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## Packy Malley's Grand Opening Friday November 6th

by John Copic

A great new addition to Waterloo has their Grand Opening this Friday, November 6th. Packy Malley's will open in the site of the former Waterloo Brew, in the Slovenian Workman's Home at 15335 Waterloo Road. Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band will be playing in the ballroom at the Home on Friday night to celebrate the occasion.

Packy Malley's will be staffed by familiar faces from the Waterloo Brew days. They will be open daily from 4 to midnight, later on the weekends. New TV's will make the bar an excellent choice to watch your favorite sporting event. We are excited this new venue as the kitchen and Bocce courts open in the near future.

## O H Perry Students make Sculptures at Waterloo Arts



by Amy Callahan

Waterloo Arts is thrilled to host another Cleveland Foundation Creative Fusion international artist this fall. Kuenlin Tsai is from Taipei, Taiwan and works in a variety of media depending on the project. He has designed and installed many public art sculptures in Taiwan, China and Japan, which are site specific and often incorporate a "sound" element.

While in Cleveland, Tsai has been getting to know the city and has designed a sculpture for the Waterloo Tower in response to his experience here. The sculpture references the cycles of decay and growth - whether in a forest or urban neighborhood - and the hope that is emerging in Cleveland today. Tsai is building the sculpture in his studio at Waterloo Arts and install it during the next few weeks.

On Wednesday, October 28, Tsai had a



workshop with students from OH Perry to build their own individual sculptures, some of which will be incorporated into the Treasures House tower installation. He is also hosting screenings of quintessential Taiwanese films, on Wednesday evenings, in order to introduce the city of Cleveland to the culture and history of Taiwan.

Join us for these free movies and the opening of Treasures House and find more information by visiting the Waterloo Arts website at [waterlooarts.org](http://waterlooarts.org) as well as our Facebook and twitter page!

### Movie Screenings

*Formosa Betrayed* - Wed. 11/08 at 7:00 pm

*Paradise in Service* - Wed. 11/11 at 7:00 pm

*Monga* - Wed. 11/18 at 7:00 pm

"Treasures House" Installation Opening

Fri. 11/06 6pm-9pm

Artist talk at 7:00 pm



## Manitowoc to close Cleveland Range Plant



by William McCulloch

The Manitowoc Company based in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, parent company of Cleveland Range, announced in a news release Monday, October 26, 2015 that it intends to close their Manitowoc Ovens Group facility by April 2016. Recently

hired CEO of Manitowoc Foodservice Division and senior VP of The Manitowoc Company, Hubertus Muehlhaeuser, stated in the release that it was to "improve our operational efficiencies", but then also stated that they were making "preparations for the eventual spin-off of the company's Foodservice business in the first quarter of 2016."

Manitowoc was founded in 1902 as the Manitowoc Dry Dock Company, as a ship building and ship repair firm. In 1925 they developed the Manitowoc Speedcrane.

## Memorial Soccer Team Makes Playoffs

by Nicole English

In its inaugural season, the Memorial soccer team ended the season with an impressive 5-2 record. The soccer team consisting of Michael Johnson, Jacques Riggins, Christopher Switzer, Shamari Wallace, Imani Baker, Sydney Moore, Avante Donerison, Rayshawn Starks, Rashard Wilis, and Jermaine Strozier, won against Joseph Gallagher, Nathan Hale, Campus International, Kenneth Clement, and Mound qualifying them to make the city playoffs. Michael R White beat Memorial in the regular season, while Riverside defeated Memorial in the semi final playoff game. Riverside went on to win the Soccer Championship. We are extremely proud of our Cardinals and can't wait for next year!



Memorial soccer team, pictured here with coach Rodney Collins, celebrate a historic first season.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING**  
1st Wednesday of the month  
7:00 PM - St Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

**EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
2nd Tuesday of the Month  
6:00 PM - Lithuanian Hall  
877 East 185th Street – next to Post Office

**DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB**  
2nd Wednesday of the Month  
6:30 PM - Collinwood Slovenian Home  
15810 Holmes Avenue  
PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

**EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
3rd Wednesday of the month  
6:00 PM - East 140th Street Neighborhood Association - 4th Wednesday of the Month  
6:00 PM

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call

Mary Louise, Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236 or Julia DiBaggio, Northeast Shores Dev. Corp., (216) 481-7660.

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Autumn Days



by Michael D. Polensek

Dear Friends:

I hope many of you had the opportunity to read the letter that was printed in last month's Observer that I sent to Sen. Rob Portman, Sen. Sherrod Brown and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge pertaining to the water quality and ongoing pollution issues along at our lakefront MetroParks; that being Villa Angela and Euclid Beach. I received a tremendous outpouring from readers and residents who feel that the Federal Government MUST step in to address the pollution problems from Toledo to Conneaut.

As we all know we are full swing in the Presidential election cycle (heaven help us!). However, all Ohioans, especially residents of northern Ohio, should be demanding that those individuals seeking the "highest office in the Land" take a position on the Great Lakes, specifically Lake Erie, since it is the shallowest of the lakes, and

therefore, the most susceptible to pollution and other environmental issues. Protecting the Great Lakes should be as important in this Presidential election as the economy, healthcare and our military readiness. With over 85% of America's fresh water lying in the Great Lakes this is an issue we cannot afford to ignore any longer. Thanks again for all your support and remember to write to our US Senators and Congresswoman, as well as Ohio Governor Kasich to demand that the issues effecting Lake Erie be addressed.

We all know what the Collinwood Recreation Center has meant to our Greater Collinwood community and especially Lakeshore Boulevard. On Monday, November 2, 2015 at 2:30 PM the Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland broke ground for another legacy project in our neighborhood; that being the new \$10 million Salvation Army Temple Corps, House of Worship and Community Center. This state-of-the-art complex will not only complement the recreation center and the Golden Age Center, but will now add a major social service component in our Ward and help transform the Grovewood Avenue corridor. The

Salvation Army has been on Grovewood since 1979. They have provided not only a spiritual safety net but have provided clothing, food, and educational classes, as well as recreational opportunities. There is much more to the Salvation Army than you might think. I encourage you to stop by and see what services they offer and see how you too can help them carry on their mission in our neighborhood and beyond.

We all know that the weather is changing. Please pay special attention to any issue that could impact your street such as street lights out, water leaks, potholes, and/or abandoned vehicles. Let us all be proactive in order to have a much safer Winter season.

I wish every family in Ward 8 a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. I am thankful for all we have in our community and everyone who participates in the ward who makes it a community to be proud of. We have accomplished a lot with much more to come. However, we need your help and prayers. I know that is not politically correct but everyone knows neither am I.

That Buck Could Cost You Lots of Dough!



by Cheryl Cameron

This year, some 1.5 million drivers will hit deer, and November is the peak month for deer-related accidents. In Cleveland, deer are everywhere: city, suburbs and rural roads. But drivers can avoid an accident with a buck – and spending lots of bucks on the damage – by following some smart driving tips this fall and winter.

Early morning and dusk are the worst times for deer accidents, as visibility is limited and deer are frequently on the move. It is important to drive defensively and anticipate the potential for deer in the road.

The auto experts at Action CARSTAR Auto Body Repair Experts, we repair vehicles each year from deer-related accidents, offer the following tips to reduce the deer danger:

1. Use extra caution at dawn and dusk and around golf courses, fields and wooded areas.
2. Remember that deer travel in packs – if you spot one, there are likely more behind it.
3. Don't swerve to avoid striking a deer, as that increases the risk of hitting another vehicle or losing control of the car.
4. If there is no opposing traffic, use high beams at night to better illuminate deer.
5. Don't rely on devices such as deer whistles, which are attached to the outside of a car, to try to scare off deer with an ultrasonic or high-frequency sound. They have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle col-

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Happy Thanksgiving

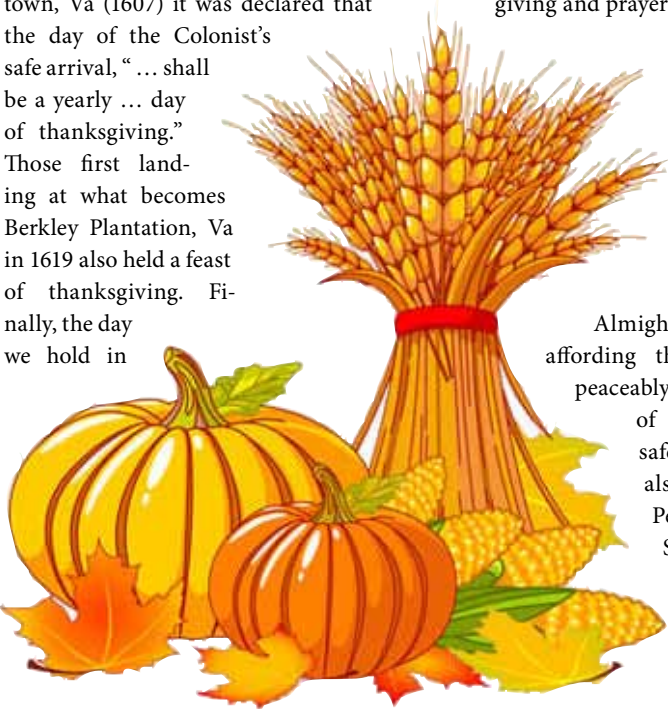
by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

The year is drawing to its close. It seems that the days are passing by fast and furious. But let us take the time to think back on the year and the Blessings we have experienced. Maybe perhaps a little historical perspective will help you understand and appreciate this THANKSGIVING just a little better.

We all have our own memories of THANKSGIVING DAY. I am sure they weren't all "over the hills and through the woods to Grandmother's House" but I am sure that they were special times with family, friends and good food. However, do we remember to be thankful and even prayerful this day as well?

The FIRST THANKSGIVINGS were truly days of prayer and thanksgiving held by those who came to the shores of America. Menendez de Aviles invited Timucuan Indians to join him for the first communal meal between Europeans and natives at St Augustine in Florida in 1565. At Jamestown, Va (1607) it was declared that "the day of the Colonist's safe arrival, " ... shall be a yearly ... day of thanksgiving."

Those first landing at what becomes Berkley Plantation, Va in 1619 also held a feast of thanksgiving. Finally, the day we hold in



tradition was when the Massachusetts Bay Colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620 held a feast with the Powhatan Indians in "gratefulness for deliverance, freedoms, prosperity and bounty." The pilgrims feasted in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest during their second season in America which meant their survival.

So, on this Thanksgiving Day while enjoying football, parades and shopping, don't forget to remember what the day is really about. In all the day's preparations and activities – let's not forget to be thankful for our own bounty.

The Thanksgiving holiday we continue to celebrate in November was suggested by George Washington in 1789, established by Abraham Lincoln by an Act of Congress during the Civil War and made into law by Congress in 1941.

On October 3, 1789 President George Washington issued his "Thanksgiving Proclamation" at the request of Congress, declaring a special day of public Thanksgiving and prayer to be held on the 26th

Day of November 1789. The proclamation reads in part that the day shall be " ... observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." It also reads that the People of these United States should devote themselves to being thankful, for all

the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us." Finally, the Proclamation states that we should then "unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln, after some of the worst battles of the Civil War then raging for over 2 years and a month or so before delivering his now famous Gettysburg Address, with the urging of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be held in perpetuity on the same day in all the United States. Thus the last Thursday of November was set aside as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Praise." After the war it was eventually adopted by all the states.

In this Proclamation President Lincoln states that, "... It has seemed to me fit and proper that they [the bountiful blessings despite being in the midst of a civil war



of unequalled magnitude and severity] should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." He further states that, "... I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

So, with all this in mind, HAPPY THANKSGIVING to each and every one of you. May you and your families enjoy the day with family, friends, and good food.

and women are a testament to the inherent spirit of patriotism. We should strive for ourselves to emulate the same.

We often confuse Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, though. Remember that even though Veteran's Day is a day of remembrance it is also a day of celebration; a day to honor and celebrate ALL veterans! So, when you see a Veteran on this day, or on any day in fact, – say "Thank you."

We in Ward 8 finally have an opportunity to honor our veterans in a very special way. The former "Triangle Park" is being transformed into "Veteran's Park" to honor "all the courageous men and women of the Collinwood and Nottingham communities .... who volunteered to boldly defend and valiantly preserve our Nation's liberties and freedoms." We are looking forward to planning a dedication of this new park which includes a Veteran's Monument and a new Peace Tree sometime in late Spring of 2016.

Because of this we are looking for VETERAN'S STORIES. Whether you are a veteran yourself or a loved one of a veteran who has passed to the "bivouac of the dead" we are asking you to share with us "A Veteran's Story." See the inset and return this via mail or send it via email. Through the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society we will collect these stories and share them throughout this next year.

For me Veteran's Day was unique because not only was it a time to honor and

pay respect to our veterans which I had many in the family and amongst our friends at Church, it was also my parent's anniversary who were married on 11 November 1944.

I was taught from an early age to honor and respect those who served in America's Armed Forces. Then again, there was a tradition of service in my family. My father served in the Army during WWII as a T5, stationed in Virginia state-side, while his brother served with the Army overseas and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge and a cousin served in the Marines also during WWII. In addition, another uncle served during WWII, a cousin served the Army during the Korean Conflict and my mother's brother served in Vietnam and gratefully returned home.

In my husband, Tim's family, there is also a tradition of service in his family. His great aunts served as Army Nurses and WAC's during WWII, his father served during the Vietnam era while an uncle, whom he never knew, was killed in Vietnam. One branch of his family can even be traced back to the Civil War era where many members of the RUPLE family (of Collinwood) served during this pivotal era of our country's history and one young man "gave his all" at Stone's River, Tennessee in January 1863.

Our community has a tradition of ser-

vices, too. I can trace this service of Collinwood and Euclid Township citizens back to the American Revolution through the War of 1812 and the Civil War, the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam and all the other wars and conflicts America has been involved in. Our cemeteries are full of veterans who either gave of their service or gave of their lives to keep America free who called Greater Collinwood home. These are the Veterans for whom this monument will be dedicated to. Make sure your loved one will be remembered, too.

If there are any questions regarding our ward's Veteran's Park or this project please do not hesitate to call. You may reach me in Councilman Polensek's office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at [mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org).



NESDC

Serve Your Community, Join Our Board

by Julia DiBaggio

It is time once again to prepare for the Northeast Shores Development Corporation annual meeting and election of officers in January 2016.

At the January 19, 2016 Annual Meeting of Northeast Shores, elections will be held for current vacant seats, and expired terms. Northeast Shores is seeking representation from both residents and business/institutions for the upcoming election. Experience or interest in real estate, marketing, law, and/or finance would be beneficial.

- Being a member of the Board of Directors requires a commitment including:
- Attending the Board meetings each month held on the third Tuesday.
- Active involvement in at least one of our committees, which meet monthly.
- Help raise funds for the organization.
- Active participation in neighborhood activities and events.

Acting as a director of Northeast Shores requires a significant commitment. There are rewards to serving on the board of an organization of this caliber. We provide excellent opportunities to bolster this great residential neighborhood, while removing vacant, blighting properties. We are active in the business districts to bring about marked improvement in neighborhood shopping and business opportunities. By becoming more involved, your efforts will be directly translated into the improvement of North Shore Collinwood. With your help, North Shore Collinwood will be a better place to live, work, and visit.

Please feel free to contact any of the current board members to discuss how your talents can contribute to Northeast Shores. If you wish to serve on the Board of Directors, please send a letter of interest to Northeast Shores by November 30, 2015.

Want a Chance to Win \$50!

by Julia DiBaggio

Sure you do! All you gotta do is submit your completed membership form along with your tax deductible donation by December 14th to the Northeast Shores' office and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gift card to help with your holiday shopping. To obtain a membership form,

contact Carly Marginian at 216-481-7660 or stop by the Northeast Shores' Office, located at 317 East 156th Street, and we will be more than happy to provide you a form in person. A strong Northeast Shores membership base shows a committed neighborhood to funders, and lessens the burden of competing for the shrinking pool of public funds.

What Are Your Thoughts About North Collinwood?

by Julia DiBaggio

Tell us what YOU think. What are your impressions of the neighborhood? What have been our big successes, and what do we still need to address? Take a few minutes to share your thoughts and your vision in this online survey. It won't take you long,

and the feedback you provide will be a huge help to us in prioritizing our revitalization strategy! Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey by visiting [www.citizenmetrics.com/collinwood](http://www.citizenmetrics.com/collinwood) and possibly win a \$25 gift certificate to a neighborhood eatery! Please use Participant Code NES9961.

Suggestions for the Northeast Shores Development Corporation's "Ballot Box Project."

by Jeanne Coppola

The Northeast Shores Development Corporation won a grant from ArtPlace America, in July 2015, to organize a "Ballot Box Project," where Collinwood residents can decide how to spend \$100,000 in funding to use art to make a better community. Some areas to consider include: youth programs, neighborhood safety, health education, and senior programs. Public meetings are being held the third Wednesday of the month October through February from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Collinwood Recreation Center, at 16300 Lakeshore Blvd. Voters will decide which projects to choose.

A monthly transportation service (or a delivery service) for local grocery stores on Lakeshore Blvd., (Dave's, Aldie's), during the severe winter months, of Dec., Jan., and Feb., when it is difficult to get outside.

A shoveling service, for seniors and in front of the bus shelters, on Lakeshore Blvd., and East 185th, where severe storms cause high mounds of snow in the winter.

A recycling option for seniors who live in apartments. The city does not provide trash or recycling containers in front of apartments (only homes). And there are lots of apartments in this community that need to be able to recycle.

Since not everyone may be able to attend (I missed the first meeting), I contacted Julia DiBaggio, Community Engagement Manager at Northeast Shores, and I gave Ms. DiMaggio some suggestion, as follows:

A few ideas for projects projects to revitalize the neighborhood could involve classes at the La Salle (music, dance, and art), movies, travel logs, book swaps, a speaker series, health fairs, and contests for residents to design or write something to promote these projects. The local art community on Waterloo Road could have lectures for artists about entering competitions and employment.

For any project or event that is chosen, there could be a competition for local artists to design a flyer or decal (for merchant participant windows), with stipends offered to the artist winners.

Banners, decals (for merchant participants), flyers etc., could be created to announce these events, and artists could have a chance to show their work. T-Shirts could be also designed for upcoming events, and to help publicize the Collinwood neighborhood!

# St. Mary's Collinwood Fall Festival

## Sunday, November 22 1:00 pm till 7:00 pm

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Upcoming Events

"Who we are, Where we live" Reading and Celebration at Waterloo Arts

Writers Chrisandra Allen, Saniya Martin, and Art Teacher, Kole Robinson Brooks at "Who we are, Where we live" workshop at Collinwood Rec Center

"Who we are, Where we live" Program Director, Cindy Washabaugh facilitates workshop at Waterloo Arts

by Cindy Washabaugh, Program Director and Facilitator of "Who we are, Where we live," is a Cleveland poet with a passion for community arts. She has taught for Cleveland State University and other colleges and leads workshops and creative writing projects in many settings. The Who we are, Where we live program is funded by The Institute for Poetic Medicine. For more info on this Poetry Partner Program, visit Cindy's page on IPM's website: [poeticmedicine.org](http://poeticmedicine.org)

On Saturday, November 14, the spirit flags will fly above the Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District and all Collinwood and Greater Cleveland community members are invited to gather at Waterloo Arts Gallery from 1:30 to 3:30 pm to celebrate the culmination of the "Who we are, Where we live" program. "Who we are, Where we live" is a multi-faceted creative arts program, funded by the Institute for Poetic Medicine and designed to give voice to the residents of the diverse Collinwood community. For some, stories and memories of life and work in Collinwood date back to the 1940's and before. Pat Nevar, Vice President of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, and her husband Fred began dancing together in the Hall's ballroom decades ago. For others, like Gladys Burnett, a recent transplant from Youngstown and avid member of the Collinwood Rec Center, these memories and stories are just beginning to unfold. Together, they tell the larger story of a place that has endured through hard times and good times, a place where

people still live, raise families, make art, run businesses, and go to school.

Throughout October, area residents have been gathering at writing workshops at Collinwood Recreation Center, The Slovenian Workmen's Home, and Waterloo Arts, to talk and write about moments that give a peek into their lives. Writing workshops have been received enthusiastically. Said one attendee, "What a sense of community a writing workshop in the neighborhood brings!" On November 1, writing workshop members and other community members gathered at Praxis Fiber Workshop to create colorful spirit flags, bearing messages of memory and hope for Collinwood, which will be raised above the community, both on Waterloo Road and at the Collinwood Recreation Center.

At the Community Reading and Celebration on November 14, all attendees will enjoy refreshments and entertainment, and will hear some of the work created and read by writing workshop participants. An anthology of the writing, free to all workshop participants, will be available for sale to attendees at the event. All proceeds will be invested in funding future creative writing workshops in Collinwood.

This event will be held at Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH. For more information about Who we are, Where we live, visit [waterlooarts.com](http://waterlooarts.com) or contact Program Director and Facilitator, Cindy Washabaugh at [cindywashabaugh@creative-life-works.com](mailto:cindywashabaugh@creative-life-works.com), OH 44107.

Siggy's Village Community Garden and Free Farmer's Market

by Sr. Madeline Muller

Siggy's Village Community Garden and Free Urban Market will be opening in the spring of 2016. This project will be headed by a committee consisting of volunteers from the community, who will plan, organize and develop a self sustaining garden.

Our goals are to bring unique herbs and vegetables along with berries and fruits free of charge to the Collinwood Community. This garden will provide easy access to fresh produce. We will also be planning activities throughout the season. The success of the garden will be determined by the kind

of support received from volunteers along with donations from surrounding businesses and residents. We are really looking forward to seeing you in the spring!

We will continue to keep you updated as this project takes shape. If you have any questions, suggestions, donations or would just like to volunteer, Please feel free to contact us by using the following:

Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries 216-481-8182, Emily Gibbs at [emilygibbs.camhp@gmail.com](mailto:emilygibbs.camhp@gmail.com) or on [www.siggysvillage.org](http://www.siggysvillage.org).

Programs in November for All Community Members at Collinwood Library

by Erica Marks

Cleveland Public Library-Collinwood Branch & The Cleveland FoodBank Presents: **FREE PRODUCE TO KIDS & FAMILIES! TUESDAYS AFTER 2:00PM BEGINNING OCTOBER 27**

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*Super Sleuth Readers! (Preschool)*  
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Rose-Mary Hosts a Night at the Races

by Lena Chapin

On Friday, November 13, 2015 from 6:30-11:00 p.m. at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Gymnasium, Rose-Mary Center will host a NIGHT AT THE RACES to help raise funds for the Homes for Our Future: Community Integration Project.

The project involves buying, renovating, and/or building eight new community

homes where children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities will become more independent and integrated members of the community.

Tickets to the event are \$50 and include entry, dinner, beverages, and five tickets for the Chinese Auction. The price of admission is not a charitable donation and mixed drinks are not included.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Lena Chapin, Director of Development, at 216-481-4823 x 105 or [lcchapin@rose-marycenter.com](mailto:lcchapin@rose-marycenter.com)

UpStage Players' Announce Shrek The Musical Jr. for Early-January 2016; Will Hold an Open House/ Audition Workshop in December

by Matthew Orgovan

UpStage Players, one of Northeast Ohio's most enduring non-profit children's theatre companies, invites area youths, ages 7 to 15, to audition for the troupe's Spring 2016 musical, Shrek the Musical Jr. Known for its no-cut policy, UpStage Players "works for the kids" of Greater Cleveland.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 for 7- to 11-year-olds and on Sunday, January 3, 2016 for 12- to 15-year-olds. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with auditions starting at 10:00 a.m. sharp and ending at 1:00 p.m. on both days. No latecomers will be admitted. All children will be required to stay for the entire time.

Auditions will take place at the North Collinwood-based organization's performance space, Cleveland Public Library's Memorial-Nottingham Library Branch Auditorium, located at 17109 Lakeshore Boulevard in Cleveland. Those auditioning are asked to dress in comfortable clothes and shoes, as well as prepare to perform a 1- to 2-minute song from a Broadway musical, bring a current photo and a \$10 registration fee.

Application and emergency forms are available online at [www.upstageplayers.com](http://www.upstageplayers.com), so participants can complete the forms in advance to bring with them to the audition. Actors will learn choreography and sing for a panel in a friendly, nurturing environment. UpStage Players is a teaching theatre, so all levels of experience are welcome.

In addition to auditions, UpStage Players will conduct a free Audition Workshop/Open House on December 5, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., also at Cleveland Public Library's Memorial-Nottingham Library Branch Auditorium. Interested children and their families are encouraged to come and check out all that UpStage Players has to offer. Workshop activities will feature the group's forthcoming production, Shrek the Musical Jr. and will include dancing, audition tips and character building. Attendees can come in for a few minutes or the whole time. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Shrek the Musical Jr. will be performed on March 18, 19 and 20, 2016. Rehearsals will begin in early-2016. Tech week starts on March 8 and ends on March 17. All actors, actresses and tech crew members will be expected to be present for every tech week rehearsal.

The signature endeavor of UpStage Players each year is the organization's annual spring musical. After several months of learning and collaboration, the efforts of dozens of children and adult volunteers come to fruition through the professionally-produced junior edition of a Broadway-caliber musical.

The mission of UpStage Players is the dedication to the child performer, instilling a love of theatre while building leadership and community. The non-profit group was founded in 1994-1995 with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the performing arts. Beyond evolving into a strong organization of nearly three times as many children today, two keys to the success of UpStage over the years have been its unwavering no-cut policy and its army of committed volunteers. The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods throughout Northeast Ohio, yet they all enjoy a demonstrable transformation from everyday kids into accomplished artists. For more information, e-mail [info@upstage-players.com](mailto:info@upstage-players.com) or visit [www.upstageplayers.com](http://www.upstageplayers.com).

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Health

## Hospice of the Western Reserve Annual Meeting Nov. 17 to Focus on Storytelling

by Laurie Henrichsen

New Day Academy is pleased to announce Ivan Schwarz and HBO “Band of Brothers” Actor James Madio to Provide Keynote

Residents of Euclid and the surrounding communities are invited to join staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Western Reserve for its 37th annual meeting, “Tell Your Story,” on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Cleveland Convention Center Ballroom, 300 Lakeside Ave. Admission is free; complimentary valet parking will be provided. Keynote speakers are Ivan Schwarz, President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, and award-winning actor, director and producer James Madio, well known for his role as Sgt. Frank Perconte in the award-winning HBO miniseries, “Band of Brothers.”

Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine will be served at 5:00 p.m.; the evening’s program begins at 5:30 p.m. Registration (requested) is available online at [hospicewr.org/story](http://hospicewr.org/story) or by phone at 216.383.5291.

This year’s theme, “Tell Your Story,” shines a spotlight on the deeper work of hospice and the significance storytelling plays in communicating values, memories and traditions. “Everyone wants to be remembered. Storytelling provides an avenue to creating a lasting legacy that will live on and be treasured by loved ones and future generations,” said Bill Finn, President and CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. “We’re honored that two of Hollywood’s master storytellers – the Greater Cleveland

Film Commission’s President and CEO, Ivan Schwarz, and two-time ‘best actor’ award winner James Madio – will be joining us to provide rare glimpses into their craft and to share their personal insights.”

“We’ll also be recognizing individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to assist us in sharing the hospice mission across the communities we serve,” Finn said. This year’s honorees will be:

Cindy L. Steeb, a member of the Medina County Advisory Board, who played a pivotal role in the merger of HMC Hospice of Medina County and Hospice of the Western Reserve

- 107.3-FM, The Wave, for the station’s important role as a community ambassador
- Lubrizol Corporation, for the extraordinary dedication and support of its corporate volunteers
- Dr. Nick Dreher, Chief Medical Officer, HealthSpan, for his continuous advocacy for quality at the end of life

Hospice of the Western Reserve has a few special surprises in store this year. “Forget what you thought you knew about annual meetings,” Finn said. “This one will be very different. The call to serve and commitment we all share will be dramatized in a way we think will be inspiring and entertaining. We encourage everyone in the community interested in learning more about our work to join us.”

Meeting sponsors are First National Bank, HW & Co., Hanson Services Inc., Willis of Ohio, The Adcom Group, Health-

Span, Tri-County Ambulance Services, Hartland & Co., GMS, BeRemembered.com, Busch Funeral and Cremation Services, AdvaCare Systems, Stewart and Donna Kohl and Intellinet Corporation.

**About Hospice of the Western Reserve**

Hospice of the Western Reserve is the region’s leading provider of hospice and palliative care. Now in its 37th year, the nonprofit community agency provides end-of-life care, caregiver support and grief support services for families throughout Northern Ohio as well as many specialized programs for the community at large. In September, Hospice of the Western Reserve and HMC Hospice of Medina County completed a merger. The new organization benefits from combined best practices, increased operational efficiencies and an expanded range of services for patients, families and the communities served.

**About Ivan Schwarz**

Schwarz is well known for his work on HBO’s Emmy Award-winning Band of Brothers miniseries. He is the driving force behind the filming of box office hits in Cleveland, including The Avengers, Draft Day, and Captain America: Winter Soldier.

**About James Madio**

In addition to his memorable role as Sgt. Perconte in the “Band of Brothers” miniseries, two-time best actor award winner James Madio portrayed “Stosh” in the 2014 film “Jersey Boys,” and his career extends to behind the camera, where he has produced the award-winning independent projects “AppleBox,” “The Box” and “Love Lies Bleeding.”

## Determination, God and Therapy

by Heidi Shenk

In February of 2014, Elfrieda “Fritzie” Holtcamp was an active and independent 85 year old woman. When she began to experience back pain, she was told that she had a bladder infection. It never occurred to her that this would lead to a life changing experience. Unfortunately, her pain continued to worsen and she soon found herself admitted to the hospital with sepsis and the loss of motor function in her legs. An MRI quickly revealed that she had a large abscess on her lumbar spine, requiring immediate surgery. After surgery, Fritzie was told that she would never walk again. She then spent three weeks in an acute rehab facility to recover some of her most basic mobility. When it was time to move out of this facility, it was obvious to Fritzie that she couldn’t go home. She chose to move to Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center in Euclid, a place where she had spent many hours as a volunteer with their pet therapy program. When Fritzie arrived at Mount St. Joseph, she couldn’t even move her toes, but she was thrilled to have the physical therapist tell her, “Stick with me, I’ll get you moving.” With hard work, motivation, and many hours of physical therapy and occupational therapy, Fritzie did “get moving.” After 14 months, she was not only walking and able to stand on one foot, but she was able to leave Mount St. Joseph Rehab and live independently once again. She states, “The therapy at Mount St. Joseph is fantastic!” She credits her returned independence to “determination, God and therapy”, and to the peace and care that she received at Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center.

Community

## Rose-Mary: A History



Sister Candice Joyce lovingly carries a young boy during a visit from the Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist.



Muffy grins at the sights and sounds of the animals during a visit from the Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist.



Rocky experiences the feeling of a turtle shell during a visit from the Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist.



Peggy and Rebecca share a loving hug during lunchtime.

by Lena Chapin

Catholic Social Teaching states that every person is precious and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of a human person. It is because of this conviction, that Rose-Mary committed itself to serving individuals with special needs.

Caesar Grasselli, a successful industrial leader in post-Civil War era Cleveland, lived with his children and wife, Johanna, during the warm months at their summer home on Euclid Avenue in view of the Great Lake. Johanna had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and it was in her honor that she maintained a large garden of roses on the property. When Johanna died, Caesar, unable to return to the once happy place, donated the property to the Catholic Church.

Because childhood polio was rampant at this time and there was need for alternative care and housing for young victims of the disease, Bishop Schrembs requested that the property become home for the growing number of afflicted children in need. He named the Sisters of the Humility of Mary to direct its operations.

On October 15, 1922 the Rose-Mary Center, named in honor of Johanna Grasselli’s devotions, opened its doors to serve the most vulnerable of children.

By 1967, Polio had been eradicated in the United States, and Rose-Mary’s mission evolved to serving children with various developmental disabilities. As time passed, Rose-Mary expanded its facility to meet the increasing needs of comprehensive services for the habilitation of children and young adults with behavior disorders

as well as developmental disabilities. Rose-Mary Center became a leader in disability services and helped to transform the kind of care individuals received. Rose-Mary was one of the first centers in the country to offer a structured day of personal growth and development driven by informal learning, recreational activities, and individual habilitation plans.

In 1989, their mission grew to include adults with disabilities. The first Rose-Mary community group home for adults opened later that year.

Over the past 93 years, Rose-Mary has grown and adapted, always keeping our belief that every person is a precious child of God at the core of all we do. Today, 36 children and young adults live in the original Johanna Grasselli Rehabilitation and Education Center, and 59 adults reside in

nine community group homes throughout Cuyahoga County.

Rose-Mary also operates an eight-week summer camp for children who live at Rose-Mary and within the community, as well as a year-round vocational center that focuses on developing individuals’ interests, talents, and strengths to prepare for potential community employment. Respite services are available for families within the community who have loved ones with disabilities living at home.

Rose-Mary continues the ministry of Jesus Christ by nurturing individuals with disabilities and celebrating love, family, dignity, and faith within the community. Learn more at [www.rose-marycenter.com](http://www.rose-marycenter.com).

## Lakeshore can be different, and that’s a good thing.



by Rob Thompson

Cycling as a preferred mode of transportation is on the rise in the United States. While the overall share of bicycling is still small, between 2000 and 2010, commuting by bike has risen 47% nationally, while Cleveland has seen a 280% increase. The reasons are varied, but people are beginning to realize there are numerous benefits associated with getting around by bike; ranging from health improvements, to cost savings, to environmental concerns (the transportation sector is responsible for a third of all carbon emissions).

Many people are beginning to value transportation choice highly when deciding where to live and work, and young people, specifically college graduates and new professionals are growing increasingly sensitive to the cost of getting around by car (it costs roughly \$9,000 a year to operate an average sedan). You might be thinking, “so what?” and have no interest in riding a bike. That’s ok, but the larger benefits of bicycles in the community should be considered.

Studies show that people on bikes spend more money per month at local businesses than people in cars because they stop more often and make more trips. Property values around bike friendly infrastructure tend

to increase, while crashes for all road users decrease. Road configurations that help people move around within a neighborhood (not just through it) are becoming more and more desirable because of these benefits. A prominent example of this comes from New York City. In 2012, the NYC DOT found that the construction of a protected bike lane on 9th Avenue saw a 49% increase in retail sales for local businesses, while on other streets in the borough the average was only 3%. They also saw a 58% reduction in injuries to all street users (cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers).

Cities are beginning to take note, and in 2012 the City of Cleveland implemented a Complete and Green Streets ordinance. A “complete street” is a street that considers all road users as part of its configuration (bikes, pedestrians, transit users, and cars) and factors in access and safety in addition to peak traffic flow. The ordinance requires engineers and planners to examine sustainable policies and guidelines in all construction projects within the public right of way. It is designed to create an environment friendly to walking, biking and public transit, while reducing environmental impact by incorporating green infrastructure.

Lakeshore Boulevard is a grand avenue




that connects multiple assets throughout the northeast side of Cleveland, including the second largest lakefront park in the entire city. Yet, rather than being designed as a place the local community can easily traverse via multiple modes of transportation to reach these assets, for a long time cars have been given priority to speed along the corridor en route to other destinations in the name of peak flows and commute times at the expense of all others. Slowing the traffic and making it more bicycle and pedestrian friendly would be an important economic driver for the neighborhood by helping retail and improving property values. A plan has been proposed that will do just that, and part of it includes bike lanes. There will be meetings throughout the winter to discuss it, and I encourage you to attend these meetings and learn more about the proposed plan.

People may have reservations about traffic flow, but the careful studies conducted by City Traffic Engineering prove there is nothing to fear; Lakeshore has a lot of excess capacity these days. Questions about what happens when I-90 backs up have been voiced, but I ask you – do you want Lakeshore to serve local residents, or commuters from Willoughby? I challenge you


to consider the state of retail along Lakeshore, and to ask yourself if you’re willing to employ a strategy that has been shown time and time again to boost retail and local economies. Rightsizing Lakeshore for today’s needs makes a lot of sense, and will help those who are already working hard in your community achieve their goal of a strong a vibrant community. Don’t handicap them with a road configuration that has historically done little for the community.

Some people feel that bikes should stay off the road because they don’t pay to maintain them, but that isn’t true. A large majority of cyclists also own cars, and besides, less than half of the funding for our roads come from user fees like license fees and gas taxes. However, it shouldn’t be about bikes versus cars. It’s about the fact that more people are riding, and many more would if they felt safer on the roads (60%). Dedicated bike facilities do just that, and people out riding or walking signal to others that this is a safe and good place to live (much like public parks do). It lifts the status of the entire community. Lakeshore Boulevard is a grand avenue. Let’s design it for people, not cars.


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## Fefe the Collinwood Cat



Fefe was left on the streets after her former home was foreclosed. There are others in our neighborhood just like her waiting for you!

by Allison Lukacsy

I've never considered myself a cat person. Even with this furball cuddled in my lap, it's hard to resign myself to the title of "cat lady".

Fefe (renamed, short for feral feline) came to us, malnourished and lacking energy you would normally associate with a cat of her diminutive size. Earlier this summer a house on our street surrendered to the foreclosure crisis and for reasons unknown, Fefe was turned out in a cruel game of survival for an indoor house pet weighing just 6 pounds. A resourceful cat nonetheless, she used her utter adorableness to win over the hearts of many neighbors who left food out for her. Unfortunately, the food also attracted massive groundhogs, raccoons and legitimate feral cats and Fefe had no chance at a morsel.

For anyone who's ever come upon a wild

cat roaming through Collinwood, it's a best practice not to get too close. Fantastic efforts by groups such as the Waterloo Alley Cat project <http://www.waterlooaal-leycatproject.org> practice the trap-neuter/spay-return (TNR) method of humanely controlling the population of cats, but their potential for carrying disease and general unpleasantness does not warm my heart.

Fefe was different. It was obvious she had no wits about her in the urban jungle and the battle scars she endured in the weeks she was out on the streets were heartbreaking - even for a non-cat person.

Before bringing her once again inside, we took her to the veterinarian for a full battery of tests, shots, and a nutrition plan. Stunned, we learned that she was not the kitten we thought but likely 4 years old judging by plaque built up on her teeth. Oh what did this darling suffer to be just 6 pounds at the age of 4!?

Fefe is the most loving creature alive and relishes being held and brushed and kissed like the spoiled baby she's become since joining our household. She's gained the appropriate weight dining on a variety of foods (especially her favorite tuna), her energy has rebounded, and she has added a dimension to my life a girl who grew up mostly pet-less (or at least lacking the cuddling kind with fish and parakeets) did not imagine.

If you are looking to add to your family, definitely check out organizations including the Animal Protective League. But you may be surprised that you need not look further than your own driveway, garden, or front porch to find an animal truly in need especially with winter approaching full steam ahead!

## Council for Economic Opportunities Services Aid Residents in Glenville



by Matthew Gilmore

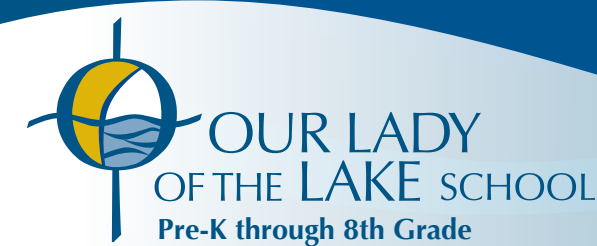
The Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is a nonprofit organization and the Community Action Agency for Cuyahoga County, has proudly served the Glenville community since of 1966 and its support of the community is as strong today as it has ever been. The Glenville Neighborhood Opportunity Center (10529 St. Clair Avenue), located in the Glenville Town Center offers an open door to a brighter future. The Council encourages local residents to take a few minutes to visit and see how the free programs and services offered through the center can transform their lives.

"We are here to help," says Dr. Jacklyn Chisholm, President and CEO of the Council. "We have caring and experienced staff who will help you get back on track and moving in a positive direction." The Glenville NOC specializes in putting together

personal and professional development plans that help people get back on their feet, back to school, or find the right job training to fit their skills. "The Glenville NOC staff doesn't just work with families and individuals, we partner with them," says Chisholm. "We are here to assist them in identifying, pursuing and attaining their goals."

The Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is a nonprofit organization and the Community Action Agency for Cuyahoga County that operates programs and services dedicated to transforming lives. The Council delivers education, personal and professional development programs and support services to residents of Cuyahoga County including the Early Head Start infant and toddler (birth to three) and Head Start (three - five years of age) preschool programs at 17 locations throughout Cuyahoga County. There are still some openings available for the 2015/2016 school year. Please call (216) 589-9922 to find out more information or to enroll your child today.

Other programs and services include individual assessments for classes and coaching sessions on topics including parenting, anger management and life skills; and professional development: job readiness, customer service training and job placement. The Council also delivers the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Additional information about Neighborhood Opportunity Centers, our Head Start locations and other services offered by the Council can be found by visiting [www.ceogc.org](http://www.ceogc.org).



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## OLL STEM Open House



Every classroom featured demonstrations and exhibits



Our Lady of the Lake School hosted a STEM showcase in October, that was a hit with students, families and visitors. Every classroom in the school featured exhibits, presentations and demonstrations showcasing the work the students have been doing in science, technology, engineering and math, with a focus on clean water. From models of water sheds to desalination, the water treatment process to environmental stewardship, the students dug deep to learn about water as a resource, and the science

and technology surrounding it.

Lessons included visits to Lake Erie and to water treatment plants, research on global resources and on innovations happening in our own backyard. The 8th grade tested hypotheses about environmental factors influencing pollution run-off. The second grade learned that 900 million people around the world don't have access to clean water. When they realized that number was too large to even understand, they set out to show what one million looks like - by put-



The second grade papered the gym with one million dots - to represent a fraction of the nearly 900 million people in the world who don't have access to clean water.



ting one million dots on paper and covering the entire school gym.

"The visual impact of these displays," said one parent, "and the excitement you can see in the kids about these projects - this is an amazing event." Another parent was struck by peer learning, as different grades visited each other's classrooms. And while the students' work was impressive, so was the support from the community. The line stretched out the door for both the morning and afternoon showcases, and the students

were amazed by the number of people who turned out to share in their work and support them. More help also came from VASJ students, who helped install the exhibit in the gym. Thanks to the support of teachers, families and community, Our Lady of the Lake students had a tremendous opportunity to experience deep, engaged learning during a very successful STEM Week.

## OLL Presents Lion King



Students and parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake are hard at work preparing their production of The Lion King.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish is excited to present their production of The Lion King November 20, 21, and 22. Directed by Carrie Walsh-Hilf, the play will feature students and parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake in a beautifully staged version of Disney's classic tale. Admission is just \$7.00 for general seating and \$10.00 for preferred seating (sold on a first-come, first-served basis for each show).

Everyone is welcome - but this show is bound to sold out, so get your tickets early! For tickets and more information, please contact Rita Testa at (216) 486-0850 or email [rita@olleucld.org](mailto:rita@olleucld.org).

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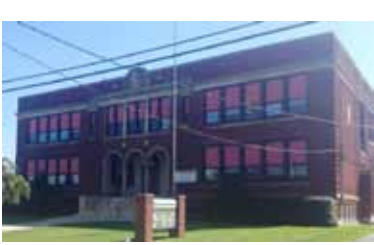
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by *Marguerite DiPenti*

An exciting tech event happened on September 27th when St. Jerome Parish launched its very own app as an effort to pursue new opportunities to foster a stronger parish, school, and community life. The app allows the parish to better communicate throughout the week and keep users updated with relevant news or alerts. It is already serving as a great resource for people by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer reminders, prayer requests, activities, bulletins, and more. Everyone can now stay connected with the parish through instant notifications,

an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via social media. There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send a reminder to silence the phone 20 minutes before Mass. The app is very intuitive and well designed for iPhone and Android systems. All are invited to download the St. Jerome app by visiting myParishapp.com or searching for myParish in the app store. You're only a click away from staying connected with the St. Jerome parish and school community every day.

Helping Your Child Become a Better Reader at Home

by *Katie Coan*

When it comes to reading the first graders of St. Jerome school couldn't be more excited to dive into a good book and explore what the world of reading has to offer. First grade reading is one of the most exciting learning periods for your child. Help your child's reading skills by following some of these tips to help your child become a better reader.

Make sure they read for at least 30 minutes a day. They can read alone, with a partner, or even have you read aloud to them. Reading skills only improve by READING! Make it fun! Reading shouldn't be seen as

a chore. Pick books about topics that your child enjoys. Reading can be done together than ask questions about what you read. Give your child a chance to pick out a book that interest them. Take them to visit the library regularly or book store. By doing so children can pick out books they like and get even more excited about reading. Be an example! Have your children see you read. They learn from what they see! Reading is fun and something the whole family can do together! so next time you think about turning on the Television grab a book and explore a good book!



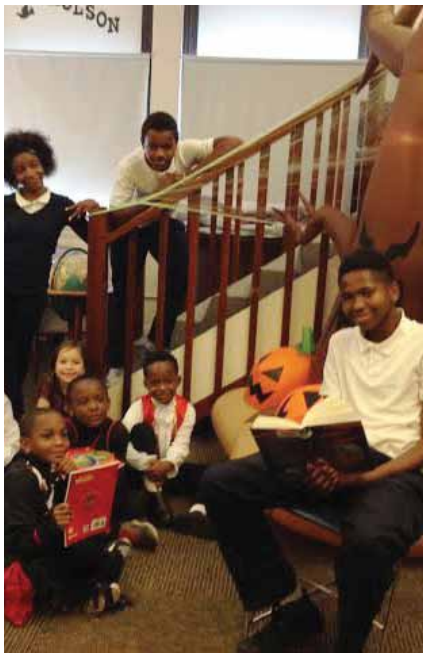
St. Jerome 1st graders enjoying a story read by an 8th grader.



"Fallin'" for reading!



There's always time for another story



Read this one next, please!

### Upcoming St. Jerome Parish and School Events

by *Marguerite DiPenti*

<b>November 6</b> All School Mass 8:30 a.m.	<b>November 29</b> First Sunday of Advent
<b>November 7 &amp; 8</b> St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Recruitment Before and after 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. Masses	<b>November 30</b> Advent Vespers at 7 p.m. in the church All are invited to begin the Advent season by joining the Collinwood Cluster parishes for a solemn evening prayer service.
<b>November 12 &amp; 13</b> No School	<b>December 7</b> Vigil of the Immaculate Conception 7 p.m. Mass
<b>November 14</b> Respect for Life Poor Man's Reverse Raffle	<b>December 8</b> Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass
<b>November 19</b> All School Mass 8:30 a.m. Bishop Roger Gries, Celebrant	
<b>November 26 &amp; 27</b> No School - Happy Thanksgiving	

# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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## VASJ seniors mentor freshman students

Students often remark about the family spirit at VASJ. It is a distinguishing characteristic of the school. Three VASJ seniors, Tori Francetic, Aysia Kemp and Abby Smith, decided to make their final year of high school less about them and more about making sure the incoming freshmen immediately felt like they were a part of the Viking family.

"I want the freshmen to love this school the way that I do, and the way my parents do. (My mom graduated from Villa Angela in 1983, and my dad graduated from St. Joseph in 1981.)," says Tori Francetic. "I wanted the freshmen to feel as if they were part of the Viking family from the moment they arrived. I wanted to see the seniors, especially, take the freshmen under their wing so they always know they have someone to go to."

It was an idea that emerged this summer while Tori and her classmates Aysia and Abby studied leadership skills at the Ursuline Educational Services' annual Student Leadership Conference in June. The four-day event, which included students from about a dozen Ursuline-affiliated

Catholic high schools throughout the nation, included presentations and discussions on effective leadership, presentations skills, communication and action planning, student council, service projects, Spirit Week activities, and school traditions.

The leadership conference gave them the skills they needed to take their idea and make it a reality. They decided they wanted to create a new tradition at VASJ: A mentorship program that would help immerse the freshmen into the culture of the school.

They went to VASJ Principal David Csank at the beginning of the school year to talk about how they could implement their ideas.

"We [discussed implementing] homeroom captains. And each senior [would] get a freshman homeroom to go to talk to them about either school or sports," Aysia Kemp says. "Or if they need tutoring in a subject or need someone to talk to who isn't an adult."

Principal Csank approved the mentorship program and it has been underway for several months.

"Captains are also supposed to get their homerooms pumped up for the



Seniors Abby Smith, Aysia Kemp and Tori Francetic at VASJ's Leadership Ceremony.

football, basketball, or volleyball game coming up," Kemp said. "Homerooms can have competitions to see who will have the most people attend. This is a way our school spirit will increase."

If freshman attendance at VASJ's 2015 homecoming dance is any indication of the success of the mentoring program, it appears to be working.

"I'm really excited because what we expected to happen actually did," Tori says. "The freshmen seem to be forming good relationships with the seniors and are more informed about

what is going on here.

"A higher percentage of freshmen went to homecoming. It's nice that they know that they have friendly faces to see. It's a lot of good things coming out of it."

During their senior year when they are busy with college applications, sports, Advanced Placement courses and a long list of extracurricular activities, Tori, Aysia, and Abby are more concerned about the experience of the freshmen than they are about themselves. After all, at VASJ, family does come first.

## VASJ Drama Club presents 'Game of Tiaras'

VASJ's Drama Club will be giving four performances of their fall play, "Game of Tiaras," beginning with a dress rehearsal performed for local schools such as, St. Jerome, Our Lady of the Lake and Ss. Robert and William.

"The fall play is full of comedy, mystery, and murder," says Co-Director Cristina Nahra.

"Our performers are passionate and work hard throughout the year to improve on their skills and abilities.

"We have several new freshmen who are bringing an amazing amount of talent to our organization. Our performers, technical crew and stage crew are working hard to make this the best performance yet."

The play will take place in VASJ's gym Friday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase in the school's main office.

*\*\*Artwork designed by Janessa White '19 and voted by her peers as the artwork to represent the fall play.*

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## Rock Star Teacher of the Month



The Rock Star Teacher for October is Mrs. Gebler who teaches First Grade. Yay!

by Logan Dunnican  
Mrs. Amanda Gebler loves to teach Yoga Club and 1st Grade. This is Mrs. Amanda Gebler's second year teaching 1st Grade. The school she works at is Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence. She became the Rock Star Teacher in October. Teachers picked her because she is creative. A teacher wrote a poem about Mrs. Gebler

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## Halloween Events



These are Imagine Bella's Costume Contest Judges. The Announcement Club led by Mr. Williams will judge costumes at Imagine Bella's Halloween Parade.



Imagine Bella had its first pumpkin raffle. Each teacher painted a pumpkin and students put in tickets.

## Lexia



Students work hard on Lexia to finish their jobs.

By Terrica Bennefield  
How Lexia works is your child has to have a password and a username. Students at Imagine Bella get this from their teacher. Then your child can login. Next, your child can start reading. Each time they can pass reading levels. Lexia is like a reading game. Please try to log your child in. The site is www.lexiacore5.com for students in grades K-5. Sixth grade students use Lexia Strategies at www.lexiastrategies.com. Often Imagine Bella students use it at reading centers, library, and computer specials. You can use devices like iPad, computers, but not phones. Hope your child gets on!!!

## Student of the Month



By BK Kennedy  
At Imagine Bella we have this wonderful thing called "Student of the Month". How you can become it is not all about being the best student, it's about having perseverance. Ms. Figueroa describes it as, "Never giving up, even when things are hard". A student from each grade gets picked by a teacher to be the student of the month.

Imagine Bella celebrates their successful students as "Student of the Month". Students were picked who demonstrated the character trait of perserverence.

## Go Get Waggle

By Abigail Juhasz  
How Waggle works is that you go to www.gogetwaggle.com and you can put your username and password in the little boxes at the top of the website. Also, at the beginning you might have to put your school and state. After that, you can do games and activities. You have a pig that changes by how well you do on math and reading. You can use it on iPads, computers, and Chrome-books. Also, what Waggle is all about is getting extra learning.



Students love Waggle so much they work on it in centers.

## Feature Photographer



Brian Billups was the feature photographer this month. He took photographs, picked the best ones, and wrote captions to go with the pictures.

## Q and A with Tony J.

Interview by Tony Jordan Jr.  
Interviewing Rock Star Teacher Mrs. Amanda Gebler  
Q: How many years have you been teaching?  
A: 2 years  
Q: Do you have kids, if so, how many?  
A: No kids  
Q: Do you like teaching?  
A: Yes. That's why I'm here!  
Q: How do you plan your lessons so brilliantly?  
A: Mrs. Hall's help.  
Q: What advice do you have to rookie teachers?  
A: Make time for yourself outside of school.  
Q: What degree do you have?  
A: Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education  
Q: What college did you go to?  
A: Cleveland State and many more  
Q: What city were you born in?  
A: Dayton, Ohio  
Q: What's your favorite subject?  
A: Recess  
Q: What is your favorite color?  
A: Blue

## Halloween Parade



By Lawren Brown  
The Halloween Parade is all about where the kids walk around the building with their costumes on and get candy. All the kids are allowed to participate. It happens in the afternoon after lunch and enrichment. Students go outside and inside the building. It happens because it is fun to do things for Halloween. The staff members plan it and kids bring candy. This year we are having a costume contest. If you want to participate you have to give your teacher a dollar. Pictures of the winners next month!

## Schools

### New, vibrant leaders at CMSD elementary schools in Collinwood area

CMSD Communications  
There's a culture shift underway at Oliver Hazard Perry School under new Principal Anne Priemer, one that is already beginning to produce concrete results.

Priemer said school suspensions are down significantly this year compared to this point in the 2014-15 school year at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District K-8 school.

She believes that an assertive, but gentle, insistence on both positive reinforcement of good behavior and exposure of the negative consequences of actions like bullying among students is one of the biggest contributors to that fact.

Positive reinforcement is coming in the form of a weekly contest for each grade level for students to earn "Soaring Eagle" points for when they are "caught being safe, respectful and responsible."

Any adult in the school can award the points, but they count double when given out by the new principal.

Veteran kindergarten teacher Elaine Salomon, who has taught 23 of her 24 years at OH Perry, said she is beginning to see a growing desire in her students to "be the one that gets the reward."

"It's still early in the year to see the entire effect, but I am noticing that they are more motivated to be the 'Soaring Eagle' next month because one of their friends earned it this month."

The Soaring Eagles winners each week receive small prizes – from a half day "shadowing" Priemer to a free lunch to the



One of the doors decorated by O.H. Perry School students during the anti-bullying campaign.

very popular "dress down" pass – but the monthly winners can score even bigger prizes. The September winners won tickets to a Cleveland Indians game (see photo).

Salomon said any positive change in the culture of any school will result in better attendance, better test scores and a better overall school community.

"This is happening while at the same time all of us are doing more to reach out to our families to get them more engaged in the school community," she said.

The other side of the equation, the anti-bullying efforts, are being led by Kawanda Williams, coordinator of the school's Planning Center.

Planning Centers are a constructive al-



Last month's "Soaring Eagles" winners at O.H. Perry School, holding the Cleveland Indians tickets they won.

ternative to in-school suspensions where students can come to a safe room and be helped – both emotionally and academically – by the on-site coordinator. CMSD established the centers as part of the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) component of its "Humanware," initiative. Humanware was conceived and put into place after a 2007 school shooting.

Williams and Priemer have brought two of the most popular anti-bullying programs into the school: WAVE (Winning Against Violent Environments) and NOW (Not on Our Watch).

Recently, the school also held a door-decorating contest in which students illustrated the theme, "Think Before you

Speak" to increase awareness of the power and impact of words. The winners received a pizza party, Priemer said. (See the photo of the winners with their tickets).

She said both the positive and the battle against the negative of bullying spring from a desire to grow her school into a safe and wholly successful community.

"My goal is for Oliver Hazard Perry to be a 'destination school,' a place with stellar academics where people will drive their kids to or put them on a bus from anywhere in the city.

"I don't want to just stop at getting a little better. I want to be the best."

## Help Save our Youth



by Breaura Sweeney  
Young Leaders Program teaches 6th -12th graders leadership skills and life skills at the Collinwood rec center this is also a program who does service throughout different areas of Collinwood. This is anywhere from 152nd and St. Clair to 185th and Lakeshore.This program is passionate about bringing positivity along with leadership and life skills back into our communities.This will start with our youth. If you have or know any 6th-12th grader who lives within 152nd and St.Clair and E 185th and Lakeshore please sign them up for this program.It's important for teens to be around like minds. This program is teaching critical thinking, problem solving and life skills. Although parents and guardians may be teaching the same, its very impor-

tant for teens to have positive reinforcement.This program does a great job of creating a safe and comfortable atmosphere for teens as well as a support system. In this program our teens are like family. They learn together and pursue growth. Our teens look forward to making a difference and they all didn't start this program with that perspective. This attitude was gained over time. Young Leaders Program is about leaving a positive mark on our communities and the people in it. If you are interested in signing up your child, working, sponsoring or volunteering for this program please contact Breaura Sweeney 216-622-5849. If you are interested in following the growth of this program please add Young leaders Program on Facebook or subscribe to Young Leaders Program on YouTube.

## Memorial Garden Honors the Past and Looks to the Future



Students and community members working together.



Student volunteers pictured here with Little Red Cap Co-Chair Charlotte Iafeliece and principal Michelle Person

by Nicole English  
The leaves might be changing and the temperatures falling, but the students At Memorial are all fired up about the community garden. Created to honor the victims of the Collinwood fire in 1908, the garden is a joint effort between the students at Memorial School and Collinwood's Little Red Cap group, which is made up of members from the community.

This summer new mulch was laid and the ground overturned in an effort to prepare

the area for planting. The goal is to create a space that honors both the lives lost and fosters a sense of community among the living. Little Red Cap meetings are open to the public and welcome community support. To volunteer to help in the garden or to make a financial donation to assist with the upkeep of the garden, please contact Elva Brodnick at carrollsell@gmail.com or Michelle Person at michelle.person@clevelandmetroschools.org.

Community

Visions Will Make Your Car Gleam



by John Copic

Visions Car Detailing has opened at 19211 Nottingham Rd. and they will treat your car right. Mr. Wilson brings 25 years of car care experience to this newly decorated business. Tuesdays are Ladies Day with the basic wash and spray wax only \$10. Wednesdays are Senior Day with basic wash only \$8 ! Stop in and visit Mr. LaDon Wilson at Visions, open 10 - 7 Monday through Sunday. They will make your car sparkling clean!

WFCBRadio.com Moves to the Parker Hannefin Building in Greater Collinwood



The stars of The Outlaws Radio Show: Eric "E-Will" Williams, Jessica "Lavish" Fleming, & show creator Darvio "The Kingpin" Morrow



The stars of The Todd Allyn Show: Todd Allyn, Khalid Namar & Danielle Serino

by Darece Daniels

Darvio Morrow, CEO of urban and multi-cultural content producer FCB Entertainment Inc (owners of WFCB Radio) is a Collinwood native. Darvio, known on air as The Kingpin, went to school in the neighborhood and volunteers his time with area youth in the Eyes Have It program, but his business has always been located elsewhere -- until now.

FCB Entertainment has agreed to move from the former LTV Steel headquarters in Slavic Village to the former Parker Hannefin Building, now named Chandler Park, on 17325 Euclid Avenue.

"There were so many benefits to relocating that it would have made no sense not to do it", says Darvio. "We were somewhat isolated in our previous location but now we are on the legendary Euclid Avenue and we feel like we are a part of something that could be catalytic for the community."

FCB Entertainment's WFCB Radio, one of the fastest growing urban digital radio groups in the region, will be bringing its three radio stations and its radio shows along for the ride. The Outlaws Radio Show (hosted by Darvio, Jessica "Lavish" Fleming and Eric "E-Will" Williams), The Todd Allyn Show (hosted by Todd Allyn, Khalid Namar and Danielle Serino, formerly from CBS Channel 19) and most of the compa-

ny's other shows will be produced directly from the Chandler Club location.

"We will probably be some of the only radio stations located directly in the Collinwood area. I'll have to check the history books but that may be a first ever for this community", said Darvio. "I spoke to every member of my team about the relocation and they were all excited about it."

Darvio believes that the Chandler Club can serve as an anchor to an area of Greater Collinwood that may not receive as much attention as it should. "Development follows people. If you look in the thriving communities in the city, they almost all have some sort of anchor to spur development around it. The Chandler Club can serve as that anchor."

For now, Darvio's WFCB radio studio and corresponding offices will be located in the Chandler Club. But if it is a fruitful relationship for the company, growth could be in the future. "We also own an on demand television station and two record companies", Darvio said. "One of my labels is currently based in Nevada. I would love to eventually have everything consolidated and based in one roof. We'll see."

WFCB Radio can be heard online at WFCBRadio.com or on smartphones via the Live365 or TuneIn Radio apps (type WFCB in the search bar)

Food

Top Ten Reasons to Go to the Boardwalk

by John Copic

10. Awesome Chili.
9. Pool table almost level
8. Clean Bathrooms
7. Expanded New Menu
6. Budweiser is \$ 2.50 during Happy Hour
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4. Everybody loves George
3. It's Seriously Haunted
2. Bartenders make you think you are in a Bud Light Commercial
1. This Cheeseburger is \$ 5.00



Pacer's - Great Food, Service, Specials

byJohn Copic

If you have not been to the new Pacers, on the marginal you are missing out. If you have been there, then you know why it's so busy all the time. The food is excellent, service is excellent, and you just cannot beat the prices on specials.

The staff has created a really fun atmosphere where everybody feels at home. The dining room has comfortable chairs and accommodates large parties. The bar area has many high quality TV's which makes it the perfect place to watch a sporting event.

But I go there for the food. The burger on Monday nights is \$ 5.00 and is the same burger you can usually order off the menu. And it is delicious. The Pizza special on Wednesday (dine in only) is unbeatable. You really should stop in and try all the specials.

Visit the friendly staff of Pacer's Bar & Grill located at 19800 South Waterloo Rd.



Quix on E. 185th Cooking Fresh Subs and Fried Chicken 24 Hours a Day



by John Copic

Quix Food Store at 870 East 185th street is cooking fried chicken and sub sandwiches 24 hours a day. I have had the chicken tenders and the chicken wings, both served with huge Jo-Jo french fries and both were excellent. Daisy the friendly sandwich maker has made for me the Italian sub at

7.99 piled high with fresh cut lunch meat, and the Philly Steak sandwich pictured below. The fresh high quality ingredients and friendly service ensured that I will be back. Plus they are cooking these excellent value eats 24 hours a day! Be sure to stop in and visit Hamzah at the register and have Daisy make you a sandwich.

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