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All Eyes on the LaSalle Arts and Media Center



by Cindy Barber,
Vice President of Northeast Shores

We know everyone has been wondering how progress is going on the renovation of the historic LaSalle Theater on E. 185th, so we want to give you an update. After

finding some unexpected extra construction costs, Northeast Shores Development Corporation had to regroup and seek additional funding to close the construction gap. We are happy to report that the LaSalle restoration is back on track and scheduled

to be completed by the end of the year, so you should see a lot of workers and transformation happening on the site. Next year, NE Shores and members of the board are going to have to mount a capital campaign to add the finishing touches, but we are on track to get this important anchor restored so the facility can be used and enjoyed by the broad community.

The proposed central tenant of the project is still Taste of Excellence catering, who will be using the theater for weddings and other events when their clients need a large seated venue. With this in mind, the old movie house is being structurally changed inside, converted from a raked floor to a series of level platforms and the old narrow stage is being extended to accommodate a head table or presentation. When the building is complete, there will also be restored storefronts in the front of the building for small businesses to rent and remodeled 5, 1-2 bedroom, apartments upstairs. Stay tuned for a 2018 celebration.

In other news....

Northeast Shores is also getting back on track with scheduled community meetings at the Collinwood Rec Center. So mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 24th, 5:30 to 7:30. We are jumping to the 4th Tuesday instead of the 3rd Tuesday because Councilman Polensek has an event on that night and we want to make sure he's available to update the community.

Under the leadership of new Executive Director Camille M. Maxwell and the Board of Directors of Northeast Shores Development Corporation (NESDC), we have determined that it is in the best interest of the organization and community we serve to temporarily move our base of operations. This move comes as we complete the LaSalle Arts & Media Center renovation while simultaneously planning the future of NESDC, which is now operating with reduced staff. Thanks to our strong ongoing partnership with Hospice of Western Reserve, we are proud to announce our move

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St. Casimir Parish Welcomes Our Newly Confirmed And Our New Bishop



St. Casimir Confirmation with Bishop Perez, Sept. 20, 2017

Photo by Vidas Pliodzinskas

On Wednesday September 20th, St. Casimir Parish was blessed in a very special way. Not only were we gathered to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation of four young ladies in the parish, but we were honored to have the new bishop of Cleveland, Nelson J. Perez, celebrate the Mass and his first Confirmation as 11th Bishop of

the Diocese of Cleveland on September 5th. Confirmation is the third and final Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church.

Audrele Bielini, Mary Sinead Robertson, Elizabeth Tarasevich, and Faith Thompson, after a year of education, spiritual preparation and reflection, chose to stand before the congregation and the

bishop to profess their faith and be sealed in the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop Perez used his homily to share two thoughts with the girls as final preparation. First, he told the girls, know that most of what your parents do and did for you, you will never know. He called on them to be humble and have gratitude for the gifts of their upbringing. Second, he said, in a call-and-response with the congregation, "Never, never, ever underestimate the power of God to work in you and with you, through you, and in spite of you."

He shared the story of an ordinary moment, many years ago when he was a new priest, that had far-reaching consequences he only learned of years later, as an example of how God works through us in our everyday lives of faith, oftentimes without our ever knowing. Then, one at a time, present-

ed by their sponsors, the girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation by anointing with holy oil and called by the saint's name they had chosen.

After the Mass, everyone was welcomed to celebrate with Bishop Perez at a reception in the parish hall that featured treats from many of the ethnic groups of the parish prepared for the occasion.

We feel so blessed to have a joyful shepherd in Bishop Perez, and look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead. We celebrate Mass in English weekday mornings at 7:30 am, at 5:30 pm on Saturdays, and at 8 am and 12 noon on Sundays. Mass is also celebrated every Sunday at morning at 10 am in Lithuanian. Everyone is welcome here.

HGR Welcomes the Annual F*SHO

by Dale Kiefer

HGR Industrial Surplus hosted the ninth annual F*SHO on September 15th at its headquarters on Euclid Avenue. This free event gives members of the public the chance to meet skilled local furniture-makers, craftspeople, and artists, all while admiring the fruits of their labors. The F*SHO was organized by Jason and Amanda Radcliffe, the husband and wife team behind 44 Steel, who take the event to a different location every year.

The show had just five designers back in its inaugural incarnation in 2009. This year it boasted thirty-three. And more than 2,000 people came out to HGR to be a part of it. These curious members of the public had a chance to come face-to-face with some of the best contemporary designers Northeast Ohio has to offer, all

while enjoying a party atmosphere courtesy of a live DJ, free food from Soho Chicken + Whiskey, and free beer from Noble Brewing Co.

The building that now houses HGR was originally built during the Second World War to produce aircraft parts for the war effort. Later it was purchased by Fisher Body to make car bodies for General Motors, but closed when GM halted production in 1993. It was given a new life in 1998 when HGR opened for business.

"HGR is doing a great job with this space. They brought this building back—revitalized it. This is great for the city," Jonathan Holody, the Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Euclid told me as we stood near the crowds admiring the finely-crafted furniture on display. "A lot of the manufacturers in the

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13th Annual, Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park

(article found on page 7)



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Councilman’s Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

Can you believe this weather? Nine-ty degree temperatures

in late September? We have been extremely lucky and the Midwest weather looks real good compared to Texas, Florida and the Caribbean. Let’s hope that the winter is likewise.

I want to thank everyone who attended the “Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach” event on Sunday, September 24 at Euclid Beach Park. What a great turnout; antique cars, food, music and memorabilia from Euclid Beach, a great day along our beautiful lakefront and above all a great day for our neighborhood. Thanks to Euclid Beach Park NOW, the Cleveland MetroParks and all the volunteers for a job well done.

Talking about food, St Mary’s and St Jerome’s had wonderful clambakes this past month and St Casimer’s Clambake will be coming up on Saturday, October 21. Anyone wanting tickets should call the parish rectory at (216) 481-3157. My sincere congratulations to both Beulah Baptist Church on Cardinal Avenue and to Memorial Spiritual Church on Pawnee who both celebrated their 100th Anniversary. May the good Lord continue to watch over these historic congregations.

Since the last Observer, many things have happened. With the tremendous help of the Cuyahoga County LandBank and the City’s Bureau of Demolition we have taken down over 225 abandoned and derelict structures so far. We are not going to rest until condemned structures are removed or put back into productive use. As I have asked before, if there is an abandoned house on your street make sure we are aware of it; for who knows better than an adjacent neighbor if a structure is abandoned, vacant or occupied. Please be proactive and turn in any property that is creating a problem on your street.

Last week I had the opportunity to once again to testify in Federal Court in front of The Honorable Judge Donald Nugent with regard to the sentencing of the third and last defendant involved in the environmental contamination of the former National Acme plant located at 131 East 131 Street. This defendant received 33 months plus in the Federal Penitentiary and in addition he shares in the restitution to environmental-ly abate the property which is estimated to cost \$5.9 million. The big question is - will the city or the state ever see even a dime out of either of the three defendants in light of the shell companies that they established? I have asked the City’s Law Department to seek financial assistance from the Ohio and the U.S. EPA to see if there are any funds available to remediate this site which impacts both the Glenville and Collinwood communities. Time will tell whether both agencies will step up to the plate to help us, and if not, the City needs to figure out a strategy to address this property which has tremendous opportunity for future development.

All of us are really glad to see construction gear up, once again, on the historic LaSalle Theater on East 185th Street. I don’t have to tell anyone of the trials and tribulations that NSDC has had to go through in their effort to deliver on this much needed project. Because this historic building is so critical, at the request of NSDC I have committed additional Ward 8 development funds to be used towards the renovation. I look forward to this historic renovation project moving toward completion some-time later this year.

As I sure you are all aware, there is a General Election this November 7 for not only Mayor but Judicial Races, County and Statewide issues and the local Ward 8 and Ward 10 Council races. Your vote is important. I am sure you have all heard the old saying “that you get the govern-ment and representation you deserve.” On Tuesday, September 12th, Primary Election Day, only 13% of registered voters in Cleveland cast their ballots. When 87% of the registered voters DO NOT exercise

their right then they are abdicating their right to a small number of individuals, who then have a tremendous say as to what takes place in our city. Remember, whoever is elected this time for Mayor and Council will preside over the Council ward redistricting, once again. We know what we faced last time.

Early voting starts October 11th. I urge all concerned citizens to please remember all those who have given their lives so that we can have the right to vote. Don’t sit on the sidelines – become a stakeholder in your community and in our city. Anyone needing an absentee ballot or poll information can call the Board of Elections at (216) 443-3200 or visit their website at www.boe@cuyahogacounty.us.

As always I can be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING

1st Thursday 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 Grovedown 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

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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 Jesek Daley,
Councilman Polensek’s office, (216) 664-4236

HGR

Syndicated Cartoonist Tony Cochran, Creator of Agnes, Makes Custom Electric Guitars Out of Reclaimed Materials



by Gina M. Tabasso

When did your interest in art begin?

My interest in art began the day I figured out that drawing was more fun than math. It was probably back in grade school. I was pretty good at it, so you follow the praise.

Where have you worked, and what have you done in prior career roles?

In high school and college I worked in retail -- stockrooms, loading docks. After Columbus College of Art & Design, I got a job at a dealership in an auto body shop. That’s where I stayed 15 years sneaking to do artwork under the quarter panels of cars I was repairing. I’d do paintings in the evenings in the basement next to the laundry when I got home from work. Vickie, my wife, networked with galleries and art collectors after her day job as an occupational therapist. She encouraged me to pursue my art career full time. The sudden death of a friend of mine made me realize life is short, and I quit the auto body shop to pursue my muse. We rented a studio in an old casket building, and I painted away.

Tell us about the comic strip that you do and how it came about.

My comic strip is about a long-footed little girl name Agnes. She started showing up in the margins of my sketchbooks as I pursued my painting. I never planned to make my living as a syndicated cartoonist. It found me. Agnes is being raised in a small house trailer by her Grandma. Her best friend is Trout. She is published in newspapers in the USA, worldwide, and all over the Web. Search “Agnes comic strip.” You won’t be



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disappointed!

Tell us about the guitars that you make and why you became interested in making guitars.

The guitars came from a style I was trying out on a motorcycle, but I wanted to explore it further and motorcycles take up too much room. My brother brought me a spare electric guitar he had up in Buffalo, and I ran with it. Electric-guitar styles have a heavy hot-rod ethic to them.

My guitars have been called steampunk, but that’s not quite right. I like them to look old. I like them to confound. I like to add stories about them and help them along in their historical journey. They have unusual finishes -- odd gizmos -- and are completely functional guitars, as they should be! Functional art. I won’t modify a classic guitar. There are too few of them, and they should be preserved for future generations to enjoy in a pristine state.

When and why did you start the guitar business?

We started the guitar business to supplement my lovely wife Vickie’s loss of income due to an unforeseen battle with breast cancer. Selling guitars, creating and running the website, working social media, and doing all the marvelous photography of these is something she did beautifully, and with grace and huge success, all the time recovering her health with mastectomies and chemo. I just create and build the things.

Where do you get your reclaimed materials and wood for your guitars?

I find my mechanical palette everywhere. Garage sales, rummage sales, attics, basements. I have been known to send Vickie out of the car at stoplights to fetch odd bits of metal out of the gutter. I cut stuff up, rearrange it, beat it with hammers, weld it, melt it, rust it with acid. Materials need to



Centro-Matic guitar #66

be scaled to fit the guitars. People find me things, send me items. I am a receptacle for the weird. Feel free to throw something in!

Who buys your guitars?

I am privileged to have fans and buyers of diverse talents and visual desires. They love guitars, they love art, and want to own something a little outside of the box. I have an international market of art collectors, musicians, music producers, pop stars, you name them. What fun! Our customers are a wide cross section of guitar and art collectors. Guitar people seduced by the seductive imagery, lovers of the quirky, appreciators of the arts. I remember bragging to my brother when Rick Springfield bought three and uses them on tour on four of his CD covers. My brother said, “Well, he’s not really a guitar player.” Brothers! Sheesh.

What else have you made?

I’m working on another Harley right now. I converted it to a trike and am making it look like I found it abandoned in the desert, a 60s custom vibe abandoned to time and the elements.

What do you do when you aren’t drawing the strip or making guitars?

Other than all the activities of daily living like house maintenance, laundry, lawn mowing, oil changes, cooking, visiting people, reading, and fixing everything around here that breaks? Nothing much. Vickie and I have been together since we were 16 years old and high school sweet-hearts, and we continue to spend all the time we can together.

What is your personal philosophy?

My personal philosophy is to get everything finished. If you die, well, you’re finished.

What advice do you have for other artists/makers?

Have fun, but you can do better than the last things you did.



Derek’s bass guitar #60



Rising Sun guitar #50

Anything I missed that you wanted to mention?

I’ve started complimenting all new builds with an art display assemblage that the guitar is shown on. There are three art elements: the art display assemblage that stands alone as art on the wall and has the guitar mount incorporated in it, the guitar itself, and the combination of the two. I’m saving them for a single show and have only let people see “The Baby Head” whose photo I have provided here. It was sold immediately to a major guitar and art collector who saw the preview. They will knock your eyeballs clear out! I’d love to show them in Cleveland. Upscale gallery? Cool tavern? Rock Hall? Take a look at my work at www.TonyCochranGuitars.com and contact me at tony@TonyCochranGuitars.com. Ready for a show? Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist, HGR Industrial Surplus, www.hgrinc.com

Kicking it with Cops in Collinwood

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Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

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Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

13 DEC CRAFTING WITH COPS
Where: Five Points Community Center
Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

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As you may know, the tension between citizens and police officers has been an ongoing issue in neighborhoods across the country and in our own local communities. In consideration of our communities concerns for safety and bridging the gap between citizens and officers, Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation was awarded a Neighborhood Solutions grant from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress Inc. for the Kicking it with Cops program.

Kicking it with Cops is a series of activities, officers from the Fifth District, along with com-

munity members, breaking bread together over a healthy meal and crafting together. Fostering dialogue and creating networks that didn’t exist before. Engagement through Kicking it with Cops will create not only a better relationship with the community and police, but will ultimately cultivate a safer environment.

To kickoff “Kicking it with Cops”, our first event will be Kickball with Cops. As we were coming up with this idea, we thought connecting with a local school would be a great way to engage the children and the police in the community. This year, we teamed up with Memorial School (410 E. 152 Street Cleveland, Oh 44110) to participate in Kickball with Cops.

These are free, family events, filled fun activities. Please come out and show your support for our local police and children in the neighborhood. Flyers for each event will be posted. If you are interested in participating in any of these events please contact Kristian Hunter (k.huntercncvdc@gmail.com) or (216-383-9772 ext: 204).

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Events

Celebrate Cleveland-Style at the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend



TV's Joey Miskulin from Riders in the Sky and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek take center stage to lead the traditional accordian jam session at the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend at the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel, hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25, 2017.

by Joe Valencic

North, south, east, west, Cleveland-Style Polka's best! Dance to the finest Cleveland-and Slovenian-Style performers at North America's renowned three-day polka-thon. The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum presents the annual Thanksgiving Polka Weekend and the 30th Awards Show

spectacular – all at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25. It's the sound that made Collinwood famous.

TV's Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen arrive from Iowa, the Singing Slovenes from Minnesota, Dick and Jack Tady from Pennsylvania, Joey Miskulin from



Collinwood's Kathy Hlad (right), Button Accordion Performer of the Year, joins Julie Tabaj and the Button Box Divas at the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend in the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Ballroom, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25, 2017.

Nashville, Fritz's Polka Band from New York and Walter Ostanek from Canada. Performers include last year's winning band, the Jeff Pecon Orchestra, and button-boxers of the year Kathy Hlad and the Fairport Jammers. Check the daily line-up for your favorites.

Twenty orchestras and entertainers are scheduled each day in three hotel locations. Polka personality Tony Petkovsek, who started the festival in 1963, gives the downbeat for the Friday evening button box jam with as many as fifty accordions.

Take a "Polka Road Trip" with the Polka Hall of Fame as celebrates its 30th anniversary with a stage full of stars from across America's Polka Belt at the Awards Show spectacular in the Marriott Ballroom, Saturday, November

25, at 2:00 p.m. Tom Mroczka directs the all-star stage orchestra as top talents share the spotlight with winners of this year's awards, celebrity presenters and polka-rific surprises. Father Frank Perkovich follows the festivities with his Polka Mass at 4:00.

Reserve today – The Marriott Hotel books up fast! Only \$105 for a single or double room per night, tax included and free attached indoor parking. Each Thursday ticket is \$15, \$20 on Friday, and \$10 on Saturday, including free indoor parking. 18 and under free! Awards Show tickets are \$25 each. Save with a Polka Combo Pass – all four events only \$60 per person. For hotel reservations, call Kollander Travel, (216) 692-1000. To order tickets, contact the Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 261-3263.

Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" Meet the Cast



by Charlotte Mirabile
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Advance Ticket Sales Seniors and Students \$12.00. At the door \$14.00 Advance Adult \$14.00. At the door \$16.00

PLOT - Rough-and-tumble Annie Oakley is the best shot around. A backwoods gal, Annie uses her skill to support her family by selling the game she hunts. When she's discovered by Buffalo Bill and persuaded to join his Wild West Show, Annie is plucked from obscurity and becomes the toast of Europe. Annie meets her match in Frank Butler, Buffalo Bill's leading man and star marksman. She falls head over heels for Frank, but soon eclipses him as the main attraction in the show. Her success with a gun makes trouble for Annie's chance at romance. Annie Get Your Gun follows the journey of Annie and Frank, revealing their competitive natures as they vie for best shot - and each other's

hearts. This fictionalized version of the life of real-life sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her romance with Frank Butler boasts a score of Irving Berlin gems including "There's No Business Like Show Business", "I Got Lost in His Arms", "I Got the Sun in the Mornin'", "Anything You Can Do," and "They Say It's Wonderful."

MEET THE CAST: Annie Oakley- Kate Michalski Frank Butler- Allen Seeley Tommy Keeler- David Rusnak Winnie Tate- Christine Bomberger Dolly Tate - Holly Facer Buffalo Bill Cody- Clayton Minder Charlie Davenport- Steven Schuerger Foster Wilson- John Telepak Mac, The Prop Man- John Telepak Chief Sitting Bull- Jeff Ridler Jessie Madeline Jarosz Nellie- Kathryn Ridler Little Jake- Finn Gabrovsek Pawnee Bill- Dave Hopkins Mrs. Sylvia Potter-Porter- Tara Mirabile Mrs. Schuyler Adams- Aria Mirabile Dining Car Waiter- Alison Arko Sleeping Car Porter- Linn Obery Band Leader- Linn Obery Messenger- John Telepak Queen Victoria- Charlotte Mirabile Tsar of Russia-Ken Ferlito King of Italy-Arnie Rodriguez President of France-Frank Sliwa Ensemble: Meg McGarry Anita Anger Lisa Castelletti Jeanette Cox Larry DiDonato Ann Ferlito Ken Ferlito Sophia Martinez Julie Minder Kate Nolan Melody Obery Kathy Pekarciak Arnie Rodriguez Larry DiDonato Frank Sliwa Bridget Thomas Jane Gyorki Sarah Gyorki

Silhouette Productions "Annie Get Your Gun" Musical comes to Shore Cultural Centre

by Chris Cipriani

A musical tale about Old West legendary performer and Ohioan, Annie Oakley comes to life on Shore Cultural Centre's stage October 13-22 in Silhouette Production's presentation of Irving Berlin's classic musical Annie Get Your Gun. Annie's (Kate Michalski) natural ability as a sharpshooter is discovered by Buffalo Bill (Clayton Minder) and she is persuaded to join his infamous Wild West Show. Complications ensue when Annie falls in love with the show's star, Frank Butler (Allen Seely), and her skills put her on top as the show's star attraction. Annie Get Your Gun hits the mark throughout the show with classic tunes such as "There's No Business Like Show Business", "The Girl That I Marry" and "Anything You Can Do".

Meg McGarry, an ensemble member of

the production, states, "Rehearsals are both challenging and stimulating when we nail a particular scene or song". She added, "All the principles are doing an excellent job, with great voices, high energy and tons of talent"

This is the third Silhouette Production in which Euclid resident Lisa Castelletti has been cast, this time as a member of the ensemble, having also been in productions with Geauga Lyric Theater Guild and Mighty Goliath Productions. "It's a classic show, one that I've loved for so long," said Lisa. "But I never knew much about the true story of Annie Oakley. It's always fun when there's room for a large ensemble with a show that so many people of all ages will enjoy."

This family friendly musical also features Ms. McGarry's grandson Finn, age 7, as "Little Jake". He is enjoying his acting experience stating, "I like rehearsal because we get to act, do funny lines and it's fun!"

Will love's aim win over professional rivalry? You can find out at Shore Cultural Centre, weekends October 13th through 22nd, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. Advance purchase \$14 for adults (over 60/under 17 yrs is \$12), at the door \$16 for adults (over 60/under 17 yrs is \$14). Purchase tickets at 216-219-3630, visit www.shoreculturalcentre.com, or in person at Shore Cultural Centre, 291 East 222nd St., Euclid, room 143. More info can be found on the website or by calling Shore at 216-289-8578.

Annie Get Your Gun, with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, book by Herbert and Dorothy Fields, directed by Douglas F. Bailey II, musical direction by Matthew Steven Grittner, choreography by Jen Justice, is presented by special arrangement with Rodgers and Hammerstein.



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Hip-Hip Hooray for Exciting Programs at Collinwood Library!



by Kiaira Jefferson

Collinwood Branch Library
856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110
216-623-6934
Manager, Caroline J. Peak
Cpl-collwd@cpl.org

Youth Programs:
Kids Café

Cleveland Food Bank will be providing free after school snacks for children under the age of 18! Visit the Collinwood Branch Library after school for Kids Café!
Monday – Friday:3:30pm-4:30pm

CCYA – Halloween Helpers

Collinwood Community Youth Academy presents their second program of the fall with 'Halloween Helpers'. Having trouble with the right costume idea? We're here to help out. We've got masks to decorate, capes to don, and other things to help out your Halloween.
Saturday, October 28th @ 11:00am

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Come celebrate the Day of the Dead at the Collinwood Branch! There will be face painting, creating picado banners, and other creative crafts. To help us learn about this great cultural event guest presenter, Bella Sin Delgado, will be providing background on this unique Mexican tradition.
Thursday, November 2nd @ 4:00pm.

MakerLabs at Collinwood

October will see some unique programming coming to the library every week. It looks like we're ready for fall! TechCentral is presenting MakerLabs which will help to introduce new technology to our community. Registration for these programs starts Monday, September 25th. Below is a brief listing of each program that will occur each Tuesday at 4:00pm during the month of October.

Tuesday, October 10th - Mobile MakerSpace Demo: Learn about laser engraving and 3D printing technologies at the new TechCentral Mobile MakerSpace!

Tuesday, October 17th - Tinkercad Basics:

Tinkercad is a simple, online 3D design and printing tool. Whether you're a designer, teacher, or kid, you can use this program to make toys, home décor, Minecraft models, jewelry, and more!

Tuesday, October 24th - Constructing Laser Cut Boxes: Design and build your own custom-made wood trinket box which will be laser cut during the program. No design or construction experience required!

Tuesday, October 31st - 3D Plastic Art Workshop: Discover 3D printing pen technology and how to create free-form 3D art using plastic material. No experience is necessary.

Margo Hudson & CCYA Back-to-School Event

Saturday, September 23rd the Collinwood Library hosted our fall kick-off of the Collinwood Community Youth Academy. Guest speaker, Margo Hudson from Seeds of Literacy, introduced our back-to-school event by talking about how literacy/reading helped her to complete her GED and attain a better personal outlook. "I can do anything now" has become her new personal mantra. Reiterating that as an illiterate adult she was unable to complete the testing necessary for her to get the jobs she wanted, she tried 6 different times to complete the GED before being successful. All the while she taught herself to read and understand the words on the page. In 2016 she received the Governor's Courage Award for her continued perseverance.

Afterwards, kids entertained themselves with art projects at the Cleveland Museum of Art's Art-to-Go! bus located in our parking lot, a scavenger hunt that took them inside and outside the library, and building projects with Legos and Bunchems.

-Children's Librarian, Adam Tully

Stress-less Program - Reiki

by Madeline Muller

Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries has initiated a stress-less program which provides Reiki for clients who want to reduce the effects of stress on their lives. Through the skilled hands of 5 Reiki practitioners our clients have reported feeling less stress and more health. Reiki is an ancient healing practice which releases positive energy within the person to bring about calm and healing.

We are already served many clients from the

neighborhoods around our center and hope that you will come in and try it. Our practitioners are experienced Reiki Masters who have been practicing for many years.

For an appointment call Sr. Mary Ellen at 216-481-8182. We guarantee you will feel less stress and want to come back for another session. There is no charge for Reiki, however, we recommend a \$10 free will offering or what you can afford. No one will be turned away.

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What is New at Lake Shore Intergenerational School



by Shawn Hollowell

WHERE WE'VE BEEN:

The month of September has included many family events here at LIS. We began the month with Curriculum Night, an event lead by our teachers. Parents/families get to experience what a typical day in their child's classroom looks and feels like.

Our reading mentors officially began mentoring the week of September 11th. The students were thrilled to have another caring adult in the building to share stories with. This year we have a total of 21 mentors, 10 of which are new to LIS!

The end of the month brought two very exciting events, Donuts with Dad and the Zoo field trips! Donuts with Dad was a rounding success as over 120 father/special males walked their child to school and enjoyed a donuts and conversation with their child and others. The zoo had lots of excitement as the children got to see a variety of animals they'd read and talked about.



WHAT'S NEXT:

We are very excited about our events and activities scheduled for October. To start the month our monthly Intergenerational Visits will begin. Each of our classrooms is partnered with a local long-term care facility for the school year [ManorCare, AlterCare, Slovene Home, Governors Village, Mount Saint Joseph, Braeview, and Gateway Family House]. We visit these facilities once a month and participate in activities that are designed to create meaningful interaction with residents, as well as reinforce classroom learning. We are so grateful for all of our community partners who make these valuable experiences possible for our students.

Other upcoming events include our school-wide community meeting on Friday, September 29th (8:05 am), presentations from the Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Ortiz's Author Visit, Muffins with Mom, and a fall field trip to Patterson's Apple Farm!

To see more LIS action, check us out on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter!

Raddell's and Maple Heights Catering Earn Top Sausage Honors

by Joe Valencia

Smoked sausages and polka music attracted a crowd of more than 1,200 to SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, for the 14th Annual Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum on a warm and sunny Wednesday, September 13, 2017. The People's Choice Award for top sausage went to Raddell's Sausage Shop of Cleveland, Ohio, while the festival judges selected Maple Heights Catering of Maple Heights, Ohio, for their prize. Azman Quality Meats of Euclid, Ohio, was voted runner-up in both categories.

As recipient of the People's Choice award, Raddell's winning product will be the official sausage sold at the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, presented by the Polka Hall of Fame at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Cleveland, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25, 2017.

Both meat markets have been prior winners with sausages made from recipes brought by their families from Slovenia. Raddell's Sausage Shop opened in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood in 1927. Maple Heights Catering was founded by Andrew and Jennie Hocesvar in 1949.

"Every sausage-maker has their own secret ingredients," said Jay Raddell. "My great-grandfather had a combination people always liked and that's the recipe we follow."

Slovenian sausages (kranjske klobase, in Slovenian) are made with coarse-ground pork accented with garlic, salt and pepper. Sausages are cured by smoking.

Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek was the featured entertainer for the Sausage

Festival. Dancers enjoyed eight hours of music as polka orchestras volunteered for the fund-raiser. Polka jam sessions popped up around the dance pavilion. About sixty musicians performed. Many brought their traditional diatonic accordions, known as button boxes, including Button Box Band of the Year, the Fairport Jammers, and Kathy Hlad, Button Box Artist of the Year, as voted by the members of the Polka Hall of Fame.

"I come here every year for the music, to hear some of the best musicians around," said Walt Murzin of Detroit, Michigan. "It's just like it was years ago."

The Slovenian Sausage Festival is organized by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Euclid's historic old City Hall. Upcoming events include the Harvest Polka Party, Friday, October 6, at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. Tickets for that event and the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend are available through Polka Hall of Fame, (216) 621-FAME or PolkaFame.com. The next Sausage Fest is Wednesday, September 12, 2018. ###



Raddell's Sausage Shop

The Millard Fillmore Presidential Library

15617 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, OH 44110

October 2017 Events Schedule

Mondays

Rick Gleason Jazz Night Every Week

Tuesdays

Bert Plays Guitar Every Week

Wednesdays

Open Mic the 4th and 18th

Always the first and third Wednesdays of the Month.

Thursdays

The Mother Wart Jam Night - Oct 26th

Fridays

Istvan Medgyesi plays for

Walk All Over Waterloo on the 6th

Tadddeo & Sopka Duo on the 13th

The Blues Devils on the 20th

Vernon Jones on the 27th

Saturdays

The Round Tuits on the 14th

David Loy and The Ramrods on the 21st

The Blues Drivers the 28th

Events schedule subject to change based on Cleveland Indians Playoffs.



Osmeivy Ortega. Untitled, Sueño Americano (American Dream), woodcut print on cotton mop rags

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13th Annual, Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park



by Richard Wickens

There is the line from the movie "Field of Dreams", "If you build it he will come". I believe if someone would rebuild Euclid Beach Park exactly how it appeared in the 60's people will come, especially after seeing thousands of people attending the 13th annual "Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park" on the temperature (94) record breaking Sunday, September 24. Folks came out on the hot and

sunny day to walk where Cleveland's most beloved amusement park operated for 74 seasons and possibly to rekindle a memory or two or three or more for the old park surely gave anyone who visited many good and fond memories. To help with memories of the rides, Euclid Beach Park Now has produced photo posters of the individual rides and attractions with a descriptive paragraph or two. These were set out as close

as possible to where the ride or attraction once stood in Cleveland Metroparks, Euclid Beach Park, which covers what was the eastern part of the amusement park. For rides and attractions that once occupied the western part or what is now the parking lot, a cluster of photo posters were set up to lead attendees from the parking area to the picnic pavilion. There one could purchase T-shirts and sweatshirts paying homage to Euclid Beach Park. A new design offered this year had a graphic of the "Over the Falls" which began as the "Mill Chute" at Euclid Beach Park in 1921. Euclid Beach Park Now also had some products, DVD's of the park and CD's of the old band organs and copies of the book they published with Arcadia publishing. The two surviving authors of "Euclid Beach Park is closed for the season" were present; Lee Bush and Dick Hershey to greet people and sign copies of the book. Laughing Sal was also in the pavilion to greet attendees. Walking tours were available on the hour led by a Euclid Beach Park historian, talking about the rides and their location and presenting a history of the park.

The Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society was present with an informational booth. Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park Carousel Society also had a stand. Event attendees could video record their Euclid Beach Park memories which will appear on a website. At the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel a chariot sits off to the side for a photo opportunity. A tablet is at this chariot with instructions so visitors can record their Euclid Beach Park or carousel memories.

A car show was also held, "The Cars We Drove to Euclid Beach Park." Well over 100 antique cars, restricted to the years 1895 to 1969, the years the amusement park was open, were on exhibit. They were in and around the circular drive and had to extend to the South part of the parking lot along the fence line and then the Eastern part on the grassy section between the parking lot and walkway to the lake.

Two cars, of sort, were available for rides throughout the day that was from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Thriller Car and Rocket Ship Car. They took riders East on Lake Shore Blvd., to The Arch and between the two high rise apartments where the bridge for the old Turnpike Car ride still stands. Free pony rides were available for children and the Cleveland Fire Department's Smoke House was nearby.



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Hannah Gibbons Offers Free After-School Program



Hannah Gibbons School is located at 1401 Larchmont Road.

by CMSDS News Bureau

Hannah Gibbons School, 1401 Larchmont Road, will offer free, daily after-school programs, starting in October.

The programs, provided by After-School All-Stars Cleveland, will include academic, fitness and enrichment classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Students

will also receive a nutritious dinner.

The programs will begin Oct. 2 and continue until May 11.

ASAS Cleveland is part of national organization that serves more than 73,000 students in 19 cities. Its goal is to keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

Seeking Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students

by Sharon Kidd-Lewis

New Tech Collinwood Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 community service hours as a basic graduation requirement. Some students have to complete an additional 120 community service hours.

We are looking to connect with non-profits, community businesses and organizations to help our scholars complete these requirements. Students are able to independently complete community service hours after 2:30pm during the school week and on the weekend. If you are a non-profit, business or community organization and are interested in hosting student volunteers after school and on the weekends, please contact Sharon Kidd-Lewis, Site Coordinator at New Tech Collinwood via phone or email at 216.314.4216 or Sharon.Kidd@Clevelandmetroschools.org.

scription about you so our volunteers can learn more about you

- Volunteer Contact name, number and email address
- Dates/times of volunteer opportunities
- Volunteer Job Descriptions
- Any special requirements

Any information provided will be placed in our Community Service Directory that will be available for all students. We are also looking to host a Youth Volunteer Expo in October if enough organizations show interest. The Youth Expo would be a one day event for high school students to meet non-profits recruiting youth volunteers. Scholars would have an opportunity to learn what roles they have, ask questions about what they do, and sign up for different volunteer roles of interest. Please feel free to share this opportunity with your network.

The following information is required:

- Name of the organization
- Agency's mission/ vision/ or detailed de-

Thank you for your continued support of Collinwood High School.

Little Free Library Birthday Celebration



Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries Little Free Library 15706 St. Clair

by Sr. Madeline Muller

Gleeful children and satisfied adults snacking on pizza and cookies and choosing prizes and books lent an air of festivity to a warm, sunny mid-September afternoon. Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries commemorated Right to Read Month by hosting a party marking the fourth year that their little free library has served the area families. The Little Free Library is situated in front of the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House located at 15706 St. Clair Ave., on the corner of Royal and St. Clair. Those from 1 to 101 years of age and beyond

are guaranteed to find a book that will bring them enjoyment. Books are available in the Little Free Library "house" 24/7. Over 1000 books per year are put in Collinwood residents' hands. If you not visited our Little Free Library, please come over to find something that will engage and delight you.

The Little Free Library is made possible by donations from communities of religious women, parishes and neighbors. The Jennifer fund of the West Side Catholic Center provided the prizes and refreshments for the party.

Pretty Things Opens on East 185th Street



Pretty Things is Christina Akita and Cate Patton. Combined, they have twenty plus years experience in the salon industry. After years of working in downtown Cleveland, they are bringing their talents close to their beloved home in beautiful Collinwood, Ohio. Nestled in the north east side of Cleveland in the historic E.185thstreet district. Curious about what Collinwood has to offer (a lot!), have Cate or Christina give you the scoop! Pretty Things offers extensive hair, skin and waxing services. Truly, STYLE FOR ALL. Pretty Things Cleveland - 863 E. 185th St. Cleveland, OH 44119 - Tel: (216) 713-2106



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The Candidates for Council in Ward 8 Answer our Questions

Donald Boyd's answers running for Council in Ward 8



What do you believe the role of councilperson is in the City of Cleveland?

First and foremost, council members should devote their official time to the problems of the

most proud of the diversity of Ward 8. We have a great deal of diversity in race, age, religions, incomes, sexual orientations and other identities that both makes our community unique but also uniquely positions us for innovation and success.

Give an example of when you had to manage conflict? A neighbor in Ward 8 purchased a basketball hoop for the children on her street because she was concerned about the lack of resources for children in our community. Unfortunately, the basketball hoop was stolen from her yard. I knocked on doors and engaged with community residents to eventually locate the responsible parties. I talked to the young adults and had them return the hoop to her yard. I know that the young residents should not have stolen the hoop, but I understand firsthand how challenging it is to want things that you don't have the resources to acquire.

If you were a Ward 8 tour guide, where would you show off? Ward 8 has a full day of places to visit! With the challenge of taking them in one area, I would walk down East 185th Street and finish with the best BBQ in Cleveland, Holland's Bar-B-Que!

If elected, to what topic do you think the residents would like you to give most of your attention? With the unfortunate amount of crime permeating our community, the obvious answer is safety. Yet, a major reason why things are not currently safe is because of a lack of good paying career opportunities in our community. As councilman, I will focus on both sides of this issue as a first order of business.

If you could have dinner and an evening of conversation with any person, alive or dead, who would it be and why? Collinwood's own, former Mayor, Governor and US Senator George Voinovich. His insight as to the historical perspectives of our ward can be examined in order to chart a better way forward towards prosperity for all residents.

What book are you currently reading? The 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene

Councilman Polensek's answers

(continued)

historic leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Pres. John F. Kennedy, Mother Theresa, and most world leaders and scientists. One can only imagine the conversation to be had and knowledge that could be learned about human nature.

Jokingly, when do I have time to read besides the Collinwood Observer? Between emails and phone calls, I am lucky to read my personal mail. However, I just picked up the autobiography of my dear late friend, The Honorable Louis Stokes, called The Gentleman from Ohio. It looks to be good reading.

What book are you currently reading?

Councilman Polensek's answers



Dear Readers of the Collinwood Observer
The publisher of the Collinwood Observer asked of me the following questions. So, here we go ... Thank you for your support.

High School and a member of their Hall of Fame. I also raised five children in Collinwood. The thing I am most proud of our community is that the fact that we don't give up. Look at the challenges and issues we have confronted over the years and yet it has only made us stronger and more committed to making our community the best it can be. We, as a community don't give up and I, for sure, don't.

What do you believe the role of councilperson is in the City of Cleveland? The role of the Councilperson is to represent the people of the 8th Ward and all citizens of Cleveland; and, to interact with residents, businesses and individuals who impact city services, public safety, education, recreation, job creation and economic development. As a public official I will put my legislative, voting and attendance record against anyone who has ever served in City Council. I come to work every day to represent our community and the families who live here. The Charter says I am a legislator; however, my biggest role is being an advocate for our community. Remember, whoever is elected this November will once again preside over the ward redistricting in City Council which is critical to our ward 8 and the entire northeast side of the City.

What are the top three things you'd like to accomplish in this role? As the incumbent in this upcoming term I would like to complete several projects and initiatives which are in the pipeline: first, the complete rebuilding of the Mark Tromba Pool and Playground, which legislation has passed Council already; second, the reconstruction of the historic Euclid Beach pier ; and, third, the streetscape project for East 185th Street and St Clair Avenue. In addition, I want to work more closely with CMSD on a comprehensive gameplan for both Collinwood and Glenville High Schools. Furthermore, I want to work at getting more neighborhood residents and businesses involved in both of our local development corporations, which have gone through major changes recently and need more community engagement and participation.

What prior career or personal experience correlates to this position? Obviously, being a full-time councilman and heavily engaged in this community, has given me a great perspective on not only our challenges and needs but our assets and strengths. Ward 8 is a very unique community. It is racially, ethnically and culturally diverse and that is something we must continue to nurture and be very proud of. I know how city hall operates and I know how to get things done – as difficult as that may be at times. It is about building working relationships with people, institutions and organizations. My record in public office speaks for itself.

How long have you been a Cleveland resident and what is one thing you are proud of about our community? I have lived here all my life. I was born in Glenville on East 120 Street and have lived in Collinwood on Darley off East 140th Street, Clearaire Road, East 169 Street, East 187th Street and now on Brian Avenue, off of Nottingham Road. I own my home. I attended Nottingham and Hannah Gibbons elementary schools and I am a proud graduate of Collinwood

Give an example of when you had to manage conflict? You are asking me that question? I deal with conflict in various levels everyday whether it is amongst neighbors, young people, businesses and/or individuals who disrespect our community. I have always attempted to be up front and call it as I see it. Sometimes, people cannot accept that, especially if they think they are justified in what they have done or said. It all comes down to basic respect and obeying the law. Some people think they can do whatever they want regardless of how it impacts the community or their respective neighbors. Respect, decency and common courtesy toward one another is the glue that holds us together. I attempt to personally interact with all parties involved in conflicts or seek outside assistance who are professionally trained to help.

If you were a Ward 8 tour guide, where would you show off? I am a tour guide for our community and I have several sites I always showcase. The lakefront is the most obvious. I also like to showcase sites that have been transformational such as the historic Collinwood Rail yard which became an abandoned industrial wasteland and which has been redeemed into a shining example of commercial and industrial redevelopment. How about the Collinwood Recreational Center, the first Gold LEED certified building in the city, where we took an abandoned big box store and turned it into an award winning facility? I like to show off many of our schools such as Ginn Academy, where I am a Board Member and where young men at risk are given a second chance to excel in life and to "Be somebody." What about our residential neighborhoods and our historic churches and other landmarks? Ward 8 is home to many wonderful institutions and organizations. I enjoy being a cheerleader for our neighborhood. Lolley the Trolley knows me well.

If elected, to what topic do you think the residents would like you to give most of your attention? Based on phone calls and emails into my office daily, the two highest priorities are housing code enforcement, ie. demolition and/or rehabilitation of abandoned properties et cetera, and issues pertaining to public safety such as basic police patrol, community policing and response time. These, along with other "quality of life" issues are critical areas that I will continue to focus on because they affect neighborhood growth and stability.

If you could have dinner and an evening of conversation with any person, alive or dead, who would it be and why? Without a doubt the Good Lord himself, however, I actually pray to him each evening before bed; outside of him, probably my great grandparents. I always wondered what motivated them to come to America with virtually nothing except a dream. Besides them, my list would be very long to include



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Meet the Student Who Helped OLL Become School of the Year



Every year, Ohio Lottery's Partners in Education program looks for outstanding students to recognize as Academic All Stars. When second-grader Alaya McMillian went above and beyond, organizing a toy drive to benefit a local homeless shelter, her teacher, Ms. Zbiegien, saw All-Star potential. Alaya worked with her teacher, her principal, her school friends and her community – and her persistence and determination really paid off. In the end, the students collected more than 1,000 toys that were given to children experiencing homelessness and hardship. The children had a chance to take put the values they learn into action, and our community is a better place because of them.

Clearly, Alaya has the potential to do lots more great things. Says Ms Zbiegien, "I think Alaya is going to have a career where she is giving back. She just wants peace and happiness in the world." Thanks to the support of great teachers, she's learning how to follow through on that vision and make

great things happen.

All of the students and staff at Our Lady of the Lake celebrated both Alaya's accomplishment and being selected School of the Year at a special pep rally on September 15. Thanks to generous support from Partners in Education, the school was awarded a trophy, gifts and prizes, and a high-energy party with plenty of local celebrities. Students got to dance and cheer with a whole host of mascots from their favorite teams, including the Indians, the Cavs, the Browns, and many more. State Senator Kenny Yuko, Former Mayor Bill Cervenik and Mayor Kirsten Gail were among the dignitaries there to share proclamations and join in congratulating Our Lady of the Lake on its recognition as an exceptional group of students and teachers.

To learn more about Our Lady of the Lake School and see the video of Alaya's story, visit www.ourladyofthelakeschoolleuclid.org.

"Living as Missionary Disciples"

The OLL Parish School of Religion (PSR) kicked off the new academic year on September 24, 2017, with the theme of "Living as Missionary Disciples." This theme follows the lead of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who have adopted that theme from the words of Pope Francis in his apostolic letter, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("Joy of the Gospel"). Throughout the course of the year, the children will be exploring what this theme means for each of them individually in their life with their families, at school and among their friends, as well as for the faith community of Our Lady of the Lake.

Prior to the kick off on September 24, PSR also held an Open House on September 17

for new and returning parents and children who do not attend Catholic day schools in grades Kindergarten thru 8th grade. Our enrollment this year is approximately 30 students across those grades. We utilize the lectionary-based "Pflaum Gospel Weeklies" as our primary instructional materials, in addition to beginning each one-hour session on Sunday morning with the proclamation of the Sunday Gospel and sharing important persons, places, things, themes, words, phrases which the Gospel includes.

Our dedicated team of PSR catechists includes Debbie Barberio, Yvonne Debelak, Donna Witmer, Maureen Schneider, Bill Stauffer, Grace Stauffer and Joe Serowik.



Innovative Social Justice Program at OLL Gets More Support



Our Lady of the Lake's innovative Micro-Lending Program is attracting more supporters. Thanks to a generous gift from the Ohio Federal Catholic Credit Union, the parish will continue its efforts to help people in the community help themselves.

The Micro-Lending Project, a visionary

social justice initiative championed by Fr. Joe Fortuna, is creating new ways for parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake to give back to their communities and create supportive networks to help lift up hard-working members of the community who need a hand up, and not just a hand-out.

Begun in 2016 with a grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the program provides small loans, mentoring, professional services and a supportive cohort to small businesses and entrepreneurs looking to make a better future for themselves and their families. So far in the pilot, three successful loans have already been processed, and the goal is to increase that number significantly in 2018, while also adding more benefits, such as business training programs.

If you would like more information about the Micro-Lending Program at Our Lady of the Lake, please call Fr. Joe Fortuna at (216) 486-0850 or visit the website: www.olleuclid.org.

OLL Presents Aladdin

Our Lady of the Lake Parish and School proudly present the Production of Disney's Aladdin Jr. in conjunction with Shore Cultural Centre
Friday, November 17, at 7pm
Saturday, November 18, at 7pm
Sunday, November 19, at 2pm
At Shore Cultural Centre
291 E. 222 St., Euclid, Ohio
Tickets \$10.00ea.

Both young and old will enjoy this enchanting story filled with magic, intrigue,



and romance. Come soar with us on a magic carpet ride as Aladdin uses a genie's magic power to become a prince to win the affections of Princess Jasmine!

For tickets and information, call Rita Testa at (216) 486-0850, or visit www.olleuclid.org.



St. Jerome Church

Collinwood's Catholic School

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Happy as Clams!



Leona, Mike, Dom, and Liz enjoyed hot dogs and an afternoon of playing together. They were all hoping to win the candy basket.



Sister Ruth Ann can't wait for next year when St. Jerome will kickoff their Centennial celebration with the Clam /Steak Bake on September 30, 2018 which is the feast day of St. Jerome.



Drena Pollard and her daughters Chyland and Paigson celebrated one more weekend of summer weather with great food and good fun!



DJ Joel Scigliano gets some help on this song from the Lauer Family Trio, mom Joan along with daughters Kathy and Susan. Marie Oliver-Wagner forgot the words but thought they sounded great!

by Adele Markert

Delicious food, family, good friends, and great weather combined to make a perfect day at the St. Jerome Annual Clam / Steak Bake. Rockway Catering provided a mouthwatering feast and DJ Joel Scigliano kept the party going all day with great music and a little Karaoke action. The Browns

lost but there were many delighted winners of Chinese auction prizes!

Mark your calendar for next year Sunday, September 30, 2018 which is the Feast of St. Jerome when we will kick off a year of events to celebrate our Centennial beginning with the Clam / Steak Bake! Photos by Marguerite DiPenti and Peggy Rhein

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary



by Adele Markert

We began in May to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima by gathering to recite the Rosary in Her honor on the 13th of every month. This month on Friday, October 13th we will close the celebration at St. Jerome Church with the Rosary after 8:30am Mass and again at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for these special Rosaries.

We are blessed to be able to display a lovely needlework image of Our Lady of Fatima which was lovingly made by long time parishioner and former school secretary Marie Oliver-Wagner.

ABC, We Love to READ!



by Monica Marolt

Within the past few years, Reading has become a hot topic from the thoughts of, "Will my child pass the Third Grade Reading Test?" to worrying about the "Fourth Grade Slump." Yet, the Second Graders at St. Jerome School feel Reading is NOT a hot topic, but Reading is COOL! We are experiencing that Reading is not just learning phonetics, building vocabulary, and fluency, but Reading opens the world without us ever leaving the classroom. Well, maybe we do leave the classroom...

Our Second Graders experience the full gambit of Reading. We keenly listen to various stories being read as well as becoming active participants through a craft project pertaining to the story during our Library time. (Don't tell them that they are fostering their comprehension skills.) Also, questions sprinkled through the tales being told offer the chance for the children to strengthen their inference skills. (Please, don't tell them this either because they

think they are having fun.) The chance to choose their own book to read opens the door to the different genres, experiences, and escapes. This is just one of many building blocks used to form a love and passion for Reading.

When we do sit in the classroom, Second Graders actually learn about Reading (That's what we are told we are supposed to do...learn), such as how to use the mechanics of a story from identifying the author and/or illustrator, really examining the pictures and captions, and finding our answers through text evidence. There are even times when we read our favorite stories to our fellow classmates (Oh, is this developing fluency?). We even take time to write and share our own stories. Dr. Suess better watch out!

So, whether in the classroom or on the front steps, Second Grade is creating something special inside themselves. A life-long talent that will carry them anywhere in and out of this world. A love for Reading!

Season 14 Begins!



The delightfully talented violinist, Tessa Lark is returning for this concert series. She performed at St. Jerome two years ago and truly delighted our audience both with the published program and with a bonus tribute to her southern Ohio roots. For most of us it was the first (and possibly the only) time we will ever hear bluegrass played on a Stradivarius. It was quite a treat.

by Adele Markert

City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra's 14th concert season opens at St. Jerome Church on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30pm. This free, family-friendly concert will feature Avner Dorman conducting. The performance will include



- Schumann: Overture to Genoveva Op. 81
- Corigliano: The Red Violin Concerto
- Schumann Symphony No.3 "Rhenish"

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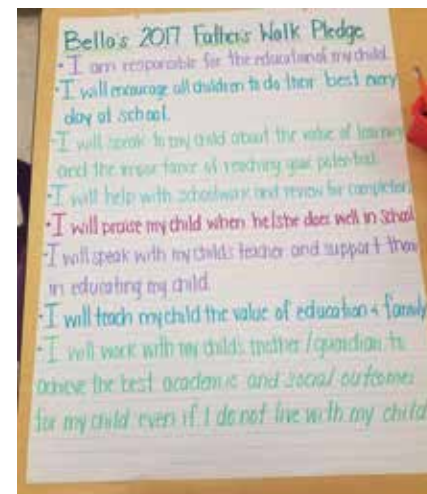
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Fathers Walk 2017



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Father's Walk 2017 was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in schools throughout Cuyahoga County and Northeast Ohio. Fathers and other male mentors are encouraged to walk students to school on this date. Thanks to all the Fathers and mentors for their support of the education of children in their lives.

On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Imagine Bella held a follow-up Imagine Bella Father's Walk which included the Father's Walk Pledge. We are so lucky to have such great Fathers and male mentors who support Imagine Bella students all year! Check out some of the photos from the events!

#NEOFathersWalk #FathersWalk #ImagineBellaFathers

Dot Day 2017



Students celebrated Dot Day by wearing dots for this special day. Students singing the "Dot Day Song" and shared on ClassDojo.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



The Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence PTO held its first meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4:30. Regular meetings will be held each month. Watch for updates on ClassDojo or talk to Mrs. Abdul-Wali to learn more! #VolunteerHours #PTO #ImagineBellaParentsRock#Fundraisers

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 13, 2017- No School for students
 Friday, October 20, 2017- Quarter 1 Ends
 Monday, October 23, 2017- Quarter 2 Begins
 Tuesday, October 24, 2017- Fall 3rd Grade Ohio Reading Test
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017- Fall 3rd Grade Ohio Reading Test
 Thursday, October 26, 2017- Fall Festival- 5:30-7:00 pm
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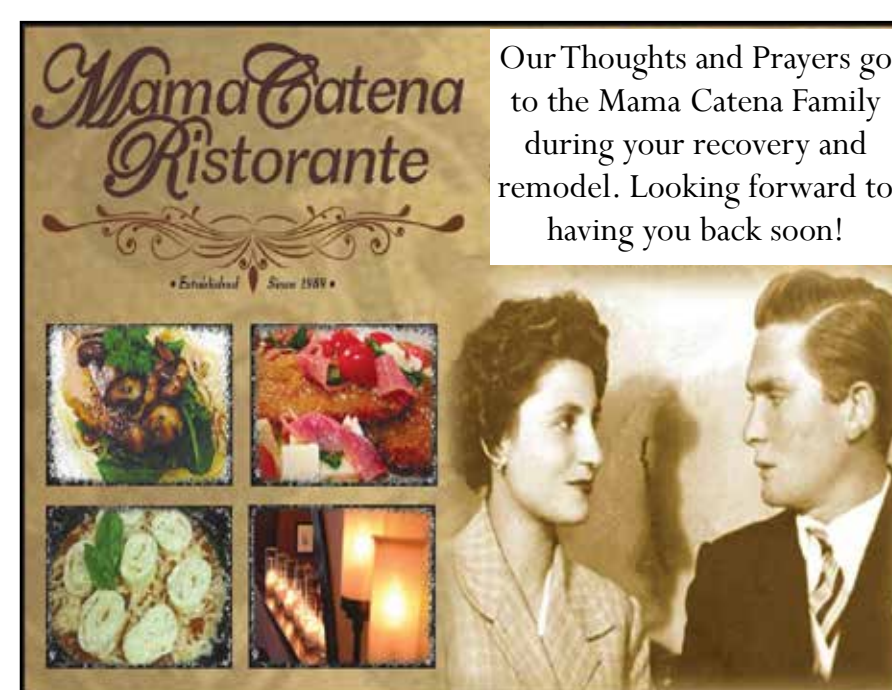
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School year at VASJ begins with Opening Mass

VASJ is blessed to start each school year by gathering as a community and praying together at an Opening Mass. This year's theme, which stemmed from VASJ senior Elizabeth Smith's idea, was "Hope in Christ."

"It was during our Peer Ministry retreat when Ms. Latkovich was reading Romans 8:24-25, and I was thinking that is a really good motive to have and it just stuck with me," Elizabeth says. In further conversation with the rest of the Peer Ministers, it was decided that would be the theme.

Elizabeth welcomed guests to the Opening Mass by reading the verse:

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

"This scripture passage describes how we must have hope in what we do not see," Elizabeth says. "Hope is something that keeps many people going. It helps get people through stressful times. Faith is having hope in Christ. We cannot see Him, or touch Him, but we trust he is there. We trust he is with us. We have faith."

VASJ senior Mary Furlan drew the beautiful illustration that was hung over the stage in the gym. Elizabeth explained the purpose of the boat and

lighthouse.

"The light they see gives them hope," Elizabeth says. "It provides them with evidence that they have found what they have been seeking. The light from the lighthouse represents Christ and how we look for him in the darkness of our lives."

Fr. Joe Fortuna of Our Lady of the Lake presided over the Mass. During his Homily, he also spoke about hope and the importance of placing hope in God and wanting what God wants for us.

"We don't always know what that is, but we trust that God knows what is best for us," Fr. Joe says. "I pray for you and for all of us that we may place our hope in Christ."

Four seniors (Elizabeth Smith, Mary Furlan, Eleanor Boru, and Timothy Raddell) were commissioned by Fr. Joe as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Fr. Joe blessed all student leaders and prayed for a successful year and Elizabeth encouraged her peers to carry that hope with them during the school year when high school and personal battles seem overwhelming.

"As we go throughout the rest of the year, never forget to have hope," Elizabeth says. "Hope will carry you through the days where it may seem impossible. Most importantly, have hope in Christ. He is going to guide you through it all."



TOP: Father Joe Fortuna commissions four VASJ seniors as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. BOTTOM: VASJ students celebrate Opening Mass together.

Community gathers at VASJ for Solar Eclipse viewing party



VASJ's Principal David Csank, Dean of Students Thomas Erzen, and President Bill Cervenik '72, check out the Solar Eclipse in the school's parking lot.

The partial solar eclipse which took place on August 21 was a great kickoff to VASJ's new astronomy class being offered this year. Although school wasn't yet in session, VASJ's Astronomy teacher Lucy Kulbago invited all of her Astronomy students and their families to attend a fun and informative Solar Eclipse event at VASJ.

"The event was a great way to share my excitement for space science and to help people safely view the eclipse," says Kulbago.

The event included astronomy-

related activities and snacks, posters, demonstration materials, solar viewing glasses to share, telescopes and other viewing devices. There was even a music playlist with songs related to astronomy and the eclipse.

It turned out to be a great community event for faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni.

"It certainly promoted our charisms of providing an integral, quality education, and a great sense of family spirit," says VASJ religion teacher and Coordinator of Mission Effectiveness Bill Raddell '67.

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A Victory for Environmental Justice



is the estimated cost to clean up the site and demolish the rest of the factory. As I testified in Federal Court today, this is about environmental justice for the residents of the East Glenville neighborhood. National Acme was once the largest employer in the Glenville community and what these individuals did was absolutely outrageous. When I became Councilman of this area in January 2012, due to redistricting, I made a commitment to the residents and businesses in the area, that I would not rest until the perpetrators who committed this environmental abomination would be brought to justice. Today was a culmination of that effort.

I wish to thank the US Attorney's office, the US EPA investigators and the City of Cleveland's Law Department for all their hard work on this case and bringing these "environmental gangsters" to justice and above all the Greater Glenville community, who had been tolerating this environmental disaster for nearly six years.

There is a significant lesson to be learned here and that is – that the City of Cleveland's Building & Housing Department along with the Health Department and the Department of Law must take a much more aggressive approach in dealing with illegal operations within the City of Cleveland. I ask myself – what happened prior to January 2012? Why

was this site not inspected thoroughly and why was there not aggressive action taken to prevent this disaster from occurring in the first place?

I am determined to go after every illegal operation, large or small, who disrespect our community and the residents and businesses who live and work there. I have officially asked the City's Director of Law, Ms. Barbara Langhenry, and the Jackson Administration, to aggressively seek the help of the US and Ohio EPA to see if we can get this site cleaned up with their help. For, properly abated, this site could be put back into productive re-use just as the historic Collinwood Railyard had been. This site has direct access to I-90 in addition to rail access itself.

Thanks again to all who stood with me – for, again, this was a victory for environmental justice for our greater community. However, the fight is not over until the site is properly cleaned and abated.

Michael D. Polensek
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By Councilman Polensek

Today, September 20, 2017 at 10:30 AM – after three years – the third and final defendant in the illegal demolition of the National Acme complex located at 131 East 131 Street was sentenced in Judge Donald Nugent's Federal Courtroom. Mr. William Jackson, Jr., age 47, plead guilty to two counts of violating the Clean Air Act including failing to remove asbestos related materials prior to demolition and failing to dispose of that asbestos properly. His sentence was 33 months in Federal

Prison plus restitution.

His sentencing comes on the heel of the sentencing of Mr. Christopher L. Gattarello, who received 57 months in Federal Prison and Mr. Robert Shaw, who received 12 months in Federal Prison. Both of them have already been incarcerated and the city is seeking financial restitution from them as well. I testified in Federal Court against them as well.

The City is seeking restitution of a total of \$5.9 million from all three of them, which



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All Eyes on the LaSalle Arts and Media Center

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to smaller offices inside Hospice's 300 E. 185th Street location. The move is planned for early November. This intentional transition also gives our very vital tenant, Twelve Literary and Performing Arts Inc. an opportunity to expand organically. Led by Executive Artistic Director, Daniel Gray-Kontar, this important and growing non-profit in our neighborhood will take over the entire first floor of our offices on E. 156th.

We are also working on securing a new and exciting tenant for the property on E. 185th and Hiller, where Northeast Shores

originally planned on moving. This plan has obviously changed so the organization is working hard on filling the space with an enterprise that can bring jobs and new life to that historic corner.

The current board of Northeast Shores is working doubly hard to support the staff and continuing efforts in the community. We welcome any volunteers from the community who have time to attend committee meetings or help in any way during this transition. We will provide a list of volunteer opportunities at our quarterly meeting. See you all then.

HGR Welcomes the Annual F*SHO

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area rely on HGR. It's great to see this event attract people from all around the area to Euclid."


As an attendee I spent a lot of time admiring everything at F*SHO—from tables made of zebra-striped concrete, to steampunk-looking lamps, to snowflakes made of glass. Thankfully, the designers, builders, and artists were more than happy to let the public get up close and personal with their wares. And they weren't shy when it came to answering questions about their work and what inspired their creative minds.

Among the many notable items on display and for sale was a table that had once been a workbench. Dave Crider of Google Style in Lakewood had taken that old symbol of industry and smoothed out the surface, leaving the hammer and chisel marks visible to maintain its unique character, afterwards filling in the deepest holes with eye-catching bits of turquoise. For years, it had been pounded and battered by hammers and chisels, but now it had a new life as a refurbished piece of furniture that

you would be glad to show off in your tidy living room. Most significantly, that old workbench came from HGR. And for the night of the F*SHO, it was back at a place it had once called home.

HGR seemed like the perfect venue for the F*SHO. Its mission is so closely tied to what has enabled these craftspeople to make their designs a reality. HGR is dedicated to giving old machines and parts a new life. And these machines have been the source for much of the material that has been transformed by these designers into furniture that is altogether new. Like that workbench, HGR's headquarters was a tangible expression of how putting care and labor into something old can transform it into something new that everyone can treasure. It made this year's alliance of the F*SHO and HGR seem almost like destiny.

Ultimately, the biggest takeaway I had from this year's F*SHO was this: You can make art out of anything. You just have to believe that you can do it and then put in the work. And, with the help of HGR, you can get your hands on all the right parts.



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John Carroll University and Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. partner to address Ohio’s opioid epidemic



Martina Moore, Ph.D., MCMS President & CEO
Coordinator, Substance Abuse Concentration
Department of Counseling and Mental Health John Carroll University

by JCU staff
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded John Carroll University’s Department of Counseling a \$1.3 million grant.
The Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program grant funds initiatives to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce in medically underserved communities.

Counselors trained in integrated behavioral health work with other specialists as part of a treatment team to promote client well-being and treat a variety of mental health diagnoses. In John Carroll’s program, special emphasis is placed on substance use disorder treatment and addressing the addictions and opioid crisis in Ohio.
BHWET prioritizes the establishment or expansion of internships or field placement programs that include interdisciplinary training. Sixty percent of award money will fund \$10,000 stipends for graduate students in John Carroll’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. The award period runs from September 30, 2017, through August 31, 2021.
“This grant will significantly increase John Carroll’s capacity to train students to serve as leaders in the field of integrated behavioral health in medically-underserved communities in Northeast Ohio,” said Nathan Gehlert, Ph.D., assistant professor

of Counseling at John Carroll. Dr. Gehlert will serve as program director.
John Carroll University Interim President Dr. Jeanne Collieran emphasized the potential statewide impact, saying, “This funding will be transformational for our region; as a Jesuit Catholic University, one of the goals of our professional counseling training program is to address the growing social challenges we face in society.”
The University’s Department of Counseling will partner with Moore Counseling and Mediation Services (MCMS), a community-based integrated behavioral healthcare agency in Euclid, Ohio. Eighty current and future John Carroll students will participate in the field-placement and internship program over a four-year period.
John Carroll University, founded in 1886 as Saint Ignatius College, is located in University Heights, Ohio, in suburban Cleveland. Its Jesuit Catholic mission inspires

individuals to excel in learning, leadership, and service in the region and the world. John Carroll University is recognized nationally for an exceptional four-year graduation rate, teaching excellence, and a commitment to living a faith that does justice as central to its mission. John Carroll is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States.
This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number M01HP31305, Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program, \$1.3 million in total funding. This information or content and conclusions are those of the author and should not be construed as the official position or policy of, nor should any endorsements be inferred by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.

Seeking Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) for Youth

by Michele Blazina
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The Emergence of ILF Transportation: Inspiring and Serving



ILF Transportaion is the brain child of CEO and Founder, Ms. NaJeebah Shareef.

by De Andra Smith
De Andra Smith (Cleveland, Ohio) ----- NaJeebah Shareef’s world changed, for the better, through a chance encounter with a homeless veteran in the mid-winter of 2012. Ms. Shareef came to Cleveland while pursuing her Master’s degree in 2010 searching of opportunities, in a city that was already showing signs of being revitalized in several industries. On her way to a job interview a homeless veteran approached her and asked for spare change. Shareef was glad to help, and she did; however helping to her meant gaining insight into how he ended up on the streets? She asked the man, Sir, I will give you some spare change if you tell me how you ended up in this situation?” He responded, “Lady you really don’t have the time or patience to hear my story” Ms. Shareef replied, “Sir, I will make the time to hear your story”; this especially after he shared with her he was a veteran having completed four tours in the Middle East.

The Veteran sat down with Shareef to a meal sharing his situation, his story... his hell; and she listened in utter disbelief. He shared with her that after his fourth and final tour he suffered mentally and emotionally, which caused chaos at home; causing his wife to take the children and leave him. So he ended up without his family, and that spiraled him into losing his home; and what was even worse was this War Veteran was unable to get the proper assistance through other organizations he went too for his necessities such as for monetary benefits, medical and mental healthcare. In his words “all they did was push the numbers”. Push the numbers? Ms. Shareef had no idea what that meant. “Pushing num-

bers” means the organizations assigned and/or designated to actually provide care kept the body’s coming in without actually helping them. Why? Bodies in meant the organizations could continue to collect funds from local, state and federal entities; in short there was no accountability for whether or not the services the vets needed were actually being provided.
Shareef could hardly believe that after serving by putting his life on the line for his country, the most simplest of needs were not being met by those whom he had given his life to serve. Ms. Shareef says “this Veterans tragic heartbreaking story changed the purpose and direction of my life”, and she catapulted into action. In 2013 the vision and mission of Inspiring lives Forever (ILF) Transportation Service was birthed.
Ms. Shareef states that within 6 months of starting the transportation business she landed her first contract. NaJeebah shares that she lives by the principle that “my first encounter is NOT to judge, but to get to know who you are.” The very foundation of ILF Transportation is built on servitude. Serving others is loving ourselves, and this seems to be something that mankind has manage to forget about, especially when it comes to those who give or have given so much of their lives to make sure that our freedom and liberties remain intact and uncompromised.”
Since 2013 Shareef has grown ILF Transportation is a full service transportation company. ILF being owned by this African-American Woman provides first and foremost reliable transportation for our veterans to their medical and mental health appointments, and to the VA to get their benefits. ILF Transportation, with



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ing that ILF is headquartered right here in South Collinwood. 16113 St. Clair Ave is home-base for a business once ran out of a basement. The new facility, which is located in a HUB Zone, has been fully renovated to house the executive offices with a garage for the fleet of ILF vehicles
An amazing accomplishment for this new Cleveland NaJeebah Shareef, she says she loves NE Ohio and its people and said ‘God couldn’t have chosen a better place to change my life and use me to help people. I am SO grateful”.
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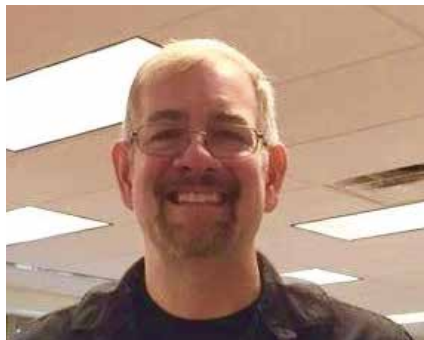
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Bob’s Corner



by Bob Payne
There’s a lady who comes to the Center who has very little. When we offer extra food to take home, she refuses. She says there are others more in need than herself.

There is a man who comes to the Center who barely has enough money to pay for a place to live, but he insists on donating a dollar each day for the lunch meal.

There’s a senior who has a terminal illness that she has only mentioned to another staff member and myself. She sits in the lunch room and listens to everyone else’s complaints about the aches and pains of daily living. She encourages them, but she never mentions her own issues because she views their problems as more important than her illness.

Experience has taught me that life, mine and everyone else’s, is filled with light and darkness. We would love for it all to be good and we hope and strive to make it that way, but the reality is that tough times are inevitable. (Please read that again. Don’t frustrate yourself with unrealistic expectations. Know that you will experience both, no matter how hard you try.)

So, we struggle through all of the worries and complications that come our way. When the trouble is fresh, we hate it and we don’t see the value. The jagged times of life cut deep. But, the distance of time adds clarity and healing. I have had many conversations with seniors who reveal some incredibly difficult situations that they have lived through and they have come to the conclusion that the difficulty, though horrible at the time, was strangely a blessing in disguise. People didn’t want the tragedy, but they recognize the importance of what they became afterward.

That being said, what if you knew that everything was going to work out okay? What if you recognized that regardless of how uncomfortable and terrible your current situation feels, it will end up being pretty good? What if things are really just coming together in a way that you can’t see right now? Would that ease your anxiety about the future? Would you be more confident today?

Maybe life isn’t about adding and getting things. Maybe it’s really about getting rid of everything that isn’t you.
Bob Payne, Manager

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Breakfast with Grande Pointe
Wednesday, October 11th
9:30 – 10:30AM Join us for muffins or bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. Please sign-up at the front desk by October 9th.

Computer Class
Monday, October 23rd, 1:00 PM
Come join Mervin Mills to obtain valuable lessons on how to navigate through a computer.



Ballroom Dancing!
Join us for 8 weeks of Ballroom Dancing lessons, for FREE. Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 1PM in the Annex beginning Monday, October 23rd. You can be part of the class as a single or as a couple. It’s a fun and entertaining way to get your exercise!

BIRTHDAY DAY



Wednesday October 18th
Cupcakes sponsored by Heartland. Ice cream donated by an anonymous donor.



Foodies
Thursday, October 19th, 10:30AM to 11:30AM. Join us for Fun For Foodies. All participants please bring your favorite dish. Sign-up at the front desk.

Fun Fun Games
Thursday, October 26th, 1:00 – 3:00PM
Stay and play, board games, cribbage, cards and more.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Tuesday, October 31st, 11:00AM
Come join us for fun and goodies. Wear your best costume. The top three costumes will win a prize judged by our very own Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail.

TRIPS:



MAYFIELD ROAD SHOPPING TRIP
Thursday, October 5th. Leave the center at 12:30, return at 3:00. Shop at Entenmann’s, the Indian/Asian Store & Yeleseyevsky’s

Grande Pointe Fun Bingo
Tuesday, October 17th – Leave the Senior Center at 1:15PM returning around 3:00PM. FREE – Register at the front desk.



Casino Trip
Tuesday October 24th, , Presque Isle Casino Trip Transportation leaving the Center at 7:30AM to return at 5:00PM The cost is \$27.00 with \$25.00 in free slot play. Sign up at the front desk.

FABULOUS SIGHTS & FLAVORS OF FALL
Thursday, October 26th, Leave the Center at 11:15AM to return at 5:00PM. Cost is \$35.00. A relaxing day of visiting two wineries and an orchard; as well as several covered bridges. Cost does not cover food or wine. There must be at least 14 participants. Any questions please see Monica. Sign up at the front desk.

SPEAKERS
Tuesday, October 3rd, 11:00 – 11:45AM
Kemper House will be onsite to have a talk with us regarding “Loneliness over the Holidays”. Wednesday, October 11th, 11:00AM Residence Home Care will join us to speak about Hygiene.

Financial Advisor
Thursday, October 12th, 11:00 – 11:45AM
Bob Houston, a Financial Advisor will be here to speak with us regarding our financial health.

Community Police Talk
Thursday, October 12th, 12:15 PM
“Cop –a- Question” –After lunch. Members from our Police Department update us monthly and answer all your questions. Can’t be here? Leave your questions at the front desk. 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, October 12th, 12:15 PM to 1:45PM The 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. Provided by Euclid Senior Programs & Hospice of the Western Reserve.

HILLTOP VILLAGE
Friday, October 13th, 11:00 to 11:45AM
Hilltop Village will be here to speak to the Center on Medicare 101.

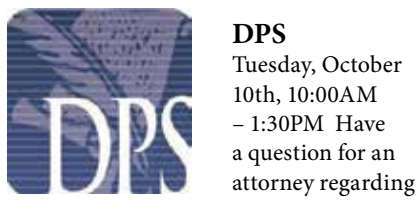
Cancer Prevention
Monday, October 16th, 11:00AM to 11:00AM Gateway Health will be onsite to speak about Cancer Prevention.

Fall Prevention
Thursday, October 19th, 11:00 to 11:45AM
Hillside Plaza will join us to talk about fall prevention. The focus will be on quick and easy ways to reduce risks of falls both in the home and in the community, and quick tips for how to arrange your home. Bingo will involve key-words found throughout the presentation!

Low Vision Support Group
Monday, October 23rd, 10:00 to 11:00AM
If you or a family member suffers from Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, Cataracts, Stroke to the Optic Nerves or other eye related problems, don’t miss this talk. Friday, October 27th, 11:00 to 11:45AM

A Place for Mom will be on site to speak with us on “Veterans and their Survivors”.

SERVICES



DPS
Tuesday, October 10th, 10:00AM – 1:30PM 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.

Podiatry
Dr. Bangayan will be here on Wednesday, October 11th & 25th, 9:20 to 11:00 AM
Call 289-2985 for an appointment at the center.
Fee – \$20.00, w/membership.



Lisa Lee’s Reflexology
Friday, October 13th &Monday, October 23rd, 10AM - 12:00PM Reflexology

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FLU SHOTS
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Flu shots will be offered by Walgreen’s

BENEFITS CHECK-UP – FREE
Monday, October 16th & 23rd
9:00AM – 1:00PM 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.

FREE FRESH PRODUCE
Euclid Senior Programs
Monday, October 23rd, 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon (or until all produce is gone) First Come First Serve Please bring your ID You must be a member of Euclid Senior Programs to Participate. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!**

Financial Advisor
Wednesday, October 25th, 11:00 – 11:45AM Bob Houston, a Financial Adviser will be onsite for one on one counseling. Sign up at the front desk.

Post Office on Wheels
Friday, October 27th 10:45 - 11:15AM
Special Services, Money Orders, Stamps & Packaging Supplies are available.

MUFFINS WITH SUPERINTENDENT
Monday, October 30th 11:00am

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Chair Yoga – Monday at 10:00 AM
AC \$ 3.00 per class.

Yoga – Thursday at 9:00 AM
Annex Room \$ 3.00 per class.

Tai-Chi – Tuesday at 3:30 PM

DR – Six week series - \$24, Drop-ins \$6.00 per class.

Billie Exercise Class – (Chair)
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00AM in the Computer Room

Line Dance – Thursday, 1:00PM

Free Blood Pressure Checks
Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM 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 – Wednesday, 11:00AM DRA

Silver Sneakers Class –
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 10:50AM – DRA
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
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FUN AND GAMES

BEADING CLASS:
1st Monday of the Month.- 10:30AM. to Noon. FREE to members

Quilting Class – 2nd & 3rd Thursday, – 12:30PM-2:30PM

Pinochle Tournament – Friday – 1:00PM. Computer Room.

Open Card Play –Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Card games, Pinochle, Bridge & Rummy.

Bingo – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:45 – 3:00PM, DR

Pool Tournament – Friday, October 20th, 9:20AM September winner – John Rogoski

Crochet– Tuesday, 10:00AM AC

Adult Coloring – Tuesday, 1:00PM, AC

EDUCATION –SOCIALIZATION

Bible Study – The group meets Tuesday, 10:00AM– Library.

Arts & Crafts - Wednesday, 10:00AM – AC

Sewing – Thursday, 10:00AM, AC

Art with Jack – Tuesday, 12:45PM

AARP Meeting
Monday, October 2nd – 1:00PM
Speaker: Bobbie Brown, “Damsel in Defense”.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile
Thursday, October 12th
1:30PM - 6:00PM Dining Room Annex.

Aging Mastery Program at Lakeshore Rose Center

by Ashlee Williman
Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging will be running the Aging Mastery Program* at Lakeshore Rose Center for Aging Well (16600 Lakeshore Blvd.), beginning Tuesday, October 3 at 12:30pm. This ten-week health and wellness program for older adults, was developed by the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

The goal of this program is to empower older adults to make and maintain small but impactful changes. The classes will explore navigating longer lives, physical activity, sleep, healthy eating and hydration, financial fitness, medication management,

advanced planning, healthy relationships, falls prevention, and community engagement. For each of these classes, we will provide basic educational materials developed from highly trusted sources, a checklist of potential next steps, and a system for tracking behaviors. Participants will earn points for positive actions and rewards.

The class will meet for 10 consecutive weeks from 12:30-1:30pm. The program is free, but registration is required. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please call Lakeshore Rose Center at 216-373-1915. Space is limited – sign up today!

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10:00 Coffee and chat with friends 10:30 Yoga/Meditation 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Line Dancing 1:00 Cards, puzzles, games	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends 10:30 SilverSneakers exercise 11:30 Lunch 1:00 Knitting group	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends 10:30 Various Activities 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Bingo	10:00 Coffee and chat with friends 10:30 SilverSneakers exercise 11:30 Lunch 12:00 Bible study 1:00 Computer lab open Movie afternoon	216.373.1915	

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