

Coit Road Market Gets \$16,000 Makeover

by Gina Ragone

A dilapidated, peeling and rusting produce market was reborn last week thanks to a generous Lakewood painting contractor and a prominent Cleveland corporation.

The once aged and tired-looking Coit Road Farmer's Market in East Cleveland, a non-profit with an 80-year history, was chosen as the recipient of the annual Neubert Painting Charity Paint Giveaway. The market now boasts a barn-red hue that's as fresh as the produce sold inside.

"We couldn't be happier with the way it turned out or with Neubert Painting's generosity," says Kevin Scheuring, a Collinwood resident and vice president of the Coit Road Famer's Market Preservation Society. "The new look really reflects what we're all about. Despite the fact that we have great food and good farmers, people have a hard time getting past the shabby exterior. This will make a huge difference to us and to the people in the neighborhood."

More than 60 employees from Neubert Painting volunteered their time to paint apply the more than 100 gallons of paint donated by Sherwin-Williams. The project had a total retail value of \$16,000.

The Coit Road Farmer's Market was chosen from more than 50 nominations by John Neubert, CEO of Neubert Painting as the 2011 recipient of its annual Charity Paint Giveaway. "This is a landmark building," says Neubert of the 1932





structure. "It is often hard for people in urban areas to find fresh produce, and Coit Road Farmer's Market fills that need, while also serving as an important part of the economic foundation of this community" he says. The Coit Road Farmer's Market includes an urban farm and a community garden where residents



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can plant their own produce and sell them at the market.

Founded by John Neubert in 1975, Lakewood-based Neubert Painting has been a leading painting contractor in the Cleveland and Akron for 36 years. The company paints about 300 homes every year. Since 2008, Neubert has chosen a worthy recipient for its annual Charity Paint Giveaway.

This is only part of making sure

Back to School at Lakeshore Beach Apartments

by Denise Lorek

On Thursday, August 18th I sat watching out the window of Northeast Shores in anticipation of the arrival of Valerie McCormack, the Executive Director, of Shoes and Clothes for Kids. Valerie is the Santa Claus of school supplies. For the second year in a row her organization provided over 60 book bags filled with school supplies. On behalf of the children who would soon be receiving the supplies, I thanked Valerie profusely. Valerie commented, "I am just glad that we could help the children be prepared for school". My car was already pretty full of supplies donated by Northeast Shores but we found room in my little Ford Focus for the book bags. Once my car was all loaded up I made my way to Lakeshore Beach Apartments.

The children started lining up at 3:30 even though we were not supposed to start until 4:00. They had their little faces pressed up against the door in anticipation. Once we opened the door to start handing out the book bags and supplies it did not take long before every child who was there was loaded up and ready for school. There were lots of smiles and happy faces. We even gave some pencils and notebooks to the moms who were returning to school to learn critical job skills.

these children excel in school this year. The management of Lakeshore Beach in collaboration with Joann Scott, a local resident has started a mentoring/tutoring program to help the children with their homework.

Artists in

increase artists' role in neighbor-

non-artist residents. The program will also work to help artists connect with other home ownership services and will market the neighborhood and the city as a good place for artists to live and work. Over the next two years, leaders across the country will be looking at what's happening in Collinwood to see what happens when artists play a bigger role in community work. They'll be studying what makes Collinwood special. But then we already know the answer to that.

Residence

by Seth Beattie

It's an unusually warm Tuesday afternoon, and a group of Collinwood artists and other community members are sitting patiently in the work area at Azure Stained Glass Studio on Waterloo Road. The group is in the middle of sheet after sheet of brightly colored glass art, the beautiful work of neighborhood artists Mary Zodnik and Ben Parsons. They're waiting to hear about a major new initiative launching in the North Collinwood neighborhood.

Then the news comes. Collinwood has been selected to host Artists in Residence, a two-year, \$500,000 initiative designed to

hood revitalization.

Thanks to Leveraging Investments in Creativity and the Kresge Foundation, two national arts funders, the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and Northeast Shores Development Corporation have been given the ability to launch a giant experiment to ask: What happens when the neighborhood helps artists ... And when we ask artists to help the neighborhood.

Between now and 2013, the program will provide artists with small loans to help them buy or fix up properties in the Waterloo area (and for long-term artists, to rehab their existing properties elsewhere in the neighborhood), as well as small grants to carry out community projects together with

Art Grows Along the Railyards

Artists in Residence is just the latest step in a long history of artists making a difference in the Collinwood neighborhood. Since the days

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Let's hope for a successful school year for all the children of North Collinwood.



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The Literacy Cooperative's SPARK program shepherds 1st class into kindergarten with two days of transition programming to kickoff school

by Katherine Bulava

As the final step in the first year of the nationally recognized **SPARK** (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) program's implementation in Cuyahoga County, The Literacy Cooperative, in collaboration with Invest in Children and Family Connections, is hosting a series of **Kindergarten Kickoffs** at its SPARK schools in order to help facilitate a smooth transition for children and their parents or caregivers from preschool, daycare or home-care into kindergarten.

On two consecutive days, spaced a week apart, children entering kindergarten at SPARK pilot schools in Cleveland, Cleveland Heights and Maple Heights will participate in Kindergarten Kickoff from 6 to 8 pm. A supplemental program of SPARK, Kindergarten Kickoff is designed to give children and their parents or caregivers the opportunity to become familiar with their new school environment, foster positive relationships with school personnel and become acquainted with the academic, social and behavioral expectations of the school culture.

Each Kindergarten Kickoff session is two hours in length and is held a few weeks prior to the start of the school year for incoming kindergartners and parents or caregivers to help children feel comfortable with their new school and allow parents to learn about the curriculum and the expectations for their child while at school.

During each session, the children participate in activities that mimic what they will experience in school while parents participate in a discussion about the various aspects of kindergarten readiness and success. Children have the opportunity to meet new classmates, their teachers and other key school staff and become comfortable in their new learning environment. Parents have a chance to tour the school, learn about the grade level content standards and meet school teachers and staff. Everyone in attendance participates in an activity together at the end of the session.

In addition to the children that have completed SPARK, a year-long in-home tutoring program that prepares children to succeed in kindergarten, approximately 10 non-SPARK children will participate in Kindergarten Kickoff at Oxford Elementary.



Why have Kindergarten Kickoffs?

Research has shown that the time at which children and their families transition from preschool or a home-based setting into kindergarten is critical and that successful transitions bridge the divide from home to the more formal expectations of school (Kreider, H., 2002, Getting parents "ready" for kindergarten: The role of early childhood education. Amherst, MA: Harvard Family Research Project). Further adding to the importance of a successful transition, research shows that a child's future academic success is positively correlated with that child's opportunities to be engaged in the life of the school before entering kindergarten (Pianta, Rimm-Kaufman & Cox, 1999; Ramey & Ramey, 1999; National Research Council, 2000).

Kindergarten Kickoff involves the parents, teachers and SPARK program tutors as well as the child. Research shows the involvement of these key figures during this pivotal point in the child's life increases a child's chances of educational success. (K. Cotton & K. R. Wikelund, Parent Involvement in Education, School Improvement Research Series, Close-Up No. 6, North West Regional Educational Laboratory).

About SPARK

As part of its mission to improve lives by enhancing literacy, The Literacy Cooperative identified SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) as a model for increasing early childhood literacy and school-readiness. SPARK parent partners work with children and parents to deliver an in-home tutoring program that not only guides the child through a proven curriculum but also connects the family to resources it may need.

The Literacy Cooperative secured funding to replicate SPARK in Cuyahoga County from The Abington Foundation,



the literacy

consisting of early childhood professionals); 3) follow-up assessments as indicated;

- individual therapies as needed (i.e., for speech or behavioral issues);
- 5) learning plans individualized to each child's specific learning needs;
- 6) home and group visits with prescribed lesson plans based on Ohio's early learning content standards;
- 7) developmentally appropriate books with art supplies and activity cards;
- 8) transitional program to introduce children and families to their new school and take the mystery (and fear) out of kindergarten; and

9) backpacks with school supplies.

While SPARK has not completed a full year in Cuyahoga County, The Literacy Cooperative hopes to replicate positive results from SPARK programs in Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Hamilton, Medina, and Mahoning Counties.

That's great news for SPARK Cuyahoga's children because the results of SPARK in other Ohio counties include:

- SPARK children scored statistically higher on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment in Literacy (KRA-L) than non-SPARK peers in the same classrooms;
- SPARK children were linked to community services prior to the start of kindergarten to address developmental and social-emotional barriers that would prevent school readiness;
- SPARK increased enrollment of children in early childhood or pre-school programs;
- SPARK children improved in their socioemotional ability, as evidenced by improved scores on the Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE);



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The Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, The PNC Foundation, The Stocker Foundation, and the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

The Literacy Cooperative is currently collaborating with Invest in Children - Cuyahoga County's public-private partnership serving young children and families - and with Family Connections in order to offer SPARK at select schools in Maple Heights, Cleveland Heights, and Cleveland.

Essential elements of SPARK include:

- parent partners who work closely with children and parents through monthly inhome interactions;
- developmental screenings for all children (including a review of results by a child psychologist and a Responsive Services Team

5) SPARK children had a higher average rate of school attendance than their non-SPARK peers in kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade; and
6) Third grade Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) results in reading and math are statistically higher for SPARK children than non-SPARK children, especially at the highest performance levels (advanced and accelerated) and among males.

These positive outcomes can have life-long implications for education attainment, health, employment, social skills, and personal well being. Studies show that strong early childhood initiatives lead, down the road, to lower percentages of special education placement and incarceration. The economic return on investment in early childhood programs is statistically significant to society.

Euclid Hospital nurse walks in Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the **Cure walk**

By Angela Smith

In 2007, Jennifer Gilbride, a Euclid Hospital R.N. was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC). At Cleveland Clinic facilities she underwent six months of chemotherapy, six weeks of radiation twice a day and seven reconstruction surgeries.

Gilbride is a survivor and was recently chosen to carry the flag of courage in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure[®]. During the walk she was interviewed by Monica Robins of WKYC, four years after their first interview together when she was first diagnosed with cancer.

Gilbride is an inspiration. She became very active with helping others through breast cancer support and education. She was even selected and trained to be a peer counselor with The



Jennifer Gilbride, RN, Euclid Hospital

Gathering Place's Breast Cancer Connection service.

Dedicated to the education of other women about IBC, this rare and aggressive form of cancer cannot be detected by mammogram or ultrasound. There are no lumps, only red patches. Gilbride is proof that knowledge and perseverance can lead you to overcome your obstacles and live strong.



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Euclid Hospital news

By Angela Smith

Euclid Hospital participates in disaster drill

Euclid Hospital was among many hospitals and medical centers across Northeast Ohio to participate in a fivecounty wide Emergency Management Drill in mid-July.

The purpose of the drill was to test the hospital's ability to respond to an external disaster using its emergency operations plan. During the exercise, Euclid Hospital was responsible for responding to and managing a surge of patients requiring mass decontamination following a chemical exposure. The incident command center at Euclid was activated to coordinate emergency response efforts while continuing normal operations within the hospital. Euclid's hospital emergency response team (HERT) team deployed a mass decontamination unit and performed actual decontamination on actors role playing as patients.

Drills are performed regularly to ensure the safety of patients, visitors and employees in case of a potential disaster.

Euclid Hospital presents a Healthwise Connection "Lunch and Learn"

More than 120 people attended a free lunch and learn session about colon cancer prevention on Aug. 4 at the Willowick Senior Center. Sponsored by Euclid Hospital and Healthwise Connection, gastroenterologist Michael Kirsch, M.D., presented important information on colon cancer, special risk factors and screening options. Parma Care/The Avenue Rehabilitation and Care Centers provided a free lunch.

This event was sponsored by Healthwise Connection, a free program provided by Cleveland Clinic hospitals to help people 50 and older to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. You do not need to be a current Cleveland Clinic patient to qualify for enrollment in this exciting program. Once you receive your Healthwise Connection membership card, enjoy exclusive discounts and services including: health screenings, health and wellness programs, physician referral service, exercise programs and transportation assistance for medical appointments. Joining is easy. For more information or to enroll in Healthwise Connection, please call (800) 775-4HWC (800) 775-4492) or visit clevelandclinic.org/hwc.



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Hello, North Collinwood!

by Jack Storey

I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Jack Storey, and I am currently serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA – Volunteer in Service to America – at Northeast Shores Development Corporation. While the AmeriCorps is a national organization, my roots are right here in this community.

Nearly my entire Irish Catholic family grew up on these streets; I spent a large portion of my formative years with my grandmother at her home on East Park Drive. My Uncle Kevin Storey was co-owner of Muldoon's until he passed in 1992; my father has co-owned Trade Winds Lounge on 200th since 1983; and many of you know my Uncle John, better known as Coach Storey of the VASJ Vikings.

When I returned to Cleveland from obtaining my graduate degree in Winter Park, Florida, I ran right back to North Collinwood. I love this neighborhood, I love the people, and I love the potential. I have had the good fortune to travel this country extensively, and I can hon-



Jack Storey

estly say that there's no place quite like North Collinwood. Though we've had our ups and downs in this town, I am extremely proud to call myself a resident and an active member of this amazing community.

I'm looking forward to working closely over the next year with Northeast Shores and all of you to help ensure that our neighborhood is getting what it needs. But rest assured, my commitment to this neighborhood didn't start, nor will it end, with this year of service. Regardless of where I may lay my head in the future, North Collinwood will always be my home.

Northeast Shores Development Corp. offers an exciting Lease to Purchase Option Program

by Camille Maxwell

Throughout North Shore Collinwood, there are a number of homes just waiting to be purchased. However, strict lending guidelines are preventing many prospective homebuyers from qualifying for homeownership. Northeast Shores is offering a Lease with Option to Purchase Program to assist those with the desire to become a first time homebuyer.

With the help of Northeast Shores, homeownership is becoming a reality for people to live, work and play in the North Colbecomes the homeowner. This program allows potential homebuyers the opportunity to ease into becoming a homeowner.

There are several qualifying factors. The first step, however, is to attend a FREE 8 hour HUD certified homebuyer education class, which will prepare lease purchasers to become future homeowners. The counselors will assess your credit report and savings so as to implement an action plan which consists of a budget analysis while accomplishing the goal of paying off debt. If the Lease Purchasers credit score

Getting Ready to Buy: NHS of Greater Cleveland Offers New Online Homebuyer Course

by Darren T. Hamm

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, a local nonprofit housing counseling agency that provides homebuyer education, down-payment-assistance, home repair lending and foreclosure prevention, announces it has recently partnered with eHome America, the nation's premier online home ownership education program offering access to quality, accessible information and education for first-time home buyers.

"We are excited to be able to offer this dynamic educational tool to throughout Northeast Ohio. Now quality home buying education can be found anytime on the Internet," said Executive Director Lou Tisler. "Though this online course cannot replace in-person homebuyer counseling, eHome America will allow our Homebuyer Education students to study at their own pace, and at a time and place that are convenient to them."

eHome America is an easy-to-use platform that covers the core-content areas of homebuyer education including budgeting, credit, savings plans and other key concepts of the purchasing process. Participants will also find user-friendly animated videos, content-related quizzes, and a printed certificate upon successful completion of the course work.

As an added bonus, any homeowner completing the online course and purchasing a home within 6 months, will have all fees associated with this online course rebated upon submission of a final HUD-1 settlement statement. As a further bonus, any homeowner purchasing a home after the first 6 months but before a year has concluded from the completion of the course, will have 50% of all fees associated with this online course rebated upon submission of a final HUD-1 settlement statement.

The fee for this course is \$50 when combined with a coupon,

course is \$65. Remember, all fees are rebated upon purchase of a home and submission to NHSGC, your final HUD-1 settlement statement within 6 months of completion of the online course.

To start the process of being prepared for homeownership and participate in the homeownership education online course, prospective homebuyers can access the online learning at www.ehomeamerica.org or contact NHS of Greater Cleveland at (216) 458-4663.

About eHome America

With over 50 video tutorials offered in both English and Spanish, eHome America is the most comprehensive online homebuyertraining course available. This program was developed around the "Realizing the American Dream" educational text, created by Neighborworks® America. From this content, numerous educational videos were produced along with interactive forms and other downloadable materials. All items in this program are designed to enhance understanding of the homebuying process, from start to finish.

About Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland is an organization providing free, fair and unbiased information, programs and services to the residents of Greater Cleveland and the surrounding areas of northeast Ohio to assist residents in achieving, preserving and sustaining the American dream of homeownership. NHSGC is one of the first chartered NeighborWorks® organizations, a network of over 235 organizations working in nearly 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide. For more information call (216) 458-HOME (4663) or visit our website at www.nhscleveland.org.

Darren T. Hamm is the Deputy Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland

linwood neighborhood. If you are unable to purchase a home immediately, a lease to own option could be right for you. Lease payments will be based upon the projected monthly mortgage payment when you become a homeowner. Making a monthly lease payment allows the lease purchaser to adapt to paying a monthly mortgage payment. Typically, monthly mortgage payments consist of paying taxes, principle and insurance. In addition to the mortgage payment, the lease purchaser would be responsible for paying the basic utilities: electric, gas and cable. However, Northeast Shores will continue to pay water, sewer and address any maintenance issues until the lease purchaser can be brought to 620 or above within a 12-18 month time frame, they will qualify as a Lease to Purchaser.

Look for the Northeast Shores "House Today Home Tomorrow" signs in front of Collinwood area homes for your chance to become a first time homebuyer. Remember, if you are looking to buy a home in the North Shore Collinwood Community, you can do this! It may just be a house today, but it could be your home tomorrow!

To inquire about this program contact Camille Maxwell, Real Estate Development Director, (216) 481-7660 ext. 30 or email: cmaxwell@northeastshores.org code HOME411. Regular fee for this



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Slovene Home for the Aged Update

by Councilman Mike Polensek

The Slovene Home for the Aged (the Slovene Home), held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 15, 2011, to kick-off Phase II of its threephase expansion and renovation project. The rain held off to make way for a beautiful, sunny day as staff, board members and residents gathered with project architects from Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. and Councilman Michael Polensek to commemorate this exciting occasion. Board Chair Bob Klancher made opening remarks and introduced Councilman Polensek, who lauded the Slovene Home's rich history, tradition and commitment to quality care.

Also on hand was Anita Gray, Congressional Liaison for Rep. Marcia L. Fudge, representatives from the project construction firm Marous Brothers, and Jure Zmauc, Consul General for the Republic of Slovenia.

The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of a new, state-of-the-art physical therapy suite, as well as 88 private rooms and 31 shared rooms. This expan-



Groundbreaking of Phase 2

sion will enhance the Home's short-term rehabilitation services as well as provide a more comfortable environment for existing and new residents. Construction is slated to be complete in May 2012.

Phase I of the project, which was completed in March 2011, included relocating the staff parking lot to newly acquired land, a complete reconfiguration of the existing visitor's parking lot, a more easily accessible entrance, an entry canopy, pedestrian walkways and new boulevard entrance.

The groundbreaking ceremony was a wonderful event that demonstrates the Slovene Home's ability to continue to serve its residents, respective families, staff, community partners and the Collinwood neighborhood. The Home is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and is looking forward to celebrating 50 more years of excellence.





Car care for cleaner water

by Claire Posius

The next time it rains, look down at your driveway or the nearest parking lot. See any colorful "oil rainbows" slicked across the pavement? It's a sign that someone's car is leaking fluid.

These fluid leaks are composed of highly toxic materials, such as antifreeze, motor oil, brake fluid and transmission fluid. When the toxics enter the storm drain system or leach into the soil, surface and groundwater supplies are contaminated. And



that means your drinking water supplies are put at risk.

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Why not treat it right and protect water quality at the same time?

- Repair auto fluid leaks right away. Use a drip pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed.
- Collect and dispose of fluids from routine maintenance properly.
- Keep your car properly tuned.

Clean up any spills with kitty litter or absorbent material. Dispose



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when you could walk down Waterloo to the railyards, neighborhood residents were singing, dancing and painting the neighborhood's history and culture. From the days of local music legend Frankie Yankovic, Collinwood has been an epicenter for Eastern European performances. You can still enjoy a good polka at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Friday nights.

But we all know that this isn't just the Polka King Neighborhood. This is a community of painting and photography and sculpture and writing. It's punk. It's rock and roll. It's a place where art is making a real difference.

Take a look at the Beachland Ballroom. When long-time resident Cindy Barber opened the doors of this nationally celebrated music hall back in 2000, Waterloo storefronts were 70% vacant. Eleven years later, the street is dotted with artsy shops, and the vacancy rate has dropped to less than 25%.

This is no accident. It's no coincidence, either. It's the hard work and passion of Barber, dedicated organizations like Arts Collinwood and Northeast Shores and hundreds of concerned citizens that keep our community safe, economically healthy and a good place to raise a family.

From Rust Belt to Artist Belt

Back in 2009, the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture started holding an annual conference called From Rust Belt to Artist Belt. The idea was simple – we need to start networking with other industrial cities and see how they're getting artists involved in neighborhood work. We need to start sharing our stories and figuring out how to make the "Rust Belt" a place where artists can live and work at a fraction of the cost of coastal cities. And we need to celebrate what artists are doing to turn our industrial cities around.

What we learned was that artists are making a huge difference. Pittsburgh's Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, where artists and arts groups got access to loans and grants like in Collinwood's Artists in Residence ogram, saw vacancy rates along

the street drop from 45% to 20% in just 10 years. Artists have carried out dozens of educational projects with neighborhood kids. In the mill town of Paducah, Ky., more than 50 artists have moved into the Lower Town neighborhood, renovating falling-apart Victorian houses and converting them into art galleries and bed-and-breakfasts. Detroit's Heidelberg Project has grown from one artist protesting vacant housing with his art to a neighborhood-wide education and tourism program.

Investing in Rust Belt artists works. From St. Louis to Buffalo to our very own Collinwood, we're standing up and saying, it's time to celebrate what makes us strong and to address what makes us weak. Let's work together, artists and nonartists, and figure out how to make Collinwood the best community we possibly can.

Something From the Neighborhood, For the Neighborhood

Over the next several months, Northeast Shores and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture will be talking to residents a lot. We'll be holding one-on-one interviews, conducting neighborhood surveys and holding neighborhood meetings.

The reason? We want the people who live in Collinwood, and the people who care about Collinwood, and the people who have ideas about Collinwood to help us build the Artists in Residence program. In the end, this program is a program for the neighborhood, and we want it to be designed by the neighborhood.

We want to hear from residents, whether you're an artist or not, about what type of art projects you would like to see happen over the next couple years. We want to hear about what your vision is for the future of the community and about anything that's getting in the way of that vision coming true.

Together, we're going to build something powerful and meaningful. But we can't do it without your help.

For more information about the Artists in Residence program, please contact Northeast Shores Development Corporation at (216) 481-7660 or info@northeastshores.org.

"If You Build It, He Will Come!" IV AKA **Moles or Golf Holes?** Which? Neither!

by Damon Dillard

Hello Collinwood Family,

Ah, the dog days of summer. Little League Baseball, Preseason Football, Major League Baseball Teams push towards pennant races and the last bit of heat and humidity before we are "jolted" into the reality of harsh winds that turn into snowy cold days filled with hot chocolate and the warmth of the Holidays. Oh, and how can we forget golf outings on are very own lawns. Putting on the eighteenth hole to beat Arnold, or Jack or Tiger for the US Open Championship. What? You mean those holes that are on your pristine lawn or not manmade? Of course they are not. They are dug by those wonderful skunks in our area foraging for food. And what have they found to entice their never ending appetite? THE GRUB.

You know the tell tale signs. You water. You weed. You feed. And yet your lawn fails to have the lush appearance so desired by man and beast. Brown spots appear everywhere and let's not talk about the "holes". Who's been digging in my back yard and front yard and every yard in between? Ah those pesky skunks looking for the even more pesky GRUB.

White grubs may be the most damaging turf insect pests in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Japanese beetle grubs alone cause an estimated \$234 million in damage each year- \$78 million for control costs and an additional \$156 million for replacement of damaged turf.

Japanese beetle and masked chafer adults are attracted to turf with moist soil which means they are especially attracted to lawns that get watered during hot dry spells. During the feeding period, female beetles intermittently leave plants, burrow about 3" into the ground— usually into turf- and lay a few eggs. This cycle is repeated until the female lays 40 - 60 eggs. Moist soils are certainly easier to dig through than hard, dry soils. Eggs will dry up and die under very dry soil conditions. The eggs also die when soil temperatures are around 90°F. Higher soil temperatures are typically associated with drier soils, as well as high air temperatures. White grubs are the larval stage of many different beetles, including the Japanese beetle. The grubs live below ground and feed on the roots of tender grass plants that soon kill the plant. They are most destructive mid-late summer, but the damage they cause may not show up until early fall and by then, it's too late.



moisture check for white grubs $1^{"} - 2^{"}$ below the surface. Damaged grass areas will typically just peel back when pulled or raked. When the grass is pulled back you'll probably notice one or two white grubs, but with a little scratching, you'll soon uncover quite a few. The threshold for lawn damage is 5 - 6 grubs per sq. ft. which means that if you have more than 5 grubs in a square foot area, you'll see extensive lawn damage.

Once the damage becomes visible, it's too late to control. Damaged white grub areas will not recover as the plant and root system is dead. Before making repairs the grubs will have to be removed either chemically or by hand. Manually removing the grubs is not hard once the dead grass is removed.

If you have white grub damage and want to make repairs to those areas in the fall, you'll want to make sure that the grubs are under control before making repairs. Just over seeding these damaged areas without removing the grubs will not be successful as the white grubs will soon eat the new grass seedlings roots.

Products labeled for use earlier in the season (MERIT) won't control white grubs in the fall. Products containing trichlorfon (Dylox) and carbaryl (Sevin) are faster acting insecticides and will kill grubs in 3 - 5 days. Bayer makes 24 Hour Grub Control which contains Dylox. Be sure to read label directions on white grub control products before purchasing. Treated areas should be watered to at least 1" deep before application of the chemicals and then after application



Lawns having numerous white grubs soon will show signs of injury. If browned areas haven't recovered once cool evenings return with adequate

another 1/2" of water should be applied.

Once the white grubs have been treated or removed you can then proceed with making repairs. If you have large damaged areas, slice-seeding may make sense. If areas are smaller, use a lawn rake or hand claw tool to scratch the surface of the dead grass. Loosen the soil with the claw. If necessary add a little additional soil / peat moss, reseed and keep evenly moist.1

So remember family the only "holes" on our lawns belong on real and true Golf courses.

Until Next Time Happy Planting Collinwood Family.

Sincerely, DPD J

Footnotes: [1] www.american-lawns.com/insects/ grubs.htmlezinearticles.com/

School News

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence truly living up to its name

by Stacey Jackson-Saunders

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence has a lot to be proud of these days. They recently received many honors for their outstanding accomplishments this year. The School recently received a 2011 National Promising Practices Award for The Bella Ball, a specific and unique character development initiative on the campus.

The Character Education Partnership (CEP), the leading national advocate for character education, announced its annual Promising Practices in Character Education award to 260 schools and districts from across the United States as well as Mexico and Puerto Rico. Nearly 500 applicants submitted practices for recognition. The Imagine Schools National Office as well as eleven Imagine campuses, including Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence, received Promising Practices awards in 2011. This is the second consecutive year the school has won the award.

These awards highlight the unique, effective, and specific strategies used on campuses to help students become better citizens, friends, and leaders. The Bella Ball was an initiative that involved parents, students and community members to promote proper etiquette, Imagine's Shared Values and excellence in character through ballroom dancing.

Liz Soeder, third grade teacher and Character Education leader at Imagine Bella, describes their program by saying, "our character education program strives to develop students who show integrity in their homes, school and communities, demonstrate justice by understanding individual needs of peers and take responsibility and ownership through planning and decision making."

Eileen Bakke, VP of Education for Imagine Schools, said, "We are proud of CEP's recognition of Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence for helping students to become responsible, capable, caring citizens and tomorrow's leaders. These Promising Practices demonstrate only a few of the recognized ways that Imagine Schools integrates character development into every aspect of the school day. We partner with parents and guardians in the education of their children. They recognize the value of character formation, leadership and service as important components of a quality education."

Positive character development is one of Imagine Schools' Six Measures of Excellence, criteria by which we measure our performance and hold ourselves accountable to high standards. Every Imagine Schools campus places a strong emphasis on positive character development and evaluates its effectiveness in this area annually.

In addition to receiving the National Promising Practices Award, Imagine Bella Academy has also received an award on the National Imagine Schools level for their blend of character education into their everyday educational program.

All winning schools and practices are listed on the CEP website (www. character.org), and promising practices will be printed and published in the Character Education Partnership's annual publication, National Schools of Character: Award-Winning Practices.

The recognition does not stop there. In addition to recognition for their character education program, Imagine Bella Academy has also been awarded an Imagine Schools Parent Choice award. The School's incredible growth -nearly doubling enrollment- in one year is a testimony of the school's academic success and parent's selection of the School. According to the Imagine Bella staff, their families are the key to their success. CCCC thanks the parents for their continued dedication, partnership, and trust in Imagine Bella's education of their children.

Imagine Bella Academy will probably receive additional acknowledgments for their academic growth this year. The school has gone from an Ohio Department of Education ranking of Academic Emergency to Continuous Improvement. Principal Woody attributes this success to the students and teachers, "the teachers teach to high standards and are committed to each student meeting or exceeding those standards. Our students are just as dedicated. As the principal and an Imagine Bella parent, I am incredibly pleased with the path we are on." It appears to be a path of excellence.

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence is a public charter school in Cleveland, OH. The school currently serves over 300 students in grades K to 7 and prepares students for a lifetime of achievement and the global future by creating an innovative and academically excellent school.

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence is now enrolling for grades K-3 and is proud to announce their sister school Imagine Cleveland Academy (www.imaginecleveland.com) opening this fall.

School guards needed

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

Ward 11 has many schools, many different opportunities for an education of our children in the community. Our goal is always to try to keep them safe. One way to do this is by providing schol guards at the busy intersections to help our students move to and from their school environment.

We have several positions now open in the community where a School Guard would be quite beneficial. If you are interested in helping to fill these posts please feel free to contact the Councilman's office at (216) 664-4236. If you are a reliable, on- time and responsible adult who can work well with children, mobile enough to be able to cross the students at busy intersections, and can act as the community eyes and ears for any additional needs of these students, then you may qualify to become a School Guard in the Ward 11 community. We also prefer that you are a resident of the Ward. School Guards are paid employees of the City of Cleveland and eligible for health insurance. Prosepctive guards are asked to call the Councilman's office so that we can begin the process of getting you tested and trained to get out to yourt post as soon as possible, especially since school has already begun.

IDentiphoto partners with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to facilitate the implementation of their P.R.I.D.E. Initiative

by Charisse' Ausbrook Cleveland Metropolitan School District

IDentiphoto Company, LTD., is pleased to partner with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) on the implementation of its Priority Recognition Increased Data & Efficiency (P.R.I.D.E) initiative. This program offers CMSD three components for this initiative; student identification badges, visitor management, and a student information/discipline management system. With the start of the 2011-2012 school year, CMSD's Division of Safety and Security will require students to wear an ID badge at all times during the school day. This enables school security and staff to quickly identify students who are authorized to be in the building. In addition, the ID incorporates a unique barcode that is utilized for cataloging various activities and transactions such as cafeteria checkout, media center, hallways and processing tardy students. All visitors entering CMSD schools are required to present a valid driver's license or state ID that can be scanned and flagged if deemed "high risk". After the check-in process, the visitor will be provided with a photo ID badge that must be worn while on campus.

"The District's new ID system offers another layer of safety and security for our students and staff," says Lester Fultz, Chief of Safety and Security for the ClevelandMetropolitan School District. "The PRIDE system provides us with yet another high tech tool to identify students and visitors and to monitor access to our buildings. Our students and staff deserve a safe, secure learning anywhere on campus via a handheld mobile unit. These handheld units have the ability to access student information immediately by swiping their ID. This reduces the time and effort spent on discipline. A process that used to take as long as thirty minutes has now been reduced to less than a minute!

By utilizing ID badges to identify faculty, students and visitors, any individual not displaying a valid ID will stand out and be open to question by CMSD safety and security personnel, greatly increasing the security of their campuses. In addition, should an incident take place where the building(s) would have to be evacuated, authorized personnel will be able to easily access a report of all individuals on campus including faculty, visitors and students.

environment," Fultz continued.

In an effort to make students accountable for their actions, positive or negative, IDentiphoto's student information and discipline management solution provides CMSD administrators and security personnel the ability to obtain individual student information from



Library News

Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch September 2011 Programs

by Maria Estrella

Welcome to a New School Year! Family Library Night

Tuesday, September 13; 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Save the date! We invite all North-Collinwood families for a family library night! Come and discover all the wonderful homework resources the Cleveland Public Library has to offer as well as take a tour of our juvenile/teen area. For more information, please contact the Children's Librarian.

Art on Wheels

Tuesday, September 27; 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Share in the fun as you express yourself by creating your own piece of art! Join Carolina Martin, local author of the newly published children's book "Red, Yellow and Blue," for a creative, hands-on art activity. She'll be bringing all of the interesting art supplies for you to make your own masterpiece.

Preschool Story Time

Every Monday during September from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Stories, rhymes, songs and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers. For more information, please call (216) 623-7039 or email cpl-memnot@cpl.org.

Teen Read Week

by Jeanne Coppola

COLLAGE IT!

Saturday, October 22 at the Memoral-Nottingham Library, 17109 Lakeshore Boulevard, Cleveland OH 44110

Time: 2:00PM

A collage will be created from newspaper and newsletter articles, that highlight the activities of our local Collinwood area teens, and other teens, going to school in this area, that are making a difference. Anyone with positive articles published about local teens who are involved in academics, sports, music, volunteering, community service, or any other activity can bring their articles to the Memorial-Nottingham Library.

Local artist, Lawrence Baker, will talk about art as a career, and assist with the creating of the collage, which will be displayed at the Memorial-Nottingham Library, to reflect this year's "Teen Read Week" theme: "Picture It!" LIght refreshments will also be served.

For further information, please contact, Alfonzo Daniels, Library Assistant, at: (216) 623-7039.

("Teen Read Week," runs from October 16th to 22nd, and is a national program, started in 1998, that encourages teens to read illustrated material, and explore their world through their imagination. Libraries, worldwide, celebrate this event with lots of special programs!)



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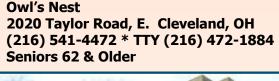




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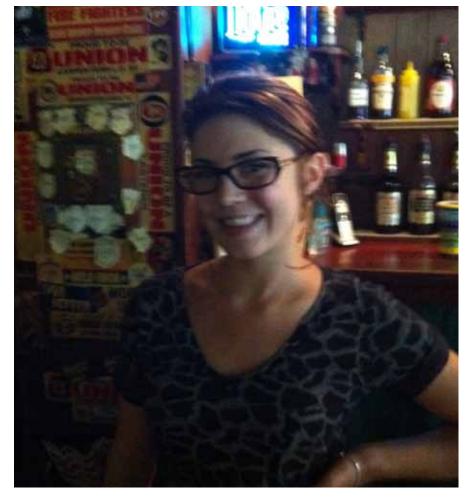
Changes at the Boardwalk & the Upcoming Fundraiser for the Cleveland Police

By Maeve Catherine

The Boardwalk on Waterloo Rd. has said farewell to their wonderful bar manager, Brittainy Heisler. Although it is a bitter-sweet goodbye, this change means there is a semi-new staff serving spirits at the quarter century old establishment. Stop by and meet these lovely ladies for some food and drinks. If you have yet to eat lunch there, then you are missing out. The Boardwalk's kitchen opens at 10am Monday through Saturday, and 1pm on Sundays. The kitchen stays open until 1:30am every day of the week for the late night grub, and the bar also features week day food specials.

On October 1st, 2011 the Boardwalk will be hosting a fundraiser for the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association to benefit the men and women that have been affected by the Cleveland Police Layoffs. The event will feature entertainment by the Madison Crawl, a rockin band based out of Cleveland. The \$15.00 Donation tickets are on sale now at the Boardwalk. See the Barmaids for details.

So visit the Boardwalk and meet their beautiful ladies, have some food and drinks, buy your tickets to show you support for those that protect us, and as always don't forget to tip your bartender.



Maeve Catherine

Volunteers needed to increase literacy!

By Robert E. Paponetti Executive Director, The Literacy Cooperative

Sept. 8 is International Literacy Day, created 45 years ago by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to celebrate literacy and remind the international community of the obstacles that still remain to global literacy.

On this day, internationally, some 796 million adults lack minimum literacy skills (one in six); 67.4 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. Literacy skills affect everything from parent-child interaction, to health, to financial independence, to employment opportunities and quality of life in our communities.

In the United States, there are more than 30 million adults who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency. Yet it is predicted that by 2025, 60 percent of jobs will require post-secondary degrees or credentials. In Cuyahoga County, nearly 400,000 adults (25-64 years old) have no college degree or certificate.

Furthermore, 85 percent of children whose parents have less than a high school education and 60 percent of the children whose parents' education ended at high school live in poverty. It's an unfortunate reality that illiteracy and poverty are both cyclical and linked. A child with at least one illiterate parent is twice as likely to be illiterate. In 39 of the 69 school districts in Cuyahoga County, less than half of the children entering kindergarten are prepared to do so and research shows that children that are still behind in third grade stay behind. The National Research Council has determined that academic success, as defined by high school graduation, can be predicted with reasonable accuracy by knowing someone's reading level at the end of third grade. A child who is not at least a modestly skilled reader by that time is unlikely to graduate from high school.

Every day, a large network of organizations strives to change these statistics and foster learning to build a thriving community. The Literacy Cooperative works with literacy providers across that spectrum that focus on both child and adult education in reading and math, GED preparation, computer skills, workforce development training and financial and health education. Each and every one of these organizations can use a helping hand in the form of volunteer tutors. According to the United Nations, "literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment, and a means for cultural development." The few hours you donate a month have the potential to transform lives. Please call Greater Cleveland Volunteers at (216) 391-9500 or Business Volunteers Unlimited at (216) 736-7711. You can also search for volunteer opportunities at www.businessvolunteers.org.

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Friends of Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project

by Ginger Hannah

Dear Friends of Euclid Beach Feral Cats, Since 2009 Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project (which includes Wildwood Marina, the Euclid Beach Mobile Park Homes, the state park pier and Euclid Beach Villa Apartments) has worked tirelessly to help sick, old and unaltered feral cats. Our primary focus is the historic Euclid Beach area where unwanted cats and kittens are routinely dumped and left to fend for themselves. Like every other spring, this past spring was kitten season, when people dump pregnant cats on the beach. These terrified cats then hide until their babies are born, bringing into the world countless more cats doomed to a life of hardship and loneliness. Not only do these cats and kittens suffer from parasites and upper respiratory infections, they also suffer greatly from wounds due to fighting, encounters with cars and acts of cruelty. Also, these cats suffer from something far less tangible; namely, the loneliness of never knowing a gentle touch. Overpopulation is a constant challenge, and we work day and night to keep the four colonies at Euclid Beach under control. Thanks to our efforts, and your support, we have a resident population of approximately 129 now-healthy feral cats. As part of our trap, neuter and release program we work with the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) to find loving forever homes for cats and kittens sufficiently friendly to become household companions, rather than returning them to an environment where they lack the skills to thrive-or even survive-and may become victims of abuse. Feral old cats and cats with health

issues are surrendered to the APL.

How You Can Help: In 2010 we were able to help more than 322 cats and kittens (up 407% from 2009). Already in 2011 we have helped over 117 cats and kittens: TNR 22, 17 kittens and 43 friendly adult cats were taken to the APL for adoption. Sadly, 35 feral sick, Injured and old cats that could not make it through a Cleveland winter where also surrendered to the APL ...

The cost of caring for these cats is huge, and includes daily feeding, providing adequate shelter and medical care. . Unfortunately, we are once again low on funds and need additional donations to continue our work As an all-volunteer not-forprofit organization that receives no county funding, our work depends entirely on the generous and compassionate support of people like you. Our gratitude to the more than 150 individuals who support our efforts is truly heartfelt.

Luna's Story

by Ginger Hannah

Hi-my name is LUNA, and I am 4 1/2 months old

This is the story of why I am such a lucky kitten!

July 29, 2011, was a very hot and humid night. A mean person took me for a ride to Euclid Beach, and then threw me out of the car like I was a piece of trash!! I hit the ground violently, and realized my right back leg was broken, and my hip might be broken, too. I just cried and cried...

I didn't know that at Euclid Beach, there is a kind lady named Ginger Hannah, who helps the cats who live there. She feeds them every day and provides them with shelter, too. O'my!

Then something miraculous happened! The nice lady, Ginger, and a very kind friend, saw me lying broken in the grass. They picked me up and kissed my forehead. I was so happy, but I was afraid

They took me to the Kitty Kottage for the night; fed me yummy food, and gave me a warm, cozy bed to sleep in. I was so exhausted!

The next morning, Ginger took me to see the gentle and kind doctors at the Cleveland APL, who fixed me up. I could feel that they really cared about me, and I started to have hope again.

Ginger's friend who helped to save me is my new daddy.

Life now is wonderful, I'm not in pain, I always have food, and, best of all, I have a loving forever home and three cat brothers to play with. I feel



Luna

like I am in heaven! I am SOOOOO grateful to the Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project for saving me. And it makes me purr even louder to know that all the other cats are loved and cared for, and there is an angel to save them, too.

I sure hope Ginger can keep doing what she does; it costs a lot of money to buy all the food, build shelters, and to pay the medical bills.

Please help the Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project to continue to help all the cats at Euclid Beach, so they can also have a miraculous story like mine to share with you.

Thank you for caring and whisker Kisses! LUNA

Please make checks payable to Northeast Shores Development Corporation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit Organization which acts as fiscal agent for the Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project. Please write EBFCP on the memo line of your check and mail it to 317, East 156th Street, Cleveland, OH 44110. All donations are tax deductible.



Together, we can help to end overpopulation and suffering in Euclid Beach and in other North Collinwood neighborhoods. Your caring is a powerful symbol of love, respect and mercy.

Thank you for caring, Ginger Hannah & Brian Licht

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S.N.P.J. Lodge #158 Loyalties Collinwood High School celebrating 100th anniversary

by Pat Nevar

On October 8th SNPJ Lodge #158 Loyalites will celebrate their 100th anniversary with a gala banquet to be held at the Slovenian Society Home "Recher Hall" in Euclid. The dinner will be served by Appetite Catering at 6:00 PM and music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be by the Don Wojtila Band.

The original Lodge #158 was called the Pioneers organized in 1911. Around 1954-55, in an effort to form a better group, the Pioneers merged with Lodge #590 Loyalites, who met at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. The decision by the newly formed Lodge was to use the name Loyalites from one group and the number #158 from the other. This made #158 unique, as there were many lodges named Pioneers at that time, but no Loyalites. The Loyalites currently meet at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio.

Currently there are 1,223 adult members and 328 youth members. What a busy lodge are they. The annual summer family picnic with full dinners available, along with freshly baked krofe and sweet bread is always a success. Members who are celebrating their 50, 60 or 70 year anniversaries as SNPJ members are honored at the picnic each year. This event and the formerly held clam bakes, steak roasts and raffles were usually held at the S.N.P.J. "Farm" in Kirtland or The Slovenian Society Home "Recher". The annual Breakfast with Santa is always a huge success, where over 200 children and their parents are served and entertained. Later that day there is always an adult party. The Lodge has hosted many SNPJ National and Eastern Bowling Tournaments over the years. The 2004 National Bowling Tournament was hosted by the Loyalites.

Fraternalism is foremost with the Loyalites. Members can be found volunteering at the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges, SNPJ Farm, Cleveland Athletic League, just to name a few. Some members continue to be active at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave. (Board of Directors), Slovenian Workmen's Home (Board of Directors and Auxiliary), Slovenian Society Home Holmes Ave. Some memorable fraternal events to help these organizations, were the many potica bake sales, the krofe bake sales, and dinners cooked and served. One special event was cooking and serving dinner to hundreds of needy people.

Name an SNPJ sponsored event and Loyalites will be there. Members have attended SNPJ National Conventions, Young Adult Conferences, TEL Workshop, Youth Roundup, Pensioner Weeks, Slovenefest, National SNPJ Days, Circle 2 Youth, Family Weeks, Miss SNPJ Contests, SNPJ Sporting Events, etc. Many members have wonderful memories of bus trips to out of town bowling, golf and balina tournaments over the years. The Loyalites have always been a fun loving group of people.

The Loyalites continue to contribute to many organizations each year. Since lodge meetings are held at the Slovenian Society Home each month, it is considered "home hall" and a substantial donation is presented to this hall each year.

Please call Pat Nevar, president, at (216) 481-0163 for tickets or additional information to the 100th anniversary celebration

Drummer gets state honor

Nadia Tate of Collinwood High school had the recent privilage of being chosen for the Ohio State Fair Band.

The All-Ohio State Fair Band was founded in 1925 and continues its tradition of exceptional music in the 21st century. Composed of 200 superior musicians from 85 high schools in 47 counties from across Ohio, the AOSFB is a testament to the musical talents of young Ohioans.

The finest high school musicians in the state are selected for the band following an application process which includes an endorsement and recommendation from his or her school instrumental director and considers factors such as proficiency and instrumental needs.

The AOSFB, with students ranging from grades 9 through 12, learns nearly 60 pieces of concert music from various styles and genres, including numerous marches. John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever!" closes each of the performances. Throughout the 2011 Ohio State Fair, the Band will perform nearly 80 concerts.

Nadia's natural talent, dedication to rehearsal, and faith from her band director helped her to be chosen for this prestigious honor. If you're interested in helping fund this bright musicialns future, and help with the cost to go to Columbus and particiapte, donations can be made out to Nadia Tate Musical Fund C/O Ms Houston, Comminwood High School, 15210 St. Clair ave. Cleveland OH 44110



Resident Council safe trick-or-treat

by Rachel Terzak

At ManorCare Euclid Beach the staff and patients are busy bustling around as fall quickly approaches. As Halloween



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quickly nears the facility is preparing for their annual "Resident Council Safe Trick-or-Treat." This event invites the local community out to encourage safe trick-or-treating for our youth and to encourage interaction with our patients. ManorCare Euclid Beach will offer the public free entertainment, donuts, and cider and welcomes the community with open arms. We hope to see you on October 27th, at 6:30PM!

In other exciting news ManorCare Euclid Beach is working with the new CollinwoodRecreational Center, the Cleveland Department of Aging, and the Lakeshore Golden AgeCenter to help host a senior day. The event will take place on December 1st from 10AM-1PM and ManorCare Euclid Beach will be providing a free lunch to the attending seniors at the Recreational Center on Lakeshore Boulevard. At ManorCare Euclid Beach we care about the community and will continue to give back and help the community through community participation and sponsorships.

ManorCare Euclid Beach offers orthopedic rehabilitation, respite stays, and long term care. We are able to treat patients with cardiac, wound, and pulmonary illnesses and specialize in be able to admit patients from multiple settings. Please feel free to stop in to tour the facility or call the Admissions Office at (216) 486-2300.

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Sports

Senior-laden Vikings look impressive in football opener

VIKING SENIOR SNAPSHOTS

Here is a quick look at a few of the senior lettermen that VASJ Coach Storey has high expectations for this season

Ryan Gallagher: The 6-foot, 170pound senior co-captain plays receiver on offense and outside linebacker on defense. Last season, he was credited with 91 tackles and four interceptions in earning defensive player of the year honors. "He's also our backup quarterback and plays on our return teams," Coach Storey says. "You name it, he's on it."

Ryan's father, Pat Gallagher, played on the 1981 St. Joseph High playoff team. His younger brother Jack, a freshman, plays for the VASJ golf squad and is a kicker on the football team. Ryan suffered a minor pre-season knee injury and was expected to miss the first game or two.

Tim Harrison: the 5-10, 215-pound running back/linebacker is a three-year starter and co-captain. Last year, he rushed for 369 yards and scored five touchdowns, earning Observer All-Star recognition. "He's been doing a nice job in a leadership role," says Coach Storey. "We're looking for him to have an outstanding senior year."

Two Mid-American Conference schools, Bowling Green and Kent State, have shown interest in Harrison, who recently ran the 40-yard dash in 4.63 seconds, despite being slowed by an off-season foot injury. He expects to improve on that time. "Because of the injury, I missed a lot of speed training during the off season," he notes.

DiAnte Jackson: a 6-2, 200-pound offensive guard and defensive end, Jackson was one of the top Viking matmen last winter and qualified for the state wrestling tournament. "He's a real good technician on the offensive front line," says Coach Storey. "He should come into his own on defense this season. He has a lot of experience rushing the passer."

Daniel Ward: a versatile 5-10, 160pound center, Ward is in his second year as a starter. "He's a mainstay on the offensive front line," the coach notes. "He's a tough kid. He also plays on our kick return teams. And he's our long snapper."

Adam Scott: a third-year starter, Scott is a 6-0, 265-pound offensive guard and defensive tackle. "He has improved every year," says Coach Storey. "We expect him to have an outstanding year and to be dominating on the defensive front." Paul Rini: Another Viking wrestler, Rini is a 6-0, 175-pound offensive guard and defensive end. "Offensively, he's a good technician," the coach explains. "On defense, he will rely on his quickness to make plays." Paul is following in the footsteps of his father, Tony Rini, who was also a wrestler and football player for St. Joe's. Ed Basemore: a 6-2, 215-pound offensive and defensive tackle, Basemore was tabbed as the Plain Dealer's pre-season "most valuable lineman" in the NCL White Division. This is his second year as a starter for the Viking gridders. "We're looking for him to have a good, solid year," says Coach Storey.

By John Sheridan

As the Villa Angela-St. Joseph football squad ran through a series of drills during a pre-season practice session, one young alumnus watched intently from the edge of the bleachers, perhaps looking for clues as to what the upcoming season might bring.

"I graduated in 2004," he told another spectator. "My senior year was the last year that we made the state playoffs."

Not only did the Vikings qualify for the playoffs that season, but they made it all the way to the Division V state finals in Massillon and brought back the state runner-up trophy. Could this be the year they make another serious post-season run?

Certainly, if that young grad saw the opening game against Our Lady of the Lakes, he must have been impressed especially in the first two quarters. The Vikings jumped out to a 34-0 halftime lead as they overpowered the Michigan prep school for the second year in a row. Five different players scored touchdowns as Coach John Storey's gridders chalked up a 41-14 victory, amassing 287 yards on offense while holding the visitors to just 141 yards.

With 21 seniors on the team, including a solid nucleus of lettermen, many of the VASJ players were brimming with optimism prior to the opener. There was considerable talk about the "senior leadership" factor. However, it was a junior— Devon Bolden—who made the biggest impact in the opening triumph. The 5-8, 150-pound scatback gained 98 yards on 15 carries, averaging 6.5 yards per carry, and scored on touchdown runs of 32 and 36 yards.

Bolden's performance came as little surprise to those who follow VASJ closely. Last season, as a sophomore, he showed flashes of brilliance and earned a spot on the Observer's yearend All-Star team.

Despite the Vikings' overall talent level, some fans may have been concerned about a lack of experience at quarterback. After all, the starting signal-caller, 6-2 senior Anthony Sywanyk, had no previous varsity game experience behind center. He had performed well in pre-season scrimmages, Coach Storey pointed out, but the real test was yet to come. Against Our Lady of the Lakes, Sywanyk earned better than a passing grade in his varsity debut. He overcame any first-game jitters in a hurry

as he raced 72 yards in the first quarter

to score the Vikings' first touchdown.



VIKING VETERANS – When the coaches mention "senior leadership" on the VASJ football squad, this is what they're talking about. These 19 seniors will be counted on heavily to lead the Vikings to a successful season. Front row, from left: C. J. Germany, Tim Harrison, Chris Pokorny, Mato Vunak, DeShawn Kinton, Rodney Burse. Middle row, from left: Adam Scott, Jack Seidel, Daniel Ward, Anthony Sywanyk, Phil Sanson, Marcellus Embry, Ryan Gallagher. Back row: Chavien Nolcox, Jacob DiDonato, DiAnte Jackson, Paul Rini, Ed Basemore, and Gabe Haase. (Photo by John Sheridan)

In the second quarter he threw his first varsity TD pass—a 34-yarder to C. J. Germany--to put VASJ on top, 27-0. For the game, Sywanyk finished with 5 completions in 15 attempts for 55 yards, with just one interception. The backup quarterback is Ryan Gallagher, one of the team co-captains who is slotted for duty as a wide receiver on offense.

Also contributing to the Vikings' touchdown parade were tailback Tim Harrison, the other co-captain, on a one-yard run, and speedster Rodney Burse on a 92-yard punt return. Harrison, a 210-pound power runner, finished the game with 66 yards on seven carries for an impressive average of 9.4 yards per carry. Burse was a star sprinter on the track team last spring, earning a district championship in the 100-meter dash.

Most of the VASJ starters were pulled in the third quarter, enabling quite a few of the 20 freshmen on the squad to get a taste of varsity action in the second half.

Coach Storey is not one to make bold predictions—at least not with regard to his team's state playoff chances. But, even prior to the opening game, it was clear that he felt more than a little optimistic about this season. "We did well in our scrimmages," Storey noted. "We're ahead of last year. And I think we'll be competitive in our division in the North Coast League. Our goal is to win the White Division championship." in their division behind those two schools. Holy Name, which struggled against the likes of Padua, Lake Catholic and Archbishop Hoban in the NCL Blue Division last season, has dropped down into the "small school" White Division, which also includes Trinity, St. Peter Chanel and Warren JFK.

In a game that could have title implications, VASJ is scheduled to play Holy Name on Oct. 22 at North Royalton's stadium. The Namers stumbled in their opening game, losing to Medina Highland, 49-14. Meanwhile Central Catholic squeezed past Columbia, 24-23. The Vikings play the Ironmen Oct. 1, in another "away" game.

VASJ FOOTBALL SCHEDULE									
Aug. 27 1 p.m.	Our Lady of the Lake (Mich.)	Home							
Sept. 3 7 p.m.	University School	Home							
Sept. 10 1 p.m.	Tuscarawas Central Cath.	Home							
Sept. 17 7 p.m.	Warren JFK	Home							
Sept. 24 1 p.m.	Columbus Bishop Hartley	Home							
Oct. 1 1 p.m.	Cleveland Central Catholic	Away							
Oct. 8 7 p.m.	Trinity	Home							
Oct. 14 7 p.m.	St. Peter Chanel	Away							
Oct. 22 7 p.m.	Holy Name	Away							
Oct. 29 1 p.m.	Gilmour Academy	Away							
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To accomplish that, the Vikings will have to overcome a few major obstacles. Holy Name and Cleveland Central Catholic, to name just two. For what it's worth, the Cleveland Plain Dealer picked the Vikings to finish third

Nine chosen for Euclid Sports Hall of Fame

By John Sheridan

Nine people—seven athletes and two coaches—will be inducted into the Euclid High Schools' Sports Hall of Fame at a banquet Oct. 20 at the Manor Party Center in Euclid. The Hall of Fame committee recently announced that the 2011 inductees are, in alphabetical order:

Andy Altenweg, Euclid High (Class of '68), track; Bob Ellenbest, Euclid ('81), baseball; Chris Harrell, Euclid ('01), football; Suzanne (Lucas) Lianopoulos, Euclid ('99), soccer, basketball; John Marino, Shore High ('46), wrestling; Dan Maxon, coach of multiple sports, including swimming, track, and baseball; Larry Nosse, Euclid ('92), football; Greg Sattler, Euclid ('66), soccer coach; Dorothy (Getler) Sheridan, Shore ('29), basketball. Nosse is currently the head coach of

the Panther girls' track team and also coaches football at his alma mater.

Tickets for the 25th annual Sports Hall of Fame banquet are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. To order tickets, call the Euclid Schools Alumni Association at (216) 797-7895 or Chuck Hill at (216) 732-9339. The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and ceremonies at 8 p.m. The emcee once again will be WJW-TV sportscaster John Telich, unless the Cleveland Indians happen to make it into the World Series. The Manor Party Center is located at 24111 Rockwell Drive, off of Babbitt Road.





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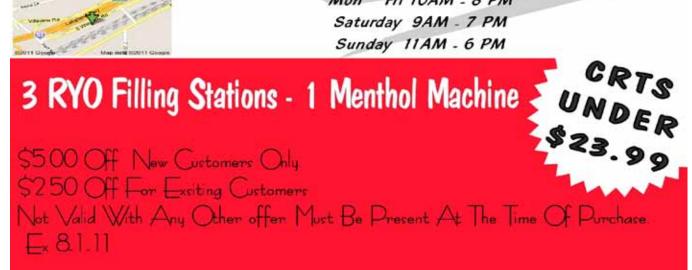


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September Horoscopes

Aquarius

You want to be free to go to the picture show and taekwondo. You'll never outgrow your love for Sloppy Joe. This Month - Don't let a type-o let you lose your mojo. Lucky Number - 4r

Pisces

To be as triumphant as Alexander the Great, focus on how you communicate. Don't hate feedback, take it straight, then recreate. This Month don't wait, now is the time to celebrate. Lucky Number -2,000,000

Aries

Be selective in what you give, not who you forgive. In romance be more connective instead of being like a detective. This month your main objective is perspective to be more affective. Lucky Number - 68

Taurus

COOKING

RESTAURANTS

In 2011 this could be your best month ever. Be clever, and you'll succeed with every endeavor. This month won't last forever, so live it up whenever wherever whoever whatsoever and with a guy named Trevor. Lucky Number - Pi

Gemini

August threw you through a loop, so slow down with a bowl of soup. If not soup try an embroidery hoop. This month take time to recoup and regroup before you rejoin the troop. Lucky Number - 1

Cancer

If you're not the one tying the knot, you'll get your shot. It's not about what you forgot, or that you cannot: if you plot you'll get your pick of the lot. This month treat yourself a lot, a day on a yacht, a better golf shot, or maybe something new that's polka-dot. Lucky Number - 3

Leo

The full moon gives what you lack, and puts your finances back on track. Your relationships remain intact, after you repair a crack that put them out of whack. This month you'll get the knack with a better plan of attack. Lucky Number - 12

Virgo

Awake and partake in the merriment where you shake. Remake anything that needs a retake to not be a mistake. This month have a juicy steak with your birthday cake. Lucky Number - 13

Libra

Instead of business going downhill, think outside of the ville, as big as capitol hill to pay the bill. When you've had your fill, reach for something distilled. This month if you have the will and the skill, you will have plenty of time for thrill. Lucky Number - Two Dollar Bill

Scorpio

Embrace the season galore, and pull the decor out of the drawer. Rid yourself of everything you abhor, and replace it with things you adore. This month ingore next door to score what you quest for. Lucky Number - 25

Sagittarius

When things collide, you help to guide things back in stride. The upside is you won't end up fried and be able to provide. This month is all about pride in where you abide. Lucky Number - 1

Capricorn

Use your brain to refrain involvement in your co-workers insane campaign. You'll come out unslain and reign again.This month ascertain what would make you domain more humane. Lucky Number - 100

"We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

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