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Announcing the Memorial School Garden Angels!

by Elva Brodnick

On July 21, members of the Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden Committee (including Rev Barb Chuppa and Brad Handlin from Memorial Spiritual Christian Church and Charlotte Iafeliece, Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society member, as well as your many-hatted correspondent!) met for the first time with the students at Memorial School, interested in helping with the Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden project.

What a grand lively meeting it was!

We started off with picking a name for our group. Got a half a dozen ideas on the board, quickly knocked off 2 or 3, then unanimously picked the "Garden Angels" - a very neat play on what our project is all about.

It was wonderful to see the commitment these students have to this Garden project - they understand that this is not just a temporary "summer" project, but see their

future role as caretakers who will pass this along to upcoming students at Memorial. We talked briefly about the work involved, ideas for the Garden - including the possibility of a fence, because they'd seen kids playing in the Garden, and knew it needed to be protected.

We immediately set another meeting for the following Wednesday, that turned into a WONDERFUL day, working in the Memorial Garden. We had more than twenty students from the Garden Angels at the school, Ms. Rondo, several people from the staff, your reporter and Charlotte Iafeliece. We weeded around the border of the Garden, added garden soil and planted twenty-four red and white geraniums (Memorial's School Colors, of course!)

We worked for an hour and half after school and we got all this done, thanks to the students, Ms. Rondo and her staff, we've gotten something started in the Garden in memory of Charlotte's uncle, and the 172 others who died in the fire.



Principal Rondo and students put in some hard work.



The Garden Angels...

Our thanks to everyone who pitched in this first time out, donated flowers, soil, tools - and time! And a special thanks to the Garden Angels who worked really hard, and got so much done in such a short time.

Drive on by and check it out! And stay tuned, of course, here in the Observer, for future updates!

Interested in helping? Please let us know! Contact me at either: carrollsell@gmail.com or (216) 738-0626. Thanks!

Elva Brodnick (with thanks to Charlotte Iafeliece)



Geraniums planted, with a signature butterfly: "Memorial School Garden Angels."

Artists in Residence grants are here

by Nan Kennedy

Welcome to the Artists in Residence grants program, brought to you by Northeast Shores and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture. Through this exciting new program, we're giving artists who live and work in North Shore Collinwood an opportunity to propose creative solutions to some of the issues the community cares about the most.

The grant program is made possible through the generous support of Leveraging Investments in Creativity, The Ford Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, ArtPlace, Educational Foundation of America and Charter One Growing Communities. The members of the panel that made the final grant recommendations were neighborhood residents Andrea Hinton, Charlotte Iafeliece and Brian Licht, assisted by Vince Reddy of LAND Studio, and Nelson Beckford of The Cleveland Foundation.

Here is one of the projects, we will feature more next time: **AMY CALLAHAN'S STREET ART PROJECT** This project imagines the walls, the alley ways, and all the nooks and crannies of the Waterloo Arts District as a canvas for a variety of skilled artists to create distinctive art work. This project embraces the street art movement which has been minimally represented in Cleveland, but is sweeping like wild-

fire across other parts of the world and transforming cities into outdoor museums. A half dozen murals will be created simultaneously as well as smaller scale temporary and permanent installations that will happen in alleyways, on sidewalks and other structures throughout the street. The installations and murals will be created/installed the week prior to the Waterloo Arts Fest. A walking map, providing information about the various artists and guiding visitors to the different pieces, will be given out at the festival. After the event the permanent pieces of artwork will remain as a proclamation that Waterloo is a vibrant arts district.



Senator George Voinovich demonstrates the correct positioning of a bike helmet, while describing how important bike safety has been to his family at OH Perry's Bike Safety Program.

O.H. Perry Photos: Ron Werman, Cleveland Photographic Society Community Service Program

O.H. Perry celebrates bike safety with style

by Janna Jackson, 5th Grade, OH Perry

On May 9, O.H. Perry students attended a Bicycle Helmet Safety Program. Fifth and sixth grade Major Work students from Mrs. Brunecz's class put on a play for the program. Students entertained and informed the audience about bicycle safety. The play ended with a catchy rap that excited the students.

Senator Voinovich gave a speech about how important bicycle safety is. He told a story about how a helmet saved his wife's life. The Senator also talked about a time when he was riding his bike in a parade. Everyone was yelling at him saying "Where is your helmet?" and "Wear your helmet."



O.H. Perry students welcomed Senator and Mrs. Voinovich for their Bicycle Helmet Safety Program.

Another beautiful day for the Alive on East 185 Parade and Sidewalk Sale!

by Denise Lorek

The weather for our fifth annual Alive on East 185 event was perfect!

The Collinwood High School Color Guard, ROTC Cadets, Drum Line and High Steppers started our parade on May 18. Cleveland City Councilman Mike Polensek and Euclid Councilman Scott Lynch followed the high steppers. They were followed by over 40 different groups and organizations including VASJ's tribute to the class of 2013 seniors, the big trucks by Tim's Wild Creations and the Northcoast Bagpipe unit which was supported by Paran Management. The Salvation Army had their disaster unit and volunteers walking with Northeast Shores board member Lt. Chris Mauk. For the first year, we had the Sharks football team with their cheerleaders, O.H. Perry had their drum line drumming and the local day care children were walking and riding bicycles. Several East 185th St. merchants also participated 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 went to Collinwood

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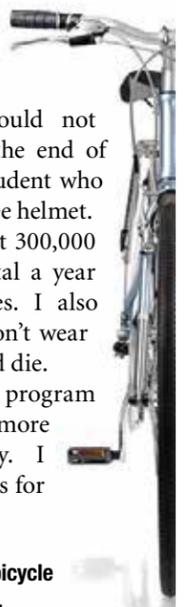
Fifth and sixth grade Major Work students at O.H. Perry perform a play about the girl who didn't think she had to wear her helmet as a part of their bike safety awareness assembly.

At the end of the program the representatives from the AAP, American Academy of Pediatrics said how important it was to wear a helmet. When they showed us how to wear a helmet, Nasir Jones, 6th grade Major Work student, was called up to model how you should and should not wear a helmet. At the end of the program every student who attended received a free helmet.

I learned that about 300,000 kids go to the hospital a year just for head injuries. I also learned that if you don't wear your helmet you could die.

This was a great program for students to learn more about bicycle safety. I hope the message lasts for a long time.

For more on O.H. Perry's bicycle safety day, go to Page 10.



Dialogue

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Condolences to Councilman Polensek

As most Collinwood Observer readers know, Councilman Polensek usually has a column in this space, keeping everybody up on the latest issues, warnings, celebrations, news going on in Ward 11. This past week, I learned that he wouldn't be able to attend the community meeting for Collinwood High School because he was at his mother's bedside, and a day later Mary Louise Jesek-Daley, his aide, shared the news of his mother's passing.

Mrs. Dorene Harwood passed away Saturday, May 25. She was born in Glenville on July 27, 1930, and was a product of our local schools: Iowa Maple and St. Andrew's Elementary Schools, Junior High at Patrick Henry, and then Collinwood High School. She was known as a faithful "Railroader" for the rest of her

life. She volunteered in Michigan at Mt. Clemens Hospital, in Cleveland at Volunteers of America where she worked with the homeless, and at the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

If you would like to make a contribution in her memory, they can be sent to the Regina Health Center, 5232 Broadview Road, Richfield, Ohio 44286; the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598; or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

Everyone here at the Observer family and I'm sure our readers would like to extend our condolences to Mike and let him know that he and his family are in our thoughts and prayers.

—Betsy Voinovich, Editor

Additional sewer work on Lakeshore Boulevard to impact traffic

by Jennifer Elting

On May 16, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District held a community meeting for residents living near Triangle Park, the current location of the Euclid Creek Tunnel's Shaft 4. The topic of the meeting was the Lakeshore Boulevard Relief Sewer, a project initially planned for later this year. For many reasons, a portion of the project will begin this summer.

What will this mean for vehicular and pedestrian traffic traveling along Lakeshore Boulevard? Temporarily, this project will result in more orange barrels and lane closures. Permanently, however, the Lakeshore Boulevard Relief Sewer will mean fewer combined sewer overflows for the entire area and reduced basement flooding for some residents.

The Lakeshore Boulevard Relief Sewer includes construction of a new sewer between Triangle Park and Rosecliff Road; the full project will begin later this year. The portion of the project beginning this summer will primarily impact those living and working near Euclid Creek Tunnel Shaft 4 (Triangle Park) and includes a new sewer between Triangle Park and the Euclid Creek Pump Station. This new sewer will be constructed beneath Lakeshore Blvd.

Although the sewer is below ground, a 70-foot deep access shaft located east of Euclid Creek will be constructed in the two westbound lanes of Lakeshore Blvd. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction. In addition, E. 174th St. along the east side of Triangle Park will be closed.

Residents in the immediate vicinity of this shaft received notification of this project along with an invitation to attend the community meeting. For those unable to attend the meeting, a copy of the prepared presentation is online at the Euclid Creek Blog, <http://euclidcreek.blogspot.com>. Anyone with questions concerning the project can direct those to Jenn at eltingj@neorsd.org.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS
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Collinwood Homeowners' & Tenants' Association First Wednesday, 7 pm, St. Mary's School, 15519 Holmes Avenue

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
NSDC holds its quarterly meetings, open to all, 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 initiatives come up for discussion.

Collinwood/Nottingham Historical Society
Our CNHS June meeting will be Tuesday June 11, at 7:30 pm at Kristy's. We're slightly off our usual "1st Tuesday" schedule, & know that the E 185 Block Meeting is the same evening, so that's why we'll be starting later. We would REALLY appreciate an RSVP for this, no later than June 7 - so we can give Kristy's advance notice of how many to set up for. Look forward to seeing everyone there! Thanks!

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Susan Dymanski and Bob Slusser, new proprietors of the Euclid Garden Center

by Susan Brandt

May 8 marked the reopening of the Euclid Garden Center. Bob Slusser is a client at the business I run and when he informed us of the Euclid Garden Center reopening, I took notice, and waited with anticipation. So many people in and around the E. 185th Street area are very familiar with the Euclid Garden Center, and were somewhat dismayed that they had closed their doors a few seasons ago.

Susan Dymanski was born and raised in Euclid, attended Euclid High School. Her passion for growing things motivated her to reopen the Garden Center. Euclid Garden Center currently has available: vegetables, plants, annuals, herbs, Hanging Plants, a few shrubs, weeping cherries, insect repellent, lawn care supplies, plant food, pots, gardening tools and a few odds and ends. Future plans include a greenhouse for self-sufficiency.

The Euclid Garden Center is located at 685 E. 185th St. in Euclid. They are open 7 days a week from 8am-6 pm. I encourage you to stop in for a spell, you may find something your garden is craving. We sat down with Susan for a few questions:

What is your idea of perfect happiness?
If at the end of the day my customers are happy then I am happy.



Susan Dymanski and Bob Slusser, proprietors at the Euclid Garden Center on E. 185th Street.

- What is your greatest achievement?**
My two daughters, Bridget and Denise.
- What quality do you like the most in people?**
Helpfulness and the ability to look out for each other.
- What do you value most in a friend?**
Honesty.
- What is your most treasured possession?**
The opportunity to reopen the Euclid Garden Center.
- What is your greatest extravagance?**
I'm not extravagant.
- Who are your heroes in real life?**
My two daughters.
- What makes you unique?**
I care what others think.
- If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?**
Not to worry so much.
- What's your favorite word or phrase?**
It's all about the details!
- We wish Bob and Susan all the luck in the world! Happy Growing!

Holy Redeemer celebrates 89th Feast of St. Anthony

by William McCulloch

Since Holy Redeemer Church's founding in June 1924, the honoring of St. Anthony has played an integral part in the life of the parish. The annual Tredicina, or 13 days of prayer begins Saturday, June 1st and concludes Thursday, June 13th coinciding with the day of St. Anthony's death in Padua Italy in 1231.

For each Mass the church will host a different visiting clergy member who will expound on St. Anthony and the virtues and relevance of his message today. Patron Saint of the poor and oppressed, St. Anthony is also well-known as that of lost articles. Father Marty Polito, a Euclid native and Pastor of Holy Redeemer since 1996, adds that it is not just for lost things but for people who may have lost either faith, hope, and/or love. That this is an occasion for prayer for things needed to be found in one's life and a time of self-renewal.

The Feast celebration itself will start Saturday June 8th at 5:00pm and is held in the school gymnasium and outside in the courtyard between the church till 10 pm. There will be concession stands



Feast of St. Anthony Sunday Procession

featuring Italian food favorites, with musical entertainment along with games of chance and various raffles for dozens of different donated gift baskets, a Summer in the City package including Cedar Point and Cleveland Indian tickets, and for cash payouts totaling \$5000.

Sunday the celebration continues following Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Pevce with a procession of the statue of St. Anthony through the streets of the neighborhood. The procession will include the Italian Band of Cleveland and Lolly the Trolley to shuttle those who may have trouble walking the full route. Afterward the Festival will reopen at 1 pm and continue until 8 pm. Hope to see you there.

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Hey, Hey, Hey!

by Tonya Broach
This summer is going to be busy! From the implementation of art projects and events to the new Streetscape work beginning on Waterloo Road, North Collinwood is alive and buzzing with excitement! Prepare to be a witness and watch the transformation take place. You can learn about some of the projects by checking out the latest installment of featured Facebook pages listed below. As always, please feel free to visit, read about their wonderful services and click on the like button.

Callaloo Café and Bar Located inside of Arts Collinwood in the historic Waterloo Arts District, this Café specializes in dishes from Trinidad and Tobago, along with other world cuisines www.facebook.com/TheCallalooCafeAndBar?ref=ts

Euclid Beach Blast Euclid Beach Blast will challenge artists and community members to explore, reimagine, create, share and dream Euclid Beach Park's past, present and future www.facebook.com/euclidbeachblast?ref=ts

Project Pop-up Galleries Hosts temporary art exhibits by utilizing vacant or underused residential and commercial properties. This project intends to increase awareness of available housing and business opportunities and to explore creative ways that vacancy can serve as an asset to the community. www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Pop-up-Galleries-in-Collinwood-Ohio/151183174929827?ref=ts&fref=ts

Waterloo Arts Fest Now in its 11th year, the Waterloo Arts Fest continues to grow into one of Cleveland's most eclectic and vibrant street festivals with a strong emphasis on art and music. The Waterloo Arts Fest takes place every year on the last Saturday in June! www.facebook.com/WaterlooArtsFest?ref=ts

Zoetic Walls The finest street artists from around the world are bringing the walls of the Waterloo District to life. www.facebook.com/ZoeticWallsCleveland?ref=ts

Be sure to stay tuned for next month's exciting lineup!

Berry Lane Frozen Yogurt

by David Hirsch

It seems that summer is finally upon us and the need for ice cream will be higher than ever in the hot months to come. Luckily a new frozen yogurt shop, Berry Lane Frozen Yogurt, will soon be opening its doors in North Collinwood. Located at 15799 Lakeshore Boulevard, the shop is expecting to open its doors in mid-June. Owner Fawzi Sabieh has created a destination that provides a healthier alternative to the typical ice cream shop. Berry Lane will offer several types of frozen yogurt (some of which are sugar free) for those patrons who are diabetic or watching their figure during beach season. Toppings can also be added to the yogurt. Berry Lane will have fresh and gluten free toppings to add to their sweet treats so that each customer's yogurt is uniquely their own. Berry Lane also takes a fresh take on ice cream stores with an indoor play area for children. Kids can play, (even when it is not so warm out) while parents sip coffee. The shop's close proximity to the lake makes it a perfect place to stop after a day at the beach or after a lakefront bike ride. Look for grand opening coupons throughout the neighborhood and at Northeast Shores Development Corporation. As the summer heats up, look to Berry Lane Frozen Yogurt to cool down.

David Hirsch is an intern at Northeast Shores.



Owner Fawzi Sabieh shows off Berry Lane Frozen Yogurt.

Ernie's Premium Coffee & Donuts

by David Hirsch

Driving down E. 200th street, you may have noticed a new shop has recently opened its doors just across the street from The Home Depot. That new shop is Ernie's Premium Coffee & Donuts and is located at 858 East 200th Street. It is now open six days a week Monday through Saturday from 6am to 1:30pm Ernie's offers a wide selection of doughnuts, bagels, premium coffee and other assorted beverages. Ernie's also is spicing up the ordinary bagel with their "bagelwich", or bagel sandwich. The menu will offer half a dozen of these tasty sandwiches as well as hotdogs and more traditional breakfast sandwiches. Featuring both indoor and outdoor seating, Ernie's retro restaurant offers a fun atmosphere to enjoy a meal. Also offering take out, patrons have the option of calling ahead and picking food up. The



Local residents Jeanne Schneider and Olivia Lorek help Ernie serve up the donuts, bagels and coffee.

owner decided to locate the shop in the district because he wanted to make an investment in the neighborhood and help it to grow. Ernie's Premium Coffee & Donuts, with its local ownership and homey feel make it an excellent addition to North Collinwood.

David Hirsch is an intern at Northeast Shores.

PARADE Continued from front page

High Schools Drum Line for their enthusiasm. Second Place, VASJ for their float saluting the graduating seniors, what a wonderful tribute and Third Place went to the Sharks football team and cheer leading squad. Each one of these units will receive cash prizes for being the best units in the parade.

After the parade, East 185th Street was Alive with fun up and down the street. The merchants brought their merchandise and food out on the street in a streetwide Sidewalk Sale/Party. Several residents brought their own stuff and handmade crafts up to the street for a mini garage sale. Many of the merchants got together and offered a page full of coupons to their establishments. We also had non-profit groups at various spots on East 185th bringing information about their organizations to the residents of North Shore Collin-

wood. 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 sponsored by Northeast Shores 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.

If you were not on East 185th on May 18, you missed a lot of fun.



The North Coast Pipe Band had the moves.

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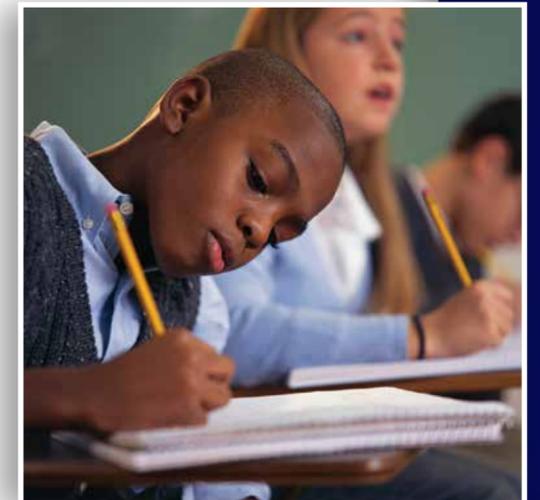


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Schools

Memorial School Students Weigh In

The Collinwood Observer visited Memorial School a couple of weeks ago, to check in with the students and give them a chance to voice their opinions about issues that are important to them. Here is what some of them had to say:

“Sticking with the Dress Code” by Tarriana Kimbrough

Memorial School is a dress-code school. I think we should stick with dress code because if we didn't, kids in gangs would be wearing their gang's color. There would be many fights because people would be representing gangs.

We should also stick with the dress code because some people would probably be talked about because of the clothes they wear. Some people might get picked on because they don't have or can't afford the clothes other kids wear.

So it's better to have dress code and have all the kids wearing the same uniforms, than different ones, and supporting gang colors.

“Expressing yourself” by Gregory Black

I have something to say about dress code. I think we should not have to wear dress code because it makes everybody look the same, when people are not the same.

Everybody wants to express themselves and show their style and they cannot do that looking like every other person.

Also, if there was no dress code your parents wouldn't have to spend extra money on clothes and will save money just buying everyday clothes that you can wear outside and inside of school.

“Feeling safe in my community” by Ariana Boyd

My community is a safe place to be in. I don't have to worry about any crime scenes. When I am at school I feel protected. With the security guards that we have I don't have to worry about anything.

In my neighborhood it's safe. We like to have fun in my neighborhood. On Independence Day we have a parade. Then we go to our park and eat. We have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, juice and pop. We have people who paint our faces. After we eat we do activities. At night we watch fireworks.

I feel safe when I am with my family and friends. The thing I love about my family is that they are over-protective. They want to make sure that I am safe. I have a great time when I am with them and my friends. I treat my friends like they are my family. Sometimes we argue, but we get over it.

That's why I think my community is safe.

“Collinwood Recreation Center” by Cryshtian Love

I visit Collinwood Recreation Center everyday. At Collinwood Rec there are a lot of different activities for children of all ages.

Right now I am in a program where I am being trained to ride a horse. We went on a field trip to a ranch where we were introduced to some different types of horses.

In the past I have participated in an all girls basketball league. There is a free lunch program for people who may not have food of their own. There is a computer lab and a digital media class. There is a swimming pool for those who like to swim and a gym for more physical things.

At Collinwood Rec there are great staff members there are great staff members. There's Ronnie, Donell, Ashley, Sam, D.C., and Miss Tiara. Ronnie is like a mentor to me. Donell keeps me out of trouble and doesn't let any boys come near me. Ashley likes when I participate in the different activities they have. Sam is a good listener. Miss Tiara is the new manager but is very nice.

Collinwood Recreation Center is a place where everyone can come and chill!! In almost every room there is a TV.

“Memorial School since Kindergarten” by Mynique Hoges

I like Memorial School because it is my dad's school. When I first started my school I thought it was going to be bad. I have been at Memorial since it opened Kindergarten.

When I started I did not like the dress code because you can only wear certain colors (blue, white, navy blue, and black.) After I got to the 2nd grade I realized I had no choice but to wear it, so I went and got school clothes that are fashionable.

Memorial has done wonderful things for me. There are great activities for us.

“The Miami Heat has it easy” by Malik Thomas

Here we have the Miami Heat. They are the reigning NBA World Champions. It is so amazing how easy their road is to repeat. Every formidable opponent to beat the Miami Heat has a key player or players out with injuries. The Los Angeles Lakers lost MVP candidate Kobe Bryant when he tore his Achilles tendon playing the Warriors. The Indiana Pacers lost their star player Danny Granger to knee surgery after only playing 5 games. The Oklahoma City Thunder lost All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook to a torn meniscus in his right knee, and as you saw last night, they lost the series 4-1 to the Grizzlies.

Memorial School Eighth Graders Discuss High School Choices

“Going to Ginn Academy” by William Gore

I'm an 8th grader at Memorial and I'm about to write about the high school I am going to and why I'm going there.

When I was in 7th grade my cousin told me about Ginn Academy. He said that it's an all boy school. If you go there you can play sports for different high schools. That got me wanting to go there. I found out that Ginn Academy has a 95% passing rate and they get Division I scholarships.

I play football and basketball so I was like, “I want to go there.” So I signed up this year. This fall I will be going to Ginn Academy. I'm playing football and basketball for Glenville and track for Collinwood and I hope to go to Ohio State and play football.

That's why I'm writing about the high school I want to go to.

“A Big Step in Life” by Javonte Kennedy

I'm an 8th grader. This is what I see in front of me. The high school I'm attending is John Hay. This is a great school for my future. I want to be successful in Life so I know I have to be on top of things and always paying attention.

This is a big step in life for me because I don't want to be one of the 25% of students who drop out. I'm going to be a freshman in high school. No more horse playing. It's time to get to studying my books.

I plant to read and do important things in the summer while I'm out of school.

Attending a wonderful school by Victoria Haywood

I'm an 8th grader at Memorial School and I'd like to talk a little about what high school I am attending.

I am attending John Hay School of Science and Medicine. I really think this school will give me multiple opportunities in my life.

I chose this school because I plan to study medicine and become a doctor one day. Being a doctor, I can help save lives and cure people who are sick.

John Hay School has very excellent activities and programs. This school has about a ninety-five percent graduation rate.

John Hay has a poetry club I believe, and I love writing poetry to express myself and my feelings.

When I got accepted into such a wonderful school I didn't know what to do. I was overwhelmed with joy. My mom and the rest of my family and friends were so proud of me. I strive to make people proud of me and to be proud of myself.

This is an excellent accomplishment for me.

“Home school instead of high school” by Terte Carrington

I am an eighth grader from Memorial School. My decision is to get home schooled instead of going to high school.

My opinion is that high school is not for everyone. I want to get home schooled because I can graduate early and also go to college early.

I don't want to go to any high schools around me because most of them are far from where I live, and I don't want to go through the trouble with transportation.

My decision is to get homeschooled and I'm sticking to my decision.

“Playing basketball at Memorial and in high school” by Dontes Simpson

I am an eighth grader and I think that Memorial Schools basketball team in the Erie Division is one of the best elementary teams for three years straight and I played on the team for my seventh and eighth grade years.

Mr. Stolp is one of the best basketball coaches a team player can have.

I love to play basketball. The Miami Heat is the best team and my favorite in the NBA. I really hope that they win the Finals this year which means they would get their second ring, two years straight.

I am going to East Tech to play basketball and hopefully get a scholarship to play basketball for Ohio State. If not I am going to Ginn Academy to learn brotherhood and get a good opportunity to go to college. Ginn is the best all boys high school to get an education, and become a more important person in life.

“Focusing on Education” by Cashmere Alyssa McRae

Hi, my name is Cashmere McRae. I'm an eighth grader at Memorial School. I am 14 years old. Today I want to talk about my 9th grade school, Collinwood.

When I go to Collinwood I will focus on Early College. I was told there was bad behavior at Collinwood High School but I would never let bad behavior come between me and my education. When I go to Collinwood, I would love to be a cheerleader.

When I was in eighth grade I was not always focused on education. My mind was on cheerleading, boys, sports and ways I could become a doctor. My English teacher, Ms. Valek finally woke me up one day. She told us that everything we've done in eighth grade we won't be able to do next year. That's when I finally began to get my act together and changed my ways. I had to focus on my education and what I can do to become a doctor.

But I don't really want to get into all of that. I'm just saying that education always comes first.



Collinwood High School



Legacy Simmons (left) and Quashawn Walker display their “Railroaders Against Teen Pregnancy” Project and the award plaque they received.

“Railroaders Against Teen Pregnancy” Project Wins Award

by Gail Greenberg

Representing Collinwood High School, five students in Mrs. Teddy Mwoyoni's child development class recently were awarded a \$465 implementation grant at the Youth for Justice Summit in Columbus, sponsored by the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education.

The students – Nautica Bates, Dwayne McGowan, Rajiah Stuart, Legacy Simmons and Quashawn Walker – created a project, “Railroaders Against Teen Pregnancy: Collinwood R.A.P.” that included research, a school survey and an action plan about the risks and consequences of teen pregnancy. Prior to the culminating event, held at the state capital, these young people were guests at John Car-

roll University, where they learned and observed how to give a presentation.

From their research, students learned that the rate of teen pregnancy in Cuyahoga County is higher than the whole state of Ohio! Results from the school survey showed that 98% of the students agreed that child development class is important for developing the need for parenting awareness.

Proposed action plan initiatives are: Distributing informational brochures at the Collinwood Public Library; visiting middle school students and local churches to share research; and creating podcasts for a project website.

Senior synopsis: Desmond Wilson prepares for a career in psychology

by Desmond Wilson

Ultimately I will one day become a psychologist for groups, couples or youth.

By becoming any type of counselor you'll never know what to expect out of your clients, all you can do is embrace them. I find myself being able to understand others' states of mind and ultimately, helping people break free from depression.

Nothing is more pleasing or makes me happier than to see others enjoy life to the fullest. God has a calling for me, I need to participate in changing the world, where there's not a single child being deprived of basic needs (a positive environment love, shelter, care and motivation).

I feel obligated to change the world as much as possible.



Desmond Wilson's self-portrait.

Desmond L. Wilson Jr, A.K.A “Desz” is currently a Collinwood High School senior, soon to be a graduate come May 31.

Student Forum: My school has played a big role in my success

by Tamera Harris

My name is Tamera Harris and I will be a senior at Collinwood High School this upcoming 2013-2014 school year. I am also a part of a Post Secondary Enrollment Options program (PSEOP) called High Tech Academy where high school students in the CMSD take college courses at Cuyahoga Community College.

The sports or extracurricular activities that I have participated in are volleyball, a math competition, student council and a battle of the classes competition. At Tri-C I had volunteered to participate in a mentoring program for middle school students at St. Adalbert Catholic School but the program couldn't be completed.

Although Collinwood is an investment school it has played a big role in my success and achievements. There were many staff members who encouraged me to do better and who were very helpful in keeping me on the right path. Teachers have volunteered to help with any work that I was given from Tri-C that I was having

trouble completing. My guidance counselor always made sure that things were going well for me and she kept me updated on new opportunities such as internships or programs that helped with tests like the ACT or the SAT.

Having Collinwood as an investment school may actually have a positive outcome as long as they are finding out from the students what it is they feel should be changed or isn't being done correctly. Cleveland's Plan for Transforming Schools is going to affect the students more than anyone, which means that their opinion is the most valuable. Instead of asking for our opinions in the form of a survey, the district should have employees come out to our school and talk to our students. I read that they were going to bring in new teachers and principals, retrain old teachers, give special attention to the schools' weak areas and require more classtime.

Having students spend more time in school is not going to make them perform better academically, instead it may do the exact opposite.

I just hope that everyone plays their part and things change for the better in the CMSD.

Dr. Regennia Williams presents book talk at Collinwood High School

by Gail Greenberg

Dr. Regennia Williams, Associate Professor of history at Cleveland State University and author of Cleveland, Ohio, recently presented a book talk and program celebrating the rich history of Cleveland's African-American community to the “Collinwood Collaborative,” a group of Collinwood High School teachers and students, school district and community members.

Through Dr. Williams' book (part of the Black America Series) – an archive of images from local newspapers, historical societies, and private collections of Cleveland residents – she and the group shared childhood memories and reminiscences of neighborhoods, churches, education, notable personalities, arts and culture. Participants represented not only a variety of generations but also special ties to our city.

Caroline Peak, manager of Cleveland Public Library's Collinwood Branch, remembered her early years in her Mis-

issippi home and the irony of how they impacted her chosen career. Shanita Horton, CHS English teacher, reflected on her parents and her childhood in the Glenville neighborhood. Coreyaun Robinson, CHS ninth grader, remarked that the photos gave him a new appreciation of the places his passes every day.

From the accomplishments of Louis and Carl Stokes to the civic and literary contributions of Charles W. Chestnutt and Langston Hughes, the conversation seemed without end. Everyone agreed that Dr. Williams needed to publish a second volume, in order to continue telling the Cleveland “story.”

Dr. Williams' appearance was made possible by a generous grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, in partnership with The Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (ESCCC). Arrangements were coordinated by Nadine Grimm, ESCCC program manager and Collinwood High School library media specialist, Gail Greenberg.



Members of the “Collinwood Collaborative” (left to right): GIGI Elder; Coreyaun Robinson; Dr. Regennia Williams; Shanita Horton; Caroline Peak; Lois Klamar; Toni McCall; Marquitta Billingsley and Nadine Grimm.

Collinwood Teaching Professions students volunteer at Memorial School

by Susan Watson

Collinwood Intro to Education students have partnered up with Memorial School kindergarten classes and Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland. Junior Achievement provides high school students the opportunity to explore the field of education through volunteering with the elementary students.

Two days a week, three students from Collinwood High School Teaching Professions Academy visit each kindergarten class for 30 minutes. During their visit the students present a lesson to the kindergarten students that are focused on basic economic issues and the roles people play as workers, consumers and family members.

The students have learned valuable lessons about money, banking, needs vs. wants, consumption, and production.



Solomon Kinds assists a student in Robin Rodgers' class.

In essence, for about 2½ hours of time, future teachers have the opportunity to develop presentation skills, learn effective time management, lesson planning and serve as positive role models.

Susan Watson is a Career Tech teacher at Collinwood High School.

“Untitled”

by Chifaun Smiley, sophomore

We wanted to go with different directions to show on our stage with different perspectives for our minds to engage.

Chauffeur I'm ready come take me away to a new destiny, a new gateway

show me the light on all of these levels show me the angels blocking the devils I'm ready to embark on this journey ahead give me the strength to carry ahead.

Paparazzi are taking pictures for those who aren't here and those who are with us roll out the red carpet for us to walk we'll stop and pose and even talk then when it's over we'll scream it Class of 2013 and I mean it!



Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School

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Tradition continues: Entire class college-bound

For the second year in a row, 100 percent of VASJ's graduating seniors are heading to college. In addition to this amazing accomplishment, the Class of 2013 earned over \$3.4 million in college scholarships!

During the Baccalaureate service held on Friday, May 24, VASJ President Richard Osborne '69 provided the opening remarks and addressed the graduates.

"In your time among us, the Class of 2013 has shown itself to be a class with class," Osborne said.

"Academically, spiritually and athletically, you are champions in every sense of the word."

The twenty-third annual commencement ceremony was held on Sunday, May 26, at Ss. Robert and William Church and the graduates couldn't have asked for better weather on their special day.

Valedictorian Julia Humensky, Salutatorian Domenic Nicholas, Jazmine Dowdley and Jasmine Ross were elected by their class to serve as the senior speakers at graduation.

Whether it was their parents who sacrificed to give them the gift of a Catholic education, their teachers who pushed them to reach their full academic potential, their coaches who taught them life lessons on and off the court, their religion teachers who helped them grow in their spirituality, or their classmates who helped fill the four years with wonderful memories, each of the student speakers had someone they wanted to thank for making their experiences at VASJ truly special.

"I never thought I would attend a high school that would enhance my



Janae Poits, Jordan Walker and Matt Bergant, all members of the National Honor Society, pose for a picture before VASJ's twenty-third annual commencement ceremony held on Sunday, May 26, 2013, at Ss. Robert and William Church in Euclid.

values, spirituality, and offer a genuine family community," said Jasmine Ross during her speech. "Those are characteristics that I believe uniquely set us apart from any other high school."

At the conclusion of the commencement ceremony, after the diplomas had been distributed and the graduates were singing the alma mater together one last time, it became clear just how close the Class of 2013 had become to one another when the tears started flowing during the song.

They came into their high school career at VASJ as classmates but there is no doubt that the Class of 2013 is leaving the Viking Village as a family.



Salutatorian Domenic Nicholas and Valedictorian Julia Humensky were two of the four graduates selected by their classmates to give speeches at commencement.



Members of the VASJ Class of 2013 proudly display their diplomas at graduation.



Marisa Crissman, National Honor Society member, and Aaron Martin.

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Ursuline president addresses students

VASJ was fortunate to have Sr. Susan Durkin, OSU, the President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, visit the school on May 9 to speak to the students.

In her address to an all-school assembly, Sr. Susan brought to life the Ursuline charisms that VASJ students learn about all year long.

Sr. Joan Petersen, OSU, led the school in prayer before introducing Sr. Susan Durkin, who was elected President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland in 2012.

"Sr. Susan has been blessed with a unique gift," Sr. Joan said. "Her ability to relate to people of all ages and all backgrounds is outstanding."

"You are our legacy," Sr. Susan said. "You are our champions as Ursulines and Marianists."



Sr. Susan Durkin, President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, visits with some of VASJ's students during her visit to the school on May 9.

Found on the walls of the hallways and in the classrooms are the Ursuline Core Values and Marianist Charisms which students learn about in class and put into practice during service work and class projects.

But Sr. Susan doesn't want it to stop there. "I want them to mean something to you," she told the students.

"I want them to remind you that you're special." As the only school

in the world sponsored by both the Ursulines and Marianists, she added, VASJ and the students who fill its classrooms are part of something truly special.

"Being a part of our Ursuline family means you have 171 sisters who pray for you always. You are never alone," she said.

"We pray for your success in all that you do and we're really excited about your futures."

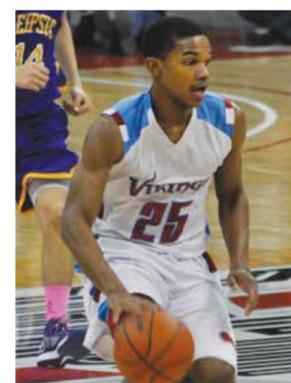
Students honor vets

A group of VASJ students have once again honored local veterans for Memorial Day by decorating graves with American flags at All Souls Cemetery.

VASJ math teacher Gary Minadeo '74, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, has been taking a group of students to All Souls for the last few years for this worthy tradition.



VASJ students, along with math teacher Mr. Gary Minadeo '74, spent the day decorating veterans' graves with flags at All Souls Cemetery for Memorial Day.



Duane Gibson '13 averaged 11.9 points per game for the boys basketball team.

Duane Gibson named PD's Player of the Year

Duane Gibson Jr. '13, VASJ's point guard who helped lead the team to its fifth basketball state championship in March, was named the Plain Dealer's Boys Basketball Player of the year for 2013.

Gibson, who also represented the school in the North-South All Star game played in Columbus in April, will go on to play Division I basketball at the University of Evansville.

Gibson, as well as his senior teammates Patrick Mastalski and Demonte Flannigan, proved to be a

great leader for the team, both on and off the court. He attributes this success to his coach.

"Coach thought I had potential to be a leader," Gibson said of Vikings basketball coach Babe Kwasniak '94. "He just wanted me to bring it out in myself."

Other team members from VASJ to receive special mention were sophomores Carlton Bragg and Brian Parker, and senior Demonte Flannigan, who will go on to play Division I basketball at Cleveland State.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

At the Baccalaureate ceremonies for the Class of 2013, I was struck by thoughts of the thousands of assemblies, games and other functions that have taken place in the same very gym since our building was built in 1950.

I told the graduates that as they joined the ranks of our alumni, they now shared a special bond not only with their classmates but all of us who are graduates of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and VASJ.

From this point forward, we are members of one family. And the Viking Village will always be our home.

Scanning the gym, I saw myself as a student at dances, assemblies, basketball games and school plays. I saw memorable teachers such as Tim Robertson, Joe Farrell, Joe Radican, Jack Veasey, Frank Macuga, Gene Oberst, Mike O'Grady and so many others as they enjoyed the functions as much as we did.

I thought of rallies and games where legendary coaches such as Bill Gutbrod, Bernie Guilfoyle, Jim McDonough, Tedd Kwasniak, Bob Straub and Mike Moran shouted encouragement and made our spirits soar. Longtime coach John Storey still does that for us at football games.

I thought of the wonderful nuns such as Sister Naomi, Sister Rosemary Hovevar, Sister Angela Marie, Sister Ursula and Sister Irene Charette who guided their students at the "old" VA, the "new" VA and here at VASJ.

Not a week goes by that we do not have alumni visitors who pop in to the school simply to stroll down Memory Lane. At some point in the first-floor hallway, they stop to gaze up at their class portrait. Often they take a picture of their picture, yet another way to preserve the memories of some of the best years of their lives.

Don't get me wrong: By no means do we suggest that the high school experience – no matter how uplifting and spirited and inspiring it may be – represents the high point of anyone's life. We look at it more as a lifelong influence on all the experiences to come. Time and time again, our alums remark that the most important things they think and believe came from their families, their church and this school.

Now another class joins this special group. We wish them well and we look forward to their future visits back home in the Viking Village.

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

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Cleveland Metropolitan School District

CMSD unveils new website to better inform community

by CMSD Communications

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District has launched a new website that will be the doorway for students, parents, teachers, employees, clergy, stakeholders, partners and everybody else in the community to explore all the new initiatives that will grow out of *The Cleveland Plan*.

And just as the transformation plan is cutting-edge, so is the District's new website.

While the palate of colors remains unchanged, not much else has. The website sports a different name: ClevelandMetroSchools.org. The site comes with a more contemporary look, packed with new features – all designed to make navigating the website friendlier for users.

The launch is the culmination of a yearlong process. Collaborating with a website developer in Pennsylvania (Schoolwires) and several District partners, CMSD officials went into the redesign last summer with a list of objectives. They included the creation of:

- A forum for public conversation about the District, its new initiatives and *The Cleveland Plan*
- A better tool for internal and external communication that is easier to update
- A functioning calendar that highlights important dates and important events
- A better, more complete directory of how to contact schools
- A better, more complete description of schools in the District, with each school having its own web page and the ability to update its page
- A better information/communication resource for families and the community

In launching the new website, the District is signaling that it's transforming itself at a rapid pace and making more information available about Cleveland's public schools. As CEO Eric S. Gordon states, "Our mission is not only to become a premiere school district, but also a district of premiere schools."



CEO Eric Gordon & Board Chair Denise Link express gratitude for CTU contract approval

by CMSD Communications

Upon learning that members of the Cleveland Teachers' overwhelming approved a new 3-year contract with the Board of Education, Board Chair Denise Link expressed her gratitude to both sides for reaching a groundbreaking agreement prior to the end of the school year.

"This agreement will play a significant role in transforming Cleveland's schools and building on the culture of collaboration that has been so essential to our progress this year," said Link.

The tentative agreement, came after months of contract talks using Interest Based Bargaining, the assistance of federal mediation services and a Fact Finder. Both sides were committed to reaching a negotiated settlement prior to the end of the 2012-2013 school year, said CEO Eric Gordon.

"The negotiating process and the outcome of these talks are a testament to

the culture change that is already taking place in the District," said Gordon. "Reaching agreement in our contract negotiations before the end of the school year means that all of us can put our focus on where it needs to be – on fully implementing *the Cleveland Plan*."

What others are saying:

A boost to school transformation in Cleveland
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL
May 15, 2013

The Cleveland school district is making itself a showcase of how to go about transforming a school system. Last week, the district and its teachers union unveiled a tentative three-year contract. On Tuesday, the contract won approval from the school board. It is no simple accomplishment that the district has come this far in negotiating a new operating system for teachers.

Tentative contract takes Cleveland schools and teachers into uncharted, but promising, educational territory: editorial

The Plain Dealer Editorial Board
THE PLAIN DEALER May 11, 2013

Some Clevelanders may still doubt that the 15-mill levy voters passed last November will be used to turn around their ailing schools – instead of lining the pockets of teachers and staff.

But there was a hopeful sign last week, in just-concluded teacher contract talks, that Cleveland schools CEO Eric Gordon and Cleveland Teachers Union President David Quolke have kept the focus on reform by tying teacher pay to quality work, longer hours, initiative and innovation. Nudged on by some outstanding mediators, they seem to have negotiated a radically different contract that rewards teacher effectiveness instead of longevity, while rebuilding schools.

"Major Work" is a major asset at O.H. Perry

by CMSD Communications

In a school district that prides itself on offering school choices, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District has given residents of the North Collinwood neighborhood a very attractive choice in O.H. Perry Academy.

Perry, rated effective in the Ohio Department of Education Report Card, is one of the District's "Gifted and Talented Programs, called the "Major Work Program" for boys and girls in Grades 2-6 and "Honors Program" for Grades 7 and 8.

Programs for gifted children date to October 1921 in Cleveland's schools. Denison Elementary School was the

first in the nation. Within six years, the program had grown to 14 elementary schools and two junior high schools.

By the 1950s, Cleveland educators had developed a gifted program for students from primary grades through high school.

Today, entrance into Major Works is based on a statewide assessment. Students must meet required test scores to be considered for the "Gifted" programming.

At Perry, students in the Gifted Program benefit from the community partnerships that have blossomed around them. Those partners, including the unflagging support of former U.S. Sen. George Voinovich, contribute their expertise, and

they help ensure Perry students face rigorous, enriching challenges.

The educational opportunities in the school are examples of what a 21st century school system should strive for. Thanks to *The Cleveland Plan*, CMSD is trying to make such opportunities the hallmark of its educational programs.

Now, more than 2,500 students in schools like Perry, Ben Franklin, Riverside, Garfield, Wade Park and Whitney Young are in the program, which has grown from what people once called "the greatest experiment in education" into a staple of CMSD.

"O.H. Perry celebrates bike safety with style" Continued from Front Page

Safety First Rap

by 5th and 6th Grade O.H. Perry Major Work Students

When I say safety, you say first - (safety) (first) x2

When riding a bicycle please be smart, safety first, right from the start

Don't ride your bike on a busy street (safety) and don't ride your bike while you're trying to eat (safety)

Sit on your bike put your helmet on tight signal left signal right,

Stop, look, listen when you're sitting on your bike and when you're driving safe you're doing alright (safety)

Adults have to wear helmets, too (safety) It's the necessary thing to do (safety) Protect your head to protect your brain (safety) Put your helmet on and don't complain (safety)

safety x4 FIRST!



Students present their "Safety First" rap.

When it's safety first!

by Jason Roberts, 6th grade, O.H. Perry

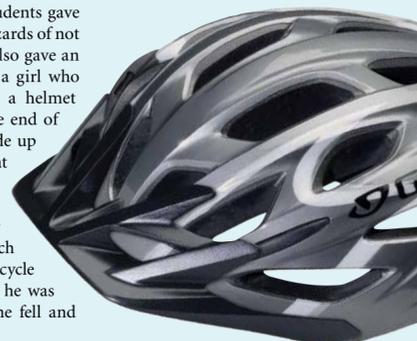
The purpose of the bicycle safety program was to teach people that accidents can happen to anybody. Senator Voinovich was at O.H. Perry School watching a performance by the 5th and 6th grade gifted students. Their performance was both entertaining and informative.

During the play the students gave information about the hazards of not wearing a helmet. They also gave an entertaining story about a girl who didn't think she needed a helmet and bright clothes. At the end of the play the students made up a rap that was so good that it may be turned into a music video.

After the play Senator Voinovich gave a speech about his experiences of bicycle safety. He said that when he was bicycling with his wife she fell and

would have died if she wasn't wearing her helmet. Voinovich said that the play was an educational and enjoyable experience.

The members of the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) came up to the stage. They told the students that no matter what object you were using, bicycles, scooters, or skates, you needed to wear a helmet. At the conclusion to the program, they gave everybody a free helmet which was incredibly generous. This program will be remembered for a long time.



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Register in person at the Student Registration Office
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216.574.8200

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- Guardianship documents (if applicable)
- Proof of address

Multilingual services

Families that speak a language other than English should call the Multilingual Multicultural Education Center @ 216.404.5159.



Go to the Library

MAKE it a Great Summer! at Collinwood Library

by *Natasha Wells*

Join our Summer Reading Club, programs and extended learning activities! June 10 - August 2 preschool through teenage kids can register for Summer Reading Club at <http://readingclub.cpl.org> or by visiting their local branch of the Cleveland Public Library. Free lunch will be served Monday-Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Make Some Noise! June 11 at 1:30 pm

This is your chance to make some noise in the library! Make your own awesome noisemakers and musical instruments out of everyday materials.

Make Things Move! June 18 at 1:30 pm

Put on your hard hat and get your inner engineer in gear! Build your own balloon rocket and a balloon-powered rocket car. Put them to the test to see who's got the fastest vehicles around!

Zip! Zoom! June 20 at 1:30 pm

Create the fastest paper airplane ever!

Make Memories. June 25 at 1:30 pm

Make your own mini memory book to save and share your summer fun

Make a Mess! Get ready to get gooey! July 2 at 1:30 pm

We're using kitchen-table chemistry to make slime and a hi-bounce ball out of everyday ingredients.

Mmmmm... July 3 at 1:30 pm

Help create and enjoy a 4th of July dessert. Yum!

Make Machines! July 9 at 1:30 pm

Your mission, if you choose to accept it is to create a machine that will launch a pom-pom as far as possible. Work alone or gather a group of friends to make bigger and better machines!

Make Something Up! July 16 at 1:30 pm

What is going on? Crazy things are happening everywhere! "Green Frog Whacks Rooster!" "Goat Found in Girls' Bathroom!" Calling all creative cub reporters! Help us sniff out the stories behind these crazy headlines. Tall tales and plenty of laughs are in store as you help report this week's nutty news!

Free tutoring for K-12 students will be offered at the Collinwood Branch. Tutoring will be Monday through Thursday starting in May through September 2013.

Please visit the Collinwood Branch at 856 E 152nd St Cleveland, OH 44110 or call (216) 623-6934 and ask for Manager, Caroline Peak - Children's Librarian, Natasha Wells for more information and MAKE It a Great Summer!

Rain barrels painted like Koi pond

by *Marie Nightingale*

On my 75th birthday I started painting my 2 rain barrels like a koi pond. Lots of fun. One koi is disguised as a mermaid. I would be glad to paint yours for a fee.

Marie Nightingale is a retired librarian, a wife, mother, grandmother, nature lover, dog walker/trainer, photographer, chess player & writer.



Koi and mermaids.

CNCM hosts Open House, programs

by *Sr. Mary Denis Maher*

Making balloon animals and pipe cleaner critters are among the activities for children at the summer monthly Open House celebrations at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries' [CNCM] new home. On 6/15, 7/20, and 8/17 from 1-4 pm, the Sisters and their lay collaborators will welcome all our Collinwood neighbors to 15706 St. Clair Ave. (across from Dollar General). Adults can meet the members of CNCM, tour the house, and learn about programs and services offered this summer. "We're

anxious to meet old and new friends and hear ideas from you on what services and projects we can provide," said Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec, OSU, coordinator. Light refreshments will be provided

The creating a prayer shawl group which has been meeting under the direction of Sr. Felicia, CSJ, and some expert women is looking to expand its members in order to crochet prayer shawls for residents of some area nursing homes. No experience is needed and yarn will be provided. 6/14 & 28 from 2-4 pm are already scheduled times and more dates will be added.

Another popular class has been Creative Painting, also on 6/14 & 28 from 2-4 pm. Size is generally limited to six people at a time, but paints and supplies are provided through a generous donation. Call (216) 407-1836 to make a reservation.

Several spiritual programs will be offered. Bible stories for Adults from 2-3 on 6/5, 12, 19, 26, from 2-3 pm by Sr. Therese Hafner, CSJ; Music and meditation on 6/13, guided by Sr. Janet Moore, OSU, and "You and Your Relationship with God," given by Sr. Maureen McCarthy, OSU, on 8/21 & 28 and 9/4 & 11 from 10-11 am.

A women's cancer survivors' support group is being formed at the request of

a Collinwood resident and the group will meet beginning in July. In addition, Doula service for pregnancy, labor, and delivery for teens or other women is offered by Sr. Mary Ellen, OSU, a certified Doula counselor. Call Sr. Mary Ellen to schedule appointments.

Additional scheduled programs include "Interviewing and Resume Writing" on 6/28 or 7/19 from 12:30-2 pm; cooking with kids on 7/31 and 8/10, from 10am-1 pm; and make-up with a Mary Kay professional on 7/18 from 1-4 pm. These programs are free but require registration at (216) 407-1836.

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Around Collinwood

"Together We Can" Camp

by *Laurie Henriksen*

For the 15th consecutive year, Hospice of the Western Reserve will host "Together We Can," a children's bereavement day camp held at Red Oak Camp, 9057 Kirtland-Chardon Road in scenic Kirtland. This year's camp is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 6-8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each year, up to 60 campers between the ages of six and 14 who have experienced the death of a loved one spend the day in this beautiful natural setting interacting with other children who have also had someone special die.

"There's nothing better than seeing all these kids who have experienced so many different losses come together in a beautiful setting to share stories, learn new ways to handle their grief, and have fun with other kids who understand what they're going through," said Karen Hatfield, counseling team leader at the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center.

Children have the opportunity to share their feelings and ask questions in a safe,



At "Together We Can," children coping with the loss of a loved one experience healing and support in a natural setting. All activities are led by trained professionals. The registration deadline for the camp is July 1. Scholarships are available.

supportive environment. A variety of activities to encourage memories, coping and expression of feelings, as well as fun recreational activities are led by trained professionals who are experienced in working with children and grief. Cost for the camp is \$25 per camper; scholarships are available. Space is limited and registration is required by July 1.

For more information and to receive a registration packet, call Karen Hatfield at (216) 486-6042.



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Dr. George Thomas earned his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship at Charles Still Hospital in Missouri. Dr. James Thomas earned his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship at Richmond Heights General Hospital. Karen Lewis earned her advanced nursing degree from Malone University.

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6:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch
17109 Lakeshore Boulevard



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Nan's Notes

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by Nan Kennedy
AT ARTS COLLINWOOD

CALL FOR ARTISTS ARTS COLLINWOOD ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW June 7-29

Enter Arts Collinwood's annual show and have your work seen by thousands - during the Waterloo Fest. Opening reception June 7, 6PM-9PM (during the Walk All Over Waterloo) with live music, appetizers and refreshments, plus a chance to tour Arts Collinwood and see what we have been up to this year. All disciplines are eligible to submit up to three (3) pieces of work. Not a member yet? Join any time before June 4, memberships are only \$10; call (216) 692-9500. Call Arts Collinwood at (216) 692-9500 with any questions or email Ivana at I.medukic@artscollinwood.org.

Arts Collinwood 15605 Waterloo Road, (216) 692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org. Open for gallery receptions, opening nights, select weekends, and by appointment, by calling (216) 692-9500. Gallery hours during a show: Thursday-Saturday 1-4pm Callaloo Café & Bar 15603 Waterloo Road: Tues 11am-9pm, Wed-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-midnight, Sun 11am-3pm

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

FARMERS' MARKETS

As in so many other respects, we are fortunate in our wide choice of fresh produce right in the neighborhood. The Coit Road farmers have been trucking picked-at-dawn veg in to their market for more than 70 years, and though the vendors are fewer, they still fill a large part of my menu - especially since the market also has eggs and cheese and other oddments. The Euclid Farmers' Market at Shore centre has come back to life for the season; it opens this afternoon, 3-7 pm - hopefully on the green in front of Shore, but weather may force it inside - especially the musicians. If you attend, remember to take your water bottles - with caps - for inclusion in a wind chime sculpture at the Wind Fest. And Cavotta's Garden Center can't be beat for bedding plants, while Angela is beginning to grow her own produce. Choices, choices!

Cavotta's Nursery www.cavottas.com 19603 Nottingham, (216) 692-0300; Monday - Friday 9-7; Saturday 9-5; Sunday 10-4. Coit Road Farmers' Market Coit Road Farmer's Market is located at the corner of Coit & Woodworth

Road in East Cleveland. www.coitmarket.org. Open year-round Saturday 8 am to 1 pm; April-November Wednesdays 10 am - 1 pm. (216) 249-5455 during market hours.

UPSTAGE WANTS INTERNS

UpStage is looking for ten motivated students ages 12-18 to participate in a summer theatre internship program. The focus will be on protecting our lakefront, collaborating with the Adopt a Beach program, and the program will include beach clean-ups, meeting lakefront experts, a visit to Columbus and tour of the Statehouse, as well as researching, writing and performing an original play. Candidates will be interviewed; tentative interviewing dates are June 5 and June 6. Please note that you do not have to be a part of UpStage Players to be eligible to participate in this internship. All participants will receive a stipend.

For more information and an application, go to www.upstageplayers.com, email info@upstage-players.com or contact Mrs. Walsh-Hilf at (216) 978-2395. Applications must be emailed to walsh-hilf@sbcglobal.net or mailed to Carrie Walsh-Hilf, 891 E. 237th Street, Euclid, OH 44123 by Sunday, June 2.

FISH FRY Friday, June 7

Why cook? Enjoy fresh cooked fish dinners at Nottingham United Methodist Church, 4-7pm, on June 7. Stop by and take one or two dinners home. Catfish dinner \$8.50, Sandwiches \$5.50, Ocean Perch dinner \$7. Dinners include spaghetti, cole slaw, dessert. Soda \$0.75 extra. Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair Avenue.

EUCLID BEACH BLAST

Volunteer Meeting, June 5

Mark your calendars for the Euclid Beach Blast Volunteer Meet n' Greet-Wednesday June 5, 6:30pm-8pm at The Callaloo Cafe (15601 Waterloo Rd.) Stephen Love will present the fun and exciting ways to get involved with this year's Beach Blast. Questions? Please contact Stephen Love - euclidbeachblast@gmail.com or call (216) 571-0685. The Euclid Beach Blast is August 3, 5pm-9pm! There will be a Cash Mob event at Callaloo Cafe in support of Euclid Beach Blast 2013. Cash Mob the Calloo and Support Euclid Beach 2013! Here's how it works: Just show up at the Callaloo Café on June 7 between 6pm and 9pm and be ready to spend at least \$20 and tell your friends to come too!

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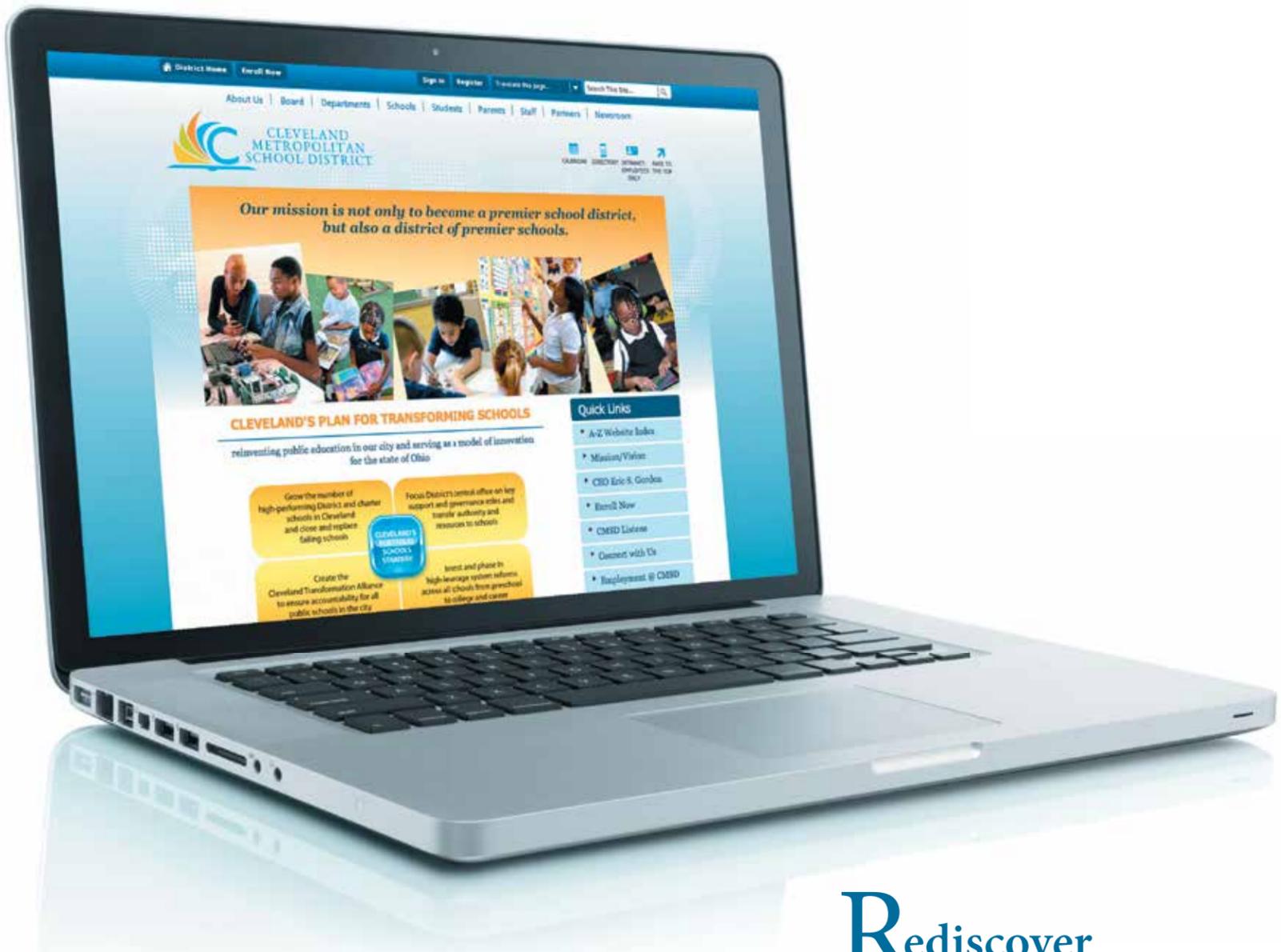
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