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Health care reform

Is this issue making you sick?

Mike Gallagher

President Obama made numerous pledges during his presidential campaign, but perhaps none was bigger than his promise to reform our health care system. The debate across the country has been raging for some time, evident in the often contentious "town hall" meetings this past summer, the bickering in Congress over the competing health care related bills and issues, and the continued stoking of the fires of disagreement by much of our media.

We citizens of greater Collinwood are part of this national discussion and certainly have a stake in its outcome. In this issue the Observer wants to start a discussion on the topic. We'll begin with an overview of

some of the major health care reform issues, followed by the thoughts of some of our residents, responding to these questions: What have your experiences been with your current health care plan? Do you have a health care plan? What do you do, when you or one of your loved ones has an accident, or becomes ill? What hopes do you have for a possible new health care situation ?

Where we are now:

Among the greatest concerns that we have about health care insurance are these questions: Will I be able to afford it? And, will I be able to change jobs or insurance companies and still be able to get insurance even



though I have an existing health problem ?

Unfortunately the answer to both of these questions is all too often, "no", with the main reason being that the health care system in our country differs from the world's other major developed countries in a very fundamental way: The health insurance that most of us have, outside of the government run Medicare and Medicaid programs, comes from a for-profit industry.

On the face of it that is understandable, we live in a capitalist, democratic society. Capitalism is the engine that drives much of our country's GNP.

However, there is an inherent conflict in

the current system that is very simple to understand: the insurance companies are profit-seeking enterprises; the less money they spend on taking care of people, the more money they make.

The health care reform proposals that we hear about are trying to remedy that conflict in a variety of ways.

First and foremost, most significant proposals include provisions that will make it illegal for insurance companies to deny coverage based on pre-existing health conditions. This seems to be one area where there is broad support throughout Congress.

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Get the hippo you've always wanted *and* help the needy

Chris Galgoczy

It's November 1, the day after Halloween, and before you can even begin to enjoy the candy you hauled in from trick-or -treating, you look around and all you see are Christmas decorations. Now if you are like me, you are probably a little annoyed at this.

Then again, you can be on the other side, and be excited that the holiday season is upon us. By no means am I a Scrooge, I prefer to think that I am a little more traditional and believe that the holiday season should start after Thanksgiving.

Fortunately for me, many others share my feelings and some of them have come up with a brilliant and fun way to channel their energy. My family has owned and operated Baker Candies for over 88 years, all of them at our current location on the corner of Holmes Ave and E. 162nd. Now moving into our fourth generation, I am sure many of you have visited us in the past. Anyone who attended Spellacy probably bought candy from my grandfather on your way into school, you remember the old guy who looked like Crankshaft from the comics with the red ball cap and jacket.

Earlier this summer, Baker Candies was approached by a long time customer who appeared on an episode of the Dr. Phil show that centered on the over-commercialization of the holiday season. Our customer became known as the "Bad Judy" because she hates Christmas. Judy, with the help of her son David, decided that she wanted to turn her negative energy into something positive, and asked if we would be interested in helping her with a project.



In an effort to help those that are struggling most in this difficult economy, Baker Candies will be selling solid Chocolate Hippos to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank. Now right about now you are probably thinking, what the heck do Hippos have to do with the holidays?

Have you ever heard that annoying song, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas"? If so, you know how irritating it can be. Some would suggest you need electro shock therapy to get it out of your head.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to show your support for your community and have a little fun starting a new holiday tradition, and besides everyone loves chocolate. The Hippos can be purchased at our store or on our website at www.baker-candies.com. Isn't this what this time of year is really about? Here is hoping everyone has a safe and happy holiday. ■

Neighborhood of memories

Pizza and pinochle at Gino's

Susan Brokaw Guard

There has to be a medical term for someone who awakens one morning and realizes how much she misses a particular part of her past. Is it melancholia? Homesickness? The "good old days" syndrome? Be that as it may, my "back-to-the-future" experience was the time I learned to play pinochle while tossing pizza.

In 1956, when I was the quasi-mature age of 15, the Jenovic family opened Gino's Pizza on Lake Shore Blvd. now the site of a beauty salon across from the Valero gas station. Maybe it would better jog your memory if you knew it was the location of the Hones Grocery Store where Gertrude and Gary Hones and their family were pioneering what would become the present-day supermarket. Just thinking about Gino's makes me yearn for nickel juke-box tunes and folks hanging out and talking over a pizza with double cheese and pepperoni.

Most of the pizza patrons were from the local area, including the best place a kid could grow up—Beulah Park, just a stone's throw from Euclid Beach Park where there are too many memories to tackle just now.

My family lived in the first house on Lakeside Drive, the one with the big front yard sporting an old, old Hawthorne tree planted by Mrs. Burton, our upstairs neighbor from England. Her husband, Jim, was in maintenance at Euclid Beach, where he put fresh coats of paint on the rides. The kids in the area rarely saw him in anything but paint-stained coveralls.

When Milan "Potsy" Jenovic opened Gino's, I lied about my age to get a job. He was a motorcycle cop and all of his leather police issue clothing would crunch when he walked. It was a great sound. He later told me he knew I lied and was just | continued on page 6

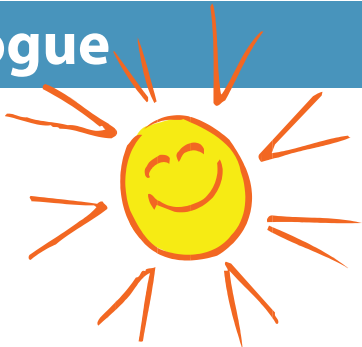
Walk here, shop here

Nan Kennedy

I yield to no one in praise for our little lakeshore neighborhood, but I've always been prepared to admit that it's a tad, ummm, shabby by comparison with the suburbs. Well! Last week I visited a dentist on Chagrin Boulevard, mere steps from seriously upscale shopping—but also in the middle of a pedestrian wasteland. The dentist's building sat—squatted—enormously in the middle of a vast parking lot, hedged in by gas stations and fast-food joints. It had no front or back, no name, no number—and no information desk or porter to tell me if I had the right address. As soon as I stepped out of the car, I was assaulted by the wind and deafened by the traffic noise, and I realized: I'm surrounded by suburban brutality, and I want to go home to my cozy, walkable bit of Collinwood.

Which leads me to my next thought: we could probably all spend more time here and less in the brutal suburbs if we changed our shopping patterns a | continued on page 6

Dialogue



Share your sunshine here

Erin Randel

Remember the days when newspapers had as much, if not more good news than bad news in their pages? This paper is a good place to revisit those days, in fact, bring back the good old days and let us enjoy the good new days together.

To that end, we're looking to start a "Sunshine" column to mark the arrival of new babies, celebrate weddings, honor milestone anniversaries, retirements, degrees bestowed, homecomings, and so on. We can even run pictures—the more recognizably Collinwood the better, so a photo of the baby coming

home and the proud family welcoming them on the front porch is probably more appealing than those prune-looking hospital pictures! For example, the Galgoczy's of Baker Candies welcomed an addition to the family last week. Wouldn't we all like to see a photo of her first visit to the shop her daddy and grandma run?

This is a community-written paper, so you need to send your news, too. Keep us in mind, when baby arrives, or that diploma is received, or those church bells toll, take a few notes and send them on in.

The easiest way to make sure things are published promptly is to submit on our website, www.collinwoodobserver.com. It takes about a minute and a half to register as a member/writer, and you can start your story and submit right away. Don't have a computer? Visit Deva Walker at Collinwood Library, or Maria Estrella or Darlene Ronney at Memorial-Nottingham to sign up using a public computer. Each of these fine librarians and their staffs, have signed on as member/writers and can show you how as well.

You can also email sunshine@collinwoodobserver.com. Lastly, you can handwrite your news and mail it to us at the address at left.

If you have questions, or can help coordinate the good news from your church, club, block etc., you're welcome to give me a call at (216) 235-5009.

Healthcare Reform

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dicey. President Obama talked often of the "public option" in his campaign. The public option would be a government-run insurance program that would be another option to compete with the current private insurance companies. This public option could potentially be self-supporting: through premiums for those who can afford it, and perhaps some form of tax to help make up possible differences.

Supporters of the public option argue that it will serve as leverage against the runaway cost and profits of the private insurance companies and therefore lower consumer costs, while opponents are concerned that the non-profit nature of the public option will make it too difficult for the private companies to compete, and drive them out of business.

The bill that has passed the House of Representatives, HR3962, contains a public option. There is less support for the public option in the Senate, where work is proceeding on their version of a final bill.

In theory, the public option will work alongside private insurance companies, but it is considered by some to be tinkering with the system.

In contrast, a "single payer" system, like the one proposed by Rep. Dennis Kucinich, represents a major overhaul of the system. The federal and/or state government becomes the single payer to all of the health care providers. Taxes support the system and citizens do not pay (directly) for their insurance or health care. Our northern neighbor Canada has this type of program. Critics will sometimes use the "s" word ("socialism") to describe it in a negative way. Supporters of this plan contend that it is no

more "socialist" than having one system for trash pick-up, or police and fire safety. We all produce trash, we all need police and fire protection at times, we all get sick; we pay for it as a group.

What your neighbors are saying:

Olivia McLaurin, 30, lives on Cherokee Ave. and works as a manager for a local taxi company. She is not comfortable with her employer's plan, and has had limited success finding other alternatives, including public assistance. She is concerned about the possibility that a new plan will drop her. She hopes that everyone will have some type of plan, even if it involves a co-pay or other type of charge. "When children enroll in public school, they should also be enrolled in a health care plan...Everyone should have coverage.. I'm concerned that we could see some problems if everyone has to purchase insurance, and therefore cost should be income-based"

A 52-year-old Hiller Ave. resident, Jeffrey King, is currently recovering from a 2nd stroke and has had his share of problems dealing with his insurance and providers. His current coverage is Medicaid and Medicare. Due to delays in payment he is hounded by medical bill collectors. He has some dental problems that need attention but he is not able to pay for them. He was eligible for one session of therapy following his most recent stroke, and says, "I think my recovery would be quicker if I could keep taking therapy." He hopes that a new plan would include dental care.

Alicia Sewell is a 43-year-old Arrowhead Ave. resident. Outside of some minor issues dealing with her insurance company mistakenly claiming a doctor was out of her network, she is happy with the insurance she receives through her employer, a metals company in Willoughby. Our current economy does concern her; she worries that her premium or coverage could be affected because of a business slowdown. "I would love everyone to be able to afford health insurance, and for those who don't, I would like to see our country assist." She is concerned that we spend billions and billions overseas when we could be helping our citizens in need. "With all respect to families with soldiers, we are fighting a war that we should not be fighting"

Jay Westmoreland, a 63-year-old resident of Westropp Ave. is comfortable with his current plan, Blue Cross, and he hopes it continues. He has hopes that a new plan will be affordable, and that the cost be based on income. "I wish the new system could be like Canada's, provided by the state." He is mostly concerned about people with children, and that parents should not have to worry about their children not having health insurance. "In this land of plenty I just wish it were available for all".

Cheryl Patterson, a 54-year-old from E. 128th Street is happy with her employer's plan, in an introduction presentation it was touted as "the Cadillac of healthcare plans", and her experience thus far supports that claim. "I would like to see a plan that would be free for those who cannot afford it, even if they are working... I see so many people who work hard but cannot afford insurance." She reminisces about a friend from work, some years back. "We had an HMO plan that was expensive, this mother of 5 had to choose between paying for the insurance, or having the money for other bills. She chose to not get health insurance, and shortly thereafter her daughter was hurt seriously in a playground accident."

What's your story?

The Collinwood Observer, just to remind everyone, is community written-- I'm a member of this community who wanted to find out about health care-- our paper is a forum for all of our residents, and with an issue like this there is a real opportunity for our collective voice to be heard. Our leaders in Washington are listening. House Representative Marcia Fudge will likely be sharing some of her thoughts in our next issue. Share your experiences: tell us what has happened to you, and what your hopes and fears are for the future. Sign onto the Member Center at collinwoodobserver.com and type in your story or write it down and send it to the Collinwood Observer, at P.O. Box 19154, Cleveland, OH, 44119. ■

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Around Collinwood

From the 5th Police District

Working together to make student safety a priority

Dornat A. Drummond

The Cleveland Division of Police collaborates with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and other law enforcement partners to provide police presence and intervention for the young people of our community.

School safety is a particular priority, and one of the many resources the Division of Police has dedicated to youth safety is the COPS-in-School program. COPS officers are assigned in pairs to 10 of our high schools. These officers maintain a high degree of visibility and proactively interact with students to deter potential criminal conduct and anti-social behavior.

They patrol inside and outside their assigned school, and interact with and offer assistance to school staff as needed. They also direct programs that educate students about drugs, gangs, guns and other concerns as needed.

Keeping our children safe while they are walking to and from school is a job that requires the community's involvement. You can ensure the safety of our youth by being vigilant in watching out for students while they walk to and from school and await public transportation. This may involve just coming outside of your home in the morning and afternoon hours to keep an eye on—and out for—the kids.

When a community is known to be actively engaged in the safety of children, those who may want to do harm think

twice. It's also my experience that most children who are aware that they are being observed have the tendency to do the right things and go directly to school or home from school. Incidents of violence at school in District 5 mostly occur during school dismissal, so I encourage your awareness during that time of day.

Vigilance and good communication on the part of parents is the other key to safe and secure kids. It is imperative that parents talk with their children. Help them understand the importance of good citizenship and good behavior, and how it can build the community both financially and socially.

On the other side, they should be made aware of the dangers of involving themselves in negative behavior such as fighting, vandalism and other nuisance crimes as they walk to and from school. Parents must know the names, phone numbers and addresses of their children's friends and, whenever possible, participate in the educational process of the child.

To most of you, this may be 'preaching to the choir' and for others it's a gentle reminder that you do make a difference. Children are an important asset to this community and our future. Their safety is crucial.

Dornat A. Drummond is the commander of the Fifth District, Cleveland Police Department

Collinwood Alumni Association

Jeanne Coppola

I am a graduate of Collinwood High School (CHS), and would like to remind readers about the CHS Alumni Association, which publishes a newsletter with lots of information about get-togethers, class reunions, tours, members information, and meetings. In the October 2009 issue, it said that Councilman Michael Polensek had Collinwood High School declared a Cleveland Landmark. But now the school needs our help! Two projects stand out. The fence surrounding the school and the front steps need repairs. Volunteers and retired repairmen and plumbers who can help are asked to call Barbara Grubb for further information, 440-667-9433.

The CHS Alumni Association is also collecting donations for its "Locker Fund." Barbara says that many lockers are from the 1940s, and need to be replaced. So far, \$235 has been donated.

"Donations of bulbs and daffodils, are also needed," says Barb, to fix up the landscape around the building. They can be dropped off at the school this month, because the bulbs can still be planted in the first weeks of November.

Anyone interested in helping with these projects, or in becoming a member of the Alumni Association, can mail their checks, payable to the CHSAA address listed below. Membership fees are: \$8 per person for 1 year; \$15 per person for 3 years; and \$50 for you and your spouse (if both at-



Many lockers are in desperate need of repair.

tended CHS) for a lifetime membership. Please include your name, (and spouse's name if applicable), address, phone, e-mail, and CHS Class (month and year.) Mail to: Barbara Grubb, CHSAA, 9030 Norwalk Road, Litchfield, OH 44253-9771.

Remember...it was our high school. We have a lot of memories. Collinwood is a part of our lives, and needs our help now.

Share your alumni news here. Send it to Collinwood Observer, PO Box 19154, Cleveland, OH 44119 or submit it online at www.collinwoodobserver.com

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Stop into any of the merchants listed (you can look for the Shop 185! posters on their doors) starting December 1 to collect your game card. Every time you visit one of these area businesses – to have a cup of coffee, get your hair trimmed, get your oil changed, find a great gift, or inquire about rates for professional services – you'll get another sticker on your card. The more you visit, the better your chances of winning!

Come see for yourself just how great the gift basket grand prize is: it will be on display in the Lithuanian Hall during Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5. And there are more great prizes for runners-up!

When you support your local merchants, everyone's a winner. So this holiday season, think outside the big box, shop the neighborly way, rediscover all the great businesses right here on your doorstep, and make your money go further by supporting our community.

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City of Cleveland Citizens Survey

BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS

Your Ward _____
Your Neighborhood _____

If you had to choose one or two of these categories to focus federal block grant dollars on, which would they be?

- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Social Services
- ☐ Infrastructure
- Other, please explain: _____

What programs or projects do you think would help address these problems?

You are currently a...

- ☐ Renter
- ☐ Homeowner

What problems/concerns do you have with your housing?

- ☐ Rental market
- ☐ Code enforcement
- ☐ Affordability
- ☐ Repairs
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Insulation
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Roof
- ☐ Furnaces, weatherization
- ☐ Safety
- Other, please explain: _____

If you are a homeowner, do you have any problems/concerns with ability to... ?

- ☐ Obtain affordable insurance
- ☐ Obtain loans from banks or mortgage companies
- ☐ Obtain information regarding low interest housing repair loans or grants from the City of Cleveland
- Other, please explain: _____

COMMERCIAL

What goods and services are you able to purchase in your neighborhood?

- ☐ Groceries
- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ Shoes
- ☐ Convenience items
- ☐ Auto repairs
- ☐ Restaurants
- ☐ Deli –style or carry out foods
- ☐ Live music
- ☐ Cultural arts
- ☐ Dry cleaning
- ☐ Medical services
- ☐ Legal services
- ☐ Accounting services
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Day care
- ☐ Health & fitness
- ☐ Pharmacy
- ☐ Housewares
- ☐ Home improvement
- Other: _____

What goods and services does your neighborhood lack?

What changes would you like to see in your neighborhood shopping areas?

- Check all that you feel are important.
- ☐ Parking area improvements
- ☐ Better appearance of buildings;
- ☐ Litter control
- ☐ Security or lighting improvements;
- ☐ Building/code enforcement
- Other, please explain: _____

RECREATION

What programs and services do you feel are currently successfully utilized within your community?

What public parks or recreation facilities in your neighborhood would you most like to see improved, and what is it that they need?

YOUTH/ELDERLY SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES

Federal government rules limit the amount of block grant dollars that the City can use for these programs. Knowing that, what do you and your neighbors feel are the most important priorities to direct funds for?

- ☐ Job training
- ☐ Job referral
- ☐ Medical, meals
- ☐ Shelters
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Transportation
- Other, please explain: _____

The largest growing segment of our community is the elderly and those approaching senior status. What services do feel could or should be offered or expanded in your neighborhood to assist them in transition?

- ☐ Educational
- ☐ Social and employment opportunities
- ☐ Housing, legal, or financial planning

What programs/services do you feel is lacking?

Which of the following age groups are under served by existing social service/ public service programs in your neighborhood?

- ☐ Elderly
- ☐ Children, ages 3-5
- ☐ Children, grade school
- ☐ Children, junior high
- ☐ Teens, high school
- ☐ Adults

Why do you feel these groups are under served?

PUBLIC WORKS/ INFRASTRUCTURE

Should federal block grant dollars be used for infrastructure needs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, please list 3 repair activities (such as sidewalks, street, potholes, lighting, sewers, etc.) below. Include specific locations (street, address):
- (1) _____
- (2) _____
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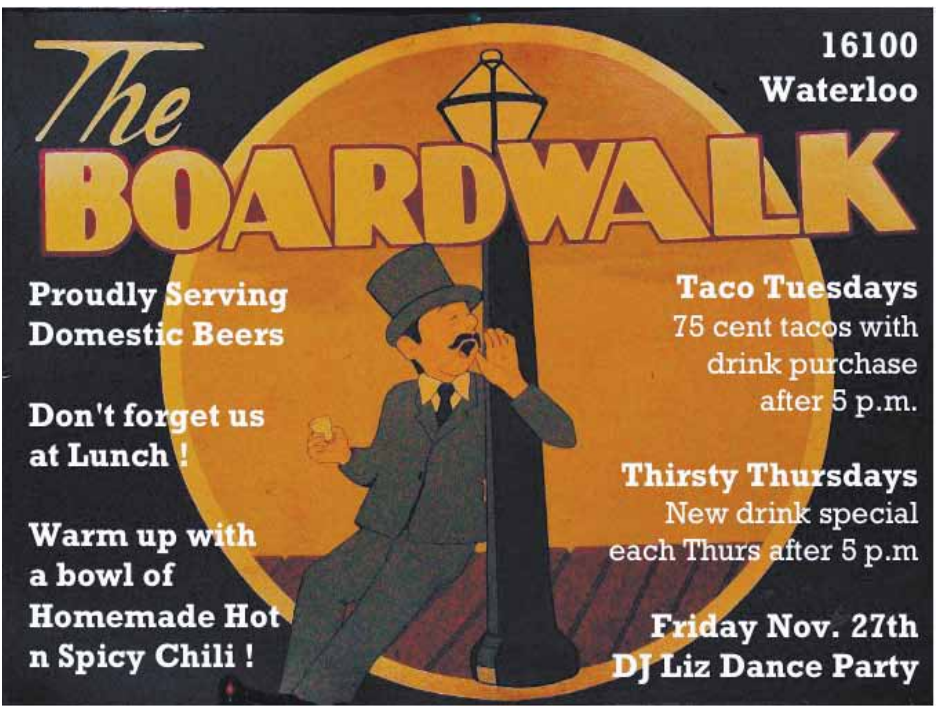


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News from Northeast Shores

Just when you thought the elections were over

Denise Lorek

Elections for the new Board Members of Northeast Shores are January 19th at the General Meeting. If you would like to have a say in what happens in North Collinwood, consider running for the board of Northeast Shores. The Northeast Shores election is open to the public, but you have to be a member to run for an office or to have a vote.

You can use the application below to become a member of Northeast Shores today. If you join now, your membership will be good for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. Call (216) 481-7660 for more information if you would like to run for a board position.

Keep looking for the Northeast Shores column in the Observer to keep updated on what Northeast Shores is up to or you can visit our blog at www.northeastshores.org/blog.

Please do your part to make North Collinwood a better place to live, work and play.

Santa Claus is coming to East 185th St.

Denise Lorek

Northeast Shores, the East 185th St. Merchants Association and Arts Collinwood have contacted Santa Claus and asked him to come visit the children of North Collinwood! Santa will be at the Lithuanian Hall, 877 East 185th St., December 5th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$5 for breakfast and a picture with Santa. There will be crafts and fun for all. For tickets, please call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores 216-481-7660 or Laura Robinson at 216-383-9671. Hope to see you there with your Christmas wishlist. Remember, Santa knows if you have been naughty or nice so be good for goodness sake.

Good news!

Stephanie Thomas

New energy efficiency programs are being offered along with the weatherization program.

Electrical Partnership Program: This program focuses on electrical energy use reduction through conservation measures and client education.

CEI Community Connections Electrical Efficiency Program: This program provides compact florescent light bulbs, energy metering of refrigerators and replacement for high electric use units.

CEI Community Connections Wiring Repair: This program provides breaker box replacement and wiring upgrades in order to insulate the home.

Water Conservation Program: This program provides installation of water saving devices – low-flow shower heads, toilet dams, and faucet aerators. Minor plumbing repairs, hot water tank repairs and or replacements and emergency service line replacements

Water Affordability Program: This program provides water discounts to low income families.

Call Stephanie Thomas, Northeast Shores Housing and Programs Manager 216-481-7660 for more information on these programs and other programs that might be of assistance to you and your family.

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming neighborhood events for 2010...

- January 19, 2010: General Elections for new Board members
- February: Taste the Neighborhood Awards Dinner
- May: Alive on East 185
- June: Waterloo Arts Fest

News from Collinwood and Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

The difference between the North and the South

Yolanda Anderson

Ever wonder who we are and if there is a difference between the North and the South?

Maybe you have heard our names and maybe you have not. If you are a homeowner and/or business within Ward 11, then you should have heard of at least one of us. Running east and west almost through the exact middle of Ward 11, I-90 separates Ward 11 into the North and South areas. The neighborhoods are not at odds with each other as in the Civil War period, but rather we try to work together for the betterment of Ward 11.

Needing extensions into the neighborhoods that surround downtown Cleveland, the City of Cleveland developed Community Development Corporations (CDC's) to assist with programs originating from the City and other sources. CDC's work to address critical issues within their service areas. We deal with residential, as well as commercial and industrial concerns. We are not at odds with each other, but rather work in conjunction with the Councilman for the area (Ward 11 Councilman Michael D. Polensek) and the City of Cleveland. If you call one of us and you are in the service area of the other, you will be given the correct information to put you in touch with the right individual to address your concern.

CDC's are the ones behind the scenes that push a project to fulfillment. We are the ones that assist in getting the boarded up houses in your neighborhoods either razed or redeveloped. CDC's are the ones that assist in the planning for that much needed grocery or drug store in the neighborhood. We are the ones that get new construction of market rate housing as well as commercial and industrial projects off the ground to bring more jobs into the area. CDC's are the ones that go to bat for the residents in the neighborhood when it comes to the issues of whether or not a school and/or church should be closed, rebuilt, or razed. We are the ones that can assist you in getting exterior paint or give

you information on low cost loans and/or assistance to renovate your home or bring it to compliance. CDC's are an information source for a variety of issues relating to home ownership as well as foreclosure and safety issues.

So whether you call CNVDC (216-383-9772) or NSDC (216-481-7660) for a problem that you have, rest assured that your issue will be addressed in a professional manner. We will work with you and try to resolve your concern(s). We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhoods you live and work in. We work in close contact with the Fifth District Police Department and Councilman Polensek. Call us sometime and see what we have to offer. ■

Block clubs and community meetings

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

meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. at the Arts Collinwood Community Center, 397 E. 156th Street.

Euclid Park Civic Club

meets the second Tuesday of every month. 6:30 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.

Holmes Avenue Pensioners

a social club for anyone of Slovenian descent and their spouses, meets the Second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. The Dec. 9th gathering will be the group's Christmas party.

Nottingham Civic Club

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

Ward 10 Club

meets Thursday, Oct. 22 from 5-8 p.m. at the Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd Street.

Ward 10 in Action

meets every 2nd Tuesday starting October 13. 6-8 p.m. at the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, 12305 Arlington 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 the month at 7:00 p.m., Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St., 216-623-5500

Have we missed your meeting? Has the time changed? Let us know! (216) 235-5009.

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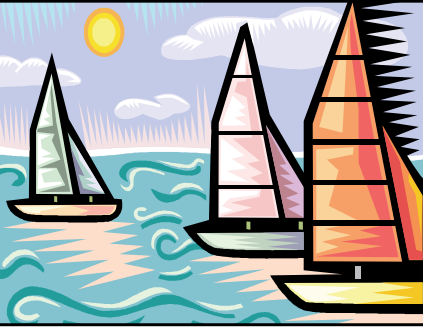
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Around Collinwood

GETTING TO KNOW...
Rowan Marshall

Susan Brandt

Rowan Marshall moved here about a year ago because, as she would say, “I guess you can call it a family tradition.” Rowan is a direct relation to the McPhillips Plumbing Heating and Cooling Service, located on Waterloo Road. Since she showed up, she found one of the greatest places on earth for Saturday morning hoops, The Salvation Army?? She started writing stats for the kids at the Salvation Army’s basketball league, with screaming people at every other buzzer. She coached tee-ball, and during the summer, there’s a good chance you will see her at Humphrey’s Field, playing ‘Kobe time’ with the kids.

Rowan learned her job at the Euclid Sports Plant, where she is currently coaching a 5th grade girls traveling basketball team. She hopes to gradually build their game up, throughout their junior high career, and help them make a commitment to excel in school, through sports. All girls fifth through eighth grade are free to come to the Sports Plant every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to try out. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Rowan at rowboat08@aol.com.

Rowan has energy, and some very different

viewpoints, you go girl! There’s the buzzard!

What is your idea of perfect happiness?
I would be perfectly happy if Cleveland would make the bridge project into a venue like Red Rocks. Considering that rock and roll is the biggest tourist attraction in Cleveland, we might as well build off that and try to have the inductions be a big part of our society here. Another idea, for the love of God, have an incentive to clean the lake. That’s the best suggestion I’ve heard on talk radio. We need to promote Cleveland as environmentally infused, friendly, controversial, multiculturally gay and overall, a liberally raw city. Like the rest of the Midwest. Someone needs to figure out a way to make money out of a recycling company; people were blowing each other up for this business 50 years ago around here. I would love to see women’s basketball come back to a local semi-pro level at the Euclid Sports Plant so we can build up a sports team following and not sell it. This way Cleveland will have a better appeal to it, with niche interests.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?



Besides hitting net on my vertical? My greatest achievement is recently getting a real job playing around in a gym! Visit euclidsportsplant.com to register for the best deals on youth, adult basketball leagues and 3 on 3 tournaments every last Saturday of the month. My other greatest achievement of course, coaching my 5th grade girls!

What is the quality you most like in a person?
Ingenuity’s ideal.

What do you value most in your friends?
Their ability to salsa dance.

What is your most treasured possession?
My most treasured possession is my basketball because I think it’s the greatest form of expression. Next to my camera.

What is your greatest extravagance?
My greatest extravagance is living in one place for a year without moving. Or maybe that I’m the manager of Tropical Cleveland Rhythms, which puts on Latin music events on Fridays at the View and Saturday at La Boca in Ohio City.

Who are your heroes in real life?
Might possibly be Jamal Lewis at this point. But every day, my surrogate mother, Molly, and Steve Blake who plays with the Maryland Terrapins (plays point for Portland).

What makes you unique?
I have a lot of character and half my family lives in New Zealand.

If you could change one thing in your life what would it be?
My ex-boyfriends.

Pizza and pinochle at Gino’s

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waiting for me to “fess” up. Busted! I needed a work permit and a food-handling permit and couldn’t apply for those unless I was 16. Hence, the fib.

Donna DeMarco Jenovic, Potsy’s wife, ran the day-to-day operations of the pizza emporium. She would run errands to stock up on cheese, flour and all the good things it

takes to make a memorable pizza. While she was gone, I’d feed the German shepherd, fold the laundry and, oh! make pizza or spaghetti, scrub the pans, wipe off the booths and keep the place dusted and swept. I loved it. My pay? 75 cents an hour, a good hourly rate for the time. I brought home \$8.25 a week and turned it over to my mom. I kept 75 cents for a school bus pass.

Shortly after Gino’s opened, a regular group of guys would come in, order a medium pepperoni and share it while playing cards. Among the group were Wendell “Kootch” Kucera, Jim “Ozzie” Glavic, “Smitty” Smith (don’t know if I ever knew his first name), Art Helm from Austria who only ate “shees” pizzas, Ron Guentzler, John Kincaid, Rich Guhde, my brother Paul Brokaw Jr., and Jeff Stewart. They weren’t all regulars, but regular enough to be remembered in my old thoughts of my old days.

These fellows, two to three years my senior, would sit for hours playing pinochle on cold winter evenings when the wind would cut you in half when you went outside.

Whenever the cards came out there were usually four loyal players ready to do battle: Kootch, Ozzie, Smitty and Art. When I got nosey enough to ask what they were playing, the answer was “pinochle.”

Well, that’s the first time I’d heard that word. I could play Canasta, rummy, gin rummy, even crazy eights, but I had never heard of pinochle. The 48-card pack consisted of eight aces, kings, queens, jacks, tens and nines. It took me about 16 hours of watching and listening to catch on to this game called pinochle. Between making pizzas and serving Pepsi, I couldn’t wait to sit down and play a hand. When I did it was a disaster.

Teen-aged boys, especially your brother’s friends, are not kind or gentle and don’t mince words. I learned the hard way not to renege, play a card out of turn, give my partner a point card, and so on. But learn I did. What those crazed card players taught me makes me eternally grateful they took the time to teach me, even though they could have cleaned up their vocabulary along the way.

Gino’s was my home away from home for two years. When I graduated from Collinwood High School in January of 1959, other family members were running the pizza shop and I had to get a “real” job.

But thanks to a bunch of rowdy card-playing combatants, I’ll always smell pepperoni pizza and mozzarella cheese whenever the pinochle cards are dealt. ■

Walk here, shop here

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little. Buying meat, for instance; most supermarkets now sell prepackaged meat (often imbued with a freshness-preserving gas). There are two (two!) butchers on E. 185th Street (Olde World Meats and Azman’s) who cut fresh meat to order, often at supermarket prices. They also—I can testify—dispense good advice on what to do with said cuts.

And on Waterloo Road there are two (two!) sausage shops, one Croatian and one Slovenian, both delicious. These would be R&D sausage and Raddell’s; Raddell’s also sells unsmoked pork and ham. And breakfast sausage, for that matter. And spaetzle and bread and chocolate bars and noodles and pierogi.

We have neighborhood bakeries, too, and dentists and clothing stores and lawyers and a chocolate maker. Send me your favorite merchants and we’ll try to find them some more customers, nansnotes@collinwoodobserver.com. You could also write for the paper yourself! Start a story about your personal favorite with, "Not enough people know about. . . ." Many more of us might be able to stay cozy and close to home this winter if you do. ■



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Arts and Entertainment

Living, working, and creating in Collinwood

Brittainy Heisler

After bouncing around between Oakland, California and a couple of cities in Ohio for the past few years, I'm happy to say that Collinwood has been the neighborhood I have decided to stay in. Growing up in my family, we all considered it to be such a treat to drive to East 156th and buy smokies from Raddell's, and I can still remember my first concert at the Beachland Ballroom. I've officially been a resident in the area for over a year now, and have been involved in the Waterloo district for almost two years. At twenty-two years old, I am a drawing instructor and field representative for Young Rembrandts, an after school art program for kids ages 3½ to 12. I am also a barmaid at the SS+W Boardwalk on Waterloo Road. Most importantly, I am a full time artist!

Art has always been a part of me, and I love that I can make it a daily part of my life living here in Cleveland. I have a great deal of interaction with all generations in Collinwood-- those whose families have lived or worked here all their lives; newcomers, drawn to the music at the Beachland and the various shops and artistic events on Waterloo; and young children who cannot wait to pick

up a pencil and draw with me. I consider myself lucky to be in my position, and it is all due to common ground — art !

You may have seen my artwork before — I have shown at LowLife Gallery, my former shop ReVamped, and at the Boardwalk. It is not uncommon to walk into the Boardwalk and see me working on some sort of project. It is difficult for me to associate myself with one sort of "style"... I feel I am creative on many levels. My favorite commissions are portraits, but I do not limit myself to just that. Working at the Boardwalk gives me a great opportunity to meet people that commission me to do a little bit of everything — from silk screening family reunion t-shirts, turning a lumberjack saw blade into an outdoor sign, to landscape oil paintings and everything in between! I can work with you from any ideas and turn them into something tangible and completely original. Visit the Boardwalk to learn more about me and my art!

The SS+W Boardwalk is located at 16011 Waterloo Road.
www.YoungRembrandts.com



Brittainy's work includes a "little bit of everything."

Movie review: Paranormal Activity

Ceirra Kyle

It seems as if everyone is talking about scary movies this year. One that you should definitely go see is *Paranormal Activity*. This movie stars Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat as themselves. The setting is in Katie and Micah's two story suburban San Diego home. Even though the camera work is poor and not nearly as high quality as most films, the plot of the movie is more than enough to keep viewers on the edge of their seats.

Katie is very frightened of the evil entity that a paranormal investigator, Dr. Fredrichs, claims is in their home. When Micah asks her for more information, Katie's only explanation is that the entity has haunted her since she was a little girl. This adds to the coincidence that Micah finds a childhood picture of Katie in the attic.

The hauntings usually occur whenever Micah and Katie are asleep, which ranges between 1:00 and 3:00 a.m. After Micah buys a Ouija board and sets it on the table, he and Katie leave the house. Now, I'm not going to spoil that particular part of the movie, but let's just say that what happens when they leave is really terrifying! One night Micah is even scratched, bitten and nearly dragged off the bed. Micah then suggests they move, but another paranormal investigator warns that moving will not help at all. The entity will follow them.

With no other option, the couple remains. I don't want to give away the ending, so let me just say that at the end, Katie gets out of bed, stares at Micah and walks off into the darkness. Soon Micah is awakened by her screams of agony. Want to know what happens next? Go out and see *Paranormal Activity* today! But here's a little warning: Don't see it alone.

In all seriousness, it is unknown if *Paranormal Activity* is based on a true story or not. I give *Paranormal Activity* two thumbs up. If you decide to go and see this flick, have fun and try not to jump out of your seat!

At the Beachland: International Pop Overthrow Festival, Day Two



Paranoid Lovesick played the Beachland Ballroom on Nov. 14th, with Bill Stone, guitar, voice; Kurt Maracz, bass and vocals; John Potwora, on drums; lead guitar, Tom Dannery, filling in for the deceased Rick McBrien.

Coming up: Justice Rocks! December 4th, 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. with tastycakes, oldboy, Early Girl and Vitium. \$10, proceeds go to Community Shares who raises funds for Domestic Violence Center, ESOP, Adoption Network Cleveland, The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, Habitat for Humanity, Planned Parenthood of NEO, Hard Hatted Women, Cleveland Public Theater and NAMI Greater Cleveland. To find out more, go online at collinwoodobserver.com.

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Youth and Family

The Grandmothers: *Go play!*

Dear Collinwood Observer Reader,
No one has asked for our advice lately, so we're going to offer some today unsolicited, on the subject of play.

The old days

Finally, research has vindicated the mothers of half a century ago who routinely opened the back screen door and told their kids to go play, and not to bother coming back until the street lights came on or they heard the dinner bell, whichever came first. Turns out these mothers were not being abusive and neglectful. The moms of the previous century didn't know it, of course, but they were ensuring that their children developed a critical cognitive skill called "executive function."

What kids did when their hours were not filled with TV, video games, and electronic toys (or yoga classes, soccer games, and tiny tot gymnastics) was regulate their own activities, mostly in improvised imaginative play. They played cops and robbers, house, or school, their own reality-based dramas. They also became the characters in fantasies involving queens and dragons, cowboys and horses, flying caped heroes and tall buildings, pirates and sinking ships. And as they did this, researchers are telling us now, they were developing "executive function," the ability to self-regulate, the measurement of which turns out to be a better indicator of success in school than the results of an IQ test. Kids with good self-regulation skills are better able to control their emotions, resist impulsive behavior, and become self-disciplined and self-controlled.

Times have changed

Those were different times, of course, and there's no going back to them. Kicking one's kids out of the house is no longer considered good form. No one rings a dinner bell out the kitchen door to call the children home any more. The kids are already home, bickering over which channel to watch, perhaps, or gobbling down a quick supper so they won't be late for t-ball practice.

There are a couple of reasons for this shift. First of all, we now seem to be afraid to permit our children to play unsupervised. We are worried about all the terrible things that could happen to them if we're



Maria Kaiser

not watching their every move. And secondly, we now feel that we have to give our child every possible opportunity to add to his repertoire of skills. How can he become a soccer star if he doesn't join the team as soon as he can walk; how can he get into Harvard if his parents don't very nearly bankrupt themselves buying him very expensive "educational" toys? We can't let him waste his time "just playing," can we?

Well, according to experts and our own common sense, we can and should. So, how do we reconcile today's anxious parents and the highly structured environment with our children's need for unstructured, self-regulated play?

What to do

Let's start with the givens: we're not going to cancel all his activities, and we're not going to let him play totally unsupervised. But we can certainly limit the number of activities we sign him up for. The primary requirement for unsupervised play is uninterrupted stretches of time, and we could easily cut back on all those classes and practices in order to give our children a little more of it.

No adults allowed

And while we're not going to let our children play entirely unsupervised, we don't need to be hovering over them, intruding into their play, either. Even the youngest children are quite capable of entertaining, even educating, themselves. We can stay nearby, assuring ourselves that we are keeping them safe, but at the same time go about our own business and not intervene, not offer solutions to problems until it becomes quite clear that such is needed. We can limit

TV to an hour a day, tops, and start buying our children uncomplicated toys and fewer of them. We can encourage complex imaginative play by offering simple props and play ideas, but then withdraw so the children can plan their own scenarios and act them out. Even the smallest toddler, given the opportunity, will start feeding the baby, or driving his car down the highway. Older children will become family members, characters from stories, powerful heroes, animals in the jungle, royalty, all the while devising plot-lines and scene changes worthy of the most skilled dramatist.

Imagine your children along with those of your more enlightened friends enjoying whole afternoons of such brain-enriching, creative play. Then imagine your snoopy neighbor observing them and starting to brag about how her 3-year-old, who takes karate, chess and ballroom dancing, excels in all three. You needn't be intimidated. You can tell her that your 3-year-old, who appears to be feeding dryer lint to her teddy bear, is actually improving her "executive function." Your neighbor will surely be impressed. And you will be confident that your child is spending precious time at the activity that children need most and love best: playing independently and imaginatively.

The Grandmothers—Kathy Baker, Maria Kaiser, Gann Roberts and Ginny Steininger—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 or email them, thegrandmothers@collinwoodobserver.com.

In My Generation

Jessica Turnage

They read in the papers and hear on the air
Of stealing and killing and crime everywhere
They sigh and say as they notice the trend,
'This young generation, when will it end?'
But can they be sure that it's our fault alone,
That a part of the problem they should claim as their own?
Are they less guilty who place in our way,
Objects and subjects that lead us astray?
Too much hating, not enough love
Maybe we should give peace a little shove
Too much money and too much idle time
Too many movies of passion and crime
Too many books not fit to be read
Too much evil in what we hear said
Too many children encouraged to roam
Too many parents who never stay home
We don't make the movies or publish the books
We don't paint mean pictures of gangstas and crooks
Drugs and alcohol, they trouble our brain
They're done by older folk who are greedy for gain
Delinquent teenagers, oh how you condemn
The sins of a nation and you blame it on them
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Who shall cast the first stone?
For in so many cases
It's sad but it's true
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School News



Courtesy St. John Lutheran School

Seventh grade "Skypes" to southern Ohio
Gregory Kita

With a student body of approximately 115 students, our school is loaded with technology. There are two Internet accessible computers in each room, each building has a network laser printer, there are three SMART BOARDS, the Shore Haven Computer lab has 14 stations, and a Mobile Computer Lab with 20 laptops.

Another exciting use of technology happened at St. John Nottingham. The 7th

grade Geography class was able to Skype with a senior college student, Will Ruzek, who is studying to be a geographer. He recently returned to Ohio Wesleyan University after a summer internship in China. He graciously agreed to speak to the class via a computer and web cam, answering the questions we had submitted to him, plus any others we had. The interactive aspect of this activity was awesome. ■

Take the lead. . . be a mentor

Carol Hasek

Research tells us the power of caring adult mentors in the lives of younger children is dramatic and long reaching

Experience Corps matches caring adults in a lunch-time mentoring program with 4th grade students in five public elementary schools across the city of Cleveland. Seventy-nine percent of teachers surveyed last year reported their students that were mentored showed improved attitudes toward learning, ability to complete assignments, and confidence related to academic success. Volunteer lunch time mentors develop a relationship with one child throughout the school year that translates to improved attendance, academic attitude, social skills and self esteem for a child and a sense of fulfillment for a mentor. It's easier than you think. Just listen, encourage, and appreciate a child at lunch time... once or twice a week, at any one of the following schools. **Near West:** Denison (3799 W. 33rd), **Far West:** McKinley (3349 W. 125th,)**East:** John W. Raper (1601 East 85th), **Southeast:** Emile de Sauze (4747 E. 176th), **Central:** Rockefeller (5901 Whittier Ave.).

Is a child waiting for you? Call now to volunteer or learn more.

Carol Hasek is a Mentoring Coordinator at Experience Corps: 216-391-9500, ext. 125 chasek@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Where do you want to be?
A teen Life-After-School workshop

Maria Estrella

On Tuesday, December 1, at Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, Case Western Reserve University Medical School students will host a workshop for teens to address life after high school. During this workshop, students will explore how self-identity and self-esteem influence life choices; the application process for trade schools, community colleges, liberal arts colleges and universities; and resume writing. This workshop will have a special component dedicated to health care career options.

This event is being held as a community service project for the youth of the North Collinwood neighborhood.

- 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Snacks and Introductions**
- 4:15 p.m. - 4:35 p.m. **Identity** Students will define their own identity and develop personal goals. Media images and messages

will be utilized to help students understand the choices they will face as they work to fulfill their goals. Facilitators will help students understand that there is a set of important skills that aid in making these choices.

- 4:35 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. **Application Process for Trade School, Community College, Liberal Arts, and Universities**
- 5:20 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Resume Writing** Explain the purpose and importance, and present a template.
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Health Care Careers** Provide a listing of all the opportunities in the field. Explain a few of the most popular occupations and the training necessary for each one.
- 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Questions**

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Good luck, Noble Tech Team
Amy Britton
The Techno Team at Noble Academy Cleveland is preparing to compete in the LEGO League Competition. The Competition will be held in early December at Hawken School. The students are spending hours after school and even on Saturdays developing their mission and programming their robot. NAC wishes them the best and looks forward to celebrating their achievements. The staff of NAC goes above and beyond to support education. This past week, our sister school, Horizon Science Academy Cleveland hosted a fundraising basketball event to raise money for equipment in the new gym. Our students were given an opportunity to raise money for a donation on behalf of the students. The support from the students earned a significant donation. NAC is proud of the support our students have for not just our school but our sister school. In celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday, NAC is thankful for the wonderful staff, brilliant students, and committed parents. The path of EXCELLENCE started with all of you. Providing the best environment for our students to learn and ensuring a quality education is our common value. NAC is respectfully grateful to be in the presence of everyone who makes NAC a school of EXCELLENCE.

Girls Youth Basketball
Rowan Marshall
There hasn't been a lot of recognition for girls basketball in Cleveland since the Rockers left years ago. And generally with many schools closing, there isn't even an option to play for girls at a young age who might be interested. Most girls are unaware of the talent they have to play and just haven't been given the chance to develop their skills.

I'm dedicated to making progress with that area of liberal arts on the east side of Cleveland. My name is Rowan Marshall and I work as a girls athletic director at the Euclid Sports Plant. I started volunteering at the Collinwood Salvation Army and finally got a job doing what I love to do. If there are any girls interested in playing for a traveling basketball league, please visit our website at www.euclidsportsplant.com

We are located at 20001 Euclid Avenue. Call 216- 404-0130 or call me personally at 440-227-5224.

Practices have started every Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m..

I would love to coach, mentor and encourage girls of any age to come try out at any level they wish to compete-- in or out of state, all

year long. So no more excuses about not being inclined to play, you finally have the perfect opportunity! Hope to see you out there!

October Students of the Month at Iowa Maple School
Stacy Lambert-Johnson
The following students were selected by the classroom teachers as "Students of the Month" for the month of October. Students were selected based on their attendance, positive behavior, good citizenship and effort in the classroom. Congratulations students! Keep up the good work!

PreK, **Brian Billup**; Kindergarten, **Halley Mauldin, Javon Jennings, Marshawn Spikes**; Grade 1, **Chontay James**; Grades 1/2, **DeMario Branch**; Grade 2, **Emani Walls**; Grade 3, **McKenzie Spikes, Christin Pondexter**; Grade 4, **Briana Benson**; Grade 5, **Nijah Holliday, Emerald Pannell**; Grade 6, **Amber King, Jabresha Clark**; Grade 7, **Amaris Morris**; Grade 8, **Domiique Gates, Jamel Campbell**; Grades 7/8, **Dewayne Cooper**.

St. John Nottingham Volleyball Continued
Gregory Kita
As we concluded our last article, the 7th and 8th girls' volleyball team was in the middle of their end-of-season tournament. They won the first match, but fell short in the final two. The girls worked hard all season and I am proud of what they have accomplished. They represented Christ, their school, their families, and themselves very well. God has continued to bless all of our Christian athletes with continuing success throughout the school year.

East Clark
Jessica Turnage
Since East Clark's opening and welcome to a new school, some students don't appreciate it. East Clark is not only a strict school, but only wants what's best for the students here. The teachers are wonderful and deserve all the respect that they should have. I am talking about Mrs. Peterlin, Mrs. Robb, and also Mrs. Galippo. Mrs. Peterlin is the social studies and language arts teacher for the eighth grade. Mrs. Robb is the Math/Algebra and science teacher, along with Mrs. Galippo but Mrs. Galippo also helps the IEP students or explains things to students when they don't quite understand something. With these teachers to help, I'm sure the Class of 2009 will all make it to college.

Jessica Turnage is an East Clark student.



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Faith in Collinwood

Unity in the Community:
Organize a “Unity in the Community” campaign

Jimmie Booze



In the wake of the Imperial Street horrific tragedy, we have been given a wake up call! A call to a tremendous disconnect on so many different levels; from a breakdown of law enforcement agencies to thoroughly investigate reports of missing persons, to a breakdown and disconnect of family and community support systems. While many seek to assign blame in this matter, the truth is that there is enough of it to go around. To think that we are going to rid our society of the evil that exists in the world is unrealistic at best. What I believe we can do, is do the best

we can to protect ourselves from it. In the scriptures, Jesus prayed a prayer that his followers would not be removed from the world, but that they would be kept (protected) from the evil that is in the world. Also, the Apostle Paul informed the church at Ephesus, that the strength of the church would come from “what every joint supplied”. In other words the unity in the community that allows what is best in all of us; to reach the porches of each of us; will help to strengthen and protect all of us from the underbelly of society that seeks to steal, kill and destroy us all. How do we know if the same spirit isn’t already among us? Are there any of our loved ones missing that have not been reported to

the authorities? Could there be evil lurking within one of the many boarded up and/or abandoned properties on our streets? These and many more questions should come to our attention. I am aware that this is not a pleasant thing for us to think about, but consider this, it has been reported that the alleged perpetrator of these horrible crimes on Imperial Street told one of his victims that “I can kill you and no one will miss you, because nobody cares”. Let us work together so that this statement will not be true of us. Let’s show one another that we care. The time has come, even well past time, that we “take our heads out of the sand” and realize that “we are the ones we’ve been waiting for”.

I invite the elected officials, law enforcement, health and housing representatives; and the citizens of the Collinwood community of both Wards 10 and 11 to join me at New Birth Ministries, located at 14911 Westropp Ave., for a “Unity in the Community” meeting on December 4 at 7 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance by either calling 216-486-3799 or emailing me at: jfbooze@sbcglobal.net. Behold how good and pleasant is for brethren to dwell together in unity. PS. 133:1 Be Blessed. *Jimmie F. Booze is the Executive Pastor at New Birth Ministries, Inc.*

Taking a stand against violence

Donald Holcombe

The great Dr. King had dreams, dreams that one day this place in which we reside will become a place where people can resolve issues without violence. Well, sad to say, unlike Dr. King, I have nightmares, nightmares that another mother and father will become childless and that another child will become mother and fatherless. I have nightmares that another young man will die over a street or block that he doesn’t even own. I just pray for the day when my young people realize that a street is just a temporary place that you live, you should be thinking about your future and trying to progress. You’re willing to die for this street or block that you claim. If I come back 20 years later and you’re still claiming this same street or block that tells me that you haven’t moved forward or made progress in your life. I am here today to ask you to please move forward and make progress in your life. I once asked a man who said he was a community activist a question: “What you do to help your community?” He asked me why. I replied with the words, “What’s a mountain

climber if he’s never climbed a mountain? What’s a mechanic if he never fixed an automobile? What’s a pilot if he never flew a plane?” With that being said, anyone can claim a title, but if you haven’t done the work, that title means nothing. Whatever your title is in life, in order for it to mean something, you have to live by it. I once got offended when someone would tell me that I am a product of my environment. But if the products that environment produces are success, greatness, education, and togetherness? Then I say I do not have a problem with being a product of my environment. I am asking today that we take a stand against violence. I don’t know about you, but I can’t view another news headline that reads “another Cleveland teen died due to violence.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to go to another funeral where a teen has been killed due to violence. It’s a shame, but it is a fact that in this country the death totals of young people due to violence is higher than high school graduation rates. With that being said, when does all of this

youth crime come to an end? I don’t have an answer but I can tell you this, that in order for a better tomorrow, we have to start today. So I am asking for Parents, Youth, Community leaders and whoever has a voice and wants to be heard, to speak out against violence. Let’s please, I am urging, all come together to resolve this issue of violence in our community. We have to remember that a group of minds is better as one. I am also asking for all people of the Collinwood community to use The Collinwood Observer as your voice. Please write to suggest ways that we can come together and rebuild a web of connections that make any community stronger and safer-- that make any community a place to grow and grow old. Remember, something can be done, we just have to take the necessary actions to do it. I also have a youth group if you are a young person interested in getting involved with your community, please contact me: donaldholcombe@rocketmail.com. *Donald Holcombe is a community activist*

I am thankful

Stephanie Pope

This is the time of year that many people usually reflect on their lives and count their blessings, although we should be thankful all year long because tomorrow is not promised to any of us. I would like to say that I am most thankful that God has blessed me with a wonderful Family!! I love them with all my heart. I have realized in my life, that I have what many people desire. It is not money or any other material thing; it is the love, understanding and support of a family-- a family that supports you no matter if you win or lose. A family that motivates you to keep moving and pushes until you reach your goals, and loves you no matter what path you choose to take in life. Life is a blessing, what you decide to do with it determines how much of a blessing you are to others. May my grandmother (Mama) rest in peace, she passed away March 3, 2005. She was the foundation from which my family was built, and her foundation rested solely on Jesus Christ. Be a blessing, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Nan's Notes

Previews and Reviews

Nan Kennedy

The week on waterloo is lively

All the gallery shows I saw last Friday will hang through December 5, as (I believe) will Fragments of Fall at Waterloo 7. Enjoy!

Friday evening on Waterloo: three openings, a concert in the Arts Collinwood Art Center, the Arts Collinwood Café jammed and jammin'. The arts village was on display. At the Arts Collinwood gallery, the Casey-Omaitz show was as rewarding as expected; Jen Omaitz's constructions play off Amy's meticulous prints and soft-toned paintings of urban chaos and breakdown, adding dimension and color in the form of orange barrels, wood and ropes. The artists' statements on the AC Web site illuminate the thinking behind their mixes of falling apart and being tied together. (If you want to own a Casey, move soon! Her prints are very reasonably priced.)

At the other end of the street, Adam Hoskins' armored squirrels, sword-wearing rabbits and helmeted mice suggested Beatrix Potter illustrating Tolkien, in compositions framed in the beautiful scrolling of early 20th century illustrators. Andrew Shondrick's anxious figures matched my mental pictures of Maria Doria Russell's aliens in The Sparrow – big heads, enormous, sad eyes, impossibly slim necks and long, long fingers – all attuned to the paintings' mood of urban alienation and angst.

Two very interesting shows, and for an added treat, the customized wood shapes in Shoparooni's BigShot ToyWorks show. Artists' interpretations ranged from robot to mummy to rather charming girls, and from \$150 to \$300. Unpainted kits are rather cheaper. And to round out the evening, a choice between the shows at the Beachland and an Asian drumming concert at Arts Collinwood.

Arts Collinwood 15605 Waterloo Road, 216-692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org. Gallery hours are Thur/Fri 6-9 p.m.; Sat/Sun 1-5 p.m., and whenever the Café is open.

LowLife Gallery, 16101 Waterloo. Thursdays: 6p.m.-10p.m., Fridays: 6p.m.-11p.m., Saturdays: 5p.m.-11p.m.

Shoparooni, 15813 Waterloo, 216.383.3633., www.shoparooni.com. Winter hours: Monday, Closed; Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, 3-9pm; Friday, 3-10pm; Saturday, 12-10 pm; Sunday, 12-4 pm

New at the Grovewood

Too long to include here, go to the Web site! (I did note that my favorites --spicy sesame noodles, grilled Caesar – are still with us, and the under-12 specials include Lavender Chicken for \$7 (grilled chicken breast, with seasoned fries, fresh vegetables, and honey lavender dipping sauce – elegant enough for the most sophisticated six-year-old).

Wine dinner with Maison Joseph Drouhin

The kitchen has been working on this menu since March, when they tasted the 2007 wines at a pre-release luncheon. Finally they have arrived in Ohio. The meal appears to have been designed with me in mind; despite having a root canal scheduled for that date, I may have to attend just to get the complimentary recipe booklet. I mean -- Fried Oyster, Chervil'd Sabayon. Colossal Shrimp in beurre blanc with wine-poached apricot and haricots verts. Confit of Chicken, thyme & bacon-scented white beans. Pork Tenderloin, stuffed with dried fruit compote, roasted butternut & wilted arugula. Steak Frites, Roquefort, bacon & endive salad. Bittersweet Chocolate Mousse, Salted Hazelnut Brittles.

This Lucullan evening takes place on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. for \$65 per person, by reservation only.

Grovewood Tavern & Wine Bar 17105 Grovewood Avenue • 216-531-4900, www.grovewoodtavern.com

This Week at the farmers' market

The Coit Road Market will be open on Wednesdays until Thanksgiving and on Saturdays all winter long – which most farmers' market aren't. On Saturday I came home with Stayman apples (crisp! juicy! flavorful! not Red Delicious!), big orange carrots, onions, that insidious cashew brittle, eggs, an Amish cream stick for Emma and me plus an apple pie for Miles, a crisp head of romaine (to make my very scaled-down version of grilled Caesar salad) and two creamy, fresh cauliflower.

Something to look forward to. Terry Mitchell (the jewelry guy), will return to the market on November 21 for his annual November Jewelry Sale. Man (certainly Woman) cannot live by vegetables alone.

Coit Road Farmer's Market is located at the corner of Coit & Woodworth Road in East Cleveland. Open year-round Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. till Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Eve Jam Session

November 25. All musicians are welcome in the Kenik Room of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments available.

Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show

November 28. The theme of this year's awards show is the several national flavors -- Slovenian, Italian, Polish, and German -- that are part of the Cleveland sound. Ray Somich II directs; a buffet dinner will be served from 12 noon until the show starts at 2 p.m., and again afterward. (The dinner includes roast chicken, sausage and sauerkraut, stuffed cabbage, vegetable, potato, salad, dessert and coffee, for a modest \$10 in advance, \$12 on the day. Call the Home at 361-5115 for dinner tickets). Liquid refreshments also available. Tickets for the show are \$15 from the Polka Hall of Fame, 216-261-3263.

Slovenian National Home, 6417 Saint Clair Avenue, 44103, 361-5115

Weekends on waterloo

Ladies and gentlemen, start your lists! Arts Collinwood's annual holiday art extravaganza is on its way. More than two dozen of the area's top artists will bring you jewelry, wearables, glass, paintings and photography on Dec. 11th (5-11 p.m.), 12th (11 a.m.-11 p.m.) and 13th (11 a.m.-5 p.m.). Kids can create their own holiday masterpieces in a supervised corner of the Art Center while you shop, and you can treat them (and yourself) to goodies in the Café (open all hours of the art sale).

The café, BTW, is introducing some seriously delicious food; on Friday I had gingered tomato soup and a most elegant plate of crostini with olive and white bean tapenades.

EVENTS

Virgis Stakenas in concert Saturday, Nov. 21st, 8 p.m. at the Lithuanian Village Amber Ballroom, 877 E. 185th Street. Tickets at the door, \$25.

Time to make the donuts! St. Mary Altar Society ladies are selling "krofe" (Slovenian donuts) on Friday Nov. 20, and Saturday Nov. 21 in the church social hall, price \$6 per dozen. Friday sales begin around 11 a.m., Saturday sales start around 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Fall Festival and Turkey Raffle Festivities start Sunday, Nov. 22 with Polka Mass at 12 noon, followed by an afternoon of fun, games, and various refreshments in the parish hall. One hundred turkeys will be raffled off! Hall opens at 1:30 p.m. Free admission! Everyone invited!

St. Mary's Church is holding a "Palachinka" breakfast on Sunday November 29th, from 8:30 am 'til 12 noon, in the parish hall. Breakfast of delicious Slovenian crepes (palachinka), sausages, eggs, juice, and coffee. \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12 years. Come and enjoy this special treat!

St. Mary's is located at 15519 Holmes Ave.

The ConsciousNest Holiday Faire on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 12-5 p.m. at 20150 Lake Shore Blvd. Holiday shopping—find that unique one of a kind something you've been looking for. Practioners and readers on hand to relax you. Have some fun and support The Nest at the same time!

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Sarah Gyorki

Lots of local folks—and plenty from outside the area—have already visited the Arts Collinwood Center at the corner of E. 156th and Waterloo. But if you haven't yet, we're offering you a good reason to come visit now. Arts Collinwood has taken over operating the cafe in our building, as another way to support arts programs in our community. Now, every time you grab a sandwich or a coffee, you can be helping make after school programs, gallery exhibits and community events possible here in Collinwood. And you'll love the new menu! We're here Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Besides soups and sandwiches, you can also pick up registration forms, event information and flyers on all the latest arts happenings. Other good reasons to stop in soon: On Nov. 6, we opened an exhibit of the otherworldly aquatints and one-of-a-kind installations of Amy Casey and Jen Omaitz. Every Thursday evening you can try your hand at life drawing, or maybe a little yoga on a Sunday afternoon. Plus live music, poetry and lots more. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of this year's Weekends on Waterloo holiday happenings and catch up on the great things going on in our own thriving arts district. We'll keep the coffee hot for you.

Visit www.artscollinwood.org for more information.

Welcome to the Sausage District (Part 2 of 4)

Photo by Bridget Caswell • Story by Justin Vaughn

In the last edition of the Collinwood Observer, we introduced the first in a planned four-part series documenting the institutional strongholds that anchor Cleveland's Sausage District.

The moniker references a friend and fellow Collinwoodite's nickname for our community, itself a hat-tip to the sheer prevalence of high-quality independent authentic European sausage producers and purveyors in the neighborhood. I paired off with Bridget Caswell, and the two of us have begun the process of visiting each of the major vendors in the area, chatting a little with the folks in charge of the operation, and providing you with a road-map to your homegrown charcuterie options.

Last issue found us visiting Raddell's, a family operation headquartered at E. 152nd and Waterloo Road. Today, we devote a few words

to Raddell's neighbor a bit further down Waterloo Road, R&D Sausage Company.

The operation at R&D is in many ways different from what you'll find at Raddell's – much smaller and the enterprise of a single man, Joe Zuzak. Terse and serious, the Croatian immigrant and forty-five year veteran of food service prefers to focus not on small talk but rather on the pride of his business: his sausage. He stresses that they contain no chemicals, but rather all natural ingredients – the secret blend he, naturally, would not divulge – and mentions he makes all kinds of sausages; Croatian, Slovenian, and “international.”

Zuzak found himself beginning his life's work after finishing 8th grade in what was then Yugoslavia. A three year stint in chef's school paved the way for him to do what he's been doing ever since: making top-shelf



sausage. He says that every day finds him making something different, though the busy winter season requires he make batches of Slovenian sausage daily, and between the rounds of sausage-making, he whips up batches of stuffed peppers, stuffed cabbage,

and homemade strudel. The mention of that last dish brings a smile to his lips and I seize on the moment. I ask what his favorite strudel is, the one he likes to eat, and he says, in almost a conspiratorial whisper, the apple, especially with some good vanilla ice cream. ■

Wake up and smell the pancakes this weekend

Laura Partlow-Slea

The 5th Dimension had one less egg to fry, and Jules Winfield in Pulp Fiction renounced his gangster ways while dining on this meal. John Hughes directed the classic coming-of-age flick The Breakfast Club. Seems that only the entertainment world thinks much of breakfast, and that's a shame. It really is the most important meal of the day, but who wants a lecture that soon after waking up? Don't worry, Mrs. Butterworth isn't going to call you on it.

I was raised on Bisquik. But after 20-something (tee-hee) years of it, I decided to break out of the yellow box in search of something else, and I found it. LOTS of it.

Breakfast meats aren't known for their healthy status. But there is a way to make them a bit slimmer. If you have a cookie sheet and a cooling rack you can put your bacon or patty sausage in the oven at 325° and some of that fat will drip back onto the pan. Dab the

meat with a paper towel when it's done and you're all set! Wimpy bacon (my fave) and sausage patties cut according to the lines on the package take about half an hour.

Check the patties with a thermometer before you chow down and see that they reach 165°. Another advantage of this method is that you don't have to keep flipping the meat or overcrowd the pan. Just check it about every 10 minutes. It works fine without the baking rack too, but you'll be holding on to a bit more of that fat.

Another time-saving tip is to combine your dry ingredients the night before. You can do this anytime you feel like it. There's a few minutes saved. Weekend breakfast was always the no-rush meal at my house, but that didn't mean me or Dad wanted to spend the whole morning in there. So do a bit of the legwork the night before and sleep in! You've got an awesome breakfast waiting!



CINNAMON-APPLE PUFF PANCAKE

Oven 425°
NOTE: You need an oven-safe skillet for this recipe.

- 6 T margarine
- 2t cinnamon
- 2T EACH white and brown sugar (OR 4T white OR 4T brown)
- 2 large, tart apples (Granny Smith, Fuji or Gala all work well)
- 4 Eggs
- 1 C milk
- 1 C flour

Peel & slice apples, dipping in some water with a bit of lemon juice in it to prevent browning (if you care). Melt margarine over medium heat in large (10" or better) or deep (2 2/2" or better) oven-safe frying pan. Add cinnamon and sugar, stir. Add your apples and turn to coat. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Then turn off the burner and place pan in oven for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine and blend eggs, milk and flour in a blender. You could probably do this with an electric mixer on high if you're careful. Either way, blend until smooth. Remove your apple pan from the oven and spray the sides with cooking spray. Pour in the

batter, but don't stir. Put it back in the oven for 15-20 minutes. It's done when you insert a knife in the center and it comes out clean. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, and maple syrup if desired. Serves 4-6.

BUTTERMILK & OATMEAL PANCAKES

Very hearty pancakes! Great before a hike! It's worth all the dishes.

- 1 1/2 C buttermilk
- 1c raw (instant or regular) oatmeal
- 1/4c brown sugar
- 4T butter, melted 2 beaten eggs
- 1C flour
- 1t baking soda
- 1t salt
- 1/4t cinnamon (optional)

In a big bowl combine the buttermilk, sugar and oatmeal. Set this aside for at least 5 minutes while you combine the melted butter and eggs in one bowl and the flour, baking soda, cinnamon (optional) and salt in another. Add the egg mixture to the buttermilk mixture, stir. Add and stir in the flour mixture. Cook on a hot griddle until the top stops bubbling and the edges are set. Then flip and cook until brown.