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Time to recall special persons, places and events of 2003

By Carol Klear

Today we close the book on 2003 and look forward with anticipation to what lies ahead in 2004, hoping to realize at least some of our dreams. But before we step over the threshold into a new year, let's take a last look at some of the people, places and events that took center stage in The Press & Light during the past 12 months.

January

North Ridgeville's Tax Abatement Board approves Summit Tool's request for a 10-year abatement on personal property and looks forward to the company adding 40 new jobs to the North Ridgeville site.

Denny Johnson receives the prestigious Charles H. Stuart Award, an honor given to a North Ridgeville Republican who provides exemplary service to the party and to the community.

North Ridgeville High School (NRHS) senior Matt Rabung breaks the school's wrestling record.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department raises \$6,000 for the burn unit at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland.

Larry Bowersox begins his new position as superintendent of North Ridgeville City Schools.

Larry Griffith is hired as the new city engineer to replace Tom Beutler.

Mayor Deanna Hill gives her last State of the City address during the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Christ Chapel in Savannah Estates gets a new pastor, Ralph Palmer.

Councilman Denny Johnson accuses Safety Service Director Jim Johnson of possible impropriety in connection with his sewer tap-in at the North Ridgeville Tire Center.

February

NRHS graduate Maj. Charles Hobaugh, USMC, is the last person to talk with a member of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia, before it apparently disintegrated.

Three Republicans-Tom Dake, Rosemary Berg and Dave Gillock-as well as two Democrats-Jim Johnson and Al Swindig-begin lining up as mayoral candidates in the May Primary.

A court date is set for Ron and Sara Siemientkowski's jury trial.

Just three NRHS girls-Brit Swanson, Sarah Anders and Erika Swanson-represent the school's swim team.

The North Ridgeville City Schools (NRCS) celebrate Ranger Pride with new banners to be hung throughout the city.

Patrick Lange takes over as the new boys baseball coach at Lake Ridge Academy.

March

Three months after being elected to a second term as state representative, North Ridgeville attorney Jeff Manning steps down to take over as Lorain County Prosecutor.

Auditor Chris Costin cautions city officials that 2003 might be the

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A new year; a new term

City council was sworn in for a two-year term, Dec. 19. Seated, left to right, Andy Young, D at-large, Ron Arndt, R at-large, Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large; Standing, Nancy Buescher, R-I, Allen Swindig, D-II, Richard Jaenke, R-III, Bob Olesen, R-IV. The new term begins Jan. 1.

Holiday lights shut off following fire

By Carol Klear

There will be no twinkling Christmas lights along the city's main thoroughfare this holiday season...at least until city officials learn the cause of a fire that erupted on a utility pole at the northeast corner of SR 83 and Center Ridge Road on Dec. 22.

"There was a lot of sparking and arcing from the wires," Safety Service Director. Denny Johnson said: "We killed the power to the ornament lights." Johnson said it apparently started from a bundle of wires owned by Comcast Cable Communications Inc.

However, Gina Petredis, corporate affairs manager for Comcast said the fire started when one of the lighted wreaths fell against the cable company's fibers, noting that "windy nights and Christmas lights" may have triggered the fire.

Petredis said Comcast was alerted to the problem 8 p.m. that night when the company began getting calls from customers complaining that their cable service was out.

"We sent a team of techs out," Petredis said. "In two hours we supplied service."

After the power was cut, five cable technicians and two supervisors remained on the scene to work on the lines and were still there the

next morning.

Not only did the fire knock out cable service to North Ridgeville customers, but it also "ruined service" to the Bay Village and Avon Lake schools, Petredis said. Fortunately, the school districts are on Christmas break.

Lt. Terry Green of the North Ridgeville Fire Department said the department got a call from employees at the BP Station on Center Ridge Road around 8 p.m. about the fire. Green said it was a small fire, but it continued to burn. After checking it out, he said Ohio Edison was called, as well as Alltel and Comcast Cable, because all companies have lines on the utility pole.

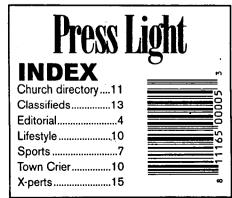
Green said the fire crew did not attempt to put out the fire. "It's standard operating procedure that we don't put out fires on wire poles, because of the possibility they could be energized," he said.

"We cordoned off the area, but the lines never came down," Green said. Green said city officials were called and the power was shut off to the Christmas decorations.

"The fire smoldered," he said. "Then it went out."

The cause is still under investigation. "In 25 years I have never seen a cable or telephone line on fire," Green said.









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New elevator for handicapped at middle school goes into service

By Carol Klear

Going up?

Going down? North Ridgeville Middle School students with physical challenges can do either as they make their way through the school day, thanks to the new elevator that had its grand opening, Dec. 11.

Required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the elevator will enable students, employees, parents, grandparents and other guests complete access to the facilities in the building. It has passed all inspections and is in oper-

According to Jon Traut, vice president of Williams Brothers Builders Inc. of Elyria, work began on the elevator in August.

"It was done on time and under budget," Traut said.

Dave Livingston, assistant superintendent of business services, commended both Williams Brothers and contractor Burgess & Niple for a job well done.

"William Carlson, engineer (with

Burgess & Niple) followed the project all the way," Livingston said.

The \$196,000 in construction and engineering costs required for the project came from permanent improvement levy funds, Livingston said.

"Federal regulations meant it had to be done," Livingston said. "We have been planning for this project for three years. With the guidance of our treasurer and the cooperation of the contractors, we were able to fund this project without impacting district-wide plans for repairs to roofs, sidewalks and classrooms.' Superintendent Larry Bowersox

praised the workmanship that went into adding the elevator to the east end of the building, which meant extending a portion of the school's outside wall to accommodate the elevator.

"Even the brick matches," Bowersox said. "It's amazing...a near-perfect pro-

Carlson said the project had the support of the district and everyone maintained the goal of "all working together." and having classes on various floors, student Daniel DeLaat has used the new elevator since it was finished. "It's pretty cool," he said. Sometimes DeLaat uses a wheelchair at school and before the elevator was installed, staff members had to help him

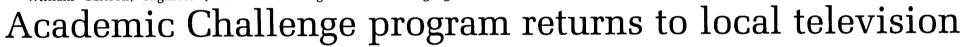
from his wheelchair onto a chair lift to get to an upper floor, because his chair did not fit the tracks for the school lift. Assistant Principal Bill Greene said that while DeLaat was being transported on the lift chair, someone had to carry

Because of his physical challenges

his wheelchair to the next floor so he could continue to class. "The old-fashioned way, he was about 5 to 10 minutes late for class,"

Greene said. "It's amazing how much time this (elevator) saves.' "The completion of the elevator pro-

ject at the middle school should be seen as another example of the district's commitment to ensure all children have full access to learning resources," Bowersox said. "Teaching and learning is what it is



By Carol Klear

A once-very popular program returned to television Dec. 13. The first show in the new Academic Challenge season aired at 6:30 p.m. on NewsChannel 5 and featured three competing high school teams: North Ridgeville, Copley and Padua Franciscan. Students on the North Ridgeville team

were Dennis Terlaak, Erika Swanson and Andrew Kenney and Chris Halke.

Paula Wanosky, team advisor, said the

Shawn Miller. The alternates were

program had been dropped about four or five years ago for lack of funding. She was the advisor at that time and said the return this year was made possible through the sponsorship of Westfield

job," she said. Wanosky said North Ridgeville has had teams competing many times in the past and all have done "very well." This

"Westfield picked it up and did a nice

Superintendent Larry Bowersox cuts the tin-

sel for the new elevator. From left, engineer

William Carlson, Assistant Principal Bill

Greene and Assistant Superintendent Dave

Livingston. Behind Livingston are Tom Terrell

and Jon Traut of Williams Brothers.

year's team came in third and Wanosky attributed part of it to the students' being a bit younger than those on the winning team, Padua Franciscan. "They (Padua students) were all

seniors and experienced (at competing)," she said. "We had juniors and sophomores, but they loved the experience."

The entire high school student body was eligible to take the competitive test

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for the three team spots on Academic Challenge, as well as for the two alternate positions, she said.

"All of them did very well," Wanosky said. "We practiced twice a week, but we didn't find out until fall when we would be on, so we only practiced as a team for about a month.

The 2003-2004 season will include a total of 78 high schools from Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Portage, Summit, Stark, Wayne, Medina and Lorain counties and will be hosted by NewsChannel 5's Good Morning Cleveland anchor, Adam

Greenline

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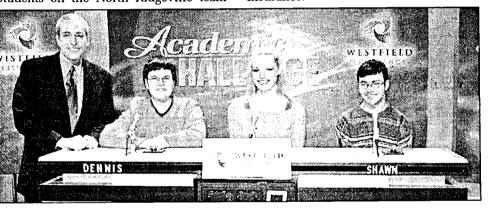
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ANALYZE THIS Actually when you think about it, not all the members are new...oh, I don't mean they're old, it's just that they were on council the last term (well, in Al Swindig's case, several last terms). So, they're not all really new...some are more, um what's the word? Seasoned! How about that? But then, you do have at

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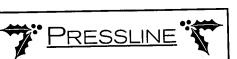
least two new councilmen who are a tad older than the new younger one, so in life experience they're not that new, but in political know-how...well, let's just wait and see.

TIS THE SEASON....Isn't this the day we make up stupid resolves, we know we won't keep anyway? Like the ones I made last Dec. 31. For example, I decided I would not allow any more gray hairs on my head. One look will tell you that was a bust. How about

this; I will carry just one pen in my purse for each meeting, plus a spare you never know how windy those gatherings can get). Right this very minute if you dumped out my bag, I would lay odds, you'd find at least 20 ballpoints. And what about my promise to buy a new umbrella? Here it is a year later and if it happens to rain, you'll see me scurrying around under half an umbrelly, cuz the spokes on the other half are all bent.

ENOUGH SAID.....No New Year's resolutions for Klearly for 2004!

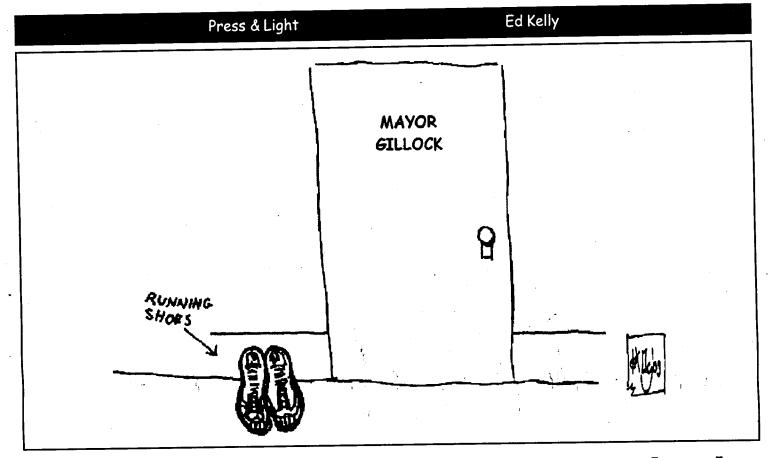
DON'T FORGET.....When the holidays are over and the decorations come down, don't toss out those Christmas cards. Instead, if you don't want them, cut off the fronts and send them (fronts only) to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, NV 89005-1618. St. Jude's Ranch is a harbor for children who have been victimized by neglect or abuse. The boys and girls recycle the fronts of the cards and make them into Christmas cards for the next year. They are now also accepting the fronts of all occasion cards. It takes a little effort and a bit of postage, but it means a lot to the boys and girls at St. Jude's Ranch.



E-mail from Tom Higgason: Homeowners in North Ridgeville are going to face at least three property tax levies in March. Isn't it time we get away from penalizing homeowners by charging them for virtually all services? Shouldn't ALL residents pay for services rendered? Times have changed in the past 225 years, and taxing methods should change with them.

E-mail from Tom Higgason: I understand that some people claim to love the sound of train whistles, and that's their right. I wouldn't dream of denying them the opportunity of hearing the whistles all day and all night. Can they possibly understand that some others do not appreciate hearing the constant din of whistles? I like train travel. When living in or visiting Europe, I loved to travel by train. I also appreciated the occasional sound of a legitimate

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A new year starts Jan. 1; time to make those resolutions There is a reason this lady is still living.

Today marks the ending of another year and 2003 will just become a memory. So, here is to 2004 and what better way to start it off than with a list of resolutions!

Resolution No. 1

For the first time ever, I am using Jan. 1 as a date to start getting in shape. It's almost been a year since I gave birth, it is now time to at least attempt to get my post-pregnant body back into shape. Besides, I really need to stop eating those cheese curls I feed my son as a snack.

Resolution No. 2

Going along with Resolution No. 1, my husband and I plan to join a fitness club somewhere on this side of Ohio. Everywhere we have tried thus far is either way too expensive or we don't qualify to go there. For example, in order to be a member at the Westlake health center one must reside in or work in Westlake. It would be wonderful if



Reporter's Notebook

By Melissa Linebrink

North Ridgeville were to build a recreation center. I have a few ideas where one could be located...(hint, hint empty plazas on either side of town would be just fine).

Resolution No. 3

This one is for the city...I think a city resolution should go something like this: "We, the City of North Ridgeville, will attempt to put a light at the corner of Stoney Ridge Road and Center Ridge Road." If planning commission is going to okay the land being developed off Stoney Ridge Road, than those who sit

on the committee should consider the amount of traffic that will be turning out of and onto that road and allow for a stop light to be installed at that intersection.

Resolution No. 4 I will try to be more patient while I

drive. I think pretty soon I am going to have to go a class or seminar for "road rage." I think the last straw was Dec. 19 at Midway Mall in Elyria. I saw three ladies walking near a store, they proceeded to walk in front of me, I slammed on my breaks and then they stared at me like deer in headlights. If you see a car coming, you may want to think twice about crossing the street. Of course, the ladies and I proceeded to exchange a few words, but since my son was in the car, no curse words were

Resolution No. 5

I will make it a point to visit my Godmother Kim who lives in Ashland.

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I hope everyone else sticks to his/her resolutions!

May you each have a safe and happy

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Welcome to December

To the Editor: Welcome to December.

Last I checked we live in North Ridgeville, Ohio. North Ridgeville tends to get snowed upon during the month of December. With this riveting fact in mind I found myself driving home this past week treading careful-

ly only when I get to North Ridgeville's borders.

Logic would tell you that with snow predicted and snow on the ground, it may be wise to fire up the trucks and prepare to lay some salt for rush hour traffic. Not once but three times this week alone has the utilities department been caught ill prepared. Sliding home from work at roughly 5 p.m. when snow has been falling throughout the day is simply unacceptable. This problem is not limited to the back roads; major roads such as SR 83 were even covered in ice.

North Ridgeville needs to be wiser with its preparedness or find someone that can get the job done effectively. Cities throughout Cleveland seem to be able to keep up with the

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weather, why is North Ridgeville consistently left in the dark? Perhaps it is because they are too busy getting their quarterly income tax bills into the mail. I know each of you slid home to yours today as well.

North Ridgeville Utilities Department: Get with the program.

C.J. Radune North Ridgeville

Editor's Note: To clarify a couple of items; the Streets/Service Department, not the Utilities Department handles salting and snow removal and the Income Tax Department handles the tax bills. We checked with Streets Supervisor Jerry Krueger and learned that those employees start at 7 a.m. and leave at 3:30 p.m. Krueger said that on Dec. 19, road conditions were fine when the workers left and were still good when he left at 4:30 p.m., but by 5 p.m., the police had called about the roads and the crew immediately returned to work and was out on the road. Although the employees were planning to go back home around 8 p.m., another blast hit and they stayed out until 9 p.m.

MADD urges Ohioans to be safe this season

Last year during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday season in Ohio, there were 46 alcohol related fatalities—in total 81 Ohioans lost their lives as a result of impaired driving and lack of seat belt usage. Nationally during this period in 2002, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recorded 2,646 fatalities resulting from alcohol-related crashes and/or crashes in which-victims were unrestrained.

During 2002, 17,419 people were killed in crashes nationally involving alcohol-an average of one every 30 minutes and beyond the tragic death toll, a horrific half a million people are injured in alcohol-related crashes each year.

The season is the perfect time for Americans to work together to help keep families together and roadways

safer. MADD's (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Tie One On for Safety holiday ribbon campaign, a time when roadways are heavily traveled and traffic fatalities typically increase, serves to urge travelers to be safe by driving sober and having all passengers wear a buckled safety belt. Additionally, MADD encourages safe driving through its Safe Party Guide and online pledge, available at www.madd.org.

Remember, "A safe party is the best

Responsible party hosts offer a variety of non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers, never serve alcohol to those under the legal drinking age of 21, cut off service to guests who are intoxicated and never-allow drinking guests to get behind the wheel of a car, making sure they have a safe ride home.

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steam locomotive's whistle. I also have little sympathy for someone who moves next to train tracks, or a highway, or an airport, and then complains about the noise and

demands that the tracks, roads, or runways be moved even though they were there first. Let's be real here though; the train traffic increased considerably several years ago with railroad mergers. Maybe there is a happy medium.



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A hearing on the proposed budget will be held on January 13, 2004 at 6:30 PM in the North Ridgeville Education Center Community Room preceding the Organizational Meeting of the North Ridgeville City Board of

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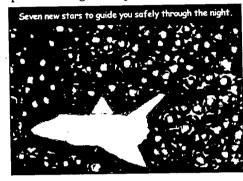
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toughest, financially, in 20 years. In a special session, city council adopts a Storm Water Management Program.

Builders Club at middle school sells Breanna Bears to raise funds for Breanna Sprenger.

NRCS announces that the district will join a new sports conference-West Shore Conference-beginning in

NRHS Robotics Team takes second place in Lego competition.



Chamber of Commerce touts a new booklet about the North Ridgeville

The school district steps up security measures in response to Homeland Security Guide.

Rolling Thunder members sponsor a Cage Walk to Washington.

NRHS defeats Clearview in Scholastic Games of Lorain County.

April

The fire department wins \$51,000 grant for fitness program from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

The parks commission considers a master plan for the Shady Drive Complex.

North Ridgeville resident, 1st Lt. Patrick Farrell, is among a group of soldiers pictured with President George Bush, as the president offers words of encouragement to the troops before they head off to war.

More than 1,000 people gather at middle school for a rally for the American military troops...

A longtime favorite, Bess 'n' Andy's once located on Center Ridge Road, is razed to make way for future development.

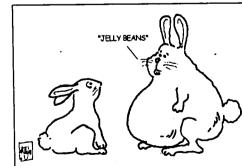
Former North Ridgeville resident Pete Esposito pleads guilty in securities scam.

Dr. Craig Phillips, a former NRCS teacher and principal, returns to the district as assistant superintendent. Board of Elections announces that

North Ridgeville will use touch screen voting in the May 6 Primary. Voters to decide if frozen dessert

vendors should be allowed in North Ridgeville. Buescher's Hardware is named

the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for 2003.



Gayle Manning receives Leavev Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education.

May

The ribbon is cut and the new North Ridgeville Branch Library opens its doors to the public for the very first time.

Lorain County General Health Department hopes to reduce cases of West Nile Virus.

St. Julie Billiart pastor, Rev. Richard Gonser receives a doctorate

in ministry degree. Democrat Jim Johnson and Republican Dave Gillock are the vic-

tors in the mayor's race in the May Primary. Republican Ron Arndt is the top vote getter in the at-large



Earl Martin is confirmed as Jeff Manning's replacement for state representative.

Lake Ridge Academy seventhgraders design and build miniature solar-powered cars.

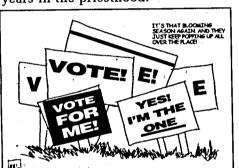
John Durda wins the Senior Art Gallery Awards at NRHS.

City and library officials meet with members of the Corn Festival Committee to resolve concerns about the festival and the new library coexisting on Bainbridge Road during the three-day August event.

Lois and Leo Wohlever offer "commitment" as the secret to their 50 years of marriage. NRHS inducts Robert Solomon

into the Alumni Hall of Fame. The NRHS Lady Rangers softball team dethrones defending state

The Rev. Thomas Hyland, pastor of St. Peter Church, celebrates 40 years in the priesthood.



June

Emergency **FEMA** (Federal Management Agency) approves city's revised flood plain map and removes 186 properties from map. NRHS hires Jeff Schultz as the

new athletic director. The Rotary Club makes plans for a

flag display at Shady Drive. Mabel Herd, a resident at Northridge Health Center, receives a Special Ohio Award from the Ohio Health Care Association in time for

her 99th birthday, June 1. County Democrats mull the idea of appointing Mayor Deanna Hill to finish Lorain County Recorder Mary Ann Jamison's term, following Jamison's death, June 11.

July

NRCS discuss whether to put a property or income tax issue on the November ballot.

North Ridgeville physician, Dr. Charles Weber, is honored for designing diabetic protocol for the district.

Summer storm downs power lines Judy Nedwick is new county

recorder. The Press & Light celebrates 20

years in community news. The police department considers

putting a levy on the November bal-City officials announce that the

Center Ridge sewer project will go to bid in October.

Residents take another look at plans for SR 83 overpass.

Joe and Norma Horak are on hand for the commissioning of the USS Ronald Reagan at Norfolk, Va. Naval Station.

Another new pastor, Rev. Chuck Hosutt, arrives at Christ Chapel.

August

BioPlastics, located on Mills Road, is one of 29 Ohio firms honored by Gov. Bob Taft in Columbus and earns the Governor's Excellence in Exporting Award.

The Mothers Club of St. Peter Church names Cathy Farrell "Mother of the Year."

Margaret Truman and Eugene Kleinholz are honored as the 2003 Golden Kernel Award winners. Mayor Deanna Hill threatens legal action, if necessary, to protect the

city's funds and stop an alternative method for distributing local government funds. St. Julie Billiart celebrates 25 years

as a parish. Robert and Audrey Kirkpatrick celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Sheetz, located on Lorain Road at Lear Nagle, opens for business and presents a check for \$1,000 in sup-

port of the school district. North Ridgeville residents were among the 50 million people across northeast United States stunned by the Aug. 14 blackout.

Resident Garth Lambert publishes his first novel, "Cymbys The Immortal," a sci-fi thriller.

The school district makes plans to put an income tax issue on the November ballot.

September

A fire at Webster's Place on Center Ridge Road near Barton causes \$300,000 damage The NRHS football boosters give

Ranger Stadium an upscale makeover. Deborah Cook takes over as new

head of school at Lake Ridge Academy. School board member Ross

Mitchell files a protest with the Lorain County Board of Election concerning Linda McMillen's petitions. The Chamber of Commerce forms a

political action committee. Linda McMillen is disqualified

from the November ballot, but files as a write-in for school board.



battle over the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

A great place to be on Saturday mornings during the warm weather is the Lorain Road flea market.

October

Lorain County Prosecutor Jeff Manning clears Jim Johnson in a sewer tap-in allegation. North Ridgeville Police discover

100 guns in an Avon Belden house. Fourteen Wilcox School students are part of the production of "Carmen" at Lorain County

Community College. North Ridgeville Lions Club exchanges banners with Lion Terry Andrews and his wife, Rita, from

Gloucester, England. Rumors swirl that council candidate Lia Muir's husband has been transferred and the family will be leaving North Ridgeville.

Library officials announce plans to put a levy on the March ballot. Lake Ridge Academy attracts stu-

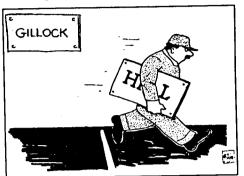
dents from Lorain and Cuyahoga counties to its Diversity Forum. An accident at North Ridgeville gate 9A of the Ohio turnpike takes the life of one woman, sends another to

the hospital and lands a truck driver School Board member Tom Dake becomes embroiled in a political

brouhaha.

The North Ridgeville Branch Post Office announces plans to expand its facility into the former Yum Yum

Councilwoman Josanne Pagel pushes for including North Ridgeville in the proposed railroad quiet zones.



The Civil Service Commission retains assistant law director post as classified.

North Ridgeville receives \$6,000 in recycling grant funds. Suzanne Beckwith joins the parks department as the new program

November

supervisor.

As the end of her eight years as mayor nears, Mayor Deanna Hill looks back on her two terms.

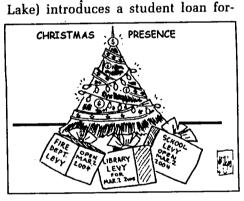
Ohio's First Lady, Hope Taft, pays a visit to Community Care.

Helen Hurst files a complaint with the Ohio Elections Commission against Iim Johnson. Developer Bob Schmitt receives

the Smart Growth Community Excellence Award. Republican Dave Gillock wins the

mayoral election. NRCS get a resounding 'no' to the proposed income tax issue from vot-

Sally Balog leaves her position as director at the Senior Center. State Rep. Earl Martin (R-Avon



giveness program. Middle school students collect \$1,790 for UNICEF.

Mayor Dave Gillock taps Denny Johnson for the post of safety service director.

December

More than 250 show up at Fields Church to celebrate Mayor Dave Gillock's inauguration. The school district hosts a commu-

nity forum to listen to the people. Council approves fire department request to put a paramedic levy on

the November ballot. The NRHS football boosters and a graphics firm battle over business

Saddam Hussein's capture gets reactions across Ridgeville.

Former mayor Deanna Hill announces she'll run for state representative. Former North Ridgeville city engi-

neer Stewart Lovece announces he'll

run against Ken Carney for Lorain

County engineer.

season.

TIME OUT

LRA teams crush Sabres

The Lake Ridge Academy boys and basketball girls teams swept Elyria Baptist First Christian in a doubleheader on Dec. 19. The Lady Royals opened with a 40-18 win over the Sabres and the LRA boys capped the night off

Joe Ostrica

with a 52-27 victory. Yanna Voutsiotis scored a gamehigh 10 points for the Lady Royals Georgia DiOrio and Morgan Szulewski-Francis added eight points each.

"We played tremendous defense, Lady Royals head coach Jim Dispirito said. "We kept Elyria First Baptist to only four field goals."

Dispirito was impressed with his freshmen, who played the entire fourth quarter and outscored EFBC's varsity squad.

"Kathleen Morriss had four points and Alexia Voutsiotis played wonderful at point guard spelling her sister, Yanna," he said. "All 13 players in uniform played and contributed. It was nice to have a full bench. Morgan, Simonne (Benoit) and Georgia controlled the boards while Yanna added to her steal totals.'

In the boys game, LRA sophomore Moudy Farhat scored 11 of his teamhigh 13 points in the third quarter when LRA outscored EFBC 23-2. The Royals' defense managed to hold EFBC to 14 points through three-quarters. After leading 10-8 at the end of the first quarter, LRA went up 22-12 at the half. EFBC outscored the Royals 13-7 in the fourth quarter, but the game was out of reach by then.

St. Peter wins

The North Ridgeville St. Peter eighth-grade boys basketball team improved to 2-1 with a 39-37 win over Lorain St. Peter at the Elyria Catholic Coliseum.

Jayson Graham finished with a game-high 13 points and 10 rebounds. Pat Flanagan chipped in with eight points and four boards, Joe Andulics swiped the glass for 11 rebounds to go along with six points. Matt Healy (six points, three rebounds) Tim Ice (four points, five rebounds) and Nick Nelson (two points, three rebounds) rounded out the scoring for the Saints. Mike Becker, Joe DeCapite and David Frangella contributed quality minutes at crucial times for the victors.

In the Avon Holy Trinity Holiday Tournament, the Saints fell in the opening game 42-39 to St. Mary Elyria. Flanagan poured in 17 points, grabbed eight rebounds, blocked two shots and came up with two steals to keep North Ridgeville in the game. Ice (six points, eight rebounds), Graham (six points, 10 rebounds, one block, one steal) and Andulics (four points, 11 rebounds) had solid efforts.

Nelson (four points, four rebounds) and Healy (two points, two rebounds) rounded out the scoring.

Franczak earns award

NRHS graduate, Adam Franczak, received the 2003 JV Player of the Year Award for his efforts as Tri-State University's goalkeeper this fall.

Franczak was a little surprised to find out there were nine freshmen goalies when he arrived at Tri-State. Judging by his award, it appears things worked out well for him his freshman

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Comets take DiFranco tourney trophy from Rangers

The North Ridgeville High School boys basketball team failed to repeat as champions at the DiFranco Tournament last week after suffering a 60-50 loss to Amherst. The Comets, who have faced the Rangers in the championship game the last three years, avenged last year's loss to Ridgeville by capitalizing in several areas.

They held NRHS' leading scorer Ryan Schroeder to just five points, caused 23 Ranger turnovers, and held NRHS to just six points in the third quarter.

Schroeder was really affected by their diamond," Rehcin said about Amherst's defensive scheme. "They just took ball reversals from him and ran at him on the wing. They tried to keep the ball away from him and when he got it they made him give it up. Ryan did not really have a free look all night.'

It was the Rangers who opened strong, jumping out to a 7-0 lead with 4:08 left in the first quarter. Amherst's defense woke up and sparked their offense. After five NRHS turnovers, the Comets jumped up to a 12-11 lead after the first quarter.

"They took it right to us," Rechin said "We just didn't respond to that. Overall I think our kids did all right. I'm not that discouraged. I just have to do a better job.'

NRHS senior Josh Rigsby led all scorers with 20 points, but scored just three in the second half. NRHS defensive specialist Andrew Frederick, who only scored seven points for the season, stepped up to the challenge and had eight points for the Rangers. He was clutch from the free throw line going 6-for-6.
"We asked him to be a little more

aggressive on the offensive end," Rechin said. "We need some other people to help out Rigsby and Schroeder.' Rechin said the team, now 3-3, has to

"We just need to come out and win a

put together a string of wins.

Amherst's star guard Antone DeJesus scored nine of his team's final 10 points in the last minute for a team-high 19 points. With his team up 50-47 with just over a minute remaining, DeJesus made some

Andrew Frederick's key rebound helped

couple of games in a row," he said. "We're

in a win-one-lose-one rut right now. We

just need to be able to play a complete

game. We just can't afford to have these

lapses out there. Offensively we need more

people to step up. Every team is just going

to be focusing on Schroeder or Rigsby.

We've got to have people step up and be able to put the ball in the hole."

the Rangers defeat Midview Friday.

P&L photo - Frank Corsello

spectacular moves to outmaneuver the Rangers' defense for a driving layup in which he was fouled. He knocked down the free throw to put the Comets up 53-47 to put the game out of reach.

"He does things almost like a figure gight when he slashes to the basket," Rechin said. "He's just in charge out there. When he gets the ball in his hands he's going to make something happen. I thought we did a pretty good job with him. He loves to go hard to the basket."

One of DeJesus' hard drives went straight through Ranger starter Greg Kushner, who was positioning to take a charge. Kushner hit his head on the floor and was unconscious for several minutes and was later taken to the hospital for tests.

The Rangers knocked off host Midview in the opening round of the DiFranco tournament with an impressive 66-62 victory. NRHS trailed by as many as nine points in the second quarter and were being killed on the glass when Rechin sent them a message.

"I didn't like the way we rebounded the ball in the first half," he said. "I thought we could do better than that. I basically got in their faces and challenged them to get the job done. I think we responded to that in the second half and that's when we really came out with our pressure."

The Rangers tied the game 40-40 when Josh Logan scored two of his 11 points, to go along with his 11 boards, near the final two-and-a-half minutes of the third period. There were five more lead changes after that but the Rangers took the lead for good when Rigsby hit a jumper off an assist from Schroeder to put Ridgeville up 55-53. Schroeder scored a career-high 25 points, including three three-pointers, to go along with four steals. It was the third game in

SEE **DIFRANCO**, page 8

Yesenko places first, Rangers third at Avon tourney

By Joe Ostrica

For the first time in four years, the North Ridgeville High School wrestling team did not win the Avon Holiday Tournament. But it was definitely not a failure. Eleven of the 12 wrestlers the Rangers brought to the tournament qualified for the finals. Senior Dan Yesenko was the champion at 112pounds as the Rangers finished third with 152.5 points, behind Avon (181) and Lakewood (174.5) but ahead of Rocky River (119), Midview (88), Fairview (80), Brooklyn (69), Brookside (41.5), Hawken (33) and Lutheran West

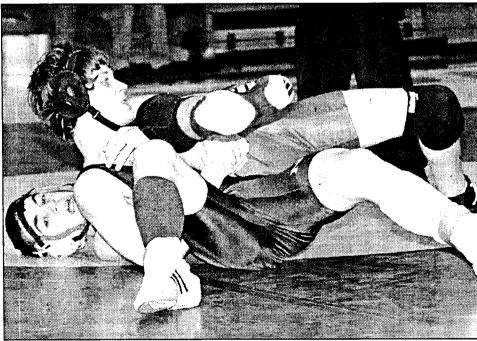
"That's not bad," NRHS head coach Ed Haller said. "That's a good round going into the finals. We only brought 12 here today. I think if we had one of our guys that were out we would have been right near the top."

NRHS was missing two quality wrestlers, Micah Wall (103) and Dan Priebe (189). Wall was out due to illness and Priebe had surgery on his ankle the day of the tournament. "I think Micah would have placed

first or second," Haller said. "Micah has a winning record and placed fourth here last year. Priebe probably would have placed too. That's stuff you can't help. During the year you're going to have guys out." Yesenko has had good fortune at the

Avon tourney, winning all three years he's competed in it. He defeated Rocky River's John Weston 10-6 in overtime. Yesenko's takedown with 43 seconds into the extra period added two near fall points to give him the title. Yesenko, who improved to 12-1, said he always does well against Weston.

"I beat him here my sophomore year and I beat him two weeks ago at Avon Lake," Yesenko said. "I'm happy and



Greg Marsh (top) takes care of Hawken's Brian Johnson to advance to the third-place final at the annual Avon Holiday Tournament last week. Marsh defeated Midview's Angel Rodriguez to place third. PRESS photo - Frank Corsello

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excited about winning today. Almost our whole lineup placed today.' Haller said he knew Yesenko's match

with Weston would be more challenging than the last time they faced. 'Yesenko came from behind," he said. "He met the same kid a couple of

weeks ago and beat him up pretty good. The kid wanted a little revenge so we knew it would be a little closer.' In addition to Yesenko, senior Ron Walling (160) and sophomore Alec Barker (heavyweight) wrestled for the top spot. Walling lost a 10-0 decision to

Avon state qualifier Tommy Larosa. "Here he is wrestling a state qualifier and he had a pretty good match," Haller said. "Ron controlled him pretty

much the second period. The kid was just a little bit more slicker than him, that's all."

Barker suffered a heartbreaking loss to Brookside's Stan Peters. After falling behind 4-0, the momentum started to swing in Barker's favor as he began to pin Peters. But officials called time out at the last second after Peters hit Barker in the nose, causing him to bleed. Barker was awarded two points for a takedown and two more for a near fall. When they resumed action, Peters ended up pinning Barker at 3:06.

"I thought it was done and then he

SEE WRESTLING, page 8

Lady Rangers'district title highlights year in sports

By Joe Ostrica

As we prepare to enter the New Year. The Press & Light looks back at the top 10 local athletic highlights that occurred in 2003. Here, listed in chronological order, are our selections of the 10 biggest sports stories that occurred in or involved North Ridgeville.

Flannery breaks record

Lake Ridge Academy's Court Flannery broke the school record for most career three-pointers when the Royals hosted Fuchs Mizrachi on Ian. 28. Flannery scored a career-high 27 points, including two three-pointers, to give him 66 total points, besting Tom Sparrow's six-year old record of 64. By the end of the season, Flannery boosted his total to 73. Expect his total to increase when he returns from a knee injury in the near future to complete his

Tyson signs with OU

North Ridgeville High School senior Andrew Tyson signed a full-ride scholarship to play middle linebacker for the Ohio University Bobcats in early February. Despite coming off a 1-9 season, Tyson's passionate play caused recruiters from several other Mid-American Conference schools to take notice. Tyson led the county with 167 tackles, 45 solo and 18 for a loss. He also averaged 40.2 yards on 59 punts.

Rangers end 20-year drought

After a 60-52 victory over Midpark on Feb. 7, the NRHS boys basketball team improved to 11-6 for the season. The victory secured the Rangers a winning record for the 2002-03 season, giving the Ridgeville boys basketball program its first winning season since the 1982-83 season. Senior Andrew Rothacker scored a game-high 15 points while juniors Josh Rigsby (14 points, seven steals, two assists, one block) and Ryan Schroeder (13 points, three three-pointers, seven assists, one steal) also came up big for the Rangers.

Rangers prepare to leave PC

As the month of March was ending so was the Pioneer Conference's stranglehold on North Ridgeville High School. NRHS announced they would be leaving the PC to join the newly formed West Shore Conference (WSC) beginning in the 2005-06 school year. Avon, Bay, Rocky River, Fairview, Firelands, Midview and Vermilion will compete against NRHS in the WSC. Student athletes, coaches, school administrators, parents and Ranger fans that were shocked and saddened to see the Rangers join the PC at the beginning of the 1997-98 school year were thrilled with the change. Gone are the days of the Rangers being the only Lorain County school in their conference. NRHS will no longer be the smallest school in its time classic rivalry between NRHS and neighboring Midview will be reinstated.

N.R. baseball beats Mustangs

Although the NRHS baseball team finished with a disappointing 5-17 record, they managed to make a little history. For the first time since joining the PC. NRHS defeated Strongsville 4-2. Seniors Adam Franczak, Carl Jackson and Dan Nelson and juniors Ion Harnish, Andrew Kenney and John Topeka came up with the big offensive plays for the win. Harnish had four strikeouts and no walks to keep the Mustangs' bats in

Lady Rangers: District Champs

The NRHS softball team upset defending state champion Elyria in a 5-4 thriller for the district championship. Down 4-2, freshman Liz Frindt opened the top of the seventh inning with a single. Ashley Camlin followed with a walk. After a strikeout, Jill Stewart hit a single up the middle and a sliding Camlin was ruled safe at second to load the bases with one out. An infield hit by Crysdawna Black brought Frindt home to pull NRHS within 4-3. Junior Stephanie Chismar made the dream a reality when she cracked a double left of second base to score the winnings runs against Elyria's Alex Boros, who was 13-1 with a 0.66 ERA entering the game.

EC makes regional finals

With the help of five North Ridgeville natives, the Elyria Catholic baseball team clinched a spot in the regional finals. Seniors Mike Clapham, Dan Sklenicka, Josh Montague and Steve Elmore and junior George Keenan were instrumental to the Panthers' 21-5 season. Clapham led EC to four straight district titles as their ace on the mound. Sklenicka batted .500 for the season and was selected as the Division III Lorain County Player of the Year.

Cannaday leads LRA golfers

Sophomore Brett Cannaday medaled in 12 of his 13 matches in the fall of 2003, leading the Royals to a 7-6-1 season, a major improvement over their 4-12 2002 campaign. Cannaday, who averaged 35.6 in nine-hole matches. advanced to the Division III district tournament and was named the North Shore Athletic Conference Player of the

Hoopsters have career games

NRHS senior Josh Rigsby scored a career-high 29 points to lead the Rangers to a 68-51 season-opening victory over Westlake. Rigsby also knocked down two three-pointers and had six steals. In their next game, senior Ryan Schroeder scored a career-high 22 points in a 61-55 loss to North Royalton. Schroeder topped that with 24 points, hitting 5-of-8 three-pointers, in a 62-48

ON DECK

Avon seeks soccer coach

Avon High School will be conducting interviews for a boys varsity soccer coaching position for the 2004 season. Qualified candidates should contact athletic director Stan Hughes at 934-5111 for an application.

Junior Ranger basketball

The N.R. Parks and Recreation Department is now taking signups for its Iunior Basketball program. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 10-March 13 for grades 3-8. Cost is \$45 per player and

includes a T-shirt. Register at the parks and recreation office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 353-0860.

Charboneau baseball

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department and former Cleveland Indian Joe Charboneau have teamed up to offer baseball hitting and pitching lessons. Group lessons for players ages 7-18 will be held at NRHS on Saturdays and Sundays, starting Jan. 10. Cost is \$85 per four-week session. To register,

Attention coaches!

Send your team's results to: Joe Ostrica at E-mail: pressostrica@hotmail.com Fax: 440-933-7904



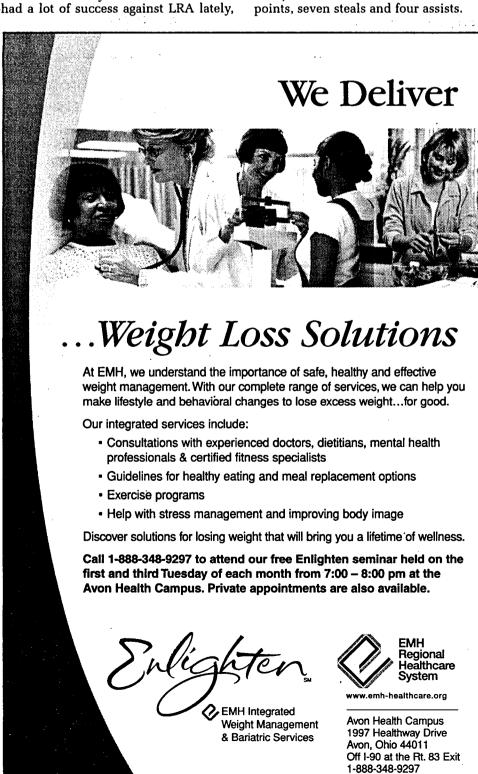
NRHS' Stephanie Chismar sighs in relief as teammates Becky Durst (center) and Ashley Camlin (right) celebrate after the Lady Rangers softball team secured a district championship. Chismar hit the game-wining double with two RBI.

Lady Royals defeat ODC

The Lake Ridge Academy girls basketball team ended years of futility against rival Open Door Christian with a 37-31 victory. The Lady Royals haven't defeated ODC in years. The Patriots have

sweeping the volleyball and basketball teams in 2002-03 and defeating the 2003 volleyball team three times.

Senior Morgan Szulewski-Francis finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds and junior Yanna Voutsiotis added 11 points, seven steals and four assists.



NRHS/LRA HOOP STATS

Boys Basketball (through Dec. 19)

Scoring leaders Rvan Schroeder (NRHS) 21.0 Josh Rigsby (NRHS) 16.7 Sam Maczuzak (LRA) 12.6 Josh Logan (NRHS) 11.3 Moudy Farhat (LRA) 10.6 Aalap Narichania (LRA) 9.4

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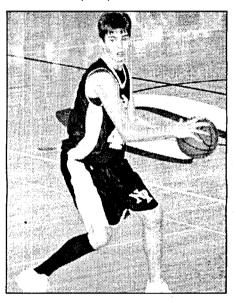
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North Ridgeville junior Josh Logan. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

WRESTLING, from page 7

gave Barker a little shot in the nose and blood started coming out," Haller said. "That kid was gone. Barker would have pinned him. It was just bad luck. What are you going to do? He's not happy. He really wanted to win this tournament."

Four of the eight Rangers that qualified for the consolation round took third-place. Kyle Gustely (119) won with an 18-3 tech fall over Hawken's Malcolm Peyton-Cook in 5:59. Greg Marsh (125) pinned Midview's Angel Rodriguez (2:11). Zac Calamente (130) won a 10-2 major decision against Rocky River's Dave Gipson. Ryan Adams defeated Brooklyn's Matt Lawrence 14-0 for a major decision.

"Kyle lost a heartbreaker this afternoon in the semis but he came back and fought back and did a nice job,"

Haller said. "Marsh moved down a weight and it's suiting him better than 130. Calamente did a nice job and finally came on a little bit today. Adams has been steady for us all

Mike Fulkerson (135), Rafe Lopez (145), Rvan Kenney (152) and freshman Justin Rogerson (215) all placed fourth for Ridgeville.

"Rogerson is doing a nice job for us as a freshman," Haller said.

The Rangers will wrestle in the Kenmore Tournament, which they won last year, on Saturday.

"Hopefully Micah will be back," Haller said. "That will makes us a little stronger. We've got a couple of plans to have everybody drop a weight class to fill in for Priebe. When the next semester starts, we have a kid coming back from ineligibility at heavyweight."

DIFRANCO, from page 7 us win games.'

four Schroeder scored at least 22 points.

"Coach has given me the green light to shoot more," Schroeder said. "I'm really trying to hit them and I'm hitting them. I'm trying to get extra shots in when we I practice. I have a shooter's mentality. If it gets going early, I'm just going to keep shooting

Rigsby added 24 points and 11

"Josh is one of those guys that can control the game underneath," Rechin said. "I think he's got great post moves. He can be a post set up for us. He hits the outside

shot. He does a lot of little things that helps

Despite having four fouls, Rigsby's aggressive play in the fourth quarter, in which he scored 10 points, helped the Rangers secure the win.

'We were just looking to spread out and they were trying to deny Ryan," Rigsby said about the final period. "I had to step up and help the team out. If I didn't get the look then I'd dish it off to the post or our other perimeter guys."

The Middies cut a 61-56 deficit to three after a three-pointer by Bobby Bott. A free throw by Rigsby put the Rangers up 62-59 with 44.6 remaining in the contest. After

Midview missed a shot on their next possession, Frederick came up with a game clinching rebound in the paint, despite the presence of 6'4", 250-pound Midview center David DiFranco.

"That was huge for us," Rechin said. "Freddy is a really good athlete. He can really get position on some guys. At that point I felt comfortable enough that we would get free throws and extend the

"I guess I was in the right place at the right time and I just came up with it," Frederick said. "This wasn't our best game but we stopped them when we had to and

Rangers drop to 1-2 in Pioneer Conference

the Meteors.

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first quarter points, including three straight three-pointers. Santiago finished with a game-high 25 points and four three-

pointers. Will Parker added 13 points for

and-two defense to start the second quar-

ter and held Midpark to just one field goal,

Parker's only three-pointer of the night.

The Rangers outscored the Meteors 15-7

in the period to pull within 32-27 at half-

nice job of making adjustments," Barther

said. "He went triangle-and-two in the

second and third quarters. I told our team

at halftime, we went through a five-

minute stretch in the second quarter when

Dennis didn't touch the ball. Not one

time. He didn't even get a touch, which

our team can't have. I don't mind if he

doesn't shoot it, but he's got to be part of

what we're doing, because he's a pretty

ed to in the second quarter," Rechin said.

"Slowing Santiago and Parker down

helped us. But all of a sudden, offensive-

lv. we just did not do what we needed to

do. We get in these ruts at times where our

guys feel that they've got to take it on their

own shoulder and try to do it one-on-one.

When you don't force the other team to

defend you, to have all five of their guys

defend you, you're playing right into their hands. We really like just getting it down

low to our post guys. Even though they

were right up in our face and pressuring

the perimeter, we still have got to create

some space and get that ball where it

Schroeder led the Rangers with 14

points, including two three-pointers.

Logan finished with 12 points. Rigsby fin-

ished with nine points, but hit 4-for-5 from

"We had Josh Rigsby posting guys up down there and he only had five shots the

whole game," Rechin said. "He's got to

have more than that. He deserves more

than that and that's my fault. Bottom line

is we've got to get Rigsby more shots than

five a game. He's too good an offensive

player to have only five opportunities.

the Meteor's style of play, saying they are

there," he said. "That's a good team. I real-

ly believe they're going to be the team to

beat in the conference. If we want to get

where we want to go it looks like it's going

After playing in the DiFranco

Tournament over the holiday break, the

Rangers (3-3 overall, 1-2 in the PC) will

resume conference play Jan. 9 at Brecksville (2-3 as of P&L deadline).

They'll return home Jan. 13 to host

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to have to go through Midpark."

Rechin walked away impressed with

"I think that's a really fine team out

"I thought we got back where we need-

"I thought Mark (Rechin) did a really

The Rangers switched to a triangle-

By Joe Ostrica

After dropping their first Pioneer Conference game of the season to North Royalton in an intense 61-55 contest, the Rangers wanted to come out strong against Berea. The defense set the tone as Ridgeville improved to 1-1 in the PC and 2-1 overall with a 62-48 win over the Braves on Dec. 19.

Senior Andrew Frederick's game-opening steal became a quick assist to Ryan Schroeder for a basket and the Rangers never looked back. Schroeder scored 12 first quarter points, including three threepointers as the Rangers jumped out to a 20-14 lead after the first quarter. After taking a 38-37 halftime lead, the Rangers sailed in the second half, outscoring Berea 24-21 in the second half. The Rangers held Berea's high scorer, Ray Kleem, in check with just seven points in the contest.

"Coming off the Royalton game, we just wanted to get off to a good start against Berea," NRHS head coach Mark Rechin said. "I think it was generated by defense. The defensive intensity has got to be there right from the beginning. We got a steal and a couple of rebounds in a row and Schroeder hit a couple of quick shots. Scoring 24 in the first quarter is good for us. It was a good game overall. Everybody had their opportunity to contribute."

Schroeder topped his career-high 22 points against Royalton with another career best, this time 24 points, including five triples.

"That's Ryan's makeup," Rechin said. "He's going to be the focus of every opposing team's game plan. Now he's really going to have to step it up. They're going to be in his face and he's just going to have to respond to that."

NRHS senior Josh Rigsby bounced back from a three-point performance against Royalton with 18 points and one three-

"Josh came back and size-wise we were allowed to play him down low a couple of times." Rechin said. "We thought we could get him some good matchups because he plays the post really well."

Junior Josh Logan scored a career-high 14 points to go along with 12 rebounds. "Josh has been just steady," Rechin

praised. "It's almost like you can put in the bank that he'll score 11 to 12 points and maybe get nine, 10, 11 rebounds. That's

Midpark beats NRHS 60-43

A day after coming out strong against Berea, the Midpark Meteors did the same to NRHS, jumping up to a 25-12 lead after the first quarter. The Rangers were able to take a 33-32 lead early in the third quarter, but Midpark outscored NRHS 28-10 the rest of the way to hand the Rangers a 60-43 thumping. Midpark improved to 5-0, their best start since the 1998-99 season.

"We worked so hard in the off-season," Midpark head coach Duke Barther said about his team's hot start. "Our guys are great kids and their good for a reason. They really put the time in to be good."

Midpark's Dennis Santiago scored 13

Thank you for reading the

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2003 Boys Basketball

7 p.m.: LRA vs. Horizon Science (Away) Girls Basketball TBA: Brecksville vs. NRHS (Home) Wrestling

TBA: NRHS @ Kenmore Tournament (Away) Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004

Boys Basketball 7:30 p.m.: LRA vs. Fuchs Mizrachi (Away)

Girls Basketball 7:30 p.m.: CCA vs. LRA (Home)

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 Girls Basketball 6 p.m.: Strongsville vs. NRHS (Home)

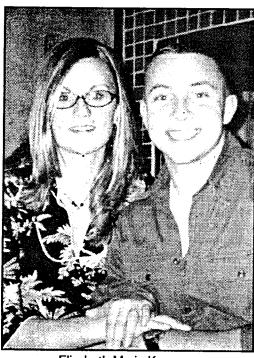
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004 **Boys Basketball** 6:45 p.m.: Lawrence vs. LRA (Home)

Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 **Boys Basketball** 6 p.m.: NRHS vs. Brecksville (Away)

Wrestling

7 p.m.: Brecksville vs. NRHS (Home)

ENGAGEMENTS



Elizabeth Marie Konanec and John Thomas Perry

Thur: No school.

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What's for lunch?

Tue: Touchdown nuggets/roll or hotdog/bun, baby carrots, I

Wed:Sausage links w/French toast sticks or sausage and

Mon: Pizza, pasta salad, mixed veggies, peaches, milk.

Tue: Touchdown nuggets, dinner roll, baby carrots, pears,

Wed: Sausage links, French toast sticks, hashbrown, orange

cheese on English muffin, hashbrown, orange juice,

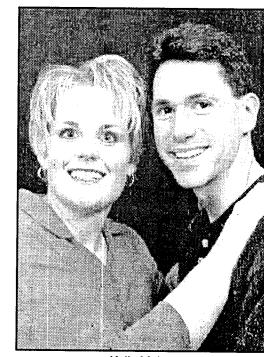
Konanec, Perry to wed

Bernard and Deborah Konanec of North Ridgeville, announce the engagement of their daughter Specialist Elizabeth Marie Konanec to Sergeant John Thomas Perry, son of Pat and Randy Taylor of Littleton, Colo.

The prospective bride is a 2000 graduate of North Ridgeville High School and is working on her degree in forensics. She has been deployed to Iraq since June 2003 and is a member of the Army National Guard Military Police.

The prospective groom is enlisted in the Army's Military Police Corps at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He graduated from Dakota Ridge High School in Colorado. He is currently working on his eaching degree in English.

The couple was engaged in North Carolina during Konanec's two-week leave from Iraq. They plan to marry



and Thomas Fries

Maloy, Fries to wed on Vålentine's Day

Patricia Maloy of North Ridgeville and Donald Maloy of Sheffield Village announce the engagement of their daugh ter, Kelly Maloy of Avon to Thomas Fries of Lorain, son of Diana Fries-Wilhelm of Sheffield Village and Thomas Fries of

The prospective bride is a 1991 graduate of Avon High School. She earned an associates degree in business from Bryant and Stratton Business Institute in Cleveland. She is employed at The Nord Center, Lorain, as a billing specialist.

The prospective groom is a 1984 graduate of Lorain High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Bowling Green State University and earned a master's in mathematics from Wayne State University, Michigan. He is employed as a math teacher at Brookside High School.

The couple will marry on Feb. 14, 2004 in Holy Trinity Church, Avon.

Lake Ridge Academy involved in service project

Lake Ridge Academy designed a North Ridgeville Middle School/High School two-part holiday community service project. On Dec. 19, students wrapped gifts, made decorations, ■ Mon: Pizza or steak-um on a bun, pasta salad, mixed veg-1 rolled coins, and bagged canned food donations. On Jan. 3, students and

> Night dinner at Our Savior Church. On Dec. 18, the middle school students, with lists in hand, spent the afternoon wandering Wal-Mart aisles in Avon shopping for their designated children. The church provided lists of items, sizes, ages, genders etc. to help guide the gift selection. The middle school collected \$4,050 through pizza sales throughout the

faculty will be serving a Three Kings

Three Kings dinner. On Dec. 19, middle school stu-

year. Any money not used to buy gifts

is placed toward the expense of the

dents paired with lower school students to make decorations, cards, and candy bags to be used for the dinner. The middle schoolers previously visited the church hall so they could decide how best to design the decorations. Some students from the middle school planned to arrive at the church around 1 p.m. on Jan. 3 to decorate the hall and set the dining tables. After dinner, three adults playing the roles of the kings will distrib-

Students K-12 have had jars for coins placed throughout the school. Groups of lower and upper school students counted and rolled the money to be used for the Three Kings

The upper school with the lower school collected canned food. One

student brought in 240 cans of food On Friday, the loose cans were sorted and bagged by contents by the lower and upper school "buddies". The food packages were taken to the church and on Jan. 2 several Lake Ridge volunteers will help re-bag the canned goods into individual packages to be distributed on Three Kings

On Jan. 3 Lake Ridge volunteers will decorate, prepare and serve the food for the dinner. In all, approximately 30 volunteers will be involved with the dinner. "Participants in the dinner are both church members and community members referred by county social services and selected through an application process," Cora Lee Meier, minister at Our Savior Church said.

TOWN CRIER

Thursday Happy New Year!

North Ridgeville Elementary

Friday 9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room. Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center.

1 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired-Westlake Senior Center, 29694 Center Ridge Road.

7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium B. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-

Saturday

9-11:30 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior

Center multi-purpose room. 10-11:30 a.m. post holiday hike-Sandy Ridge Reservation. 11-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety

Sunday

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

Monday

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft group and quilting-Senior Center. 7:30 p.m. Work session City council-Council chambers.

8 p.m. City council meeting-Council chambers.

Tuesday

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis-Community Care. 9:30-11 a.m. On Target Fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room. 9:30 a.m. PTA Council-North Ridgeville

Middle School. 1-4 p.m. Watercolor classes-Senior Center. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting class-Senior Center multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. TOPS Club #656-N.R. Baptist

Church, 5400 Lear-Nagle Road. 7 p.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-Peace Mennonite Church, 9300 West Ridge

Road, Elyria. Call Kay at 960-5384 or Gloria at 327-9492/info.

Wednesday

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, cards, lunch bingo, watercolor class-Senior Center. 1 p.m. SHHH Group-Hearing Impaired Services of Lorain County, 1917 North

Ridge Road, Lorain. 5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers-Firs Congregational Church, 36363 Cente Ridge Road.

8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball meeting-Palme

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OBITUARIES

John L. Pickering

John L. Pickering, 74, died Dec. 9, 2003, at the Cleveland Clinic, following a brief illness.

Wednesday, December 31, 2003

He was born July 11, 1929, in Lakewood, and was a lifelong resident of Avon. He graduated from Avon High School and Ohio State

University. Mr. Pickering served on Avon City Council and the civil

service and parks and recreation commissions. He taught biology, health and physical education for nine years at Clearview High School and for 22 years at Avon High School before retiring. He was also selfemployed as a farmer, the fourth generation of his family to farm its property on Pickering Hill in Avon.

He was a lifelong member of Avon United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and performed administrative duties. He was a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau and Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association and enjoyed sports, especially fastpitch softball and had coached his sons' summer baseball

Survivors include his wife, Karel (nee Smith); sons, Jay Pickering of Grafton and Mark Pickering of Carlisle Township; daughter, Karen Holowecky of Medina; sister, Anne Williams of North Ridgeville; and nine grandchil-

Preceding him in death were his parents, LaVern and Catherine (nee Gibson) Pickering.

Arrangements were handled by Busch-Burmeister

Family Chapel, Avon. Services were held Dec. 13 in Avon United Methodist Church. The Rev. John R. Butchko officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Avon United Methodist Church, 37711 Detroit Road, Avon 44011; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Gail Bunton

Barbara Gail Bunton (nee Ross), 55, of Conover, N.C., died Dec. 10, 2003, at Frye Regional Medical Center in North Carolina, following a brief illness.

She was born in Huntington, W.Va., and moved to Conover 13 years ago from Cleveland.

Mrs. Bunton worked as a waitress.

She enjoyed making arts and crafts.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Bunton; daughters, Katherine Beal of Claremont, N.C., and Trilby Falso of Cleveland; son, James Watts II of Cleveland; stepsons, Ronald Bunton Jr. of Conover, Donnie Bunton of Claremont and Phil Bunton, Bruce Bunton and Bobby Bunton, all of Strasburg, Ohio; stepdaughters, Terrina Combs of Guthrie, Ky., and Sandra Payne of Maiden, N.C.; brothers, Henry Ross Jr. of Olmsted Township and Danny Ross of North Ridgeville; sister, Carolyn Scheid of Cleveland; and 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Henry and Patricia Ross; and brother, the Rev. James Ross.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 14. Joshua Workman of First Baptist Church in Birmingham officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Lawrence T. Haas

. Lawrence T. Haas, 72, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 10, 2003, at Weber Health Care Center, Wellington, following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Cleveland and was a lifelong resident

Mr. Haas was a member of St. Peter's Church, North Ridgeville. Survivors include his sisters, Mary Tkalcec of

Sheffield, Helen Hutman of Elyria and Sr. Mary Lucia Haas S.N.D. of Sarasota, Fla.; brothers, Robert Haas of Avon, Joseph Haas of North Ridgeville and Martin C. Haas of Long Boat Key, Fla.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Martin and Edith (nee Sutter) Haas; and brother, Richard, in 1992.

Arrangements were handled by Laubenthal-Decarlo Funeral Home, Elyria. A Mass was held Dec. 13 in St. Peter's Church, North Ridgeville. The Rev. Stephen Kaminski, pastor, officiated. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, North Ridgeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Weber Health Care Center, 214 E. Herrick St., Wellington 44090.

Felix M. Oliva, 81, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 13, 2003, at St. John West Shore Hospital, Westlake, following a sudden illness.

He was born in Matanzas, Cuba. He lived in North Ridgeville for 10 years and before that lived in Lakewood. He graduated from Havana University with a degree in accounting

Mr. Oliva was employed as an accountant at Union Carbide in Cleveland for 16 years before retiring in 1985. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, shopping and travel to

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Silvia (nee Blanco); sons, Hector Oliva of Sheffield Lake and Fernando Oliva of North Ridgeville; sister, Delfina Cartaya of Miami, Fla.; brother, Roberta Oliva of Cuba; and five grandchil-

dren. Preceding him in death were his parents, Fernando and Luisa (nee Duran) Oliva; sisters, Mercedes, Zunilda and Isabel Oliva; and brother, Fernando Oliva. Arrangements were handled by Liston Funeral Home,

George L. McElhaney

George L. McElhaney, age 65, of Elyria, died Dec. 12, 2003, at New Life Hospice Residential Center of St. Joseph's, Lorain following a short illness.

North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 16.

He was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of Elyria for the past year after moving from North Ridgeville where he had lived for most of his life.

Mr. McElhaney served in the U.S. Navy from 1956-1960. He worked as a laborer for a roofing company and was an avid sports fan. Survivors include sons, Ronald and Randy McElhaney

both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; brothers, Paul of North Ridgeville and David of Cleveland, Tenn.; sisters, Nancy Hall of Soldier, Ky., Janice Hunt and Sharon McElhaney both of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, Betty Alexander of Ft. Myers, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Lisa McElhaney; his parents, Paul and Rose (nee Foster) McElhaney; and one grandson. Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family

Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 15. Burial was in Ridgeville Cemetery, North

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, 44035.

Virginia D. Martin

Virginia D. Martin (nee Uphold), age 79, of Amherst Township, died Dec. 13, 2003, at Manor Care Nursing Home, North Olmsted following a long illness.

She was born in Fairchance, Pa., and had been a resident of Amherst Township since 1993 moving from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. She previously lived in North Ridgeville and Cleveland.

Mrs. Martin worked as a waitress and assembly line

She enjoyed cooking and collected recipe books.

Survivors include her husband of 10 years, Robert O. Martin; daughters, Karen Williams of North Ridgeville, Wanda Schaum of North Olmsted and Donna Harris; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, David Harn of East Millsboro, Penn.; a sister Joanne Swartz of Goose Creek, S.C.; half brother, Marion "Dink" Harn of

Preceding her in death were her father, Victor Uphold; mother, Edith Harn; and a brother, Ken "Sonnie" Uphold. Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family

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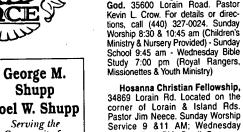
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Cathedral of Life. 5375 Jaycox Road. Rev. John Helms, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.; Wed. Eve. Service 7

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36600 Sugar Ridge Rd. Rev. Bill
Shomo, Pastor. Sunday School 10
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Sunday & Wednesday Evening
Services 6 p.m. Christ Chapel (non-denominational) 36300 Center Ridge Road. Phone (440) 327-6020. Ralph L. Palmer, Pastor / Teacher. Bible School for all ages 9:30 A.M.; Worship 10:45 A.M.; Wednesday 7:00 P.M. New Life Community Church. 38079 Center Ridge Rd., No. Ridgeville. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights; Youth Group at 6:45 on Wednesday. Church of Christ. 36350 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Jason Hardin, Evangelist. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible

Calvary Christian Center Pente-costal Church of God. 6001 Lear Nagle, North Ridgeville (440) 353-3593. Rev. Scott Nicoll. Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.; Sunday

Springs of Life Church. 31860 Bagley Rd. N. Ridgeville. Family wor-ship and children's church. Sun. 10:30 am; Sun. eve 6 p.m.; Wed. eve 7 pm Springs of Life Bible College and Shalom Seminary Tue. and Fri. at 7 pm., Sat. at 9 am. School 10 a.m. North Ridgeville Baptist Church. 5400 Lear Nagle Rd. Rev. Gerald Flury, Pastor. Sunday Services -Sunday - Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am; Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:45 am; Children's Church 11:00 am; Evening Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm. Church of God. 6000 Lear Nagle Rd. Rev. Larry Sheffler, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship Services 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday

North Ridgeville First Congregational United Church of Christ. 36363 Center Ridge Rd. Worship 10:00 a.m.; Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Pastor - Rev. Ellen Palmer

Faith Baptist Temple. Rt. 10 & Root Road, Sunday School for Children & Bible Study for Adults 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m.; St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd. North Ridgeville, Oh 44039. Phone: 327-1978. (Located Elementary School) Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Worship Schedule: Masses: Morning 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Saturday Confession 3-4 p.m. in Chapel or by appointment. Father Richard Gonser, pastor.

St. Peter Catholic Church. 35877 Center Ridge Rd. Saturday Mass 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass 6, 8, 10:00, 12 noon. Reconciliation Saturdays 4-4:55.

Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church. 34555 Center Ridge Rd., Rev. Paul Oberhaus, Pastor, Sunday Worship Services 10:15 a.m.; Family Education 9 a.m. Midweek Worship Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

New Heart Community Church, 34899 Lorain Rd. (in Butternut Plaza) 327-7449. Service: 10:00 am Sun. Nursery/Children's Church. Bible Study: 7:00 pm Sun. Eve., Counsel: Marriage, Divorce, Relationships /Communication. Church, 5298 Lear Nagle Rd. Rev. Patty Kisner. Sunday School: 10 a.m.;

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Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville; where services were held Dec. 16. The Reverend Kevin Crow, pastor of Harvest Ridge Assembly of God, officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Memorial contributions may be to the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120.

Terrence K. Callahan

Terrence K. Callahan, 42, of Lorain, died Dec. 11, 2003, at EMH Regional Medical Center, following complications of Hodgkin's Disease.

He was born Nov. 8, 1961, in Lorain, and was a lifelong resident.

Mr. Callahan was a computer technician/sales and service employee for Dell Lumber Co., Elyria, for 20 years.

He was a member of the National Amateur Radio Relay League and the National FISTS CW Club. He was a server and Eucharistic minister for the Catholic Church of St. Peter, Lorain. He enjoyed and was actively involved with ham radios, cooking, camping, the outdoors, trains and photography.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Gina M. Callahan (nee Novarese) of Lorain; daughter, Sara Callahan at home; sisters Cathy Callahan of North Ridgeville and Chris Callahan of Oak Park, Ill.; and mother, Betty Callahan (nee Dantry) of Elyria.

Preceding him in death were his father, Terrence W. Callahan, in 1994; paternal grandparents, Louis and Rose Callahan; and maternal grandparents, Ralph and Mary

Arrangements were handled by Reidy-Scanlan-Chambers Funeral Home, Lorain. A Mass was held Dec. 15 at the Catholic Church of St. Peter, Lorain. The Rev. Dave Woost, associate pastor, officiated. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Northern Ohio Chapter, 902 Westpoint Parkway, Suite 300, Cleveland 44045; or to the Scott Cares Foundation, c/o the Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44195.

Dale E. Conley

Dale E. Conley, 59, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 14, 2003, at his home, following a lengthy illness. He was born in Lodi and lived in North Ridgeville for

25 years. He was a graduate of MidPark High School in

Brookpark and was a U.S. Army veteran. Mr. Conley, an optician for 35 years, was employed by

E.B. Brown Opticians. He previously worked for The Eye Glass Factory and J.C. Penney Optical and at several other optical labs.

He enjoyed golf, bowling and swimming.

Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer Smith of North Ridgeville; and sisters, Sandra Roginski of Maumee and Sherri Gouddou of Strongsville.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Marybeth (nee Dragony) in 2000; and his parents, Gaylord and Betty (nee Mosier) Conley.

Arrangements were handled by Liston Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 17. The Rev. Ellen Palmer Marsey, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ, North Ridgeville, officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon, with military honors by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9871.

Ricky Allen Jones

Ricky Allen Jones, age 46, of Crossville, Tenn. and formerly of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 13, 2003 in Crossville following a long illness.

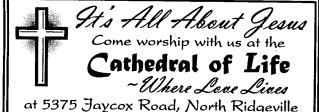
He was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of Crossville for the past six years after moving from North Ridgeville where he lived for most of his life.

Mr. Jones served in the US Army from 1976-1978. He worked as a mechanic at a service station.

Survivors include his wife Brenda (nee Partin); daughters, Jennifer Jones of Crossville, Triena and Nena Qualls both of Elyria; sons, Ricky and Jake Jones both of Crossville; six grandchildren; his father, Robert E. Jones of North Ridgeville; brother, Robert W. Jones of North Ridgeville; sisters, Patsy Dodge of Henrietta Twp., Debra Mott of Wimberley, Texas and Brenda Sherrill of North Ridgeville.

Preceding him in death was his mother Joyce R. Jones (nee Leetch) in 1988.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Dec. 18. The Rev. Bill Shomo officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.



at 5375 Jaycox Road, North Ridgeville Services: Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Rosemary Andrasak

Rosemary Andrasak (nee Gelston), 76, of Avon Lake, died Dec. 15, 2003, at her home, following a sudden ill-

She was born in Cleveland and moved to Avon Lake a month ago. She previously lived in Fairview Park, Lakewood and Cleveland.

She was a 1945 graduate of West Tech High School, Cleveland.

Mrs. Andrasak was employed for 35 years at Stone Container, Cleveland, retiring in 1989.

She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Cleveland. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, making stuffed animals and crafts.

Survivors include her daughters, Laureen Bettis of Lakewood and Jo Ann Griswold of North Ridgeville; sons, Jeffrey Bettis of Lakewood and James Bettis of Fairview Park; brother. Robert Hamilton of California; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Joseph Andrasak; and her parents, Robert and Veronica (nee Bell)

Arrangements were handled by Liston Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was held Dec. 20 in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Cleveland. The Rev. Michael Troha officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

John A. McPhie

John A. McPhie, 88, of Lorain, died Dec. 17, 2003, at Autumn Aegis Nursing Home, Lorain.

He was born Aug. 29, 1915, in Lorain, and was a lifelong resident of the city.

Mr. McPhie graduated from Lorain High School in 1933 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 110th Medical Battalion, 35th Infantry.

He was employed at U.S. Steel's Lorain Works for 37 years, retiring as a stationary engineer.

He was an associate member of Italian-American Veterans Post 1 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Anna (nee Nemeth); daughter, Nancy Maple of Gainesville, Fla.; son, Jon A. McPhie of North Ridgeville; sister, Margaret Yerico of Vermilion; and seven grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. Preceding him in death were his son, Alan John McPhie, in 1987; his parents, Angus and Ann (nee Allen) McPhie; and brother, Malcolm McPhie.

Arrangements were handled by Reidy-Scanlan-Chambers Funeral Home, Lorain, where services were held Dec. 20. Burial was in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst

William R. Woods Sr.

William R. Woods Sr., 73, of Elyria, died Dec. 21, 2003, at the Rae-Ann Center, Cleveland, following a lengthy ill-

He was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Carmichaels, Pa., and moved to Elvria in 1955 from McClelland Town, Pa. He served in the Navy from 1947 to 1948.

Mr. Woods was employed in the maintenance department of the former Harshaw Chemical Co., Elyria, for 35 years, retiring in 1992.

He attended Living Word Wesleyan Church and enjoyed writing poetry, bow hunting, fishing, camping and metal detecting

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Lulu (nee Maley); sons, William R. Woods Jr. of Elyria and the Rev. David G. Woods of North Ridgeville; sister, Robina Bryner of Elyria; brother, Robert Woods of Elyria; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, WIlliam J. and Ethel (nee Rankin) Woods; and brother, Ray Woods.

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal



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Funeral Home, Elyria. Services were held Dec. 23 in Calvary Ridge Church of the Nazarene, North Ridgeville. The Rev. David G. Woods officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120; or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton 44720.

Rose E. Massari

Rose E. Massari (nee Gesue), 86, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 21, 2003, at North Ridge Health Center, North Ridgeville, following a brief illness.

She was born in New Castle, Pa., and moved to North Ridgeville last year from Parma, where she lived most of

Mrs. Massari had worked at Federals Department Store and Halle's Department Store, both in Cleveland, for many

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3483 ladies auxiliary, Independence, and a past member of St. Charles Borromeo, Parma.

Survivors include her sons, Paul Massari of Litchfield and Robert Massari of North Ridgeville; daughter, Patrica Guy of Parma; sister, Philomena "Phil" Ferrara of Kent; and grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Albet Massari, in 1989; and her parents, Leopold and Diomin (nee Jaruse) Gesue.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville. A Mass was held Dec. 2 in St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville. The Re. Stephen Kaminski, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 1689 E. 115th St., Cleveland 44106.

John J. Novak

John J. Novak, 98, of Lorain, died Dec. 20, 2003, at Community Health Partners Hospital, Lorain.

He was born Jan 10, 1905, in Lorain, and was a lifelorg resident of the city. Mr. Novak was employed at Lorain Works of U.S. Sted

for 43 years, retiring in 1970 as a millwright in the No. 1

He was a member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church, Lorain, and its Holy Name Society there; and 1st Catholic Slovak Union Branch 228 and the United Steelworkers Union Local 1104.

Survivors include his sons, Robert Novak and Edwarl Novak, both of Lorain; daughters, Dorothy Sas of Norti Ridgeville and Florence Truskot of Lorain; and 35 grancchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and four great-grea-

Preceding him in death were his wife, Florence (ne Zore), in 1965; sons, John and Joseph in 1995; his parent, Stephen and Anna (nee Mayher) Novak; brothers, Steve and George in 1989; and sister, Julia Baraga.

Arrangements were handled by Dovin Funeral Home, Lorain. A Mass was held Dec. 23 in SS. Cyril anl Methodius Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph Yelenc of Franciscan College of Steubenville officiated Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

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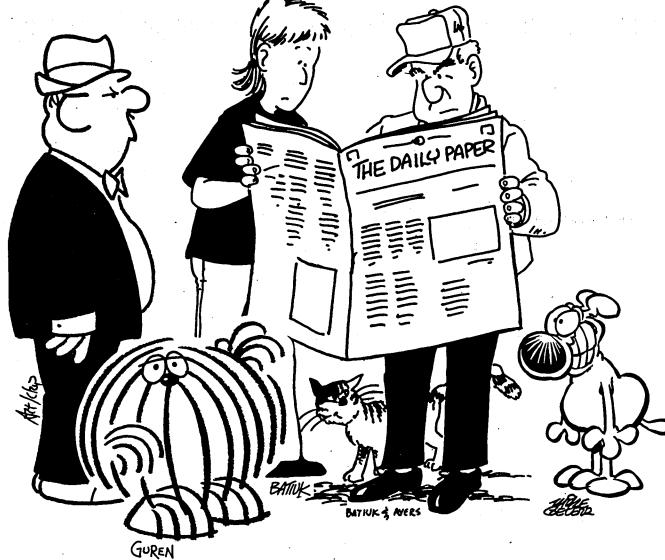
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