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All that Glitters is not Gold...It's Litter! Euclid beach trash is festive and on display on Waterloo!



Check out this trashy but festive storefront for yourself! And don't forget to text to vote!
TEXT 20559 to (650) 515-3033

by Stephen Love

If you are walking down Waterloo this month, check out the trashy storefront at Barry Hoffman Printing— 16013 Waterloo Rd. “Trashy” literally because glittered and painted plastic trash is hanging on display amidst festive lights, glitter and ornaments! The installation, titled “All that Glitters is not Gold...It's Litter!” is an attempt to shed light on the issue of plastic pollution in Lake Erie. Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach volunteer coordinator Stephen Love partnered with architect by day and artist by night, Allison Lukacsy to develop the installation and utilize plastic trash collected from Euclid Beach park.

In a study conducted last summer by SUNY Students in partnership with the LA based 5 Gyres Institute, they found that: “Plastic pollutants circulate in pockets of the Great Lakes at concentrations higher than any other body of water on Earth.” According to SUNY chemistry professor and project lead Sherri Mason, “No amount of plastic in the lakes is acceptable,” Mason said. “The best cure is to find ways to reduce plastic use. We're all part of the problem, and that means we're all part of the solution. If we change our consumer habits, we change what's in the water.” And we can start right here in Collinwood! All of the trash displayed is plastic trash collected from the shores of

Lake Erie at Euclid Beach Park in the wake of Hurricane Sandy on November 10. The plastic trash was collected from Adopt-a-Beach volunteers. While the storm was a single and exceptional event of destruction, its aftermath exposes in stark relief, an even more ominous threat, growing concentrations of plastic pollution, big and small in Lake Erie.

“All that Glitters is not Gold...It's Litter!” is part of a Project Pop-Up Galleries Winter Storefront Artist Competition on Waterloo. Artists have created installations in nine storefronts along Waterloo and E. 156th St. that will be on display from **December 1 through January 1, 2013**. The installations will be entered into a contest to compete for prizes including: **1st place award: \$1,000, 2nd place award: \$500, 3rd place award: \$250. Text Voting started on December 1st and will continue until January 1st! TO VOTE FOR “All That Glitters Is Not Gold” TEXT 20559 to (650) 515-3033**

Project Pop-up Galleries Winter Storefront Competition is made possible through Collinwood Rising, a collaborative initiative of Northeast Shores and through generous grant funding by Art-Place. Search Project Pop-Up Galleries on Facebook to learn more.

For more information on Adopt-a-Beach cleanups or helping out with the Euclid Beach Blast next summer, visit us at: facebook.com/adopt.euclidbeach



Euclid Beach in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy...
The source of our artistic inspiration!

Busy year for Cleveland Job Corps Center

by Michael Taylor

This year has been a very busy year as the Cleveland Job Corps Center staff and trainees engaged in community, civic, and business outreach.

The Cleveland Job Corps Center was a part of “Make a Difference Day,” in which over 200 trainees led the effort to volunteer at retirement homes where they assisted with lunch and played games with the seniors. Our student leaders also volunteered at a daycare center reading stories to the children. These events are in line with the Cleveland Job Corps Center's mission of making an impact in local neighborhoods.

Early this year, “Rebuilding Together” along with WEWS TV Channel 5 sponsored neighborhood clean-ups. Our students worked along with Channel 5 anchor Leon Bibbs on his childhood street. Forty of our vocational trades trainees and student ambassadors helped with Neighborhood Revitalization. Our goal is to help

change the landscape by working with organizations like Hands On Northeast Ohio community gardens project.

The Cleveland Job Corps Center was honored to receive the Village Award from Councilman Eugene R. Miller for outstanding work in the City of Cleveland, Ward 10. In addition, community projects were done in the City of East Cleveland.

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Job Corps trainees participate in “Rebuilding Together” cleaning up Cleveland neighborhoods.

Storefront Competition infuses Waterloo Road with artistic flair

by Tonya Broach

The holiday season has officially started. People are out shopping. Festive music is filling the air and a variety of displays are going up in the storefronts. Waterloo Road is no different. On Saturday, December 1st, several storefronts on Waterloo were christened with artistic flavor. It was opening night for the Winter Storefront Competition (dubbed “The Sip and Stroll”). The competition is the brainchild of Ivana Medukic, owner of Project Pop-up Galleries in North Collinwood. Project Pop-up Galleries provide artists with unconventional spaces to exhibit their work and the opportunity to contribute to the development of an emerging artist community. During the months of October and November, several merchants and owners of vacant storefront properties were approached and asked to participate and allow local artists to mount temporary

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Two of the competitors in the storefront competition create new reflections for Waterloo.



Students from East Clark participate in The Bully X Project

by Natasha Wells and Erica Marks

Students from East Clark School arrived at the Cleveland Public Library's Collinwood Branch on November 16th to view a film entitled “Bully X” which was written and produced by CMSD students through the Reading RAMM (Recording Arts Music Media) program. Thanks to the Cleveland Public Library, students were able to view the production on the innovative Smart TV in the newly renovated Learning Center.

The program goal of The Bully X Project is to prevent bullying by encouraging youth to discuss the negative effects with each other and educate themselves about how to get help. The film is designed to persuade youth to

steer away from negative and hurtful situations inside and outside of school. Edward “DJ Phatty” Banks, a well-known Cleveland area DJ, spearheaded the discussion and stood as a positive role model for the students from East Clark as he shared his own personal struggles and triumphs.

After viewing the film, the students were involved in a discussion about bullying and were asked about their outlook and opinions regarding bullying situations at their school. During the discussion, students learned about the various roles people take on when bullying such as bystanders, perpetrators,

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Hippos for Hospice? Ninety year-old Cleveland candy company creates new holiday tradition

by Laurie Henrichsen

Chocolate Santas for Christmas? Check. Chocolate coins for Hanukkah? Of course. Chocolate hippos for the holidays? Yes, if Baker Candies, a 90-year-old iconic Cleveland candy company in the Collinwood neighborhood has its way, the chocolate hippo will be the new “must have” sweet treat of the season this year. That's because a portion of the proceeds from sales of the hippos will benefit Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR) patients and families. The idea originated when the candy maker was approached by a customer requesting a sweet treat to honor his mother's least

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Superintendent Eric Gordon needs your feedback on roadmap for Cleveland schools

by Roseann Canfora

CEO Eric Gordon presented the Cleveland Board of Education with the promised framework for how the District will move forward with implementing the Cleveland Plan.

The 33-page document, titled The Cleveland Plan: Four-Year Implementation Strategy, is posted on the district's website and was distributed at the meeting. In the coming weeks, CEO Eric Gordon said the draft will be distributed throughout the community to solicit input and feedback.

“This document will drive our transformation work going forward, and when it's complete, will be a tool for holding us accountable for results,” he said. “I cannot stress enough how important community feedback and input will be as we refine the document that will guide this important work.”

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

Development

NORTHEAST SHORES

Breakfast with Santa!

by Denise Lorek

Santa will be at VASJ High School this year on December 15, from 10 a.m. until noon for Breakfast with Santa. The cost of the event is \$5.00 which includes breakfast and a picture with Santa.

French toast and sausage will be provided by Gus's Diner. After the children visit with Santa and eat their

breakfast, they can visit the craft tables where they will be able to decorate their picture with Santa. The children will also have the opportunity to enter a coloring contest sponsored by Family Sports. The winners of the contest will win a bag full of goodies donated by Family Sports.

So make your list, check it twice and come tell Santa your Christmas wishes!



Santa poses in the middle of all of his elves at last year's event.

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installations in their storefronts. Participating artists for this competition are Rachel Strongoli, MCXIII, Lauren Gucik, Joe Bruzas, Jonah Jacobs, Garrett Weider, Allison Lukacsy and Steven Love, David Desimone & Ron Copeland, and Richard A. Mayer.

Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, hot chocolate and music helped to kick off the event which began at 6 P.M. Chloe's Kitchen Diner was open for business and offered a listing of works that were on display. Chloe's was also a stopping point for complimentary hot chocolate and an assortment of locally-made cookies by Buettner's Bakery. The Callaloo Cafe (formerly The Cafe at Arts Collinwood) hosted a pre-opening menu-tasting and gave samples of the Caribbean and International cuisine that will be offered to their patrons. There was also a trio from the group

"Blues De Ville" performing soulful music as guests enjoyed these samples. Callaloo will have its grand opening in early 2013. The Waterloo Sculpture Garden also offered refreshments and Waterloo Studios Gallery offered a complimentary piece of local gourmet chocolate by Baker Candies (Yum!). Visitors touring Waterloo had the opportunity to text in their votes for their favorite displays.

If you were unable to attend on opening night, no worries, the installations will remain on display from December 1st through January 2013. So, you can still come down to Waterloo and cast your vote. While you're there, please shop the local music, vintage and toy shops and purchase unique gifts for the one-of-a-kind people on your list or the one-of-a-kind person that is YOU! Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Fifth District Police Sunshine Fund

by Yolanda Anderson

Usually at this time of year, concentration is placed on children, toys and food pantries, all of which are important at holiday time or any time of year for that matter.

This year, as in 2011, our cause is somewhat different. We will again be donating to the Fifth District Police Sunshine Fund. The Sunshine Fund is used by Police District 5 to sponsor community events such as ice cream socials, the annual Halloween party, family movie nights and many other community events. The fund is also used for purchasing flowers for the families of officers who have lost loved ones (parents). We have again requested that the donation be earmarked specifically for events in the Collinwood area. CNVDC will accept any and all donations for this cause between now and the end of the year,

and as usual, we will match whatever the amount is donated to us.

We look forward to matching a huge amount, so we can contribute to this outstanding cause that the Fifth District Police have been utilizing for over 15 years now. Last year we were able to give the Fifth District Sunshine Fund over \$1,400 and we are hoping to top that amount this year. It is just another way for the Police to reach out to the community and let them know that Police officers are real people and not to be feared when a criminal issue is not at stake.

Please forward any and all donations for the Sunshine Fund to CNVDC, 15614 St. Clair, Cleveland Ohio, 44110. We will let you know in the next newsletter the amount that was presented to the Sunshine Fund. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.

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Wildwood Wetland and Stream Restoration Project Update

by Claire Posius

The Lacustrine Refuge is a wetland and stream restoration project located in Wildwood State Park in the City of Cleveland. Located on the Main Branch of Euclid Creek near Lake Erie, this ~\$1.4 million dollar Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funded project is restoring three acres of urban coastal wetlands and restoring 1,100 linear feet of shoreline habitat to serve as a fish habitat refuge and nursery for the urban coastal estuary zone. An estuary, or lacustrine in freshwater systems, provides habitat for nearshore fish and typically consists of wetlands. Today, the Euclid Creek estuarine zone has been modified for a public park and marina.

In August, wetland restoration work began with a 3 month construction schedule and follow-up plantings in the spring. A dense layer of invasive plants, Japanese knotweed, were removed and work began creating the wetland. As residents have observed, most of the work consists of moving earth to regrade the oxbow island into a wetland complex of varying water levels. Upland areas above the water are designed to protect as many mature trees as possible. Submerged pools will provide habitat and shelter for Great Lakes fish spawning and a nursery.

Volunteers have planted over 1,700 native plants in the project area, from small plant plugs to dormant native tree cuttings called 'live stakes,' to wetland plants harvested from nearby Singer Lake Bog in Summit County. A group of Hawken School 8th grade students, volunteers from the neighborhood, Friends of Euclid Creek members, Arcelor Mittal employees, and West Creek Watershed Stewardship Center Volunteer program volunteers participated in two planting events held in September and November. The goal is for these native plants to get established so that they can outcompete the invasive plants and to provide a much more diverse habitat for wildlife, birds and butterflies.

Within the stream channel, several stream bank bends were stabilized and



Hawken students plant Spatterdock, a wetland plant, in November.



November volunteer planting event.

the main channel was diverted so that water during normal flow will move through the secondary oxbow channel (now the main channel), but in storm events, water will flow over the diversion channel and the entire wetland area, functioning like a floodplain.

The majority of the site grading is complete and the construction team is preparing the site for winter by installing erosion control matting and grass seed. It will take about a season for the grass and plants to get established and for the site to look naturalized again, but be patient, it will be a sight to see.

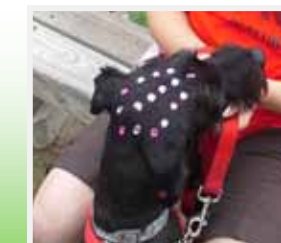
Volunteers are needed in the spring to complete the wetland native plantings, so contact the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator at (216) 524-6580 x16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org if you would like to help. Or for more details see the project website at http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/EC_LacustrineRefuge.htm.

Claire Posius is the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Coach Bill Gutbrod: Remembering a Viking legend

by Bill Tilton

It was an unseasonably clear and warm Tuesday morning on Dec. 4 at the corner of E. 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard.

Perhaps it was a sign from above that even God would never interfere with the honoring of this Viking legend.

Bill Gutbrod, who coached the St. Joseph football team from its founding in 1950 to 1990, died on Nov. 29. He was 87.

On Tuesday morning, his funeral procession traveled down Lakeshore Boulevard from St. Jerome Church to the high school and was greeted by members of the VASJ boys basketball and football teams in front of the building. There was a reception in the gymnasium following the procession where several former players, assistants, colleagues, friends and admirers of Gutbrod gathered to share stories about the man so many consider to be an institution.

Classes were cancelled for the day, a decision that administrators made out of respect for a man who was a pillar of athletics, academics and values at the school for almost half a century.

"When you mention Bill Gutbrod's name, it speaks for itself," VASJ Principal Dave Csank said. "When you think of the hundreds, thousands of young men whose lives were impacted by Coach Gutbrod, it's really incredible. When you have a person of that stature, you have to honor him."

By the time the guests had reached the Viking Village following the services at St. Jerome, the mourning period appeared to be ending and it was now time to celebrate the man who impacted thousands of lives – on and off the football field – during his decades of service at the high school.

Matt Eiseman, who played tight end

on the legendary 1987 St. Joseph team, wore a white mesh Vikings football jersey over his shirt and tie. Eiseman's choice of wardrobe was an easy one for all the influence Gutbrod had on him as a student-athlete and as a man moving forward with the rest of his life.

"We were undefeated in our year, and this was the last day we were going to give Bill Gutbrod accolades so I felt very strong about wearing the jersey today," Eiseman said. "He taught us everything about discipline and how to be prepared for life. He brought it 100 percent every day, in school and on the field. I felt I needed to wear the jersey just to give the man some respect back."

"Today is all about the old-time stories. They get better and better every time we talk about them."

Two great storytellers – and great football coaches – stopped at Viking Village after the funeral and were sharing glowing anecdotes about Gutbrod. Former Gutbrod assistant John Gibbons, who went on to win back-to-back state championships as head coach at Lake Catholic in 1991 and 1992, and 1991 VASJ graduate Rick Finotti, who played on the 1989 state championship team for Gutbrod and won his own state title as coach of St. Edward, each spoke more about the man than any Xs and Os they might have borrowed from their time around the legendary Vikings coach.

Finotti, who guided the Eagles to the school's first state championship in football in 2010, grew up in Euclid and always knew where he wanted to go to high school and what coach he wanted to play for.

"There was only one school for me, and Coach Gutbrod always had this almost grandfather-like aura about him that made him so easy to connect with. The way Coach Gutbrod treated everyone in the classroom and on the football field is what made him an institution," Finotti said.

"It's very simple – the man is St. Joseph football," Finotti added. "Myself and other coaches strive to one day have the kind of impact on our players that Coach Gutbrod had on his. When I first got the job at St. Edward, I sat down with my staff and I reflected on the impact Coach Gutbrod had on me and the football families and everyone associated with the program at St. Joe's. That's what I wanted to bring to St. Edward, to take care of the kids on and off the field and success would come."

"To see former teammates here today that I haven't seen in years and other former Vikings come back and to see the impact Coach Gutbrod had moving forward on so many people is very powerful."

Gibbons, who served as Gutbrod's defensive coordinator from 1974-1980, rejoiced in old stories about going to Franklin's to get a sundae with the coach and receiving as many life lessons there as he did in the locker room or coach's office.

"I was a young man, in my 20s, when I came to coach here for Bill and I had lost my father not long before that," Gibbons



Viking football and basketball players form an honor guard as the funeral procession passes the school where Gutbrod established himself as a legend.

said. "Coach Gutbrod really knew what I needed in my life at that time and he filled that void as a father figure. I didn't really have a mentor when I came to coach with him. The slogans and the way I approached things at Lake Catholic was all Bill Gutbrod."

"He was a great motivator and he was so loyal to everybody. He loved his family and he loved being a teacher and a coach. He knew what to say at the right time almost all the time. He was very patient with people and let everybody speak their peace. He treated everyone with such love and respect it was hard not to respond to him."

Among the notables at the church services included Desmond Howard, Elvis Grbac and numerous other former players, students and colleagues of Gutbrod, as well as Gutbrod's large family, which includes seven children and many grandchildren.

Howard, a current ESPN college football analyst who played for Gutbrod at St. Joe's and went on to become a Heisman Trophy winner at Michigan and Super Bowl MVP for the Green Bay Packers, remembered his high school coach as one of the most important influences in his life.

"At the age of 15, I was blessed to play for a coach who helped to create a foundation built on hard work, discipline, sacrifice, integrity, selflessness and the true meaning of teamwork," Howard said. "Those core values significantly contributed to my successes – on and off the field. For that, I will forever be grateful to Coach Gutbrod. He is greatly appreciated and deeply missed."

In 41 seasons at St. Joe's, Gutbrod's teams compiled a record of 268-107-17. His teams won seven Crown Conference titles and enjoyed five undefeated seasons. He guided the program to a 25-game unbeaten streak from 1962-1964.

Most notably, Gutbrod led the Vikings to the Division II state championship in 1989.

A charter inductee into the St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame in 1987, Gutbrod was a product of Cleveland's Holy Name High School. He served in the military during World War II. In the postwar era he received an education degree from the University of Dayton. Following the tradition of UD's Marianist educators, he accepted a position at the Marianists' new school, St. Joseph, in the fall of 1950.

"I've been blessed to have the oppor-

tunity to be associated with a wonderful mentor and learn from an outstanding coach," said VASJ football Coach John Storey, who also assisted Gutbrod for many seasons. "Through both his words and actions, he inspired us as the embodiment of the Viking spirit. Hail red and blue!"

As a teacher, Gutbrod filled several roles. He taught Health, Physical Education, Biology, Psychology and Social Studies. He also served as Attendance Officer and Alumni and Development Director.

Reverend Roger W. Gries, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, gave a heartfelt homily at St. Jerome Church.

"God uses human beings as his agents. He speaks to us through the human patience and expertise of teachers and coaches like Bill Gutbrod," Bishop Gries said. "Bill Gutbrod lives in the hearts of every young man who ever played for him."

Like so many of Gutbrod's former players, Bishop Gries focused on the man as much as on his vast gridiron knowledge. He spoke of Gutbrod as a devoted family man who deeply loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

"He was even more of a legend in his home," Gries said. "So many of us will miss him because so many of us loved him and were loved by him."

And in a poignant, lighthearted message to the Supreme Coach, the Bishop said: "If you have any openings for coaches on your team up there, you've got a good one."

Tim Gutbrod eulogized his father, telling the story of his life through the special memories tied to each of the four seasons. He told of his father's sweet tooth, and how he would bring home box after box of World's Finest Chocolate, which was sold by St. Joe students as a fundraiser. The kids would raid his stash.

He also recounted how his father, always the coach, would organize neighborhood football games. He said all five sons played football for St. Joe's and the coach's two daughters were both Viking cheerleaders. The coach's late wife, Jean, was responsible for first bringing girl cheerleaders to the school.

"St. Joseph was our family patron saint," Tim Gutbrod said. "He was a great father, but most of all he was our best friend."



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Jordan Walker signs to attend Bucknell

Jordan Walker has seemingly never backed down from a challenge.

It is what has made the Villa Angela-St. Joseph senior transform herself from a promising freshman into an elite senior outside hitter, and has pushed her academically to become one of the top students at the school.

Walker is now ready for her next challenge, and there is definitely no backing down as she signed a national letter of intent to continue her volleyball career at Bucknell on Nov. 19 in the Ministry Center at the high school.

"I visited Bucknell and I fell in love," Walker said. "They stressed education and I loved that. I want to push myself because I know it is going to be harder at college than it is here, and while it is hard to leave this school, I am ready for a whole new challenge."

The 6-foot standout has played volleyball since sixth grade and club volleyball since eighth grade. She is interested in studying journalism and traveling abroad after her college career is complete.

"First, I didn't realize how hard it is to get a D-I scholarship, but I realize that I am blessed to have earned this," Walker said. "This program (at VASJ) is very special, and Coach (Mark) Royer really pushed me. Sometimes you do things you never

thought you could do. He and all the girls here helped me achieve that."

Royer said Walker has blossomed since arriving at VASJ in the fall of 2009, and has made herself into a Division I student-athlete both on and off the court. He said every coach he knows in Northeast Ohio has raved about Walker's prowess as a player and has earned respect across the area for her performance.

"The transformation she has made from freshman year to now, is that she is

now that player out on the court that sees things most players don't see," Royer said. "Having four years with her, the overall presence and drive is what separates her. She has the heart of a lion. What she has done for our volleyball team over the past four years is incredible. She will be part of our record books for some time, and she has worked very hard for it."

Walker was selected as a first-team all News-Herald performer and is a four-year starter for the Vikings.



Cindy and Scotti Nathanson with daughters McKenna and Jordan Walker. Jordan is wearing her Bucknell cap.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson addresses VASJ students

Frank G. Jackson, mayor of Cleveland, fielded a wide variety of questions from students at an all-school assembly at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) on Thursday, November 29.

Student Council President Dominic Nicholas moderated the assembly. Among numerous special guests were Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensek, who represents the Collinwood community, and Sister Laura Bregar, OSU, principal of Our Lady of the Lake School in Euclid.

In a wide-ranging exchange with students, the mayor spoke of his personal background, the motivating factors that led him to pursue a life of public service, and his philosophy of leadership. Through it all, the mayor stressed the vital importance of education.

"Education is the key to success," the mayor said. "The challenge is to follow the map that will get you where you need to be."

To that end, he spoke of the recently approved levy for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The 15-mill tax, the first operating levy for the district to pass since 1996, puts steps in motion to improve the quality of education in Cleveland. The levy was supported by His Excellency Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland.

Pointing out that the levy will expire in four years, the mayor acknowledged that he and school officials will be held accountable because voters will not



Mayor Jackson speaks at VASJ assembly.

renew it if insufficient gains are made.

"If there was a recurring theme in the mayor's remarks, it was that leaders must take responsibility," said VASJ President Richard Osborne. "He said life is about decisions and following through."

The assembly began with the posting of colors by the Viking Honor Guard, freshmen Liam Staunton, Jacob Stauffer and Jayson Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Class President Trashay Harris.

The mayor's visit to VASJ followed two recent occasions in which he received VASJ visitors to his City Hall office. Last March, the mayor greeted a group of

VASJ students and 12 Japanese visitors from Hachinohe St. Ursula High School in Japan. In October, he met with VASJ visitors along with Roman Kirn, ambassador from the Republic of Slovenia, who spoke at VASJ as part of the school's Our World Today program.

Mayor Jackson lives in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, where he grew up. He graduated from Cleveland Public Schools and served in the U.S. Army. After returning to Cleveland, he earned an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College and his bachelor's degree, master's degree and law degree from Cleveland State University.

He began his public service career as an assistant city prosecutor in the Cleveland Municipal Court Clerk's Office. From 1990 through 2005, Jackson represented Cleveland's 5th Ward on Cleveland City Council. From 2002-2005, Jackson also served as president of Cleveland City Council.

Jackson began his tenure as mayor of Cleveland in January 2006.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive, co-educational high school committed to academic excellence and the development of student gifts. With a college preparatory curriculum rooted in Ursuline and Marianist core values of education, service, justice and diversity, VASJ strives to bring each student to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and Gospel values.

Viking Views



'A great leader and motivator'

by Richard Osborne

My own memories of him are from a bit more distance than the players who knew him best. I sat in his classroom and, of course, in the stands where we cheered our hearts out as he directed the Vikings to victory.

In my senior year, the football season of 1968, we went 10-0-0. I say "we" because his inspiration made all of us feel we were part of the team.

You didn't have to play football for Bill Gutbrod to know that you were in the presence of someone great. And that is why he is a Viking legend whose influence will remain part of who we are forever.

In the days since Coach Gutbrod's death, his players and students have paused to reflect on his influence on their lives. In the touching tribute by writer Bill Tilton on the opposite page, **Desmond Howard '88** talks about the core values his beloved coach espoused – "hard work, discipline, sacrifice, integrity, selflessness and the true meaning of teamwork."

Here is what some others have said:

Jack Busher '60: "There have been many people who greatly influenced my life, but probably none more than Coach Gutbrod. I was fortunate enough to coach high school athletes for 41 years, and I did my best every day to emulate The Coach."

Ted Haas '60: "Coach Bill Gutbrod has always been and will forever be the ideal model of a great person who made a great contribution to my fondest memories of my high school days at St. Joe's."

Joseph Miheli '68: "A great leader and motivator of men. R.I.P., Coach."

Robert Bobrowski '70: "As we stood in the locker room at our 40th reunion, I could not believe a man who had coached that long and at his age could fire up a passionate plea to his players that made us want to put a helmet on for him and run – try to, at least – out on the field. Thanks, Coach G."

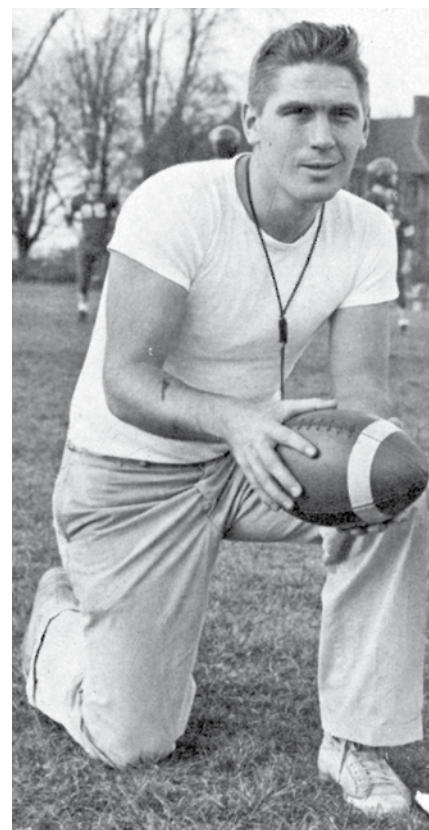
Tom Bresnan '70: "We were blessed to have the opportunity to play football for him. I have a terribly sad heart right now, but I know that is how I should feel when someone who has had a great impact on my life dies. He was the greatest role model ever."

Kevin Flynt '70: "He was a special man. God bless him."

Greg Lieb '70: "I took a lot of life's values from Coach. The man just commanded and deserved respect. If you just listened and observed, there was a lot to learn."

Mark Yezi '73: "You'll ALWAYS be a Viking. R.I.P., Coach."

Richard Osborne '69 is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.



Gutbrod coached Viking football from the school's founding in 1950 through the 1990 season.

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Schools, Libraries & the Arts

St. John Nottingham Lutheran School News

by Gregory Kita

The school year continues to be off to a great start and we are getting ready for our Christmas Worship Service. Our school Open House is just around the corner on Sunday January 27, 2013 from 1-4 PM.

St. John Nottingham is just like our mission statement: a family of Christians. I agree with this statement wholeheartedly. That is why I have my children at St. John Nottingham. In today's society a family atmosphere is not enough. There are more and more demands coming for our children than we ever had. Let me take just a moment to highlight the new programs we implemented for this school year:

- We are added a keyboarding program for grades K-8. This will track their progress from year to year. In 2014-2015 the state assessments will all be online and the students will need to type their answers. Keyboarding is also an essential skill for all students.
- We are implementing Accelerated Reader. If the students are not fluent readers they cannot reach their poten-

tial in any subject, even math. This is a nationally recognized program and researched-based to improve reading. This will be for all students.

- We are utilizing STAR Reading and Math assessments next year for all students. We will collect data on student growth 3-4 times a year so we can accurately measure students needs in the classroom.
- We continue to have students take High School Algebra via our Distance Learning Lab.

There are exciting things happening everyday at St. John Nottingham Lutheran School. Let me give you a quick look into our first grade classroom.

Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings to you and your family! I hope to see you all at our:

OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2013 from 1-4 PM at 1027 East 176th Street, Cleveland, OH 44119. Phone number (216) 531-8204 or visit our website at www.stjohnnottingham.org.

Serving His kids, Gregory Kita Principal, St. John Nottingham

Brandon Peck: Student Success Story

by Sherrell Germany-Clark

Brandon Peck is a 12th grade student at Collinwood High School in the Interior & Fashion Design Academy. He has recently been accepted into the Key Bank Cleveland Play House College Program. Currently, Brandon also participates in Young Audiences' Artworks Apprenticeship Program. As a member of this program, he is given the opportunity to create exciting, original work in theater, dance, music or visual arts. His future plans are focused on filmmaking, acting and dramatic writing. Great Job, Brandon.

Sherrell Germany-Clark is a school counselor at Collinwood High School.



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Edward "DJ Phatty" Banks, a well-known Cleveland area DJ, spearheaded the discussion with East Clark students.

victims, and upstanders. It is the hope of all involved in this project that the students will become positive role models and upstanders on their campus.

For more information on The Bully X Project please visit <http://bullyx.org>. To learn more about Edward "DJ Phatty" Banks and Reading RAMM visit www.readingramm.com. To read more about bullying visit www.cpl.org and search in our database by typing in the keyword "bullying" or call the Collinwood Branch at 216-623-6934 and ask for Erica Marks or Natasha Wells.

Please check the Collinwood Branch page of www.cpl.org for a list of ongoing and upcoming events including our celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Tuesday, January 15th at 3:00 p.m. Through song, poetry or a brief speech, explain how you think Dr. King would view the world today.

Erica Marks is the Library Assistant for Youth Emphasis, Natasha Wells is the Children's Librarian at the Collinwood Branch.



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favorite holiday song: "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." The 7-oz. solid milk chocolate hippos and a limited supply of dark chocolate hippos can be ordered online for \$10 each at www.bakercandies.com, or by visiting one of its two retail locations: 16131 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, and 34100 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills.

In late 2011, HWR relocated its headquarters to 17876 St. Clair Ave., just down the road from Baker Candies, so the family-owned business with deep Cleveland roots wanted to do something meaningful to support the non-profit agency's patients. "It's our way of giving back to families in the local community who are coping with a difficult time over the holidays," said co-owner Chris Galgoczy.

Nostalgia buffs may recall that the Christmas novelty song, originally performed by 10-year-old Gayla Peevey, debuted in 1953. The Jonas Brothers brought the song back in 2007.

Baker Candies is a 4th-generation family business established in 1921 by Louis D. Bracracheff (later changed to "Baker"), a young immigrant from Macedonia. He set up shop on the corner of Lexington Ave. and E. 55th, growing the business into the second largest candy wholesaler in the city. Customers included The May Company, Higbee's, Nut Hut and Nut Kitchen. In 1945, Baker Candies moved to its present location on 16131 Holmes Ave. in Collinwood.

Baker's chocolates are still made in small batches using copper pots and marble tables. They are then run on a conveyor belt enrober reminiscent of the infamous "I Lucy Lucy" episode, where Lucy and Ethel resorted to stuffing the chocolates into their mouths in an attempt to keep up with the accelerating pace of production.

In 1962, when Baker retired, the family business went to his niece, Zorka Alusheff, and her husband, Chris. They worked together until 1986 when the business went to their three children: Kathy Galgoczy, Vicky Glavinos, and Tasho Alusheff. Today, Baker Candies is run by Kathy Galgoczy who is semi-retired, and her son Chris Galgoczy.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. HWR cares for people in a variety of settings, including at David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie (next to VASJ), in patients' homes, in hospitals and long-term care facilities, and at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake.

Bistro 185: Neighborhood food with big city taste

by Sukki

Bistro 185 lets diners experience the atmosphere of a warm and familiar family-owned establishment while feasting on well-thought-out dishes. The menu offers a wide variety of starters that aren't your average appetizers. Gourmet choices such as escargot and smoked duck breast are joined with contemporary favorites like Sugar Cane Shrimp Skewers with Thai glaze and Walnut Crusted French Brie. Along with our expertly mixed cocktails, my companion and I had the Medjool Dates stuffed with almonds, snugly wrapped with thick, crisp bacon which paired perfectly with the goat cheese crumbles and balsamic glaze drizzle.

Although there were many tempting salads to choose from, including the Organic Beet and Goat Cheese salad, and the creative Warm Wild Mushroom Salad, I was headed right for a main entree. It was not an easy decision with favorites like the Veal Scallopini Picatta Style and Chicken Schnitzel (served with Potato Peirogi!). The selection had a great variety of classic comfort dishes with modern flare but also offered unexpected dishes like the Sesame Crusted

Ahi Tuna and Duck 3 Ways.

After debating about what to order a decision was made. Prior to his leaving with our order, we asked our experienced and helpful server Richard to pair our entrees with a wine and he was happy to oblige. I had Sautéed Wild Caught Florida Hog Snapper. The perfectly prepared white and mild fish came with a light and buttery Hollandaise Sauce nestled upon a lovely corn (bread) pudding. The two hearty portions of fish were also paired with crunchy tempura style vegetables.

My companion went for an 'old favorite' by selecting the Boeuf Bourignon. The Angus Short Ribs were slow braised with wine and vegetables that created a wonderful sauce to pair with the mashers. Of course, I had to sample the tender, fall apart ribs and loved every savory bite.

No trip to the Bistro is complete without sampling their signature Key Lime Pie. It was delicious and a very generous portion.

Overall, the atmosphere, food and service were exceptional. Be sure to visit this neighborhood gem soon.

Charitable Poker is alive and well in Willoughby Hills

by John Copic

Buckeye Charity Poker located in Marc's Plaza (just to the right of Marc's) is the world's first PokerTek certified room. Buckeye benefits local charities and is a vital part of the charitable community in the area. It is state of the art electronic LIVE poker on equipment used in Casinos and cruise ships all over the world. Also Buckeye features real Las Vegas Rules Blackjack with \$2-\$50 betting range. Unlike past versions of Charity rooms in the region, Buckeye is an entertainment center and gathering place perfect for corporate events, meetings and a fun night out with coworkers. Nightly Buckeye provides players with FREE food and soft drinks and \$2 to \$3 domestic beer. They have the NFL Sunday Ticket and a huge projection screen as well as flat screens in every conceivable place, so it is a great place to bring your friends to play some cards.

PokerTek Co-Founder Lou White said, "Buckeye Charity Poker appears to be the natural evolution of Charity Poker Festivals in Northeast Ohio. From the early days of Charity Festivals run by various organizations at dozens of locations to a central location at Nautica to Buckeye, Ohio charity gaming is in good hands. The problem with the original festivals is they were hard to regulate and make sure all was fair for the player and charity. Nautica was certainly fair to the player and charity, but very difficult for all but the largest charities to provide dozens of dealers. The PokerPro™ tables are

the perfect solution. Now even smaller charities can become involved, and since PokerTek and PokerPro is licensed and certified by the largest and most prestigious gaming jurisdictions in the world, players know they are getting a fair deal as well. We are proud to be involved with the team at Buckeye and the local charities and be part of the poker scene in NorthEast Ohio".

On the poker side of things, Buckeye Charity Poker offers extraordinary value to the player. First of all, the max rake is \$4 which is half of the downtown casino when you consider the bad beat and promotional funds. Secondly, players can play the game they want including private games with just friends. So if you have a group of friends interested in learning Pot Limit Omaha - you can come in and get a FREE private table and play a .10/.25 PLO game just to learn with friends. Not only that, in the cash games, the table can set the buy-in, blind levels and play the game they desire. Finally, at BCP players can play in heads up, 6 max or full ring games - all things you will not find in a casino environment.

Buckeye Charity Poker offers Nightly tournaments at 7PM which you can find on their website at www.buckeyecharity-poker.com. If your charity is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, call Gina at (440) 347-9565 or stop in and see for yourself the potential opportunity that Buckeye has for raising money for your organization.

Publisher's Note: I have attended a number of tournaments held at the facility and give them my highest recommendation. The tables are easy to use, the staff is competent and efficient, and the players are a fun group. If you enjoy playing poker at any level you should give Buckeye Poker a try.

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Faith in Collinwood

Spiritual well-being during the Holidays

by Reverend Tammy Hill

Remember when you were a kid and how the winter holidays were the highlight of your year? I think back to how strong the Christmas spirit shined in our house, even though we were a family of limited means. We would seek out the Sears Wish Book and were able to spend a whole twenty dollars on the toy of our choice. Our stockings always had a big candy cane, a few Hershey kisses, and a life savers roll. That was enough for us back then and our favorite thrill was the break from school and going sledding down the biggest hill we could find in the neighborhood.

Times sure have changed. Things have become so complicated. People have become more demanding. When we think about the extra pressure that bears down on us during this time of the year, it is mentally exhausting. There has to be a point where we stand back and look at the madness we have created as a society and get back to basics. When did the "true meaning" of the holidays fade and the sparkle of commercialism take over? My earliest recollection was when watching A Charlie Brown Christmas back in the 60's, Snoopy's dog house won a prize for the best lighting display. And of course Charlie Brown's frustration with his friends that felt that Christmas was partying and dancing.

While it is nice to give and receive during the holiday season, it is more important that we make our own sanity a priority. By simply living within our means (by not maxing out credit cards or depleting our savings), we can still enjoy family, friends, and loved ones. You may worry that little Christopher or Suzy would be disappointed if they don't find the new iPhone or the latest video games under the tree, but it is our responsibility to break the cycle of elaborate displays of gift-giving to teach them the true meaning of the holiday season. The example you set is important on how they will act as adults.

Take advantage of the time you are given with the young ones to talk and reminisce about your favorite things, and explain how things used to be not so long ago. When too much time is spent focusing on the gifts, then the true gifts are overlooked until it is too late. The gifts of time and shared wisdom are gems that will last a lifetime. And while you are at it, you will realize how thankful you are that you had control over the shopping madness. And if you take it one step further, to deepen your faith, pick up a Bible and read



the passages pertaining to the holidays. Then read even further to see the path that leads to the holidays that follow, like Easter Sunday. Some children that don't go to church don't realize that there are stories about the dates they celebrate right in the Bible. And don't underestimate a child's interest in your stories because they are wonderful, smart, and want to learn new things. You are more interesting than you think!

If you are alone during the holidays, seek out a local church and enjoy the company of those who may have the same status as you. Our church enjoys visitors of all denominations and faiths. We welcome everyone with open arms and no judgment, just faith and fellowship as we enjoy each other's company, laugh, and partake in foods prepared as part of our regular pot luck meals on the first Sundays of each month. We also welcome everyone to come and join us for our Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 23rd starting at 5 pm followed by a wonderful meal. Bring a friend and a dish to share! We are located at 19204 Pawnee Avenue (between E. 185th and 200 St.). We have been part of the community since 1927!

The holidays are a time of peace, love, and friendship. It is not a contest or a time to show off our credit-worthiness. Keep it simple and you will realize that the spirit of well-being is in our own hands. Pop "It's a wonderful life" or another classic holiday movie into the DVD player. Make up a nice big bowl of buttered popcorn, pour some spiced eggnog, and sit down and enjoy the magic with the ones you care about! Make your own traditions that emphasize the true meaning of the holidays. Spiritual well-being is not as far away as we think.

Merry Christmas from St. Casimir

by Rev Joseph Bacevice

As the song goes: "It's the most wonderful time of the year." On Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of our Savior. For most of us, this day will be filled with tradition, remembering our own childhood and marveling at the wonder we see in the eyes of the children in our own families. But more than just tradition, Christmas is a celebration of life – our own lives, the lives we are living today.

The message of the angels – "Today a Savior has been born to you..." reminds all of us of God's presence in our own lives. What better way to celebrate the Lord's presence in our lives than to participate at Church Services on Christmas. For Catholics, we have four wonderful parishes in Collinwood (St. Casimir on Neff Rd., St. Jerome on Lake Shore and

E 150th., St. Mary on Holmes Ave., and Holy Redeemer on Kipling), for our brothers and sisters of other Faith traditions, we have many churches in our neighborhood, and for those who don't belong anywhere, I invite you to visit us here at St. Casimir on Christmas. We are located at 18022 Neff Road. Our Masses on Christmas Eve are at 4:00 pm and 10:30 pm (in Lithuanian), and on Christmas Day at 8:00 am, 10:00 am (in Lithuanian) and 12:00 noon. May the Peace and Joy that this great Feast signifies be with you this Christmas Day and every day of your lives.

God Bless all of you this holiday season!

Rev. Joe Bacevice is the Pastor of St. Casimir Parish. He can be reached at (216) 481-3157.



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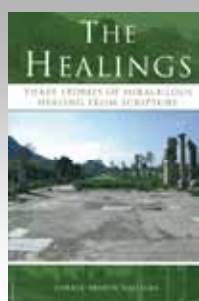
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Anton Grdina	8:05am	1:45pm
Artemus Ward	9:35am	3:15pm
Benjamin Franklin	8:25am	2:05pm
Bolton	9:35am	3:15pm
Buckeye-Woodland	9:35am	3:15pm
Buhrer Dual Language	9:10am	2:50pm
Campus International School	8:25am	3:05pm
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Case	8:05am	1:45pm
Charles Dickens	9:55am	3:35pm
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Denison	9:55am	3:35pm
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Early Childhood Development Center @ Mary B. Martin	8:25am	2:05pm
East Clark	8:05am	1:45pm
Euclid Park	8:25am	2:05pm
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Harvey Rice Wraparound	8:25am	2:05pm
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Joseph Gallagher	8:25am	2:05pm
Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Louis Agassiz	9:55am	3:35pm
Louisa May Alcott	9:35am	3:15pm

SCHOOL	START	END
Luis Muñoz Marin	8:05am	1:45pm
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Mary M. Bethune	8:25am	2:05pm
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Tremont Montessori	9:55am	3:35pm
Valley View Boys Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Wade Park	8:25am	2:05pm
Walton	9:35am	3:15pm
Warner Girls Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Watterson-Lake	9:55am	3:35pm
Waverly	9:35am	3:15pm
Whitney M. Young	8:25am	2:05pm
Wilbur Wright	8:05am	1:45pm
William Cullen Bryant	9:35am	3:15pm
Willow	8:25am	2:05pm
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