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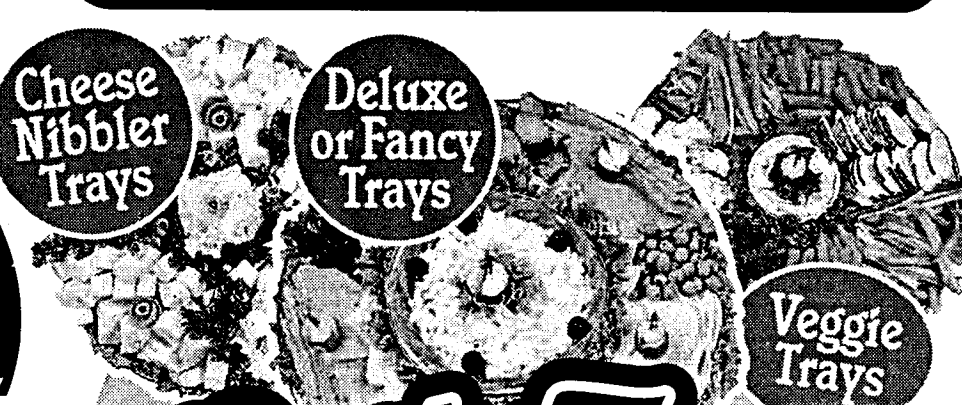
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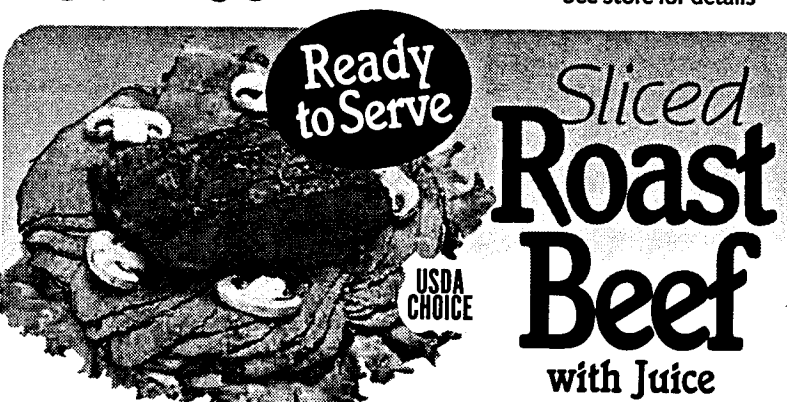
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Double celebration for Iona Harris; Thanksgiving and her 103rd birthday

By Carol Klear

As families across the United States celebrate Thanksgiving, Iona Harris' family has an added reason to count its blessings, Nov. 25. The slim lady with the wry smile, snow-white hair and genuine love of people, will turn 103 years old.

Since 1984, Iona has lived with her granddaughter, Renee Suich, and her family on Wallace Boulevard and for nearly the same number of years she's been going to the North Ridgeville Senior Center each week for lunch, a game of cards or bingo...or some of each.

Rita Price, director of the Office for Older Adults, in her position for less than a year, said when she met Iona, "I couldn't believe she was 102."

"She's great to have at the center," Rita said. "She's talkative and sharp as a whip. She comes every Wednesday."

Last month, when the seniors were invited to dress up for their Halloween party, Iona told Rita she knew just what she would be—an Indian. Sure enough, she arrived in a colorful skirt and shawl that she had crocheted herself...and walked off with the third place prize.

During a 2001 interview for her 100th birthday, Iona told the Press & Light that she had been born prematurely in her parents' Pennsylvania home. When the temperature of her tiny body began dropping, she said, "The doctor put me in a blanket and lit the oven."

Though she wasn't as hale and hearty as other babies at birth, Iona seems to have more than made up for it in the years since.

She said she grew up in the house that her grandfather Bernhart built. He came to America from Germany and the entire family lived within several blocks of one another.

Iona also related that two of her favorite childhood games were playing house and playing funeral.

"If we found a bird that was dead, we buried it," she said.

The burials went a little too far one day, however, when she buried a doll in her mother's trunk then buried the trunk. When her mother realized the trunk was missing, "She dug it up."

Iona also loved to sing and sang in choirs for more than 25 years.

"She sang in the Mendelssohn Choir," Renee said. "In 1920, that was a very impressive thing."

She had a "trained, strong operatic voice," Renee said. And for a while she even sang on the radio. The walls were padded and Iona said going into the studio was like "climbing into a mattress."

Iona said she has always been religious and continues to watch Sunday services on television. She also remembered when, as a youngster, she and her parents would stand on street corners, her mother playing the piano as Iona sang and her father preached.

Renee said her grandmother attended business college, but she also was a social worker, which in the 1920s was called a "church counsel."

Iona's grandfather was the groundskeeper for the local cemetery and her future husband worked for him.

Renee said Iona recalls the time she and a girlfriend went to see a silent Frankenstein movie and were so scared, they couldn't wait to run to her grandfather's house inside the cemetery.

Renee said having her grandmother live with her "has been a terrific blessing for my children growing up." She continues to be interested in everything around her, including Renee's talent for making glass beads. Renee said that years ago when her grandmother needed to earn extra money, she would make crepe paper flowers.

"She reads two books a week," Renee said. "She crochets lap blankets for nursing homes."

Renee's mother lives in Kentucky and works in a nursing home, so as Iona finishes the blankets Renee sends them to her mother, who distributes them in the nursing home.



Mayor Dave Gillock poses with Iona Harris during last month's Halloween party at the Senior Center. Iona will be 103 on Thanksgiving Day.

"Sometimes I fear I take her for granted," Renee said.

Education has always been very important to Iona and Renee said her grandmother "has provided for her grandchildren to go to college and has continued to do that."

Presently she has two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great, great-grandchildren. The youngest ones are just 3 and 7, but Iona has already begun an education fund for them, Renee said.

As she anticipates her grandmother's 103rd birthday, Renee said Iona has always given to others and that generosity has been returned.

Gillock signs contract for Center Ridge Road widening study

By Carol Klear

Mayor Dave Gillock has taken the first step toward widening Center Ridge Road from Stoney Ridge to Lear Nagle Road.

On Nov. 19 Gillock announced he signed a contract with the engineering firm of Burgess & Niple to do a widening study at a cost of \$190,000.

The mayor said he has been meeting with representatives of ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and NOACA (Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency), which led to interviewing a number of engineering firms before deciding on Burgess & Niple.

"ODOT gave us a list of pre-qualified (engineers) to do this work," he said.

"We had \$120,000 appropriated (toward the cost of the study)," Gillock said.

There was another \$15,000 available, but the city had to locate the remaining \$55,000. However, the mayor said \$210,000 had been set aside for a bridge replacement project that was never done, so he was able to put a portion of the money toward the cost of the study.

The study will include public input, a traffic and safety study, information sessions and participation by the county engineer, Gillock said.

"It's really neat," he said, adding that the stretch on Center Ridge Road from Stoney Ridge to Lear Nagle Road is considered one of the worst five areas in Lorain County.

NRCS to put two levy issues on ballot for February election

By Carol Klear

During Tuesday night's school board meeting, members were expected to approve going to voters in a Special Election in February for two levy requests—one a five-year \$2.71 million renewal and the other a five-year \$2.75 million additional levy.

The board passed two resolutions during the Nov. 16 meeting requesting that the Lorain County Auditor certify what the necessary millage would be.

School Treasurer Biagio Sidoti said that approving the renewal levy would not increase taxes for property owners, however, if passed, the new money issue would raise taxes.

School Board President Peggy Knight said the decision to move forward with a special election was made for several reasons.

"The momentum is still high," she said. "Our levy committee did an outstanding job. We also didn't want to wait until later in the spring for the regular election. There are so many things on hold

pending the passage of new monies. If we waited we would have to focus on making deeper cuts effective immediately."

Knight said that at this time none of the \$1.2 million cuts will be reinstated, however she said the board will meet to discuss what might be cut between now and February.

"In addition, we will spend a great deal of time determining what to cut if the new monies fail in February," she said. "If the renewal were to fail it will be devastating."



Vigil for life

More than 150 people gathered in front of the Ridgeville Center on Center Ridge Road on Saturday morning in silent prayer as a way of protesting the Family Planning Services of Lorain County office that is scheduled to open at the site next year. P&L photo by Frank Corsello

Water bills contain more than balance due

Here's a chance to give city officials a piece of your mind. This month's water bill has a brief survey containing a few questions about North Ridgeville and what you feel should be the priorities.

The survey, prepared by the Community Development Advisory Committee, focuses on items like a city swimming pool, rec center, senior center, industrial and commercial growth, road widening and maintenance and housing.

It also asks your opinion on what budget cuts should be made. And there's even a place for additional comments.

So, don't shove that water bill in a drawer until it's time to pay it, open it, answer the questions and return it with your payment.

Birthday party's over, it's time to celebrate Thanksgiving Day

I TRIED.....Last Tuesday was Mr. K's birthday, but no big bash planned to celebrate the natal day. Daughter No. 1's birthday is two days before her father's so we did a two-for-one over the weekend and feted both in one big family get-together. However, when I jumped out of bed Tuesday morn., I just couldn't let the day go by unrecognized, so I popped some muffins in the oven. When they cooled I placed one oh-so-carefully on a cake plate and pushed a candle down its middle. Getting ready to head for work, I figured I'd leave the surprise for Himself. However, when I opened the oven to cool it down, the heat rose and...you guessed it, the smoke alarm went off. He was definitely surprised!

OH, YES.....The single candle atop

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the muffin? I had neglected to wait until the baked goodie cooled and the pink wax melted and slid deep down inside the muffin.

WHAT NEWS!.....K Mart and Sears are merging. Take that, WalMart.

KUDOS.....The Liston Funeral Home was one of 59 nominations for a Lorain County Beautiful Award-many from North Ridgeville. Though the funeral home didn't win, owner Bob Liston said it was an honor to be nominated.

WHAT FUN.....The Chamber of Commerce did something a bit different last week. Instead of a monthly luncheon, members opted for an after-hours at Mills Creek Plaza and visited three different spots. At Bullfrog's there were beverages and some hot appetizers, at Arabica, coffee and yummy desserts and to help shed the evening's goodies, some members exercised at Ladies Workout Express. (Shhhh, don't tell anyone, I skipped the workout...but I did peek in the windows.)

MORE FUN.....D'Nora's clay studio and fine arts gallery will host an open house Friday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. On Saturday between noon and 1 p.m. Renee Suich will demonstrate her bead-making artistry, while Diane Marrapese, the

owner of D'Nora's will be in demonstration-mode all day, working on her clay pieces. Stop around.

HO, HO, HO.....Remember years ago when North Ridgeville had a Christmas parade. I always thought it was lots of fun (although usually freezing) watching youngsters march along Center Ridge Road to the Old Town Hall for the tree lighting and carols. But that was then and this is now. But if you want to get the Christmas season off to a great start, head to Cleveland's Public Square on Saturday from 6-7 p.m. Santa and his elves will be on hand, along with bright lights.

BUT FIRST.....Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

PRESSLINE

Mayor of Fairacres: As God as my witness, I looked out the window this morning and saw a squirrel, a baby squirrel, the color was black. Is there such a thing or am I going down the tube?

Response: We tried to reach a naturalist at Sandy Ridge Reservation, but were unable to do so. However, if you saw a black squirrel, there must be some around.

Ed Grochowski: I liked that football history story (Nov. 17 issue). I ate it up. I'd like to see him (sports-writer, Joe Ostrica) do a history of baseball in 1978-1979. I think they won the conference in '79.

CORRECTION

The Beckett Technology Park is to be located west of Race Road, not east as the outline under the map stated. We regret the error.

Press & Light

Ed Kelly

IN NORTH RIDGEVILLE
THE WELCOME MAT IS
OUT...



Once again, we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

I don't know about you, but this week, I find myself brimming with nostalgia and recalling Thanksgivings of the past.

As a child, I remember my mother fixing the "big bird" the night before, a practice that is verboten today. She stuffed the fowl with her homemade recipe and with dad's help, laced it shut. Then into the oven the bird went. All night long, it roasted ever so slowly and by morning we awoke to the wonderful aroma of our Thanksgiving dinner.

There were only four of us in my family, but we always had to put leaves in the dining room table to accommodate the added guests mother invited. She loved having company and would festoon the table with her best dishes, silver and holiday napkins featuring cornucopias or turkeys. It was a wonderful time, despite the stacks of dishes and pots and pans that stood waiting after the guests departed.



Editor's
Notebook

By Carol Klear

When my family and I moved to Lorain in 1970, we bought a house that was comfortable for the six of us (three younger Klears came along a few years later). We purchased a dining room table and chairs for the first Thanksgiving dinner in our new home. My mother, father and sister came and we used our gleaming china and silver...along with the traditional Thanksgiving napkins.

To celebrate, mother gave us a pair of Pilgrim figurines. There was a small girl with a long dress covered by a white apron and she carried a basket of

autumn fruits-apples, grapes and oranges. Her companion wore knickers, topped by a belted jacket and the typical pilgrim hat. At his side was a shotgun, no doubt at the ready to bag their Thanksgiving feast.

The lace hem at the bottom of the girl's dress is beginning to fray and there's chip out of the boy's hat, but each year at the beginning of November they take their places on the dining room table as they did more than 30 years ago when mother gave them to us.

For a number of years-I really can't remember when it started-we have gone "over the river and through the woods" to my brother-in-law's house for Thanksgiving. His family lives in Maumee and their home sits back off the road and always reminds me of a gingerbread house or perhaps Hansel and Gretel's homestead. On the November holiday that heralds the beginning of the Christmas season, it's fairly bursting with friends and relatives, laughing, talking

and eating much more than is healthy.

But as I write this column, it's uncertain whether or not we'll make the trek west for Thanksgiving or spend it at home. But the reason is wonderful.

Our second youngest daughter and her husband are expecting their first baby, after seven years of waiting for their little miracle. The due date was last week, but everyone knows babies have different calendars than the people anticipating their arrivals.

If the little one comes within the next couple of days, we will still head toward Toledo, giving the new mom and dad some quiet time as a family. If, however, it seems we will have a Thanksgiving baby, you'll no doubt find me at the supermarket Wednesday night, just before closing trying to gather everything for our holiday meal at home.

But regardless of where we celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be together and thanking God once again, for our family and the miracle of a new life.

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Seniors not to blame

To the Editor:

This editorial letter is in response to the one written by Valerie Rothschuh "slamming" the senior citizens of North Ridgeville for voting against the recent school levy.

I certainly hope your children didn't have the opportunity to read your letter to the editor which sounded like it was written by an irate child! I take issue with the way you wrote your letter and the disrespect your gave the senior citizens in your community.

Shame on you, Valerie Rothschuh, you obviously don't know any senior citizens or have any in your immediate family. My mom is a senior citizen and I am certain if she could afford it, she would vote for any school levy that was on the ballot. However, she, along with the majority of senior citizens, are on a fixed income, with no increase in the immediate future-this is something you obviously know nothing about! You are telling them in your editorial that they should have voted for it so that your children don't have to walk to/from school-never heard of a carpool Ms. Rothschuh? I am certain senior citizens should pay for the medications they take, rather than worrying about your children and how they get to/from school. May I suggest you get off your ass and get a job and rather than take a lunch hour, transport your children to/from school like many mothers do?

Oh please-do you really expect me to believe that you ask seniors if they need a ride when you see them walking? I can't believe that you do that by the tone of your disrespect for them. Seriously, after bragging for the first three sentences in your editorial about all the things you do, I can't even believe you had time to write your editorial let alone transport seniors anywhere!

I take further issue with your final line as to the seniors not voting for the school levy because it would take away from their bingo money. For many seniors, bingo is one of the only enjoyments they have left. Oh wait they should give up this enjoyment so that your children don't have to walk to school. Grow up, Ms. Rothschuh-the world doesn't revolve around your children.

You should be slapped for your disrespect and once again, shame on you!

Barb Naymik
Defiance

Seeing forest for the trees

To the Editor:

First of all, there were signs posted opposing the school levy. Perhaps Mr. Hrusch just overlooked them while he was surveying the entire city of North Ridgeville?

Second of all, if the individuals who voted for the school levy could afford to pay the entire amount themselves, they wouldn't have asked for the community's help. Du!

Third of all, Mr. Hrusch's "I've got mine, to heck with all of you," sarcastic attitude is something I have sadly learned to expect from some individuals. He probably also voted for Bush and can't possibly see any connection between the unfortunate defeat of the school levy and the unfortunate reelection of the president.

Maureen A. Murphy
North Ridgeville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't afford more taxes

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 10 issue of the Press & Light, was a letter to the editor written by Valerie Rothschuh. Someday she will be a senior citizen just like myself and will have to pay the high cost of insurance and medicines just like me. We seniors do want schools to get our tax money increase. But because of our senior citizens increases on everything, our social security pension checks do not provide us seniors with much to live in. Therefore, we seniors really cannot afford to pay more taxes for anything. Unfortunately, the tax increase for the schools does not go entirely to the kids, but the teachers, bus drivers and what have you will get their hands into it. Another reason why senior citizens or anybody else do not want a tax increase. This has been the case for over 50 years, for me anyway.

The schools need to budget their money just like any of us.

Gerald Mayer
North Ridgeville

Asks for prayers

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Reporter's Notebook written by Melissa Linebrink that was printed in your Nov. 17 issue. First of all, I would like to let Melissa know that as a mother of six, I am well aware that many young adults in the city of North Ridgeville have found all kinds of things to do to themselves and each other that are not good for them spiritually or physically. The lifestyles that Family Planning Services of Lorain County offers to children, without parental involvement or parental knowledge, are simply adding to the problems of the children in our community.

I invite all parents to check the web site of FPSLC. Check the links on their teen page to see just where they are directing your children. You might be surprised that FPSLC cannot only offer advice to your children without your knowledge, but also give them birth control medications, without your consent.

In case a young woman finds herself having had sexual relations one evening, she can stop by the office of FPSLC and they can give her the "morning after pill" which will kill her newly conceived unborn child...all without your consent or knowledge. Not only can they offer the children of our community advice on lifestyles and give them dictations that will indeed harm them emotionally and physically, they will do this while driving a wedge in the family unit. They are taking the parent out of the picture. The breakdown of the family is the beginning of the breakdown of the community.

Whether you are a parent or not, you need to be aware and concerned that this business is coming into your community. There will be young men's and women's lives changed forever because of their involvement with this organization. There will be North Ridgeville preborn children killed at offsite abortion clinics when the "helpful" birth control fails, and the expectant young mothers are referred to these places by FPSLC.

I can think of no better thing to do than "pray" for God's mercy and guidance in keeping Family Planning Services out of our community. You mention that our time might be better spent by "helping teens who are confused." The pro-life community does just that every day of every month of every year.

Whether that involves offering clothes, food, a place to live...the list goes on and on.

We, who value life, value all life, especially the life of a young teen who finds herself pregnant. We know that to truly help that young mother we need to not only take care of her physical needs, but her emotional and spiritual needs. In order to provide the very best care we can to these "confused teens" we need to turn to the One who unconditionally loves her and can help her the most. We turn to God in prayer because we know that relying on our own strengths won't provide the help these young people need.

I invite all members of our community to join me in prayer for the wellbeing of our community and most importantly the wellbeing of the children of our community. There will be an informational meeting regarding FPSLC at St. Julie Billiart Church at 7 p.m., Nov. 29. I invite the members of our community to find out what else they can do in addition to praying. I pray that God continues to protect our families by helping us remove Family Planning Services of Lorain County from our city.

Susan DeLaat
North Ridgeville

Her shame

To the Editor:

Shame on Valerie Rothschuh. Thank goodness she does not represent North Ridgeville City Schools. Her diatribe—not her self-proclaimed community service and charitable acts—informs us of her character.

Shame on her for saying our senior citizens refuse to forego their "bingo money" to support NRCS. A number of our seniors-and others-are living at or below the poverty level. The economics of the times have also affected families with school-age children. Hard economic reality is a major issue in our lives, not lack of interest in our schools and the education of our children and grandchildren. With expenses rising dramatically, many citizens had to make a difficult choice between paying bills and feeding families or increasing property taxes. Tough decisions-similar to the ones NRCS is having to make. And there are numerous other concerns (personal or school-related) involved, foremost of which is the right to freedom of choice, which she would deny us because we may not have voted the way she demanded.

It is unfortunate that the library levy was held in August. Many obviously felt "their money" was already spent-not that we begrudge the library, but all the levies should have been on the same ballot. This may have been a factor in the November levies.

Valerie Rothschuh's threat to exact her revenge by "spitting" our senior citizens and her hope that lack of funding hits the children and grandchildren of those who did not support the NRCS levy the hardest are petty indeed.

The shame is hers.

Kathy Chafetz
Parent of a NRHS student, 10-year member of PTA Council and member of NR Band Boosters

News is shocking

To the Editor:

I was shocked to hear that the future site of the Lorain County Family Planning Services is in the Ridgeville Center Shopping Plaza just west of Jaycox Road.

Do you want them in your neighborhood?

Wanda Jurco
North Ridgeville

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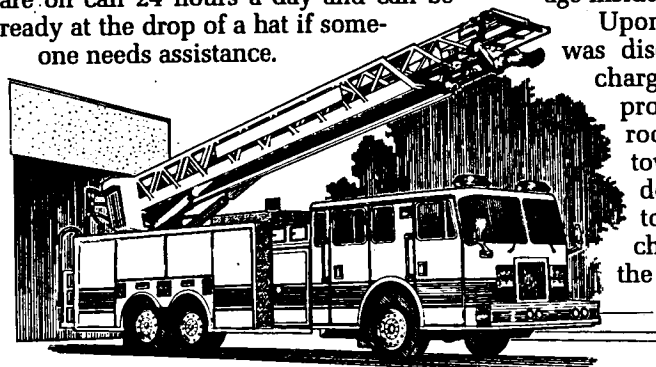
Know the Law: Part IV-Fire departments on call 24/7

By Melissa Linebrink

Editor's note: This is the last of a four-part series focusing on the criminal justice system. The first week's installment centered on juvenile crime. The second week focused on adults in the criminal justice system. Last week's part allowed readers the opportunity to take a first-hand look at some of the outrageous ordinances or laws in their respective cities. Today's article will concentrate on what type of emergency calls local fire departments respond to on a daily basis.

At any given time during the course of a day, there are men and women working around the clock to ensure that if anything were to go wrong in another person's life, emergency care would be at the scene in a matter of minutes.

Both fire and paramedic departments are on call 24 hours a day and can be ready at the drop of a hat if someone needs assistance.



According to the U.S. Fire Administration website, www.usfa.fema.gov, there were an estimated 3,380 lives lost in fire and 18,425 people were injured as a result of a fire in 2002. Additionally, 100 firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty.

To date, a majority of fire-related calls that are reported for the cities of Avon Lake, Avon and North Ridgeville revolve around open burning complaints, house fires, odor investigations, smoke/fire alarms being activated and vehicle fires. Typical medical emergencies are chest pain, shortness of breath, motor vehicle accidents and diabetic crises.

Avon Lake Fire Chief Larry Grizzell said so far this year the Avon Lake Fire Department (ALFD) has responded to 1,422 emergency calls:

- 67 percent for emergency medical services (EMS)
- 14 percent for false alarm fire calls
- 6 percent for service calls, such as assisting the invalid, animal rescues, smoke removal, etc.
- 5 percent for "good intent" calls, such as unusual odors, calls that are cancelled, investigating unusual conditions, etc.
- 4 percent for fires that require extinguishment
- 3 percent for hazardous conditions such as gas leaks, carbon monoxide, electrical problems, etc.

"We are called for just about everything," Grizzell said. "As for a typical type of call, there really isn't one, other than typically we respond to EMS emergencies. The EMS calls can range from assisting a patient to a chair after he or she has fallen, to a patient just not feeling well to traumatic injuries as a result of a motor vehicle accident to a cardiac arrest. Sometimes we don't even know what we're getting into until we get there. That's what makes this job interesting and at times dangerous."

In Avon, with the recent population growth, the number of service-related calls has increased to more than 1,000 ambulance calls and 300 fire calls for the 2003 year.

The North Ridgeville Fire Department responds to an average of 43 calls per week. These calls, on average, consist of 33 medical emergencies and 10 fire-related calls.

During the 13 years Grizzell has served with a fire department, he has encountered a few situations that have left a lasting memory.

One of the most bizarre situations Grizzell and the ALFD had to encounter, along with the Avon Lake Police

Department (ALPD) involved a lightning bolt striking the ground at the base of a tree next to a driveway near a resident's house.

While no one was injured and no fire occurred, Grizzell said the fire department knew there was a huge lightning strike within city limits but there were no damage reports at the time.

"The concussion was so great that it broke the picture window and exterior light fixtures," Grizzell said, adding the ALPD was called to the scene first to investigate an unusual situation while the homeowners were out of town. While on patrol, a police officer noticed three exterior light fixtures broken, dirt on the driveway and roof and a piece of concrete weighing an estimated 80 pounds on top of a broken light fixture in front of the garage door. There was also unusual damage inside the home.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the electrical charge traveled underground, probably following the tree roots, under the driveway, toward the two metal garage door rails that were grounded to the floor. The electrical charge found a weak spot in the driveway on its way and tossed the piece of concrete where it had landed a few feet away, Grizzell explained.

"The plaster was randomly blown off throughout the garage as the walls were electrified," Grizzell said. "All the damage was localized to the areas mentioned. The amazing thing is that there was not a fire in this house and nobody was injured."

The Avon Fire Department (AFD) has also had its share of awkward situations that they too had to take part in for emergency reasons.

According to Avon Fire Chief Frank Root Jr., almost 15 years ago a call came in to the station requesting an ambulance after a jeep was found in the woods off I-90.

"(Our crews) arrived on scene and found a man grabbing his throat and gagging," Root said. "They took him to a hospital and I later asked what happened to the man. I was told that he had 300 one-dollar bills shoved down his throat. Apparently a drug deal had gone bad is what I was told and someone stuffed the bills down his throat. This is the most unusual situation we have had (in Avon)." In North Ridgeville, Fire Chief Rick Miller said a lot of unusual situations are confidential, but he did admit that there are two vices that play a key role in emergency situations.

"I will say that drugs and alcohol make people do unusual things and create awkward situations," Miller said.

As with many cities in America, fire departments help one another out when in need. This is referred to as mutual aid.

Avon Lake, Avon and North Ridgeville each employ a number of full-time firefighters/paramedics, but there are times when extra help is needed.

"When we confirm that we have a working fire or run out of resources, we call surrounding communities to help," Miller said. "This practice has occurred 57 times between January and November of 2004. The help does arrive, it sometimes just takes a little longer to get there."

Just as there are emergencies where firefighters and paramedics are able to save lives, there are also situations where lives are lost or in danger.

"The worst situations that our members encounter are the traumatic deaths of young people," Miller said. "Incidents where multiple young people die in a vehicle accident seem to wear the worst on our members. These are the calls that you never seem to get out of your head. Inexperienced drivers and alcohol are usually to blame."

However, there are also instances where fires themselves cause grave danger for members of fire departments.

Grizzell remembers one mutual aid call where the ALFD was assisting the AFD with a house fire.

"The interior conditions worsened to the point that the structure had to be evacuated," Grizzell said. "One of our firefighters didn't return to the rally point and he was thought to be lost in the house. Come to find out the firefighter became disoriented in the exterior smoke and was found on the back side of the house—safe and sound. It's a sick feeling when you think you've lost one of your own."

And just as there are times fire departments would like to wish never existed, there are a few circumstances where joy is felt throughout the firehouse, like when healthy babies are delivered by paramedics.

"Our paramedics have delivered three healthy babies since 1988," Grizzell said. "The pictures are in our lobby hallway."

And likewise, the paramedics with the AFD have also delivered three babies over the years, Root said. And, after a hard day at work and rushing to emergency calls, some firefighters may ask themselves why they chose this line of work.

"Some people do it for the money, some do it for the work schedule, some do it because they want to help people," Grizzell said. "For me, the most satisfying aspect of this job is being there to do whatever I can to help people when they are in distress—no matter what it takes."

Sheffield Village and Sheffield Lake Fire Chief Jeff Young was unavailable for comment on deadline.

Holiday fire safety life-saving tips

The U.S. Fire Administration believes the holiday season is one of the most dangerous because a lot of fires occur due to improper tree and candle care.

- Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flames or sparks.
- Never put holiday tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best ways to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or have it picked up by a community pick-up service.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wire, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked

sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Only use UL approved lighting.

- Do not overload outlets. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- Do not leave lit holiday lights unattended.
- Never leave fireplaces or space heaters unattended.
- Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.
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'Woodturning is instant gratification' to craftsman

By Carol Klear

William Hall's dad was a carpenter, but the younger Hall wanted no part of a career in wood-working. Since retiring however, Hall, 72, has developed some of his dad's love of wood and shares his gift with others.

"When my dad would come home from work, he'd be cussing," Hall said. "I went into pharmacy."

He spent most of his professional life at the former Pierstorff's Pharmacy in Fairview Park. Today Hall still dons his pharmacist's coat, but he no longer worries about how white it is, he merely wants it to protect his clothes while he's in the workshop of his Briarwood Drive home.

Hall still laughs recalling the builder's expression when he said he wanted a 20-foot workshop in his Bob Schmitt home. But, with the exception of sufficient walking room, most of the space is taken up with all types of wood, tools and plastic storage boxes he uses to transport his "Will's Wild Woods" to craft shows he began doing about four years ago.

Last year Hall set up at four holiday craft shows, this week he bumped his business up to 10, including a three-day stint at the popular Mrs. Claus Closet. It was a grind, Hall admitted, and he really didn't think he wanted to do it again, but when he totaled the proceeds, well...you'll probably see him in Westlake next year.

To keep up with the demand, Hall said, "I steal ideas all over the place."



Wine bottle stoppers make nice gifts during this holiday season. P&L photo by Carol Klear

One of his most popular items is the perfume pen. He buys the liners from Berea Hard Woods Co. and sometimes from supply catalogues.

For the holidays Hall creates a Christmas ornament with a sea urchin topping a beautifully burnished piece of cocobolo.

"The sea urchins come from the Philippines," he said. "They're strong. I dropped one on the concrete floor and it didn't break."

Sawdust begins to fly as Hall starts the lathe he uses for the large wooden bowl he's making. He also has a collection of wine bottle holders, noting that most people don't want to set a bottle on their table-top after opening it.

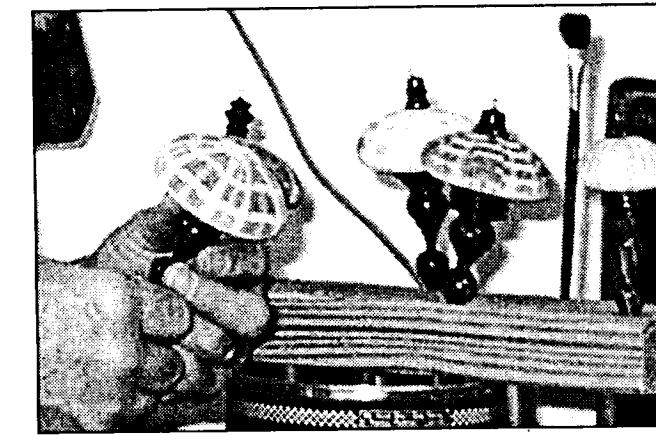
Besides buying the specific types he likes, Hall also gets a different type of wood each month, thanks to his son enrolling him in the Wood of the Month Club.

"They send various shapes and sizes," he said. Hall also makes wine bottle stoppers, most of them running from \$15-\$25. For Ohio State University fans, he makes stoppers from golf balls with the OSU insignia on them.

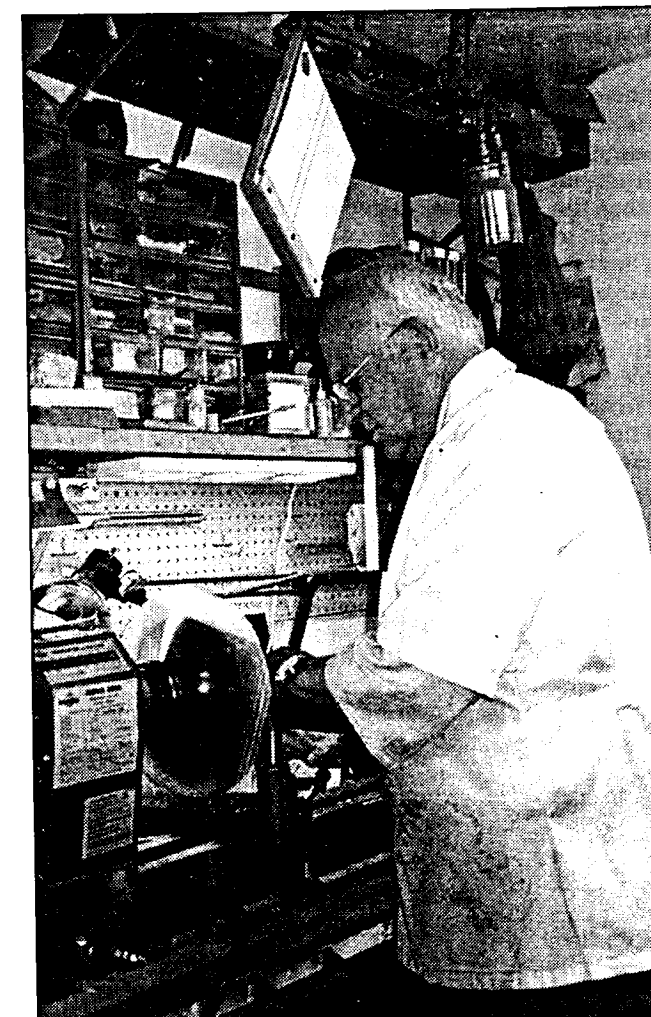
Although he refused to follow in his carpenter father's footsteps, he remembers "building an end table with his help." And the love of wood and the scent of sawdust is in his genes.

"I have his chisels," he said, wistfully, cradling the hand tool in his palm.

"Woodturning is instant gratification," Hall said. Hall has only lived in his North Ridgeville home



The woodturner creates unique Christmas ornaments using sea urchins atop his wood pieces. P&L photo by Carol Klear



Hall works on a wooden bowl in the workshop at his home. P&L photo by Carol Klear

for two years, after spending most of his life in Cuyahoga County, but he has actually returned to his roots. His grandmother, Ada Fortune, was from North Ridgeville. In fact, after comparing the historical Ridgeville map with one from today, he learned he "is living on her property."

"We're part of the Terrells who settled North Ridgeville," Hall said.

For anyone wanting to see Hall's creations, the crafter will have a craft show Dec. 4 at St. Albert the Great Church.

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Lake Ridge students create unique piece of art with metal

By Carol Klear

There's a tree atop a hill in the circle at Lake Ridge Academy. From a distance it looks like a newly-planted sapling, but on closer inspection, you see that the entire tree-leaves and all-are made of copper and brass.

The artwork was created by students in kindergarten through 12th-grade under the tutelage of metal sculpture artist Elizabeth Meadows, who's with Fairplay Stonecarvers in Oberlin.

The project took just under three weeks. Ann Bort, art department chair, said Meadows "came in every day and worked with the kids." An experienced metal artist, Bort said Meadows has worked with children many times.

"She asked them what they wanted to make and they wanted to make a tree," Bort said.

The kindergartners and first-graders got to pound with ball peen hammers, she said. Ball peen hammers are usually used to work on metal.

"The fourth- and fifth-graders made leaves of copper," Bort said.

Even the little second-grade students got to hold torches for the project, while the high school and middle school students did the soldering.

The art teacher said the tree has

iron branches and copper leaves and as it braves the weather, the branches will turn brown and the leaves, green.

To extend the project's creativity, students decided a metal rooster and an elephant should stand near the base of the tree trunk, while a monkey should take residence among the branches.

The sculpture is on springs, which allows it to bounce around, Bort said.

Meadows' work at Lake Ridge was

through the Artist in Residence program, she said.

"She seemed perfect," Bort said. "She is non-traditional, but was so careful with the children. She stressed safety, such as wearing goggles."

The art chair said Meadows and her husband, who is a stone carver, own Fairplay Stonecarvers in Oberlin. She also said that sometime in the future some of the art students are going to the studio for a tour.



Lake Ridge Academy students donned safety goggles and watched metal sculpture artist Elizabeth Meadows weld a piece of artwork.



A tree of iron and copper stands near Lake Ridge Academy's Bettcher Center.

Wild cats a problem, and humane officer doesn't have the answer

By Carol Klear

Helen Lingruen's mother had been bothered by wild cats in her yard for months and no matter where Lingruen turned, there seemed to be no way to get rid of the pesky felines.

"The APL said they don't deal with wild cats," Lingruen said. "I called a vet and he said, 'If you catch them, bring them in.'"

Finally after all else seemed to fail, she found a Cleveland firm in the yellow pages-Cages by Jim, that agreed to take care of the situation for a fee.

"He was the nicest man," Lingruen said. "And it's a 24-hour service."

The firm provides live traps and then

picks up the trapped animal and hauls it away. Lingruen wonders why the city's humane officer can't do the same thing.

But Humane Officer Tom Schultz said one of the biggest problems is that he has no proof "that the cat isn't somebody's pet."

To begin that sort of service would also mean having a building and staff to handle all the strays, he said.

He also questions how the private firm euthanizes the animals they catch.

"It's difficult," Schultz said, adding that for North Ridgeville it's not possible.

"We (police department) loan live traps out," he said. "We catch raccoons and possums, but if we catch a cat we release it."

"Whose cat is it?" he asked. "If we go outside (the city), will it be disposed of humanely. We're looking out for our residents."

Matthew Tkach, who works for Cages by Jim said the 15-year-old company is licensed by the state to handle wild animals.

The firm is under contract with at least one city, Berea, to take care of the animal problem.

"Most cities don't want the liability," he said.

In Berea, they take many cats that are caught to an animal rescue.

"If they are extremely aggressive we take them to a vet," Tkach said. "The vet does a once over."

Sometimes the vet has to put the cat to sleep.

"We cover ourselves," Tkach said. "We're empowered by the state."

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Turning a lifetime event into something very precious

By Melissa Linebrink

Often after a significant event people yearn for ways of remembering what took place, whether it may have been a wedding, funeral or birth of a baby. But aside from photographs or signatures in a memory book, the event may eventually vanish from someone's mind. However, Christa Jutte and Amy Keller, both of North Ridgeville, have created a way that memories can last a lifetime.

Christa and Amy have formed "Roses Reborn," a company that uses dried or fresh rose petals from a memorable event and transform them into bracelets.

Christa said her mother-in-law, Betty Jutte, of Southern Ohio, was the first in her family to learn the secret of making rose petals into bracelet beads. Several years after Christa's marriage to Betty's son Dave, Betty took the dried rose petals from the wedding bouquet and had another person make a rosary.

According to Christa, the art of making the bracelets is often not revealed and it took Betty a while to learn how to do it on her own.

"She went to other cities in other states where the bracelets have been

made and asked people how they did it and they would give her a hint," Christa said, adding that Betty often had to fill in the missing pieces.

"There are only three people in Ohio who can make these bracelets/rosaries."

Betty also had help from her daughter-in-law who owns a flower shop. Theresa Jutte of St. Henry, Ohio often would give Betty rose petals for practice.

While Betty has been dabbling in the art of bracelet making for a year, Christa started about three months ago with her friend Amy.

"It's a unique art because in my mind, what else will people do with the flowers that are special," Christa said. "This is a keepsake to keep forever."

Red and pink roses are the best ones to use for the bracelets. The process to make a bracelet takes about three weeks. Christa said the rose petals of three roses can be fresh or dried. Once she receives an order and has the petals after they have been in the freezer prior to assembly, she cooks them. After they are cooked, she allows them to dry. Once dried, she is able to roll them into a bead and poke a hole through them



Following the ancient Dominican nun legend of rolling roses into beads, Roses Reborn owners Christa Jutte (left) and Amy Keller string rose beads from rose petals. P&L photo by Melissa Linebrink

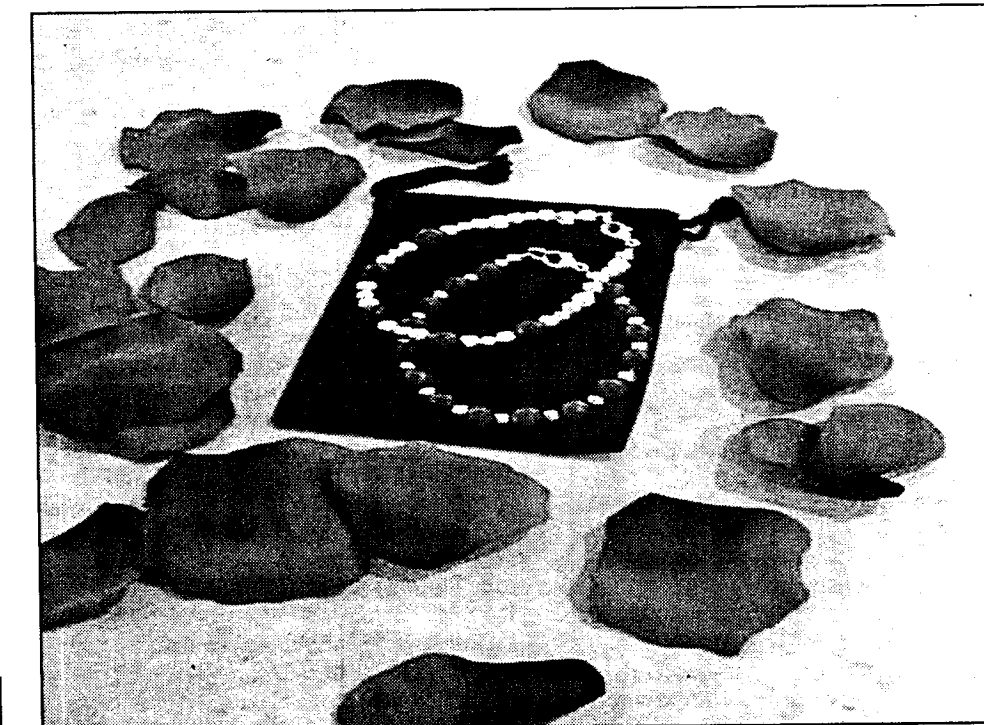
with a needle to string them. Customers can also have silver or gold beads in between the rose petal beads.

"Because we do not mass produce the rosebuds, the beads are hand-rolled and the exterior of each bead is unique," Amy said. "And because of the process we use for creating one-of-a-kind jewelry, it takes three to four

weeks to make each piece."

The cost of each bracelet is \$40 and can be ordered by calling Christa at 327-8631 or contacting her and Amy via e-mail at rosesreborn@yahoo.com

Roses Reborn will have a booth at First Congregational Church on Center Ridge Road during Holiday on the Ridge on Dec. 4.



Bracelets made from rose petals make a unique gift. P&L photo by Melissa Linebrink

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Joe Ostrica

The North Ridgeville High School boys basketball team is looking to rebound from last year's disappointing 6-15 season. Although the roster has just one senior with significant varsity experience, this team is reminiscent of the 2002-03 squad that gave NRHS its first winning season in 20 years.

With a talented, athletic junior class, coach Mark Rechlin is hoping this year's deep squad can build on what the Ranger football team started. "I would love to follow in the steps of the football program and finish up playing for a championship game the last game of the season," he said. "That would be a great way to go out of the conference."

The NRHS girls open its season tonight when they host Wellington. Coach Steve Kell said the team is looking forward to the chance to avenge last season's 48-46 loss to Wellington.

"We're looking forward to Wellington the first night out," he said. "We were up by six or seven with a couple of minutes to go last year at their place. We remember that game. That was a strong start for us. Toward the end it slipped away for us. I know we're hungry for that first game out. It's nice that it's going to be here."

Special Olympics notes

Students from the North Ridgeville middle and high schools participated in the area 12 Special Olympics Meet on Nov. 7 at the Strongsville Recreation Center. The athletes competed against swimmers from all over Northeast Ohio for gold, silver and bronze medals.

The Ranger team consisted of Tracie Anthony, Chelsea Galloway, Chris Hixson, Nate Harowitz, Jennifer Robbins, Steven Robbins, Jesse Frisch, Jamie Dunbar, Amber Scott, Kim Herman, Ashley Hamrick, Brittany Surella, Jerry Stevens, Jeremy Stevens, Mitchell Osborne, Ennas Jaber and Mirza Guzik.

The team, coached by Jackie Dunbar, was very successful and earned many medals in both individual and relay events.

EC notes

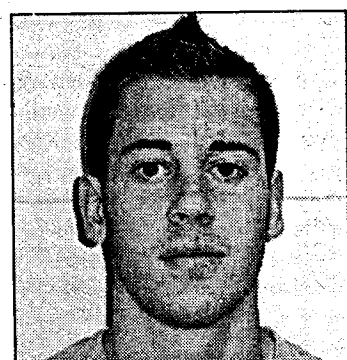
Elyria Catholic junior and North Ridgeville resident Matt Haszto was named to the Northeast Lakes Division All-Northeastern Ohio District football team by the Associated Press. Haszto led the Panthers in tackles for losses this season and sacks while playing defensive end and outside linebacker.

The EC hockey team earned a 5-3 victory at Mentor in pre-season action. North Ridgeville resident and freshman Richie Baker had the fourth goal for the Panthers on a one-on-one effort.

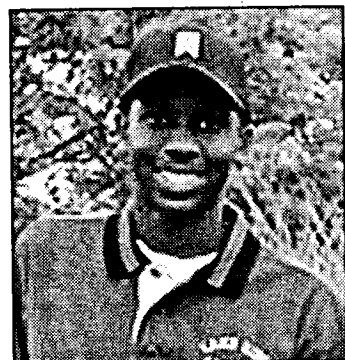
The EC JV hockey team also defeated Mentor 6-3. North Ridgeville resident senior Pat Holland led a stellar effort from the defense with his hard-nosed, timely hitting. Freshman goalie Brad Moore surrendered just two goals in his half game of work for EC.

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Lake Ridge athletes honored for efforts during fall season



Severs



Cannaday



Shah



Bus

In the past few weeks, several athletes from Lake Ridge Academy have received awards for their efforts during the fall sports season. Here is a list of the LRA athletes that were honored.

Cross country: Kendall Gregory was named to the first-team All-Lorain County cross country team. He was also voted LRA's MVP runner.

Golf: Brett Cannaday was a first-team Division III Northeast Ohio District pick. Cannaday was also selected as the team MVP. Brian Veber made the district second-team and Troy Hatcher was an honorable mention choice.

Sebastian Chahda won the team's most improved award while Dominic Gazzo earned the coaches award. Varsity letters were awarded to Cannaday, Veber, Hatcher, Asaad, Butt and Chahda. JV awards were given out to Derek Wolfe, Gazzo and Andrew Milluzzi.

Boys Soccer: As a team, the LRA boys soccer squad qualified for the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Academic Award. This award is for teams that average a GPA above 3.0.

Chris Severs was named to the first-team All-Lorain County and second-team All-Cleveland squads. Vishal Parikh earned first-team All-County and second-

team All-Cleveland honors. Parikh was also nominated for an All-Ohio Academic Award. Mark Hancock was named to the second-team All-County and third-team All-Cleveland groups.

Gurpal Pannu made second-team All-County and third-team All-Cleveland. Lee Pfeil was awarded second-team All-County and All-Cleveland honorable mention. Jerry Hammerschmidt earned All-County and All-Cleveland honorable mentions. Ethan Glor was an honorable mention All-County pick.

In team awards, Severs earned the most valuable offensive player award. Hancock was named the most valuable defensive player. Pannu was picked as most improved player. Parikh earned the team leadership award. Pfeil won the coach's award. Sam Maczuzak won the courage award.

Girls Soccer: The Lady Royals' club team gave team awards for their inaugural season. Stephanie Midgley was named most valuable offensive player. Georgia DiOrio was selected as the most valuable defensive player. Shannon Matuszyny earned the most valuable player award. Katie Gardner won the most improved player. Missy Sulik won a sportsmanship award. Coach's awards were given out to

Sara Mays and Alex Hansen.

Tennis: Bijal Shah earned the outstanding player award. Gayla Olmsted was named outstanding doubles player. Captains' awards were given to Tiffany Guo, Stacey Aiton and Jelena Lovric. Fallon McNally earned most improved player honor. Sara Cleeton was named the team's most valuable player. Ashley Yu won the team spirit award. The coaches' award of merit went to Aiton.

Second year tennis letters were awarded to McNally, Yu, Olmsted and Guo. First year letters were given to Shah, Megan Bus, Emily Mikhail, Aiton, Lovric and Cleeton.

Volleyball: Megan Bus and Natalia Reis received Lorain County first-team honors. Katie Galliers and Geneva Tavakoli were named to the Lorain County second-team. Yanna Voutsiotis and Rebecca Cleeton were selected to play in the Lorain County Senior All-Star Game.

Team defensive awards were awarded to Tavakoli and Galliers. The spirit award was given to Sarah Vandevender.

The coaches' award went to Rebecca Cleeton. Yanna Voutsiotis earned the hustle award. Reis won the offensive award. Bus was named the team's most valuable player.

Basketball coach thrilled to be back at Ridgeville

By Joe Ostrica

Todd Oswald has returned to coach basketball at North Ridgeville High School. And he couldn't be any happier. "I'm extremely happy to be back," he said. "I missed everybody while I was away. It's great to be back. It feels like home."

Oswald, who served as a varsity assistant coach for the Rangers during head coach Mark Rechlin's first four years, left prior to the 2003-04 school year to head up his own program. Last year he was the athletic director and head varsity boys basketball coach at Medina Christian Academy.

"The school had enrollment problems and they weren't able to offer me my job back this year," Oswald, who currently teaches at two schools in Cleveland, said. "I think Ridgeville is where I'm supposed to be. I think things just fell into place for me to come back here. It was real nice for Mark to ask me to come back. I'm real honored by that. I feel like we worked hard here for four years and this is just a chance to continue that."

Rechlin is very happy to have Oswald back on board.

"It's really fortunate because the kids like and respect him," he said. "He brings a lot of overall basketball knowledge. He had an opportunity to move on last year and took it, and it was a well deserved opportunity, but we're glad to have him back."

Bringing Oswald into the Ranger family was one of the first things Rechlin did when he was hired as NRHS' head coach in 1999. Prior to coming to Ridgeville, Oswald served as a varsity assistant coach at Parma.

"When I got hired I had to come up with a basketball staff and we went through a normal interview process," Rechlin said. "Hiring Todd was a pretty easy sell once you sat down next to him."

"I think the best thing we had going is how we sort of split the duties in half. Todd is in charge of the offense and he coaches it. The best thing about having an assistant coach is I expect him to teach and coach, not just take stats. He brings a lot of experience with that, being that he has been involved with basketball since high school."

Oswald gained his knowledge for the game playing at Orville High School under legendary coach Steve Smith, who ranks among the top 22 of all-time victories for Ohio coaches with a 513-168 mark in 29 years. His .753 winning percentage ranks sixth in the state.

"I learned a ton from him," Oswald said. "He really taught me everything I need to know about the game. He won three state championships. He's not doing real well and I think it would be great if people could keep coach Smith in their prayers. He's battling cancer right now."

Oswald will be a very busy man this winter. In addition to working alongside Rechlin and the varsity squad, he will also serve as head coach for the JV boys team.

"I really enjoyed last year as a head coach and this year it's going to really be the best of both worlds," he said. "I'm still going to be the varsity assistant and yet I'm still a head coach with the JV team. I get to experience the best of both."

"It will be extremely busy. I've got a real supportive wife and that's great. She wants me to do this and she knows during the basketball season we don't get to see each other much."

Oswald has high expectations for the Ranger JV squad.

"I'm real excited about this group," he said. "We don't have a huge amount of size but we've got some guys that rebound the ball real well. We're really deep at the point guard position. I feel like we're probably eight or nine players deep. We're pretty interchangeable."

"This is a real special group and I expect a lot out of them this year. They're hard workers. I think it's real important they do a lot of stuff off the floor too. When they get out of a school situation, they're still hanging out together. Usually they're playing ball at the park or something."

Oswald is also thrilled the Rangers are moving from the Pioneer Conference after this season to join the newly formed West Shore Conference.

"I think it will be great for our school and our community," he said. "Everybody seems to be very upbeat about it. The greatest thing about it is it's going to establish local rivalries that probably should have been more intense in the past. Now we've got communities like Bay, Rocky River, Midview and Avon right up the road. Those are schools that are natural rivals. I just think that's going to be great. Plus I like the short bus rides, so that's good."

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Junior Ranger basketball

The North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation office is now taking registrations for the Junior Ranger basketball camp to take place Jan.-March of 2005. Boys and girls in grades 3-6 can learn the rules, strategies, fundamentals and sportsmanship from North

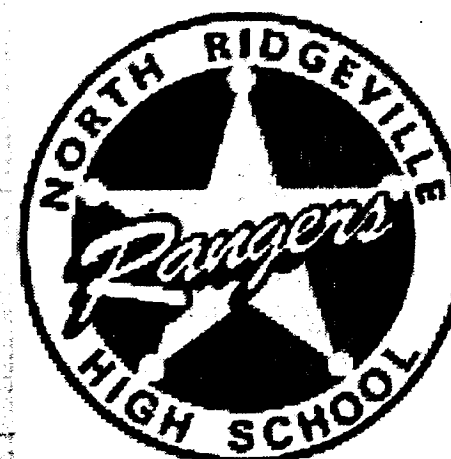
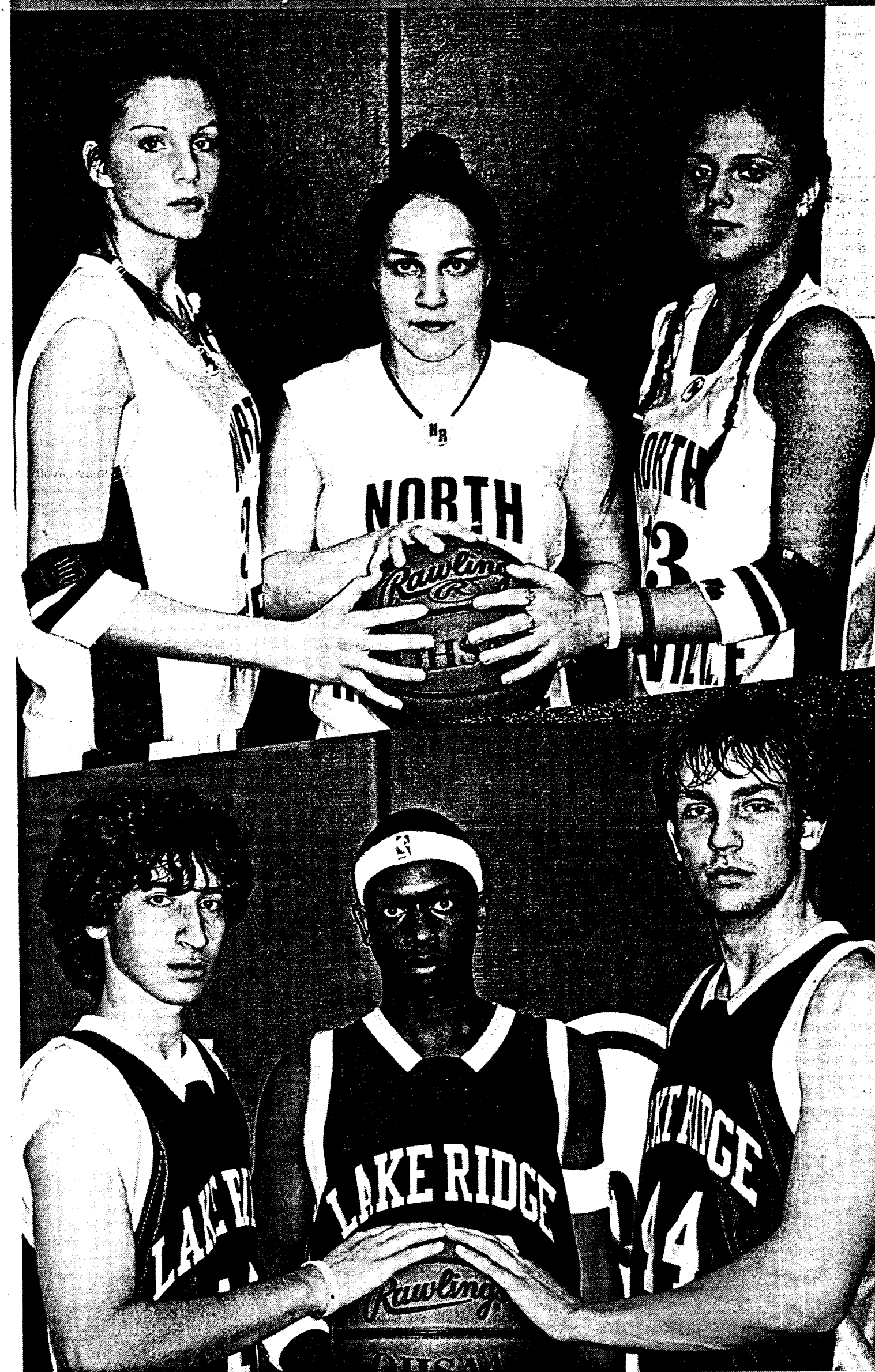
Ridgeville High School varsity coach Mark Rechlin and his staff. The goal is to promote, support, develop and improve basketball opportunities for the youth of North Ridgeville. Registration deadline is Dec. 17. For more information, contact the parks and recreation office at 353-0860.

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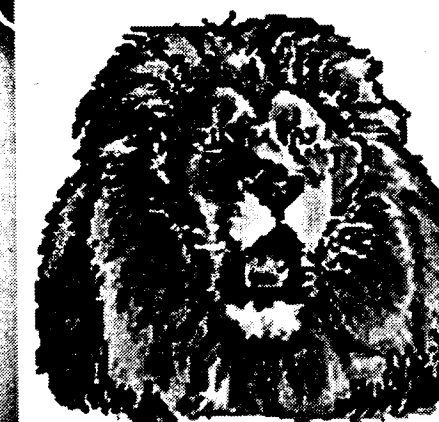
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North Ridgeville High School seniors (L-R) Kelly Hughes, Rachel Camargo and Kristy Montgomery and Lake Ridge Academy juniors (L-R) Moudy Farhat, Brett Cannaday and Greg Norton are ready to lead their teams.



Lake Ridge Academy

Young, enthusiastic group hopes to put Rangers back on track

By Joe Ostrica

If you look at the numbers on paper, the upcoming season doesn't seem very promising for the North Ridgeville High School boys basketball team. The Rangers, who finished 6-15 last season, graduated seven seniors from that roster, including Josh Rigsby and Ryan Schroeder, who accounted for more than half of the team's offense.

For the 2004-05 season, the Rangers are returning just one senior with significant varsity experience and two juniors who played 12 varsity games. No one on this year's squad averaged more than six points or four rebounds.

"This group is younger and inexperienced, as far as varsity goes," NRHS head coach Mark Rechlin said. "But with inexperience comes a lot of enthusiasm. The kids are very energetic and excited about what is ahead of them. They know they have a great opportunity, especially the juniors because they are here for two years."

Rechlin believes the balance of this year's squad will give opponents matchup problems.

"One of the things that was not good for us last year was we sort of relied on two people," Rechlin said. "In hindsight, I think I sort of allowed that to happen. This year we really do have a full roster that can contribute. They have a certain amount of responsibility and accountability. The kids have a significant role."

"It's much more reminiscent of the 2002-03 team. We have five people who can score. We just need to make sure these kids don't care who gets the credit. They have to leave their egos in the locker room."

NRHS senior small forward and co-captain Josh Logan is ready to get the team back on track.

"At the end of the season, he was probably feeling at one of his all time lows as far as his performance and the team's performance," Rechlin said. "He decided on his own he wasn't going to go through that again and he was going to do everything he could to just make sure this doesn't happen again. A month after the season he just initiated a leadership type of role and has carried it all summer into practice."

In addition to his locker room presence, Logan's versatility will be a major benefit for the team.

"Initially I think he surprised some people with his post ability," Rechlin said. "He doesn't really need to be in that position this year. He ended up being in and out almost on a game-to-game basis. This year he's settled on a perimeter position. I think his best skills are his outside shot and ability to attack the basket, his penetration skills."

"All summer Josh played a lot of post and he did a great job with the rebounding. He's a complete player as far as rebounding goes. He's a hard worker and does a good job playing against big kids too. To our benefit, he can concentrate on his outside position. But if we come down to big foul problems or injuries, we won't hesitate to have him play the post."

Rechlin calls junior point guard Mike Nelson, who started 12 games last season, the team's coach on the court. Nelson, a co-captain, left an impression on opposing Pioneer Conference Heritage Division (PCHD) coaches as he earned a PCHD honorable mention selection.

"Mike is definitely our best playmaker, passer and dribbler," Rechlin said. "He is working every day on his outside shot."

He has the ability to become a true outside threat. He's a very vital part of our team, very significant. The point guard position is a natural leadership position and he has absorbed that also. He'll dive for every loose ball. He takes charge on the court. He directs people where to be. He has embraced that whole position."

One vital position the Rangers have no varsity experience in is the shooting guard spot. Junior Nick Carpenter, who returned to NRHS after spending the last two years in Solon, brings size and a shooting touch. Sophomore Josh Kehl, who played JV as a freshman, is credited as being the team's defensive threat.

"Nick missed a year of basketball with an injury last year," Rechlin said. "It's a confidence thing for him now after being out of basketball. But he has ability. Nick has the opportunity to be a very good outside shooter. The one thing we like about Nick is he has good size in his position. He's about 6'2" and will be matching up with the other team's shooting guard. That is a lot of responsibility. He knows he's going to earn his minutes on the defensive end."

"Josh Kehl has an enormous love for the game. He wants to play basketball 24 hours a day. Josh is definitely our most active player defensively. When he's in the game he will definitely have the other team's best perimeter player. We're confident in him. We feel that anything he scores is a bonus. But he's the most active player in the program defensively."

Three juniors that will see a lot of action in the post include Jordan White, Joe Faragher and Max Rothacker. Rechlin believes these three players are the strength of the team.

"Those guys are going to be our top rebounders," he said. "Because of our lack of outside shooting punch we need to score easy baskets. When you have post guys that can run the floor and get down there quick that makes the fast break opportunity very positive for us."

"Jordan is the most athletic athlete that we have on the team. He is a real presence in the post because of that athleticism with his rebounding and defense and his ability to run the floor. When he catches the ball in that pivot, good things happen. He doesn't turn it over. Either he's going to the line or drawing fouls, hopefully scoring on a three-point play."

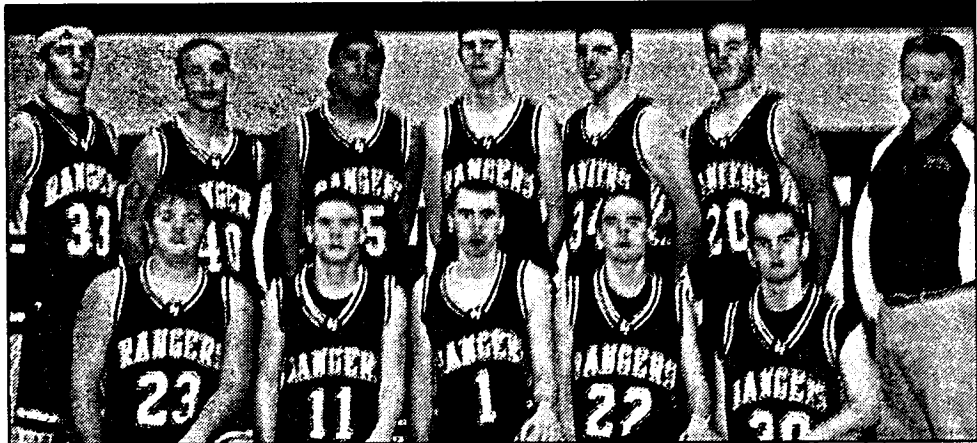
Rechlin praised Faragher, who missed eight games last season with a broken foot, for his offseason dedication.

"Without a doubt, he is the most improved player from last year to this year," Rechlin said. "He played more basketball in the offseason than any of our players. He played on an AAU team that practiced twice a week, played games all summer and traveled. Joe would come and play with us at South Central and then go downtown to practice with his AAU team. His hard work really shows. He is a real presence in the post. He uses his body to perfection. He's very strong and tough to move. He runs the floor really well for a big guy. He's worked a lot on his offensive post moves."

"Joe and Jordan have great post effectiveness. What they do with the ball is very positive. They are good at decision-making. They don't turn it over. They pass well. They're not dribbling in the post and they get good shot attempts off."

Selecting Rothacker as another co-captain was a no-brainer for Rechlin.

"Max is the ultimate team player," Rechlin said. "He's all about what's best for the team. He has been since I've known him. He never takes a drill off in



Front row (L-R): Anthony Lavalle, Mike Nelson, Matt DeLuca, Justin Schroeder and Ben Berghaus. Back row: Max Rothacker, Josh Kehl, Jordan White, Josh Logan, Joe Faragher, Nick Carpenter and head coach Mark Rechlin.

practice. No matter how monotonous or boring it is, he goes 100 percent at it. He's the kid every team needs. What he brings to the team may not turn up a lot in the scorebooks. He's a great locker room guy. He's a natural leader."

Rechlin is happy to have three strong, smart players in the post.

"These kids can play hard," he said. "If we get into foul trouble, I have no problem substituting these guys. We can go to the one with the hot hand if we have to. That's one of the good things of having a deeper team now. If one or two of your guys aren't on, the whole team doesn't just go in the tank."

Senior Anthony Lavalle and juniors Justin Schroeder, Matt DeLuca and Ben Berghaus will look to contribute valuable minutes off the bench at the guard positions.

"Anthony has the opportunity to be our best outside shooter," Rechlin said. "What we are trying to do is work on the consistency. He can be a great tool for us. If he gets in the game and strokes a few, he feels great. When he gets in there and misses a few, you know it's not there. He needs to keep his head up. He can see a lot of playing time if he gets that consistency up. With his outside shooting and our post play, he could help us out immensely."

"Justin knows what we need in a point guard. He's been working hard on it. Ben and Matt are perimeter players that are going to earn their time in practice. When they get the opportunity to get in the game, they've just got to get out

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Boys Basketball

11/30	Medina Christian	H	6:30 p.m.
12/4	Brookside	H	7:30 p.m.
12/7	Fuchs Mizrahi	A	7:30 p.m.
12/10	Open Door	A	6:30 p.m.
12/17	First Baptist	A	6:30 p.m.
1/4	Medina Christian	A	6:30 p.m.
1/7	Grand River	H	7:30 p.m.
1/11	Black River	A	7:30 p.m.
1/14	Horizon Science	H	7:30 p.m.
1/28	Open Door	H	7:30 p.m.
1/29	Lake Center	H	6:30 p.m.
2/1	Cleve. Heritage	A	7:30 p.m.
2/4	Comerstone	H	7:30 p.m.
2/8	Fuchs Mizrahi	H	8 p.m.
2/11	Black River	H	7:30 p.m.
2/12	Lake Center	A	6:30 p.m.
2/15	First Baptist	H	7:30 p.m.
2/18	Columbia	H	7:30 p.m.
2/19	Horizon Science	A	7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

11/19	St. Augustine	A	6:30 p.m.
11/23	Lincoln West	H	7:30 p.m.
11/30	Medina Christian	H	5 p.m.
12/4	Brookside	H	6 p.m.
12/8	Black River	H	7:30 p.m.
12/10	Open Door	A	5 p.m.
12/14	Rittman	H	7:30 p.m.
12/17	EFB	A	6 p.m.
12/27	Andrews Tourney	A	6 p.m.
12/28	Andrews Tourney	A	6 p.m.
1/4	Medina Christian	A	5 p.m.
1/6	Lake Central	H	6 p.m.
1/11	Laurel	A	6 p.m.
1/13	Andrews	H	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Columbia	H	7 p.m.
1/28	Open Door	H	5:30 p.m.
1/31	EFB	A	5 p.m.
2/3	Black River	A	7:30 p.m.
2/5	Brooklyn	H	2:30 p.m.
2/8	Comerstone	A	7:30 p.m.

there and make a positive contribution." Rechlin expects this young team to get better as the season progresses.

"As each game goes, I think the athletes are just going to keep getting better at it," he said. "We're trying to focus on things and our strengths and what isn't our strength. It's a tad humble for some of these guys."

"This is a situation where we are going to see a lot of improvement on a game-by-game basis and I see it building into next year. One of the keys for us is working on getting better. The more comfortable they get, we'll see the improvement week to week."

NRHS SCHEDULES

Boys Basketball

11/30	Westlake	H	6 p.m.
12/3	North Royalton	A	6 p.m.
12/10	Berea	A	6 p.m.
12/11	Midpark	A	6 p.m.
12/17	Brecksville	H	6 p.m.
12/22	DiFranco Tourney	A	
12/23	DiFranco Tourney	A	
1/4	Normandy	A	6 p.m.
1/7	Strongsville	A	6 p.m.
1/11	Medina	H	6 p.m.
1/14	Valley Forge	H	6 p.m.
1/21	Elyria	H	6 p.m.
1/25	Bay	H	6 p.m.
1/28	Brunswick	A	6 p.m.
2/1	Parma	A	6 p.m.
2/4	North Royalton	H	6 p.m.
2/8	Berea	H	6 p.m.
2/11	Midpark	H	6 p.m.
2/15	Brecksville	A	6 p.m.
2/18	Normandy	H	6 p.m.

Girls Basketball

11/24	Wellington	H	6 p.m.
11/27	North Royalton	A	
12/1	Berea	A	6 p.m.
12/4	Midpark	H	6 p.m.
12/8	Brecksville	H	6 p.m.
12/11	Normandy	H	6 p.m.
12/15	Strongsville	A	6 p.m.
12/18	Valley Forge	H	6 p.m.
12/22	Vermilion	A	6 p.m.
12/28	North Olmsted	A	
1/8	Medina	H	6 p.m.
1/12	Elyria	H	6 p.m.
1/15	Brunswick	A	
1/19	Parma	A	6 p.m.
1/22	North Royalton	H	6 p.m.
1/26	Berea	H	6 p.m.
1/29	Midpark	A	
2/2	Brecksville	A	6 p.m.
2/5	Normandy	A	
2/9	Midview	A	6 p.m.

Wrestling

12/3	Avon Lake K of C	A	5 p.m.
12/4	Avon Lake K of C	A	11 a.m.
12/9	Berea	H	7 p.m.
12/11	Bellevue	A	11 a.m.
12/16	Brunswick	H	7 p.m.
12/17	Brecksville	A	7 p.m.
12/22	Holiday Tournament	H	
1/6	Tri: Keystone @ Midview	A	
1/7	North Royalton	H	7 p.m.
1/8	Avon Lake Duals	A	10 a.m.
1/15	Quad: VF, Elyria @ Midpark	A	
1/22	Normandy	A	7 p.m.
1/29	Cardinal Duals @ Mentor	A	
2/5	PC @ Elyria	A	

Lady Rangers eager to build off last year's sectional victory

By Joe Ostrica

By the end of the regular season last year, the North Ridgeville High School girls basketball team was 0-20. Instead of going into the tank sectionals, the Lady Rangers shocked everyone but themselves. Their hard work and refusal to give up, their signature traits from last season, started to pay off. NRHS earned its first postseason victory in eight years with a 63-43 win over Southview. They followed up with a near upset over Magnificat.

"The team concept was definitely there," NRHS head coach Steve Kelly said. "They knew what I wanted when I came in from the beginning. The seed has been planted. Now we're going to roll with it. We played in a strong league last year. It took half the season to show the building and the growth. In the second half, we really started putting it together. The games were very competitive. Most of them came down to the final minute. It culminated with a tournament victory and a near upset in the second round."

Kelly said the enthusiasm from the successful sectional run carried over in the offseason.

"We ended up putting two summer leagues together," he said. "It really helped us out because basketball season ended but we had an extension. It gave us more time to work together and do some things by staying positive and staying in the basketball mentality."

The Lady Rangers are hoping to build off of last year's sectional win. This season the roster has grown to 10, compared to last season's thin eight-girl roster.

Leading the way for NRHS is senior co-captain Kristy Montgomery. The shooting guard lead the Lady Rangers in scoring (15 points), three-pointers (34), steals (3.5) and was tied for first in rebounds (3.0). She was also second in assists (1.8). For her efforts, Montgomery was named to the Pioneer Conference Heritage Division (PCHD) second-team. She was also an honorable mention selection for Lorain County and the Northeast Lakes District.

"Kristy has the ability to play all positions in the game," Kelly said. "She has tenacity. Most people would see her as an outside shooter, but she has an instinct to drive to the basket. She wants to take the ball to the hole. She wants to draw the foul. She wants to get to the free throw line. She will post up against some of the smaller guards she goes up against."

"Kristy worked hard every day last year and continues to work hard. I think that hard work is going to show a lot of coaches and other players in our conference that she's one of the best players in the Pioneer Conference. She's one of the best players in the county. I think people are going to see that."

Kelly believes senior co-captain Rachel Camargo, who played limited minutes last season behind Erin Dowdell, is going to turn some heads at the point guard position.

"Rachel worked her way in at the end last year," Kelly said. "She's quick. Rachel took some needed time to work



Front row (L-R): Mallory Tuner, Kristy Montgomery, Rachel Camargo, Amanda Bier and Melissa Turner. Back row: Kori Branscum, Marissa Hausler, Adriana Bier, Laura Hammond, Kelly Hughes and head coach Steve Kelly.

on her fundamentals. This year she's strong in her fundamentals. I believe that she's going to surprise some people this year. However, when she's out of the game, there is no point guard with varsity experience."

"We're slowly working Melissa Turner at the point too. She's going to be that point guard like Rachel was last year. She's a junior that's going to learn on the go. We want to bring her up correctly. We're going to make sure she understands exactly what she needs to do so she can get better. There will be times when Rachel is off the floor that Kristy will be running the offense. I have that much belief in Kristy's ability that she can also take control of the game by leading, as well as finding the open spots."

Kelly has four players to choose from to fill up the post rotation with senior Kelly Hughes (5'11" forward), juniors Laura Hammond (6'1" center) and Marissa Hausler (5'8" forward) and sophomore Adriana Bier (6'0" center).

"Those four will be in a rotation depending on what type of game we're in," Kelly said. "If we're in a physical game, Adriana and Laura will be in there. If we're in a quicker, more finesse game, you might see Kelly and Marissa. It all depends on the style of play we're forced in that evening."

"Kelly is quick. She goes for everything. There is not a loose ball I have not seen Kelly go for. We need that. We've got two big post players in Adriana and Laura, who are developing their post play. They're working hard on it. Kelly comes in with quickness in the postposition. We have to have a nice balance between the two. I think Kelly and Marissa provide that."

Juniors Amanda Bier (guard/forward), Mallory Turner (guard) and sophomore Kori Branscum (guard/forward) comprise the remainder of the roster who are first year varsity players.

"Amanda plays hard for us," Kelly said. "She has a

great shot. She works hard on defense and knows where to go. She's automatically doing what needs to be done. She's one of those players where if she sees it once, she's got it. Sometimes it's hard to change things. But if you ask her to do something different, she immediately tries it and usually after one time, she's successful."

"Besides Kristy, Mallory is probably the second best pure shooter on the team. She's still learning the game. She understands her offense is great, but she wants to make herself a better defensive person. We want her to get that shot in the course of the game by leading up to it with good defense. She led the JV team last year with three-pointers made. When she gets in the game she'll be playing hard for us."

"Kori has a developing game. We feel right now it would be best for her to play against the best competition daily to make her a better player. She can bring the ball up the floor. She can take an open shot if it's there. She can be the guard to post up if needed. She's quick. She's still working on her fundamentals. Because she can play many positions, she can go into the game at any particular moment depending on what the situation asks for."

As far as team goals are concerned, Kelly said the team has two important ones in place.

"Our number one team goal is we don't give up," he said. "No matter what the score is, we do not give up. We play hard. The thing that people think of when they hear about North Ridgeville basketball is they're going to know the game is not over with this team until that final sound of the buzzer. We stress that in practice too. Practice isn't over until that last second before we dismiss. Another goal we also want to stress is basketball is a lot about instinct. A lot of times the girls waited for the coach to make a decision. I've told them I've made the overall decision of the offense we are going to run and the defense we are going to run. Inside of those two things, there's a basketball player that has to use their instincts to do something special in the offense to be successful for us."

The Lady Rangers know the season is going to be a challenge. After tonight's home opener against Wellington, NRHS will play five straight PCHD opponents. The final four games of the regular season are on the road.

"The schedule is going to be a tough one," Kelly admitted. "But this is our last year in the conference and these girls understand that there may be teams in this conference that they never play again. There may be teams that their younger siblings never play again. We want to leave with a positive outlook on things. We're going to go out and put our best foot forward every night. We'll take a look at the end of the season and ask ourselves if we did exactly what we said we were going to do. If we did, we'll look at the success of it. If we didn't, we'll talk how we, as the North Ridgeville girls basketball team, can fix it for the future. Even if we have somebody graduating, they can still help us fix something."

Wrestling team looks to bounce back from injuries this season

By Joe Ostrica

After battling injuries in several key weight classes last season, the North Ridgeville High School wrestling team is looking to improve on last year's 7-9 overall and 3-4 Pioneer Conference record.

"We've got a lot of lettermen back," NRHS head coach Ed Haller said. "We've got the experience. From 189 up we'll be decent. In the lower weights we have our 112's and 119's back. We have a mixture of nine lettermen."

"We were young last year. We should be very flexible. We had a lot of injuries last year so a lot of guys got some time on the mat earlier than they may normally have gotten. We just hope they can improve and take the next step forward."

Two Rangers looking to take that next step forward are senior Kyle Gustely (119 pounds), who went 24-11 last year and junior Alec Barker (215 pounds, heavyweight), who finished 26-16.

"They had our most wins," Haller said. "Barker had 26 and Kyle had 24. You'd always like to see them get up in the 30-win range. If you're up in the 30-win range you're pretty close to being a state qualifier, depending on the breaks."

Two key athletes returning from injuries are senior Dan Priebe (189) and junior Joey Asp.

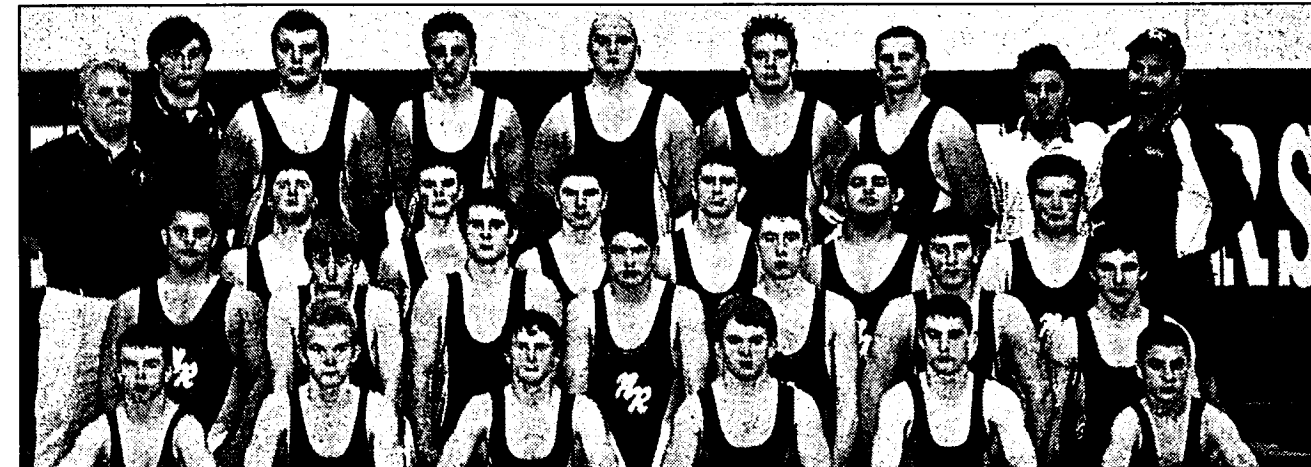
"Dan is back from an injury and that helps us out a lot," Haller said. "We were scrambling at 189 last year. Joe is coming off a broken arm. He's a little bit bigger. He used to be a 130-pounder now he's up to 152. I think he can have a strong year."

Haller believes senior Nick Rundle (145) has the opportunity of having a breakout season.

"I think Nick will be a surprise," Haller said. "He had to wrestle behind some other kids like Ryan Adams and Rafe Lopez last year. But he's always been pretty tough. I'm looking for a lot of good things out of Nick."

Two-year letter-winning junior Micah Wall returns at 103 but may see some action at 112. Sophomore Josh Wall will see action at 119 and may share some meets at 125 with senior Mike Koenig.

Other returning letter-winners include juniors Greg Marsh (135, 140), Ryan Kenney (152, 160) and Kyle Amaro (171) and sophomore Justin Rogerson (215,



Front row (L-R): Kyle Bueanue, Richard Ulrich, Micah Wall, Kyle Gustely, Mike Koenig and Jesse Lubinski. Second row: Joe Rodriguez, Dan McHugh, Joey Asp, Matt Phillips, Mark Kocin, Dennis Priebe and Josh Wall. Third row: head coach Ed Haller, Ryan Kenney, Greg Hyer, Mike Wilson, Nick Rundle, Mohammed Wahdan, Jack Motyka and assistant coach Joe DeLuca. Back row: Assistant coach Jason Camargo, Alec Barker, Kyle Amaro, Justin Rogerson, Dan Priebe, Johnny Stumpf and assistant coach Lou Galvan. Not pictured: Joe Bass, Josh Bunevich, Greg Marsh, David Masias and Marcus Phillips.

heavyweight).

According to Haller, the future of the program looks bright with the freshman class.

"We have about 10 or 11 freshmen that are looking very promising," he said. "Kyle Bueanue is a little freshman but he looks pretty good. That's a good group. Joel Melvin went down to coach at the middle school. He's getting them to follow what we need them to follow. That will help us in the long run."

Haller said the team has already set two goals as their top priorities.

"Number one is to improve our dual meet record from last year," he said. "We also want to get more places in conference. They're scoring it differently this year. They're going to score the two different divisions. Hopefully we can do a little bit better there. Of course we want to try to get some kids to the state tournament. That's always our eventual goal."

Haller is looking forward to the Rangers own Holiday Tournament, which they will host Dec. 22. Teams featured in the tourney include Cleveland Central Catholic, Lakewood, Lutheran West, Midpark,

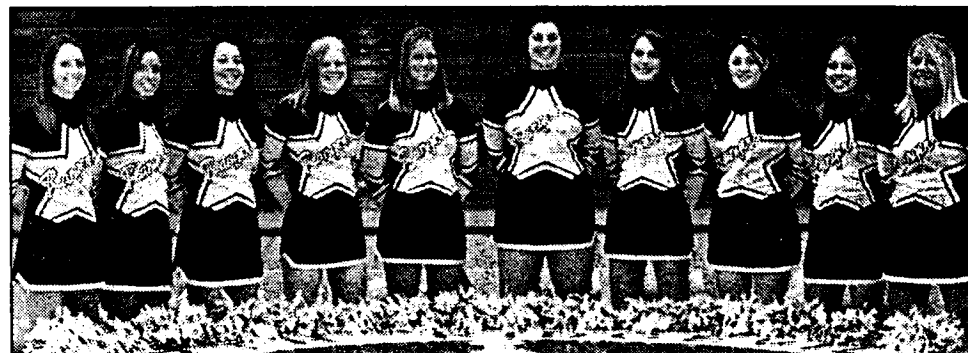
Open Door Christian, Orange and Valley Forge.

"It's going to be fun," Haller said. "We've been trying to do that the last few years and it's finally a go this year. The Avon Christmas Tournament sort of broke up. We took some teams from that tournament and mixed in a few others. We knew that we were going to have to do that because we were going to meet Avon in our new league (West Shore Conference) next year. So we went out on our own and formed our own tournament."

Although the Rangers are focusing on performing well in their final year in PC, they are looking forward to the West Shore Conference next year.

"We're just trying to improve on last year and place higher in the tournament at the end of the year," Haller said. "We want to try to get a share of the Heritage Division. It depends on how tough the other teams are."

"If we can keep these kids together and stay focused on being winners this year, then we should be okay stepping into the new conference. I think it's going to help us. We've done okay in the Pioneer too, but the West Shore will be a good thing for us."



NRHS Cheerleaders

(L-R)Serena Carlton, Ashley McGraw, Rochelle Patrick, Kneikia Ulrich, Megan Walling, Tera Pavel, Jessica Merkosky, Brianna Murray, Michelle Lopez and Cardice Bales.

Lake Ridge ready to overcome obstacles, build chemistry

By Joe Ostrica

The Lake Ridge Academy boys basketball team will have their work cut out for them this season. After coming off an 11-7 season, the school's best in four years, the Royals have a lot of obstacles to overcome. With the graduation of four-year varsity standouts Court Flannery and Aalap Narichania, the Royals lost their top scorers, assist leaders and three-point shooters.

Patrick Lange, who earned the Lorain County Division IV coach of the year in his first season running the Royals program last year, said his players need to build chemistry and play as a team this season.

"With having a young team that doesn't have much varsity experience, we are looking for what is going to work for us as a team," he said. "We lost a lot from last year and we are basically starting over from scratch."

"But they are eager to learn and work hard. They are a great group of kids and I am looking forward to assisting them in becoming a great team. They definitely have the tools to be a great team. I am challenging them in practice and getting them mentally prepared for the season. They're stepping up to the challenges and looking forward to the start of the season."

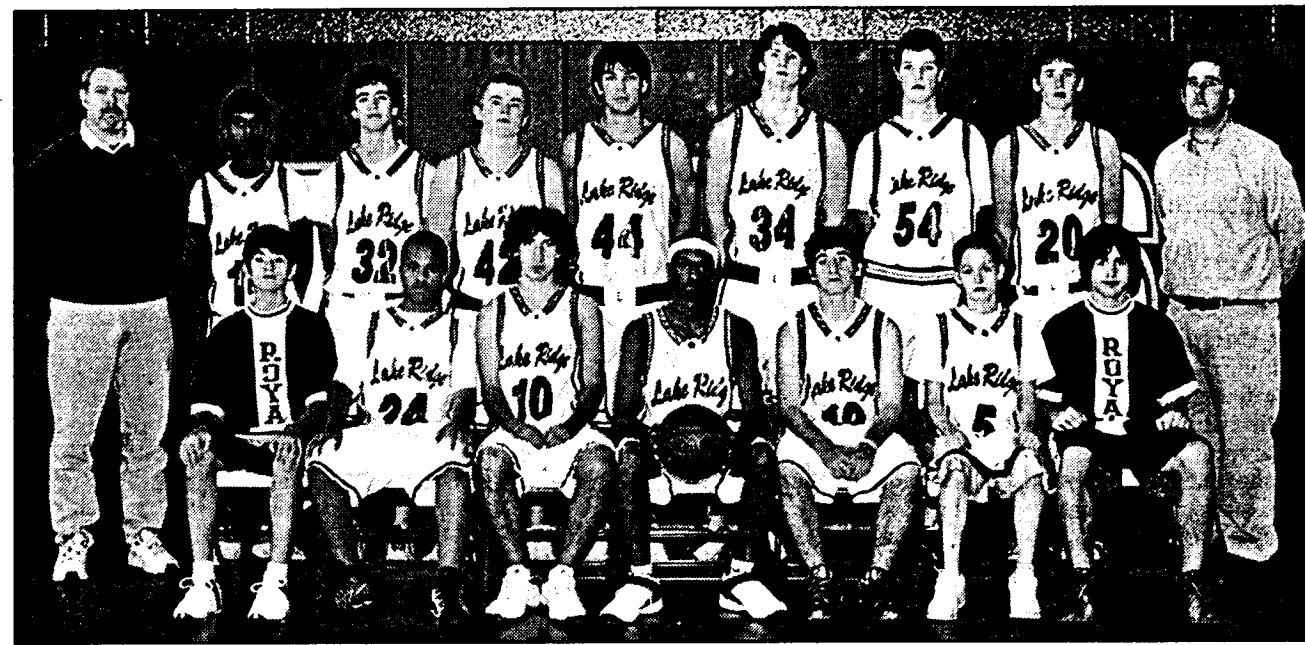
Making matters more difficult for Lake Ridge is the unknown status of senior Sam Maczuzak, who led the team in rebounds (6.8), blocks (2.0) and field goal percentage (50) and was second in scoring (11.7) last year. Maczuzak is out indefinitely due to recent knee surgery.

Lange said the team will miss Maczuzak's presence on the court.

"Sam was a force in the paint and a leader on the court," Lange said. "Last year he was like a coach on the floor. This season he will be a coach on the sidelines and on the bench. We will still look for him to be a leader. With how much he has done for the LRA basketball program, I am hoping for him to come back and finish his senior year. He is frustrated but eager to get back and be part of the team on the floor. We will just have to keep our fingers crossed and hope that things will work out for Sam. He is a great kid and it is not the same without him. I have faith in him that he will do whatever it takes to get back and be 100 percent."

With Maczuzak out of the lineup, the team will look to returning starters Brett Cannaday (point guard) and Moudy Farhat (shooting guard) to lead the team. The two juniors will provide offense for a very inexperienced varsity squad.

"They are good outside shooters," Lange said. "That's



Front row (L-R): Diego Chahda, Ethan Boye-Doe, Moudy Farhat, Brett Cannaday, Sammy Farhat, Derek Wolfe and Nick Marinik. Back row: assistant coach Brian Koethe, Atit Shah, Taylor Rengel, Kevin Klanak, Greg Norton, Sam Maczuzak, John Hyland, Brian Veber and head coach Patrick Lange. Not pictured: Troy Hatcher and Mark Handcock.

going to be one of our strengths this year. They are both good ball handlers and defensively put a lot of pressure on the ball. Brett is very quick. They're going to be our leaders on the floor."

Junior Greg Norton will start in the post at center while classmate Kevin Klanak will play forward.

"Greg needs to be an impact in the middle for us," Lange said. "He had some good experience playing against older kids last year. Kevin has gotten bigger. He and Greg should dominate the middle and clog up the paint. They'll be our main rebounders and inside defenders."

Lange will look to junior Brian Veber and sophomore Taylor Rengel to round out the main rotation.

"They need to step in and be role players for us," he said. "They might play forward or guard on any given night. I'm looking for some of these younger guys to step up and show they are varsity players. They played JV last year."

Lange said the benefit of having a young team is the opportunity for younger players to gain valuable experience that will pay dividends in the future.

"We have seven freshmen, so that's promising," he

said. "They had a pretty successful year last year. Sammy Farhat might play some varsity for us this year."

Senior Mark Hancock has joined the LRA basketball team for the first time. Sophomore forward Troy Hatcher will also be featured on the roster. In addition to Sammy Farhat, the other freshmen that hope to gain valuable experience on the varsity roster include Nick Marinik, Ethan Boye-Doe, Atit Shah, Derek Wolfe, Diego Chahda and John Hyland.

"One of our biggest goals is to try to play as a team and rely on one another to do their jobs on the court," Lange said. "It needs to be a team effort for us to be successful this year. We cannot rely on just one or two players. We need everyone to do his part."

"It will take some time to come together as a team. I believe that we'll be playing our best basketball in January. We are going to take it one game at a time and see what is going to work for us and what improvements we need to make. There will be a lot of adjustments made throughout the season to meet the needs of this team. If we step up to the challenges that are ahead of us, I feel we could win the majority of our games and have some fun doing it."

Smaller Lady Royals squad prepares to change game plan

By Joe Ostrica

With the graduation of post player Morgan Szulewski-Francis, Jim Dispirito is taking his Lake Ridge Academy girls basketball team back to the drawing board. After all, Szulewski-Francis was a force in the middle, leading the team in points, rebounds and blocks her junior and senior years.

"We're not going to be the same old LRA," Dispirito said. "It's a different style. We're going to be more up-tempo and push the ball a lot more. Less zone, more man-to-man with more pressing and running. We don't have the size as we did in the past to play a 2-3 zone. Plus we got in trouble with teams pressing us before without a true point guard. Now we're going to be able to create more shots. We're basically running a five-guard offense because we don't really have any true posts."

On a positive note, the Royals do have a true point guard this year in freshman Alex Hansen.

"Alex is a tremendous talent," Dispirito said. "The toughest position to play in basketball is the point guard position. You've got to handle the ball with people all over you. You are the coach on the floor. You have to know when to settle your teammates down and how to recognize things like the opponents' defense."

"It's tough at any level to play the point, let alone at freshman. In some ways she makes some freshman mistakes and she has to learn from that. Her strength is driving to the basket and penetrating the defense. In the past couple of years we relied on outside shooting. Now we are attacking the basket more. She needs to develop a three-point shot."

By having Hansen handle the point guard position, senior Yanna Voutsiotis is now freed up to play shooting guard. Last year Voutsiotis led the team in assists (2.8), steals (4.4) and three-pointers and was second in scoring (7.2 points).

"Yanna ran the point last year and now she's learning a whole new position as the two-guard," Dispirito said. "Here's a first-team all county player last year who doesn't have to worry about learning to run the point. She just has to play defense and shoot. That will benefit us."

Joining Voutsiotis in the starting lineup at the wing/guard position is junior Lorain County honorable mention selection Georgia DiOrio. Of the players returning, DiOrio is the top rebounder (6.7) and second leading scorer (4.1).

"Georgia is in her third year of varsity," Dispirito said. "She's now learning the ropes of being a leader and not a follower. Georgia was the third or fourth option before. Now she's being looked at to be one of the leading scorers. In certain defenses she'll play down low and she'll play that second line in our press. She's quick and physical. Even in our defensive zones, we'll put her down on the baseline,



Front row (L-R): Sarah Mays, Alex Hansen, Kate Galliers, Sarah Cleeton, Yanna Voutsiotis, Megan Bus, Jacqui Pelsey and Mallori King. Back row (L-R): Assistant coaches Francesca Peterson and Malisha Richardson, Georgia DiOrio, Tessa LeRue, Katie Gardner, Erica Laksey, Mary Elise Topp and head coach Jim Dispirito.

almost like a small forward position. She'll get us rebounds."

Although they may be small for post play, sophomores Mary Elise Topp (5'5") forward and Katie Gardner (5'6" center) will gain valuable playing time due to their toughness and versatility.

"Mary is a strong physical player," Dispirito said. "She plays with a lot of intensity. She just needs to gain confidence and experience. She's one of our top defenders. She's very good at getting rebounds. Katie is getting very good at rebounding and getting inside position. She also has the ability to step outside and take a three. If we get in a matchup situation where they have a big girl, we might take her outside where they can't guard her and have her shoot."

Because of the inexperience and lack of size in the starting lineup, Dispirito wanted senior Sarah Cleeton to come off the bench to provide a boost for the offense.

"We need to have stability off the bench," Dispirito said. "You don't want to have all rookies or freshmen coming off the bench. Sarah will start some games. She's kind of a starter-slash-sixth-man. That's how she'll help this team. We need her leadership coming off the bench. There will be games where you won't hear too much from her, but when teams are in the zone, she'll light them up for six, eight or 10 points. She's a specialist. That will help us in certain game situations."

Freshmen Megan Bus, Sarah Mays and Erica Laksey will also look to provide the Lady Royals a boost off the bench.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Shannon Harto, of North Ridgeville, was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Honor Society at Baldwin-Wallace College. Alpha Lambda is a freshman scholastic honor society for those students

achieving a GPA of 3.5 during their freshman year.

Jessica Barczyk received a master's of science and education degree in speech-language pathology in August from Old Dominion College in

Virginia. She is employed by Kids Care Pediatric Rehab Services in Albany, N.Y. as a speech pathologist. She is the daughter of Joe and Norma Horak and the wife of former North Ridgeville resident Steven Barczyk.

Swanson attends week-long residential program at OSU

The Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted began 30 years ago in honor of Dr. Essex, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Selected 11th-graders participate in a one-week residential program at Ohio State University, emphasizing leadership and responsibility for the many career options open to students with exceptional abilities. Erika Swanson was one of 70 students from the entire state, and one of two from Lorain County to be selected to attend this weeklong institute.

Swanson's academic bio includes postsecondary option credits from Kenyon College and Lorain Community College and Advanced Placement

Courses while maintaining a 4.399 grade point average. She was the recipient of the Cleveland Technical Society's Award, which is awarded to the top science and math student. Her ACT and SAT scores are outstanding and she has been notified that she is a Commended National Merit Scholar. She is among 34,000 students nationwide to receive such an honor. In the area of co- and extra curricular activities she is a three-year member of the A Cappella Choir, a class officer for four years and has earned eight varsity letters representing volleyball, cross country, swimming and track. She volunteers at Rotary Interact projects.

Swanson was selected to participate on the very selective Town Hall of Cleveland Youth Council. She was instrumental last year in planning two distance-learning programs, which featured Dr. Schulz, Director of Amnesty International and Dr. Arnot former NBC news correspondent who had just returned from Iraq. The programs originated at the WVIZ studio and were sent to approximately 40 high schools including NRHS throughout the state. Swanson introduced the speakers to the audience and wrote press releases. She is actively involved this year and worked on the Town Hall presentation by Sherrod Brown.

Discarded cell phones could mean money for Liberty School

If you use a cell phone, Liberty Elementary School needs your help!

Students and staff at Liberty have set a goal to collect more than 550 cell phones as part of the Retired Cell Phone Recycling Program sponsored by Motorola. This goal amounts to about one cell phone per student at Liberty. Motorola will pay the school \$4 per phone for its participation. Phones are being collected now through Dec. 13.

Approximately 100 million mobile phones are "retired" each year in the U.S. alone and only a small percentage of those are currently refurbished or recycled. The overwhelming majority of mobile phones are being tossed

in a drawer, or even worse, dumped into the landfills. Mobile devices, although small, can pose a risk to the environment if not properly recycled. The improper disposal of mobile phones can have an environmental impact with potential health implications.

Consider these facts:

- Mobile phone use has grown dramatically in the U.S.

- There are 150 million mobile phone subscribers in the U.S. today and 100 million will upgrade their phones this year.

- About 97 million phones will be stashed or trashed this year alone.
- Studies suggest that there will be

over 500 million mobile phones in drawers, closets and elsewhere by 2005.

- Mobile devices that aren't disposed of properly may leak toxic substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium into our water supply.

If you have retired cell phones, please help Liberty reach its goal by dropping them off at the school any weekday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The school is located at 5700 Jaycox Road in North Ridgeville. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Funds garnered from the donations will be used toward Liberty's reading and math intervention programs. For more information, contact the school at 327-6767.

What's for lunch?

For Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 2004

North Ridgeville Middle School/High School

Thur: No school
Fri: No school
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Tue: Ravioli w/garlic bread or steak-um sandwich, broccoli, pineapple, milk
Wed: Chicken patty sandwich or meatball sub, tator tots, orange, milk

North Ridgeville Elementary

Thur: No school
Fri: No school
Mon: Cheese pizza, corn, applesauce, milk
Tue: Ravioli, French bread, broccoli, pineapple, milk
Wed: Peanut butter and jelly pocket, string cheese, tator tots, orange, milk

St. Peter Catholic School

Thur: No school
Fri: No school
Mon: Ham and stromboli or chicken nuggets, pineapple, Italian ice, milk
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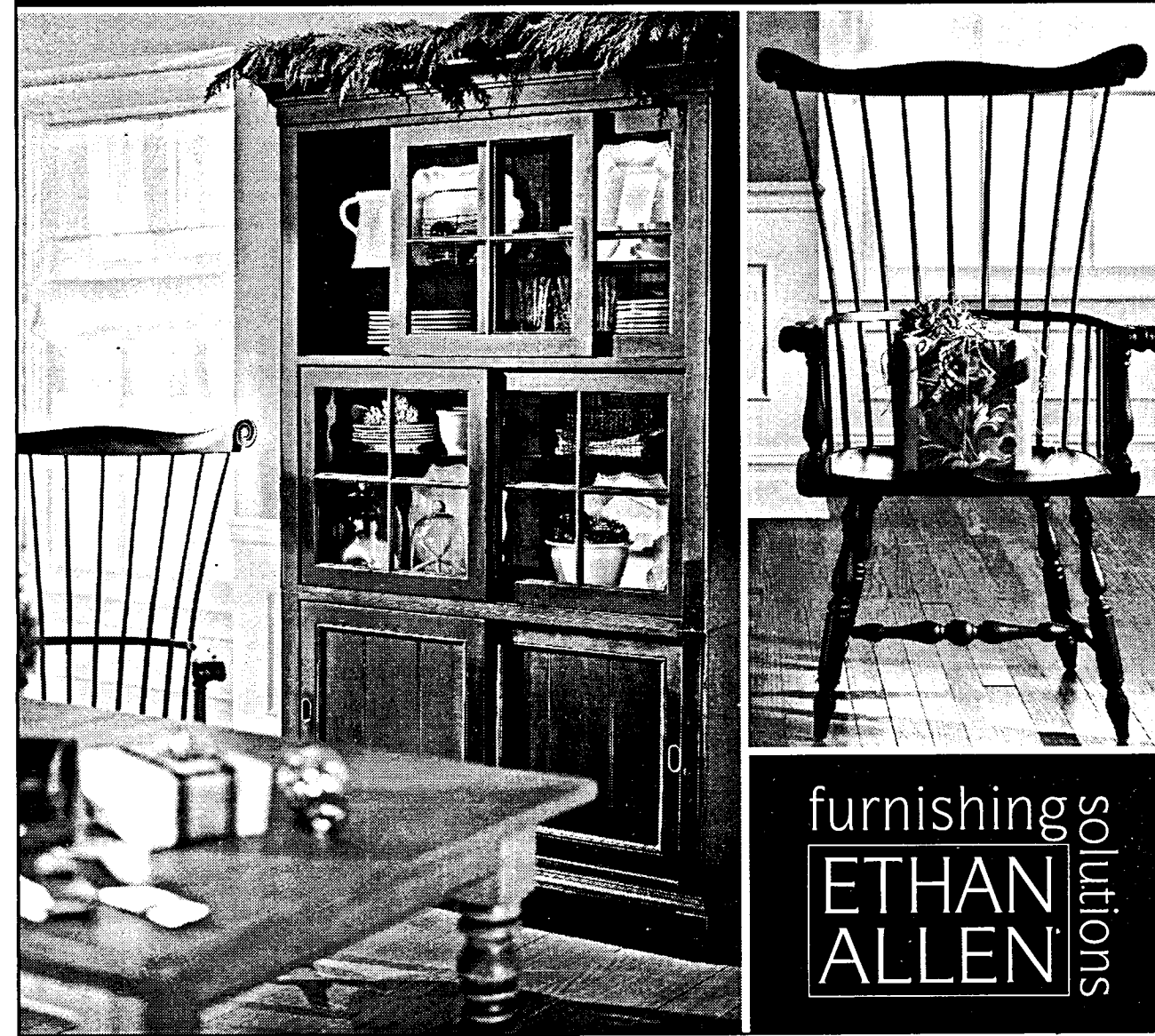
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Merit Roll-Alyssa Marek, Garrett Orseno, Noah Yalung, Sam Belsito IV, Charles Gillock, Scott Merda, Gerald Weeber, Jacob Clesh.

NRHS teachers attend art convention in Columbus

High school art teacher Georgann Blair and art department chairperson Sharon Aunchman attended the state art teachers' convention held Nov. 11-13 in Columbus. This annual event, open to members, is sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association that celebrated its 50th year at this convention. Blair and Laura Ursem from Firelands High School presented a workshop entitled "Matting and More, ver. 2.0." Blair is the public relations/advocacy chairperson for the Northeast region of Ohio and serves on the OAEA Board. She was also responsible for a book-themed display featuring art accomplishments by colleagues in the region. The focus for the weekend was on books and literacy as they related to visual art. Workshops varied from the new arts standards to techniques, cultures, new media and hands-on ideas.

Senior class recognition

On Nov. 13, Congressman Sherrod Brown recognized two NRHS seniors, Zachary Calamante and Katherine Ulicky, by awarding them the 2004 Congressional Service Award. The ceremony took place at Lorain County Community College Stocker Center. Rachel Firak and Erika Swanson have been named commended students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Town Hall Meeting at WVIZ

Television station WVIZ/PBS ideastream and the National Governors Association invited seven high schools to participate in a town hall meeting with Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Virginia Governor Mark Warner. This was the first in a series of four town

hall meetings to be held across the United States as part of "Redesigning the American High School," Governor Warner's initiative as the National Governors Association chairman.

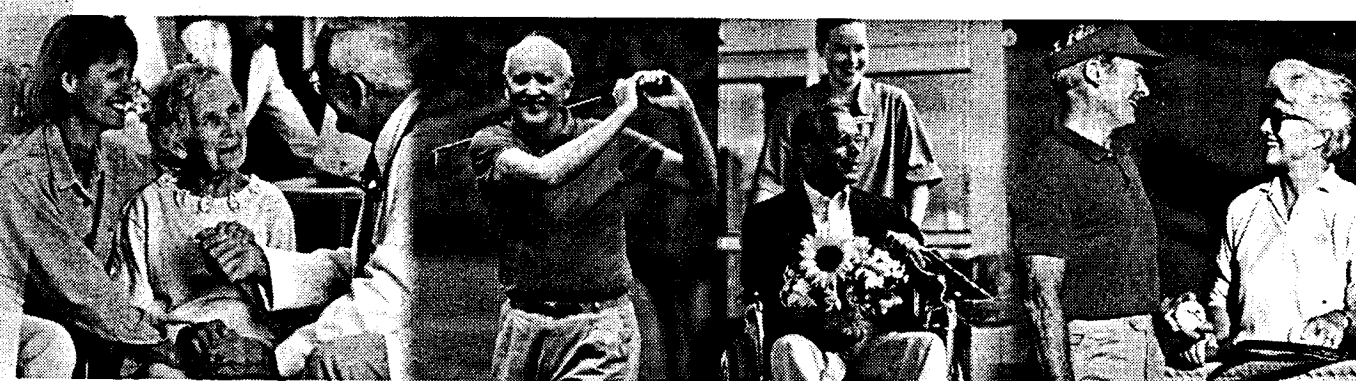
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Marsha Holava, and Paula Wanosky along with parent Mrs. Shremm and students, Susan Bing, Dave Comerford, Chris Halke, John Hoffstetter, Amber Pierce, Kristen Schremm and Chris Stelmarski attended.



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THURSDAY

Happy Thanksgiving

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free Thanksgiving dinner-First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Road. Call 327-2921 or 353-9716 for reservations.

FRIDAY

North Ridgeville Public Library open

SATURDAY

9-11:30 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety Building.
7:30 p.m. Myer performs at Fields UMC-34077 Lorain Road.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafting and quilting-Senior Center.

7 p.m. Town hall meeting for life-St. Julie Billiard Church.

TUESDAY

7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville-Community Care.

9:30-11 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose room.

1-4 p.m. Watercolor class-Senior Center.

7 p.m. Tops Club #656-North Ridgeville Baptist Church, 5400 Lear Nagle Road.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, cards, lunch, bingo, watercolor class-Senior Center.

5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville Building.

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers-First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Road.

7:30 p.m. Parks and rec. meeting-Multi-purpose room.

LIFESTYLES

Free Thanksgiving dinner

First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Road, will sponsor a free Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 25 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This dinner is for those who are lonely or without food for Thanksgiving. Reservations are needed and can be made by calling the church at 327-2921 or North Ridgeville Community Care at 353-9716.

Spencer Myer performs at Fields UMC

Fields United Methodist Church Fall Concert Recital Series presents North Ridgeville native and Juilliard graduate pianist, Spencer Myer, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Myer's program will include "Tempest" sonata by Beethoven, "Images, Book II" by Debussy, "Quiet Music" and "Toccata" by Cleveland composer Frederick Koch.

As a recitalist, chamber musician and orchestra soloist, Myer's performances have taken him throughout North America, Canada, Europe, Africa and Asia, as well as radio broadcasts in New York, Cleveland and Chicago.

He has performed with such prestigious ensembles as the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and the Louisiana Philharmonic, as well as in venues such as New York's Steinway Hall, Philadelphia's Kimmel and London's Wigmore Hall. In October 2003, Myer made his New York recital debut in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and recently made his



Asian debut in Beijing with the China National Symphony Orchestra.

Myer recently captured first prize in the 2004 UNISA International Piano competition in Pretoria, South Africa. As a result of the UNISA Competition, he will have a tour of solo and orchestra appearances throughout South Africa in May 2005.

He is currently completing his doctor of musical arts degree at Stony Brook University. He can be heard on the Dimension Records label.

The Concert Recital Series is sponsored by the Music Ministry of Fields Church and is an opportunity for artists to showcase and display their talents to an appreciative audience. Concerts are held the last Saturday of each month in the church sanctuary, followed by refreshments. A free will offering is taken after each performance to help support the music ministry of Fields United Methodist Church, located at 34077 Lorain Road. For more information visit <http://www.fieldsumc.org>.

Town Hall Meeting for Life

A Town Hall Meeting for Life will be held Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Road.

Family Planning Services is attempting to open a clinic in North Ridgeville. The agency is similar to Planned Parenthood and promotes sexual lifestyles that are contrary to Biblical standards.

The discussion at the meeting will explain what Family Planning Services does, why their efforts to open a new office in North Ridgeville should be resisted and what you can do to help.

A number of North Ridgeville churches are working

together to prevent an open door for this organization in the city.

For more information contact St. Julie Billiard Church at 327-1978.

Toys for Community Care

The North Ridgeville Early Childhood PTA is hosting its annual Toy Drive benefiting Community Care of North Ridgeville through the middle of December. A drop box is located at the North Ridgeville Public Library. Please leave donations of new, unused toys for boys and girls of all ages.

Do not gift wrap your donations. Community Care will distribute all donations to needy children of North Ridgeville, in the hopes that everyone will have a Merry Christmas.

Holiday wreath sale

The Women's Association of Lorain County Historical Society will take orders for its annual holiday wreath sale through Nov. 28. This year, the wreath will feature three hand-painted stockings with a red plaid bow. All of the decorations are hand-crafted by members of the group. The wreaths are \$30 and mailing boxes are \$3. All mailing boxes will be packed and taped for shipping. For more information, call the Lorain County Historical Society at 322-3341.

OHFamilyLINKS support group to meet

OHFamilyLINKS, a support group for loved ones of those incarcerated will meet Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 38079 Center Ridge Road. For more information, call the church at 353-0993.

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Harry C. Workman

Harry C. Workman, 77 of Berea, died Nov. 12, 2004, in Westlake Healthcare Center following a short illness. He was born July 1, 1927, in Logan County, W.Va. He had resided in Berea the past seven years after moving from Brookpark. He had previously lived in North Ridgeville for many years.

Mr. Workman was a Sergeant in the US Army during WWII.

He worked as a supervisor at MTD in Parma for many years. He also worked in maintenance at Glenway Town Homes in Brookpark.

Survivors include three daughters, Sue Gillard of Ft. Myers, Fla., Debra Wade and Theresa Workman, both of North Ridgeville; sons, Harry "Pete" Workman of North Ridgeville and Jim Workman of Olmsted Falls; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were an infant son, Stephen Andrew Workman; his parents, Harrison and Pearl Workman and two sisters, Naomi Block and Helen Webb.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Nov. 15. The Rev. Dan Reisner officiated. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc. 155 Ken-Mar Parkway Broadview Heights 44147.

Robert M. Milicic

Robert M. Milicic, 58, died Nov. 13, 2004, at his home after a long illness.

He was born Oct. 24, 1946 and was raised in Avon and lived in Sheffield Lake before moving to LaGrange more than 27 years ago.

Mr. Milicic served in U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam. He retired in 1999 as a park ranger and fleet supervisor for Lorain County Metropolitan Park District. He was a member of Moose Lodge 778, AMVETS Post 32, and Masonic Lodge 127 in Wellington.

He was a motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed working on tractors.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Janet (nee Kiser); daughters, Michelle Komlosi of Elyria and Marie Whitacre of LaGrange; son, Michael Milicic of North Ridgeville; brother, James E. of Astatula, Fla.; sisters, Elizabeth Pincura of Peninsula, Diane Marquis of Avon and JoAnn Zan of Avon; and one grandson.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Michael and Teresa (nee Smith) Milicic.

Arrangements were handled by Misencik Funeral Home, Avon. Services were held Nov. 16 at Resthaven Memory Gardens Chapel, Avon.

Linda C. Adams

Linda C. Adams (nee Goss), 57, of Elyria, formerly of Avon, died Nov. 13, 2004, at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elyria, following a long illness.

She was born in Crab Orchard, Tenn., and moved from Avon to Elyria last year.

Mrs. Adams was a member of New Haven Baptist

Church, Sheffield, and had worked as a cashier for Hills Department Store, Elyria.

She enjoyed cooking, watching cooking shows and her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Cunningham of Elyria; sons, Richard Wallace of North Ridgeville and Michael Adams of Lorain; brothers, Danny Goss of North Ridgeville, Donald Tabor of Columbus and George Tabor of North Ridgeville; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Elizabeth Jean (nee Scott) and James Goss Sr.; and brothers, James Goss and Dick Tabor.

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

Shirley A. Richards

Shirley A. Richards (nee Marshall), 79, of Wellington, died Nov. 15, 2004, at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, Lorain following a short illness.

She was born Sept. 2, 1925, in Clarksfield. She had resided in Wellington since May, after moving from LaGrange. She had lived in Tulsa, Okla. from 1974-1989. She had previously lived in North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Richards was a member of Cathedral of Life Church, North Ridgeville, and Alcoholics Anonymous, LaGrange Chapter.

She graduated from Elyria High School and Dyke Business College.

Mrs. Richards retired from Dinsmore Insurance Agency, North Ridgeville in 2002. While living in Tulsa she had worked as a secretary at Colombian Chemical.

Her hobbies included oil painting and gardening. Survivors include two daughters, Marsha Daniels of Elyria and Paula Warner of Wellington; three grandchildren; two sisters, Sally Shough of Bradenton, Fla., Mary Henson of Tulsa, Okla.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William Richards in 1973; parents, George Marshall and Bernice Finch, and her brother, Walter Marshall in 1980.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Nov. 18. The Rev. John Helms, retired pastor of Cathedral of Life Church, North Ridgeville, officiated. Private interment was in the Ridgeville Cemetery, North Ridgeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 43099 North Ridge Road, Elyria 44035 or Alzheimer's Association, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120.

Cloyd "Joel" Shupp

Cloyd "Joel" Shupp, 83, of Elyria died Nov. 18, 2004, at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph following a long illness.

He was born in Bucyrus and grew up in Galion before moving to Elyria in 1951. He moved to North Ridgeville in 1960. Mr. Shupp also lived in Marblehead from 1980 until moving to Zolfo Springs, Fla. in 1991, where he lived until returning to Elyria this past July.

Mr. Shupp served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WW II. He received the American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal-Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon with One Bronze Star.

While living in Galion, he served as a police officer from 1945-1950. He owned and operated Hamburger Grill in Elyria and Joe's Drive in North Ridgeville in the 1950's. From 1960 until retiring in 1988, he worked for Cleveland Chicago Amusement Company, a.k.a. Ohio Vending Co., North Ridgeville.

Mr. Shupp enjoyed boating, playing tennis, golfing, amateur radio, making lamps and working with his hands.

He was a member of VFW Post 1079, Elyria, DAV Louis Paul Proy Chapter 20, Lorain and the American Legion Post 12, Elyria.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mary (nee Swank); three sons, Joel W. of North Ridgeville, Richard D. Of Elyria and George M. Of North Ridgeville; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one sister, Mary Weise of Eugene, Ore. and one nephew.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Cloyd D. and Elsie M. (nee Helm) Shupp; two sisters, Lamona Higgins and Helen Poole, and his brother, Robert Shupp.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held Nov. 21.

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

Betty Jean Anderson

Betty Jean Anderson, 56, of Spencer, died Nov. 18, 2004, in an automobile accident in Penfield Township.

She was born Nov. 25, 1947, in Fairview Park and lived in Spencer for many years.

Mrs. Anderson was employed by CGS Centerless Grinding Co., Cleveland, and Greenfield Garden Center of Spencer.

She served as a Girl Scout leader for more than 30 years and as an advisor to the Saddle Lite 4-H Club of Lorain County and Keystone High School mentor. She worked for Medina County Salvation Army's Munch program and for Buckeye Hiking Trails of Ohio, and taught CPR and first aid classes. She enjoyed knitting, quilting and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Anderson; daughter, Dori Adams of Spencer; one granddaughter; her mother, Jean Daso of Westlake; sister, Danna Daso of Westlake; and brothers, Terry Daso of North Ridgeville and Jim Daso of Penfield.

Preceding her in death was her father, Russell Daso. Arrangements were handled by Norton Funeral Home, Wellington, where services were held Nov. 22. The Rev. Scott Patterson of Dover Congregational Church officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Girl Scouts of Erie Shores Scholarship Fund, 6111 S. Broadway, Lorain 44053.

By Carol Klear

Dump your CD someplace else

While on patrol in Giant Eagle's parking lot, a patrolman saw a blue Pontiac parked in the fire lane in front of the store. There was an adult male and two small children inside. The patrolman observed the driver open the driver's door and slide what appeared to be a CD case underneath the vehicle. He closed the door and remained parked.

The policeman approached the car and asked why he was littering. The driver said he didn't want that CD anymore. He was cited for littering and instructed to dispose of the CD properly.

Quite a jolt

Sandusky Electric on SR 20 reported the theft of copper wire, wire strippers and a ratchet cable cutter. The value of the items is \$3,206.59.

Weaver stopped

Police stopped a vehicle on Pitts Boulevard for weaving. The driver was arrested and cited for operating a vehicle improperly, illegal blood alcohol level and weaving.

Temper, temper

Police were called to Sheetz on Lorain Road after an irate customer broke an entrance door and yelled at cashiers.

Prescription for trouble

A subject on Albert Avenue went to the

police station and reported that prescription bottles had been stolen from her purse, which were in a locked car.

Under the eagle's eye

A vehicle was stopped in the Giant Eagle parking lot and an adult male was cited for driving under suspension and having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Unlicensed

A Cornell Boulevard resident reported to police that the license plate from her son's moped was either lost or stolen.

Something shady going on

Police went to the Shady Drive Baseball Complex to check on the occupants of a suspicious vehicle. A male was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and a female was arrested for being unruly.

Out of control

Officers went to Westfield Drive in reference to an 18-year-old female who was out of control. The female was transported to EMH Regional Medical Center for mental evaluation. Her adult boyfriend was arrested for drug-related violations.

Break it up

Officers working special detail at Club 20 off Center Ridge Road assisted in separating two combative juvenile females. One female was referred to Lorain County Juvenile Court for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and one was referred to Lorain County

Juvenile Court for disorderly conduct.

Lost and found

An officer found personal property on Lear Nagle Road, including house keys, a sweatshirt and an insulin kit.

Not so super, after all

Police went to the Super 8 Motel on Lorain Road when a subject refused to leave. An adult female was arrested for obstructing official business after supplying false information during the investigation.

Bumpety-bump

Firefighters went to Island Road for a motor vehicle accident with possible injuries. It was a minor two-vehicle rear-end accident, with very little damage to either vehicle. The crew set up for traffic control and assisted the extrication of one driver. There was no transport.

Keep it down

Firefighters went to a Bagley Road address for a burning complaint. People on the scene had the proper permit and were burning in a barrel. They were told to keep the fire down and move away from the building.

False alarm

The fire department received a false alarm when the smell of driveway sealant was mistaken for a gas smell.

Overheated

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