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Klein family turned to faith, friends after fire destroyed home

By Melissa Linebrink

Stepping into the Klein house on 34676 Chestnut Ridge Road, a guest would never suspect something horrific had happened there one year ago.

The living room held Christmas decorations that were slowly being boxed for storage. Cats walked by occasionally, and the Klein family was seated in the living room with parents, Royce and Leslie seated on the couch, their son, Joe in one chair and daughter, Kim in another chair. The oldest daughter, Amanda, was working, but often finds herself in her family's presence. However, last January the family was separated for nearly one week due to a fire that destroyed their house. And the home they live in now is brand new.

In the early hours of the morning on New Year's Day, Royce and Leslie were slowly drifting into sleep when Leslie heard someone enter the family's home.

"I told Royce to go see who was there because I just received a digital camera for Christmas that was sitting under the tree," Leslie said, adding she thought someone was breaking in to steal the camera.

As Royce walked the halls to see who was there, he noticed a friend of their son's, Mike Funk, enter the home.

"I saw that it was Mike and told him to go sleep in Joe's room," Royce said, adding that it is not unusual for their children's friends to come and go out of their home even when their children are not there because everyone considers it a "safe-haven" of sorts.

Royce went back to tell his wife that no one had broken into their home, but that Mike had stopped by and was sleeping in Joe's room.

Looking back, Leslie said she is thankful that Royce went to see who was there otherwise they never would have known that someone else was in the house when the fire started.

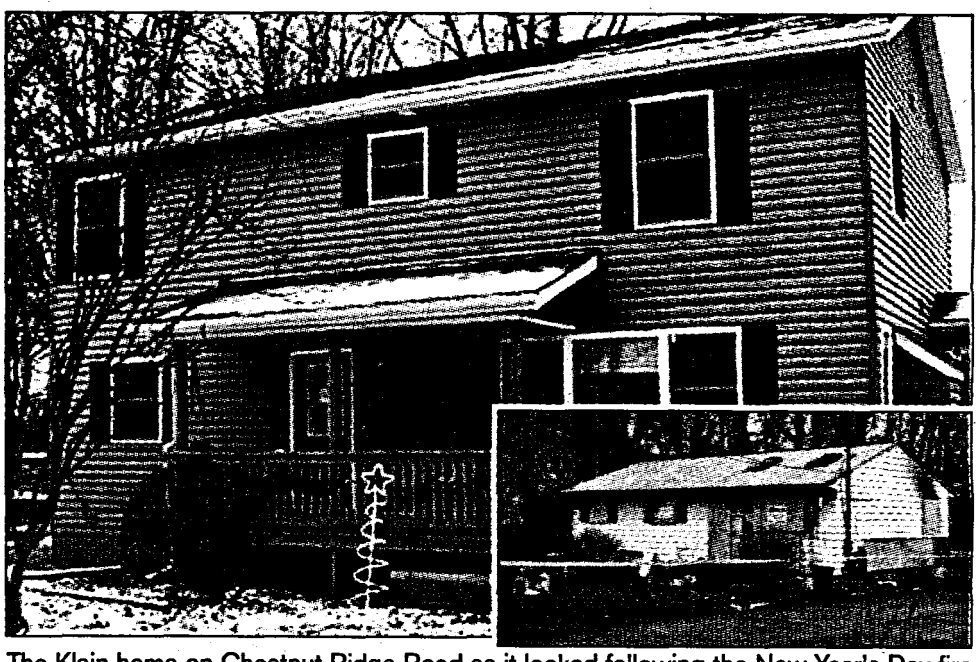
After Royce and Leslie had gone to sleep. Royce was awakened by a loud crash coming from another room in the house around 4 a.m.

"I opened the bedroom door and that was as far as I was going," Royce said.

After he realized there was a fire, he knew he had to get his wife and Mike out of the house.

"I have never opened the bedroom window so fast," Royce said.

Then, according to Leslie, her husband jumped out of the window that was almost 8 feet from the ground and landed on his head. Leslie then climbed on their bed and jumped out the window while Royce caught her.



The Klein home on Chestnut Ridge Road as it looked following the New Year's Day fire in 2005 (inset) and after rebuikding. *NRP photo by Carol Klear*

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Krone begins retirement by working on plans for new clinic



By Carol Klear

"We never really had animals at home; my first exposure was at my uncle's dairy farm in the Wooster area," Gary Krone said. "The vet would come out and treat animals. I saw it and enjoyed it."

From that time on, Krone knew he wanted to be a veterinarian. And since graduating from Ohio State University in 1974, until his retirement a few weeks ago, the local veterinarian has been caring for "creatures great and small."

Gary Krone takes a few minutes to enjoy the comfort of his home, and now has time to enjoy his own pet, Murphy.

Krone, 59, and fellow veterinarian, Dr. Robert Hutchison, began their careers together at a veterinary practice in Elyria. They had been working for about two years when they took a ride along Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville and spotted a sign that read "property for sale." An old house sat on the one and one-third-acre site and it seemed just the place the two were looking for to set up their own practice.

"Bob was originally from North Ridgeville and I was from Elyria," Krone said, so drawing future clients might not be too difficult.

The two men mapped out a plan, including a 90-day option on the property and continuing to work where they were until they set up their own practice. But, as the saying goes, "the best-laid plans of mice and men ofttimes go awry," and when Krone and Hutchison told their employer what they were going to do, he fired them on the spot.

"Both of us were out of jobs," Krone said.

It was a shock, to say the least, but with his characteristic aplomb, Krone said he has always believed that things turn out for the best. And despite that unexpected collision of events, he and Hutchison continued working toward their dream and soon set up a "house call practice."

"We put an ad in the paper and started making house calls," he said. "From May to January we worked out

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'Everything old is new again,' ask Jim Whitlock

By Carol Klear

Utilities Department Supervisor Jim Whitlock has come up with a great way to combine recycling and promoting the city of North Ridgeville.

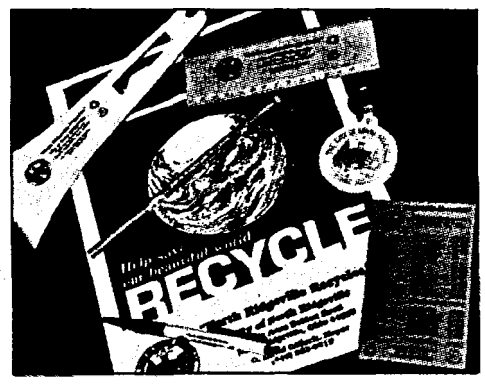
Thanks to funds from a recycling grant, Whitlock was able to purchase items created through recycling other things and distributes them to people who visit city hall, as well as school children.

There's the small brown card that lists the names and telephone numbers of city departments. You probably wouldn't know it, but it's made from recycled cardboard and has a magnet attached to the back to allow people to attach it to their refrigerators for easy reference.

And, if you're the type of person who has one heck of a time hanging on to your keys, there's a recycled solution for that- a sort of soft plastic or rubberized key ring. Of course it has a picture of the Old Town Hall on it to help us remember our roots.

Believe it or not, the little 6-inch yellow ruler is made from the recycled yellow pages from the telephone book. A windshield ice scraper is nothing more than recycled plastic and the pencil–wait until you hear this–it's from recycled blue jeans.

In addition to all the other items in the recycled bag, Whitlock also has, what is called, an enviro-guide featuring explanations of how recycling helps the world.



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Lorain National Bank plans two new offices; one in North Ridgeville

Lorain National Bank announced that it plans to build two new offices in two of Lorain County's fastest growing areas.

The first office will be constructed in the new Providence Square commercial development on Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville. The second office will be part of the Chestnut Commons development at SR 57 and Chestnut Ridge Road on the south side of Elyria.

The North Ridgeville office is expected to be completed in the summer of 2006 and the Elyria office in the fall of 2006. Completion of both offices is subject to certain government approvals.

Providence Square, which is being developed by Valore Builders, is located between Jaycox and Lear-Nagel roads on Center Ridge Road.

The new Elyria office is part of an extensive retail, commercial and residential development by Forest City Enterprises of Cleveland.

The offices will feature multiple-lane drive-in service, a drive-up ATM, after-hours depositories, contemporary banking lobbies with multiple teller stations and a new accounts center.

"We are delighted to build these new offices in two high growth areas," Daniel E. Klimas, president and chief executive officer of Lorain National Bank said. "We believe there is great appeal for an independent community bank said like Lorain National in these markets and we look forward to serving our existing and new customers at these new locations."

"Elyria and North Ridgeville are critical to the long range growth plans of the bank," Richard Lucas, retail banking executive for Lorain National said. "We are also excited about the new jobs that will be created with the addition of these new offices, which will have the most modern technology and conveniences available for our customers. We will also design the offices to provide space for our commercial banking, private banking, trust and investment and residential mortgage specialists."

New finance committee recommends adding assistant in law department

By Carol Klear

Gayle Manning, R at-large, is one of two freshmen council representatives among this term's legislators and wasted no time in digging into her post as finance committee chair when she called her first meeting last Thursday.

A few weeks ago City Law Director Andy Crites told the former finance committee he needs help in the law department and asked for an assistant law director, however committee members asked him to wait until appropriation meetings to make his appeal. Last week, two of three members of the new finance committee voted in favor of approving Crites' request.

Manning said Crites had called her about creating a new position in the law department and said she feels there is a need for it, citing the city's increased population, requiring added work in the law department.

"The funds are available," Manning said. "Andy has lived within his budget."

Dick Jaenke said he had questioned Crites about Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan's availability, but learned that she spends a large amount of time in court in Elyria. Jaenke also stressed that during the previous finance meeting, Crites said that he had resolved a number of lawsuits without going to court, which saved the city money.

Jaenke said the added person would work just three days a week and receive no benefits. Compensation would be approximately $35,000 a year.

"It appears Andy needs help," Jaenke said, adding that the person hired is up to the discretion of the mayor and the law director and is not council's responsibility.

Although she is not a member of the finance committee, Nancy Buescher, R-1, attended the meeting and noted that the last time the issue came before the finance committee, it was decided to postpone it until the appropriations meetings.

"I don't think it's fair to make a decision before appropriations," she said. "There are rumors going on in the city about who is going to be hired."

There has been talk that Allison Manning is being considered for the position and Buescher said that although she admires Gayle Manning, she feels a conflict could arise if her daughter is hired for the post in the law department.

"If the situation arises, council needs to be able to use its power to call another attorney," she said.

Safety Service Director Denny Johnson asked if the finance committee should turn down the proposed position "because of who might be hired."

Mayor Dave Gillock said there are funds in the law department, as well as increased revenue from mayor's court. He also cited the fact that at one time his daughter worked for the city, as does former councilman Al Swindig's son.

Crites said that an assistant law director works at the pleasure of the law director and the law director is an "at will" employee of the mayor. He said that none of the opinions rendered would come from an assistant, but would be his.

"I'm afraid we're losing money," Crites said. "We are doing a patchwork operation. This city is growing like a firestorm and I'm worried about things not being handled properly. I don't want someone to do my work for me."

"We're losing money and I don't think we should penalize Andy," Manning said.

"We're going to penalize everybody else," Buescher said. "Every department has been trying to cut back. Now with the police levy (money), everyone wants to dive into it."

City Auditor Chris Costin said Crites had "justification" for his request, however he questioned whether it should be granted just because he has problems.

Committee member, Dennis Boose, said he does not doubt Crites' need, but he could not understand why the law director couldn't wait approximately 45 days until appropriations, adding that the income tax department also is a revenue-generating department that needs extra help.

Gillock disagreed with waiting 45 days, stressing that there are a number of people who must be served, especially since the sewer line is in.

"I would like to see it in the totality of everything," Boose said. "We're not looking at the total picture. I don't want to short some other department's budget; I see the need, but we've held back all the departments so long."

Johnson said that the strongest need is in the police department, followed closely by the law department.

"We could add somebody to each and every department," he said.

"Six weeks would not make a huge difference," Boose insisted.

Costin said that council must first pass an ordinance creating the position and then another to fund it.

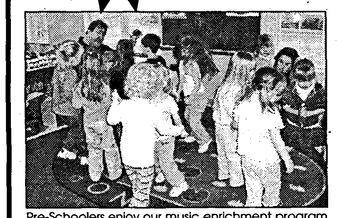
"By that time it will be March anyway," he said.

When the vote was taken, Manning and Jaenke voted in favor of the new position; Boose dissented.



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KLEARLY SPEAKING

BRING ON THE ASPIRIN.....The NRP got off to a rough start in 2006...well, actually I think we were so excited about the new year, we tossed out the old year (even though the lead story last week was about 2005 people, places and events, it read, "2006") before we were finished with it. And of course, leave it to our faithful readers to call us on the carpet on that one (and we haven't heard from the publisher yet, that's still to come). Anyway, hope you enjoyed the yearend review and thanks for the memories.

NEW YEAR; NEW LOOK..... Although some days it definitely was a bit chaotic, the Press and North Ridgeville Press are now enjoying newly painted and newly carpeted offices. Guess Santa got my letter after all. Now, if I could just do something with my house.

MOVING ON.....Before I forget, I want to thank the kind person who found my gloves during the flurry of the holidays, right where I dropped them–on the ground beside my car at Giant Eagle. When I reached my vehicle, groceries in tow, there they were placed oh, so carefully atop my chariot. How very thoughtful.

STATE OF MIND.....There's an old saying that "age is a state of mind," so when I told Mr. K. that the little white four-wheeler that gets me from Point A to Point B just turned 12 years old when we ushered in the New Year, he said, "Just think of it as a Ford Classic." Sounds good to me.

WHOA.....Although Dr. Chuck Norris was ready to take flight and leave his post as council clerk right after the new council was settled last week, the legislators voted him back in for another two years. Ever the quipster, Norris said, "I guess I can put my keys away."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE.....There was a council meeting on Jan. 2. How mean. Lots of other people had a holiday, but they had to have a regular session. It was something to do with the first meeting of the new council being the first Monday after the...oh, the heck with it. It's over...finished. And OSU beat Notre Dame, besides. Rotten day all around.

SAD NEWS.....One of North Ridgeville's biggest Cleveland Indians' fans Ed Grochowski died last week. He was a great guy and at 92 still had a terrific sense of humor. He used to call our house to chitchat with Mr. K. or myself and usually ended our conversations with, "Erin Go Bragh!" I'm sure going to miss our Polish friend.

North Ridgeville Press — Ed Kelly



PRESSLINE

John Vrtachnik: *I read your paper from the front page to the back page, I didn't see any pick-up trucks for sale. I'm looking for a 94 Dodge Dakota. There weren't any in there.*

Anyway, you wanted news, questions and all that stuff; John [his son] was in an accident on Root and Center Ridge roads. Both parties were taken to the hospital. They towed the vehicles to Patton Towing. The following day John went to pick up his lunch bucket, some keys he left in the vehicle and his tools, because he's a mechanic. The individual at the towing outfit stated that in order for him to get to his vehicle there was a $200 gate fee. He had to pay $200 to get into the gate. We thought that was kind of strange. He wasn't trying to take stuff from the vehicle, just to pick up his personal effects. I just wondered if this was something that was negotiated with the city or if this was normal or if

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Trees enrich our atmosphere; stop cutting them down to build homes



Reporter's Notebook

By Melissa Linebrink

Did you know that according to www.arborday.org, trees could increase the value of a home by 15 percent?

Did you know that trees remove carbon dioxide from the air, produce oxygen and give wildlife a home?

Did you know that trees are used to help cool homes in the summer time and that shade from one mature tree can save approximately $175 per year, per structure in air conditioning costs?

Did you know, that according to the National Wildlife Federation, 60 to 200 million spaces along our city streets where trees could be planted translates to absorbing 33 million more tons of carbon dioxide every year?

So, I pose this question to the North Ridgeville Planning Commission, as well as city government-why do you continually grant approval to housing developers to build new homes, which in turn limits the number of trees in our community? And, don't tell me that eventually trees are planted on the new lots...having a tree that is shorter than I am in height does not cut it.

The other day, as I was traveling toward Elyria, I happened to look to the right side of Center Ridge Road, near the All-American Sports Center Complex and my heart sank.

The trees, the beautiful trees that used to form a little forest around the All-American Sports Center were gone. Each and every one of them was removed from the ground that they had grown from so many years ago. The homes that are located around the center looked lost standing there alone.

Why are these trees gone?

I am going to assume that the trees were removed because more homes are soon going to be built in North Ridgeville.

Just what North Ridgeville needs...more homes.

Who is purchasing all these homes?

Are so many people interested in living in North Ridgeville that homes have to be built in the hundreds each year?

I find that interesting, because on my street alone, there are at least five homes that are available to live in right now, yet Planning Commission and city government continue to support the housing developers to build new homes in our city when there are homes already available to purchase.

Instead of constantly granting approval for new homes, our city should be more concerned with our school district and city's image.

The fact that we have beautiful homes means squat when our school district cannot pass a school levy that has been on the ballot numerous times since I moved here in 2001. No one is going to want to live in a community that does not support its school district. Maybe the city is hoping "young families" will move into the area first and then have children and then support the school levy.

That is kind of backwards don't you think?

And, the fact that we have thousands of beautiful new homes means nothing when the city is having a rather difficult time finding new businesses to call North Ridgeville "home." I am still waiting for something to be done to Ridge Plaza.

Maybe before city officials wrote the city's master plan in pen, perhaps they should have looked to our sister cities, such as Avon or Westlake, to see how they succeeded in creating their cities as some of the best in Northeast Ohio. Simply relying on the old phrase, "Build it and they will come" is not working for North Ridgeville.

Do you have a story idea or comment? Feel free to send them my way via e-mail at melissalinebrink@hotmail.com or call the newsroom at (866) 732-1240.

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Mark your calendars for two important events this month

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce

By Kevin Corcoran, President of North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce

Happy New Year and welcome to 2006. North Ridgeville is off to an exciting start this January. Two important events will occur in the next few weeks. Make plans to attend each one, as they will affect you personally.

On Jan. 19, starting at noon, Mayor G. David Gillock will present his State of the City Address. This event, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the North Ridgeville City Schools Education Center. Mayor Gillock will recap 2005 and lay out his vision for the city in the coming years. Reservations are required and lunch is $20 for chamber members and $25 for non-members. Call the chamber office at 327-3737 before Jan. 13 for your reservation or email nrcoc@nrchamber.com.

On Jan. 25, from 4-8 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Library, Mayor Gillock and the Center Ridge Road Corridor Study Committee will present suggestions to the public to address traffic flow along Center Ridge Road. Some of these suggestions include the widening of the roadway and access management. The suggestions require feedback from the residents and businesses but especially from those affected by the changes. Please attend this very important meeting or send a representative to learn how you will be affected.

January's events will provide information that will affect our lives over the next several months and many years to come.

Tax debt forgiven through Feb. 15 in state's new amnesty program

By William W. Wilkins
Tax Commissioner,
Ohio Department of Taxation

With the new year, comes an old tradition. Around the world, people will reflect on the past year's successes and failures while resolving ways to start anew in 2006. A new year offers people an opportunity for a "fresh start." In 2006, the Ohio Department of Taxation will offer taxpayers a similar opportunity–that is a "clean slate."

Beginning Jan. 1 through Feb. 15, 2006, the department will offer "amnesty" to qualifying taxpayers–those individuals and businesses located in and outside of Ohio who are unknown to the state and have unreported or underreported tax delinquencies–through the 2006 Ohio Tax Amnesty Program.

Tax amnesty offers taxpayers the lowest-cost opportunity to resolve past tax delinquencies by eliminating all penalties and one-half of the interest owed. That may result in substantial savings for many.

Specific taxes covered by the Tax Amnesty Program include the Employer Withholding Tax, Sales and Use Tax, Corporation Franchise Tax, Personal Income Tax, Pass-through Entity Tax, Personal Property Tax, Individual and School District Income Tax and Employer School District Withholding Tax.

To obtain tax amnesty, taxpayers must submit a completed tax amnesty application form, along with the returns and payment of the taxes and interest due to the Ohio Department of Taxation, P.O. Box 530, Columbus, 43216-0530 by Feb. 15, 2006.

Some may be wondering why the Department of Taxation is offering amnesty. The reason is simple. Ohio's tax code has experienced dramatic change in recent years, especially with the sweeping tax reform package passed in 2005. Given those changes, many taxpayers and business owners may have made inadvertent errors in their past filings. It is, of course, also possible that controllers have made honest mistakes. And, in some cases, taxpayers may have withheld important tax information from their preparers.

Regardless of the reasons why delinquencies occur, they can take place in a variety of ways that now qualify for tax amnesty in Ohio. As you consider resolving past problems or setting goals for 2006, consider checking your tax history now to make sure there are no liabilities because amnesty is just a 45-day window of opportunity for a clean record.

There are probably many more people than you think who are eligible for tax amnesty. Consider these scenarios:

1. Do you own a business that performs taxable services, such as repair, installation, security, janitorial, personal care, or snow removal to customers at Ohio locations?

If yes, have you charged Ohio sales tax on those services?

2. Have you purchased taxable services, such as snow removal, tree trimming, repair work, or installation, at your Ohio location(s)?

If yes, did you pay Ohio sales tax or use tax on those services?

3. Have you purchased tangible personal property over the Internet or through a catalog at your Ohio location(s)?

If yes, did you pay Ohio sales tax or use tax on those purchases?

4. Do you own a business outside of Ohio but sell products, such as make-up, jewelry or clothes to people in Ohio?

If yes, do you store your inventory in an Ohio location, such as a public storage facility or warehouse?

If yes, have you filed Ohio Personal Property Tax returns?

5. Have you not filed Personal Income Tax returns with the State of Ohio because you did not have the money to pay any or all of the amount due at the time of filing?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you should consider applying for Ohio Tax Amnesty.

We believe that most taxpayers want to do the right thing, including paying any taxes, delinquent or otherwise, that they rightfully owe–and there has never been a more critical time than now to do so.

The chances of delinquent taxpayers getting caught has greatly increased due to enhanced communication among states, and between the IRS, on taxation issues. Further, the department has allocated significant resources to increase its own effectiveness at identifying and recovering delinquent taxes through its audit and operating divisions and its new tax discovery division, which is helping to improve our data and fact-gathering capabilities.

For more information about Ohio Tax Amnesty, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at (800) 304-3211, or visit www.taxamnestyohio.com.

So, should old tax debt be forgotten and never brought to mind? Yes–for those qualifying taxpayers who come forward and participate in the 2006 Ohio Tax Amnesty Program.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help from strangers

To the Editor:

Today (Dec. 21, 2005), I carefully crossed the ice-crusted snow in the yard to the mailbox. While extracting the mail, my cane slid into the road.

There was traffic stopped at the light, so I held onto the mailbox as it passed by.

One woman stopped her auto in the road, then a man stopped on SR 20. He got out and walked me safely to the house.

A big thank you to those people who stopped to help a stranger.

May the Lord bless them.

Carol Steffen
North Ridgeville

PRESSLINE, from page 4

there was something not right.

Response: *In the first part of his call John Vrtachnik is just assuring me that he followed my recommended New Year's resolution for readers, by reading the North Ridgeville Press from front to back. Sorry you couldn't find the vehicle you wanted, John, but keep looking.*

We spoke to Safety Service Director Denny Johnson concerning the gate fee charged by the towing company. He said there is no contract between the city and Patton Towing, but rather a "memorandum of understanding." Johnson also said there is a $150 access fee, however that $150 is applied to the bill when the car is released.

"The fee is to keep deadbeats from taking things out of the car and then leaving the car," he said.

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New containers permit seniors to microwave meals

By Carol Klear

North Ridgeville's Office for Adults has upgraded its Meals on Wheels through a new type of packaging that will help seniors keep food warmer and allow them to microwave their lunches, as well.

Rita Price, director of the Office for Adults, said she recently attended a meeting of the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA), where a representative was introducing the new containers that cost approximately 1 cent less per container than the ones formerly used.

Joy Jenkins, head cook at the Senior Center said that the containers are used across the United States. She explained that the center purchases the containers, but the machine used to wrap the meals is free.

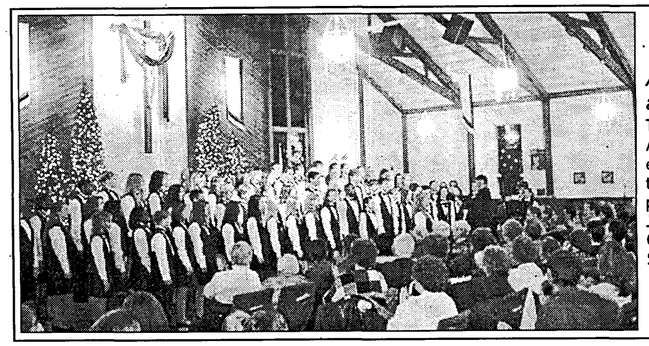
Jenkins is especially enthused about the updated packaging because some people receive their meals around 10 a.m. and previously if they wanted to eat them for lunch they would have had to transfer them to a pan and reheat them on the stove.

"This way they can put them in the microwave," she said.

According to instructions for handling of home-bound meals, any meal that is not eaten when it's received should be refrigerated immediately. When the person is ready to eat, they can preheat the oven to 350 degrees and heat the meal for 20-30 minutes. Or, if they prefer, they can reheat the food in the microwave by first pulling back a corner of the plastic to vent, placing the meal in the microwave and heating for one or two minutes.



Assistant cook, Lynn Roth, shows a meal wrapped in one of the new containers.



And the angels sing

The Singing Angels offered an extra Christmas treat when they performed at St. Julie Billiart Church on Dec. 28.



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Utility pole hit; knocks out power

Nearly 1,500 North Ridgeville homes were without power for more than two hours on Friday morning.

According to Safety Service Director Denny Johnson, a tractor-trailer "took out a utility pole" at Lorain and Bagley roads.

Johnson said the outage affected the southeast section of the city. North Ridgeville High School also reported being without power for approximately one hour

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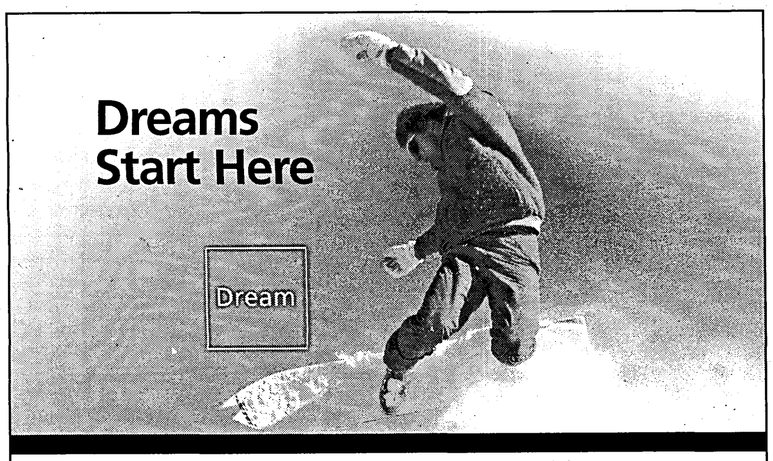
If you would like to contribute content to the monthly newsletter, contact the chamber office.

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Valore reapplies to have Center Ridge land rezoned

By Carol Klear

The issue was all but dead and buried, but builder Tony Valore is not one to give up easily, so he's going back to council to try to get a parcel of land off Center Ridge Road rezoned so he can build storage units.

"He wants the full council to vote on the rezoning," Chairman Dick Jaenke told members of the buildings and lands committee last Thursday. "Many residents are in favor of the rezoning and with a buffer, the trees will be saved."

To recap, what has become almost a never-ending story, Law Director Andy Crites said that council removed "storage units" from an ordinance of permitted uses, however Valore re-applied prior to the Jan. 18, effective deadline for the demise of storage units.

Crites said that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved storage units as of a "similar character" as other approved items.

"He applied to a six-member council," Crites said. "Now he has reapplied and he has the right to do so. It won't go back to the BZA, but it must go to planning and council."

Ward 4 Councilman Bob Olesen restated how he walked his ward and that the majority of residents in the vicinity of Valore's property favored the storage units. Although Olesen admitted it wasn't necessarily his choice, he said, "As their representative, I have to go along."

Crites said that Valore first presented a residential plan then industrial and commercial and cautioned the committee against shooting down the idea again.

"He's been nice enough not to sue us," Crites said. "If this guy gets kicked to the curb again, this claim will look a lot more attractive in Common Pleas Court."

To bring the new council people–Dennis Boose, D-2 and Gayle Manning, R at-large–up to speed, Jaenke explained that council's first vote was 3-3 and it went down. He also said that the storage units would not be seen because they would be at the back of the property.

Nancy Buescher, R-1, has been against the idea from the beginning and told the committee that if the issue is presented to council again, she would vote against it once more, noting that it is contrary to the Charter.

"We have an opinion from the law director and we need to acknowledge it," Jaenke said, adding that the law director is to keep council out of trouble.

"The last law director got us in trouble," Buescher said.

Manning said she voted in favor of it when she was on Planning Commission and if it comes to council, she would vote for it again.

The committee voted 3-0 to recommend Valore's request.

January is school board recognition month in Ohio

The Ohio School Boards Association is celebrating School Board Recognition Month in January to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in society.

School Board Recognition Month honors members of Ohio's 723 city, exempted village, local and joint vocational boards of education and educational service centers governing boards for their commitment to providing quality public education to Ohio's school children. Gov. Bob Taft has lent his support by declaring the month of January School Board Recognition Month in the state.

The North Ridgeville City Schools is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Superintendent Larry Bowersox said. "They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part."

North Ridgeville School Board members Manuel Dominguez, William Harnish, Robin Hrabik, Ross Mitchell and Maria Sycz were recognized for their service and commitment to the district during the Jan. 10 board meeting.

Armbruster introduces legislation to license crisis care facilities in Ohio

State Sen. Jeffry Armbruster (R-North Ridgeville) has introduced Senate Bill 242, legislation that would require crisis care facilities to obtain licensure by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

"Crisis care facilities offer many valuable services to vulnerable children when their families are in a time of need," Armbruster said. "Senate Bill 242 will specifically codify the definition and requirements for these facilities to ensure that the children of Ohio, and those who work to protect them, have access to effective and efficient facilities that meet appropriate requirements."

Crisis care facilities provide support and care services to children whose parents are in an emergency situation and cannot properly care for them until the situation is resolved. Although there are a few of these facilities operating throughout the state, they are currently doing so as group homes with special waivers from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services which have been approved on an individual basis. This language will specifically address crisis care facilities that care for preteens on a temporary, emergency basis.

By setting forth specific regulations for this type of facility the state can better ensure that children receive appropriate care. In addition, the bill would require the Department to establish penalties for facilities that do not comply with these procedures.

Senate Bill 242 is the product of three years of work between Armbruster's office, the Department of Job and Family Services, three crisis care facilities currently operating in the state, including Blessing House in Lorain County, which first brought the issue to the senator's attention.

The bill will now be referred to a senate committee for further consideration.



New building going up

The Cleveland Center Federal Credit Union has purchased the property on Center Ridge Road at Barton and will construct a new building on the site. No building schedule has been decided. Presently the credit union is located across the street from the middle school.

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What happened next was considered miraculous.

"I told Leslie to go next door and call the fire department while I went to see if Mike got out of the house," Royce said.

Leslie was a bit worried about going next door because her neighbors tend to sleep upstairs and she did not think they would hear her knocking. However, the lady was in her kitchen putting a ham in her oven for New Year's Day dinner and heard Leslie's frantic knocking and then called 9-1-1.

Meanwhile, Royce went to the front of the house and noticed that Mike had not yet escaped from the fire. Then he saw a ladder propped up against the house.

"We told Joe to put that ladder away after he finished hanging the lights on the gutter around the house," Leslie said, adding it was never put away during the month of December.

Royce climbed the ladder, pounded on the window where Mike was sleeping and finally the two made contact. However, Mike was unable to open the window, so Royce told him to step back and that he would break it. The window was broken but Mike didn't wait for the ladder to return to help him down.

"He just flew out the window," Royce said.

After Royce, Leslie and Mike were safe outside of the home, they watched as the North Ridgeville Fire Department extinguished the fire that had engulfed their home.

Neighbors went out of their way to help by providing clothing, shoes and hot chocolate for the family.

The Klein family eventually learned the fire had started in Amanda's room in the basement and had been burning for some time, but the fire alarms did not go off in time to save the house. It was also Amanda's room that was destroyed the most because the living room floor caved in and ultimately landed in her room.

"We lost everything, but we had our kids," Leslie said adding, that some photographs depicting the family's past were also salvaged from the fire.

Soon after the family was left homeless, the American Red Cross came to their aid by providing financial support to allow them to purchase new clothing, toothbrushes, shoes, etc. Financial help also came from members of the North Eaton Christian Church.

Students at the North Ridgeville High School (NRHS) where Joe was previously a freshman and Amanda a senior, also came together and donated as much money as they could to help the family in time of need.

"I only missed one day of school (after winter break) and that was because I did not have any clothes," Joe, now a sophomore at NRHS, said.

However, soon after Joe and Amanda returned to school, an announcement was made on the PA system for the two to head down to the office where two members of Student Council presented them with money to help with family needs.



Leslie, Royce, Joe and Kim Klein celebrated the holidays in their new house that was constructed on the basement of the old house. Missing from the photo is the family's oldest daughter, Amanda. *NRP photo by Melissa Linebrink*

Kim attends Lorain County JVS and staff members and parents also raised money to help the family last January.

The family was eventually split up while Royce and Leslie looked for a place to rent while a new home was being built. The parents stayed with Leslie's parents in Elyria and the children were able to stay with friends.

"Luckily it took about one week before we found a home to rent," Royce said. "I was looking through the newspaper and found one."

The family then called Deerfield Meadows "home" from the middle of January 2005 to November 2005. They moved into their new home, built exactly where their old home sat, on Nov. 15. Leslie noted that she made certain the family purchased reliable fire alarms for the new house.

"We never really thought about moving away," Royce said.

"No," Leslie said looking at her family in the living room, "this is home."

KRONE, from page 1

of the trunks of our cars. But it really worked out great. The zoning was right and you could only have one building per acre. We had a year before we had to tear the building down."

During that time Krone and his wife, Toni, lived in the house on the property, while the veterinarian ministered to a variety of animals that needed medical expertise. When they moved, the house was demolished and the new animal clinic went up.

"We opened our doors in 1976," Krone said. "We began adding veterinarians and in the mid '80s we put on our first addition; in the early '90s we added the second one and in 2000 the last one was added."

The veterinarian said that one of the first goals at the clinic was to follow the criteria of the American Animal Hospital Association. The organization was established in 1933 and developed high standards for treating animals covering such issues as assessing the need for anesthesia, client service, protocols for contagious diseases, emergency/urgent care, pain management and medical records.

"Following that philosophy, our practice just grew," Krone said, adding that today, there are 12 veterinarians at Animal Clinic Northview, including several that specialize.

Krone said he didn't have a specialty, although he did do orthopedic surgery. During the past few years he has handled a good portion of the management of the clinic, but still liked to treat dogs and cats.

When the practice began Krone and Hutchison covered emergency calls themselves, but as more vets were added, a sort of rotation evolved.

The clinic treats all sorts of animals, including "pocket pets," like mice and gerbils, the veterinarian said.

"It's amazing what people become attached to."

For years Krone and his wife served as 4-H advisors. Although their three children are now 22, 23 and 25 and they are no longer working with 4-H, they still have chickens, goats, dogs and cats on their farm on Root Road. And they still show goats at the Lorain County Fair.

"We used to take the animals different places," Krone said, including nursing homes.

Very often when they took chickens to an Alzheimer's unit, it created just a flicker of remembrance in some residents who recalled gathering eggs when they were young.

"They could relate to it," Krone said.

The Krone farm encompasses 53 acres, however Krone said they lease out some of the land.

When they were house hunting in the mid-'70s, they were looking for a place with some land. The property where they live now originally included 87 acres. At the time, the Ohio Turnpike was under construction and four men had been contracted to do borrow pits for a firm that bid the job, however, the parent company didn't get the contract and through negotiations with the city, donated 35 acres to the city. That is now the large retention pond behind West Point homes.

"We ended up with 53 acres," Krone said, adding they have lived there since 1978. "It's ideal; it's close to the clinic and if there's an emergency, I'm five minutes away."

One of the most rewarding parts of veterinary medicine for Krone was doing C-sections.

"The mother cannot deliver the babies and either the mother or the babies or both are not going to make it," he said. "There is an anesthetic tech running the anesthesia, and a vet technician assistant on hand. As the babies are taken we hand them off to the assistant. And in some cases in about 45 minutes the mother and babies are sent home."

When men or women reach the end of the full-time careers, they often talk of traveling or some other way of whiling away their free time, but Krone is every bit as busy today as he was. He and Toni are active in their church and Krone volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the couple enjoys gardening.

But Krone has not closed the door on the veterinary clinic, in fact one of the most exciting things he's involved in presently is the new clinic that is in the works.

"We are building a new building," he said. "There just is not enough parking space for people (presently). We bought 6 acres of land on Stoney Ridge Road. So I am pretty busy with that."

By definition, Dr. Gary Krone is retired, but he understands that when conversing as he is out and about and people learn he is a vet, they begin asking all sorts of questions.

"Some (veterinarians) get offended, but it never bothers me," he said. "I enjoy it.

I-90 interchange study open house

The city of Avon and their consultant, TranSystems Corporation, will host a public meeting on Jan. 19 at the Avon Senior Center (36786 Detroit Road). The purpose of the meeting is to present alternatives to address access to I-90 for the city of Avon and surrounding communities.

The meeting will be conducted in an open-house style. The public may visit any time between 4-8 p.m. to view exhibits and talk with the project team.

Over the past several months, TranSystems has been studying alternatives to improve access to the I-90 corridor for the city of Avon, specifically within the area between SR 83 and Crocker Road. The existing access points to I-90, which are already inadequate to serve Avon's industrial area north of the freeway, are expected to experience increasing congestion as the eastern Lorain County area continues to grow.

To develop alternatives, the study team has been working with a stakeholders group comprised of citizens and public officials from the cities of Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village and Westlake, Cuyahoga and Loráin counties, along with representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting and by mail or email until Feb. 3. The study team will be reviewing the comments, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each option, in order to develop the final recommendation from the study.

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Lions rally to win in OT



Joe Ostrica

Moudy Farhat led the Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team to a 71-68 overtime victory over visiting Cleveland Heritage Christian last week. It was the Lions' third win in four games.

Farhat, who finished with a game-high 31 points and five 3-pointers, nailed a triple 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. Brett 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.

After hosting Community Christian on Tuesday (after NRP deadline), the Lions will host Grand River Academy on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Ranger bowlers win two

The North Ridgeville High School bowling team opened its season Jan. 2 with a win over Keystone. Ridgeville's total team score, which includes all 10 single games and two baker games, was 2,414. Keystone finished with 2,114. The Rangers won all matches and bakers. The North Ridgeville JV boys and Lady Ranger varsity and JV teams all won by forfeit.

Chris Henning (243 in game one, 234 in game two) led the boys varsity team. Jason Case (234, 194), Aaron Klein (154, 247), Andrew Gorzelanczyk (158, 238) and Bryan Cioffoletti (192, 162) also had solid games.

The Rangers followed up with a win over Open Door on Jan. 4. The Rangers finished with 2,462 total pins. Open Door finished with 1,344. Henning led the way again (216, 236). Gorzelanczyk (216, 195), Case (174, 227) and Cioffoletti (201, 177) rounded out the scoring. Klein (209) and Frank Kotas (251) each bowled one game.

LRA welcomes new coach

The Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team had a recent change in its coaching staff. Don Spice, who began the season as the JV boys basketball coach and varsity assistant, is no longer with the Lions' program.

His replacement is Steffon Thomas, another Oberlin College graduate and basketball player to join the Lions. Head coach James Knight is also an Oberlin alum. According to LRA athletic director Jim Doyle, the native New Yorker has very good experience working with young people.

"Steffon is an excellent fit for our school, our program and our student-athletes and we welcome him aboard," Doyle said.

NRHS wrestling alumni

The Ranger wrestling boosters are actively pursuing more involvement from the community and are trying to contact as many Ranger wrestling alumni as possible. Please contact the North Ridgeville Wrestling Boosters at 327-3867 to get on the mailing list.

Youth basketball

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is now taking signups for the Junior Ranger Basketball Program. Cost is $45. Boys and girls in grades 3-6 can register at the parks and recreation office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 353-0860 for more information.

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Rangers come up big, win back-to-back WSC road games

By Joe Ostrica

It's always a challenge to play back-to-back games over the weekend. Even with the games on the road against West Shore Conference foes, starting with the 7-0 Bay Rockets last Friday, the North Ridgeville boys basketball team proved they were up to the challenge.

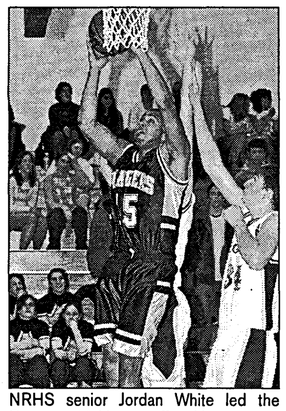
After handing the Rockets their first loss of the season in a 53-52 thriller, the Rangers traveled to Avon to defeat the Eagles 47-34. The Rangers improved to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the WSC. Thanks to Fairview's 67-64 win over Bay last Saturday, the Rangers moved up to second in the WSC standings. Rocky River leads the league with a 4-0 record and is 8-0 overall. The Rangers will travel to Rocky River on Tuesday (after NRP deadline).

"The schedulers are not real kind when you have to play back-to-back games like that," NRHS head coach Mark Rechin said. "It's a tough thing to do. I thought it showed with some of our kids. It's tough for everybody. The Bay game was big for us, taking a team like that on their home court. The weekend was definitely a successful one."

After suffering a one-point heartbreaking loss at Normandy on Dec. 30, the Rangers had an entire week to prepare for the Rockets.

"We focused on the Bay game the entire week," Rechin said. "We lost a tough one to Normandy in the last second. It's tough to have that hanging over your head and we knew we had to prepare for Bay and we did a good job working hard all week."

The Rangers jumped out to a 17-5 first quarter lead, but the Rockets put up 24 points in the second quarter knocking down 6-of-7 from 3-point range to take a 29-27 halftime lead. The Rangers edged Bay 10-9 in the third period to cut their deficit to one point (38-37) heading into the fourth quarter.



NRHS senior Jordan White led the Rangers with his best effort this season at Avon. *Photo by Pro Photography*

Just when the Rockets appeared to be running away with the game by opening the final quarter with a 6-0 run, Nick Carpenter hit a big 3-pointer for the Rangers. A layup by Joe Faragher cut Bay's lead to two (44-42). A few minutes later the Rangers were down by three (46-43) until Carpenter came up with another big play. After getting a rebound, the senior shooting guard drove the length of the court for a layup and was fouled. His free throw tied the game 46-46. Carpenter finished with a game-high 23 points, including four 3-pointers.

After Bay turned the ball over with an offensive foul on the next possession, the Rangers took a 48-46 lead on Jordan White's drive to the basket. The Rangers never looked back.

"As far as game plan went, we conducted ourselves exactly they way we needed to," Rehcin said. "They've got some shooters and hit nine 3's. We knew that was going to be part of their strength. In spite of that, we were able to pull it out. It was a great defensive effort.

"Overall, offensively we were efficient. We got done what we needed to do and hit free throws, which I think is getting better gradually. That's going to be important. In close games like that you have to get that stuff pretty well mastered."

Although the Rangers were taking on a 3-4 Avon team the following night, North Ridgeville was concerned how it would perform after playing such an intense game at Bay. Making the game more interesting was Avon's 54-52 overtime upset over Firelands the night before.

"We were not looking forward to this game at all," Rechin admitted. "It was a tough game and we knew the kids were pretty emotional about last night. When you have to come back the next night, that's just another wall you have to climb. We considered that a pretty big piece of adversity for us. We gutted it out. It would have been a crime to come in here and not play real well."

Both teams exchanged leads in the first quarter. Things didn't look so good for North Ridgeville when senior center Joe Faragher went down with an ankle injury with 2:17 left in the opening quarter and the score tied 10-10.

With Faragher out, White knew he had to pick up the slack on the inside. White finished with his best game of the season, compiling a game-high 14 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks to lead the Rangers to a 47-34 win.

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Rangers upset hosts at Avon Lake Dual Meet Tournament

By Matt Thornicroft

The math said fourth place, but the North Ridgeville Rangers held their own with a 3-2 finish at last Saturday's Avon Lake Dual Meet Classic.

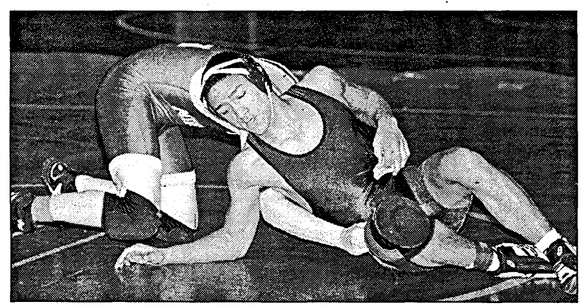
The Rangers won three out of five matches, including a two-point (32-20) win over second-place Avon Lake. North Ridgeville met meet champion Aurora (5-0) in the finals, but lost 53-24 to fall into a four-way tie for second place with the Shoremen, Benedictine and Woodridge. The final places were decided based on point differentials. The end result gave Avon Lake second place, Benedictine third, the Rangers fourth and Woodridge fifth.

Avon Lake, despite losing to North Ridgeville, beat Benedictine 40-30 in the final round. The Rangers fell 45-27 in their match against the Bengals. Neither team faced fifth-place Woodridge.

"I'm pleased with our effort and happy with the way things went," Rangers head coach Ed Haller said. "These are long days. Our last two matches were against two tough teams. I thought our match against Benedictine could've been closer. Against Aurora, we just didn't match up well."

Aurora took full advantage of the Rangers' matchup shortcomings. Gamesmanship on the Greenmen's part spoiled a showdown at 140 pounds between North Ridgeville's Mike Janik (25-0) and Aurora district qualifier Phelan England. Aurora, which came into the tournament with a full roster, forfeited the match to Janik and pitted England against Frank Martin at 145 pounds. England pinned Martin in 25 seconds. The Rangers countered with a forfeit against state qualifier Johnny Papesh.

Janik ended the tournament undefeated with pins earned in every contested match. With two forfeits added in, Janik finished 5-0 and improved to 25-0 on the year. His fastest pin, 3:31, came against Midview's Dustin Moran.



NRHS senior Mike Janik improved to 25-0 for the season. *Photo by Pro Photography*

Josh Counts (125) wrestled a perfect tournament as well. He went 3-0 with decisions earned in all three contested matches. One of his biggest wins of the day came against defending conference champion and district qualifier Jeb Barth of Avon Lake. Counts beat Barth 7-5 to give his team three crucial points to help earn a two-point team victory over the Shoremen.

North Ridgeville needed all the points it could get against the Shoremen. Down 30-17 with just three matches left and guaranteed six points with Avon Lake's forfeit at 103 pounds, the Rangers needed two huge wins at 215 and 275 pounds. The got them.

Alec Barker scored three key points with a 7-2 decision against defending SWC champ and district qualifier Tavis Sokolow at 215 pounds. Heavyweight Greg Byrd put the team over the top with a pin (5:15) against Greg Longwell.

Barker's victory was his second of five wins, which included two pins, two decisions and a forfeit. Barker's victory over Sokolow was his 99th career win. He hit the century mark in the team's 58-14 win over Clearview with a pin in 1:28 against the Clippers' Zack Payne.

"When I won I was really excited. I jumped up and yelled 'sweet,'" Barker said. "I have a countdown on a white dry erase board in my room. I only have 11 more to go until the school record (held by Matt Rabung)."

At the end, Barker was really excited for his team.

"That was a big upset against Avon Lake," Barker said. "I was happy to see that happen, especially for Byrd. Byrd pulled that out for us."

Byrd finished the day 3-2. Josh Wall (130) finished 3-1. Rex Rozar ended the day with three victories, including two pins. Kyle Beaunne (103) ended the tournament with two wins.

The Rangers will host a West Shore Conference tri-match against Fairview and Bay tomorrow at 7 p.m.

North Ridgeville is 3-0 in WSC matches.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MIKE JANIK

School: NRHS
Grade: 12
Sport: Wrestling



Janik finished 5-0 and won the 140-pound division at last Saturday's Avon Lake Dual Meet Classic. The St. Edward transfer has helped the Rangers to a 3-0 start, including 3-0 in the West Shore Conference. Janik leads the Rangers with a 25-0 record.

JOSH COUNTS

School: NRHS
Grade: 11
Sport: Wrestling



Counts beat Avon Lake district qualifier Jeb Barth 7-5 to give his team three crucial points to help earn a two-point team victory over the Shoremen at last Saturday's Avon Lake Dual Meet Classic. Counts finished 5-0 at 125 pounds and improved to 18-5 for the season.

SAMMIE FARHAT

School: LRA
Grade: 10
Sport: Basketball



The sophomore point guard helped Lake Ridge defeat Heartland 85-55 in a recent holiday tournament. Farhat scored 29 points, tying game-high honors with his brother, senior Moudy. Sammie also had five 3-pointers, nine assists and five steals to pace the Lions.

Cold shooting hurts Lady Rangers in loss to Clearview

By Joe Ostrica

Typically if you hold a team to no field goals in the fourth quarter you're chances of winning are pretty high. Unfortunately for the North Ridgeville girls basketball team, the Lady Rangers were battling a 23-point deficit entering the final period in a home contest against Clearview on Jan. 4. The Lady Clippers walked off the court with a 43-34 victory to improve to 8-2 on the season. North Ridgeville dropped to 2-7.

North Ridgeville head coach Steve Kelly said his team's poor shooting (12-of-61 from the field for 20 percent) was unavoidable when discussing what went wrong.

"Clearview played a good game, but by halftime we shot 3-out-of 26," Kelly said. "We're down 17 points shooting 3-out-of-26. If we hit five more shots to be 8-out-of-26, we're down by just seven points and still right where we needed to be. No matter what kind of defense we play against, if we don't take the ball back every time we miss a shot, it's going to be very hard for us to be successful in the game."

When the Lady Rangers found themselves down by 23 points (40-17) with just 30 seconds remaining in the third quarter, the game got interesting. Instead of shutting down like most teams might, North Ridgeville woke up and battled back.

The Lady Rangers finished the game with a 17-3 run, allowing Clearview to score just three free throws. Kelly was not surprised his team was able to put the huge deficit behind them and battle back.

"I don't think in the three years I've been here we've ever truly given up," he said. "We fight to the end. The game may not be as close as we'd like it, but these girls have heart. Their character shows through.

"We put on a late run in the game and start to come back. We started doing things correctly. All of a sudden things looked good and we picked up our confidence. If we had hit a couple of our shots early in the game, it's a different game. But we missed those shots and we get down on ourselves a little bit and try to pick it up. It just seems like a snowball effect."

Amanda Bier led North Ridgeville with nine points, one 3-pointer, one steal and one rebound. Kori Branscum scored five points, including one 3-pointer. Marissa Hausler and Melissa Turner scored four points apiece.

Kelly said the most disappointing thing for the team is losing games he feels they are capable of winning.

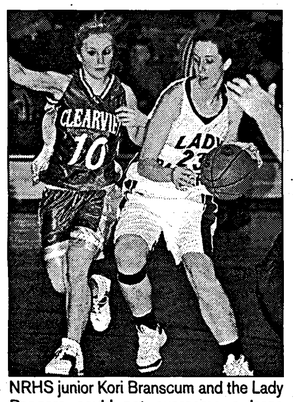
"I take a lot of blame," Kelly said. "A lot of people don't see it. I tell the kids, 'It's my responsibility as the head coach to take some blame. I'm trying to take the heat off of you. I want you to come out and play hard, do the things correctly and I'll try to take everything else off of you and put it on me so you don't have to worry about those things.'"

Kelly appreciates his team's hard work ethic and toughness and hopes that hard work will translate to more shots falling for them.

"It's not that this time doesn't bust their butts," he said. "They do. This team comes out and practices hard. It's just when we get into the game situation, the disappointment from them and myself that we don't necessarily run through things correctly shows at times. When we do things correctly, we build that momentum.

"Everybody contributes a little. If everybody contributes one more basket, we win the game. If those nine players that scored hit one more free throw, we tie the game. Those are the things that are disappointing from the aspect that we play hard, but it doesn't always show."

The Lady Rangers will resume West Shore Conference play this week. After hosting Fairview today at 7:30 p.m., they will travel to Firelands on Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. contest.



NRHS junior Kori Branscum and the Lady Rangers could not overcome a large deficit against Clearview last week. *Photo by Pro Photography*

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Sean Bunevich had a great night, finishing with 12 points, two 3-pointers, six rebounds, three assists, four steals and one block. Carpenter scored nine points, one 3-pointer, seven rebounds and two steals. Mike Nelson finished with seven rebounds and six assists.

"Coach said right after the Bay game that if we didn't win this game, then it would kind of deaden the weekend," White said. "We had to come out here with a lot of intensity, just like at Bay.

"This win was a team effort. Especially when Joe went down with his ankle. A bunch of us had to step up. We had to get guys off the bench and they stepped up. (Jim) Dutko was able to put in a few baskets for us, so it was a bench effort too."

In addition to his four points, Dutko chipped in two rebounds and two blocks. Josh Kehl finished with four points and an assist.

Rechin credited his team's defensive effort for pulling out the win. After the Rangers took a 34-22 lead with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter, they went through a 6:36 stretch without scoring a point, yet managed to not let the Eagles get within more than four points.

"I thought the guys did real well defensively," Rechin said. "When things aren't going well offensively, as long as you can get it done on the defensive end, you should be able to hang in there at least."

After traveling to Rocky River on Tuesday, the Rangers will return home to host Fairview (4-6 overall, 1-3 in the WSC) on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

West Shore Conference Standings (as of January 9, 2006)

	WSC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD		WSC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Rocky River	4-0	8-0	Firelands	2-3	5-4
North Ridgeville	3-1	5-3	Avon	1-2	3-5
Bay	3-2	7-2	Fairvew	1-3	4-6
Midview	2-2	5-4	Vermilion	1-3	4-4

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Wednesday, Jan. 11
Girls Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Fairview @ NRHS

Thursday, Jan. 12
Wrestling
7 p.m.: Fairview/Bay @ NRHS

Friday, Jan. 13
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Fairview @ NRHS
7:30 p.m.: Grand River @ LRA

Saturday, Jan. 14
Girls Basketball
2:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Firelands
4:30 p.m.: LRA @ Lake Center Christian
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: LRA @ Lake Center Christian

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

Thursday, Jan. 26
Wrestling
7 p.m.: Fairview/Bay @ NRHS

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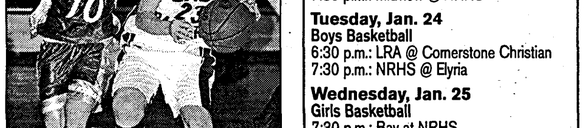
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EDUCATION

LRA seniors earn top college spots

Several members of the Lake Ridge Academy Class of 2006 have received early decision offers from top national and international colleges. Max Kornblith has been accepted at both Harvard University in Cambridge and Oxford University in England. His twin brother, Simon Kornblith, has been offered a seat in Stanford University's 2006 fall freshman class. The Kornblith brothers hail from Oberlin, where parents, Carol S. Lasser and Gary J. Kornblith are professors at Oberlin College.

Other Lake Ridge seniors who have received early decision offers at top schools include Emily Evans, for Wellesley College; Dustin Trabert, for Swarthmore College; Dezmond Douglas, for Morehouse College; Mahmoud Farhat, for Purdue University and Jerry Hammerschmidt, for Ursinus College, which was singled out by Newsweek/Kaplan College Guide as the nation's number one freshman year.

Seeking applicants for preschool peer program

North Ridgeville City Schools is seeking applicants for the Typically Developing Preschool Peer Program for the 2006-07 school year.

This program is offered as part of the North Ridgeville City Schools Early Childhood Learning Center. Children who qualify will act as constructive role models for classmates with special needs. The program is open to 3- and 4-year old children and they would attend preschool Tuesday through Thursday for two and one-half-hours each day during the school year. There is a morning and afternoon session available.

Applicants must reside in North Ridgeville and children must be at least 3 years old by June 1, 2006 and be toilet trained. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school. Space is limited and a tuition fee does apply. Children must participate in a screening process prior to enrollment that is scheduled for Feb. 22, 2006.

Interested parents should call Sheryl Kovach at 353-1094 for an application. Applications can also be picked up at the North Ridgeville Library and the North Ridgeville Education Center located at 5490 Mills Creek Lane.

What's for lunch?

For Jan. 12-18, 2006

North Ridgeville Middle School/High School

Thurs: Steak-um/bun, pizza bake/breadstick, tossed salad, red grapes, milk.
Fri: Cook's choice.
Mon: No school; Martin Luther King Day.
Tues: Brunch for lunch; sausage links w/French toast sticks, sausage and cheese on a bagel, hash browns, orange juice, milk.
Wed: Chili cheese fries/roll, hot ham and cheese/bun, mixed veggies, applesauce, pudding cup, milk.

North Ridgeville Elementary

Thurs: Cheeseburger/bun, tator tots, red grapes, milk.
Fri: Chicken fryz, dinner roll, mixed veggies, applesauce, milk.
Mon: No school; Martin Luther King Day.
Tues: Brunch for lunch; sausage links, French toast sticks, hash browns, orange juice, milk.
Wed: Ravioli, dinner roll, mixed veggies, applesauce, pudding cup, milk.

Everyone learned the true meaning of doing for others

Char Kline's third grade class at Wilcox Elementary learned the true meaning of Christmas. In lieu of a gift exchange in the classroom, Kline asked each child to contribute $5 to purchase gifts for a child in need through North Ridgeville's Community Care Adopt-a-Family program and for a grandparent from the Center Ridge Nursing Home.

On a snowy Sunday, 13 of 26 children met Kline at Great Northern Mall to begin their shopping. With lists in hand, they set out to make their purchases. Walking from one end of the mall to the other, they finished their shopping. The following day in their classroom, all 26 children participated in wrapping their gifts.



Chad Ferrara, 9, gives a holiday hug to Margaret Powelson, a resident of Center Ridge Nursing Home.

June Yost, executive director of Community Care accepted the wrapped gifts on behalf of a 3-year-old girl. The classroom was filled with love and happiness as the students presented their gifts for the needy child.

The next day, the children boarded a bus to the Center Ridge Nursing Home. In a room filled with residents, the children sang holiday songs and presented homemade holiday cards. Then they were introduced to their adopt-a-grandparent, Cecil Johnson, presenting him with several wrapped gifts. Johnson is a football fan and he was thrilled to find Cleveland Browns apparel. The third graders learned the true meaning of doing for others and lives and hearts were touched along the way.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Erin Dowdell has been named to the Dean's List at Urbana University, in Urbana, Ohio, for fall semester 2005.

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Straight A's

Tom Branstein, Aimee Caraszi, Jacob Chalkwater, Evan Collier, Kailey DeMarco, Audrey King, Chad Kisel, Brennen Koleno, Elizabeth Kuczynski, Luke Landis, Brian Le, Erin Meinert, Seth Reichanbach, Tyler Steidl, Samantha Stephenson, Dane Truelson.

Third Grade

Honor Roll-Shaina Abend, Stephen Auner, Katie Boatwright, Jose Borges, Maggie Carpenter, Peyton Davis, Hannah Freeman, John Gasior, Lauren Ginley, Samantha Graham, Hailey Halterman, Teagon Harrington, Drew Januzzi, Dovevan Kerby, Amanda Kettler, Joshua Koestler, Andrew Kubit, Andrew Majesky, Allison Morgan, David Musci, Alyssa Riley, Jessica Ross, Joseph Scott, Keigan Smyczek, Gabriella Tagliferri, Miguel Vega, Nick Vitantonio, Jared Wade, George Webb, Rachel Wells, Emily Whitehill.

Merit Roll-Vincent Adkins, Will Armbruster, Kayla Awad, Lauren Beitel, Lauren Coffey, Tristan Coffey, Nico Dennis, David DiFilippo, Shayne Emy, Abbey Fabian, Chad Ferrara, Michael Flanigan, Tyler George, Joey Gianvito, Jacob Gutia, George Hronis, Sarah Hatfield, Chad Hoover, Sarah Jackson, Alexia Keller, Crystel King, Daniel Knobblauch, Nichole Kozak, Michael Kulin, Austen Leininger, Kayla Mekel, Joseph Morris, Evan Rawbon, Jeffery Reffert, Dale Senart, Ben Sestak, Alex Sismour, Brandon Stephenson, Austin Trexler, Kobe Whalen, Alicia Whitfield, Christina Yarris.

Fourth Grade

Honor Roll-Olivia Berner, Ashley Caraszi, Joey Casement, Matthew Clark, Angela Dietz, Tori Gillum, James Krusala, Emily Lesniak, Max MacMillan, Daniel Musci, Todd Price, Jake Riley, Evan Rudo, Gabe Vega.

Merit Roll-Elizabeth Browning, Marissa Congleton, Matthew Crow, Brittaney Doptis, Andy Dowdell, Christopher Gaston, Devon Johnson, Danielle Maki, Zach Mitschke, Gabrielle Nix, Tiffany O'Grade, David Pashkovskey, Joey Peterson, Zach Rumora, Nicholas Sampson, Tommy Sheehan, Jolena Shipman, Samantha Skapin, Kenneth Smerecki, Shealea Spann, Justin Theilig, Angela Tully, Justin Vacha, Grace Wade, Kelly Wisniewski, Michaela Wyatt, Eric Zett.

Fifth Grade

Honor Roll-Aaron Arbour, Alec Auner, Bailey Counts, Kailey DeMarco, Paige Hanewinckel, Drew Hosler, David Januzzi, Jake Lavelle, Alex Lesniak, Jimmy Lynn, Cassie Mattix, Erin Meinert, Megan Miller, Katelyn Mohler, Brandon Pavolka, Kristina Polk, Anna Priore, Tyler Sponseller, Bradly Sundheimer, Andrew Wade.

Merit Roll-Matt Archacki, Cherish Ashcraft, Emilie Bartolic, Scott Bednerski, Derek Berger, Samantha Crist, Logan Gedeon, Julie Gunn, Jonathan Harmon, Tyler Haynes, Nick Hinton, Blasios Hronis, Evan Hulec, Stephanie Jones, Jacob Kettler, Amber Kinter, David Litten, Victoria McCluskey, Meena Mihalski, Cierra Mytnick, Nathan Nix, Kelsey O'Dee, Rachel Oliver, Jacki Pappas, Kayla Sands, Holly Sapienza, Alex Scullin, Alicia Senart, Emma Sullivan, Sara Tagur, Katie Thompson.

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State of City address, Jan. 19

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce will present Mayor G. David Gillock's "State of the City" address at a noon luncheon on Jan. 19 at the North Ridgeville Education Center Community Room, 5490 Mills Creek Lane.

The event will be catered by Tom's Country Place. Reservations are required by Jan. 13. Cash, checks, Master Card and VISA will be accepted. Cancellations must be given with 24 hours' notice prior to the event.

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LIFESTYLES

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Boot camp

Boot Camp for New Dads is a workshop for new fathers-to-be and taught by veteran dads with their babies. The workshop is being offered Jan. 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Community Health Partners, 3600 Kolbe Road, Lorain. To register or for more information, call (440) 960-4040.

NRHS Class of 1981 reunion

The North Ridgeville High School Class of 1981 is planning its 25th reunion for the weekend of Aug. 11 and 12, 2006. The organizers are looking for all students from that graduating class to "come back home" during the summer of 2006 and celebrate with their classmates.

A reunion banquet will be held on Aug. 11 from 7 p.m.-midnight at Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. The cost of $75 per person includes dinner, non-alcoholic drinks, party favors and dancing. There will be a cash bar all evening.

Early registration before Feb. 16 is only $71 per person. There will also be a casual event. held on Aug. 12 with more details to be determined. For more information and to sign up, go towww.nrcs.k12.oh.us/high-school/home.htm and click on class reunions in the left hand banner, then select "1981" or contact Jerry L. Canterbury at 330-405-0646 or by e-mail at jerrylcanterbury@yahoo.com. The deadline is Aug. 3. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Parks and Recreation Department announces new classes

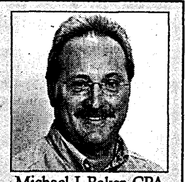
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1-4 p.m. Cards/games-Senior Center.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-Fit kick boxing-Safetyville Bldg.
6:30-8 p.m. Infant Death Support Group-205 W. 20th Street, Lorain.

Friday

Deadline for State of City reservations-Call 327-3737.
9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center.
Noon Rotary luncheon-Senior Center.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Women's self-defense-Safetyville Bldg.
7:30-8:15 p.m. Ho Shin Sool Family self-defense-Safetyville Bldg.

Saturday

9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center.
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville Bldg.

Sunday

2 p.m. Stories from WW II-NR branch library.
10-11:30 a.m. Ho Shin Sool Self Defense-Safetyville Bldg.

Monday

Martin Luther King Day-City Hall closed.
6:30-7:45 p.m. Yoga-Senior Center.
1 p.m. Toddler story time-NR branch library.
6 p.m. Introduction to Excel-NR branch library.
6-8 p.m. Lifeshare blood drive-NR branch library.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-Fit kick boxing-Safetyville Bldg.
7 p.m. Preschool story time-NR branch library.
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville Bldg.

Tuesday

1-4 p.m. Watercolor classes-Senior center.
5:15-6:15 p.m. Beginner Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville Bldg.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-Fit kick boxing-Safetyville Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission-Council chamber.
7:30 p.m. City council-Council chamber.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Foot Clinic, blood pressure-Senior center.
Noon lunch, cards/bingo-Senior center.
6 p.m. Introduction to the Web-NR branch library.
6:30-7:30 p.m. Cardio-Fit kick boxing-Safetyville Bldg.
7:45-8:45 p.m. Tae Kwon Do-Safetyville Bldg.

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the North Ridgeville High School in room 102. The cost is $45.

Magic Class

Learn the magical world of trickery. This one-hour class meets for six weeks on Fridays, beginning Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. During the final class, a performance will be held for family and friends to be stunned and amazed. The class will be held at the North Ridgeville High School, room 102. The cost is $45.

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For more information on any class or to register, call the office at 353-0860 or stop in at 7307 Avon Belden Road.

North Ridgeville Branch Library events

For more information on these programs, call the library at 327-8326.

Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times: Stories from World War II

This free program will be held Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. It will spotlight some of the extraordinary people and events from WWII, including the harrowing tale of Margaret Bourke-White and 400 nurses who were torpedoed on their way to Africa. The program will be performed by Bette Lou Higgins and produced by Eden Valley Enterprises.

Toddler story time

These 20-minute programs for 2-1/2 through 3-1/2 year olds include stories, songs and fingerplays. An adult and child participate together in these lap-sit programs. The weekly winter session begins the week of Jan. 16. Call for specific days and times. Pre-registration is required.

Preschool story time

These 30-minute programs for 3-1/2 through 5-year-olds include stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Parents stay in the library, but do not go into the story room with the child. The weekly winter session begins the week of Jan. 16. Call for specific days and times. Pre-registration is required.

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OBITUARIES

Gail L. Rieth

Gail L. Rieth, 67, of Vermilion, died Dec. 23, 2005 at the Inn at Chappel Creek in Vermilion.

She was born in Rochester on Aug. 13, 1938, and had lived in Vermilion for the past 15 years afer moving from Hinkley.

She received her bachelor of education degree from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea. She worked as a high school teacher for the Medina County School District, teaching French, Spanish and English. She was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church in Vermilion and formerly at the Richfield United Church of Christ in Richfield.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 48 years, Harvey L. Rieth; sons, Douglas of Milford, Mich., William of Cincinnnati and Gregory of North Ridgeville; and a daughter, Cheryl Horning of Mason, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and a brother William Gilmore of Treasure Island, Fla. Preceding her in death were her parents, George O. and Evelyn (nee Hawes) Gilmore and brother, Mark Gilmore.

A memorial service was held at Grace United Methodist Church.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, 2500 North Reynolds Road, Toledo, 43615-2820.

Rosina Klammer

Rosina Klammer (nee Liebman), 89, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 28, 2005 at Hillcrest Hospital in South Euclid following a 4-month illness.

She was born in Cleveland and was a resident of North Ridgeville for 56 years. She was a 1934 graduate of John Marshall High School in Cleveland.

Mrs. Klammer was a homemaker and she was also employed by the North Ridgeville City Schools as a cafeteria aides at Lear North Elementary School for five years. She was an active member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Westlake.

She is survived by two daughters, Judy Hines of Sikeston, Mo. and Deborah Crane of South Euclid; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward L., one son, Edward R.; two sisters, Theresa Krause and Elizabeth Robertson; one brother, Henry Liebman and her parents, Henry and Theresa (nee Reis) Liebman.

Funeral services were at Liston Funeral Home.

Burial was in Fields Cemetery in North Ridgeville.

Elizabeth Jane O'Connell

Elizabeth "Betty" Jane O'Connell (nee Holland), 83, of Avon, died Dec. 31, 2005 at St. John West Shore Hospital of heart failure.

Born in Kent, she was a long-time resident of Avon and retired to Summerville, S.C. She returned to Avon eight years ago.

She was a 1940 graduate of Girard High School. She served as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed in Washington DC. She was a homemaker. She was a past president of both the Avon Women's Club and the Lorain County Women's Golf Association; a member of Willow Creek Golf Club; a founding member of the Women's Golf League at Sweetbriar Golf Course and was a teaching pro at Kings Grant Country Club in South Carolina

Survivors include sons Frank of Sheffield Village, Richard of North Ridgeville and Robert O'Connell of Summerville, S.C.; daughters Mary P. Gschwind of Avon and Peggy Ferguson of Moncks Corner, S.C.; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Henry of Tampa, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Frank O'Connell; parents, Luke and Mary (nee White) Holland; brothers, John, Ray and Joe Holland; and sisters, Mary Crooks and Margaret Holland.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were handled by the Busch Funeral Home in Avon.

Memorial contributions may be forwarded to the American Heart Association, 1689 East 115th Street, Cleveland 44106 or New Life Hospice c/o Community Health Partners Foundation, 3700 Kolbe Road, Lorain, 44053.

Gary R. Kunzen

Gary R. Kunzen, 54, of North Olmsted, died Dec. 31, 2005, at the Westlake Health Center after complications from a liver transplant two years ago.

Born in Cleveland, he lived in North Olmsted for most of his life. He was a 1969 graduate of North Olmsted High School.

Survivors include a daughter, Kellee J. Kunzen; his parents, Donald and Joan Kunzen of North Ridgeville; sisters Sandra L. Kozak, Laura J. Stawicki of Sheffield Lake and Rita A. Vido of North Olmsted. He was preceded in death by a brother, David M. Kunzen and a sister, Donna M. Kunzen.

Kacirek Funeral Home, 29060 Lorain Road, North Olmsted handled arrangments.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland 44119.

Agnes F. Beckett

Agnes F. Beckett (nee Choma), 77, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 31, 2005 at the Center Ridge Health Campus in Cleveland.

Born in Empire, Ohio, she was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Toronto, Ohio. She formerly lived in Richwood, W.Va.

Survivors include her husband, Ervin Beckett. She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Anna Drabina Choma, three brothers and two sisters.

Services and interment were in W. Va.

Dennis L. Sakowski

Dennis L. Sakowski, 65, of Lorain, died Jan. 3, 2006, at the New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph in Lorain following a lengthy illness.

Born in Lorain, he had been a lifelong resident. Mr. Sakowski was a graduate of Lorain High School and served as a sergeant and rifle expert attached to the 112 Engineer Battalion of the Ohio National Guard in Lorain. He was a member of the Amherst VFW Post 1662 and a member of Pulaski Post 38 of the Polish Legion of American Veterans. He was a parishioner of the Catholic Church of St. Peter in Lorain. He was employed as a metal finisher in 1959 with Ford Motor Co., Lorain Assembly Plant for 33 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of United Auto Workers Local 425 of Lorain, the Amherst Eagles Aerie 1442 and the Lorain Russo-Slav Club.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Esther (nee Clark); daughters Kerri Crist of North Ridgeville, Lori Ryan of Minneapolis, Tami Pineiro of Honolulu, and Wendy Day of Cincinnati; five grandchildren; a stepgrandson; a step great-grandson; and sisters Barbara Walchko of Summer Field, Fla., and Sharon Pawlak of Amherst.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Rita (nee Ceol) Sakowski.

Arrangements were handled by the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, Lorain. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Community Health Partners Foundation, New Life Hospice, 3700 Kolbe Road, Lorain, 44053.

Ralph E. Dodd

Ralph E. Dodd, 49, of North Ridgeville, died suddenly Jan. 1, 2006, at his home.

Born in Cleveland, he lived there until moving to North Ridgeville 11 years ago.

Mr. Dodd worked at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Public Square, in Cleveland for the past 18 years.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Sandra M. (nee Tongel) Dodd; daughters Michelle Farris of Cleveland and April Dodd of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren; his mother, Naomi Dodd of Kentucky; a brother, Warren Dodd of Kentucky; and sisters Carol Vanbuskick, Mary Ann Hicks, Susan Mullin, Doris Hicks and Jane Barnett, all of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Dodd, and brothers Butch and James Dodd.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home, handled arrangements.

Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery, Avon.

Brian Holod

Brian David Holod, 34, of North Ridgeville, died unexpectedly Jan. 1, 2006, at his home.

Born in McKees Rocks, Pa., he had lived in North Ridgeville since 1979 having moved from Middletown, N.Y.

Mr. Holod was a graduate of Lorain County Community College, Cleveland State University and Ohio University College of Medicine, where he received his doctorate of osteopathic medicine degree in 2004. Prior to attending medical school he worked in the dialysis department at St. John West Shore Hospital, where he completed his internship and where he performed duties as a resident physician.

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

Survivors include his parents, David and Joyce (nee Sabat) Holod; sisters Sandee and Sherrie; a brother, Mark; and paternal grandmother, Betty (nee Holod) Lesh.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ann and Leo Sabat; and paternal grandfathers, Walter Holod and George Lesh.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

Interment was private.

Contributions may be made to St. John West Shore Hospital, Graduate Medical Education Program, 29000 Center Ridge Road, Westlake 44145.

Robert J. Doyle Jr.

Robert J. Doyle Jr., 82, of North Ridgeville, died Jan. 3, 2006, at his home following a long illness.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he had been a resident of North Ridgeville

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since 1963, having moved from Cleveland. He had also lived in Iowa and California.

Mr. Doyle worked as an electrician for the General Motors Chevy Plant in Parma for 24 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, North Ridgeville.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah (nee Robinson) Doyle; sons Robert Doyle III of North Ridgeville and Thomas Doyle of 29 Palms, Calif.; a daughter, Michelle McGeehen of North Ridgeville; four grandchildren; sisters Dorothy Hammock of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Lucille Wheeler of Timonium, Md.; brothers John and Thomas, both of Baltimore.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 424 Middle Ave., Elyria 44035.

Tracy Kenneally

Tracy Kenneally (nee Petrus), 33, of North Ridgeville, died Jan. 4, 2006, at her home following a long illness.

Born in Ft. Hood, Tex., she made her home in Elyria most of her life, moving to North Ridgeville two years ago.

Mrs. Kenneally was employed as a secretary for Kenneally and Associates Law Firm in Fairview Park and had also worked for University Hospitals, Ireland Cancer Center. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Elyria. She graduated from Elyria Catholic High School in 1990 and attended Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania where she was a member of the water polo team. She was also an avid swimmer and coached both Elyria Catholic High School and Oberlin College swim teams.

Survivors include her husband of five years, Terrence J. Kenneally Jr.; sons Jack Patrick and Colin Michael, both at home; her parents, Craig and Judith (nee Gibbons) Petrus of Elyria; brothers Chad Petrus of Elyria and Brent Petrus of Boston, Mass.; maternal grandparents, Richard and Barbara Gibbons of Elyria; maternal great-grandmother, Ethel Gibbons of Elyria; and paternal grandfather, Alex Petrus of Elyria.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Mary Petrus.

Arrangements were handled by Reichlin-Roberts Funeral Home, Elyria.

Burial was in Brookdale Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in the memory of Tracy Kenneally to any First Merit Bank in care of Jack and Colin Kenneally.

Roy Arthur Bixby

Roy Arthur Bixby, 75, of Elyria, died unexpectedly Jan. 2, 2006, at EMH Regional Medical Center in Elyria.

Born in Norwalk, he lived in Elyria most of his life and was a 1949 graduate of Elyria High School.

Mr. Bixby was a veteran of the Air Force, having served during the Korean Conflict. He was employed as a job setter by the Ridge Tool Co. for more than 33 years, retiring in 1992. He had worked for The Chronicle-Telegram as a bundle delivery person and had coached baseball when he was younger.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Emily Grace Bixby of Elyria; sons Darrel of Dayton, Keith of Humble, Texas, and David of Grafton; daughters Nancy Bixby of Venice, Fla., Diana Longacre of North Ridgeville and Peggy Bixby of Vermilion; four grandchildren; a brother, George Bixby of Milan; and sisters Joyce Dzoba of Elyria and Ivan Service of Norwalk.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Bixby.

The Dicken Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Walter J. Werka

Walter J. Werka, 88, of Huntsville, Ala., and formerly of North Olmsted, died Jan. 4, 2006, in Huntsville after a lengthy illness.

Born in Cleveland, he lived in North Olmsted for 54 years.

Mr. Werka worked for Price Brothers Concrete Pipe Co. in Lorain County for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

Survivors include a son, Robert O. of Huntsville; a daughter, Carol A. Ammons of North Ridgeville; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Otto Werka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nina A. (nee Peterman); and a daughter, Penelope Mahoney.

Jenkins Funeral Chapel of Westlake handled arrangements.

Edmund B. Grochowski

Edmund B. Grochowski, 92, of North Ridgeville, died Jan. 4, 2006 at the Brecksville Veterans Administration Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Erie, Pa., he grew up in Cleveland. He moved from Lakewood to North Ridgeville in 1956.

He attended St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Cleveland.

He was a toll collector at Exit 9 of the Ohio Turnpike from 1955 until retiring in 1976. Before 1955, he worked at the General Motors Cadillac Tank Plant in Cleveland for five years.

He was corporal in the 15th Army Air Corp 464 Bomb Group 776 B-24 Squadron stationed in Italy during World War II. He received the European Theater Ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the Distinguished Unit Citation with an Oak Cluster.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville and the Holy Name Society and a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus in Lakewood. He was a life member of the VFW Post 1079, Elyria.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amelia, in 1997; his parents, Barney and Lucy Grochowski; brothers Ted, Ben, Paul and Chester; and sisters, Sabine Grochowski, Josephine Buckely, Wanda Thompson and Helene Waldron.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

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

Ann M. Kennedy

Ann M. Kennedy, 82, of Vermilion, died Jan. 7, 2006 at Kingston of Vermilion.

Born in Doylestown, she lived in Vermilion since 1987. She also lived in the North Ridgeville and Grafton areas.

She attended Elyria Practical Nursing School and was a practical nurse at Elyria Memorial Hospital, now EMH Regional Medical Center, for 18 years. At one time she also was a timekeeper for General Industries.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Vermilion.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathryn Ann Malone of Elyria; a granddaughter; a sister Patricia Ann Walker of Vermilion; and a brother, John R. Fritz of North Fort Myers, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack L. Kennedy in 1985; her parents, Mile J. and Ione (Bricker) Fritz; sisters Mary J. Wynieski, Margaret E. Northhouse and Eleanore E. Blythe; and a brother, Miles C. Fritz.

A memorial Mass will be at a later date.

Riddle Funeral Home, Vermilion handled arrangements.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1905.

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North Eaton Christian Church welcomes 'new' staff member


Tallos

North Eaton Christian Church (NECC) (Disciples of Christ) welcomes Polly Tallos as its new Director of Christian Education and Youth. Having spent the last 14 years employed as NECC's Youth Director, Tallos will now fill this new position which encompasses youth ministry and Christian Education responsibilities.

As its director, Tallos will oversee and develop participation in Christian education and youth programs, creating an atmosphere through education, worship and fellowship that assists, nurtures, and encourages children, youth and adults in accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior and in growing spiritually through outward and inner expressions of their faith. Areas of Tallos' responsibility include Christian education, Sunday School and youth fellowship.

Tallos received her bachelor of science from Ohio State University in 1989 and her lay ministry certificate from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1999. She has taken four graduate level classes, one of which was in youth ministries. She has also served in several areas in support of the Ohio Region's ministry to children and youth.

While employed as NECC's youth director, Tallos attended several workshops and seminars related to her ministry, including Serendipity training to lead small groups using the Serendipity Bible and the Serendipity curriculum; Group Magazine Live sessions to learn more about teenagers and how to reach them;

Small Groups Training; Y.E.S. (Youth Excitement Seminar) hosted by the Ohio Region Chi Rho Commission; Anti-Racism Seminar hosted by the Ohio Region; and Camp Christian youth counselor training.

Other than the four years spent in Columbus obtaining her degree, Tallos has been at NECC her whole life. She brings some solid training and experience to this new position which began Jan. 1.

North Eaton Christian Church is located at 35895 Royalton Road, Eaton Township, near the intersection of SR 82 and 83, next to the fire station.

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Police and Fire Blotters

By Carol Klear

Victim of con game

An 86-year-old woman reported that she had been defrauded of more than $2,500. She told police she had been contacted by a man who presented himself as a U.S. customs official from Burlington, VT and advised that she had won $250,000 from Reader's Digest. He said she would have to pay $2,500 for insurance and shipping to send the winnings to her residence via armored car. She sent the money by Western Union to a woman in Quebec and was told that the winnings would arrive by a Brinks truck by Dec. 23, 2005. When the money never showed up, she called the U.S. Customs office and discovered that the man who contacted her was not a government agent and she had been the victim of a confidence game.

Smash and grab

Police went to Kim's Restaurant on Center Ridge Road where they found a front door broken and the cash register open. They secured the scene and the owner was notified. An investigation is being conducted.

Truck break-in

The police department received a report from Wil-Lou Lane that someone broke into a truck and stole a wallet, cell phone, checks and credit card and had tried using the credit card and checks at Great Northern and Midway malls.

Don't mess with Big Daddy

An officer went to Big Daddy's Pool Hall on Lorain Road where a male employee was attempting to sell instant lottery tickets for less than the winning amount. The solicitor was issued a summons for soliciting without invitation on private property.

Wrong plates

Police stopped a vehicle westbound on SR 20, between Root Road and SR 83. The vehicle had improper plates. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was DUS and also possessed marijuana.

Too many brews

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed–48 mph in a 35 mph zone–going west on SR 20. The driver had red, glassy eyes and there was an odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver admitted having four beers before operating the vehicle. He was charged with OVI and speeding. He was processed and released to a sober driver.

Do what I say

Officers went to a Jaycox Road residence following a report of underage drinking. A gray Dodge Durango pulled into the driveway and the officer attempted to identify the person. There was an odor of an alcoholic beverage and sobriety tests were performed. Another intoxicated male from a residence crossed Jaycox to speak with the subject and the police told him to stay where he was. He crossed for the second time and demanded to speak to the subject. They were both arrested and transferred to the NRPD.

Just hangin' out with Samuel Adams

Police observed a male holding a keg of beer at the intersection of Garrett and Mills road. He was placed in custody for underage consumption.

Lost a lotta loot

A Harris Drive resident returned from vacation and discovered the house had been burglarized. The items taken included a Pepsi bottle filled with coins, a wooden postal cube with money and coins in it, a treasure box with buffalo nickels, a wooden box with coins and a gift certificate. The total value of the missing items was $1,885.

Put it back

A snow blower, valued at $750, was stolen from next to the garage on SR 83.

In one door, out the other

A suspect at Rite-Aid left out the back door of the store after stealing a portable DVD player and 50 DVDs valued at $199.

Stop right where you are

Police observed a suspect at Giant Eagle who became nervous upon seeing the officer and exited the store. The police searched the suspect's clothing and found two packs of cigarettes from Giant Eagle, two toy cars from Marc's and a padlock from Big Lots. The person was charged with theft.

Bad dogs

Two dogs were running loose on Lear Nagle Road. They had no tags and were placed in the kennel. The owner was cited for dogs at-large.

Someone's in trouble

The mother of a teenage male on Cadet Drive found marijuana in her son's bedroom. The substance was verified as being marijuana. She requested the substance be disposed of and she said she would handle the problem with her son.

Hot stuff

Firefighters went to Noll Drive where a garbage can was reportedly on fire. They found a plastic garbage can burning in the front yard of a residence. A homeowner said she dumped what she thought were cooled embers from a wood burning stove in the garbage.

Searched high and low; nothing found

Firefighters answered a call to a split-level house on Opal Street. Although there seemed to be no fire, the crew noticed a light haze and smelled burnt dust on the ground level of the home. They investigated further on the second story and found the same level of light haze of the same nature. No active burning was found anywhere, but there was a light scent of combustion found. They checked out the outlets and cleared the attic. Nothing was found. The home was ventilated, but no hazards were definitively located.

Must have some healthy horses

There was a manure pile 125 feet long and 25 feet high at the north end of the Blue Ridge Horse Farm on Sugar Ridge Road. It had three fires coming from the bottom of the pile, caused by spontaneous ignition. It took three water cans to put out the fire.

Transports

Between Dec. 29, 2005 and Jan. 3, 2006, the North Ridgeville Fire Department had six fire runs and 26 EMS runs. There were nine runs to EMH Regional Health Center, eight to St. John West Shore Hospital and two to Fairview Hospital. There were seven "no transports."

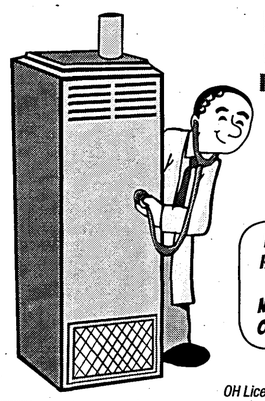
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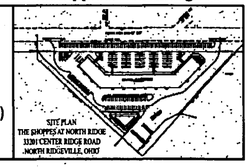
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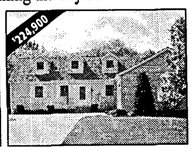
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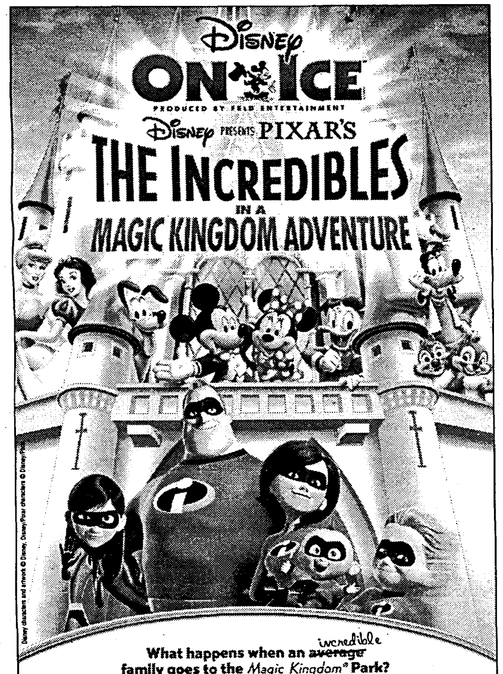

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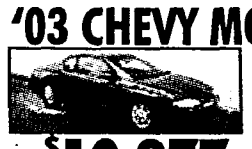
We wish Dr. Krone the very best and thank him for over 29 years of dedicated, compassionate care to the animals he has treated.

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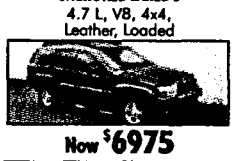
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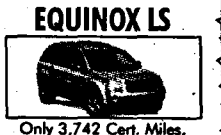
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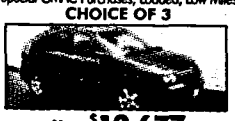
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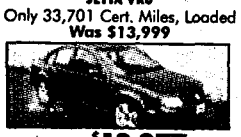
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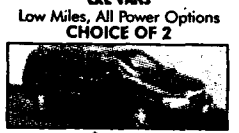
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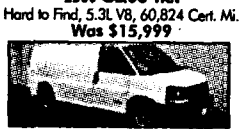
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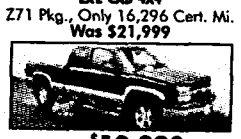
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