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Vigil at Mr. Cars



Councilman Polensek addresses the large crowd of neighbors gathered for the vigil at Mr. Cars

CHS Hall of Fame Inducts Two

by Michael Cavotta

It is with great pleasure we announce the induction of two alumni to Collinwood High School's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame formally recognizes those alumni who have professionally distinguished themselves, thus bringing honor to the school. Peter Paul Ducosky was a true pa-

triot and was the driving force behind the development of the Collinwood Train, the 999. John Sercel had a distinguished career with the USAF and was one of the most decorated pilots during the Vietnam War

Peter P. Ducosky was the first born son of Polish immigrant farmers, in Pennsylvania, in 1892. (continued on page 15)

Walk & Roll ... and Stroll!



by Sarah Gyorki

Last year, the E. 185th Merchants came together and held their first Walk & Roll E. 185 Sidewalk Sale and Festival. It was a fun day out, with a bike rodeo, a small parade, bands and bounce houses and fun activities all up and down the street. This year they're bringing it back - and bringing in a new partner. For the first time, E. 185th St. will collaborate with the E. 200th Street Stroll to plan a full day of fun for our neighboring districts. Both events will be held on Saturday, June

3, with the E. 200th Street Stroll kicking off at 10am and running to 2:00pm, followed by Walk & Roll E. 185 from 2:00-6:00pm. Both are fun, free, community-based events where businesses, residents and community groups come out to share a day of strolling and rolling, face painting and balloons, live music and line dancing and much more. The Euclid Beach Rocket car will offer rides at both events until 4:00, and there will be lots of games and prizes for the little ones, as well as a chance to meet new neighbors and check out that local business you've been meaning to stop into. A simple celebration of community is just what we need right now, so we hope you'll join us. If you have a community group or other organization that would like to participate, please contact Barbara Liddell on E. 185th St, at WalkAndRollE185@gmail.com, or for E. 200th Street contact Sherrie Zagorc at E200thStreetStroll@gmail.com.

Sammich Joins East 185th St. Growing Restaurant Scene

by Brian Iorio

Chef/owner Randy Carter of Jack Flaps and Jack Flaps Luncheonette, both in Cleveland, quietly opened a new concept in Euclid on E. 185th Street in April. Sammich focuses on fresh, quality ingredients to create delicious sandwiches perfect for lunch or dinner. The shop also sells meat by the pound and whole, house-made smoked turkeys in addition to catered party trays.

On why he chose East 185th Street for his newest venture, Randy says "I grew up in the area and have fond memories of Euclid and East 185th Street... I want my kids to have the same memories and I want to be a part of the rebuilding of this area."

Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail shares Randy's optimism about the neighborhood. "I'm excited about the new businesses opening up on East 185th Street... Shirley's Loft, Irie Jamaican Kitchen and now Jack Flap's Sammich are adding to what is an already



excellent group of long-standing businesses on the street."

Call ahead (350-6888) for take-out or stop by when hunger strikes Monday through Saturday from 11:30am to 8:00pm. Sammich's official grand opening is Monday, May 8th so be sure to join in the festivities!

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Collinwood Strong



by Michael D. Polensek

We are Collinwood Strong. I have always said that one should never underestimate the resilience and tenacity of the residents of Collinwood. We prove that time and time again. The weekend of April 14, 2017 was no exception. Our community was struck a devastating blow by the vicious murder of Trina Tomola and Michael Kuznik in their place of business, Mr. Cars II on East 185th Street on Good Friday, April 14. I want to make this publicly clear that this was no random act of violence. This assassination of two long-time merchants and their pet dog was deliberate and calculated. We know this by the savagery of the shooting and what was taken from the business including cars. You have to ask yourself as I did standing there in the middle of the night with the Homicide Unit and Janet & Randy Kuznik, Michael's parents, along with their son, Collin, what type of human savages would commit such a horrific act, on Good Friday; my guess, only God knows. I have known this family for over thirty years and they did not deserve to leave this earth in such a manner.

I ask all residents and God-fearing people to pray for Mike and Trina and their three children and to also pray that the individuals who committed this senseless act are caught and brought to justice. Anyone who has any information, who might have heard and seen anything at all, to please contact the Cleveland Police Homicide Unit at (216) 623-5464 or Crimestoppers at (216) 252-7463. A reward is being offered for any information leading to an arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

I also ask you to pray for Robert Godwin, Sr., who was viciously murdered as seen on Facebook on East 93rd Street in the Glenville community, and his family. Robert's sister, Ruby, is a long-time resident of our community. This was another mindless and senseless act of violence. It goes

without saying that we express our deepest sympathy to her and the rest of the Godwin family.

We as a greater community must not let violent criminals define who we are and to cast a cloud over our neighborhoods whether it be Collinwood, Glenville or any other neighborhood in the city, for that fact. It is about being proud and being strong. Let us continue to look out for one another, support our businesses and work doubly hard to make our community the best it can be. I am personally committed to that for I refuse to give in or give up to anyone who disrespects our community and the overwhelmingly majority of good people in it.

As we move into May, I am glad to officially announce that on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 11:30 AM, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Administrative Staff, students, parents and my office will officially break ground for the new preK-8 Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School on Schenely Avenue. In fact, this is also the last official day of school before summer recess. Many of you know this project has been in the works for several years now and we as a community have worked tirelessly to make sure that this new school is a state-of-the-art complex that will not only provide the environment for future learning but will also compliment the East 185th Street commercial corridor. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this event to show our community's support for the students and staff. Parking will be available on Harland Avenue as well.

Finally, there are also many things going on in the ward this summer. The Scoop on Summer will be published soon. We hope you will use this to discover all the unique opportunities for fun this summer in the Greater Collinwood community. In fact, the Scoop on Collinwood is a year round listing of the community activities online. I hope to see you at many of these neighborhood events.

As always, please feel free to contact me at the office. I may be reached at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@cleveland-citycouncil.org.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

MYCOM MEETING
1st Thursday of the Month
5:30 PM
Salvation Army Temple Corp
17625 Groveview 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
(September to June)
6:30 PM
Collinwood Slovenian Home
15810 Holmes Avenue
PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

FRIENDS OF COLLINWOOD RECREATION
2nd Thursday of the Month
6:15 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING
3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Five Points Community Center
East 152 Street except for:
May (Murtis Taylor),
July (St Clair Superior Dev Corp),
October (Cleveland Job Corps Annual Dinner),
November (Glenville Rec Ctr.)

EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
3rd Thursday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
4TH Wednesday of the Month
(March to November)
6:00 PM
Collinwood Five Points Community Center
East 152 Street

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
Monday night at 7:00 PM
Please note – this is a public and an open meeting but does not take public commentary

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call
Mary Louise Jessek Daley,
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Time to Celebrate Collinwood

by Nan Kennedy

I've been brooding over Phillip Morris' PD column last Friday (April 24) in which he (and the headline writer) referred to our neighborhood as "further distanced" and suffering from "the nervous insecurity that comes with a neighborhood's implosion." I've only lived in Collinwood for 30 years (to speak with real authority, you have to be third generation) but I am not seeing implosion. I'm seeing a neighborhood whose residents went into shock when their factory-based way of life evaporated, some so much so that they moved "farther out." But those who stayed in this family-friendly community of sturdy affordable homes, direct access to the lake, active churches and block clubs, pulled

themselves together and began to forge a new path.

I speak from the middle of the forging, having been one of the founders of Waterloo Arts, an organization built entirely out of neighborhood effort. Local artists rallied round, of course; so did lovers of the arts. And so did long-time residents who couldn't tell a Michelangelo from a Modigliani, and don't much want to – but who could recognize neighborhood action when they see it.

That was the DIY spirit that led Cindy Barber to start the Waterloo transformation by opening the Beachland Ballroom, that has encouraged nearly 20 years of grass-roots enterprise in arts-related businesses along Waterloo, backed by

Northeast Shores' infusion of grants and artist housing program. Meanwhile, our lakeshore parks are enjoying new life under Metroparks management; our Salvation Army temple has doubled its footprint and its programs; charter schools have expanded parents' education choices; and long-neglected E185 is getting the attention it deserves. Bracketed as we are by Bratenahl and Euclid, it's good to know that Bratenahl is stable and Euclid, like Collinwood, is building its way out of a vanished Rust Belt past.

Meanwhile, with every killing in the country reported 24/7 on social media, it's hard not to feel we're living in a jungle; a murder in San Francisco is as scary as one in Cleveland. There

is no denying that too many of the nation's murders are happening in Cleveland – but not all of them. We don't have to react by turning our backs on the problem and running away. Indeed, many residents take these attacks on the fabric of neighborhood life as a call to action, a reason to get closer to their neighbors, more involved in the community, more active in volunteering. That's why Collinwood is not imploding, but solidifying.

Don't just take my word for it: the Cleveland Playhouse has put up an advertising billboard at the corner of Waterloo and E152; the Playhouse sees Collinwood as a potential audience, not a jungle.

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Learn about the history of slo-pitch softball, which started in Cleveland, at the hall of fame and museum



by Gina M. Tabasso

In 1985, The Greater Cleveland Slo-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame began inducting members into the hall at its annual banquet. This continues to be the case today. But, in 1997, Founder Buddy Langdon and his partner had an idea for a hall of fame and museum in order to share the history of softball with the public. Originally, they planned to make it a mobile exhibit that could travel around the country by bus. Later, they approached the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, then located in what is now the Shore Cultural Centre in Euclid, Ohio, to pitch the idea that both museums be housed in the historic, former Euclid City Hall building that the city had planned to condemn and demolish.

In 1998, both museums set up shop at 605 E. 222nd St., Euclid, Ohio. The softball hall of fame decided that Euclid was a central location between the furthestmost east and west sides, and the city had teams that played in the biggest and best leagues. The museum is a nonprofit that is funded through ticket sales from its induction banquet, donations from visitors and an

annual raffle fundraiser.

When I visited, I learned so much about the sport and the history of the area. The first slo-pitch team was formed in Cleveland in 1939 by the Jewish Recreation Commission. As Curator Rich Yonakor explains, "Since they celebrated the Sabbath on Saturday, it was something for them to do socially on Sundays. They decided to make the ball bigger and slower since everyone was not able to hit a baseball. Gambling occurred, as the community placed bets on the outcome of games. They decided to open the games up to the public." One of the first softballs was made at a YMCA by taping up a ball of socks.

By the 1960s and early 1970s, there were 280 local teams competing in a single elimination tournament to go on to the world championship. Later, the tournaments changed to double elimination, and instead of one champion, one team comes out of every governing body and league. In 1975, Cleveland's Pyramid Café team won the first world championship for the city. In softball's heyday, most teams were sponsored by bars, restaurants and the unions

within companies.

Many people don't know the difference between fast pitch and slo-pitch. Women's fast pitch is played at the high school and college level where the pitcher winds up and throws the ball hard and fast in a straight line. The pitcher also is six feet closer to home plate. In slo-pitch, the ball is lobbed in an arch of 10 feet to 16 feet, depending on the governing body. Most have a rule of 10 to 12 feet. There are five governing bodies, and each has different rules regarding the type of bats used and pitching arc.

Today, the sport has experienced a decline in popularity that Yonakor attributes to the electronic age where people are not getting out to play sports as much. He says the materials have changed dramatically and that "often the equipment is doing all of the work for them, not like in the old days when it was about competition and exercise. No one got hurt, and they all went out afterwards." Now, the ball is harder; therefore, players can hit it further and over the fence for more home runs. The leagues have actually had to limit the number of home runs in a game on this account.

If you are a sports enthusiast, which

you must be if you got to this point in the blog, when you stop to visit the museum, you can talk softball, baseball, basketball AND football with Yonakor. Does that name sound familiar? Yep, he's the son of football legend John Yonakor, a member of the 1946-1950 All-American Football Conference Cleveland Browns. His father took him to every Browns home game from when Yonakor was four until he was 17. John Yonakor was originally drafted into the NFL Philadelphia Eagles, but Paul Brown offered to pay him more, \$9,500 per year as opposed to \$7,500. He also played in Canada for a year, with the New York Yanks for a year and with the Washington Redskins for a couple of years. His son, Rich, was recruited six years ago to assist Langdon in running the museum. When Langdon passed away, Yonakor took over. Rich Yonakor played NBA basketball for the San Antonio Spurs and then professional basketball for overseas teams, including Italy, France and Belgium, for a few years. He also was the softball director for the City of Euclid. *Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist, HGR Industrial Surplus, www.hgrinc.com*

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Young Leaders Clothes, Toy & Shoe drive



by Breana Sweeney

We would like to thank all the participants in our April 30, 2017 Clothing drive, because of you we were able to help the community as well as raise money for our organization. We would like to acknowledge everyone who helped us pull this fundraiser/clothing drive off. This includes Seivers Security, Larrys Auto Clinic, New Bridge Academy, Legacy J Investments, Private Entertainment House & Always Beautiful Hair Salon. We would also like to give a special

thanks to individual donors Connie White, Melvin White, Melvin Drayton, Sharee Willis, Toni Mcmath, Linda Mcmath, Jervauhn Ferguson, Ranee Ferguson, Wykeily Philpotts, Donald Boyd Candidate for Ward 8, Tallis, Sarifina, Anthony Howard, Samantha Walton, Council Woman Taneika Hill, Ms Denise, Arthur Kemp, Adrianna Miller, Rolanda, Ms Shae and other residents of Collinwood & Euclid!! It was nice to see our communities come together to accomplish a task. For more information on the Young Leaders Program go to www.Youngleadersprograms.org or for volunteer or internship opportunities call Vice President Breana Sweeney 216-622-5849

Made in Collinwood – MAKERS’ MARKET

by Joe Barbaree In Collinwood, the neighborhood’s 140-year legacy of making is alive and thriving.

Made in Collinwood unites, amplifies and centralizes the makers and artisan businesses of the greater Collinwood community in Cleveland, Ohio. The program is the newest offering of Northeast Shores Development Corporation, the 501(c)(3) non-profit working to make North Collinwood a better place for everyone to live, work and visit.

As a part of Made in Collinwood, Makers’ Markets are a marketing and pop-up vending opportunity for artisan businesses - both from Collinwood and the greater Cleveland community. Our inaugural Markets last summer featured vendors of all sorts, from chic jewelry, nerdy t-shirts, and colorful watches, to organic soaps, custom gifts, and handmade ceramics. You’ll find a little of everything at the Makers’ Markets. Browse amongst long-time neighborhood businesses and Cleveland’s next generation of creators.

Makers’ Markets are on select Thursdays from 5:30-8:30p.m. throughout the summer. The upcoming dates include: June 8th, June 22nd, July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd, August 17th, and August 24th. In an effort to promote greater attendance to the Markets and provide an improved marketing opportunity for our participating Makers, our NEW location is at the East Shore Park Club - 17217 Dorchester Drive Cleveland, 44119.

Makers’ Markets will take place in conjunction with the East Shore Park Club (ESPC) Summer Concert Series. These free, community concerts draw large crowds from both the North Collinwood area and greater Cleveland. Parking for the Markets’ and Concert Series is available along the nearby streets. Join us for some local shopping and live entertainment!

Are you a local Maker? Registration for vendors is still open. Visit our Eventbrite page for details and to register: MICMakersMarket17@eventbrite.com. Contact Lauren Calevich, Makers’ Market Coordinator at LCEventsCLE@gmail.com with additional questions. Check out our page for updates at www.facebook.com/madeincollinwood!

Save-the-date: Collinwood Community Potluck, Saturday July 8

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Mark your calendars and start brainstorming your best summer recipes. The first Collinwood Community Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th 2017 from 4-8pm at Euclid Beach Park. All neighborhood residents, friends and family are encouraged to bring a food dish to share alongside fresh picked vegetables and fruits from Collinwood gardens and favorite local restaurant dishes.

The event is absolutely free to attend and will feature local music, lawn games and lots of laughter as neighbors gather over delicious plates. The event is designed to work with two other Collinwood events that same day - the VASJ race and the Collinwood Garden Walk. The event was designed by the Quality of

Life Committee at Northeast Shores Development Corporation and sought funding from Neighborhood Connections (the status of the grant is unknown as press time). Modeled after Potluck in the Park, a Cleveland-wide potluck previously held at Edgewater Park and League Park, the organizers thought a neighborhood-centric event would help strengthen existing networks while introducing more neighbors to each other in a fun, relaxed and beautiful setting on Lake Erie.

If you would like to get involved or learn more, the QOL committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6pm Northeast Shores’ office on E.156th Street. Feel free to contact me at ali.alithearchitect@gmail.com with questions.

Music for Miles: Mary Beth Ions



On Mothers’ Day, May 14, Mary Beth Ions will come back with her singing violin

and her infectious enthusiasm. Mary Beth has performed for Hillary Clinton and President Bush, as backup for Mannheim Steamroller and Sarah Brightman, at Blossom and on Playhouse Square. Her solo programs are virtually irresistible.

All the concerts will be held in Waterloo’s Creative Space at 397 E156, at 4 pm on a second Sunday. Admission is free, children are welcome, and conversation with the musicians is encouraged - as are glasses of wine or other refreshment from the adjoining Callaloo Café.

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.

Kathy Skerritt Recent Paintings “Black and White” Opens at Article



Kathy Skerritt
Recent Paintings:
Black & White
Friday, May 5, 2017
6:00 – 10:00 pm

Beachland Park Flea



by Karen Guder

June 3rd and 4th Beachland Park will sponsor another great flea market. The Flea will be from 10:00 to 3:00 at Beachland Park at the end of Canterbury Road. We will have many local vendors, Papparazzi Jewelry, LulaRoe, Tupperware, Gold Canyon Candles, Lake Erie Monster Gems, Out of Our

Minds Furniture, many local baked goods, local artists, homemade soaps, Tie Dye by Michelle and Food by Charissa, to name a few. We will have Yoga with Ali doing some mini sessions and entertainment for the kids by Bojangles Entertainment. Join us for some shopping, eating and supporting local makers!

Events

Summer Happenings at Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries

by Sr. Madeline Muller

Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries is offering a variety of programs this summer. We hope that you will be able to join with some of your neighbors for some of these relaxing and informative offerings.

Healthy Moms – Healthy Babies

This is a new initiative sponsored by the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries. This program offers support through pregnancy and the first year plus an opportunity to grow fresh vegetables in a community garden, participate in nutrition classes, have the services of a caring doula, and be part of a support group.

Participants will meet at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House 15706 St. Clair Ave. and the CNCM Community Garden 794 East 154th St. Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 – 11:00. Orientation begins June 26th.

Reiki

The Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries is introducing a holistic Healing Center at 15706 St. Clair Ave. (across from the Dollar General Store) this June. Trained professionals will provide stress

relief and healing through Reiki. Reiki is a healing technique that alleviates stress and promotes health and relaxation. Reiki is designed to balance the life force energy that surrounds all living things.

Those who are experiencing stressful situations that are impacting their health will want to take advantage of this opportunity.

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THESE SERVICES.

More information will be forthcoming in the June Collinwood Observer

Birth Certificates and ID’s

DO YOU NEED AN ID OR A BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO: vote, obtain Credit, get a driver’s license? Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries and Siggy’s Village may be able to help.

We are available every Thursday morning from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House 15706 St. Clair Ave. (on the corner of St. Clair and Royal, across from the Dollar General store) EXCEPT THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. We are located at 15416 Saranac (across from Saint Mary Church). Please bring the following if you have them:

- v Birth certificate
- v Proof of residency (e.g. a check stub)
- v Medical record

Cooking with Kids

Children ages 7 - 12 learn how to cook some of their favorite foods and eat their creations? We are continuing this popular summer offering at the COLLINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CATHOLIC MINISTRIES HOUSE 15706 Saint Clair Ave.

Crocheting and Knitting

Join the knitting and crocheting group every Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 for an afternoon guaranteed to keep you in stitches. They meet at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministry House 15706 St. Clair Ave

Expungement Clinic

If you have a misdemeanor or a minor felony you may be eligible to have your record expunged. Appointments are required. Please give your name, phone number and birthdate when registering.

Community Garden

Do you enjoy eating fresh fruits and vegetables? Do you like to grow them? Do

you like to garden? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider becoming part of our gardening group. Here is how it works: You, your family, friends or neighbors choose a raised bed, or part of a bed, and plan the vegetables you want to plant, nourish and harvest during the Summer months. Bring your own tools. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and start on the way to healthy living.

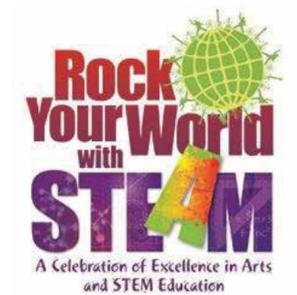
Art for the Soul

Lift your spirit by creating. Free the artist within you! Come and enjoy the experience of art-making. Explore using paint, pencils, clay, and wood to express what is on your heart. Instructors are members of the Ursuline ArtSpace Outreach Staff. All are Welcome! No art training is necessary. Join us for six Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., beginning Saturday, June 17th, at Siggy’s Studio 15416 Saranac

For more information regarding any of these offerings, please contact:

- Sr. Mary Ellen at mebrinovec@ursulinesisters.org or (216)481-8182 or
- Sr. Madeline at mmuller68@gmail.com or (216)408-0214

Rock Your World set for May 20



by CMSD

CMSD will hold its 18th annual Rock Your

World With STEAM Family Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

Sponsored by the District’s Office of Family and Community Engagement and All-City Arts, the free festival will showcase the talents of more than 2,000 students in science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

Performances can be viewed on six stages on the lakefront near the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and the Great Lakes Science Center.

The festival is held in partnership with the Rock Hall, science museum, City of Cleveland, MC2STEM High School and Cuyahoga Community College.

Boy Scouts in Collinwood



by Samantha Hess

The CAMHP Foundation is forming a boy scouts program for ages 7-14, which will start at the beginning of the summer. It’s going to be a great experience for the boys that

sign up for this scouts program, you don’t want to miss out. You will learn new things, try new things, make new friends and also have a great collaboration experience with boys either younger or older than your age. Help is wanted; we are also looking for troop leaders that are ages 18+. If you are interested in participating please call 216-862-3815. We are located at 15416 Saranac Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

Cut my pie into four pieces, I don’t think I could eat eight.
Yogi Berra

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May Bike News and Bicyclist of the Month



Big Audio Mike Miller (left) and Ryan McGrew (right).

by Kath Sonnhalter
The exciting new BikeBike Commuting+Touring Forum (<https://BIKE-BIKE.space>), created and hosted by Bike Euclid, took place April 23, 2017. Thank you to the large outpouring of volunteers who showed up to set up and volunteer at the event. Bicyclists, neighbors and friends from Euclid, Collinwood, and throughout the re-

gion, learned from and shared with each other their experiences pedaling a bike to work and enjoying a vacation by bike. Euclid's own Mayor Kirsten H. Gail attended. The event will now be held annually and the website will remain available as a resource. May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities across the coun-

try since 1956. Here is what's happening in Euclid:
5/4 National Bike to School Day
5/TBD Our Lady of the Lake 7th Grade STEM Clean Energy
5/6 Meet n Greet and Social Ride to Burning River Roller Derby
5/13 CycloFemme Saturday Women's Ride
5/17 Ride of Silence
5/19 National Bike to Work Day Euclid Energizer Station VASJ
5/29 Euclid Memorial Day Parade - Meet behind Irish American Club
6/3 East 200th Street Stroll
Go to www.facebook.com/euclidbikes for event details.

Collinwood Bicyclist of the Month
We have chosen two people to represent Collinwood as May Bicyclists of the month, Mike Miller "Big Audio Mike" Head Sound Engineer for the Beachland Ballroom, and Ryan McGrew Head Sound Engineer for the Tavern. A big thank you to both of them for helping us out with the BikeBike event, where they both received replacement tubes and tires from Eddy's Bike Shop in Willoughby.

Where and how do you ride?
M. After moving to the neighborhood, my car broke down, and I realized I lived close enough to work that I could just ride my bike.

R. I like to ride to work and around town, and also through the Metroparks and mountain biking.

Do you ride year round?
M. No. I'm afraid of wrecking.

R. I never ride in winter, the ice makes it too difficult.

Do you wear any special bike riding clothes?
M. I just wear what I am going to wear to work. Hoodie, t-shirt, jeans, and my blue sued shoes.

Do you ride your bike to work? Describe the experience.
M. Yes, I live close to work by choice. It is better to ride a bike for parking, when a show is happening.

R. I like the experience of exploring the city and riding a bike to work. You see things you wouldn't if you were driving.

If you could change or improve one thing about your cycling experience, what would it be?

M. I don't ride in the street. It does not feel safe. The sidewalks are smooth. I wish Waterloo had more bike racks. There used to be more. They were removed when the street work was done and they were never brought back. Sometime I lock up to the fence out front and sometimes I bring my bike into the club.

R. I wish there were more bike lanes around, like the ones on Lakeshore Blvd. We don't have the most pleasant drivers. I ride on the sidewalks. People don't complain here about that.

Why do you ride?
M. Exercise. It does not take a long time to ride from home to work. And it feels good.

R. I like to feel the air, nature, the sun hitting my body because I work in the club building all day so it feels great to be outside.

To be considered for Bicyclist of the Month, contact us at bikeEuclid@gmail.com.

Community

RTA and Job Corp Join Forces



The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA), Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the Cleveland Job Corps Center have joined forces to teach and train the next generation of workers, and provide job op-

portunities for interns to work at the transit system in the weeks and months ahead. Our joint agreement was finalized with the Cleveland Job Corps Center they will provide RTA with student interns. After the students complete a five-week internship RTA will assist them with possible employment opportunities in various departments, including those in the skilled mechanical and electrical trades. "Through this agreement, individuals with a high school diploma, will have the opportunity to tap into all the benefits of the internship program. This effort allows students to transition more easily from school to work and take advantage of the invaluable opportunities afforded through work-based learn-

ing," said RTA CEO and General Manager Joe Calabrese. The goal of the program is to afford real life job experiences to the students and to create a pipeline of applicants for organizations such as the RTA. "It's a win-win opportunity," Calabrese said. "The students benefit from on-the-job training, and RTA and the ATU benefit from tapping into the skills of students who have achieved the high standards and succeeded in the rigorous training of the Job Corps." "Cleveland Job Corps is very thankful for the opportunity to partner with the RTA", said Cleveland Job Corps Center Director, William Houston. "We hope our students will be able to fulfill the skills gap that has been

looming in the RTA Corporation for the past couple of years. It is our goal to make sure the students are responsible, committed and prepared for this wonderful opportunity." Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program, administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. At the Cleveland Job Corps Center, we support the Job Corps program's mission of teaching eligible young people the skills they need to become employable, independent and placing them in meaningful jobs or to further their education.

Cleveland Neighborhood Stump Speech Series 2017

by Samantha Hess
The Cleveland Neighborhood Stump Speech Series is a town hall series that aims to bring light to issues being faced by Cleveland neighborhoods. The first town hall will take place in South Collinwood on Sunday, July 9th from 12:30-2:30pm. It will be located across the street from 15416 Saranac Road, Cleveland, OH 44110. This event is being held in collaboration with the Center for Advanced Mental Health Practice and Collinwood Catholic Ministries. The series would like to invite different neighborhoods to participate in this series and have speeches take place in multiple Cleveland neighborhoods including Hough, Waterloo, Buckeye, Glenville and more.

Good News on E. 185th

by Sarah Gyorki
Our neighborhood has gotten some pretty negative press lately, with the tragedy at Mr. Cars causing some people to claim the whole community is "imploding." That brutal shooting was terrible, and our hearts are broken for the family. But what that shooting was not was a sign that this community has gone adrift. On the contrary, when I saw the outpouring of love and support for the family, when I went to the vigil at the business site and saw the range of people, from every part of our

neighborhood, who turned out to let that family know we cared, I saw the strength that keeps this community together and is going to help it move forward as a place where diverse, caring, engaged residents come together and make good things happen, in spite of challenges. I'm so proud of my E. 185th community, and I hope everyone here will continue to rally to show the critics just how wrong they are. Some residents and businesses are already coming together to do that. Let's all support them.

E+C+C+200+185 = Stroll + Walk + Roll



by Sherrie Zagorc
Why did it take us so long to learn the answer to this equation? After 10 years, Euclid and Collinwood plus collaboration and 200th St. and 185th St. will equal a super-sized Stroll,

Walk, and Roll on Saturday, June 3rd. The E. 200th Street Stroll volunteers and the Merchants of 185th Street invite early morning starters, late risers, and people with boundless energy to join us from 10 am to 2 pm on E. 200th Street and 2 pm to 6 pm on E. 185th Street for 2 times the fun on the Saturday after Memorial Day. You can do the math - collaboration plus 2 streets are greater than one!

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by *Kiaira Jefferson*
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YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Kids Café

Visit the Collinwood Branch Library after school for Kids Café provided by the Cleveland Food Bank!!

****LAST DAY for Kids Café is May 19th. Summer Feeding will begin Monday, June 5th**** Monday - Friday, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Produce for Cleveland

Free, fresh produce distributed through a partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. One free (5 pound) bag of produce per household, per week while supplies last. Mondays (Contact branch for delivery schedule)

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****Last day of CMSD schools is Wednesday, May 24th**** Monday - Thursday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH):

CMNH Vouchers are provided to the branch every month and are available to check out with your Library card! Each voucher allows FREE admission for two adults and four children. Vouchers must be redeemed within 30 days of checking out.

Free the Bird: Bird Day Conservation and Awareness

Bird Day was first observed in 1894. Learn about birds that live in Northeast Ohio and create your own bird habitat!

Thursday, May 4th @4:30pm

Genealogy @ CPL

Get started with genealogy and learn about the resources that are available through the library, tips on conducting research, and methods for organizing findings. Saturday, May 6th @10:30am

Family Funday-ICE Cream ESCAPE!

Join us for ice crème bar, games, family crafts

as we celebrate "the ties that bind us" in Collinwood. This FREE event will be hosted by Neighborhood Leadership Institution. Saturday, May 6th - 2:30-5:00pm @ the Collinwood Recreation Center (16300 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44110)

Strike a Pose and Up Your Selfie Game

Create personalized photo frames and other fun things for all your selfie needs! Share with friends and create fun memories.

Thursday, May 25th @4:30pm

ADULT PROGRAMS:

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Do you or someone you love have diabetes? NEON's Diabetes Management Empowerment Program is a six week series that encourages small lifestyle changes while learning about your diabetes and the way it affects your health. Call Aimee Dutton (844-472-4644) or Kathy Boysaw (216-231-7700 X1079) to sign up. Thursdays, April 20th - May 25th - 10:00am-12:00pm

Senior Day

The Cleveland Department of Aging is presenting its 28th Annual Senior Day! ALL seniors are invited to attend this FREE event! For more information call 216-664-2833. Wednesday, May 24th -10:00am @ the Cleveland Public Hall (500 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114)

Featured Website of the Month!

Hoopla-Movies! Borrow up to 10 titles a month! All you need is a CPL card, email address, and internet connected device or computer! Just go to hoopladigital.com, sign in, click on browse, click on movies, and select the movie you want to borrow. Easy, right? For more information, feel free to call the branch.

On behalf of Cleveland Public Library at the Collinwood Branch, we would like to thank you all who participated in our Food for Fines program and for helping to feed hungry families of Northeast Ohio!!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller**Library Closings: Monday, May 29th -Memorial Day**

Memorial-Nottingham Library Hosts Brain Break for Students



Operation Vegetables gameboard. Photo courtesy of the Operation Vegetables Facebook Page.

by *Yoellie Perez*

Earlier this month, Junior Cluster students at Lakeshore Intergenerational School sought opportunities to unwind after working hard on their standardized tests. Teachers guided students on a delightful walk to Memorial-Nottingham Library for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Together they enjoyed a group lunch and were able to receive their own library cards to check out books. For many, it was the first time receiving a library card. This new responsibility was met with much excitement! Though our school has a wonderful little library of its own, it was a treat to explore the branch's expansive selection of books. Students could not wait to return to school and begin reading.

They were also able to partake in a unique activity. Local artist Linda Zolten



Junior Cluster students proudly display their new library cards as they prepare to enjoy their books outside.

Wood created the interactive board game Operation Vegetables, which is currently housed at the Memorial Nottingham branch. With its student-created characters, this board teaches its players all about healthy, sustainable eating and is accompanied by a vibrant vegetable garden in the library's courtyard. Our children had a great time working their way through this game. They adored the hand-painted game board, hand-drawn character cards, and were especially excited to learn they were created, in part, by children their own age!

LIS is so lucky to have this wonderful community resource within walking distance of our school. The Junior Cluster is looking forward to indulging their love of reading and visiting once more later this Spring!



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St. Jerome Elementary School Stations of the Cross



by *James Boyce*

At St. Jerome Elementary School students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades performed a recreation of the Stations of the Cross. It is extremely important that during the Easter Holiday, our students and the community of St. Jerome remember the representation of love and sacrifice that Jesus offered to all of us when he was crucified. The crucifixion is when Jesus was nailed to the cross and died for the forgiveness of sins. The Stations of the Cross reiterated the suffering that Jesus endured without any objection or repentance. The resurrection, that ensued three days following the crucifixion, is an astonishing miracle, and the ultimate representation why Easter is celebrated. The Resurrection is when Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. The student body at St. Jerome were able to appreciate and embrace the significance of the resurrection and the true meaning of Easter.

May is the month of Mary

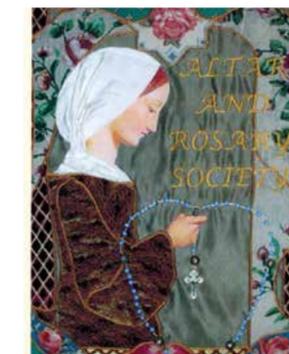


Parishioners will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, May 13th by reciting the Rosary following the 4pm Mass on Saturday and the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 14th

by *Adele Markert*

May is traditionally a month of devotions to Mary, the Mother of God. St. Jerome continues the tradition of devotion to Mary with the school children holding a May Crowning service following the all school Mass on Wednesday, May 3rd.

St. Jerome Church will also observe the tradition of May Crowning on Saturday, May 6th following 4pm Mass. Many pa-



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rishioners have pledged to participate in the "5 Million Rosaries for our Nation" campaign being organized by Dynamic Catholic where people can pledge to say the Rosary from as little as one time up to daily for a year. The goal is to have 5 million Rosaries said for our country in the next year. You can check the link on our Facebook page stjermocleveland.org for more information.

Final City Music Cleveland Concert of the Season

by *Adele Markert*

St. Jerome Church and CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra are pleased to announce that Mr. Paul Watkins will be making his conducting debut in Cleveland, Ohio, with their May concert series which can be heard at St. Jerome Church Sunday May 21st at 4pm.. Mr. Watkins is the Music Director of the acclaimed English Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Watkins is also a member of the Emerson String Quartet and plays the cello.



Clarinetist Daniel Gilbert will be featured in the final City Music Concert of the season at St. Jerome on Sunday, May 21st at 4pm.

The program will include:
Prokofiev Classical Symphony
Mozart: Clarinet Concerto
Beethoven Symphony No. 7

Daniel Gilbert will be featured on clarinet. Mr. Gilbert joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Associate Professor of Clarinet in 2007. Previously, he held the position of Second Clarinet in the Cleveland Orchestra from 1995 to 2007. A native of New York City, Mr. Gilbert received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and both a Master of Music degree and Professional Studies Certificate from The Juilliard School. Mr. Gilbert also serves

on the faculty of Case Western Reserve University. In addition, Mr. Gilbert holds the position of Principal Clarinet of the Chamber Orchestra, CityMusic Cleveland, Principal Clarinet of the Classical Tahoe Festival, the Napa Festival Orchestra and Second Clarinet of the All Star Orchestra that is currently recording its third season for PBS

The concert is free and family friendly. A free will offering will be taken. We welcome everyone to enjoy a marvelous afternoon of music.

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Students learn through Science Olympiad team

The Science Olympiad team, Coached by VASJ teacher Mrs. Lucy Kulbago, is in its second year at VASJ and expanded this year to include the Robot Arm event.

Senior Javari Hines was looking to gain as much exposure and experience in the field of engineering before graduating and heading to college and eagerly jumped at the chance to be involved.

"I always like trying to test different engineering fields so this was a chance to work with two different engineering fields at once to see what I am most interested in," Javari says.

Javari and junior engineering student Bryan Williams Jr. gained a great deal of electrical and computer engineering knowledge throughout the process of learning the Robot Arm.

Bringing the Robot Arm to VASJ was a collaborative effort.

Rick Pollack, president of MakerGear (who also provided the school with 3D printers) arranged for his employee Kyle Granat, an electrical engineer he had recently hired who also had Robot Arm experience, to help VASJ with the project.

"Kyle volunteered time two to three days per week before going to work, teaching the students how to assemble and program the arm," says VASJ engineering teacher Gary Minadeo '74.

Alumnus Roger Sustar '61, Fredon CEO, provided the funds for the school to purchase the Robot Arm kit. Tim McCord '68, CEO of Heisler Tool (who also sponsors VASJ's two robotics teams) helped with design



VASJ students Javari Hines '17 and Bryan Williams Jr. '18 compete in the Robot Arm event at the Science Olympiad regional tournament held at Case Western Reserve University.

modifications of the Robot Arm. The kit arrived in January and Javari and Bryan spent every class period for over two months working on assembling the Robot Arm and learning how to use the software that allows the arm to move.

After months of preparation, VASJ's Science Olympiad team completed its season by attending the Case Western Reserve Regional Competition.

In addition to Javari and Bryan, VASJ's Science Olympiad team members include Anna Radachy '19, Patrick Bradford '19, Misrach Ewunetie '20, LaShonda Bailey '20,

Khalid Mitcham '19, Vanessa Apelons '19, and Eleanor Boru '18. VASJ's Science Olympiad team also attended three local invitational competitions.

The Robot Arm event finished fourth place out of 23 teams.

"I think I got good engineering experience from it," Javari says. "It was a lot of problem solving. We had difficult things that we had to change to meet requirements for the competition. It was just a lot of trial and error."

Javari plans to study electrical engineering in college and thanks to his experience in VASJ's engineering program and Science Olympiad, he feels well-prepared for his future.



VASJ's 2016-17 Science Olympiad team members pose with their coach Mrs. Lucy Kulbago for a picture at the end of their season. It is the team's second year at VASJ.

VASJ drama club performs spring musical



Congratulations to the cast and crew of VASJ's Drama Club who gave three outstanding performances of their spring musical, "The Wedding Singer." For 10 seniors, it was their last time to take the stage in a VASJ production. Their hard work paid off and their talents shined in this wonderful production.

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The blessing of the food baskets reminds us of our gifts.



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Community leaders from Euclid and Collinwood joined us for Community Stations of the Cross



The new fire for the Easter vigil

Holy Week is a very special time, and this year's celebration at Our Lady of the Week was a beautiful opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together in faith community. From parishioners presiding for the first time at Tenebrae services to the wash-

ing of the feet on Holy Thursday and the great vigil on Easter Saturday, there were so many moments of grace and sharing. To see more photos and videos, please visit OLLEuclid.org.

OLL Strolls, Walks & Rolls!



Save the date for June 3 - Our Lady of the Lake will be out and about in the neighborhood, and we're hoping to see you! We'll be hosting our Stroll Festival right here in front of Our Lady of the Lake at Lakeshore and E. 200th St from 10am-2pm as part of

our support of the E. 200th Street Stroll. And we'll also have a table at Walk & Roll E185 from 2:00-6:00pm. So the fun lasts all day! It's a great chance to enjoy a day in the neighborhood and support our wonderful community. Please join us!

Sign Up Now for VBS at OLL!

It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School at OLL! Always one of our most popular programs, VBS often sells out, so be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible. This year's Makers Fun Factory theme is going to be extra fun, with a full slate of creative activities every day. VBS runs 9:30-noon June 12-16 at Our Lady of the Lake. For more information, contact Rita Testa - Rita@OLLEuclid.org - or call (216) 486-0850.

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OLL Goes Big On STEM

by Jenny Millett

Our Lady of the Lake School is invested in STEM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Not only are these some of the most important fields youth can study to prepare for successful careers - they're also really fun. So every year, OLL, with support from the Dominion Foundation, offers a full STEM program for every single grade, culminating with STEM week in May, where students can showcase and share their work.

This year's theme is Celebrating Clean Transportation, and teachers and students have gone all out with creative projects. The 7th grade will travel to Niagara Falls, which is not only one of the wonders of the world but also a remarkable source of clean energy, providing electricity generated by

the power of the falls. While there, they'll get to check out another form of transportation when they ride on the Maid of the Mist. Grades 1-5 will participate in a bike rodeo - a classic form of energy-efficient transportation that communities everywhere are embracing. And the 5th Grade was inspired to look at the book Around the World in Eighty Days - and redesign those travels entirely with clean transportation.

If you'd like to hear about more fun projects and see first-hand what the kids are learning, please visit our STEM Showcase on Friday, May 12, from 9:00-10:00am and again from 1:00-2:00pm. The showcase is open to the public and we're happy to welcome visitors. For more information, please call (216) 481-6824 or visit ourladyofthelakeschool.euclid.org.

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Zoo Field Trip



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CHS Hall of Fame Inducts Two (continued from front page)



Peter P. Ducosky John Sercel, Major USAF

He served our country in the Merchant Marines and in the US Army. After he married, Peter and his beloved wife Stella, moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he began a 32 year career as a pipefitter with the New York Central Railroad in the Collinwood Yards. Peter was one of the founders, and first Charter Member, of the American Legion Post 999 located on East 152nd Street. Peter, and his wife, were active members of the American Legion throughout their lives. Post 999 was proud of its support of our troops during WWII, and subsequently, support for European children after the war. Under Peter's leadership, Post 999 surpassed all others in northeastern Ohio for the collection of records for troops, and in the early 50's, toys for the nationwide American Legion "Tide of Toys" drive.

In 1932, Peter, and four others with Post 999 and New York Central Railroad, built the 999 replica locomotive that the Collinwood Alumni Association has resurrected as a visible reminder of the historical spirit of the Collinwood High School "Railroaders". The original "999" is historically significant as the first engine to have exceeded 100 miles per hour; it was also known as the "Queen of Speed" and pulled the Empire Express, New York Central's flagship passenger train. The Legion's "999" was constructed after hours at the Collinwood Yards. This miniature locomotive served Collinwood well – not only for the American Legion, but also as good advertisement for the New York Central Railroad. The "999" appeared in many parades in Cleveland, and across the country. The fact that the "999" is in our service today, is a testament to the excellence of its construction, as led by Peter. In the 1940's Peter oversaw construction of an even larger engine for the Forty and Eight. The fate of this larger engine is unknown.

Peter was also a member and leader of the local Forty and Eight Chapter, Voiture

11, a charitable honor organization of US Veterans. The Forty and Eight's purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution to promote the wellbeing of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors including programs to promote child welfare and nurses training. These were all worthwhile activities that Peter participated in to the benefit of his community.

Peter passed away in 1974, a man proud of his service to our country, proud of his charitable endeavors in our community and proud of his charitable work with the American Legion and the Forty and Eight. To honor that service, he went to his eternal rest proudly wearing his uniform.

John Sercel, Major USAF, graduated from Collinwood High School in 1950. Following graduation John initially enlisted the Navy. In 1952, he switched to the Air Force. He was accepted to the USAF Aviation Cadet program, completed that training and became a 2nd Lieutenant. Following graduation from the Air Force's Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) program, 2Lt Sercel became an F-86 fighter pilot and was assigned to Landstuhl Air Base in Germany. Lt Sercel flew missions in Europe as part of the US commitment to the fledgling North Atlantic Treaty Organization, supporting such activities as the US response to the Hungarian Missile Crisis. Many other tours of duty took Sercel around the globe, as he proudly served his country in Germany, Japan, Viet Nam Korea and The United States. Major Sercel really distinguished himself with his actions in the Viet Nam war.

Major Sercel was a Super Saber (F-100F) pilot in the 415th Tactical Fighter Squadron during the Viet Nam war. He flew more than 120 combat missions in three tours of duty. As an F-100F pilot, Major Sercel flew missions into North Vietnam escorting aircraft involved in the Rolling Thunder operations. His task, to suppress enemy air defenses, both airborne and ground based, is still considered today as one of the most dangerous missions in that war. Major Sercel was also involved in more than 30 missions as a forward Air controller. In

these operations, he flew as an advisor to Republic of Vietnam Forces in battles such as the Ia Drang valley. ('We Were Soldiers') where he also supported US Special Forces in those battles. Major Sercel was one of Cleveland's most decorated pilots in the Viet Nam war.

A few of his prestigious Medals are:

The Distinguished Flying Cross;
The Air Medal with Five Clusters (each cluster represents another Air Medal); and The Air Force Commendation Medal.
Winston Churchill's grandson, Sir Spencer Churchill, was a British War Correspondent, who was reporting on the war for both British and US publications. He wrote several articles about the Viet Nam war for LOOK magazine. When the USAF offered to provide Churchill with a bird's eye view of the air war, he was lucky to fly with Major Sercel on a combat mission. Churchill in his article, portrayed Sercel as "the brawny, jovial-faced Major from Cleveland, Ohio" in an issue of LOOK magazine. He was one of a great many people that were impressed with the way Major Sercel conducted himself in the service of his country. Major Sercel was also a combat leader. As a flight commander, he was a leader and a teacher to many young fighter pilots coming into the service. In particular, to officers who were then graduating from the first class of the then new USAF Academy. Many of these young officers would later become senior level leaders in the USAF and credit their success to John's style of leadership by example.

Major Sercel retired from the Air Force after 20 years of distinguished service. Prior to his retirement, he served as an F-100 Super Saber fighter-bomber academic instructor, as operations officer for the 416th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron; part of the 58th Tactical Training Wing at Luke Air Base in Arizona. He continued to fly after the Air Force as the Chief Pilot for Cessna Corporation's East Coast Jet Marketing Division. In that capacity, he led his company's efforts in aircraft flight demonstration and sales of Cessna Citation Business Jets all over the world.

This will be a posthumous reward because John was deceased at the young

age of 45 in a tragic 1977 traffic accident. Major Sercel was a proud family man with who left a widow and five sons. His legacy lives on with his granddaughter Kimberly who became an AF pilot following a service academy education. Kimberly attended joint Navy-AF pilot training at Pensacola NAS and now flies as an instructor pilot, in the Lockheed Martin C-130J. Like her grandfather, she also has 3 combat tours of duty to her credit, with missions into Afghanistan and other parts of Southwest Asia. She credits her desire to serve her nation, from stories growing up that she heard of her grandfather's exploits and heroism.

Many CHS graduates remember those turbulent times as the United States struggled with the war in Viet Nam. We are proud to call Major John Sercel a fellow CHS classmate. John Sercel graduated from Collinwood High School in 1950. Following graduation John initially joined the Navy. In 1952 he enlisted in the Air Force Flight School where he was commissioned. John proudly served his country in Germany, Japan, Viet Nam and The United States. Major Sercel really distinguished himself with his actions in the Viet Nam war.

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The formal inductions will take place on Saturday morning September 16th, 2017 as part of the Grand Reunion IV which brings together alumni from all graduating classes. Everyone is welcome. For more information on the ceremony and Grand Reunion, visit the alumni website at www.collinwoodalumni.com.

Paul Gill, Chairman, Hall of Fame

VA Benefits & Medicare



Ginny Calvey is a licensed certified life insurance agent who has been serving seniors since 1999, is featured on My Medicare Question, and is the author of "Life's Little Black Book."

by *ginny calvey*

The Veterans Administration is a great resource for our retired veterans, but is it enough to offer full coverage for all their benefits or are there some gaps in the coverage you may need?

In Cleveland and the surrounding suburbs, we are blessed to have great services offered. As long as you registered with the VA prior to 2003 or performed in the service during wartime you are entitled to medical and prescription benefits through your local administration.

If you were enlisted outside of wartime and did not register for benefits prior to 2003, however securing coverage may not be available. In 2003 the VA lost much of

their funding because vets had failed to register so the perceived need was not recognized. If you have ever intended to use their facilities, be sure to inquire about their availability before you need apply.

If you are a wartime veteran or are already registered, they are a great resource with excellent doctors as well as a phenomenal source of prescription drug coverage. There are a few drawbacks to any system and the wait times may be longer to see or schedule doctor visits and the prescriptions are generic. Since the VA is a federal plan, it is primary and Medicare does not apply.

If you have Part A and are paying for Part B under Medicare, supplemental coverage also offers protection outside the VA in the

event you need an ambulance, are taken to a hospital which is not affiliated, wish to procure an outside physician and assists in the copayments for your medical services within the system. If you need a prescription drug which is not generic you may also want to explore the cost of an independent drug plan as well.

Bottom line, as in any plan, the more informed you are of your coverage and any gaps it elicits and the more proactive you are in your health care, the more control you have over your individual costs. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.



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Artist Spotlight

Artist Spotlight on Robert Gatewood



by Joe Barbare

There's a groundswell of artisan entrepreneurship happening in North Shore Collinwood – and a new creative services agency is at the forefront of unifying that work.

Following a year-long planning phase, Northeast Shores Development Corporation is partnering with Master Collective to develop and launch Made in Collinwood in 2017. Master Collective, led by Robert Gatewood, is taking the charge of building Made in Collinwood as a collaborative brand for artisan businesses and services providers in the greater Collinwood area. This partnership between Northeast Shores and Master Collective will provide extensive small business training, shared resources, and peer networking for makers in the community – in addition to substantial marketing services.

Made in Collinwood has already

launched small business classes in the neighborhood in partnership with the Hispanic Business Center. And the platform is gearing up for an expanded year of Makers' Markets, which will generate a surge of energy at the East Shore Park Club in tandem with their Summer Concert Series.

But what about the Made in Collinwood brand and the man behind its creation?

It probably comes as no surprise that first and foremost, Gatewood is a longtime Collinwood native. Gatewood and his family were Cleveland East-siders for years, before moving to Collinwood in 1999, where they have lived ever since.

Throughout his youth, Gatewood was drawn to the artistic process. He channeled that interest to more formal mediums like painting and sculpture in high school. But the forms felt too rigid for his intent. A longtime passion for video games and their potential for creative expression ultimately led him to the field of design. He just didn't know if it could pay the bills in the long run.

Freshly out of high school, Gatewood worked at the phone and mail order department of the Cleveland Browns. That department's inevitable transformation into the Brown's team shop meant Gatewood worked more and more with computers and database entry. At the time it's what he needed in life. On the side he worked as an independent graphic designer, building up a portfolio working on projects within his network.

After years hard at work, Gatewood was ready to expand his knowledge base and decided to attend Cleveland State Univer-

sity, the alma mater of his wife Courtney. Despite his passion for the discipline, he didn't begin in graphic design. He tried his hand at several degree tracks, still stuck on the notion that there wasn't a career path for designing.

Finally a guidance counselor who knew Gatewood's passions convinced him that the graphic design program made perfect sense. It married his passion for art with a creative outlet that he could direct to helping others and providing an image to their fantastic ideas. It was both collaborative and creative.

So he dove right in, working at Cleveland State Magazine, serving as president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Artists, and eventually interning under David Roll at CSU Marketing.

Gatewood soon found himself involved with The Creative Group at Robert Half, and within a month of graduating, he was hired on at IdeaStream (a consumer products company located in Downtown Cleveland, not to be confused with the regional multimedia public service agency).

While there, Gatewood served as graphic designer for the company, meeting the creative vision of the company across multiple product platforms reaching national retailers. From licensed products to storage solutions, Gatewood handled design work on a daily basis.

The work was good, but ultimately Gatewood knew his passion for community involvement and entrepreneurship would lead him back to Collinwood. How and when that happened were the lingering questions.

In 2016, the opportunity finally presented itself.

When Northeast Shores announced the search for the perfect creative mind – and digital maker – to lead the actual development of the Made in Collinwood brand, Gatewood jumped at the chance. The decision made perfect sense, as a longtime neighborhood advocate, skilled designer and dedicated community member working toward equality and opportunity for all.

With that opportunity, Gatewood took the chance to leave his current employment and dove headfirst into contract based work through his business, Master Collective. While he worked on projects independently over the years, Gatewood is now going full steam as a graphic design outfit.

The best part?

He's now gearing up for a permanent, full service multimedia hub on East 185th Street.

The interaction, collaboration and design support for neighborhood businesses is what really drives Gatewood at the end of the day. His ability to visually bring their concept to life makes it all worthwhile.

Check out the Made in Collinwood Facebook page for updates, events and featured Collinwood makers while the full web platform is being built out. Small business trainings will again be offered at the Collinwood Recreation Center in summer and fall 2017. And pop-up events like the Makers' Markets still have slots available for current or start-up makers to reach new customers.

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The theme for this month's word search is Spring Flowers!

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Bari Beauty and Health Plus



by Sarah Gyorki

An encore career is when a person enters a new line of work after they retire from their original career. Typically, the new career path offers a greater level of personal meaning and social impact than previously experienced. This is so true of our Grameen recipient, Barbara Liddell.

As a Registered Nurse with a Master's in Community Health, Barbara has had a successful 40-year career in the health care field. During that time, she has cared for thousands of Cleveland Metropolitan School District students.

Further, Barbara has provided nursing

care for various members of her family because being number 11 out of 12 children there is ample opportunity! She willingly provides care, compassion, and shares her knowledge. This includes caring for her mother who, at 104 years old, still lives in her own home!

Once Barbara retired from being a full-time nurse, she recalled a memory from her high school days about wanting to start a business. Even without retail business experience, she embarked on her encore career.

Enter Bari Beauty & Health Plus!

Barbara is the sole proprietor of Bari Beauty & Health Plus, located on East 185th Street. This retail store opened in 2007 and is dedicated to carrying high quality, unique beauty and health care items as well as homemade wines.

Bari Beauty & Health Plus has organic

soaps made of all natural ingredients such as oatmeal, cocoa butter, shea butter, aloe vera, and coconut. The store also stocks supplements, organic oils (topical and edible), and Dashiki tops (African designs).

Further, Granny's Wine, lovingly crafted from a family recipe, is available for tasting and for sale. The wine is made from select grapes and other fresh fruit. The flavors that are regularly stocked include Concord, Merlot, Muscato, Peach, and Strawberry. Other flavors are dependent on the season and availability of fresh ingredients. The recipe originated with Barbara's father, Virgil Liddell. He brought it to Ohio from his boyhood home in Mississippi. The picture found on every label is that of Barbara's mother, Minnie Lee Liddell.

You see, this business is inspired by a caring heart and a desire to stay close to family. So, it's no surprise that Barbara's family is involved with the store. Daughter Shakeela helps with the website and marketing. Nephew Edward operates the store on weekdays. Son Amal is in charge of the production and bottling of Granny's Wine.

Barbara's careers, both as a nurse and now as a business owner, are rooted in family and community. Her strong civic-mindedness led Barbara to initiate the first

Walk and Roll E. 185 event in 2016, which aimed to bring energy and life back to East 185th Street. She was able to do this with a Neighborhood Connections Grant and support from the Northeast Shores organization. Barbara informs us there are more activities planned for 2017 so be on the lookout for information!

Barbara aims to be of service by providing useful products, sharing information and being a resource to those who cross her path. She believes strongly that God has been vital in keeping the store open all these years. It is her fervent goal to do good for others. Can you imagine if there were even more hours in the day?!

She thanks Our Lady of the Lake parish for the Grameen program and this opportunity to share her gifts. Please stop by the store and say "hello". Barbara and her family would love to talk with you.

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(NOTE: Barbara is usually at the store Tuesday through Friday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm)

Newly Formed Croatian Professional Organization Aims to make a Social Impact



by Helen Curak

The Croatian community in Cleveland continues to flourish with the adoption of a local chapter of the Association of Croatian American Professionals (ACAP). The national organization's goals are to connect Croatian communities in the United States, and around the world, to build a lifetime of connections to support business, networking and social activities.

ACAP was initiated by the President of the Republic of Croatia, Kolina Grabar-Kitarovic, and Josko Paro, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the United States. Croatia is located across from Italy on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. Cleveland, along with other cities in the U.S., is home to a large number of people with Croatian roots.

Members represent various professions,

such as doctors, engineers, attorneys, journalists, artists, business executives and accountants. Students and those with non-Croatian heritage, who are active in the Croatian community, are encouraged and welcomed to join.

"Our goal is to show how strong and vibrant the Croatian community is in Cleveland. We aim to be socially impactful, not only within our own cultural community, but in greater Cleveland as well," says Biljana Lovrinovic, President, ACAP – Cleveland.

ACAP's mission is to:

- Foster knowledge-sharing and networking among Croatian-American professionals and Croatian professionals around the world for mutual success
- Promote the advancement of Croatian-American professionals and Croatian professionals around the world by leveraging this knowledge and network
- Encourage Croatian-American business and trade
- Foster camaraderie amongst our members
- Work with other Croatian-American organizations and Croatian organizations around the world on matters of common

concern

"Our values – leadership, cooperation and integrity – mixed with our mission, aim to strengthen our ties with and connect our Croatian communities locally and globally," says Mario Juric, Vice President, ACAP – Cleveland.

Making Connections

In 2016, ACAP hosted an inaugural conference in Washington D.C. where President Grabar-Kitarovic and Ambassador Paro were in attendance. The second annual conference will take place from May 11 to 13, 2017 in Chicago. Cleveland will be well represented by chapter members who will participate and network with fellow professionals from across the USA, Canada and Croatia.

This year's event will launch a first-ever Croatian-led startup competition aimed to bring together creative entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas to the conference attendees. Top entrepreneur Renato Libric will help judge the competition. Libric was recently named "Top 50 Inspirational Entrepreneurs to Watch" by Entrepreneur magazine.

Want to join?

"We're looking for people who want to forge new friendships, take part in volunteer activities and enjoy our social activities. By participating in activities that are beneficial to the community, you can easily enhance your network on a personal and professional level as well," says Juric.

Notable members of ACAP include Bojan Bogdanovic of the Brooklyn Nets, Kate Pavlich a Fox News contributor and Neven Spahija, the Atlanta Hawks assistant coach. Robert Herjavec of "Shark Tank" and former New York Giant, Dave Diehl, are distinguished supporters of the organization.

"We hope to energize and engage our members as we to focus on internships, education, social events and networking. We're looking for members who want to make a difference while having some fun," says Lovrinovic.

ACAP – Cleveland meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Dubrovnik Garden Restaurant at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake.

To learn more about ACAP – Cleveland or to become a member visit croampro.com or contact cleveland@croampro.com or facebook.com/croamprocleveland for additional information.



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RE-ISSUED STORY

Meet Ms. Thompson Gifted Comforter & Author

This is a corrected and enhanced story. It was originally issued as "Meet Ms. Wade" in the March 2017 issue of this publication with two errors. A sincere and heartfelt apology for these errors and any inconvenience resulting in having Ms. Thompson's name incorrect and how long she has lived at Indian Hills Senior Community (30 years now, not 18).



After recently touching base with Ms. Thompson, it is very exciting to report that she is seriously considering writing a follow-up to her book, A Positive Stance.

For over 30 years, Ms. Thompson has volunteered at local area hospitals providing valuable assistance to administrative teams and patients. She is by far one of the most widely appreciated and recognized "Red Vest" volunteers receiving many letters each year of gratitude and recognition for the special treatment and well-crafted words of encouragement and comfort she offers whole-heartedly to everyone she meets. Surely her deep sincerity, spirituality and sensitivity is what has helped her become ultra-gifted in comforting others.

Ms. Thompson is a proud mother, grandmother, sister, friend and local leader to so many among her church, community and personal circles. Through 37 years in living with Multiple Sclerosis, she attributes God's love and the messages of the Bible for having provided powerful strength, guidance and grace. She encourages faith in "God's perfect love" and believes in the "healing powers" of serving others, explaining that, "helping others replenishes the heart and mind so you can face your own struggles with a better perspective."

Ms. Thompson has lived at Indian Hills Senior Community in Euclid for the past 30 years spreading good will atop of one of three scooters she owns to get herself around. Her positive outlook and aura has had a unique impact on residents in the community. Even her scooters won't stop, or perhaps she has some special way of keeping them going too. Her stories of offering comfort and embraces, as well as scooter rides to others (on her knee) in times of need, make tears well up quickly. This is a unique woman with many of her own struggles. Yet, her acts of kindness and stories illuminate the fact that she puts her whole self into life with an unwavering faith.

If Ms. Thompson had a motto for living it might sound something like this: break through your own limited thoughts and perceived constraints by taking a positive stance in faith and thoughts of others.

Although Ms. Thompson wrote a book many years ago called A Positive Stance, it is surely time for her to write another to help her fans know more of her secrets that tap into a miracle of strength, health and happiness.

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Eastbrook Healthcare Center Completes First Phase of Renovations



by HelenCurak

Eastbrook Healthcare Center recently completed the first part of an ongoing renovation to upgrade and modernize the skilled nursing facility. With a new owner in 2015 came the mantra – out with the old and in with the new – for the aging facility. “The upgrades to our short-term rehabilitation unit, such as new state-of-the-

art equipment and aesthetically pleasing decor, will make each patient’s stay more comfortable and pleasant,” says Shilo Dewald, administrator, Eastbrook Healthcare Center.

Eastbrook is a skilled nursing facility that provides long- and short-term care for the following needs:

Rehabilitation – Medical rehabilitation for

issues such as wound care, stroke, cardiac, respiratory and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Psychological therapy – Those who need supervised care from a routine counselor and/or psychiatrist to become independent community members.

Dementia/intellectual delay – Patients who require more supervision and stability for their specialized needs.

Dewald adds that “the new look and comfort features incorporated into the renovation will enhance the care we provide for our patients every day.”

The short-term rehabilitation unit’s renovated features include:

- New nurses station complete with updated technology
- Adjustable air conditioning and heating units in each room
- Upgraded security features

- Welcoming entryway
- New call light system to track patient calls more effectively

- Individual televisions in each room
- Renovated dining area
- State-of-the-art electric beds
- Aesthetically pleasing décor for a soothing environment

A Labor of Love

By providing simple things like self-adjustable heating and air conditioning units, patients feel a sense of independence and autonomy.

“The renovation project is a labor of love. We strive to have an updated facility that provides much needed care and services for our community,” reflects Dewald.

The Eastbrook Healthcare Center is located at 17322 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. To take a tour or for more information about Eastbrook Healthcare Center, call 216.486.2280 or visit eastbrookhealth.com.

Humor for the Spirit

by Reverend Tammy Hill

Saved by the Scripture

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, “Stop - Acts 2:38!” (Turn from your sin). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, “Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.” “Scripture?” replied the burglar, “She said she had an AXE and two 38’s!”

Some Heavenly Encouragement

One day God was looking down to earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out so he called on a female angel and sent her to earth for a time. When she returned she told God, “yes it is bad on earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good.” Well, He thought for a moment and said maybe I had better send down a male angel. To get both points of view. So God called a male angel and sent him to earth for a time. When the male angel returned he went to God and told him yes the earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good. God said this was not good. He would send a letter to the 5% that were good and encourage them, something to help them keep going. Do you know what that letter said? ...Oh, you didn’t get one either?!

Deal or No Deal

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, “I’ll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut and we’ll talk about it.”

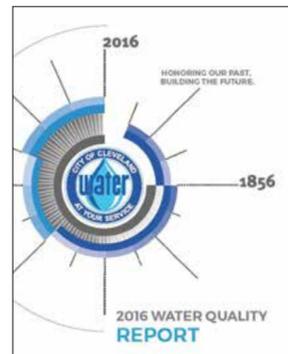
After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father’s study where his father said, “Son, I’ve been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you’ve studied your Bible diligently, but you didn’t get your hair cut!” The young man waited a moment and replied, “You know Dad, I’ve been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...” To which his father replied, “Yes, and they walked everywhere they went!”

Saintly Lady Likes Her Hymns!

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in the offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he’d like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said, “I’ll take him and him and him!!!”

Thanks for reading! Reverend Tammy is the Co-Pastor of Memorial Spiritual Church, Celebrating 100 Years of Serving God & Spirit. Join us on Sundays at 3 pm at 19204 Pawnee Avenue, Cleveland 44119. www.mscc2015.weebly.com

2016 Water Quality Report Now Available



by John Goersmeyer

We are proud to announce Cleveland Water’s 2016 Water Quality Report is now available. This annual report provides an overview of our water quality during the past year, including testing results and information.

We know our drinking water is essen-

tial to the quality of life of more than 1.4 million people in 80 communities. That’s why we are committed to providing our customers with safe, high-quality, drinking water at the turn of a tap any hour of the day.

Our water is constantly monitored and tested. In fact, Cleveland Water consistently exceeds the most stringent water quality standards mandated by state and federal regulations and recommended by drinking water organizations throughout the country.

This year’s report is unique in that it also includes a section about lead in water and water quality information on behalf of the City of Cleveland Heights whose customers we welcomed into our Direct Service family in January of 2017.

Every Cleveland Water customer will receive notice of this report on their bills. The report can also be viewed and downloaded for print at <http://www.clevelandwater.com/2016WQR.pdf>. Printed copies can be requested by calling (216) 664-2639.

Join us in Celebrating Drinking Water Week

by John Goersmeyer

Looking for something fun and educational to do with the kids? Plan now to stop by our annual Drinking Water Week Open House!

Each year, we invite our friends to join us at one of our four water treatment plants for tours, demonstrations and a host of fun, family-friendly activities in honor of Drinking Water Week. This year, we’ll be

opening the doors of our Nottingham Water Treatment Plant, 1300 Chardon Road in Cleveland, on May 13th from 10am until 4pm on Saturday, May 13th.

To register for a tour, visit our website at www.clevelandwater.com and click on the Drinking Water Week banner. You can also call our Public Education and Outreach team at 216-664-3173 to register today.

Health

Children’s Grief Support Camps Provide Support Amid Beauty of Nature



Children who are grieving find hope and healing at the scenic Red Oak Camp in Kirtland.

by Laurie Henriksen

Looking for a summer camp to support a grieving child or teen, or a meaningful way for your whole family to memorialize a loved one? One of the lesser known community services offered by Hospice of the Western Reserve’s bereavement center is a series of children’s grief support camps and family days held in beautiful natural settings throughout Northern Ohio.

The camps are offered at a nominal cost and are made possible through the support of the Conway Family Foundation, Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve, CRL

David Foundation, the Goldner Family and many individual donors. No connection to hospice services is necessary to attend one of the camps.

This summer, camps are planned in a variety of natural outdoor settings to help children share their feelings and ask questions in a safe, supportive environments. All of the camps are led by trained grief support professionals experienced in working with children and teens. Two family days – appropriate for children and adults of all ages – are also planned. For more information or to register for one of the camps, call 216.486.6838.

Three-Day Camps:

June 6-8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Together We Can

Red Oak Camp (ages 6 to 13)

9057 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland

Planned activities such as commemorative crafts, drum circles and storytelling encourage memories, coping skills and the expression of feelings.

Register by May 8

Pickup and drop off times will be provided. Call 216.486.6838 for more details.

July 10-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Together We Can- Medina

Krabill Shelter (ages 6 to 13)

7597 Ballash Rd., Medina (Lafayette Township)

The serene natural setting allows children to feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and asking questions in a safe, supportive environment among other children coping with similar feelings. Fun recreational activities are interspersed to encourage creative play and interaction and to take full advantage of the beautiful park environment.

Register by June 12

Pick up and drop off times will be provided. Call 216.486.6838 for more details.

Five-Day Camps:

June 19-23, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Riding Through Grief: The Healing Power of Horses (ages 8-12)

Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center

16497 Snyder Rd., Chagrin Falls

Offered by Hospice of the Western Reserve in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, the gentle, nurturing feedback of therapy horses in a tranquil 45-acre farm environment has a healing effect on children coping with loss. Children interact with therapy horses through a series of unmounted activities.

Register by May 28

Family Day Events:

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. to Noon

At the Park (all ages)

Cleveland Metroparks

Willow Bend Picnic Area, Brook Park

Creating art from nature in a beautiful wooded setting allows participants to know they are not alone in their thoughts, feelings and experiences while they tell their stories and memorialize their loved ones.

Register by July 15

Saturday, July 29, 3 to 5 p.m.

At the Beach (all ages)

Mentor Headlands

9601 Headlands Road, Mentor

The waves and the sand provide a soothing natural setting for children and adults of all ages as participants engage in a scavenger hunt, make rain sticks and interact with others, learning new ways to manage their grief.

Register by July 22

Owners of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Facility Receives Prestigious Award



President and CEO Dr. Martina Moore and Vice President and COO Brian T. Moore

by V. McGraw

Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. (MCMS) President and CEO Dr. Martina Moore along with Vice President and COO Brian T. Moore received the Business Person(s) of the Year award Thursday, May 4th at the Euclid Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner.

The two were recognized for this award because of their dedication to the substance abuse and mental health issues that our communities face. They were also recog-

nized for their dedication to the City of Euclid.

“It is such an honor to receive this award, I am proud of the services we have provided this community over the last 17 years” Brian Moore said.

MCMS has seven outpatient alcohol and drug treatment centers in Northeast, Ohio. MCMS is dedicated to ensuring individuals are getting the help they deserve by providing compassionate and specialized services to clients. MCMS has been a vital business

in Euclid for 17 years.

The state of Ohio leads the nation in heroin related overdose deaths. The staff at MCMS is committed to helping clients obtain treatment services for them to maintain sobriety.

The Moore’s are always in the community looking for ways to improve the City of Euclid, if you see them out please congratulate them on an award well deserved.

Help Save Trauma Patient Lives by Giving Blood



by Christy Peters, 216-361-7523, @Red-CrossBloodCL

During Trauma Awareness Month in May, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients with traumatic injuries and other serious medical needs by donating blood or platelets.

According to the National Trauma Institute, trauma accounts for approximately 41 million emergency department visits and 2.3 million hospital admissions in the U.S. annually.

“A single car accident victim can need as

many as 100 units of blood,” said Christy Peters, external communications manager, Northern Ohio Red Cross Blood Services. “In trauma situations, when there’s no time to check a patient’s blood type, emergency personnel reach for type O negative red blood cells and type AB plasma.”

O negative red blood cells and AB plasma can be transfused into any patient, regardless of blood type, making donors with these universal blood types an important part of the Red Cross trauma team. Less than 7 percent of the population has type O negative blood, and only about 4 percent of the population has type AB blood.

Platelets may also be needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding. Because platelets must be transfused within five days of donation, there is a constant – need to keep up with hospital demand.

“As a trauma surgeon, I know that a readily available blood supply can mean the difference between life and death for patients in the most serious situations,” said Dr. Gregory J. Jurkovich, board chair, National Trauma Institute; fellow, American College of Surgeons; and professor and vice chairman, Department of Surgery, University of California Davis Health. “Blood products can only be provided by generous donors, so I urge you to roll up a sleeve and help save lives.”

In 1999, donated blood helped save the life of Ohio resident Michael Harper after a severe auto accident. He suffered injuries to his head, arm, leg, wrist and pelvis, plus experienced kidney failure and respiratory distress. He needed more than 60 units of blood to save his life immediately. After many following surgeries, Michael needed more than 300 units of blood in total.

Today Michael is thrilled he was able to survive and go on to marry, have three children, and become a math teacher and coach. “Blood donations helped save my life,” said Michael. “Blood is a resource that must be offered out of care for others. It is safe and quick to give and a gift worth giving!”

Blood and platelet donors of all types are currently needed. Those who come out to donate blood or platelets by May 14 will have a chance to win one of three \$1,000 gift card shopping sprees from GiftCertificates.com. Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Euclid 5/11/2017: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Lakefront Community Center, 1 Bliss Lane



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Bob's Corner



by Bob Payne
WARNING – You may find this article challenging.

There are some subjects that you traditionally avoid in polite conversation. Proper etiquette dictates that conversations remain cordial, light, and for the most part – absolutely neutral. Talking about the weather or local sports teams are usually acceptable topics. Personally, I prefer more meaningful discourse, so let's put etiquette aside for a moment.

I was recently asked what religion I profess. Quite honestly, a person's religion doesn't particularly interest me. It's your business. What I really want to know about you is this.

How do you treat other people, especially those who can do nothing for you?

Have you journeyed with the broken and encouraged someone experiencing the inevitable hard times of life? Have you given a hungry person your own food? Have you comforted the sick and dying?

This tells me more about your spirituality than your denomination.

You see, I don't care too much for labels because they tend to make one group think that they are better than another by separating us from them; a kind of spiritual one-up-ness.

Let me ask you this important question - Is it possible for you to put labels aside and recognize each person as infinitely valuable regardless of their nationality, religion, age, politics, the amount of pigment in their skin or their sexual identity?

It has been said that we are like separate waves in the same ocean or leaves of the same tree, and it is tragic to decide that only a certain group of people should be loved. We are all in this together. We tend to get into trouble when we forget our connectedness and focus instead on our differences.

We all bleed red.

Bob Payne, Manager

When I do good,
I feel good.
When I do bad,
I feel bad.
That's my religion.
-Abraham Lincoln

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



The Senior Center will be CLOSED on Monday, May 29th

NOTE – there will be no activities in the afternoon on Thursday, May 4th.

Entertainment:

Breakfast with Bob



Breakfast with Bob will be on Thursday, May 11th - 8:30 AM at Sticks, 24131 Briar-dale Ave, Euclid 44123 You must have your OWN transportation



Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Friday, May 5th at 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Nachos, cheese, salsa & FUN
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May 9th & 23rd – Fun BINGO
Bingo for Prizes - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – FREE
Sponsored by Cap Tel Phone & Mount St. Joseph.



Mother's Day Celebration

Friday, May 12th – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Join us for a Mother's Day Celebration in the dining room for Fun, Games and Refreshments. Sponsored by Hillside Plaza.



BIRTHDAY DAY- May 17th

Cup Cakes Sponsored by Euclid Hospital Geriatric Assessment Programs. Ice Cream Sponsored by A generous anonymous senior.



F.F.F.

Join us Thursday, May 18th – 10:30 in the Library for Fun For Foodies. Sign-up at the front desk.



May 30th – SPEED BINGO

Bingo for prizes – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – FREE
Sponsored by Monreal Funeral Home.

TRIPS:



Grande Pointe Fun Bingo

Tuesday, May 16th – 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.

SENIOR DAY – FREE

Wednesday, May 24th
The Cleveland Department of Aging present Senior Day – Downtown Cleveland 10:00 a.m. – Information Fair 11:00 a.m. – Program Noon – Lunch 12:30 p.m. – Entertainment Van leaves Center at 9:00 a.m. and returns around 1:30 p.m. Register at the front desk.

Bus Trips with Wickliffe Senior Center.

Mountaineer Trip. Tuesday, May 23rd Bus picks up here at 7:30 a.m. Cost \$26, but you get \$20 in slot play. Make checks payable to Wickliffe Senior Center. Sign-up at the front desk. See Monica with any question.



NAUTICA QUEEN BOAT CRUISE

Wednesday, June 28th – Van leaves at 10:00 a.m. & returns at 3:00 p.m. \$ 35.00 member, \$ 45.00 non-member Step back in time. Sway to the tunes from the Big Band Era & enjoy the buffet for lunch.

Breakfast with Grande Pointe

Wednesday, May 10th – 9:30 – 10:30 Breakfast with Grande Pointe. Join us for muffins or bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. Please sign-up at the front desk by May 8th



Memorial Service, Thursday, May 25th

Please join us at 1:00 p.m. in the Library for our annual Memorial Service to honor the memory of family and friends who have passed. Light refreshments will be served following the program. NOTE – there will be no activities in the afternoon following the Memorial Service.

SPEAKERS:

Gateway Health Presentation
Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:45 a.m.
"Medicare Coverage for the whole you"
The Presentation will provide information on the A B C' & D' of Medicare plan for your health, lifestyle and budget.

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Preventing Falls and Improving Balance

Euclid Senior Programs would like to invite everyone to join Dr. Michael Lozitsky from Infield Chiropractic on Wednesday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m. This event will be fun and exciting. He will try to challenge you and provide activities to help you improve balance and function.

Community Police Talk

Thursday, May 11th 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. Also, if you have old medication that you need to discard, they will take it as long as it is not liquid or needles.

Grief Support Group

Thursday, May 11th at 12:45 p.m. This Grief Support Group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one whether it was a spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. Please join us for a new opportunity provided by Euclid Senior Programs & Hospice of the Western Reserve

Stroke Awareness: BE FAST

Thursday, May 16th – 11:00 a.m. Mr. Muhammad A. Samad will be here to talk to us about Stroke: Be Fast!! In a stroke, every minute counts, use the BE FAST method to evaluate whether someone may be having a stroke.

Third Federal Savings & Loan

Friday, May 19th – 11:15 a.m. Third Federal is proud to present a financial literacy program focused on preventing elder financial abuse.

Muffins with the Mayor

Monday, May 22nd – 11:00 a.m. in the dining room. Here is your chance to sit and enjoy conversation and muffins with our Mayor, Kirsten Holzheimer Gail. Stop by and say "Hello".

Eastbrook Healthcare Center Friday, May 26th at 11:15 a.m. The Healthcare Center has gone thru major renovation and changes to provide up to date care for short term rehab in today's demanding healthcare environment. A representative from Eastbrook will share information about your skilled care benefit and when to use them.

SERVICES:



DPS Tuesday, May 9th

10:00 a.m. to Noon & 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. 20 – Minute free consultations. Have a question for an attorney regarding estate planning, wills, trusts, Medicaid Eligibility, Long Term Care Needs, or Veterans Benefits? The attorneys at Daniel P. Seink Co. offer vast experience in the field of elder law. Founder and Managing Partner, Daniel P. Seink, is one of twenty Ohio attorneys certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. Sign up for a 20 – minute time slot (FREE) at front desk. This service will continue on the second Tuesday of each month.

BENEFITS CHECK-UP – FREE

Monday, May 15th & 22nd 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Euclid Senior Programs also coordinates the Benefits Check – Up program at the Lakefront Community Center. Benefits Check – Up is a program to screen adults 60+ for over 70 money-saving programs: prescription drug assistance, help paying Medicare premiums, help with heating bills, phone discounts, and much more. Call 216-289-2985 to schedule an appt.



Podiatrist

Dr. Bangayan will be here on Wednesday, May 17th & 31st at 9:20 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Call 289-2985 for an appointment at the center. Fee - \$20.00, with your membership.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Chair Yoga–Mondays at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. AC \$ 3.00 per class.

Yoga – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Annex Room \$ 3.00 per class.

Tai-Chi – Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. DR – Six week series - \$24, Drop-ins \$6.00 per class.

Billie Exercise Class – (Chair) Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – Computer Room

Line Dance - Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Checks Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please give your name to the volunteer and she will issue you a number. Wait in the hallway until your number is called.

Chair Exercise to Music – 11:00 a.m. DRA – Wednesday

Silver Sneaker Class – 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. – Dining Room Annex Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free with Silver Sneakers membership. No Silver S. Class

on Monday, May 22nd FUN AND GAMES

BEADING CLASS: Monday, May 1st - 10:30 a.m. to Noon. FREE to members

Quilting Class – 2nd & 3rd Thursdays – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Pinocle Tournament– Fridays – 1:00 p.m. Computer Room.

Open Card Play–Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Card games, Pinochle, Bridge & Rummy.

Bingo–Monday,Wednesday & Friday 12:45 p.m. – Dining Room.

Pool Tournament – Friday, May 19th 9:20 a.m. April winner – Bob Payne

Crochet– 10:00 a.m. – Tuesday, AC

Adult Coloring - 1:00 Tuesday, AC

Chair Volleyball - 12:45 p.m. Dining Room – Thursdays

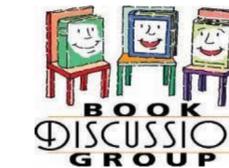
EDUCATION – SOCIALIZATION Bible Study – The group meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. – Library.

Arts & Crafts - 10:00 a.m. Wednesday – AC

Sewing – 10:00 a.m. – Thursday, AC

Art with Jack - 12:45 p.m. Tuesday

AARP Meeting Monday, May 1st – 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Sandra Pollard from Gateway Health Service to speak on Medicare Services.



Book Discussion – May 8th At 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center Library. Jennifer from the Euclid Public Library will lead the discussion on the book, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile Thursday, May 11th 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dining Room Annex.

GARAGE SALE Don't throw away your knick-knacks! We will be having a Garage Sale on Thursday,

June 22nd – 10:00 – 2:00 benefiting Senior Center activities. We will accept items in good shape. Sorry – NO Clothing.

Computer Class

Interested in learning Computer Basics? Join us on Monday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the computer room. If you have any questions you want addressed, please give them to Sylka ASAP so that they can be addressed at the beginning of the session. In addition, a video presentation is also scheduled. Please sign in early as there are only six computer terminals available for hands on training. Of course there is room for much more. See you there!!

Post Office On Wheels

Friday, May 19th 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Special Services, Money Orders, Stamps & Packaging Supplies are available.

Homemade Cookie Contest

Are you a baker? Can you make cookies? Submit your cookie creation at our Homemade Cookie Contest, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31st. The Mayor will judge the entries. Great prizes for the top 3 cookies!

Nutritional Programs

Euclid Senior Center offers a lunch program Monday through Friday at Noon. We serve a nutritious meal that supplies 1/3 of your daily nutrition requirements. Our menus are written by a licensed dietitian to insure you receive a healthy lunch. The suggested donation is only \$1.00. Reservations are to be made Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, BY NOON for the following week. When reserving, please be conscientious and look ahead to make sure you reserve lunch for the days you know you will be here. We now have to report the number of no-shows and seconds. Please help us to lessen the no shows/seconds. You can help to make a difference. Thank you!

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.

Fun for Seniors

On Monday, May 8th, at 10:30AM, a dozen freshmen from VASJ High School will be here to meet our seniors. Please plan on coming in early and talking with these youth. They want to know about you and what you've experienced in life. It will be very meaningful for them, and you. Please join us!

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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	10:00 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	10:30 SilverSneakers exercise	10:30 SilverSneakers exercise
11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	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 Computer lab open	1:00 Computer lab open
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