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# Developer presents ideas for senior housing in North Ridgeville

By Carol Klear

Joseph Scaletta, president of Scaletta Development Corp. wants to build adult housing on one of two sites in North Ridgeville—21 acres on the southwest corner of SR 83 and Mills Road or on 24 acres located behind the David Bogner Funeral Home.

Scaletta, in presenting his proposal to the building and lands committee last week, also introduced planning David B. Hartt, who owns a consulting company in Cleveland. Hartt provided a draft on planned residential developments for seniors for the committee's review.

Scaletta stressed the difference between assisted living, which is part of a commercial health care facility, and age restricted housing, which is specifically for senior citizens.

He also noted the difference in density in assisted living units and a section like Muirwood Village, which Scaletta developed.

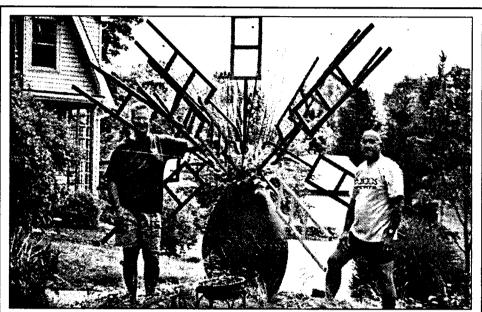
"Assisted living has 20-30 units per acre," he said. "Muirwood has eight units per acre of single story and ranch housing.'

Scaletta said if he decides to develop the Center Ridge Road property he would use Western Reserve style architecture and the Mills Road land would feature a traditional neighborhood with rear-load garages.

He said prices would range from \$180,000-\$225,000.

Councilwoman Nancy Buescher, R-1, expressed a concern that if senior housing is permitted in North

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John Knapp and Jim Zarlinga created this art piece from a huge pot they found on the street and some no-longer-used aisle markers from a supermarket, painted bright with bold colors. The two constantly add new items to the landscape of their Center Ridge Road homes, attracting the eye of passers-by. P&L photo by Carol Klear

# Schools and city going to voters for support in General Election

By Carol Klear

With the August deadline for putting issues on the November ballot creeping up, both the school board and members of council passed resolutions last week to submit levies to North Ridgeville voters in

the General Election.

Administrators will ask voters to support a 4.9-mill tax levy which will raise \$2.55 million per year for the school district, while council approved putting a 1.9mill police levy on the ballot that, if passed, will generate approximately

Hey Kool-Aid!!!

Max Whitmore, 4, buys Kool-Aid from his brother, Matt, 8, and their friend, Aaron Kloss, 8, at their stand on Birch Street. P&L photo by Shannon Fagan

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\$986,000 for operating expenses. North Ridgeville City Schools

In announcing the resolution, during the July 20 board meeting, Superintendent Larry Bowersox said the district is trying to meet its fiscal responsibility, while at the same time maintaining the "preservation of education."

Bowersox said the district is also looking to the future and trying to provide for the influx of new students that will come as a consequence of the new housing construction presently underway in North Ridgeville.

When voters rejected the levy in March, the school board put into motion the plan that had been approved in February designed to cut operating costs by \$1 million.

The initial phase of the cost-reduction plan included hiring freezes, reduction in overtime, investigating areas that could be reduced, delaying purchases and control-

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# Old cell phones give hope to people in domestic violence situations

By Melissa Linebrink

Like many cell phone users today, Mark Page was looking for an avenue to dispose of his phone, but he did not just want to toss it into the garbage. He knew there had to be an organization that could recycle the phones that would in turn help others.

He was right.

Page, who serves as the Lions' state public relations and marketing chair and is a member of the North Ridgeville Lions Club, stumbled upon Verizon Wireless's HopeLine.

opportunity

"My family was looking for a way to recycle our used cellular phones," he said. "I head about a program that helps victims of domestic violence a few years ago, so I looked them up on the web. One such program was Verizon's HopeLine."

According to Verizon Wireless representatives, HopeLine directly benefits victims of domestic violence. The company collects previously owned wireless handsets to be refurbished, recycled and/or sold with all of its profits being

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Overhead, dark, brooding clouds are gathering. Before long, raindrops begin dancing on the roof. At first it's a rhythmic tap, tap but soon the drops gather momentum and an all-day downpour takes over.

Instead of walking on the beach or picnicking in the park, the planned outdoor fun has gone indoors replaced by DVDs, a book or even a stack of maga-

That brief scenario is fictitious, but the idea comes from real life. And another reality is the cost of that afternoon of home entertainment if we were to purchase movie videos, DVDs, books or even maga-

According to a sales person at Border's Books, the average customer buys hardback books, running around \$20 apiece or \$15 for a paperback. Children are the hardest to keep occupied and the average price of a picture book at Border's is about \$15, the clerk said. And that "stack of magazines," can range from \$2 per magazine on up to \$6, \$7 or more, depending on the type. Add a couple of CDs for background music and you up the tab by \$15 per disc.

If you'd rather, pop in a DVD and let the storytelling to professionals while you lounge with a bowl of popcorn and a soda. Again, the person on the phone said the average DVD runs about \$18...and that's for one. What if you want to glaze through two

Oh sure, some people opt for renting DVDs from the local video stores. Through a couple of phone calls we learned that some outlets have membership cards, which lowers the per-visit rental price, but the average cost of a DVD is a little over \$4 and just over \$2 for a video for a 5-day rental. If the movie is a new release the price could be higher.

Obviously even home entertainment does not come without a cost.

But if those books, whether hardbound, paperback or on tape, as well as magazines, videos, DVDs or CDs were borrowed at the North Ridgeville Branch Library, the per visit would mean a swipe of a multi-colored borrower's card and that's it. And even if they're overdue, when returned the fine is minimal.

Taxpayers have invested in the almost-new library on Bainbridge Road and as investors, have a right to use any of the 80,000 materials that are avail-

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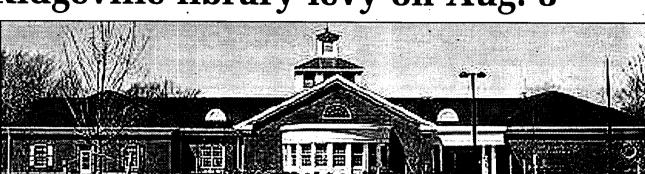
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the investment communities make in their libraries as much as the library patrons and therein lies the present dilemma, leading to the library levy on the

When North Ridgeville voters passed the original levy in 1999, the city came alive with excitement over the prospect of having a new library, after years of using other people's facilities.

Last year, as soon as the ceremonial ribbon was cut, residents streamed through the doors and were in awe of what their financial support had accomplished, including the hundreds and hundreds of materials like books, DVDs, CDs and even newspapers like the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. All of them were there for library patrons to

Wage earners count on their income to plan for the future and library officials depended on state funding to help stock and staff the brand new library. However, with no advance warning, after voters approved tax dollars for a new library and plans were in place, the state slashed the anticipated funding by almost \$.5 million per year. In addition, the 1999 levy will expire at the end of this year.

There was no choice but to return to the very people who initially supported funding a library in North Ridgeville so enthusiastically and ask their help once more.

When the levy on the March ballot was defeated. library hours were cut, as were seven staff positions.

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There were no additional purchases of books, newspaper or magazine subscriptions and books on tape It has been difficult to drive to the library to find

closed at times it previously had been open. It's not pleasant to search for a new release that should be in the library, only to learn there was no money to purchase it.

Next Tuesday, voters will have another chance to show pride in their library and support its life through the 1.91 mill-operating levy.

For just \$2 per month more than taxpayers with homes valued at \$100,000 are paying now, residents again may be able to borrow books, DVDs, CDs and even art prints, at times that are more convenient.

The future of the North Ridgeville Branch Library is critical and by passing the library levy on Aug. 3, voters will show they love their library and care about the quality of life in the community.

With no hesitation, The Press & Light endorses the North Ridgeville Library Levy and strongly urges everyone to do the same.

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MORE ON BOE.....Board members Tom Dake, his wife and his mother-inlaw were heading west to Yellowstone Park on the first day of their vacation two weeks ago when their car hit a bridge in Minnesota and rolled over. Tom said he was sleeping in the back

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seat when the accident happened and he and his wife were just sort of banged up. His mother-in-law had to have surgery. Everybody is back home now, but still feeling the effects of their misadventure and Tom still has the black and blue marks as souvenirs. Sorry you missed your vacation, Tom, but I'm glad everyone is OK.



WATCH FOR THIS....The Chamber of Commerce's new web site was expected to be ready last weekend, so don't forget to check www.nrchamber.com and learn about the chamber and the benefits

COME ON.....I got a few comments on your favorite part of the annual Corn Festival, but I can use lots more. Either write them, e-mail them or give me a call, I'll listen. The big weekend is almost here. Is everybody ready?

MORE ON CORN FEST.....Don't forget to enter your mother or a special mother you know in the Mother of the Year contest sponsored by the Mother's Club. Just write a letter explaining why the mother you've chosen should be so honored and send it to Mim Nagy, 5996 Case Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 or for more information, call Mim at 327-0066. The mother selected will ride in a horse drawn carriage in the Aug. 15 Corn Festival Grande Parade.



APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE..... Workers were out in full force at the parks and rec office on Friday morning, armed with heavy gloves and garbage bags, pulling weeds and in general cleaning up some of the unwanted foliage that crept into the garden in front of the building.

EARLY RISER .... I think I get up early to take a stroll, but last week as I headed home, I cut through the park and there was a man sitting on one of the swings near the fishing lake reading a book. Made for a very peaceful way to start the day, I'll bet.



### PRESSLINE

E-mail: I tried calling the county auditor's office at 4:25 p.m. on Friday July 17. No one was there. There was no message listing normal business hours. There was no voice mail or answering machine.

Why is it the county administration can't even put in a cheap \$20 answering machine? I'm not some large, taxpayer-paid department but I have voice mail on both of my telephone lines. It only costs a few bucks a month. I don't understand.

Caller: Although the library is an important part of every city, a school system is more important. Be careful of what you do in August, because the school levy is coming up. You can sell your house with a bad library, but you can't sell your house with bad schools. The library levy can be put on anoth-

Caller: I've been a resident of North Ridgeville for 3 years and read The Press & Light. One of the problems

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# Some inventive ways to conquer summertime boredom

Ed Kelly

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As soon as school lets out, most children envision a summer of fun days swimming in pools, playing with friends and going on family trips. However, every day cannot be exciting as most parents are working and finding activities to keep children busy at any age can become a bit of a struggle.

I give much credit to daycares and babysitters for thinking of wonderful ideas for the children, but for those who spend the summer at home with a sitter or with a parent, summer days can become very long.

Here is a list of some fun activities that perhaps when your child starts to are so many animals there to enjoy scream, "I am bored. There is nothing and learn about. Make sure you take a to do around here!" you can pick an

1. Go to Sandy Ridge Reservation on Otten Road and make sure you take a pair of binoculars. Take along a notebook to write down any animals you may see on your hike.

2. Play dress up. Ask your mom and/or dad for some old clothes and

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then act like you are going to a party. Perhaps you can even have a stereo and a few friends over for this activity.

3. Visit the Cleveland Zoo. There

4. Have a lemonade stand in your front yard or perhaps ask your neighbor who is having a garage sale if you can sell lemonade from his/her house.

5. Pick one night a week where your children think of the dinner menu and allow them to help make the meal.

> Joe Ostrica Shannon Fagan Melissa Linebrink

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6. Each week, make one day "culture day." Think of a country you want to learn more about and then go to the local library and borrow a few books. On that day, spend some time reading how people live in other parts of the world. You could even make a mobile on what the children there do for entertainment or the different foods they enjoy.

7. Plant a garden and allow your children to take care of it by planting the seeds, watering it, weeding it and picking the vegetables when they are

8. When it rains, plan for an indoor picnic, followed by a craft.

9. Write a book. Take sheets of plain white paper and fold in half. Allow your children to draw what they wish and then write what is taking place in the picture. Afterwards, make a book

10. Help an elderly neighbor with lawn work-mow their grass, trim the bushes, weed the garden or water their

plants. Elderly neighbors also love company, so perhaps just spend an hour or two with them. They can teach you a lot.

11. At night, grab a jar, poke holes in the lid and search for lightening bugs. Or, grab an astronomy book and see how many constellations you can

12. Use the Internet and look up your child's date of birth. See how many national and international events took place the day they were born, then discuss the importance of the events.

. 13. Find a musical instrument you may be interested in learning how to play and ask your parents if they know how to play it or if they know anyone who can give you lessons.

14. Grab an empty box and turn it into a puppet theater. Using paper bags, make characters and tell a story.

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### Levy should be defeated

Please accept this letter in the spirit it is sent. I know this paper supports the North Ridgeville Public Library (as does this writer, in the abstract), but I must go on record as feeling that the library levy scheduled for a vote on Aug. 3 should be defeated.

I say this not out of any enmity for the library itself, or any person working there, but because of the (what I consider to be) underhanded tactics used to place the levy on a special election, all by itself, on one day (Aug. 3).

Yes, the Ohio Revised Code allows for this, though whether it should or not is another issue. But, tactics like this utterly gut the ideas of the citizenry (electors) of a free democracy making its choices among competing interests at the ballot box.

Under (small "d") democratic theory, the electors show up on election day, and make their choices, whether on candidates, issues, or taxes, from among an array of choices presented to them via the ballot. The theory is that the electors will choose from among the available options and vote for those candidates or

with Carol Klear's stories is that she mentions various

streets in her articles and as a fairly new resident I have

no idea where these streets are located. In the most

recent addition she talks about Dyke Road and Cornell

Boulevard. I would recommend she include a map

as a new North Ridgeville resident and as a Press &

Light reader. We also thank him for taking time to call.

We agree that maps would be helpful and at times we

do include them, particularly with stories concerning

new developments. However, due to space constraints

we cannot include a map with each story. As a new

resident, perhaps the caller did not know that the

North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce has maps of

the city available at its office, which is located on

Response: We appreciate and welcome the caller

**PRESSLINE**, continued

where these locations are.

issues that they support to vote "yes" and vote "no" on those issues or taxes they do not support.

When voters make choices in that manner, and are shown on the ballot itself about what each issue will cost the voter (homeowner), they are forced to choose between competing interests. The theory is that the wisest decisions will come from such a system. But, those that have the power to subvert the democratic process in North Ridgeville have done so.

True, if the library levy is put up next to other levy issues, it might lose. But that is democracy in action. Choices.

Competing interests.

To short circuit that by a "stealth election," one issue on one day, is to subvert the process. Election professionals know that a single-issue special election will generally bring out only those supporting the issue, and the rest of the voters will ignore the special election. That astronomically increases the odds of the levy passing. That might give the library levy and its supporters a "win," but democracy loses. And when democracy loses because public officials subvert the process this way, we all lose. We lose respect for the

Lorain Road in Butternut Corners. Lorain Road was formerly called Butternut Ridge Road and certain sections are more commonly referred to as SR 10. City Hall, located on SR 83, south of SR 20 probably has maps available. as well.

To answer your original concern, Dyke Road is located at the west end of SR 20, just east of the Bob Morris dealership. Cornell Boulevard is located directly across from the driveway to the Giant Eagle parking lot.

Again thank you for calling. Your point is well taken and with all the new housing construction underway, there are probably many residents new to North Ridgeville who are unfamiliar with the streets.

E-mail from Rosemary Berg: Our city engineer stated there were rocks in the soil in North Ridgeville. When you dig on a glacial ridge what do you expect to find besides sand and rock? What good did the test borings for the sewer accomplish?

system, and ultimately, even the "winners" lose. That is because there will be a significant number of electors who wake up on Aug. 4 and find that their taxes went up in such a stealth election, and they will be mad. True, had they paid more attention to what was going on around them, they would have known what

was happening.
BUT, what the supporters of the library have done, effectively, is alienate those folks forever. The NEXT time the library needs money, it just may have to play by the (original) rules, and be only one tax item on a ballot with several, and those electors will remember how the library powers that be (and the city council)

"snuck one by them" on Aug. 3, 2004. For that reason, I sincerely hope the library levy goes down to defeat, not because the library is neither needful or deserving of the levy money, but because the tactics employed in attempting to pass the levy are very undemocratic, and for that reason alone, the supporters of the library levy should be punished by its

> Christopher J. Crobaugh North Ridgeville

### Library has value for all

To the Editor:

I appeal to all North Ridgeville voters, please vote for the library levy. It means so much to so many!

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It's a haven for the lonely, elderly people. Sundays are especially lonely for the elderly.

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Peg Hopkins North Ridgeville

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# \* Voluntary recycling in Lorain County is increasing

By Melissa Linebrink

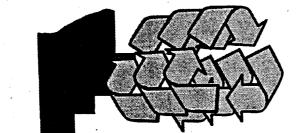
Recycling efforts in Lorain County increase every year. In North Ridgeville, an estimated 60 to 65 percent of the population recycles on a weekly basis.

Currently, recycling is on a volunteer basis, said North Ridgeville Utility Department Supervisor and Recycling Coordinator Jim Whitlock, however he envisions that down the road, it may become mandatory, like it is in California. But for now, Lorain County is not in dire need of landfill space, he said.

"It is very important to recycle," Whitlock said. "And sooner or later, I can see the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) mandating it."

According to Whitlock, he is in the process of working on receiving the city's 11th grant from the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWM). The amount of funding from this grant is usually \$75,000 and is given by the Ohio Department of Natural

North Ridgeville has also received funding from the Close the Loop Grant, a separate grant that is given to the city in which only supplies made from recycled goods may be purchased. For example, the sign at South Central Park; the message sign by the tennis courts; and the sign at Shady Drive Soccer Complex, were all pur-



chased through the Close the Loop Grant, Whitlock explained.

Money received from the LCSWM Grant is used for educational purposes, such as allowing police officers to speak to students about the importance of recycling during the school year or at Safetyville in the summer.

You have to get to the kids first because they get to the parents," Whitlock said, explaining that after a police officer speaks to the children on the importance of recycling, they often go home and notify their parents on ways to help the environment.

The LCSWM grant money is also used for recycling in North Ridgeville, such as picking up yard waste or recyclables in blue bags. The remaining grant money is allocated to picnic tables, playground resurfacing and/or

On July 24, residents of Lorain County will be able to help with the recycling efforts by taking any unneeded office or computer equipment to the Alltel Communications Service Center located at 560 Ternes Ave., Elyria between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

According to Solid Waste Specialist Dave McGuire of the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, this will be the last countywide recycling event of the year. They will take personal computers and any part that connects to them, such as monitors, keyboards, speakers, cables, circuit pieces and parts and software manuals. They will also accept fax machines and type-

McGuire said the items are then given to a non-profit organization in Cleveland that disassembles them and usually 10 to 20 percent can be remade and given to schools for a small fee. Others are broken down for their

Used cell phones will also be collected that day and once they are looked over, they will then be given to senior citizens who can dial 9-1-1 if they have an emer-

"It is immensely important to recycle and it's important for the industry as a whole," McGuire said. "As landfill space gets hard to find, it's the recycle cycle that will allow for the production of new items to take place."

# North Ridgeville resident participates in ARRL field day

The 67th running of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sponsored Field Day event was held the weekend of June 26 and 27. Thousands of amateur radio operators (also known as ham radio operators) throughout the United States, Canada and the Western hemisphere headed for the outdoors to set up ham radio equipment and antennas. The primary purpose of the event is to familiarize and provide amateur radio operators with the experience of quickly setting up and then operating amateur radio equipment should that become necessary in the event of a dis-

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Participants had roughly 24 hours to set up their antennas and equipment followed by another 24 hours of operation. During the operating period their objective was to contact as many different amateur radio stations as possible. As each station was contacted callsigns, class of operation and ARRL section state/province) exchanged. The exchanged information was carefully logged and submitted to the ARRL. The ARRL will examine all entries and compile the results in their monthly periodical QST magazine. Each station that participated will be

tions that are not regular station loca- listed along with the final score it pated in Field Day from that location. achieved.

Last year the ARRL received entries from 2,114 different operations staffed by a total of 32,824 persons. There are various classes of entry based on the number of transmitters in operation, the number of operators and transmitter power level.

Many local hams participated in various operations around the area. One was Bob Hayes (callsign KW8N) of North Ridgeville. This year Hayes elected to operate in a single operator class using three transmitters and only 5 watts of transmitter output power. He operated from the family cottage located west of Vermilion on Lake Road. This was the sixth time that he has partici-

Radio propagation conditions this year were about average and there was pleasantly less than the usual amount of static crashes from thunderstorms. Using several wires effectively strung between trees (and out into Lake Erie) Hayes made a total of 723 radio contacts (630 using Morse code and 93 on voice) with stations all across the U.S. and Canada including Hawaii, British Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. While this is a lower number of contacts than he typically makes, since he was using only 5 watts of transmitter power his final score computed to 7,465. This score is actually higher than the 5,556 with which he won this category last year.

Ever since moving to North Ridgeville almost 14 vears ago, Karen Edwards dreamed of owning a city afghan with representations of various North Ridgeville locations such as other neighboring com-

Unable to find any group offering such an item, Karen took matters into her own hands, did some surfing on the Internet, and found a company that specializes in weaving customized afghans for fundraising organizations.

Determined to make this a reality, Karen and her husband, Daryl, traveled throughout North Ridgeville snapping photos of various buildings and

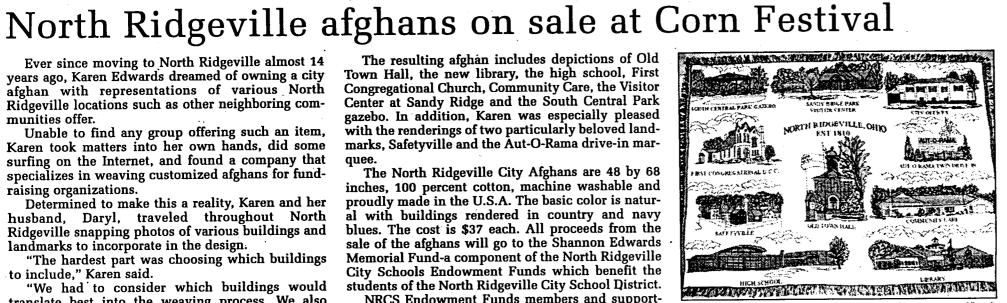
landmarks to incorporate in the design.
"The hardest part was choosing which buildings to include," Karen said.

"We had to consider which buildings would translate best into the weaving process. We also wanted to represent the various aspects that go into a community-school, church, city government, etc."

The resulting afghan includes depictions of Old Town Hall, the new library, the high school, First Congregational Church, Community Care, the Visitor Center at Sandy Ridge and the South Central Park gazebo. In addition, Karen was especially pleased with the renderings of two particularly beloved landmarks, Safetyville and the Aut-O-Rama drive-in mar-

The North Ridgeville City Afghans are 48 by 68 inches, 100 percent cotton, machine washable and proudly made in the U.S.A. The basic color is natural with buildings rendered in country and navy blues. The cost is \$37 each. All proceeds from the sale of the afghans will go to the Shannon Edwards Memorial Fund-a component of the North Ridgeville City Schools Endowment Funds which benefit the students of the North Ridgeville City School District.

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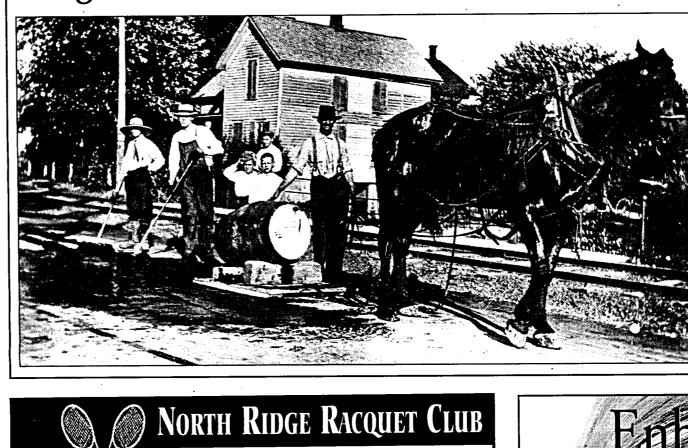


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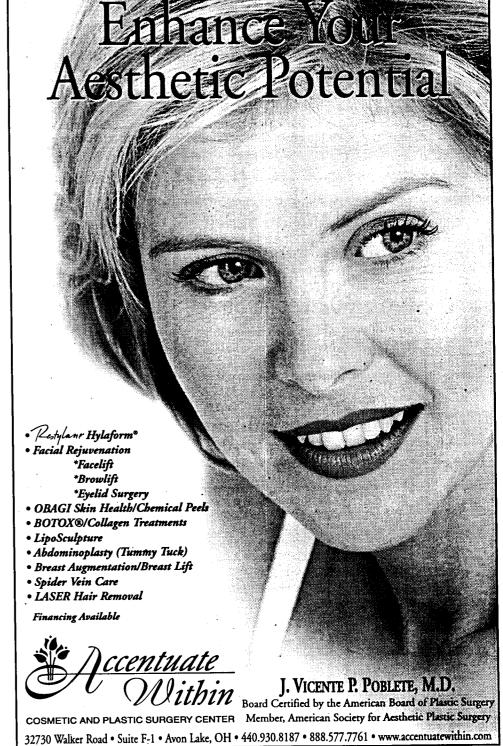
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A work crew spreads oil on Center Ridge Road in Ridgeville Township in 1915 to keep down the dust. The Burrell home in the background stood near the site of the present auditorium at St. Peter Church. Photo courtesy of the North Ridgeville Historical Society.





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Kordeck, who was born on July 4, 1924 and raised in Chicago, married Lorraine when he was 23. He met her while he was on leave and she was singing in the church

"She sang classical music and sang at St. Peter's," he said of Lorraine, who passed away nine years ago. "She

Kordeck and his family moved to North Ridgeville in 1957. He worked for a dye company that eventually moved its company to the Cleveland area. At the time, he and his wife had three young children, Fred, William (Bill) and Janet.

For Gilder, life has always revolved around North

Born May 3, 1926, Gilder remembers his mother telling him that the doctor delivered him at their house on SR 83. He graduated in 1944 from North Ridgeville High

School, which is where the middle school is located today. As a young boy, Gilder had an afternoon Cleveland Press paper route.

"The bus line is how the papers arrived in North Ridgeville. The bus came around 2:30 p.m. with huge bundles. The driver would climb on top and toss them to the ground, in front of the old general store, (near Ridge Cleaners)," he said.

Growing up, the only form of entertainment was the

"On cold, winter nights, we listened to Jack Armstrong," Gilder said.

In the past, there was a lot of fellowship around the town because there were a lot of children. Often times, Gilder could be found playing baseball during the spring, summer and fall, but when winter arrived, he could be seen on the frozen creek that runs near the middle school. "It was a big skating area where we would skate and

build bond fires near the ice," he said.

After Gilder graduated from high school, he went into the Army and was stationed in Europe with the infantry during World War II.

"I was not there very long, maybe eight months because the war ended," he said.

After Gilder returned to the states, he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Beesing. Gilder explained that he and Jean were engaged while he was in Europe, but they did not get married because there was a high mortality rate for the men who served in the Army Infantry overseas.

The couple married on Aug. 12, 1946 and they have four children, all of whom hold masters degrees.

"My wife was the instigator that each of my children

attend college and get a degree," Gilder said.

Marcia Orcutt is a professor at the University of Connecticut; Jim Gilder resides in Westfield, Ohio and teaches mass media/drama/English at Cloverleaf High School; Greg Gilder lives in Amherst and teaches computer technology at Midview Middle School; and Nancy Gilder, who at one time was in the Peace Corps lives in Denver, Colo. and works for the city's children's services

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and supplies are based on income. No one is

Kordeck remembers that in 1957, he and his wife bought their first and only house for \$18,000, and located on Center Ridge Road, near the former Webster's Restaurant. They got an acre of land, plus ducks and

"When we moved here, the Mills Creek area was owned by Sterling Mills," Kordeck said. "The area was used for farming and hunting. In fact, Mr. Sterling and Mr. Mills would close Center Ridge Road two times a day to allow the cattle to cross the road for milking. They even taught my children how to milk cows!"

Today, Kordeck, who retired in 1985 from Phoenix Dye as a supervisor, lives in the same house.

"I love it," he said with a laugh. "I think I will stay here

Remembering back to the early days, Kordeck said he bought his first car, a 1940 Chevy, for \$400. And eventually, the family had a colored television as well. When the family needed groceries, the Kordecks had to travel into Westlake and shop at Westgate Shopping Plaza.

Kordeck also remembers the time when the only light on Center Ridge Road was at the corner of SR 83 and restaurants were few and far in between.

"The big ones were in Sheffield Lake," he said. "We only went out for special occasions because we did not have many babysitters in those days."

"My mom had 10 children and my dad, who was from Poland, worked in a foundry. I do not remember my father ever taking a vacation," he said. "I would love for things to go back to when the mothers stayed home."

Gilder's life in North Ridgeville has, for the most part, revolved around family businesses.

After World War II, Gilder returned to the city and worked at his dad's car garage which was located directly across from the North Ridgeville Middle School, where

the professional office buildings are today. The first car Gilder bought was a 1937 Chevy Coup and that was the same car that he took his wife to Niagara Falls to for their honeymoon.

As for a television, Gilder told this story: "Our first house, for Jean and I, I built on SR 83. In either 1948 or 1949, the State of Ohio gave all of its soldiers some money for their time spent serving their country. I got a few hundred bucks and went and bought a black and white television in Cleveland."

After Gilder worked for his dad, Ralph, for a number of years, he went to work in a boiler shop on Race Road where he made steel tanks during the Korean War.

However, Gilder eventually found himself at his dad's car garage when his dad became ill. And when his dad died, Gilder took over the garage. But soon, Shell Gas opened a station across from today's BP Gas Station and Gilder owned and operated the business from 1961 to 1966. Eventually Shell increased its leasing fees and Gilder sold the business and went to work for Atlantic Gas, where the current BP Gas Station is today.

"With the old pumps, you had to change the gears to change the gas prices and that took 10 minutes per pump. Today, they are computerized and can be changed quickly," Gilder said. "I sold gas for 30 cents a gallon. You just can't believe the gas prices today."

In addition to working at the gas stations, Gilder served North Ridgeville as a volunteer firefighter. In 1967, the fire

department developed several full-time positions, and Gilder was one of six original full-time firefighters for the city. However, there came at time when balancing life between home, the gas station and the fire department became increasingly difficult. Gilder eventually sold the gas station and served as a firefighter. He retired from the

North Ridgeville Fire Department in 1986. Life in 2004

Kordeck, 80, enjoys spending time with his female companion friend, BJ Hrehocik. Together they cook, bowl and spend time at the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

During the school year, you can find Kordeck strolling the halls of the North Ridgeville Middle School (NRMS) where he helps handicapped students. With the help of NRMS teacher Jan Demyan and a few other people Kordeck teaches students the skills needed for bowling and Junior Olympics.

"The kids really enjoy our help and I love what I do,"

Kordeck also enjoys traveling; especially back to Chicago where he visits his siblings about three times per

"I am still a Chicago Cubs fan," he said with a laugh. Kordeck is also a member of the North Ridgeville VFW. "They are a very active bunch and very good people,"

he said of his buddies at the VFW. Like Kordeck, Gilder also enjoys traveling, especially

to Florida during the winter months. While Gilder admits to being computer illiterate, he enjoys the ability to use credit and debit cards almost anv-

Gilder said his wife is the one who uses their computer at home.

"I just stay away from it. It just does not appeal to me. I haven't had to learn how to use it and I am not going to do it. I prefer things that are mechanical or physical," he



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HOUSING, from page 1

Ridgeville, multiple housing will also have to be allowed.

"We're talking R-1 zoning," Buescher said. "If Joe builds senior housing all the other developers will build senior housing."

Hartt said that seniors want more amenities on site, yet they want the housing to be affordable.

"We can accommodate the density without increasing the impact," he said. "There will be fewer people per unit and no school age kids and still have the density."

### **CELL PHONES,** from page 1

donated to non-profit domestic violence advocacy organizations and/or for the purchase of new handsets for its victims. În 2002, Verizon gathered more than 1 million used wireless phones nationwide for the benefit of domestic volence victims, Page explained.

Upon learning the benefits of HopeLine, Page saw what he thought was a good program and took the dea to

·ling expenditures and using up to

\$500,000 of reserves to balance the 2004

Before the 2004-2005 school year starts,

further action will be taken, including

reducing building budgets for equipment

and supplies by 10 percent, eliminating

specific supplemental positions and pro-

grams, cutting high school busing and

reducing busing for elementary and mid-

School Treasurer Biagio Sidoti said the

district's fiscal year ended with a \$683,000

deficit that had to be made up by going

"Back in October or September we fore-

However, Sidoti said the deficit would

The treasurer said the board hasn't made

cast a deficit of \$636,000," he said. "We

have climbed to \$1.247 million had the

district not made the reductions that are in

any decisions on what would happen if vot-

ers turn down the school levy in November,

but he said, "The reason we're experiencing

North Ridgeville Police Department

During the July 19 council meeting, the

legislators unanimously supported going

According to Deputy Auditor Donna

Kiraly, if passed, this would be the first

"new money" for the police department

since the mid-1970s when a 1.95-mill levy was passed. However, over time, that mill-

age dropped to .46 mills. Police Chief Richard Thomas said that levy presently

generates just \$226,000 of the department's

\$3.5 million budget and the city's general

Thomas said many programs have been cut from the budget, including the depart-

ment's contribution to the Lorain County Drug Task Force and the SWAT team.

have been "more pro-active on underage

In the past the North Ridgeville police

fund supplements the difference.

to voters with a request for a 1.9-mill

this is because we're growing."

LEVIES, from page 1

fiscal year budget.

dle school routes.

into the savings account.

were in the ballpark.'

place presently.

anyone who wishes to donate used wireless headsets may do so by dropping them off at The Brickyard Café, located at the corner of Avon Belden and Sugar Ridge roads. Additionally, residents may also take any used eyeglasses and/or hearing aids to the meeting to be donated to others in need.

Law Director Andy Crites said the

issue is an age-restricted community.

developments came into play and

property had to be rezoned multi-fam-

ily, it would be necessary to go to the.

control, rather than a conditional use

in R-1," he said. "If you do it as a con-

of hand."

ditional use it keeps it from getting out

Councilman Bob Olesen R-4 ques-

tioned whether or not seniors would

support city services if the project

becomes too large, however Scaletta

members of the North Ridgeville Lions

Club. In return, at the Aug. 3 Lions Club

meeting, which takes place at 6:15 p.m.,

"You'd end up all rezoned and lose

He said if the idea of multi-family

While the headsets most likely will

still aggressive on the road, the department does not have the manpower to visit the 13-14 establishments each night as it did previously to check for underage purchases and drinking.

The North Ridgeville Police Department has 36 police officers, seven full-time dispatchers and three part-time, Thomas said. However, they are down to 34 officers because one is in the Middle East and another is on a leave of absence, though both are kept on the books, he said.

A 30-year dispatcher will retire in August. The chief said he recently hired a couple of more dispatchers, but they must be trained and then decide if they will stay. "It's a difficult job," Thomas said.

The chief said that Olmsted Falls, with a population of 7,000-10,000 has the same number of dispatchers as North Ridgeville, a community of nearly 24,000 people.

While Thomas tries to find ways of paring the budget, expenses continue to rise.

"There are more people to serve and more road miles," Thomas said. "Radio equipment needs to be replaced and the state has raised the training costs 42 percent."

The laws governing jails are changing, Thomas said. One of the new requirements is that jails are to maintain a physician, which is another expense. Thomas said he's hoping to work out a rate per call agreement.

The department has more expenses and "less money to work with," he said. Despite the shortage of funds, Thomas said the department tries to provide the necessary services and do everything it has

been doing. The police chief hopes that in November voters will realize and appreciate the importance of the department and

pass the levy. "One of the things we're proudest of is that we were named one of the top 10 communities to live in by Cleveland magazine," Thomas said, adding that he feels the police department played a big part in

the city earning that honor. "I feel you have to invest in your drinking," he said. While the officers are munity."

said that as a general rule seniors do support city services and schools.

"Seniors are savvy voters," he said. "They know that good schools mean good property values."

Andy Young, D at-large promised to keep an open mind although he said seniors in North Ridgeville tend to vote down school levies.

Buescher said she is concerned about a "lack of diversity," noting that Avon draws from a population of higher income for the Avenbury development. She also said that as a rule when a conditional use is attached to plans, "the zoning board puts it through."

not stay in Lorain County, the idea that they benefit victims of domestic violence is enough for Page and the Lions Club to bring attention to the subject.

"Statistics show that the average cellular phone user replaces the phone about every 18 months," Page said. "The Lions Club has always believed in the recycling of useful tools such as eye-

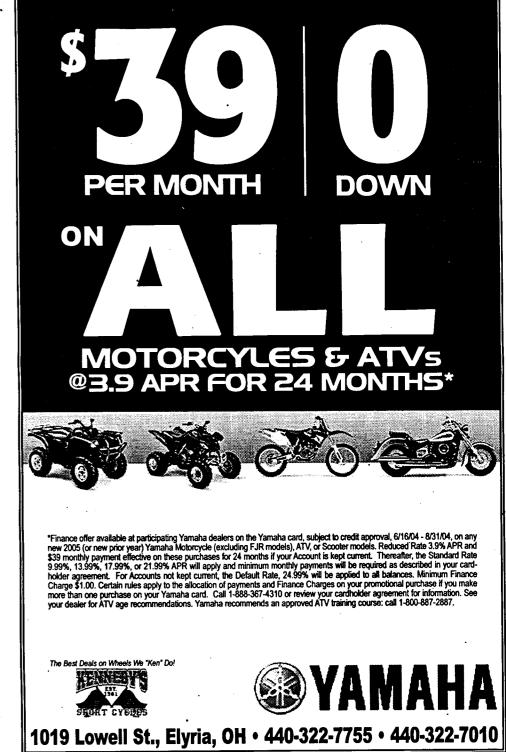
If it were necessary to go on a ballot. Scaletta said he would not have a problem, however he said, "I don't want to wait a year (for the next & General Election)." He would agree to waiting until the spring ballot howev-

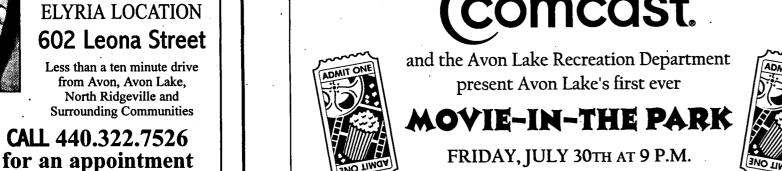
"I don't like ballot issues," Olesen

Crites said another option would be to go to the board of zoning appeals on a parcel-by-parcel request.

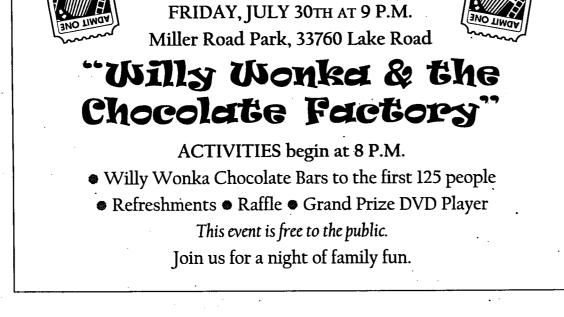
It was decided the committee would review Hartt's draft, study the issue and continue the discussion at another time.

glasses and hearing aids. I felt this could be a natural extension of those programs. These phones are placed in the hands of people who are already victims, ensuring they will have a way to dial 9-1-1 if necessary. If I knew that one of my phones helped prevent an assault or save someone's life, it would be a fan-





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Top scorer: S. Elkins (23)

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### N.R. kids soccer camp

North Ridgeville High School varsity soccer coach Dan Blagojevic, assistant coach Tony Dickson, coach Bob Harmon and returning varsity players will be holding the North Ridgeville Kids Soccer Camp Aug. 2-5 from 6-8 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Soccer Complex. The

All participants must bring a soccer ball, water bottle, cleats and shin guards. Cost is \$15 a day or \$40 for the week. Make checks payable and send to Dan Blagojevic, 35879 Mildred Street, North Ridgeville, 44039, Call 327-0959 to email blago4@juno.com for more informa-

inning after a North Ridgeville throwing

game," Harnish said. "I can't fault the

defense. Just three errors for 14 year-olds

is pretty good and I can't fault the pitch-

ing. The bats that were usually generat-

ing a lot of runs were held in check. They

"That was the difference in the ball

clinic is open to boys and girls ages 5-14.

**Baseball tournament** The Sheffield-Sheffield Lake

error to first.

hosting their sixth annual Boys of Summer Tournament Aug. 7. This is an open tournament for ages 12 and under and 10 and under. Existing teams or newly formed teams are welcome. Entry fee is \$175. For more information or to register your team, contact Bill Collins at (440) 949-5387 or Tom Surface at (440) 949-

also went 2-for-3. Kyle Beaune (three

walks, one double, one run) and Kyle

Houser (1-for-3, one run) were the only

district runners up in six years," Harnish

said. "Every other year we're the district

runners up. We just can't get over that

hump to get to the regionals. We had a

good run. We ended up 13-6 so it was a

"This is the third time that we've been

other players to get hits for Ridgeville.

Youth Baseball Association will be

### NRFL golf outing

### The North Ridgeville Football League will be hosting a golf outing and steak fry (beer and soft drinks provided) July 31 at Pheasant Run Golf Course, 711 Pheasant Run, LaGrange. Events include skins game, closest to pin, door prizes and a chance to win a car. Four-man scramble and registration takes place at 7 a.m. Cost is \$60 per player of \$230 if registered as a foursome. For more information or

### HOT STOVE, from page 10

### one double, five RBI and two runs. Nick Procacinni finished with one hit, an RBI, two runs and two walks. Marinkov finished with two hits, one double, one RBI and a walk. Matthews recorded a double, one run and one walk. Mason Gross finished with a double and two runs. Michael Sycz (one run), Brandon Asp (one run, one walk), Grazetti (one RBI, one run, one walk), Nathan Alpine (one run), Brandon Mandell and Paul Mazzeo also contributed to the victory.

Marinkov said he was proud of his team, who finished with a 16-6 record, and the improvement they showed as the tournament went on.

"They played well the whole season," he said. "We had two bad games the whole year. Right now we're at an all time high with confidence."

scheduling, he said it will all be worth

if it helps North Ridgeville become

acknowledged as one of the premiere

"It's one of those things you have to

**WSC,** from page 10

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out to be a three base error that led to a

# After Halls tied the score in the top of

# do to be recognized by outside groups,"

he said. "We want to be looked at as a great department with great teams. We want people to enjoy their time at North Ridgeville and hopefully it will be

### within 3-2 in the fifth inning, Fechko Halls falls to Litchfield scored an insurance run in the sixth

In a makeup game for the F2 (13-14) district finals on Tuesday, Litchfield Fechko knocked North Ridgeville Halls out of the tournament with a 4-2 victory. Despite Sean Harnish's one earned run, seven-strikeout performance in six innings on the mound, Halls suffered the

"Sean pitched a marvelous game and gave up one earned run but two errors were the big difference," Halls coach Bill

Litchfield went up 1-0 in the second inning after an outfielder re-injured a finger that had been operated on recently when a fly ball was hit to him. It turned

the third inning, Litchfield jumped up 3-1 in the fourth inning. After Halls pulled

something that they will want to come back to year after year."

### pitched really well and we didn't hit." Ieff Hammond led Halls' bats going 2for-3 with one double. Jeremy Gaddis big thing."

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# TIME OUT

# Men's basketball tourney kicks off Thursday

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By Joe Ostrica

tournament.

back innings."

The terrific run by North Ridgeville

A&I Insulation in the Lorain County

District Hot Stove State Tournament

ended Sunday in a 13-3 loss to

Vermilion Aramys in the G Class (11-

12-year-olds) regional championship.

The Division III A&I Insulation was the

team that refused to quit and upset sev-

eral Division I teams along the way,

making them the surprise team of the

Insulation put together another exciting

rally to knock Kent Evergreen Buffet

Storm out in the regional semi-finals in

an 11-10 thriller on Saturday. Kent fin-

A&I Insulation head coach Steve

Marinkov said after beating Kent.

"When you win five or six in a row l

think it's legitimate. They showed a lot

of heart and came back again in back-to-

three innings, Ridgeville scored six

runs in the fourth inning to go up 7-6.

After Kent scored three more runs to go

back up 9-7, A&J Insulation rallied

again with four runs in the top of the

tom of the seventh inning to pull with-

in 11-10. Soon after, Ridgeville's

Anthony Grazetti was brought in to

pitch with one out. After Grazetti struck

out a batter, there were two outs and

runners on first and second. Marinkov

decided to make a gutsy move by inten-

tionally loading the bases with Kent's

next batter. The plan worked as

Ridgeville made an easy out at first base

got great control," Marinkov said.

"We brought Grazetti in because he's

Even though we took out Nick

(Marinkov), who throws harder,

to seal the victory.

Kent added another run in the bot-

seventh inning to take an 11-9 lead.

Falling behind 6-1 after the first

"At this point I think we belong,"

ished the season with a 16-9 record.

Before their loss to Vermilion, A&I

Joe Ostrica

premiere league of Lorain County will have eight teams battling it out over the next two weeks. The team that wins three games will take the title.

If you go by records and final scores, it appears top seeded Buckets (11-0) should take the crown. Their roster features some of the best players to come out of North Ridgeville in the past two years, including Andrew Rothacker, Adam Montgomery and Ryan Schroeder. Avon's Steve Vega, who was crowned Mr. Basketball in 1998, is also on the roster, as is Phil Argento, Christian Krutowskis and Jon Montgomery

Although Buckets has beaten their last four opponents by an average of 23 points, they squeaked by the Blazers with a 62-60 win in the league's first week. They will likely face Straight Ballers (1-10) in a 6:15 p.m. first round

matchup tomorrow. Dynasty, who is seeded second with a 10-2 record, will probably face Has Beens (2-10) in the first round at 7:15 p.m. Dynasty features former NRHS standouts Josh Rigsby and Bobby Elkins and Admiral King graduate Robert Walton. They're getting hot at the right time, winning their last three games by an average of 30 points, with hopes of knocking out Buckets in a potential championship matchup.

The two teams that look to be the spoilers in the tournament are the Blazers and Thunderbirds, who are tied for the third seed with a 7-4 record. Their matchup on July 27 (after P&L deadline) is crucial. Whoever loses will take the fourth seed and will likely have to face Buckets in the second round. The winner will be seeded third and probably square off against Dynasty in the second round. Dynasty would probably like to face the Thunderbirds, especially after they defeated them 75-47 on July 15. The Blazers gave Dynasty trouble on July 22 before Dynasty pulled

The Rangers (4-8), which is comprised of NRHS' upcoming varsity squad, should take the fifth seed. A young team with just one returning senior that played varsity last year, the Rangers will face whoever lands the fourth seed at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow.

Although they've only won a third of their games and are inexperienced compared to the players they face in this league, the Rangers have played competitively. They fell to the Thunderbirds 56-50 last week in a close contest Senior Anthony Lavelle, who emerged as an outside scoring threat on last year's JV squad, finished with 23 points. He knocked down five triples in the first half en route to 19 first-half points.

Josh Logan and Jordan White can be a powerful presence inside. With Mike Nelson running the point and Lavelle continuing his hot streak from outside, the Rangers could pull off an upset.
If they do, they'll have the Buckets

waiting for them. pressostrica@hotmail.com

### North Ridgeville adds tournaments, prepares for WSC By Joe Ostrica The move from the Pioneer Conference to the newly formed West

Shore Conference is still one year away, but that hasn't slowed North Ridgeville High School athletic director Jeff Schultz down from preparing for the big switch. The Rangers are lining up to host several tournaments and become a major presence in the WSC.

"We're trying to become a force with an athletic department and an athletic program that is recognized," Schultz said. "One of the ways to do that is to put on some tournaments that a large number of people from outside the area will attend and enjoy their experience at the high school, the competition and just enjoy being here watching good high school sports and activities. People will begin to know who you are and recognize that you have great sports, great athletes and great coaches.

One of the first events Schultz began planning in October of 2003 was a wrestling tournament, which will take place near Christmas and feature Cleveland Central Catholic, Lakewood, Lutheran West, Midpark, Open Door Christian, Orange and Valley Forge.

"We've got a great wrestling program," Schultz said. "We've got some talented wrestling coaches and they wanted to try to bring something here. I said, 'Sure, we'll do it. We've had good wrestling teams over a long period of time. Why shouldn't we host something?' We got some teams together and we're going to host an eight-team tour-nament. The goal is to make this an ongoing event every year around the

Another holiday tournament NRHS is preparing to host is for the boys bas-



Local teams end impressive runs in Hot Stove tourney

five RBI and two runs. P&L photo by Joe Ostrica

that last batter because we played the

percentages and said we'll make them

put it in play and we've got a force out

at any base. They needed two to beat us.

One and we're tied so we banked on it

the early going when A&J Insulation

gave up six unearned runs in the first

two innings. Chris Matthews struck out

eight batters in four innings and

Marinkov struck out two in two and

very well considering all the errors we

gave up, which was very uncharacteris-

how Ridgeville remained focused and

managed to rally. When they were trail-

ing 9-7 entering the top of the seventh

inning, A&J Insulation was in a crucial

point with one runner on base and two

outs. They proved how tough they were

"Chris. Nick and Grazetti pitched

What was more characteristic was

one-third innings.

tic," Marinkov said.

Things weren't working so well in

Gabe Cintron's (batting above) patience at the plate paid off for North Ridgeville A&

Insulation in their game against Kent. He finished 4-for-4 with two triples, one double,

Anthony throws strikes. We walked in the clutch as the next five batters

ketball team beginning in the 2005-06 season. Because Midview and Vermilion will become conference opponents for NRHS in the WSC, the Rangers and Sailors will no longer play in Midview's annual holiday DiFranco Tournament. This past spring, Schultz and varsity head coach Mark Rechin thought a tournament with current PC rivals Midpark and Valley Forge, along with Gilmour Academy, would be a good solution.

"Coach Rechin and I were talking about it for a number of months before March to form a tournament to replace our commitment to the DiFranco Tournament," Schultz said. "It took a while to get the teams and we finally got all the contracts back to set that up. That should be a very competitive tournament. You've got three schools (NRHS, Midpark, Valley Forge) that are all approximately the same size with Division I basketball teams. Gilmour is a smaller school from the east side but they're usually a very competitive team and their goal was to play some big schools. We're just looking for a competitive tournament."

With that tournament a year away, the West Shore Preview for the boys and girls basketball teams is set to take

place this year right before the season kicks off. Teams will play a quarter of a basketball game with other teams from the WSC. Because the boys play Bay and Midview and the Lady Rangers play Vermilion and Midview during the regular season, they will not play those teams at the preview. The boys preview will be at Avon and the girls preview

reached base and three scored to take

"It's never over until it's over," Marinkov said. "At this level if it's a

passed ball or somebody gets hit with a

I try to tell the kids is put it in play and

let them beat you. Make them throw

The base running was key as

"We got behind the eight ball when

Ridgeville managed to steal home twice

we gave up all those unearned runs so

we had to steal some runs," assistant

coach Noel Cintron said. "I told them

you've got to be there on passed balls.

You have to beat the pitcher and that's

offense, batting 4-for-4 with two triples,

Gabe Cintron led Ridgeville's

SEE HOT STOVE, page 11

you out. It's been great all year."

in the seventh inning.

what they did."

all, you never know. The biggest thing

the lead for good.

"One of the things we wanted to do in the early stages of planning the WSC was try to play the other schools as independents in as many sports as possible," Schultz said. "That way parents could get used to going to those facilities. Coaches and parents will get to know each other and the new surroundings. We're trying to do that anytime we can. If you look at our schedules for this upcoming year, you'll see a lot of crossing over of playing teams that will be in our conference next

According to Schultz, NRHS is planning on hosting a cheerleading compe-

tition for the WSC this November. "While putting together the new conference, there was nothing for the cheerleaders as a competition," he said. "In the Pioneer Conference the cheerleaders had something so we wanted to continue that. There will be a West Shore cheerleading competition. Hopefully we can get it together for this year and every year after that. I believe we have a large enough facility to host it. Hopefully we can run it well and fair and the kids and cheerleaders can get excited about it."

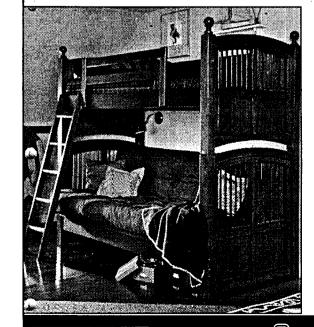
Although Schultz has been preoccupied with all of this planning and

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Christine T. Dunson received a bachelor's degree in communication from Capital University in Columbus on May 8. She graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 2000 and is

the daughter of Robert and Kathleen

Christina Marie Neidert was inducted into the Phi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Lorain County Community College. Neidert, a sociology/social science major, is the daughter of Henry and Mary Neidert of North Ridgeville.

Robert Dunham, son of Ed and

# Workshop at CornerStone Academy

CornerStone Academy will present a workshop "Are you Raising a Reader?" Parents will receive suggestions on how to raise a good reader.

There will be a question and answer session. A librarian from Elyria Public Library



will have ideas and books for children who do not like to read. The workshop will be held Aug. 3 from 7-8 p.m. at CornerStone Academy, 624 Dewey Ave., Elyria. Call 323-5777 for

Ask Dr. Arndt By: Scott W. Arndt, D.D.S.



# **ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH**

What should I be watching for in regard to my teenager's oral health?

The adolescent years are challenging in many ways. Not the least of which is keeping your youngster's mouth healthy. Periodontal disease—gum disease, in other words—is not a problem that afflicts only adults. It can occur in teenagers as well. In fact, it's estimated that three-quarters of 13 to 17 year-olds have gums

A thorough regimen of brushing and flossing and a proper diet are important foundations for oral health during the teen years. You need to emphasize this to your child, telling her to brush thoroughly after every meal, whenever possible, and to floss daily. Busy schedules and school activities encourage snacking by many adolescents. Doing your part to keep them on a healthy diet may help take the edge off a teenaged appetite and help minimize snacking.

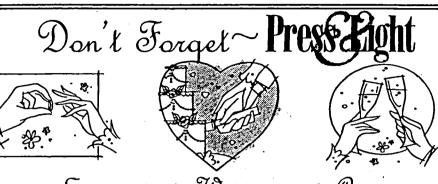
Another challenge that affects adolescents is keeping their teeth clean even hough they may be wearing braces or other custom-made appliances. If that's the case with your teenager, remind him to be particularly careful to clean all the places where food particles can accumulate. It may be difficult now, but your child vill thank you later for your attention.

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Debbie Dunham, of North Ridgeville graduated summa cum laude from Bowling Green University on May 8 with a degree in marketing and accounting. He graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 2000. While in college he received the 2004 Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key as the NFO in Northwood, Ohio as the Visa

cumulative academic average. Dunham is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society for AACSB Accredited Business Programs. He is employed by TNS graduating senior with the highest marketing project director.



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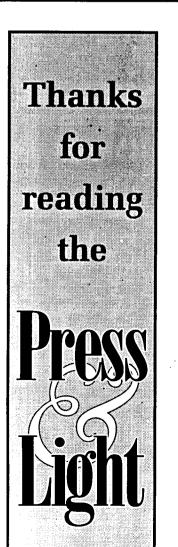
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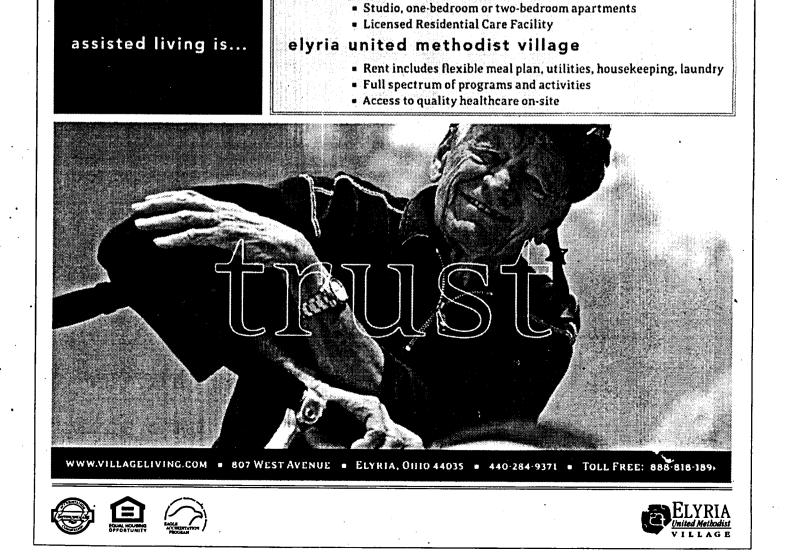
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6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting class-Senior Center multipurpose room.

Friday

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

Noon, Rotary Club-Senior Center.

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

Saturday

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center multi-11 a.m.-1 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safety Building.

Sunday

9 a.m. Food Addicts Anonymous-St. John West Shore 7-8 a.m. Kiwanis Club-Community Care.

Hospital, bldg. 2, auditorium A. Call Gloria at 327-9492 or Kay at 960-5384/info.

Monday

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft group, quilting-Senior Center. 12:30-2 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings-St. John West Shore Hospital Community Outreach Center, bldg. 2. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Computer class, scanner 1-Senior Center. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" Support Group-Harvest Life Bereavement Center, 5255 N. Abbe Road, room CC114, Elvria. Call 934-1482/info.

7-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" Support Group-Harvest Life Bereavement Center, 5255 N. Abbe Road. Room CC114, Elyria. Call 934-1482/info

7 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group-Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.

7-8:30 p.m. On Target fencing-Senior Center multi-purpose

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. PTA Council meeting-middle school. Noon, Senior Club-Senior Center.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Body Sculpting class-Senior Center multi-

6:30 p.m. Lions Club-The Brickyard Café.

7 p.m. TOPS Club #656-N.R. Baptist Church, 5400 Lear-Nagle Road.

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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class-Senior Center. 1 p.m. SHHH Group-Hearing Impaired Services of Lorain County-1917 North Ridge Road, Lorain.

5-6:30 p.m. Isshinryu Karate-Safetyville building. 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers-First Congregational Church, 36363 Ridge Road.

8 p.m. Hot Stove baseball meeting-Palmer Field.

LIFESTYLES

### ANNIVERSARY

### Bob and Kathleen Forthofer celebrate 50 years

Bob and Kathleen Forthofer will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Aug. 7, 2004. They were married at St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville in

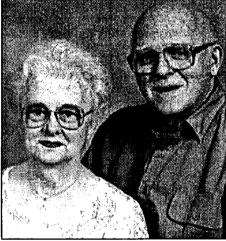
They are the parents of seven children, Beth, Amy, Eric, Jo, Meg, Kris and Paul. They have 18 grandchildren

and three great-grandchildren.

Bob retired from real estate in La Grange. He served during the Korean War and belongs to the La Grange Lions

Kathleen taught school for 17 years. changed careers and retired after 20 years from nursing on the psyche unit at Elyria Memorial Hospital. She is the spiritual director for St. Peter's Mother's Club and the spiritual advisor for NAMI. She is a "storyteller" who belongs to WRAPPS.

The Forthofers volunteer at the North Ridgeville Community Care and for children's activities at St. Charles School. They enjoy spending time with their family, friends and community.



Kathleen and Bob Forthofer

They are among the original members of St. Julie's Parish in North Ridgeville.

The couple will celebrate with a family reunion to be hosted by their daughter Meg Obringer at her home in Auburn Township.

Junior pony camp A junior pony class will be held Aug.

ages 2-6. The cost is \$30.

4 and 11 from 3-3:45 p.m. for children

N.R. Parks and Rec events

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Magic show

N.R. branch library events

The Junior Corn Festival Committee

Magician Jim Kleefeld will entertain

with authentic period of magic from the early 1800s at a "Magic of the Pioneer

Era" program on Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. at the library. The magic show is for all ages,

and will wrap up the library's "Discover

New Trails" summer reading program.

For more information, call the library at

Register at the parks and recreation

office or call 353-0860 for more infor-

will meet July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the

A pony class will be held on Wednesdays, Aug. 4-25 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for children ages 6-12. The cost is

Escape school

A free safety program for children 5 and up will be held Aug. 19 at the Senior Center from 6-7 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. Intro to scrapbooking

An introductory scrapbooking class for adults will be held Aug. 21 from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center. Learn the basics of scrapbooking and how to get started for a cost of \$11. Bring 10 pictures to make your own starter page.

**Adult CPR** 

An American Red Cross Adult CPR certification course for ages 14 and up will be held Aug. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class will be held at the North Ridgeville Library. The cost is \$37. Register by calling the American Red Cross at 324-2929.

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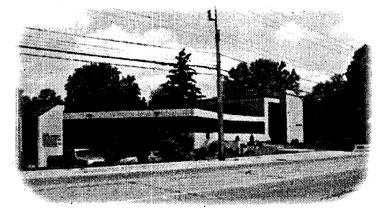
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### **OBITUARIES**

### Karen Lee Schoerverth

Karen Lee Schoerverth, (nee Triplett), 61, of Frostproof, Fla. and formerly of Elyria, died July 13, 2004, at Heart of Florida RMC, Haines City, Florida following a long illness. She was born in Masontown, Pa. and

had been a resident of Florida for the past year after moving from Elyria where she spent most of her life. She previously lived in North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Schoerverth enjoyed crafts, flower gardening, camping and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 43 vears, Richard: sons, Richard Ir. Of Polk City, Fla., and Robert and Thomas both of Elyria; daughters, Bonnie Kuzak of Wellington and Dawn Ergh of Brunswick Hills; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Burnsworth of North Ridgeville; brothers, Fred and Ronald Triplett both of Elyria.

Preceding her in death were her parents Frederick Triplett Sr. and Alberta Triplett-Beach.

Arrangements were handled by David Bogner Family Funeral Home, North Ridgeville, where services were held July 19. The Rev. Henry Baum offi-

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ciated. Burial was in Resthaven Memory

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Bart Fiori, 62, of North Ridgeville, died suddenly July 19, 2004, in St. John West Shore Hospital, Westlake. The coroner will rule on the cause of death.

He was born June 24, 1942, in He served in the U.S. Navv in the

Vietnam War. Mr. Fiori, a musician, enjoyed boating, painting, music and riding motor-

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (nee McGrane); sons, Nicholas Fiori and Todd Fiori, both of Detroit; daughter, Michelle Murphy of Detroit; and one

Arrangements were handled by Jenkins Funeral Chapel, 2914 Dover Center Road, Westlake, where services were July 22. Deacon David Kinzel offi-

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Ridgeville, formerly of Elyria, died July 18, 2004, at Manor Care of North Olmsted, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 8, 1919, in Ajo, Ariz., and moved to Lorain County in 1947 from Columbia, S.C.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Rivera was employed at the former Harshaw Chemical Co. in Elyria for 20 years as a chemical worker before retiring in 1982.

He was a member of American Legion Post 12, Elyria, and was an avid

Survivors include his son, Paul Rivera of North Ridgeville; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and two brothers.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Elizabeth H. "Betty" (nee Rackley), in 2000; son, Ronald Rivera, in 1987; and three brothers. Services were held July 21 at Bauer-

Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria. There was no funeral home visitation. Memorial contributions may be

made to Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland 44120.

**Beverley K. Sallay** 

Beverley K. Sallay (nee Sales), 62, of Strongsville, formerly of North Olmsted, died July 19, 2004, at her home, following a brief illness.

She was born in Easton, Pa., and lived in the Strongsville area for many

Mrs. Sallay was a business education teacher who had taught at high schools in North Ridgeville, Elyria and Parma and was an instructor for the Transportation Communications Union.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women and enjoyed reading.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, James E. Sallay; sons, Brian Scott Sallay of Portland, Ore., and James E. Sallay of North Ridgeville; brother, Edgar T. Sales Jr. of Easton; and one

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edgar and Gladys (nee Smith)

Arrangements were handled by Bauer-Laubenthal Funeral Home, Elyria, where services were held July 22. Daniel Reinke of First Methodist Church, Elyria, officiated. Burial was in North Ridgeville Cemetery.

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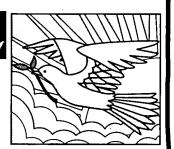
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By Carol Klear

### Root Road a target

On July 18 at 4:12 a.m. a Root Road resident reported a motor vehicle had been stolen; at 9 a.m. a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Root Road and at 2:53 p.m. there was a theft from another vehicle on Root Road. On Press & Light deadline, no one had been arrested for the thefts.

### Cracking up

Officers went to Club 20 on Center Ridge Road concerning criminal damaging to a mirror.

### Bring it back

A three-wheeler was reported stolen on SR 20.

### How nasty

A Jaycox Road resident reported the theft of patio furniture.

### **Unruly juvenile**

The police were called when a juvenile subject refused to come out of the house and go with his father. The subject even-

tually did come out and go with his father, but was also referred to juvenile court.

### No window service for you

McDonald's Restaurant on Lorain Road called police about an irate customer at the drive-thru window.

### Too young for booze

A 19-year-old male was arrested for underage consumption as he was walking on the north end of Wallace Boulevard.

### Drinking and driving

A subject called police on a cell phone to report seeing a driver on Race Road drinking beer. The caller followed the vehicle to a business and waited for others to arrive. Police found two males in the vehicle with open beer containers, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

### Smoke; no fire

Firefighters went to a reported car fire in a parking lot on Lorain Road. There was no fire, but there was smoke coming from the engine, with the possibility of a mechanical fire. The owner had the car towed.

### **House fire on Root Road**

Firefighters were called to a Root Road home for a fire at a ranch home. Light smoke was seen in an open garage on the south side of the home. The owner said all occupants were out 🛱 Firefighters entered the garage and found heavy black smoke in the hallway off the garage. There was fire in the southwest corner of the bedroom involving a dresser and surrounding wall 8 panels. The fire was extinguished and the bedroom vented. On investigation, the assistant fire chief found that the fire might have originated from an overloaded, defective electrical connection to a power strip. The extension cord was melted. Attic insulation was charred.

### **Transports**

The North Ridgeville Fire Department made 25 squad runs from July 15-23. There were 10 runs to St. John West Shore Hospital, 24 to EMH Regional Medical Center and one to Lakewood Hospital. There were 11 "no transports."

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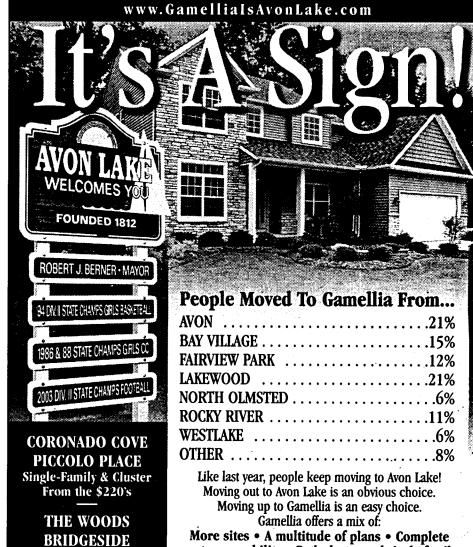
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