 69-51 loss at Lake Center Christian.

The Farhat brothers, senior shooting guard Moudy and sophomore point guard Sammie, had huge games for the Lions over the weekend. Moudy Farhat, whose three-point play sealed the win over Grand River, finished with a team-high 21 points. He followed up with a 32-point explosion over Lake Center. Sammie Farhat scored a game-high 30 points, including seven 3-pointers over Grand River.



LRA sophomore Sammie Farhat (left) and senior brother Moudy (right) are a big reason the Lions are starting to win. *Photo by Pro Photography*

Another victim to fall to the Lions was Christian Community School (CCS) on Jan. 10. Lake Ridge hit 28-of-31 foul shots (90 percent) to take a 69-56 win. Prior to the contest, the Lions were shooting just 65 percent as a team from the free throw line.

"Our free throw shooting went up five percent after that game," Knight said. "We're now at 70 percent as a team. One of the things that we as a coaching staff have implemented into our practices is at least 20 minutes worth of free throw shooting. I think this has made the difference."

CCS didn't give up without a battle. With the Lions leading by 23 points in the third quarter, CCS was able to cut the lead to seven (57-50) with 3:37 remaining in the contest. With David Fox bringing CCS back courtesy of four 3-pointers during the run, the Lions got the job done on the free throw line.

Sammie Farhat hit six straight free throws in the final minute to seal the win. He finished with nine free throws for the night and 12 points.

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Rangers squeak by Fariview to remain perfect in WSC

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville wrestling team met its biggest conference challenge thus far this season, but still remained undefeated in league standings. The Rangers nipped Fairview 31-29 then easily handled Bay 52-14 in a West Shore Conference tri-match at North Ridgeville on Jan. 12. The Rangers improved to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in WSC standings.

Senior Mike Janik (140 pounds) improved to 27-0 with two wins. He now has 21 pins for the season. Junior Josh Counts (125) also picked up two wins to improve to 20-5.



Barker



Janik

Senior Alec Barker went 2-0, wrestling at 215 against Fairview and heavyweight against Bay. Barker has 102 career wins, nine shy of the three-year school career record held by Matt Rabung.

Senior Kyle Amaro (189) picked up two victories for the Rangers. Freshman Shane Friend also earned two wins, one at 160 and one at 171.

Rangers who won one match for the day include Kyle Beaune, Josh Wall, Dan McHugh, Mark Kocin, Derek Lozano and Jack Motyka.

North Ridgeville will travel to Avon Thursday for a tri-match against the Eagles and Firelands. Saturday they will compete in the Cardinal Duals at Mentor. After hosting Admiral King on Feb. 4, the Rangers will have a week to prepare for the West Shore Conference championship, which will take place at Bay on Feb. 11.

Heartbreaking losses drop Rangers into tie for third

By Joe Ostrica

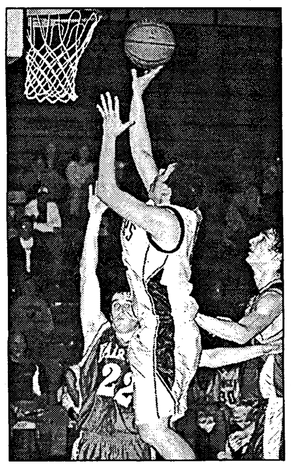
What a difference a week makes. After winning back-to-back games on Jan. 6 and 7, the North Ridgeville boys basketball team was second place in the West Shore Conference standings. After dropping two games last week, the Rangers (5-5 overall and 3-3 in the WSC) have dropped to a three-way tie with Bay and Fairview for third place.

Rocky River has proven itself the team to beat with a 10-0 overall record, including 6-0 in the WSC. Midview, winners of three in a row, are second with a 4-2 WSC record.

North Ridgeville head coach Mark Rechin doesn't want to hear about his team being shorthanded with leading scorer and rebounder Joe Faragher out for the season with a foot injury. Even with senior post player Jordan White not present for the Fairview game due to a football recruiting trip to Western Michigan, Rechin knows the players he has could have won last Friday's game at home against the Warriors.

"That's not an excuse," Rechin said about the smaller roster. "We have the guys inside these four walls right here that could have gotten that job done."

For three quarters against Fairview, the Rangers weren't getting much of anything done. In the first quarter, North Ridgeville shot just 4-of-15 from the field, yet was able to keep the game tied 10-10.



NRHS junior James Wojdacz scored a career-high 11 points against Fairview. *Photo by Pro Photography*

Fairview opened the second quarter with an 11-2 run to take a 21-12 lead midway through the period. The Rangers managed a 7-5 run to pull within seven (26-19) at the end of the first half.

With his team struggling on the offensive end, Rechin wasn't pleased how the effort on the defensive side was just as lackadaisical.

"Why should our defensive presence be determined by what we do on the offensive end?" he asked. "We should have been picking our defense up, instead of carrying it over, which is basically what we did. We don't capitalize on one end and then carry it over and not give it everything we've got on the other end.

"Our defense has great potential. I really believe that. It should be enough to win these games, but you've got to show up at least a little bit."

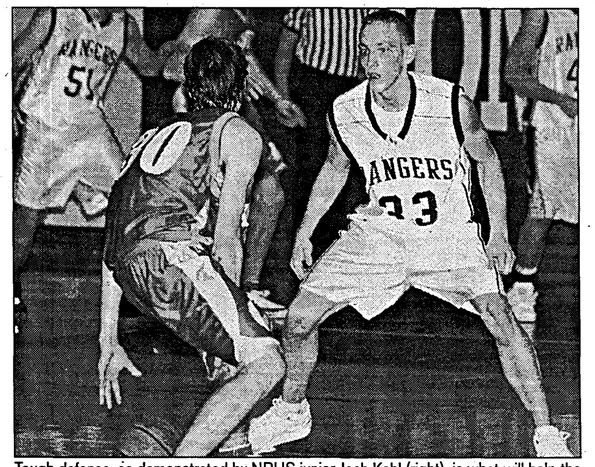
Backed by 6'6" senior Dan Schaefer, Fairview opened the third quarter with a 17-11 run to take extend its lead to 13 points (43-30) with 1:35 remaining in the period. Schaefer scored eight of his game-high 24 points in the spurt.

Once Fairview took its biggest lead of the night, the Rangers suddenly woke up and accepted the challenge. Junior James Wojdacz managed a three-point play off a beautiful feed from senior Nick Carpenter. When Wojdacz connected on his free throw, it made North Ridgeville a perfect 10-of-10 from the line. The Rangers would not attempt any more free

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Rangers look ahead to second half of conference race

By Joe Ostrica



Tough defense, as demonstrated by NRHS junior Josh Kehl (right), is what will help the Rangers in tight WSC games. *Photo by Pro Photography*

At the halfway point of the basketball season, North Ridgeville boys head coach Mark Rechin thinks the first year of the West Shore Conference is exactly playing out as he expected it to.

"The teams in this conference are really tough," he said. "I think the conference is very competitive. Anybody can beat you any night. One through eight, it can be anybody's day."

After playing four of their first five WSC games on the road, the Rangers are happy to return to their home court for the majority of their league games in the second half. Rechin said he's very happy the Rangers managed to split half of their road wins in the WSC thus far.

"I'm really happy where we're at, considering four out of the five conference games were on the road," he said. "The biggest thing looking at the schedule at the beginning of the season is we just wanted to survive the first half and stay afloat. In the second half with five of the seven conference games at home, that's a good opportunity to make up any ground we may need to make up."

The Rangers picked up two huge WSC wins when they handed both Vermilion and Bay their first losses of the season. Vermilion was 3-0 before they fell at North Ridgeville 64-54. The Rockets were 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the WSC before the Rangers came to their court and walked away with a one-point (53-52) win.

Just to show how competitive the WSC is, Firelands, a team that many thought would be a top challenger for the conference title, fell to the then 2-4 Avon Eagles in an overtime contest. Vermilion, another pre-season favorite by many, has lost five of its last six games.

"That's the scary thing," Rechin said. "It's not like these are two teams who aren't very good. They are tough teams. I think that just proves that it can be anybody on any night. There's no such thing as taking anybody lightly. You need your best effort every night in this conference."

Five of the Rangers' final eight WSC games will be at home, including games against the two teams that handed them losses: Midview (Jan. 21) and Rocky River (Feb. 10). With a little help from other teams, particularly those that play undefeated Rocky River, the Rangers are in the hunt for the top spot.

"Rocky River should be credited," Rechin said. "I didn't think anybody could be undefeated right now. I knew they were going to be pretty tough. That team has got a little bit of everything. If you go 5-0 when you play the teams in this conference, that's a pretty tough thing to do. They deserve everything they've got.

"Our goal is to take care of business at home. I just want the kids to keep things in perspective. If we do take care of business at home and split for the majority of the games on the road, we should be one of the teams to battle for it in late February."

Rechin said the Rangers' balanced scoring with five players averaging seven points per game or more makes it hard for teams to defend them.

"It's not just one guy that has to carry the load," he said. "It reminds me of a few years ago when we had five guys averaging double figures, with the highest guy averaging 13. You're not just counting on one guy to score all your points. It's pretty even across the board. It's hard for a team to focus on just one of our guys."

Rechin likes the way his team has been performing defensively. When his team clamps down on opponents, he believes the Rangers have a great shot at winning.

"It's a great thing to see when we execute game plans defensively," he said. "We draw up what we feel is our best chance to win and take away what teams like to do the most. Our rebounding has been going well. We've only been outrebounded once out of our nine games. That's a big stat for us. Holding Bay to 52 points was big and holding Rocky River to 60 was nice. That's the kind of game we need to play. When we hold teams to low 50s, we have a great chance to win. Bay and Rocky River can put up 70-plus points like it's nothing. You have to come ready defensively.

"We're always looking to improve offensively, just play efficiently and take care of the ball and do what we should. It's mainly mental toughness, I think."

West Shore Conference Standings

(as of Jan. 16)

	WSC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Rocky River	6-0	10-0
Midview	4-2	7-4
Bay	3-3	7-3
Fairview	3-3	6-6
North Ridgeville	3-3	5-5
Firelands	2-4	5-5
Vermilion	2-4	5-5
Avon	1-5	3-7

EC hockey takes fourth at Catholic Invitational

The Elyria Catholic hockey team took to the ice in Sylvania last weekend to take on some heavy hitters on the frozen pond from Toledo, Oregon, Cincinnati and Cleveland. EC took a statewide ranking of 19 into the tournament with a record of 8-7-1. North Ridgeville residents Richie Baker (13 goals, 12 assists) and Mark Haszto (eight goals, 13 assists) took strong scoring numbers into the weekend as well. Sophomore goalie Brad Moore entered the weekend with a 7-3-1 record.

Starting off with fifth-ranked Toledo St. John, the Panthers struggled offensively in a 3-1 defeat. Both Baker and Haszto were shut out in the game, with Haszto managing three penalties. EC had 10 total penalties to St. John's three. Moore had 40 saves in net.

Saturday's first game versus Oregon Clay bore out much more successful results. Baker led the scoring with two goals and two assists. Haszto popped in two goals as well in the 5-1 victory. While EC was outshot 43-9 versus St. John, the Panthers controlled the shot advantage 36-12 this time. Moore made 11 saves.

Saturday's second game against Cincinnati St. Xavier continued the Panther's roll. Baker ripped in two more goals while Haszto earned a playmaker with three assists in another 5-1 win. EC outshot St. Xavier 25-15, with Moore stopping 12 of 13 shots and senior backup goalie Matt Haszto saving his only two shots. This was the first varsity action Matt Haszto has seen, who just started skating two and a half weeks ago to fill a void left on the Panthers. Matt Haszto had last played goal over three years ago.

Sunday's game for third place in the tournament pitted the Panthers versus cross-town rival Trinity High School, ranked ninth in the state. Although EC outshot and outplayed the Trojans 19-14, the Panthers dropped the 2-1 decision to Trinity.

EC (10-9-1) resumes their league schedule this weekend versus Normandy.

EC takes second at tourney

After a disappointing start to the season, the Elyria Catholic hockey team picked up five straight wins en route to a second-place finish at the Cleveland Heights Holiday hockey tournament recently. Led by three North Ridgeville residents, the Panthers took their five-game winning streak into the tournament final against Hudson, only to bow out 5-3.

EC started with a tough Kent Roosevelt team that came into the game at 10-2-1. EC entered 4-5-1 looking for their third win in a row. Sophomore goalie Brad Moore was the difference in that game, stopping 11-of-12 shots for a 6-1 victory. Game two featured big games from sophomore center Richie Baker and junior left wing Mark Haszto as the Panthers defeated Cincinnati Sycamore 7-0. Baker notched two goals and three assists. Haszto tallied a goal and three assists also.

Game three against tournament host Cleveland Heights was a very physical game and EC was up to the challenge. Baker continued his hot sniping (eight goals in five games) with another two-goal game and was +2. Haszto did not score but was +3 for the game. Moore stopped 8-of-9 shots for the 5-1 win.

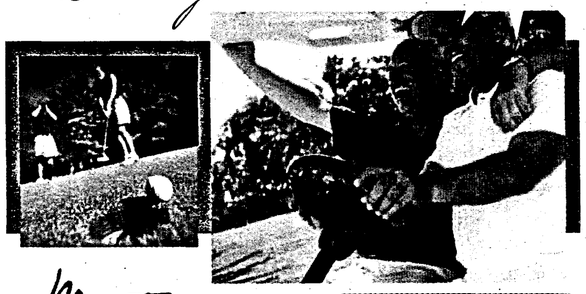
The Panthers faced Hudson in the championship game. With EC getting multiple opportunities in the first period, they were only able to tally once, on a wrap-around from Baker. Hudson, while only receiving four chances through the first two periods, made the most of them. Down 1-0, Hudson took advantage of a scramble in the slot and beat a screened Moore on a five hole. A few minutes later, another defensive blunder led to another goal, again on a screen from a shot from the left point.

EC tied the game early in the third period. Hudson roared back yet again on the only two opportunities they had. Hudson capitalized on a defensive error, scooped up a loose puck and went in on a breakaway to grab the lead back. Less than a minute later, another defensive error cost the Panthers with a centering pass from the right corner that was tipped beyond Moore's reach. Although EC put another in the net, they could get no closer.

Overall, Baker was within reach of the tournament MVP after scoring seven goals and three assists to lead the tournament. His +8 was second best in the tournament. Haszto had a goal and five assists and was +7 overall.

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Wednesday, Jan. 18
Girls Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Midview @ NRHS

Friday, Jan. 20
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Firelands
Girls Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Cornerstone Christian @ LRA

Saturday, Jan. 21
Girls Basketball
2:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Midview
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Midview @ NRHS

Tuesday, Jan. 24
Boys Basketball
6:30 p.m.: LRA @ Cornerstone Christian
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Elyria

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Girls Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Bay at NRHS
7:30 p.m.: LRA @ Elyria Catholic

Athletes of the Week

MOUDY FARHAT



School: LRA
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball

Farhat compiled 31 points, five 3-pointers, three assists and three steals in a 71-66 OT victory over Cleveland Heritage. One of his 3-pointers helped send the game into OT. He scored 33 points in a win over Community Christian on Jan. 10 and 32 points against Lake Center on Jan. 14.

SAMMIE FARHAT



School: LRA
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball

Farhat has been on an offensive tear as of late. He scored a game-high 30 points against Grand River, knocking down seven 3-pointers. Farhat's clutch free throw shooting came up big against Community Christian on Jan. 10. He hit six straight in the final minute to seal the win.

JORDAN WHITE



School: NRHS
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball

When leading scorer and rebounder Joe Faragher went down with a foot injury at Avon on Jan. 7, White knew he had to step it up to help his team get a win. The senior responded with game-highs in points (14), rebounds (10) and blocks (three) to lead the Rangers to a 47-34 win.

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NRMS places eight wrestlers at holiday tourney

The North Ridgeville Middle School wrestling team placed eight wrestlers at the second annual North Ridgeville After Holiday Tournament.

Winning titles for the Rangers were Matt Zepp (92 pounds), John Whipkey (116) and John Flesher (172). Steven Lopez (110) and Mike Mees (128) took second place. Colton Ulrich (80) took third place. Chris Beard (122) and Justin Dombroski (160) finished fourth.

"The kids wrestled tough throughout the day," NRMS head coach Joel Melvin said. "I am very happy for Zepp, Whipkey and Flesher. Zepp beat a very tough Lakewood kid. The match came down to the wire and, unlike the Avon Lake Tournament, Matt was able to come out on top.

"John Whipkey had four first period pins. He has been coming on as of late and should be very tough during the home stretch. I am very proud of John Flesher, who beat a very tough Fairview kid. John lost in a major decision to him earlier in the year and for John to come back and pin him is amazing. He is another kid who could be tough to beat during the last few weeks.

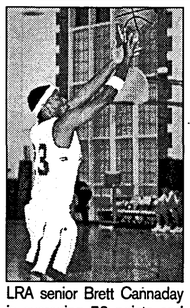
Rangers take fourth

The Rangers finished fourth in the Avon Lake Middle School Tournament on Dec. 23. Winning the tournament was John Phillips (142). Taking second were Zepp (92) and Flesher (172). Placing third was Matt Smith (116), Lopez (116), Whipkey (122) and Dombroski (160).

NRHS/LRA Boys Basketball Stats
(through Jan. 16)

Scoring
Moudy Farhat (LRA) 22.0
Joe Faragher (NRHS) 15.5
Nick Carpenter (NRHS) 14.0
Sammie Farhat (LRA) 12.3
Greg Norton (LRA) 10.0
Jordan White (NRHS) 8.0
Sean Bunevich (NRHS) 7.2
Brett Cannaday (LRA) 7.2
Mike Nelson (NRHS) 6.8

Rebounds
Joe Faragher (NRHS) 9.8
Greg Norton (LRA) 7.0
Sean Bunevich (NRHS) 6.0
Jordan White (NRHS) 5.8
Nick Carpenter (NRHS) 4.7



LRA senior Brett Cannaday is averaging 7.2 points and 1.8 steals for the Lions this season. *Photo by Pro Photography*

Assists
Mike Nelson (NRHS) 6.6
Sammie Farhat (LRA) 4.4

Steals
Mike Nelson (NRHS) 4.7
Sammie Farhat (LRA) 3.1
Moudy Farhat (LRA) 2.1
Brett Cannaday (LRA) 1.8
Sean Bunevich (NRHS) 1.0
Nick Carpenter (NRHS) 1.0

Blocks
Jordan White (NRHS) 2.2
Joe Faragher (NRHS) 1.0

Total 3-pointers
Nick Carpenter (NRHS) 29
Moudy Farhat (LRA) 29
Sammie Farhat (LRA) 18

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Moudy Farhat scored a game-high 33 points, including nine free throws and two 3-pointers. Senior Brett Cannaday finished with 16 points and 10 free throws.

"I believe that Moudy is learning how to play the game," Knight said. "He is shooting the ball well from the outside and is also doing a good job of penetrating. His confidence is at an all time high and he simply gets out there on the floor and outworks everybody.

"Brett has really stepped it up of late after starting out slowly at the beginning of the year. One of the things I have kept on Brett about is his need to get in the paint and pull up for the eight to 10-foot jumper instead of rely on the 3-point shot."

The Lions dramatic turnaround began on Dec. 16 when they picked up their first win with a 48-39 victory over Elyria First Baptist Christian. Lake Ridge followed with a split at the Lake Center Christian Tournament held Dec. 23-24. The Lions had their biggest offensive outburst of the season with an 85-55 opening round win over Heartland.

The Farhat brothers had huge games against Heartland, scoring 29 points apiece to lead all scorers. Sammie had five 3-pointers and Moudy added two from outside as the duo outscored the opposing team themselves. Sammie also had nine assists and five steals.

"I don't know what happened, but it was just one of those days where everything people threw up seemed to go into the basket," Knight said. "Moudy and Sammie could not miss. They both hit a lot of 3-pointers that game. I guess the Farhats were in the zone."

After falling to Lake Center in the tourney championship game, the Lions rebounded with a 71-68 overtime win over Cleveland Heritage Christian on Jan. 6. Moudy Farhat led the way, finishing with a game-high 31 points and five 3-pointers. His biggest shot was a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. The Lions overcame a four-point deficit in overtime to win the contest.

Sammie Farhat finished with 17 points, including two treys. Cannaday chipped in 14 points. Greg Norton (six points), Diego Chahda (two points) and Kevin Klanac (one point) rounded out the scoring for the Lions.

"Moudy played another great game (against Cleveland Heritage)," Knight praised. "He took the shots that came to him. He was 5-of-8 from 3-point land and 11-of-19 from the field overall. He has just been playing great ball for us. I have been challenging Moudy in practice so that he can be prepared to withstand anything teams throw at him. I have to admit that much of our offense has been coming off of our transitional defense."

Through the Lions' first nine games, Moudy Farhat leads the team with 22.0 points per game, three rebounds, 2.1 steals and has 29 total 3-pointers. Sammie Farhat is averaging 12.3 points, 4.4 assists, 3.1 steals, 2.0 rebounds and has knocked down 18 total 3-pointers. Senior center Greg Norton leads the team with 7.0 rebounds per game to go along with 10.0 points per game. Cannaday is averaging 7.2 points, 2.4 rebounds and 1.8 steals.

With the Lions near the halfway point of the regular season, Knight is pleased with how his players have managed to rebound from the slow start.

"I think my players are pretty focused," he said. "Their confidence is definitely up at an all-time high and right now they feel they can compete with anyone. The main thing we have been focusing on in practice day in and day out is getting better shooting-wise, defensively and rebounding and also limit turnovers.

"The goal we have for the remainder of the way is to get players ready to win a tournament game in the first round."

Right now Lake Ridge is focusing on the teams on its schedule for the second half of the season, some of which they hope to payback for some losses earlier in the season.

"We are looking forward to playing Open Door and Horizon Science again," Knight admitted. "Both of these teams are teams that we can beat. We were actually beating these teams the first time we played them at halftime, so this time around we are looking forward to grabbing a victory."

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throws for the remainder of the game.

That didn't seem to matter. After scoring just 19 points in the first half, the Rangers scored 16 in the final quarter. Nick Carpenter scored eight of his team-high 17 points, including two of his five 3-pointers, in the final period. North Ridgeville opened the final period with a 10-0 run to tie the game (43-43).

Fairview responded with a 4-0 run to take a 47-43 lead with 3:56 remaining. Back-to-back baskets by Wojdacz, both off assists from Sean Bunevich, tied the game back up 47-47 with 3:01 left. Wojdacz, who finished with a career-high 11 points, took a charge on the other end of the court to give the Rangers the ball back with 2:12 remaining.

"James played a good game and that's what we need," Rechin said.

After Bunevich drove to the hoop to put Ridgeville up 49-47 with 1:57 remaining, the Rangers were in the driver's seat. Then the floor fell out. A Fairview steal turned into a layup to tie the score (49-49) with 42 seconds left. But three turnovers by the Rangers and a putback by Schaefer with six seconds on the clock was all Fairview needed to leave the court with a 51-49 victory.

"For three-and-a-half quarters we were very patient offensively and played to our strength, which was throwing the ball inside and taking great shots," Fairview head coach Eric Smith said. "With about five minutes to go in the fourth quarter, we became very impatient offensively, throwing two passes and a shot. We were just taking terrible shots and not in the flow of what we wanted at that point.

"Ridgeville is very athletic, they put the ball on the floor real well, shoot it real well and break you down. We wanted to take that away. This is a big win for us."

Rechin was not happy with his team's effort in the first three quarters. Even if they would have escaped with the win, he would not have been pleased with the way his team played.

"We played one good quarter," he said. "We just didn't come out with any intensity. I don't think we came out with the effort to defend. We couldn't make shots. It just wasn't there for three quarters. Then when somebody hits a three all of a sudden everybody wants to play defense then. That's not good enough.

"I just didn't like how we basically played the first three quarters. The effort wasn't there for some reason. To walk out of here with a victory after basically only playing one quarter would not have been acceptable. We've said all along that we have to take care of business at home and this is one that got away."

For a brief moment, it appeared the Rangers were going to hand undefeated Rocky River its first loss of the season as Ridgeville led 52-46 with five minutes remaining in the Jan. 10 road contest. After the teams exchanged baskets, the Pirates closed the contest out with a 12-0 run to win the game 60-54.

"I just think it's a little deflating to think we were right there and then let it go," Rechin said. "That's the tough part. But we get them again at home. They set themselves up as the team to beat. Now the target is on their back right now."

Playing their first game without leading scorer and rebounder Joe Faragher, the Rangers knew they had to step up their play inside. Carpenter, who finished with a team-high 18 points, including four 3-pointers, also had a season-high nine rebounds. Bunevich finished with a season-best 11 rebounds and 11 points.

"That was the biggest challenge," Rechin admitted. "Not only was it Rocky River, but it was our first game without Joe. That's a pretty significant missing piece. To the kids' credit, they all stepped up. We told them everybody has to bring a little extra something to the table."

Rechin was pleased to see White have his second straight big offensive game in a row with 15 points.

"Jordan has really taken on a role now," Rechin said. "It's funny. It seems like when Joe went down Jordan came out and has played his best. He was a force in rebounding and was great on defense.

"I think defensively we played really well against Rocky River and that takes a lot of your energy. I think we just sort of ran out of gas there."

The Rangers will look to bounce back from their losses when they travel to Firelands (5-5 overall, 2-4 in the WSC) on Friday. Saturday they will host Midview (7-4, 4-2). The Middies defeated the Rangers in their first meeting 66-57 on Dec. 9.

Education

Kindergarten information night

Parents or legal guardians of children who will be 5-years-old by Sept. 30, 2006, should plan to attend the North Ridgeville City Schools Kindergarten Information Night on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Education Center, located at 5490 Mills Creek Lane.

Plan to pre-register your child prior to Feb. 17 by completing the pre-registration form. Forms are available at the Education Center, Lear North Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Wilcox Elementary, or on the district's web site at www.nrcs.k12.oh.us.

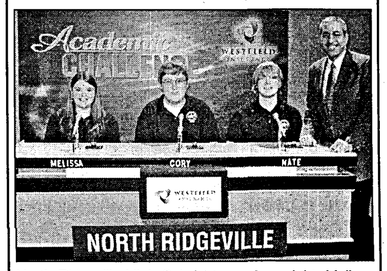
At the March 7 meeting, parents will learn important information about kindergarten and the screening and registration processes and will also be able to schedule those appointments. Registration and screening is done by appointment only on April 3, 4, 5 or 6.

If you have any questions, contact the North Ridgeville Education Center at 353-1100.

Catholic School Week

St. Peter School is celebrating Catholic Schools the week of Jan. 29. There will be an open house for prospective families on Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. in the school Registration information will be available and student tours will be featured.

NRHS competes on Academic Challenge, Jan. 21



North Ridgeville High School team, from right; Melissa Alewine, Cory Kokansparger, captain, Nate Nicoll and host, Adam Shapiro. Paula Wanosky is the team adviser.

"Academic Challenge," the Emmy Award-winning high school quiz show, continues its season, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. on WEWS, NewsChannel 5. Competing in this match are Euclid, North Ridgeville and Twinsburg high schools.

During the 2005-06 season there will be a total of 78 high schools competing from Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Richland, Summit, Stark and Wayne counties. "Academic Challenge" is hosted by NewsChannel 5's "Good Morning Cleveland" anchor Adam Shapiro and is made possible through the continued sponsorship of Westfield Insurance.

Westfield will once again award grants to the schools with the 10 highest scores in this year's "Academic Challenge" season. The first place school will receive $10,000, the second and third places, $5,000 each and fourth through 10th place, $2,000. This is a total of $34,000 to area schools.

"Academic Challenge" is important because it salutes the scholastic achievement of young people," Roger McManus, president of Westfield Insurance said. "What we find surprising is the magnitude of responses we've received from schools, parents, students and other community members regarding the show. We're proud to continue our sponsorship of 'Academic Challenge' on NewsChannel 5."

Academic Notes

Abby Dodd was named to the Dean's List in the Accelerated Nursing Program at Cleveland State University. She is the daughter of Doug and Marilyn Dodd.

Jennifer Nicole Dorow was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ashley Bier was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Baldwin Wallace College. Bier, a 2002 graduate of North Ridgeville High School (NRHS), is the daughter of Tim and Denise Bier.

Sarah Scott was named to the Dean's List at University of Akron for the fall semester. The 2004 NRHS graduate is the daughter of Theresa and Jim Scott.

What's for lunch?
For Jan. 19-25, 2006

North Ridgeville Middle School/High School
Thurs: Chicken fryz/roll, toasted cheese sandwich, broccoli, fruit juice sherbet, milk
Fri: No school; teacher's in-service
Mon: Taco pizza, deli sub, green beans, peaches, milk
Tues: Corn dog/roll, rib-b-q/bun, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk
Wed: Hot ham and cheese/bun, chicken nuggets/roll, savory rice, peas and carrots, orange sections, milk

North Ridgeville Elementary
Thurs: Toasted cheese sandwich, broccoli, fruit juice sherbet, milk
Fri: No school; records day
Mon: Taco pizza, green beans, peaches, milk
Tues: Corn dog, dinner roll, tator tots, fruit cocktail, milk-Secret Dot Day
Wed: Hot ham and cheese/bun, savory rice, peas and carrots, orange sections, milk

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Noon State of the City address-NR Education Center
1 p.m. Toddler story time-NR Library
1-4 p.m. Cards/games-Senior Center
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-fit kickboxing-Safetyville bldg.
7 p.m. Preschool story time-NR Library

Friday
9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Book sale-NR Library
Noon Rotary luncheon-Senior Center
6:30-7:30 p.m. Women's self defense-Safetyville bldg.
7:30-8:15 p.m. Family self defense-Safetyville bldg.

Saturday
9-11:30 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center
9:30-10:30 a.m. Body sculpting/kickbo:ing-Safetyville bldg.
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Book sale-NR Library
10:30 a.m. Toddler story time-NR Library
11:30 a.m. Preschool story time-NR Library
2 p.m. Windows 1 computer program classNR Library
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville bldg

Sunday
1 p.m.-5 p.m. Book sale-NR Library
1:30-3 p.m. Self defense class-Safetyville bldg.

Monday
9-9:50 a.m. A New Wrinkle-Senior center
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafting/quilting-Senior Cener
1 p.m. Toddler story time-NR Library
6:30-7:45 p.m. Yoga-Senior Center
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-fit kickboxing-Safetyville bldg.
7 p.m. Preschool story time-NR Library
7 p.m. Book discussion-NR Library
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville bldg.

Tuesday
10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool story time-NR Library
1-4 p.m. Watercolor classes-Senior Center
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-fit kickboxing-Safetyville bldg.
8-9:30 p.m. Fencing-Middle school

Wednesday
4-8 p.m. Center Ridge Road Corridor Study-NR Library
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-fit kickboxing-Safetyville bldg.
7 p.m. Drainage and Flood control board-Council chamber
7:30 p.m. Parks and Rec Commission-Senior Center
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville bldg.

Lifestyles

Winter Days Festival

Lorain County Metro Parks announces its Winter Days Festival, Jan. 21 and 22 at Vermilion River Reservation's Mill Hollow, located at 51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Bring the family for a day of walking in Vermilion River Reservation's winter wonderland, where activities await the entire family. Create a snow sculpture and, weather permitting,enjoy a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh. A horse-drawn wagon will offer rides if there is not enough snow. Sled down the hill, then stop at the Carriage Barn to enjoy a roaring fire, complete with hot chocolate and munchies. While in the barn, take a look at the display of ice harvesting artifacts.

On Saturday, local culinary students will transform blocks of ice into amazing creations. Competition begins at 10 a.m. and judging starts at 1 p.m. On Sunday, professional ice carvers will compete against one another in sculpting their frozen fantasies.

The Winter Days Festival is a free, family-friendly event. For more information on Winter Days, contact Grant Thompson at the Vermilion River Reservation Carriage Barn at (440) 967-7310.

Lifeshare at St. Peter Church

Life Share community blood services will be at St. Peter Church on Jan. 22 from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for blood donations. Red Cross blood supplies are especially low at this time and the organization is asking everyone to donate blood.

Republican club meeting

The North Ridgeville Republican Club will meet Jan. 24 at the First Merit Bank North Ridgeville at 7:30 p.m. If there are any questions, call Vince Loparo Sr. 327-4733.

Dog licenses available

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is now selling dog licenses. The licenses will be available from January-October at 7303 Avon Belden Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Business News

EMH recognized nationally for cardiac clinical excellence

EMH Regional Medical Center received HealthGrades 2006 Cardiac Care Excellence Award, as one of only seven Ohio hospitals to rank among the top 5 percent nationally in 2006 for cardiac care. The recognition is based on HealthGrades' annual analysis of more than 37 million Medicare patient discharges at nearly every hospital in the country.

EMH Regional Medical Center's cardiac care has ranked in the top 5 percent nationally for five years in a row.

As part of its eighth annual Hospital Quality in America Study, HealthGrades independently analyzed more than 5,000 hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for its 2006 ratings, objectively assessing their clinical outcomes and quality. The data utilized in the assessment is licensed from the federal government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is risk-adjusted, so that hospitals with differing patient populations can be compared on equal footing. The HealthGrades ratings measure whether patient outcomes for each of more than two dozen procedures and diagnoses are better than expected (5-Star), as expected (3-Star) or worse than expected (1-Star).

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PULP
What is the pulp of a tooth?

Pulp is the technical name for the nerves, tiny blood vessels and connective tissue that make up the center of a tooth. People generally refer to the pulp as 'the nerve' of the tooth becase of its sensitivity when it's exposed. Through tiny openings in the tips of the roots of the teeth, the vessels and nerves in the pulp connect with the arteries, veins and nerves of the jaw, and on to the circulatory and nervous systems of the body. The pulp is essential to a healthy tooth: it provides the nutrients that contribute to the ongoing formation of dentin, the highly calcified material that accounts for some 75 percent of the bulk of a tooth. As a person ages, the pulp decreases in size. If the pulp becomes infected and dies, the dentin does not get the nutrition it needs. Gradually it will dry up and the tooth will become brittle. If the dead pulp is not removed through root canal therapy, the tooth may turn yellow, gray or black. One of the goals of a good oral hygiene program is to prevent decay of the enamel and dentin that protect the tooth's pulp.

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Obituaries

Helen A. Palgut

Helen A. Palgut (nee Lang), 88, of North Ridgeville, died Jan. 9, 2006, at EMH Regional Medical Center in Elyria following a long illness.

Born in Cleveland, she had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1978 after moving from Parma.

Mrs. Palgut was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church of North Ridgeville, a member of North Ridgeville Senior Citizens and the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5801 of Cleveland.

Survivors include daughters Alberta Steidl of North Ridgeville and Roberta Donnelly of Oakwood Village; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Albert Lang of Willoughby. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; her parents, Mary and Steven Lang; brothers Andrew, Steven, Joseph, Frank, Thomas, William and Edward Lang.

David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville 44039.

Timothy R. Harter

Timothy R. Harter, 42, of Avon, died Jan. 7, 2006, in Rookwood, Mich., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Winner, S.D., he had lived in Avon the past seven years.

Mr. Harter worked as a financial planner for Primerica Financial Services of Cleveland for the past three years. Before working for Primerica, he was employed as general manager of the Cargill Salt Mine in Cleveland. He began his career in mining in various gold and silver mines throughout the west, including mines in Colorado, Nevada and Alaska. He was a 1982 honors graduate from Lead High School, Lead, S.D., where he was an accomplished athlete, running track and playing football. He received a bachelor of science degree in mining engineering from the South Dakota School of Mining and Technology. He was recently honored by Primerica for his performance in sales and recruiting. He received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the South Dakota School of Mining and Technology for achievements after graduation.

Mr. Harter was an auxiliary member of the Avon VFW and was active in coaching his children's little league football and baseball. He was also a volunteer coach for Avon Middle and High School football teams.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Jackie (nee Huisentruit); daughters DaNell Gilman of Reno, Nev., and Camela Newsome of North Ridgeville; a son, Benjamin Harter at home; two granddaughters; his parents, Ralph Harter of Lead; his mother, Maxine Farris of Sturgis, S.D.; a sister, Theresa Lux of Golden, Colo.; a brother, Todd Harter of Lead; and maternal grandmother, Reka Farris of Sturgis.

Busch Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Contributions may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 902 Westpoint, Suite 300, Cleveland 44145.

Paula Warner

Paula L. Warner (nee Richards), age 50 of Wellington, died suddenly Dec. 31, 2005 at Allen Medical Center, Oberlin.

She was born March 27, 1955 in Elyria. She had resided in Wellington the past eight years. She previously lived in LaGrange and North Ridgeville.

She was a member of Cathedral of Life Church in North Ridgeville. She worked in Home Health Care for several years.

Survivors are her son, Jonathan and daughter-in-law, Buddy Warner of Wellington; eight grandchildren; and her sister, Marsha Daniels of Elyria.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Shirley (nee Marshall) Richards.

David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral of Life 5375 Jaycox Road North Ridgeville, 44039.

Dennis M. Huebner

Dennis M. Huebner, 46, of North Ridgeville, died Jan. 11, 2006.

Born in Phoenix, Ariz., he had been a Grafton resident most of his life.

Mr. Huebner was a veteran of the Navy having served three years aboard the USS Chandler as a cook. He was a 1977 graduate of Keystone High School and a former member of AMVETS Post 32 of Elyria.

Survivors include his mother, Julia Olah Scholtes; his father, Carl Olah Sr.; stepmother, Beverly Olah; sister, Danielle Rogers of New London; and brothers Phil Huebner of Lewis Center, Carl Olah Jr. of Elyria, Daniel Olah of North Ridgeville and Derek Olah of Avon Lake.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Huebner; and stepfather, Clyde Scholtes.

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Dennis Huebner, in care of Friendship Animal Protective League, 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria 44035.

Margaret M. Comrie

Margaret M. Comrie (nee Berstling), 86, of Lorain, died Jan. 14, 2006, at Northridge Health Center, North Ridgeville, after a long illness.

Born in Lorain, she was a lifelong Lorain/Elyria area resident.

Survivors include daughters Mary Margaret Kachur of Medina, Teresa Fries-Maloy of Sheffield Village and Barbara Fries of Vermilion; a son, Thomas R. Fries of North Ridgeville; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers, Charles and Anthony Berstling, both of Lorain.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents, Joseph and Mary (nee Sedlak) Berstling; a sister, Sophie Herrera; and brothers Frank Berstling and John Berstling.

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, Lorain, handled arrangements.

Consumers upset after picking "local" locksmith

It's 1 a.m., you've locked yourself out of your car. Needing a locksmith in a hurry, you reach for the Yellow Pages and see several local listings for Locksmith 24 Hour, Inc.

Since they have a location close by, you call them and are quoted a $55 fee. A technician arrives and proceeds to tell you there will be an additional $150 fee to unlock your car and a $50 fee to pay by check.

The above scenario and other similar experiences are reported in complaints filed with the Greater Cleveland Better Business Bureau (BBB) by customers of Superb Solutions.

A Rocky River woman locked herself out of her house on Thanksgiving morning, leaving food cooking in the oven. She found a large display ad in the Yellow Pages offering "24-hour emergency service," "No extra charge for weekends or holidays," and "Fast 15-minute response."

Needing help in a hurry, she phoned them. After waiting for 2 hours, the technician finally arrived. He spent a few minutes trying to pick the lock. He then informed the homeowner he would have to drill the lock which he then replaced with a new lock.

She was charged $287–a $100 fee to drill, $29 to uninstall the old lock, $69 for a B-level door knob and $29 to install the new lock, plus a $55 service call. When the consumer called to complain, she was put on hold and then the line disconnected.

A Bedford woman complained to the bureau that she was quoted a fee of $39 each to replace three locks, but the final invoice was $471.

The practice of charging prices that are much higher than the original low estimates is alleged in most Superb Solutions complaints filed with the bureau, as well as complaints in other jurisdictions. However, experienced locksmiths should be able to quote an accurate job estimate over the phone. BBB member locksmiths contacted by the bureau say it's rare that extra charges have to be added, especially to the extent charged by Superb Solutions.

The experts suggested the prices charged in the BBB complaints drastically exceeded typical charges for the work performed.

Superb Solutions does business using many company names. It advertises in the Greater Cleveland area as Price Line Locksmith, Locksmith 24 Hour, Inc., Quick Locksmith and Always Available Locksmith. Since its many white and yellow pages telephone directory listings display local addresses, you may think you're calling a local company. An investigation by the Greater Cleveland BBB revealed that Superb Solutions is not located at any of the addresses listed in the SBC White Pages or Yellow Pages. Superb Solutions is actually located in Bronx, New York and dispatches locally retained independent contractors. Superb Solutions has responded to complaints filed at the Greater Cleveland BBB with offers of partial refunds.

The BBB offers these tips for choosing a locksmith:

• Shop around, asking for an estimate from each company. Ask if the fee quoted will cover just the service call or if it also includes all labor and parts.

• Find out if the locksmith has a shop rather than just a Web site or an ad in the phone book. Ask how long he or she has been in business.

• Determine if the locksmith is insured and bonded.

• Be cautious if a locksmith immediately tells you he has to drill and replace the lock. One locksmith told the bureau that of the hundreds of locks he has serviced in the past three years, he has only had to drill three locks.

• If possible, ask for customer references and call them before making a final decision.

• Get an itemized invoice. Never sign a blank form authorizing work.

Reports from the BBB are available at www.ClevelandBBB.org or by telephone at (216) 241-7678 or (800)-233-0361.

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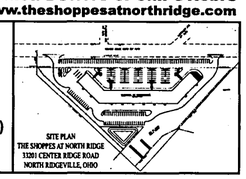
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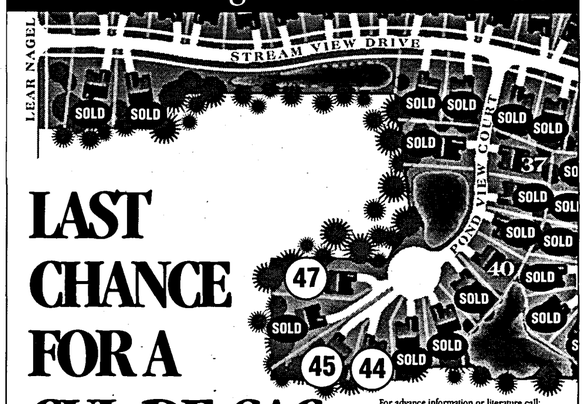
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