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VASJ holds honorary Hall of Champions Induction Ceremony



Bob Golic '75, Mike Golic '81, Desmond Howard '88, London Fletcher '93, Clark Kellogg '79 and Elvis Grbac '88 returned to VASJ for the Honorary Hall of Champions event on Nov. 17.

The Salvation Army Breaks Ground on New Facility



The Salvation Army leaders, staff and Learning Center children breakground



Salvation Army Dignitaries from Collinwood (Captains Ashley & Chris Mauk and Art Hill), Cleveland (Majors Evan & Suzanne Hickman, Major Lurlene Johnson, Ray Murphy and Tim Holmes) New York Offices (Commissioners Barry & Sue Swanson), Councilman Michael Polensek, Steven Love (Cleveland Foundation) and Jill Akins (Van Auker Architects) breakground

CMSD performers wow OH Perry crowd at annual 'Molly Day' celebration



Two O.H. Perry scholars played reporters and told the crowd the most important news about school attendance in support of the Get2School campaign.

by CMSD Communications

The annual "Molly Day" performances by Cleveland Metropolitan School District students at O.H. Perry School that memorialize the late daughter of retired U.S. Sen. George Voinovich and his wife Janet each year are always rousing, heartfelt and sometimes hilarious.

They certainly brought a smile to the face of the Voinovich family, to Cleveland City Councilman Mike Polensek and to a crowd of more than 100 people at the school Nov. 6, including school District CEO Eric Gordon.

"This is one of my favorite days of the year," Gordon told the crowd. "This is one of my favorites because we get to see our tremendous students doing the great things they do every day here. But let's also make sure we remember that this is what goes on in every CMSD school, every single day and that's why they are committed to being here every day."

His remarks followed what could only be described as a neo-variety show that included traditional recorder music, a drumline, high-steppers, math-based storytelling, a faux senatorial debate, nosy newspaper reporters and finally the pure bedlam of a group dance number finale to support the District's attendance initiative.

The entire performance can be seen online at http://bit.ly/CMSD_MollyDay2015, or go to CMSD-TV Youtube page or clevelandmetroschools.org to see more District videos, news stories and more.

Many of the performances at "Molly Day" this year referenced the District's "Get 2 School. You Can Make It!" campaign. Several of the student performances gave a nod to the attendance initiative, including a show-stopping "At10Dance," which Gordon had kicked off at the start of the school year with a youtube video.

Voinovich picked up on that theme, reminding the students in his closing re-



Ret. Sen. George Voinovich and his wife Janet talked with CMSD-TV. The entire program is on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfDtALXxZ58>

marks that perseverance pays off. "You stay you work hard in this program and you are going to go way out there, you are going to do really great," he said. "I have this saying, that if 'You do a good job with the job you have, the future will take care of itself.'"

It seemed to work for Voinovich. The retired Republican senator had a long and varied career in the state. He mayor of the City of Cleveland from 1980-89. He served as Ohio's governor from 1991-98 and then as a U.S. senator from 1999 until retiring in 2011.

"So you know what your job is, right?" he said. "You get to school, stay in school, work hard, get good grades and the future will take care of itself."

Remembering Molly Agnes Voinovich

Molly Day has been a tradition at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District

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Councilman Michael Polensek

by Captain Chris Mauk

On November 2, 2015, The Salvation Army of Collinwood joined Councilman Michael Polensek to break ground on a new 35,000 square foot facility! This \$10 Million investment will expand emergency services and other current programs that serve Collinwood, Euclid and surrounding communities.

Some of the amenities in the new facility will include; Enhanced Music & Arts program space and the addition of two practice rooms, a larger Chapel, a Youth Room, a Game Room, 4 Classrooms, the after-school Learning Center program and the Summer Day Camp program will both increase capacity by 44%, a larger High school regulation gymnasium, with two cross courts, allowing greater capacity, a new Fitness Center, a new Choice Food Pantry, a Hospitality shower space, an expanded Cafeteria and a multi-purpose room and meeting space that can be separate or combined with the cafeteria. This will allow multiple groups of people to be served meals at the same time.

The building is designed by Van Auker Architects and is being constructed by Marous Brothers Construction.

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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
15610 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

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Happy Holidays!



by Michael D. Polensek

I hope all of you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving; for, we have many things to be thankful for in our community. On that note, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland for their announcement and groundbreaking for the new \$10 million House of Worship and Community Center for the Salvation Army Temple Corps at 17625 Groveswood Avenue. This facility, since it will serve Greater Collinwood and Glenville communities and the City of Euclid, could have gone elsewhere. However, the Salvation Army decided to rebuild this facility at their existing site because of the ongoing support from the community itself. Please remember the Salvation Army during this Holiday Season and all that they do for the least amongst us. They are a wonderful organization and I cannot say enough about what they mean to our community.

munity.

As we move into the Winter season, please pay special attention to your surroundings. If you see any streetlights out or water running in the street please report these as soon as possible. Last winter, due to the extreme cold, we experienced numerous incidents of water main breaks in our streets and frozen and/or burst pipes in residential homes. Winterize your homes; keep a furnace vent open in your basement and plug / seal any drafts that you can identify, and never use a direct flame to thaw frozen pipes. Doing these simple things will prevent much larger problems.

As we go into January 2016 there will be additional neighborhood meetings regarding the East 185th Street, proposed bike lanes on Lakeshore Boulevard and the St Clair Avenue corridor. These are important projects which need the input of our residents and businesses. Watch for dates, times, and locations for these meetings.

The Holidays are here. Whenever you can, SHOP LOCAL. There are many outstanding small businesses throughout the ward; we need to support them and the holidays are a good time to show that we care

that they have chosen to remain, expand or start a business in the Ward 8 community. We are one of a few neighborhoods which still have bakeries, old world meat markets, restaurants and numerous other small businesses with easy access. You know the old saying, “if you don't use it; you will lose it.” Support Local.

On a personal note, I wish you and yours a blessed and joyous Christmas, a Happy Chanukah, and a prosperous and safe New Year. May 2016 be a productive year for our Greater Community.

We have all seen the violence which has rocked the world in recent weeks. Be thankful we live in America. It may not be politically correct but we need to PRAY FOR AMERICA, our country's leaders, and above all our men and women who are serving in all branches of the Armed Forces. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Please feel free to contact me at my office. You may reach me at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

New Monthly Column Coming in January 2016

by Mary Louise Daley

The community and the Democratic Party lost a friend and a leader in Jan Dean's passing. She was a long time neighbor, friend and community activist who worked for and worried about the community to the end. Because of her unwavering support for our community we will be honoring her with a street honorarium. Legislation has been passed and before Christmas new street signs should be up at the corner of the street where she lived at East 161 Street and Parkgrove Avenue. Look for these and have them show you “JAN DEAN'S WAY.” We will miss her but she will always be remembered.

by Gina M. Tabasso

Stay tuned for a new monthly column by Guest Columnist Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist at Euclid's own HGR Industrial Surplus, the company that purchases and resells new and used industrial surplus, machinery and equipment. The column, entitled “Hit the Ground Running,” will connect you with local manufacturing and industry news, trends and insider opinions.

Happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Working Together



by Margaret Craig

The Collinwood Brotherhood Coalition was started in 2013 and is still going strong. Our signature event is our Annual Brotherhood Breakfast held in March, where men and boys come together have a full breakfast and enjoy engaging conversation and activities. The young men meet two Saturdays out of the month and interact with men from various organizations and backgrounds from around the city. This past June the young men hosted Commander Hill and several of his officers for Conversation with a Cop. The Commander led a discussion about the relationship between

the community and police department, the youth in attendance were able to get up close and personal with the men and women of the Fifth District Police Department. For the past eight weeks, the young men have been participating in a program called “Working Together”. Each Saturday the young men have gathered at The Salvation Army for basketball, a light breakfast and a discussion. Each week the topic was different. Similar to our regular gatherings the young men met with mentors who discussed topics such as education, entrepreneurship and goal setting. The young men were also engaged in learning and discussing



Library News

Legal Clinic Held at Memorial-Nottingham Library



Volunteers from Eaton Corporation's law department and Squires Patton Boggs
Photo Credit: Melanie Shakarian

by Jeanne Coppola

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland held a free legal clinic for the public, at the Memorial Nottingham Library, from 9:30-11:00am. Legal-Aid offers their free legal clinics and services to low-income residents in counties throughout Northeast Ohio.

Participants at the legal clinic, had the chance to talk “one on one” with a volunteer pro bono attorney for legal advice and referrals on a variety of civil issues, including: consumer rights, health, fair housing, unemployment, and domestic violence.

Brochures on various subjects included: “Bullying in Ohio Schools,” Be Smart about

Managing Your Debt,” “Paying Child Support,” and “Bankruptcy for Low-Income Persons.” They are available at the library's literature carousel.

“Legal Aid has a partnership with the Cleveland Public Library, to offer free legal clinics once a month (at various branches), on Saturday mornings,” said Ann Porath, managing attorney of The Volunteer Lawyers Program at Legal Aid. “This is a starting place for advice, referrals, and help,” she said. “It is a great community effort.”

“Volunteers from Eaton Corporation's law department and Squires Patton Boggs helped forty five people today,” said Melanie Shakarian, Director of Development and Communications. Everyone who signed up or walked in, got the chance to speak with an attorney.

Legal Aid also offers many other free legal clinics, at various community centers and churches, throughout the year.

For more information about the December Legal Aid clinic at the Cleveland Public Library (Harvard-Lee Branch), or other future legal clinics, please call 216-687-1900, or go to www.lasclv.org.

Customer Appreciation Day at the Library was a Great Success!



The Customer Appreciation Day Cake, that was enjoyed by everyone!
Photo by Jeanne Coppola

by Jeanne Coppola

The Memorial-Nottingham Library held its first Customer Appreciation Day on November 23, 2015, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The event was a great success! Patrons filled the meeting room, and enjoyed a buffet that included a sandwich platter, a vegetable platter, fruit, and a cake!

Everyone received a free tote bag with various small gifts, and three lucky winners had their names drawn to win a \$10.00 gift card from Dave's supermarket! Everyone also got a chance to offer suggestions and feedback about the books and services

the library offers, including: adult fiction, children's books, non-fiction, DVD's, CD's, and audio books.

The new branch manager, Kevin Ray, hopes to make this an annual event. He organized the celebration to thank everyone who uses the library, and to introduce other new library staff members.

“I am glad to be a part of this community, and am excited to work with the Memorial-Nottingham team,” he said. “I'm looking forward to meeting this community's needs and helping the Cleveland Public Library meet its organizational goals.”

The library also offers children programs, computer classes, legal clinics, and a lot more. Their copy machines have fax capabilities. Non-profits can use the community room for meetings.

To experience everything the library has to offer, please visit the library or call: (216)-623-7039. The Memorial-Nottingham Library is located at 17109 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44110.

December Programs at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola

Kids
FREE Reading and Tutoring for Grades K-3
Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30pm
Adults
Computer Classes
Email Basics I: Monday, December 7, at 5:00pm
Email Basics II: Monday, December 14, at 5:00pm.

Resume Writing: Monday December 21, at 5:00pm
Improve Your Job Search: Monday, December 28, at 5:00pm
To register for computer classes, call 216-623-2980. Registration starts on Monday, November 23, 2015.
Russian Book Club (adults and seniors)
Book discussion in Russian of Zone Zapolentia by Roman Senchin
Saturday, December 19, at 3:00pm

Are you or is someone you know diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease?

You might be able to help with a clinical research study looking at potential new treatment for mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's Disease

Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health

The purpose of the study is to assess if adding investigational drug to donepezil will improve memory, thinking, reasoning when compared to donepezil and placebo.

Enrollment Criteria:

- Aged 50 years and older
- Diagnosed with probable Alzheimer's disease
- Able to communicate with study doctors
- Have a caregiver who can join you every study visit
- Taking a drug containing **donepezil** for at least 6 months

For full details about what is involved and to find out if you might be suitable to take part in this study, please call: **216-445-9009** or email cbhresearch@ccf.org



If this is you, or someone you know, we would like to hear from you.

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board at the Cleveland Clinic.

Art

Another Brick in the Wall



by Bryon Miller
Another BRICK in the Wall
North Collinwood has been an ever-expanding neighborhood of arts and culture. One of its newest additions, Brick Ceramics and Design Studio found its home nestled there on Waterloo Road and 161st Street. I had the opportunity to sit down with owner Valerie Grossman to talk a little about how things got started, and how Brick found its way to Waterloo Road.



I followed my inclination and wrote up a business plan. I never thought that all this would all happen so soon.

Did Northeast Shores play a pivotal role in this happening?
Yes, Northeast Shores owns the building. They went ahead and offered me the lease to purchase agreement. This would never have been possible without them. They did an amazing job and they knew what they were doing. I had never renovated anything before, so it was really like winning the lottery to be able to sit on a panel and go through the renovation process. It was great to be able to tell them my needs and wants and come up with such an amazing space. Now that I have this space, I just want to share it with people; I want them to come in and be in it and enjoy it as much as I do. It's been such an opportunity.

Now that you have the space, tell me a little about the programs you're offering here.
We have open studio hours three times a week so that people can come in and be creative. Those run Monday 5-9 pm, and



Wednesday and Saturday 12-4 pm. Those are times when you pay \$25 and we give you clay to start. It's mostly for people who want to try it out, or for people who like to work independently. We also offer wheel classes, as well as hand building classes. Date Night is also one of our most popular events that happens on every third Thursday of the month. You bring a friend and complete a small project from start to finish. When you're done we go ahead and fire it for you.

When you were looking for space to open your business, was Waterloo a place you expected to be?
It really came about because of the building, the location, and the early opportunity. I grew up near here, hearing stories about Euclid Beach, so it felt right to be back, like things were coming full circle. When the opportunity arose, I said, "Yeah, I totally want to be here!"

Where do you see Waterloo in the next few years?
I think it's becoming more of a destination,

but it's still a hidden gem to most people. I'm surprised when people don't know where the Beachland Ballroom is. It's crazy. More of my friends are starting to move here and it really feels like it's becoming a strong community. I mean, all of us artists already know it as a community, but it'll be even bigger, I think.

So, you have a kiln. Tell me about how this came about.
Yes, we bought a high fire gas kiln. It goes up to cone 10, which is really hot - about 2,345 degrees- so, it's super hot! That makes the pieces very durable. It's a very traditional pottery temperature to work at; so the reduction makes that lovely toasty color in the clay and certain glaze colors that you can't get otherwise. It's been a huge asset for us to have. We used Jerry Schmidt from down the street to help us weld things together. He was a huge help to us.

Brick Ceramics is located at 420 E. 161st Street. Call 216-744-4689, or visit www.brickceramics.com

A Natural State of Mind



by Bryon Miller
Artist, Jonah Jacobs is part of an exhibit entitled "Bottled Water", which was held at Waterloo Arts Gallery this fall. Bottled Water is an experimental installation, which explores the human relationship to the natural world. "Artists draw inspiration from: the bottle- representing something man-made that is encapsulating, controlling and which commercializes an element; as well as water- representing the life giving quality or the eroding and violently destructive quality of water as an element of nature beyond human control; also, man's manipulation of material, both natural material into art and mundane manufacture materials back to a seemingly organic state." I had the opportunity to stop by Waterloo Arts and talk to Johah about his work, how he got started in his career as an artist, and the processes that he uses.

"ramblings" I began to use them in collage type pieces which I would stain, dye, and distress. Making a mess was cathartic and a nice break from the tediousness of writing. After a while I began to make new discoveries with my art and after eight long years of experiments I finally got to a place where I was comfortable with my creations.

What drew you to wanting to be an artist?
I can't say there was ever a point or a realization of me wanting to be an artist. If anyone had asked me ten years ago if I would ever be creating artwork I probably would have laughed at them. I have however, always been a creative person who has searched for meaning. I would have to say that my whole life has been a search for understanding, a search for truth, a search for the right questions. This search has lead me down a strange path at times, from being part of the 82nd Airborne Division while in the military, to getting a degree in philosophy, to working on a psyche ward, to writing, and now art. Out of all these different paths though, I finally feel at home with art. I can't say the search has stopped, but at least now I have a safe harbor that allows me to explore, free from the more turbulent waves of the past.

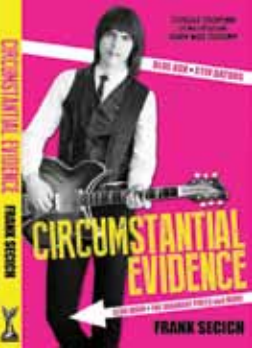
Tell me a little about your processes, what materials you use, and how that translates into a finished piece.
The materials and the processes change depending on the type of artwork I am creating. Since this in itself would be a lengthy explication I will keep it short by talking about the basics. The materials I use tend to be cardboard, cardboard tubes, paint, dye, salt, oatmeal, sand, plaster, egg cartons, various yarns and fibers, cotton swabs, and a whole host of other materials in lesser degrees of use. My work is very textural and organic looking so some materials are used to maximize texture while at the same time also used to soak up dye.

When I first started doing art I didn't have much money so I experimented a lot with up-cycled materials and household items. Sometimes I find the limitations of the materials I use a fun challenge. Having limitations forces the imagination to delve deep into the possibilities of materials because it forces you to maximize what each material can be used for. There have been moments where I sat for a prolonged period of time staring at a tube pondering the many ways I may be able to use it in future works of art. I am also, a firm believer in experimentation, accidents, and failure as a driver for innovation. With a little imagination it's amazing what you can do with oatmeal,

dye, and some cardboard. I also like to let nature play a role in the process of creation. The most explicit example of this is when I sculpt with fire. It's hard to get truly organic looking structures at times because the human brain skews towards order. The chaotic nature of fire, as it consumes my cardboard structures, is the perfect way to introduce an element of surprise and fluidity into the process. People also comment a lot on the vibrancy of the colors I use in my work. This is largely due to me using dye instead of paint. Dyes tend to have a more natural luminosity to them while paint tends to look more plastic and fake.

(read more at collinwoodobserver.com)

"Circumstantial Evidence"



by Buzz Kompier
BOOK REVIEW: "Circumstantial Evidence" by Frank Secich
I feel I should preface this review by saying that I do not ordinarily review books. It just happened that I was given the opportunity and, hey, I'm all about local music, and that's what this book is about, so here you go. "Circumstantial Evidence" is an autobiography written by Frank Secich, of many great bands from Ohio or with Ohio connections (Blue Ash, Dead Boys, Club Wow, Deadbeat Poets, etc.). There's plenty of great tales from his time with these bands and others, such as Blue Ash's time opening for the infamous final Stooges show, captured on side two of the live album "Metallic K.O.," as well as great stories about touring around the world and living in Sharon, PA and Youngstown, OH. There were funny stories, interesting anecdotes, lots of info, and cool/

rare photos, such as outtakes from photo shoots that produced picture sleeves and shots from recording sessions. In terms of the category "autobiographies of esteemed Ohio musicians," it was a different side of the music scene, refreshing in its way, as it didn't have the sordid tales of alcohol and drug abuse like, say, Cheetah Chrome's or Mike Hudson's, though like these, it was a from the heart, honest take on the life of a musician. I learned many things I didn't know before about the Ohio music scene. I also really appreciated the inclusion of a full discography, with a lot more info that I didn't know about. The book also includes full sets of lyrics for songs written about events described within the book, telling the story from a different angle, which was great. If you like learning about Ohio music, power pop, or just enjoy funny stories about Stiv Bators, I'd recommend this book to you. I know I certainly enjoyed it.
Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast with Santa!



VASJ volunteers after last year's Breakfast with Santa.

by Julia DiBaggio
Santa has scheduled his annual breakfast with the families Collinwood. Come out to Villa Angela-St. Joseph December 12, 2015

from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to enjoy the best breakfast in town from Gus's Diner 185. The students from VASJ will lead the kids with crafts. Of course, there will be pictures with Santa! The \$5 ticket price includes breakfast, crafts, and a photo.
Tickets are available presale at the office of Northeast Shores located at 317 E. 156th Street from 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday. You can also purchase tickets at the door.
Questions? Contact Julia DiBaggio at 216-481-7660 or jdibaggio@northeastshores.org

good donation for the Salvation Army you get two glasses of beer or wine, soda, and snacks.
Questions? Contact Julia DiBaggio at 216-481-7660 or jdibaggio@northeastshores.org

Ugly Sweater Time!

by Julia DiBaggio
It's the holiday season, and what gets you in the spirit better than an ugly sweater? Probably nothing! The party is Wednesday, December 9, at The Standard from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. For only \$10 and a canned

Last Chance for Collinwood 2015!



by Julia DiBaggio
Collinwood 2015 is coming to a close, but there are still a few opportunities to get involved.
Get Hep Swing has one more free swing dance lessons available from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for residents of Collinwood. If you attend the class, you can attend the dance

following the lesson for free!
Saturday, December 28th features another 18 piece band, True North Big Band. This is their big holiday dance. Memorial Nottingham Library will host a photo exhibit of the Social Discriminants of Health in North Collinwood will open December 3rd from 6-8pm.
Bus Stop Moves will have a kickoff event Saturday December 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. They have wraps installed along three bus stops located on Lakeshore Blvd. with simple exercises you can do while you wait for the bus.
It's not too late to submit your favorite North Collinwood walks and photos to <http://www.365daysofwalkingincollinwood.com/> to appear in the Collinwood walks book.

concert is entitled "Winter Time Rock & Roll". It will be held on Friday December 18th at 2pm. Please join us in celebrating the holiday season and the end of the first half of the year! For more information please contact the school at 216-586-3872.

Lakeshore Intergenerational School to have Winter Concert

by John Copic
Lakeshore Intergenerational School has had a great start of the school year! Two of our classes participated in Halloween festivities at VASJ. Our students had a terrific time celebrating with a variety of students from the area. Thank you to VASJ for the great fun, we look forward to future partnerships!
As the first trimester has just ended and the holidays are quickly approaching, LIS will be hosting their annual Celebration of Learning and Winter Concert. This year's

If your family is looking for an innovative, high performing school for your child for the 2016-2017 academic year, our early enrollment begins in January. For more information about early enrollment at LIS please visit: <http://www.lakeshoreschool.org>.

Siggy's Village Community Garden and Free Urban Market

by Mike Rogers
Center for Advanced Mental Health Practice Foundation and Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries are joining together to create a free urban garden called Siggy's Village Community Garden and Free Urban Market. I am Mike Rogers, the master gardener at Siggy's Village, and I would like to ask you a question: Have you ever heard of the term "urban gardening"? What comes to mind when you hear the words "urban gardening"? I think of using every day containers and structures to house plants. So this week I challenge you to look up urban gardening, in my opinion the most versatile form of gardening. There is no set format, and to me, this is why it's so exciting; it sparks imagination and creativity.
We are pleased to announce that we now have a Facebook page; here you will be able to see up to date information on progress and events, and also you will be able to share your thoughts and photos of your garden. If this piques your interest you can contact us by using the contact information at the bottom of the article.

Please contact Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries at (216) 481-8182 Or Center for Advanced Mental Health Practice at 216-501-1730 or emilygibbs.camp@gmail.com
You can also access our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/siggysvillage/?fref=ts>
In addition, click on this link to view goodies about the garden! <http://www.slideshare.net/egcamp/siggys-village-community-garden-and-free-urban-market>

Winter Break Lunch Program at The Salvation Army

by Margaret Craig
We are happy to announce that we will be offering a new program for children during the break from school. On December 21-23 as well as December 28-30, from 11:30-1:30, we invite children in grades K-8 to come have a hot lunch and enjoy games and special activities. We would like the children to register in order to make sure

that we have enough for everyone. Be on the lookout for flyers around the neighborhood that will explain the program in more detail. We thank the Jewish Federation of Cleveland for partnering with us to provide this opportunity for fun and a hot lunch for the children of Collinwood. To register or ask any questions that you might have please call Ms. Margaret at (216) 692-1388.

Spend Some Time With Us This Holiday Season

by Margaret Craig
The holiday season is upon us and The Salvation Army is bustling with activity. Mark your calendars so you won't miss a thing. Each Monday at 9:30 am women gather for Breakfast and Bible Study. On Wednesday December 16th at noon, we set aside time out of our day to pray for the children and schools in our neighborhood, this is monthly activity and we would love to have you join us. If you have a toddler or preschooler that you are caring for please join us on December 18th at 10:30 for our Little Bookworm Storytime. This month the children and their caregivers will sing holiday songs and hear holiday stories along with crafts and a special snack. The children will

also receive a book to take home with them! Also on December 18th at 5:00 The Learning Zone Afterschool Program will present "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came". If you need a little dose of Christmas spirit, this will definitely do the trick! The next Friday is Christmas Day and we again invite to join us for our Christmas Day service at 10:00am. This interactive and informal celebration is a wonderful way to start your Christmas. So before the gifts are opened (or after if you just can't wait) join us in celebrating this special time of year. If you have any questions about these or any of our other activities and programs please call (216) 692-1388.

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The Collinwood Health Center Welcomes You!



Dr. Nnennaya Adaku Okocha is eager to serve you at the Collinwood Health Center.

by Karen Butler
Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (Neon) Welcomes Nnennaya Adaku Okocha, DDS.

Dr. Nnennaya A. Okocha was born in Nigeria. She graduated from The University of Nigeria College of Dentistry in 1990. After practicing dentistry for about 10 years in Nigeria, she migrated to the United States in 2001.

In 2006, she enrolled in the New York

University College of Dentistry from where she graduated with her DDS in 2009.

Upon graduation, Dr. Okocha returned to Cleveland and went to work for North East Ohio Neighborhood (NEON) health services at their Hough location. In 2014, she left NEON for private practice. After one year in the private practice sector, Dr. Okocha returned to NEON in September of 2015 to practice at the Collinwood location.

Dr. Okocha believes that being a member of the dental profession and a healthcare provider is a sacred trust and a privilege for which she is grateful to God.

She is passionate about dentistry and committed to providing her patients the best care. She comes to work every day with the intent to do the best work that she can.

Dr. Okocha is also an ordained minister of The Redeemed Christian Church of God and serves at the Jesus house Cleveland parish of the church.

Dr. Okocha is married to Dennis C. Okocha and they have two boys.

Psych Nurse Says Martial Art Has Given Her New Skills



by Dennis Dooley

"If you had told me 30 years ago, when I was beginning my career as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist at the Cleveland Clinic, that some of the most valuable lessons I would one day use in my daily encounters would be learned from practicing a martial art," says Kirste Carlson, "I wouldn't have believed you. It turns out there were some precious life skills even a doctorate in nursing practice hadn't taught me."

Carlson, who moved to Euclid three years ago, says she was delighted to find such a helpful resource just a few blocks from her house, in the form of Lake Shore Aikido, which offers classes several times a week in beautifully renovated quarters at Shore Cultural Center. Besides keeping her physically fit, says Carlson, Aikido provides "a laboratory for learning about yourself, and practicing a creative way of being under pressure."

Aikido has been called "the peaceful martial art." No vicious kicks or chops or maiming. But that doesn't tell half the story, says Carlson, who was inducted several years ago into the Clinic's Nursing Hall of Fame. "It's really about movement as the root of healthy psychological functioning.

"How you're able to move is how you're able to be in the world, and how you're able to behave under physical or emotional stress."

How to Prevent Falls

by Heidi Shenk

As the winter season approaches and the snow and ice start to fall, it is time to place extra focus on reducing your risk of falling. The rehabilitation team from Mount St. Joseph Rehab Center would like to share these fall prevention tips.

- 1) Keep moving – exercise and physical fitness help to improve balance and prevent falls
- 2) Wear sensible shoes with good traction, indoors and out
- 3) Clear pathways – keep boxes, newspapers, electrical cords, tables and rugs out of high traffic areas. Keep your driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice.
- 4) Light up your living space – use adequate

lighting in and around your home, day and night, to allow you to see obstacles and changes in surfaces.

5) Use an assistive device to help with balance if you are at risk for falling.

6) Speak to your doctor about physical therapy if you fall often or present with decreased balance.

Be careful and stay safe!



9 Ways to Cope with Grief Over the Holidays

by Diane Snyder Cowan, Director, Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center

Holiday music is playing in the stores. Displays and decorations are out and ads touting the latest "must have" gifts are everywhere. For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, the commercial frenzy, family traditions and overwhelming to do list can act as a grief trigger, making the season an exceptionally difficult time.

Grief support specialists at the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center suggest these coping tips:

Separate the wants from the shoulds. Separate how you would like to celebrate the holiday season from how others feel it should be celebrated.

Plan ahead. Decide in advance how you would like to spend the holidays to reduce anxiety. With whom would you like to spend the holidays? Where would you like to hold the holiday dinner?

Use support systems. Surround yourself with those who are supportive and understanding of your grief. Avoid people who will place expectations on your feelings and your grief.

Lower expectations. Honestly share with family and friends how you would like to spend the holidays this year. Lower your expectations about actively participating. Give yourself permission to grieve.

Reduce commitments. Limit the number of social engagements. Choose only those that you are comfortable attending, if any. Also understand that your energy level may be very low at this time. Take time to rest.

Start a new tradition. Begin a new tradition. This could be something which honors your loved one as well as allows for new traditions.

Honor the deceased. Visit the cemetery, light a candle in his/her honor, share stories, reminisce about past holiday celebrations. Include remembrances of your loved one in your holiday plans. The reality is that he/she will probably be on your mind.

Shopping and baking. Allow someone else to do the shopping and baking for you this year, or have a friend share in these activities with you. Use catalogs or the Internet to do your shopping. This will reduce the commercial blitz we often feel when shopping in stores/malls.

Consider support groups. The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center has resources to help. Most programs and services free of charge to anyone in the community, or are available at nominal cost. No family connection to hospice is necessary to use the resources. For more information, call 216.486.6838, or visit the website at www.hospicewr.org.



The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center offers free Healing Arts Workshops like this "Fabric & Feelings" session, to help those who are grieving work through their feelings. (Photo by Bob Perkoski)

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Help Our Community Cats



by Gia Campola

The Euclid Beach Cat Project has been saving lives and curbing the epidemic of cat overpopulation for ten years. We manage two stationary shelters. The cats within these shelters come to us from a variety of grievous situations. All receive immediate veterinary care and are neutered. Those we think have any potential for adoption are given the chance to trust and love again. In addition, we practice what is termed TNR - that is the trap, neuter and return to well managed colonies where the cats are fed, sheltered and monitored by EBCP and responsible caregivers.

The cost of food, litter and medical care is staggering and constant. There are also continual needs such as bedding, carri-



ers, heating and cooling costs, maintenance, etc. For more information on our needs please contact me, Vice President, Gia Campola at 440-213-6342 or visit our Facebook page - Euclid Beach Cat Project. You will see our adoptable cats there. Sharing them is one of the best ways to help find homes. Many "shared" cats now have families. Our website where donations can be made is www.ebfc.org. Our mailing address is available at that site as well. Pet Supplies Plus gift cards are a convenient way to help, and monetary donations are most often used for medical issues.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We cannot continue to save cat's lives without your assistance, and it is very greatly appreciated.

A Primer on Cleveland Range



A Cleveland Range ad from 1925

by William McCulloch

I never knew much regarding Manitowoc or Cleveland Range other than driving past their facility on St. Clair near East 179th before hearing about their upcoming closing of their production works. I noticed in an article it mentioned that Cleveland Range dated back to 1847, so I thought I'd do some digging using the public library's research database website for past issues of the Plain Dealer which goes back to 1845. I also followed up with a visit to the Main Branch downtown to the fifth floor of the new Louis Stokes Wing where they keep the old city directories.


Cleveland Range's history is mostly that of Charles P. Born and his family. Born was a native of Germany and moved here in the 1840's and worked in the tin in sheet iron trade for a Mr. Whitaker on Water Street, now West 9th Street where Bingham Block

now stands. In 1859, John Ingersoll sold out his stove and tin ware business to Born and established his place of business at 218 Superior Street.


Charles Born business flourished and would amass a fortune of \$500,000 by the time of his death at home on Woodland Avenue in 1876 at the age of 52. He was also at the time of his death the oldest member of the Cleveland Fire Department as well and is buried at Woodland Cemetery.

Afterwards there seemed to be division of assets between the eldest son Charles Jr. and his uncles Fredrick and Henry Born. Charles branched out on his own for a period, then fell on hard times running through his inheritance, drunkenness, and divorce, and eventually his spending a period in the insane asylum. Whereas his uncles continued prosper with the F. & H. Born Steel Range Company. Fredrick would pass in 1891, and the now Born Steel Range Company would continue on as with Henry as manager with others running the business as officers until his death in 1915.

On September 22, 1923 the formation of the Cleveland Range Co. from the former Born Steel Range Company. It would operate as a subsidiary of Alco Standard Corporation headquartered in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In 1973 Cuyahoga County approved a bond issue of \$775,000 for it expansion from it's 671 East 63rd Street facility and moving to their present location, the former Ohio Gear Co. site, a Caterpillar subsidiary, tripling their physical operations. Manitowoc would then purchase them in 2011.



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Our Lady of the Lake Theater Group is continuing its long and successful record presenting impressive productions to sold-out crowds. Every year they put together an ambitious show with youth from the parish and school, and this year was no exception. This year's production of the Lion King was wonderful, featuring beautiful sets and costumes, and a cast of nearly 100 students and young parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake. Thanks to the experienced direction



of Carrie Walsh-Hill, this musical story of a lion cub's journey to adulthood brought enthusiastic response from audiences. As always, parents and volunteers came together and gave countless hours of themselves to make every aspect of this show a success. Huge thanks go out to all the wonderful friends, neighbors, families and parishioners who supported this year's play. We're already looking forward to next year!



OLL Gives Back With Service Day

by Dana Heil

In this season of giving and thanks, it is nice to take time to appreciate what a committed and caring community we are in. Our Lady of the Lake parishioners took time out to show appreciation and give back to the community with a Service Day on November 7. Nearly 100 parishioners, friends, families and neighbors went to sites around Euclid and Collinwood to help out those who needed a hand and do their part to make our neighborhood a better place. They visited sites such as Rose-Mary Center, the HELP Foundation, Hospice of the Western Reserve, and the Euclid Hun-

ger Center to clean, carry, sort and serve. Local homeowners got help with yard work thanks to the Boy Scouts, and our friends at the Euclid Adult Activities Center even came and helped out with preparing a lunch back at the church hall. Donuts before and lunch after gave everyone a chance to enjoy some fellowship and share the days' experiences. Everyone agreed that, young and old, we all become better stewards and better neighbors when we practice our faith together by giving back. We look forward to another Service Day event in the spring.



**Advent Services
Schedule**

*Our Lady of the Lake Parish
Christmas Liturgy Schedule
Please Join Us!*

Advent Evening Prayer
Each Sunday at 6:30p/OLL Church
(Special Advent Presentation by 2nd
Graders On December 6th)

Mass Schedules
Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24th
4p, 7p, and 12 Midnight

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th at 9a

Solemnity of Mary
Thursday, Dec. 31st at 5:00 pm
Friday, January 1st at 10:00 am

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 2nd at 4p
Sunday, January 3rd at
8a, 10a and 12 Noon



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Upcoming Parish and School Events

Monday, March 2nd
Collinwood Catholic Parish Cluster
7 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Church, Holmes Avenue
Fr. Robert G. Stec - Homilist

Wednesday, March 4th
Evening of Confession 5 - 8 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation is being held in every parish in Cleveland.

Friday, March 6th
Friday, March 13th
Friday, March 20th
Friday, March 27th
Friday, April 3rd
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, March 7th & 8th
Food Pantry Collection After Weekend Masses

Monday, March 9th
Collinwood Catholic Parish Cluster
7 p.m. Mass at St. Casimir Church, Neff Road
Fr. Paschal L. Petcavage - Homilist

Saturday, March 14th - 4 p.m. Mass
Installation of Fr. William Jerse as
Sixth Pastor of St. Jerome Church
Bishop Roger Gries - Celebrant

Monday, March 16th
Collinwood Catholic Parish Cluster
7 p.m. Mass at St. Jerome Church
Fr. William J. Jerse - Homilist

Monday, March 23rd
Cluster Communal Penance Service
7 p.m. St. Mary Church, Holmes Avenue

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 28th - 4 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 29th - 10 a.m. Mass -
Bishop Roger Gries, Celebrant

Tenebrae Service
Wednesday, April 1st - 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Thursday, April 2nd - 7 p.m.

Good Friday Solemn Passion Service
Friday, April 3rd - 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 4th
Blessing of Food - 2 p.m.
Mass - 8:30 p.m., Bishop Roger Gries, Celebrant

Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 5th - 10 a.m.

Gratitude from Young Children

by Phillip Dank

Students from St. Jerome Blessed Children Preschool have been studying reasons that people could be grateful. Even when a child at the age of 4 years old responds with the phrase of "Thank you", they are understanding that items given to them are received because God provides. Saying "Thank you" is more than a two word articulated idea.

During our Thanksgiving unit a TALK-SHARE had been presented about expressing gratitude. TALK-SHARES are a method for the classroom teacher to starting a discussion about a particular topic. The teacher only speaks briefly. Next the time is spent encouraging the students to use their verbal communication and listening skills. Taking turns, when sharing thoughts, is practiced. Concentrating on the topic, of the TALK-SHARE, is also reinforced.

Our Thanksgiving TALK-SHARE fo-

cused on expressing gratitude towards other people and more importantly to God. Each Thanksgiving themed literature story read to the students was followed up with a discussion about the story's main idea and how that is connected to being grateful.

What classroom unit would be complete without incorporating artistic expression? The projects which we created included: indian head pieces made by each student, a colorful turkey picture with realistic-like feathers glued to the back of the turkey, and student-made gratitude badges.

We also permitted time for learning with food. It's common knowledge that food and thankfulness are associated with each other, especially during this time of the calendar year. St. Jerome's sixth grade students collaborated with our preschool class. Together the students concocted a memorable Thanksgiving treat.



Javarick, Reign, and Te'Anah displaying their Thanksgiving treat. Sixth grade students collaborated in the creation of chocolate turkeys.



St. Jerome Preschool teacher, Mr. Dank, grateful for his young students and the helpers from Sixth Grade.



Sixth grade students Montyce (left) and Re'Nia (right) learn about the first Thanksgiving while they spend time with the Preschoolers.



Scholars expressing thanks for a visit from Lake Catholic senior, Brittany, who volunteered in their classroom.

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Viking Village was lit up by the stars on Nov. 17.

There was no skylight installed at the legendary gym on East 185th and Lakeshore, but rather, a distinguished and unprecedented guest list provided plenty of star quality and energy for the more than 550 people in attendance to pay homage to some of the school's all-time athletic icons.

The inaugural Hall of Champions inductee ceremony was a huge success, drawing rave reviews and plenty of attention from those inside and outside of Viking Village.

Legendary football coach late Bill Gutbrod and the 1969 football team were the first two inductees honored, followed by six Viking greats.

Bob Golic '75, Mike Golic '81, Desmond Howard '88, Clark Kellogg '79, Elvis Grbac '88 and London Fletcher '93 took the stage for an entertaining town hall style conversation with Babe Kwasniak '94 moderating.



Elvis Grbac '88, London Fletcher '93 and Desmond Howard '88, present VASJ football Coach John Storey '59 and members of the school's current football team with three golden footballs in honor of their Super Bowl appearances.



VASJ students Anthony Dinunzio '18 and Aysia Kemp '16 present inductee Mike Golic '81 with his plaque while Coach John Storey '59 presents him with his red jacket.



Former St. Joseph High School basketball coach Bob Straub presents Clark Kellogg '79 with his VASJ Hall of Champions red blazer at the Nov. 17 induction ceremony.



It was standing room only in the Viking Village for VASJ's Honorary Hall of Champions Induction Ceremony held on November 17. Bob Golic '75, Mike Golic '81, Desmond Howard '88, London Fletcher '93, Clark Kellogg '79 and Elvis Grbac '88 participate in a roundtable discussion with Babe Kwasniak '94 serving as moderator.

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Costume Contest Winners



Winners from Imagine Bella's Halloween Costume Contest

Imagine Bella Number Rolls



5th and 6th grade work on their number rolls in a full group.

By Terrica Bennefield and Logan Dunnican

When we do number rolls we put our hands up (our dukes) and use our fingers to count by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's, and 10's. The students do number rolls and the teachers help. We do our number rolls at school. Some classrooms do them during success, at math time, or at the end of the day. Number rolls are fun songs. We do number rolls to help us with our multiplication facts. DUKES UP!

Imagine Bella has adopted the number roll routine from KIPP academy. Here are 2's and 3's.

Rolling our 2's
DUKES UP!
YOUNG SMART, GOOD AS GOLD
LET ME HEAR YOUR 2's ROLL
2, 4, 6, 8

What do we appreciate?
Knowledge so we can go to college!
10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
Where so SMART, we know Plenty
22, 24
Listen while we Roll Some More
(Dukes down on desk)

Rolling our 3's
DUKES UP!
Young Smart Good As Gold
Let me Hear Your 3s Roll
3, 6, 9, 12

15
18....21.....24
We're on our way to college (hand wave and bang)
27, 30, 33, and 36
Uh Huh, We Gotta Keep it Moving
(Dukes Down)

Newspaper Club

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Veteran's Day



Our most famous teacher at Imagine Bella, First Grade Teacher Mrs. Hall, is a veteran and we celebrate her every Veteran's Day!

Q and A with Tony J.

Interview by Tony Jordan Jr.
Physical Education Teacher - Ms. Brittney Grimes

Q: How many other schools have you taught?

A: I have taught at 2 different schools.

Q: What college did you go to?

A: Ohio University

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Basketball, of course! I have been playing for 20 years, since I was 7.

Q: Are you from Cleveland, Ohio?

A: Yes, since I was born.

Q: Have you played football?

A: Yes, with friends.

Specials Spotlight

by Abigail Juhasz

Have you ever wanted to do art, gym, library, and computers? Well you can at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence. In Art, you can make a mask and you can paint, color, and water paint. In Gym, there is a teacher name Ms. Grimes. At gym you can do catching and throwing and you can learn how to participate and more stuff! At Library, you can get books, but if they're late you have to pay a fine. Oh! And at computer class you can go on either Lexia and sometimes Waggle. So come to Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence!



Ms. Grimes (our Gym Teacher) and Mrs. Heston (our Art Teacher) are best friends.

Success Period



Kids work on their work very hard during success.

By Lawren Brown

Success Period is all about giving extra help. It happens in the morning and in

the afternoon. The teachers for these small groups are every staff member beside the Principal Mr. Dutt.

Stuff the Turkey

By BK Kennedy

Imagine Bella is having a food drive. We are raising cans for those people who don't get to eat as much at home. We are doing this for people in need by having a food drive. We must turn in all cans by the 20th of November.



Schools

Safety to Go Visits Memorial School



Nicole English

Humans learn best by doing. It is true for adults and even more so for children. So if you want a 4 year old to really retain information you better make sure he/she is an active participant in the learning. Carol Mains, a former CMSD teacher with over 30 years of experience and founder of Safety to Go, incorporates both classroom learning and simulated real world experiences in an effort to bring safety awareness and trainings to students across the state of Ohio. She and her program, Safety to Go, stopped by Memorial School on November 10th to show PreK how to stay safe in their



communities. A portable Safety Community was set up in the gym and the staff guided the students with hands on practice with the safety equipment as well as an opportunity to ride through the community. The program focused on the awareness of safety rules to help prevent childhood accidents as well as an anti-bullying message to promote acceptance of others in our communities. The students loved the program and talked about it for days after. Thank you Safety to Go! For more information about the Safety to Go program visit www.safetytogo.org.

A Christmas Carol Contest Winners at Memorial!



Nicole English

Launched in 1989, the annual Great Lakes Theater A Christmas Carol Writing Contest is a literacy program open to all Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) stu-

dents in grades six, seven and eight. Every year, students participate by writing original stories, songs and poems inspired by the timeless themes in Dickens classic tale. Almost 2,000 students from over 50 CMSD schools submit entries to the contest each season. Memorial is proud to announce to two of our Cardinals, Shadell Flowers (7th grade) and Shelena Stokes (7th grade) were announced among this years winners! All participating students received admission to a special student matinee performance of the play. At the conclusion of this special matinee, school winners are brought up on stage, awarded A Christmas Carol t-shirts, meet members of the acting company, and receive special recognition - and thunderous applause - from their peers and teachers. The Memorial family is proud of you both!

Preparing For Life After Memorial



Touring Cleveland School of the Arts

by Nicole English

Starting high school can be an overwhelming experience for any teenager. Students will encounter many changes including, larger class sizes, bigger buildings, three minutes to go from on class to the next, and 8 different teachers just to name a few. In an effort to alleviate some of the anxiety,

Memorial 8th graders spent Nov. 13th visiting several area high schools to get a feel for some of the options available to them next year. Students visited Jane Adams Business High School where the students were able to learn about the specialized education options that would place them firmly on the path to careers in Account-



Students listening to a presentation at John Hay

ing, Business Management, Culinary Arts, and Hospitality and Tourism. The second stop to the day was over to John Hay where students learned about the innovative small school design where students can intern at Cleveland Clinic or earn over a year's worth of college credits while still in high school. The final stop of the tour was Cleveland

School of the Arts where students learn to turn their artistic passion into a career. The students thoroughly enjoyed each of the visits and hopefully walked away with a better understanding of what to expect when they leave the Cardinal nest and begin to fly on their own.

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K-8 school for decades as a way to honor the memory of Molly Agnes Voinovich, who was struck and killed by a vehicle on Oct. 8, 1979.

The Voinovich's nine-year-old daughter had been student of the Gifted and Talented Program at O.H. Perry, which is beneficiary of the interest each year from the Molly Fund, administered by The Cleveland Foundation.

The Gifted and Talented Program at Whitney M. Young Leadership Academy was selected as a co-recipient this year for the annual award money. Each year a second school in the city is also selected to join O.H. Perry in receiving funding. Both schools received about \$3,500 this year.

"We are so excited about this," said Whitney Young Principal Karen Byron-Johnson. "Right now we have students who are writing plays, writing music and writing their own songs, but now we will have the money to get things like a sound system, some new instruments and some of the scripts they want to explore."

New O.H. Perry Principal Ann Priemer said she was wowed by her students during the Nov. 6 performance.

"I think the most powerful thing for me was realizing how much the kids loved being on stage, how happy they were to be performing," she said. "Gosh, I would love to be

able to bring more arts education into the school and this money will help with that." Musical performances inspire

O.H. Perry is one among 11 schools in partnership with The Center For Arts Inspired Learning, whose Jimmie Wood orchestrated much of Friday's show.

"Well, I played a part but it's their hands that are all over it," he said. He said he had been working with the O.H. Perry performers once a week since Sept. 1 and was particularly proud of students who blossomed under the arts-centric program at the school.

"We have a tremendous number of gifted and talented kids and we also have some others who may not have been given that, but who grown by their exposure to the arts - to acting, to music and dance," he said. "And they memorized their lines impressively."

The O.H. Perry students performed most of the music and other performances, but students from Whitney Young took the stage for "The Education Song," a lyrically re-worked version of Bruno Mars "Grenade."

"I'll go to college and I'll get a good grade for you," a stageful of students crooned to an appreciative crowd. "I'll even get straight A's for you. You can't distract me, baby, I need to educate."



The youngest O.H. Perry students prepare for their "Molly Day" performance.



School District CEO Eric Gordon told the crowd that "Molly Day" was one of his favorite events of the school year.



Euclid High School Promotes STEM Education

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- Created a dedicated STEM lab for the 2015-2016 school year
- Formed a Robotics Club in the 2015-2016 school year for which more than 50 students signed up
- Participated in the 2015 AWT RoboBots competition and placed ninth out of 35 teams
- Will participate in the 2016 AWT RoboBots competition
- Will add a 2016-2017 robotics course to the curriculum



Euclid High School

HGR Industrial Surplus is honored to sponsor Euclid High School's talented and dedicated robotics team for the second year running in the Alliance for Working Together's (AWT) RoboBots Competition to be held on April 30, 2016, at Lakeland Community College.

We encourage local businesses to contact Bob Torrelli, physics instructor and Science Department chair, at btorrelli@euclidschools.org to learn how your business or organization can help to support STEM initiatives, education, and activities at Euclid High School.



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Community

Big Ideas for Ballot Box

by Julia DiBaggio

The residents of Northshore Collinwood came out in full force for the Ballot Box Project's second meeting to discuss the four project focus areas that will provide guidance for artist's proposals. There was so much excitement from the first meeting, that attendance nearly doubled!

Outside of the meeting space, a local musician welcomed guests into the space. Many sat outside enjoying the melodic sounds of Modern Acoustic Music Collective. Some passer-bys were intrigued, and wanted to learn about what was happening.

There were over 50 residents, artist, and civic leaders gathered into four groups for 45 minutes to discuss Collinwood's history, vacancy, healthy eating, or youth involvement. The Collinwood history group

reflected on the significant events, places, and people, while the youth involvement group discussed concerns and the type of activities youth want to get involved. The vacancy group talked about what they wanted to see, and where they wanted to see it, and the healthy eating group focused on the activities and promotion of food access.

Meeting two was the epitome of community engagement. With all the residents having their voices heard, and getting to know their neighbors, many did not want to leave. At next month's meeting, December 16th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Collinwood Recreation Center you're invited to join the conversation and provide feedback to artists' proposals.



Winter Learning-Land at Collinwood Library!

by Erica Marks

Cleveland Public Library-Collinwood Branch & Greater Cleveland Food Bank Presents:

FREE PRODUCE TO KIDS & FAMILIES! TUESDAYS AFTER 2:00PM (Until Further Notice)

Kids Café

Visit the Collinwood Branch Library after school for Kids Café!

Monday - Friday * 3:30pm-4:30pm

FREE Tutoring in All subjects:

Grades K - 8

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Monday - Thursday, 3:30pm - 6:00pm.

Polar Express Storytime!

All aboard! Wear fun pajamas and sip hot

chocolate while listening to a reading of The Polar Express! Visit the Collinwood Branch to get your golden ticket! Thursday, December 10 * 5:30 p.m.

Reindeer Awesomeness!

Do you like reindeer? Well, we do too. Make one and take it home with you! Stop in to create your very own reindeer craft. You might want to use it as a gift! Thursday, December 17 * 4:30 p.m.

****Please note, Tutoring, Kids Café, Free Produce and GED will not be offered during Winter break****

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