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Community news comes to Collinwood

The new voice of Civic Journalism

Betsy Voinovich

It's finally here! Community news has come back to Collinwood, but this time with a new twist. This paper is **entirely written by the community**. You are holding in your hands the work of your friends and neighbors, some you already know, some you're going to get to know, and some who will get to know you, when you take pen in hand, keyboard under fingers, and tell your own story.

The first paper I remember that served Collinwood specifically was the Scoop Journal; my fondest memories of it involve sitting down with my mom and figuring out which garage sales we were going to go to, when I was in elementary school, first at O.H. Perry and then at Henry W. Longfellow. When I was older, and a flute player in the United Slovenian Society Band, the Scoop covered the band's trip to Slovenia, and all the parades down East 185th street that we marched in, as well as the football games that my best friend's

cute big brother played in at St. Joe's.

The Collinwood Observer will fulfill the function of covering neighborhood events and more. It will allow us to talk to each other about everything that is important to us. In the two-page sample paper Erin Randel and I put together this summer to explain this project, I described how I had become interested in Collinwood having its own Observer. I heard from my parents that O.H. Perry was slated to be closed. There was nowhere to read about it, most people in the neighborhood around Perry didn't even know about it. My folks only knew about it because they had heard about it from Mike Polensek, the longtime councilman from Perry's ward.

Across town, in Lakewood, the whole city was involved in a debate over which of Lakewood's seven elementary schools should close, because the state of Ohio had declared that Lakewood's declining inner ring population no longer qualified

The Ginn Academy opens its doors to fulfill a 'Vision to Victory'

George Massa

On a warm and sultry evening in late August, the dreams of a community, of a visionary and most importantly, of 350 young men, were realized as The Ginn Academy opened its doors.

Byron Lyons, the no-nonsense principal who demands respect, effort and success, welcomed hundreds of neighbors, dignitaries, parents and young men to the grand opening of the school.

The Academy is located on the corner of Saranac and E. 162nd St., in a neighborhood surrounded by small busi-

nesses, neatly cared-for homes, the rail yards and one baseball diamond overrun by weeds. It is a diamond that will become one of the many fields of dreams for the young men of Ginn, for the community and for the city.

The Ginn Academy is an all-male high school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. It is one of the district's Innovation Schools. Its intent is to offer a learning environment structured in the teamwork and personal responsibility

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Ginn Academy senior Justin Williams checks out the Observer website in the school's media center

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for seven elementary schools; the state was only going to rebuild six. Which one had to go? Because the entire story was covered in the paper, citizens across the city got involved. One mom studied the map, took out a compass and figured out that the best place for a school was in a centrally located city park, used her drawing skills to sketch

it, and submitted the idea to the Lakewood Observer. The School Board was compelled to include her idea in the debate because so many residents reading the paper thought it was a good idea. How did she get that idea in the paper? Did she know the publisher? Was she politically connected? Was the

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New community recreation center will be "state-of-the-art"

John Baker



To those of us who frequently drive by the abandoned Big Lots/K-Mart building on Lake Shore Boulevard, the sign proclaiming that the Collinwood Community Recreation Center was on the way was welcome news. We have learned that the City has already spent more than a million dollars (\$1,012,000) to purchase the building and five acres of land, and to pay an architect for the preliminary design. The land has been added to the 32 acres of the Humphrey's Sports Complex making it one of Cleveland's most complete recreation areas and a welcome addition to the Greater Collinwood community.

The next step is the delivery of engineering documents before the end of October. The \$4 million of bond funds

toward construction were passed last year. The additional \$6 million needed to complete the project are part of the Five-Year Capital Plan which will be the subject of Council hearings in the near future.

The best news is that the ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled soon, and there will be another community meeting to get input from residents on the final design features.

The current plans for the Center include the latest in recreational facilities: a gymnasium with a three-lane indoor track, an indoor swimming pool with a water slide, a youth room, senior center, computer lab, learning center, multi-purpose meeting rooms, kitchen, fitness center,

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Around Collinwood

The Collinwood Observer

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Councilman Polensek's Welcome Letter

Michael D. Polensek

In the high-tech electronic world in which we live today, some might think that the print media is no longer important. I beg to differ. Not only is it important, but when you consider that the majority of the residents who live in the City of Cleveland do not have a personal computer, it only reinforces the importance of neighborhood-based news. When the Sun Scoop Journal and now the Euclid Sun stopped publication, it was a major blow to neighborhood-based printed news and information.

Last year I started looking at numerous suburban publications throughout Cuyahoga County, as to who their writers were, who did their printing and how they paid for their publications. I talked with many and came to the conclusion that we in Collinwood could do the same, if we could put together the right group of talented people, and partner with one of these publications. Earlier this year, the stars aligned and I came into contact with Jim O'Bryan, Bill Grulich and Jon Eckerle who were instrumental in putting together the outstanding Lakewood Observer and the Heights Observer newspapers. Therefore, with the active participation of Ms. Betsy Voinovich, Publisher, and Ms. Erin Randel, Editor, we are now able to launch our own neighborhood newspaper, The Collinwood Observer.

I am totally committed to this publication and have provided some initial start-up funding to get the paper to print. This neighborhood-based newspaper has the opportunity not only to present the issues that are of concern to the greater community, but also to provide us with a vehicle in which to talk about the good things and the committed people and organizations who are working daily to make our community a better place to live, work and play. This paper will also provide our local businesses an opportunity to advertise at a reasonable rate so as to expand their customer base, especially in light of the present economic conditions which we are all dealing with.

You have often heard me say that, "the community is only as good as the people in it." Well, my friends, the Collinwood Observer will only be as good as the support it receives from the neighborhood residents and business alike. I invite everyone in Collinwood to support The Collinwood Observer.

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Tomato plants engulf local man's porch

John Copic

"I only planted three cherry tomato plants!" says John Meyerhoffer, of E. 174th Street. In three short months, the plants grew into a thicket more than 12 feet tall and 10 feet wide. More than 20 bushels of yellow plum and red cherry tomatoes have already been picked, with plenty more a-coming.

He purchased the hardy plants in May at Cavotta's Garden Center on Nottingham Road.

"Makes you wonder whether they got them in a trade for some magic beans," he told a friend. ■



Block clubs and community meetings

Nan Kennedy

Collinwood Homeowners and Tenants Association meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society meets the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E. 185th St.

East 185th St. Block Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E. 185th St.

E. 156th St. Block Watch is forming now north of I-90. Please call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores for more information, 481-7660.

Euclid Park Civic Club meets the second Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m., Cleveland Clinic Building, 17325 Euclid Ave., 2nd floor.

Euclid Park North Block Club meets the third Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m. Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St.

Nottingham Civic Club meets the third Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m., Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair Ave.

Ward 10 Club Meetings meets the fourth Friday of every month. 7 p.m., St. Joseph School, 14405 St. Clair Ave.

Ward 11/Bratenahl Village Democratic Club meets the second Wednesday of the month, Sept.- May at 7 p.m., Slovenian Club, 15810 Holmes Ave.

Fifth District Police Community Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m., Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St. • (216) 623-5500

Fifth Police District Sgt. Don Robinson has provided a list of contact numbers to alert the police to unwanted activity in the neighborhood—and he has urged us to call about everything.

Community services—to register complaints regarding quality of life issues like loud music, loitering, public drinking: (216) 623-5620

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New center will re-make abandoned big-box into fitness center, gathering place for all ages

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aerobics room and children’s space. Special aspects of the project include plentiful parking, landscaping, exterior pathways, an outdoor sunning area and entrance courtyard connected to the Lakeshore Golden Age Center and Humphrey’s Sports Complex. In addition, the building and site will contain community art of various types.

Another state-of-the-art element is that the Center will be a green building and is being submitted for LEED certification. It will include solar energy systems for power and hot water, high efficiency lighting and mechanical systems, recycled materials, energy monitoring, rain water harvesting and bio-retention swales among other sustainable design elements.

All of this is welcome news to the Greater Collinwood community. It has been a long time coming. We will be proud to have this wonderful facility as part of our neighborhood. ■



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COLLINWOOD RECREATION CENTER CONTEXT PLAN

1. Retail Center

2. Dave's Supermarket

3. Lakeshore Valero

4. Golden Age Senior Center
5. All Seasons Day Care

6. St. John Lutheran Church

7. Cleveland Public Library

8. Walgreens Drug Store



Building community as a strategy to defeat crime:
Ward 10 residents working to win Weed & Seed grant

Mary McElrath and Bernadette Montgomery

In response to an increase in crime statistics, the residents of Ward 10 have seized the opportunity to pursue U.S. Justice Department Weed and Seed grant. This funding is available to weed out crime in specific neighborhoods by enhancing law enforcement and community relationships as well as to seed social service programs to improve the lives of those same residents.

There are four working committees, two to weed and two to seed. Weeding will be done by the 5th District Police and the Community Policing committee, which will focus on improved communication with neighborhoods, citizens and the justice system through collaboration. Some primary goals are to provide safety for senior citizens, Neighborhood Watch, Volunteer Program, 9-1-1 Education, Citizen Police Academy, Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO).

Seed committees include Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment, which will initially concentrate on youth and seniors to provide support and resources focusing

on addiction and reentry, including housing issues, along with a myriad of other community issues; and Neighborhood Revitalization, which will pursue and strengthen collaborations with area businesses, organizations, and faith-based associations to train and educate the community on financial literacy, job skills and placement, housing and neighborhood restoration.

To accomplish our goals we need the specific skills of residents, business owners, social programmers, faith based organizations, and the support of governmental departments. We need meeting and office space, supplies, telephone service, organizing and programming expertise, and contributions. All forms of help are welcomed!

The Steering Committee of the “Citizens of Ward 10” would like to invite you to our next meeting which will be held Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. at 5 Pointe Community Center, 813 East 152nd Street, Cleveland.

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School News

How much does Cleveland value its children?

Rebecca Barbarino

As a longtime (26 years) resident of the 185th street area and parent of two sons (one a graduate a graduate of O.H. Perry Master Works Program), I travel the 185th Street “dragway” to and from work each day. I say “dragway” due to the shocking disregard for the speed limit and traffic lights on the street.

Every year I cringe when the school year approaches. The traffic guard who works the corner of Schenely Ave. and 185th must surely take her life in her hands, as I have personally observed scofflaws run the light there a full 5-10 seconds after it has changed. To obey the speed limit on 185th is to be honked at and raced around as drivers routinely do 35, even 40 mpg rather than the posted 25.

The root of the problem is two-fold: there is no traffic enforcement in the area and

no indication that there is an elementary school in the block between Harland and Schenely Aves.

Over the years my husband and I have made numerous calls to City Hall to get signs and lights placed on 185th Street to help remedy this problem. The city’s excuses have ranged from “We’re closing that school anyway” to “That school isn’t close enough to 185th to warrant flashers and signs.” When it was brought to the city’s attention that there were flashers on Lake Shore Blvd. for O.H. Perry (even farther away from the school than 185) and for the now defunct Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, the reply was “Well that’s different.” Huh?

This year I decided to stop calling the city. I paid a visit to Cleveland’s 5th District police station in person. There I met with Officer Howard, who listened to the

problem and directed me to call Capt. Tom Tube, who would be available later that day. Capt. Tube, who himself is a local parent, seemed to appreciate our concerns and promised to periodically place a squad car in the area near Schenely Ave. to catch speeders who endanger students going to and from school.

Now, dear reader, I need your help in pressuring the City of Cleveland on the subject of signage.

If the City of Euclid can get a “Pedestrian Crossing” sign put on 185th Street for the car dealership that used to be there, there is no reason that a similar sign can’t be put up at the crossing of 185th and Schenely Ave. to alert drivers that schoolchildren cross there.

How much does Cleveland value its children? ■

A new Catholic parish for Collinwood

Rev Joseph Bacevice

For more than two years, all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland have been working on plans to better serve the faithful. For many parishes in the central cities of the diocese, this meant planning for the possibility of closing or merging. When the study was completed, about 50 parishes were told to either close or merge. Most of these are in the city of Cleveland.

In Collinwood, where there are four Catholic parishes, there will still be four Catholic parishes. But one will be a merged parish. The parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will merge with St. George Parish in the St. Clair/Superior neighborhood to form a totally new parish named St. Casimir.

A parish merger means that both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. George parishes will close and a totally new parish will be established. Since this merger was announced in March of this year, the two pastors along with members from each parish have been meeting regularly to establish the new parish.

The mission of St. Casimir, to be located at the former Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will be to preserve and unite the Lithuanian people of the Diocese, reach out to new arrivals from Lithuania, and be involved in the Collinwood community.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2009, this writer was informed that he will become the pastor of St. Casimir Parish when it is formally established on October 25, 2009. It will be the job of the new pastor to establish Mass schedules, hire staff, and work with the people to bring a totally new Catholic presence to the Lithuanians of the Cleveland Diocese and the Collinwood community.

Here are some dates that will mark the transition: St. George Parish will close on October 18, 2009, with a final Mass with Bishop Lennon at 9:00 am. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will close on the same day, with Mass with Bishop Lennon at 12:00 noon. On Sunday, October 25, 2009, St. Casimir Parish will formally open with Mass with Bishop Lennon at 10:00 am. I invite those interested to participate in these events, especially the opening Mass of the new St. Casimir Church, 18022 Neff Rd.

You can expect to hear from me in future editions of The Collinwood Observer. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will welcome me into the Collinwood community.

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traditions of athletics.

The Academy’s namesake is Coach Ted Ginn Sr., football coach at Glenville High School. It was his dream to open a high school for boys in the City of Cleveland and the surrounding area. It is the mission of Coach Ginn and his staff to provide opportunities for young men to reach their full potential in life.

“You have to give kids love, protection, awareness, core values, discipline and most importantly, listen to their stories,” says Coach Ginn.

The Academy, in only its third year, has demonstrated steady progress in statewide achievement test scores. It is currently ranked as a school in Continuous Improvement by the State Department of Education. Every morning at 7:45, the men of Ginn Academy recite a creed designed to reinforce the principles of the school and the men who learn there:

“Our mission is to become exemplary students who will reach our full potential and beyond.

“We will recognize our genius and realize our self-worth.

“We will stay patient and poised to seize every opportunity for success.

“We are guided by scholarship, leadership and service to all mankind.

“The Ginn Academy will cultivate us to become global leaders of the century.”

Coach Ginn says, “It takes courage to be different; to be a Ginn Man.” This philosophy is being instilled in the Men of Ginn.

Councilman Michael Polensek represented the Collinwood community at the observance and offered words of welcome, support and commitment to the Ginn Family.

He reiterated the phone call he had with Coach Ginn, informing him that a new home for The Academy had been found



This bulletin board in the main hallway displays the answers of the men of Ginn Academy to the question, “Who are you?”

and was going to be in the Collinwood neighborhood. It was one of the “happiest and proudest moments” he has experienced. He praised the vision of Coach Ginn, citing his tenacity in trying to find a home for The Academy.

At the opening of the Academy, it was evident why “Vision to Victory” was chosen as the motto for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. On an evening when prayers were heart-felt, words were meaningful and dreams were becoming real, it was obvious there will be many victories for the Men of Ginn.

Scholarships for seniors are certain to be offered; Ohio Graduation Test scores are certain to improve; and, there will be success on the courts, fields and diamond.

But, the most important victory will be achieved by the 350 young men who now have a permanent home in this community. A community that welcomed them and offers its time, talent and resources hoping the newest stakeholders in this thriving community become successful and productive citizens who contribute to its vitality. ■



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School News

East Clark School is back home on E. 146th

Stephanie Henderson

The grand opening of East Clark School was on August 17, 2009 at 10 a.m. Dr. Eugene Sanders welcomed the staff, students, parents and the community by cutting the red ribbon and officially opening East Clark School.

The event was also attended by three former principals, Clifford Hayes, Jr.; Peggie L. Brown; and Mark Dudek. East Clark has a new principal, Ms. Charita Buchanan, and new assistant principal, Rosa Hoffman. School began for students in grades 1-8 on August 27, with Kindergartners joining us on September 1. For more information about East Clark, call 216-588-0225.

Hannah Gibbons-Nottingham off to a great start

Shalom Norton

Hannah Gibbons-Nottingham has had a great beginning to the 2009-2010 school year! We held a Meet-and-Greet Ice Cream Social at the end of August, and there were parents and community members in attendance to support our students coming back to school. All of the students are looking great in their school uniforms, and we are very proud to see them following the district's dress code policy.

Please stop by and visit us for our Open House Tuesday, September 22 from 6-8 p.m. Also, there are always volunteer opportunities to take advantage of, so stop in the office to find out how you can get involved!

Henry W. Longfellow School welcomes the Observer

Mathew Carson

Greetings Collinwood residents. I have been teaching at Henry W. Longfellow for 11 years. As you know, our school year started nearly a month ago. I am proud and happy to say that our school has had one of the smoothest starts that I have experienced.

Our Principal Mr. Patton has done a wonderful job getting both teachers and students off to a great start. We at Longfellow would like to say good luck and welcome to the Collinwood Observer. A community paper can only be a good thing.

VASJ's vision as a model of 21st century Catholic education

Brian Menard

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has launched an exciting new vision to build a 21st century model of Catholic education. Sporting a new administration on campus, a newly formed Board of Advisors, and steadfast support from Bishop Lennon and the Office of Catholic Education, the Viking Village is flush with excitement about the positive changes, high expectations, solid accountability, and great opportunity as a Catholic community building 21st century leaders in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions. Recognizing the important role VASJ plays in the Collinwood neighborhood, the school encourages community members to explore ways our students, faculty, and community members can collaborate in pursuit of the school's vision.



Delighted students and staff look on as Dr. Sanders cuts the ribbon on their new school at 885 E. 146th Street. The school dates to 1894 on that site, save for the recent four-year gap during which the entire school community, all teachers and students, moved into the former Margaret Spellacy building on E. 162nd at Saranac. That building is the new home of Ginn Academy, a college prep all boys magnet school.

St. Jerome school news

Susan Coan

Saint Jerome School opened its doors again on Monday Aug. 24 with 170 smiling children. The school was first opened in 1922 and we are excited to continue this fine tradition here in the Collinwood neighborhood. We have come a long way since then.

We are having an open house on Sunday, September 27 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. as part of the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our church. Stop in and visit the school on that day. The children are busy preparing work to display in our hallways and classrooms. We will also be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Jerome, our patron saint, on September 30 with an all school Mass at 8:30 a.m. on that Wednesday.

We are so excited about the new school year. We have some new faces; new students and faculty members this year. We just celebrated the retirement of one of our favorite teachers, Miss Eppink, who retired after teaching here at Saint Jerome for 42 years. We have started CYO Sports again this year. Our 6th and 7th grade girls are off to a great start in volleyball. We will be adding cross country, wrestling, cheer leading and basketball in the next few weeks. Our schoolchildren are doing a fantastic job with the first weeks of school and are looking forward with their teachers to a fun filled school year that is stresses academic progress and peace building. Stop and visit us on the 27th and take a look at our wonderful school!!!

Welcome to Noble Academy

Amy Britton

Noble Academy Cleveland has just received our first report card from the state of Ohio.



After three years, we are a school of excellence! NAC is located in Euclid on the border of Cleveland and is a community/charter school, servicing grades K-8. We offer an academically challenging curriculum in a structured environment.

Eagles soar into a new year

Victoria Janke-Mousty

Oliver H. Perry PK-8 Academy has successfully begun another school year. The staff and students earned Continuous Improvement on the state report card. This year, OHP has once again become the site for the Major Work (Gifted) program in the Collinwood area. The school also implements a full-time preschool. New this year, the school will offer Spanish classes to all the students and has acquired SMART boards for the classrooms. Students also have the opportunity to participate in military drill team, drum corps, band, choir, student leadership team, peer mediation, and intramural sports.

News from Kenneth W. Clement Boys' Leadership Academy

Damon Loretz

We have made some great educational gains. After one year of testing we landed in the range of Continuous Improvement. Educating boys in the manner which they learn is paying off tremendously.

We have witnessed our young men make great academic strides in a short period of time. We have truly been blessed with business partners that support the idea of single gender education. Our district and partners have made it possible for the young men to be exposed to new experiences that they may not otherwise have had.

The fire and energy that a new teacher brings is still burning. Just as the children are eager to learn, we are committed and anxious to educate them. We continue to look forward to educating our gentlemen and preparing them to become global leaders of tomorrow.

History of St. Mary - The gem of Collinwood

Luis Pla

St. Mary School, located at 716 E. 156th Street, opened on September 7, 1915 under the leadership of Father Paul Hribar. The first classrooms were part of the brick church building. Two Ursuline nuns taught grades 4 through 8. There were 118 students enrolled. On July 17, 1916, the parish broke ground for a new wooden two room school building which was built by volunteer parishioners. This building was opened on September 3, 1916, with 4 classrooms, grades 1-8, with 2 Ursuline nuns and two lay teachers with an enrollment of 240 students.

June 17, 1917 saw the first graduating class of four students (3 girls and 1 boy). In September, 1922, two more rooms were added in the church basement, and the staff grew to 3 Ursulines and 3 lay teachers. The enrollment at this point was 346. On May 13, 1928 the ground breaking for the new brick building took place. The new school building was opened on September 2, 1928. This building held 7 classrooms and a kitchenette for the sisters. This addition brought the total to 9 classrooms with 4 nuns and 4 lay teachers and an enrollment of 404 students. That school building and nine classrooms is still functioning.

Throughout the '50s and '60s waves of political and economic refugees from Slovenia settled in the area adding stability to St. Mary School. In the late '70s and '80s these same families began to move out of Collinwood and the trend continued throughout the '90s. This affected the stability of the school. Under the leadership of their pastor, Fr. John Kumse, the parish realized the importance of quality Catholic education in Collinwood. This brought about a renewed interest in the school. Since then, the student population has increased. In 2004, the pastor committed to an 18,000 sq. ft. addition to improve the quality of education for students. Today, St. Mary-Collinwood serves students from five cities, and is committed to continuing the legacy of Catholic education in the Collinwood neighborhood. After 94 years, St. Mary School is truly the Gem of Collinwood.

People in the neighborhood

Bringing my wonderland to Waterloo

Jenna Fournier

People always tell me that my art is ‘whimsical’ and ‘childlike’. I don’t want to bring anyone backwards into childhood... I want to bring them forwards into a state of thinking that is free of inhibitions... a mind free to enjoy the beauty, curiosities, and mysteries of this life that comes so easy to a child, but allow room for wisdom and learning and logic to sit in its rightful place for the purpose of application of the imagination. My head is full of fantastical worlds of wonderment, and as an artist, I can only try to share them through some tangible means.

I choose a candy-store palette on anything I can use for a canvas. I find inspiration in everything. History, old fairy-tales, Bible stories, Japanese toys, music, dance, film, and memories of sitting on the bathroom counter watching my beautiful mother put on her makeup every morning. We didn’t have a whole lot growing up, and many of my toys were homemade. I would draw paper animals to play with, and ‘treasure hunt’ in the deserts of Las Vegas for pieces of broken beer bottles, which I would pretend were magic stones. I would build creatures out of Indian clay from our unfinished yard and sell them on the street corner for enough change to buy a slushy with. Later, I was a broke teenager living on my own, painting on cardboard and selling my work to people I met working on the Strip. It was around that time that the encouragement of my father brought me to Cleveland to pursue fine art.

After a couple years of bouncing my work around galleries, I have finally fallen through the rabbit hole and landed in

the sculpture garden of Jerry Schmidt’s Waterloo 7. I have been working with the gallery ever since, both displaying work and teaching painting classes to mentally disabled adults.

My band, Sparrows & Arrows, has played on the garden stage, which is unlike any other venue we’ve played. It’s very exciting to be in Collinwood and see all the artists on Waterloo work together to make a place for creativity to flourish.

I have watched Jerry teach neighborhood kids how to weld and sculpt. I heard a one boy at the gallery say he has learned that when he gets angry or upset, he can draw a picture to express himself instead of hitting things, and those are moments that make it all worth while. I see that sort of growth happening at Waterloo 7.

It’s not a gallery that wants to stomp on a community to bring in wealthy businesses. Of course we all want the Waterloo district to thrive, but in a way that works with the residents...trying to help and improve lives, particularly of kids who don’t have opportunities for art classes full of supplies at their schools. The goal is to bring people together for the better of everyone and the environment. In fact, our last big art show at Waterloo 7 was an eco-show, where artists created fine art out of recycled materials, and the exhibit was astonishing. I only hope to see more people coming out for the experience.

You can see more of my wonderland at Waterloo 7 Gallery, Finestra Gallery, and Arabica on 185th Street. Follow my blog for events, photos, and news at artbyjenna.tumblr.com. ■



The Queen’s Sculpture III
4’ x 5’ Oil on Canvas

Introducing the Grandmothers

Kathy Baker

We’re the Grandmothers, and we’re going to be writing a parenting advice column for this newspaper—in spite of the fact that when we were bringing up our kids, there was no such thing as “parenting.” Almost everybody was one (this was before reliable birth control), but a Parent was a Mom or a Dad or a Guardian, something to be, not something to do, and certainly not something people thought they needed advice about.

So why should you pay any attention to our advice on parenting? Here’s why:

1. We’re older than you are, and therefore, we happen to think, wiser. We’re not going to say how old, exactly, but old enough to remember the “good old days” with both fondness and clarity. Yet we’ve outgrown the need to get defensive about how good they were. Kids were allowed to run around unsupervised then, and in many ways that was good because as a result they became independent, self-reliant and resourceful. On the other hand, kids who were allowed to run around unsupervised were also un-seat-belted and un-bike-helmeted and unprotected by child abuse and neglect laws, and what happened to some of them wasn’t so good. So what we’ll be recommending is a common sense blend of the old and the new.

2. We’re on your side. We know how hard it can be to raise kids during hard times – during any kind of times. We know how you feel sometimes: guilty, helpless, overwhelmed. Furthermore, being a parent has never been more difficult than it is right now, with the media heightening our fears, financial worries destroying our sleep, and impossible demands on both our and our children’s time leaving us all crabby and exhausted. We will not tell you that you have to strive to be perfect parents. We will not tell you to go ahead and hit your kids if they irritate you, either. But we will not guilt-trip you for your urges to throw your screaming baby, your whining toddler, your demanding school-ager or your sullen teen out the window. We will instead urge you not to act upon those urges.
3. We’re knowledgeable, experienced, and excited about this opportunity. Collectively (there are four of us) we’ve raised or helped raise 14 children, 21 grandchildren, and 5, 256 kids to whom we weren’t related. All of us have degrees in education or child development; all of us have worked as teachers or administrators in day care centers, preschools, elementary schools, middle and high schools, and/or community colleges; all of us find the way children grow and the way parents encourage that growth

endlessly fascinating, and we discuss the subject constantly.

4. We research each topic thoroughly. Whether we’re discussing toilet training or how to talk to children about death, we look at the subject from every angle. We consult authorities, we read books, we check out websites, we argue. We do not insist that there is only one right answer. We have even been known to change our collective mind.
5. We live in Collinwood. That’s not entirely true. Only one of us actually has a Collinwood address. But we all have lived in the Cleveland area forever and we know this city and its problems, advantages, and resources.

So please read us, try us on for size. If you have a general parenting question or would like some advice about a specific problem your child is having, please contact us at thegrandmothers@collinwoodobserver.com or 216-383-1684.

The Grandmothers meet at Hanna Perkins Center, 19910 Malvern Road, which houses the Hanna Perkins School and the Reinberger Parent/Child Resource Center. For information call Barbara Streeter, (216) 991-4472. ■

Artists:
This space is for you!
Write about your art and inspiration in your own words with your art for illustration.
Submit now at
www.collinwoodobserver.com

Getting to Know You
is a column designed for the Collinwood Observer reader to get to know their neighbor or local business owner.
Submissions for this column can be directed to
[Susan Brandt, Column Editor](mailto:Susan.Brandt@collinwoodobserver.com)
gettingtoknow@collinwoodobserver.com
The column will feature a brief bio on the person with who they are and what they do in our neighborhood.
We look forward to hearing from the readers, for their input and suggestions.

This Weekend

Come back to Euclid Beach—at least for a day!

Elva Brodnick

Sunday, September 27 marks the fifth – yes fifth! – year of bringing you Remembering the Sights & Sounds of Euclid Beach Park. We'll be at Euclid Beach State Park from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with everything “Euclid Beach”!

It all began rather innocently really. Back in 2005, Carol Ward, our local State Park Naturalist, approached Euclid Beach Park Now, our non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park, with the idea of doing “a little memorabilia event” at Euclid Beach State Park. Have Euclid Beach Park Now bring out a few Euclid Beach pictures and signs maybe, let people come and enjoy remembering the Park, nothing elaborate you see . . .

Yes, well . . .but then we got to thinking . . . What if we put signs with photos up all thru the Park showing where things were at Euclid Beach? And since we'll have the signs up, hey, we could also take people on guided tours around the Park. And can we get “Frozen Whip” there? Humphrey popcorn balls and candy kisses?

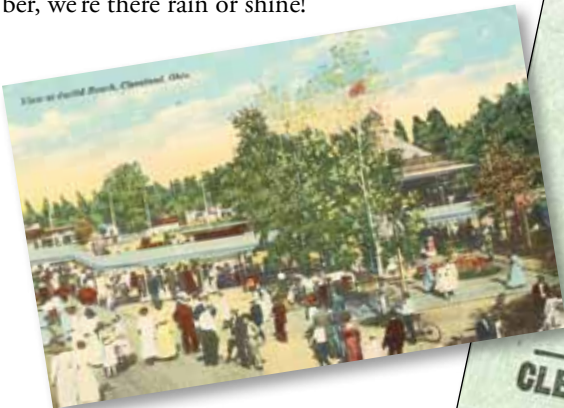
How about we lay out the Carrousel right where it ran at Euclid Beach? What about the Rocket Ship Car? Or the Thriller Car? Other “Euclid Beach” things? And wouldn't a car show be cool, The Cars We Drove to Euclid Beach, showcasing cars 1969 (when the Park closed) and older. (Which is in its 3rd year.)

Then Laughing Sal showed up last year (and enjoyed herself immensely!)

So here we are again. On this 40th Anniversary of Euclid Beach Park closing, on Sunday September 28 1969, we are especially proud to be able to bring all Cleveland-

ers together to remember Euclid Beach Park. We've grown every year, and all of us, Euclid Beach Park Now, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources/ Cleveland Lakefront staff, and the Euclid Beach Boys, John Frato and Joe Tomaro, have had a huge lot of fun bringing the 1500 to 2500 (in 2008) of you to “Euclid Beach for a Day”. We figure we'll be doing this for years to come – just as long as all of us will be Remembering the Sights & Sounds of Euclid Beach Park. Thanks for your support!

I look forward to seeing everyone. And remember, we're there rain or shine!



Images courtesy of Elva Brodnick/Euclid Beach Park Now



Community News

ST. JEROME PARISH

Invites you to the celebration
of our
90th ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Mass at 10 a.m.
followed by a
Reception in the School Gym
School Open House
Chinese Raffle - 50/50 Raffle
Clam/Steak Bake Dinner
12-3 p.m.
Tickets for the dinner are \$25.00
(extra clams - \$8.00)
Tickets may be purchased by calling the
Rectory, 216-481-8200

Lakeshore Golden Age Center

Lynn Krumholz

The Lakeshore Golden Age Center, located at 16600 Lakeshore Avenue, is a treasured asset to the Collinwood community. With a long history of providing services to seniors sixty years and older, the center is a fun, educational place to be.

The center, with limited van transportation to and from your home, is open Mondays - Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and provides:

- A hot nutritious lunchtime meal for seniors 60+. (Optional donation of \$1, based on ability to pay.)
- Recreational and educational programs after lunch including: speakers, prize and cash Bingo, arts programming and performances, Wii games, Bible study, cards, varied exercise including line dancing, seated exercise and stationary equip-

ment, day trips around and outside of Cleveland, computer classes, festive gatherings, and lots more.

- We also have a social worker on site who can provide assistance with numerous matters.

We welcome all to come and join us. Please call 216-481-0631 or stop by. Come meet new friends or enjoy time with those you know.

Please note that our festive Thanksgiving dinner, raffle and entertainment will be held Thursday, Nov. 19th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. Entertainment will be provided by Shane Phillips, renowned entertainer, along with a holiday lunch and raffle. ■

WHAT'S YOUR RECYCLING I.Q.?

Mike Gallagher

Everybody enjoys a test, right ? Let me say this before you break into a cold sweat, and vow to never read this paper again:

The test is only three questions long. The answers are true/false, not those maddening essay questions. The test will not be graded. Taking the test could benefit our environment.

1. True or False: Cleveland residents have not been able to recycle locally ever since the curbside program was suspended in 2004.

ANSWER: False! Even though the curbside recycling program is not currently active, there are at least five recycling centers located throughout the Collinwood area, just a short drive, or maybe just a healthy walk, away from your home. The centers are at:

- Collinwood Library 856 E. 152nd
- Memorial-Nottingham Library 17109 Lakeshore Blvd
- Humphrey Sports Complex E. 161st and Grovewood Ave.
- Euclid Beach State Park
- VASJ High School, E. 185th and Lakeshore

2. True or False: Cleveland's financial woes are so deep that we will never see another curbside recycling program.

ANSWER: False! There is an exciting recycling program on the forefront: Starting in October (according to the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Recycles website) of this year, the city will begin a pilot program that will involve garbage collection vehicles that automatically lift garbage bins and recycling bins and dump the garbage and recyclables into separate areas of the vehicle.

The pilot program will involve 15,000 randomly selected residents, and pending the results of the pilot program, will be phased into the entire city over a six year period.

3. True or False: We should dump all of our old paint, pesticides, motor oil, and household cleaners into a hole in the backyard, since Cleveland does not have a safe, environmentally sound, way to dispose of hazardous household waste.

ANSWER: False! There are two sites in the area to collect residential--not business--hazardous waste during the week of Sept. 28-Oct 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There are two locations:

- East: Carr Center 5600 Carnegie
- West: Ridge Road Station 3727 Ridge Road

You can dispose of oil based paints, shellacs, varnishes, polyurethane primers and sealers, spray paint, adhesives, wood stains, paint thinner, mercury (must be sealed in a plastic bag or container), pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, automotive products, motor oil, roof tar, fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners.

They cannot take tires, latex paint, propane tanks, household batteries, but there are other private and public programs available to dispose of these items responsibly. For more info on this program call (216) 664-3717. Congrats, you just raised your recycling IQ!

Summer is almost gone

Yolanda Anderson

But not so are the redevelopment efforts within the South Collinwood neighborhood. The Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) is again and still working on several redevelopment projects within Ward 11 and we would like to share our excitement with you, our neighbors.

You might have recognized our signs and if not, we are now finalizing projects at the following addresses: 1459 Clermont Road, 1427 E. 172nd, 805 E. 156th St., 1441 E. 176th St., 884 Stevenson Road, 931 Royal Road, 870 Ruple Road, 1386 E. 188th St.

For all of the above, we do have purchase agreements in place. We do have others available though: 1478 E. 174th St., 1519 E. 174th St., 725 E. 159th St., 16411 Pomeroy Ave., 15324 Shiloh Road, 940 London Road, 798 E. 157th St., 829 E. 154th St., as well as others.

The neighborhood is changing for the better. Houses are being redeveloped all over the ward and CNVDC is proud to be a big part of it. The opportunities have been presented to us to redevelop a number of homes and we are proud of our accomplishments. CNVDC has been a catalyst for redevelopment in Ward 11 for a number of years now, and we plan on continuing with our efforts.

If you are interested in any of the above that are not completed yet and you want to be able to pick out your own carpeting choice etc., then give us a call. We would love to work with you to own your own home, so give us a call at 216-383-9772. There are several programs of assistance available on all of our redevelopment projects, and we can explain them to you.



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paper left or right leaning, Democrat or Republican in its editorials?

The idea ended up in the paper because she studied the situation, wrote it up, and sent it in. That's what's different about Observers. They reflect the concerns, issues, and brand new ideas of people in the community who want to share them. How do you get your story in the paper? Send it in!

Standing in my parents' kitchen, hearing about O.H. Perry, I wanted to sit right down and write the story, and submit it so everyone in Collinwood would know what was going on. The neighborhood was about to lose its elementary school!

O.H. Perry is a magnet school for accelerated students, it could be the centerpiece of its neighborhood, attracting new families to an already attractive neighborhood. It would be terrible to lose it. But there was no paper. How do people communicate? Flyers on a bulletin board at the library? Flyers stuck in people's doors? Try to get the Plain Dealer to cover it? Call Carl Monday?

Not long after that, I heard that civic

leaders in Collinwood were considering starting a paper... one that would allow the neighborhood--one of the strongest, smartest and most resilient in the beleaguered city of Cleveland--to speak for itself. And not a moment too soon.

The goal is to talk amongst ourselves: figure out what we're doing, how we can listen to each other, support each other, entertain each other and celebrate who we are and where we want to go, from north to south, Bratenahl to Euclid, St. Clair, Lakeshore Boulevard, Five Points, Waterloo, E. 185th St., and straight on into Lake Erie.

Finally the good deeds of this community will see the light of day, along with issues that can only be solved by people who live here, or work here, and already have some ideas about what to do. If you don't know what to do, your neighbor has an idea, or maybe the guy down the block or the person standing in front of you at Sandy's or Mickey's, or in the parking lot after church, and maybe now he'll talk about it, now that he knows that his neighbors are listening,

they care, and they will respond, now that there is a place where responding is possible.

The paper will come out every two weeks and the website, collinwoodobserver.com is up and running, seven days a week, twenty four hours a day, with areas to post everything that's in the printed paper, and more. Online there is additional event space, photo space and message boards (which will be up in the coming weeks) where anyone can start a new topic at any time, and interact with neighbors to find out what everybody's thinking about in real time.

If you are interested in writing, editing and proofreading, taking photos, creating illustrations, or you have an idea for a column or a comic strip, send it in! As you can see from this, our first issue, some of your friends and neighbors are already here. This paper is yours. It's time to speak. ■

News from Northeast Shores

Lakeshore Village apartment redevelopment almost done

Camille Maxwell

Dominium Development & Acquisition and Northeast Shores have partnered together for the exciting redevelopment of the Lakeshore Village Apartments, located at 16151 Lakeshore Boulevard. This \$14 million development has brought the complete interior and exterior renovation of the 108 apartments to the complex on Lakeshore Boulevard.

Dominium Development has constructed a new Community Building, playground parking area, landscaping and renovated apartment units. The Community Building includes a kitchen, conference room and computers available for residents.

The rehabilitation project has brightened up Lakeshore Boulevard with vibrant exterior colors. Families are able to enjoy community services which are being held in the new community building and their children are able to enjoy the new playground

which offers a safe and healthy environment.

Local residents and business owners are excited about the “face lift” at what was once considered a challenged property within our community.

Lakeshore Beach Apartments residents have expressed how pleased they are with the renovation and development of what was once consider their apartment now are happy to consider Lakeshore Beach Apartments their home.

Dominium Development & Acquisition, Northeast Shores and Partners, would like to thank Mayor Frank Jackson and Councilman Mike Polensek for the City of Cleveland investment in this project. We would also like to acknowledge the residents and business owners of North Collinwood



CAMILLE MAXWELL

for supporting the renovation project of Lakeshore Beach Apartments.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in mid-October to acknowledge all the supporters of this project.

Again, thank you for making North Collinwood a community of choice.

Apartments Available

Stephanie Thomas

Looking for a comfortable area to live? Look no more, Northeast Shores has apartments available to rent. Our apartments are located in a Community with a Lakefront setting, Expressive Lifestyle near the Beachland Ballroom with Arts Collinwood being your local arts advocate.

Our apartments are all newly remodeled with wall to wall carpet, new tile bathroom and kitchen, central air and heat. Outlined with a beautiful wood framing in the kitchen. The apartment also includes a finished basement with hook up available for washer and dryer.

Parking available in the back of building, near public transportation, and within walking distance of shopping centers. For more information please call Stephanie Thomas at (216) 481-7660.



JOHN BOKSANSKY

The beginning of the E. 156th and Waterloo Streetscape

John Boksansky, Business District Manager

The wonderful possibilities of Waterloo Road, as envisioned by artists and other residents who call the area home, have moved two steps closer to realization.

The goals of the Waterloo Streetscape Plan are to attract and retain business and residents, provide a neighborhood identity, improve environmental conditions, and create a more pedestrian-friendly area at the center of the community.

The plan details prioritized proposed enhancements, as well as goals utilizing an

alternative streetscape option, in four Special Improvement Areas in and adjacent to Waterloo Road.

Currently the E. 156th Street Central Plaza which includes the opportunity for an outdoor festival area which has been installed by the City of Cleveland.

The place making structural tower is to be fabricated by the team of Mike Moritz and Steven Manka. Additional initiatives implemented include a district branding campaign and district banners.

It’s harvest time at the Corsica garden

Denise Lorek, Community Organizer

The farmers of the Corsica Community Garden are getting ready to harvest their vegetables from the Corsica Garden at the corner of East 156th Street and Corsica.

Our gardeners this year are mainly seniors from the various senior apartments on Lakeshore Blvd. and residents from Corsica. We had 10 raised beds this year for gardeners who planted a variety of different vegetables. We plan on having three times as many gardeners participating in our program next year. The gardeners have grown everything from greens to tomatoes to beans.



DENISE LOREK

All of the seeds and starter plants are donated by the Summer Sprout program. Most of the tools for maintenance of the Garden were bought with money from a Neighborhood Connections grant, making this a winning growing experience.

This gardening project would not be possible without the help of Ohio State University and the Summer Sprout program. The Summer Sprout Program also has workshops for would-be gardeners to show them how to be better gardeners.

There are even workshops on how to cook and store your harvest. In this economy, growing vegetables is a great way to stretch your food dollars.

The garden also is a great social outlet. What better way to get to know your neighbors than to work in a Community Garden and share gardening tips? If you would like to be involved in a Community Garden, call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores for more information 216-481-7660.

Storefront Renovation underway on E. 185th Street

John Boksansky, Business District Manager

Dr. Gust C. Gallucci, a representative of the Broadwood Company that owns the building reports that they will invest in exterior improvements which will complete a comprehensive exterior improvement to the building. The building improvements include: New Storefront window frames, windows and entrance doors, masonry and bulkhead marble repairs as well as new awnings and concrete work.

The plans have been underway for two years. The project received technical assistance from the City of Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) as sponsored by Northeast Shores Development Corporation and Councilman Michael D. Polensek. The SRP is funded by the City of Cleveland through its Federal Community Development Block Grant allocation. After the project completion, the owners will receive

a 40% rebate for the dollars invested into the exterior of the building. The building is located at 689-695 East 185th Street and is occupied by It’s a Family Affair Restaurant and The Soul Beautiful Café.

Dr. Gallucci stated that, “the opportunity to utilize the Storefront Renovation Program will help improve exterior condi-

tions, maintaining existing tenants as well as improving the prospects for attracting additional tenant(s) to the remaining vacant space in the building.”

To learn how the City of Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program can help your building and business, call John Boksansky, Storefront Coordinator at (216) 481-7660.



JOHN BOKSANSKY



RICHARD L. BOWEN & ASSOC.

Culinary Collinwood

Serving the Community for 77 Years:

The Coit Road Farmers Market

Tony Matlak

The year: 1918. World War I. A group of farmers from Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties begin selling their farm fresh produce from the back of their trucks in Collinwood. The neighborhood is crowded with recent immigrants working in the factories and rail yards spread throughout the core of the neighborhood. America has gone to war and the area is running 24/7 to meet the demand. The farmers see a vital need: bring to these workers and their families healthy, farm fresh goods and support the war effort.

1932. The Great Depression. During the 1920s the farmers continue their endeavor and see it grow in the Roaring '20s. Now, in the depths of the Depression, they take the bold move to form a cooperative and obtain financing to establish a permanent market for their products.

They choose the corners of Coit and Woodworth Roads in East Cleveland, the last open piece of land in the area, to locate their enterprise. Here on four plus acres they erect steel framed farm building more typical of their rural environs than the teeming urban neighborhood where it is situated. The cooperative includes parking lots and eventually two outbuildings to serve their

customers. With many of their neighbors struggling in poverty due to the Depression the farmers begin donating a portion of their harvest bounty to soup kitchens to feed the hungry and poor.

In the ensuing decades, the '40s, '50s and 60s, it's the boom years for the cooperative and the Market. Generations are raised and fed by the Market. Generations of its founders come to the Market to sell their products, as did their parents and grandparents. With 130 vendors, the parking lots are overflowing as the Market becomes the primary source for farm fresh goods on Cleveland's northeast side. Life is good.

The '70s, '80s and '90s. Slowly, inevitably, change comes to the neighborhood. The move to the suburbs has drained away the customers. One by one, factories begin to close, the rail yards begin to shrink. The Market is reflected in that change. One by one, farmers leave the cooperative. Their children have gone off to college as farming is no longer considered a worthy effort. With the people's move to the suburbs farmers stay home as now their customers are nearby. A small group hangs on at the Market; it's their lifeblood, their tradition, their heritage. However, as the new millen-

nium approaches, the future of the Market is now in doubt.

The year is now 2001. The cooperative faces a difficult choice. Hanging on is no longer an option; they can sell out and get out which means surrendering their heritage for all time. In the 11th hour, a group of customers and concerned area residents approach the farmers with an offer: a non-profit is being formed to purchase the property and continue Market operations. The farmers join this effort and the East Cleveland Farmers Market Preservation Society (ECFM) comes into being.

The Market is saved but times have changed. People no longer go to farmers markets to buy their groceries. More food dollars are spent in fast food outlets and fine dining restaurants than ever before as two income families don't have the time to sit down in the evening at the family table. The neighborhood is now one of the poorest in the state. Family farms have also declined and due to urban sprawl the distance of farm to market has steadily increased. How will the Market continue?

In the year 2009, the ECFM has come to meet these challenges in a variety of ways. Recognizing the change in its customer base

it has undertaken a number of initiatives. The Market became the first farmers market in Northeast Ohio to accept Senior and WIC farmers market coupons provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In 2008 it also became the first area farmers market to begin offering the Ohio Direction Card.

Change is not always a bad thing. In the new millennium Americans have begun to recognize the need to have healthy farm fresh products in their diets. This return to the family table has also meant a return to the small family farm. The Market has embraced this movement by establishing a community garden on the parking lot that was formerly filled with cars during the boom years.

On this same lot, the Market is also leasing space to enterprising urban growers who bring their product directly to the market from across the street. The ECFM is also actively involved in the local food movement by partnering with the Cuyahoga County Health Department, the OSU Extension Service and other groups to support the availability of farm fresh products in the city.

Over the past 77 years, through war, depression, growth and change, the Coit Road Farmers Market has been there serving the community. Looking towards 2010 the Market expects to continue to grow and change with the community it has served over the decades.

If you haven't done so lately, you may want to take the time out to visit the Market. Hours vary but it's still open all year and it's still located at the corners of Coit and Woodworth Roads as it's been now for 77 years. For more information on the Coit Road Farmers Market visit their website at www.coitmarket.org. For hours and directions you can also call the Market at (216) 249-5455 or (216) 531-3230. ■



Collinwood Cooks 101—Lesson 1

You can do that!

Laura Sleá

Could you read the title of that headline? Than you've just uncovered a truth. And with that truth you can wow your friends, improve any potluck, and bring smiles to your family.

My name is Laura J. Sleá (once upon a time, Partlow), and I am a foodie. But I'm no Food Network zombie. I like to cook things people could eat any time. No special runs to the grocery store in the middle of the week; I'm far too lazy for that.

But in that same vein, I am within a year and a half away from an Associate's in Culinary Arts at Tri-C. I'll be concentrating in baking. I've got plenty of hobbies, with sculpting, hiking and writing in the top three. Or five. Whatever. I have been married for seven years to my high-school sweetheart, a patient fellow by the name of Dave. Dave doesn't mind eating mysterious casseroles, so long as no eggplants are involved.

I've found that lots of people, especially folks my age (early 30s), get intimidated

by cooking. "I don't have all kinds of fancy equipment, and I'm afraid of knives." Baloney. You need some measuring tools, a thermometer, a bowl, a sharp knife, and something that would pass for a cutting board. If you've got those things, your excuse just got burned. And don't be afraid of that knife.

"I don't have the money for all that fancy stuff they make on TV!" Me neither! "I could burn water!" Well, set the timer early.

Want to make your own pepperoni bread? How about sugar cookies people will think you paid for? Barbecue hamburgers, not hockey pucks? And how about French Silk pie? Well, like I said before, you can do that!

But before we charge into that tastiest of rooms, I'm going to tell you to cut out the end of this article and try not to lose it. This chart will help you keep track of all those abbreviations, and a few measurements too. These are all the measurements you'll need for now. Poor Dave mixed up

the 'r' with the 'T' one time, and the poor chili about gave up on itself. So then, until the next time we meet, try to remember to set the timer. You can do that!

T—Tablespoon

t—Teaspoon

C—Cup

3 teaspoons = 1 tablespoon

1/4 cup = 4 Tablespoons

1 cup = 8 Ounces

16 Ounces = 1 Pound



Do you love to cook? Love to eat? Then this page is for you! Share your stories about cooking and eating at our website, www.collinwoodobserver.com. Have a recipe to share, want to interview a favorite chef about what makes their special sauce really pop? We'll print your story and photos right here and get your neighbor's mouth watering as well. . . It's Fall—what are you eating, or looking forward to? ■

Events

Nan's notes...

Nan Kennedy

I've been sending weekly Neighborhood Notes to an email list for a year or so; now they're moving to the very superior distribution of the Collinwood Observer, where you'll be able to consult them in the paper every two weeks and (when a few bugs have been killed) constantly updated on line.

I'm revising the email format to something that will work in print; it may change occasionally over the first few weeks, till I get it right—right being what readers like. Do let me know! I'll probably move to a two-week schedule for the email postings as well – perhaps with interim updates. Let me know about that, too.

The column will begin with Previews and Reviews, a few descriptive paragraphs to give a flavor of the events. The rest will be presented by date, with only essential details (for the moment, I decide what's essential; feel free to weigh in.)

If you'd like an event included in the column, let me know, nansnotes@collinwoodobserver.com.

A CALL TO YOUNG ARTISTS

(ages 4-18)

Waterloo 7 Gallery is calling all young artists to help raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by participating in the Kids Helping Kids Art Show and Gallery Event. Your child's piece become the property of CFF; it will be hung in Wunderkind gallery, given a value and auctioned at the opening; unsold pieces will remain on display (and for sale) until Wunderkind's next show; then they will be stored for display and sale at CFF's next event -- Chef's Fantasy on March 25 at the Ritz Carlton.

The Kids Helping Kids show will open on October 24, 6-10 p.m., hosted by sculptor and gallery owner Jerry Schmidt and artist Jody Pittner. For more information, contact jody@meta4tech.com or sculptor1121@yahoo.com. To learn about cystic fibrosis and the Foundation, visit <http://northernoh.cff.org/>.

Send your child's painting, drawing or mixed media piece (18"x24" or smaller, one per child please): to Jerry Schmidt, Waterloo 7 Gallery, 16006 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110. Deadline For Submission: October 12.

Waterloo 7 Gallery 16006 Waterloo Road, (239)293-9548, www.schmidtsculpture.com

WANT TO BE A MASTER GARDENER?

Interest in greening the neighborhood is—umm—growing, which may make the Cuyahoga County Extension Master Gardener program attractive to local residents—although it is inconveniently based (for us) on Miles Ave. It's a great program—10 weeks of one-day training classes in everything a gardener might want to know (fee \$230), followed by an exam and 50 hours

of volunteering. The 2010 classes will be held on Tuesdays from January 26 through March 30. Having thus qualified, MG status is maintained through 20 hours of volunteer work annually, plus 10 hours of further education (easily arranged). Volunteers work with school and demo gardens, staff a hotline, run information booths at garden events, do horticultural therapy – too long a list for here, go to the very informative Web site. The program will hold information sessions on Tuesday, 9/29 at Cuyahoga County Library Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Road @ 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9/30 at Shaker Heights Public Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd. @ 7 p.m.; and Thursday, 10/1 at the OSU Extension office, 9127 Miles Ave., @ 10 a.m. Attendance at an information session is not mandatory, but will answer many questions. Alternatively, you can download an application from the Web site -- <http://cuyahoga.osu.edu/master-gardener-program>. Applications must be in by November 1; applicants will be interviewed and informed of acceptance the week of 11/30.

THIS WEEK ON WATERLOO

Tiedman and Utter at Arts Collinwood

The shared retrospective of two of Cleveland's most distinguished opened on September 11, will run through October 3 and is a stunning show. Randall's apocalyptic cityscapes are so meticulously rendered and so ingeniously colored that they turn disaster into beauty – and one of them, if you stand back and look, reflects Doug's massive "Rain" ; the quartered canvasses and the color themes strike a similar note. I'm not a fan of Paul Bacon (the stuff of nightmares) so I was a little disturbed by Ghost Portrait's melting head (it made me genuinely uneasy, which is a compliment to its power), but I loved the graceful, aqueously swirling women. And I loved "Rain."

Arts Collinwood gallery is at 15605 Waterloo Road; hours are Thur/Fri 6-9; Sat/Sun 1-4, and whenever the café is open. Call 216-692-9500.

"Getting Weird" at Lowlife

There's an odd link among the works of Stepehe DK, Ian PE and Jake Kelly – an awful lot of the men in their paintings wear suits. And ties. On Waterloo, that really is weird. The show runs through September 27.

Low Life Gallery, 116001 Waterloo Rd. Thursdays: 6pm-10pm, Fridays: 6pm-11pm, Saturdays: 5pm-11pm. summer hours now of Friday and Saturday: 6pm-10pm and some Sundays from 1pm-4pm!

Back to School with Dick & Jane at Shoparooni

If you are of a certain age, you went to school with Dick and Jane (in Canada it

was Susan and Peter, but they did exactly the same things – I think they had a little sister Sally), and since if you are of a certain age, everything you went to school with is now vintage, Shoparooni has brought you an opportunity to reminisce. Lots of Dick and Jane art for you to take home and feel cosy with (or not, if you hated your first-grade teacher). The exhibition runs through September 27, during store hours: Monday – Closed; Tues, Wed, Thurs - 2 pm - 10 pm; Friday - 2 pm - 11 pm; Saturday - 12 pm - 11 pm; Sunday - 12 pm - 6 pm.

Shoparooni, 15813 Waterloo, 216.383.3633

The Scene Keeps Changing at Waterloo 7

The wind chimes made from drum cymbals are hanging in the Sculpture Garden beside the gallery – very charming. M. Forbes' papierdogs (colorful companions in papier mache) are a giggle. Marcus Braithwaite's pen and ink drawings are delicate delights. Barbara Daberkow's (extremely reasonable) fabric bags are precisely crafted and practical, as well. But what really won my heart were Laurel Herbold's drizzled paintings – with paint left over from her bread-and-butter murals, Laurel creates intricate tangles (yarn? Brain prions? The Internet?) overlaid with a close approximation of Arabic calligraphy. The colors are soothing, the execution immaculate. Her little people, almost stick figures, decorate neckties, glasses, mugs – whatever – and are delightful – but the calligraphy scores..

Waterloo 7 Gallery 16006 Waterloo; Waterloo Seven and Wunderkind are closed on Mondays; open 2-8-Tue, 2-8-Wed, 2-8-Thu, 2-10-Fri/Sat, 1-6-Sun. Phone 239-293-95458.

SWISS STEAK DINNER

To celebrate Fall and to benefit the Slovenian Workmen's Home located at 15335 Waterloo Road, a Swiss Steak Dinner will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009.

Dinners will be prepared and served by the SWH board members and auxiliary members from 4- 7 p.m.

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, dessert and coffee. The donation per adult ticket is only \$10.

The cost per child under the age of 11 is only \$4.

Tickets for this dinner MUST be purchased by October 13.

Tickets can be purchased any Friday at the Fish Fry from 3:00 PM until 8 p.m. or by calling (216) 481-5378.

Library to host Fancy Nancy Fashion Show

Attention young fashionistas! The Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch will host the first Fancy Nancy Fashion Show on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 6 p.m.

Grand prize winner will win a collectible Fancy Nancy doll and several Fancy Nancy books! Obtain entry forms from the Children's Librarian. Good luck!

Young ladies interested in participating must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 5 and 10 years old.
- Complete the Fancy Nancy Fashion Show entry form by Friday, Sept. 25.
- Attend a fashion rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.



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UPCOMING GAMES, MATCHES AND MEETS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|
| Sept. 25 | Glenville | Bump Taylor | 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | John Adams | John Marshall | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 16 | John Marshall | Home | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | South | Home | 12 p.m. |
| Oct. 30 | James F. Rhodes | Home | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 7 | Championship | Home | 12 p.m. |

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|-----------------|------|-----------|
| Sept. 23 | Lincoln-West | Home | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | Glenville | Home | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | John Marshall | Away | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | South | Away | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 26 | James F. Rhodes | Away | 3:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 4 | Championship | TBA | 3 p.m. |

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 23 | Meet | Luke Easter Park | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | Meet | Luke Easter Park | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Meet | Luke Easter Park | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Championship | TRI-C West | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | OHSAA DISTRICTS | TBA | TBA |

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| Sept. 23 | John Adams | Away | 2:45 p.m. |
| Sept. 25 | John Marshall | Home | 2:45 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Lincoln-West | Home | 2:45 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | East Tech | Away | 2:45 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | Jane Addams | Home | 2:45 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Playoffs (JV) | TBA | 2:45/3:45 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | Playoffs (V) | TBA | 2:45/3:45 p.m. |
| Oct. 8 | CHAMPIONSHIP(JV/V) CSU Woodling Gym | | 6:00/7:00 p.m. |

VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH

UPCOMING GAMES, MATCHES AND MEETS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|--|--|------|-----------|
| Sept. 19 | Wheelersburg High School | Away | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 25 | Willoughby South High School | Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 03 | Elyria Catholic High School | Away | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | *Cleveland Central Catholic H.S. (At Collinwood Athletic Complex) | Away | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 16 | *Padua Franciscan High School | Away | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 | * St. Peter Chanel High School | Home | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | * Trinity High School—Cleveland | Home | 7 p.m. |
| —Home games are played at Euclid H.S.— | | | |

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|--------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Sept. 26 | Willoughby South High School | Home | 10 a.m. |
| Oct. 17 | Padua Franciscan High School | Home | 10 a.m. |
| Oct. 26 | St. Peter Chanel High School | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 29 | *Trinity High School—Cleveland | Away | 4:30 p.m. |

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------------|
| Sept. 22 | St. Vincent—St. Mary H.S. | Home | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | Eastlake North High School | Away | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 24 | *Cleveland Central Catholic H.S. | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | Gilmour Academy | Away | 11:00 a.m. |
| Sept. 29 | *Holy Name High School | Away | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 1 | * St. Peter Chanel High School | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | * Elyria Catholic High School | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 8 | * Lake Catholic | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | Tri— St. Joseph Ac., Will South | Home | 10:00 a.m. |
| Oct. 13 | * Trinity High School—Cleveland | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Chagrin Falls Schools | Away | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | Senior/Parent Night | Home | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 15 | * Archbishop Hoban High School | Home | 7 p.m. |
| —Games follow Freshman/JV games; Start time is approximate | | | |

Girls and Boys Soccer games are played at St. Christine Field, 840 E. 222nd Street. .
Regular season games are free to the public.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|---------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Sept. 19 | Berkshire Jr. / Sr. High School | Away | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | *Holy Name High School | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | *St. Peter Chanel High School | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 3 | Euclid High School | Away | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 8 | Kirtland | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 | Cuyahoga Heights | Away | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | *Elyria Catholic High School | Away | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 17 | *Trinity High School—Cleveland | Away | 10 a.m. |

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|----------|------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Sept. 23 | *Holy Name High School | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | *Notre Dame Cathedral Latin School | Home | 11 a.m. |
| Sept. 30 | St. Peter Chanel High School | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | Andrews Osborne Academy | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Benedictine High School | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Martin Luther King Jr High School | Away | 4 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | *Elyria Catholic High School | Home | 4:30 p.m. |

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