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Many people, places and events shaped North Ridgeville in 2006

By Carol Klear

The weekend welcomed the New Year, but before we completely embrace 2006, let's take one final look at 2006,

January

• House fire on New Year's Day leaves Royce Klein family homeless.

Council rejects plans for Shiloh Park Subdivision.

• As the New Year dawns, North Ridgeville residents are still digging out from 13 inches of snow.

• Councilwoman Bernadine Butkowski launches push for North Ridgeville Post Office.

• St. Peter Church hosts "Tetelestai" during the Lenten season.

• North Ridgeville City Schools bus drivers welcome Buster the Bus.

• Councilmen Al Swindig and Andy Young announce they will not enter the 2006 political race.

• Middle School wrestler, Derek Lozano, breaks the school's record for all-time victories.

• The western Center Ridge Road sewer is nearly finished.

• City officials discuss the idea of a city swimming pool.

• Mayor Dave Gillock delivers the annual State of the City address to the Chamber of Commerce.

• Longtime pastor at Fields United Methodist Church, the Rev. Mike Gibson, to leave North Ridgeville and head to Mentor.

February

• Sewer line in, but some residents are not happy with results.

• Barbara Lahaia leaves North Ridgeville for a three-week trip to Sri Lanka to help victims of the Asian Tsunami.

• Community Health Partners adds North Ridgeville to its growing list of county affiliates.

• Two North Ridgeville staffers-Melissa Linebrink and Joe Ostrica-earn state writing awards.

• Developer Joe Scaletta announces plans for a senior citizen residential development on Mills Road at SR 83.



Ready to serve North Ridgeville residents

Judge John Musson officiated at the swearing in ceremony, Dec. 21, for the new council term. From left, standing; Musson, Nancy Buescher, R-1; Dennis Boose, D-2; Richard Jaenke, R-3; Bob Olesen, R-4; seated, Ron Arndt, R at-large, Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large, Gayle Manning, R at-large.

• North Ridgeville High School boys bowlers roll on to state.

• Lenten fish dinners return to St. Peter Church.

March

• David DiBenedetto and his brother, Tony, announce they have purchased the Ridgeview Shopping Center.

• Bald eagles call Sandy Ridge Reservation, home.

• Plans are in the works to upgrade the fishing dock at the South Central

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Megan shines with Moondog

Sara Coles, Lear North first grade teacher with Megan Beals visit Cleveland Cavaliers mascot, Moondog. See story, page 10.

School officials continue discussion concerning Bainbridge Road land

By Carol Klear

It's been more than two years since the North Ridgeville City School District began trying to acquire the vacant land off Bainbridge Road, located west of Wilcox Elementary School and North Ridgeville High School. However, according to Superintendent Larry Bowersox, property owner, Donald J. Pitts, had no desire to sell the 39 acres.

Pitts apparently changed his mind when the Drees Company of Brecksville made an offer. According to Lorain County real estate transfer records, in mid-October Drees purchased the two parcels-one totaling 8.750 acres and the other, 29.900 acres-for $1 million.

Despite the sale, the school district is still interested in the vacant land and on Dec. 20 the board passed a resolution of intent to acquire the property. Bowersox said he notified Drees of the board's intention and said school officials are continuing to negotiate with the developer.

"There is a window of opportunity," the superintendent said. "However, it will close soon."

Bowersox said he hopes the ongoing discussion will result in the district purchasing the property for the fair market value. He said the board hopes to acquire the two parcels to be used as a site for an additional building for classrooms, an auditorium, technical training or other educational purposes.

The superintendent said the talks with Drees Company officials have been "very amicable."

According to the resolution, negotiations with the property owner are continuing in hopes of establishing a mutually agreeable price. However, if the two sides cannot agree, the school district could file for eminent domain in Lorain County Common Pleas Court.

During the public portion of the meeting, school board member elect Manual Dominguez questioned the timing of the resolution, as well as the long-term affect it may have on the district.

Dominguez also criticized the use of the eminent domain process and said, "These do not work well."

Following an attempt to contact Drees concerning talks with the North Ridgeville City Schools, The North Ridgeville Press received the following voice mail response from Steve Tuckerman, division president for Drees Homes:

"We are aware of the school board's interest in the property; we have met with them. We are very optimistic that something can be worked out between the two parties on the property We are very supportive of the North Ridgeville Schools and we understand the circumstances surrounding this. Our desire to come to North Ridgeville was in part motivated by the good quality of the schools and the quality of the community. We are very supportive of what they are trying to do and we do hope that something can be worked out on the property so that both parties are not harmed and the schools get what they need, as well as Drees Homes."

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Arndt returns as council president; Manning elected pro-tem

By Carol Klear

City Council began a new year, Monday night, with a couple of new legislators–Dennis Boose, D-2 and Gayle Manning, R at-large–joining the returning officials who were re-elected in November. Ron Arndt, R at-large, was selected to again serve as council president for the next two years, with newcomer Manning voted in as president pro-tem.

Arndt thanked the council people for their confidence in his ability, stressing that council "in concert with the mayor," would work toward excellence for North Ridgeville.

He said he looks forward to exciting opportunities ahead for the community and that council's role would be to "expand the vision of the mayor."

Charles Norris was re-elected as council clerk and the bylaws were accepted.

At the conclusion of his acceptance speech, Arndt announced his committee appointments, which he said were based on the talents of individual council people and asked that city officials, including the administration, "set yourselves on fire" in carrying out responsibilities.

The following are the new committee chairmen and members:

Administrative committee - Bob Olesen, R-4, chair; Boose and Dick Jaenke, R-3, members

Buildings & Lands committee - Jaenke, chair; Manning and Olesen, members

Finance - Manning, chair; Boose and Jaenke, members

Safety - Boose, chair; Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large and Nancy Buescher, R-1, members

Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges committee - Butkowski, chair; Manning and Buescher, members

Utilities - Buescher, chair; Olesen and Butkowski members

Arndt also named council liaisons to the various panels, including himself as a non-voting member of the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals (BZA). He said that the post is listed in the bylaws but had not been filled in the past two years. However, the council president said it adds another avenue of communication between council and the BZA.


Arndt


Manning

In other business:

Council unanimously authorized payment of $5,620 to Don Mould's Plantation for sidewalk improvements on the Senior Center, which was not part of an original grant.

Council unanimously approved increasing the cost to reconstruct the intersection of Lorain and Root roads from $732,000 to $986,000.

Mayor Dave Gillock said Issue 2 funds pay 60 percent of the cost of the reconstruction, but since the previous count, the amount of traffic has increases, creating higher costs and necessitating an additional lane.

They care about community

Through Friday Dress Down Days 2005, city employees raised $777 for Community Care. As part of the organization's Adopt-a-Child, several employees also provided Christmas gifts. Shown from left; Laurel Veinfortner, utilities department employee and facilitator for the city and the Adopt-a-Child program; Mayor Dave Gillock; Jim Whitlock, utilities department supervisor; June Yost, director of Community Care; Sandy Hall, Gillock's administrative assistant; Sylvia Albers, utilities department employee.



For some people, winter months may cause SAD

By Melissa Linebrink

For some people, the winter months seem to last forever due to lack of daylight hours, as well as lack of sunshine. While some people can get through the winter months just fine, others find themselves suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD.

According to local psychologist Leah S. Levenson, SAD is a subtype of a major depressive disorder.

"The symptoms (of SAD) include excessive sleeping, excessive eating, weight gain, feelings of sadness and lack of enjoyment in pleasurable activities," Levenson said.

Symptoms of SAD tend to begin in the fall and remit in the spring, with the most difficult months being January and February, she noted.

"It (SAD) seems to be caused by lack of sunlight which is why the winter months are the most difficult–the nights are longer and the days are gray," Levenson said.

In a press release issued by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in November of 2004, it is stated that SAD tends to affect younger persons and predominately women. There is also evidence that suggests that those who live further from the equator are more likely to develop SAD.

Levenson said someone who resides in Toronto, Canada may experience more symptoms of SAD, but that they would improve dramatically upon moving to Florida and spending increased time outdoors.

While there is no exact statistic as to the number of Americans suffering from SAD, the APA believes that 10 to 20 percent of the American population may suffer from mild symptoms associated with SAD.

Levenson said treatment options for SAD include exercise and eating well. She noted that people who suffer from SAD have a tendency to gain weight and then feel worse about themselves, thus causing a cycle of depressive symptoms.

"People with SAD also benefit from whatever light exposure that they can get–going to walk outside for an hour during daylight hours or bright light therapy, or phototherapy," she said, adding that a last resort may be psychotherapy with a mental health professional may be recommended.

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After a bit of a switcheroo, the new council was sworn in

KLEARLY SPEAKING

FROM HERE TO THERE.....It was announced a couple of times (including in NRP) that the swearing-in rite for the newly-elected and re-elected council people would be held Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chamber. However, that site was being occupied by all those naughty people who had received speeding tickets, red light citations or tsk-tsks for some other infraction...in other words, Mayor's Court was in session. So, a parade of soon-to-be city legislators, along with the refreshment committee (including protem members Mr. K. and Klearly) traipsed to the second-floor training room at the NRPD. And the ceremony went on.

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NICE TOUCH.....Family members of those to be sworn in were invited to join the officiating...and they didn't need a second invitation. Moms, dads, kids and spouses clustered in support of their favorite councilperson and watched Judge John Musson duly install every one.

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NEW YEAR IS HERE.....It's time for us to shore up and make some New Year's resolves. Come on now, let's all think of what we can do to make our personal universes all they can be? (Isn't that impressive?) OK, I'll go first...hmm...give me a minute will you? Um...let's see...I know...I will try to curb my habit of listening to murder mysteries on my tape player...well, not completely...you do understand that, don't you? Maybe I could listen to three a week, instead of five...umm, yes, that's it. Three's a good number.

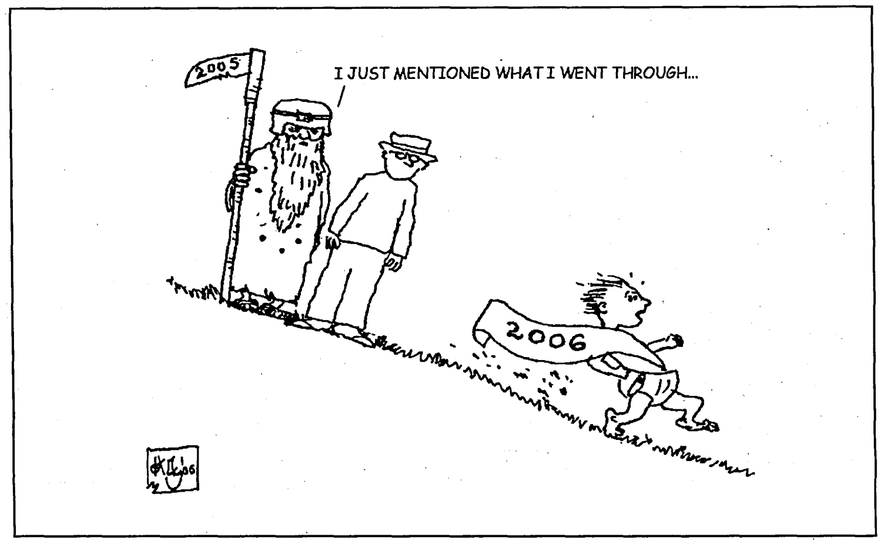
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ON A ROLL.....Well, maybe since I got off to such a good start, I can come up with a few more, but don't forget, and then it's your turn. You know, I'm still thinking about those mysteries. Maybe I could just cut out the ones with murder and mayhem and stick to just plain old detective stories. And of the course the tales with stabbings are a bit over the edge sometimes (oh, my, no pun intended), so I guess I could whittle those a bit. This isn't half-bad, actually.

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YOUR TURN.....I'm waaaaaiting... I can't hear you...OK, since you won't tell me your good intentions, I'm going to make some resolutions for you. 1) Read the NRP cover-to-cover, including the classifieds. 2) Send some letters to the editor–good, bad or in-between–I love getting mail (e-mails are great, too). 3) If you know of a good story, don't keep it a secret, give me a call. 4) Have a great New Year!

North Ridgeville Press — Ed Kelly





The holidays are over for another year; but memories last a lifetime



Editor's Notebook

By Carol Klear

Why is there such frenzy attached to the holidays? We spend weeks getting ready for Christmas and New Year's and then poof!...like that, it's over.

Scanning the living room, I feel a twinge of sadness. The tree that claimed the corner for nearly two weeks was so festive, especially the way colored lights played hide and seek among the branches.

And my constantly-growing collection of angels and cherubs have returned to their tissue-filled boxes and placed on a shelf in an upstairs closet, where they will probably remain for another year. I know it's my imagination, but I always feel the winged figures are giving me a disapproving look as I tuck the paper securely around them, before closing each box.

The tiny artificial poinsettias are also gone and probably won't reappear until next Christmas season. And a couple of ceramic holiday pieces that I've had since I taught school "a hundred years ago," also take refuge in specially marked boxes. Some of the boxes I use to store the decorations and ornaments belonged to my mother in another time and another town. Her handwritten labels remain, although marked through several times and replaced by own notations.

The stable that my father made from twigs for my first birthday is still in place filled with the same nativity figures I received when I turned a year old. One of the kings has a slight chip in his crown and a couple of the animals now teeter on three legs after losing one in some sort of battle. When I was growing up we always kept the manger scene up until Jan. 6-little Christmas, my mother called it. And I have continued that tradition, but everything else is packed away...except for the Christmas cards.

With the rush, rush before the holidays, it seems there is never enough time to really look at the cards and savor their messages. And so, today I lift the basket that is nearly overflowing with words and pictures of the season, and put it beside me on the sofa and begin selecting one and then another to read and re-read.

One has metallic stockings dangling from ribbons. It's festive, but the message inside announces the joyous news that friends have a new grandson. What a wonderful gift!

Several cards have biblical verses on them, with Thomas Kinkade pictures on the front. I am not a big fan of the Kinkade paintings, but I appreciate the serenity they offer.

Of course there is the usual array of snowmen, angels and kittens on a number of cards. Some are downright whimsical and I smile in spite of myself.

My sister-in-law in Cincinnati has a new address on her envelope. She hasn't moved yet, but will very soon. I cannot remember numbers-phone numbers, house numbers, even my Social Security number-but for some reason I never had to look up Nan's address when writing cards. A new one after all these years will take some getting used to.

Some of the cards carry not only handwritten messages, but photos as well and each of them will find a special place on the huge bulletin board that hangs in our kitchen.

As I sift through the pile, one touches me especially. My three great-nephews (great-nephews, oh my) ages 9, 4 and 1 smile at me from the front. But on the back their mother has penned a lovely message. There are a few lines about each boy, but in the concluding paragraph, she expresses the love she and her husband share, ending with..."true love transcend the minutes and details of daily life..."

Christmas is over, but that thought lasts forever.

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Senior Scene

What is long term care and do you need it?



Young at Heart

By Rita Price
Director, North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults

What is Long Term Care (LTC) insurance and do I need it? This type of coverage is like any insurance, it's there if something should happen, but you hope you never need it! Homeowners insurance, car insurance, life insurance–almost everyone keeps the coverage so they and their families are protected, but if it's never used, the dollars paid in premiums (except some life insurance policies) are non-recoverable.

Long Term Care coverage is the same as any other insurance you carry, it transfers the risk of unwelcome expenses away from yourself. Each person or couple has to decide if it's right for them. Some parents may choose to cancel their life insurance once the children are grown and on their own. They can then use the dollars saved from the premium payment to help defray the cost of LTC coverage. Just as they were protecting their children's financial stability with life insurance, they can now protect their assets as they get older. In addition to protecting assets, LTC insurance will help maintain financial freedom in the event of a major accident or illness, and give you the options necessary to receive quality care from your choice of providers.

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Long Term Care protection is certainly not for everyone. The North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults would like to help answer questions you or your family may have regarding Long Term Care by offering a free seminar on Wed. Jan. 18. Dennis Dickerson from Western & Southern Financial Group and a Long Term Care specialist will be here to give a short overview on Long Term Care at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. This is an informational seminar only so please bring any questions about these types of insurance plans with you.

To register, please call the Senior Center at 353-0828.

Happy New Year from the staff and volunteers at the Senior Center to you and your family!

Thelma enjoys her time with people



Thelma Palumbo

Name: Thelma Lillian Palumbo
Date and place of birth: March 2, 1939 in Toronto, Ontario Canada.
Number of children: Thelma, who is married, has three children.
Number of grandchildren: Three, with another one due in January.
Former profession: Thelma served as a secretary for a number of years.
Hobbies: Knitting and crafting.
Volunteer activities: Thelma volunteers as a receptionist at the Senior Center in North Ridgeville.
Favorite way to spend your free time: She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.
Why do you attend the North Ridgeville Senior Center? Thelma, who resides in North Ridgeville, volunteers at the senior center because she misses working and being with people.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Minimize estimated bills

To the Editor:

With natural gas prices putting a strain on consumers' budgets, residents are encouraged to take steps to minimize the potential for estimated bills.

While estimated bills are permitted, the Office of the Ohio Consumers Counsel (OCC) is concerned that some customers may not be able to afford such a bill if it is higher than their actual usage. Alternatively, an estimated bill that is lower than a customer's usage can result in unexpected higher bills in the future.

In addition, since the major natural gas companies' rates change every month, actual readings make certain that consumers are paying the appropriate price for each unit of natural gas they use.

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Review their most recent bill, which may indicate when the meter will be read next. Customers also can find out the date by calling the utility. Those who only have a meter inside their home can make sure someone is at the residence or call the company to schedule an alternative date for a meter read.

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While policies vary among utilities, customers generally have the option of submitting that information. Adjustments can typically be made on the current or next monthly bill.

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Board says its good-byes to departing members

By Carol Klear

The last school board meeting of the year was a time for good-byes to two members-Jim Stermole and Tom Dake-who would not be returning to the board for another term.

Bidding farewell to Stermole, who had had but a few months on the board, Robin Hrabik, who said she had known him for 10 years, characterized Stermole's style as "irreplaceable," noting that he had brought harmony to the panel during the time he served.

Several board members spoke about Dake, highlighting his eight years on the board and his accomplishments.

Ross Mitchell commended Dake for his philosophy, "Don't worry about what you don't know; do what's right for the children." He said it was going to be hard to picture the board without Dake, who had been president of the Board of Education.



Dake



Stermole

Mitchell enumerated Dake's many successes, including negotiating contracts, averting a budget crisis and his business-like approach to his job on the school board.

"He didn't just talk the talk, he walked the walk," Mitchell said. "Hopefully your good habits rubbed off on us."

Fighting back tears, one of the newest board members, Maria Sycz told Dake that he had taught her a lot about what being on the school board is about. She said he gave her the ability "to see all sides of an issue."

Hrabik stressed that there is not one committee that Dake hasn't served on during his tenure.

"Your record speaks for itself," she said.

Thanking the administration and the board, Dake gave a brief chronicle of moving to North Ridgeville 30 years ago and how he started his business in his basement.

"I brought those principles to the board," he said.

He said he always put the children first and never allowed politics to play a role in his service to the district.

Dake told Superintendent Larry Bowersox that it was a pleasure to work with him and admired his "willingness to listen" and for his ability to stand up for his beliefs. He referred to Treasurer Biagio Sidoti as "dedicated, hard-working and an inspiration to us all."

Assistant Superintendent Dave Livingston had to "do so much with so little," Dake said. "And he made it look easy."

Assistant Superintendent Craig Phillips is "one of the schools' greatest assets," the departing board member said.

"This board is an incredible group," Dake said. "They are the most professional and hardest-working group of five people that molded into a team and stayed focused on kids. I challenge them to work with the two new board members and reconfigure the team.

"It's been a pleasure to serve; I may wish to serve again."

North Ridgeville MOMS Club offers support, activities for moms, kids

By Melissa Linebrink

For North Ridgeville resident and new mom Jeannie Hill, the days of staying home with her then only daughter Isabella sometimes seem to last a little longer than she had anticipated. While she loved being a stay-at-home mom, she often found herself running out of ideas to occupy her little girl and missed the connections she had with people her age.

Then, one day when Hill was at the North Ridgeville Public Library, she came across a pamphlet highlighting the MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club of North Ridgeville.

"I decided to join (MOMS Club) to meet other moms who share my beliefs about the importance of staying at home with their children," Hill said, who is now a stay-at-home mom of two girls, Isabella, 2 and Gabrielle, 4 months.

Being a part of a group that focuses on children has taken some pressure off being a new parent, Hill said.

"As a fairly new parent, the new relationships I have through MOMS Club has proved to be a very helpful resource when dealing with new problems that arise while raising children," Hill said, who is now the Vice President for Membership for the MOMS Club.

According to Amanda Shelnutt, the chapter president of the North Ridgeville MOMS Club, the club is an organization for the support of stay-at-home mothers and their children. It offers community, friendship and a wide variety of interesting activities for mothers and children.

"Every MOMS Club Chapter has boundaries that it sets for membership," Shelnutt said. "(The North Ridgeville Chapter) is open to both stay-at-home mothers and those who work part-time. MOMS Club is unique because of the community and support it offers to women who have decided to leave the work force in order to raise their children. Being a parent is difficult and draining enough, and stay-at-home moms have a unique set of issues-financial strain, social separation and some loss of identity outside of the workplace. Having a network of women who understand these issues and connect with you on a personal level makes the mundane activities of everyday life not go unnoticed."

There are more than 2,000 MOMS Club Chapters in the United States. The non-profit organization began in 1983.

The North Ridgeville Chapter accepts members from those who reside in Avon, Avon Lake, Lorain, LaGrange, Columbia Station, Eaton Township, Grafton, Elyria, Westlake, Olmsted Township and North Olmsted.

As for stay-at-home dads, whom are becoming more acceptable in today's society, Shelnutt said they could be allowed to join if a chapter voted to let them in.

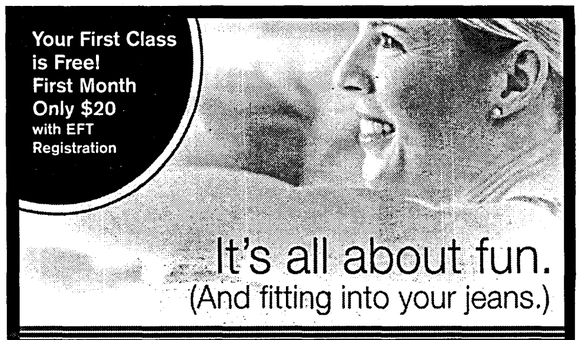
Business meetings for the MOMS Club are held on a monthly basis at Sugar Ridge Baptist Church. Even though the club is not affiliated with the church, it has allowed them to use the meeting rooms, Shelnutt said.

In addition to the meetings, the club also strives to have outings for members at least once a week, monthly playgroup sessions and a once-a-month MOMS Night Out. And, several times a year, parties are held that include fathers, such as Halloween or Valentine's Day.

The organization, which has approximately 45 members, is also active in the community and at least twice a year it participates in a community service project, either by donation or involvement, Shelnutt noted.

"We do not have meetings or activities on the weekends or weeknights, except the once-a-month MOMS Night Out, because those times are reserved for our families. All of our activities include our children, except MOMS Night Out," Shelnutt said.

For more information on the MOMS Club, call Hill at 327-1768.



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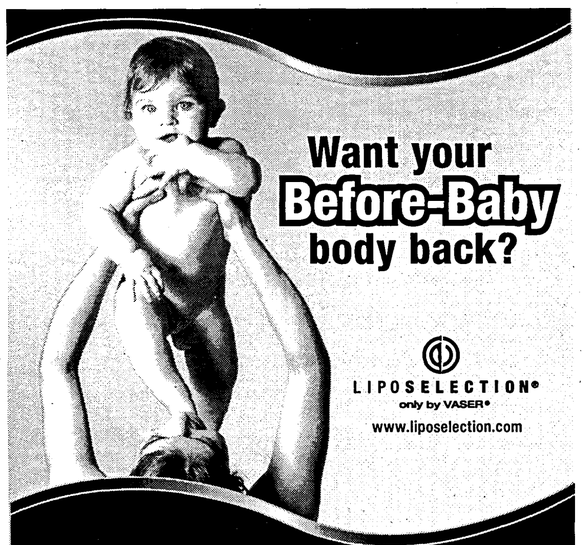
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Park to make it ADA compliant.

• Liberty Elementary School Principal Michelle Kocar announces she will leave North Ridgeville for a position in Avon.

• Councilman Andy Young insists the city should begin installing sidewalks for the safety of the city's residents.

• Council works toward bare bones budget.

• JVS Culinary teams earn the state champs title.

• Manuel Dominguez is named to fill a vacancy on school board.

April

• Ed Grochowski shares stories of his baseball memorabilia.

• St. Julie Billiart receives the Parish Social Justice Award.

• Some residents are unhappy about rezoning for Community Health Partners.

• The Rotary Club of North Ridgeville welcomes Russian entrepreneurs.

• Dana Bowman takes his message of ability, not disability, to North Ridgeville High School.

• Although it was announced that Manual Dominguez would be sworn in as a new member on the school board, members voted him out, leading Margaret Knight to resign from the board.

May

• The new Walgreens is slated to open on Center Ridge Road at Lear Nagle.

• Jim Stermole is voted in as the new school board member.

• North Ridgeville voters turn down a request for an income tax increase.

• The North Ridgeville Police Department confiscates a large quantity of marijuana from a Brian Street home.

• Linda Lapp is named the new principal at Liberty Elementary School.

• Dan Stimmel is inducted into the North Ridgeville High School Alumni Hall of Fame.

• Officials break ground for new SR 83 railroad overpass.

• Service people and veterans are honored in a special way on Memorial Day.

June

• The high school Class of 2006 gets ready to face the future.

• Len Baran, 72, wins a weight-lifting competition.

• North Ridgeville Press sports writer, Joe Ostrica, turns up the heat on his other talent-independent filmmaker-and scores a hit.

• Kim Webster enters the Miss Ohio contest.

• Residents complain as trees on Center Ridge Road are cut down in the name of progress.

• Guidance counselor and golf coach, Joe Sloboda, retires after 31 years at North Ridgeville High School.

• Greg and Kim Cromwell, owners of Maximum Graphics are named the Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business of the Year award winners.

• The Knights of Columbus win awards at state convention.

• Del Webb, the first active adult community in Ohio, breaks ground.

July

• City and school officials meet to discuss common problems and possible solutions.

• North Ridgeville student, Marli Harrelson, sings the "Star-Spangled Banner" before the July 17 Cleveland Indians game.

• City announces that a 1.95-mill police levy will be on the November ballot.

• Community Care burns its mortgage.

• The local OGSO softball team advances to state.

• The North Ridgeville Lions Club celebrates its 45th anniversary.

• The former Jaycox Road library will become a rental center.

• Police patrol places to check out who is selling tobacco to minors.

• A bakery just for dogs opens its doors in North Ridgeville.

• The city hosts an open house concerning the Center Ridge Road corridor.

August

• The Lady Rangers end season as state runner-ups.

• The Corn Festival Committee gears up for North Ridgeville's big festival.

• Spencer Myer performs with the Cleveland Orchestra.

• The city gets hit with what officials call a 100-year storm, causing basements to flood.

• City Councilwoman and former school bus driver, Jean Brown, dies.

• The Rev. Neriah Edwards takes her place in the pulpit at Fields United Methodist Church as its new pastor.

September

• Seven candidates line up for three school board seats.

• Pioneer Ridge hosts an open house of the new Del Webb community for active adults.

• Two families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, turn to North Ridgeville for help.

October

• The Lady Royals of Lake Ridge Academy carry their winning season into the postseason.

• The North Ridgeville High School Band members receive the disappointing news that the new uniforms won't arrive in time for the football season.

• A North Ridgeville man, Brandon L. Flagner-Sink, is arrested and charged with kidnapping and rape.

• The Aug. 20 deluge continues to plague city officials.

November

• The North Ridgeville Rangers win the West Shore Conference.

• Voters go to the polls to select their personal choices in the General Election.

• Two councilmen say good-bye–24-year veteran Al Swindig makes plans to retire and one-term at-large councilman, Andy Young, opts for family over politics, but says he'll return.

• Unknown suspects vandalize the Shady Drive Complex and South Central Park.

• Lake Ridge Academy changes its sports teams name from the "Royals" to the "Lions."

• Businesses get ready for the annual Holiday on the Ridge.

December

• North Ridgeville High School is accepting nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame.

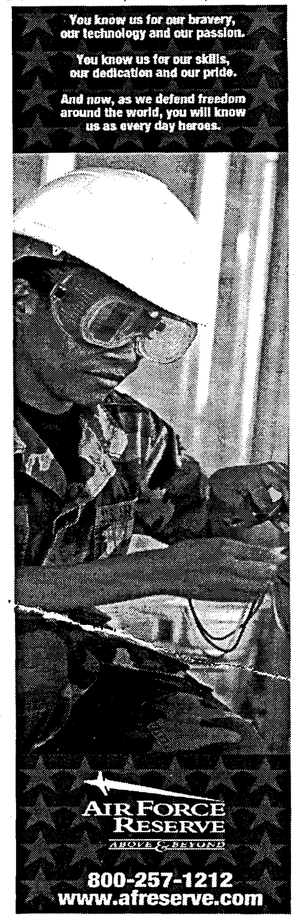
• Mayor Dave Gillock continues searching for the cause of flooded basements in two new subdivisions.

• North Ridgeville head football coach, Keith Rybarczyk, resigns, citing the need to complete his course-work for his master's degree.

• A new barber shop opens at the east end of Center Ridge Road.

• Long before the official start of winter, temperatures dip into single digits, accompanied by snow.

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Sports

Time Out

Lions split in holiday tourney



Joe Ostrica

The Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team finished with a split in the Lake Center Christian Tournament held Dec. 23-24. The Lions, who were coming off a Dec. 16 win over Elyria First Baptist Christian, defeated Heartland 85-55 to advance to the championship game in the holiday tourney.

The win over Heartland was a big one for the Farhat brothers, senior Moudy and sophomore Sammie, who scored 29 points apiece to lead all scorers. Sammie had five 3-pointers and Moudy added two from outside as the duo outscored Heartland by themselves. Sammie also had nine assists and five steals.

Brian Veber added 12 points for Lake Ridge. Atit Shah scored nine points and had one 3-pointer.

The following night the Lions lost to host Lake Center 57-36. After falling behind 14-7 after the opening quarter, the Lions outscored the Tigers 17-12 in the second quarter to pull within two (26-24). The Tigers bounced back strong in the third quarter, outscoring Lake Ridge 21-7 to take a 16 point lead (47-31) and put the game out of reach.

Moudy Farhat led the Lions with 16 points, including three 3-pointers. Brett Cannaday scored nine points, including two from the outside. Sammie Farhat and Veber scored four points apiece. Kevin Klanac drained one 3-pointer.

The Lions, who dropped to 2-5 for the season, will return home Friday to host Cleveland Heritage Christian for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Lady Rangers fall at tourney

The North Ridgeville girls basketball team lost a heartbreaking 34-33 opening round contest to host New London in the Pepsi Tournament on Dec. 26.

The Lady Rangers led by as many as 10 points (27-17) after three quarters, but were outscored 17-6 in the decisive fourth period.

Amanda Bier led Ridgeville with 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Jaime Frindt scored eight points. Liz Frindt finished with six points.

The Lady Rangers will host Clearview tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a non-conference matchup. They will travel to West Shore Conference opponent Rocky River Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. tip-off.

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.

LRA basketball clinic

Lake Ridge Academy will host a basketball clinic Jan. 7 and 14 for players new to the game. Camps for players in grades 3-4 will take place from 9-10:15 a.m. Camps for players in grades 5-6 will take place 10:30-11:45 a.m. The camps will train players the fundamentals of the game, including dribbling, passing, shooting and basic defense. Cost is $55 and includes a T-shirt and ball. Please make check payable to Lake Ridge Academy and send to: Jim Doyle, LRA Athletic Director, 37501 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, 44039. For more information, call 327-1175.

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Ridgeville's WSC football title highlights year in sports

By Joe Ostrica

As we enter 2006, the North Ridgeville Press takes a look back at the top local athletic highlights that occurred in 2005. The following 10 items are listed in chronological order.

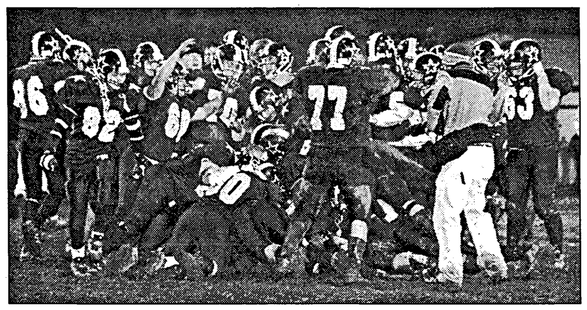
Montgomery wraps up career

Kristy Montgomery ended an impressive basketball career at North Ridgeville in March of 2005. During her senior year she led Ridgeville in scoring (17.9 points per game), three-pointers made (36), steals (3.2), assists (1.7) and free throw shooting. She was also tied for third in rebounding (3.1).

For her efforts, Montgomery received first team county honors, was selected as an all-star and was also awarded by the Pioneer Conference and Northeast Lakes district.

Lady Rangers clinch title

The North Ridgeville softball team came up huge in back-to-back pressure situations late last spring. With a win over North Royalton on May 11, the Lady Rangers won a share of the Pioneer Conference Heritage Division crown. With a 4-3 victory over Westlake the next day, they advanced to the districts for the second time in three years.



The North Ridgeville football team celebrates its West Shore Conference title-clinching victory over Midview. *Photo by Pro Photography*

It was a case of déjà vu for the Lady Rangers. The previous season they suffered a late season loss, forcing them into a must-win situation to capture the school's first-ever Pioneer Conference championship. North Ridgeville managed to pull off the victory and shared the Heritage Division crown with Brecksville.

LRA kicks off girls soccer

After years of waiting, the Lake Ridge Academy girls finally have a team to call their own. In the fall of

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Ranger wrestlers place fourth, Janik and Counts champs

By Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville wrestling team placed fourth out of eight schools at the Kalin Invitational in Normandy last Thursday. The Rangers finished with 255 points, ahead of Collinwood (191.5), Rhodes (129), Independence (85.5) and John Marshall (37.5). Normandy took first place with 320 points, followed by Hudson (268.5) and Midpark (263).

"We did well," NRHS head coach Ed Haller said. "Most of our kids placed. Pretty much every weight we weren't any lower than fifth or sixth. That's a good thing. We have a lot of young kids in the lineup and couple people out of the lineup, but you get that with flu and vacation.

"When we get a full complete lineup and make our weights, we should be in good shape."

Senior Mike Janik won his 140-pound weight class, going 5-0 with five pins. Janik pinned Mark Imbrogno of Midpark in 1:06 in the final match. Janik leads the Rangers with a 20-0 overall record and 17 pins.

Junior Josh Counts (125) also placed first, going 5-0 for the day. Counts won a 2-1 decision over previously undefeated Josh Cruise of Hudson to win the title. Counts improved to 13-5 for the season. He has three total pins.

Placing third for the Rangers was senior Alec Barker (215), who went 3-2. Barker (18-3 overall, 13 pins) pinned Jeff Vonderau of Rhodes in 4:30.

Sophomore Kyle Beaune (103) also finished third, going 3-2 for the day. Beaune (10-7 overall, four pins) won a 10-2 major decision against Nick Jereb of Normandy in the final match.

Freshman Matt Phillips (152) finished 3-2 and took third by default. He improved to 9-6 for the season with three pins. Freshman Shane Friend (160) also went 3-2 to place third. He pinned Lorenzo Harper of Rhodes in 3:33. Friend improved to 10-8 for the year with five pins.

Senior Kyle Amaro (171) started 3-0, but after suffering a medical default finished fourth. Amaro is 12-6 overall with seven pins. Freshman James Mees (119) placed fourth, going 3-2. Mees is 8-7 for the season with four pins. Dan McHugh (135) finished fourth with a 3-2 record.

After a week off, the Rangers will resume action at the Avon Lake Duals on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

"We'd like to place in the top three," Haller said. "We're capable of doing that. We need to get a couple of people to the weights they should be in this week. If we do that we should be okay."

Byrd, Janik win tournament

The Rangers may have finished third in their own holiday tournament on Dec. 22, but they had two wrestlers go undefeated to win their weights. Byrd (275 and under) and Janik (140) both went 5-0 with five pins.

Barker (215), Amaro (171) and Counts (125) all went 4-1.

Rangers fall to Forge, prepare for WSC road stretch

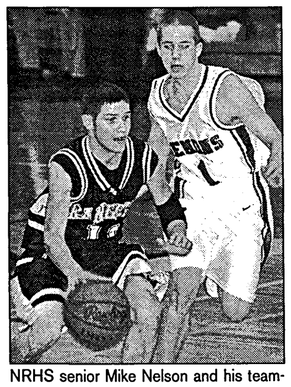
By Joe Ostrica

By finishing with a split in its first holiday tournament, the North Ridgeville boys basketball team dropped to 3-2 for the season. The Rangers opened the two-day event with a 56-44 win over Clearview on Dec. 20. They fell to Valley Forge 51-40 in the championship game the next night.

The Rangers' size advantage over a small Clearview squad helped Ridgeville cruise to an easy opening night win. But when they faced Valley Forge the next night, the tables were turned.

While Valley Forge's 6'10" center Tim Kiewel only finished with 11 points, he caused a lot of havoc on the defensive end, altering North Ridgeville's shots and keeping them out of the paint. Kiewel's inside presence was also opening up the Patriots' outside shooting. Kurt Higginbotham took advantage of the double teams Kiewel was getting by knocking down five 3-pointers for 15 points.

NRHS senior Nick Carpenter led the Rangers with 13 points and three 3-pointers. Point guard Mike Nelson finished with nine points and one trey. Joe Faragher, who was named to the all-tournament team at the end of the event, finished with eight points and 11 rebounds. Sean Bunevich also scored eight points to go along with one 3-pointer.



NRHS senior Mike Nelson and his teammates are preparing for a road stretch against conference foes. *Photo by Pro Photograpy*

After traveling to Normandy on Dec. 30 (after NRP's early holiday deadline) for a non-conference matchup, the Rangers will resume West Shore Conference action with a series of road games. The Rangers will play back-to-back road games this weekend at Bay (Friday) and Avon (Saturday). Both games begin at 7:30 p.m. After traveling to Rocky River on Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. conference contest, the Rangers will return home to host Fairview on Jan. 13.

The Rangers won't be too worried. When asked what the difference is between playing in the WSC compared to the Pioneer Conference in previous years, Ranger head coach Mark Rechin said the competition is more even.

"The first thing that comes to mind right away, I just think this conference is competitive one through eight," he said. "I just think you're going to see some competitive basketball every night. It doesn't matter what the matchup is. I think you're going to get a lot of gut check games that come down to the wire in the fourth quarter. Toughness is going to have to be a big part of it for us.

"I think in the Pioneer Conference, most of those teams had three or four guys who can shoot the three and then when they were out of the game, they'd bring another two or three off the bench. For us, it was very tough defending the perimeter for so many guys. Here I think there is a good balance between some post strength and everybody has a few good shooters. Overall, bench strength, depth-wise the Pioneer may have a little bit of an edge, but I think people are in for some exciting basketball this year."

Athletes of the Week

GREG BYRD



School: NRHS
Grade: 10
Sport: Wrestling

North Ridgeville sophomore Greg Byrd (275 pounds and under) remained undefeated for the season by going 5-0 in the North Ridgeville Holiday Tournament. Byrd finished with four pins and won a fifth match by medical default, improving to 12-0 overall. The first-year wrestler has 11 pins for the season.

NICK CARPENTER



School: NRHS
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball

The senior led the Rangers with 13 points and three 3-pointers in Ridgeville's holiday tournament championship game against Valley Forge. Carpenter scored a game-high 21 points, including four treys in a recent contest against Midview. Leading the team with 14 3-pointers for the season, he is averaging 13.4 points per game.

GEORGIA DIORIO



School: LRA
Grade: 12
Sport: Basketball

The senior co-captain led the Lady Lions to a 61-16 first round victory over Fuchs Mizrachi in the Andrews School Christmas Tournament on Dec. 27. DiOrio outscored the entire Fuchs Mizrachi team with a game-high 17 points. She also had one 3-pointer. DiOrio is second on the team in scoring with 8.4 points per game.

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2005 the LRA girls soccer team officially became a varsity sport. In the past female athletes joined the boys team. Last year they played as a club sport, going 11-0.

Coached by Westlake High School boys coach Mike Besu, the LRA girls team did very well in its first varsity season. Led by foreign exchange student Cynthia Gropper, LRA finished 11-4-1 for the season. Five players (Gropper, Shannon Matuszny, Sarah Wright, Georgia DiOrio and Alex Hansen) were named to the all-county team.



Montgomery

Rangers win WSC

Goodbye Pioneer Conference, hello West Shore Conference champs.

The North Ridgeville football team opened the inaugural WSC season with a bang, winning the conference title in the season finale against one-time great rival Midview. Consider the rivalry renewed.

Both teams were 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the WSC prior to kickoff. The stars were aligned when the WSC schedules were made for this season, as the winner would hold solo possession of the conference title.

Both teams battled hard in muddy conditions and the game went into overtime, creating more suspense. When Ben Frederick's PAT finally went through the uprights in overtime, giving the Rangers a 21-20 victory, the celebration began. The 7-3 winning season was the best the Rangers have been a part of since 1996. The conference championship was their first in over a decade.

LRA wins sectional soccer title

After losing to Independence three times in the last two years, the Lake Ridge Academy boys soccer team finally got the monkey of its back. And it couldn't have picked a better stage to do it on. Last fall's 1-0 Division III sectional final victory over Independence gave LRA its first district appearance since 2001, when Lake Ridge advanced to the district finals.

"Independence eliminated us last year in the playoffs," LRA head coach Jim Doyle said. "We lost to them 1-0 this year. We know they're a good team. They've got a couple of really great players, but we prepared. We filmed the first time we played them and watched every minute of it over and over. We studied. We prepped.

"We knew exactly what we were doing going in and we did it. I'm proud of my guys. They rose to the occasion and did what we planned to do. Hard work pays off."

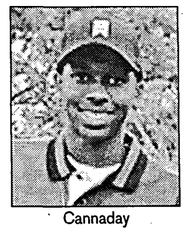
The deciding goal came in the second half with 28:57 remaining in the contest. Senior co-captain Jerry Hammerschmidt scored on a strike with an assist from senior forward Moudy Farhat. Sophomore goalkeeper Diego Chahda finished with eight saves for Lake Ridge.

LRA girls tennis sets record

The Lake Ridge Academy girls tennis team set a school record for most wins in a season, going 18-4. It was the most wins by any LRA tennis team, boys or girls.

Other highlights include Bijal Shah's 12 victories this season, a big improvement from seven a year ago. Fallon McNally finished 13-6 at singles. Senior Clare Gieselman had a strong year, going 9-4 in singles, 4-1 in doubles and finishing in first place at second doubles at the LRA Invite.

Jacqui Pelsey (10-1 singles, 7-0 doubles, first place at third singles at LRA Invite), Gaylya Olmsted (won 11 matches at doubles this season, second place at first doubles at LRA Invite), Alisha Bouzaher (12-4 in doubles this year, fourth place at LCAAA) and Megan Bus (9-4 at doubles, fourth place at LCAAA) also had strong years. Kristi Yu went 8-4, winning her last four matches of the season. Ashley Yu finished 7-7.



Cannaday

Cannaday era ends

Lake Ridge Academy's golf standout Brett Cannaday has plenty of achievements to be proud of. Averaging a 36.7 on nine holes his senior year, Cannaday was a medallist in eight of his 11 dual matches, leading Lake Ridge to an impressive 12-2 record.

Cannaday won his sectional with a 72 and finished fifth in the LCAAA with a 73. He was co-medallist at the Fairport Skipper Classic on Aug. 19, shooting a 73.

For his four-year varsity career, Cannaday was medallist in 38 of the 49 matches he competed in, giving him the top score in 78 percent of the matches he played. He averaged a 37.1 over that time in nine-holes and 77.8 in 18 holes.

Lady Rangers win opener

After suffering an 0-20 regular season records the previous two seasons, the North Ridgeville High School girls basketball team opened the 2005-06 season with promise. The Lady Rangers defeated Wellington 27-23 on Nov. 28.

Twelve days later NRHS picked up its second win, a 40-35 WSC victory over Vermilion, to improve to 2-2.

Rob Hall dedicated

Prior to LRA's annual alumni basketball game over Thanksgiving break, the school held a dedication ceremony for Rob Hall, its new gymnasium named after LRA standout athlete Rob Dresing. Dresing (Class of 1985) passed away three years ago at the age of 35 from cystic fibrosis, but his spirit was definitely felt by hundreds at the special event.

Thanks to the generosity of the Dresing family, current and future LRA students now have a state-of-the art facility to work out and play in. The 5,250-square foot $1.2 million gymnasium includes a fitness center, training room, visitor's locker room and atrium with a concession area.

Men's and women's restrooms were also installed so game spectators no longer have to leave the building to use facilities on another part of campus.

Along with the new gym, LRA adapted a new team logo. Dropping the Royals, LRA athletes are now known as the Lions.

N.R. wrestlers off to great start

The North Ridgeville football team isn't the only Ranger team finding success in the new West Shore Conference. In the first month of the winter season, the Ranger wrestling squad has proven itself the team to beat in the WSC.

With impressive wins over Vermilion (66-9), Rocky River (49-24) and Midview (59-14) in December, the Rangers jumped out to a 3-0 WSC record.

Hosting anther WSC tri-match on Jan. 12 against Fairview and Bay should help give the Rangers the advantage of being conference champs.

Ridgeville head coach Ed Haller, who entered the Vermilion/Rocky River tri-match with 248 career wins, reached the 250-win milestone by the end of the second match.

Sports Schedules

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Girls Basketball
7:30 p.m.: Clearview @ NRHS

Thursday, Jan. 5
Girls Basketball
6 p.m.: Andrews @ LRA

Friday, Jan. 6
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Bay
7:30 p.m.: Cleveland Heritage @ LRA

Saturday, Jan. 7
Wrestling
10 a.m.: NRHS @ Avon Lake Duals
Girls Basketball
1 p.m.: The Wellington School @ LRA
2:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Rocky River
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Avon

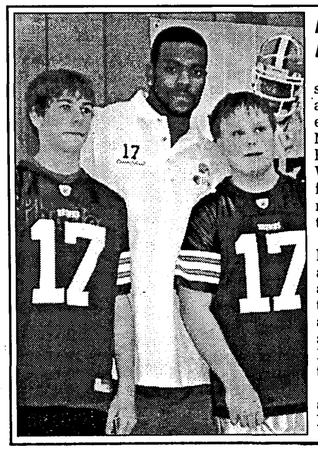
Tuesday, Jan. 10
Boys Basketball
7:30 p.m.: NRHS @ Rocky River
7:30 p.m.: Community Christian @ LRA

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

Lovasz, Sojka meet Browns player Edwards



North Ridgeville Middle School students Alex Lovasz (eighth grade) and Travis Sojka seventh grade) attended a recent football clinic at Midview Middle School hosted by Braylon Edwards of the Cleveland Browns. With only 24 students participating from 12 school districts, this opportunity was truly a memorable one for these two boys.

Despite Edwards' recent injury, he led the students through football skills and drills followed by pizza and beverages for the entire family. A segment of the program was devoted to questions and answers. Each student was presented with a gift bag that included a Braylon Edwards jersey with an opportunity to have it autographed.

Sojka (left) and Lovasz (far right) are featured in the photo with Edwards (center).

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What's for lunch?
For Jan. 5-11, 2006

North Ridgeville Middle School/ High School

Thur: Salisbury steak w/gravy/roll, hot ham & cheese/bun, whipped potatoes, peaches, milk.
Fri: Mini corn dogs/soft pretzel, deli sub, tator tots, orange sections, milk.
Mon: Cleveland St. pizza, grilled chicken/bun, French fries, pears, milk.
Tue: Cheeseburger/bun, hot dog/bun, pasta salad, baked beans, peaches, milk
Wed: Beefy cheesy nachos/wheat roll, shaved turkey/bun, green beans & carrots, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

North Ridgeville Elementary

Thur: Salisbury steak/gravy, dinner roll, whipped potatoes, peaches, milk.
Fri: Mini corn dogs, soft pretzel, tator tots, orange sections, milk.
Mon: Domino's pizza/cheese slice, French fries, pears, milk.
Tue: Hot dog/buy, pasta salad, baked beans, peaches, milk.
Wed: Beefy cheesy nachos, wheat roll, green beans & carrots, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Highlights from North Ridgeville High School

Financial aid night

The Educational Service Center of Lorain County will be hosting Financial Aid Night on Jan. 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the North Ridgeville Education Center, Community Room. All high school juniors and seniors along with their parents are invited to attend and receive important information on how to pay for college.

Alumni Hall of Fame

The North Ridgeville High School Academic Recognition Committee will accept nominations for the 18th annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame induction.

To be eligible for this nomination, the person must be a graduate of North Ridgeville High School a minimum of five years. Nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame should include the following information: alumnus name, current address, year of graduation from the North Ridgeville school system, age, occupation, and biographical information about the nominee listing distinguishing honors, community service and other accomplishments. The nomination must also include the nominator's name, address, and phone number.

Nominations should be sent to Patricia Bahr, Principal, North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville, 44039. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 20, 2006.

Academic Challenge

Sophomores Nate Nicoll and Melissa Alewine and senior Cory Kokansparger are teaming up to compete on Academic Challenge scheduled for Jan 21 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 5.

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EDUCATION

First-grader meets Cavaliers mascot, Moondog

First-grade teacher Sara Coles and her 20 students participated in the Cleveland Cavaliers "Read to Achieve" program. To encourage students to read regularly, the Cavaliers established an incentive-based reading challenge. Elementary school students in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit, Media, Portage, Geauga and Lake counties were provided with reading logs and asked to record the number of minutes they read each day for one month. Each student who completed the challenge received Cavaliers' merchandise and the classroom that recorded the most minutes will receive a player appearance.

Coles' class logged over 11,000 minutes of reading in just one month. As an added incentive, Coles donated four tickets to a Cleveland Cavaliers game and offered the student with the most minutes an opportunity to attend the game and made special arrangements with the team to have its mascot "Moondog" make a special appearance. The Cleveland Cavaliers also prepared a backpack full of goodies from Cleveland Cavaliers T-shirts to books.

The winner of the contest was first-grader Megan Beals, age 7 who logged 1,655 minutes of reading time in a three-day period. She was excited to attend the Cavaliers game with Coles, second-grade teacher, Cristy DiCicco and Megan's father, Brian.

Moondog spent time in the stands with Megan.

"I'm going to be Mrs. Megan Moondog," Megan said. "He kissed me four times."

Her father was surprised that Megan ate a hot dog on a bun for the first time at the game. When asked why she did, Megan said, "Because Miss Coles did."

Coles said she is committed to the program and hopes her classroom wins the competition among the other participating schools so all her students will be rewarded for their devotion to reading.

Sixth-grader earns perfect score in Math Olympiad

Sherry Dearth's sixth-grade COSMOS class participated in the Math Olympiad, national math competition, on Dec. 13. There were a total of five problems, each with a specified time limit and all problems required mathematical reasoning. Sixth-grader Kenny Schmitt (age 11) earned a perfect score of 5 out of 5.

"Math comes easy to me," Kenny said. "Math has been my favorite subject since third-grade."

When asked what his favorite math problems are, he responded "all of them."

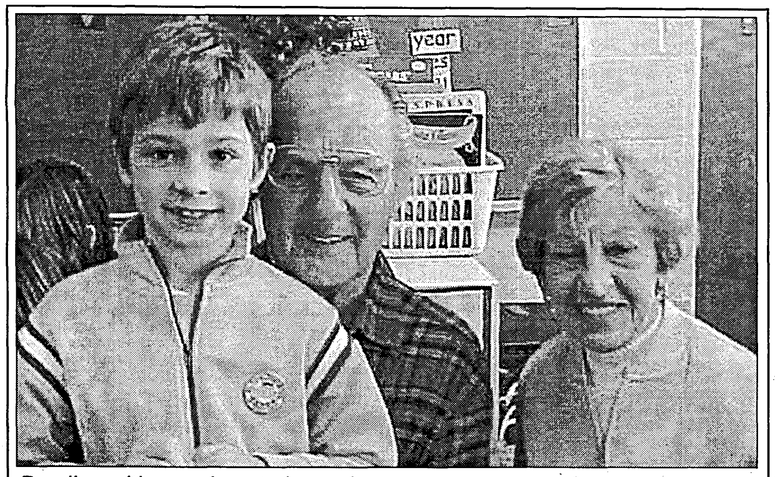
"I am extremely proud of Kenny," Dearth said.

The teacher prepared students for the math contest in a variety of ways and the competition enhanced the math standards for the state of Ohio. Recently the class worked in small groups on problem solving and then did a PowerPoint presentation to the class. Additionally, there were 25 practice problems from each of the last two years, which the students used for practice prior to the test.

There are a total of five Math Olympiads scheduled for 2005-06. At the end of the fifth Olympiad, scores will be totaled per participant and also by school teams. Awards will be presented and Kenny is hopeful he will be on the receiving end of one these awards.



6th -grader Kenny Schmitt



Reading with grandma and grandpa

Just before the holidays, second-graders at Wilcox Elementary School invited their grandmothers and grandfathers to visit the school and read with them. Griffin Hardin is shown with his grandparents as they take a break from their book.

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1-4 p.m. Cards/games-Senior Center
1-4 p.m. Hope group-Senior Center
1-4 p.m. Immunization clinic-Lorain City Health District

Friday
Noon, Rotary Club luncheon-Senior Center

Saturday
6:30 p.m. Lions Club Night at the Races-Ridgefield party center

Sunday
9 a.m.-Noon Breakfast at VFW-at the post

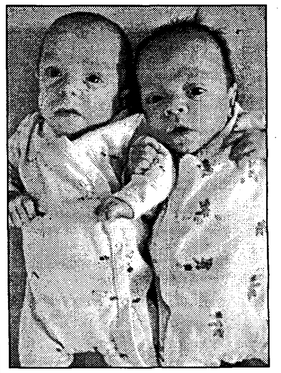
Monday
9-9:50 a.m. A New Wrinkle-Senior center
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafting/quilting-Senior center
6:30 p.m. Volleyball Boosters-North Ridgeville High School
7 p.m. PTA Council meeting-Middle school

Tuesday
1-4 p.m. Watercolor classes-Senior Center
1:30 p.m.-Red Hat Society-Senior Center
6:30 p.m. Liberty PTA-Liberty School
6:45 p.m. Lear North PTA-Lear North School
7 p.m. Planning commission-Council chamber
7 p.m. Wilcox PTA-Wilcox School
7 p.m. Band Boosters-High school media center
7 p.m. Early Childhood PTA-Middle school
7 p.m. Wrestling Boosters-High school
7:30 p.m. Board of Education meeting-Education center

Wednesday
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Immunization clinic-Elyria City Health District
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor classes-Senior center
Noon Lunch, cards, bingo-Senior center
7:30 p.m. Cheerleading boosters-High school cafeteria
Liberty Market Day

BIRTH ANNOUNCMENTS

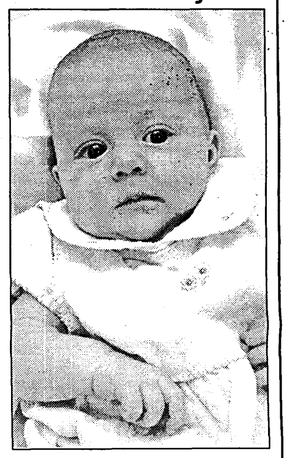
Piper Rose and Wyatt Benjamin Farina



Piper Rose, Wyatt Benjamin and April Rose Farina were born to Debbie Rak-Farina and Ben Farina of North Ridgeville, on July 10, 2005. April Rose went to heaven on July 16, 2005.

Piper and Wyatt each weighed 1 pound and 11 ounces at birth.

Mae Rose Niemojewski

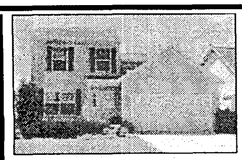


Mae Rose Niemojewski was born to Denise and Robert Niemojewski of North Ridgeville on Oct. 16, 2005.

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LIFESTYLES

Night at the Races

The North Ridgeville Lions Club will hold the seventh annual Evening at the Races, Jan. 7 at the Ridgefield Party Center, 8700 Gatewood Drive. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A light buffet will be served at 7 p.m. and post time is 8 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. All proceeds from this go to many beneficiaries of the North Ridgeville Lions Club.

For more information contact Bill Shaffer at 327-9525 or Katie Arhar at 327-8876.

Breakfast at VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 9871 will hold an all-you-can-eat Country Breakfast, Sun., Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the post located at 6805 Lear Nagle Road. The breakfast includes eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, sausage gravy, bisuits, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is adults $5; seniors, $4.50 and children under 10, $2.50.

The proceeds of the breakfast help support programs such as Americanism, cancer aid and research, community service, veterans' hospitals and youth programs.

Immunization clinics for January

Child Immunization Clinics are a cooperative effort of the three health departments in Lorain County (Elyria City Health District, Lorain City Health District and Lorain County General Health District) who are providing this service to county residents through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health.

The clinics are open to any family with children ages birth-18 years, needing immunizations. There is a fee for each immunization. However, no one will be denied an immunization due to inability to pay.

A parent or guardian must bring the child and a record of the child's previous immunizations.

If there are questions, call one of the health departments:

Lorain County General Health District - 244-3418, 322-6367 or 236-8722
Elyria City Health District - 323-7595
Lorain City Health District - 204-2300
Jan. 5 and Jan. 19 - 1-4 p.m. Lorain City Health District, 1144 West Erie Avenue, Lorain
Jan. 11 and Jan. 21 - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Elyria City Health District, 202 Chestnut St., Elyria
Jan. 26 - 3:30-6 p.m., Elyria Public Library, 1194 West River Road, North, Elyria

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Obituaries

Raymond S. Draper

Raymond S. Draper, 80, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 16, 2005 at his home after a long illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, he moved from North Olmsted 40 years ago.

He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946 aboard the USS Houston. He repaired and painted delivery trucks for Dairymen's Milk Co. in Cleveland for 35 years before retiring in 1987. He belonged to the Teamsters Local 964 in Cleveland and at one time was a trustee on the union's board.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Arletha (nee Thomas); a daughter, Robbin Spyak of North Ridgeville; sons Randy of North Ridgeville and Raymond of Elyria; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Ruby Tobik and Dolores Matt, both of Maple Heights.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Margaret (Cunningham) Draper; a sister, Margaretta Delaney and brothers Willow, Edward and Charles.

Liston Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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

Emma I Lopatkovich

Emma I. Lopatkovich (nee Krupit), 84, of Lorain, died Dec. 16, 2005 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Avon after a long illness.

Born in Pittsburgh, she moved to Lorain in 1946.

She was a seamstress for Dunlap's Bridal for 10 years. Before that, she and her husband co-owned Home Dairy, where she was an office manager. She also worked at the Lorain Public Library for 10 years.

Survivors include sons David of Medina and Carl of Lorain; daughters Judith Pollarine of North Ridgeville, Leda Gerdes of Rocky Hill, Conn. and Berta McCoy of St. Petersburg, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Vera Sebald of Pittsburgh.

She was preceded in death by her husbend, Edward, in 1975; sons Michael in 1983 and Paul in 1952; her parents, Ewald and Anna (nee Mentz) Krupit; a sister, Leda Krupit in 2003 and a brother, Adolf, in 2000.

Dovin Funeral Home, Lorain, handled arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Chapter, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120.

Ethel M. Ritter

Ethel M. Ritter (nee Goede), 81 of North Ridgeville died Dec. 17, 2005 at the Northridge Health Center in North Ridgeville.

Born in Cleveland, she had resided in North Ridgeville 23 years after previously residing in Cleveland, Lakewood, Brunswick, North Olmsted and Elyria. She was a supervisor at Kindt-Collins Manufacturing in Cleveland for many years. She was a member of Fields United Methodist Church, North Ridgeville.

Survivors include her brothers, Richard Goede of Oil City, Pa. And Edwin Goede of Carrier, Miss.; and sister Peggy Chismar of North Ridgeville.

She was preceded in death by her husband William; brothers Donald, Howard, Robert and Garth Goede; sisters Ruth Clack, Jane Lockart and Catherine Faulkner.

Private services were held in the David Bogner Family Funeral Home. Interment was at Brooklyn Heights Cemetery.

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

Myrtle Marie Kelley

Myrtle Marie Kelley (nee Barckert), 83, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 16, 2005 at Medina General Hospital, following a short illness.

Born in Amherst, she had lived in North Ridgeville since 1948 and was currently working in the shipping and receiving department at Ridge Tool in Elyria. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in North Ridgeville and the Lorain County Historical Society.

Survivors include daughters Ruth Davis of Tucson, Ariz. and Lois Kelley of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., son Jim Kelley of North Ridgeville; six grandchildren; brothers Charles and Robert Barckert both of Amherst; and a sister, Alberta Dorksen of Cleveland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Amelia (nee Arndt) Barckert.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangments. Burial was be at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Avon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44106.

Kristen A. Olmstead

Kristen A. Olmstead, 12, of Carlisle Township and formerly of Elyria, died unexpectedly Dec. 19, 2005, at her home of complications resulting from an apparent seizure.

Born in Elyria, she had resided in Carlisle Township for the past three years. Kristen attended seventh grade at Keystone Middle School in LaGrange.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, John E. and Rita R. Higgins; brothers Marine Lance Cpl. Scott A. Kobylski of Okinawa, Japan and Steven L. Kobylyski of Carlisle Township; a sister, Ashley N. Olmstead of Carlisle Township; a stepbrother, Stephen Higgins of Wellington; a stepsister, Amy L. Kren of North Ridgeville; her grandmother, Shirley Hebebrand of Elyria.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bradley Olmstead.

Interment was in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria.

Busch Funeral Home, Elyria, handled arrangements.

Kenneth R. MacKeigan

Kenneth R. MacKeigan, 75, of Amherst and formerly of Avon and Elyria, died Dec. 18, 2005, at Community Health Partners in Lorain following a lengthy illness.

Born in Lakewood, he had resided in Amherst for the past three years, before living in Elyria for 10 years and Avon for 30 years.

Mr. MacKeigan was a 1948 graduate of Lakewood High School and was a mechanic and owned and operated a Sohio service station in Lakewood for many years. He was employed by Industrial Security in Cleveland and had worked as a security guard for the former U.S. Steel plant in Lorain, retiring in 1992. He was an active member of Faith Baptist Temple in North Ridgeville for many years, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, an usher and church treasurer. He was a former Boy Scout leader and Little League umpire.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Virginia (nee Bender); daughters Nancy Mikitta of Red Wing, Minn., and Karen Harding of Amherst; sons David of Avon and William of Elyria; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Bobby MacKeigan, in 1965; his parents, A. Stewart and Emma (nee Blank) MacKeigan; a sister, Shirley Cooke; and a brother, Robert MacKeigan.

Liston Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Burial was in Fields Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Children's Camp Scholarship Fund, c/o Faith Baptist Temple, 34361 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville 44039.

Carol A. Niederst

Carol A. Niederst (nee Kerul), 63, of North Ridgeville, died Dec. 20 at St. John West Shore Hospital, Westlake, after a long illness.

Born in Cleveland, she moved from Lakewood to North Ridgeville 30 years ago. Mrs. Niederst was a member of St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church.

Survivors include sons Michael of Olmsted Township and Andrew of Lakewood; a grandson; her mother, Elizabeth Kerul of Solon; a brother, Robert Kerul of Mentor; and a sister, Barbara O'Mailia of Brighton, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph L. Niederst Jr., in 2003, and her father, Andrew Kerul, in 1996.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Julie Billiart Church. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon.

David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorials may be made the American Cancer Society, 10501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 44106.

Debra L. Sanchez

Debra L. Sanchez, (nee Fox), 35, of Lorain, formerly of Elyria, died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005

Survivors include her husband of 15 years, Mario Sanchez; son, Mario Sanchez Jr.; her mother, Nancy Wagner (nee Wickham) of North Ridgeville; sisters Paula Pennington, Jackie Chavez and Amber Fox, all of Lorain, and Angie Fox of Olmsted Township; brothers Eric, Dane and Aaron Fox, all of Elyria.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Fox; and her grandparents.

Wyers Funeral Chapel, Sheffield Township handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Debra Sanchez Fund at Lorain National Bank, 457 Broadway, Lorain, OH 44052, or any Lorain National Bank branch.

Zeneido Ortiz Miranda

Zeneido Ortiz Miranda, 84, of Princeton, Fla., formerly of Lorain, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at Baptist Hospital, after a brief illness.

He was born June 20, 1921, in Coamo, Puerto Rico. From there he moved to Lorain, where he lived for 30 years. He moved to Princeton after retirement.

Miranda was employed at U.S. Steel's Lorain Works in the pipe mills for 30 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of Temple Bethel, Lorain.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Blanca; sons Ruben Ortiz Sr. of North Ridgeville and David Ortiz of McLean, Va.; daughter, Ana L. Bourque of Sunrise, Fla.; and five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Justa (nee Fontonez), in 1975; a son, Zeneido Ortiz Jr., in 1968 in Vietnam; and five brothers and sisters.

The Dovin Funeral Home, Lorain, handled arrangements.

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Shoplifting at Giant Eagle

Police were called to Giant Eagle after two customers attempted to purchase beer and cigarettes with an invalid check. One exited the store with the merchandise before the check was verified. The customer returned all but the pack of cigarettes and paid for the cigarettes later. No charges were filed.

Another subject was charged with theft after she said she intended to purchase a carton of cigarettes for $3.39. She told police that she intended to pay for the cigarettes, but the line was too long and she was going to pay for them after making a bank deposit, however she left without paying. Police found a $3 coupon for the cigarettes. She was charged with theft.

Generator stolen from job site

A subject reported that a generator valued at $1,700 had been stolen from Greenview Trail. It was suggested that a subject working in the area could have taken it. It was referred to the detective bureau.

Cop on the spot

An off-duty officer at Marc's observed a subject attempting to steal someone's purse in the store. The defendant was arrested and taken to the police station and charged with theft.

Fight not over

Police received a hang-up call from a Chestnut Ridge Road residence. When they called back they learned that there was a physical confrontation between the caller and his girlfriend. He said the fight was over and they did not need the police or an ambulance, however the police responded and discovered that the girl had been choked, bitten and hit by the male. She admitted she struck the male. The male was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

Bring back the sign

A lawn care company reported that a custom-made sign had been stolen from a landscaped area at the corner of Victoria Lane and Bolton Drive.

A little assistance, please

An elderly Chestnut Ridge Road resident called the fire department, requesting help installing a new smoke detector.

MVA on Center Ridge Road

Firefighters responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle accident on Center Ridge Road. An SUV ran into a rear trailer and sustained front-end damage and on the driver and passenger side. The airbags deployed. All occupant were ambulatory on the scene. A large quantity of antifreeze spelled from the radiator. It was controlled with an absorbent material. The battery cable was disconnected.

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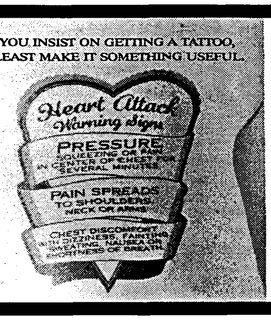
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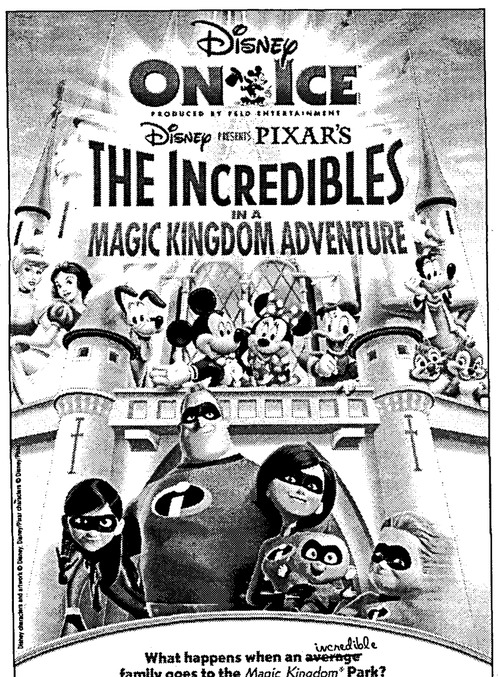
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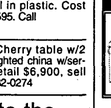
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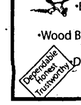
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