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Our Tunnel

by Nan Kennedy

I was allowed to visit the Euclid Creek Tunnel site in Bratenahl this morning, hoping to see the giant worm lowered into position to start drilling its way to E185. The lowering was postponed - infrastructure work not quite finished (and when you're lowering 1500 tons, you want everything finished) but the up-close view of the project was impressive.

In fact, this isn't a project, it's a process - it's practically a way of life. Tunneling to create storage space for the stormwater/sewage overflow that currently dumps into the lake is a 10-year project. Bratenahl and the sewer district negotiated for almost three years to establish a site that would contain all the noise and mess (except for those access shafts dotted through the neighborhood) in one out-of-the-way spot; as you drive I-90, you can see the cranes. In preparation, McNally-Kiewit (the construction company) built a power station (which will power the massive drill, among other things) and a series of silos that will pump concrete to grout the sections of pipe that will be installed as the drill grinds forward (making this a singlepass project).

The construction site stretches as far as the eye can see, cluttered with massive cables and construction trailers and extremely large cranes (Mackenzie - our drill - is the second-largest working in this country at the moment, and requires a crane to match. Sort of like match-making for royalty. Which is how NEORSD's construction manager views the drill – she's not big, she's majestic).

A few facts: Keeping half a billion gallons of filthy water out of our lake is a \$198 million project (but it was estimated at \$214 million, so that's good). The 27'-diameter tunnel – four basketball players standing on each other's shoulders -- is being drilled 200 feet below ground (and the lake), and will run 18,000 feet - from Bratenahl to Nottingham at St Clair. Mackenzie the drill (named in the same tradition as ships - always for a female, in this case the daughter of a McNally-Kiewit employee) weighs 345,000 pounds

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It's not just a tunnel, it's a 10 year way of life.

Fourth Annual Alive on East 185 was great fun!

by Denise Lorek

For our fourth annual Alive on East 185 event, the Collinwood High School Color Guard, ROTC Cadets, Drum Line and High Steppers started our parade on Saturday, May 19th. U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge was our parade marshal, followed by Cleveland

City Councilman Mike Polensek, Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik, Euclid Council President Kirsten-Holzheimer Gail Euclid Councilman, Scott Lynch. They were followed by over 40 different groups and organizations including VASJ's tribute to their Seniors, the big trucks by Tim's Wild Creations and the bagpipe unit donated by Paran Management. We also had Skipper from

the Lake County Captains and Ronald McDonald in our parade this year. For the first time in our parade history, we had the Wolf Mobile! Discount Drug Mart participated by having a vehicle in the parade passing out water and candy. The Salvation Army had their disaster unit and volunteers walking with Lt. Chris Mauk. We also had baseball teams, daycare children walking and riding bicycles, Charter school students, and several merchants on East 185th St. participate in the parade. Thank you, to all of you who made this our best parade so far.

This year's winners for best units were: First Place - VASJ with their float saluting the graduating seniors-- what a

wonderful tribute, Second Place went to Collinwood High School's Drum Line for their enthusiasm and Third Place went to Tim's Wild Creations. His big trucks and go-cart made more than one little boy's eyes get big with awe. Each one of these units will receive cash prizes for being the best units in the

parade.



Treats debuted their new ice cream sandwich made with Chocolate Chip cookies. Many other businesses brought their merchandise out on the street in a streetwide Sidewalk Sale/Party. Many of the merchants got together and offered a page full of coupons to their establishments. Who knew we had a resident with a Food Truck? He was serving up all kinds of good food.

Robert Geise from Country Kettle Corn had so much fun he wants to come back on the weekends to sell his Kettle Korn in the LaSalle Theater Parking lot. If you did not get to try his Kettle Korn, you really missed out. We also had many non-profit groups at various spots on East 185th bringing information about



Lithuanian dancers.



The names of all of the VASJ graduating seniors.

their organizations to the residents of North Shore Collinwood. The ladies from the East Shore Park Garden Club were there selling plants for your home or your garden. For the second year in a row, we also had an inflatable bounce section for the children. This was the busiest part of the street as children stood in line for their chance to play with the inflatables for free. The inflatables were provided by Northeast Shores. Barbara Kamen from Shaker Hts. commented, "How much fun is this? What a wonderful event for this neighborhood. It's so great to see everyone coming out for the parade."

If you were not on East 185th on May 19, you missed a lot of fun.

Congresswoman Fudge applauds USPS Decision: Collinwood Branch no longer considered for closure

Cleveland City Councilman

Mike Polensek

bv Belinda Prinz

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge is pleased to inform constituents that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced a new strategy to achieve cost savings that no longer includes the closing or consolidation of approximately 3,700 retail facilities throughout the nation. USPS confirmed that the Collinwood Post Office Branch on East 152nd and 5 other retail branches and stations in the 11th Congressional District that were on the proposed closing list in 2011, are spared from the chopping block. While postal authorities withdrew their plan for closing facilities for the time being, they clearly stated they reserve the right to propose closings in the future if new cost cutting measures fail to control their deficit. Without changes, such as buy-outs and reductions in the workforce through attrition, reduced hours at rural post offices or consolidation of mail processing facilities, the Post Office says it will continue to lose \$25 million per day. However the single greatest contribution to the Post Office debt is a requirement that they "pre-fund" retirement benefits for employees 75 years into the future (\$5.5 billion annually), a mandate imposed on no other business or government agency in the nation. This has resulted in large overpayments that Congresswoman Fudge says can and should be addressed by Congress.

"While, I am pleased that USPS will seek a new direction to achieve fiscal solvency without closing much needed facilities in our district. Lurge them to do more, USPS must keep first class and Saturday delivery, maintain service standards and preserve health care and retirement benefits for its employees to adequately service our communities," said Congresswoman Fudge. "Postal facilities are a vital engine of economic activity in our community and accessibility is a crucial factor for businesses and residents, especially postal patrons with limited mobility or access to the internet such as the elderly, the disabled and low income residents." The Congresswoman thanks the people and businesses of Collinwood who submitted more than 1,000 signatures to her office asking the Post Office to reconsider the closing of their station. It's important that people let their voices be heard on important issues and when it comes to their Post Office, Collinwood did just that - loud and clear!

USPS facilities no longer considered for closing in the 11th Congressional District: Collinwood Station, East Cleveland Branch, Euclid Branch, Glenville Bratenahl Branch, Newburg Station, University Station.

Coit Road Farmers' Market celebrates its 80th anniversary

by Joe Jerdonek

The Coit Road Farmers' Market celebrated its 80th anniversary during market hours on Saturday, June 2. The celebration included activities for all ages such as entertainment, games, information tables, health screenings and food. Founded in 1932, the market is located at the intersection of Coit and Woodworth Roads near East 152nd and provides access to affordable locally-sourced food to the residents of Greater Cleveland. You'll find fresh vegetables and fruits, spices, eggs, cheese, local baked goods, honey, jams and locally crafted items. Prices at the market are reasonable especially when compared to suburban farmers' markets.

Roots of the Market date from World War I when a group of farmers in the Greater Cleveland area met and began to sell their produce from the back of their trucks in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood. In 1932, the group formed a cooperative and purchased the existing property to establish a permanent market. In 2001, The East Cleveland Farmers Market Preservation Society (ECFM) was formed as a 501c(3) non-profit organization to preserve the Market and continue its operations. Opera-

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Residents holding first time street sale

by Kimberly Stalnaker

The residents of E.167th, Humphery Ct. and E.168th north of Grovewood will be holding a Street Sale Saturday June 30th from 10:00-4:00. This is a first time event for this little neighborhood so there will surely be some wonderful treasures to be found. This is a great opportunity for visitors to the Waterloo Arts Fest to meet the people who live in our community and find some great bargains. We will be kicking off our event at 10:00 AM so everyone can come out early and visit us without missing a minute of the Arts Fest just a few blocks away. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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COUNCILMAN'S CORNER

by Councilman Michael Polensek

This summer looks to be a very busy one for various projects and initiatives in the community.

Work has begun in earnest on the Euclid Creek Tunnel Project and also the rebuilding of portions of Lakeshore Boulevard from East 140 Street to East 185th Street. With this project there will continue to be traffic restrictions due to its size and scope which include the construction of new sewers, junction boxes, and the relocation of utilities and assorted other improvements. This will also include the repaving of Lakeshore Boulevard to address road surface issues. All this is meant to address not only the pollution problems in Euclid Creek and Lake Erie but also to address ongoing basement flooding problems. The scope of this project will also affect St. Clair Avenue sometime next year.

Another project underway is an increase in industrial and commercial code enforcement initiatives to improve the appearance and viability of the St. Clair Avenue corridor from East 170 Street east to Nottingham Road. For a long time this Councilman and the Nottingham community have been asking that the City's Building & Housing Departments address commercial and industrial businesses and their physical appearance which have not been well-maintained. I wish to thank the Director of Economic Development, Ms. Tracey Nichols, in her effort to support this initiative. With this, we hope to attract new industrial and commercial businesses to the St. Clair corridor and help existing businesses with improvement and expansion plans.

You will notice new Nottingham Village signs from London Road east to Chardon Road. I wish to thank the Nottingham Civic Club and the Commissioner of Traffic Engineering, Mr. Rob Mavec, for their input and support for this endeavor. The signs are meant to help to re-identify the historic Nottingham Village community.

I also wish to thank a growing number of "nosy neighbors" and aggressive constituents who have been pro-active in our community's crime-fighting efforts. I see more and more police reports where a "nosy neighbor" saw something they thought to be "suspicious" or "out of place" and called police; thereby leading to the arrest of a perpetrator of criminal activity. I urge all residents to continue to turn in any property whose yard has been unmaintained or a structure in need of inspection. Call (216) 664-2300 for

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occupied properties with high grass and call (216) 664-2007 for Building & Housing complaints.

We need to continue to maintain our community to the highest standards possible and it is up to each and every one of us on our streets to set the tone. Pro-active and watchful neighbors make for a better community. Feel free to contact me in the office at (216) 664-4236 or by email at council11@ clevelandcitycouncil.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone around our community all summer. Have a happy and safe summer.

Key Bank makes flower beds pop at Euclid Beach



After A Hard Days Work and 50 plants planted, Key Bank volunteers posed for a picture.

by Stephen Love

The entrance to Euclid Beach Park just got a facelift! Thanks to an amazing group of volunteers from Key Bank! The volunteers, part of Key Bank's Tiedemann office, spent all of the afternoon on Thursday May 24th fixing up flower beds and planting 50 native plants at the park entrance, the Euclid Beach Carrousel sign and the community board! The plants will come back every year and will be maintained by Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach volunteers. So stop by this summer and see the park in full bloom! A special thanks also goes out to The Friends of Edgewater Park, The Cleveland Waterfront Coalition and The Friends of Euclid Creek for their generous donation towards this project.

Stephen Love is the team leader of the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach program. Each month our team conducts cleanups and water tests at Euclid Beach State Park. I am currently a graduate student at CSU pursuing a Masters of Public Administration.

A picnic in the park!

June 2012

Looking for something fun to do on Saturday June 16th? Here's vour answer, A Picnic In The Park Beach Cleanup on Saturday June 16th-starts at 10am with a picnic at 12pm! What more could you want?

We will have food and games and more! A suggested donation of \$5 for the picnic will help support future beach cleanups and the Euclid Beach Blast! Feel free to bring a nonperishable dish and/or beach games-kites, volleyball, frisbees, buckets...anything but trash:)

Cleaning the beach also gets you a free burrito gift card from Chili Peppers restaurant (869 East 185th Street Cleveland 44110) good for one free burrito!

Visit facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach/ events for more info! Email adopt. euclidbeach@gmail.com. Call Stephen Love at: (216) 571-0685



Even the Euclid Beach Alley Cats Will Be Out For A Picnic!-A Lauren M Davis Painting

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Let's make a neighborhood resolution for the new year - check out the block clubs. It takes just one evening a month, it often involves food, you get an up-close view of neighbors you didn't know, you hear what's going on and you can seize the moment and ask why. Or why not. Stick this list on the refrigerator.

Collinwood Homeowners' & Tenants' Association First Wednesday, 7 pm, St. Mary's School,

E185 Street Block Watch Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E185 (rear entrance).

Nottingham Civic Club Third Tuesday, 7 pm. Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St Clair.

E156 Street Block Watch Third Wednesday, 6 pm. M&M Bar-B-Que, 15116 Lakeshore Blvd at E152. Northeast Shores Development Corp

members and public, on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 6:30 pm, at our lovely new rec center. These meetings are well worth attending, all kinds of neighborhood-wide nitiatives come up for discussion

Collinwood/Nottingham Historical Society Second Thursday of the month, St Mary's Church Hall, 15519 Holmes Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm.

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Something to look at: "Blink" – E. 185th's first eyelash salon

by Breauna Sweeney

June 2012

On May 19, during the parade on E. 185th Street, Tina Hayden and crew members applied eyelashes to women in the community for free. Tina Hayden is a resident of Cleveland and has lived here all her life. Since she was a little girl she dreamed of one day opening her own business. Whoever said dreaming was a waste of time was lying because if you put time and effort into your dreams you can make them come true.

On June 24 Tina Hayden will be opening E. 185th's very first Eyelash salon, "Blink." This will be good for our community because it's new and original. Every worker will be applying Individual, Strip and Semi permanent eyelashes for very affordable prices. Blink will also be accepting interns who have gone to schools specializing in applying eyelashes.

Blink is located at 642 E185th Street. Congratulations to Cleveland's own Tina Hayden!

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Euclid Beach

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tion of the market is supported by rents from farmers, donations and fundraising events.

The four acre site includes a community garden for members to grow produce for family use. An urban farm area allows growers to sell their produce at the Market. One of the urban farmers, Gloria Jahlil, noted, "When you grow fresh food, you are not robbed of nutritional value." Other farmers travel from Lake, Ashtabula and Geauga counties to bring fresh local produce to East Cleveland. Some farmers are from a third generation of contributors to the Coit Road Market founded in 1932.

The Market is open Saturdays all year and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm April through November. It is the only fully enclosed farmers market operating at a single site year in Northeast Ohio. Some of the farmers have participated for three generations. Only locally grown or crafted products are allowed to be sold at the market. You can meet the grower or preparer and know the source of your food and how it is processed.

In addition to affordable food and garden space, the Market supports the community with meeting space, food demonstrations and classes on healthy food preparation. The Market collaborates with community organizations and participates in government support programs such as WIC, Senior coupons and EBT Ohio Direction card access for those in the community needing assistance. Foundations support incentive programs that offer matching funds for Ohio Direction Card holders. For additional details, contact the Market at (216) 249-5455.

Local restaurants among those honored by Hospice of the Western Reserve

by Laurie Henrichsen

A capacity crowd of more than 600 volunteers, donors, staff members and community supporters convened at Windows on the River recently to celebrate Hospice of the Western Reserve's role in the region and to preview the agency's upcoming events. These include the soon-to-be open Ames Family Hospice House, a new residential hospice care facility slated to open in Westlake July 1, and Walk to Remember, a signature special event which will take place at Cleveland MetroParks Zoo on Sept. 9 to celebrate the dignity of life, honor the memory of loved ones, and support Hospice of the Western Reserve's community services and programs in Northern Ohio.

Giving the keynote address was Monina Wagner, Community Manager at Marcus Thomas, who shared her personal experiences and observations as a caregiver for her mother, a former patient and resident of David Simpson Hospice House. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium following the meeting.

Several local individuals and organizations were honored with the non-profit agency's Chair's Award for their exemplary partnerships and support including several Collinwood-area restaurants who received the award for their generous contributions to our Meals to Remember program. The program brings a different Cleveland gourmet chef to David Simpson Hospice House each month to prepare and

serve gourmet meals to residents, their families and caregivers.

Meal to Remember Chair's Award recipients are John Palmer's Bistro 44, Grovewood Tavern, Beach Club Bistro and Grille, Bistro 185, Lola, Washington Place Bistro and Inn, Hodge's, Crop Bar and Bistro, Fahrenheit, Pura Vida by Brandt Evans, fire food & drink, The Greenhouse Tavern and Noodlecat, Michaelangelo's Italian Restaurant and Wine Bar, Lake Shore Coffee House (supplies gourmet coffee for all the meals) and Scoperta Importing Co., Inc. (provides all of the fine wine for our dinners).



honored by Hospice of the Western Reserve for their participation in Meals to Remember, a program which donates and serves gourmet dinners to pa tients and families at David Simpson Hospice House recipes from their menus as well as donating the time and talent of their culinary staff. Pictured (I to r) are: Bill Finn, CEO, Hospice of the Western Reserve Beth Davis-Noragon of Grovewood Tavern; Michelle DeJoy of John Palmer's Bistro 44; Greg Jurcisin of Beach Club Bistro & Grille; Bridget Assing Marok of Scoperta Importing Co., Inc., and Mary Ann Kocurko, Board Chair, Hospice of the Western Reserve

Summer Programs at Wildwood and **Euclid Beach parks**

by Carol Ward

While our winter and spring weren't too bad, weather-wise, everyone always looks forward to summer and all the fun activities and events that take place during this time. There will be nature discovery programs, fishing adventures on the breakwall, canoeing on Euclid Creek, bat night, and more. Check out the bulletin boards in the park or www. clevelandlakefront.org and click on 'Naturalist Programs' for all the details. I look forward to seeing you out at the

BINGO HIKE AT DIKE 14 (Wildwood) Friday June 22 The Exploration Station Nature Center will open at 6:30 pm, and a naturalist will lead a hike out on Dike 14 (aka Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve) at 7:30 pm. Participants will receive a bingo sheet to help guide observations during the hike.

The Nature Center will be open during the summer on most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm: Wednesday June 13, 20 and 27; July 11, 18 and 25; and August 8, 15 and 22. Open Saturdays are

on June 2, 9, 23 and 30; July 14 and 21; and August 4. 8701 Lakeshore Blvd 44108 (216) 881-8141 ext3001

FAMILY NATURE ADVENTURE 6/14–8/9 THURSDAYS 10:30 am-noon @ WILD-**WOOD** Meet the naturalist at the pavilion for some nature exploration. Each week will feature a different topic and activities. (No program 7/5)

PASSPORT TO FISHING 6/14-8/9 THURSDAYS 1-3 pm @ WILDWOOD Meet at Wildwood west end parking lot. This 2 hour program starts with some learning activities before fishing. Equipment and bait provided to the first 15 participants under 16 years of age.(No program 7/5)

SATURDAY STOP-BY ACTIVITIES @ THE EXPLORATION STATION 1-4 pm 6/2-8/4 Stop by the Exploration Station nature center for some hands on fun. Each week will feature a different topic and activities. June 2–Insects!

Borrow collection nets and containers and head out to see what you can catch. Observe, identify, and release! June 9 - Mammals! Touch furs from local animals and learn to identify their footprints. Make your own tracking guide. June 30 - Birds! Borrow binoculars and a flash guide to take a bird watching hike around Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.







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Development

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(picture 500 female elephants) before the addition of 9000 pounds of cutting blades (tungsten carbide steel disks that will drill away without replacements through our butter-soft shale until 2013). She was made in Germany and assembled in China (which has some experience with huge construction jobs) before being shipped through the Panama Canal to Philadelphia and delivered here by truck - in 65 pieces that had to be welded together.

"Mining" is scheduled to start in July; as each section is completed, the drill driver will hand the controls to a second driver who maneuvers huge concrete cylinders into position — creating a tunnel lining — while on-site silos pump down concrete for grouting.

You can find out more, and track progress, at Youtube.com/neorsdccr. @WallyWaterdrop&@neorsd, Facebook yoursewerdistrict.

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For a more details, see this story online at www.collinwoodobserver.com

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The Festival of St. Anthony

by Yolanda Anderson

It is that time of year again to renew old acquaintances and make new ones also. Holy Redeemer Church, 15712 Kipling Avenue, Cleveland 44110, is having their yearly family festival in honor of St. Anthony, who is the Saint of lost causes and items.

The Tredicina (a novena to honor a Saint) starts on June 1, 2012 with a nightly mass at 7 pm. Visiting Priests will be at various masses in order to pray to and honor St. Anthony. On Saturday, June 9, beginning after 4 pm Mass, the festivities start on the Church grounds until 10 pm.

Sunday, June 10, there will be a 10:30 am Mass with Bishop Edward Pevec as

the Celebrant and a procession of the Eucharist through the streets of the Collinwood area, followed by the Festival from 1-8 pm.

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There will be live entertainment both Saturday night as well as Sunday, along with homemade Italian foods, pizza and sausage, fried dough, tripe and other enticing foods. In addition to all of this, there are games of chance, gift baskets to be won and a \$5,000 cash raffle to be won on Sun-

Come out and join with the neighborhood in this family event to celebrate the Feast of St.Anthony and have a fun-filled time right in your own back yard. If you need further information on the festival and/or you are interested in donating a basket to be raffled off or any other kind of donation, please contact the Church at

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Schools

Collinwood Robotics Duo Represents at Cone Zone Challenge

by Carmela Napoleon

June 2012

Congratulations to the Collinwood Teaching Professions' robotics team of Victor Mallory and De'Vaughn Killingsworth who represented their high school in the Cone Zone Challenge held at the Great Lakes Science Center on Saturday, May, 19, 2012. The event, sponsored by Cuyahoga Community College, was a culminating experience for students enrolled in the Youth Technology Academy. Competitors were required to build and program a robot capable of grasping a billiard ball, then depositing it in a coneshaped receptacle.

The competition consisted of two rounds. Upon completion of the first round, Victor and De'Vaughn found themselves in fourth place, a position good enough to advance them to the



Congratulations, Collinwood robotics team of Victor Mallory and De'Vaughn Killingsworth!

semi-finals. Victor and De'Vaughn gave a valiant effort in the semi-final round, but their robot was defeated in three matches. Although they did not bring back the trophy, De'Vaughn and Victor made Collinwood proud. Congratulations, again, on a job well done.

Collinwood Branch Library hosts Teen Parent Day

by Judy Mengel

A very large "Thank You" goes to the Collinwood Branch of Cleveland Public Library located at 856 E. 152nd St. (216.283.4400), Director Ms. Jeffries and especially to Children's Librarian, Caroline Peak for organizing a Day Out for GRADS students from Collinwood High School.

GRADS is an acronym for Graduation, Reality And Dual-role Skills. The school year 2011-12 marked the twentyfirst year that Collinwood has offered GRADS for young teen parents. GRADS is a drop-out prevention program which allows students to network with each other, gain skills and encourage each other in good parenting practices as well coping strategies for the dual role of parent and student. GRADS, locally and state-wide, has been credited for increasing the number of students who remain longer in school and for higher graduation rates. Mrs. Judy Mengel is the teacher/coordinator for GRADS (216.451.4152).

On May 8, 2012, GRADS students gathered at the Collinwood Branch Library for a day of learning, food and fun. Mrs. Peak introduced students to services offered by the library and had a vast display of books and toys available for students to use for interacting with their children in learning and enrichment activities.

Mrs. Peak also directed a series of Lap Sit exercises which are fun as well as valuable "teachable moments" for parents and children.

Ms. Tammi Swails, Family to Family Supervisor at Murtis Taylor Human Services Center presented information about her parent education program. She also presented each parent with a gift bag containing books, a stuffed animal and learning activities for parents and children. Anyone interested in learning more about her programs may call 216.283.4400.

A Fashion Show event featured GRADS parents strolling with and introducing their children. Every individual child was unique and beautiful but by popular vote, Taniya Johnson was recognized as favorite infant. Carletta Rivers and Damarie Brigitzer were recognized as favorite toddlers by popular vote of all students and leaders present.

Angela Gober-Williams, Community Health Worker from the Moms First Project at MayDugan Center was present to meet and work one-on-one with pregnant students and new moms. Ms. Gober Williams may be reached at 216.631.5800.

Several GRADS students participated in a Peer to Peer Discussion: "Tips on Making it Work" in which they spoke of their experiences so far as parents and offered encouragement to parents of younger children.

During and after a chili and hot dog lunch completed by "Dirt Dessert," a presentation was given by Sandra Nosse from Cleveland Public Library about "Toddler Story Time." Mary Denihan, Senior Public Information Officer with Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency updated us on current laws concerning Child Support. Mrs. Denihan may be reached at 216.443.5287.

A fun and informative time was had by all. Thanks again to Mrs. Peak and all the staff at Collinwood Branch Library for preparing and hosting this event.

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VASJ Class of 2012: 100% head to college

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has once again graduated an exceptional class of students who are prepared for both college and life after.

The graduation events kicked off on Friday, June 1, with Baccalaureate Mass in the VASJ gym. The entire student body, parents, faculty and staff and members of the community were present to recognize and honor the graduating class of 2012.

At the conclusion of Baccalaureate, the seniors headed off to the annual senior luncheon where each graduate was given a Viking pin to commemorate the transition from student to alum.

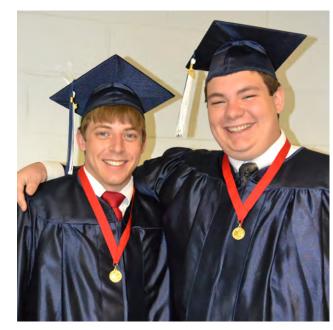
Commencement was held on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at Ss. Robert and William Church where family and friends of the graduates gathered to watch the class of 2012 receive their diplomas and special awards.

Graduation speakers included Rosebud Davis, Matthew Brickman, Chelsey Key-LaVette and Senior Class President Timothy Harrison. Although each speech was different and touching in its own way, there was one common theme among them: family. All four speakers mentioned the unique family atmosphere they experienced during their time at VASJ.

VASJ has continuously graduated high-achieving, bright students and the graduating class of 2012 is no exception. Of the 82 graduates, 100% will be going to colleges across the country and have earned over \$3.5 million in scholarships!



Maria Lozada and Padraic Greene represent two members of the outstanding class of 2012 in which 100% will be attending college



Daniel Ward (left) was the 2012 Valedictorian while Joseph Conway (right) earned the place of the Salutatorian.



Graduation speakers (left to right) Rosebud Davis, Timothy Harrison and Chelsey Key-LaVette (Matt Brickman not pictured)

VASJ boys track wins state championship in 4x200 relay

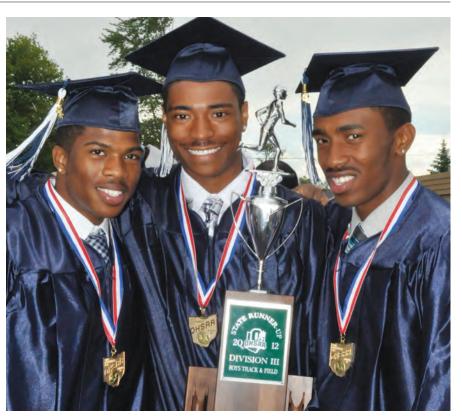
Four fabulous Viking athletes, CJ Germany, Rodney Burse, Marcellus Embry and Devon Bolden, traveled to Columbus, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday June 1-2 to compete in the Division III state track meet.

The group won the state championship in the 4x200-meter relay, winning by more than two seconds.

The team also took second place in the 4x100-meter relay, earning the Vikings second place overall.



Seniors CJ Germany, Rodney Burse and Marcellus Embry and junior Devon Bolden make up the Viking fabulous four state champion 4x200-meter relay team.



Seniors CJ Germany, Marcellus Embry and Rodney Burse proudly display their state medals and trophy after graduation.

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VASJ student leaders meet international panelists

Student leaders at VASJ hosted a panel of individuals from Ethiopia, Japan, Guatemala, India, Iran and Israel, along with the Consul General of The Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, on Thursday, May 17.

"The World Next Door" was the theme of the student leadership assembly, which is a part of the Get To Know Our World initiative at VASJ. The assembly focused on the ways in which VASJ students can get to know the world next door by exploring the many cultures represented in Northeast Ohio. Venues of exploration included Ethiopian food, Japanese Taiko music, cultural artifacts and flags, and dance.

Catholic and an Orthodox Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a Hindu and a Shinto from seven nations identified local international resources. Their discussion gave testimony to the fact that people from different nations, faith,



Japanese Taiko drumming music opened the

leadership assembly



VASJ student ambassadors with the international panelists from Ethiopia, Japan, Guatemala, India, Iran, Israel and the Republic of Slovenia.

- and cultures can indeed get along, and in fact impact the world with greater harmony, equity, and creativity as they live and work together.
- Moderating the panel was Dr. John Lecky, former executive director of the International Community Council. The panelists and the nations they represent included:
- · Consul General Jureck Zmauc, Republic of Slovenia.
- · Aklilu Demessie, Ethiopia. · Lydia Fernandez, Guatemala.

- Avraham (Avi) Goldman, Israel.
- Arash (Ari) Ghahremani, Iran. • Dr. Surinder Bhardwaj, India.
- · Kazumi Glomb, Japan.

Bringing these leading personalities to VASJ and aligning them with student leaders in this global education initiative demonstrated the way in which collaborative engagements can result in positive outcomes that benefit our individual lives and the wider world.

VASJ was excited to be a part of such an important initiative.



Dr. John Lecky, former executive director of the International Community Council, served as the panel moderator for the guests, representing seven different regions of the world.

Students decorate graves of veterans

The students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School have once again shown what it means to be a Viking by giving back to the community.

The weather conditions on Thursday, May 24, were extremely hot — the high was in the 90s. It was a free day off of school for the students, a day they earned by raising over \$4,000 for charities during the Lenten Mission Collection.

And yet a group of 25 students spent their free day with Mr. Gary Minadeo (SJ '74) at All Souls Cemetery decorating the graves of veterans with flags in honor of Memorial Day.



VASJ students at All Souls cemetery where they spent a day off decorating veteran's graves with flags for

Viking Views

by Richard Osborne

I was visiting with someone in my office recently and our conversation turned to the topic of college preparation. My visitor commented that a friend of his had told him he was worried that his son was woefully unprepared as he left his prestigious not to mention costly — private high school and headed for life on a major college campus.

Academics notwithstanding, the dad was worried that he had done his son a disservice by placing him in an insular environment that hardly reflected the far more fascinating and diverse "real world" that awaited him.

The conversation reminded me that one of the many benefits of a VASJ education is the multicultural experience our students enjoy. As I watch them interact with faculty, staff, visitors and one another, I am constantly struck by the level of maturity and social ease they display. In large part, I believe, this is a result of the broad education and experiences we offer to our students. Many of those experiences occurred in the 2011-12 school year.

Whether it was the program in which Japanese students visited the school, or the international panel representing diverse faiths and cultures that addressed our student leaders, the trip several of our students took to El Salvador or the trip that football players took to Italy, our students saw a world that extends far beyond East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard.

We are currently involved in efforts to expand our global education initiatives in the belief that the more our students know about others, the more they will be in touch with themselves.

Thank you to the parents of incoming freshmen who already are doing all they can to immerse their students in the Viking experience. A recent "Meet the Coaches" night for our incoming freshmen had an overflow crowd of attendees.

Perhaps we shouldn't have been sur prised. While admissions procedures are not yet complete, it is clear that our freshman class will show another very substantial increase.

The gain in enrollment is just another manifestation of the Viking Spirit that amazingly somehow continues to grow and grow. Though summer is just beginning, we can hardly wait for the new school year to begin.

Richard Osborne '69 is the president of

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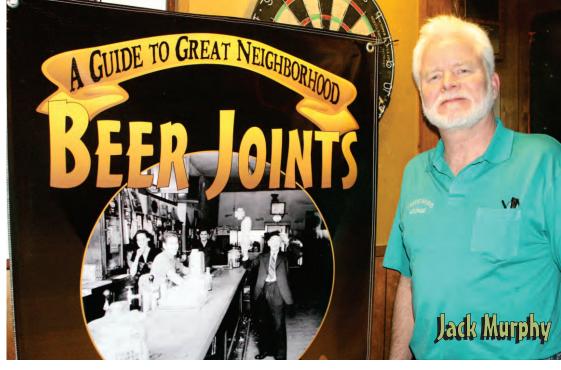
On your passage through the many Beer Joints in the area, your voyage will likely land you in one of Euclid's longest running taverns. The 'Tradewinds Lounge' has been in business for over 50 consecutive years with 11 different owners.

Tack Murphy, one of six kids from an Irish J family, has been heading up the tavern since 1984, making him the longest running owner of the well-established lounge. Jack also appreciates the Three Stooges, which is evident as the tavern is adorned with many Stooges artifacts and photographs..

Prior to owning the Tradewinds, Jack had ■ navigated the Great Lakes as a merchant marine for many years.

D ack in January, the Plain Dealer's B"Minister of Culture", Michael Heaton, was doing a story on "Beer Joints" and Jack was prominently featured in print and photos. Heaton and his buddy, Danny Coughlin have done book-signings at Tradewinds.

Tack has always been a supporter of J Euclid, sponsoring many sports team including softball, basketball and dart teams.



events including the many "Poker Runs" supporting the Euclid Hunger Center and more recently the Euclid Animal Shelter.

ack was quick to sign on for the June J 30th, Tradewinds/BeerJointsRUs Bus Trip to Geneva On The Lake. "The Strip" has always been a favorite summer destination for Clevelanders. While Jack hasn't been there for years, he and his crew had no problem filling the bus. Brad Tradewinds Lounge has also been had no problem filling the bus. Brad supportive in many of the charitable Smedley, the cajun button-boxer (and

proverbial favorite of Jack's) will be playing us in and out of the many Geneva-on-the-Lake Establishments, as he has on earlier BJRUS Road Trips!. Check in at the Tradewind. There may be a couple seats

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Faith in Collinwood

Men Out to Breakfast bring "mini cruise" to friend at Hospice House

by Laurie Henrichsen

Ron Hendzel, a resident of David Simpson Hospice House on E. 185th Street, and his wife Lois, were recently treated to an on-site classic car show (vintage 1950s Chevys) presented by the MOB (Men Out to Breakfast), a local car club. Ron, a former Lakewood resident, is a long-time enthusiast and member of the club. The MOB's tradition is to meet regularly for breakfast at a diner in North Ridgeville. Since Ron is no longer able to join them, they decided to bring the mini "cruise-in" to him. The event was coordinated by the life enrichment team at Hospice of the Western Reserve.



Ron Hendzel, and his wife Lois at their own personal Classic Car show.



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by Crystal Mays

I am the feather pen in the black ink. I wonder when I'll be able to tell my story. I hear my soul cracking. I see my ink drying up. I want someone to understand me. I am the feather pen in the black ink. I pretend I'm not alone. I feel alone in a crowded room. I touch everyone's heart differently. I worry I'm going to be forgotten. I cry for all that I don't say. I am the feather pen in the black ink. I understand the shaking of my hand. I say things that mean nothing. I dream that one day someone will understand.

My name is Crystal Mays. I am 17 years old. My dream is to be an author one day, so I hope you all like my poems.

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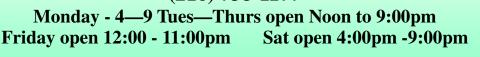






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Around Collinwood

Nan's Notes

by Nan Kennedy

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ARTS COLLINWOOD Café, 2 Gallery **Shows. Waterloo Arts Fest**

The Café at Arts Collinwood has temporarily closed and will be open for select special occasions only. We're looking for a fabulous new operator of this awesome space, please contact Amy Callahan at a.callahan@artscollinwood.org. The **Annual Members' Show** will open June 8, reception, 6-9pm. Save the date for the **Waterloo Arts Fest**, June 30, noon-7pm. Arts Collinwood 15605 Waterloo Road, (216) 692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org.

AT THE MARKET Some new faces at the market last Saturday, notably Devorah Jones with wholesome baked goods – a sturdy cornbread stuffed with red and green pepper bits, assorted dinner rolls and dear little focaccias adorned with green olives or caramelized onions (really caramelized, not browned – the difference being about an hour and 40 minutes). The focaccia itself is a twoday process, starting with a biga. Great to have breads at the market again.

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by John Copic

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by Maria Estrella

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Be a Food Critic for a Day Tuesday, June 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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