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Viking Cagers Settle For Runner-up Trophy



Congratulations to the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School boys basketball team for making it to the state tournament for the fourth consecutive year — the only school in OHSAA history to accomplish this feat. Along with this honor, the team brought the state runner-up trophy back to East 185th and Lakeshore.

by John Sheridan

In sports, it often doesn't pay to put much stock in so-called "omens." During the Ohio high school regional basketball playoffs, one Villa Angela-St. Joseph fan noticed that the state Division III championship game was slated for March 19—the Feast of St. Joseph. "couldn't it be neat if the St. Joe team won a state title on St. Joseph's Day?" the fan thought. "Perhaps it's a good omen." "well, that turned out to be wishful thinking. Coach Babe Kwasniak's Vikings did make it to the final game in Columbus, but their rather remarkable season came to an end with a 66-44 loss to Lima Central Catholic—the same team they had beaten a year earlier to claim VASJ's sixth state basketball crown. In fact, it was the third year in row that these two squads met in the championship finals. Almost incredibly, it marked the fourth straight appearance in a state championship game for this year's Vikings seniors—first-team All-Ohio guard Sherman Dean III, Kevin Roberts, Jacob Stauffer, Anthony Turk and Phillip Bessick.

Certainly, they'd hoped to end their high school careers on a final victory note. But it wasn't to be. And, understandably, they and their teammates seemed less than jubilant in settling for the runner-up trophy on Ohio State's Schottenstein Center court.

Nonetheless, the 2016 VASJ squad far exceeded anyone's expectations—especially considering that all five starters on the 2015 championship team had graduated. Starting from scratch, Coach Kwasniak's cagers fashioned a very memorable tournament run. And watch out for them again next year. The leading scorer for the Vikings in the state title game was sophomore guard Jerry Higgins, whose shot at the halftime buzzer narrowed Lima Central's lead to 27-26. Higgins finished the game with 15 points. Among the others expected to return next season are 6-7 freshman Alonzo Gafney, 6-2 junior Noah Newton, and 6-3 junior Dan McGarry who made a significant contribution under the basket this season.

Oliver H. Perry Wins Weather Station from WKYC



by Thomas Ott

Oliver H. Perry School has won equipment that will allow students to collect weather data and learn about forces at work in the atmosphere.

Perry was one of 10 CMSD K-8 schools to win 6250 Davis Vantage Vue wireless weather stations in WKYC-TV's Weather Warriors contest. The other schools were Almira, Campus International, Charles Dickens, Clara E. Westropp, Denison, Iowa-Maple, Luis Muñoz Marin, Riverside and Willson.

The schools were picked after submitting videos based on the theme: "We are the

Weather Warriors." To view the videos, go to <http://bit.ly/1Zs6sxb>

At Oliver H. Perry, homerooms will take turns each week collecting and analyzing weather data and presenting findings to the rest of the student body during the school's Friday morning meetings. The benefits will extend beyond science, Principal Anne Priemer said.

"Students in math class frequently ask, 'Why do we have to learn how to do this?'" she said. "The station will give students, as part of their math curriculum, a real-world authentic way to collect, chart and analyze data."

Besides trying their hands at weather forecasts, students will get to work one on one with members of the WKYC weather team, including chief meteorologist Betsy Kling and meteorologist Gregg Dee. They will visit the WKYC studio and receive visits from the station's Weather Advance Mobile Unit.

Ballot Box Project Winners Announced



by Julia DiBaggio

Residents of North Collinwood spent the past six months thinking about what type of projects they want implemented in the neighborhood. After a week of public voting, the voices have been heard.

From April through November, be on the lookout for these projects from the winning artists:

Bridget Caswell: *The Collinwood Camera Club*

Benjamin Smith: *Splice-Cream Truck*

Margaret Craig: *Neighborhood Arts Ambassadors*

Cindy Barber: *Bicycle Rickshaws on Waterloo*

Kevin Scheuring: *Eat Local and Learn*

Linda Zolten Wood: *Operation: Vegetables*

Lori Kella: *Farm to Table Cook Book*

Michael Hudecek: *Craft Up Collinwood*

Stephen Bivens: *This is Collinwood: History in Everyday People*

KeyBank Gives Ginn Academy \$250,000



by CMSD NEWS

KeyBank will give Ginn Academy \$250,000 for college test preparation, summer internships, scholarships and an investment club.

Students at the all-male high school cheered enthusiastically when the announcement was made Monday at a regular school assembly, better known as the morning meeting. It is the largest single donation the school has ever received.

"It creates opportunities for each of you to thrive on your own terms," said Christopher M. Gorman, president of Key Corporate Bank, which focuses mostly on corporations and services that include capital market investments, mergers and acquisitions. "We can't wait to see where this investment takes us all."

The grant was made through the KeyBank Foundation, which Gorman serves as president. The award, spanning five years, will fund:

- tutoring for juniors and seniors to improve scores on the ACT and SAT college-admissions tests;

- summer internships with local companies and development of skills such as resume writing;

- \$1,000 scholarships for up to 10 seniors a year to help fill in gaps in their education funding;

- and operation of an investment club and instruction in money management for ninth- and 10th-graders.

Ted Ginn Sr., the school's executive director and founder, said the grant "helps us in the areas we need help in." He thanked KeyBank for "believing in our students."

Ginn Academy, which has received national attention, (read about Ginn Academy in The New York Times and The Washington Post) has a four-year graduation rate of 84.1 percent and five-year graduation rate of 94.4 percent, according to its most recent state report card. Both are well above the District's record 66.1 percent. David Reynolds, senior sales leader for Key Private Bank, is a member of the Ginn Academy board of trustees and will continue to serve as a liaison with the school.

Community

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Councilman's Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

SPRING IS HERE, FINALLY!!! With Spring comes a number of varieties of Ohio flowers most of them of the "orange barrel variety". On that note - construction will begin shortly on the Veteran's Park at East 174th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard in preparation of the dedication of the park for June 12, 2016. Construction is also well underway on the new multimillion dollar community center at the Salvation Army at 17625 Groveswood Avenue. The construction on a new I-90 Pedestrian Bridge, which had been taken out by a truck three years ago, will begin this summer. Then there is the St Clair Avenue Corridor project for which we will be having the second round of community meetings coming up in April / May.

The City Administration is working on resurfacing lists and we will know shortly about which streets will be slated for resurfacing. Eddy Road and East 152 Street are in the pipeline already; I will keep you informed as these projects move forward.

However, the big announcement is by the Cleveland Clinic that they are proposing to move 45 beds of their in-patient rehab unit out of Euclid Hospital to a new Beachwood facility. This should not come as a great shock in light of what Cleveland Clinic Leadership did to Huron Road Hospital in East Cleveland and are presently attempting to do at Lakewood Hospital. We are hearing that this proposed move could affect at least 60 employees, many of whom live in or near the City of Euclid or on the northeast side of the City of Cleveland. The bigger question is - what does this mean for the long term future of Euclid Hospital?

The Clinic has embarked upon a process of closing old inner ring suburban hospitals

in demographically changing communities with growing numbers of moderate to low income residents and quite frankly, racially and ethnically diverse communities. The proof is in the pudding. However, Euclid Hospital is not only critical to the City of Euclid but also the greater Collinwood and Glenville communities for we have many residents who are employed there not to speak of the medical services that impact a large number of our residents.

I have officially called upon our Congresswoman, Marcia Fudge, to convene a meeting of community stakeholders, to discuss this critical issue and the future of Euclid Hospital. I am hoping that Euclid City Officials also take a hard line and drill down into this proposal; for, the Clinic dropped this upon them out of the clear blue as well.

For my part, representing Cleveland's 8th ward, I will continue to press Clinic and Federal officials as to what this really means for the long term stability of the hospital, for, I am greatly concerned. The Clinic has purchased a large tract of land in the City of Mentor; so, what does this tell us? What is the long range strategy and future for Euclid Hospital?

What the Clinic should do is make a major recommitment to Euclid Hospital and reinvest in their asset there to reposition this historic institution which has played a major role in so many of our lives. Euclid Hospital is an outstanding institution and needs all of our support and prayers.

I plan on staying on top of this, so stay tuned and most certainly feel free to voice your opinion as well. As always, I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcity-council.org.

Hope you and your family have a great SPRING!! Look forward to seeing you at our spring meetings and events.

Michael D. Polensek

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING
1st Wednesday of the month
7:00 PM
St Mary Church
15519 Holmes Avenue

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
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING
3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Community Services Center
East 152 Street

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
4TH Wednesday of the Month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Community Services Center
East 152 Street

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (SCHOOL) COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1st Tuesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center

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

Spring into the Library!

by Erica Marks

Recycling Fun: Turtle Power!

In celebration of Earth Day, create your own turtle using recycled materials!

Friday, April 22nd 4:30pm

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 Free one-on-one and/or group tutoring and homework help offered in partnership with Cleveland State University's America Reads tutoring services. Monday - Thursday, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

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After reading fun stories, singing songs and rhymes, our Super Sleuths will look further into their stories through play and crafts! Tuesdays 10:30am - 11:15am

Adult Programs:

The Art of Storytelling

The Cleveland Museum of Art will facilitate conversations about art between Collinwood residents. Be prepared to tell your own stories!

Wednesday, April 13th 1:00pm - 3:00pm. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

216-623-6934, caroline.peak@cpl.org

GED Classes:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30pm-2:30pm. Call 216-371-7138 for registration information.

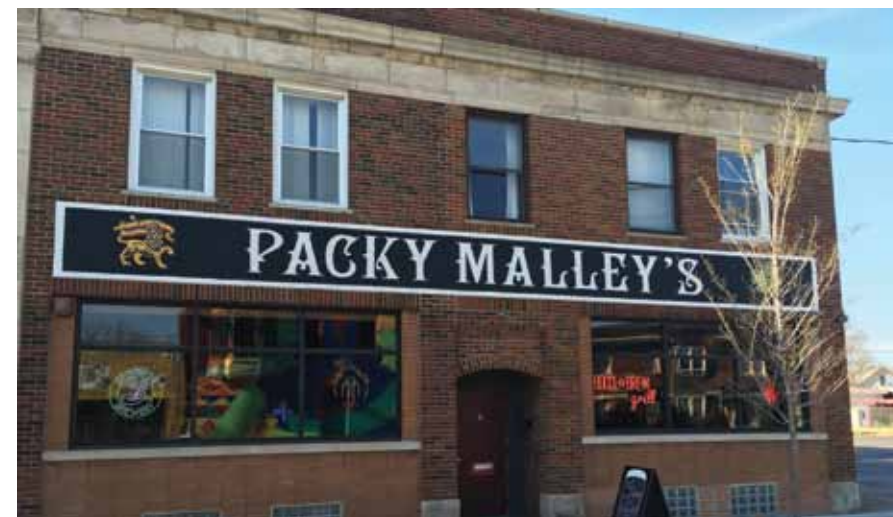


Community

Packy Malley's Food Rocks - Just Like the Bar

If you are enjoying the music and art scene on Waterloo and are in the mood for some fantastic, reasonably priced bar food, stop in to Packy Malley's. Everything on the Menu is delicious. The homemade sausage served

with pierogi's was my favorite. The Quesadilla is a really large portion and can be made vegetarian or vegan. They cook food late every night. Stop in, say Hi to Jim and tell him the Observer sent you!



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Art

Artist Spotlight

By Joe Barbaree
Margaret Craig is a longtime resident of North Collinwood and storyteller working to better connect arts with the wider community.
A lifetime Cleveland resident and 25 year community member of North Collinwood, Craig employs storytelling to engage with her fellow residents. She uses singing, acting, performance - just about any medium - to engage with other community members. She's even a professional clown.
Exposing children to art is her passion, especially the connection of the spoken word with the written word. It's easy to see the roots of this dedication in both her personal and professional background.

Craig taught preschool for 20 years before working for the Salvation Army, Northeast Shores Development Corporation and even Waterloo Arts (then Arts Collinwood). She's currently the Learning Zone Director at the Salvation Army on Groveswood Avenue, where she is in charge of after school programming. To all the kids, she's "Ms. Margaret."
Throughout her work, Craig engages the community and especially younger generations. She loves telling stories to children and involving them in the creative process. Folk stories are incredibly important to her; often these are tales of morality. One of her favorites is the African folk tale, The Baby Leopard.

She tells stories at schools, churches, libraries, wherever they are needed - all in addition to her day job.
Now Craig is taking her love of youth engagement and storytelling to an even broader group of the community. Her "Neighborhood Arts Ambassadors" program - one of nine winning Ballot Box projects - is a summer internship for youth ages 13-16. Twelve Ambassadors will be selected and become "bridges" between the extensive arts programming in North Collinwood and community members who are not well connected to this work.
Ambassadors will learn about all the arts businesses, organizations, programs and individual artists during June's Walk All Over

Waterloo. They'll then take this knowledge and design their own arts-based programming to engage other community members about the arts assets in North Collinwood. The youth will get to decide how exactly they engage the community as Arts Ambassadors, but Craig envisions a combination of spoken word, performance art, photography and other media being used.
In addition to her Ballot Box participation, Craig is a member of the committee for the new O.H. Perry Elementary School construction and a member of the E. 156th Street Block Club. Find out more about her Ballot Box project online and keep an eye out for Arts Ambassadors in the neighborhood this summer.

2016 Waterloo Arts Fest



by North East Shores staff
Save the Date!
Waterloo Arts Fest
Saturday, June 25, 2016
Noon to 7:00 pm
Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District
To apply as a performer or for a vendors booth at the Festival Call 216.481.7660
Deadline for application is April 1, 2016.

Spring into the 10th Annual Scoop on Summer on Summer



by Erin Randel
Spring has just arrived, but some folks in Collinwood are already thinking ahead to summer and the 10th annual edition of the Scoop on Summer—a community arts project that rounds up all the events, programs, arts and eats in and around this gritty little slice of heaven. The 2016 Scoop will feature the Eerie d'Eries, the creepy little darlings spawned from artist Angela Oster's dark and fertile imagination, who have graced the last two editions. New this year, the Scoop's web edition will offer social media and online calendar integration, allowing users to save and share out events of interest.
Volunteers will spend this month spreading the word, collecting event and program submissions, updating community resources and restaurant listings, and soliciting sponsorships from the generous individuals, associations, nonprofits and institutions who love Collinwood.
Early May is the time to edit the listings, put finishing touches on the design, and get the Scoop to print so the more than 15,000

copies can get distributed through more than 16 neighborhood schools before summer break.
Now is the time to get in on the Scoop. Events and youth program listings should be submitted online via the website, www.scoopsummer.org. Eateries should verify their information on the website, and submit any changes by email, scoopsummer@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to edit and proofread listings.
Sponsorship opportunities include \$500 Presenting Sponsors, \$250 Commodore Sponsors, and \$100 Captain Sponsors, and Wavemakers, from \$1-\$99. Contributions are tax deductible through the project's fiscal agent, Neighborhood Leadership Institute.
If you have questions about where your content belongs, or want to volunteer to edit, proofread, help with distribution, or support the Scoop as a sponsor, please touch base with project organizer Erin Randel by phone at (216) 235-5009 or email, scoopsummer@gmail.com. The deadline for all submissions is May 1, 2016.

Collinwood Votes on Community Arts Projects



by Julia DiBaggio
How would you spend \$120,000 for arts programming in North Collinwood? Over 500 residents and employees in the neighborhood voted on just that. Once the ballots were tallied, nine projects were funded.
The Ballot Box Project kicked off on a sunny Friday in early March with Democracy on the Move, a parade that weaved throughout the residential streets where the projects will primarily take place. Thirty musicians and 40 artists and residents marched through the streets bringing people out of their homes to enjoy the show.
A young boy pointed toward the parade when one of the parade walkers handed him a flag with the Ballot Box logo. He and his dad smiled gleefully waving their flag as the parade continued past their home. Parents and children, seniors and singles came outside to enjoy the sights and sounds of democracy. This excitement was echoed through the neighborhood into the commercial district, with owners and shoppers taking leave of their business to check out the parade. The route concluded at the first

polling site where inside the musicians circled up for a jam session with dancers showing off their best moves.
"The parade is the first time I felt the arts district connected with the neighborhood," said Linda, a longtime resident who was so pleased that she even joined the parade with her dog.
It felt like a party at each of the four voting locations. Each site was just as popular as the first. We needed bigger rooms and we ran out of voting booths. Artists on the ballot didn't miss a day of voting to promote their ideas, while people of all ages and backgrounds came out to vote on their favorite projects.
"I care more about this election than the real one," said one resident as she was checking in to get her ballot. "This vote will actually impact the community."
Voting began on Friday, March 4th at the Slovenian Workman's Home and continued through March 16th at Collinwood High School. Residents came out to vote in full force at the four public voting locations: Slovenian Workmen's Home, Collinwood Recreation Center, Salvation Army, and Euclid Beach Villas. Voting was brought to the youth at Collinwood High School, where over 100 students experienced voting for the first time. Many of the projects on the ballot were about activities for the youth.
The desire for The Ballot Box Project to continue in the future has been unanimous. Everyone was excited about the projects. Some residents came out to engage the arts for their first time. Several people registered to vote in the general election, and youth had their first real voting experience.

HGR



Third-Generation Plastic Fabricator and Distributor Calls Euclid Home



by Gina M. Tabasso
Mitch Opalich, president of Indelco Custom Products, Inc., is the third generation of Opaliches to steer the business that has been in existence since 1965. The company originally was founded by Opalich's father, George, and grandfather, Stephen, both engineers, as Cleveland Plastic Fabricators & Suppliers, Inc., when they were asked by a national manufacturing customer of their metalworking company to fabricate and machine plastics.
Since the family lived in Collinwood and Richmond Heights, Opalich says, "It made sense to locate the business in Euclid due to its proximity to a high concentration of manufacturing and OEM companies," and it has remained here even though the Opaliches sold the business to their employees in the early 1970s. In 1994, Mitch Opalich bought the business back after finishing graduate school and working in the financial industry. He sold the company in 2008 to a Minneapolis-based plastics distributor, and the name changed to Indelco in 2014. Though he no longer owns the company, he remains president, and the company remains family owned by the Dore brothers. Opalich sold the business to leverage the buying power, infrastructure and capital of

the third-largest player in the industry. He met the owners through his membership in the International Association of Plastics Distribution. Indelco Cleveland currently has more than 250 customers, 50 percent of which are in Northeast Ohio.
Opalich says, "We're an industrial plastic distributor and fabricator specializing in fluid process control." What does that mean? Well, some of the cool items that they have fabricated include:
• a Simona® Eco-Ice® plastic surface made of ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene that is used as an ice skating rink (Yes, you skate ON the plastic with no water or ice, and there's one in our backyard that University Circle Inc. had installed.)
• clear acrylic poker chip carriers used by casinos
• the plastic plating barrels used by mints to plate coins (Indelco's are being used in China.)
• an acrylic humidifier for Opalich's and his friends' cigars
• a training tool for surgeons to practice

threading screws into titanium replacement parts and fractures
• retrofitting a fire truck into a 5,000-gallon brine spreader to salt the roads
• and reverse osmosis water purification tanks and piping.
Indelco works with an original-equipment manufacturer that requisitions the plastic material or part, many of which are Cleveland-based, and is responsible for machining, assembling, welding and bending the items they fabricate.
Another interesting project is one that the company did for Eveready Battery Company's Westlake, Ohio, research-and-development facility. Indelco helped Eveready convert its stainless-steel anode mixing system to plastic and standardize it throughout all of their facilities. The mixture was improved by using polyethylene tanks that did not interact with or contaminate the mix, making it cleaner and more uniform. Indelco also teamed with a process control manufacturer to fabricate double-walled tanks to hold hydrochloric acid for cleaning aerospace engine parts for

Rolls Royce that had to meet seismic specifications due to the customer's location in California. Interestingly enough, you can hold acids in plastic, and some of them are impervious to acids that will eat through stainless steel.
Plastic is machined and welded in a process similar to metal. Indelco hires skilled metal-industry welders and machinists then trains them on plastic techniques. Because the industry is young in the United States, since the 1960s, few trade schools teach plastic techniques, and most machinists are self-taught. The company has 20 employees in Euclid and 200 more at its corporate office and 14 other facilities.
Opalich's connection to HGR predates the existence of HGR. He went to Mayfield High School with HGR's founder, Paul Betori, and they remain friends. Opalich says he buys and repairs tanks from HGR when a customer specifies the need, and he has bought shop equipment for his facility from HGR. Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist, HGR Industrial Surplus, www.hgrinc.com

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Rock Star Teachers



Art Teacher Mrs. Heston



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Q and A with the Imagine Bella Team

Get to know a little bit more about the teachers and staff at Imagine Bella. Look for more interviews next month from other

members of the Imagine Bella Newspaper Club.



Ms. Cooper

Ms. Cooper
Title 1 Paraprofessional
Interviewed by Gavin Talley
Q: What is your favorite color?
A: Purple
Q: What is your favorite food?
A: Chicken
Q: How long have you been living in Cleveland?
A: All my life
Q: How long have you been teaching?



Gavin Tallery

A: 8 years
Q: How old are you?
A: (She gave a smile)
Q: Do you like Skyzone?
A: I have never been
Q: Do you like Golden Corral
A: Yes
Q: How many kids do you have?
A: Two



Mr. Kenny Gamble

Mr. Gamble
Dean of Students
Interviewed by Rebecca Raye
Q: When is your birthday?
A: July 14th
Q: What's your favorite food?
A: Barbeque ribs and French fries.
Q: What's your favorite movie?
A: Heat
Q: What is your favorite song?
A: If This World Were Mine by Luther Vandross.



Rebecca Raye

Q: What is your favorite animal?
A: Lion
Q: How old are you?
A: He's in his 30's
Q: Kyrie Irving or LeBron James?
A: LeBron James
Q: Basketball or Football?
A: Basketball
Q: What is your favorite thing to do?
A: Spend time with my son.

Character Essay Contest

Congratulations to the students that were honored for their writing in the Character Essay Contest
Daejah Allen
Terrica Bennifield
Keshawn Brown
Sa'Na'Ria Johnson
Diamond Jones-Matthews

Dana Lee
Anton McCall
Donald Myles
Ariane Palmer
Kierra Pope
Rebecca Raye
Desmond Stover
Qui'Yana Vereen

Spring State Testing

Imagine Bella students in Grades 3-6 will be administered Ohio State Tests (AIR tests) during the month of April. As technology is integral for College and Career readiness, the majority of assessments are given on the computer. Additional practice resources are available to Imagine Bella students at the websites below.

Practice Resources:
Ohio Student Practice Site

http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/
Study Island
http://studyisland.com
Login password available from classroom teacher
GetWaggle
https://www.gogetwaggle.com/Login/11564613
Login password available from classroom teacher



Ms. Gales

Ms. Gales
Title 1 Paraprofessional
Interviewed by Imani Greene
Q: What's your favorite word?
A: Love
Q: What's your first name?
A: Fatinah Gales
Q: Do you have kids?
A: 1 son
Q: What's your favorite food?
A: French Fries



Imani Greene

Q: When is your birthday?
A: April 20th
Q: Do you like Kyrie Irving?
A: Yes
Q: Are you friends with Ms. Cooper?
A: Yes
Q: Have you always lived in Ohio
A: Yes
Q: What's your favorite color?
A: Purple

Teacher of the Year



Ms. Figueroa and her 5th and 6th grade homeroom.

Congratulations to Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence Teacher of the Year, Ms. Mary Figueroa! The 5th and 6th grade Mathematics Teacher has also been honored as the January Head of the Class Winner from the Cleveland Cavaliers and Teacher of the Year for Imagine Schools in Northeast Ohio. Ms. Figueroa hosts free tutoring for students and their families to master

challenging middle school math concepts. She is active on the campus leadership team and serves as the decision maker for the Positive Character Development Committee. Each day, Ms. Figueroa represents a lifelong learner, demonstrates genuine compassion and displays integrity in all her endeavors. It is a joy and an honor to recognize her as the Teacher of the Year.



Holy Week at Our Lady of the Lake

Holy Week was beautiful this year, from Tenebrae on March 23, through Easter Sunday, March 27, we were blessed to celebrate together and share in this important season. We were particularly happy to baptize seven new members into our Catholic com-

munity at the Easter Vigil on March 26. A very warm welcome to Zinyah George, Lan Chen Lemieux, Brandon Johnson, Leila Johnson, Catherine Long, Sedona Stankus and Julian Stankus. We are so glad to have you here at Our Lady of the Lake!



Renee Kovacic brought their newborn baby when she presided at Tenebrae.



Our Lady of the Lake is so proud to welcome the seven new members of our community who were baptized into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil.

OLL Kindergarten Accepting Applications

At Our Lady of the Lake School, you will find that we are like a family. Your child will learn good habits and attitudes in our loving Catholic community. Through patient and respectful methods, our earliest learners develop a positive sense of themselves, which will make a difference throughout their lives.

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Our Kindergarten assessment days are: May 2 & May 9, 2016. Please reserve your spot now by contacting Rita Kingsbury, Principal, at rkingsbury@ourlady-ofthelakeschooleuclid.org or (216) 481-6824.



The practice of washing feet on Holy Thursday reminds us of Jesus' teaching to serve and care for each other.



Euclid Schools' Audrey Holtzman was one of the readers at Community Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

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EXPLORING OUR COMMON HOME TOGETHER

Our Lady of the Lake Parish is heeding Pope Francis' call to be a church that goes forth with its spring community service project.

Beginning April 9, teams of walkers from Our Lady of the Lake will be exploring our parish, getting to know its people, features and challenges. It's a great chance to get to know the community, meet some neighbors, and spend time with fellow parishioners as well. We would love parishioners to be part of the team, or residents to come out and meet our walkers when we're in your neighborhood!

We'll begin our walks on April 9, and by April 16 we'll have walked every street in the parish. If you'd like to know more about what we'll be doing as we walk, or when walkers might be coming to your street, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

For more information, or to sign up for a walking team, email ExploringOurCommonHome@OLLEuclid.org

A Successful Fundraiser Supports OLL School

This year's Life on the Lake - Races & Raffles event raised more than \$35,000 for Our Lady of the Lake School. And it raised a lot of spirits, too, with a really great night of fellowship and fun at the Irish American Club. Thanks to our many sponsors, donors, volunteers and supporters, Our Lady of the Lake School will be able to add more high-quality enrichment programs and technology options this year. Over the past four years, the Life on the Lake fundraiser has earned nearly \$135,000 to support quality Catholic education at Our Lady of the Lake School, and we are very appreciative of this generous and dedicated community. Special thanks to our Donors:

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Schools

Black History Month at Memorial School

by CMSD News Bureau



A large crowd turned out at Memorial School on Feb. 26 for a Black History Month celebration. The celebration included music, food, crafts, a display of student work and a marketplace.

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Help us cheer on the EHS Robotics Team!

The Euclid High School Robotics Team and HGR Industrial Surplus will be at the Alliance for Working Together RoboBots Competition to watch area high schools go head to head in a cage match with their battle robots.

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Collinwood School Fire Remembrance



By the CMSD News Bureau

Memorial School held a program on March 4 to mark the 108th anniversary of the Collinwood School fire, a massive tragedy that took the lives of 172 children and two teachers. The program featured remarks by Councilman Mike Polensek, a presentation by Mary Louise Jesek Daley, president of the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, and lessons on fire safety from the Cleveland Division of Fire.





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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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Former Euclid mayor named VASJ president

William R. Cervenik, who for the past 12 years has served as Mayor of the City of Euclid, has been named President of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

The announcement was made by Margaret Lyons, Secretary for Catechetical Formation and Education/Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Cervenik will report to Eugene Boyer, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools & Newman Campus Ministry.

"Bill has been a longtime friend to Villa Angela-Saint Joseph and has demonstrated a keen understanding of its rich heritage, its strengths, and its challenges moving forward. These insights coupled with his love for VASJ and its wonderful community make Bill the right choice," said Margaret Lyons.

Cervenik, 61, is a 1972 graduate of St. Joseph High School, which merged with Villa Angela Academy to form VASJ in 1990. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration (accounting) from Cleveland State University in 1980.

He has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1983. Prior to his service as Mayor, which ended due to term limits this year, he served for 12 years on Euclid City Council. For five of those years, he was City Council President.

He assumed the council presidency after the untimely death of Joseph Farrell, a longtime St. Joseph High School teacher. Cervenik, who credits his career in politics and accounting



Former Euclid mayor Bill Cervenik '72 was named the next President of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. He succeeds Richard Osborne '69 who is retiring June 30.

directly to his experience at St. Joseph, also is a partner in the CPA firm Gallagher, Cervenik & Associates.

Cervenik, who was inducted into the VASJ Hall of Fame in 2009, has been a leader in numerous civic activities in the Collinwood-Euclid community for many years. He was named Euclid Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 1995

and 2006, and American Legion Citizen of the Year in 2007. He received the Euclid Hospital Community Service Award in 2008 and the Rose Mary Center Angel Award in 2009.

He has been a board member of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) since 2006, including the last three years as Chairman of the Finance Commission. He has served on the

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Board of Trustees since 2006, including the last two years as Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee. He has been a board member of the First Suburbs Consortium since 2004, including his role as Chairman in 2012-13. He served as a member of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association from 2003-15.

"I am honored to serve the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community as its next president," Cervenik said. "VASJ plays an important role in the community, providing its students with a strong Catholic education, developing young leaders and preparing them for a successful college career and beyond. My goal will be to further the strong traditions and values of VASJ and guide its continued growth and stature for years to come."

Cervenik and his wife, Mary Kay (Gross) Cervenik, a 1971 graduate of Villa Angela, have been married for 41 years. They have two children, both of whom are VASJ graduates, Billy '94 and Katie '97. They have one granddaughter, Emma Cervenik, 13.

Cervenik succeeds Richard Osborne '69, who is retiring June 30 after five years as VASJ President.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, Diocesan-owned, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic and personal growth of each student.

Alumnus makes \$250,000 gift to continue the dream at VASJ

Longtime business leader Joseph Scaminace has pledged a \$250,000 gift to Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. The gift kicks off the school's "Continue the Dream" event, which took place on April 2 in the school gym. Scaminace, a generous supporter of the school for many years, was the event's Presenting Sponsor.

"I am extremely proud of what VASJ has accomplished over the past several years, and I want to be part of its ongoing success," said Scaminace, a 1971 graduate of St. Joseph High School, which merged with Villa Angela Academy to form VASJ in 1990.

"My own experience as a student provided me with a values-based education that guided my approach to life, both personally and professionally," Scaminace said. "I am blessed to be able to assist in bringing the strong Catholic values of the diocese, the Ursulines and the Marianists to another generation of



students at our school."

Owned by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, VASJ is the only school in the world that is sponsored by both the Ursuline Sisters and the Society of Mary (Marianist Brothers).

"This is an extraordinary gift from Mr. Scaminace," said Eugene Boyer, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools & Newman Campus Ministry for the Diocese of

Cleveland. "I believe it is one of the largest, if not the largest, gift given to VASJ.

"Mr. Scaminace's commitment to Catholic education provides not only resources but true hope and love to our students," Boyer added. "The development of Catholic leaders for the future is critical to our society – indeed, to our world."

Scaminace served for 10 years as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of OM Group Inc., a \$1.5 billion technology-driven diversified industrial manufacturer. The company, which Scaminace left after successfully rewarding shareholders with a 30 percent premium when it was sold last October, employed 6,000 people serving global markets.

Previously, Scaminace was President and Chief Operating Officer of Sherwin Williams, an \$8 billion global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution and sale

of coatings and related products. Scaminace earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Dayton and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

His latest gift to VASJ will be used in part to enhance values-based leadership lessons at the school. In cooperation with the school and the Diocese of Cleveland, retiring VASJ President Richard Osborne '69 will coordinate details.

"We're very grateful for this support," said VASJ Principal David Csanik. "Mr. Scaminace has given powerful and inspiring messages when he has addressed our students in the past. Certainly he is an alum who has expressed his thanks for his education here in both his words and deeds."

Newly appointed VASJ President William Cervenik '72 added: "Among the many reasons I am excited about returning to my alma mater is the opportunity to work with outstanding individuals like Joe Scaminace."

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Classical Collinwood



Joaquin Valdepeñas, conducts CityMusic Chamber Music Orchestra, as soloist Jeanine De Bique, with her compelling stage presence and elegant soprano tone, enraptures the audience during their interpretation of Giacomo Puccini's *Musetta's Waltz* from *La Bohème*.



Fr. John Sullivan, former St. Jerome associate pastor, Joseph Wagner, long-time parishioner, and Fr. Francis Walsh, who once served as St. Jerome pastor, eagerly anticipate the start of the concert.



Founding CityMusic Cleveland members, Eugenia Strauss, Executive Director, Sawzan Alhaddad, trustee, and President of the Board Dr. Ronald Strauss took a moment to tell concert goers how delighted they are to bring CityMusic to Collinwood.



Alex Roby, who is almost two years old, loved celebrating St. Patrick's Day at St. Jerome's with his mom, Shannon, who thinks that "CityMusic is awesome."



CityMusic Orchestra members Justine Myers, oboist, French horn player Sam Hartman, and trumpeter Nina Bell pause for a well-earned break during intermission. They enjoyed the refreshments provided by St. Jerome parishioners.

by Marguerite DiPenti

An appreciative audience echoed their approval throughout the March 17th evening performance by CityMusic Cleveland hosted by St. Jerome Church. Ronald Strauss, MD, President of the Board, as well as an amateur violinist himself, welcomed everyone to the first-ever Collinwood appearance by the orchestra, which is celebrating its 12th season of bringing free concerts to Cleveland neighborhoods. The orchestra brought 38 skilled musicians and the very talented soprano, Jeanine De Bique for this performance which included selections by

Beethoven, Grieg, Bizet, and Puccini.

The response from the concert goers included one by Clurie Bennis, who has only missed one performance in twelve years. She volunteers to help the orchestra bring "maximum music set in minimum overhead." The venues receive no compensation for hosting an event. Teri Dew, a local resident, who regularly attends CityMusic concerts, was really excited that the performance was held so close to home. For long-time parishioner Kathy Mrsnik, this was her first CityMusic Cleveland concert and she said, "It was all that was promised

and more. They were fantastic." A Pepper Pike resident enthusiastically thought the performance was spectacular, enhanced by the exceptional acoustics of the church, and the gracious hospitality of parishioners and the community. Before the concert, St. Jerome parishioners served up delicious Guinness Stew and Irish Soda Bread in the school gym and, later, coffee and pastries in church at intermission.

In the words of Dr. Strauss, the mission of CityMusic Cleveland is to make classical music accessible to everyone, with no economic or geographic barriers. The

orchestra highlights its social conscience through music and educational programs. St. Jerome Church is honored to be a CityMusic Cleveland concert venue and looks forward to May 12 when the orchestra returns to perform another free music program, which will include selections from Mendelssohn and Dvorak featuring violin soloist Tessa Lark, for all Collinwood to enjoy. Plan to become part of the cheering audience on Thursday, May 12, and warmly welcome CityMusic back to the neighborhood.

St. Jerome 8th Grade Recording Project



Aaron Martin, Erin Haley, and Janaiyah Wheeler recording vocals.

by Mr. Dragas, Music Teacher

This year in Music class the St. Jerome 8th graders have been working on a recording project. They are making their own recordings, playing and singing various parts of various songs. The class has learned the history of recording, from the days of "Direct to Disc" to modern digital, computer based techniques. They've also learned about different microphones and how to set them up to record with. Utilizing a portable studio,

they've been busy laying down tracks that they will later mix down onto a CD.

This project has given the students an opportunity to apply their musical knowledge and talents to something that they will be able to listen to long after they have moved on to high school. They will be able to say that this is something that "We" made in music class. The project will tie together all the things that they have learned about in music in a fun and lasting way.



James Taylor III recording bass.



Janaiyah Wheeler, Erin Haley, and Aaron Martin working out parts.

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Events

Collinwood Spring Fling

Come join us for our Collinwood Spring Fling. Come sign up for Spring programs and camp forbes at the Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 lakeshore boulevard, Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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Polka Time

by Pat Nevar

TThe Slovenian Workmen’s Home, located in the Waterloo Arts District at 15335 Waterloo Road, holds a Polka Dance every Sunday. It has been said that their “Waterloo Ballroom” has the best wooden dance floor in town. It is called a Polka Dance but the bands also play jitterbugs, fox trot, tango, electric slide, etc. Doors open at 2:00 PM with music from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Admission is only \$10.00 per person. A cash bar is available along with sandwiches consisting of sausages from our local meat markets. Reservations for tables of eight or more are available by calling 216/481-5378 before the Sunday requested. The following is a listing of the scheduled bands:

April 3 - Joey Tomsick Band

April 10 - No dance due to Button Box Bash at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid.

April 17 - Al Battistelli Band

April 24 - Bobby Kravos Band

May 1 - Wayne Tomsic Band

May 8 - Frank Moravcik Band

May 15 - 90th Anniversary of Slovenian Workmen’s Home Dinner/Dance \$25 pp includes Slovenian home style dinner. Doors open at 4:00 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM and music will be provided by the Del Sinchak Band from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Tickets available by advance purchase only by calling 216/481-5378.

May 22 - Frank Stanger Band

No Sunday dances are held during the summer.

The next Sunday Polka Dance will be held October 2 with the Frank Stanger Band.

Collinwood Recreation Annual Sports Banquet Fundraiser

Annual sports banquet fundraiser to be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at Blue breeze,

16826 lakeshore boulevard,Cleveland, oh 44110, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

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For ticket information please contact Tierra Biggers at the recreation center at (216) 420-8323, Or Mary Louise Daley in Councilman Polensek’s office at (216) 664-4236.

Come & celebrate Collinwood Recreation with food, fun, friendship and a raffle or two!!!!

Spring Beach Cleanup



by Stephen Love

Join volunteers at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for our 1st beach cleanup of the year! Volunteers should meet at the Euclid Beach Picnic Pavilion about 10-15 minutes before the cleanup to sign in. The entrance to Euclid Beach is located at 16250 Lakeshore Blvd, directly across the street from the Collinwood Rec Center.

Refreshments are provided to all volunteers before and after the beach cleanup.

Dress for the weather (this is a rain or shine event). Long sleeves and pants, boots or work shoes, and work gloves are recommended. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

All groups are welcome, but children under age 18 require a parent or guardian’s signature upon sign in. Children ages 13 & younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please contact Daniel Subwick at adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com

Collinwood Cycles Celebration

by Julia DiBaggio

June 18th, we are celebrating biking, and getting active. Highlights of the event include a bike rodeo, bike safety, and group bike rides. We are also looking for prizes. We are in need of volunteers to help with planning the event and day of, including

being bike ride leaders. This event will be alongside Walk and Role on 185th Street. As a secondary note, we’re hoping to get support from residents and stakeholders for approving a bike lane on Lakeshore Blvd.

Collinwood Cleanup Day

by Julia DiBaggio

This year we are GreenUp Cleveland’s flagship neighborhood, and on May 7th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. there will be a large scale neighborhood cleanup. GreenUp Cleveland is bringing volunteers and resources into the neighborhood to help make this

event really big. We are looking for resident groups, churches, schools, and institutions to come out and help pick up trash in the neighborhood. There will be a post cleanup celebration. If your group would like to get involved or to register, please call Jullia at 216.481.7660.

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Community

Investigating Holmes Avenue



Holmes Avenue looking East. The Slovenian Home is on the right.

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Reutilized lots along East 155 St.

County, had its’ start there so Father Kumse is merely reviving something quite commonplace there. He’s not the only one to do so. Collinwood Grape Company located on Mandalay Avenue is also assembling property to create a winery with a stone chalet.

Urban Garden District Legislation, passed by Cleveland City Council in 2007, has encouraged to conversion of thousands of vacant properties into community gardens and, lately, urban farms such as Ohio City Farm (covering 6 acres in Ohio City) or the Chateau Hough Vineyard on the East Side. Subsequent legislation passed in 2009 has opened the door to raising small livestock (or “Chicken and Bees” ordinance) which has opened the way to what is going on around Holmes Avenue.

Meanwhile, at the corner of east 156th St. and Saranac, there is an effort by the Center for Advanced Mental Health Practice (CAMHP) along with the Collinwood Catholic Ministries to open up an urban grocery store. Located in a former existing grocery store, it will specialize in produce from the community gardens of the area. According to CAMHP’s Danielle Dronet, this is planned as a self-sustaining operation that “Will create local jobs and

While North Shore Collinwood is getting the media attention these days, the Collinwood-Nottingham Village neighborhood is also a community trying to reinvent itself. According to Mary Louise Daley, this was the second most important industrial area in the city, “Any company in Cleveland you can think of got started in Collinwood.” Not only that, the Five Points area, the intersection of St. Clair and East 152nd St., was a major commercial area. Like for many Cleveland neighborhoods, the past five decades have been a challenge but things are now looking up; as I discovered while recently driving down Holmes Avenue.

The streets off of Holmes Avenue are a mirror image of the ones along East 152nd Street north of I-90. There are mainly rows of duplexes built before World War I lining the streets; many look run down, some still vacant though many others have been demolished. Here and there you find an old store or vacant lot where structures once were. The imposing edifice of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church (also known as St. Mary’s Collinwood) serves as witness to what it used to be. Like in many

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Shave to Raise for St. Baldricks



by Susan Brandt

March 17, 2016 marked yet another great St. Patrick Day on E. 185th along with the city of Cleveland.

Along with St. Patrick celebrations, there brought on a more serious matter of childhood cancers, hence the St. Baldrics event.

Held this year again at Cebars Euclid Tavern, St. Baldricks is the foundation that shaves peoples hair off to mimic kids going through chemotherapy treatment. This year marked a very personal and endearing moment at Cebars when a patron, Mary Ann Borris, thinking that a goal of \$500 was a little unattainable, stepped up and pledged that very amount to shave all of her hair off. This pledge was made in January of 2016. Two months later and a few week away from the event, Mary Ann, unfortunately, found out that she has cancer.

So with determination and a very strong sense of accomplishment, Cebars Euclid Tavern Shave to Raise event took on a whole new animal. Starting at 1 pm and ending at 7 pm, online contributions started coming in at \$237. Before 7 pm the event was well over the \$500 mark and getting close to doubling the pledge. People from everywhere were donating online and in the bar. The luck of the irish was certainly with us that day!

In all 2 Barbers, Susan M. Brandt from Beachland Hair and Joe LaMarca from LaMarca Family Barber Shop, braved the shaves along with about 10 heads and lots of donations! Thanks to Cebars Euclid Tavern for hosting Lisko Beauty and Barber Supply for the chair and supplies, and all the donation made by the patrons at Cebars Euclid Tavern! See you next year!

Community

Little Red Cap Symbolic Remembrance of 1908 Collinwood School Fire



Charlotte lafeliece (left) and Elva Brodnick, co-chairs of The Little Red Cap Project publicized the garden's restoration and conducted a penny collection campaign during a school family literacy night program.

by Gail Greenberg
One hundred eight years ago this past March 4th, a horrific and inconceivable tragedy shocked the entire village of Collinwood. On that Ash Wednesday morning, fire engulfed the seven-year-old, three-story Lakeview Elementary School, killing 172 children and 3 adults.

According to the account by local author and resident Edward (Sonny) Kern, "The flames burned through the pine wood floors so quickly that within an hour's time since the [fire] alarm was given, the school was reduced to nothing but a burned out shell of outer brick walls that encircled and enshrined a basement full of ashes and corpses of children."

The sadness, sorrow, grief and heartache that touched the lives of survivors' families, the city, and country then (and for generations afterward), may have now inspired something both positive and uplifting.

A driving force behind this evolution has been Charlotte lafeliece, long-time Collinwood resident and niece of seven-year-old Johan (John) Pazicky, who was among the fire's victims. Almost a year ago, lafeliece

and Elva Brodnick, another Collinwood resident, embarked on a plan to restore and maintain the current Memorial Garden, built to replace the original one that was built on the site of the old school at East 152nd Street and Lucknow Road.

Dubbed The Little Red Cap Project, this community botanical effort is intended to perpetuate the memories of all those who perished. It takes its name from Johan Pazicky, who initially escaped the burning school building but ran back in to retrieve his little red cap.

Through the collective efforts of The Little Red Cap Project members and a host of other individuals and organizations including, Memorial School and its Garden Angels, Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, Councilman Mike Polensek, the school district, student workers, and community volunteers, the garden is newly landscaped and ready for this season's planting. Hopefully, this month's April showers will bring red and white geranium flowers to beautify this historic landmark and renew the legacy it reflects.



An engraved memorial stone for John Pazicky is one of the many that comprise the Memorial Garden's "flower pot" structure.



Charlotte lafeliece places a red cap on the grave of her uncle Johan Pazicky (age 7) who perished in the Collinwood School fire.



The weeded and newly-landscaped Memorial Garden recognizes the efforts of the school's Garden Angels.

Construction Started at 1114 Villaview!



by Camille Maxwell
This 1,529 sq ft. bungalow is centrally located between East 185th Retail/Business District and the Waterloo Arts/Entertainment District. This home will be renovated with:

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Cleveland Piston Power Autorama Pin Up Competition



by Susan Brandt
Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama Presented by Rad Air Complete Car Care and Tire Centers present: The Miss Piston Powered Cleveland Auto-Rama Pin-Up 2016 Classic 40s/50s Pin-Up Contest in Cleveland, Ohio!

March 18 thru March 20 Cleveland Car enthusiast were treated to the 50 th Anniversary of the Piston Power Autorama, held at the Cleveland IX Center. Planes Trains and Automobiles converged on the ix floor for 3 days of contest, viewing and pure admiration for well kept machinery, that some, in earlier days ,may have been in a scrap yard.

Along with all the fine machinery was The 2016 Piston Power Pin Up Competition, which included 27 girls from all over the United States, vieing for the grand

prise,(\$\$\$\$) tiara and sash. Included in this were Dogg Paws Salon owner Jeni King, as a contestant, Bella Sin as a judge, and Susan M. Brandt, from Beachland Hair Designs, sponsoring and helping out with hair and make up.

Criteria included:
Wardrobe fitting into 20s-60s style only. Clothing did not need to be vintage, but it is best to have a retro feel to your wardrobe.

A few question asked by the emcee, ie whats your favorite car? what or who is your favorite musician ? where are you from ect ect... and also on Hair and Makeup.

The returning 2015 Miss Piston Powered Auto-Rama along with John Shapiro of Cruisin' Times Magazine emceed the event. Event Coordinator was Miss Pearl Caprice (Hot Rod Girl Pearl).

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RTA is undergoing some changes

by Melissa Gleeson

RTA is undergoing some changes, in routes and fees. If this is important to you come learn about these changes at a presnta-



Rose Centers for Aging Well Flea Market

by Melissa Gleeson

Our annual Spring Flea Market will be held Friday and Saturday May 6 and 7th, 10 am to 3 pm. Clean out your closets, purchase a table and come have some fun. To participate in the flea market tables are \$10 for seniors who are activie participants at the senior center or \$15 for anyone in the com-

munity. If you are interested in purchasing a table please call the center at 216-481-0631 and ask to speak to Robin. If you dont want to participate please come by to enjoy some local shopping. Our snack bar will also be open during those hours to serve some goodies to keep you going as you sell or shop!!

Isabel Willis honored as Greater Cleveland Volunteer’s longest serving volunteer



Isabel Willis, enjoying a craft at the Rose Center for Aging Well.

by Melissa Gleeson

Isabel Willis, is 99 years young, and an example to us all of what it means to age well. Isabel was born and raised in Harlem, NY, but Cleveland has been her home for a long time. Isabel is being honored this month by the Greater Cleveland Volunteers for being the longest serving volunteer the organization has ever had. Isabel has been volunteering with them since 1983 and has accrued over 25,000 hours of volunteer service over that time. Isabel for many of those years ran the snack bar at, what was then, the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland, now the Rose Centers for Aging Well. Isabel is now “retired” from her snack bar job, but still comes to the center regularly to socialize and visit with friends. If you ask Isabel what is the secret to living so long, it is doing what brings you pleasure and working hard.

Bob’s Corner

by Bob Payne, Manager

The future is rarely a sure thing.

That’s a tough lesson. Life happens, people change, situations come up that you never dreamed of, we get older, loved ones die. It can feel like you have no control.

I wondered how my friends at the Center viewed this, so I asked. Many said that they have lived a good life, but they know they are on the downside of the hill. It’s a reality that they see every day when they look into the mirror.

When I talked with them about it, here’s the comments that I heard.

- Don’t take life too seriously....it’s not permanent.
- Do good while you can. In life, what goes around does come around.
- I don’t have the time to grumble or complain.
- I don’t know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.

- Dying is easy. It’s living that’s tough.

Clearly there is a joy in the journey, and life has a strange way of bringing opposites together. Stability and change, happiness and loss are all interwoven into the tapestry of a lifetime. Most have learned to see beauty, even in difficulty. They’ve found that what matters most isn’t our limitations,but what we can do to help others who share the walk with us. So, our lunch tables are filled with light hearted conversations. Laughter erupts as older bodies play chair volleyball and do line dancing. Smiles brighten faces when you see your friends, shoot pool and play cards or bingo. Our Center provides a place for all of that.

Yes, life is too short and full of twists and turns. But in the end, it’s our relationships that provide meaning and support.

Thanks for being part of Euclid Senior Programs.

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | | |
| 10:00 Coffee and chat with friends | 10:00 Coffee and chat with friends | 10:00 Coffee and chat with friends | 10:00 Coffee and chat with friends | | |
| 10:30 Yoga/Meditation | 10:30 SilverSneakers exercise | 10:30 Various Activities | 10:30 SilverSneakers exercise | | |
| 11:30 Lunch | 11:30 Lunch | 11:30 Lunch | 11:30 Lunch | | |
| 12:30 Line Dancing | 1:00 Knitting group | 12:30 Bingo | 12:00 Bible study | | |
| 1:00 Cards, puzzles, games | 216.481.0631 | | 1:00 Computer lab open | | |
| | | Movie afternoon | | | |

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Euclid Senior Center

All the programs listed are available at Euclid Lakefront Community Center 1 Bliss Lane, Euclid, OH 44123 216-289-2985 www.cityofeuclid.com



ENTERTAINMENT

April 5th & 12th – Fun BINGO
Bingo for Prizes - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – FREE
Sponsored by Kindred at Home and Mount St. Joseph.

Music Bingo Ohio
Thursday, April 7th – 11:00 a.m.
Join Kenny Gilder for Bingo + Music + Fun = A Music Bingo Party.

Name That Tune
Thursday, April 14th at 10:45 – 11:45
Enjoy music, trivia, light refreshments and prizes! Laura Blair from Kindred – The Greens/The Fountains is your hostess.

SPA DAY
Monday, April 18th - 10:00 – 11:45 a.m.
FREE Manicures & Hand Massages (every 20 minutes)
You MUST register at the front desk.
Sponsored by Alaycia Clark.

BIRTHDAY DAY- April 20th
Cup Cakes Sponsored by Hillside Plaza.

Music and Recruiting in the Austro-Hungarian Army

by Nan Kennedy

Music for Miles Brings Rousing Classics to Waterloo Arts

The Impreza Piano Trio, Sunday April 10, 4pm

How did the Austrian army lure peasants to its recruiting stations? With music! And the Impreza Trio will demonstrate, in its April Music for Miles concert at Waterloo Arts.

Eric Charnofsky is at the piano in this newly formed Cleveland-area ensemble, with Emily Cornelius on violin and Lauren M. Dunseath playing cello. All three of these musicians have a wide background of performance experience as soloists, chamber and orchestral musicians, and are also active as teachers at all levels. Their debut program comprises trios from the standard chamber music repertoire, including works by Haydn, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn.

Lane Cooper's show "What Dreams May Come" will be hanging in the gallery, and the Callaloo will be ready as always with glasses of wine and flavors of the Caribbean. Or it might be the time to try Waterloo's new coffee shop – Six Shooter, at the corner of E161.

The concert opens with Haydn's "Gypsy Rondo" Trio in G Major from 1795, colored by a Hungarian style Rondo finale movement which incorporates several gypsy tunes - including "Recruiting Dances" that were used by Austrian army officials to attract peasants to recruiting posts. The first two movements are more tranquil; first a set

Muffins with the Mayor
Monday, April, 25th – 11:00 a.m. in the dining room. Here is your chance to sit and enjoy conversation and muffins with our new Mayor, Kirsten Holzheimer Gail. Stop by and say "Hello".

Yearly Membership Renewals
Please check your membership card and make sure it is still active. Memberships can be renewed at the front desk.

TRIPS

Grande Pointe Fun Bingo
Tuesday, April 19th – Leave the Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. and return to the center around 3:00 p.m. Take a ride in our van to Grande Pointe in Richmond Hts. for a FUN BINGO including prizes & cookies. It's FREE – Register at the front Desk.

Cleveland Museum of Art
Thursday, April 21st – We will leave the center at 12:30 p.m. and head to the Cleveland Museum of Art, and return to the center around 3:00 p.m. \$5.00 member, Limited Spaces!

Mini Trip Low Vision Group
Thursday, April 28th – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Take a ride in our City van to this FREE technology fair featuring assistive technology devices and products for living well with vision loss.
No Low Vision meeting. Going on the trip instead. Limited Seats!

Chair Massage & Reiki Sessions
Friday, April 15th – 10:30 a.m. to Noon
Chair Massage: gentle massage for head, neck, shoulders, upper back, arms and hands. 10, 15 or 20 minutes at \$1 per minute. Reiki: A hands on or off - gentle, relaxing use of the universal "Chi", or energy. Reiki helps to release stress and provide a feeling of relaxation, and overall goodness. 15 minutes \$10.00, 20 minutes \$15.00

If you are interested please let front desk know so we can schedule an appt. for you.

Bake Sale
Wednesday, April 27th at 10:00 – 1:00
Donate Baked Goods & help support Euclid Senior Programs.

I “tinkle” when I sneeze
Tuesday, April 5th – 11:00 a.m.
An open discussion on the Myths & Facts you should know about "Incontinence." Sponsored by ActivStyle. Refreshments will be served.

How Following Your Passions = Better Health.
Friday, April 8th – 11:00 a.m.
Come and learn how discovering and pursuing your passions has an impact on improving your overall health, It's not too late to start. Presented by: Paul Crosby, Rx Home Healthcare, Inc.

Community Police Talk
Thursday, April 14th at 12:15 p.m.
"Cop -a- Question" - Immediately after Lunch. Members from our Police Department update us monthly and will answer all your questions. Can't be here? Leave your questions at the front desk.

Tai-chi for Health
Friday, April 22nd – 11:00 a.m.
Susan Cady will be here to talk about all the benefits you can get from Tai-chi. Learn easy ways to release aches & pains, even the chronic tight spots you think are here to stay. "Not necessarily" says Instructor Susan Cady, who began teaching over 20 years ago at the old Knuth Center, also teaches patients in the Cleveland Clinic Chronic Pain Rehab Dept.

AARP Meeting
Monday, April 4th – 1:00 p.m.
Speaker: Tonya Perkins from Fifth Third Bank on Identity Theft.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile
Thursday, April 7th
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dining Room Annex.

Book Discussion – May 9th
at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center Library. Jennifer from the Euclid Public Library will lead the discussion on the book, "The Inn at Rose Harbor" by Debbie Macomber's.

Get Well Cards
We will be glad to send a card to a member who is recovering, feeling down or just needs a little boost. Let Sylka know if you would like a card sent to another member to help brighten their day and give a little encouragement. 216-289-2985.

Be aware of the construction taking place around the center and use caution when entering and exiting the area. Please SLOW DOWN. Thank you.

Post Office On Wheels
Friday, April 22nd
10:45 a.m. -11:15 a.m.
Special Services, Money Orders, Stamps & Packaging Supplies are available.

Breakfast with Bob
Join us on Thursday, April 14th at Maria's Family Restaurant 22404 Lakeshore Blvd, at 8:30 a.m. For Breakfast with Bob. The "Bob's Special" will be 2 Pancakes or 2 French toast, 2 Eggs, 2 Sausages & Beverage for \$6.00. It's good to know Bob! You must have your OWN transportation to and from the center.

Tea and Cookies
Join us April 15th at 10:00 a.m. for tea and cookies with the Euclid High School Junior Ambassadors. The group will be here from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. because they want to get to know you and hear your thoughts on life. Please join us

internationally. In her career thus far, she has been fortunate to collaborate with a diverse array of musicians, from Kanye West to John Adams. Lauren continually strives to explore all genres of music with her use of color, shape, and balance.

Eric Charnofsky is active as a collaborative pianist, composer, classroom music teacher, and lecturer. He is a full-time Instructor at CaseWestern ReserveUniversity and has also taught at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Eric has performed as a collaborative pianist throughout North America, concertizing with members of major American orchestras, and has performed as an orchestral pianist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra. A graduate of The Juilliard School where he majored in piano accompanying, Eric also holds degrees in solo piano performance and composition from CaliforniaStateUniversity, Northridge. Eric appears on recordings on the Albany, Capstone, and Crystal labels. He was named "Composer of the Year" for 2012 by the Ohio Music Teachers Association, and his radio program, "Not Your Grandmother's Classical Music," airs on Monday afternoons on WRUW-FM.

These concerts are presented with the support of Local 4 Music Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, the Waterloo Arts Friends' Committee, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Ohio Arts Council. Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Road Cleveland44110, 216-692-9500.



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| Saturday | 2 | Umojah Nation |
| Thursday | 7 | Craic Brothers Irish |
| Friday | 8 | Ark Band (Reggae) |
| Saturday | 9 | Waterloo Boogaloo |
| | 50's 60's | Soul/Fun/Rock Dance Party |
| Wednesday | 13 | Shawn Mishak |
| Thursday | 14 | No Strangers Here Irish |
| Friday | 15 | Wind Wood |
| Saturday | 16 | Jah Messengers (Reggae) |
| Thursday | 21 | Ballinloch (live Irish) |
| Friday | 22 | Reid Project |
| Saturday | 23 | Upgrayde GrooVes (Funk) |
| Wednesday | 27 | Shawn Mishack (open Mic) |
| Thursday | 28 | Pat Shepard (live Irish) |
| Friday | 29 | Brent Kirby |
| Saturday | 30 | Sunshine Daydream (Grateful Dead) |

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