

# NORTH RIDGEVILLE

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# Review

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## One Vision, One North Ridgeville

The City of North Ridgeville and North Ridgeville City Schools have partnered to address long-standing needs in our community. This November, two issues will appear on the ballot for consideration by voters:

- Issue 6. A bond issue to fund a new high school, an elementary school, dedicated space for Ranger High Tech Academy, a performing arts center and a transportation and maintenance facility; and

- Issue 28. An income tax levy to fund a community center attached to the high school containing recreation facilities including a field house with indoor track, aquatic center, fitness center and a senior center.

**These two issues must both pass to realize this plan.**



### Key Components

City and school partnerships of this nature have been successful in many Northeast Ohio communities. View our Vision Boards to see real world examples of the types of facilities made possible through collaboration.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** To replace North Ridgeville High School will allow for the continuation and expansion of programming. Built in the 1960s, NRHS is currently well over its designed capacity.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** To replace Liberty Elementary. This new K-3 building would allow for full day kindergarten to be offered to all students, allow for the expansion of PK services while providing space for future growth.

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:** A new performing arts center will allow for an arts expansion and performing space that doesn't currently exist in the city. This space will serve both the needs of the district as well as the City of North Ridgeville as a whole.

**COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER:** A new community center, fitness facility and senior center will provide opportunities between the schools and community. Additionally, the community center will have rooms available for many groups.

**FIELD HOUSE:** A field house with an indoor walking track will provide opportunities for both the community and schools to practice and exercise. A shared facility reduces costs while providing the opportunity and flexibility to expand year round offerings.

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### WHAT COULD THE NEW FACILITIES LOOK LIKE?



To learn more about the project visit:  
[www.NRCS.net](http://www.NRCS.net) • [www.NRidgeville.org](http://www.NRidgeville.org) • [NROneVision.com](http://NROneVision.com)

## Rangers Off to 4-0 Start, Best Since 2009!



Quarterback Brendan Watchorn looks down field with protection from Mitchell Waugaman (62).

The North Ridgeville High football team is young. But the Rangers are also rough and ready and they have put together a 4-0 record to start the season.

The Rangers have beaten North Olmsted, Valley Forge and Normandy in non league play and opened Southwestern Conference action with a resounding 34-3 win at Amherst last Friday.

The 34-21 win over North Olmsted made a statement and started the momen-

tum for the season. The Rangers were determined to atone for a losing season in 2021 and weren't about to go into 2022 as a bunch of nobodies! Led by freshman running back Zach Barnhart, who picked up 101 yards on 21 carries, the Rangers were off and running. Evan Monter was right behind with 69 yards on 11 carries.

In a 21-20 win over Valley Forge in week two, Ridgeville battled back from a

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## The 21st Annual North Ridgeville Skunk Fest

One and all were welcome at the 21st North Ridgeville Skunk Fest held at South Central Park on Saturday, Sept. 10.

What is a Skunk Fest? A friendly gathering for skunk lovers and skunk owners from everywhere to share some fun and discussions about skunks.

All were welcome (although you did not need to be a skunk owner to attend)! Many brought the family to this totally unique event.

It's a day of fun contests, the crowning of the Skunkfest King & Queen as well as Prince & Princess. Plus, there are vendors, other contests, food stations and all around skunky fun in the name of fundraising for the Skunk rescue group, Skunkhaven.

Skunks, says the group, "Are unusual, funny, amazing, friendly animals that just have a bad reputation. Most complaints

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**As cuddly as a teddy bear...**

Skunks of all shapes and sizes made for a fascinating day at the North Ridgeville Skunkfest held Saturday at South Central Park.

# The 21st Annual North Ridgeville Skunk Fest

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about skunks are attributable to rumor and falsehood, and a pungent defensive weapon. Skunks learn quickly and remember well, especially when it comes to food, this often leads to “repeat offenses” and more bad press.”

There are all kinds of skunks. You could have seen skunks

in the colors of Apricot, Lavender, Brown and more at the Fest. Folks were happily displaying their stinkers, although all the skunks at the Fest were deodorized. This seems to be one of the priorities for a skunk looking to achieve pethood. People cuddle their skunks, hold them up to their faces and even kiss them (although we were afraid to look). There was no evidence of malodorousness, and all of the skunk owners appeared to be normal people, with none



*Pet skunks are not the stinkers that you think...*

appearing to be “drunk as...”

It was just a fun day in the sun for a worthy (if you are a skunk aficionado) cause. Hey, there’s a pet out there for everybody. Check out Skunkhaven.net for more info that you ever imagined about skunks. And remember, “Please do not touch other people’s skunks.”

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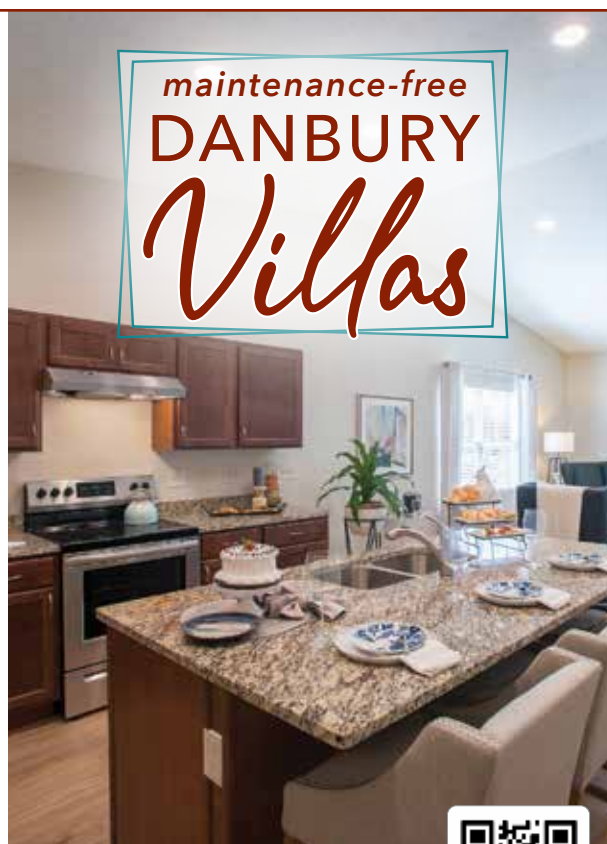
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## Proposed Charter Amendments for November Election

The North Ridgeville Charter was first adopted in 1961. It is the legal framework through which our City exercises its powers of self-government.

A Charter Review Committee, consisting of nine North Ridgeville residents, convened earlier this year for the purpose of conducting a review of the Charter and presenting alterations, revisions and amendments they deemed advisable. As a result of their work, on November 8, North Ridgeville voters will be asked to consider eight changes to the Charter.

Before casting your vote, learn more about these eight ballot issues and why the Charter Review Committee felt these amendments are important for the community.

Visit the City of North Ridgeville's website, [www.NRidgeville.org](http://www.NRidgeville.org) for an explanation of each amendment.

**Issue 29** - Shall a new Department of Finance be created by amending Article IV, The Auditor, and repealing Article VI, The Treasurer, of the City of North Ridgeville Charter?

**Issue 30** - Shall Section 9.7 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended by deleting an unworkable mathematical formula, and mandating referral to the electorate of any rezoning to any Multiple Family Residence District?

**Issue 31** - Shall Article III of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended by adding a new Section 3.18 allowing City Council to make

provisions by ordinance for the sale, lease, or disposal of municipal real estate and improvements?

**Issue 32** - Shall Section 3.8 of Article III of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended by prohibiting the Clerk of Council from acting as Auditor and creating a chain of command in the Clerk's absence?

**Issue 33** - Shall Section 10.3 of Article X of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended to clarify which employees are classified and unclassified and to comply with State law?

**Issue 34** - Shall Section 3.5 of Article III of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended to allow appointed members of Council be elected as Council President?

**Issue 35** - Shall Section 3.16 of Article III of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended to maintain electronic media as a form of publication and eliminate the mandated use of the lobby bulletin board?

**Issue 36** - Shall Section 9.1 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville be amended to maintain electronic media as a form of publication and eliminate the mandated use of the lobby bulletin board?



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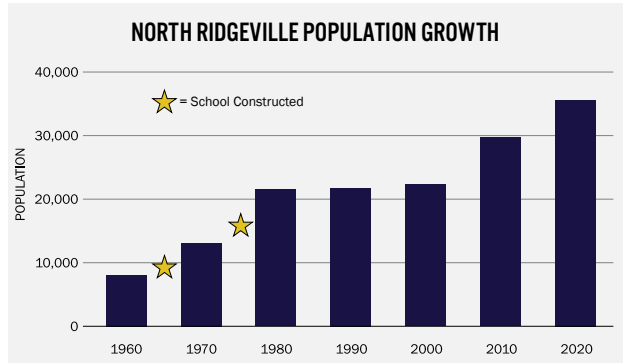
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**AQUATIC CENTER:** An aquatic center is the most consistently requested amenity in the city. If approved, a competition pool, recreation pool and therapy pool will be available for community and school use.

## Why Now?

**RESPONDING TO GROWTH:** The population of the city has nearly quadrupled since the current high school was constructed in the 1960s. Today, North Ridgeville is one of the fastest growing communities in Northeast Ohio. Schools can no longer physically accommodate the student population. Enrollment projections show continued increases over the next decade.



**CREATING LASTING VALUE:** The High School and Liberty Elementary School were built in 1967 and 1976, respectively. These aging facilities do not meet the current needs of our students and teachers. New school buildings will provide more space, as well as the resources and technology to educate and empower all students for life success.

**PURSuing OUR VISION:** This is a community-driven plan. For two decades, input has been collected during numerous city and school planning initiatives via resident surveys, steering committees, stakeholder focus groups and general meetings. A recreation and community center is consistently a top priority of participants.

**PROVIDING SERVICES FOR ALL:** The community center will provide health and athletic programs for residents of all ages and a multi-generational connection between students and seniors. These amenities will appeal to young families and empty nesters alike, while promoting active and healthy lifestyles.

## Funding Plan

The total project cost is estimated at \$227 million. The partnership between the City of North Ridgeville and the North Ridgeville City Schools will save taxpayers \$18 million in shared construction costs and continuing cost sav-



ings for operations.

**BOND ISSUE:** The School's Bond Issue is an 8.65 mill bond issue which will generate \$190 million. If approved, the issue will fund the construction of the school facilities portion of the project. The successful passage of the bond issue will cost a homeowner \$25.23 per month for every \$100,000 of total market value as determined by the Lorain County Auditor. Bond issue funds must be used toward the construction of buildings and cannot be used for operating purposes. Successful passage will lock the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission into providing \$32 million toward the cost of the district's project.

**INCOME TAX:** To provide the funding needed for the recreation center and senior center portion of the project, the City is proposing a permanent income tax levy of 0.2%. Local income tax is currently 1%, which would increase to 1.2%. Only individuals with earned income would be impacted. If both City and School issues are approved in November, the new income tax would become effective January 1, 2023.

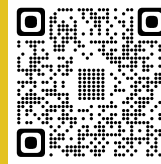
## THE INCOME TAX, ISSUE 28

The City is proposing to construct and operate a recreation center that includes a field house with an indoor walking track, an aquatic center, a fitness center and a senior center. These facilities would be located on school property attached to the new high school building.

To fund the \$34 million needed for these improvements, the City is proposing a permanent income tax levy of 0.2%. Local income tax is currently 1%, which would increase to 1.2%, keeping North Ridgeville's income tax rate among the lowest in Lorain County. Only individuals with earned income would be impacted. If both City and School issues are approved in November, the new income tax would become effective January 1, 2023.

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| Amherst          | 1.50% |
| Avon             | 1.75% |
| Avon Lake        | 1.50% |
| Elyria           | 2.25% |
| Lorain           | 2.50% |
| North Ridgeville | 1.00% |
| Oberlin          | 2.50% |

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"This is a once in a generation opportunity. From students to senior citizens, our collaboration will result in something for everyone."

- KEVIN CORCORAN, MAYOR

"The city partnership will also provide more amenities for our students that promote active and healthy lifestyles."

- ROXANN CASERIO, SUPERINTENDENT

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How much will this project cost taxpayers?**

A: The total cost of the entire project is approximately \$227 million.

**Q: How much money will the state contribute toward the project? What will be done with this money?**

A: The state of Ohio through the Ohio Facilities Construction Committee will contribute approximately \$31 million dollars toward the school's portion of the facility project. The North Ridgeville Board of Education at its August 16, 2022 meeting passed a resolution calling for the state's contribution to be used to pay down the bond, reducing the tax burden on the community.

**Q: Where will these facilities be located?**

A: The facilities will be located on current NRCS properties.

**Q: When would this project be completed?**

A: Assuming successful passage of the electoral issues in November it is anticipated to take four to five years for project completion.

**Q: What will be included in the community center?**

A: The initial planning calls for aquatic spaces, field house (courts, indoor walking track, etc) and space for a new senior center.

**Q: Will there be a membership fee for the community center?**

A: The exact details of what, if any, membership fee may be assessed will be determined at a later date.

**Q: Will the new high school include a performing arts center?**

A: Yes.

**Q: What grade levels will be in the new elementary school?**

A: The initial design calls for grades K-3 to be in a new elementary school. This will allow for expanded PK

offerings and the ability to provide full day kindergarten.

**Q: Why are we doing a joint project?**

A: By doing a joint project, we are addressing the needs of the community as a whole. Additionally, by completing a joint project, the community will save over \$18 million in construction costs alone, plus additional operating costs in perpetuity over completing the project separately.

**Q: Can revenue from the new income tax be used for other general government purposes?**

A: No. The new tax revenues will be earmarked for recreation and community facilities, including the operations and maintenance of those facilities.

**Q: How will the credit be impacted?**

A: Where residents are employed outside of North Ridgeville, they may claim a credit of 10% of taxes paid to their work community, so long as the credit does not exceed 10% of North Ridgeville's income tax rate. This means residents can currently claim a credit one-tenth of 1% of earned income. After passage of the levy, residents will continue to receive a credit of one-tenth of 1%.

**Q: When are these issues on the ballot?**

A: Both issues are on the November 8, 2022 ballot. On Election Day. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early voting in-person and by mail begins on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

**Q: How do I register to vote?**

A: Tuesday, October 11 is the deadline to register to vote and be eligible to vote in the November election. You can register to vote or check your registration status at [www.myohiovote.com](http://www.myohiovote.com). You can also register to vote online: <https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/identification-information> or in person at the Lorain County Board of Elections, 1985 N Ridge Rd. Lorain, OH 44055.



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## Adopt a Teddy

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## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

### Upcoming Trips

**Holmes County Amish Tour, September 23:** Join us on the Ohio Amish Tour to Holmes County: the largest Amish settlement in the world. The tour features motor coach transportation, shopping at Heini's Cheese, Breitenbach Winery, the Dutch Valley Market, and other Amish stores, in addition to a family-style luncheon at the Der Dutchman restaurant. Trip cost is \$74 and will depart the Senior Center at 7:45 AM and return at 6:00 PM. Call (440) 353-0828 to register.

**Little Shop of Horrors, Great Lakes Theater Festival, Wednesday, September 28 at 10:00 AM:** Van departs the Senior Center at 9:00 AM. Featuring popular favorites such as "Suddenly, Seymour," "Skid Row," and "Somewhere That's Green," this smash-hit musical about a meek gardener who accidentally creates a monster is equal parts humorous and horrifying. Lunch on your own at Rustic Restaurant following the performance. Price is \$25, includes your ticket and transportation. Payment MUST BE received by September 21. Reservations will be accepted beginning September 7 at 8:00 AM. Early reservations will not be accepted.

### Super Thursday Oktoberfest

Super Thursday Oktoberfest will be Thursday, September 29 at 11 AM at the Senior Center. Join your friends for a themed luncheon, tap your toes and clap your hands to the snappy tunes of Fred Zwich, master accordion player. Cost is \$6 which includes lunch and entertainment. RSVP by September 27 at (440) 353-0828.

### Spaghetti Dinner

North Ridgeville Senior Center will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, side salad and bread. Pop and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit essential programs at the Senior Center. Thank you to the North Ridgeville Lions Club for sponsoring the event.

### North Ridgeville High School Show Choir, Special Performance

The North Ridgeville High School Show Choir will perform at noon on October 12. Lunch will be

served at 11:45 AM. Call (440) 353-0828 to register for the luncheon.

### Intergenerational Pumpkin Decorating

Looking to decorate a pumpkin this Halloween? North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation and Senior Center have got you covered! Join us on October 14, 2022 from 10 AM until Noon. We will have glitter, stickers, paint, and other craft supplies to make sure you have the best pumpkin in town. Come create something beautiful, scary or zany—the possibilities only end where your creativity does! This is an intergenerational program with school-age children. One pumpkin will be provided to each person preregistered. Light refreshments will be provided. This program is free of charge, register by calling (440) 353-0828.

### Halloween Party

Join us for a Spooktacular time, a ghoulish lunch and a costume contest with prizes. Entertainment to be announced at a later date. RSVP by calling (440) 353-0828.

### Garden Club of North Ridgeville Meeting

The Garden Club of North Ridgeville will meet October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Sandy Ridge Reservation, 6195 Otten Road, North Ridgeville. Our speaker for the evening will be Amanda Davidson, Tour and Education Coordinator for the Lorain County Historical Society. Her program will be about Homes and Gardens of 19th century Elyria. We will be electing officers for the next year and would welcome new members interested in gardening. For information call 440-365-8522

### Mayor Corcoran Hosts Monthly Coffee & Conversation

The City of North Ridgeville is pleased to announce monthly Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Kevin Corcoran. Stop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and casual conversation in Council Chambers at City Hall from 8:30-9:30 AM. What a great way to get your questions answered or to learn more about current and upcoming projects.



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# Lorain County Community College Receives Intel Award to Fuel Ohio's Semiconductor Workforce

## LCCC Will Lead a Consortium of 10 Ohio TechNet Higher Education Partners to Prepare Workforce for Ohio's Silicon Heartland

by Leigh Keeton

LCCC is among eight colleges and universities receiving Intel awards as part of the Intel Semiconductor Education and Research Program for Ohio. The eight grant recipients were announced today as part of Intel's groundbreaking ceremony for its leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing plant in New Albany, Ohio. Under this award, titled Ohio TechNet Northeast Ohio Semiconductor Workforce Consortium, LCCC will lead a collaboration of 10 Ohio TechNet colleges and universities across the region to develop curriculum, faculty training and experiential learning programs specifically in semiconductor processing and industrial automation manufacturing. Project partners include Cuyahoga Community College, Stark State College, Lakeland Community College, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Ashland University, Case Western Reserve University, The University of Toledo, Ohio Dominican University, and Youngstown State University.

"This new facility represents one of Ohio's greatest economic opportunities of our time," said Lorain County Community College President, Marcia Ballinger, Ph.D. "And it's not just about one company coming to Ohio; it's an entire industry that's embedding itself in Ohio, creating the Silicon Heartland. This landmark investment will create a wave of economic opportunity across the state increasing the demand for a highly skilled workforce. We, along with our partners, are ready to fuel its creation."

Through a decade's worth of preparation, LCCC developed expertise in semiconductors, micro-electromechanical systems, and microelectronic manufacturing education and training housed within LCCC's Richard Desich Smart Commercialization Center. The project, which leverages the existing Ohio TechNet network of more than 45 community colleges, secondary technical centers, and universities, will develop and expand curriculum, faculty development, and experiential learning models. Of note are LCCC's microelectronics education and training programs including

cleanroom training, an automation and robotics teacher education program, and expertise in innovative earn-and-learn education.

"Through collaborative efforts within higher education and a strong partnership with Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio TechNet has made Ohio a leader in solving the manufacturing workforce shortage," Ballinger said. "When it comes to filling the semiconductor talent pipeline, so much groundwork has already been laid by those in this consortium and we're all prepared to scale our efforts and maximize our collective impact."

"Intel is excited to be in Ohio, the new Silicon Heartland and home to what will be one of our most sophisticated semiconductor manufacturing plants in the world," said Jim Evers, Intel Vice President and Ohio General Manager. "Higher education plays a key role in the future success of our industry. We're proud to support these institutions from every corner of the state as they work to build the workforce of tomorrow."

Intel's Semiconductor Education and Research Program for Ohio was announced in March as part of the company's pledge to invest \$100 million in education and research collaborations with universities, community colleges, and technical educators in Ohio and across the U.S. The program is designed to help build a pipeline of talent and bolster research programs. Of its \$100 million investment, Intel designated \$50 million specifically to Ohio colleges and universities.

Eight proposals were selected from leading Ohio institutions. Each proposal includes collaborative efforts with other higher education institutions in Ohio, representing more than 80 institutions across the state of Ohio. The eight leading institutions will receive a total of \$17.7 million in funding over a three-year period. Intel expects this first iteration of the program to produce nearly 9,000 graduates



A student in LCCC's microelectronic manufacturing program in the lab.

for the industry and provide more than 2,300 scholarships over three years helping diversify the talent pipeline.

**About LCCC and Ohio TechNet:** Lorain County Community College is a nationally recognized leader in developing market-relevant workforce development solutions. LCCC has developed a portfolio of education and training specifically in microelectronic manufacturing including Ohio's first Bachelor of Applied Science in Microelectronic Manufacturing. Within LCCC's Richard Desich Smart Commercialization Center, students receive hands-on applied learning in cleanrooms and industry-standard manufacturing labs. Since 2014, LCCC has served as the backbone organization for Ohio TechNet, a consortium of career technical centers, Ohio Technical Centers, community colleges and universities that have partnered with the Ohio Manufacturers' Association and other state and national partners to make Ohio a leader in solving our manufacturing workforce shortage. [www.lorainccc.edu](http://www.lorainccc.edu) • <https://ohiotechnet.org/>

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Nate Barber picks up a gain against Amherst



Kaleb Malone eyes the opposition

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20-7 deficit in the fourth quarter to lodge a thrilling victory. Barnhart capped long fourth-quarter drives of 80 and 74 yards with TD runs of 3 yards and 4 yards to give the Rangers the lead. Forge fumbled away the past possession of the game as the Ranger defense sealed the win.

North Ridgeville then walloped Normandy, 51-10 in Week 3 as Connor Costin caught a 48 yard TD pass in the first quarter and returned an interception in the second half to pace the rout. Charlie Steinmenz scored two TDs and quarterback Brenden Watchorn threw for two more.

Then came last Friday's win over Amherst. Quarterback Brendan Watchorn, a sophomore, connected with Mason Worcester on a short pass

that went for an 86-yard scoring scamper. A Brett Lienerth fumble recovery followed with Barnhart capitalizing with a three yard TD.

Then, to open the second half, Wathorn found a wide-open Steinmetz on another short pass that went for an 83-yard TD and a 19-3 Ridgeville lead. Ridgeville then flipped the game to a running clock with a two-yard TD from Watchorn and a one-yard Barnhart plunge.

North Ridgeville now heads into the heart of the conference season. The Rangers host Olmsted Falls this Friday, then travel to Avon and then host Elyria over the next three weeks.

In the first installment of the OHSAA computer playoff rankings released this week North Ridgeville is ranked third in their region one spot ahead of Avon.



Enthusiasm is running high with the Rangers, off to their best start in years.



Andrew Ennis sees open field



Brady Quinn (64) protects his quarterback



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