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This Week:

SJWS Hospital Celebrates

St. John West Shore Hospital is celebrating its 20th anniversary. A special anniversary section is included in today's issue.

Off and Running

Candidates have filed their intentions to run for North Ridgeville City Council.

Council at-large - Democrats: Jean K. Brown, Patricia A. Dreger, James J. Rothgery, Jean Schroeder, Terri Zirzow; Republicans: Bernadine R. Butkowski, Linda M. Dunham, George D. Gillock, Dennis Johnson, Jeffrey M. Madisen, Ronald A. Schwachenwald

Ward 1 - Democrats: Joseph N. Antush, Larry D. Overby; Republican: Nancy J. Buescher

Ward 2 - Democrat: Allen C. Swindig; Republican: John C. Prajzner

Ward 3 - Democrats: Karen C. Borocz, Richard T. Brent; Republican: Josanne K. Pagel

Ward 4 - Democrats: Edward S. Biro; Republicans: Gail J. Minnick, Bob Olesen

Marsh Hike

Take a brisk hike on a late winter day on March 3 at the Sandy Ridge Wetland Center from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Got a Question?

Lorain County Community College Library announces a new, free service that finds answers to all types of questions. The service, "Ask/Ref," is accessed through the internet and is available 24 hours a day. Information on the service may be obtained from askref@lorainccc.edu or 1-800-995-LCCC (ext. 7288).

In Brief:

Annual Meeting, March 1

Mary Beth Derikito, secretary of the District Advisory Council of the Lorain County General Health District announced the annual meeting is set for March 1 at 8 p.m. at the Lorain County General Health District, 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria.

Fruit Tree Care Class

The Lorain County Ohio State University Extension will be conducting a fruit tree care class for homeowners on March 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Lorain County Agricultural Center, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria. The class is limited to 30. Call 326-5851 to enroll.

Registration Underway

Lorain County Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting registrations for the annual Readyman Badge Lab, to be held March 24 from 9 a.m. until noon. Webelos will complete the requirements for the Readyman pin. The cost is \$5 per scout. For more information call Edward Mennell, 324-2929.



EARNED HIS FIRST BADGE

Proud parents Dean and Marie Asp look on as Matthew gets his Bobcat Award - the first badge he has earned as a member of Scouts - during Cub Scout Pack 153's recent Blue and Gold Banquet in St. Peter's gym. Story on page 3 (P&L Klear)

'Prepare students for their future, not our past'

By Carol Klear

The 70 or more people who attended the Community Forum on Education last Thursday, included parents, local school officials and teachers, as well as State Associate Superintendent Robert Bowers, Martha Wise of the State Board of Education, State Senator Jeffery Armbruster and State Rep. Jeff Manning, who came together for a common goal — to shape future priorities.

In his welcome, School Board President Thomas Dake invited everyone to listen to one another and share ideas. "Communication is the key to providing quality education for every boy and girl. The School Board is the liaison between the public and the North Ridgeville City Schools," he said.

Though much direction seems to stem from the state, Superintendent Thomas Rockwell said, "Education remains a local responsibility; we are up to the responsibility."

Assistant Superintendent Larry Bowersox guided the audience through ways of improving student performance and helping them achieve academic success. "We must prepare students for their future, not our past," he said.

The curriculum is changing, instruction is changing and technology is changing, said Bowersox. Parents can help students through the changes. He said the critical skills for the 21st Century are still the three R's, as well as a Strategic Plan.

Assistant Superintendent David Livingston reported that improvements and upgrades are being made to make schools safe. "School safety is a prime concern," he said. "Years ago," said Livingston, "we would have 10 to 15 (school) doors open. Today, one door is open to visitors."

There are pass procedures, two-way communications in class, a school resource

police officer and crisis training he said. However, "we have a long way to go and many things to do to make schools safe," said Livingston.

Small group discussions, allowed for dialogue among participants on four main topics; academic accountability, funding, school safety and communication/community involvement.

In a brief conversation on why more parents had not attended the forum, one mother explained the difficulty of schedules where both parents work and trying to maintain the family. And to those who questioned parents' concern for their children's education, she said, "Parents care, but where does it fall in their day. They have no time or energy."

It was also noted that communication between the schools and the parents can be handled through parental volunteering, fields trips and other things, however, said one person, "It seems to fall apart at the high school."

A teacher explained that, during parent conferences, he sometimes asks about older children who have gone through the system, but are in college or beyond. "It builds bridges," he said.

A public question and answer session brought out concerns about a predicted teacher shortage and the way to prepare for it. Armbruster said the Senate is looking at individuals who may be out of work or considering a career change. "We have been discussing ways to get them certified," he said.

Manning added that there should be an effort to put more money into the idea to get them back. "We were in serious trouble in the 60s," he said, and the requirements were waived. Though quality teachers are needed, he said, it is best not to exclude potential candidates.

Se plan passes; recall drive heats up

By Carol Klear

Nearly two years ago Mayor Deanna Hill negotiated with land developers for the construction of the Westerly Sewers, with the developers picking up the lion's share of the \$8.9 million price tag. On Feb. 20, by a 5-2 vote City Council approved the plan by emergency, but Hill may not be in office to see the project through, if a recall drive is successful.

In her Council report Hill said she was aware of a plan by Gerald Phillips, attorney for the STAMP Committee (Stop Abusing the Master Plan) to circulate recall petitions if the Westerly Sewer legislation passed by emergency.

The Mayor said, "Make no mistake about it - petition or no petition, I absolutely will continue to do my job...and to stand strong in the face of political terrorism or personal attacks for the people of our community. They deserve no less."

Prior to the meeting, Phillips faxed information to media promising a "showdown" over the sewer pact and stating that if the agreement were passed by emergency, residents would begin circulating recall petitions. "The emergency clauses will take away the citizens of north Ridgeville's right to vote on such agreements," Phillips stated.

The petition cites seven reasons for attempting to recall Hill, including several concerning abuse of power, violation of the Sunshine Law and impropriety in accepting campaign contributions.

A recall petition must be signed by at least 25 percent of the total electors voting at the last preceding November election and could result in a citywide vote.

For months STAMP has been at odds with the administration over proposals for planned community developments, charging that the city is thwarting residents' right to vote on rezoning land to PCDs and taking its battle cry to the courts. Last week STAMP stepped up its fight and began circulating petitions to remove Hill from office. At lobby, many of the people who jammed Council Chambers, stepped to the podium to speak, the majority addressing the sewer project.

Bob Olesen said, "20 years ago we were to extend sewers; nothing happened. Now we have a plan," which includes developers paying the biggest portion of the cost.

Developer Frank Dettore praised the efforts of both Democrats and Republicans who worked to get the agreement passed, noting that STAMP "is not part of the Republican Party," and referring to it as a third party.

Former Council President Rosemary Berg asked when Center Ridge Road was added to

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St. Peter's Pack 153 celebrates birthday

By Carol Klear

St. Peter's gym was teeming with moms, dads, children, and special guests - Mayor Deanna Hill and State Rep. Jeffery Manning - who gathered to celebrate the 91st birthday of Scouting and 43 years of North Ridgeville Pack 153 at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet, Feb. 10.

Approximately 55 boys make up the Pack and are in first to fifth grades. They meet once a month throughout the year, and participate in a variety of activities including food drives, Christmas Caroling, the Pinewood Derby and other things.

Addressing the group, Hill said, "I am proud to see families coming together."

Following the dinner, a slide presentation featured Scouts who participated in the Arrow of Light Ceremony. Rank advancements were announced and badges presented. Matt Asp received the Bobcat Badge,

while Adam Maldonado, Jeremy Carson, Franck Sanabria, Tim Farner, Chris DeVor and Brett Hughes received Wolf badges.

Earning Bear badges were Michael Ols, Zack Rooker, Christopher Bickford, Nathan Carson, Dillon Morris, Matt Pierce, Brett Wolfe and Anthony Leeper. Webelos badges were awarded to Mark Borsz, Jacob Clark, Jason Ice, Nicholas Hornby, Michael Maldonado, Ryan Becks, Stephen Roemer, Michael Oradini, Steven Schwartz, Andrew Mahall and Raymond Schmidt.

Several boys earned religious awards during the banquet. The Light of Christ Awards went to Tim Farner, Chris DeVor, Christopher Bickford, Dillon Morris, Nathan Carson, Jeremy Carson, Greg Kuczinski, Adam Moldonado, Frank Sonabria, Matt Pierce, Brett Wolfe, Bryan Wolfe, Zach Rooker and Brett Hughes.

The Parvuli Dei was awarded to Michael Becker and Michael Oradini.



Mayor Deanna Hill and State Rep. Jeffery Manning congratulate members of Cub Scout Pack 153 following the Arrow of Light ceremony. From left to right: Hill, Tim Ice, Michael Becker, Joe Andulics, Adam Daveant, Tim DeVor and Matt Borsz. (P&L Klear)

Town Crier:

THURSDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$40/month. 353-0860/info.
 HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.
 RECOVERY, INC., 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre, 440-236-8841/info.
 ALANON, 8-9 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., N.R. 277-6969/info.

FRIDAY

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at Community Outreach Dept., Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.
 N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.
 ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office for Older Adults.
 SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 1 p.m. Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

SATURDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Ongoing Karate class for children and adults. \$20/4 lessons. Both classes held in the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.
 SPORTS SAFETY TRAINING, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
 ST. PETER'S NIGHT AT THE RACES - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Start 7:15 p.m. \$13/donation. 11 full-color videos, buffet, beverages and snacks, followed by a dance party.

MONDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft Club, Quilting, Computer Classes. Soup for 35 cents. 353-0828/info.
 ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Free hearing screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.
 WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School \$2 per night.
 HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experi-

enced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

TUESDAY

PTA COUNCIL MEETING, 9:30 a.m. Middle School.

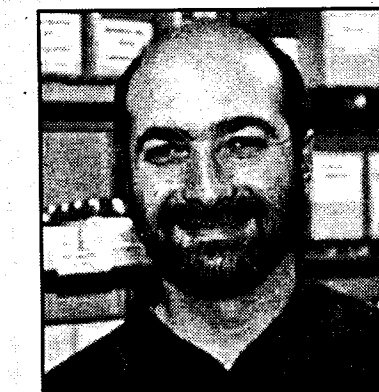
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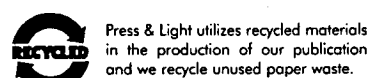
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Post Office announces new home

By Carol Klear

MOVING THE MAIL.....Mayor Deanna Hill announced that the Ridgeville Branch of the Post Office has decided on the former Bi-Rite/IGA building as its new home. No date has been set for the move.

THAT'S INTERESTING.....A few days before Herron got the word that the Post Office is moving, a spokesman in Cleveland told The P&L that there was NO word on a move and that for now all that type of thing was "frozen." They musta had a quick thaw, huh?

SPEAKING OF THE MAIL.....I sent Daughters No. 2 and 7 some sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Daughter No. 7 (who lives near Dayton) got hers three days later, but it took 10 DAYS...let's say that again, 10 DAYS (and 3 days after V. Day) for the Florida Kid to get hers. And last week I had an argument over a check I sent to the phone company, which took 15 DAYS to get to Little Rock, Arkansas. Come now,

Letters to the Editor:

Mayor wants to work together

To the Editor:

I am confident that I would win any recall effort. That is not arrogance on my part. It's merely a basic belief that a majority of people living and voting in North Ridgeville know my work, my intentions and my commitment to doing what is fundamentally and financially good for the families of our City. I guess I have to believe that in order to get up and come to work each day.

The threats, insults and tactics used by the few dozen people who call themselves STAMP are indeed tough to take. But they have caused me to stop, think and ask myself why.

The things my administration has proposed are good, financially beneficial projects for the city, its future and its taxpayers. The type of planning, Planned Community Development, and infrastructure construction, a sewer to serve the 65 percent of our city that has no wastewater treatment, are supported and recommended by every planning and regulatory agency on every level of government, as well as the private sector.

The question I now ask myself is: Why can't I get such a logical and financially beneficial case across to the STAMP people who oppose it?

The answer may be personality ... mine. I am a strong-willed, stubborn woman who works too much, cares too deeply, takes things personally and feels frustration profoundly.

I am not a middle-of-the-road person or politician. I don't take risks. I plan in order to take the risk out of public policy. Then I push. I push hard for what I believe is the right thing to do.

There is an old line that says, "It's not what you do ... but the way that you do it that counts." If my way has been too strident, if I didn't listen long enough or wasn't conciliatory enough, I am sorry.

You see, I'm not worried about a recall, but I do worry about a rejection of proposals and public policy directions that are proven to be socially and financially beneficial to a city's future, its taxpayers and its families.

We can do and build and achieve wonderful things. I realize that I can't do it alone. I need help. I need people to understand that there is a quality of life and a planned tomorrow that North Ridgeville has within its reach. Let's grasp it ... together.

Deanna L. Hill
 Mayor, City of North Ridgeville

Developer displays arrogance

To the Editor:

At the Feb. 20 council meeting there was the most blatant example of censorship I have ever witnessed! A certain local developer felt the necessity to block the video camera recording the meeting. Was this because he feels the citizens of North Ridgeville have no right to view opinions that may differ from his own? Or perhaps he feels his own importance and self worth should forever be immortalized? In any event, anyone trying to understand the Westerly Sewer Project

Klearly Speaking:

didn't I just start paying the P.O. an extra penny to move this stuff along.

NOW LISTEN UP.....When Mike Tague, Randy Klinger and Mike Crow showed up at last Monday's Council meeting, they weren't there to rag about sewers or ream the Mayor. The three teens are Boy Scouts from Troop 175 and were hoping to earn badges by attending the session. And to be sure they should get the patches especially after sitting through a lobby session where much of the game plan was to take swipes at city officials and got gaveled for their big mouths. Oh, yeah, I forgot to mention, the three Scouts were trying to earn...communication badges. And how 'bout givin' them one more for learning how NOT to communicate.

MORE ON HOW NOTS.....It seems while attorney Gerald Phillips was at the microphone during lobby, developer Frank Dettore was prancing back and forth in

front of the cable camera, apparently trying to keep comments from viewers. 'Twas said that one resident was so aggravated by Dettore's antics, the two were close to fistcuffs.

NOT ALL BAD.....Though the Feb. 20 Council meeting was long and at times heated, Stoney Ridge Rd. resident Carol Shroyer found a positive. "I did appreciate the questions and answers and give and take between Gail Minnick and Mr. Zagrans," she said, adding that she learned a lot during the exchange, and felt both were very professional, as well.

NO KIDDD-ING.....Lorain County 4-H members may apply to win a pygmy goat born after Jan. 1 to raise a 4-H project this year. The pygmy goat kid is being donated by Kathy Beal of Beal's Barnyard in Elyria. To apply, 4-H members must write a one-page essay titled, "Why I would like to Win a Pygmy Goat Kid for a 4-H Project." The deadline is March 31. For more info, call the OSU Extension, 326-5851.

Pressline:

Caller: I understand that Gerald Phillips, the attorney for STAMP is and has been a resident of Avon. He also owns property in Avon which he has for sale. Could it be he wants to stall development in North Ridgeville to increase the value of his property in Avon.

Is it fair for all the residents in North Ridgeville to pay his attorney's fees?

Caller: I am glad five people on Council had the character and foresight to pass the sewers. That recall is just a scare tactic to change people's ideas. As a citizen of 45 years, a lot of my good friends who wanted the sewers were in the ground before the sewers are.

Caller: As a citizen of North Ridgeville I really don't see a need for a Rec Center and 40 percent increase in our income tax with all these new developments being proposed on the west side of town. They're all PCDs, all have their own private recreation areas, Mills Creek does, Ridgefield does. Why do we need to build a \$20 million recreation center, it's a fairy tale.

Middleburg Heights, the only way they passed it, they did by putting the tax on the back of the workers in the city. All the people that live in the city get a 100 percent reciprocity on their income tax they pay in another city. If Ridgeville wants to propose it way, maybe it will pass, but it won't pass this way.

Caller: Tuesday's (Council) meeting was the rudest thing I've ever seen happen at a Council meeting when Frank Dettore decided that the people of North Ridgeville could not watch was going on and blocked the camera view of the meeting itself, during the Gerald Phillips situation.

This was rude and uncompromising to the city and if this is to go on, it should be stopped somehow. It's just an unfair situation.

Caller: I wonder if voters are

aware of the fact that if we approve the 1.4 percent municipal income tax, a person earning \$70,000 a year with a .04 percent increase, will be roughly \$280, plus the additional \$295 membership fee. A North Ridgeville resident will pay more for a membership to the new facility versus a person who lives outside North Ridgeville.

Caller: In promoting the new Community Center Mayor Hill stated in the Feb. 21 Press in Light that "children can no longer be expected to play in open fields." She's right on target because before long there won't be any open fields left here in "Clusterville."

Caller: I am not in favor of Community Rec Center I don't think income tax is the way to go. Our property taxes are higher than Westlake. We have no reciprocity they virtually eliminated the whole thing — one-tenth of one percent. I think it should be paid for by user fee. A user fee ought to cover the whole thing and if it's \$500 a family, so be it.

Caller: The city is issuing bonds on the entire trunk sewer. The developers will pay us back, supposedly, in five years. We are not issuing bonds just for the city's portion.

Caller: The Mayor is only telling us half the story about the income tax on the May ballot. I'm an accountant, I understand taxes. I work in Cleveland and my tax is 3.4 percent. We're penalized in North Ridgeville because of the one-tenth of 1 percent credit.

Response: According to the North Ridgeville Auditor's Department, North Ridgeville's 1 percent income tax is one of the lowest around, however, a person who lives in North Ridgeville and works outside the city may be taxed by the city in which they work, and also pay nine-tenths of 1 percent to North Ridgeville, and receive a one-tenth of 1 percent credit.

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could not possibly make any sense of this project with this distraction.

If this developer only blocked the camera once I would say this was an accident, however, this happened numerous times. The cameraman and several citizens implored him to please stop. This was done to no avail. This administration wants us to believe that developers do not run this town. One only needs to review the videotape to see that this may not be true. The arrogance of this act tends to make me question why these types of actions are allowed?

In closing, I would like to express my sincerest apology to the cameraman at A.T. & T. Broadband. This is not the normal behavior of our citizens; rather this is an example of one developers attempt at censoring the media.

Mary-Ann Miles
 North Ridgeville

Without pool, center waste of money

To the Editor:

Regarding the income tax hike for the proposed Community Rec & Senior Center, I will be voting NO. If there isn't a swimming pool for a swim team, then it is a waste of my money. Is the city unaware of the kids that are members of the Mills Creek Swim Team? Or the YMCA winter swim team? Those kids would love a city swim team in North Ridgeville. And wouldn't the schools want a "Ranger" team, swimming to Victory?

Lastly, the Mayor stated that the retirees do not pay income, so they won't be helping in paying for the proposed Community Rec & Senior Center. Let me get this right, Seniors will benefit the most, yet pay nothing?

Regina Mueller
 North Ridgeville

Council President's conduct shameful

To the Editor:

I cannot allow the shameful conduct of Council President Jean Brown go unchallenged. She was clearly out of control during the Feb. 20 council meeting and she owes us all an apology. She owes Chris Crobaugh, Jerry Phillips and the other speakers denied their rights much more.

Denny Johnson
 North Ridgeville

STAMP must be stopped

To the Editor:

STAMP's repetitious and ridiculous alle-

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Ms. Brown has a duty to maintain order in council meetings but she also has a duty to see that people get to voice their opinions in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, our City Charter and the bylaws of council. She has a duty to be fair in her rulings as well, she was not.

There were no threats, character assassination or any other conduct that could be reasonably expected to be gaveled down. There was only healthy, orderly debate over a very charged issue. Political office is no place for people with thin skin; we expect our political leaders to absorb a bit more than the average citizen. If Ms. Brown cannot handle that, she needs to step down before she does any more harm to the peaceful process of debate.

In the interest of an orderly council meeting I would suggest the following be observed in future council meetings:
 1. The Mayor, Law Director, Safety Services Director and all other non-council members should not be allowed floor time for discussions outside their official duty. The Law Director, for instance, regularly gives long-winded personal opinions well outside his assigned role of legal council. These people are required to attend the meeting for the benefit of council, not to play to the audience. Council lobby session is open to city officials as well as the public; even those who choose not to live in our community. I would suggest our Law Director use the lobby if he feels the need to lecture us.

2. Lobby session should be handled in a fair and equitable manner. A verbal attack on an opinion of someone is not the same as a personal attack and should not be handled as such. If someone uses foul language or engages in personal attacks, a warning should be given. Only when the conduct continues is ordering the speaker away from the podium in order. Speaker on all sides of an issue must be treated the same! To do otherwise is asking for trouble.

Strongsville, which is roughly the same size as North Ridgeville, in the 30 years after three trunk systems and two treatment plants were built and assessed, saw its tax revenue increase by 30 times. Seventy-five percent of its taxable value is residential. Strongsville was the first city in the state to

adopt PCD or PUD zoning in the late 60s. It has become one of the richest cities in the area and has built a \$20 million recreation center without a tax levy.

PCDs are preferred by builders because they permit neighborhood designs that provide a mix of housing types. This is necessary to meet the housing needs of young and old, single and married, families with and without children. A range of prices attract a broader economic cross-section. Older zoning techniques were predicated on the post World War II market, which were comprised of a large backlog of young couples and children. This market spawned repetitious, single family housing, which overloaded schools. School taxes from these homes did not support the school impact. Today's era is the opposite, consisting of a very low child population and a large and growing older population whose home and neighborhood needs are far different than the late 40's and 50's. The communities that recognize this will prosper financially from a large aging population as well as from a younger market with far fewer children.

The STAMP group seems to be preoccupied with density. Today this is really a non-issue. The highly competitive marketplace drives builders to provide a quality neighborhood at an affordable cost. The balance between marketability and affordability is a very fine line, which rules out excessive high densities as well as excessive low densities.

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Police Reports:

By Mark Maier

Endangering children

Patrolman Lee and Patrolman Larkin were dispatched in the middle of the afternoon on Feb. 18 to a residence on Kensington Dr. in reference to a 911 hang-up call. Dispatch made attempts to call the number at the residence, but would only hear a series of beeps on the line.

The officers arrived at the residence to find three children between the ages of 3- and 8-years-old. The eldest child told officers that her parents had been gone a long time, but was unsure of how long.

Patrolman Larkin asked how they would get in contact with their father if there were an emergency. The 8-year-old stated that they would run upstairs to retrieve a number for their father's cellular phone.

They attempted dialing the number, but soon discovered that a different area code was supposed to be dialed in order for the call to go through. The area code had not been written down on the piece of paper.

When the officer was able to get through, he explained the situation to the father. According to the police reporter, the father did not appear very concerned and stated he would be home 15 minutes later.

The officers began speaking with the oldest child. They gave the 8-year-old several different emergency scenarios. Each scenario received the same response, that they would call their father. Then the officers asked what would happen if their father's phone did not work. The 8-year-old simply stated, "We would cry."

Patrolman Larkin asked the children if they would call 911, but they did not answer. He asked if they understood what 911 is. The eldest child stated they believed it was a fireman.

The officer asked if the 8-year-old would then demonstrate calling their father as they stated they would do if an emergency occurred. In an attempt to demonstrate, the eldest child found that their father could not be reached because they did not know that they had to dial the area code.

A half an hour after the original dispatch had come in, the father arrived home with his wife and infant child. He informed the officers that this was the first time that he had every let the children home alone. He added that he had lived in North Ridgeville

for only two days.

The father advised the officers that he was unconcerned with his oldest child's inability to react in an emergency. He wanted just a warning because this was the first time and he had only been gone for 15 minutes to get some furniture. The officers explained to the father that he was going to be charged.

The father began blaming the officers for causing him to have to take a day off of work to go to court as a result of this. Patrolman Larkin issued the summons and released the father on his signature.

Kudos to Patrolman Larkin and Patrolman Lee for their diligent abilities in working with these children.

Attempting to turn around

A 24-year-old male made an attempt of turning around a semi tractor pulling a 42-ft. long flatbed trailer in the circular drive at the water lift station at the west city limits. In his attempt to turn around on Feb. 16, the truck got stuck in the mud.

The subject was driving the truck with the flatbed loaded with sheet steel. Due to bad directions, he drove past his destination. He realized this when he reached the North Ridgeville City Limits.

In his attempt to turn around at the circular drive at the water lift station at the city limits at the west side of town, he accidentally got the truck stuck in the mud. Patton's Towing had to be notified to extract the truck from its position.

The entire process left deep ruts in the sod at that location. The driver informed officers that his company would be responsible for the damages.

Oops, I forgot my...

After working his shift at Burger King on Feb. 15, a 19-year-old male realized he needed to refuel his vehicle. He headed to the A & C Tire Center to fill his gas tank. After filling up his tank, the male subject drove away without paying.

Consequently, Captain. L. Glauner was picking up a cruiser that had just been serviced at A & C Tire Center when the clerk approached to notify the officer regarding the incident that had just occurred. She told the captain that the white vehicle had left eastbound just ahead of another officer.

Captain Glauner radioed the information to the other officer, Officer Shultz. Officer

Shultz immediately responded that the vehicle was preparing to turn North onto Case Rd. He was following the vehicle until Captain Glauner could catch up to him on Case Rd.

After pulling the male subject over, the officers questioned the lone subject in the car. They learned he had just gotten off of work at Burger King. He told the officer that he realized he did not have his wallet until after he had pumped the gas and admitted that he drove off without paying.

The officers escorted the subject back to A & C Tire Center where a positive identification was made. The clerk had to check with supervisory personnel whether to press theft charges.

While the clerk proceeded to look into that, Captain Glauner took the man to Burger King where he obtained sufficient funds to pay for the gasoline. They returned to the service center a short time later and the man paid the full amount due. At this point, the clerk did not have an answer from her supervisor, so the man was released.

On Feb. 19, Captain Glauner spoke with the controller for the A & C Foodmart. He advised that his company intended to pursue charges of theft against the man. The charges were drawn up and served to the man at the Burger King later that day.

Fire Reports:

VAN-ity

Firefighters arrived at a residence on Feb. 17 at 9:47 p.m. to find a 1990 Plymouth Voyager fully engulfed in flames.

The flames came within two feet of the mobile home located on Lear Nagle Rd. Flames also came near another vehicle parked nearby.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the van then cool down the mobile home and the other vehicle. Nobody was injured, but the van was a total loss and there was minimal damage to the other vehicle.

Some windows on the mobile home were broken because of the heat from the flames. Firefighters were present for almost an hour to fight the fire and to cover the windows on the mobile home.

Another car fire

Five days after firefighters found a fire in the van, they responded to a call regarding a fire in yet another vehicle. This second vehicle fire occurred on Pleasant Ave. in the evening of Feb. 22.

Firefighters arrived at 10:26 p.m. to find the vehicle parked between two houses and fully immersed with flames.

After putting out the fire, firefighters noticed damaged siding on one of the houses that was caused by the fire. The siding was pulled off in case the fire had extended into the framework of house. The fire had not reached into the framework, but thanks also for the free check for termites and cockroaches.

The owner of the vehicle stated he had just pulled into the driveway when he noticed smoke coming from under the hood. He also stated that by the time he turned the car off and exited the vehicle, the flames were starting to come out from under the vehicle.

Flaming wreath

A homeowner on Hedgerow attempted to start a fire on Feb. 20 using a cardboard box, but the box ignited a plastic wreath hanging above the fireplace.

The homeowner removed the burning wreath from the residence. Firefighters found damage to the carpet, furniture, and other contents of the living room when they arrived at 8:13 p.m.

However, the fire in the fireplace was still burning, but was quickly extinguished after firefighters made their appearance. The wood within the fireplace was removed and the exhaust fan was turned on to remove the smoke.

Barrel of...

About an hour prior to the flaming wreath incident, the police department notified the fire department regarding a fire in a barrel near a trailer on at 35157 Center Ridge Rd.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the fire in a charcoal grill located approximately 20 feet from any structures.

The size of the fire, which was fueled by seasoned wood, was approximately 2 ft. by 2 ft. by 1 ft. The occupants of the trailer were advised of the burn permit policy and the fuel regulations.



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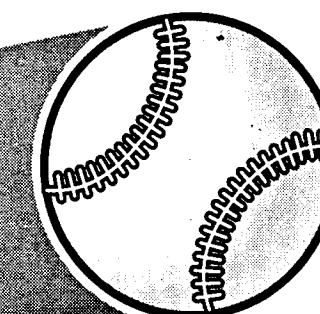
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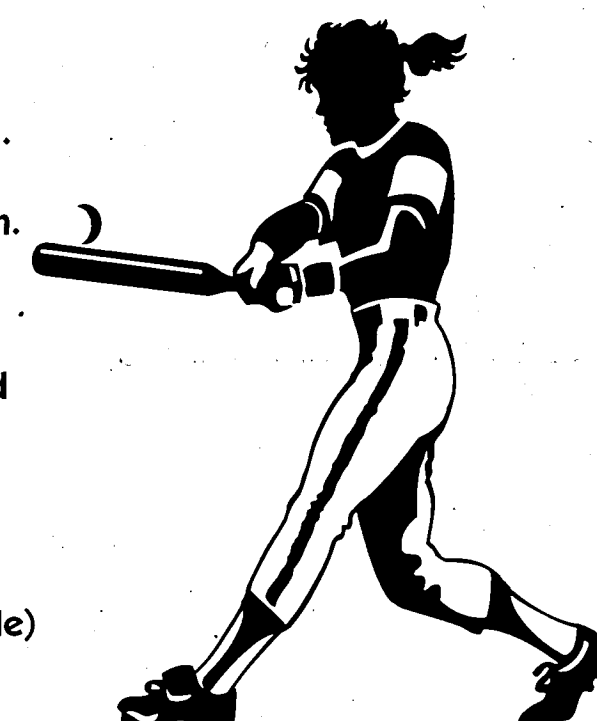
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Rangers drop two games as they head into Sectional opener

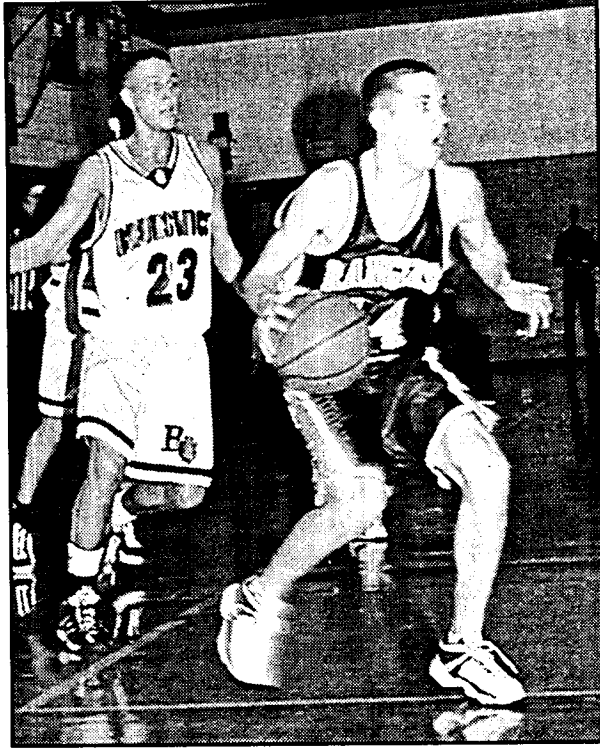
North Ridgeville basketball coach Mark Rechin had hoped to carry some momentum into last night's Sectional opener at Admiral King, but instead his Rangers dropped a pair of games last week and dropped below the .500 mark.

The fourth-seeded North Ridgeville team, 9-11, faced Padua, 10-10 in the Division I first round game. Padua was coming off a 50-46 loss to Holy Name, after leading most of the contest.

Despite Jeremy Hill's 20 points, North Ridgeville fell to Rocky River, 61-53 on Feb. 20. Josh Hill would score 26 points in a 61-54 loss to Brunswick on Feb. 23. Both losses came on the road.

The Rangers finished Pioneer Conference play at 6-8. Despite holding Rocky River to just 21 second-half points, the Rangers could not make up an 11-point half-time deficit.

Geoff Andrews chipped in nine points in the contest. North Ridgeville played Brunswick even for three quarters but were outscored 14-7 in the final quarter and that was the difference in the contest. Derek Misorski scored nine points to go along with Josh Hill's 26 points.



Andrew Tyson takes the ball to the hoop in Pioneer Conference action against Brunswick last week. (Photo by Mike Yatchko)

Lady Rangers tourney plays ends in span of five days

A week that started off on a high note on Monday ended on a low one Saturday as the Lady Ranger basketball team entered and exited tournament play in five days.

North Ridgeville was a convincing 69-42 winner over Amherst (3-18) in the Division I Sectional Tournament at Westlake, but fell to the fourth-seeded Lorain Southview, 59-42.

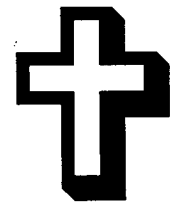
The squad finished the season at 6-16. The two games were complete opposites.

Against Amherst, the Lady Rangers jumped out to a 16-point, first-quarter lead and led by 20 points at halftime. Against Southview, North Ridgeville trailed by 20 points at halftime, thanks to a 12-2 Southview run the final four minutes of the second quarter. North Ridgeville never could get any closer.

Becky Workman scored a season-high 23 points against Amherst, hitting four three-pointers, just one shy of the school record. She added two three-pointers in the loss to Southview, and in doing so set a new school record with 29 three-pointers for the season. She had set the old record of 27 three-pointers last season. She had 12 points in the loss to Southview.

"Becky had a great game against Amherst," Lady Ranger

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New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., No. Ridgeville Liberty Center. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Sept.-May 9:00 a.m. Christian Education.

New Life Pentecostal Church of God, 6001 Lear Nagle, North Ridgeville (440) 353-3593. Rev. Scott Nicol. Sunday Service 2:30 pm; Thursday evening 7:30 pm.

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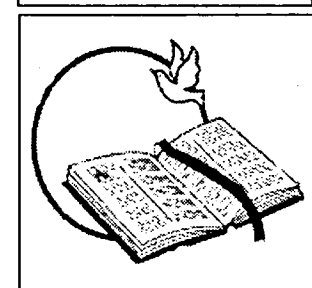
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Julio finds friends, fun in sunny Orlando

By Jerry D. Dudek

Brittany Julio has played baseball with the boys on the Little League fields of North Ridgeville, but there is nothing better than playing fastpitch softball on the sunny diamonds in Orlando, Florida.

The 13-year-old returned from a three-day trip with her Tecco Attack 14 and Under girls softball team, with a runner-up trophy from the national tournament.

Julio has played softball for about five years, mostly as part of the Hot Stove League in North Ridgeville. Earlier this year, she found out about tryouts for a traveling team in the Cleveland area, which planned a trip to Orlando. Ironically, Julio, the daughter of Bob and Tammy Julio, found out about the tryouts because of her ten-year-old brother Jacob. He was trying out for a traveling team and Brittany went with him. She noticed a poster advertising tryouts for her age group to be held two weeks later. She tried out was one of 13 girls selected to head south. She was the only North Ridgeville girl on the team, as most of her teammates hailed from Strongsville, North Royalton, Berea, Bedford and Cleveland.

Tecco Attack went 3-2 in the tournament, losing its first game 8-7 to Shoe Magic of New Jersey and being beaten in the finals by The Shamrocks of Washington D.C., 8-0. In between those two losses, Tecco Attack avenged the loss to New Jersey and beat The Lady Shockers as well as The Blue Sox in a shut out, 15-0.

Julio played second base and outfield for Tecco Attack.

"She is a coach's dream," Tecco Attack coach Holly Roush said of Julio. "She was a fantastic addition to this team. She was willing to play anywhere, infield, outfield. She was just happy to be out there playing. She was willing to do anything I asked."

"Like the other girls, I think she formed some lasting friendships as a result of this tournament and she certainly helped us get that second-place trophy," Roush said.

The competition was tough, but not as tough as what the team was prepared to play, Julio said. It was her first experience with a bona fide traveling team.

"I didn't know what to expect. The teams were actually a bit easier than I thought they would be. The fields were a lot nicer than I'm used to playing on at it was a lot warmer than up here," she said.

The temperature for the Feb. 16 to Feb. 18 tournament was in the 80s.

As a member of Tecco Attack, Julio helped turn two double plays as a second baseman and executed

a squeeze play, which resulted in two runs scoring. She also had eight stolen bases in the tournament. A natural second baseman, Julio plays shortstop and second base and hits clean up in North Ridgeville, but on the traveling team, where everyone has talent, Julio batted seventh and played some outfield.

"She's a contact, power hitter," her father Bob said. "Let's put it this way, she doesn't swing easy."

Bob Julio said that his daughter never had a real interest in baseball or softball at an early age, but one day she picked up a bat in the backyard and swung.

"It was a killer swing," her father said. "She picked up a ball and threw it and I realized that she had talent."

As a youth, Brittany played baseball with the boys in organized leagues and said "it was okay." Five years ago she started

taking softball seriously and has continued to improve every year. She plays softball because she likes the competition.

The Tecco Attack team is expected to stay together this summer playing in qualifying tournaments in an attempt to get a bid to the national tournament. Julio will also play in the Hot Stove League again this year, after hitting .343 in it a year ago. She is also considering playing for a traveling team from Oberlin, The Emeralds, if she can find the time.

The eighth-grader at North Ridgeville Middle School recently was accepted at Elyria Catholic and plans to play softball and run cross country there.

Cleveland Indian shortstop Omar Vizquel is her favorite baseball player. She admires him for his ability to backhand the ball and throw runners out at first base from deep in the hole.



Brittany Julio in Orlando holding the second place trophy.

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Assisting the Bogners are his parents, Harold and Kathy Bogner, and John Bender. The younger Bogners and Bender are old friends and were, in fact, in the same class at North Ridgeville High School.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home also prides itself on doing far more than arranging a funeral. The home provides free bereavement care and holds eight-week grief seminars and support



The staff of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home are (top, left) David Bogner and John Bender; middle Mary Beth Bogner; (bottom) Kathy Bogner and Harold Bogner.

groups at various times throughout the year.

The Rev. Bill Shomo, pastor of Sugar Ridge Baptist Church, leads the eight-week seminars. Rev. Shomo is also among a group of local clergy who are guest speakers and counselors during a Hope for the Holidays program.

The program, which includes a candle-light ceremony, is held before Thanksgiving and underscores the compassionate commitment of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home to the bereaved.

"Many people who have lost a loved one need help and suggestions on how to get

through the holiday season and remember those who have passed on. For many who attend our pre-holiday program, it is their first experience of grief," said Bogner.

While the subject of funerals is never easy to discuss, the staff of David Bogner realize from years of serving families that planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful gifts a person can leave his or her loved ones.

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"Prearrangement is a wonderful thing for the family. The funeral is paid for and they might get something back," said Bogner.

He also notes that personalized funerals are becoming more popular. The staff encourages family members to bring in photographs from family gatherings which are arranged into a collage. Bogner's also has available caskets that can be personalized or even custom-made with different themes that portray the personality or hobbies of the deceased person.

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The David Bogner Family Funeral Home can be reached at any time at 440-327-2955.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH

THURSDAY 1

- 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Grief to Hope Group.
- 6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.
- 8-9 p.m. Al Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.

FRIDAY 2

- Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.
- 1 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired - Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge.

SATURDAY 3

- 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sports Safety Training - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
- 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.
- 7:15 p.m. St. Peter's Night at the Races - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$13/donation. 11 full-color videos, buffet, beverages and snacks, followed by a dance party.

MONDAY 5

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.
- 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
- 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.

TUESDAY 6

- 9:30 a.m. PTA Council - Middle School.
- 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adult CPR and Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.
- 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

WEDNESDAY 7

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.
- 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.
- 7 p.m. SHH Group - St. Mary's Hall, 250 Third St., Elyria.
- 8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball - Palmer Field.

THURSDAY 8

- 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Women's Breakfast.
- 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinocle Club.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.
- 8-9 p.m. Al-Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.
- 8 p.m. NRSL - Sr. Center.

FRIDAY 9

- Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.
- 1 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired - Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. Lorain County Beekeepers Assoc. - Agricultural Center, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria.

SATURDAY 10

- 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
- 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Adult CPR and Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

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SUNDAY 11

- 9 a.m.-noon. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Country Breakfast Buffet. Cost: adults/\$4.50, seniors/\$4, children under 10/\$2.50

MONDAY 12

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.
- 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
- 7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters - Park & Rec. Office.
- 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - At the post.

TUESDAY 13

- 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adult CPR and Community CPR - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.
- 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. Pre-School PTA - Middle School Cafeteria.
- 7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Country Council - at the post.
- 7:30 p.m. Garden Club

WEDNESDAY 14

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class.
- 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
- 5:30 p.m. Adult CPR Recertification - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.
- 7 p.m. Band Boosters - Middle School Band Room.
- 7:30 p.m. Baseball/Softball League - Park & Rec. Office.
- 7:30 p.m. Historical Society - Old Town Hall.
- 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

THURSDAY 15

- 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.
- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Lorain Cty. Gen. Health Dist. - Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Rd.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Community CPR - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 6:15 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Visit to Brecksville Hospital.
- 7 p.m. NRFL - Sr. Center.

FRIDAY 16

- Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.
- 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
- 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.
- 5 p.m.-8 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Cost: adults/\$6, children under 12/\$4.

SUNDAY 18

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. VFW #9871 Retirees/Honor Guard - Pancake Breakfast at the post.

MONDAY 19

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.
- 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball -

Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.

- 7 p.m. Alzheimers Support Group - Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.
- 7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.
- 7:30 p.m. N.R. Arts Council - First Congregational UCC Church.

TUESDAY 20

- 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adult CPR and Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.
- 6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.
- 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. Dads of Foreign Service Veterans - at the post.
- 7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting - Education Center.

WEDNESDAY 21

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class. Blood pressure check.
- 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
- 6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission - Council Chambers.
- 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.
- 7 p.m. Mini Rangers Football Boosters - South Central Park Community Cabin.
- 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

THURSDAY 22

- 8 a.m. Visitor's Bureau Committee - 34845 Lorain Rd.
- 12 p.m., Sr. Club - Sr. Center.
- 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinocle Club.
- 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- 6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting.
- 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.

FRIDAY 23

- 9 a.m. Adult CPR Recertification - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
- Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.

SATURDAY 24

- 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
- 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

MONDAY 26

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch, Computer class.
- 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Women's Open Gym Volleyball - Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
- 7 p.m. Football Boosters Club - High School Cafeteria.
- 7 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Cnt. Council

TUESDAY 27

- 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sr. Center - Book Club. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. - Watercolor class.
- 7 p.m. Survivors of Suicide and Attempted Suicide - EMH Conference Room A (8th floor).
- 7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.
- 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

WEDNESDAY 28

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch, Bingo, Watercolor class, Fishing Club.
- 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.
- 7:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission - Multi-Purpose Room.

THURSDAY 29

- 9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's and Women's Breakfast.

FRIDAY 30

- Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.

SATURDAY 31

- 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.
- 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Adult CPR and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Adult CPR with First Aid Basics - The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

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Four wrestlers head south to Columbus

By Jerry D. Dudek

Ed Haller will take the school's largest contingent to the 64th annual State Wrestling Championships this week.

A total of four North Ridgeville wrestlers qualified for the Division II State Tournament led by District champion Matt Shultz at 130 pounds. A trio of wrestlers finished third including Matt Rabung at 103 pounds, Sean Minter at 125 pounds and Greg Powell at 275 pounds.

Seniors Shultz and Minter are making their second-straight trip to Columbus. Rabung, a sophomore, and Powell, a senior, are making their first.

The four wrestlers combined for a record of 16-3 at the Galion District. Four other Ranger wrestlers failed to move on. Josh Bement, a junior at 112 pounds, was 1-2 in the District; Senior Matt Pischel, at 145 pounds, was 0-2; Brad Jarrett, a junior at 189 pounds, was injured in his first match and could not continue. Matt Hyer, a 215-pound junior, was 0-2.

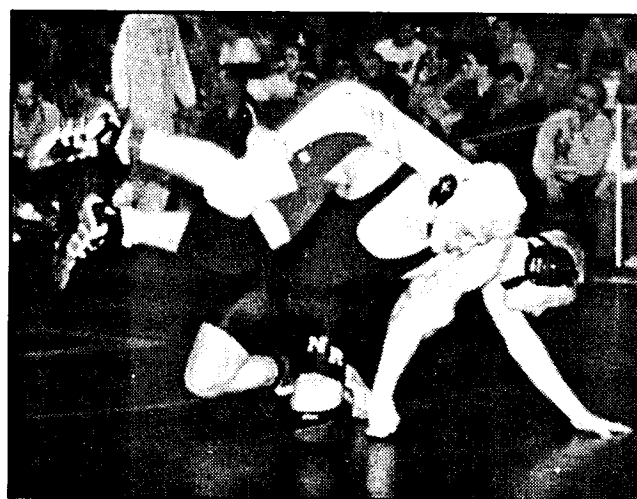
"Our wrestlers are more mature this year, they're a year older and they've gotten over the hump," Haller said in explaining why this year's team produced a record number of wrestlers qualifying for the State. "I expected to get this many down there, but they had to wrestle good enough to do it."

Haller, in his ninth season as head wrestling coach, said the program continues to improve. Continuity in coaching has something to do with it, he said, but he also credits the youth wrestling programs in North Ridgeville for feeding the varsity program with seasoned wrestlers each year. Many of the state qualifiers were products of youth wrestling programs. Haller also credits the junior high, freshmen and junior varsity programs for preparing wrestlers for varsity.

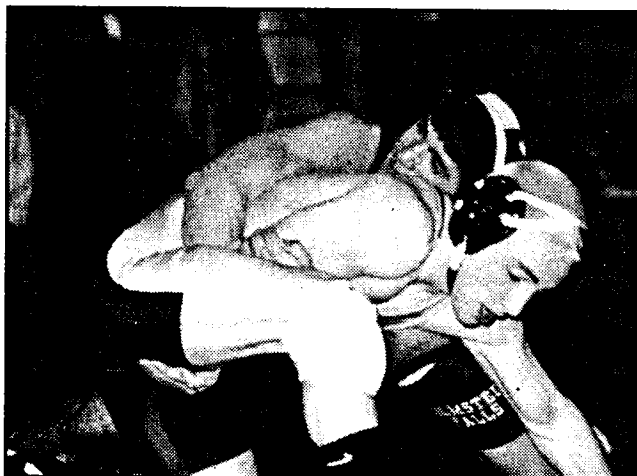
Just qualifying a quartet of wrestlers for the State will pay dividends down the road for the program, Haller said. A state champion would be even better.

"We've got some tough matches ahead of us. At this level, everyone you wrestle is better. I think all our wrestlers have a chance to place at the state," he said.

Shultz appears to have the best shot, by virtue of his District title, but he will have to go through "the fabulous sophomore" Columbus DeSales' C.P. Schlatter. He is the



Above, Mat Shultz has his way with an opponent at 130 pounds, while below, Sean Minter wins the consolation finals over Rush Williams of Olmsted Falls in the 125-pound weight class. (Photos by John Gibbs)



defending Division II champion at 119 pounds and is 44-1 on the season.

Haller feels that a foursome of wrestlers is like a foursome of golfers, it's easier to compete when there's a group.

"Having been down there before helps immensely, but it also helps to have more kids going down. You're not just taking down a loner," Haller said.

Rabung, Minter and Powell each went 4-1 in the District tournament, while Shultz was 4-0, including a forfeit by Upper Sandusky's Trey Vince in the finals.

Shultz enters the State Tourney with a 15-0 record (he was 34-3 last season). Rabung is 33-6, Minter is 34-4 and Powell is 34-2.

Pairs drawn for state wrestling

The pairs have been drawn for the 64th annual State Wrestling Tournament March 1 through March 3 at the Schottstein Center at Ohio State University.

Four North Ridgeville wrestlers will complete and all Ranger head wrestling coach Ed Haller said, have a shot at placing in the Division II tourney.

By virtue of their finishes at the Galion District, no Ranger grappler will have to face a district champion in the first round.

At 103 pounds, sophomore Matt Rabung, with his 33-6 record faces Jake Meinking, a junior from Cincinnati Purcell Marian. He has a record of 29-4 and finished second at the Wilmington District.

The winner of that match faces the winner of the Nate Lindquist-Ricky Deubel match. Deubel, a freshman, is from Kenston and sports a 32-0 record. Lindquist is a junior from Columbus Bexley and has a 35-11 mark.

At 125 pounds, Sean Minter, a state qualifier a year ago, faces David King of Youngstown Liberty. King has a 34-3 record and finished second at 103 pounds in the 1999 State Tournament. Minter, a senior, enters the State Tourney with a mark of 34-4. King finished second at the Akron Firestone District.

The winner will face the winner of the Cole Bowersock-Brandon Taylor match. Bowersock is favored after having won the Buckeye Local District. The senior was third in the state last year at 119 pounds and has a 36-4 record this year. Taylor, a junior, is 16-6 on the season.

At 130 pounds, Matt Shultz takes on Aaron Martin of Pataskala Watkins Memorial. Shultz, who finished sixth in the same weight class a year ago, is unbeaten with a 15-0 record. Martin, a sophomore, is 30-10 this season. Martin finished fourth at the Buckeye Local District.

The winner will face the winner of the Troy Fowler-Chad Turchetta match. Fowler, a senior from Springfield Northwestern, is 25-7 while Turchetta of Twinsburg, a sophomore, is 21-7.

If Shultz wins his first two matches, it appears as if he will face C.P. Schlatter of Columbus DeSales in the semi-finals. Schlatter, a sophomore, is the state's top-ranked wrestler at 130 pounds and is the defending state champion at 119 pounds. Shultz is ranked third in the state at 130 pounds.

In the 275-pound weight class, senior Greg Powell will face Mike Reeder of Kenston, a senior. Powell enters the State Tourney with a 34-2 mark. His only losses have come at the hands of Jamal Bryant of Olmsted Falls, who he wouldn't face until the finals. Reeder has a 25-9 record and finished second at the Akron Firestone District.

Rash of injuries put a damper on Lady Ranger season that started so promising

By Jerry D. Dudek

The way the injuries went for the North Ridgeville Lady Rangers this season, head coach Dave Dudik must have felt like his basketball team had the name Cleveland in front of it.

The recently completed 6-16 season had its share of ups and downs, and most of the downs were tied to a rash of injuries, which took Dudik out of his usual substitution rotation. Coming off a 4-17 season, the Lady Rangers had expected bigger and better things this year, and after six games had nearly equaled last season's win output. North Ridgeville was 3-3 when some weird things started happening.

The tallest player on the team Janelle Stamper, sprained a thumb and missed a total of eight games in the middle of the season. She went from averaging 12 points per game the first six to just six points per game at the end of the season. A foot injury also stalled her comeback. Stamper had been

hitting 50 percent of her shots from the field and 70 percent of her foul shots before she was injured.

Guard Sara Perry, who averaged 12.2 points per game, sprained her ankle midway through the season. Dudik kept the injury hush-hush, but the senior played with pain the final half of the season. She was named a second team All-Pioneer Conference player.

Then there was the story of point guard Kim Winslow. The senior broke a finger on her right hand (she's left-handed) two-thirds of the way through the season. She missed four games, then came back, only to break her left wrist when someone stepped on it during a game.

Sophomore Becky Durst played most of the season on a bum ankle, Dudik said, but gave 100 percent every game.

If those injuries weren't bad enough, the Lady Rangers lost last year's leading scorer Jenny Thompson, who transferred to Elyria Catholic at the start of the school year.

"We had everybody coming back from

last year, so we had high expectations. Then we lose Jenny and the injury bug hits us. We lost several close games by four, six and eight points. If we would have been at full strength, it may have been a completely different story. The injuries obviously affected our strategy," the head coach said.

Dudik goes with a three-player rotation at the two posts and the two guards, and rotates two players in his key defensive position. With Stamper injured, he had to call on the services of sophomore Trisha Guggenbiller to join Durst and junior Bridget Kubacki at the post position. Durst averaged 3.6 points per game and Kubacki averaged 7.4 points per game.

Winslow and Perry were sharing time with three-point specialist Sherry Workman at the guard positions. When Winslow went down for the count, instead of going to a three-girl rotation, Perry (with her bad ankle) and Workman each played 32 minutes a game. Workman did manage to break her own school record she set a year ago for three-

pointers in a season, 29. She set a school record for three-pointers (five) in a game last year. She averaged eight points per game.

Junior Jenny Corley led the team in steals and senior Liz Calamante played a key role for the team defensively.

"I thought that the kids did a good job considering all the injuries we had this season. I was pleased with the way they played. We just had a lot of fluke injuries. At the beginning of the season, even without Thompson, we had players galore. Then we lost one of our pivots and everything kind of snowballed," Dudik said.

The Lady Rangers finished the season with a 3-11 record in the Pioneer Conference. It was the fourth season in the conference, after moving from the Erie Shore Conference. Dudik said it isn't so much the change in conferences that has made things tough on the Lady Rangers--the competition is about the same in both conferences--it's just that North Ridgeville happens to be the smallest school in either league.

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head coach Dave Dudik said.

Sara Perry, an All-Pioneer Conference second-teamer, also had a strong tournament, scoring 22 points in the win over Amherst and 18 in the loss to Southview, 12 in the second half. Both Workman and Perry are seniors.

Since an injury to point guard Kim Winslow, Perry and Workman have played nearly every minute of every game. Workman's ability to hit three-pointers is notable, the coach said, because it is difficult to hit long shots when logging a lot of minutes.

"Your legs tend to get tired," Dudik said.

Bridgette Kubacki scored ten points in the Amherst game and had six against

Southview. Janelle Stamper scored eight points against Amherst.

A 28-point first quarter (it was more than the Lady Rangers had in the first half against Southview) produced a comfortable lead against the Lady Comets as the Lady Rangers never looked back. Amherst could get no closer in the second half as well as the Lady Comets were outscored in every quarter of the contest.

Only 14 first-half points against Southview proved too big an obstacle to overcome for North Ridgeville. Southview improved to 13-8 with the victory. Southview will face top-seeded Magnificat in the District semi-finals on Thursday.

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■ Lorain County Dept. of Job and Family Services, 42485 N. Ridge Rd.,

■ Elyria. Salvation Army, 2506 Broadway, Lorain.

■ Salvation Army, 716 Broad St., Elyria.

■ Palm Horizon Center, 3330 Palm Ave., Lorain.

■ Garfield Horizon Center, 205 W. 30th St., Lorain.

■ Franklin Horizon Center, 446 11th St., Elyria.

■ Eastgate Horizon Center, 336 S. Logan St., Elyria.

■ Oberlin Community Services, 285 South Professor St.,

■ Oberlin Heartland Circle, 133 Bennett, Wellington.

Lorain County residents at 200 percent of the poverty level or below may be eligible for a one-time state program, which pays 50 percent of a current fuel bill and 50 percent of a past-due bill from Dec. 1, 2000, up to a total of \$250. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$2,842 would qualify under the program.

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Obituaries:

MACKENZIE PAIGE WEESE

Mackenzie Paige Weese, daughter of Kenneth Weese Jr., of Lorain and Amanda A. Johnson of North Ridgeville was stillborn Feb. 15 at EMH Regional Medical Center, Elyria.

Besides her parents survivors include her maternal grandparents Eric and Judy Johnson of North Ridgeville and her paternal grandparents Ken Weese Sr. of Lorain and Heidi Shreffler of Elyria.

A graveside service was held at Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria, with the Rev. Bill Mullins, pastor of North Eaton Church of God officiating.

The David Bogner Family Funeral home handled arrangements.

MARY 'FRANCES' HENNESSEE

Mary "Frances" Hennessee (nee Bess), 70, of North Ridgeville died Feb. 18 at New Life Hospice Residential Center of St. Joseph, Lorain following a long illness.

She was born in Ravenscroft, TN. She had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1952 moving from Amherst. She retired from SBS Transit in 1996 where she worked as a bus aid for 10 years.

Mrs. Hennessee loved flower gardening and restoring old furniture.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Teresa Searles of North Ridgeville, two sons, Bob Hennessee of Vermilion and Jeff Hennessee of Lorain, seven grandchildren, one great granddaughter; two sisters; and three brothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fred Hennessee in 1984 and her parents.

Private services were held.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

CLARENCE L. LONG

Clarence L. Long, 65, of North Ridgeville died Feb. 21 at Holy Family Cancer Home, Parma following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Cleveland. He was a resident of Elyria since January 1998 moving from North Ridgeville where he resided for 41 years.

Mr. Long served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and also received a medal for his sharp-shooting

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Lacy successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Lacy and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Lacy spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Lacy and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

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the sewer plan. She said that since houses within 200 feet of a sewer line must tap in, she will be forced to tap in.

When Berg received a round of applause after reminding Council that they are elected by the residents and to "keep asking questions," Council President Jean Brown threatened to halt lobby if the hand-clapping continued.

Dennis Tenney said sanitary sewers are needed at the Shady Drive Baseball Complex, noting, "The current sanitation is portable-potties," at a cost of more than \$9,000, "that should have been spent on other needs at the Complex."

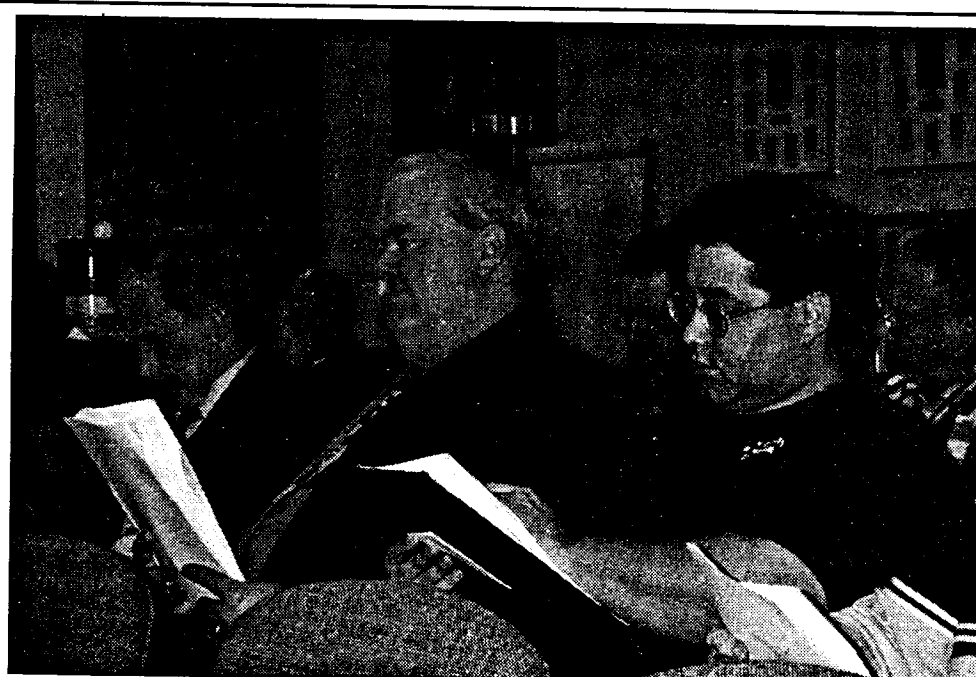
A chuckle rippled through the crowd when Parks Commission member Dennis Boose said, "I'm in favor of the Westerly Sewer...we're talking like sewers are a new-fangled invention."

James Dufala said he checked with the Ohio EPA about the city's claims that the state has "mandated" that the Westerly Sewer be constructed. He said that Charles E. Allen, environmental engineer of the Division of Surface Water for the OEPA, disagreed with the perception, however the EPA would like septic systems to be eliminated.

Though the Hedgerow Drive resident said he thinks the proposed sewer program is "excellent," he expressed concern about communication and advised city officials to provide "better communication."

Linda Dunham thanked the administration for the sewers on Bagley Road, but when she attempted to disparage Councilwoman Gail Minnick, Brown gavelled her to silence.

Realtor Jerry Canterbury reported difficulties selling homes with septic systems, stressing that they must be inspected before mortgage loans can be approved. "When a system fails, it costs \$5,000 to replace," he



Attorney Gerald Phillips, Chris Crobaugh and John Prajzner return to their seats after being gavelled out of order by Council President Jean Brown during the Feb. 20 Council meeting (P&L Klear)

said, and some sales have not gone through. "People don't want the cost of a septic system," he said.

Canterbury told Council that a public-private solution to the sewer system is a "bargain...a tremendous benefit to the city." Jeff Madisen warned that the city could lose millions of dollars if the economy slumps, or the developer goes under. "Put the risk on the developer, not on the city," said Madisen.

Otten Road resident Chris Crobaugh stated, "If sewers were such a boost to development, what happened at Lorain and Lear Nagle?" When Crobaugh began characterizing some Councilpersons as "shills of the Mayor," Brown slammed the gavel down

once again and told him to "be seated." Phillips got the same message as he attempted to speak, and Brown told him to "cease and desist."

When STAMP Chairman John Prajzner began reading reasons for the recall petition, Brown called "point of order" and said Prajzner was "attacking the Mayor," then asked, "Doesn't anyone have anything nice to say?"

As the lobby was winding down, Lorain Road resident Mary Ann Miles told Council, "I'm ashamed of what I saw. I am ashamed of each and every one of you."

At recess Phillips said he planned to contact the ACLU about what he termed "a blatant assault on the First Amendment."

4-H Endowment Board holds annual dinner

The Lorain County 4-H Endowment Board is holding its annual dinner on March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Hall on the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington. The dinner is open to the public. A silent auction and live auction will be held in conjunction with the dinner, offering a variety of goods and services.

The dinner, served by Sterk's Catering, includes a choice of chicken marsala, Swiss steak and ham. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohio State University Extension - Lorain County Office, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria or by calling 440-326-5851. The deadline for purchasing the \$12.50 dinner tickets is 5 p.m. on March 23.

Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Lorain County 4-H Endowment. The endowment was established in 1993 through the Ohio State University and currently contains \$142,693. Interest income from the endowed account benefits the Lorain County 4-H Program. The dinner proceeds will be applied to the Endowment Board's next goal of raising \$200,000 by the year 2002, the 100th anniversary of Ohio 4-H.

Sport Shorts:

The North Ridgeville travel baseball team (13 years and under) is looking for players. Anyone interested must have some playing experience.

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From the city's viewpoint the highest densities that are marketable should be their goal for the simple reason that low densities mean a low per acre tax revenue and a high utility and street cost per home as well as high per home street maintenance and snow plowing cost. PCDs by their nature achieve reasonable overall density. The 20 percent open space requirement lowers the density and results in lower infrastructure cost and maintenance by virtue of clustering homes. PCD regulations also give the city the power to judge a proposed design on its merits, which allows for different standards for different locations and terrain. This is a very important factor.

Take a look at the dollars and sense for North Ridgeville generated by a PCD called Ridgefield.

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The 213 homes have 14 children in school but pays enough school taxes to cover 129 students.

The 1,200 acres of the western PCDs will have no more than 3,500 homes. The maximum number of school-age children would be 1,400 school children. Since 1984 the school population has decreased by 1,366 children. In the past two years the city has built approximately 430 homes and the school population decreased by 27 students.

There needs to be a public outcry to stop STAMP and its continuing and illogical effort to discredit elected officials and developers and every activity and decision the majority of elected officials take. It is giving the city a "bad name" and in time could destroy the opportunities we have.

If STAMP succeeds in destroying this opportunity, it would be an economic disaster for the City. STAMP's concern regarding the issue if the builder goes broke and can't pay the assessment is groundless. The developer's land is covered by a lien or first mortgage to the City. The value of the developers' land is at least \$12,000,000 or double the \$6,000,000 owed by the developers for the Westerly Sewer Project.

A constructive and sincere questioning and discussion is healthy and deserves full airing, but continuing personal attacks do not work in any organization and have no place in a public forum. As you may be aware, STAMP is now circulating petitions for the recall of the Mayor. Please don't sign. This tactic is unreasonable, unfair and typical of the almost terrorist approach used by STAMP who is driven by hate, not the city's future. It is also a terrible embarrassment for the city.

Bob Schmitt
North Ridgeville

First Amendment rights assaulted

To the Editor:
For the past 16 years, I have represented a large number of citizen groups in northeast Ohio. I have numerous dealings with a large number of governmental agencies

over these years. But I have never experienced what I have over the past year in the City of North Ridgeville. I have never seen such an outright blatant assault on first amendment rights, one's freedom of speech, and a person's right to petition their government for redress of grievances.

The smug and arrogant attitude of the majority of council controlled by Mayor Hill, the infamous "five blind mice" is appalling and shocking. One need look no further than the court reporter issue, when Council ousted a court reporter to transcribe a meeting, a blatant violation of the open meeting laws. Further evidence occurred on Feb. 20 through the blatant unconstitutional use of the Council rules to silence three individuals who dare criticize the powers that be. This is clearly evident by Council President Jean Brown's statement after ruling out of order three individuals who criticize the tyranny of the majority. "Does anyone else have anything nice to say?" What? You can only speak if you say something complimentary?

A resident stated it very well at the previous council meeting, he talked about the tyranny of the majority, describing the abuse of power that is going on by the majority of council controlled by Mayor Hill. As was stated, this tyranny will be short-lived come November's election for council members. But the mayor will remain in office for almost three more years. The time has come to make Mayor Hill accountable and responsible for this reign of terror by the tyranny of the majority. That is why the residents and citizens of North Ridgeville have decided to circulate recall petitions against Mayor Hill.

This reign of terror by the tyranny of the majority continued at the Feb. 20 council meeting through the frivolous use of the emergency clause in an attempt to take away the taxpayers right to vote upon the Westerly Sewer Agreement and Project, and the unconstitutional silencing of critics of the mayor and her majority controlled council. Left with no alternative other than the drastic measure of a recall of the mayor, the residents and citizens have undertaken their last resort. Recall Mayor Hill.

Gerald W. Phillips
Avon

Council majority defeats right to vote

To the Editor:
The majority of North Ridgeville's City Council has abused the use of the emergency clause to defeat the residents and citizens right to vote. It was used to prevent their right to vote on the Waterbury and Meadow Lakes PCDs. The residents and citizens have been tied up in a costly and expensive legal battle over the Waterbury and Meadow Lakes referendums which they cannot afford while the Law Director chalks up huge legal fees at taxpayers expense in his efforts to prevent them from having a right to vote on the PCDs.

The difference in the effective date of an ordinance with or without the emergency clause is only 30 days. Ordinances without an emergency clause take effect in 30 days. Ordinances with an emergency clause take effect immediately. Ordinances without an emergency clause can be sub-

ject to a referendum, giving the taxpayers the right to vote on the ordinance. Ordinances with an emergency clause cannot be subject to a referendum, eliminating one's right to vote on the ordinance. The emergency clause should be used very cautiously and conservatively, for only true emergencies, otherwise the precious and sacred right to vote through the referendum process will be eliminated.

The majority of Council has once again used the emergency clauses to take away the taxpayers right to vote upon the Westerly Sewer Agreement and Project. There is no emergency. The Ohio EPA has not issued any cease and desist order, nor have they issued any citation or violation concerning the western sewers. This is a self-created emergency by the majority. The April 1 deadline in the Westerly Sewer Agreement is an arbitrary date set by the Developers to give the majority a false pretense to claim an emergency. In fact this date is automatically extended until final EPA approval is obtained for the project. What's the emergency then?

The issuer of the bonds will delay the issuance of the bonds until the expiration of the 30-day period when the ordinance becomes effective. If a successful referendum petition is filed, the bonds would be delayed until the November's general election. There is no requirement that an emergency clause must be added to the Westerly Sewer Ordinances for the issuance of the bonds. This is a legal fiction created by the majority.

The Westerly Sewer Project has been discussed for the past thirty years. There is no immediate health hazard. The Ohio EPA has not issued any enforcement orders. The November election is less than nine months away. The Westerly Sewer Project constitutes a huge expenditure of city funds, \$2.25 million, and is an extremely important project affecting the future growth and direction of the City. Why not let this major project be subject to public debate through the referendum

process. If there is nothing to hide, and it is such a great deal, then let the taxpayers and voters decide their future. It is their tax dollars at risk and at stake. Why let the tyranny of the majority make a decision, which could end up costing the taxpayers dearly.

John C. Prajzner
North Ridgeville

Asks Prajzner to use best judgment

To the Editor:
It is with sincere regret that I am forced to write a letter to the editor of our newspaper.

I have been a resident of North Ridgeville for 54 years and have never seen a small group of people, who claims to be saviors of the future of our city, disrupting the good the administration we elected into office to make our city a place we can all be proud to live in. This group calls itself STAMP. It is a disgrace to our city to tolerate the lies and innuendoes they try to spread concerning the actions of the administration you and I elected.

I cannot recall one thing constructive coming from this small group who claims to be our saviors.

I don't know where the so-called chairman, John Prajzner comes from, but he sure does not reflect a good picture of the majority of North Ridgeville citizens.

Please ask Mr. Prajzner who is paying for his attorney's fees. I will tell you, it is you and I! His attorney claims to protect the rights of the voters. Could it be that he wants to stop development in North Ridgeville so his city of Avon will develop faster and increase the value of his property in Avon?

Mr. Prajzner, please use your best judgment and break away from this leech, who is blackmailing our citizens into paying for his unwanted advice.

Earl W. Kessell
North Ridgeville

THE WESTERLY SEWER AGREEMENT A BAD DEAL FOR TAXPAYERS

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE WESTERLY SEWER AGREEMENT AND PROJECT WAS TAKEN AWAY ON FEBRUARY 20TH BY THE ADDITION OF A FRIVOLOUS EMERGENCY CLAUSE

- ❖ 27% of the total cost of the sewer project will be paid by the City. \$2.25 million dollars;
- ❖ The \$2.25 million dollars will be paid by either bonds supported by a tax increase or from funds from the City;
- ❖ All residents, those on the east side as well as those on the west side will pay directly or indirectly the \$2.25 million dollars, which won't be available to pay for other services;
- ❖ Homeowners on the west side will have to pay for sewers in the future, there will be no free sewers for them;
- ❖ In a normal development the Developer pays for all the sewers and deeds them to the City as part of the Subdivision, and passes the cost on to the homeowner, the Developers will pay only 73% of the costs of the westerly sewers, but 93% of the sewers go through their property.
- ❖ The assessments upon the Developers for the sewers will be delayed for five (5) years during this five (5) year period if the Developers go out of business or bankrupt the City will be obligated to make the payments on the debts without revenues from the assessments.
- ❖ The Developers will make millions of dollars from their developments and additional millions if the PCD's are approved.
- ❖ The City will only get the street improvement the Developers are promising, the new East-West Road, called Barres Road, if their PCD's are approved;
- ❖ The City may be obligated to pay more than the 2.25 million dollars if the Developers PCD's are not approved.
- ❖ The Developers could have paid 100% of the total cost in a separate agreement, separately agreeing to reimburse and hold the City harmless for the \$2.25 million dollars.
- ❖ The Developers did this exact arrangement with approximately 10 homeowners on Race Rd. who were assessed, but who are not going to pay the assessments. The developers will reimburse them or pay the assessments for them, holding them harmless.
- ❖ Why wasn't a similar arrangement negotiated for the City's portion, the \$2.25 million dollars?
- ❖ The mayor has been the sole negotiator with the Developers. City Council has been totally left out of the negotiations for the Westerly Sewer Agreement. The mayor's negotiations have been in non-public meetings, closed to the public, with the Developers.
- ❖ This is the same mayor who has received campaign contributions from the Developers. Who's interest was the mayor looking out for the City's or her own and the Developers?

WHAT TO RESTORE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE WESTERLY SEWER AGREEMENT AND PROJECT:
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RECALL PETITION MAYOR DEANNA HILL

The grounds for the recall and removal are as follows

Count 1: for abuse of power in conspiring to take away the residents right to vote on the Waterbury and Meadow Lakes PCD's and the Westerly Sewer Agreements by adding frivolous emergency clauses;

Count 2: for violating the spirit of the Sunshine Laws by holding secret, non-public negotiations for the Westerly Sewer Agreement without City Council;

Count 3: for the appearance and perception of impropriety and embarrassing greed in accepting campaign contributions from developers involved in the Westerly Sewer Agreement and other major developments;

Count 4: for abuse of power in unlawfully stonewalling public records requests under the Ohio Open Public Records Statute;

Count 5: for abuse of power in thwarting and opposing the exercise of the residents' first amendment rights of freedom of speech and right to petition one's government for redress of grievances;

Count 6: for abuse of power in unlawfully directing the North Ridgeville's City police to serve subpoenas upon residents;

Count 7: for abuse of power by promoting secrecy in matters before City Council through the last minute presentation of materials to City Council members;

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